

All Around
Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



A love fund has been opened for the Joe Davis family at City Bank. This will help defray the expenses they have incurred since their automobile accident.

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Briscoe County Activities Association will be sponsoring a Christmas decoration contest in Silverton.

Top three winners will receive prizes. Judging will be on the night of December 20 (tonight).

Be sure to turn your lights on tonight, so your display can be seen well.

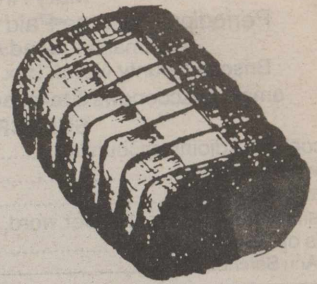
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The family of Aubrey Rowell will be celebrating his 90th birthday at his home at 502 Braidfoot Street from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 23.

They invite friends and neighbors of Mr. Rowell to stop by for a visit and to extend best wishes to him on this occasion.

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Silverton School students are taking semester tests today (Thursday) and tomorrow, and will have the first semester behind them when school dismisses for the Christmas holiday Friday. School is dismissing early today at 1:50 p.m. and Friday at 1:35 p.m. Buses will run at those times.



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Retiring from the Briscoe County Appraisal District this year are Dewey Estes, who has served 11 years on the board, and L. B. (Beefie) Garvin, who has completed 21 years of service to the board.

Briscoe County News Photo

Jeff Fuston Is Candidate For County Sheriff

Jeff Fuston, who served as a Briscoe County Deputy Sheriff before the resignation of Sheriff Jason Miller, has authorized the Briscoe County News to announce that he will be a candidate for Sheriff in the March primary.

He was appointed Sheriff by the Commissioners Court several months ago.

In making his announcement, he stated that he would like to continue serving the people of Briscoe County as sheriff.

Political Advertising Paid For By Jeff Fuston
One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words. - Goethe

Senior Citizens To Have Lunch

Silverton Senior Citizens will have their regular monthly luncheon and business meeting Friday at noon at the Center.

Members of the Silverton Church of Christ will host the luncheon.

As a rule, what is out of sight disturbs men's minds more seriously than what they see.

--Julius Caesar

4-H Poinsettias

by Cory Payne, CEA-FCS

Briscoe County 4-H has several poinsettias left which we are trying to dispose of before Christmas. If you would like to purchase one, two, three or more, please come by the Extension Office and pick them up for half price.

Senate Deliberations Bog Down

Explaining the reasons why Farm Bill deliberations have

slowed considerably is becoming a significant challenge for both producers and agriculture organizations across the United States.

That explanation process is especially difficult in light of the fact that obstacles continue to pop up that act to delay approval of the Senate's version of Farm Program legislation.

As of December 14 the Senate appeared to be looking at a Farm Bill vote no sooner than Tuesday, December 18. Had Senate Democrats been successful in their effort to pass a cloture motion to limit further debate and restrict the filing of additional amendments the Tuesday vote would have been locked in. As it stands now, Tuesday was by no means a certain date.

Plains Cotton Growers and cotton producers across the High Plains have been actively communication with both Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas encouraging them to seek the quickest possible route to passage of the Bill without neglecting the need to fairly debate proposed amendments to S.1731.

Additional contact restating the fact that U. S. agriculture needs the Farm Bill process to move forward and it needs to have a Bill laid before the President at the earliest possible date to guarantee the parameters and programs that producers will operate under in 2002.



"I want a bubble gum machine, a hot wheels, a spinder-devil football and a yo-yo," Austin Bullock told Santa at the Christmas Open House at City Bank Tuesday.



Kayleigh Scroggins enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus at the City Bank Christmas Open House Tuesday.



Enrique Gamez told Santa that he has been a good boy at the City Bank Open house Tuesday, and asked if he could have an elephant toy for Christmas.



"Santa, I really need a new piano because mine is broke," Gavin Smith said at the City Bank Christmas Open House Tuesday. He would also like to have a race car track, a puppy, a guitar and a toy choo-choo train.

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Cards of Thanks

Dearest Family and Friends,
Floyd and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts and visits during my many hospital stays and illnesses. A special thank you to Fay and Donald, Sandra and Jerry, D. P. and Carlye, Ruby, Charlie and Roberta (a very special lady). To our wonderful children, Kathy and Jeff, Scott and Tonnette, we want to let you know how much we love you and appreciate your help.

Thanks all of you for your prayers.

God bless you all.
Jerry

REAL ESTATE

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Carol and I want to thank all of the people for your prayers, phone calls, food and just for thinking about me--even those that give me a bad time, cause I know deep-down they care for me, too.

Thank you again.
Donnie Martin

Thank you, Assembly of God Church, for the delicious dinners you have sent to me and the ladies who delivered them. The cook really can cook. Thank you, ladies, for your visits and prayers. God bless all of you and may you all have a nice Christmas.
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Cards of Thanks

Thank you for the Christmas cards, get-well cards and visits. Thank you for the fruit you gave us. We do appreciate it.
Rosalie and Hazel

I want to say thank you to all the people who bought the Christmas ornaments to help the Joe Davis family.

Thank you again,
Carol Martin

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to those who helped with Joe. Thanks to Connie Smith and Bena Hester for taking Joe to the hospital in the ambulance. Also thanks to Leon Lavy, Randy Conrad and Don curry for their help.

Sincerely,
Joe and Ruby

The most popular Christmas carol, which has been translated into every language on earth, is "Silent Night."

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Authorized in the Briscoe County News
For County Judge, Briscoe County, Texas:

TED KINGERY
Re-election

For County & District Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas:

BENA HESTER
Re-election

For County Sheriff, Briscoe County, Texas:

JEFF FUSTON
Re-election
TERRY MILLER

For County Treasurer, Briscoe County, Texas:

MARY JO BRANNON
Re-election

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Re-election

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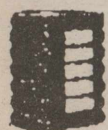
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Tom Craiker, Minister
SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Ladies Group.....4:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Mens Group.....6:30 a.m.
SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:

Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:

Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY
Ladies Prayer Group.....9:00 a.m.
Weigh Down Workshop.....7:00 p.m.

SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Tony Boyd, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:

In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men.....6:30 a.m.

NEW FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST MISSION

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

OUR LADY OF LORETO CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Ed Graff, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:

Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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Armando Davalia, Pastor

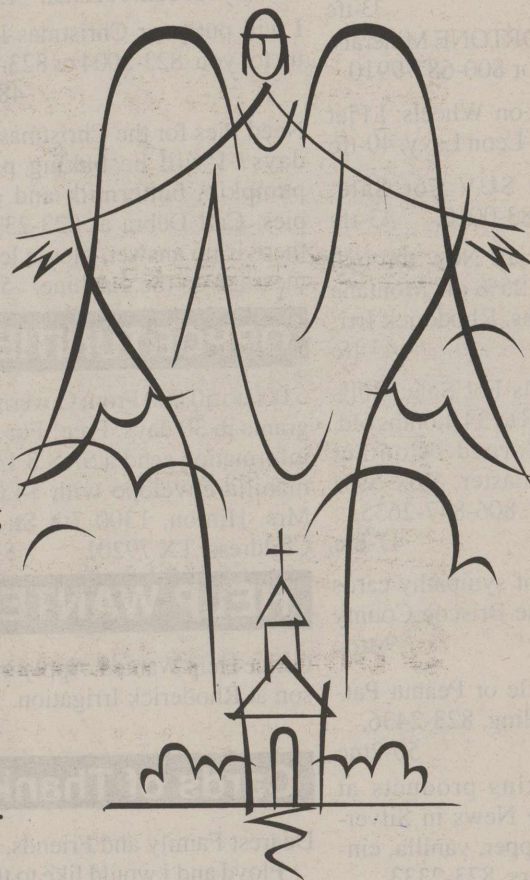
SUNDAY:
Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

MONDAY-SATURDAY:
Prayer Meeting.....9:00 a.m.

I Bring You Good News

Everyone enjoys receiving good news. We can just imagine how the shepherds must have responded when an angel of the Lord appeared before them to announce that their Savior was born. The Gospel of Luke tells us that they were terribly afraid, but the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!" The shepherds then went to Bethlehem to see Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and they told them what the angel had said about the child. Then they went back singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen. After two thousand years, the good news of Jesus Christ is still available for everyone who embraces God's love and mercy. Our Heavenly father has given us His Son so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. Good news is something that we can never get enough of. The reality that Jesus was born for all mankind is an indication of how much we are loved by God.



She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus—because He will save His people from their sins.

Good News Bible
Matthew 1:21

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Obituary

JAMES A. (LONEY) STOUT
 Funeral services for James A. (Loney) Stout, 80, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Martin Road Chapel, with Joel Floyd of the Mesa Verde congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.
 Mr. Stout died Thursday, December 13, 2001.
 Born March 31, 1921 at Magnum, Greer County, Oklahoma to

James and Esther Stout, he went home to the Lord at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital after a lengthy illness.
 He lived in Silverton when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in May 1942. He served in England, France, Scotland and Germany during World War II. He received his honorable discharge December 6, 1945, having earned the Good Conduct Medal, EAME Service Medal and American Theater Ribbon.
 In his youth, he enjoyed hunt-

ing and later in life, enjoyed bowling. He made his home in Amarillo in 1952. He worked for DAE Motor Freight and retired from Red Ball Motor Freight in 1978 after 26 years. He was an excellent self-taught artist and writer of great stories and poetry. He shared his works with all who knew and loved him. He was a Jehovah's Witness and a member of the Mesa Verde congregation.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Esther McLeland; his father, James Monroe Stout; a brother, Henry Stout; three sisters, Mildred Perkins, Dora Bell Perkins and Wanita Denham; and an infant son, Dickie Ray Stout.
 Survivors include six children, Tommy McEwan of Houston, Betty Hodan, Judy Sheldon, Brenda Wagner and husband, Larry, Lonita Leal and husband, Daniel, and Loney Stout and wife, Denise, and special children, Joel and Angela Floyd, all of Amarillo; eight grandchildren, Denise, Cherlyn, Larry, Terri, Rebecca, Pamela, Michael, Michelle and a special grandchild, Paris; 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

GLADYS KIDWELL

Funeral services for Gladys Lucille Kidwell, 80, will be at 2:30 p.m. today (Thursday, December 20) at the Eleventh Street Baptist Church in Shamrock, Texas, with Bro. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Shamrock Cemetery, with arrangements made by Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. Kidwell died in Tulia Monday, December 17.

Born November 28, 1921 in Collingsworth County, Texas, she moved from Shamrock to Silverton in 1958. She had worked as a waitress and a seamstress. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Tulia. She and her husband had taught many Hunter Safety Courses as volunteers for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

She is survived by her husband, Virgil Kidwell of Silverton; one daughter, Shirley Bailey of Dumas; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Marie Hodges of Dumas; three brothers, Jim Erskine of Castlerock, Washington, Jake Erskine of Fort Worth and Bob Erskine of Fairfield, Texas.

The family requested memorials be to the American Heart Association.

The first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531.

The dream begins with the teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called "truth."
 --Dan Rather

Happy Anniversary-
 December 21--Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McWaters, Mr. and Mrs. David Warren
 December 22--Mr. and Mrs. Terry West

Happy Birthday-
 December 21--Thurman May, Ester Ramirez, Nathan Perry, Billie Perry
 December 22--Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner
 December 23--Kim Mayfield, Jeanita Ellison, Matthew Rowell
 December 24--Jack Robertson, jr., Sally Grimland
 December 25--Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens
 December 26--Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Irwin, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

Semester Test Schedule Given

Semester tests for grades 6-12 will be given Thursday, December 20. The even periods will meet at:

2nd period	8:10- 9:25
4th period	9:29-10:44
6th period	10:48-12:03
Lunch	12:03-12:30
8th period	12:35- 1:50

School will be dismissed and buses will run at 1:50 p.m.

Friday, December 21, the odd period tests will be given at:

1st period	8:10- 9:25
Quiet Zone	9:30-10:20
5th period	10:25-11:40
Lunch	11:45-12:15
7th period	12:20- 1:35

School will be dismissed for the holidays and buses will run at 1:35 p.m.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, December 20--Even Semester Tests
 Friday, December 21--Odd Semester Tests; Floydada Varsity, here, 4:00; Christmas Break Begins
 Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 27-28-29--Silverton Hoot-Out



Season's Greetings To All

As we enjoy the symbols of the season, the tree, the decorations, the music and more, we would like to add our best wishes for a joyous holiday.

Silverton Oil Company

The Dewey Estes Family
 The Jim Estes Family

PSALM 27:8, 13 (RSV)

Thy face, Lord, do I seek:
 I believe that I shall see the goodness
 of the Lord
 in the land of the living!

Rock Creek Church of Christ

A Christmas Prayer

May your faith sustain you for all your days,
 and may His love and grace live in your heart always.
 Have a joyous Christmas.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 19, 1991--John Grady, Briscoe County rancher, received first place and 50% of the \$500 jackpot in the Big Buck Contest. Second place and 40% of the jackpot went to Tom Satterwhite of Houston. His deer was killed on the Hildebrand Estate . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy this year. Please bring me a Spin Around Train for Christmas. I really have my heart set on it! I hope you'll bring my brothers something too. They're pretty good boys. We will leave you a nice snack. Love, Mark Reagan . . . Dear Santa, I want a toy Case truck, a big one, and I want a semi and a dirt bike. I want a Nintendo tape and cars and a big Jam box. The end? Jason Gamble . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Newborn magic nursery baby, Bath time fun Barbey, Barbey boy and little miss singing Mermade. Signed Amy Maciel . . . What I want for Christmas is Lego sets, turbo blaster, Fort, Magic rocks, telescope, base making set, M. C. Hammer tape and have a Merry Christmas every one. Matt Strange . . . Dear Santa, I want puzzles. I want a cupcake doll and I want a Magna Doodle. I also want a computer. How are you doing? Your friend, Daryl-Ann . . . Dear Santa, I want a Go-Go my walking pup, Barbie Motor home, Nintendo. I love you, Tarran Forbes . . .

December 24, 1981--Dear Santa, I would like a set of dishes with red flowers on them, a baby doll, and a new dress. Thank you, Kara Kingery . . . Dear Santa, I want a Bus to go. Can I go to see Rudolf? I love you, Peter Trevino . . . Dear Santa, I want a Fashion Barbie and a Fashion Barbie pool and a Barbie house. Jennifer Grimland . . . Dear Santa, I want a bike and a puppy. Jeffrey Grimland . . . Dear Santa, I want a golden dream Barbie and clothes for the Barbie. I would like a real kitten and a Baby Krissy. Amy Ramsey . . .

Christmas 1971--Dear Santa, Would you bring me a Dallas Cowboy football suit, a Jonnie West Set and a Harlem Globe Trotters watch. I love you, Mitcheal Martin . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. Roland Asebedo . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Baby Tender Love that talks and wets and walks. I want some skates and a jumper float. I love you, Delinda Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, I am finally six years old! Please bring me a Baby Tender Love, Annette Walking Doll, Talking Baby Beans, Baby Henry Pup and some surprises. I have been good and bad, but will try to act better. Please remember all the other boys and girls. Love, Jena McFall . . . Dear Santa, I want

shirts, a football, two walkie-talkies and two games. There will be some milk and cake in the kitchen. Be sure to fill my stockin. Yours truly, Bobby McPherson . . .

December 21, 1961--Dear Santa Claus, I would like a motor car. And some guns. And a dog. Thank you, Tommy Burson . . . Dear Santa, I would like a baby alligator. And a box of fireworks. And a couple of books to read. I would like a rabbit, also. Yours truly, Alvin May . . . Dear Santa, I am five years old and I've tried to be good. For Christmas I would like to have a pair of Sunday shoes, a musical toy and put something in my sock. Love, Susie Parker . . . Dear Santa, I would like a football and I would like a dump truck with a button on it to let it down; and some candy, fruit and two coconuts. Thank you, Roger Cowan . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl six years old. I am in the first grade. Please bring me a Tiny Tears Doll in a cradle and some fruit, nuts and candy. Please remember all the other children. Love, Rhonda Sutton . . .

December 26, 1946--Dear Santa, I want a football for Christmas and a bow and arrow too. And a football hat. Your friend, Stephen Jarnagin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a pair of tennis shoes, a fountain pen, and a sand coloring set, and fruit and nuts and candy. Your little friend, Virginia Garrison . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me fireworks, gun and bicycle? And don't forget the service men overseas. Your friend, Eddie B. Jasper . . . Dear Santa, I am in the fourth grade. I am ten years old. I would like for you to bring me some slacks, book satchel, pencil case and a sweater, a little short coat. I would like for you to bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, G. W. Chappell . . . Dear Santa Claus, This year I am nine years old, and for Christmas I would like a birthstone ring, a pair of tennis shoes, a pair of boots, and plenty of fruit and candy. Your friend, Joni Douglas . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a doll, a little washing machine and ironing board, also some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Frankie Lou Hunt . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a cap gun and some caps to shoot. I would like to have a bow and arrow too. Your friend, Alton Riddell . . . Dear Santa, I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I don't want much for Christmas. I want a football and a calf and that is all I want. Much love, Sharon Gilkeyson . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl one year old. Please bring me a teddy bear, a set of dishes, a little red rocker and lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Your little girl, Jerry Lynn

Garrison . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of dishes, a sand coloring set, a magic skin doll, a doll buggy and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Kay Garrison . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me something to play with when I go outside with the big boys. I like candy, oranges and apples and chewing gum. I am nearly two years old. Love, Bill Schott . . . Dear Santa, I want a pair of cowboy boots, a little rubber farm, a football and also lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Please do not forget Brenda. Your friend, Don Cornett . . . Dear Santa, I want some chaps. I want some spurs too. I want a truck. I want a jeep. I want lots of candy and fruit and nuts. I

want a doll too. Your friend, Sue Reid . . .

December 1941--Dear Santa, I think I am a good little girl and I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, one that opens and closes its eyes; a cradle for my dolly and a tricycle. Don't forget the candy and nuts. Jackie wants an air gun and Bobbie wants a wrist watch. I'll be looking for you. Linda Beth McDaniel . . . Dear Santa, Please bring a doll, telephone and bring me a typewriter, and a cackling hen. Love, Billie Fay Heckman. P. S. Don't forget mother and daddy and Uncle Ashel . . . Dear Santa, please bring me a scabot and football. Don't forget

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Haley Jackson told Santa what she wants for Christmas at the City Bank Open House Tuesday.



What I would really like to have for Christmas is a remote control car, a four-wheeler, Game Boy, Nintendo and a front-end loader, Travis Self told Santa at the City Bank Open House Tuesday.



"I want a fence, a toy puppy, a farm and a pony, and a World of Shu-shu doll," Sarah Branham told Santa at the City Bank Open House Tuesday.



Dear Santa please bring me some soft toys, an activity table and a pull toy. I have been a good baby. please remember my big brother Ryder and my big sister Candy Kate. Oh, could you also bring me some hair to keep my head warm this winter?

Love,
Cash

Dear Santa

My name is Baylee Michell the Snowman I am 3 I am being nice I want cows horses and a truck and that is all Brittany can have a bitty purse and Bubba probably wants 2 tennis shoes, 2 socks, 2 underwear and a T-shirt and a gown he can sleep in.

Love you
Santa

Dear Santa

My name Brittany I Ben kined uv good Can You Bring Me A roodof move ples I Love You Santa P. S. Bring my sis wonts a thruck and cows and hoses My Bruthr a tesha I hope that you like the cookes and milk.

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll with a purple pacifier and pink flowered clothes. I want a barbie with a horse thats little that picks the buckets and the hay up. I want a real cake machine thats real and you can eat it. I want some more balloons that don't pop the plastic balloons and another blow up chair thats on blues clues and I want a new flip flop for Christmas and I want a leopard purse. I want a new club house that has a horse.

I Love You Santa Claus
Maison

Dear Santa. I want a motorcycle with a helmet and for the rest I want a Baby Puppy and I want a Golden Retriever.

Love always,
Shelby Fuston

State Can Allow Speed Limit Increase in County

Rural areas of Texas, including Briscoe County, could soon see higher speed limits on portions of the state highway system.

New rules allowing for a maximum speed limit of 75 mph in rural, less populated areas were ap-



Savannah, Daphne and Dalton Kast attended the City Bank Open House Tuesday and took a few minutes to visit Santa. Daphne had a little trouble understanding what Santa is all about!



Samantha and Shayna Smith had stars in their eyes as they shared their Christmas dreams with Santa at the City Bank Open House.



"Please bring me some new clothes, Legos, and a remote control monster truck for Christmas," Jacob Ortiz told Santa at the City Bank Open House Tuesday.

proved by the Texas Transportation Commission during its monthly meeting.

The rules implement House Bill 299, which allows speed limit increases in counties with populations of less than 10 persons per square mile. The bill was passed during the 77th Legislative session.

"The reality is that in rural areas, people usually drive a few miles over the speed limit because of the distances invlved in getting

from point A to point B," said Rep. Pete P. Gallego, who authored the legislation. "The increase in the speed limit will allow people more room to gauge a comfortable yet safe driving speed when traveling."

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Game Times:
Girls-4:00, Boys-5:00

Jan. 1--	Open
Jan. 4--	Paducah, There
Jan. 8--	Ropes, There
Jan. 15--	Crosbyton, There
Jan. 18--	*Valley, Home
Jan. 22--	*Nazareth, There
Jan. 25--	*Happy, There
Jan. 29--	*Valley, There
Feb. 1--	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5--	*Happy, Home
	*District

JUNIOR HIGH

Jan. 7 --	Happy, There
Jan. 12 --	Open
Jan. 14 --	Nazareth, There
Jan. 21 --	Valley, There
Jan. 28 --	Nazareth, home
Feb. 4 --	Happy, home

Game Times:
Girls-6:30, Boys-8:00

Dec. 21 --	Floydada, Home
Dec. 27-29 --	Hoot-Out Tourn.
Jan. 1 --	Open
Jan. 4 --	Paducah, There
Jan. 8 --	Ropes, There
Jan. 11 --	Samnorwood, There
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Feb. 1 --	*Nazareth, Home
Feb. 5 --	*Happy, Home

Dear Santa,
My name is Jesse. I have been a very good boy this year. Would you please bring me a Toy Story Woody

Doll, Tickle Me Elmo, also some clothes.
Love,
Jesse W. Hill



Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you got me last year. And I thank you for that toy you gave me at Daddy's work. And I know that you love me and Zachary because you are my favorite Santa in the whole wide world and everybody in the world loves you. Please bring me a Barbie house, a Barbie horse and a Barbie. Please bring my brother Zach a ball and a game he can play on the computer. I've been trying to be good and I hope I won't be bad anymore. You are a special Santa. Thank you so much!!

Love,
Meredith and Zachary McDonough

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
District: Childress
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DISTRICT ENGINEER

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. I want a computer of my own, a b.b. gun, a power ranger 'dill,' mouse trap game, an 'action suit,' and thats all I want. Please bring Chomper (my dog) a surprise. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Caden Edwards
Age 6

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year and I can't wait for your visit. I like all kinds of toys, but I would especially like a Mickey mouse. I am not sure where I will be on Christmas Day but I know you and Rudolph will be able to find me. I will either be at my Nana Sutton's or in Amarillo with my auntie Claus. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Please remember all of the other boys and girls, too.

Love,
Shea Stockton
Age 2

Dear Santa,

I would like a Kitty magic, Cinderella Doll, Lucky Duck Game, anything with Princess Stuff on it and a Pretty Purse.

Love,
Lily McMurtry

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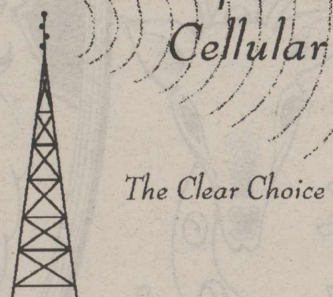
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Kindergarten Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I want a train and a red and yellow ball. I will leave you some cheese.

Love,
Skyler Stephens

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like an Easy Bake Oven, Barbie Studio Nail Polish Maker and a baby doll.

Would you get my sister a coloring book and coloring pencils if that's not too much trouble. For my brother please leave a tractor and a little pickup. Thank you for the presents last year. Santa Claus, I love you.

Taylor Hubbard

Dear Santa,

I would really love to have a

Robo Baby and a Bike. Also a two-seated stroller for my babies to ride in and to stay with my dad and mom to eat with them and to have lots of cousins come over.

Thank you
Tiffany

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some shoes with skates on the bottom, a purple cash register and an ATM Savings Bank. I've been a good girl this year. Please remember to bring my big brother, Ryder, and my baby brother, Cash, something, too. We'll leave you milk and cookies.

Love,
Candy Kate

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like some hot wheels, a case to carry them in, a hot wheel car wash, a Rudolf stuffed animal, and a desk with a light. I love you, Santa Claus. Merry Christmas to you, Mrs. Claus, and your elves.

Blake Jasper

Dear Santa,

How have you been this year? I've been good this year. I would like to have Remote control car, 4-wheeler, Gameboy, Nintendo, Raido player, Frontend loader. That's it.

Love,
Travis Self

Dear Santa,

My name is Clara. I want a four wheeler please for Christmas, lots of barbies and a real puppy, a little one. Can you please bring Adrian, my little sister, a guitar, and bring all the little kids something and I also want a big baby and bald like Britnay's.

Love you Santa!

Dear Santa,

I would like a playhouse and a dog. I want barbie and shoes. I would also like some candy for Christmas.

Love you,
Karina Garcia

Dear Santa,

I would like a ball and a computer. I would also like a Christmas tree. I want a barbie and a big car. I would like some books and a surprise.

Love you,
Monica Alanis

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I am doing fine. I have been a very good girl this year. I would love to have a toy medical cart and a new book. I will leave some milk and cookies by the fireplace for you! Have a safe trip.

Love,
Savannah Kast

Dear Santa,

I have bee a good girl this year. Please bring me a play refrigerator, play food, some markers, a nut-cracker barbie and the horse and sleigh that goes with it. I would also like a Brittany Spears doll that really sings, a play house, a play rabbit and a play kitty. I will leave cookies add milk for you.

Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a purple bicycle and a working horse barn and horse. I've been very good, so has my brother. Please bring him a ball pit.

Thanks,
Harlee

Dear Santa,

I would like a pair of chukkas, a kitchen set, a new Ken doll with

some new clothes, a new bike, a stroller a bunk bed, and a swing for my baby dolls.

I will leave milk and cookies out for you.

Love,
Brittney

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like an easy bake oven, star splash barbie and a scooter barbie. Have a good Christmas.

Love,
Emily Williams

Dear Santa Claus,

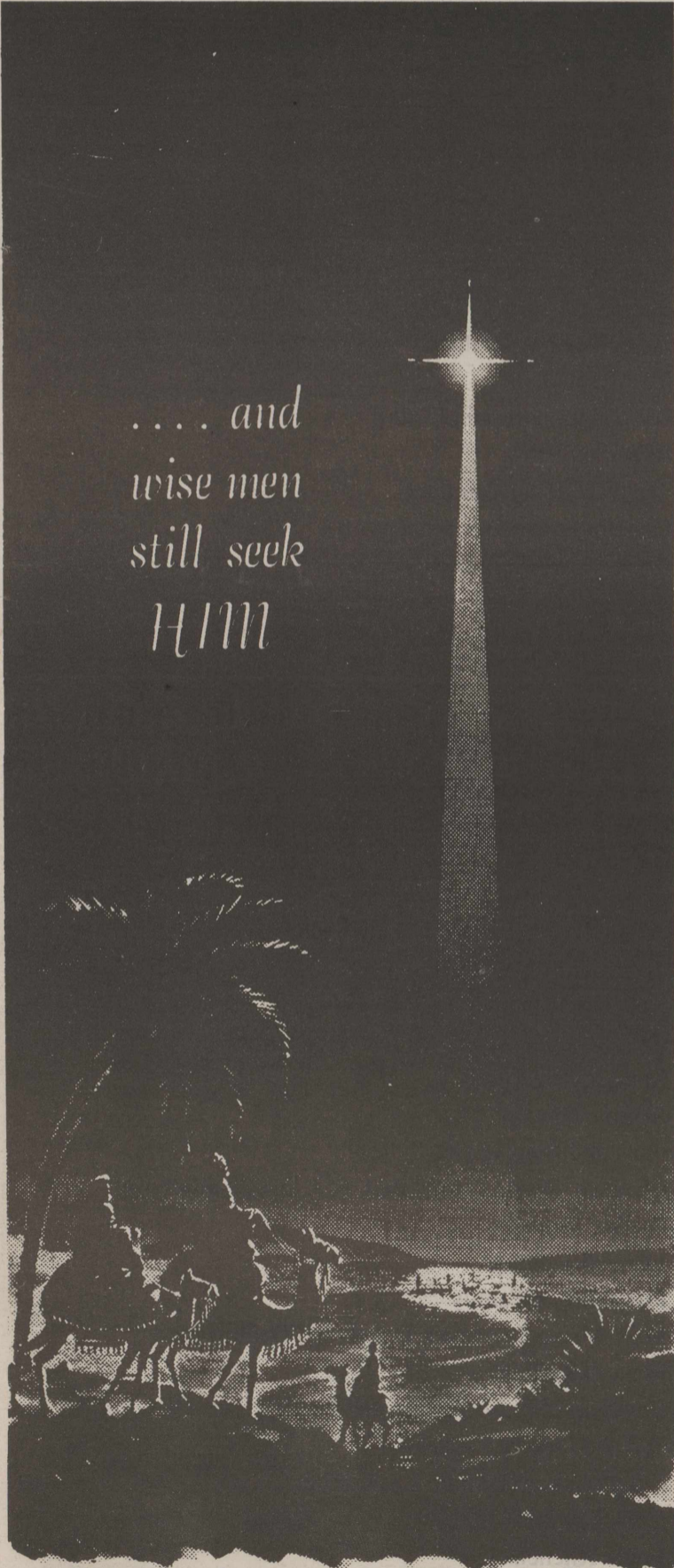
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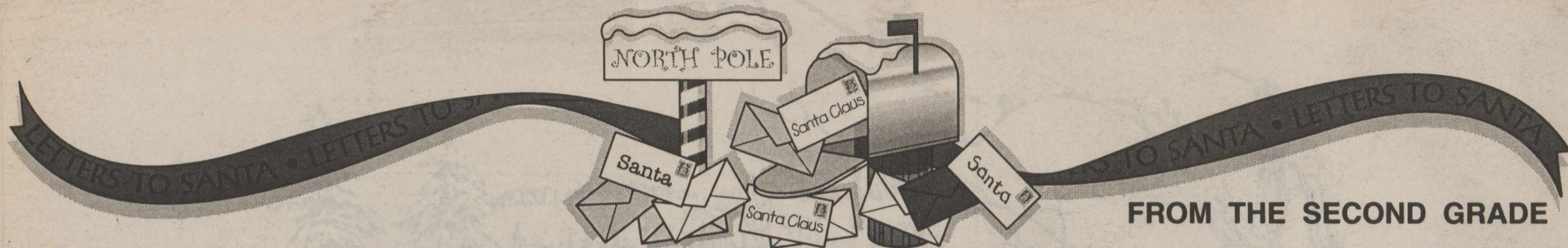
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Love,
Ty

Dear Santa,
I have ben a very good boy this year. I want a Sound System Stereo. I want some walkie talkies. nd I want a telascope. I want a trnpleane.
Love,
Curtis

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like to have a I can't remeber oh ya a telescope please. And a walkie talkies if you don't mind. Alsoe a 22 gun by.
Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa
I want a donkey and a Talk about radio. How are the reindeer? You Mite want to come through the door.
Love,
Ryder

Dear Santa,
I wont two toy street bike and two toy dirt bike. I wont a telescope. I wont a toy for my cats and a toy for my dog.
Love,
J. T.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I woud like two talk about radios. And a baking donky. And a go cart. And a trampalean.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa,
I would like a 223. A for weler. A sling shot. And is much legos you can find.
Love,
Braden

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like Excite Bike or a Basckit Ball gol. I will leev you some cookes and milck. Tel your ranedeer and elfs hi.
Love,
Bryce

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a got cart to tke my brother fo a ride and my friends to and I can go with my friends houls to.
go Play his dog and game.
Love,
Rodolfo

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Jam and blam barbie. And a hite clipes and some cloths and a Diva Star. And some gliter stick Jewelry.
Love,
Sierran

Dear Santa,
I would like a Diva Star and Glitter Stick jewelry and a what's her face and a puppy dog.
Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like glitter stick jewelry and a picture of you. And a pony. Please Sant.
Love,
Sierra Juarez

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a new play station. I wish I had a horse too. I wish I had a new new new bike. I wish I had a new new new tree weeller too.
Love,
Reba Garvin

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you?
Santa Claus I want a silverado. Also want a truck horn on my four wheeler. I also want a new four wheer.
Love,
Rowdy

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like to get a Nintendo 64 game called Turok 3, and a game cube. I would like to hve a new toy car.
Love,
Timothy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? rammer the rander food. I loved the gifts that you gave me. This year I want a little pony to ride. I wood also like the gear. You have a marry crismus. I hope you are giving a marry crismus to the world.
Love,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
I wunt 7 m lego ships and 1 Siborgcity. haw ar you Santa and haw ar your elfs dooing. I hope evry boty hase a merry christmas and I hope you and your elffs have a marry christmas.
Luve,
Forrest

Owls, Lady Owls Split Pair of Games at Motley County High

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls split a pair of games at Motley County High on December 14.

The Lady Owls led off the action by dropping their match 49-41 in a game they contested until after the midway stop.

Bryn Mayfield led the offense by scoring 12 points and Chelsey Cherry also scored in double figures, getting 10. Adding to the score were Lori Griffin, nine; Amanda Estes and Jenny Young, five points each.

Lady Owls	13	20	29	41
Motley County	15	21	34	49

Shots from downtown were scored by Bryn Mayfield, four; Jenny Young and Lori Griffin, one each.

The Owls saw their score knotted at 15-15 at the end of the first quarter, and had fallen behind before halftime. They put on a third-quarter scoring show outscoring the Matadors 31-4, and went on to take a 67-42 victory.

Three players scored in double figures: Darin Martin, 19; Dustin Hale, 16; Matt Strange, 15. Also scoring were Andrew Francis, nine, and Red Ivory, eight points.

Three-point shots were scored by Red Ivory, two; Andrew

Francis, Darin Martin and Dustin Hale, one each.

Owls	15	23	54	67
Motley County	15	26	30	42

The Owl teams won three games at Lazbuddie on December 11.

Bert Vasquez led the Junior Varsity Owls by scoring 12 points. Also scoring were Payton Estes, nine; Eric Minyard, eight; James Tiffin, six points.

Three-point shots were scored by Bert Vasquez, two; Payton Estes, one.

JV Owls	7	16	29	43
Lazbuddie	4	11	19	31

The Lady Owls won their game 48-41 behind the offensive leadership of Bryn Mayfield, who scored 12 points. Also scoring were Amanda Estes, eight; Jenny Young, Tarran Forbes and Lori Griffin, seven points each; Chelsey Cherry, four; Kassie Strange, three points.

Three-point shots were hit by Jenny Young, Bryn Mayfield and Tarran Forbes, one each.

Lady Owls	16	33	37	48
Lazbuddie	12	23	27	41

The Owls took a 56-54 victory in a game in which the lead changed hands several times.

Junior High Teams Idle Until January

Silverton's Junior High teams will be idle until January.

The teams played a series of games at Clarendon, with the Eighth Grade winning two of three, one in a double overtime.

The Owls took a big 58-20 victory over Hedley.

Gid Mayfield led the offense by scoring 19 points. Chief Garcia put up 17 points. Rounding out the score were Jesse Reynolds and Josh Maciel, eight points each; Jacob Francis, four, and Jorge Alanis, two points.

Three-point shots were hit by Jesse Reynolds, two; Chief Garcia and Gid Mayfield, one each.

8th Owls	14	25	45	58
Hedley	10	15	17	20

The team dropped a match to Wellington 31-26. Scoring was by Gid Mayfield, eight; Chief Garcia,

Scoring leaders were Red Ivory, 16; Andrew Francis and Matt Strange, 13 points each; Darin Martin, 11. Rounding out the score was Dustin Hale, three points.

Only one three-point shot was hit in the game, that by Red Ivory in the second half.

Owls	8	22	36	56
Lazbuddie	4	22	41	54

six; Jacob Francis, five; Tanner Young, four; Jesse Reynolds, two, and Yance Forbes, one point.

Gid Mayfield hit the only shot from downtown that was scored in this game.

8th Owls	4	14	20	26
Wellington	10	16	24	31

The 8th Owls also took a 43-40 victory from Claude in a double overtime.

Gid Mayfield burned the baskets with a big 23-point effort, including a three-pointer and two free throws in the first overtime and four points in the second overtime. Also scoring were Yance Forbes, seven; Chief Garcia, five; Jacob Francis, four, and Tanner Young, three points.

Garcia also scored a three-pointer in the second overtime.

8th Owls	5	6	16	28	35	43
Claude	4	8	19	28	35	40

The 7th Owls also won two of three games.

They defeated Wellington 25-24 behind the scoring leadership of Drew Reed, who rang up 17 points. Also scoring were Dusty Burson, three; Joseph Baeza, Martinez and Albert DeLeon, two points each.

7th Owls	8	19	21	25
Wellington	6	6	12	24

The Owls beat Claude 36-4. Drew Reed led the scoring with 15 points. Also scoring were Clay Strange, eight; Dusty Burson, six;

Ory Johnson, four; Albert DeLeon, two; Martinez, one point.

7th Owls	10	21	32	36
Claude	0	0	0	4

The 7th Owls dropped a game to Valley.

Drew Reed led the scoring for Silverton with 11 points. Also scoring were Zak Perkins, four; Dusty Burson and Ory Johnson, three points each; E. J. Ivory, two points.

7th Owls	4	7	16	23
Valley	12	25	32	44

Institute to Counter Ag Terrorism

Provided by Brandon McGinty County Extension Agent-Ag

Agricultural production and the United States' food supply are highly vulnerable to acts of terrorism. With that in mind, the Texas A&M University's Board of Regents approved the establishment of an Institute Against Agricultural Bioterrorism. Even though scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station have been researching how to counter terrorism for decades, the regents felt it was necessary to organize current activities, foster interdisciplinary relationships, and make use of total resources.



*Fast away the old year passes,
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 Sing we joyous all together,
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Traditional Welsh Carol

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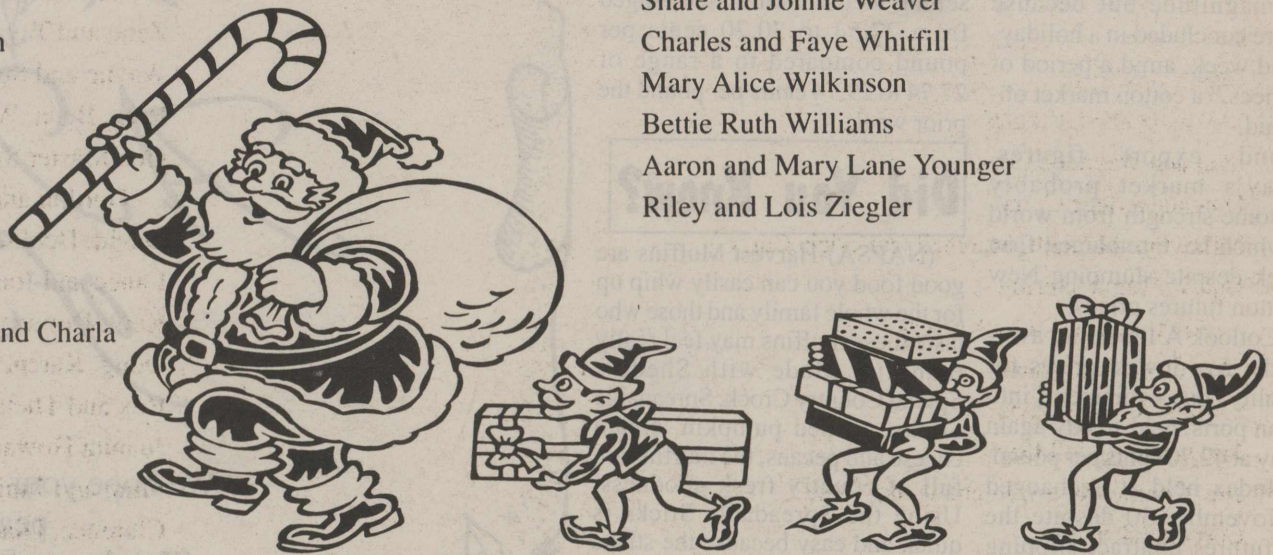
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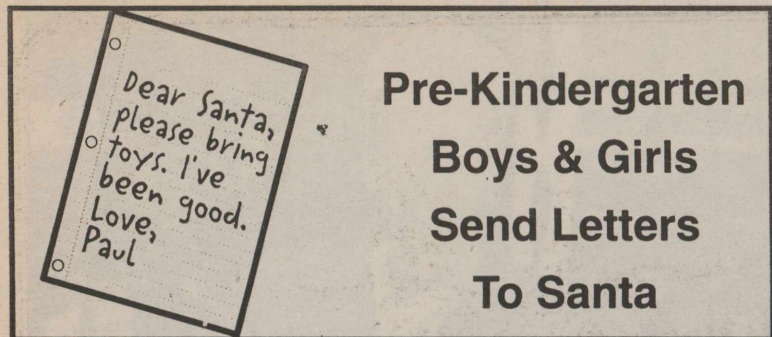
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The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends exchange greetings of joy and good will. It's happening here and now in our most wonderful town, and we're pleased to be a part of it. Merry Christmas to all.

Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to community projects instead of sending greeting cards locally. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club.



Pre-Kindergarten Boys & Girls Send Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a fire truck with a ladder that goes up and part that doesn't, and a choo-choo train with a whistle. That's all!

Love,
Koree Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a horse for Christmas.

Love,
Sheldon Scroggins

Dear Santa,

I want a puppy.

Love,
Edgar Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a race car track, a puppy, a guitar, a piano because mine is broke, and a toy choo-choo train.

Love,
Gavin Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a bubble gum machine, a hot wheels, and a spinder-devil football. And a Yo-Yo.

Love,
Austin Bullock

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some new clothes, legos (Bob the Builder ones), and a remote control monster truck.

Love,
Jacob Ortiz

Dear Santa,

I want a new Techmo Doggie, a bouncy-ball, and a Clifford dog.

Love,
Joshua Allbright

Dear Santa,

I want a fence, a toy puppy, a Farm and a pony, a World of Shushu doll.

Love,
Sarah Branham

Dear Santa,

You can give me an elephant toy. Please, Santa, I'm a good boy.

Love,
Enrique Gamez

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is Giselle. I would like a big doll for Christmas. Could you please bring my Mommy a T-shirt and a pant for my Father.

Love You,
Giselle

sales and shipments thus far may suggest U. S. exports could possibly exceed the new estimate. Through December 6, shipments were running 94.3 percent ahead of one year ago.

The record pace in U. S. export sales this marketing year may be contributing to a buildup in foreign stocks, some analysts say. The projected world stocks-to-use ratio declined almost one percent on the month to 47.48 percent, but the ratio is up 5.13 percent from last season.

In other news, U. S. cotton export quotes have fallen an average of 95 points during the past week, and the Cotlook A Index of world cotton values has gained 16 points. In fact, the five-day average gap between the U. S. export quote and the Cotlook A Index narrowed 111 points to 1.24 cents, just one point below the Step 2 threshold.

A Step 2 marketing subsidy is triggered when the difference be-

tween the weekly average of the U. S. export quote and the Cotlook A Index is more than 125 points for four consecutive weeks.

For the first time in months, Step 2 competitive pricing payments to exporters and domestic mills will be eliminated for at least four weeks. Without the subsidy payments, consumption of U. S. cotton could decrease.

Meanwhile, current crop U. S. export shipments climbed in the week ended December 6, with Mexico and India the principle destinations at 39,100 and 35,100 bales, respectively. Other importers included Taiwan, Turkey and Indonesia. Shipments for the period exceeded the weekly average of 185,722 bales needed to reach USDA's revised total marketing year estimate of 9.8 million bales.

Net export sales of 2001-02 crop U. S. cotton were healthy for the week at 244,900 bales. Export sales to Turkey remained strong at

70,600 bales while Indonesia and Pakistan rounded out the list of top three buyers of U. S. cotton with purchases of 27,200 and 22,200 bales, respectively.

On the spot cotton scene, online sales by producers of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton for the week ended December 13 totaled 10,588 bales, down from the previous week's sales of 19,514 bales. Prices received by growers selling their cotton online ranged from 27.68 to 28.84 cents per pound compared to a range of 27.54 to 30.70 cents per pound the prior week.

Wonder is what sets us apart from other life forms. No other species wonders about the meaning of existence or the complexity of the universe or themselves.

--Herbert Boyer

The first printed reference to Christmas trees appeared in Germany in 1531.

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."

Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

Merry
Christmas
from
SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

A supportive supply/demand estimate provided only a brief bounce to cotton futures this week. Then, the market tumbled lower once again as traders ignored another constructive weekly export report.

A lower U. S. production and carryout forecast from USDA came as analysts expected the agency to adjust both figures marginally higher. Instead, the department now projects the U. S. cotton crop at 20.06 million bales, 17 percent larger than a year ago, but down one percent from the department's November estimate. Additionally, USDA boosted U. S. exports to 9.8 million bales and pared ending stocks 300,000 bales, placing the estimate at 8.4 million bales.

The U. S. production figure was lowered, in part, because Texas' harvested cotton acreage was cut

by 200,000, and its production decreased to the same number of bales. USDA also cut California cotton production by 100,000 bales and Mississippi's by half that, leaving the rest of the country unable to make up the difference despite an expected national cotton yield average that is the highest in five seasons.

As for world figures, USDA's world crop estimate of 96.0 million bales was down one percent from the November estimate while the agency's world ending stocks projection of 43.5 million bales was down two percent.

U. S. exports, hiked 800,000 bales in the last two months, now are expected to account for 34 percent of world trade, up from 25.6 percent last season. If the export projection becomes a reality, it would be the largest in 75 years.

Some analysts believe the robust

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

When the shepherds saw that shining star over Bethlehem, they knew a great miracle had taken place. Let us remember to keep the miracle of that night alive, and renew in our hearts the true meaning of Christmas.

May all the joys of the season be yours,



JOHNSON'S GIN COMPANY
The Rex Johnson Family



Virgal (Peaches) Minyard was honored with a wheelchair and birthday party Monday on his 62nd birthday. He has been employed by Silverton Oil Company for 29 years. *Briscoe County News Photo*

New Peanut Planting System

Provided by Brandon McGinty
County Extension Agent-Ag

Higher yields could be in store for peanut farmers. Agricultural Research Service says staggering the seeds in an offset or diamond-shaped pattern promotes higher yields than planting in single- or twin-row patterns. Plants don't have to compete for sunlight, water and nutrients. This method also promotes thicker, faster-spreading canopies that help keep the soil bed cool, moist and better protected

from erosion. Beds in field plots planted with diamond rows had 34 percent fewer weeds than beds with twin rows. Planter and peanut digger equipment has just been designed for diamond rows. The new equipment creates multiple diamond rows as readily as single and twin rows. The new peanut digger was invented to unearth pods across a 72-inch bed. On the way is a new method designed to allow the diamond planter to accommodate other large-seeded crops.

Holiday Happiness

*Joy to you and your family
this Christmastime.*

*We wish you a bounty of good tidings
and all the gifts of the season.*

We Will Be Closed
Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25
and December 31 and January 1, 2002

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Sandi Tomlin Lena Hubbard

Holiday Greetings

May the gladness and contentment of the season remain with you and those dear to you, enriching your lives to the fullest measure.

Guaranty Abstract Co.

Steve Rohde Mike Criswell
LaQuetta Schott



Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

A fifth consecutive day of unchanged world prices, coupled with heavy U. S. cotton sales and shipments as recorded in USDA's weekly report, were more than enough to send futures prices sharply higher on Thursday.

"It was a pretty nice bounce back up," said one analyst. "A lot of the move upward was export related. For many weeks, we've been getting really solid export sales numbers, but the shipments have been a little bit of a disappointment," he explained.

Export shipments, which had been a concern to many analysts because they were not on pace to match USDA's full-year projection of 9.4 million bales, were up for the week ended November 29. At 187,100 bales, the shipment figure was up 23 percent from the previous week and 20 percent above the four-week average.

Net export sales of current crop U. S. cotton surprised most analysts at 284,600 bales for the week, up 26 percent from a week ago but six percent below the four-week average.

"The export sales report was outstanding not just for the unexpected magnitude but because sales were concluded in a holiday-shortened week, amid a period of rising prices," a cotton market observer said.

Beyond export figures, Thursday's market probably gained some strength from world prices which have remained firm this week despite slumping New York cotton futures prices.

The Cotlook A Index, an average of the five lowest prices for high quality cotton shipments into European ports, held steady again Thursday at 42.70 cents per pound. The A Index held at unchanged since November 30 despite the March futures contract slipping 249 points in the first three sessions of this week. With the U. S. price decline, the Memphis quote replaced Brazil in the closely monitored A Index.

Meanwhile, a wintry mix of rain and snow that rolled through parts of Texas last week delayed harvest in the nation's largest cotton-producing state, according to data from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

After progressing ahead of its usual pace for most of the crop year, the Texas cotton harvest was only 82 percent complete as of December 2, one percentage point below the usual pace. The previ-

ous week, the state's cotton harvest was 80 percent complete, five percentage points ahead of an average year.

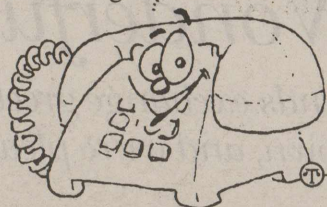
"Harvest was mostly on hold as the result of heavy snows and rain showers that occurred across Texas," the agency said in its report. "In areas where some harvesting did occur, stripping was difficult and 'stringing out' was a problem. Grades could be affected greatly if drying out does not occur soon."

In anticipation of the December 11 release of USDA's crop production report, some analysts are trimming as much as 50,000 bales from their Texas cotton production estimate as roughly 15 percent of the state's crop remains in the field. In its last report, USDA estimated the Texas crop at 4.33 million bales, up nine percent from a year ago but 100,000 less than the 4.4 million bale crop USDA projected in October.

In other news, online sales of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas cotton for the week ended December 6 totaled 19,514 bales, down from the previous week's sales of 38,659 bales. Prices received by growers selling their cotton online ranged from 27.54 to 30.70 cents per pound compared to a range of 27.74 to 29.74 cents per pound the prior week.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-Harvest Muffins are good food you can easily whip up for the whole family and those who taste these muffins may feel really thankful. Made with Shedd's Spread Country Crock, Spreadable Sticks, canned pumpkin, cream cheese and pecans, the muffins are full of country fresh goodness. Using the Spreadable Sticks is quick and easy because the sticks can be mixed into recipes straight from the fridge.



Lipoplasty (liposuction) is the single most requested cosmetic surgical procedure in the United States. According to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, the procedure is best suited for people who are within 30 percent of their ideal body weight. Patients with good skin tone obtain the best results.

*Our Best
Holiday
Wishes
To You*



The holiday season is here, and we want to wish our many friends and neighbors all good things now and far into the future.

Thank you so much for your loyal support!

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Ken Richardson, Manager

*A Note
of Thanks*

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Thank you for your friendship and all the many things that have been done for us.

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Carol and Mary Davis and Family



Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is Rudolph having a good time getting ready for his big trip?
I have been a very good boy this year. I would love to have a wooden train set.
Thank you Santa!
Love,
Dalton Kast

Dear Santa,
I hope everything is great at the North Pole this year. I can't wait to see you!

Mommy says I have been extra good this year. Please bring me a bead rollar coaster.
If you come by during the middle of the night I will probably see you since I am usually awake then anyway.
I Love You!
Love,
Daphne Kast

Dear Santa for Chistmas, I want, glitter and stick joy, Smell gooz, my size Barbie, A baby cat or dog, flower seeds, Girl Zone, Sandbox, beckieni bathing suit, some books, Mandy More CD NSync CD, Pink CD, Aaron carter CD. Love, Sierra

Dear Santa,
I want a Harry Potter potion maker and the cotton candy maker with blue, pink and yellow sugar to put in it. and a Shrek movie.
And one more thing. This is for my cats. It is a new blue and green ball. And a Santa computer game.
I have been a very good girl.
Ashley Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. My name is Curtis Reed. I want a Sound System Stereo 3. I want a telescope And I want a computer real bad. I want a tramplean so I can play with My dog And I want a tree house. I want a double 0 7 Nintend game. And I want a big knife with a Animal on it. I want sume chacas sets.
Your friend,
Curtis

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob. I have been a good boy this year. I would like a remote control monster truck, a Jimmy Neutron shirt, new clothes, Bob the Builder lego construction set, and snow boots and snow pants.
Your Friend,
Jacob Ortiz

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. Because I do not want you to get sick. Plus I am

doing O. K.. I know you have been watching me. But I have been trying to keep my room clean. But, only if you can have enough time to get to my sister's house. So if you do have the presents that I am asking for then please try to send them to me. Thank You. So, here is my Christmas list. One, I would like clothes, shoes. Two, I would like to please have some Kelly clothes. Because I already have a Kelly Big doll from last christmas. Accessories if you know what that is. If, you don't you can ask Mrs. Santa. Thank you. Bye! Bye!
P. S. Have a merry Chistmas! and ride carefully! Please!
Love you!
Jessica Garcia And Family!

Dear Santa,
I would like some Barbie furniture for my new doll house. Please bring me a baby monkey doll, a bulb light snowman and some stuff for my stocking. Please bring my baby sister some new baby toys. My sister and I have been pretty

good this year. I will leave you some milk and Christmas cookies.
Love,
Shayna Smith

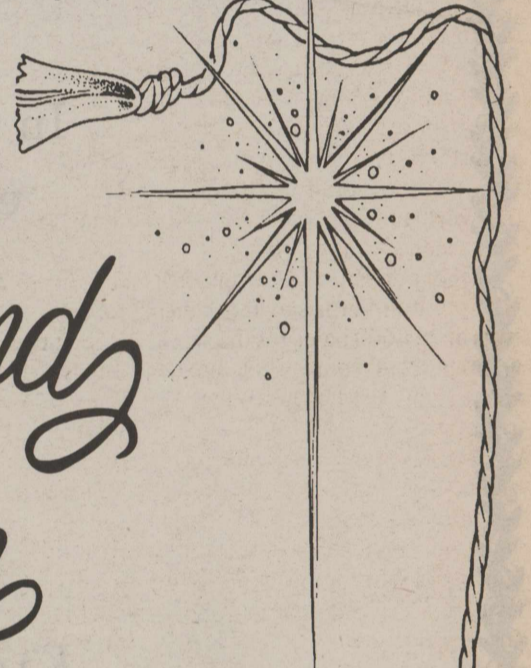
Dear Santa,
I want two toys, a soccer ball and a big remote-control car. I have been a good boy at home. I would like a basketball, too. I like Santa,
Love,
Gustavo.
Kindergarten

In 1900, large stores started to erect big illuminated Christmas trees.

Growing Christmas trees provides a habitat for wildlife.

Oregon produces the most real Christmas trees.

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin lookalike contest.



With You in Mind at Christmastime

Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow.

Signs of Christmas are everywhere, bringing to mind all the good people we've had the privilege to serve this past year, and so we offer our warm wishes to all who make the holiday season so special for us.

Happy Holidays from all of us at

**MID-PLAINS
RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**



New Arrival

Ezree Williams announces the arrival of her new baby brother, Kyeler Race Williams. He was born Saturday, December 8, 2001. He weighed seven pounds, eleven and one-half ounces, and was 21 inches long.

His parents are Jeremy and Timbra Williams of Silverton. Grandparents are Sharon and Gene Evins of Amarillo and Terry and

When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened.

--John M. Richardson, Jr.

The very first episode of the Columbo TV series in 1971 was directed by Hollywood-bound unknown Steven Spielberg.

Rhonda Williams of Silverton.

Great-grandmother is Maggie Sweek of Silverton.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Gifts That Last Longer Than the Holidays

The holidays are fast approaching. With this time of year comes the inevitable search for gift ideas. As you visit local malls and look through tomes of catalogues for that perfect choice for the special person in your life, remember to look for quality. Whether you are buying something for yourself, or as a gift for someone special, you

want the item to last for years to come.

The first step you can take to ensure many years of use is to buy, when possible, products that have a powder coated finish. Powder coating is like a "dry paint," but where painted products may chip, peel, or rust when exposed to rough treatment or the out-of-doors, powder coating is highly resistant to these conditions. Powder coated products are durable, attractive and long-lasting.

So when you set about your search for the perfect gift, think about its finish. Powder coating can be found on something as large as a BMW car or as small as a bird feeder. Powder coated products are the overwhelming choice of outdoor enthusiasts. Archery bows, ski

poles, snowmobiles, camping equipment, horse trailers, golf clubs, outdoor grills, bicycles, tri-cycles and wagons are just a few items that may be powder coated, and will bring your gift's recipient years of fun.

For more information on powder coated products and a free Consumer Buying Guide for Home and Garden, visit www.powdercoating.org or write The Powder Coating Institute, Dept. HGI, 2121 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 401, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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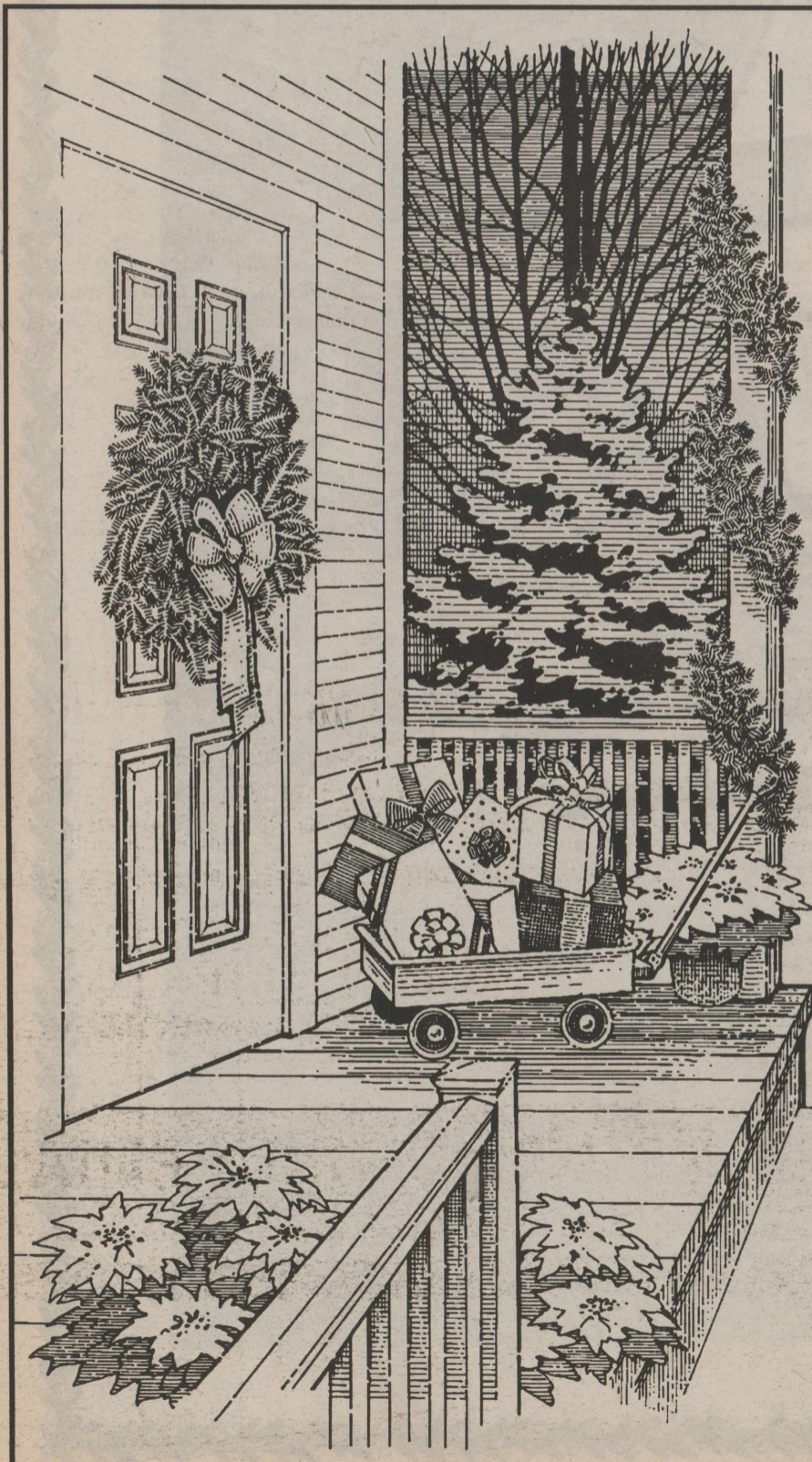
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Kyle Fuston

Beverly Minyard

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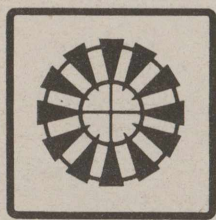
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