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## Finding the Peace of Christmas in a Not-So-Peaceful World

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, he was lauded as the long-expected Prince of Peace. Yet there was no peace; tumultuous events were occurring at the time and soon his parents were forced to flee the region under death threats from King Herod.

For many in this country -- a country so accustomed to peace -- Christmas and the familiar "Peace on Earth" greeting are taking on a different perspective in light of the tumultuous events of Sept. 11. Military mobilization, economic uncertainty, job layoffs in the airline industry, the new war on terrorism, and the devastating loss of more than 5,000 loved ones will certainly impact Christmas this year. Yet Dr. Harvey Martin, professor of Christian education at Northwestern College in Saint Paul, Minn., believes this may be the Christmas when American families shift their focus away from materialism and toward the true spirit of Christmas -- the gift of love.

"We have seen a sudden paradigm shift since Sept. 11," Martin says. "Before that day, we felt secure here in America. We had a mindset of pop culture and consumerism. But now we've been jolted into reassessing our priorities. There's a new recognition of patriotism. There's unity and willingness to reach out and help one another."

Danette Wilfahrt, a counselor at Northwestern College, agrees. "We are at an incredible time when events and circumstances are forcing us to seek comfort in a higher power, which has not been a part of our culture in quite some time. Americans are very independent, but the terrorist attacks have caused us to become interdependent -- we realize we need each other. Suddenly life is more than possessions."

Many families around the country have been touched by the attacks, and as a result, Americans are looking at family in a different way. "Kissing a loved one goodbye in the morning is no longer routine because we realize how easily we can lose someone," Martin says. "There's renewed affection for family and friends."

"We realize it's more important to meet others' needs, such as food, clothing and comfort. This year, many children will celebrate Christmas without one or both parents, so toys will not comfort them. But building relationships and giving time will help fill the void."

Martin and Wilfahrt encourage families to focus on one another this holiday season instead of the material and often-extravagant trappings of Christmas. "Build relationships among your family, neighbors, co-workers and friends," Martin suggests. "Make it your gift to do something nice for each person every week -- a gift that lasts all year."

Instead of the usual supportive detachment such as doing things for children, parents need to do things with them, Martin says. "This country is realizing that the best gift is yourself and your time."

Perhaps the best thing you can ask people this Christmas is not "What do you want for Christmas?" but "You know what I like about you?" This tells them that you pay attention to them, observe them, and that they have made a positive impact on you, Martin explains.

"Focus on the less fortunate; they are all around us -- those who lost loved ones, those encountering tough economic times," Wilfahrt adds. Giving to local or national relief agencies is taking on added significance and impact this year.

Martin suggests giving children money that they can in turn give to relief agencies of their choosing. "Children learn the very special gift of giving with love. In return, it makes children feel they make a difference, which instills self-confidence as well as teaches life's priorities," he says.

Wilfahrt believes that this Christmas more people will realize what "wealth" they actually have -- family, friends, homes, faith -- and will be grateful, she says. "We actually have received some gifts from the tragedies of Sept. 11 -- a return to God, unity as a nation and among political parties, the preciousness of life and patriotism."



Merry Mailer

Jerry Tang is awed to find Santa receiving Christmas letters in person at the Spearman Post Office.

## Holiday Traditions Gain Greater Significance

There is no time of year more steeped in tradition than the winter holidays. Your celebration probably includes special rituals, foods and other traditions that have evolved over the years.

This year there seems to be an especially strong movement toward tradition, as Americans gravitate toward home and hearth in response to the changes and conflict in the world around us. Families may want to begin some new traditions that will encourage everyone to spend time together, slow down and enjoy the season.

Here are some ideas you can use or adapt to new traditions that reflect your family's heritage and beliefs about the holiday season.

-- Begin a family journal in which family members can make entries every year during the holidays. Parents or older siblings can write the thoughts of younger children, and children's drawings can be included as well.

-- Read together. Choose a story or a poem that has special significance and gather everyone around to read it aloud at the same time each year.

-- Remember the animals. Make ornaments for the animals using pine cones, peanut butter, honey and birdseed. Take them into a wooded area and hide them in trees and bushes for the birds and animals, and put a few around your yard to provide hours of animal-watching from your own window.

-- A memory bag. Find or buy a drawstring bag to hang on a Christmas tree or from a window swag. Have family members write their best memory of the year on a slip of paper and put it in the bag. Take out old memories to share when the holiday decorations are unpacked each year.

-- Special ornaments. Whether they're hung on a tree, grouped in a window or displayed on a shelf, many families collect and display ornaments. Some families have a special ornament for each member, which takes on special significance when a loved one can't be home for the holidays or a family member dies. Other families collect ornaments that represent the year or symbolize a special event.

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-- Help others. Families often decide that the best way to express the holiday spirit is to collect items for a local food shelf, serve meals at a homeless shelter or donate toys for less fortunate children. Decide as a group what your family should do to help others and get everyone of all ages involved.

For more ideas on developing traditions, check your local bookstore or library for books including "Unplug the Christmas Machine," and "The Heart of a Family: Searching America for New Traditions that Fulfill Us."

## Bynum Named DON For Hansford Manor

Hansford County Hospital District is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Lelia Bynum, RN to the position of Hansford Manor Director of Nursing Services.

Lelia has been working in the health care field for over 13 years. She attended LVN school at Frank Phillips College while working as a Nurse Aide at Hansford Manor. Upon graduation she was employed as a Charge Nurse and later worked as a Clinic Nurse.

Four years later found Ms. Bynum in school, this time to earn her Registered Nurse Degree. She attended Amarillo College, graduating in 1994. A scholarship from Hansford County Hospital District helped this busy mother of two very active children complete her program. She attributes her ability to go to school in Amarillo full-time and take care of her family to the support of her husband, Kurt.

Lelia came back to work in the Manor as a Registered Nurse following graduation. She has served as Assistant Director of Nursing, MDS and Care Plan Coordinator, Restorative Program Director and Social Service Assistant in the Manor, and has also served as Hansford Hospital's Swing Eed

Coordinator and Discharge Planner.

Lelia and her family are members of the First Christian Church. Lelia's husband, Kurt, is employed as a Field Supervisor for Duke Energy. Her daughter, Stephanie, is in the Army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston. She is a Lab Specialist. Son Paul is a junior at Spearman High School and is very involved in athletics and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"I have known Lelia for 14 years and I've always admired her positive outlook," stated Anne Snow, Manor Administrator. "She contributes so much with her creativity and nursing expertise. We are really lucky to have her as our Director of Nursing."

"The Director of Nursing has a huge responsibility," continued Snow. "Lelia has over 52 nurses and aides to supervise and usually about 75 residents to care for. It is a great challenge, one Lelia is very well prepared for."

Lelia says of her new position, "Everyday is something different, from making policies to bath schedules. I get to visit with a lot of people every day. I want people to know that they can call me any time. I love my job."



Lelia Bynum



Rosetta Barrera, (left) LVN and Hospice volunteer coordinator, and Charla Hargis (right), Hospice director, accept a donation from Don Kinnaird, manager of Alco. The donation to Hospice was provided through funds raised in the Beautiful Baby contest sponsored by Alco earlier in the year.

## Holiday Schedule

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday, as well as Monday and Tuesday, December 31st and January 1st for the New Year holiday.

The deadline for the December 27th issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Monday, December 17th at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for the

January 3rd issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Thursday, December 27th at 5:00 p.m. You may submit information by mail (213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081), fax (806-659-3368), e-mail (CathyRSmit@aol.com), or through the dropslot in the window to the right of the door at the office.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434.

## Auxiliary Heads Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Instead of mailing greeting cards, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greetings. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

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# Laugh and Live

by Catherine R. Smith  
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My mother-in-law, Lottie, sent me the following story. It really touched me, and I thought you would enjoy it. I hope each of you have a most blessed Christmas!

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past 10 years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas. Oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it - the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma, the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; and shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church, mostly black. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes.

As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears. It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them.

We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, the swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them."

Mike loved kids - all kids - and he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came. That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years.

For each Christmas, I followed the tradition--one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a check to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there.

You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, and in the morning, it was joined by three more.

Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing around the tree with wide-eyed anticipation watching as the envelope is taken down.

Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit will always be with us. May we all remember Christ, who is the reason for the season, and the true Christmas spirit this year and always.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Charley Laxton with a 17# blue catfish

Lake Depth--December 17, 2001--32.79

Friday, December 14, Charley Laxton fished all day without catching any fish. He finally gave up and began gathering his poles out of the water, but before he quite finished, he had hooked this big blue catfish on perch.

Jim reports another cedar hit by the tree decorator. This one is north of the one pictured last week with little flags, doves, and red bows. This one shows the Christmas spirit with red bows. This weekend a tent camper has a temporary home in the Park.

The eagles are around, and the geese are on the Lake, but Jim said he had not been hearing the sandhill cranes. The mountain bluebirds have not visited in any numbers. A road runner has been seen near the office. Does anyone know if they winter here?

I am addicted to reading western novels and nonfiction. A recent quirky western novel, Moon Medicine by Mike Blakely, was a lot of fun. The part I enjoyed the most was the building of Fort Adobe on the Canadian Crossing for the Bent Brothers to use as a depot to trade with the Comanche Indians. It is fairly well known that the Adobe Walls we know were built in the spring of 1874 for trade with the buffalo hunters.

and that our famous Battle of Adobe Walls was fought in late June of 1874. We also know that they were built a mile or so from some adobe ruins where Kit Carson and soldiers had a running battle with the Comanches in 1864.

When these adobe ruins came from has never been too clear to me, although a few references connected them to the Bent Bros. and the mid 1840's. I hope Mike Blakely found some history to back up this part of his story. His main character had learned to make adobe bricks in Taos, so it was his job to find the clay deposits to mix with the native grass to make the bricks.

We had three noted adobe houses in the Hansford County part of the Palo Duro. The headquarters for the 777 Ranch that still stands in good shape on the Buschman place was the largest. A well planned house still stands in dilapidated shape on the old Sid Luckey place. It was built for the J. I. Henson family.

The third one was the Charley Newell Stockade. We have not been able to find the location of it. Clara Cator McCrea wrote in 1920 that all that remained was uneven ground with alfalfa in the valley below.

Now I wonder if there is any way to tell where the clay deposits came from for these three houses?

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**December 20**  
**Birthdays** - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans, Bill Whitford

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Myatt, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Jones

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**Birthdays** - Lidwine Carpiaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans

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**December 22**  
**Birthdays** - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenny, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominquez

**Anniversary** - R.L. & Kay McFarlin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tindell, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Maupin

**December 23**  
**Birthdays** - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Poitts, Plat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Marty Rasor, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Peddy, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Bevil

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**Birthdays** - Glendon Etling, Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn Edwards, Sandee Smith, Mark Eisfeld

**Anniversary** - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Fulkerson

**December 25**  
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**December 29**  
**Birthdays** - Bray Arnes, Erin Bergin, Tony Cazares, Amy Tolleson, Cecilia Trejo, Jerry Williams, Mrs. W.T. Woodward, Sharon Rhea, Deanna Martin, Del Baskin, Julie Barkley Stejdie, Thomas Reyes, Robert Elliott, Ed McIntyre, Deann Rosales, Martin Rasor, Brittany Taylor, Connie Wood

**Anniversary** - Don & Gwen McLain, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Papay, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Spivey, Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connell, Mr. & Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Harris, James & Karen Schnell

**December 30**  
**Birthdays** - Julie Meyer, Edith Pipkin, Kim Younger, Angela Van Buskirk, Robert Cochran, Fern Robinson, Robert Black, Traci White, James Red, Sammie Goehring, Kelley Ogilvie, Joyce Simon, Angelica Huerta

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Behne, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Renner, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Josephson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Thoreson, Mr. & Mrs. Van Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Ferguson, Doug & Linda Cummings

**December 31**  
**Birthdays** - Lera Beasley, Justin Pressley, JoAnn Schneider, John Gaither, Jerry Ross Jr., Hazel Stumph, Rick Morris, Helen Boyd, Seth Redwine, Andrew Vela, Billy Joe Boyd, Ray Brandvik, Heather Gammon, Lucy Gilmore, Delfino Parra, Kare Thompson

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rojas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cluck, Mr. & Mrs. John Gaither, Michael and Patricia Quillin, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Arrington, Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page, Mr. & Mrs. James Smith, Jim & Marlene Miller

## Our Deepest Sympathy

### JOHN L. BROWN JR.



John L. Brown Jr., 70, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001.

Services were at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2001 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Patrick Six and Judge Jim Brown officiating. Burial was in Old Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Brown was born March 9, 1931, at Ratcliff, Ark. He was in the Air Force during the Korean War. After his service, he worked for Sheriff Paul Gaither in Amarillo and owned and operated two Humble dealerships in Amarillo.

John, Wanda and son Robert moved to Spearman to work for J.B. Cooke, sheriff of Hansford County. He went into farming and ranching in 1963 and retired in 1993. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Spearman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John L. Brown Sr. and Callie Irene Haney Brown; and a brother, Teddy Wayne Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda; a son, Robert Eugene Brown of El Paso; two sisters, Ada Bea Bunch and husband, David, of Tucson, Ariz., and Jerry Sue White of Greenville; a brother, Jimmy D. Brown and wife, Rosemary, of Spearman; two grandsons, Mark L. Brown and wife, Carla, of Spearman and Troy L. Brown and wife, Dawn, of Borger; a granddaughter, Kyla Brown of Spearman; two great-grandsons, Beau Brown of Spearman and Lane Brown of Borger; a great-granddaughter, Allison Brown of Spearman; a step great-grandson, Kohl Lewis of Amarillo; a step-granddaughter, Lorrie Dunn of Amarillo; and two step great-granddaughters, Mallorie Dunn and Kamryn Lewis, both of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

### FRANK NOVAK

Frank Novak departed from this life after a long illness on December 12, 2001 at the age of 76.

He was born in Yukon, OK and grew up in Spearman, TX. In 1960, he and his family moved to Monticello, AR. He was a dedicated employee of the Arkansas Highway Department, devoted family man, a kind friend and an active member of the community. In Monticello, he was an elder and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church, member of the Monticello Museum board, and a member of many other organizations. After his retirement, he and his wife moved to Port Aransas, TX where he was active in the Community Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Jan, of 57 years, five children: Frank Novak of Plano, TX, Mary Novak of Mamelle, AR, J.D. Novak of Willis, TX, Dan Novak of San Leone, TX, and Ben Novak of Monticello, AR; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services for the celebration of his life was at the Community Presbyterian Church in Port Aransas, TX on Saturday, December 15, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### Fund Established For Al Smith Family

A dedicated fund has been established at First State Bank by the Fellowship Baptist Church to help the Al Smith family meet living expenses while Al fights leukemia. For information on how you may help, contact Gene Foster, 659-1713 (evenings) or Cecilia Foster, 659 2231 (Hansford County Library) during the day.

### Medical Fund Established for David & Hershey Turner Family

A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank by the First Christian Church of Gruver for David and Hershey Turner. Donations may be sent to Box 458, Gruver, TX 79040 or may be given to Margaret Ralston at Gruver State Bank.

### Hansford 4-H Smoke Meats

Hansford 4-H has smoked meats to sell for the holidays. Items available are: smoked turkeys - \$17, smoked hams - \$22, peppered turkey breast - \$16, smoked sausage links - \$13, peppered bacon - \$11, chicken and beef fajitas - \$10. Call the Extension office at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

We would like to thank everyone for helping support 4-H and the programs that the money is used for.

### Kids' Korner Toy Drive

Kids' Korner is in great need of toys for our kids to play with. We are having a toy drive during the month of December. Used toys that are in good condition and have all the parts would be deeply appreciated. We really need outdoor and riding toys: tricycles, big wheels, wagons, climbing toys, etc. If you clean out your toy boxes and don't know what to do with it all, please consider bringing them to Kids' Korner. We will certainly put them to good use.

### Hansford County Library Holiday Schedule

Hansford County Library would like to announce their holiday schedule: December 22-25 - Closed; December 26-28 - Open; December 29-31 - Open 10-12; January 1st - Closed.

### Singles New Years Eve Dinner

The Singles Ministry of Paramont Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide Singles New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on December 31st. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. A photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 22nd. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol- and smoke-free environment. More information and tickets may be obtained by calling Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramont Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

### Toys For Tots

Once again Prairie Motors and Spearman Lions Club are sponsoring the TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN. In the last several years, this campaign has been a huge success in Spearman. Toys need to be new and they ask that you do not wrap the toys. The various clubs and organizations in Spearman can stop by Prairie Motors, Hwy. 207, Spearman, and give the donated toys to the family that they have chosen to support during Christmas. Any Lions Club member would be happy to pick your toys up and deliver them to Prairie Motors. Games, dolls, trucks, stuffed animals, or baby toys have been donated in the past for infants to about age 13. If you have questions or need more information about TOYS FOR TOTS, contact Dick Gillaspie, 659-2541 or Cindy Blackman, 659-3233.

### New Rural Addresses

If you now receive your mail on a rural route in Hansford County, you may not be aware that your mailing address has changed, or is in the process of changing. The post office is now required to use the 9-1-1 emergency address number as the official mailing address of residents. The new numbers were sent earlier this year to all residents who have been affected.

If you have lost the notification of this new address, or did not receive it, call 1-800-687-7911.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is asking that as soon as a subscriber receives this new address, to please call (806) 659-3434, or come by the office with the new address.

### Frank Phillips College Off-Campus Registration

Frank Phillips College will hold Off-Campus Registration at Spearman High School on January 7, 2002. Classes offered at Spearman High School are as follows: Intermediate College Algebra, Mon.-Wed., 5:15-6:30 p.m.; Economic Principles, Monday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.; Rhetoric & Composition, Wednesday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.; Old Testament Survey II, Thursday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.

For registration information, contact the Community Resource Office at Spearman High School, 659-3233.

### Satellite Basketball Chapter of Amarillo Seeking Referees

If you are interested in being a basketball referee, you may contact Sheryl at (806) 435-2909. You must be at least 18-years-old, and out of high school.

### Cattlemen to Re-record Brands in Fall of 2001

The Hansford County District Clerk's office wants to remind cattlemen in the county that the re-recording period for brands and other marks began September 1, 2001 and will run through February 28, 2002.

If your brands are registered in other counties in the state of Texas, you will need to contact the office of the County Clerk in that county to re-register your brand.

### Police Department Asking For Cell Phones

The Spearman Police Department, the Gruver Police Department and the Sheriff's Department are asking for cell phones for their Operation 911 program to put cell phones in the hands of all Spearman, Gruver and Morse teachers. Turn in hand-held cell phones at the Sheriff's Department or call 659-4140 or 733-2901 for pickup.

### Genealogy Society

The Hansford County Genealogy Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Hansford County Library.

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# Holt, Lonergan Wed



Mr. and Mrs. Lt. Colonel John Michael Lonergan

Kerri Ann Holt and Lt. Colonel John Michael Lonergan, M.D. were married on October 28, 2001 in an outdoor ceremony at the home of the bride's parents in Pilot Point. The Reverend Jose G. Mata performed the dual English and Spanish ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Sue Holt of Pilot Point, formerly of Spearman. The groom is the son of Grace Lonergan and the late Walter Lonergan of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

The maid of honor was Kylie Guthrie and flower girls were Rebecca and Sarah Apple, all daughters of the bride. The groom's two children, Molly and Conner Lonergan of Cleveland, Ohio, complete this family. Best man was the bride's brother, Michael Thomas Holt. Music during the reception featured Mariachi Allende, followed by dinner.

Kerri is a graduate of Harvard University, holding a degree in biochemistry and studied at Harvard Medical School. She is Vice-President of Sales & Alliances and Vice-President of Product Management & Development for Trade, Inc., a data compression and security company in Las Colinas. Kerri also serves as an expert advisor to several United States Senate committees and frequently delivers the keynote address at software and

healthcare conventions.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Texas, Dallas with degrees in both biology and chemistry and the University of Texas Medical School, San Antonio. He is board certified in Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Hyperbaric Medicine and has completed training in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Pediatric Intensive Care, and Adult Intensive Care. Michael speaks fluent Spanish and practices medicine in Cleveland, Ohio.

Michael is the former battalion surgeon for the 11th and 19th Green Beret Special Forces Groups (Airborne). He currently is

the commander of a medical unit that is responsible for mobilizing Special Forces for the war against terrorism. Michael and his company, *House Calls Unlimited, Inc.*,

will relocate to Pilot Point where he will join his wife and family after returning from service for his country.

## Thank You

The family of John L. Brown acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy during our loved one's illness and death.

We would like to thank the staff of Hansford Hospice and Dr. Vibhu Sharma for the loving care given during the final weeks of John's illness.

Also, our deep appreciation for all the memorials, food, calls, visits, flowers, and most of all, the prayers lifted up on our family's behalf.

We would like to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the meal served to the family on the day of the funeral.

A special thank you to Rev. Patrick Six and Judge Jim Brown for conducting the service. A special thank you to Carol Pack for coordinating the service and playing for it. We also thank Jimmy Greene and the Church of Christ singers for the special music.

May God bless and keep each of you.

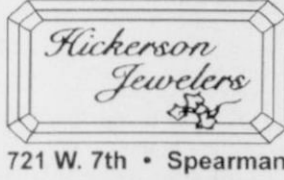
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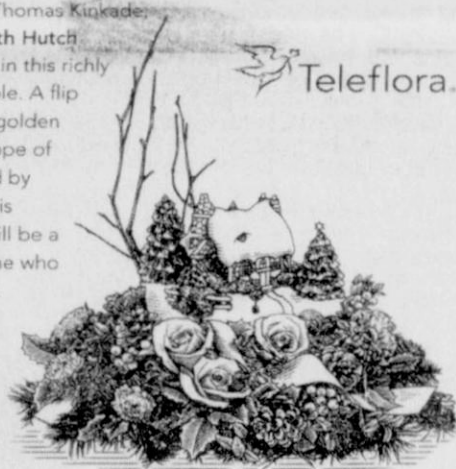
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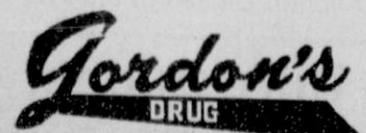
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## Spearman Junior High Band Attends All-Region Contest

by Anna Marie Holland, SISD Band Director

Eighteen members of the Spearman 7th and 8th grade bands traveled to Panhandle to compete with other AA bands in the Panhandle area for places in the Jr. High All-Region Band. Several hundred junior high band members from the area attended.

Lynx Band members who attended were 7th grade band members: Nicholas Avila, Cesar Macias, Megan Evans, Charles Oltman, Alek Mires and Clayton Smith. 8th grade band members were: Joanne

Tang, Britta Vanderburg, Melissa Lesly, Tabatha Shields, Josh Chambers, Alejandro Rios, Javier Frayere, JJ Gallegos, Jarick Howard, Jacob Jones, Roy John Bulls, and Steven Vaquera.

The music they learned was excerpts from the High School music used to determine All-State band members. These excerpts will prepare them for the level of difficulty they will encounter in High School. Those members who were successful in earning a place in the All-Region Band will travel to Canyon in January to rehearse

with a well-known conductor for two days. The rehearsal will conclude with a Concert on the evening of the second day.

We are pleased to announce that the Spearman Junior High placed four students plus one alternate in the band. They are 8th graders Joanne Tang on flute, Tabatha

Shields and Melissa Lesly on Clarinet, and Steven Vaquera on Tuba. 7th grader Clayton Smith is an alternate on French horn.

Please congratulate these students on their efforts and, in particular, the students who are now members of the Junior High All-Region Band.

## Crawford, Carpenter Wed



Haylie Ann Crawford and Stacy Alan Carpenter exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, November 17, 2001.

Haylie is the daughter of Joe Edd and Deby Crawford of Red Oak, Texas. Stacy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter of Mesquite, Texas.

Haylie is the granddaughter of Jeff and Jo Ann Hawkins and the late Jimmie Crawford.

## Letter To The Editor

I am against Seaboard Corporation moving its mega swine operation into Hansford County. I have read voluminous material on Seaboard's operations and they are neither impressive nor responsible.

My family has lived in the Texas Panhandle for five generations. My parents instilled in me the moral values of our rural way of life. We love the wide-open spaces and the clean, fresh air. We have respect for our neighbors. We are caretakers of this beautiful land. The people that live here are hard working, honest and independent. Don't let this way of life be jeopardized by Seaboard's promises. They would put at risk these values and the value of our land.

I am not against change. I would welcome any company moving into our area that would provide beneficial, positive, long-term

growth. Continued low grain prices and high operating cost in farming require new innovation, but Seaboard represents neither. We need new agri-business with a responsible company that would assist with our counties development.

Seaboard's influence in other states has been negative. These areas are witness to a dramatic increase in crime, added stress in the school system, social services, major health problems, depletion of the precious water supply, increased property taxes, together with property devaluation, in short, a recipe for disaster.

Let Seaboard move elsewhere. We don't need their negative influence here.

The Texas Panhandle would not recover from their presence.  
Glenda Cluck Cox

## SHS Band Attends All-Region

by Anna Marie Holland, SISD Band Director

The High School got their turn to try out for All-Region Band on Monday, December 3, 2001. Students from A-AA-AAA bands auditioned to place in two bands. Approximately 600 students from the Panhandle Area, from as far away as Tulsa, auditioned. The students who successfully auditioned will spend two days (January 7th and 8th) on the West Texas A&M Campus rehearsing with a well-known conductor and will participate in a Concert on that Saturday night.

Those attending the auditions

from Spearman High School were: Jessica Blan, Megan Dorton, and Birdie Ortiz on Clarinet; Carlos Carmona and Carlos Hernandez on Trumpet; Christina Ochoa on Alto Saxophone; and Katy Reed on Tenor Saxophone.

Two students from Spearman successfully auditioned and will participate in the All-Region weekend. They are Jessica Blan and Birdie Ortiz.

Many hours were spent in preparation. Please congratulate these students on their hard work, and especially Jessica and Birdie on their accomplishment.

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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Park Lighting Brightens Holidays

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce would like to express their appreciation to all those who adopted a tree in the park to decorate. Thanks to their efforts, our city park looks beautiful this Christmas. We would like to mention those we know who decorated a tree, but there are several others who decorated a tree that we do not know whom to give the credit. Please let us know so we can express our thanks.

Our appreciation to Delphine Eiling, Annette McCloy of Main Street, Kermit and Rosemary McKee, Alan and Carla Jones of C.J. Pizza, Skeeze and Sonny Riley and Gruver Cablevision, Van and Lee Bradford, Marsha Lowe and the Little Red Caboose, Pat Morley in memory of Don Morley, Gruver Junior High Eighth Grade Class Officers, Peggy Robinson, the Babbs family in memory of Wes Babbs, Ty and Paula Williams of Paula's Gymnastics, Jerry, Rita, and Todd Williams of Little Tiffanies, T.J. and Charlotte Bergin, Gruver Farm Supply and Ag Partners in memory of Don Morley, Gruver Farm Supply and Ag Partners in memory of Henry Grotegut, Mark Irwin and Sally Jones of Gruver Ford, Angie Rimmel and Reba Miser of Rimmel Enterprise, the Gene Reynolds family and Polly Jones in memory of Tom Jones and all their loved ones.

## Contest Winners Named

Three winners have been named in the Gruver Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest.

Reuben and Lydia DeSantiago, Jerry and Rita Williams, and Larry and Nancy Babbs will receive \$50 in Gruver Bucks for helping to bring the spirit of Christmas to

Gruver.

## Resident Involved in Collision

Gruver resident Wanda Wagner escaped serious injury Monday, December 17, when the car she was driving collided with a tractor/trailer at the intersection of Golf Course Road and Highway 15.

The Wagner vehicle, which was badly damaged, hit the trailer of the truck.

Wagner, who was en route to work in Spearman at the time of the accident, credits her safety to her observation of the truck enabling her to reduce her speed and her fastened seat belt.

The driver of the truck cited his inability to stop to mechanical difficulties.

## School Holiday Set

Gruver Schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2001, with classes to resume Wednesday, January 2.

## Report Cards Given

Report cards for Gruver students will be issued Thursday, January 3.

## Worship Event Slated

The First Baptist Church will host a worship event Saturday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday December 16 at 10:50 p.m. "Desperate for God" will feature guest speaker Jon Randles and music leader Brian White.

## Get Well Wishes

Skeet Ellison has returned to her daughter Jolinda Wilson's home in Dalhart to recover from a broken upper arm. The break was so high that the bone was not able to be set, and Skeet has been in a great deal of pain.

Junior Lori Swink suffered pos-

sible torn tendons in basketball practice Thursday, December 6.

Traci Clift is now home after undergoing tests in Dallas. She will return after Christmas for further testing.

Tim Barkley's knee surgery scheduled for December 17 has been postponed until a later date.

## Former Residents Update

Donna Ross is employed by a division of Delta Airlines in Evansville, Indiana.

Dustin Ross, the son of Donna and Larry Ross, is a junior at Western Kentucky University, which is only two hours from his parents home in Evansville. He has been inducted into the Golden Key Honor Society of his university.

Memory Ross, a 1996 graduate of GHS, is employed by an insurance agency in the Fort Worth/Dallas area.

Graveside services for former Gruver resident Gene Leatherman were held Tuesday, December 18 at the Gruver Cemetery.

Leatherman, a GHS graduate, had been a farmer in the Gruver area before moving to Amarillo in 1995.

He was the son of Frankie and the late True Leatherman.

## School Board Meets

The Gruver Independent School District met in regular session Thursday, December 13, 2001, at 6:15 p.m. Members present were David Bergin, Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, Benny Wilson, Davin Winger, and Superintendent Laura Blessingame. Visitors received were Randy Reid, CPA Howard Hammerbeck, Stephanie Sweat, and Ann Moore.

After the approval of the minutes of October 11 and November 12, member Stavlo made the motion to approve the EBB Local Grading: Progress reports to parents of PK-4 with report card

explanation of the numerical system and symbols used. The motion carried 6-0. Approved by the same margin were the approval to the budget amendment, the 2000-2001 audit report by Howard Hammerbeck, CPA.

The board then entered Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. Entering open session at 7:47 p.m., member Wilson made the motion to release Stephanie Sweatt from her 2001-2002 teaching contract, if necessary. The motion carried 6-0.

In a motion by member Winger, Terry Sherrill was appointed a committee member to the Appraisal District Ad Hoc Committee (January 23, 2002) concerning changes to the Gentlemen's Agreement with that entity. The vote was 5-0-1, with Sherrill, abstaining.

Winger then made the motion to ratify the "Gentlemen's Agreement" with Hansford County Appraisal District. The motion carried in a 5-0-1 vote with member Sherrill abstaining.

In a motion made by member Sherrill, the board approved by a 6-0 vote the TEA AEIS Report Card results on GISD.

The motion to postpone the County Barn Agreement indefinitely was made by member Irwin and approved by a 6-0 while the approval of the Administration Plan for HB 1130 Educational Aides Pursuing Teacher Certification also passed by a 6-0 margin.

Discussion items included comments on the school calendar which will be considered by the DEIC on January 10, 2002, at 5:00 p.m., officials pay and the football gate receipts, the superintendent's request to be the nominee for the Commissioner's Cabinet representing Region 16 of the Educational Service Center superintendents with travel offset by participating Region 16 districts, and the elementary and junior high UIL academic results.

Also considered were the accountability/accreditation DEC

visit plan by the Texas Education Agency beginning 2002-2003, the receipts for the superintendent's appraisal in January of 2002, the use of optional extended day funds for K-8 students, and the receipt of "A Guide to Texas School Finance" and "Moving Toward High Performance: A Guide to District Planning for School Boards," the Texas Association of School Board's Policy Update 67.

The superintendent's report on enrollment and the state required report (PEIMS) for the fall average daily attendance.

Included in the finance report were the revenue expenditures, the budget amendments, and the auditor's report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

## Schools Receives Accolades

Gruver Elementary and Junior High were given five stars in a report published recently by Texas Monthly magazines.

The study report gave a rating from one-five stars to each school in the state of Texas. The two Gruver schools were given with the five-star rating being the highest.

## Hounds, Lady Hounds in Holiday Tourney

Both the Hounds and Lady Hounds will be competing in the Canadian Tournament which is scheduled for December 27-29.

The Hounds will play Frith at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 27.

The Lady Hounds began play on Thursday with a 12 noon game with the Canadian Junior Varsity.

## GHS Teams Post Wins, Losses in Oklahoma Games

It was a hot time in the old town of Hooker Tuesday, December 11, as the Lady Hounds took a 50-48 win over Hooker, and the Hounds were tweaked 53-47 by the Bulldogs.

Leading at halftime by 12 points,

the Hooker Lady Bulldogs held a 32-20 lead over the cold shooting of the Lady Hounds. By the end of the second quarter, the Lady Hounds had lowered the deficit to eight points.

In the decisive fourth quarter, the Lady Hounds came alive with 13 points.

In their win, the Lady Hounds shot only one free throw while the Lady Bulldogs toed the line 27 times.

In a see saw game, the Hounds, also were far too generous at the free throw line, in a 53-47 loss to the Hooker Bulldogs, December 11.

Tied at 25 at the half, the Hounds were one-point under at the end of the third quarter, 39-38. Senior Chad Howe sparked in the third quarter, dumping in 13 points, including a trio of three pointers, and tying his season high of 18 points in the game.

Knotted again at 45 in the fourth quarter, the game was decided at the free-throw line where Gruver hoisted four shots during the night while the Bulldogs put up twenty-one.

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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Dr. Earl and Bobbie Novak attended the funeral of his brother, Frank Novak 76, at Aransas Pass last Saturday. They had been in constant contact and had visited him two weeks before at the hospice where he was confined. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and five children. Frank grew up in Spearman, graduating from high school in 1942. He married Jan Nabors, also a Spearman graduate. He was a cousin of Robert Novak.

Nothing enlivens the Christmas spirit like the sound of young voices singing carols in the crisp night air. All who heard them on that recent Sunday evening will have a happier Christmas because of them.

So thanks to the youth of the First United Methodist Church, to Pastor Ken Cole and the other sponsors with them, for the delightful carols.

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Wasn't last weeks column "Blowing in the Wind" by Dwayne Mitchell interesting? It was in connection with the windmill erected on Lowe's parking lot.

Mr. Mitchell was reared in the area where it was located and tells of its background. Due to that, the mill will always be of special interest.

No doubt each of these old mills have a history, interwoven with a family's trials and triumphs.

How fascinating it would be if each mill could have its history attached.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Ronnie Head of Carlsbad is here visiting his mother, Virginia Head. She is in Hansford Hospital as of this writing.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Congratulations to Chad Scarborough on being awarded the Boy Scouts Eagle Medal of Honor.

This award is made only after performing rigid and difficult requirements.

If memory serves the very first Eagle Medal was awarded before there was a Boy Scout troop in the county. It was authorized by the Wellington troop to Paul Buchanan.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Word comes to Sybil and Billy Miller of the passing of former Spearman schoolmate - Mary Lee Dacus Crew after a long illness. Services were at Mission Viejo, Calif. She graduated here in 1942 and is the last of the Leo Dacus family, a prominent family for many years here.

\*\*\*\*\*  
This entire community grieves in the loss of a respected and loved friend to all - John L. Brown. His services were Saturday morning in the First Baptist Church.

John and Wanda with little son, Bobby, came to Spearman in the early '60s. He was a deputy for Sheriff J.B. Cooke. He also served as jailor and they lived in the jailor's quarters in the courthouse and also furnished meals for the prisoners.

Although he resigned to become a full time farmer, he was always concerned with law enforcement.

This writer was an office deputy for the sheriff when the Browns arrived. John's sense of humor was always evident and many were the pranks he pulled, with this writer mostly on the receiving end.

John was essentially kind and good-natured, but could be, and was, tough when dealing with felons.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his devoted wife, Wanda, and other family members.

\*\*\*\*\*  
A coffee honoring Helen Holt (Mrs. O.C. Holt) was held in the home of Ruth Ann and Marvin

Jones on Saturday morning, December 15. Helen now resides in the Craig Methodist Retirement Community in Amarillo.

Anita Holt Eisenhower, of Corpus Christi, brought Helen to Spearman to take care of business and visit with relatives and friends.

This was the first time Helen had returned to the Holt Community since she moved to the retirement center.

Those enjoying their visit with Helen and Anita were: Kristi Jarvis, Clara Jenkins, Olive Pendergraft, Diane Thorpe, Jan Holt and Nell Patterson.

Helen's address now is: Craig Methodist Retirement Community, Rm. 209, 5500 W. 9th Ave., Amarillo, Tx, 79106. She would enjoy hearing from all her friends.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Funeral services were scheduled for Lowell Sheets in Booker at 11 a.m. Thursday, at the First Christian Church.

Lowell died from blunt trauma when the truck he was driving was struck from the rear near Tulsa on Sunday. It was first reported to be caused by heart attack after the accident, but the autopsy proved differently. Lowell, son of the late Elva Lee and Bill Sheets, was living in Booker. He was a 1957 Spearman High graduate.

Weather for the week of December 10th through 7 a.m. on the 17th: the high temperature was on the 10th at 68 degrees; the low was on the 14th at 23 degrees. The cloud burst on the 13th yielded .01 moisture.

\*\*\*\*\*  
Maxine Banister was rushed by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Saturday evening. She had suffered a heart attack and was in CCU until Monday. She was taken to a room and of this writing is expected to return to Spearman in the next few days.

## Gladiola Flower Club News

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Ann Flowers on December 13, 2001 at 6 p.m. for the Annual Christmas Party.

Betty Davis gave the blessing. The tables were decorated with red tablecloths and a candle with a Holly wreath in the center. After the delicious meal, Verna Brown called the meeting to order for a short business meeting. A treasurer's report was given from the Home Tour and Bake Sale.

Ann Flowers installed the new officers for 2002 with a fruit theme. They are: President - Verna Brown, Vice-President - Gwen Smith, Secretary - Betty Davis, Treasurer - Virginia Trindle, Historian - Pam Schnell, Flower Chairman - Norma Jean Mackie, Project Chairman - Charlsie Baker. Verna appointed the Program Committee (Estelle Jackson, Kathleen Sutton and Dorothy Buzzard) and the Yearbook Committee (Margarette Evans, Dickie Allen, and June Jackson. June Jackson presented the winners for the 2001 Flowers. They

were: Home Grown - Charlsie Baker, Borrowed - Betty Davis, Specimen - Virginia Trindle, Plant - Dickie Allen.

The Christmas gift exchange was held with these enjoying the fellowship: Dickie Allen, Charlsie Baker, Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough.

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Fortunately, there is federal legislation under consideration to close the digital divide by guaranteeing high-speed access to millions more Americans: H.R. 1542, the Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001. Authored by Congressmen Billy Tauzin and John Dingell, H.R. 1542 requires local telephone companies to upgrade 100 percent of their central office facilities to provide high-speed service — so inner-city and small-town residents aren't left behind as we race into the Information Age.

Equally as important, the measure creates fair competition among all high-speed service providers — cable, Digital Subscriber Line, satellite and wireless alike — by establishing one consistent set of rules for them to follow. And fair competition means greater choice, better service and lower prices for consumers.

The Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001 is moving quickly through the U.S. House of Representatives; a vote is expected soon. Congress should do the right thing, giving us all the speed we need and the access we deserve.



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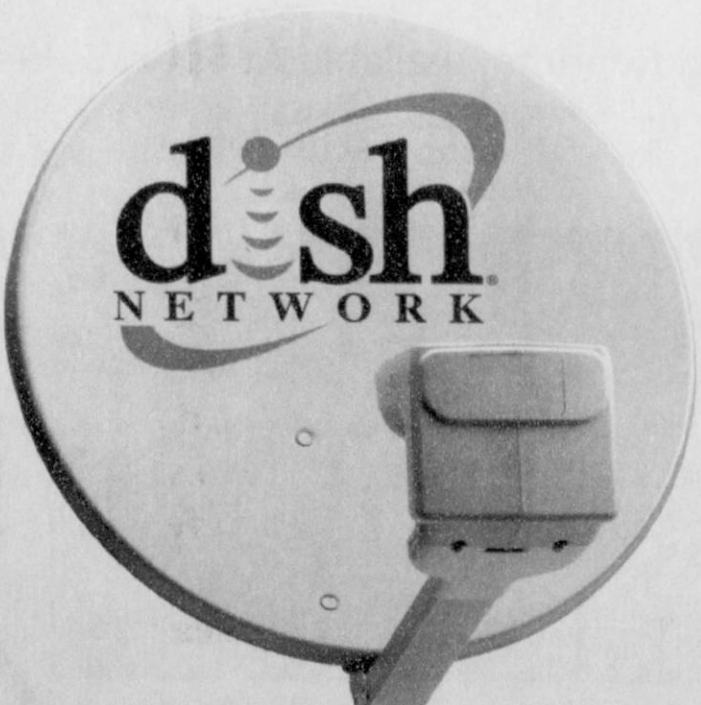
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# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl. Thank you for all the lovely things you brought last year. If you think I have been good today would you please come to visit us. We will have cookies and milk and everything nice. We will have catchup and French Fries. Please bring us something for Christmas. If we have to much we will give something to someone who needs it. I would like: Sugar Plum Princess Barbie My Size. Everything Barbie, Starlite Fairy Barbie Apron Chapstick Thank you Santa-see you soon. Love, Emily

Dear Santa, I'm trying to be good and if it's not too much to ask these are the things I would like for christmas, please. x-box, shark bark dreamstreeted gam cardered gameboy games skate shoes pinball machine scooter cyborg city mark mcguier bat harry potter game cd palyer cordless cell phone green camera monsters inc game boy game pokemonn yahtzee foosball spider woch. See you soon. Love, Katy Miser

Dear Santa, I love Santa. Santa give me a remote control motorcycle, an airplane that changes into a roller coaster, and a car that blasts fire, and bad guys that shoot with guns. (I have soje good guys), and a train that blasts fire a different way or it changes into a spider. Love, Eddie Borunda

Dear Santa, i want a bat and a ball, a hat, and a fishy, a bike, and a blue truck. I've been good. Love J.J. Anaya

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a top monster truck, and a Dinochee (it is a dinosaur robot.) I love you. I will leave you cookies and milk. I'm your friend, Dillon Payne

Dear Santa, I would like Rescue Heroes for Christmas and some toy dinosaurs, and toy trucks and bouncy balls, I would like a toy train, toy tools, and I think that's enough! I love you, Victor Barrera

Dear Santa, Please Santa Claus, can I have a fire trucktoy? I would like a little toy Christmas tree, and a toy monster truck and a toy ghost. I will leave you some milk and cookies. i love you, Santa Claus, Isiah Homer.

Dear Santa, Pleaase me a Monster truck with a remote control. Please bring me a boat with a man inside. Please bring me some Santa cookies, and a color book and a pencil. We will leave out some hot chocolate and cookies for you. I love you, Santa Claus, Victor Serrano

Dear Santa, I want the Nutcracker Barbie Princess and the big horse that comes with it, and a little machine that makes snowcones. I would like to pet Rudolph and ride in your sled. I will give you hot cocoa and cookies.. i live at 800 Front Street I love you, Ky Ann Thomas

Dear Santa, I love Santa because he gives me some presents. I like playing with my new toys. I like my friends. I want two coloring books and two crayons for Christmas, and new Barbie shoes for me to wear, and a game, and a scary movie. I want a baby doll and a ball. Love, Victoria Moreno

Dear Santa, I like You! For Christmas I want a bird in a birdcage, so I can have him to play pirates. I really llike GI Joes. Copuld I have a tank with two people and a jeep with one GI Joe? Love, Beau Blankenship

Dear Santa, I would like to peek but I know you would never come until I'm fast asleep! I want some more Barbie clothes and some more Barbies to go with them. I will tell Nanna to leave some cookies and mild for you. I love you, Destiny Bravo

Dear Santa, I would like a tea set, a puzzle a toy Clifford, and Cassie (a little dragon) from DragonTales. Nothing else. I have

been good. Love Zoe Cantrell

Dear Santa, When are you going to come? I like you. I am a good girl. I do my homework good. We are practicing our play. I work good on the computer. I am five years old. my best friend is Madison. Bring me some toys. Skyler is my friend,too. i love Mrs. Henson and Goldie (our fish). Love Ana Lora Dear Santa, I would like a play airplane, a play elf that talks, and aplay boat. I want the elves to picksomething out that I would like. Santa, i will leave out some milk and cookies on the kitchen table for you. I love you, Skyler Jordan

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Magic Keyhouse, and a surprise purse with makeup inside i

Dear Santa i want a new bicycle. i want an army guy with a jeep. I want a new motorcycle. i want a new big T Rex dinosaur. I want a trycle to cut down wook. I want a new long neck. My old Buzz Lightyear is broken so I want a new one. I want a new bucket of crayons and some coloring books. Merry Christmas, Calvin Cazares

Dear Santa, I want a box of crayons. I want some books. I want some games. Merry Christmas, Cesar Mendoza

Dear Santa, I want a four wheeler. I want some rolling runners. I want a cd player for my bedroom and a backpack with wheels. I want a computer with a printer. I want some smelly markers and a dirt bike. I want a new game for my Game Boy Advanced. I need some cds (Now Christmas and Now 8) I want a new dog. Merry Christmas Santa, Chase Christy

Dear Santa, I want a monster thast eats cars. Love, David Lopez

Dear Santa, I want a four wheeler. I want a motorcycle and five football helmets. I want new crayons and a coloring book. I want markers and a race horse. I want a drum. a big drum like the drummers that goes boom, boom, boom. I want tape because we don't have anymore. I love you, Efrain Santillan

Dear Santa, I want a Star Light Fairy Barbie and the Baribie Nutcracker movie. Iwant the Rugrats -All Grown Up movie and the Kelly doll that has a highchair tha turns into a desk. i want some Air SnaI want a Barbie playstation game. I want an American Girl Doll that looks like me. Merry Christmas, Gracie Guthrie

Dear Santa, i want a race car track with stickers and two cars to put the stickers on. it needs handles to drive it. I love you, Jacob Renteria

Dear Santa, I want a scooter. I want a real horse and i want a motorcycle. The scooter is for me. The horse is for Juan and the motorcycle is for Miguel. Love, Luis Carlos Perez

Dear Santa, Can I have some little baby kittens, I really love kittens. I also like puppies. Can i have one? Can i have a doll house? I love you Santa. Please can i have

a pet deer? Will you drop the baby deewr at my Nana's house. Merry Christmas, Love, Madison Foster.

Dear Santa, You are nice. i want tow dolls. I want a toy bear. I want a train- not a real one. i want a toy lion. I want a bike and a new coloring book. I want some new blue shoes. I want candy. I love you Santa, Maggie Gaspar

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a chemistry set and a sled. I want a new helicopter and a Game Boy. Merry Christmas, Travis Stedje

Dear Santa, I want a Ken Barbie. Merry Christmas, Yadira Mendoza

Dear Santa, I want a jump rope. I love my sisters and brother. I want a bike. I want a puzzle. I want a desk. I've been good. I want some crayons and markers. Love, Klarissa.

Dear Santa, I want skate shoes. I want a dirt bike. My dad wants a

pickup. How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I've been good! Don't forget my brothers and sister. Love, Richard.

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo game. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. I want a Playstation 2. I want a shotgun. one more thing: I want air snares. I've been good! Love, Rion.

Dear Santa, I love you! How is Rudolph? I want a Baby Born. How is Mrs. Claus? I'm leaving you cookies and milk. I've been really good! Love, Ashley.

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas to you! I want a cotton candy machine, an electric guitar, and movies, mostly the reindeer movie. Don't get my mom's present out from under the Christmas tree. I want brand new dry erase markers. How are your reindeer? Love, Cooper.

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Dear Santa, I want a Dualey and a motorcycle. Love, Marco

Dear Santa, I want cars for Christmas. I also want a race car track. Love, Juan

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie car for Christmas. I also want my own computer. Love, Selica

Dear Santa, I want a Mega Sword. And a remote control car. Love, Alex

Dear Santa, I want police helmet, a car, a monster truck, and a doegtor bag. And a little toy Christmas tree. Love, Israel

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie for Christmas. Love, tania

Dear Santa, I want a truck for Christmas. I also want new clothes and some new shoes. Love, Justin

Dear Santa, I want a new Barbie for Christmas. And one new shirt. Love, Thailly

Dear Santa, I want Spider Blam and motorcycles for the Spider Blam. And that's all.. Love, Hunter

Dear Santa, I wantn 5 firetrucks and 5 balls. I want a word about your reindeer and can they fly? I want a word about your Christmas tree and all your lights. And I want some ABC puzzles and some letter games. Love, Megan

Dear Santa, My grandma and grandpa said that you say "Ho Ho Ho." I want a Barbie and I need a computer for my house. And that is enough. Love, Kisha

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, al Barbie jeep, a new doll, a ring, dress-up clothes, a skirt, and a new dress. And one more thing, a necklace. Love, Rayel

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. I wish you could bring me a toy. I want a cookie oven for Christmas. I also want a new ball. Love, Delise

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me shoes that turn into skates, zoom and a spy set. Love and thanks, Korbin Irwin

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me play money, teachers thing, and a computer. Love and thanks, Adilene Duran

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me a race track, zoom airplane and knight. Love and thanks, Michael Renteria

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me a poodle, lap-top, and club house. Love and thanks, Lori Watson

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me a gun, knife, and a rifle. Love and thanks, Remington Smith

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me computer, teac her things and playmoney. Love and thanks, Maricela Serrano

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me music things, art things, and lap-top. Love and thanks, Alex Logsdon

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me doll house, typewriter, and an American girl doll. Kate. Love and thanks, Greyson Karlin

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me zoom air plane, Monster Inc Monopoly, andn armor. Love and thanks, Dallas Reynolds

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me a horse, remote car, and rocket. Love and thanks, Jesus Carrasco

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me a puppy, walkman, American girl doll (Kate). Love and thanks, Callie Stedje

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please bring me clothes, ring, and an American girl doll.. Kate. Love and thanks, Stephanie Ortiz

Dear Santa, I have been so good! Please brine me remote car, puppy, and a rifle. Love and thanks, Armondo Guereca

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I would like to have a Barbie for Christmas. Love, Irasema Soto

Dear Santa, How are and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I

would like to have a CD player for Christmas. Love, Cesar Soto

Dear Santa, How are you reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a compter game for Christmas. Love, Taos Anderson

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a skeet shooting game for Christmas. Love Cale

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeers? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a lava lamp0 for Christmas. Love, Bailey Keelina

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a lava lamp for Christmas. Love, Ashley Williams

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice I would like to have a bracelet for Christmas. Love, Rochelle Hamilton

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tyried to be nice. I would like to have a pair of new shoes for Christmas. Love, Brody

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a helmet and elbow pads for Christmas. Love, Paula Terranzas

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I wawe tried to be nice. I would like to have a CD player for Christmas. Love, Keila Bernal

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a laptop for Christmas. Love, Laurcen Williams

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I have tried to be nice. I would like to have a train for Christmas. Love, Gerardo

Dear Santa, How are you and your reindeer? I would like to have a lava lamp for Christmas. Love, Maggie Key

Dear Santa, I want sun glases santa rocks ho ho ho marey cristmas your friend Arik

Dear Santa, I want a Big Bird fliy Borbe and I want a Barb and I

wont a Baryb and I wont a novr Babe and a babegses Almarosa Briseno

Dear Santa, I wan a copr can you deg a copr. your fen Alfredo Resendo

Dear Santa, I what a cumper and I what you to caum you. gud bieau. Celilna Perez

Dear Danta, I tried to be good for you and my famaly if it not too much to ask these are the thingx that I want x-box shark bark aarm oh aan reskyou monster snowbord magman 8 game snowboarding game hik rasers game sper hery potter lagos hery poter t-shers hit-clips nisigk hit clips music am carder ickick music hitclips and pokemon 3 game. Katy Miser

Dear Santa, I want gasoe boy and I boy the you raerhis and your raerphs. Andre Chavez

Dear Santa, I want u kper und I want u pedetoe soas I want netoe your nis blwuntu netoe btyou I want u wannprpn. Arucely Lujan

Dear Santa, I wot a Rodot and il wot a Rascar I wot a mosicol and I wot a tolecar I wot a tole dinore andn I wot a mosical I wot dinorsi and I wot a rodot. Kagen Breeden

Dear Santa, I relly relly want to have a moter scoter I want a bob-box too and some CDs too and some stree jets too and a jar of pikals not sweet and beef jrky your fraind Rebekah Lee Jones

Dear Santa, I wech you to brig tulfo to me Tanya Carbajal

Dear Santa gas wut I want for Krimeses I wont a side player and i wnt a blue paragr yr fand Rene Pena

Dear Santa, When am at sleep you are gene see sum food and if you bring the comeputer me and my brother have \$200 and we well help you by the comeputer and my dad wel talk with you. by Cynthia Mendoza

Dear Santa, I want for Christmas is a real doll and playhouse and a Barbie and play make up and fake fingernails and fake lupstik, and a Santa Claus and other fun toys that you make. Love Crystal Cantu

Dear Santa, plez bring me playstaechen and a geam for a playstaechen plez bring. Gregorie Torres

Dear Santa, I like your vois I also like how you go ho ho ho I like your name and your soot. From Cassidie Jarvis

Dear Santa cloc, can I love you be cos you are nis. Your favorite kid, Amber Gregg

Dear Santa, you are my favorite Holladay I tink about you all the time win you make your wonderful toys for Christmas I would like a case of difrint colors Of lipstik and a little kittine and a poego stik and a scooter and a bigerr doll elafint bigerr than my hol bed and a mussic holahop and a mussic juprope and all the close in the hole wide world. What would lyou like sugar cookies or chocolate hip? And please send the elves to clean my room and play with me. Your favorite kid, Gracie Weaver

Dear Santa Clas, how are you doing skate shoes I want a dirt bike and drt clothes. Your favorite kid, Devin Wells

Dear Santa Claus, I appreciate the toys that you breing me I want A poego stik and a pet lizerd and a new brane for my dog want kind uv cookies do you want , will you like sugared cookies. Your favorit kid, Halli Mans

Dear Santa Clous, how are you doing? You are special gliai I wot big dolls I wot skate shoes can you clean my roon is dudolph. Your favorite kid, Kyla Walker

Dear Santa Claus, I love you what kina of Cookies do you want have You cot slip on shoes Battle a leash. Your favorite kid, Audy Reed

Dear Santa Claus, I wan a Eas tBaken oven for chris mas wot r you dowg to day r youget ig for chris mas wat coocy do you wont choclit chip check yes or no. Your favorie kid, Kassy Getz

Dear Santa, Please bring me a new bike and a skateboard for Christmas. Your favorite kid, Marcos Aguilar

Dear santa Claus, skate shoes Eas Bakeoven Ropey unna bisicle. Your favorite kid, Melissa

Dear Santa Claus, How are You how miny reindeer do you have? I wont a ckate shoes. Your favorite kid, Anthony

Dear santa claus, I wit hie skate shoes and trdin and trkc control. Your favorite kid, Nestor Hernandez

Dear Santa clus, I want a Brabies. Your favorite kid, Paloma Mendez

Dear Santa Claus, I wut a dog and a cat and a big car is glow and raolia and sleigh. Your faorit kid, Jeb Cantu

Deyr Santhi Cios, can you ples give me toys liyk toyt tanks and cors and skyst chos and a sakste for and atoy man and a klowes teve and kokeys yor fravrit kid, Jimmy Munoz

Dear Santa Claus, I want a diva star doll have you caught eny body be mean I love you Santa claus I want a elf for clean my room thank you Santa Claus. I love you. Your favorite kid, Erynn Saenz

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a big motorcycle and donosaur. I have been a really good boy all year. How do you get down the chimney without getting dirty? Thank you, Santa. Love, Javier

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a motorcycle and a big bicycle. Don't bring my sisters anything. Please bring my mother an angel. Santa, you will need to use your magic key to get into my front door. Love, Juan

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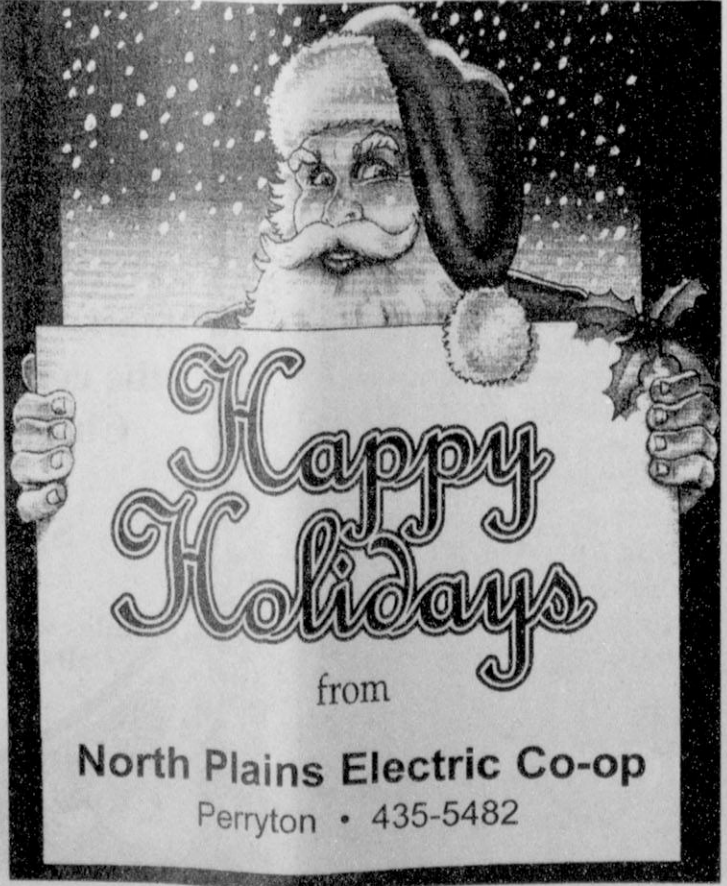
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# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus, I would really like a skateboard and some skates. The skateboard is for my brother and the skates are for me. Could you bring new socks for my mom and dad? Thank you, Santa! Love, Hector Juarez

Dear Santa Claus, Can you bring me a Barbie scooter? I'll leave you some hot coffee and hamburgers to snack on. My brother needs some shoes. My mom needs socks. My sister needs shoes. I need a new dress. My little sister needs socks. Love, Rebecca

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Barbie car. I am trying really hard to learn English. Do you speak English or Spanish? Thank you very, very much. Love, Evelin S.

Dear Santa Claus, I really need a motorcycle, a big one! I also would like a dinosaur. You can come down the chimney at my house. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you, Santa. Love, Oscar

Dear Santa Claus, I would really like a baby doll. I have been working hard at school, so maybe I could get a Barbie doll too. My mom and daddy would like new shirts. Thank you, Santa. Love, Evelin Garcia

Dear Santa Claus, I like your reindeer. I like Santa Claus to bring me some toys. Can you bring me a fast motorcycle? My brother likes cars. My sister likes dolls. My mom likes rings. My dad likes pictures. Thank you, Santa! Love, Omar

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a pink bicycle. I have been a good girl all year. Can you bring my family a computer? Thank you for bringing toys to all the girls and boys. Love, Miriam

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a remote control car. I'll leave you some cookies and a coke. I'll try to be really good until Christmas. Is it cold at the North Pole? Thank you, Santa. Love, Alejandra

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Barbie baby. Could you bring me a surprise? I will leave you some hot pizza and coke. Thank you, Santa! Love, Yamilet

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a black car, big enough for me to ride in. How do your reindeer fly? Thank you, Santa! Love, Faye

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a bicycle so I can ride on the sidewalk. Tell Mrs. Claus, Thank you for everything that she

helps you with. How many elves live at the North Pole? Thank you, Santa! Love Lucenda

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me pink Barbie car. I'll leave some hamburger pizza and a coke. Thank you, Santa, you are so nice to me. Love, Stephanie

Dear Santa Claus, Please remember to come to my house. Can you bring me a car? I would also like a big dinosaur. Is Rudolf the red-nose reindeer still helping you? Thank you! Love, Adolfo

Dear Santa, How are you doing, Santa? How is Rudolph? Is Rudolph's nose shining good? I want a Nutcracker for Christmas. I've been pretty good. I will give you some chocolate cookies on Christmas Eve. I would like to have a bell from your sleigh (you'll never know if he'll give you that). Love, Gena

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Is his nose bright? How's Mrs. Claus doing? My house is red and I live in the country. I would like to have a Barbie for Christmas. Have I been nice or bad? Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Are you going to bring Rudolph when you come? I would like to have a workbench for Christmas. I've been good. I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas (that is if my mom buys any). Love, Shakota

Dear Santa, Have I been good or bad? Happy Christmas. I got a joke for you, it is a pretty good one. Knock, knock. Whoe's there? Mary. Mary who? Mary Christmas! I want to write a card with a heart on it. I would like to have a little playhouse with a kitchen and with a bed and a lamp. How is Rudolph? does he have a red nose that is too shiny? Do the elves have pointy ears? How is Mrs. Claus? I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and white milk. What will Mrs. Claus wear on Christmas. Because I've never been to the North Pole. Love, Ellie

Dear Santa, I love little puppy dogs and I would sure like one for Christmas. I just love Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. I love you Santa. I am going to leave you some cookies and some milk and of course, a banana. I am going to bring you a surprise. I love Mrs. Claus and I love Dancer, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. Love, Hannah

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph?

What are you doing today? And how are the elves doing? What are they making? I hope they are making a doll for me and I hope it is a Barbie. My house is between Morse and Pringle. Do you know where it is? It is lots of colors and it's made with bricks. It has black and red on it. Love, Molly

Dear Santa, Let me see Rudolph because I always love Rudolph. Thanks for the presents. Give me a robot. That's what I always like. I will leave you a treat. A Christmas treat. I might leave a snowman. I hope you give me presents. I live in Texas. My house is white. Happy New Year! Love, Juan

Dear Santa, Rudolph has a very shiny nose. I would like you to bring me a baby that cries. I have been good. I am not going to open my presents until Christmas. You are so nice. I will give you some cookies when you come to my house. Love, Lupita

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? How are the elves? How is Mrs.

Claus? I want a big playhouse for Christmas this year. I've been good. I will leave you some cookies on Christmas eve. Love, Lisa

Dear Santa, I want a ras truck. Bring a pasn to the Babe. From, Lupe

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is that I want a Barbie van. From, Hannah

Dear Santa, I want a doll that tokci and she ll wok and that is all. From, Audrey

Dear Santa, I whith that you boreeg me a pickchor uv you and I whot you to boreeg my a poereech. One mor theg have a goed christmas. From, Kristen

Dear Santa, I like you. I wot a new pupey and a new rudolph. From, Jasmine

Dear Santa, How are you? how is mis claus is Rudolphs nose glow? what i wnat for Christmas is a game boy coler. From, D.J.

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# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I want air snares, and a racetrack. How is Rudolph? I have been good. Bring my brother a shotgun. Bring my mom a pretty dress. I will leave you cookies and milk. Bring my dad another shotgun. Merry Christmas, Alec

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Born and some Barbies. I like the Nutcracker Barbie. I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a Barbie puzzle for Haylee. I want a doll with a dog. I love you! Katie

Dear Santa, How are your elves? I want a dirt bike. I want skate shoes. How are your reindeer? What do they eat? How are you? Please bring my sister, Calli, a Baby Born. I've been good. I like you! You are nice! My sister wants a play kitchen. Love, Carson.

Dear Santa, I want a Playstation for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing? Merry Christmas! Jackson

Dear Santa, May we please have a puppy? I want an American flag, a cat, and new choo choo train to go around our tree. Santa, how do your reindeer fly? Please bring me new markers, and new candles for our table. You are my friend. I love you! Merry Christmas! Hunter

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I would like an Easy Bake oven. Also, I would like a Baby Born and a hula-hoop because I don't know how to hula hoop. I need a jump rope so I can show my mom. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a scooter too. Our class is Mrs. Harrell's. I will make you cookies. Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa, Bring me good presents. Bring toys. How are your reindeer? Freddy

Dear Santa, Bring me some toys and some for my brothers. Dear Santa, I love you! Merry Christmas! Gladys

Dear Santa, Can you bring a Barbie for me? My sister wants a computer. My brother wants a car. I've been good. My mom would like a present. My daddy wants a car. Love, Fanny

Dear Santa, How are the elves!! Could you bring me a play pin,

supper scotter Shananna, a tea cup puppy. I hope you fly safe!!! Your good girl, Chandler Short  
P.S. I would like a bell off of Commett

Dear Santa, how are you. are you having a great time in the northpole please bring me lots of toys. Your friend, Harley Davidson

Dear Santa, Please santa will you bring Nelly wat she wants and, Bring me a present and bring my brother something please. from Ruby Garcia

Dear Santa, how are you and your elves? i now you woke hord and i want a baby boy. Your friend, Diana Garibay

Dear Santa, could you bring me a Tim Duncan jaersy and a Kobe Bryant toy. Love, Jeffrey Thomas

Dear Santa, I hope you make it to all the houses in chrisemaseve, thank you for the prezints you brote me at december 1. your friend, Sergio Ramos

Dear Santa, Could you bring me a computer please. I miss you. from Jose Salazar

Dear Santa, santa will you pleas bring me a ps2 and the nuw frogger game and a bike. Love Kyle Shapley

Dear Santa, how are th elves today, my little brother has ben a good boy. ples get a per of ere-ings. Love, Paige Fox

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a computer. And i would also want a real flag. Your friend, Ivette Briseno

Dear Santa, would you please bring me a real watch for christmas. I also hpe that it has a t.v. on it. And I also want a motorized scooter. Please and I would also want a real flag. Your friend, Tara Duke

Dear Santa, How are you doing this christmas? Are you getting ready? whoud you please bring me sreak move and barbie and the nut craker move and would you bring me a bracelet for my mom. Thankyou love, Cassie Bowers

Dear Santa, how are the reindeer could you bring me a satle for Trace and Zane. please give Zane and Trace a sticke lizered. Love, Lauren Patterson

Dear Santa, Hi Santa Please bring my mom a job but if you can not git my mom a job how are the elves and reindeer and Mrs. Claus. hi Mrs. Claus Santa please give Mrs. Clause a present for me. i went her to have a computer. Love, Sky Mayfield

Dear Santa, Please Santa will you bring me some boots for The snow. Love, Amy Regalado

Dear Santa, Please may I have some Jurassic Park donosaur toys? I would like some Legos. I have a new baby brother, Nicklaus. Would you bring him a toy, also? I have four other brothers and sisters so we need lots of toys. My mom would like a collectible doll. I will leave you pasketti? Yum Yum! Love, Christian Ortiz

Dear Santa, I've been good ever since I was born. Will you please bring me a whole set of colors and paints and pencils. Will you also bring me some Barbies and a Barbie car and please fill my sotkings with money. Santa you are my friend and I love you. I will fill a plate with cookies for you and I will put some hot cocoa with it. Don't forget to feed your Reindeer. Love, Sydney McDonald

Dear Santa, I love Christmas! I have been good for all these weeks. I would like some really pretty pants and a shirt. I love all

he things that you bring me. Would you like me to leave you some cookies and milk? I love you, Merryly Ramos

Dear Santa Claus, I've been good for a long time. I want a purple phone and please bring my mama two really good smelling candles. Would you leave me a Christmas ornament. Would you get my brother a box of kleenexes? I will leave you a note with a Christmas song on it and some cookies and milk. I'm your friend, Ryan Schnell

Dear Santa Claus, I have been at my mom's and I have been good. My teacher, Mrs. howard, says I am being much better and I like school. I want lots of toys and bring something for my dad. I love you and I will leave you cookies. Your friend, Michael Olsen

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a fire truck with a robot. Would you bring me pizza and a wrestling guy and a kitty and a blue, white, and red hat? I have been helping my mom and going to bed on time. Love, Clayton Getz

Dear Santa, I hop Rudof is ok I what a box of stareing and bes. From, Saira

Dear Santa, I want a nintendo 64. how are you? I em fine. From, Diego

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. Wude you cut one bell off Rudolphs harness? From, Reese

Dear Santa, I want a toy and vocor. Luv Jace

Dear Santa, What I wunte a new

bell Santa ok. I wude like a toy air-plane too ok santa. From, Nathan

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? how miny reindeer do you have I want a ckate shoes. Your favorite kid, Anthony

Dear Santa, I have been good! Would you bring me Star Wars, the movie and a guitar. How's Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer? Are they coming with you Christmas Eve? I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want a pet lizard and a snow board, also. I love you Santa! James Sowder

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me red cars. I have been good and helped my mom. My twin sister, Katherine, wants yellow cars. Ho's Dancer and Prancer? I will leave you pizza. I will be asleep when you come through the front door. Love, Katy Soliz

Dear Santa, I want you to be happy. I love you Santa! I would like new Legos and other toys. Please come to the Chinese restaurant. I have been very good at school. Love, Jerry Tang

Dear Santa, Would lyou please bring me some toys? I have been good for 10 days. I like you a lot. I

live at 221 Brandt. Would you please bring my brother a play station? Your friend, Alan Robledo

Dear Santa, There was one day that I never got in trouble. Make sure you leave me a note to remind me to get my mom a Christmas present. How is Rudolph? I am dying for Super Smash Brothers. Make sure you eat my cookies and milk. I love you. This was from: Kane Pittman

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I bet your elves are buys making toys. Could you bring me a Nintendo and some games? I also want a monkey cassette. I love you, Santa! My mom would like some new warm clothes. My dad likes Cowboy clothes. Love, Lalo Juardo

Dear Santa Claus, I please want a cotton candy machine. I please want the CD of Aaron Carter. Can I please have some Barbies? Please let my mom have some new perfume and some new cologne for my dad. I will leave you some good cookies and milk. I love you, Kelsea Miller

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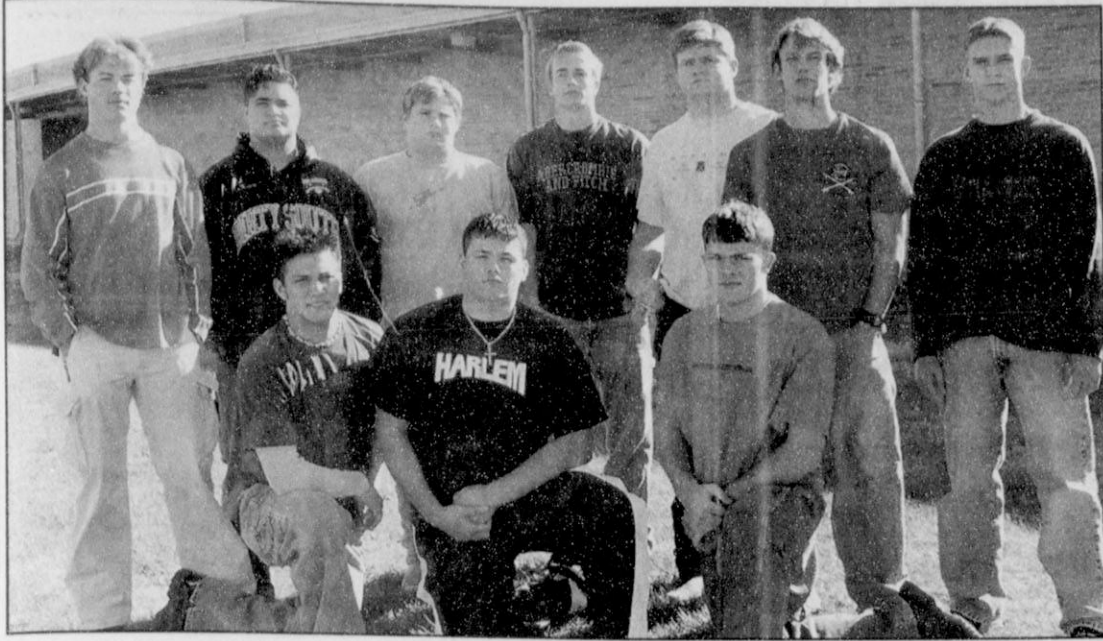
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**District Dream Team**

Nine Spearman High School Lynx football players were selected to the all district 2-2A football team with six others named to the honorable mention list.

Those cited for their play in the 2001 football season are (left to right, back row) Tanner Beedy - second team linebacker and honorable mention running back, Homer Munoz - first team offensive lineman and first team interior lineman, Coy Herrington - second team offensive lineman, John Brock - first team running back, first team defensive back, and second team punter, J. D. Schufeldt - first team tight end and first team end, Colton Miller - second team defensive back and honorable mention running back, and Kevin Beedy - honorable mention quarterback and honorable mention defensive back.

(Front row) Edward Vasquez - first team linebacker and honorable mention running back, Art Maestas - first team offensive lineman and first team interior lineman, and Marty Meisner - first team end and second team offensive lineman. Not pictured is Lance Baker - honorable mention defensive back.



**District Dynamos**

Five members of the Gruver High School Hound football team were named to the 1-1A all district team with four others named on the honorable mention list.

Those cited for their play in the 2001 football season are (left to right) are Zack Christian - second team running back and second team linebacker, Josh Abernathy - second team offensive lineman, David Hernandez - second team defensive back and honorable mention running back, Kade Carthel - first team defensive end, first team tight end, and academic all district, Oscar Cruz - honorable mention defensive back, Hutch Reid - honorable mention defensive lineman, and Oswaldo Santillan - honorable mention linebacker. Not pictured is Ryan Abernathy - first team defensive back and second team receiver.

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**GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			TOTALS (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000	
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
Local and Intermediate Sources:						
	Investment Income	\$ 48,982	\$ 208	\$ -	\$ 49,190	\$ 75,501
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	2,700,850	31,928	-	2,732,778	2,768,383
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	2,749,832	32,136	-	2,781,968	2,844,884
5800	State Program Revenues	825,480	48,862	-	874,342	1,059,002
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,021	422,719	-	423,740	245,081
5020	Total Revenues	3,576,333	503,717	-	4,080,050	4,148,968
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
Current:						
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	2,189,845	382,656	-	2,572,501	2,282,500
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	231,933	-	-	231,933	237,711
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	441,542	121,566	-	563,108	522,648
0040	Administrative Support Services	294,738	-	-	294,738	321,883
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	516,620	-	-	516,620	346,339
0070	Debt Service	51,179	-	65,368	116,547	51,667
0080	Capital Outlay	332,704	-	-	332,704	300,000
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	21,612	-	-	21,612	23,292
6030	Total Expenditures	4,080,173	504,222	65,368	4,649,763	4,086,260
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(503,840)	(505)	(65,368)	(569,713)	62,708
7020	Other Resources	-	10,000	65,368	75,368	644,704
8030	Other (Uses)	(75,368)	-	-	(75,368)	(12,000)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(379,208)	9,495	-	(569,713)	695,412
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,315,560	4,735	-	1,320,295	624,883
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 736,352	\$ 14,230	\$ -	\$ 750,582	\$ 1,320,295

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**SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			TRUST FUNDS	TOTALS (Memorandum Only)	
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	500-599 Debt Service Fund	806-809 Expensible Trust Fund	98 August 31, 2001	97 August 31, 2000
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
Local and Intermediate Sources:						
	Investment Income	\$ 166,536	\$ -	\$ 2,189	\$ 78,933	\$ 247,658
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	3,264,219	64,358	128,723	632	3,457,932
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	3,430,755	64,358	130,912	79,565	3,705,590
5800	State Program Revenues	2,590,610	68,498	53,507	-	2,712,615
5900	Federal Program Revenues	46,393	306,718	-	-	353,111
5020	Total Revenues	6,067,758	439,574	184,419	79,565	6,771,316
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
Current:						
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	3,469,521	238,799	-	-	3,708,320
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	278,722	5,254	-	-	283,976
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	604,455	247,540	-	-	851,995
0040	Administrative Support Services	395,944	-	-	-	395,944
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	739,967	-	-	-	739,967
0060	Ancillary Services	1,477	32,011	-	-	33,488
0070	Debt Service	99,091	-	234,260	-	333,351
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	89,666	-	-	-	89,666
6030	Total Expenditures	5,678,843	523,604	234,260	-	6,436,707
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	388,915	(84,030)	(49,841)	79,565	334,609
7020	Other Resources	-	68,268	21,717	-	89,985
8030	Other (Uses)	(89,985)	-	-	-	(89,985)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	298,930	(15,762)	(28,124)	79,565	334,609
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,689,288	18,118	40,338	1,331,812	4,079,556
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,988,218	\$ 2,356	\$ 12,214	\$ 1,411,377	\$ 4,414,165





# From our Family to Yours:

May you all have a Safe, Healthy Holiday!

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| <u>Administration</u><br>Dennis P. Wren                                                   | <u>Housekeeping</u><br>Esperacion G Lopez<br>Makeni Rosales<br>Elsa Mortinez<br>Atencio Torres<br>Felicitas Aguilera<br>Zulema ORTIZ<br>Gabriela Enrique<br>Francis Ortega<br>Maria Anita<br>Carmen C Ortiz | <u>Social Services</u><br>Eun Baigin                      | <u>Hospital Nursing</u><br>Rosa Ojeda<br>Tammy Hernandez<br>Sonia Rugez<br>Iris Wood RN<br>Judy Anderson RN<br>Janice Russell Linn<br>Karyn Beyer Linn | <u>Other</u><br>Mona A. Brando, CNA<br>Margarita Hagan, CNA<br>Shirley Burton, CNA<br>Norma Nymosillo CNA<br>Patricia Holguin CNA<br>Doris Handrick, CNA<br>Ange Salgado<br>Susan Beams<br>T.J. Vasquez CNA<br>Janice Riley<br>Diana Carter |
| <u>Medical Staff</u><br>Dennis P. Wren                                                    | <u>Laundry</u><br>Caroleyn King<br>Newer Zava<br>Wanda Inaburi                                                                                                                                              | <u>Hospice</u><br>Sylvia HERRERA                          | <u>Manor Nursing</u><br>Vicki Starnes<br>Cleo Johnson<br>Liz Kutera                                                                                    | <u>Home Health</u><br>Krisal Burthammy<br>Joanna Elwood, CNA<br>Kim Haulley cna<br>Megan Burrell CNA<br>Lindy Beck<br>Joe Olmos<br>Suzie Carter                                                                                             |
| <u>Outpatient</u><br>Dennis P. Wren                                                       | <u>Maintenance</u><br>John Kimmelman<br>Randy Duff<br>S. Ortiz<br>Bilbert Salgado                                                                                                                           | <u>Speech Pathology</u><br>Chantal Hargis<br>Ruth Barrera | <u>Occupational Therapy</u><br>Ashlee Flowers OTR<br>Frances Atwood<br>Leba Coley<br>Kyla Braun<br>Anna Navarrete<br>Maura Schar<br>Vicki M. Albert    | <u>Respiratory Therapy</u><br>Blenda Clax<br>Cecilia Fortell<br>Dawn Hearon RN<br>Dennis Jacobs CNA                                                                                                                                         |
| <u>Clinic</u><br>Dennis P. Wren                                                           | <u>Dental Surgery</u><br>Dora Sanga                                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Business Office</u><br>Frances Atwood                  | <u>Pharmacy</u><br>Jim Miller<br>Vicki Skutt<br>Sandra Beason                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <u>Physical Therapy</u><br>Carol Dunnington, PT<br>Mike Miles, P.T.A.<br>Ange Jordan P.M. | <u>Dietary</u><br>Karen Davis<br>Jesse Liddell<br>Lelia Prozy<br>Lidia Lopez<br>Albada Jimenez<br>Kay Deluna<br>Teresa Morales                                                                              | <u>Medical Records</u><br>Sara Brady                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <u>Central Supply</u><br>Marilyn Clise<br>Sharon Swan                                     | <u>Laboratory</u><br>Bing-Laboratory<br>Landy DeL. Han                                                                                                                                                      |                                                           |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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15(12-6-01)B

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4(11-1-01)

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### LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE BID PROPOSALS**  
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Gruver ISD, Attn: Randy Reid, PO Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040.  
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2(12-20-01)B

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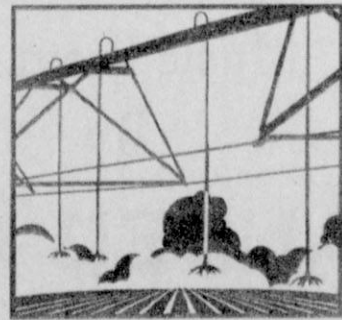
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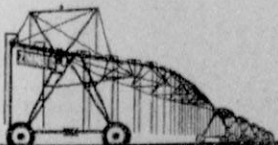
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## Gramm Honors Local Efforts To Curb Drunk Driving

Matt Schaefer (second from left), regional director for Senator Phil Gramm, presents plaques of appreciation to Spearman Chief of Police Jarrett Wilde (left) and Hansford County Deputies (l to r) Gary Evans and Lance Swan for their agencies' work in curbing drug and drunken driving accidents. In his presentation of the plaques, Schaefer related Senator Gramm's appreciation to the "law enforcement officers who are working every day to keep our streets safe...and for getting the message out: "Don't drink and drive." "This message is especially important in December as we seek to curb deaths during National Drug and Drunk Driving Awareness Month," Schaefer said.

## Coping With Holiday Blues

by Kirsti A. Dyer, MD, MS, FAAETS

- Establish realistic goals and expectations for the holiday season. Don't expect that everything will be perfect—the foods, decorations, parties, family behavior or presents.
- Keep expectations manageable. Set realistic goals; determine the priorities, decide what can be comfortably handled, what cannot be done. Delegate responsibility to others—spouse, children. Plan a calendar or "To do list" for shopping, baking, visiting and other events. Let your family and friends know about your limitations.
- Maintain a balanced diet. Eat and drink in moderation. This will help avoid the post-holiday depressing weight gain. Excessive drinking can contribute to feeling blue or depressed.
- Remember to make time for yourself—for solitude and relaxation.
- Laughter can be very healing. It is not a sign of disrespect to laugh and enjoy oneself. One should remember the French Proverb "That day is lost in which one has not laughed."
- To minimize financial stressors, know your spending limit, set a budget and stick to it.
- Most often the best gifts come from a sincere desire to make

someone happy, not the price tag. Gifts given from the heart can bring much joy. Many cannot be purchased—gifts of time e.g. baby-sitting or volunteering, visiting and reminiscing with loved ones.

- Enjoy free holiday activities: driving around to look at holiday decorations; window shopping without buying; making a snow person with children; participating in community activities such as tree decorating or lightings; listening to free holiday concerts; enjoying Christmas carolers.
- Those who have experienced a death, romantic break-up, tragedy or significant loss, need not be obligated to feel festive or try to be all things for all people. Feelings of grief, loss or sadness should be acknowledged, not ignored or repressed.
- Limiting contact with activities or avoiding the holidays may be the best option for some.
- Spend time with caring, supportive, nurturing people. Limit the amount of time spent with people that are difficult to be around.
- Call, visit, write or e-mail a long-lost friend, someone who is house-bound, or an elderly relative. Reaching out and reconnecting with old friends or making new ones is one way of dealing with the loneliness experienced during this season. Don't wait to be invited --

invite someone over.

- Kindness is a way of remembering the spirit of giving and helping those who may have less. Donate money or volunteer time to a homeless shelter battered women and/or children's shelter, hospice, nursing home, cancer association or other nonprofit? hospital, church? SPCA or Humane Society.
- Consider doing something in memory of departed loved ones or creating a new remembrance ritual. Some suggestions include: light a special candle; play a favorite song; hang a certain ornament or stocking; listen to music enjoyed by the loved one; donate to a homeless or animal shelter; adopt a needy family; donate the money that would have been spent on a gift to their favorite cause; buy a tree and plant it in memory of a loved one departed.
- Traditional reunions and past rituals may no longer be possible as children grow, move away and families change. Instead of keeping old holiday traditions, find new ways to celebrate the holidays by creating new rituals, traditions or remembrances.
- The holiday season can heighten feelings of sadness or loneliness. If is not unusual or abnormal for these emotions to surface at this time of year.

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### The Adventures of Bob

City Management Bob stayed busy at the City Hall this week, by working on several projects. First, Engineer Bob reviewed the plans for the new water tower. Construction Superintendent Bob then oversaw the replacement of the old main lines feeding the tower and helped install a concrete vault that will hold the new altitude valve (a device that keeps the water level in both tanks equal, so that neither overflow as the towers are not at the same height.) Next, Air Traffic Controller Bob helped install the brand new Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI's) at the Spearman Municipal Airport; these devices will help the pilots tell if they are on the right slope to land safely on the runway. On the weekend before Christmas, Worked To The Bone Bob thought he was finally going to get a well-deserved rest, but Galen Coates, Utility Supervisor, put him on call with Joey Etchison for the weekend. Predictably there was a main water line break at Dressen and 10th. After the extensive repairs were made, Emergency Response Bob went home tired but more appreciative of the City Crews that keep our Water, Gas, Sewage, and emergency services going 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, without interruption.

Finally Take A Break Bob was able to look forward to the annual City Christmas party held Tuesday December 18, at the Panhandle Diner and Deli. Santa was on hand to deliver Appreciative Bob his own gifts and goodies, the City expressed their gratitude for all of Pitch In Bob's help, and said good-bye, leaving him ready for his next adventure.