

All Around  
The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



David Beebe, the new pastor at the Assembly of God, stopped by for a visit the other day and told me that plans are being made for a county-wide youth program for all teenagers. It is hoped that a building can be located which can be used for a youth center where pool tables, video games, etc. would be available for the young people.

The group would be governed by the youth for the youth of the county. It is not for those from any specific church, but is for all teenagers from all the churches.

If you have suggestions or know of a building which could be used for this, you are asked to contact Rev. Beebe at 823-2045.

Wow! This week we are printing the 52nd issue of 1998 of the *Briscoe County News*. According to this figure, we should be just about finished with our year's work--but not just yet. This year there is a 53rd Thursday, and of course, you will get a *Briscoe County News* that week.

Roy Garris has resigned as manager of the Mackenzie Municipal Water Authority, and will be taking another position in Arkansas.

The family has moved from the lake manager's house to the home formerly occupied by the David Warren family in Silverton, so the Van Horn girls can finish the school year here before they join Mr. Garris at his new location.

I've heard that a number of local people have applied for the lake manager's position.

## Watch Night Service Planned

Lighthouse Assembly of God will have a watch night service December 31. Supper will be served beginning about 7:00 p.m.

There will be a church service and singing, and those attending will watch the old year out and the new year in.

Everyone is invited to attend this special event, according to the pastor, David Beebe.

## Degrees Being Conferred By Universities

December graduation was held Saturday the 12th at Wayland Baptist University.

Dixie Johnson of Silverton received the bachelor of science degree in interdisciplinary studies.

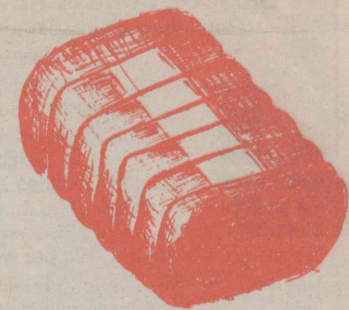
Graduation exercises were conducted at Texas Tech University Saturday.

Lance Bradford received his bachelor's degree. His parents, Doug and Jennie Bradford, were among those who attended.



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Baylee Simpson visited with Santa at First State Bank in Silverton last week. She is the daughter of Russell and Amanda Simpson.  
*Briscoe County News Photo*

## Holiday Travel Safety Stressed

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

As traffic increases for the holidays, so do traffic accidents. Extension passenger safety specialist Janie Harris says you should be prepared when you head out on the highway. Check weather and road conditions.

Winterize your car by checking the fluids, the battery and the tires. Harris says it's a good idea to carry warm clothing in case you're stranded. You should also have a first-aid kit, flares, jumper cables, a flashlight and ice scraper. And a cell phone can come in handy in emergencies, although you are cautioned about using it at other times when it may pose a distraction.

And Harris says you need to be alert, especially to the possibility of drunk drivers. Watch for erratic driving, including very low speeds, high beam headlights or a lack of headlights. She says if there's an impaired driver in front of you, slow down and give him plenty of room. If he's behind you, turn off to the right as soon as possible to let him

pass. If he's coming toward you, move to the right and stop. Then alert police to the situation. Be able to give a specific location and a description of the vehicle. And, as always, there is the reminder to buckle up.

In Texas, front seat passengers must wear seat belts and children under the age of 12 must be restrained.

## Business Closing For the Holidays

The City and County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Christmas holiday.

Hutsell Insurance will close at noon on Thursday and remain closed on Friday.

The Briscoe County News will be closed Thursday and Friday.

## Buyers Club to Serve Hamburgers

Silverton Buyers' Club will be serving the mesquite-grilled hamburgers at the Caprock Jamboree on Saturday night, January 2, 1999.

## Hoot-Out Tournament Set To Begin Here Monday

Silverton's annual Hoot-Out basketball tournament is scheduled for December 28-29-30 this year, and will kick off with the Claude girls vs. the Junior Varsity Lady Owls at 10:00 a.m.

Game 2 will be between the Bovina and Valley boys at 11:20 a.m.

The Cotton Center and Hart girls will be featured in Game 3 which will begin at 12:40 p.m.

Cotton Center and Claude boys will play Game 4 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Valley and Miami girls will be set to play at 3:20 p.m. in Game 5.

Game 6 will feature the Hart and Miami boys at 4:40 p.m.

This will be followed by Game 7 at 6:00 p.m. between Pampa Academy and Silverton Lady Owls.

Game 8 will feature the Silverton Owls vs. Bible Heritage at 7:20 p.m.

The second day of the tournament will open with the losers of

Game 1 and Game 3 at 10:00 a.m. in Game 9. Game 10 will feature the losers of Game 2 and Game 4.

Losers of Game 5 and Game 7 will play in Game 11 at 12:40 p.m. Tuesday.

Game 12 will be between the losers of Game 6 and Game 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Games between winning teams will begin at 3:20 p.m. with the winners of Game 1 and Game 3 in Game 13.

Winners of Game 2 and Game 4 will tip off at 4:40 p.m. in Game 14.

Game 15 will feature the winners of Game 5 and Game 7 at 6:00 p.m., followed by the winners of Game 6 and Game 8 at 7:20 p.m. in Game 16.

Game 17 starts at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Game 18 is at 11:30 a.m.

Consolation games begin at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, and championship games begin at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.



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It's  
Christmas!

It's Christmas in the city, and in the country, too. As the spirit of the season lights up the world and wraps us in its glow, we want to express our appreciation to you, our friends. We wish you the brightest holiday season ever! Thanks for making our year special.

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Guess who brought her "baby" to see Santa at First State Bank in Silverton last week?  
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 —Mark Twain



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**Bradford Receives Degree at Texas Tech**

Lance Bradford received the bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in ceremonies conducted at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

His parents, Doug and Jeanetta Bradford, and his grandmothers, Bessie Bradford and Lou Younger, joined other

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**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

**Obituary**

**DANA DAVIS**

Funeral services for Dana Davis, 30, of Amarillo, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, at Central Church of Christ in Tulia with Trey Morgan, minister, and David Lough, minister of University Church of Christ in Canyon, officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Davis died Monday, December 14.

She was born in Big Spring and had lived in Amarillo for 15 years. She had an associate degree in physical therapy and was a member of JPTA. She also was a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church.

She married Max Davis in 1989 in Silverton.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Brandi Beth Davis and Sheri Ann Davis, both of the home; her parents, Martha DeVore of Arlington and Eddie DeVore of San Angelo; four

**Services Pending For Joe Luckenbach**

Services for Joe Luckenbach were pending with Myers-Long Funeral Directors at presstime.

Mr. Luckenbach died at his home at Lake Mackenzie early Monday morning.

He was married to the former Carolyn Montague.

family members and friends in Lubbock Saturday and attended the graduation exercises.

sisters, Audrey Jones of Canyon, Diana Barnhouse of Dallas, Deanna Bell of Amarillo and Beth Kirkpatrick of Arlington; her grandmothers, Annette Bennett of Childress and Blanche DeVore of Xenia, Ohio; and her parents-in-law, Carol and Mary Davis of Silverton. The family requested memorials be to the Brandi and Sheri Davis Educational Fund, c/o Nations Bank or Amarillo National Bank.

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 22, 1988**--Dear Santa, I want a race car track and a jokes and gags kit. I want a machete and survival knife with survival kit. Love, Will Hester . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a B-B gun and a four wheeler and a football suit and survival knife and a Nintendo and a remote control car and trampoline. From Jared Francis . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike and a Mario Bros. II. So you have a nice day, Santa Claus. Love, Melissa Barreza . . . Dear Santa, My name is Stormy. I am two years old. I have a little sister whose name is Sage. She is one year old. We have been pretty good this year so please bring us a pink and blue present. We love you very much. Merry Christmas. Love, Stormy . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and another toy. I like you. Love, Dara . . .

**December 21, 1978**--Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy. I would like a motorcycle and a surprise. Thank you. Love, Casey Frizzell . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. I have been as good as a four-year-old can be. I would like a play stove, Rub-a-Dub Dolly, Tug-Boat Shower, and some play dishes. Thank you for what you brought me last year. Love, Amy Minyard . . . Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year I am asking for a Baby Wet and Care and an alarm clock to get me up in the morning. Please bring me a toy microwave oven and a refrigerator. Take care of Rudolph. I love you and all the reindeer. Julie Towe . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. I am hoping to find toys under the Christmas tree from you. I want an alarm clock with a radio on it and a calculator. And a dart game. Love, Tara Nance . . .

**December 19, 1968**--Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a baby buggy and rings 'n' things. Love, Marilyn Hardin . . . Dear Santa, I want a Baby Small Talk and a billfold. I have been a good girl. Love you, Scotti Fleming . . . Dear Santa, I want a big bike for Christmas this year if it is possible. Sure hope you can. Merry Christmas to you. Love, Greg Hill . . . Dear Santa, I want a football set. I'd like a pair of football shoes and I would like a baseball glove. Yours truly, Danny Perkins . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a record player and Tippy Toes. Love, Julie Maples . . . Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me for Christmas a bow and arrow set. And a gun set. Thank you, Santa. Love, Mark Klein . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me Rings 'n' Things and a talking Barbie doll. Is it very cold down in the North Pole? Have a merry Christmas. Love, Linda Hardin . . . Dear Santa,

Please bring me a walkie talky and please bring me a crayola. And please bring me a Susie baker oven. Your love, Janie Maciel . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of Hot Wheels and a B-B gun and a bike and a walky talky and a GI Joe. Love, James Alan Patton . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Baby Hungry and an ID bracelet and a game of a Barrel of Monkeys. Thank you. Love, Beverly Boling. P. S. Debbie wants a bike and a Spirograph and an ID bracelet . . . Dear Santa, I would like to have some Kenner's easy bake mixes, some creepy crawlers goop, a walky talky set and a Sting Ray Bike. Love, Twila Wood . . . Dear Santa, I would like to have a Barbie doll and a walking doll for Christmas. Love, Carla Polley . . . Dear Santa, I would like to have a trap drum set and a football suit and a guitar. I live in Silverton, Texas. Love, Mitchell Simpson . . . Dear Santa, I would like to have a Barbie doll for Christmas. I also want a walking doll and a TV set. I've been a good girl. Love, Sylvia Cruz . . .

**December 9, 1948**--Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll and my little brother wants a tricycle and my little sister wants a doll. Merry Christmas, Peggy Davis . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a football and a hat and a toy rifle. Also some fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget the other children and mothers and fathers. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. Happy landing. Dwain Henderson . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a billfold and bring my sister a baton. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. Love, Jerry Frizzell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am eight years old and I am in the third grade. Please bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Do not forget the other boys and girls. Waynelle McCutchen . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Betsy Wetsy doll and a basketball. Don't forget the other boys and girls. I'm eight years old, and in the third grade. Merry Christmas. Vaughnell Rowell . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl four years old. Will you please bring me some boots, gun and scabbard and a frontier suit, and a truck. Your friend, Lou Brannon . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Donald Duck wrist watch and a basket ball, a set of two guns, holster set and a cowboy hat, nuts, fruit and candy. Don't forget my friend, Frankie Bingham, and the other boys and girls. Your friend, Donnie Leon Perkins. P. S. Santa, please don't forget my Uncle Henry, he works on the railroad and he has his toe broke now . . . Dear Santa, I want a bride doll and molding clay set, and a set of dishes. Love, Diane Fogerson . . .

**December 8, 1938**--Dear

Santa Claus, Please bring me a manicure set, a wrist watch, a pair of house shoes and a set of dishes. I also want fruit, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little brother. He wants something too. Yours truly, Bonnie Dell Chappell . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a football and a tricycle and a B-B gun. Also some candy and nuts. Your friend, Walter Bean . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a scooter and a pair of skates, also some candy and fruit and nuts. Bobby Baird . . . Dear Santa, I am a little boy six years old. I live in the country nine miles southeast of Silverton. Please bring me a football and some fire works and candy, fruit and nuts. Your little friend, Flunoy Hutsell. P. S. Please bring my little brother, Jodell, a tractor, candy, fruit and nuts . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you bring me a doll with long curls, a little cooking set, a wrist watch and a doll house? Please bring grandmother a new coat. I am a good girl. Yours truly, Clenda Arnold . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a cowboy suit, tool set, boxing gloves, pencil box, football, fire crackers, roman candles, sparklers, skyrockets, nuts, candy and fruit. That is all. I have been a good boy. Yours truly, John Arthur . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring my little sister a doll and some candy and apples, nuts and oranges. Bring big sister a bicycle. Will you

bring me a bicycle? Your friend, Milton Clemmer . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a football suit. Please bring my brother a little train, a ball and a color book. Also I want some candy, nuts and fruit. Yours truly, L. B. Garvin . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football, a B-B gun and a cowboy suit. Bring me some nuts and candy, too. Your friend, Alvie Francis . . . Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me a little piano, a Shirley Temple doll, a set of dishes, a doctor and nurse kit and bring some fruit and candy. Your little friend, Hazel Chitty . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl eight years old and in the fourth grade. I want a pair of bedroom slippers, a sweater, a wrist watch, nuts, fruit and candy. Your sincere friend, Winona Fae Brown . . .

**December 20, 1945**--Dear Santa, Please bring me a two-gun holster set, a red truck, a bow and

arrow set and a big wagon, and lots of nuts, candy and fruit. Your friend, Donnie Perkins . . . Dear Santa, I don't want much. I want a pair of roller skates and a doll. I want you to fill my stocking with nuts and oranges. Love, Pat Patton . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a belt, a Scout knife, a fountain pen and pencil and some fruit, nuts, candy and gum. Also bring the other boys and girls something. Your friend, Teddy Jack Mayfield . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and a billfold. I should like to have some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Anne Brown . . . Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a doll house, monopoly and Chinese checkers, pollyanna and a doll bed, world map and a doctor and nurse set, house shoes, toy telephone, a rocking chair, doll furniture, also fruit, candy and nuts. From Joni Douglas . . .

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## Pre-Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a choo-choo train, a hocket set and a Rugrats movie for Christmas. I have been a good little boy most of the time.

Please don't forget my little sister, Candy Kate. She's been pretty good this year, too.

Is Rudolph still pulling your sleigh? How are Dasher, Dancer and the rest of the reindeer? I love to watch your Santa Clause and Rudolph movies. We have some of your Santa ornaments on our tree. We'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,  
Ryder

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Jeep, a Blue Power Ranger, and a little motorcycle that makes noise when I push the button. And I want a truck.

Love,  
Chris

Dear Santa,  
I want a Big 4-wheel drive to get me out of the mud. I also want a Choo-Choo, Tow Truck with a new hook, and a Green Cattle Truck with a horn that goes honk-k-k. That's what I want for Christmas.

Love, Rowdy Cogdell

Dear Santa,  
I want the Playdough for Christmas, a Cell Phone, and new Legos. I also want a new coloring Book. My brother wants a tractor and Lego's too. I also want a sticker book like Mrs. Smith's.

Love,  
Derrick Smith

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie, a Ball, a dog, and a Coloring Book. Also bring me a Teletubby. I've been Good. Please bring a coloring book for my sister.

Love,  
Amber Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I want a house, a Barbie, and a

Ken. I want a Barbie car. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Love,  
Whitney Perkins

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Legos, Stickers, Colors. I would also like a Batman Coloring book. Could I please have some white playdough. I would like a bat and ball. Please bring me some Markers, and puzzles. I would like a batman with his bat mobile.

Love,  
Miguel Maldonado

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a Horse. I want you to get my Brother a horse, too. I Like You and that's all.

Love,  
Reba Jo Garvin

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a Barbie Car. Also I would like a barbie that can walk. I would like a set of match book Cars. Also I would like a Jack-in-the-box. I also want a miniature house, with a doll.

I would like a talking doll too.  
Love,  
Valeria Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a new fishing tank, a small Christmas tree to put up in my playroom. I want paint and playdough. I've been Good. I also want a pony with beads! I want feathers.

Love,  
Sierra Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a wheel chair. I want a play gun.

Love,  
Braden Estes

Dear Santa,  
I want a Combat Carrier. Next year I want a Big Garage, it has 2 side door and a middle one.

Love,  
Bryce Patton

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie Doll, Happy Meal, a Barbie Puzzle, and bring Kyle a dump truck. Also bring me a book to read.

Love,  
Samantha Richie (Hall)

Dear Santa,  
I want a Green Power Ranger. I want a new bike with NO training wheels. I want a play motorcycle, but I don't want it to be real. And I want a new butterfly for Nichole. I've been good.

Love,  
Tanner Schott

Dear Santa,  
I wish you was happy and I Love You! I want a new tiger and a car and a Power Ranger toy. Thank you Santa.

Love,  
Skyler Patino

## Second Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station. I want to see Santa. I would like a remote control truck.

Love,  
Leonardo.

Dear Santa,  
I want a gymnastics barbie. Could I please have a Giga pet? Could I please have a kirsten?

Love,  
Nichole

Dear Santa,  
I want a go cart. I want a Denver Bronco suit. and a boom box.

I have been a good boy.  
Love, Jeremiah

Dear Santa,  
I would like a walkie talkie. and a football.

Love,  
Carlos.

Dear Santa,  
I only want three things. The most beutyful barbie in the world. A computer. The last wish I want is my own room. If I could I would bring you some food please eat it. And please bring A picture of you.

Love,  
Alina

### Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy tiger. To you Santa Thank You.  
Skyler

Dear Santa,  
I want a twuck, ball, and a watch.  
Love,  
Koree Smith (age 20 months)

Dear Santa,  
I want a Power Ranger Puzzle, a Big, Big Monster Truck and Remote Control Power Ranger. And I tell you what color I want, I want a Gold Power Ranger. I will leave you out some milk and cookies.

Love,  
J. T. West

### Carol Lives On

Most of us have heard of how probably the most popular carol in the world was created when it was discovered on Christmas Eve that the organ's bellows were eaten through either by mice or rust. Now a song must be sung to be accompanied not by the organ but by the guitar. Quickly the words of "Silent Night" were written by Father Josef Mohr, the parish priest, and set to music by organist and schoolmaster Franz Gruben.



## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

### FROM THE WHOLE GANG!

Wishing you a season that's merry and bright, filled with laughter, love and much delight!  
It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you this past year. Thanks, friends!

## FLEMING WELL SERVICE

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### Mrs. Mayfield's Second Graders Write Their Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a play station and a TV. I will leave you some chocolate cookies at my house.  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a sega game and a go-cart and a Beanie Baby with a jump rope. I have been a good boy this year and I will leave you some milk and cookies when you come to my house.  
Love,  
Mitchell

Dear Santa,  
I want a go cart. and a Denver Brocos shirt. and a remote control car.  
Love,  
Ismael

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player and some

new clothes. I also would like some new clothes. I also would like some cowboy boots. I will leave you some chocolate cookies.  
Love,  
Cord S.

Dear Santa  
I want a Barbie and a ball. Could I have a Giga pet? May I have some coloring books. May I have a doll to?  
Love,  
Megan

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station. NFL Game day 99. And I want Steelers suit. And could I have one more game for the play station small soldiers? And could I have some cowboy toys? Could I have Fila for the computer? Could I have a bb gun? How are you doing Santa?  
Love,  
Blake

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie You can pu bead's in her hair with sissers. I am going to leave cookies for you. Can you please bring a picture of you?  
Love,  
Torrey

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Oopsie daisy doll. Could I have a Giga pet? I want a Baleriena Barbie.  
Love,  
Charla

Dear Santa,  
Could I please have a Ooopsie Daisy doll? I would like a winnie the Pooh baby bed. I would like a Tweety Bird watch.  
Love,  
Townlii

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a tape?  
Can I have a bike?  
Can I have a play station?  
Can I have a giga pet?  
Love,  
Kenneth

Dear Santa,  
I want a cross bow. Could I have a dirt bike?  
How are you going? Can I have a horse?  
Love,  
Cade

Dear Santa,  
I want a bow and arrow. I would like a CD player and a remote control car. Please bring me a picture of you and your reindeer.  
Love,  
Lee True

Dear Santa,  
I want a jet that realy flies and drops Missels. Could I please have a remote control tyco rebound?  
I will leave you some cookies and milk. I have been a good boy this year.  
Love,  
Tyler

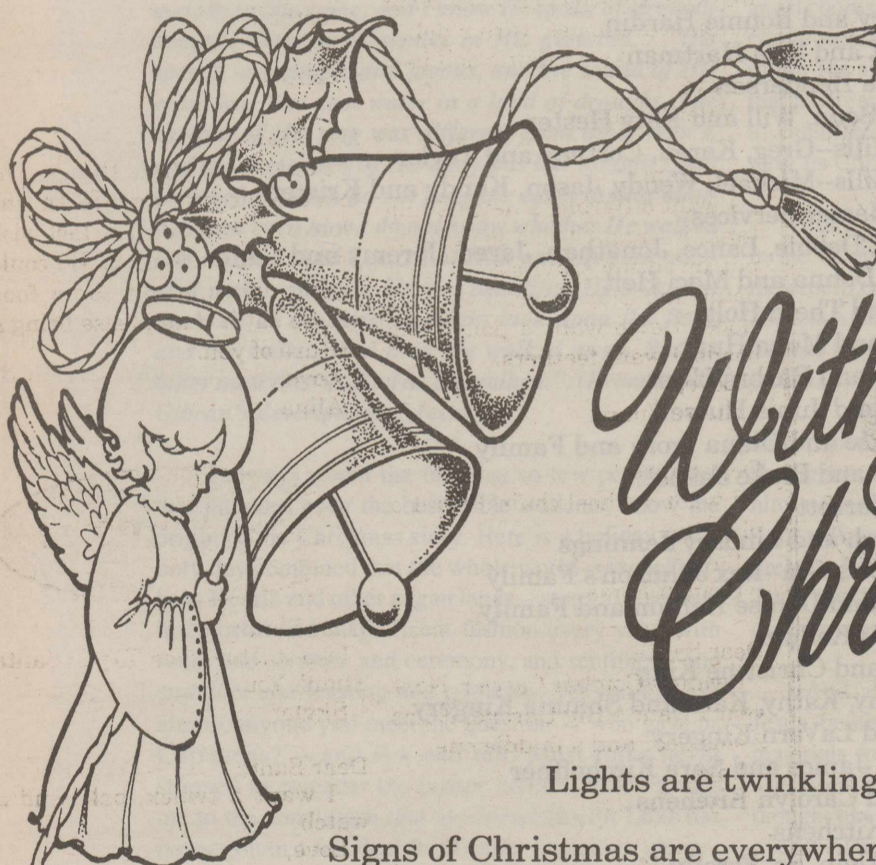
Dear Santa,  
I want to own a circus, Santa. Please bring Amanda and Kassidi back to Silverton. I miss

them. I want a Pooh Bear.  
Love,  
Victoria  
Dear Santa,  
I want a boom box and some CDs. How are you and Rodof? I wood like a computer too.  
Love,  
Destiney

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a watch. I would want to have a bicycle. Can I have a CD player?  
Love,  
Shawn

Dear Santa,  
I want a football suit with pads and knee pads and waist pads. Can I have a Play Statin with a game NFL Game Day 99?  
Love,  
Cord

Dear Santa,  
I want a cross bow and telescope. How are you doing? I am fine. I have been a good boy. I read a lot of books at school.  
Love, Butler



# With You in Mind at Christmastime

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

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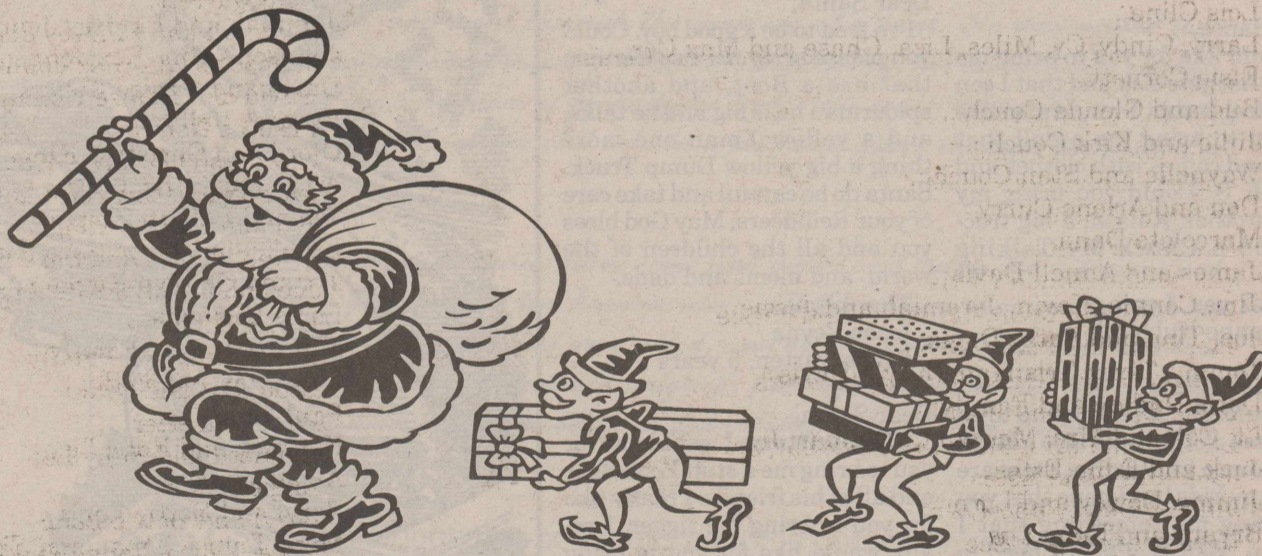
## Here's hoping yours is a great holiday

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 Walter Arnold and family  
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## The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

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

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

## Kindergarten Students Write Their Christmas Wishes to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

This year may I please have a remote control robot. And will you please give me a play BB gun. And will you please give me a new Waldo book. Please give me my own flashlight so I can leave Dad's alone. And a new picture for my room. And if you have one a new Buzz Light Year. And a puppy please.

Thank you,  
Nathan  
P. S. Roller Blades please.

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a Cheerleading Barbie and Cheerleading Baby Dolls, a red and white cheerleader's suit and red and white pom-poms and white shoes, a play puppy. Please bring my baby sister some baby toys and clothes that are like mine. I have been a very good girl.

Love,  
Kaitlan

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a dinosaur T-Rex and a remote control car and a baseball bat also I want my own football and I want some fish and a Star Ship trapper gun and a football helmet and all football gear. I also want a coloring book and crayons or coloring pencils. I also like reading so a good book would be great, a new backpack also a new game for my nintendo 64.

Thank you,  
Christian S. Martinez

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a doll that gets sick and that I can make feel better. I would also like for you to bring me a doll that talks and comes with clothes and stuff. P. S. Could you bring my little brother, Kaison, a big tractor and a Chuck My Talking Truck.

Thank you. Love,  
Adrienne Hubbard

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, some toys, and some clothes, and also a backpack. Santa I know that there are too many kids but I hope that you can bring me something that I ask you. Well that's all I need to

say. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. And a backpack for my sister.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I would like to hve a play station, and a BB gun, and a new bike. Also I would like to have a Jet plane, racing car with remote control. Santa I would like for you to stop at my house to have a glass of milk and some cookies that I have waiting for you for X-mas.

Thank you. Love you Santa,  
Timothy

Dear Santa,

I would like to have one computer for all my family to share. Also I want a Beetle Borg. I want a VCR for my room. I want a little Christmas tree for my room. I want the baby to be a boy, so I can have a baby brother. I want a little house for my room. I know I am asking for a lot of things and you can get just one or two things. It's just a list of things I want, so you can pick from them. I love you, Santa Claus.

Love always,  
Matthew

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer so I could play games on it. I would like a toy Godzilla, power rangers and some new crayons.

Love, Rodolfo

Dear Santa,

I've tred to be a good boy. Could you please bring me a spiderman that has a Boat, and another spiderman he is big and he talks, and a yellow Xman one more thing a big yellow Dump Truck. Santa do be careful and take care of your Reindeers. May God bless you and all the children of the world. and moms and dads.

Thank you,  
Isaac Reyna  
Kindergarten, 5 years

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a stuff Pooh Bear and all of his friends. I really like for you to bring me tigger. I really would like for you to bring

all my friends a gift too. My mother and sister too.

April

Dear Santa,

My name is Ty. I'm 5 years old and this is what I would like for Christmas. Tool's like daddy, aa toy vacuum cleaner, a radio, a saw, and a tool box. That's all.

Thank you Santa  
Love, Ty Baker

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas this year ia a godzilla sun glasses and a surprise gift.

David Ferrusca

## Angels

Who are the angels? The Bible tells us in Hebrews 1:14, that they are spirits who serve God and are sent by Him to help those who are to receive salvation. God used angels to announce Jesus' birth, His resurrection, and to announce that Jesus would return again to this world. Throughout the Bible, angels are mentoned and used to do God's will. Lately it seems we are hearing and seeing more reports of people in trouble being helped by some supernatural power. Signs of angels are everywhere and God is using the angels to help draw souls to salvation and to

help prepare us for Jesus,' triumphant return. Angels worship and serve God and they are always faithful to God's will to help His people. We have all been given the wonderful gift of an angel who is ready to help us in our time of need. Angels are like good friends who are always there when we need them, waiting to be asked for their help. God's love for us is beyond compare and He knows all of our desires and needs. Remember that we are never alone: we always have the Holy Spirit and the angels with us.

God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go. Psalms 91:11



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## Students Write Their Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I wish for mittens and a Barbie, and collection of rocks and dolls and a scarf and books and candy and roller blades.  
Love, Molly

Love, Nicholas

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a BB gun and a trampoline and a baby quails and a tree house--tree house not on the ground--and the fire bird fits so we can ride in it.

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline and a sled and a tent and a go-cart and a Bar and a nintindo and a bike and a walkie-talkie and markers and crayons.  
Love, Alex

Dear Santa,  
I wish for War Zone Lego Ninja set Small Soldiers hand to hand

Archer Nintindo battle load game Walkman with N sinc.  
Love, Logan

Dear Santa,  
I wish for me a Bike and a remote airplane army man with parachute.  
Love, Brooks

Dear Santa,  
I wish for skate board knee pads lunch box BB gun  
Love, Rene

Dear Santa, I want hoppity saddle with a saddle and I want go cart and I want play mobile set.  
Blaze



Sierra Juarez, daughter of Dewayne Juarez and granddaughter of Mike and Estella Juarez, tells Santa just what she would like to have for Christmas. The visit with Santa took place at First State Bank in Silverton last week. *Briscoe County News Photo*



*'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'*  
(Psalms 33:5)

*Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.*

## Briscoe Implement

### "O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

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

May all the joys of the season be yours.



## JOHNSON'S GIN COMPANY

The Rex Johnson Family

Dear Samta.  
I wish for a walkie talkie. I wish for a hoppity hop. I want a New trampoline. I wish for a Barbie. I wish for a folder.  
Love, Emily G.

### Extra Christmas Winks

Mom and Dad, if you would like to take advantage of a few more winks on Christmas morn, the one day you can sleep in, here is a game that will help.

The game has two rules: (1) Don't disturb Mom and Dad before 8:00 a.m., (2) When you wake up in the morning, look under your bed.

Now when Mom or Dad wakes early Christmas morn (they may need to set an alarm) slip a present for each child under his bed. When the children wake up they entertain themselves in their rooms until Mom and Dad wake up.

Dear Santa,  
I Wish for A Big Barbie and A Bike for me and A baby doll and it has some food.  
I love Santa.  
Love, Wendy

Dear Santa,  
I wish for coca cola bear collection.  
Love, Marchell

Dear Santa,  
Go Cart  
Nintindo 64  
Jump rope  
Comepudre cruse  
Comeputor  
Boineros  
Luv, Johnathan

Dear Santa,  
Football helmet  
BB gun  
Go Cart  
Saddle  
CoDee Grabbe

### 00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable John Bowman, Mayor, City of Silverton, P. O. Box 250, Silverton, Texas 79257-0250, will be received at the City Hall, 409 Broadway, Silverton, Texas until:

1:30 p.m. Wednesday  
January 6, 1999

for the construction of approximately 110 blocks of street sealcoating entitled:

Sealcoating - 1999

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the offices of the City Secretary, City of Silverton, 409 Broadway, Silverton, Texas 79257, telephone (806)

823-2125, and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., at the above address as follows:

Cost: \$50.00 per set  
Non-Refundable

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Silverton in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Silverton reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

John Bowman, Mayor  
City of Silverton, Texas



# Christmas Joy to All

In the spirit of this special time of year, we wish everyone the blessings of His light and love.

An abundance of thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

*Morris Wilcox*

*Beverly Minyard*

*Kyle Fuston*

*Brenda Patton*

*Madeline Stone*

*Marty Haley*

*Patricia McJimsey*

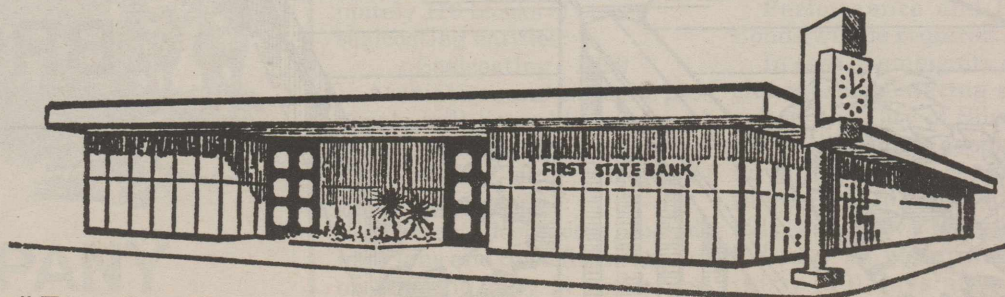
*Debbie Garris*

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Shayna Smith, daughter of Lee and Krista Smith, enjoyed a visit with Santa at First State Bank in Silvertown last week. She didn't tell Santa very much, but he knows that she probably wants a baby doll. *Briscoe County News Photo*

### Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,  
HI my name is Brittany Deckard. I'm 3 years old. I want some Barbie roller skates and a cereal doll, Barbie car and I love you. Please bring Baylee a suit of clothes, a suckie and a squeaky toy. Bring Bubba some pants. I will leave you some Dr. Pepper cookies and a carrot and I will still love you next year.

Love, Brittany  
Please bring Mamma something special.



Dear Santa Claus,  
I've tried to be a good girl, but I'm almost two, so what can you expect? If possible, please bring me a tricycle, some books and some building blocks. I'll leave milk and cookies and hopefully my daddy won't eat the cookies. Thanks!

I love you.  
Meredith McDonough

### Gardening Helps Children Grow

Pammy Millican  
County Extension Agent

Gardening is a popular activity in the schools. It incorporates many subjects while letting the children have fun. There are some unique projects in South Texas offered through AmeriCorps.

They had a problem in Willacy County. The kindergarten and first grade students kept trampling the flowers outside their school. So AmeriCorps members devised a simple solution. They had the children plant their own flowers.

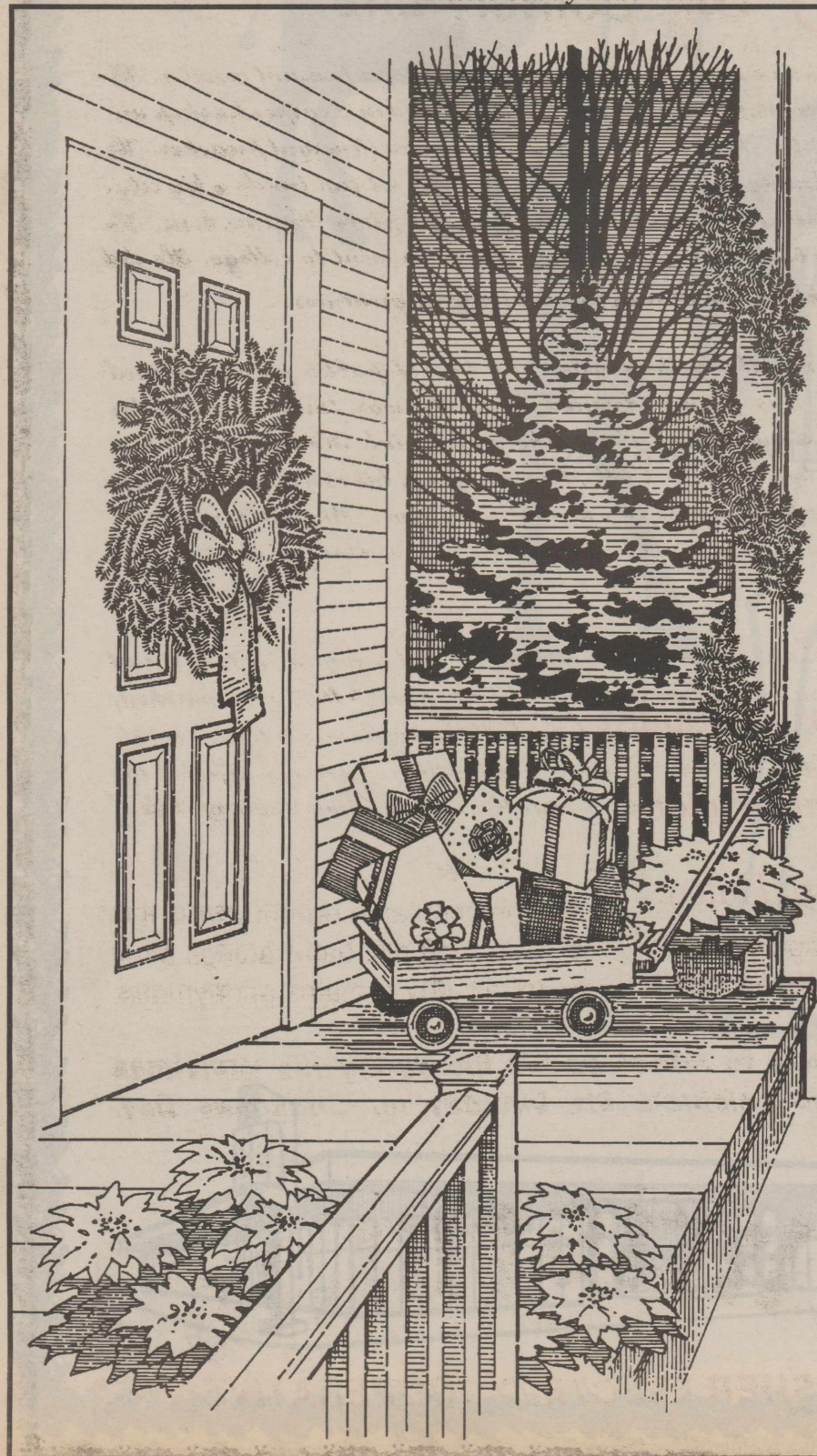
AmeriCorps member Carla Willacy says the children were so proud of the plants that they took to referring to them as their babies and they certainly stopped stepping on them.

In Kleberg and Kenedy counties, AmeriCorps member John Silva found elementary school teachers eager to incorporate English, math and science les-

sons into gardening projects. English teachers had students write reports on what they were doing. Math teachers taught the kids how to accurately space the seeds. And science teachers showed them how plants are made up of millions of cells. Silva says now the children relate English, math and science to agriculture and they no longer view agriculture as just a guy on a tractor.

Melanie Gonzales in Starr County worked water conservation into her gardening curriculum by putting in efficient drip irrigation systems. The children learned the lesson while enjoying watching their plants grow healthy and strong. The Starr County AmeriCorps program also started a weekly newspaper column with tips on gardening, landscaping and pest control.

Let's Back The  
Owls and  
Lady Owls



# Merry Christmas

One of the real joys of the season is the chance to put aside the routine of daily business, and, with sincerity, wish our friends a very merry Christmas.

## BROWN - McMURTRY IMPLEMENT

## Following The Star

"... behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matthew 2:1-2

Where was the "east" from which the three wise men came? Some think it was from the Sajur Valley, a short distance from the Euphrates. If so, their journey to Bethlehem could have been 400 miles in length requiring two or three weeks of steady travel. If they only traveled by night it would take even longer.

The fact that the wise men were Gentiles greatly offended the Jewish leaders, who had not taken the time to search the

prophecies as had the men from the east. Their indifference as to where the Baby Jesus resided, enraged King Herod who construed it to be a plot on his life.

The whole city of Jerusalem was worried, being familiar with Herod's atrocities. Herod hoped the wise men would come back and tell him all.

The wise men found Jesus with humble parents in a lowly dwelling far from a palace, but they believed in Him. Their expensive gifts unknowingly provided the means for Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt to save Baby Jesus from Herod's plans.

And now, as the world enters another era and the signs of the Messiah's second coming have

almost all been fulfilled--who will have the faith of the wise men to follow "the Star," regardless of

where it leads and find the king who offers an eternal home of peace?

## The First American Christmas

The Irish potato came to America from Ireland; the English Sparrow from England, but how did Christmas come to America? Shortly after Columbus discovered America, the first American Christmas was celebrated. On Christmas Eve, the Santa Maria ran aground and Columbus and his men worked in vain to free her. At last she was stripped of much of her gear which was transferred to the Nina. This extra load on the Nina, in turn, forced Columbus to leave some of his crew behind in a new fort which was named in honor of the holiday, Le Navidad, meaning the Nativity.



Braden Estes made sure that Santa knew exactly what he wanted for Christmas when the jolly old elf visited First State Bank in Silvertown last week. Braden is the son of Jim and Donna Estes.

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## One Solitary Life

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

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

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

★ ★ ★

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

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

*Merry*

**CHRISTMAS**  
from

**SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

# Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

More details about the final phase of the 1998 disaster program are becoming available as USDA officials go through the process of developing specifics for the program.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., (PCG) officials have been in almost constant contact with the USDA and the National Cotton Council in an effort to get answers to producer questions. Unfortunately there are still a number of decisions yet to be made.

Sign-up for the program will begin February 1, 1999 and end in March. Producers will have the ability to select the higher of National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) county yields or their insurance yield based on actual production history. Unit division also will apparently be used to determine claims.

Producers will have the option to choose to receive payments on either 1998 crop losses or on multi-year losses (insured losses spanning three or more years) between 1994-1998, but not both.

As additional information is obtained it will be made available.

It's official. Cotton producers and landlords in the Western High Plains have voted "YES" to boll weevil eradication.

Texas Department of Agriculture announced Thursday that final results in the referendum

establishing an eradication program came in at a 79 percent majority in favor. Of the 1670 votes cast, 1309 were in favor of starting a program.

Yoakum County cotton producer Don Parrish also was elected as the Zone's representative to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. "The overwhelming positive vote is proof that we've all been affected by the boll weevil," said Parrish. "We all know we have a problem, we just had to come up with a plan that addressed farmers' concerns--one they could trust."

The next step toward initiation of the program will be to obtain financing and state or federal cost share funding. The program and assessment are expected to begin in 1999.

State Senator Robert Duncan and Representative Rob Junell are spearheading a move to bring state funding into boll weevil eradication programs across Texas. They expect this positive vote from the WHP Zone to send a strong message to the Texas State Legislature when it starts considering the issue in the new year.

The referendum's success in the WHP is also encouraging grower committees in both the Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone and Northwest Plains Zone to establish boll weevil eradica-

tion programs.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG), in conjunction with the South Plains College Division of Continuing Education, is co-sponsoring a *Successful Money Management Seminar* in January 1999.

The seminar will be held on the consecutive Thursdays of January 14, 21 and 28 at the Science Spectrum, 2579 S. Loop 289, in Lubbock.

Tuition for the three-day seminar is \$69, and a spouse or guest

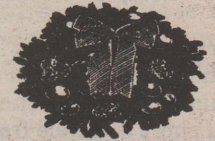
can attend at no extra charge. Tuition covers the cost of enrollment, a seminar workbook, a personal financial data form and instructional tape, and an optional financial planning consultation.

Topics of discussion during the seminar will include: Foundations for financial independence; Putting your dollars to work; Retirement planning; Risk management; and Estate planning.

For information about the seminar or to enroll, call (806) 745-5025 or 1-800-231-3233. Enrollment forms can be faxed to

## The Wreath Symbol

The year 1444 was the year the evergreen boughs were used in the streets of London as Christmas decorations. In the 16th century the people of Germany intertwined the branches of spruce or fir into a circular shape.



(806) 748-0887.

# "O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

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

May all the joys of the season be yours.



The light that shown in the east on the first Christmas lives and illuminates across the ages, bringing hope and promise to mankind. May the spiritual joy of the season bless you and yours abundantly on this Christmas Day and forever.

**Myers-Long**  
Funeral Directors

## TOWE'S OFFICE

Jay and Patsy Towe

Glenda Couch

## Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll, a truck and bubbles. We will leave milk and cookies on the table for you.

Love,  
Brittney

cookies on the table.

Love,  
CoDee

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. I would like a cattle truck, a dodge pickup, a round baler, and an electric train. We will leave you a glass of milk and

Dear Santa,

Please bring me the Play-doh icecream shop, the Ballerina Barbie Doll, a Teletubby doll, and some puzzles.

Please bring my baby brother Matthew some new clothes. I have been very good this year!

Abbie Nicole Tipton

### NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Silverton et al will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. January 8, 1999, at the City Hall, Silverton, Texas, on the below listed real estate, located in Silverton, Texas.

Unit No.	Description	Block No.
1	All of Lots 1-2-3	11

2	All of Lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12	144
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Each bid must show the unit no., description, block no. and amount of bid. Bids must be sealed in envelope marked "Real Estate Bid" and must have the

bidder's name and address on bid envelope. Bids will be opened at the January 11, 1999, regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas, at 409 Broadway Street. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Jerry Patton  
City Administrator 52-2tc

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### NOTICE TO ALL LOCAL FUEL SUPPLIERS

The City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas will meet at 7:00 p.m. on January 11, 1999. At this meeting the City Council will be discussing the fuel purchase for the next 12 months.

You are invited to submit your selling price for diesel and unleaded fuel to the City Hall by 5:00 p.m., January 8, 1999, for the above fuels at your pumps.

For additional information please call or come by the City Hall.

Notice to bidders will be advertised in the Briscoe County News on December 31, 1998 and January 7, 1999.

Thanks,  
Jerry Patton  
City Administrator 52-2tc

### Understanding The Social Security System Economics

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

Today's strong economy and support of Social Security, coupled with the President's call for a national dialogue on the program's future, give us an opportunity to make the needed changes now as opposed to later. While there is no short-term Social Security crisis, taking action now can avoid a crisis in the future, most experts agree.

However, it is important that all people understand the economic factors that control the Social Security system in order to understand its financial future. It is essential that we understand several important points:

\*Social Security is an intergenerational transfer system - people who are working contribute a share of their earnings to help support those who are retired.

\*Social Security also is referred to as a "pay-as-you-go system" because benefits are paid from existing revenues rather than advance funding.

\*Social Security is not an advance-funded system; had it been set up that way in the 1930s, one or two generations of Americans would have had to live in dire straits while meaningful retirement funds accumulated.

Social Security has more than enough money to pay today's retirees and other beneficiaries. But the system will be stressed as the 77 million baby boomers begin retiring around 2010. Without changes, it will be able to pay only about three-fourths of promised benefits in 2032.

## "Luke - The Beloved Physician"

*"He was speaking to his friends of love and strength. I know He spoke of love because there was melody in His voice; and I know He spoke of strength because there were armies in His gestures. . . His speech was simple and joyous, and the sound of His voice was like cool water in a land of drought. The rhythm of His step was different from other men's, and the movement of His body was like naught I had seen before. Men do not pace the earth in that manner. And even now I do not know whether He walked fast or slow. And I gazed at Him and my soul quivered within me—for He was beautiful. He looked at me even as the seasons might look upon the field, and He smiles. And then He walked away. But no other man ever walked as He walked." (From Kahlil Gibran's description of Jesus).*

...

I always resent the fact that so few people, and that includes even the best Bible students, know the origin of the Christmas story. Here is a holiday and a holy day combined that the whole world—except perhaps Russia and other pagan lands—stops to celebrate in colorful and magnificent fashion every year, with song, and sermon, and ceremony, and sentiment, and emotion, and feasting and rejoicing. Yet you can ask almost anyone you meet the question—"who gave us Christmas?"—and few can tell. Most folks never stopped to consider the matter before. Which brings me to the conclusion that my friend Doctor Luke has never gotten a fair deal from either layman or clergy.

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"From the Bible," is generally the answer you get if you ask the above question. Sure. But the Bible is filled with the writings of an army of men. And only one of those writers gave us Christmas. So, I have appointed myself Doctor Luke's press agent, insofar as my circle is concerned, and decided that every year at Christmas time I would remind my friends who it was that gave us the Christmas story, with all the Christmas glory. For, had it not been for Luke, Christmas would never have been heard of. It is true that Matthew, the Apostle, wrote about the birth of Jesus in a house in Bethlehem, and about the wise men from the East who came seeking Him. But that was all. And no other biblical writer mentioned it.

In the Book of Luke, and only there, do we find

the story of Christmas. There alone do we read the thrilling picture of the shepherds on the hillside, the angel chorus, the virgin mother tending her Babe whose cradle was a manger. There only do we find the inspiration for all the ringing joys, the sublime emotions that have caused the world for near two thousand years to celebrate Christmas. Yes, It was Luke alone who gave us Christmas.

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Luke, you may recall, was a practicing Physician in the Greek city of Antioch a number of years after the crucifixion, when Paul dropped in there to preach and teach Christianity. And, just as the Twelve dropped all that they had and followed the Carpenter, and as Paul had done later, so did Doctor Luke—no doubt a man of culture and education—drop all that he had and followed Paul. He followed the great Salesman throughout the world, caring for him, ministering to him, never forsaking him through prison and out and right to Rome where Paul was put to death. He was the greatest friend history has any record of, steadfast as Truth itself, and he stayed with his friend until death did them part. Paul called him "the beloved physician."

...

And after Paul's death, Luke, who never saw Jesus, being one who came after, set out to gather the materials for the two mighty books he was to write. The Book of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. It is thought likely by biblical students that Luke went back over the land where Jesus had spent his short life. We can imagine him visiting many parts of the Palestinian countryside, seeking traces of Him, asking the old folks if they had seen Him, and what they remembered. And so he wrote into his books many stories that have beautified the world and brightened the hearts and souls of man ever since; stories that the biblical writers who were contemporaries of Jesus apparently never knew.

...

He heard the story of the Prodigal Son, the story of the Good Samaritan, the sublime tale of the repentant thief on the cross, and others that make the Book of Luke the most beautiful composition in all literature. And just think! It was simply a long, long letter, written by a Greek Doctor to a Roman scholar named Theophilus, about a Jewish carpenter named Jesus. What a drama!

We Wish You A Blessed Christmas

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## A Message For New Parents

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

My niece and her husband are expecting their first baby soon and are too preoccupied with Lamaze classes and decorating the nursery to know that obtaining a Social Security number for their newborn is important and easy. So one day during a discussion on the responsibilities of parenthood I told her that the main reason they should get a Social Security number is to claim the baby as a dependent on

their income tax return. Any child claimed as a dependent on a federal tax return must have a Social Security number, regardless of age. Besides, getting a Social Security number is just the beginning of valuable protection and benefits a child may be eligible for in the future.

She was surprised at how easy it is--when the hospital representative or doctor asks for the information needed to complete the baby's birth certificate, she just has to ask them to have the state's vital statistics office share the information with the Social Security Administration. A Social Security card will then be mailed to the parents.

Applying for a number at birth saves time and effort--no visit to the Social Security office in person, no filling out forms, and no submitting of birth certificates or other evidence when a parent needs the Social Security number later.

I told her that getting a Social Security number for their baby at birth was voluntary. She can always obtain one later by contacting her nearest Social Security office. She will need to provide evidence that she is the child's parent or legal guardian,

both her and her husband's Social Security numbers, and evidence of the child's age, identity and citizenship.

She already knows that obtaining a Social Security number or any other service from the Social Security Administration is available free of charge.

Besides obtaining a Social Security number for their new baby, I also informed my niece that new parents should be aware that other services, if necessary, might be available for newborns or children. One of these is the

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). For information on CHIP, parents should contact their local Medicaid agency. The other program is Supplemental Security Income for disabled children. For further information on this program, parents should contact their local Social Security office. Additional information about Social Security and children is available at Social Security's website.

I never know how much of what I say is true.

—Bette Midler



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# Glory to the Newborn King!

*As we count our blessings this Christmas season, let us not forget that Silent Night, long ago, when the Christ Child was born. His message of life eternal is the true gift of the season. Let us pray that the spirit of the nativity lives with us, now and always.*

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this past year.**

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*Fast away the old year passes,  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,  
Sing we joyous all together,  
Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la la la la . . .*

Traditional Welsh Carol

# Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

*from all of us to all of you!*

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**Dear Santa . . .**

Dear Santa,  
Mommy says that I have been a very good girl this year.

I want a pink Barbie and a vacuum cleaner. I would also like play Kitchen.

Dalton has been good also. Please bring him some toys too.

I will leave some milk and cookies out for you to eat when you get here.

Love,  
Savannah Kast

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby, call her Two.

Also a Snoopy and a backpack. Please send toys. Thank you, Molly Moore (granddaughter of Lee O'Neal)

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kile and I have been really good this year. What I really want for Christmas is: small soldier action figures, cars, a puppy dog, a bugs life action figure, and a race track. Thank you, Kile

Dear Santa,  
My name is Samantha and I have been a good girl this year. What I really want for Christmas

is: a happy meal baby, a barbi doll with a horse, a bike, a kitchen with dishes, a paint set with an easel, dress up set, clothes, and a puppy dog. Thank you, Samantha

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a car that makes a real Pit Stop and a lot of hot wheels. I also want a turbo tantrum, truck stampede race set, transport playsets, hot wheels super construction set and vehicles.

For mom a quilt, dad a new hammock--he wore his out. Amber wants a crash bandicot three. We will be at Grandma and Grandpa's at Silverton.

Love,  
Weston Roberts

Santa,  
I want a major chip hazard and also a bike. I've been a good boy. Can you please bring me this stuff. I hope so because it would make me very happy.

Thank you,  
Jeremy Hall

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a jumpaline, and makeup. I also want a blue barbie car, and a walking elmo. I will leave cookies and milk out for you. Tell rudolph hello for me.

Love,  
Haley Jackson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tractor deal and a Babe the pig and a helicopter that blades move, and a monster truck that pulls stuff. I will leave you cookies.

You know I've been real good because you can see me. How is Rudolph?

Forrest Otis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me all the Power Rangers, a dump truck, a pickup and trailer for horses.

Love,  
Caden Edwards  
Age 3  
Lubbock, TX

Dear Santa,  
I want sum Power Ranger toys. And sum Beetle Borg toys. And a baseball too. That's all.

Love,  
Conner Stafford  
Age 6  
Sweetwater, TX

Dear Santa,  
I wish my mom had a new red car to you mom. I love you. Bring my mom a new car Santa to you. I love you Santa. I want a new motor ville to you.

Skyler

**Happy Birthday--**

December 24--Jack Robertson, jr., Sally Grimland

December 25--Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

December 26--Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27--Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey

December 28--Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

December 29--Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters, Sydney Michelle Williams

**Happy Anniversary-**

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

December 29--Mr. and Mrs.

**Friendship Quilters News Notes**

by Nina Martin

Dear sister quilters, have a good day quilting this week. I'm on my way to Krum, Texas to stay with Celia's children while they are on Christmas vacation.

A blessed baby boy was born December 13 to Ky and Amy Martin. Keaton weighed five pounds and is having to spend some time in ICU at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth because he is a month early. He has a sister, Kyleigh, who is 18 months old. My son, Stan, called me last night and says Keaton is doing fine and is really cute. What grandma and paw-paw wouldn't say that?

I wish to report that Dana Martin's gray bullet is sick, but don't worry . . . that little Toyota is going to be all right!

Happy holidays to all, especially to Aunt Martha Hampton, in Denver, Colorado, and my "42" buddies in Silverton.

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Bishop Phillips Brooks has been noted as one of the most eloquent preachers of the nineteenth century. He was so well-liked that there is a bronze statue of him at the Old Trinity Church in Boston. He came from a musical family and by the time he was sixteen knew two hundred songs by heart.

One of our most favorite Christmas carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem", was written by Phillips Brooks in 1868, two or three years after a memorable trip he made to the Holy Land. Dr. Brooks asked his organist and choir director, Lewis H. Redner, to create a simple tune to accompany the words for the children's Christmas choir. The week before Christmas passed and still Mr. Redner didn't have the tune he wanted. The night before the rendition at midnight Mr. Redner suddenly awoke--the melody finally had come to him.

Phillips Brooks was thrilled as he sat in the back of the room and listened to the boys and girls singing this song.

Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell

December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Dpoug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman



*With Warm Holiday Greetings*

At this special time of year we want to thank our friends and wish them all the joy and peace of an old-fashioned Christmas.

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# TELCOT<sup>®</sup> Report

## A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended December 17

In see-saw action, New York cotton futures fluctuated this week as news and market corrections affected prices differently each day. Exhaustion of USDA's cotton competitiveness program, known as Step 2 funding, weighed heavily on the market, and new contract lows were seen. Other commodity prices also had bearish effects on New York cotton futures during the week, and prices forged new lows when the announcement of Step 2's demise reached the market.

The \$701 million Step 2 funding became depleted on December 15, accelerated by a last-minute rush by merchants to beat the deadline. Two general hypotheses about what happens next have been formed. The bears contend the depletion denotes the end of competitiveness of U. S. cotton on the world market, which could lead to an increase in imports of foreign growths in

as little as 10 weeks. Bullish traders believe the program's end is positive for U. S. cotton since the payments only encouraged artificial lowering of world prices to compete with U. S. growths. Since the funding did not last until the year 2002 as slated by the 1996 Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act that directed the competitiveness program, Congress may consider appropriating more Step 2 funds, according to some sources.

The Cotlook A Index also continues to be watched since U. S. and world prices have narrowed their difference and reached the smallest margin since August. With the end of Step 2, cheaper growths, such as Uzbekistan Middling, are expected to see price increases, shrinking the difference even more.

Two announcements from China also entered market news during the week. China's Agricul-

ture Ministry proclaimed summer flood damage was not as extensive as previously believed, and the crop total was estimated at 19.7 million bales, up from USDA's estimate of 18.8 million. China also declared during the week that it plans to slash subsidy supports to its cotton farmers which could lower production and result in more foreign imports for the country.

USDA's export sales report for the week ended December 10 took a major dive to 17,600 running bales, off 80 percent from the previous week as buyers appeared to acknowledge the impending death of Step 2. Alternately, shipments achieved a record high of 383,000 bales during the week which outdistanced the previous weekly high of 374,500 set the week ending January 18, 1996. Despite the drop in export sales, an analyst noted year-to-date sales currently represent about 94 percent of expected total sales for the current marketing year with 33 weeks left. However, the market is bracing for cancellations of exports appearing in reports over the next few weeks.

Hong Kong replaced Mexico as the featured buyer of U. S. cotton last week with 25,800 run-



Curtis Reed, son of Wendell and Gina Reed, visited with Santa when he was at First State Bank in Silverton recently. He told Santa that he would like to have some toys for Christmas.

Briscoe County News Photo

ning bales. Taiwan and Singapore followed Hong Kong with purchases of 7,600 and 3,100 bales, respectively.

Sales of spot cotton on the TELCOT electronic marketing system reached 76,804 bales in the last five trading days ended December 17. The sales marked a 23,957-bale increase from the previous week's activity. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing TELCOT ranged from 50.01 to 50.57 cents per pound during the week.

### Trapped for Christmas

For many people in Theriot, Louisiana, Christmas comes in the middle of February since their men are away trapping in the marshes in late December.

Still others in the South celebrate "Old Christmas" on January 5 or 7, a date they believe is related to the visit of the Wise Men to the Holy Babe.

### Pudding For The Giver

The favorite holiday dessert for children in Denmark is rice pudding. They set out a large portion of this pudding for Julenissen believed to be a small gnome with a pointed cap and dressed in gray who brings their gifts.

Futeball and golfe were banned by the parliament of King James II of Scotland in 1457, because their popularity threatened the practice of archery for national defense.

# Holiday Happiness

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John and Wilma Gill

Thanks to all who sent flowers, food or helped in any way during the illness and death of our loved one.

Every expression of your friendship and concern is appreciated.

The family of Jessie Vines  
Jack, Shirlene and family  
Pat Millard and family

## Food Traditions At The New Year

Traditionally, the New Year observance is associated with certain foods. The American Indians served acorns and salmon; the Romans, honey. In Quebec, the traditional cake, LeCateau des Rois, is served on Epiphany. The cake contains a pea and a bean and the king and queen of the Twelfth Night are elected by those receiving them.

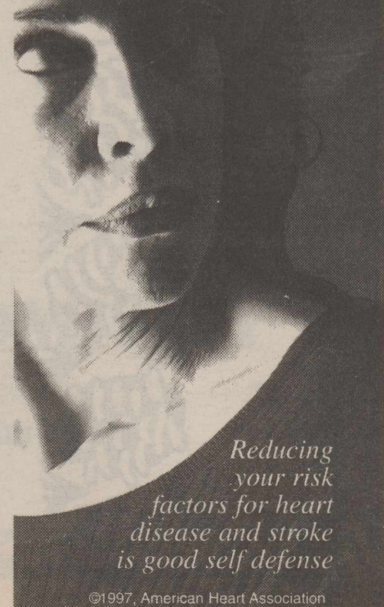
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cakes and spiced ale to wish their host a good year. Rice cakes are served in Ceylon.

And, of course, in many sections of this country, serving blackeyed peas on January 1st is believed to assure good fortune to family and friends.

bring in the old trees and greenery and make a big pile. After dark the giant pile is set ablaze. The dry trees really light up the sky as they burn. Sometimes beautiful effects are made by adding certain chemicals. The young and old gather around the fire to sing carols. This is a good way to bring the community together as well as a way to prevent fire hazards.

## Christmas Tree Lighting in a Big Way

The ancient Twelfth Night custom of burning Christmas trees and other greenery has been of late years revived in the United States. Some cities' recreation departments plan for children to

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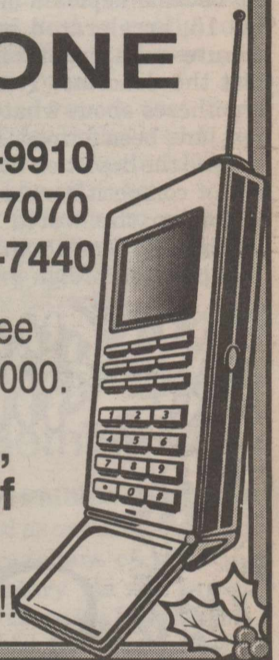
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