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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON



May this holy season inspire us all with renewed love and hope...that we may each enjoy a truly "Merry Christmas!"

THE VALLEY TRIBUNE

Quitaque - Turkey

Lottie Owens

Marcella Patterson

Ann Hendrix

Dear Santa

SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Ewoks and a go-cart, a gorilla and CB's. I love you Santa. I am 8 years old. I live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Lee Farley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Baby Sakties. I will leave you cookies. I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque. Merry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Janie Tamayo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CB and a Gorilla. I live in Turkey.
Your friend,
Robin Williams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer and a three wheeler.
I will leave you some milk and cookies. I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Ruben Hinojosa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Three Wheeler and a 4x4 toy truck.
I will leave you some candy. I live in Turkey.
Your friend,
Moncie Contreras

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BigFoot and an Atari.
I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.
I am 9 years old. I live in Quitaque, Texas.
I hope you bring me my two presents but I still want some more.
I Love CHRISTMAS.
Your friend,
Joe David Valdez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Knight Rider Track and a 4x4 toy truck. I have been good. I love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Rene Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Baby Skates.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Brandi Gaddis

Dear Santa
Please bring me an Atari and Big Foot. I am 8 years old and I Love you. I live in Quitaque. I have been good this year.
Your friend,
Ricky Castillo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dirt bike, and an Atari. I will leave cookies. I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Jeremy Sky Castillo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a monkey and a pony. I Love you Santa. I am 7 years old. I live in Turkey.
Your friend,
Kelly Fierro

Dear Santa,
Please bring me He-Man and Skeletor.
I will leave you cookies and milk on the table. I live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Carlos Tamayo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an art desk and Little Santa.
I hope it is white for Christmas.
I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Angela Taylor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Baby Smurf.
I will leave some cookies and milk. I am 8 years old and I live in Turkey.
I Love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Gloria Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Battle Cat and Ram Man. I will leave cookies and milk.
I am 7 years old and I live in Turkey. I Love you, Santa.
Your friend,
Arcadio Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid and Baby Smurf.
I Love you Santa. I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Barbara Leal

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 4x4 and Big Foot. I have cookies and milk for

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you. I Love you Santa.
Your friend,
Reggie Hendrix

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Three Wheeler and a Walkman. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will be asleep. I am 7 years old and I live in Flomot.
Your friend,
Will Sperry

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Jute Box an

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Jute Box and a Cabbage Patch Kid. I am 8 years old and I live in Quitaque. I like you Santa.
Your friend,
Julia Cruz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a My Little Pony Castle and My Little Pony Rainfall. I Love you. I am 7 years old and I live in the country.
Your friend,
Krisse Pigg

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a GaGa Gorilla and Cabbage Patch CBs.
Santa you have been so nice to me and now it is my turn. I will leave you a surprise on my table. I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque.
Love Your Friend,
Lori Conner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Go-Car and CBs and a tractor.
I will go to sleep on Christmas night and not peek. The Christmas tree is pretty. I am 8 years

old and I Live in Quitaque.
Your friend,
Donnie Calvert

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trailer for my three wheeler and an Atari 600. I will leave some cookies and milk.
I am 7 years old and I live in Quitaque.
Mery Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Ronnie Mac Chestnut, jr.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Rainbow Shadow and Baby Skates.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I am 8 years old and live in Quitaque.
I Love you Santa.
Merry Christmas.
Your Friend,
Mell Moore

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Adopted Monkey and Rainbow Brite and a Care Bear CB. I have been good. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I'm 8 years old.
Your Friend,
Juanita Galvan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid and an Adopted Monkey. I Love you Santa. I am 7 years old and I live in Turkey.
Your friend,
Vicki Silva.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an adopted monkey and Cabbage Patch Kid. I am 7 years old. I live in Quitaque I will leave you some candy. I love you.

Your friend,
Tennille Morrison

Living Up
The Day!

All dressed up in his best suit he was, and mighty glad to have a break to get out in a world of kids and family fun. A little smile played around his lips as he sat in the rocker and watched the gifts being opened, and he seemed surprised that he, too, would be remembered by gifts.

A trac-ball set was given to one young person and after the gifts were "o-o-hed" and "a-a-hed" over, and kissed and hugs of thanks had been given — the kids dashed out to try out that trac-ball set.

The old gentleman watched for a while, then slowly slid open the glass patio door, and soon, with racquet in hand, he, too, was bending to catch the gently thrown balls and beaming as if to say, "Eat your hearts out, nursing home occupants, I'm going to really live up this day!"

Afterwards he munched up Christmas dinner with real gusto!

Hearts of the kids and the adults were warmed to see the fun the guest was enjoying.

If you haven't tried having some lonely person to join your family for Christmas — bet you, too, would receive an extra glow of joy from doing so.

May this be your happiest Christmas as you reach out to make another happy!



JOYOUS NOEL



These happy holidays come but once a year...and in the midst of all their flurry, scurry, fun and frolic, all of us here want to pause and wish each and every one of you a world of good cheer, along with our sincere hope that it will last throughout the coming year! A very Merry Christmas!

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**BROTHER OF
 ALFRED BRITTIAN
 KILLED IN PLAINVIEW**

A 35-year-old Plainview man was charged Wednesday afternoon in the beating death of Oris Wayne Brittian.

Police Chief Hugh Anderson said Lonnie Gerald Nelson was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Glenn Stone and charged with murder. He is being held in the Hall County jail on \$50,000 bond.

Anderson said police responded to a call about 9:00 p.m. Tuesday near the town's eastside and found Brittian in his residence at 1512 North Austin "bleeding from wounds in the head and chest."

Police discovered a chair and knife at the scene, Anderson said.

Brittian was taken to Central Plains Regional Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Police found Nelson, 35, in a shack near Brittian's residence about 10:00 p.m. Tuesday, An-

derson said.

Brittian was the fourth person slain in Plainview this year, Anderson said.

**APPRAISAL DISTRICT
 OFFICE ANNOUNCES
 HOLIDAY CLOSING**

The Briscoe County Appraisal District office will be observing the courthouse holidays and will be closed December 24-25-26.

The Appraisal District office WILL BE OPEN December 31, but closed on New Year's Day.

**Peoples State Bank
 Announces Holiday
 Closing Plans**

Peoples State Bank will be open Monday morning, December 24, and will close at noon and be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, it was announced this week.

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 Ralph Waldo Emerson

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DICK AND OPAL TAYLOR

Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

Santa will be at the City Center at 6:00 p.m. December 21. He will have fruit for all the boys and also will be making for Christmas.

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The SS-EMT has been trained in Shock and Fluid Therapy (including intravenous therapy) and MAST (trousers) and resuscitation management including endotracheal and nasal intubation. The course lasted sixty hours in the classroom and twenty ambulance hours in the field.

Christmas Holidays Valley Begin Friday

The Christmas holidays Valley Schools will begin December 21, at 1:30 p.m. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 2, 1985. Buses will run at that time.

Season's Greetings

May the blessings of the Christmas season be yours.

Love,
 LEONA MORRIS

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Christmas Holidays At Valley Begin Friday

The Christmas holidays for Valley Schools will begin Friday, December 21, at 1:30 p.m. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 2, 1985.

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May the blessings of the Christmas season be yours.

Love,
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VALLEY BASKETBALL CONTINUES MOSTLY SUCCESSFUL SEASON

On Tuesday, December 11, the Freshman Class boys played Ralls there with Valley winning 34-29. Valley was on top all the way. First period ended 10-2; halftime score was 22-12; after three periods, 26-22, and the final score was 34-29.

Statistically, Brannon had 3-0-6; Patrick 3-1-7; McNary 1-0-2; Castillo 0-0-0; Taylor 1-1-3; Mullin 3-0-6; Morrison 3-0-6; Setliff 0-0-0; Saul 2-0-4.

The junior varsity played Floydada December 17, losing that one. Quarterly, Floydada was ahead all the way. First period ended 10-6; halftime score was 18-14; three-quarter score was 30-16, and the final score was 35-24.

Statistics were Silva 2-0-4; Scoggins 4-0-8; Smith 4-0-8; Barrett 2-0-4; Myers 0-0-0; Martin 0-0-0; Little 0-0-0; Ruiz 0-0-0.

On December 11, the varsity boys played Ralls losing 55-53. Ralls was on top all the way. Scorewise, quarterly, 18-6; 30-24; 37-34 and 55-53.

Statistically, Clardy 3-1-7;

Phelps 4-0-8; Williams 9-10-28; Saul 3-0-6; Morrison 0-0-0; Taylor 0-0-0; Silva 1-0-2; Cox 0-0-0; Beavers 1-0-2; Martin 0-0-0.

The JV played Ralls on Tuesday, December 11, with Valley taking honors in that one. Valley was ahead all the way. Quarterly scores were 10-5; 31-10; 48-16; 59-28.

J. Silva was top man with 7-0-14; Scoggins 4-1-9; Smith 1-0-2; Barrett 2-1-5; Myers 4-0-8; Martin 8-0-16; Little 0-1-1; Ruiz 2-0-4.

The varsity girls played Ralls on Tuesday, December 11, taking honors. Quarterly scores were 10-9; 22-21; 30-39 (Ralls favor) and 50-47 (Valley's favor).

Statistically, Calvert 0-0-0; Green 0-0-0; Fulbright 4-1-9; Hewett 0-0-0; S. Price 0-0-0; L. Price 0-0-0; Morrison 0-0-0; Brittan 8-2-18; Johnson 3-1-7; Devonna Smith 1-0-2; Maupin 7-0-14; D'Anna Smith 0-0-0.

Shows Help Boost Hay Quality

Hay shows can provide a lot of good information about hay quality and what it takes to produce high quality hay.

And hay samples at many shows indicate that more needs to be done to produce a higher quality product, points out Dr. David Bade, forage specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

County hay shows in coastal sections of Texas have helped producers realize the importance of hay quality and how this affects their winter feeding program, points out Bade, whose efforts are in support of the Integrated Livestock Management Program of the Extension Service.

In 14 county hay shows held in 1983 in the Coastal Bend and Upper Coast Extension Districts, 566 hay samples had an average protein content of 7.5 percent. Seventy percent of these samples would be of high enough quality to meet the nutrient requirements of a dry cow without extra supplementation while only 17 percent would meet the needs of a lactating beef cow. Yet, hay at these shows should be better than average, says Bade.

Summarizing the hay show results, Bade notes the following:

1. Hays vary greatly in quality. Crude protein in the shows ranged from 2.1 percent to 20.6 percent.

2. High quality hay can be produced from most forage species; conversely, low quality hay can be produced from any forage species.

3. The only true way to evaluate hay quality prior to the winter feeding period is by a chemical analysis of each cutting or each load purchased.

Christmas Hangings

All I want for Christmas is for my children to hang up three things—mistletoe, stockings, and the phone!

Texas Trivia

by Celia Johnson's Class

1. Why did Karen Elliot, from Matador, Texas, assistant foreign editor of the Wall Street Journal, win a Pulitzer Prize?

2. What popular bird in Texas is really a member of the Cuckoo family?

GASOLINE TRIVIA

1. Who was the last baby born in Gasoline, Texas?

WEATHER TRIVIA

Can anyone remember the month and date of the blizzard in 1940?

MORE TRIVIA

1. Who was Briscoe County named after?

(The answers will be in the Trivia column in the paper after the holidays.)

ANSWERS

1. The first teacherage in Turkey was located where the Clyde Johnson home is now. Supt. Lee Gilmore lived in the teacherage.

2. The state park at Quitaque has 13,624 acres. It is the third largest and roughest terrain in the Texas State Park System.

3. The featured items in the Quitaque rodeo parade were covered wagons and horses.

4. The passenger train was called the Doodlebug. Some of the stops were Quitaque, Turkey, Plainview, Childress, Lubbock.

5. The train tracks were completed in the late 1920's.

Lottie Owens received a telephone call from her daughter-in-law Thursday of last week just as Lottie finished getting the newspaper in the Post Office, telling her that her brother, Eural Vaughan, had fallen at his home and was on the way to the hospital in the Silverton ambulance. Lottie and daughter-in-law, Shirley Henderson, drove to Plainview as soon as they could get there. Eural had had four teeth pulled the day before and had passed out, hitting his head just above the eye, cutting a deep gash. He kept passing out every time he tried to regain consciousness. He finally scooted across the floor and pulled up by a chair and got the telephone and called his brother, Ewing Vaugh-

an. When Ewing and Louise got over there, he was covered with blood and the EMTs arrived shortly and determined he had hit his head on the corner of the cabinet, causing the deep cut. The emergency doctor took five stitches inside and twelve outside to close the wound. He was hospitalized until Monday. The doctors gave him a complete checkup and couldn't find anything to cause the trouble but weakness and shock from the teeth-pulling.

Mistletoe Story

Mistletoe, it is told, was considered the plant of peace in ancient Scandinavia. If enemies met under the mistletoe, they declared a truce for the day. This is possibly how the modern day custom of kissing under the mistletoe came about.

Joy and peace

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Paige Nielsen. I am two years old and I live in Littlefield, Texas. My Momma and Daddy said I have been a pretty good little girl this year. Please leave me a tricycle, a baby doll I can bathe and feed, clothes for my Cabbage Patch doll and a Big Bird talking phone. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some peanuts for Rudolph and the other reindeer.

Thank you Santa,
Paige Nielsen
P. S. Santa, I have a baby sister named Leigh Ann, who is three months old. Please leave her something to play with in her crib.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a computer, some Care Bears, a Cabbage Patch Kid, skates, and some Cabbage Patch clothes. I have been good all year. I hope you will come to see me this year. We will be at my Grandparents' house for Christmas!

Love,
Michelle

Dear Santa,
I want a real motorcycle, a computer, some computer disks, clothes and Cabbage Patch Kid clothes. I will be at my Grandparents' for Christmas. Hope you come to see me. I love you!

Love,
Lewis



Birds cannot fall off a perch when they sleep. Each toe is connected with a cord inside the leg. When the leg is bent, the cords stretch tight and pull the toes around the branch.



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NOEL
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ALL
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Similarly, Steven Silva wishes that everyone in the world be fed and no one was hungry. April Stevens pinpointed a trouble spot for hungry people by commenting that "At home, we won't starve to death."

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Chris Leal follows the general trend of thinking by wishing for "no more wars and then there would be no hunger."

Something special was...

The Superintendent's Corner

by Wilburn Leeper

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Something special was on the

mind of Josh Brooks when he says, "I wish we could be in our new house and settled." I'm sure that goes for some other members of his family.

One of the most touching thoughts was expressed by Lawrence Hendrix. Lawrence wrote, "The wish I would like most of all is that my grandmother, Mary Lou, never dies or gets killed."

Joe Wayne Fuston expressed a similar wish for his family by saying, "What I want most for Christmas is no wars, and no sickness or death in my family."

Cal Farley included everyone in his well-meaning wish. He says, "I wish that everyone would be well, and not be sick at any time, and not have to go to the hospital."

Henry McNary had a nice thought when he remarked, "I wish there was no one sick, or no one harmed, so people could live long."

Shannon Jackson wishes for no more wars and adds a mindful thought "and no more crime."

Cory Pointer reflects just about everyone's wish by saying he wishes "there would be peace in the world."

Alecia Weir concludes that "If I had one wish for Christmas that wasn't for a gift, it would be not to have any more wars."

Like many others in the fifth grade class, Lydia Galvan wishes "for peace to come to earth."

Tommy Pinkerton used a different word for "war" but implied the same meaning by saying, "I wish there was no more fighting."

Lorenzo Rodriquez wishes for no more wars and added that "it would be fine if no one would be sick."

WITH THE SICK

Ray Payne entered Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Thursday of last week. He underwent major surgery there Monday evening at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Floye McCracken and Mrs. Estelle Davidson drove to Olton Sunday to attend a birthday dinner for their daughter and daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. B. (LaVada) McCracken in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Edwards. Mrs. Edwards prepared the dinner for her mother.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie McCracken and son, Travis, of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Curtis of Olton.

Mrs. Baisden Is Hostess For Turkey UMW Monday

The Turkey United Methodist Women met Monday at 4:00 in the home of Mrs. Nadine Baisden for their Christmas program and gift exchange. Mrs. W. L. Armstrong, vice-president, conducted the meeting in the absence of the president, who was busy with exams at WTSU, and gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Roy Patterson gave the devotional, entitled, "Love Came Down at Christmas" and read a poem written by Carrie Goodall.

The Bank Will Be closed
December 24 and December 25
In Observance of the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
For Your Convenience
It Will Remain OPEN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
and
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31



Mrs. Baisden was leader for the program. Mrs. Armstrong gave an article on "Promises Fulfilled" and Mrs. Gordon Bain read a story from Response magazine, entitled "It's Grandma's Turn," in which it was stressed that Christmas is about family. Mrs. Baisden read a Christmas letter from women in Chile.

Secret pals were revealed and each person received a gift. The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. The hostess served cake, coffee and hot chocolate to Mmes. Aaron Speer of Graham, Virginia Deagan, Ila Turner, Kathleen Green, Wilma Wedge and those previously named.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held on January 7, 1985 in the home of Mrs. Green and that officers would be installed at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Green

attended a Christmas get-together at the home of her sister, Mrs. Gordon Montague, in Plainview Sunday.

Mrs. Aubrey Turner and Mrs. Nadine Baisden visited their brother, Shorty Hollingsworth, who is a resident of the Heritage Home in Amarillo Wednesday of last week. They reported that he was feeling better.

Mrs. Aaron Speer of Graham made a pre-Christmas visit to the home of her daughter, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Armstrong, the first part of the week.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Una Lee Barrett and children Sunday were Karen Clinton of Turkey, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ramsey, Jana Boyles, and Walter Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kimbell of Quitaque visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. David Setliff and Craig, in Turkey Sunday.

Lottie Owens has the joy of keeping her granddaughter, Kami Brooke Owens of Plainview, a few days this week while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Owens, are vacationing in California. If your editor makes more mistakes than usual, remember she had to answer several questions for the three-year-old. She is a great blessing.



About 74 percent of the weight of an egg is water.

Dear Santa

KINDERGARTEN LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I am a little boy 5 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a bicycle and a game.

Don't forget my sister, Jamie and all the other good boys and girls. Thank you and have a safe trip.

I love you,
Jarret Pigg

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year, but it's hard with two brothers.

I would like an infant seat carrier, diaper bag with bottles and pampers, etc. for my baby doll. I need some clothes for myself and a Care Bear with rainbow on his stomach.

Don't forget my two brothers Bradley and B. J.

Love,
Brandi Price

Dear Santa,
My name is Juan Ramon. I am 5 years old. I live in Turkey. I like Santa to give me a football and a soldier and a water gun and a pellet gun for Christmas.

Thank you, Santa C.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year, so for Christmas I want Baby Skates, Baby Alive, bike, and a pair of boots. I will have cookies and milk for you.

Love,
Letty Ortiz

Dear Santa,
My name is Jason and I am five years old. I would like a camouflage walkie-talkie, a camouflage suit and hat, and a He-Man battle set. I have tried to be a good boy.

Love,
Jason

Dear Santa,
I want a Knight Rider car, a boxing bag, and a big foot. My name is Toby and I live between Turkey and Quitaque at Valley School. Love you Santa.

Toby

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch doll a Snoopy, and a Charlie Brown. My name is Angie and I live over there by Mrs. Ramsey. I love you Santa.

Angie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some Hot Wheels and I want a 3-wheeler that's a toy and I want a Bigfoot that's a pretend (it has some batteries in it and comes with a key), and I want some new crayons and I want a pretend jeep and I want a big Dukes of Hazzard (my other one's broke, the wheel came off) and I want a stuffed elephant, and I want a pretend pick-up.

That's all.
Love,
Landon

Dear Santa,
I been a good little girl so far so I am writing you to tell you a baby cabbage.

Patricia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle,

Bigfoot 4x4 truck, and GI Joe Walkie-talkie. I have been a good boy. I will not let daddy start a fire in the fireplace so you can come down the chimney. Please don't forget my brothers and new sister.

P'Jay Merrell

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Poochie radio, a doll that you sing along with, and a baby monkey. I have been a good little girl. Please bring something for my other sisters, Mom and Dad. I love you.

Alma Fierro

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like a Rainbow Brite, Starlite, Dream Dancer, and a Cabbage Patch Doll for Christmas. I would also like a new coloring book.

Love,
Cara Powell

Dear Santa,
My name is Crystal and I am 5 years old. I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a bike, Rainbow Brite doll, Unicorn, Micheal Jackson doll and a Good Look Care Bear that winks.

See you soon.
Love,
Crystal Price

Dear Santa,
It is snowing outside and we are fine. There are a few things I want for Christmas. I want a swing set and Hot Wheels cars. We will make you some candy.

Love,
George

Dear Santa,
My name is Jimmy and I live in Turkey. I want a battle cat, a Heman, a Bigfoot, a GI Joe, an army tank, and a Snoopy.

Love,
Jimmy

Dear Santa,
I want some new shoes and some new pants and some new shirts and some GI Joe clothes for me. And I want a GI Joe Army tank and a GI Joe man. That's all I need. (And a He-Man and Battle Cat and some Mr. T. clothes for me.) That's all I need for Christmas.

Nicholas

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Felicia. I live in Quitaque. I want a Baby Skates doll, a monkey and teeth. I want some clothes and some pants and a piano and a pretty dress.

Thank you.
I love you,
Felicia

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good girl this year. Would you please bring me a Betsy Wetsy baby doll, a Crystal Barbie and a Good Luck Bear.

I love you,
Janet Ross

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a big-Foot, A Heman, Battle Cat. I have been a good boy.

Andre

Dear Santa,
Hi, How are you? I'm fine. I've been a good boy. I want an Ewok, a Carebear, A He-man dragon walker and Telia and Kobra Khan, an A-team racing track, He-man Castle Grayskull,

THE VALLEY TRIBUNE

Attack track, Knigh Rider race-track A black bike. See you soon. Merry Christmas.

Love and Kisses
Shawn Stephens
Quitaque, Texas
P. S. I want a gun

Dear Santa,
My name is Coy I live at Quitaque. I want a power driver that will go through mud, snow and water. I want a stomper jeep, 50 hot wheel cars with rubber tires that have goodyear on them, a radio that plays cassettes, and a super racetrack and that's all Santa.

Merry Christmas
Coy McKay.

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Castle Greyskull and Snake Mountain with all the characters inside, and a happy Christmas. Your a real nice man. I love you Santa.

Love,
Benjamin Rodriguez
5 yrs. K

Dear Santa,
My name is Valarie House and I am five years old and I live in Turkey Texas and I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a Care Bear and a Rainbow Bright doll. Have a happy day!

Love,
Valarie House

Dear Santa,
I love you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I have been a good girl most of the time. Would you please bring me a cassette players with earphones, some tapes, a Rainbow Bright doll, her horse, a Care Bear, and a Gizmo? Please be good to all the other little boys and girls.

Love,
Julia Wilks

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, the Getalong Gang, little monkey and a Walkman.

Love,
Briana Sperry

HALT, HOLIDAY THIEVES!

It may be better to give than to receive, but don't give thieves a chance to spoil your holiday season.

"The holiday season is a busy time for everybody — especially would-be thieves," says James P. Weaver, corporate security manager for R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. "This time of year, people are away from home more frequently, leaving homes filled with gifts. It's tempting to thieves."

Weaver says your standard home security measures should be even more stringent during the holidays. He recommends having a neighbor turn lights on and off and open and close drapes periodically if you are going out of town.

"Be wary of strangers at your door hoping to sell you holiday items," Weaver says. "If you don't trust their identification, close the door. They may be checking your house out for a possible burglary."

Weaver also recommends keeping a close eye on your wallet and credit cards while shopping. Do not leave wallets on the counter while the clerk is ringing up your purchase, and do not carry wallets in back pockets. Thieves find those situations particularly enticing, Weaver says. ▲

Priceless Gifts

It's very easy for each of us to overspend at Christmas. There are so many people we would like to give to, but with spiraling costs it seems impossible to give as we'd like. The gift of friendship means far more than "things." There's the lonely person who would love to have even a visit.

An elderly couple who "just don't drive much these days" might really enjoy being invited to go on a shopping trip.

Perhaps a mother with small children would be forever thankful for someone to say, "How would you like to go shopping and let me take care of the little ones for you this evening?"

A loaf of homemade bread or a batch of Christmas cookies could be so thoughtful.

For a special Christmas, why not look around us, put on our thinking caps and see what all we

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can do to make a merrier season for our fellow travelers!

Toy Assembling

Whoever said, "You can't fool all of the people all of the time" never read the instructions for assembling Christmas toys!

"Messiah" Musical

It seems Handel's, "The Messiah" has become as much a part of Christmas as the Christmas tree. Throughout America, folk gather in concert halls, theaters and churches to hear the splendor of this popular music.

In 1742, after its first performance, it was considered by church leaders to be sacrilegious but it gained popularity when King George II of England rose to his feet during the "Hallelujah" chorus.

Rejoice

Blessings on
you and all
those you
hold dear
at this
holiest
time of
the year.



KATHY'S BEAUTY SHOP
Kathy, Elaine, Debbie
Quitaque, Texas 79255

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas is that wonderful time of year filled with the laughter of children and the warmth of friendship. We look forward to a wonderful holiday and we hope that all of our loyal friends and patrons will have a great holiday, too. We enjoy working with you and we take great pleasure in wishing you the best of the season.

You are invited to a
CHRISTMAS PARTY
at Peoples State Bank
DECEMBER 21
and
DECEMBER 24

Join your friends in our lobby to exchange Christmas Greetings and enjoy our traditional hot spiced cider and cookies.

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9:00-3:00 Friday
9:00-12:00 Monday

Peoples State Bank of Turkey, U.S.A.

Directors: John T., Bob, Homer, Linda, John B. and Walter
Employees: Homer, Walter, Wilda, Bonnie, Claudia, Cindy and Joan

Dear Santa . . .

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me an Adopted Monkey and an Atari game. I would like a new dress, too. Please remember my little brother.
Love,
Amy Payne

Dear Santa,
I am a real good little boy and I'm nearly two years old. I'd like a roll-over car, a motorcycle I can ride, some pajamas and lots of candy and oranges. Bring Amy some toys, too.
Love,
Jeffrey Butler

Dear Santa,
My name is Amy and I'm three years old. Please bring me a motorcycle, a big baby doll, some pajamas, and lots of candy and goodies. Please bring my little brother Jeffrey some toys and a tool set. I'm a good girl and Bub's a good boy.
Love,
Amy Butler

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a wagon. And some toys. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Michael Silva
Turkey, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Duke of Hazzard car, and, also a tractor and trailer. P. S. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Archie Ortega, Jr.
Turkey, Texas

Dear Santa,
I love you. I see your picture in lots of places. I am almost three. I will be at PaPa's house. Please bring me some toys, bubble gum and candy.
Love,
Brenda

Dear Santa,
I am 1 1/2 this Christmas. I like all kinds of toys. I will be at Mam Ma's house in Turkey.
Love,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl today. I want Cabbage Patch Kid with clothes and shoes horse and a E.T. Pony Castle with ponies.
I love You.
P. S. I hope you come my house. hi Mrs. Santa I love You.
Holly Gafford
Turkey, Texas

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a stripe that walks by himself and a gismo that walks by himself. Also I would like to have a big wagon and some boxing gloves.
Thank you.
Your friend,
Micah Stark

Dear Santa
My name is Tennille
I live in Quitaque Texas for Christmas I want a Adopted monkey, Cabage Patch doll, rainbow bright, Carebear, Get along Gang, speak and spell, My friend Mandy she is a cheerleader. Babies McDonald's Case.
Thank you,
Tennille Morrison

Dear Santa,
My mommy is writing this for me because I'm just 2 1/2 years old. Some days I'm good, but other days I'm all boy.
I would like a ball, tractor, and Mickey Mouse telephone.
Love,
B. J. Price
My brother and sister will leave something for you to eat.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real train that really goes and a talking Alvin the Chipmunk. I have a little brother named Chase. Please bring him a rattle, a new bottle and lots of toys because he doesn't have any. If you have any seagulls I would like to have one.
Love,
Traci Ham

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that cries real tears. And I want a play kitchen with a phone and chairs. Please bring me some Care Bear phones. I've been a good girl. We may be moved so please bring my presents to the farm. Please find your snack on our cabinet.
Love and kisses,
Molly
This is a map to our house.



The ancient Indians thought looking at emeralds would stimulate the appetite.

The word "jeopardy," meaning "hazard" or "danger," comes from two French words: jeu, game and parti, meaning divided. The English word originally meant "an even chance."

Rejoice
Greetings to all our friends!

TURKEY FARMERS CO-OP GIN
J. W. Lacy, Manager

We're delivering our fondest wishes to you, dear friends, for a very *Merry Christmas*

FARLEY'S FLOWERS
& VARIETY
Quitaque, Texas

BEST WISHES OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON TO YOU!

CITY OF TURKEY

PEACE, JOY & HAPPINESS, ALL!

TWO J'S CHINA AND GIFTS
Wilma J., Tom J. and Annie

Merry Christmas!

Santa is arriving with bundles of cheer, to express to all our friends the very merriest of holiday greetings!

FINUS, HENRIETTA,
ERIC, PAULA,
JOSHUA AND TIMBER

From all of us to all of you . . . a wish for a very *Merry Christmas!*

TURKEY FLORIST
Brenda, Mack,
Adam and Genie

How the mice turned back the Christmas clocks

One Christmas Eve, Santa was very late in arriving at the little village of Snowflake, the last stop on his annual trip around the world.

Fortunately, all the children of the village were asleep, so they didn't know that Santa had been delayed.

As the village slept, animals gathered at the town square to discuss the situation. It was almost 6 o'clock, the hour when the children traditionally arose on Christmas morning.

"There are going to be some pretty disappointed youngsters around here," commented the calico cat. "You can say that again," growled the German shepherd. You see, on Christmas Eve all the animals of the village would forget about their usual rivalries and speak to each other.

Just then, a robin landed on the

square. "Santa's on his way!" he chirped. The animals barked, mewed, squealed, and crowded over this good news.

"Wait a minute," grunted the pig. "It may be too late. The children will be getting up soon."

"If we could only keep them in bed a little longer," whinnied the horse. But how, the animals wondered.

Suddenly, a field mouse squeaked excitedly. "I know! We'll go into all the houses and turn back all the clocks!"

The animals applauded this idea, and soon all the field mice of the village were scurrying into homes and clambering up the clocks. They moved back all the hands a half hour, just enough time for Santa to finish his rounds.

It wasn't long before Santa did arrive. When he heard about what the field mice had done, he laughed heartily and thanked them. Then he went

to work putting presents under every tree.

Just as the clocks began to strike six, Santa climbed into his sleigh and flew off, waving goodbye to the animals of the village.

As the children happily opened their presents, the animals settled down for a nap. They were tired from waiting up all night for Santa, and the field mice were the most tired of all!

Texas Budget Problems To Worsen If Oil Prices Continue To Drop

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said recently Texans can expect worse budget problems ahead if the price of oil on world spot markets continues to drop.

Bullock warned Legislators and other state leaders, "I am very fearful that if the price of oil keeps plunging, I'm going to be

forced to reduce my estimate of revenues available for the January session of the State Legislature.

"I am told a gallon of gasoline has been selling for less than a gallon of unrefined crude oil on the spot market. This might be good news for consumers, but it will be bad news for Texas state budget writers who are already facing a \$640 million revenue shortage.

"My staff is watching developments in the world oil market hour by hour but it will be until some time next spring before anybody will be able to say just how far the price of oil might fall.

"A cold snap in the Northeastern United States might drive up demand and the price of Texas oil. But if it doesn't, the Legislature can expect a hot time

next January. It's beginning to look a lot like 1983."

Wassail bowl

If you give the customary toast at holiday time, you are carrying on a tradition going back hundreds of years, to the wassail bowl.

At that time, the daughter of a Germanic chieftain offered a gold cup filled with wine to the host of a reception held in her father's honor. She told the host, "Waes hael hlaforð Cyning," or "Be of health, Lord King."

The practice of drinking a wassail quickly became popular. Those who could not afford the fine wines of nobility used hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. Gradually, a drink to one's health became known as a toast!

Merry Christmas



Here's hoping jolly old Santa has you on his list. We're pleased to have the opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones a holiday season that is truly the merriest!

CITY OF QUITAQUE
James, Lela Mae,
Manuel, Van, Don, Estelle

Wishing all our faithful patrons holidays filled with Christmas cheer, blessed with health and prosperity. It has been our pleasure to know and serve you this past year.



MERRELL VENTURE FOODS



Gayla Maloney
Texas Department
of Agriculture

HOLIDAY TASTE OF TEXAS

Holly, bells ringing, carols, mistletoe—the smell of sweet pine from the Christmas tree, aromas of holiday treats baking in the kitchen—yes Christmas is definitely in the air! The most popular time for gift giving and festive entertaining has arrived. During this joyous time of year many Texas agricultural products can be utilized and enjoyed throughout the holiday season.

Although the citrus fruit Texas was destroyed in years freeze, an abundant supply of Ruby Red Grapefruit orange juice is available. Citrus juice is nutritious, providing our daily dose of Vitamin C and it's refreshing. The juices can be used in holiday beverages, garnishes, salads and desserts. Texas juices are available in large quantities and in individual serving sizes.

Greeting of the

We'd like to offer you an opportunity to meet good friends for Christmas Holidays at

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boxes and cans. Keeping a good supply of Texas citrus juice on hand during the holidays provides for a nice beverage to serve to children and adults who may prefer not to partake of an alcoholic beverage at a holiday party.

Sweet potatoes are a popular holiday vegetable. The majority of sweet potatoes are produced in West Texas but they are also produced in some areas such as Briscoe County, on the High Plains. Sweet potatoes can be used in main dishes, salads, side dishes and desserts.

Texas Pecans and Peanuts are also ideal products to use for holiday entertaining and gift giving. Both are nutritious and abundantly available.

Texas Wine is also a nice gift to receive during the holidays. Add a favorite recipe which uses the wine or a favorite cheese ball recipe to make the gift extra special.

To help you plan for your holiday gift giving and entertaining, the Texas Department of Agriculture cordially invites you to enjoy this delicious collection of Texas treats.

THE VALLEY TRIBUNE

HOLIDAY ORANGE EGG NOG

- 6 eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup evaporated milk, well chilled
- 3 cups milk, well chilled
- 1 cup orange juice

In large bowl, beat eggs until light and fluffy; add sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Blend in milk, evaporated milk, then gradually stir in orange juice. Sprinkle each serving with grated orange peel if desired. Makes 24 punch cup servings.

SWEET POTATO WAFFLES

WITH PECAN HONEY BUTTER

- 4 tablespoons shortening
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 egg, separated

- 1 cup sweet potatoes, cooked and mashed
 - 3/4 cup flour
 - 2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- Cream shortening and sugar. Stir in well-beaten egg yolk, potatoes, flour, baking powder, milk and seasonings and beat well until smooth. Fold in stiffly beaten egg white. Bake in a heated waffle iron until golden brown.

PECAN HONEY BUTTER

- 1/4 cup honey
 - 1 cup softened butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- Slowly beat the honey into the butter or margarine until well blended. Stir in chopped pecans. Pack in container and refrigerate.

ate. Bring to room temperature before serving on biscuits, rolls, or other bread. Makes approximately 2 cups.

BARBECUED PECANS

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 2 dashes red pepper sauce (Tabasco type)
- 1 lb. (4 cups) Texas whole pecan halves

Melt butter in a large saucepan; add barbecue sauce, salt, and red pepper sauce. Mix in pecans. Spread on a cookie sheet and bake at 300 degrees F. for 30 minutes. Stir frequently during cooking time. Spread out on a brown paper and allow to cool.

"Nothing helps scenery like ham and eggs."

Mark Twain

Greetings of the Season

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish our good friends the best Christmas ever. Happy Holidays all!

FARLEY'S REPAIR SHOP
Steve Farley
Thanks For Your Business

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." May the spirit of Christmas abide with you always. Sincere thanks for your valued patronage.

QUITAQUE GIN
Al Ramsey, Mgr.

Dear Santa

FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,
I am a little girl 2 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me a stove so I can cook.
Don't forget my brother, Jarret and all the other good boys and girls. Thank you.
I love you,
Jamie Pigg

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want He-man, Battle Cat, GI Joe and Beast Man.
Love,
Israel Ortega

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Cabbage Patch doll, a record player a Cabbage Patch Sleeping bag and Pony Castle with ponys.
I Love you.
Jessica Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want Pony Castle with ponys, a Cabbage Patch boy, a Coke truck, and a record player.
I love you.
Amanda Weir

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. I want Castle Gray Skull, Snake Mountain, GI Joe and a gun. I love you.
Michael Cruz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want He-man, Battle Cat, a gun and GI Joe. I Love you.
Roger Weeks

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want Hot Wheels. I love you.
Michael Lane

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Cabbage Patch, Pony Castle, an easel, and a record player.
Love, Yolanda Galvan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want He-man, Battle Cat, a horse, and a water gun.
I love you.
Brian Moore

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want GI Joe, a gun, Batle Armor, and Hot Wheels.
Love,
Jeremy Leal

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Cabbage Patch girl, a Cabbage Patch carriage, and a Cabbage Patch sleeping bag.
Love,
Jessica Carter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want GI Joe farm animals, a cattle truck and men, and a He-man sword.
Love, Tracy Guest

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a He-man sword, remote control car, and GI Joe. I love you.
Adam Seymour

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want Skeletor, He-man Battle Cat, and GI Joe. I Love you.
Louis Chavez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want He-man, GI Joe, Battle Cat, and Castle Gray Skull.
I love you.
Erick Rivas

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Cabbage Patch doll, Pony Castle with ponys, record player, and a Cabbage Patch sleeping bag.
I Love you.
Amanda Fuston

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want Castle Gray Skull, GI Joe, a remote control robot, and Battle Armor He-man.
I love you,
T. J. Rothwell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a Big Foot truck, Castle Gray Skull, He-man and Battle Cat. I love you.
Eddie Silva

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a record player, bike, trampoline, and a Cabbage

Patch carriage.
Love,
Claudia Crowell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a Big Foot truck, a bike, the Claw, and Snake Mountain.
Love, Alfredo Galvan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want farm animals with hay, cattle truck and men, a Coke truck, and a Big Foot truck.
Love, Jeremiah Brooks

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want Castle Gray Skull, Beast Man, a Big Foot truck and GI Joe.

I love you.
Carlos Rodriguiz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a horse and a Cabbage Patch and E. T. I love you.
Holly Gafford

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a horse, Pony Castle with ponys, piano, and a record player.
I love you.
Amy Dawn Turner

Some people believed they could calm a whirlwind by throwing ashes into it.



JOYOUS NOEL

IN THIS SEASON OF GLADNESS, WE WISH YOU GOOD CHEER.

THREE BROTHERS STATION
W. B. and H. E. Mullin



MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Tis the season to be jolly! Best wishes at this magical time.

GULF OIL PRODUCTS
Weldon and Billie Jeane



We extend our very best wishes to you, friends, at this special time!

Love, Peace and Health

YOUNG'S
AUTO SUPPLY
Byron and Sybil



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

May the warmth and spirit of the holiday season be yours.

MEMPHIS COMPRESS
Turkey, Texas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1984

"Experiment is a hard first, the lesson afterward"

KAROL
Lower Price

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Add-a-beads
Earrings

Karol Pigg
455-1473

heal good friends

PAYMASTER GIN
Turkey - Quitaque

"Experiment is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards."
Vernon Law

KAROL'S GOLD

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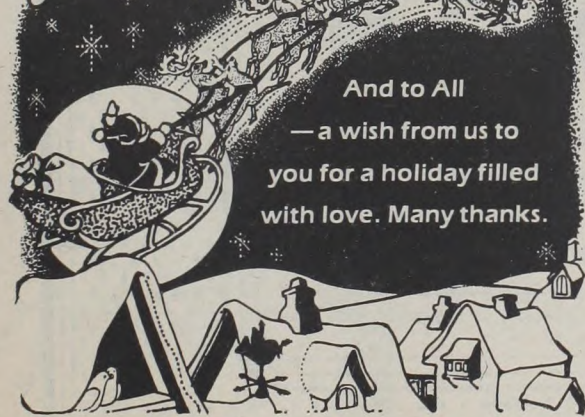
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White Dove Decorations

Add pretty, two-dimensional, white doves to your Christmas decor by drawing the shape of a dove on white cardboard. Cut the dove out. Glue a sequin or pretty button on for an eye. Pretty feathers can be glued on as a tail or draw the tail feathers. Draw wings on the white cardboard and cut them out. Cut a slot in the upper half of the dove's body. Insert the wings in this slot. Sit them on the Christmas tree's limbs or other greenery, or hang them by inserting string at a balance point.

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For many years the little kids, as well as "Big" kids have had shining eyes as they look through those Christmas catalogs that have long been known as "Wish Books".

It wasn't too many years ago that while turning the pages of those "Wish Books" one would discover diagonal signs across some ads that proclaimed, "NOT AVAILABLE". In fact, it became a game to some younger ones to see how many such signs could be spied in the catalog.

Times have changed and today so many things ARE

available. What an abundance of things we have to choose from! But there is one thing that often seems to have the sign, "NOT AVAILABLE", stamped all over it — and that is TIME. Taking TIME to take the children out in the woods or to the shopping lot to let them help choose the Christmas tree is a little something for big memories.

It often takes so little, really, to please children. What will become most important to them is not so much the THINGS that soon will break, or they'll out-grow, or they'll just get

bored with, but it's the TIME and love we spend on them — the giving of ourselves that will mean the most. This goes not only for the children in the family but for husbands and wives as well. How often the spic-and-span house, the cookies and pies and candies and casseroles that have been slaved over, the long hours spent at the office to pay for THINGS — make only a pressured house and not a loving, relaxing home.

This year, why not let's balance the holiday fun to really make it a home full of the fragrance of love and to-

getherness that will make beautiful memories that will last a lifetime and not just for a fleeting season.

Merry Feathered Friends

Make a merry holiday season for your fine, feathered friends, as well as for your own entertainment. Create a bird cafeteria!

Cut a piece of tree limb, that is about 4" in diameter, to at least a foot tall. Leave the twigs and branch stubs

on for bird perches.

Bore a hole above each stub and space holes around the bottom of the logs.

Fill the holes with different types of treats for the birds. Obtain some suet from your meat counter; melt the suet and mix it with peanut butter and scratch feed. Fill some holes with apple pieces, lettuce, etc..

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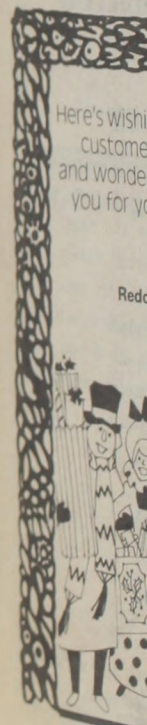
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According to researchers at The University of Texas at Austin, the culture of Texan Christmas was a Slavic cultural import from Germany who settled in the area. The custom involving both the children and the family's farm animals. Each Christmas the son was given the responsibility of repeating the message of the birth of Christ to all the dogs, cats and barnyard animals.



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Little Ones and Bright Eyes: Children At Christmas

by Charlene Blohm

Did Christmas exist in the minds and hearts of Texas children before Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer made his mark on the holiday folklore scene? Is it possible for youngsters to enjoy the yuletide season without Frosty the Snowman, the Grinch that Stole Christmas and mounds of brightly-colored presents under the tree?

Christmas was first and foremost a religious celebration to children in early Texas and they were often an integral part of many holiday traditions.

According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, the Wends, a Slavic cultural group from Germany who settled near Giddings, practiced a charming custom involving both the children and the family's farm animals. Each Christmas the eldest son was given the responsibility of repeating the message of the birth of Christ to all the dogs and cats and barnyard animals.

Tales of the bright-eyed wonder of little ones at Christmas are yuletide favorites. One such story stems from an incident that occurred around 1720 at a mission in San Antonio known today as the Alamo.

The mission fathers had built a realistic manger scene and asked the Indian children to adorn it with their gifts to the Christ Child. The children brought whatever they could find—including beads, colorful pebbles and cloth—and placed their presents around the crib.

One small boy, however, was heartbroken because he was from a poor family and had nothing to give baby Jesus. A kindly priest, Father Margil, took pity on the lad and accompanied him on a search for a suitable present. They found a little vine with faded green leaves and berries which they dug up and placed in a small clay pot. The Indian boy took the gift to the Christ Child and begged him to accept it and make it

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beautiful. The next day was Christmas. As the little boy walked into the chapel, he heard cries of "milagro," a miracle. He looked closely and saw that his little vine had twined itself around the crib, its leaves now dark green and its berries shiny red. Called the Margil vine in honor of the kind priest, Father Antonio Margil de Jesus, the vine still grows wild in Texas and its berries turn bright red at Christmastime.

To hard-working pioneers, frontiersmen and immigrants, Christmas was also a chance to shower attention on their youngsters. One woman wrote of her family's celebrations, "Every child got apples and cookies, for the mothers had certainly made up plenty of cookies and doughnuts. You see, they had killed hogs before Christmas, and while they were rendering up big pots and kettles of lard, and that grease was boiling hot, they would drop doughnuts in and fry them till they had great pans of them. We had stick candy and peloncillos (brown sugar cones) so the children weren't neglected."

For children of Yugoslavian immigrants, the holiday season was a little different. The Yugoslavs, some of whom settled near Galveston to found the Saints Constantine and Helen Serbian Orthodox Church, followed the Julian calendar, which placed their celebration 13 days after the traditional Christmas observance on December 25.

Christmas Eve is Badnji Day, or Day of the Oak, for the Yugoslavs. On that day, a specially selected three-year-old oak tree is felled, cut in three pieces, and

the Yule Log is burned behind the church in memory of the fires watched over their flocks at night.

A smaller tree is decorated with cookies, nuts, apples and streamers of red, white and blue for the children. This tree is carried into the sanctuary and later it, too, is added to the fire, decorations and all, as the children scramble to retrieve their treats before the fire consumes the goodies.

Gifts presented by the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child were probably the start of our modern gift-giving tradition, although this didn't become a widespread practice until the Middle Ages. The idea of wrapping gifts in colored paper is a relatively new one, however. In frontier times presents were hung on the trees because pioneers didn't have pretty paper in which to wrap their handmade gifts.

Fruit—especially apples and oranges—were popular treats at Christmas and often appeared, along with candy, in stockings carefully crafted by talented needleworkers and hung near the fireplace. As one Texas woman put it, "Mama avoided

using our black stockings since the lint might stick to the goodies and the white hose because the treats might discolor them."

As you and your family hang your stockings by the chimney with care this Christmas season, share a few of these tales, as well as stories of your own, with your children and grandchildren.

Reindeer Marvels

In real life, even the tiniest "Donner" and "Blitzen" have hoofs that function as snowshoes in deep snow by their broad surfaces. Each hoof is surrounded by horny, sharp rims that grip ice, hard snow, and rocks. The concave, padded centers provide traction for rocky hills and icy terrain.

"Rudolph," in real life, can smell his main food supply, lichen, even through several feet of loose snow. His nose is an insulator allowing him to retain heat and moisture and thus avoid exhaustion and dehydration in the cold.

Merry Christmas, little reindeer marvels!

"Sit loose in the saddle of fate."

Francis Yeats Brown

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The Green Family

Dashing Through The Lore of Texas Christmas' Past

by Charlene Blohm

Along with feasts of goose and plum pudding, a large serving of oral history is dished out each year as families gather around the dinner table to share tales of Christmas' past.

How did your family's traditions get started? What ancient customs are kept alive in your yuletide celebrations?

Texans have witnessed a mirade of holiday traditions throughout the state's history, some of which were established as long as four centuries ago. According to researchers at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Indian tribes near what is now El Paso were introduced to the religious pageantry of the holiday as early as 1599 when the ladies and noblemen attached to Juan Onate's expedition enacted the march of the Wise Men to Bethlehem. Dedicated padres, who accompanied early Spanish military expeditions, used the miracle play, "Los Pastores," as an aid in teaching Christianity. Since 1776, Mission San Jose in San Antonio has been the stage for performances of the play which depicts the shepherd's journey to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Another Spanish tradition dating back to the 16th century, which is still practiced today, is "Fiesta de las Luminarias," or Festival of Lights. The soft sparkle of candles is symbolic of the lighting of the way for Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem. "Fiesta de las Luminarias" is celebrated each year along the banks of the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk, in San Antonio, and on El Paso's Scenic Drive where the glittering lights cast a peaceful glow upon the

base of the mountains.

Canary Islanders introduced the now popular Texas tradition "Las Posadas" to San Antonio in 1731. "Las Posadas" is a nine-day procession representing Joseph's search for a "place of lodging" for Mary, who was soon to give birth to the Christ Child.

The French observed their first Christmas in Texas in 1686 as members of La Salle's colony extolled the Christmas Holy-Days, including the singing of Midnight Mass, at their camp on Garcitas Creek between Port Lavaca and Victoria.

More than a century later, Jean Lafitte and his pirates celebrated the holiday on Galveston Island. The rum and sugar they pillaged from merchant ships sailing in the Gulf of Mexico provided the basic ingredients for their Christmas feast. They reportedly spent most of the holiday drinking, playing practical jokes on one another and writing ribald jingles which they sang amidst much laughter.

Immigrants from Germany initiated many of the jolly folkways we now associate with Christmas in Texas. The ritual of decorating trees at Christmastime originated in Germany in the Middle Ages. Legend says that not only shepherds, but trees as well, honored the birth of Christ. The gray, scraggly spruce was the ugliest of the trees, so the heavens took pity upon it and dropped stars from the skies to light its branches, transforming it into such a vision of beauty that the Christ Child looked up and smiled.

Prince Solms Braunfels is credited with transferring the German custom to Texas by decorating the first Christmas tree. Since the spruce isn't native to the state, however, German immigrants substituted cedar trees which they adorned with colored paper and lighted candles.

Another holiday trimming tradition established by German settlers is that of mistletoe. Regarded from ancient times as having magical properties, the plant can still be found growing in Central Texas. According to folklore, mistletoe etiquette directs that as each person is kissed, they are to pluck off a berry and when all the berries are gone, the kissing should end.

Red and green are favorite holiday colors and nowhere are they more recognized than in the poinsettia plant, which comes to us as the result of negotiations between the governments of Mexico and the United States. The first American ambassador to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, was in that country during Christmas 1828 in an attempt to purchase the territory of Texas. The ambassador became interested in a beautiful Mexican plant known as "the flower of Christmas Eve" and brought it back to this country.

Just as traditional yuletide ornaments abound during the holiday season, so, too, do customary meals and delicacies. Some of the more popular Christmastime sweets, such as mincemeat pie and plum pudding, were brought to Texas by English immigrants. As you prepare your Christmas dinner

this year, you might share this tale written by an English surveyor in 1872 after his holiday meal.

"No prince, potentate or magnate ever sat down to such a feast. I think we had 14 varieties of meat. We could have had 16, as one of our hunters offered to furnish us with a mess of rattlesnakes and polecats, which he assured us were a most excellent delicacy, but our cook drew the line at these," the surveyor wrote.

"We had buffalo, antelope, deer, bear, rabbit, prairie-dog, possum, and possibly other animals that I do not recall; turkey, goose, brant (wild geese), ducks, prairie chickens, curlew (long-legged shore birds), quail and other birds. The most expensive meat which we had on the table was bacon, which we had to haul 500 miles," he added.

The oldest permanent Polish settlement in the state is Panna Maria in South Texas which was established in 1854 by 150 Polish citizens from Silesia who arrived at the site on Christmas Eve. Led by Father Leopold Moczynska, the group celebrated mass under a giant oak tree and honored their holiday traditions. For Poles, Christmas Eve, or Wigilia, is the most important day of the season. As the first star appears in the sky, family members gather for a simple meal that breaks their day-long fast. The head of the household divides a small, flat oblong wafer, called an opiatek, that has been blessed by a priest. Each family member shares the opiatek and exchanges good wishes with all the other members.

One unusual imported treat is lutefisk, or lye fish, which is part of a traditional Norwegian Christmas Eve meal. The delicacy, transported in dehydrated form, is first soaked in lye water, lime water and clear water, then cooked and served with boiled white potatoes, melted butter and a delicious white sauce.

Another Norwegian custom called Jule Bokking was preserved in Texas until 1890 in Normandy, the state's first Norwegian settlement, which later became known as Brownsboro. On the evening following Christmas Day and every evening up to the New Year, groups gathered in costume to make rounds of the homes. The men usually dressed as women and the women as men. They gathered in front yards and sang Christmas songs, then the host would open his house to the group for refreshments and try to guess the identity of the masqueraders.

These various customs and celebrations shared by the many cultural groups who settled the state have blended together to give Christmas special meaning for all Texans. But there is one more tradition we can't overlook—the Cowboys' Christmas Ball, the story of which will be told around many a Texas dinner table this holiday season.

Originated by an Anson innkeeper, M. H. Rhodes, who was interested in boosting business at his Morning Star Hotel, the Cowboys' Christmas Ball began as a means of bringing in more guests, but quickly became an annual affair. It is reported that cowboys from miles around attended the first event in 1885. A rancher living near Anson, William Lawrence Chittenden, wrote "The Cowboys' Christmas

Ball" poem as part of his book, "Ranch Verses," in 1893 and the piece has become an enduring part of Texas folklore.

"Way out in Western Texas, where the Clear Fork's waters flow,

Where the cattle are "A-brows-in," an' the Spanish ponies grow...

The music was a fiddle an' a lively tambourine, And a "viol came imported," by stage from Abilene.

The room was togged out gorgeous—with mistletoe and shawls,

And candles flickered frescoes, around the airy walls.

The "Wimmin folks" looked lovely—the boys looked kinder treed,

Till their leader commenced yellin': "Who! fellers, let's stampede."

And the music started sighin', an' awailin' though the hall,

As a kind of introduction to "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball"...

His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain's height; His feet were animated, an' a

mighty movin' sight.

When he commenced to holler, "Neow fellers, stake yer pen!"

"Lock horns ter all them heifers, an' russle 'em like men.

"Saloot yer lovely critters; neow swing an' let 'em go.

"Climb the grape vine 'round 'em —all hands do-ce-do!"

"You Mavericks, jine the round-up—Jest skip her waterfall."

Huh! hit wuz gettin' happy. "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball!"

Rosemary bush

The herb, rosemary, has been associated with Christmas for centuries. Legend has it that on the way to Egypt, Mary washed the Baby Jesus' clothes and spread them over a rosemary bush to dry in the sun.

That is how the rosemary bush got its lovely fragrance, according to the legend.

Heap on more wood! the wind is chill; But let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still. — Sir Walter Scott

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Love Santa
Senon



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Frank, Cindy,
Laurie, Robyn
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Michael

Dear Santa
From Linda

I hope you are ok because I have been a good girl and have a happy Christmas and I hope you can bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid and lots of more Christmas toys and I want a Adot AMokey, and a toy jam Box with cassette.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want for Christmas a flower doll girl and clothes for the flower doll and a tap for breaking. I have been kind.

Love, Santi

Dear, Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a football and a he-man and a rocker and a radio and a GI Joe and a little red corvette and a skelator.

Love,
Mike

Dear Santa, I want a water bed, and a real set of drums, and a real baby puppy. Thank you I Love you Santa

From Danny Dewayne House

Dear Santa,

I want a Cabbage Patch kid rocker and a radio-head phones an care Bear and My prete pony.

Love, your friend
Sandy Gaye Lowe

Dear Santa Claus,

I have a list of toys I want. a Michael Jackson doll a Go Bot a bicycle a He-Man a recorder

P.S. There is no such thing as Santa Claus or is there?

Love,
Johnny Joe Galvan

Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. But sometimes I loose my temper with Philip. All I want for Christas this year is a Bi-Be baby doll, set of drums, adopt-a-monkey, Barbie town house and a turning turbo dash board and lots of candy fruit and nuts.

Love Joni Marie Hancock

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been a good girl this year. I would like a baby doll and a new Barbie doll. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.

Love,
Julie Ross

Dear Santa From Angie

I want a Baby puppy, real one a Cabbage Patch kid.

Love Angie

Dear Santa, I want a radio, and a motor-cycle and a motor-cycle helmet and a dog and a GI Joe train set and I will give you milk and cookies.

I have been a good boy.
Love, JoDee

Dear Santa,

I what double-barrel shotgun, and a pellet gun. I bicycle and a basketball and a knight rider 2000, and a rocker with water in it. And a remote control car, and a break dancing tape, and a ghost busters tape.

From Bubba

Dear Santa thing for the other girl this Christmas I want a rocker and Cabbage Patch lid and A dot A Momkey.

Tina

Dear Santa,

radio head phones and basket-ball and foot ball and a GI Joe trin set, and any thing else and one more thing have a Mary Christmas Rollie

Dear Santa,

and what I want for Christmas is a football and a Mr. T racing track and a bike and a Go Bot.

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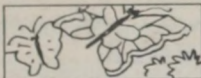
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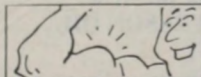
I would like to have a little red corvette, and a whistle car, and knight rider 2000.

And as a matter of fact I would like to give you cookies and milk.

Josh



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The land of Jesus' birth, then and now

"O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie..."

Bethlehem! The very word calls to mind an image of verdant pastures and sheep grazing under shepherds' watchful eyes...dusty streets trod by donkeys laden with water jugs...and whitewashed dwellings clustered about the village well.

Here it was that Ruth gleaned barley in the fields belonging to Boaz. It was here that the young David tended his father's sheep and where he was anointed king of Israel.

In the time of Jesus, Bethlehem was just a small village in the province of Judea. Yet the prophet Micah foresaw its future eminence. Had he not prophesied, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

This prophecy and the Star of Bethlehem led the Wise Men to the place where Jesus lay. Today, the towers of many faiths dominate the landscape, just as the star must have on that night almost 2000 years ago. And, instead of Three Wise Men, thousands of pilgrims will descend upon the town where the Savior was born.

But, instead of a humble stable, they will find a basilica built over the cave where Mary and Joseph are said to have found shelter. A silver star marks the exact spot where Jesus is believed to have been born. Fifteen lamps surround it, donated by various Christian communities, demonstrating that here, in the land of Jesus' birth, differences fall away before a common faith.

Most pilgrims to the Holy Land will also travel to Galilee, where the town of Nazareth lies. Although the distance between the towns is short by today's standards, in the time of Mary and Joseph, the journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem must have been a hardship for them — especially for the young woman, heavy with child. As it was, Jews resented the census greatly; it was a humiliating reminder of their subservience to Rome.

When Jesus lived in Nazareth, the countryside was composed of wooded hills, each with its little plain. Galilee was one of the most beautiful

of the provinces. In fact, Galileans were suspected of being too easy-going and not strict enough in observing the laws; perhaps this was attributed to their pleasant surroundings.

Here, in Nazareth, the growing Jesus would become familiar with such commonplace sights as the fig trees, the mustard plants, and fields of grain, all of which he would draw upon later in his parables.

Since it was the practice for sons to follow in their father's trade, undoubtedly Joseph trained the young Jesus to be a carpenter, like himself. He probably taught Jesus the Sh'ma: "Here, O Israel, The Lord our God is One Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might."

As the Bible reveals, Mary and Joseph were devout Jews, following the traditions of their ancestors. In accordance with Jewish custom, they traveled to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

What an impression that city must have made on the young Jesus! It was the holy city to all believing Jews, the city that God Himself had chosen as the place for His worship. Here was the Temple, the center of Jewish tradition. The psalmist describes the feelings of pilgrims as they went up to the Temple:

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David."

Today, only the Western Wall, the Wailing Wall, remains of the Temple. But, visitors can still see the pool of Siloam, where the blind man washed his eyes to regain his sight, as Jesus had told him to do. And, from the Mount of Olives, travelers can look down upon the Holy City, just as Jesus did.

Although Nazareth is no longer the humble village it must have been when

Jesus lived there, its narrow, roofed streets and colorful marketplace evoke Biblical times, and today's Galileans still harvest their wheat in much the same manner of their ancestors. Along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, fishermen still cast their nets into the lake, just as Peter, Andrew, James and John must have done.

There have been many changes in

the land where Jesus once walked, but the thoughts of Christians will be turning back to that wondrous event that took place there in another time, in a small Judean town called Bethlehem.

Signs of Christmas

I always know when the Christmas holidays are here. Every night when I come home, the kids are too thoughtful, courteous and quiet. Why, I have to check the address to see if I'm at the right house!

"Forget injuries, never forget kindness."

Confucius

What Kind of Pudding?

Overheard during a committee at Christmastime: "Now, in behalf of the annual Christmas Dinner Fund—what we need, Folks, is not abstract sympathy but concrete plum puddings!"

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Energas File Against Cabot

Energas Company (O) nounced recently that it has filed a complaint with the Commission of Texas against Cabot Corporation and its subsidiary, Cabot Gas, for acquiring transmission of Westar Transmission Co.

In the complaint file, Energas alleges that Cabot and Westar have certain utility property supply contracts from Westar, a non-utility affiliate of Cabot and Westar have refused to provide information required to substantiate the accuracy and appropriateness of the October gas bill is filed with Energas.

Also alleged in the complaint is that the reason for the higher priced gas purchased from Cabot or Westar was due to the utility company in lower priced gas supply may have been available. If this occurred, utility customers burdened with unnecessary costs.

Charles K. Vaughan, chief executive officer of Energas, said the company considers the complaint to be a serious matter, particularly this time because of the winter volumes now being by gas customers at a time which we have been unable to get a satisfactory explanation from Cabot and Westar representatives.

"If the concerns of Energas are verified by the Railroad Commission, we are confident that the Commission will order action from Cabot for any charges resulting from the actions, and will establish proper mechanism for

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We pray that and under throughout

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Energas Files Complaint Against Cabot Corporation

Energas Company (OTC) announced recently that it has filed a complaint with the Railroad Commission of Texas against Cabot Corporation and its newly acquired transmission operation, Westar Transmission Company.

In the complaint filed today, Energas alleges that Cabot and Westar may have transferred certain utility property and gas supply contracts from Westar to a non-utility affiliate and that Cabot and Westar have failed or refused to provide information required to substantiate the accuracy and appropriateness of the October gas bill issued to Energas.

Also alleged in the Energas complaint is that the utility has reason to believe that higher priced gas purchased from affiliated producers or suppliers of Cabot or Westar was delivered to the utility company instead of lower priced gas supplies that may have been available. If that did occur, utility customers were burdened with unnecessary costs.

Charles K. Vaughan, chairman and chief executive officer of Energas, said the company "considers the complaint to be a most serious matter, particularly at this time because of the larger winter volumes now being used by gas customers at a cost for which we have been unable to get a satisfactory explanation from Cabot and Westar representatives.

"If the concerns of Energas are verified by the Railroad Commission, we are confident that the Commission will order a refund from Cabot for any excess charges resulting from their actions, and will establish a proper mechanism for future

billings by Cabot. Any refunds received by Energas will be passed on to our customers," said Vaughan.

The current pricing mechanism was established in 1979 by the Railroad Commission when Energas and Westar were one company under the former name of Pioneer Natural Gas Company. Since that time, the predecessor company was split to form the Westar Transmission Company and Energas Company. Energas Company was separated from the parent Pioneer Corporation in October of 1983 and became an independent publicly held company. Just two and a half months ago, Pioneer sold Westar to Cabot.

Because all former affiliated relationships have changed and all company ownerships have changed, Vaughan said he felt it was in the best interest of Energas and the company's customers to have the Railroad Commission investigate prior charges by Cabot on the West Texas system and establish a proper pricing mechanism for the future.

"At the time we became an independent company some 13 months ago, the new Energas management pledged its best business effort to provide adequate supplies, efficient service and a reasonable and accountable gas cost to Energas customers," said Vaughan.

"Energas is absolutely committed as a business and as a utility to conduct our operations in that manner for our customers, employees and shareholders. Because of the current and regrettable situation, Energas management felt it necessary to take this action to clarify our future

business procedures and regulatory requirements."

The gas costs paid by Energas to Westar are passed on to some 210,000 gas customers in 63 incorporated communities and other rural areas on Energas' West Texas System. Also affected, but to a lesser degree, are over 59,000 customers on the utility's Amarillo system where Energas uses gas from Westar to supplement its other major supply for that city.

"We are unable at this time to determine any specific level of refund or price reduction that may be appropriate," said Vaughan. "As the detail required to make such a determination becomes available, we will present our evidence to the Railroad Commission and request that appropriate action be taken."

PROTECT HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Your house doesn't have to be hit by lightning for your household electronic equipment to be affected in an electrical storm, says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service home economist.

You may have noticed during a thunderstorm that your lights flicker. That means there's been a power surge caused by lightning, says Bonnie L. Piernot.

It lasts only an instant, but that surge can damage microchip circuitry in your home computer, telephone answering device, microwave oven or anything else that uses microchips, she says.

The surest way to minimize the threat is to disconnect or at least turn off anything with microchip circuitry during a severe thunderstorm, Ms. Piernot advises. You can also buy a device that plugs into AC outlets and protects microchip circuitry.

Only the inner wood of ebony is dark colored. The outerwood, or sapwood, is white, grayish-white or pinkish-white.



In some parts of Java, houses were never built of more than one story since it was thought to be another person's head.



**At festive times like this,
it's so nice to be able to say "thanks"
to our many customers.**

Eugene and Loetta Ferguson

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We pray that the spirit of peace and understanding will prevail throughout this blessed season.

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Chicken nuggets make holiday buffets easier

Pine boughs and holly, candlelight and tinsel — signs of the holiday season and nostalgic reminders of festive gatherings with family and friends.

This year, you can create party memories with the help of new Kentucky Nuggets. Available at Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets, Kentucky Nuggets are tender, bite-sized morsels of chicken coated in the Colonel's famous secret blend of herbs and spices.

With hectic holiday entertaining in mind, three new recipes have been developed using Kentucky Nuggets. All three are quick, easy and guaranteed to make the host's life easier.

Taking center stage on the buffet table is "Taco Nugget Salad," a colorful, do-ahead layered salad. The medley of flavors is accented by a sauce so rich and delicious that no one will guess how easy it is to make.

For parties of any size, forget last-minute kitchen chores and serve "Nugget Kabobs." Assembled ahead, and brushed with Sweet 'n' Sour Sauce, the skewers of nuggets, pineapple, green pepper and cherry tomatoes are ready to heat and serve when guests arrive.

Versatile nuggets star once again in "Nugget Rye Rounds." Melted Swiss cheese hides the extras in this fancy but easy appetizer.

TACO NUGGET SALAD

- 20 Kentucky Nuggets
- 1 large head lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces
- 2 tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 onion, thinly sliced



Here's hoping this holiday season is the best one yet!

JESSIE REAGAN
Your Avon Representative

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NUGGET RYE ROUNDS

- 20 Kentucky Nuggets
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 pack Kentucky Fried Chicken Horseradish sauce
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions
- 20 slices cocktail rye bread
- 1 cup (4 ounces) finely shredded Swiss cheese

Paprika

Cut each nugget in half horizontally; set aside. Combine mayonnaise, horseradish sauce and green onion; spread mixture on cocktail rye. Place nugget half cut-side-down on top of each cocktail rye. Sprinkle with cheese and paprika. Bake in 350 degree oven 5 minutes or until cheese is melted. Makes 20 appetizers. ▲

HOLIDAY MAILING TIPS

When a holiday present or special card doesn't arrive by the big day, it's hard to say who is more disappointed — the sender or the receiver.

According to Janet Groseclose, supervisor of mail services for R.J. Reynolds Industries' headquarters offices, a little advance work on the part of the sender can ensure that packages arrive on time and in good shape.

Groseclose, who oversees the handling of more than 26 million pieces of mail each year, says the following "do's and don'ts" will help holiday gift-givers:

- Do mail early. The hectic holiday pace can make it hard to find time to wrap packages and address cards, but resist the temptation to put off mailing.
- Don't get caught in long lines at the post office. Lunch-

time and late afternoon are always busy times, so buy stamps and drop off packages in off-peak hours.

• Do provide full addresses, including zip codes, on all letters and packages. Write clearly using pens that will not smudge or smear. Include a return address on all mail items.

• Don't use flimsy boxes, thin paper or cellophane tape when wrapping packages. Use sturdy cardboard boxes and heavy wrapping paper. Specially made mailing tape is better than cellophane or masking tape.

• Do protect the items you mail from possible damage. Loose items should be cushioned with newspaper, plastic foam or air-

pocket padding. Specially padded envelopes can be purchased and used for some items.

• Don't guess the amount of postage needed to mail packages and oversized envelopes. Weigh odd-sized envelopes to be sure adequate postage is used.

• Do relax and enjoy receiving holiday mail after all of yours is readied and sent. ▲



Actor Boris Karloff's real name was William Henry Pratt.

JOY TO ALL

Let voices join in joyous song exulting in the glory of this festive season and all it holds dear.

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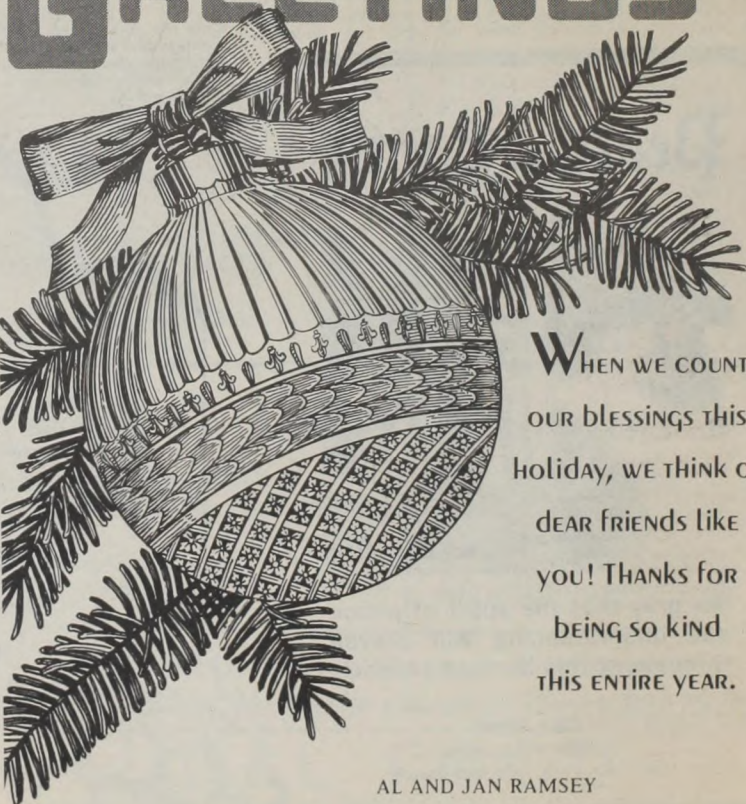
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Here's hoping this happy time is filled with all the best!

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WHEN WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS THIS HOLIDAY, WE THINK OF DEAR FRIENDS LIKE YOU! THANKS FOR BEING SO KIND THIS ENTIRE YEAR.

AL AND JAN RAMSEY

Holiday plants enhance season

Many plants are synonymous with Christmas. Probably the most well-known is the holly. The association is that of frankincense. The Boswellia carterii, from which frankincense is derived, is related to the turpentine tree. It has star-shaped flowers and aromatic resin can be made into incense. At one time frankincense was considered to be as precious as gold. Thus, the gift of frankincense to the Christ Child was indeed a precious one. The commiphora myrrha, an unlikely-looking plant to be associated with the holiday season, is from this shrub — bearing thorns — that the Magi's journey was obtained.

Christians aren't the only ones who've decked their halls with holly; the ancient Druids had this custom. Believing that spirits dwelled within the plants, the Druids sought to protect them from frost and wintry winds by bringing the plants indoors.

The early Romans sent holly to friends and neighbors as a Christmas gift. Celebrated in December, the Saturnalia festival, was combined with pagan customs of Christianity during the Middle Ages. Thus, holly came to be a symbol of Christ, the Divine Word, whose prickly points and red berries reminded the faithful of the thorns that awaited the Christ.

Mistletoe was well-known to the Druids by the name of all-heal. Christians would use mistletoe as a symbol of Christ, the Divine Word. The Druids also used mistletoe as a symbol of peace and good will. Enemies would embrace under the mistletoe on Christmas Eve.

Perhaps no plant is as synonymous with Christmas as the poinsettia. Brought back from Mexico by Joel Poinsett during the 19th century, the plant flourished here in the United States. Today, it is a popular holiday plant in churches and homes during the holiday season. Its red bracts are the star of Bethlehem, and probably why Mexicans call it the flower of the Holy Night.



Have Safe Holidays!

- Keep your holidays by following some safety tips:
1. The milky substance from poinsettias is said to be toxic if swallowed. Some decorative berries are harmful if swallowed. If you have small children or pets, you will want to keep these Christmas plants out of reach.
 2. It's not wise to put lights or paper around the base of a Christmas tree. Christmas tree skirts should be non-flammable.
 3. Keep your live Christmas tree's stand filled with water. Dried-out Christmas trees catch fire quickly.

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The early Romans sent branches of holly to friends and neighbors during the Saturnalia festival, which was celebrated in December. Missionaries combined such pagan customs with those of Christianity during the 7th century. Thus, holly came to be a symbol of Moses' burning bush, and its prickly points and red berries reminded the faithful of the crown of thorns that awaited the Christ Child.

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Christmas is that wonderful time of year filled with the laughter of children and the warmth of friendship. We look forward to a wonderful holiday and we hope that all of our loyal friends and patrons will have a great holiday, too. We enjoy working with you and we take great pleasure in wishing you the best wishes for the season.

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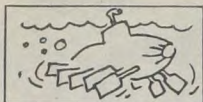
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Tidbits of Texas Christmas Tradition

Exchanging gifts with friends and relatives has long been a Christmas tradition and Texas has received at least two presents that will long be treasured.

The U. S. Congress formally accepted the new Texas State Constitution on December 29, 1845. Although the event missed Christmas by four days, it nonetheless marked the formal entry of Texas into the family of states.

On Christmas Day 1872, a tiny wood-burning locomotive pulling a string of cars crossed the Red River from Indian Territory and chugged into the new town of Denison to become the first train ever to enter the state from the North.

Looking for something for you and your family to do this Christmas season that's both fun and educational? Tour the exhibit floor of The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures and learn more history tidbits like these through interpretive displays of the 25 major ethnic and cultural groups which settled the state.

How about a performance of the Christmas Puppet Show at The Institute of Texan Cultures? The cast in this flavorful plot includes Ms. Tamale, Gingerbread Man, Cookie Dough and Plum Pudding as the puppets describe the many treats we Texans eat at Christmas. Call 226-7651 for show times.

After the show, stop at the Institute Store to buy some last minute stocking stuffers including wooden toys, the book "Texas and Christmas: A Collection of Traditions, Memories and Folklore," ornaments depicting everything from oil rigs to longhorn cattle, packets of blue bonnet seeds and clips for putting real candles on your Christmas tree.

Special presents for the kids include "The First Christmas: 16 Greeting Cards from Early Woodcuts for Hand Coloring" and "The Night Before Christmas Coloring Book." For children of all ages, the books and pamphlets in "The Texans and the Texans" series published by the Institute on Afro-American, Anglo-American, Belgian, Chinese, Czech, Danish, French, German, Greek, Indian, Irish, Italian, Jewish, Mexican, Norwegian, Polish, Spanish, Swiss and Wendish Texans make interesting gifts.

The Institute of Texan Cultures will be closed Christmas Day but is open Tuesday through Sunday throughout the remainder of the holiday season. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and admission is free. The Institute of Texan Cultures is located at the corner of Bowie Street and Durango Boulevard on HemisFair Plaza in downtown San Antonio.

"For the lonely one even noise is a comfort."
Friedrich Nietzsche

Old English Blessing

God bless thy year!
Thy coming, thy
going out,
Thy rest, thy
travelling about,
The rough, the
smooth,
The bright, the drear,
God bless thy year!



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