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## Quake Rattles Coleman

At least one small quake rattled our neighbors in Coleman, last Friday, but no damage or injuries were reported.

The 3.1-magnitude tremor struck at 3:33 a.m. CST, geologists said.

"We had a report of south of Abilene, near Coleman," said John Minsch, a geophysicist for the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo.

Some residents of Coleman said they also felt the ground shake later Friday morning during what has been reported as an aftershock. Both quakes rattled windows and some residents felt a small tremor, but there were no reports of damage.

Most people in the community seemed to think the shock was actually a sonic boom which is not at all unusual in this area. It wasn't until they heard the reports from Mr. Minsch that it dawned on them what had occurred.

Coleman Chamber of Commerce manager Mary Griffin said she could see the glass shake in her building and the building across the street when the second tremor took place. Griffin said, "For a second, it gave one a very weird feeling. It was over in seconds, but it definitely got our attention."

Some Coleman County citizens reported experiencing the aftershock from the quake that hit Alpine earlier in this year.

## HDO Wants To Sell Trailer, Shed Off Sealy Hospital Lot

The Santa Anna Historical Development Organization is taking sealed bids for two structures located on the Sealy hospital property.

Separate sealed bids will be accepted on the single car shed and on the mobile home at the southwest corner of the hospital property.

Any bid pricing both items or a

## Council Will Talk Later About Consolidating Office Space

The Santa Anna City Council met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 12.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bobby Morgan called the meeting to order. Others presents were councilpersons Karen Morris, Jim Spillman and Mike Pritchard and City Secretary Alys Pelton.

Pelton reported that the state requirements on records management have been simplified and consolidated into one report for all departments within the City.

Items tabled during the meeting included discussion, action concerning the consolidation of City offices and action of parking restrictions, Personnel Sick Leave, and the discussion and action on an Agreement with the Nutrition Center.

The scheduled Executive Session was cancelled. Accounts Payable were reviewed and approved for payment.

The council agreed to call a special meeting on Friday, December 15 at 8:30 p.m., immediately following the City Christmas Party.



# CHRISTMAS...

May the serenity and joy of the Holy Family inspire you with the spirit of love and peace during this holy season.

single sheet will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, 1996.

The successful bidder or bidders will have thirty days to remove the items.

Board members and their relatives are prohibited from bidding.

Bids may be turned in at the HDO office located in Chamber of Commerce building.

### SPECIAL MEETING

The Santa Anna City Council met in a special called meeting on Friday, December 15. Present for the meeting were Mayor Danny Kellar, Councilpersons Karen Morris, Jim Spillman, Mike Pritchard, Robert Noreiga and Bobby Morgan, and City Secretary Alys Pelton.

Councilman Noreiga presented the council with the idea of moving the municipal judge's office into the City Hall leaving available office space which possibly could be rented. The council will consider the idea at the January meeting.

Councilman Spillman made the motion to work on employee parking in the alley and encourage employees to do so. A guard light will be install behind the City Hall for the new parking spaces.

Councilman Morris asked about an old ordinance for police parking in the front of the old police offices. The council felt that the police car should be parked on the street where it can be seen. The council agreed to pay eligible employees six days of sick leave

## Local Resident Dies In Pedestrian-Vehicle Accident

A longtime resident of Santa Anna is dead as result of a pedestrian-vehicle accident which took place Saturday evening at the overpass between here and Coleman.

Mauricio Rendon, Jr., 69, was killed as he was walking on U.S. Highway 84. According to DPS investigating officer, James O'Shields, the accident occurred when a southbound van crossed the overpass at about 8:15 p.m.

According to the report, as the driver of the van, also a Santa Anna resident, approached the top of the overpass he observed a man walking briskly in the center of the

## Local Churches Announce Holiday Schedules

Several of the local churches have announced changes in their services for the upcoming holiday weekends.

The First Presbyterian Church will hold services at their regular time on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve morning but will have no evening service.

The Northside Church of Christ will have their regular services both

and carry over any remaining days to the next year.

The executive session was cancelled and evaluations were postponed for six months.

Since there was some questions, about the agreement from the Coleman County Nutrition Center was tabled until a meeting could be arranged.

roadway. As his van, headed toward Santa Anna, drew closer to the man walking in the roadway, the man appeared to step directly in front of the moving vehicle.

Rendon was struck by the left front side of the van and killed instantly. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:00 p.m. by Coleman County Judge Sherrill Ragsdale.

Funeral services for Mr. Rendon, directed by Henderson Funeral Home, were held Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman with burial in Santa Anna Cemetery.

The Northside Baptist will not be having services on Christmas Eve night.

The First Baptist Church will have no services on Christmas Eve

or New Years Eve night. The morning services will be at the regular scheduled times.

The Methodist Church will hold a Candlelight Services on

Christmas Eve beginning at 7 p.m.

On New Years Eve night they will hold a Covenant Service at 7:30

p.m. followed by a New Year's Eve gathering. They will be having regular morning services on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

## School Board Adopts Open Campus Policy For Seniors Only .....During Spring Semester

The Santa Anna Independent School District Board of Trustees met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 11.

Board members present were Marty Donham, Edwin Hipsher, Dickie Horner, Roddy Dean and Sharon Guthrie.

Others present were Superintendent Dean Bass, Elementary School Principal Lee Coffman, School Secretary Carole Voss, School Business Manager Judy Hartman and High School Principal Sam Huffman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

The payment of bills for the month of December was approved.

High school principal Sam Huffman reported on the results of a trial open campus period which was held last spring. The report was that the senior class had abided by the conditions set down in the original proposal for open campus.

The motion was approved to allow the seniors to have open campus for the last semester of the 1995-96 school year. Board members Hipsher, Dean, Guthrie and Horner voting in favor with Donham opposing.

The reading and discussion of local policy update #50 was conducted. The second reading will be held at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Bass reported that our application for the facilities grant has been submitted to TEA. Otto Grove of the TEA has assured Bass that the application will be approved.

The January board meeting will be held on Monday, January 8. All board members voted in favor with the exception of Donham.

Bass reported that the computer room renovation has been completed by Montie Guthrie using the material donated by the J. E. Stevens Co. of Coleman. Some unused materials were returned to J. E. Stevens Co., leaving a credit balance with which to purchase paint for the room.

Coffman explained the necessity of splitting the second grade and how it will be accomplished.

Bass reported on measures currently being taken to control students at the basketball games. He also stated that these measures will alleviate congestion in the foyer of the gym, around the concession stand and restrooms.

## Group Needs To Borrow Tools For Working On Old Sealy Hospital Bldg.

The Santa Anna Historical Development Organization is still in need of tools. Any citizen having hand tools available to be borrowed need to contact the Chamber of Commerce office. Especially needed are square shovels and wheelbarrows. Other tool, such as hammers, nail bars, rakes, hoes and

sledgehammers are also needed. All tools will be catalogued, marked and returned to their proper owners. Any lost or damaged tools will be replaced.

Contact the Chamber office 348-3535, Rod Musick, 348-3130 or Montie Guthrie, 348-3826.

## Patterson Purchases Weaver Building For Cabinet Business

The Santa Anna Historical Development Organization has sold the landmark Weaver Building located across from Simmons Feed and Seed to local builder Gary Patterson.

The HDO purchased the building in November, 1994 in hopes of finding a way to restore and preserve the local landmark which has been declare eligible for the National Register of Historic Places

by the Texas Historical Commission.

The building was constructed about 1900 by the grandfather of local citizen Burgess Weaver and housed the W. R. Kelly & Co. prior to its move to the Opera House.

Patterson plans to restore the building's historic flair and house his cabinetry and furniture building there.

## Senior Citizen Christmas Party Set For Dec. 22

Delta Omicron Sorority will be hosting a Christmas party for all senior citizens on Friday, December 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Mountain City Community Center (Hi-Rise).

All seniors are invited to come and enjoy the fun and visiting.

## Open House And Bake Sale At Nutrition Center Thursday, Dec. 21

By Barbara Kingsbery  
The Santa Anna Nutrition Center, located in the Civic Center (former Armory building) is inviting the public to an open house, Thursday, December 21.

The Chamber of Commerce monthly get-together will start at 7:30 a.m. and the Center will be open until 1 p.m. to serve those enroute to their work or during the

noon hour.

In addition to the open house and refreshments, a bake sale will be held with all proceeds from the homebaked goods to be used for the nutrition program for senior citizens.

Everyone in the community is invited to go by during the day Thursday.

## See You In 1996

The Santa Anna News will be closed for vacation until Monday, January 1, 1996. A paper will be published for next week, however since it will be printed early, you may notice an absence of some current events. Those stories which are still timely and of importance to our community will be included in the first edition of the new year.

Please use our drop box to deposit news items or ads for that edition. Let us know about your holiday visitors or trips. Thanks for your consideration.

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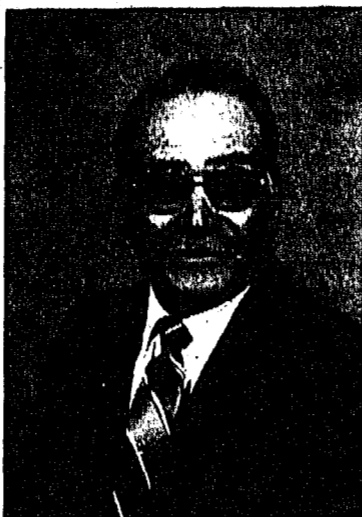
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**Obituaries**



**Mary Jo Ricks**

SAN ANGELO—Mary Jo Ricks, 65, died Monday, Dec. 18, 1995 after a long illness.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Mitchell officiating. Graveside services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Santa Anna Cemetery.

She was born Jan. 23, 1930 in San Angelo to the late Carl D. and Karin Ragsdale Autrey and retired from the city of San Angelo in 1992. She was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She married George Ricks in 1947 in Kermit.

Survivors include her husband; four daughters, Rita Smetance and Sharon Ricks, both of San Angelo; Connie White of Comanche and Theresa Lambert of Abilene; her mother, Karin Autrey; 7 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by an aunt, Lela Parker of Denison.

**Maurice Rendon**

Maurice Rendon, 69, of Santa Anna, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995, at 8:17 p.m. following a pedestrian-auto accident near Coleman.

Rosary services were held Monday, Dec. 18, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Henderson Funeral Home Chapel in Santa Anna. Funeral mass was held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Larry Cyr officiating. Burial was at Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Henderson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

He was born to the late Mauricio and Tomasa Frausto Rendon in Whon, Texas on Aug. 24, 1926. He was a lifetime resident of Coleman County where he attended the Leedy Schools. Maurice married Carmen Vasquez on Aug. 30, 1948 in Greelee, Colorado and they celebrated 47 years of marriage.

He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Holy Name Society, Cursillista and retired in 1991 from Santa Fe Railroad. He was involved in Loaves and Fishes Ministries of Coleman and was a volunteer for distributing food to the elderly in Santa Anna.

Survivors include his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Josie Rendon of Corpus Christi; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rita and Ben Luera of Voss, Becky and Robert Balderas of Santa Anna and Mary and Jim Spivey of Abilene; four sisters, Consuela Ruiz of Slaton, Beatrice Solis and Lillie Gallegas, both of Lubbock and Oralia Martinez of Kermit; four brothers, Gilbert Rendon of Greelee, Colorado, Louis Rendon of Arizona, Rubin Rendon of Lubbock and Raul Rendon of Slaton; and 16 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Michael Bakonyi, Benny Luera, Michael Luera, James Rendon, John J. Rendon and Josh Spivey.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Holy Name Society.

**Eula G. Hayes**

Eula G. Hayes, 91, of Plainview, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1995 at Childress Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995 at 9th and Columbia Church of Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulla under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

She was born Aug. 18, 1904 in Trickham. She married Henry H. Hayes July 20, 1924 in Voss and he preceded her in death Jan. 7, 1985. She attended school at Voss. She was a teacher and a member of 9th and Columbia Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Howard Hayes of Halls and Weldon Hayes of Childress; one brother, Curtis Van Dalsem of Kerrville; 8 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter and one son.

**Lamb And Goat Shear Dates Set**

According to the Coleman County Stock Show rules, all lambs and goats must be sheared between December 15-31 to be eligible to show.

Two shearings are planned, one in Coleman and the other at Panther Creek.

The Coleman shearing will begin at 8 a.m. December 27 at the rodeo grounds.

The Panther Creek shearing on December 30 will begin at 9 a.m. at the school.

If you miss these two shear dates and do not have your animals sheared elsewhere before January 1, you cannot participate in the Coleman County Show.

**Stork Report**

Eddie and Mary Ann Hartman wish to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Sarah Katherine, born December 13, 1995 in a San Angelo hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz.

Parents are James and Tanya Hartman. Sarah is also welcomed by a sister, Magan and great-grandparents, Edd and Ruby Hartman.

Monty and Janera Cagle of Seminole are proud to announce the arrival of a daughter, Hanna Lauren, born Friday, December 15, 1995. She weighed 7 lb., 3 oz.

Grandparents are John and Juanita Naron of Santa Anna and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cagle of Odessa.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

DECEMBER 22  
Lois Avants  
Blake Williams

DECEMBER 23  
Fernando Castillo Jr.

DECEMBER 24  
Manuel Salazar  
Mr. and Mrs. John ZuZu

DECEMBER 25  
Christy Noel Strother  
Bob Runyan  
Mr & Mrs O.H. Watson

DECEMBER 26  
Reece McIver  
Celeste Simmons  
Mr & Mrs Danny Wheatley

DECEMBER 27  
Scott Findley  
Mr & Mrs Larry Steele

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**Rockwood News**  
By Sandra Wilson

We had a few days of almost summer weather this past week. Sunday we had a few small showers and cooler weather. Monday the north wind is blowing and it has been cloudy all day. It misted a couple of times but nothing measurable. One thing about Texas weather, if you don't like it, just wait a day or two and it will change.

I would like to take this time to wish each and everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Tony Rehm and Charle Smith were drop in visitors with Johnnie Steward during the week.

Tuesday Lois Bryan quilted and Bill and Lois visited with Jack and Skeeta Cooper. Wednesday Royce and Wanda McIver visited.

Vivian Steward and Faye Wise did some Christmas shopping in Brownwood

Wednesday, Cecil and Pat Vance were in San Antonio shopping Saturday and picked up their granddaughter Nikki Holcomb, who is spending the week.

Minnie Bray went to New Braunfels Friday to visit L. D. and Kim Whitton, Clay and Katie. Clay and Katie returned Sunday with Minnie and will be spending the week.

Tuesday morning Rolan Deal visited with Jr. and Nell Brusenhan. Wednesday they were in Brownwood on business and visited in Brady with Freddie Polk and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hull and attended Bible study at the Dean's in Coleman with Minnie Bray. Thursday morning Nell quilted. Friday afternoon she was at Ranger Park Nursing Home to help with the Christmas party and visited with Dick and Johnnie Deal in Coleman. Sunday afternoon Blake Williams visited.

Thursday Elec and Rose Cooper drove to Coryell City for a band concert and visited with the Ronnie Cooper family returning home Friday.

Friday evening Hank, Darla, Hunter and Hayden Wise attended the Cubs basketball activities. Saturday Janet Barker, the Mike Barker family, Jim Barker family, Alicia and Mizzi White and Keith Neal stopped by for a Christmas get together. Sunday evening Hunter and Hayden participated in a play at the Gouldbusk Methodist Church.

Hayden Wise visited with Faye Wise Sunday night. Faye attended the play at the Gouldbusk Methodist Church.

Garland McSwain visited with Blake Williams.

Spending the weekend with Claudia Rutherford were Bob, Margot and Megan Rutherford and Tony Abernathy. Drop in visitors Saturday were Mark and Larry Rutherford. Jennifer, Cody, Haley, Travis and Julie visited Saturday. Claudia attended a Christmas party Sunday night in the home of Billie Guthrie. Jennifer Rutherford is home for the holidays.

Kenneth and Sharon Spenwrath arrived Tuesday afternoon to attend the Cowbelles Christmas social in the home of Billie Marie Miller with Burgess and Gayle. Wednesday Burgess and Gayle were in San Angelo to meet Dilly Dockery for lunch and a little Christmas shopping.

Thursday afternoon I visited with Gladys Slayton and met Christy, Emily and Richard in Mason with Emily returning home with me. Saturday Elec and Rose Cooper visited briefly and Bo and Emily

**Basketball News**

By Melonie Smith  
The Lady Mountaineers traveled to Brookessmith Tuesday, December 12 and were defeated 59-26. Amanda Lishka had 9 rebounds, followed by Briana Homer 7, and Kristen Keeney and Brandi Martin, 5 each.

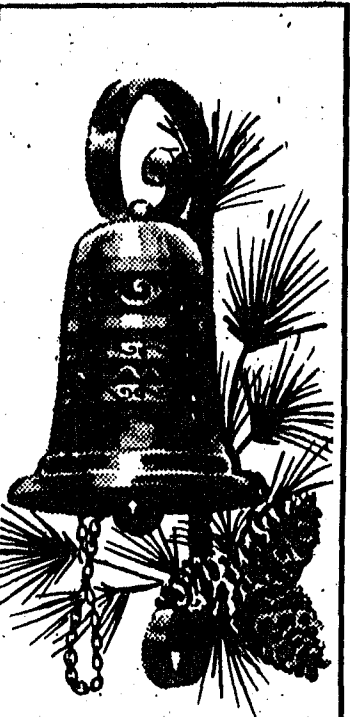
The Lady Mountaineers hosted the Mullin Bulldogs Friday, December 15 and ended the game with a victory of 60-29. Keeney had 11 rebounds, followed by Martin 8, Bertha Frausto 6 and Ami Beal 5.

The JV ended with a win also Friday night of 31-11.

Defensive player of the week is Kristen Keeney and offensive player of the week is Amanda Lishka.

The Lady Mountaineers will participate in the Rising Star Tournament, December 28-30 and will travel to Novice on January 2.

Brookessmith girls 59, Santa Anna 28  
Brookessmith (10-3) - Sarah Dorda 15, Christi Newcom 10, Sharna Dodds 8, Meredith Bobo 8, Jamie Bradley 7, Shannon Bailey 6, Kema Crawford 3, Kelly Zabel 2.  
Santa Anna - Lishka 9, Beal 6, Guerrero 5, Keeney 3, Martin 2, Frausto 1.  
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Brookessmith 13 12 18 15-59  
Brookessmith boys 69, Santa Anna 38  
Santa Anna - Abernathy 14, C. Lewis 8, Ato 9, Daniel 4, Chaney 4.  
Brookessmith (4-4) - Michael Bush 27, Wade Barksdale 18, J.R. Roberts 8, Jack Stockman 8, Brian Brislow 4, Chris Manning 2, Eric Welch 2.  
Santa Anna 3 9 14 12-38  
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Incumbent Willard Allen has filed for another term as commissioner of Precinct 1. Others making their intentions known are Wade Turner, Sheriff and County Attorney Joe Dan LeMay. Donna Seymore has filed as candidate for the Tax Assessor/Collector office. Billie Baker has announced she will retire from that office in February.

Persons wishing to file in the Democratic Primary can file with their party chairman, James Hunter, at Liveoak Real Estate in Coleman.

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# Dear Santa, Please bring me a.....

Dear Santa  
Please bring me headphones and a video game.  
I've been good.  
Love  
Christopher

Dear Santa  
How is Mrs. Clause today?  
Santa, I want a Saga for Christmas.  
My sister wants a Jeep for Christmas.

How are the Reindeer and the elves doing? Is it cold up where you are?  
There are 21 more days until Christmas.

How are you doing today I am doing fine today. I have been good this year. Santa Claus. My family have been good this year. And one more toy I wanted is a bike.  
Love  
Robby

Dear Santa,  
Hello! how are you and Mrs. clause? for Christmas I want a guitar please? Is Rudolph tired? are the elves busy? What I really want for Christmas is my sister to be nice to me. That is Jenna.  
Love  
Jesse Hensley

Dear Santa,  
Hello! Are your elves working good? your sleigh has to be big because you have to bring a lot of toys for the children. Are you ready for the big long night? Please bring me a card from you and one from Mrs. Santa too. I don't care what you get me. I don't want very much. Good bey.  
Love Durinda Puckett

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my toys. How are you doing? How are the elves? Could you, please give me a Dallas Cowboy suit and helmet and pads? How do you feel when you go out in the cold? How do you feel when you don't get presents? How is Mrs. Clause? My house number is 501.  
Love  
Logan Lacy

Dear Santa,  
I would be very happy if you would please bring me a skateboard? How Mrs. Santa clause and you How is Rudolph and the other Reindeer. I Love you SantClause. Would you please write a letter I want to live in the Northpole. I'm going to put out cookies and milk.  
My name is  
Zane Fikes

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa? I'm going to put out cookies and milk. I would A horse for christmas. Are you ready to head off in houses. I am ready too. I'm ready for you. are you rade for me. I Love you Santa. Do you Love me? I want a bike to. may I have a motorsikle please.  
Stevie Stenbridge

Dear Santa,  
Hello! Are the elves making a lot of toys? Will you bring me a saga ataz movie. And a dog that is in a box.  
Gregory Strength

Dear Santa  
I wish you could please bring me a Saga. I hope your reindeers are doing good to! Hope you could bring me a monster truck to and honeyou. your yife is doing good. your elves are doing good to. I wish you could please bring me a John deer dole truck and my name is Ryan Guerrero. but i'm going to put out cookies and hot co-co for you.  
Ryan Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
Thanke you for the gocart last christmas can You brang mya honted hiywaye and a sled and furniture for christmas. Thank you for lisining to my list ow and say hiy for my to every body at the workshop plus al the reindeer  
William

Dear Santa  
How are you?  
I will have some cookies and milk I hope. Are your reindeer ok?  
Will you please give me a Soupper Nintindo And a gocart. Will you please give me a dog and a cat and a hamster.  
Love  
Colt Alan Matin

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have fun. And I hope that you bring me alam clock. How is Mrs. Claus. And please bring me a Casper doll. Will you bring me a pocahontas barbie and I will love you some cookies and milk and will you please bring me a bird.  
Love  
Rainey Bacon

Dear Santa  
How are you and the raindeer? Will you bring me a skatebord? I will seint you a letter every christmas. how is Mrs. Clause? is she ok? I wonder if I car sent you a gift? I wish I was one of your workets. Do you thank I car be one of your workets? I love you. How do you get your raindeer to fly? rite to me. I bet it is cold up in the north pole. I love Mrs. Clause to.  
My name is  
Carl Wayne Sims

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I bet he is down fine please rite a letter to us and put it in are stockings and my how is Mrs. clause and my gown to be a good girl.  
And iuotea pet like last year and a keybord and a teysate  
My name is  
Bianca  
I Love you and Rudolph

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clause?  
How was christmas last year?  
Will you bring me a keyboard?  
Will you bring me a monster truck and a remote control car.  
Love  
Daniel Hull

Dear Sania,  
Hello! How are you feeling? Are you ready for your trip. Will you please bring me a puppy and a Batman frevor movie and a train set. How is Mrs. Clause and Reindeer doing and the elves. I Love all of you. I Live at Rt. 1, Box 1A 76878.  
Love  
Harmony Herring

Dear Santa,  
Hello! How is the elves? I live at R. 1 box 63 '8678. How is Mrs. Clause? Santa how is Rudolph the red nose reindeer?  
How is the reindeer? How are you Santa Clause? Will you please I rily love you bring me a baby cef pleas and to go with the cefe a little box with a colcer and a name tag named taroe.  
I love you Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause. than you from  
Raelee

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing and Mrs. Clause. I trid to be good. I what to live with you. will you please bring me rollerblas please. and a puppe dog. and a bike. thas all I know write now. I will live cookes and milk, please Santa Clause.  
Merry Christmas  
Love  
Vanessa Hull

Dear Santa,  
Hello! How are you. How ro you whil! Dasher is he doing fine with you! How is Mrs. Clause. Is she meking cookis are cake. I think sometime elves are getting hungry is she meking goodies. I hope she meking lots lots and lots of good. and please I want a keyboer and a fly princiss a bake set.  
Mayra Torres

Dear Santa  
How are you and How are the elves and please bring my fimley anything they wont and I only want one toy and that is a keyboard and I hope you go and delivr the pransats and I love you and I love you to Mrs. Clause.  
Love  
Marty Rodrigez

Dear Santa  
Are the reindeer ready to fly? Santa, please give me Princess Wishing Star and Pocahontas Barbie. I have been good this year. I will have cookies and milk for you.  
Love,  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I wish you well bring me a mustetrucke and a deer and elves and how is mrs. clause? and my name is Abraham Dancy

Dear Santa,  
Hil How is Mrs. Clause and Rudolph? I Love you very much. Will you please bring me a hamster? I will leave you some milk. I will leave some salt for the Reindeer. I hope you are getting rededy for christmas. How do you get arond the world in 24 hours? Last year I heard your bells and your Reindeer. Thank you for all the toys you have gave me.  
Love  
Jessica Pelton

Sant Cluos  
Dear Santa Claus I want a many bike and a three weeler and a basketball and a football and a soft annle and a Hamick and a gameboy and a super nitendow and a humonok  
Love Rudy

Dear Santa Clause,  
Here is what I want for Christmas....A bird, A teddy beare, My size princiss barbie, A marckebord, New lacupboots, A new western shirt, A barbie Jeep, A sister, A computer, a Sega genese.  
Love,  
Kathy

Dear Santa  
I want a video and a TV and a tee shirt.  
I've been good  
Jordan

Dear Santa  
I want a video game, a white one. And I want another video game, a black one. I want a batman and another batman. I want a superman game. I want two of them.  
Merry Christmas  
Manny

Dear Santa  
I would like to have head phones like my daddy's. That's all I want.  
Love you  
Alex

Dear Santa  
I want a video game, Super Mario I. I want lots of toys. I want some red blocks and some blue ones too. I want blue and orange and yellow balloons.  
Merry Christmas  
Anthony

Dear Santa  
I want a girl Barbie and a toy box. I also want play dough. Get Mama some dishes. Get me some clothes. I've been good.  
I miss you  
Danielle

Dear Santa  
I would like to have a bike that was black and yellow and a red four wheeler. I want a power ranger movie and a batman movie and give my sister a Barbie and coloring book.  
That's all  
Dalton

Santa  
Give me some candy. Thank you for bringing me candy. Thank you for giving me shoes. Please give me some headphones. I want to see you on Christmas.  
Shelby

Dear Santa  
Please bring me an Icebox and a dishwasher like at school. I want some baby dolls and that's all.  
I love you and I want to see you  
Shelly

Dear Santa  
I want a bicyle and training wheel. I want a new backpack and new toys. Please bring me a box for my colors. I also want a TV and a big old radio and a new book. I need a new airplane.  
Love J.P.

Dear Santa  
I want panty hose, ice skates, and a Barbie. I want a stroller for my brother. I want a lot of bows for my hair and a necklace and earrings.  
I love you Santa  
Courtney

Dear Santa  
I would like to have ten cars for Christmas.  
See you Christmas  
Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
I want a red bike for Christmas. Please bring a Ninetendo too and leave new shoes in my stocking. Put a Hershey bar in there too. I hope I go see you at the Mall. I'd like us to play!  
Love,  
Demitrus

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a Barbie with make-up and a baby Barbie. I'd like a toy mouse that dances around. Also a Santa that jumps around and turns like the one I used to have.  
Love,  
Desirah


Dear Santa,  
I'd like roller blades for Christmas. Also bring a baby doll and a Barbie and a stuffed dog that's brown and white.  
Who do you have in your family. Do you have any children?  
I'll leave you Oreos and milk on the TV.  
I love you Santa,  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a watch for Christmas. Jewelry, make-up and a baby doll would be nice too.  
Where are your reindeer Santa?  
Love,  
Dani

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a Barbie car for Christmas. I'd like a Barbie in a pretty black dress too. I want puzzles. Please leave candy bars! I sure have been good Santa!  
Love,  
Martika


Dear Santa,  
I'd like a red toy motorcycle. I'd like the Jurassic Park game and a bowl of real goldfish. My sister Natalie needs a new doll.  
Santa do you do a lot of work?  
I love you Santa!  
Love,  
Michael

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barney game, a Pochantas puzzle and the doll too! I also want Pocohontas books: Please leave gum and candy canes wrapped and some new clothes too. I've been good all year.  
Love, Sierra



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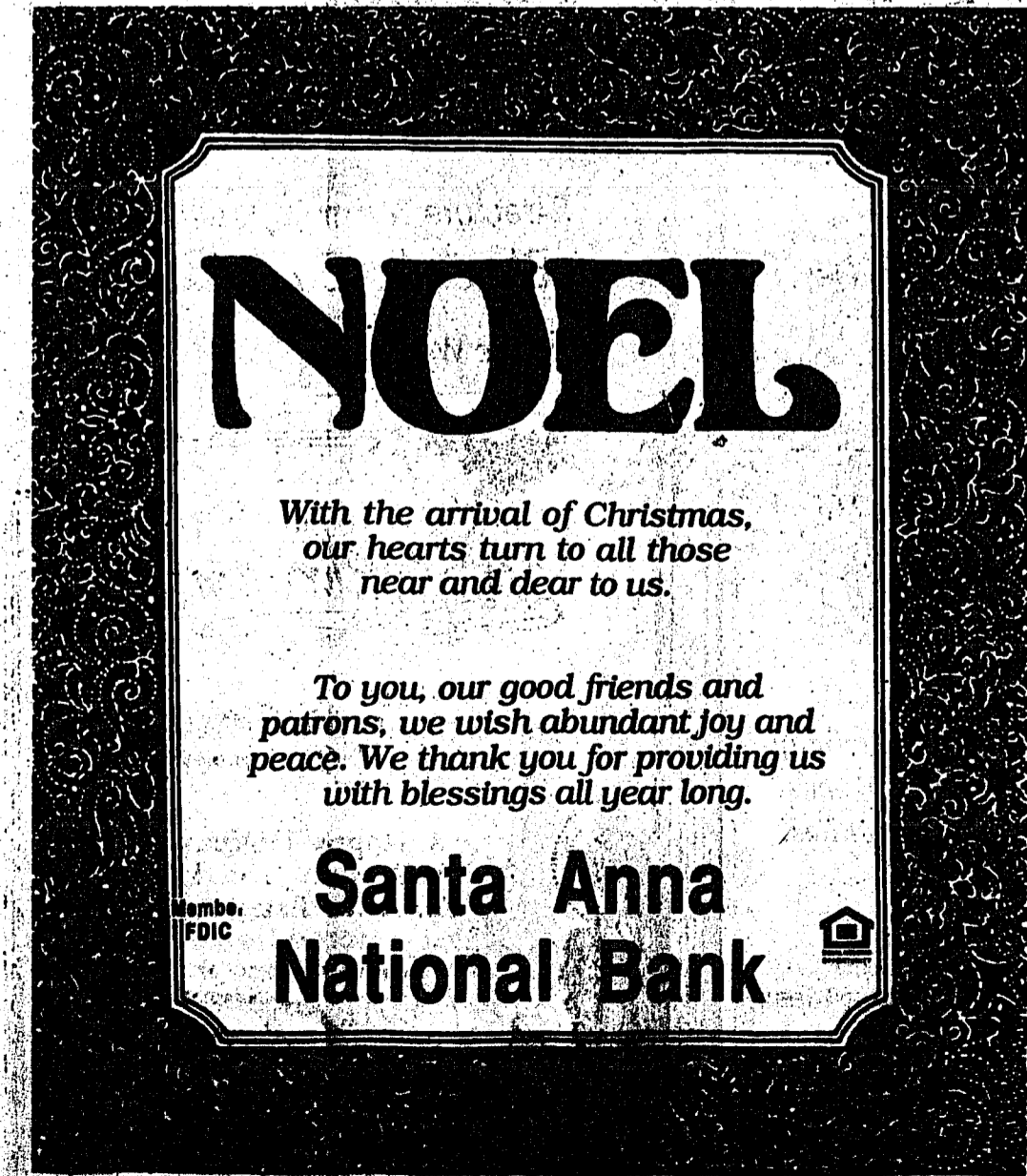
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Sharon Gault  
Selena Tomlinson



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# Dear Santa, Please bring me a.....

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a toy motorcycle to play with. Please bring a toy for my 2 baby brothers. Please bring me some little toy cars too.  
Leave the presents in the living room. Oh, and I need a monster truck.  
Love, Cesar

Dear Santa,  
I want a dump truck and a green bag. I want a gun that holds little soft balls. I'd like a bouncing ball too.  
I like gum and suckers.  
Love,  
Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
I want a black bike and skates and a football. Please bring me Christmas books too. I'd like candy canes and candy bars for my stocking.  
Love,  
Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I'd like new shoes for Christmas and new pants and shirt. I like toy dinosaurs. I like castles and people to go with it. I like Santa Claus books too. I want candy canes and peanut candy bars in my stocking too.  
I'll leave candy for you in your sleigh.  
Love,  
Kyle

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll in a pink dress and a toy ball that you throw at the wall and when it comes back to you it says something funny. It talks.  
I'll leave you a present, Santa.  
Love,  
Kendra

Dear Santa Claus  
Jelisa wont you to gave hur a big dol. be cause she wont a big dol. now be cause she like a dol not be cause my hizr and bor because we hur to have a big dol now be cause she wont to have a big dol. says mom and dod because she wont a big dol. now says jelisa be cause she wont a big dol. now because she wont a big dol. now  
luv  
jelisa

Dear Santa Claus  
How are your elfs. are you ok santa. I wot a truk and trlr and glvns and a scevtra cup and a cat.  
ILUVU  
TYLER

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a tv. I want a rasecar bike toydog toyat racetrack Sega jackbos car tran track  
luv  
christopher silva

Dear Santa Claus,  
I lic your Rad I wish you a hAppy. I wish you a happy noy big year. reindeer seck i wish you reindeer wish Get a lot betr for you go to peple hash love you christine

Dear Santa Claus.  
I luv Elves reindeer mrs. Claus Rudolph. I WONT a rase track rase car Iluv claus I hop RUDOLPH FELS BETR FOR CHRISTMAS.  
LUV  
TJ

Dear Santa Claus.  
I wot a sag and Power Rangers. Santa Claus how are you and reindeer and elfs  
Love  
Jesse

Dear Santa Claus.  
I want a bike car house and walkman and a tap.  
Love  
Simberly

Dear santa claus  
I want a bet car and a prir truck pop and I like everything cus like presit to me.  
LOVE ANUHAR

DEAR SANTA CLAUS  
I WANT A BIG PRESIT AND I HAVE A BIG PRESIT FROM MY MOM. I LICKE IT IT LOOKS LICKE MY BEST PRESIT. I LICKE MY PRESIT IT LOOKS GOOD  
LOVE  
CHYSTAL

I wont some erix. Iwonta tv. Iwont a stole. I wont a reindeer rudo the red nose reindeer. Is ine of the reindeers sick.Iwont a Jikadnbox.  
Love  
tracy

Dear Santa Claus,  
wont a tvand bick gocart forchnistmas  
love  
dwight

Dear Santa Claus  
I would like to have a tv and a gocart and a ball a cat a dog.  
Love  
Justin

dearsanta  
i want a gould a red a black power ranger. I want a batman with robin with a red cap,please bring my momma a gold necklace.  
love,  
Chris WARRICK, JR.

Dear Mr. Santa,  
I want a tape recorder with headphones. a barbie too. and a telephone too. and a puppy. and a tv with remote control i,ll leav you some cookie for you los and los of cookie, maybe more cookie thank you. and a barbie cor thank you mr. santa. i love you santa.  
Michelle Wetsel

Dear Santa,  
I love you santa wot well you bring me for christmas. i want a remotecontrol car and power ranger nintendo i Love you Santa.  
Dustin Deleon

Dear Santa,  
i Want power Rangers. wont you to bring me some for presents for christmas.  
Jimmy Grissam

DEAR SANTA,  
I WANT A BARBIECAR. I WANT A PUPPY TO.AND I WILL LEAVE YOU SOME COOKIES AND MILK TO.  
AUDRA

DEAR SANTA,  
I WANT BIKE A HORSE A COW BRASLT BOOK GOLD NECKLACE,i love santa  
fvom  
brittany wells

Dear Santa  
I WANT A REMOTECONTROL CAR AND A GO CART AND ALSO CAN YOU bring MY MOM A Pretty dress and my brother a new bike and my dad a new truck and my teache a new desk.  
I love you Santa.  
trely holt

Dear Santa.  
I want a skate board from you. I want some cande. can you bring me some pizza, can you bring my mom some flowers, can you bring my dad some tools, can you bring my brother some a new bike  
love  
JOSHUA RIVERA

DEAR SANTA,  
BARBY DOLL CAN I GET FOR CHRISTMAS. I LIKE PRESENTS. SANTA CLAUS I WANT A TEDDY. TOY BOAT, MONKEY, TOY TENT.  
MONICA CORTEZ

Dear Santa  
will you give me a lion king tape recorder and ear phones. and sand surpis'e and a pet bird and the game of life. and will you give benny joe a tape recorder and ear phones and basckit ball.  
Priscilla Guerrero

Dear Santa.  
i want candy, brown, stuffed dog toy monkey new crayons markers a green pencil please bring my big sister a ring my big brother a bike my little briother abatman my mom perfume and my dad a truck  
Love,  
Chris Brooks

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a go cart and a dog and too horses and a cat a cow. I like too chase my goat with my horses and I want a duck too.  
BEN

Dear santa  
I want a go cart and a super marrow to play with at home for ever monday and tuesday I will give it baCK.  
EMMANUEL

Dear Santa,  
I want a big new bicycle. Please bring me a new bed and some new clothes. I will be a good girl.  
Love,  
Tasha Allen

Dear Santa,  
I want a Yak back. I sure do need a new bicycle and a computer. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Austen Henson

Dear Santa,  
I want skates and lots of clothes. Please bring me a Barbie doll. I like you Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Keshia Wirt

Dear Santa Clause,  
Please bring me a pool table and the game called Triple Arcade. I want you to bring your reindeer to see me. I would like for you to come to school.  
Love,  
Terrence Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega and an X-man bad guy. I also want a Blackbird which is an X-man airplane. I also want a trampolene.  
Love,  
Jordan Smiley

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car that flips over. Please bring me a YakBak and a computer.  
Love,  
Cory Hopson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer and new clothes and shoes. I also want socks. A new bed would be nice. I also want paper so that I can write.  
Love,  
Jessica Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll and some read boots. I want some clothes and sandals. My sister needs houseshoes, earrings and a purse. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Kealie Tomlinson

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a bike, YakBak and some Lion King clothes. I will say Hi to you when you visit my house. I hope I don't scare you. Please leave something for Spur again this year. Please bring a stamper and a simba to go with Nola.  
Love,  
Becca Fellers

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer, clothes and a Barbie doll. If you have a Nintendo game I would like that too. I've been a good girl.  
Love,  
Victoria Bernal

Santa,  
When you come to my house I want a computer. I want a big truck and a fire truck.  
Love,  
Dimas Hernandez

Dear Santa;  
This is what I want for Christmas. The first thing I want is a watch and a pair of Nike's. A special gift would be for my uncle, who lives in Florida to come visit us at Christmas. I want my mom to have a best Christmas.  
your Friend,  
Alexis Deleon

Dear Santa  
This is what I want for Cristmas. I want a nentendo game and a baseball bat. Could you bring me a big stuffed animal and twenty dollars. I also would like to have a present for my Grandmother.  
Thank you  
Tana

Dear Santa  
This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a C. F. player and a pellet gun. I hope I have a lot of company for Christmas and get a lot of presents.  
Your Friend,  
Austin

Dear Santa,  
This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a toy tractor on a truck. Second I would like a sega game boy. Next I want a punching bag for my brother.  
Your friend,  
Ramiro

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for christmas, I want a motorcycle, a football and a C. D. player. I want to know if it is real cold down there and are your elves working very hard?  
Your Friend  
Julio

Dear Santa  
I am not asking for much this year. I would like to have a game for my sega and some baseball cards. I would also like to receive some clothes and if it is not to much to ask for, I would like some Deion Sanders shoes and that is all.  
Your friend  
Matthew Vasquez

Dear Santa  
This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a jam box and maybe boots. I would like \$80's. I would like some football cards. I might even like you to get a pair of shoes for Mr. Nixon.  
Your friend  
Charlie

Dear Santa,  
One thing that the world wants and needs is one little bitty insy winsy tiny day of peace. One thing that I would like for Christmas is to see my cousin, Katlyn, but there would have to be a miracle for that to happen.  
Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa  
This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like to have pair of gloves. I would also like to have a new bike. I would like a game called Sloppy Sam. Another thing I would like for Christmas is jewelry for my friend Michele. The last thing I want is a family bible.  
Thank you  
From your friend  
Kayla

Dear Santa  
This is what I want for Christmas. I would like a full-size punching bag and a Jordan jersey. Would you please bring a dress for my Mom.  
Your Friend  
Jeremy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a pair of roller blades. My dad says that will help my ankles get stronger. The reason I'm giving all of this information is because I'm going ice skating. I just want the whole world to be peaceful.  
Love  
Crystal Weisel

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want some trucks and a football. Please bring me some sega game. I would like a telescope to look at the stars. I wish everyone has a happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Richard Rankin

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bike and a remote control car. I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Charlie Davis

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish that all people could have homes. For myself I would like a new bike and some Barbies. I wish that my little sisters Loren and Molly would start feeling better.  
Love,  
Micah Pritchard

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a creapy crawler game to make creapy things. I want a football so I can play with my friends. One more thing. I would like a mini motorcycle. I wish every body a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Collin Stenbridge

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a gameboy or a gamegear. I also want a E. Smith T-shirt and a Troy Aikman shirt with a cap. I want a Kombat (D too. I wish that people who don't have Christmas trees would let us help you find one for your house.  
Love  
Felipe Patino

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish for you to please give me some skates and a CD-Radio player box. I wish for you to please give the people that don't have homes food or clothes some help this Christmas. Will you do that for me please? I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Hannah Collins

Dear Santa Claus,  
I don't want to make this long so I'll start with the things I really need. I want a Karaoke Machine please and I also want a new bike. One last thing I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Michele Noriega

Dear Santa,  
I would like a picture of a snow owl. I want a boxing bag. I would like the whole world to be happy with whatever they get.  
Love,  
Bryan Fellers

Dear Santa,  
I hope I get a No fear shirt or a Go fit shirt. I also want the game Mortal Kombat. I hope everybody gets what they want.  
Love,  
Jeffery Hale

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a new moutain bike. I also some video games. Santa I know that Christmas is not about gifts but it is about Jesus's brithday.  
Love,  
Kathy Ann Simmons

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Keep a promise  
Keep a secret  
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Send her favorite flower  
Let someone have the last word  
Return a smile  
Laugh at his favorite story-again  
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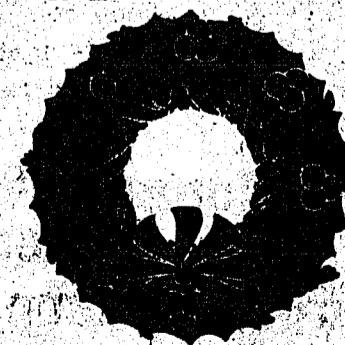
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# A Christmas Wonder.....

by Trudi S. Rutherford

It's fairly certain you've heard the Christmas stories of Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, Kris Kringle, the Grinch Who Stole Christmas, of The Fourth Wise man, but especially of the reason we celebrate this great feast, that Jesus came to earth to save mankind from evil and sinfulness being born in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. But have you ever heard the allegory of Camilla and Ernest Kringle who were not at all like their surname implied for they were very poor indeed and they had nothing at all to give to the populace at large, let alone their own dear family, during the Yuletide Season. Camilla had been very sick after the birth of their last child and the illness had depleted all of their savings and more: Ernest had lost his job at the Redi-Mix concrete plant in Coleman because the hospital kept calling him there to remind Ernest to pay his bill. Nor had the days of work he'd missed because Camilla needed him at home helped endear him to his boss. When Ernest was fired he looked for work for weeks on end. He even applied at Dairy Queen but he was over-qualified and the manager knew he would leave if ever a better offer came along. He hadn't much choice with six mouths to feed, so he hadn't fired him. Ernest did odd jobs for people with homes who had no caretakers. Some days he would chop wood for the widow Avants down the street, while on other days he would wash windows for old Mr. Binge whose children were coming to visit. Sometimes he worked for the town doing any work they gave him to earn his daily wages. No job was too menial for Ernest so he could bring home enough money to feed and clothe his four children.

Camilla was getting better, but was far from well. It had been the most challenging year of their life together. His darling wife was getting stronger, though, and had even decorated the house for Christmas with the help of the children who were so looking forward to their most cherished holiday. The baby Joey would be a year old soon, tottering and jabbering like a sailor on a stormy sea. It seemed so long ago that Camilla has been too weak to hold him when he was but a few weeks old.

The small house Ernest had purchased with the funds left to him when his Dad passed away was too small now for four children and the pair of them. It had been a struggle to keep it when the bank needed payment and his pockets were empty. Seems like scraped cash was as good as hundred dollar bills and somehow Ernest had always paid it on time. In fact, it had taken every penny today to make his monthly payment. He didn't have any left over to put gas in the car for the week.

The children seemed not to notice that their parents were scraping to get by or that they were all cramped in one bedroom even though the space was large enough. Anthony's bunk was under the eave on the east end of the house while the girls, Lisa and Michele's were at the west eave, leaving an area for their things in the center, where two large bureaus were placed back to back and an old cafeteria table kind of separated the loft into distinct bedrooms. The upstairs had never been finished off into rooms for, again, lack of funds. But it was warm and comfortable enough for the present.

Tonight, Camilla and Ernest sat the kitchen table after the children had gone off to bed so excited in anticipation of the morning's wonderful surprises.

"What shall we do? Camilla wrung her hands in desperation. "They have no idea how broke we are, and even if they did it wouldn't matter. They believe Santa will come and make us all rich with fulfilled dreams."

Ernest covered his face with his hands, then slowly let his head fall to the table. The tears that came were hard tears, ones that had not been shed the many times when he felt like sobbing in despair, but Ernest always believed things would get better, a job would be found, his children wouldn't suffer, if he would only be patient.

But, to Ernest, how could he watch his children's faces in the morning when they found nothing under the tree? For the first time in a year, Ernest felt the despair of prolonged

and tortuous hope unfulfilled. Every bone and sinew shed their bitter, stinging droplets. And what sort of Christmas Eve was he offering Camilla to be so downcast, he thought is desolation.

"Sweetheart. Don't." Camilla's voice was soft and soothing. "I know you've earned a good cry, but if one of the children were to come down and see you it would break their heart. It won't be so bad, really. We have a roasting hen for tomorrow and I've made a Custard Pie with the eggs Billie gave us. Each of the children will have an orange and an apple in their stocking that Mr. Wheeler let me have at half price. And I fashioned them each a doll out of some of your old socks. Sybil gave me some popping corn she had left over so we can have a great time with that. Also I've baked some cinnamon buns for breakfast. You know how much they love those. It'll be fine, you'll see. We'll just tell them that Santa must have forgotten, but he'll be back when he realizes it. Maybe next week Mrs. Warnock will call you from the paper. You know things always pick up there after Christmas."

Ernest knew he must control his anguish for Camilla's sake as well as the children's. He wiped his eyes with the back of his hands and forced a smile, but it didn't look at all like a smile, rather like a sinister sneer and if Camilla had not known and loved her husband, she might have thought him mad. They embraced long and with clinging hope in each other.

The embrace, however, rather than creating warmth, cooled them both noticeably so that they disengaged, seeing in their peripheral vision an added brightness coming from the living room which was directly through the archway from the kitchen. Simultaneously, they turned their heads to see a wee Child, no larger than a newborn, yet standing, smiling at them. This Child was of extraordinary beauty, golden ringlets, omniscient eyes that attracted both Ernest and Camilla inexorably to Him. His smile was seraphically angelic, and made them feel more at home in their own home than they had ever felt. Camilla and Ernest stood transfixed.

The Child extended his hand,

pointing at the broken trike in the corner near the back door. Ernest had repaired it as best he could but without

funds for paint and a new wheel, it was sadly of no use. But as the Child

pointed to it, the trike was transformed. The wheel straightened, the handlebars gleamed in the dim light, the peeling paint was renewed to its original sheen and lustre. It stood far and away better than it ever had. Then the Child shifted his arm and pointed at the assortment of toys by the sofa where Camilla habitually piled them every evening. Most were toys that had been discarded by chums of theirs and quasi-rejuvenated by Camilla or Ernest; a disheveled doll or two, with limbs gone, rusty toy trucks and cars, a nonfunctional video game, disfigured, holey balls of several sizes, a trove of scribbled and torn coloring books and broken crayons plus a variety of other broken playthings which, if touched by the children, were put back without joy or enthusiasm.

The Child's eyes rested on this pile of junk and His finger pointedly healed them. As Ernest and Camilla stared in awe, the toys were miraculously brought back to their original sparkling state. Each item gleamed with the desire to be touched and caressed. Dolls intact and beautifully attired; vehicles shiningly and completely restored. Color books lay fresh and unused, crayons whole and boxed as if newly arrived from the store.

Ernest and Camilla gasped in amazement, their minds racing with the knowledge of how their children would be overjoyed and not disappointed in the morning. They all but contained their own joy and gratitude to this Child who was performing miracles in a matter of seconds. But it became evident that the Child had not finished his work; He was pointing his magic finger at so many places in their home. The discolored ceilings, the faded walls, the drooping and shaggy curtains, the sluggish and lacklustre kitchen appliances, the drippy faucets, the rickety kitchen set. The entire room was immediately reborn; Neo-new appliances, solid table, sturdy chairs, satiny ceiling, bright walls. Camilla could hardly contain her elation, and Ernest stood

unable but wholly desiring belief.

In milli-seconds, the Child had pointed to every inch of the living room, pausing for an instant on the portable TV in the corner where it had sat unused for so many months because the picture was almost blank; the children didn't even watch it; and the stairwell where his finger hesitated just a blink of an eye to reveal to the couple that his miraculous finger had taken in the entire loft with all its furnishings.

Being satisfied with His work, the Child drew nearer to Ernest and Camilla who were still standing mesmerized. His entire presence emanated an aura of light, happiness and peace.

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW," He uttered in His childish voice that sounded so wise and all-knowing. "There is much love in this household, therefore I bring you my peace." With that, the Child was gone.

It took several minutes for Ernest and Camilla to realize where they were and what had just occurred. They looked to each other with such glowing faces that the entire house was lit up. As they looked around and saw it had not been a dream or a mirage or some kind of trick, their arms went around each other in gratitude and total humility that such a Presence could have come to them. Then they went around the house looking anew at every nook and cranny, every piece of furniture and appliance. Everything looked so new and bright. Camilla saw, too, when she opened the refrigerator that it was filled with every good thing to eat. Gone was Ernest's despair and worry. Gone completely, too, was Camilla's illness. They knew deep in their hearts that they need never worry again. Someone was watching over them and would help them get through anything.

"Come, Camilla," said Ernest. "We have just enough time to make the Midnight Mass. We must go and thank God for this most special gift He's given us. I'll run next door to ask Trish if she's mind skipping over

for an hour while you get ready."

As they sat quietly during the Liturgy, Ernest happened to glance at the Crèche where lay the ceramic baby on a bed of straw. He thought, Jesus had nothing in this world, having to sleep on straw in a trough where the animals ate. Even then, He's given us so much. How can we ever thank Him? Camilla followed Ernest's gaze, seeing the obscure look on her husband's face. Just then they saw the Baby smile as He glanced directly

at them, and wink! Their heads both jerked up, turning in one motion to stare at each other. People all around them were turning and craning their necks to see the two people giggle on and on. Their happiness could be felt by the entire congregation.

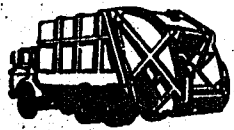
Did YOU happen to be at that Mass on that particular Christmas Eve? It was an occasion one would hardly forget as it left one with a distinct feeling of PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.



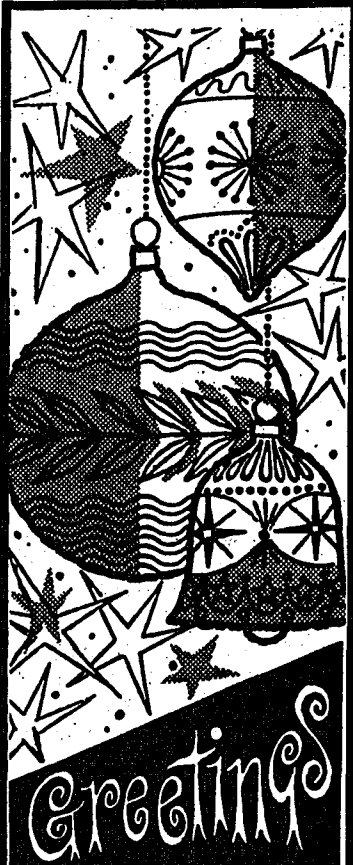
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By Durwood Strickland

Our benefit tournament for young Chase Gift went real well and we appreciate every one who took part.

Kenneth Moore of San Angelo was the biggest winner, taking a \$1,300 prize and turning it back in for the benefit fund along with those who won lesser amounts.

We had 63 bass anglers entered and 9 crappie fishermen, so the turnout was real good. Of course, the weather last Saturday was perfect.

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## News From Ranger Park Inn



Mrs. Patsy Starr, teacher for the Seventh Day Adventist School in Santa Anna, brought the following youngsters to present a program for our residents. Robert Pearce, Asenath Horne, Aura Lee Home and Silas Home.

The youngsters read a Bible story, sang songs and played various musical instruments. As always our residents enjoyed a beautifully prepared program by a group of young people who are sincere and interact with our residents in a special way. The entire program was delightful and at the finish of the program the youngsters passed out Christmas cards they had made and talked with the residents.

On December 15 our residents enjoyed the shopping spree presented by LaNeil Brusenhan, Rockwood Baptist Church; Ruby Sanges, North Coleman Baptist; Mrs. T. L. Pond and Addie Hinds of Glen Cove; Helen Carrocco and Juanita Ramirez, Primera Iglesia Bautista Coleman; Helen Laws and Lillie Charlton of Valera and Elbert Charlton of Valera, and

Marion Aldridge, Lodema Jones and Lankford of Santa Anna. Our residents enjoyed the shopping and the homemade cookies and cakes brought by the ladies. This is a special event that our residents look forward to each year and we thank you one and all very much.

On behalf of the residents and staff at Ranger Park we wish to thank Mrs. Starr, her youngsters and ladies representing the shopping spree for make this a very special week for all.

This next week at Ranger Park will also be special as we are looking forward to the Santa Anna School children from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades to present a program on Tuesday the 19th, also on the 21st our residents monthly birthday party and finishing out the week with our residents Christmas Party at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 22. We have it on good authority that Santa will be here at that time to visit with everyone.

Merry Christmas to everyone from the residents and staff at Ranger Park Inn Nursing Home. May each of you have a loving, caring and wonderful New Year.

## Cleveland News

By Clara Cupps

Eunice and Emitt Terry are at the farm this weekend.

Jerry and Cathy Ellis, Jamie, Bryce and Alicia had Sunday dinner with Cecil and Nona Bell Ellis. The Jerry Ellis family and the Cecil Ellis' went to San Marcos for Gail Jarvis' college graduation Saturday. She is the daughter of Benny and Anita Jarvis. They all visited with the Jarvis' family and Tammy Ellis before returning home.

Kasha and Ryan Bartholomew visited the R. W. Cupps early Sunday morning. They spent the weekend with her family the Ray Findleys.

Homera Stover of Abilehe spent the night with her brother Doyle and wife, then traveled to San Antonio to visit with their sister Pauline Irvin.

Ruby and Edd Hartman went down to Bangs Sunday to Shannon's high school band concert.

Those visiting Thelma Fleming over the week were Roger Sikes of Lake Brownwood and Virgil and Darrel Cupps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ray Huggins went down to the Cleveland Cemetery and on to see Billy Williams.

Those visiting Casey Herring have been John, Pam and Josh Morgan of Stephenville, Rachel and I.

Ovella Williams visited with Aunt Helen and Uncle Emil Williams Sunday.

Carmilla and Nancy Lee and children went to Ft. Worth to see Nutcracker and to Dallas to the Galleria for shopping. Carmilla visited Ruth Hibbits.

Jackie and Davida Pierce of New Mexico came this week to visit his parents the A. C. Pierces. Cindy and Chrystal visited Saturday.

Juanita Naron went to Seminole to visit her new granddaughter and Janera and Monty Cagle and family. J. T. and Debbie and boys visited Sunday and Jennifer has been out to visit her dad. Danny Wheatley came Wednesday and Tex Wright was by Saturday.

Wednesday J. L. and Mary McDaniel of Carbon visited Margie Fleming Friday. Junior and Lily Henderson and Christie and Jason Trichel dropped by.

Ladell Morris said her mother did not have a good week.

Adury Wright is home. Daughter Clara came Saturday.

Mattie Stovall of Coleman and daughter Judy of Lamesa took Billie and Lora out to eat Friday.

Hope everyone has a nice Christmas and a happy new year.

## Whon News

By Mrs. Tom Rutherford

Mr. and Mrs. Don and Julie Fitzpatrick and children enjoyed the weekend with Julie's parents Mr. and Mrs. Vincine Hallman of Rowena. They reported a very nice and enjoyable weekend with all members of the family present.

Was a busy week around our place the past week. The men who are working on Thomas and wife's house were busy most all week. Thomas' wife Trudi came down had dinner with us one day during the week. Loyd Rutherford had lunch with us some during the week.

Mr. Leon Carter drove to Brownwood Sunday morning to spend the day with his sister Lorene Black. Moisture began to fall and he returned home rather early.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd and Linda Rutherford attended the wedding of Michael Taylor and Renee Merryman in Coleman Saturday night. They also attended a Christmas supper in Brownwood Friday night.

Mrs. Ruth Poldrack of Coleman and Mr. Bob Stewart of Arlington were dinner guests with their mother Mrs. Ethel Radle in Santa Anna on Tuesday the past week. Ruth Poldrack was with her Saturday and did some shopping in Coleman in the afternoon.

I am unable to get anymore information on Mrs. Rex Turney's mother's condition. I do understand Mrs. Turney was called to come to her parents in Killeen Sunday morning due to the illness of her mother Mrs. Josie Bible.

I really did appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Barbara Kingsbery stopping by for a brief chat and visit Saturday afternoon. These people have been a blessing to me for quite a while. I appreciate them a lot even though the past several years don't see them too often.

I want to say a big thanks for the community news peoples give me for our county papers weekly. I do trust that everyone will have a nice Christmas Season and all have a good year of 1996. Merry Christmas to all.

The drizzly weather that we have had over the weekend so far hasn't brought us much moisture, I have received 15/100 here but the heavy clouds will bring more before they move out—hopefully.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Rockwood Community Enjoys Christmas Party

Contributed  
If you didn't come to the Rockwood Community Christmas party last Saturday night, December 15, you really missed some great eats and visiting with family and friends. The weather cooperated and we had 37 present.

After eating good food, gifts were exchanged by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. Bo Wilson; Maegan Avants; Emily Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Elec Cooper; Bro. and Mrs. Jeff Dean and Sara; Mrs. Archie Phillips; Vera Faye Wise; Vivian Steward; Bill Mueller; Neil Yancy; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan; Johnny Steward; Blake Williams; Jennifer Rutherford; Claudia Rutherford; Margot and Megan Rutherford; Tony Abernathy; Cody, Haley and Travis Slate; Julie Halner; Mr. and Mrs. Royce McIver; Mrs. Hayumpa and her mother; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duus; and Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Brusenhan.

Mrs. Bo Wilson and Claudia Rutherford did a bang-up job of decorating the community center and our many thanks go to them.

Hope to see you at the next family night.

JOY Group Meets For Christmas Luncheon; Travels To Robert Lee

The JOY group of the First Baptist Church met December 7, for their Christmas party with 31 present.

Brother Waide Messer read the "Christmas Story". Eddie Jones sang several Christmas songs and Raymond and Lodema Jones read the poems, "The Candy Cane" and "The Story of the Candy Cane".

Brother Waide and Pam Messer furnished turkey and ham and those attending brought a covered dish. Everyone present enjoyed the good meal.

On Friday, December 8, 18 of the JOY Group traveled to Robert Lee to enjoy a fish supper. They stopped in the Roy Aldridge home on the return trip and saw a baby Emu being hatched. Next stop on the trip was the Bryan's Place to see their display of lights.

The group is for everyone. The next meeting is January 4.

## Trickham News

By Anna York

Phillip Cozart and a friend Mark Seby of Round Rock spent Friday night and Saturday with Phillip's parents Reba and Elvis Cozart, Sunday afternoon Reba and Elvis enjoyed the tour of homes in Santa Anna and later visited a while with Lois and Frank Wallace.

Novella Stearns spent Friday night and Saturday at McGregor visiting with Sherman and Dortha Stearns and Sabrina and attended a Christmas party given by him for his employees and friends on Saturday.

Brent Nicholas of Plano spent the weekend with Mrs. Leona Henderson and did some hunting.

Mrs. Annie Lou Vaughn was with her sister Mary Ola Woods at the Brownwood Regional Hospital Sunday to eat with Mary Ola's husband Elmer who had broke a hip and had undergone surgery on Friday. The report was that he is doing good but will have to be there for several days, we wish him a full recovery soon.

Donna and Carl Benhke of Waco visited on Monday and also Friday with Talpadge and Laverne McClatchy. Virgil Lancaster of Santa Anna was a dinner guest on Thursday and Lara Mecklessel

and a friend Melody Bynum visited in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean had their children home for the weekend for an early Christmas. They were Marie, Dinah, Casey and Kit and their families and her mother Mrs. Ina Windham of Bangs, one son Grady was unable to attend.

Fallon Martin took his mother Mrs. Gertrude Martin to Lubbock on Friday where they attended graduation exercises where her grandson James McSwain received his DDE (Doctor of Education) degree. The Martins returned home late Saturday. Her Sunday afternoon visitors were Bill Martin and girls Brandi and Buffy and Paul and Gaynell Martin and children Sabrina and Coll.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Majors of Brownwood visited with Mr. and Mrs. Rankin McIver, Mrs. Florence Stearns, Bettie Martin, Anna and Nikki York and Leona Henderson on Friday.

I would like to correct an address that I sent in last week. Mrs. Clara James, 2936 Markum, Haltom Restorative Care, Fort Worth, Texas 76117.

Sorry about that, her family says she appreciates all of the cards and letters that she gets from friends.

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