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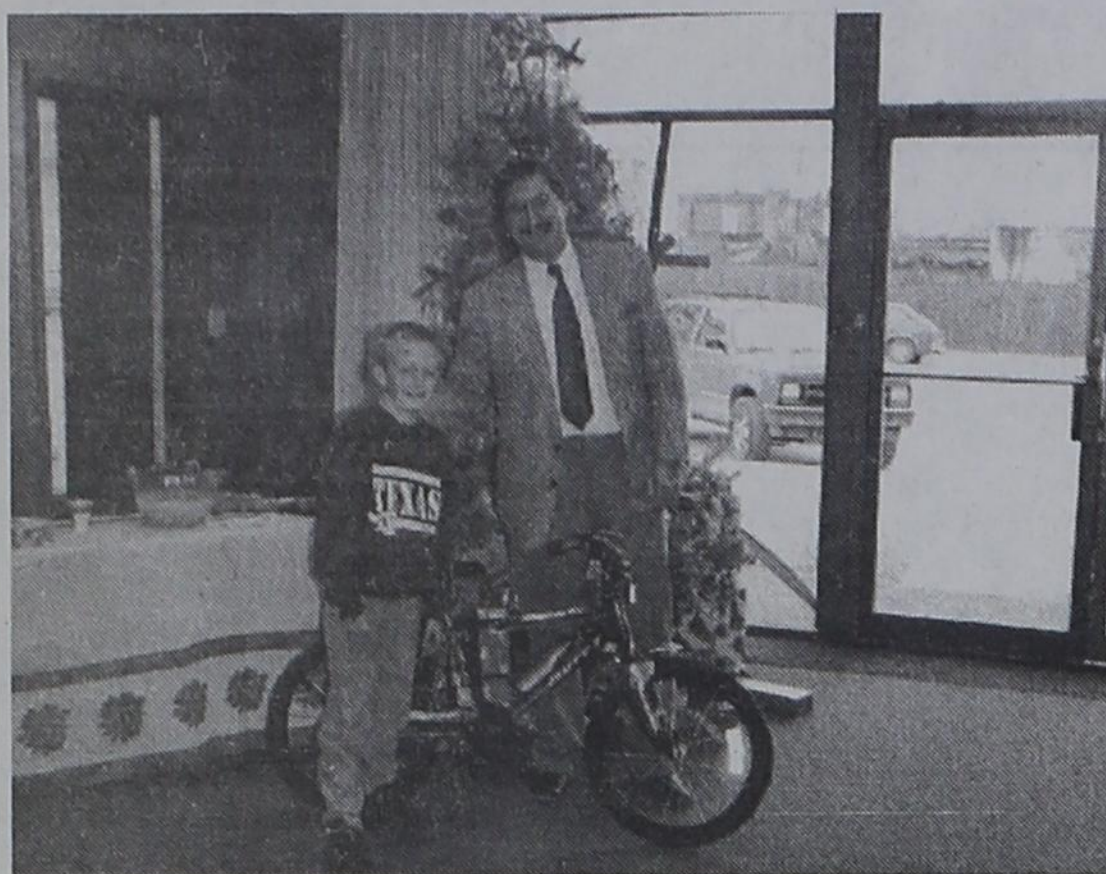
*Let your New Year sparkle with joy and
shine with happiness. Sincere thanks.*

Staff and Correspondents

Joe - Lonnie - Herman - Estelle

Local Kids Win Bikes From Citizens State Bank

The winners of the Christmas Bicycles given away on Thursday, December 23rd by Citizens State Bank were Keith Treadway and Emily Thornton.



Keith Treadway, son of Windell and Terry Treadway winner of the Boys Bicycle.



Emily Thornton, daughter of Billy and Sherry Thornton winner of the Girls Bicycle.

Richard P. Hattox Buried On Tues. In De Leon

Richard Payne Hattox, 83, of De Leon, a Church of Christ minister in Moran, passed away Friday, December 24th in the De Leon Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ, with Jack Cox officiating. Burial was in the De Leon Cemetery, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

Born in Comanche County, he was a U. S. Army veteran of WWII and a member of the Church of Christ. He was a former Church of Christ minister in Cherokee, Okla., Stockholm Swedenn, Peacock, Munday, Goree, De Leon, Knox City and Stephenville.

Sidney E. Seale Buried Thursday Near Carbon

Sidney E. Seale, 84, of Carbon, passed away Wednesday, December 22nd at his residence.

Services were held at 10:30 a. m. Thursday in the Carbon First United Methodist Church with Dr. Vaughn Baker officiating. Burial was in the Murray Memorial Cemetery, near Carbon, directed by Bakker Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born in Leon County, Mr. Seale attended school at Jewett. He moved to Eastland County in the early 1940s. He worked as a pipeline for Mobil Pipeline Co. before retiring. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarite Hogan and Sidney Barfoot,

both of Dallas; and four grand-children.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy Carlson Hattox of De Leon; a son Tommy C. Hattox of Bellville; a daughter, Laverne Baker of Santa Teresa, N.M.; two sisters, Ladell Stiegler of San Anotnio and Doris Shipp of Lubbock; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Annual New Years Eve Singing - December 31st

The Annual New Year's Eve Singing will be held at New Hope Baptist Church on Thursday evening, December 31st beginning at 8:00 p.m.

This annual event has become tradition that is enjoyed by all ages. The entire community is invited to attend. A refreshment break is taken about 10 o'clock, then the singing resumes until midnight.

If you have a special that you would like to present, feel free to do so.

Everyone welcome to attend.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Texas Department of Health will be holding an Immunization Clinic in Gorman, Thursday, January 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. This clinic is for both adults and children. Adults should have a Tetanus booster every ten years. Parents must be present and the cost is based on a sliding scale. For more information call 817-629-1788. EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

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Great-grandparents are Sibyl Underwood of Eastland and Oma Lee Parsons of Hereford.

Proud parents are Bob and Deann Powell. Grandparents are Kenneth and Edna Powell of Gorman and Bill Dickson of Alvord.



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HERITAGE MANOR NEWS

NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

It was a beautiful sight when the annual Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 19th at 2 p. m. at Heritage Manor.

The Christian spirit was very impressive when Marge Duncan, at the piano, and the members of the First United Methodist Church, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Davis, Jim Rice, Tommie Haile, Velma Bennett, Pat Hagood, Nellie Lucky, Sue Ann Tarver, Roy Parker, Mildred Whitt, Caro Boswell, and Christina Turner sang Christmas Carols with everyone helping.

Old Santa Claus came and passed out gifts for everyone.

Cookies and delicious punch were served.

Residents were S. D. Gilmore, Garnet Adams, Emma Shugart, Effie Mae Brown, Dorothy Beaty, Gertie Leeper, Lois Buchanan, Marion Dennis, Lovenia Blair, Eulon Perry, Lorene Jay, Pauline Love, Jess Hallmark, Jess Roberts, Annie Hale, Veno Hale, Willie and Bonnie Wolfenbarger, Ina Mae Tarrance, Orlena Perdue, Ora Mae Atchison, Ruby Vandergriff, Cynthia Earles, Nancy Holloway, Ola Walker, Bill Simmons, Ozella Pulley, G. O. Boyd, Stella Thurman, Theresa Parker, Lola Johnson, Varona Taylor, Cleo Clement, and Marie Welch.

Staff members present were Deborah Caraway, Marge Duncan, Ina Scitern, Frances Rhinehart, A. V. Seay, Janet Adams, Johnnie Houghton, Eva Grice.

Guests registering were Joe O'Neal, Nancu Hendricks, Clarence Wilson, Ina Reynolds, Roy Parker, Greg and Kay Nesky, Joyce Nesky, Mike Blair, Hans and Ruby Gulhart, Jo Nell Torrez, Nellie Lucky, Darlene Carriker, Dorothy Pool, Katrina Fralkee, Norma Tedford, Modess Burgess, Troy and Flossie Dawkins, Mayvis, Brent and Jean Lasater, Faye Huff, Frances Warren, Nelda Mauney, Mary Jeffs, Pat Hagood, James Kinser, Ruby Lee Kinser, Annie Dennis, Chesley and Barbara

Atchison, Bonnie Cox, B. E. Simpson, Zena Simpson, David Campbell, Anna Rush, Derrick Adams, Wade Carriker and Tena Mae Sanders.

Those visiting Gertie Leeper were Jonell Torrez, Darlene Carriker, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Hobbs, N.M., Dorothy Pool of Austin, Norma Tedford, Charley Torrez, Jr., David Campbell, Effie Mae Brown, Nellie Lucky, Hans and Ruby Gulhart and Katina Frackee.

On Saturday morning Bro. Jim Green brought the devotional for Garnet Adams, Ina Mae Tarrance, Veno Hale, Ruby Vandergriff, Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, Emma Shugart, S. D. Gilmore, Laverne Kennedy, and Varona Taylor.

Those visiting S. D. Gilmore and Emma Shugart were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas of Breckenridge, Modess Burgess, Idell Warren, Dixie Pack, Troy and Flossie Dawkins of Abilene.

On Friday Acteens and leaders from First Baptist Church of Gorman came and brought gifts and let residents choose them so residents could give their loved ones presents. Leaders were Jana Grice, Kathy Allen and Martha Rainey. Acteens were Jennifer Carroll, Sabrina Glasson, Michaelyn Eaves, Amy Bond, Rosie Kennedy, Melissa Clark, Allison Treadway, Ricci Kobbach. Residents present were Veno Hale, Ora Mae Atchison, Dorothy Beaty, Garnet Adams, Ina Mae Tarrance, Emma Shugart, S. D. Gilmore, Ola Walker, Gertie Leeper, Effie Mae Brown, and Orlena Perdue.

Those visiting Veno Hale and Annie Hale were Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Nancy Hendricks and Faye and Denzel Ables.

On Sunday morning Rev. Ron Carroll of First Baptist Church, taught the Sunday school lesson for S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles and Ina Mae Tarrance.

Visiting Lovenia Blair were Mike

Blair, Joyce Nesky, Greg Nesky and Kay Nesky of Fort Worth.

We sure appreciated the Christmas tray cards given by Velma Bennett. They were very pretty.

Those visiting Cynthia Earles and Ina Mae Tarrance were Jimmy Morrison, Frankie Jo Shipman, Fay Huff, Nancy Hendricks and Rev. and Mrs. James Haynes.

On Saturday Varona Taylor went to her sister's home, Mrs. Pauline Allen, for a Christmas dinner and party. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray Gibson, Cheryl Gibson, Jacob Gibson of DeSoto, Billy and Janda Taylor, Bonnie Cox, Paula, Kevin, Scotty and Megan Lewis.

Those visiting Lorene Jay were Hazel Handley Clifton, Wanda Joy Campbell of Austin, Frances Warren Mary Jeffs, Mayvis, Jean and Brent Lasater and Nancy Hendricks.

On Monday Marge Duncan played the piano for Effie Mae Brown, Jess Roberts, Cynthia Earles, Ina Mae Tarrance, Dorothy Beaty, Orlena Perdue, Ora Mae Atchison and Veno Hale.

Those visiting Ora Mae Atchison were Chesley and Barbara Atchison of Fort Worth, Georgia Iley and Ina Lee Burleson of Desdemona.

On Monday May Fry and Tommie Hale came and brought Christmas presents for everyone from the First United Methodist Church.

Those visiting Orlena Perdue were Mary Jeffs, Neva Robertson, Pat Hagood, Frances Warren and Nelda Mauney.

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On Monday afternoon Ina Scitern did bingo for Ora Mae Atchison, Effie Mae Brown, Lola Johnson, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart, Ola Walker and Ruby Vandergriff.

Those visiting Mary Choate and Stella Thurman were Odell and Emma Bethany, Billy Earl Simpson, Zena Simpson and Odie Brightwell.

On Tuesday morning Marge Dun can played Christmas Carols and sang for Cynthia Earles, Garnet Adams, Emma Shugart, Dorothy Beaty, Ora Mae Atchison, Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown and Orlena Perdue.

Those visiting Rev. Marion Dennis were Pat Cornwell, Annie Dennis, Billy and Betty Dennis and James and Ruby Lee Kinser.

Johnnie VanPelt of Brownwood made the monthly konsultation visit on Tuesday and visited residents in the home.

Ina Reynolds and Lenis Rice of Carbon visited their sister, Lola Johnson.

On Tuesday afternoon those coming for the sing-a-long were Cheryl Richardson, Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Landers, Melba Frasier, Lupe and Kathy Torrez, Faye Ables, Nancy Hendricks, Denzel Ables, Wanda Rainey, Billie Stacy, Crickett Walker Vadis Phelps, Myrtle Higgins, Berniece Rodgers, Marge Duncan. A "Surprise Happy Birthday" was sung for Mary Lou Landers and Veno Hale.

Those visiting Theresa Parker

were Roy Parker, Roger, Carol and Laura Carter of Fort Worth, Tommie Haile, Mary Fry, Irene West, Brent Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Deborah Caraway and Rev. and Mrs. James Haynes.

On Friday the 18th at 7 p. m. the annual Employees Christmas Party was held. Ham and dressing with all the trimmings was enjoyed by everyone.

Effie Mae Brown enjoyed a Christmas dinner with her sister, Louise Hollywood. Others present were Louis, Jill and Kira Hollywood of Merkel.

On Wednesday Rev. Jim Green brought the devotional for Veno Hale, Effie Mae Brown, Cynthia Earles, Jess Roberts, Ora Mae Atchison, S. D. Gilmore, Emma Shugart and Orlena Perdue.

Pearl Spruill, Vera West, Judy and Glen McCurley, Elmer and Modell Watson visited Ora Mae Atchison.

Revs. James and Lavelle Haynes of Rising Star were visiting in the home on Thursday.

Brad and Paula Lewis had a Christmas dinner for their Aunt Varona Taylor. Others present were Pauline Allen, Bonnie Cox, Billy and Janda Taylor, Megan, Scotty and Kevin Lewis.

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Letter To Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm surprised at all the gossip I've been hearing. As the saying goes "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." This is wrong, because some words can nearly kill your sole.

This is worse than Peyton Place sometimes. Judge not or ye should be judged and think about the ten commandments before you make false statements on your neighbors. This can destroy the whole purpose of living if it hurts your loved ones.

If they talk bad about your folks, you can not like it to have your babies taken from your arm, from your home. What can be more heart-breaking right here at Christmas. Gossip did the whole thing.

When this happens its hard to eat, sleep or think straight, if you have an empty chair at your table this Christmas. There is a special prayer for you. May God bless each of you, and I'll be thinking of you.

Please think twice before you say anything that might hurt someone. There is another saying: "what goes around will come around". Would you want this to come your way?

I love Gorman and love to live here. It has always been my home. But it saddens me at what I've been hearing.

Love thy neighbor and have a nice Christmas.
Sincerely,

Mildred



Greetings

May all the days of the New Year be filled with lots of cheer for our friends and neighbors.

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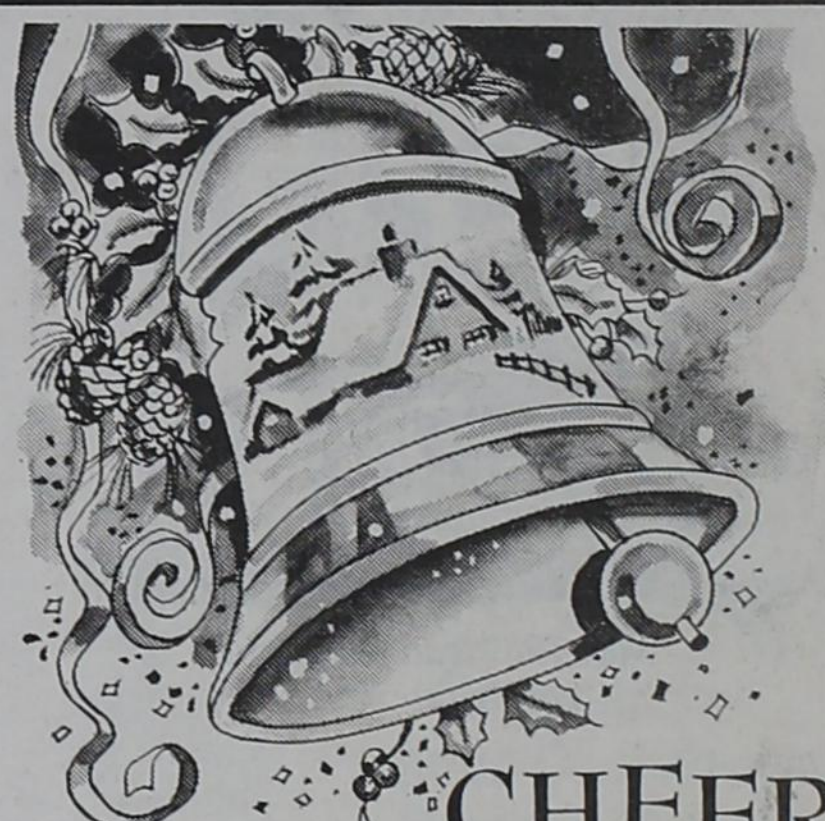
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Billie W. Grisham Laid To Rest On Thursday

Billie Wayne Grisham, 60, of De Leon, passed away Tuesday, December 21 at his residence.

Graveside services were held at 10 a. m. Thursday in De Leon Cemetery with Ray Seckinger officiating, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

Born in Brownwood, Mr. Grisham was a U. S. Air Force veteran. He

worked as a lineman for Hughes Aircraft. He moved to De Leon in 1990 and he was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Grisham of De Leon; two sons, Billie Grisham and Mike Grisham, both of Germany; two daughters, Imelda Grisham and Vickie Grisham, Both of Germany; his mother, Bonnie

Adcock of De Leon; one step-brother, Jerry Smith of Granbury; two half-sisters, Jane Pattijohn of Dublin and Ann Beasley of Arlington; and five grandchildren.

—GP—

Graveside Rites Held For R. D. Craighead Friday

R. D. Craighead, 77, a longtime area resident, passed away Thursday, December 23rd in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p. m. Friday in Murray Memorial Cemetery, near Carbon, with the Rev. Keith Henson officiating, di-

Last Rites For Francis Bond Held

Francis L. Bond, 61, owner and operator of Bond Electric in Eastland for many years, passed away Friday, December 24th in the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Tuesday at Bakker Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Flatwood Cemetery.

rected by Bakker Funeral Home of Eastland.

Born in Eastland County, Mr. Craighead attended school at Bear Springs. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Robbie Craighead of Carbon; one daughter, Patricia Craighead of Carbon; one son, Ray Don Craighead of Carbon; two brothers, S. L. Craighead of Odessa and LeeRoy Craighead of Colorado City; two nieces and three nephews.

Bill Rogers Buried On Wednesday

Bill Rogers, 65, of Ranger, passed away on Sunday, December 26th at his home.

Services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at Edwards Funeral Home Chapel with Jim Hall officiating, assisted by Jerry Speer. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Mr. Rogers was born in Gorman and was a lifelong resident of Ranger. He was a farmer and a member of the Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ.

Survivors include one sister, Della Galloway of Ranger; one niece, Lugene Morris; and five nephews, Buddy, Fred, Douglas, David and Dwight Rogers.



WINDOW CONSTRUCTION — New facial construction is being added to the Gorman Hotel Apartment building. The construction consist of new Storm Windows on the outside of the building. There is also construction being done at Love Acres and Brandon Place.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

LAWRENCE BROS. IGA

■ Eastland County

Road crews let backhoes do the slicin' and SW Bell the splicin'

By MAYBELLE TROUT
Correspondent

EASTLAND — Southwestern Bell may find that Eastland County road crews will reach out and cut some lines if cables are not buried deep enough.

During a Monday meeting, county commissioners said many lines are buried too shallow across and along county roads to allow proper grading and maintenance of the roads.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ken Lyerla said, "They (telephone company officials) told me they don't have money for installation, but plenty for repairs."

"They said cut 'em, so we do," Lyerla said.

Cut lines look like "spider webs," he said, but the company quickly makes repairs.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Calvin Ainsworth suggested, "If you're going to cut one, cut it early in the morning so it will be fixed by night."

County Judge Scott Bailey was

concerned about who will be blamed for interrupted telephone service. He said damage to improperly buried telephone lines is the company's fault, but the public may not be aware of it.

"We're like a lightning rod; people blame the county."

In other business, commissioners:

■ Authorized department heads to allow up to three days of the 10 days of sick leave to be used for personal leave such as funerals, business and emergencies.

■ Inspected the vacant office space once used by the county superintendent. They then approved electric work, a telephone line and furnishings for the computer programmer who begins work in January.

■ Heard good news that Lone Star Gas will charge the county only \$26,000 for moving utility lines so that Farm Road 570 may be widened. The original estimate was \$73,173.



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Eastland-Callahan County Beef & Forage Workshop

The Eastland-Callahan County Beef and Forage Management Workshop is slated for January 6th at 6 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center. 1 CEU will be awarded to all Private Applicators.

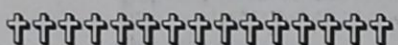
Topics and speakers will be Dr. Matt Cravey, Extension Beef Specialist of Amarillo, on Stocker Cattle Management; Dr. Steve Hammack,

Extension Beef Specialist of Stephenville, on "Tex-Vac Program" Calf Vaccination; Dr. Tommy Welch, Extension Range Specialist of College Station, on "Burning For Profit", Prescribed Burn; and Dr. George Alston, Extension Agronomist of Stephenville, on Coastal Establishment-Sprigging-Renovating-Fertilizing.

The program will be coordinated by Callahan County Agricultural & Natural Resources Committee and Eastland County Extension Livestock & Forage Committee. Meal is sponsored by Callahan County Farmers Co-op of Baird; Thornton's Feed Mill, Cisco; Farley-Seaton Feed, Inc. of Gorman; Lawrance Farm & Ranch Supply of Cross Plains; and Cross Plains Grain & Peanut.

Please pre-register by calling &15-854-1518 or 817-629-1093.

—GP—

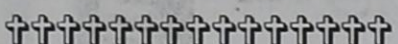


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Sharp Warns Homeowners

Austin — "All Texas taxpayers should always take advantage of all the exemptions afforded them to reduce their local residential property tax bills," State Comptroller John Sharp says. "But they don't need to pay someone to file for those exemptions, especially when they're so easy to obtain free of charge — either in person or by mail."

Sharp cautioned Texas homeowners about companies that have advertised that they will obtain a person's property tax exemption from the appropriate local authorities, but for fees that sometimes total as much as 50 percent of the tax savings.

The most common exemption in Texas is \$5,000 of the assessed value of residential property for school taxes. There are also exemptions for persons age 65 and older, military veterans, and the disabled.

"At the time of the year when most Texas homeowners are paying their local property taxes, some have been solicited by companies informing the property owners that they are eligible for certain exemptions. The companies then promise to obtain an exemption for the homeowner, but only for a fee of \$25 or more," Sharp said.

"Using such a service is both costly and unnecessary. County appraisal offices have an easy-to-complete form that homeowners can file—at no charge—to receive the appropriate property tax exemptions," Sharp said.

"After filing an application for exemptions, homeowners need not file again, unless they qualify for new exemptions. For example, homeowners who became 65 or disabled during 1993 will qualify for additional exemptions for tax year 1994," Sharp said.

Sharp said the county appraisal office can help an individual obtain property tax exemptions on a specific property, at no charge. For general questions about the Texas property tax system, the Comptroller's Property Tax Division can provide assistance at 1-800-252-9121.

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Nabers Cites Disturbing Increase of Railroad Crossing Accidents

A MOTORIST ALWAYS LOSES IN A TIE WITH A TRAIN

Austin — Citing statistics for the first 10 months of 1993, Railroad Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers reported that highway-railroad crossing accidents are running ahead of last year. If the trend continues, Texas might see the first annual rise in railroad crossing accidents in four years. Commissioner Nabers reported that the accident trend is especially distressing as safety efforts have been increased.

"Winter months bring the holidays, family get-togethers, frosty weather, and, tragically, an increase in the number of accidents at highway-railroad intersections," Nabers said.

Because of the historically-higher incidence of accidents in December and January, Commissioner Nabers is warning all motorists to use extra caution when crossing railroad tracks.

"I would just urge all Texas drivers to be aware of one thing," Nabers said, "a motorist always

loses in a tie with a train at a highway-railroad crossing."

According to Commissioner Nabers, several factors contribute to the increase of crossing accidents at this time of year, and most impact the danger because of limitations to limit driver's perception of warning systems.

"During the winter season our days are shorter, car heaters are usually running, and the glass in automobiles is often frosted or fogged. A train's whistle may not be

heard and there may be no flashing lights to warn of a train's approach," Nabers added.

Commissioner Nabers listed several safety tips to alert Texans to dangers posed by highway-railroad crossings. "The most important thing to remember is that anytime is train time. Freight trains don't operate on schedules." Commissioner Nabers also recommended that motorists be aware of heaters and radios when approaching train tracks and if necessary, roll down windows to get a clearer view of railroad tracks.

Through October, 1993, 390 railroad crossing accidents occurred in Texas. This compares to 385 for the same period in 1992. There were 433 crossing accidents in all of 1992, 491 in 1991, 512 in 1990, and 628 in 1989.

Texas, with more highway-railroad crossings than any other state, has the dubious distinction of leading the nation in the number of railroad crossing accidents, fatalities and injuries. She noted that Texas comes out on top in crossing accidents because it also has more crossings than any other state. With 13,016 public highway and railroad crossings, Texas has 22 percent more crossings than the number two-ranked state, Illinois, and 7.6 percent of all U. S. crossings.

While on the Commission, Nabers has been an advocate of Commission educational programs which teach drivers to respect highway railroad intersections. "We are doing all that we can with our limited budget," said Nabers. "In 1993, Commission rail safety inspectors conducted railroad crossing safety training programs for schools, and civic, business and industry groups."

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NEWS

Jacquelyn Schuman of Eastland visited on Monday with her PaPa Joe Bennett and Uncle Jake. She sure was a lot of help around the office.

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Keeping Up With Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Landreth Payton, Jeremiah, Jonathan and were in Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays with Bobbie Payton and family. Those present were Jay Karen Rachel of Bedford and Dottie Kasprowski of El Paso.

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DESDEMONA NEWS

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Stacy Dean Whitt and family of Texas A&M University in Bryan; Misty, Toby and Ryan Long of Desdemona; Curtis Whitt of Tarleton State University in Stephenville; Christy Whitt of Texas A&M in Bryan; Buddy Whitt of Desdemona and Rachel Hanks of Desdemona; Gienn and Charlene Bruton of Fort Worth; Casey Bruton of Abilene Christian University; Brad and Dana Johnson and boys of Granbury visited the holiday weekend with Mary Whitt and Tom Stacy.

Holiday visitors with Dorothy Rob-

erts were Kevin and Ulenda Weaver, Heath and Ashley Weaver, Shawn, Heather and Kelsey Cordell, Emily Horan and Shelly Horan of Fort Worth and Jeff Roberts of Dallas.

"Congratulations" — Lorin Emily Kaye was born Wednesday, December 22nd in the Eastland Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds. Proud parents are Freddie Decker and Holly Gaye Creed of Desdemona. Grandparents are Wayne and Karen Eaves of Desdemona and Delores Decker of Dublin. Great-grandparents are Pug and Vonn-

Guthery of Desdemona.

Guthery family holiday dinner was on Sunday, December 26th at the First Baptist Church Annex. Those attending were A. V. Seay; Thomas, Vicki and Tommy Seay; David and Martha Guthery, Marlena and Emerald; Jim and Karen Guthery, Nicholas and Blake Guthery; Jack, Deborah and Olivia Jackson, all of Gorman; Rob Guthery of Irving; Ricky and Ranell Foreman of Bronte; Ella Foreman of Irving; Richard and Glenda Garrett of Highland Village; Larry and Phyllis Autury and boys of Texarkana; Shari Guthery of Granbury; Pug and Vonnice Guthery, Wayne and Karen Eaves, Sonja and Kandice Martin, Angela Creed, all of Desdemona, and a family friend, Lorene Koonce of De Leon, who celebrated her birthday with this family group.

Beryle Gallagher, 80, passed away Wednesday, December 22 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital. Burial was Sunday in the Cisco Oakwood Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Dick Cutting of Lake Leon; one son, R. H. Cutting, Jr. of

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Houston; one sister, Peggy Jean McNeely of Irving; one brother, Norval Gallagher of Farmers Branch. Beryle graduated from Desdemona High School in 1929. Later on she taught school in Desdemona. Our sincere sympathy goes out to this family.

Holiday visitors on Sunday, December 26th with Bernard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett, Keitha and Derek Robinett of De Leon; Nikki Robinett of Tarleton State University; Bill and Tami Sanders and Robyn Robinett of Desdemona.

Lois Walston of Waco spent the Christmas holidays with her son, Gary and Jody Walston, Lane and Grant.

Holiday visitors in the home of Pug and Vonnice Guthery were Wayne and Karen Eaves, Angela Creed, Holly Creed and Lorin Kaye, Freddie Decker, Sonja and Kandice Martin, Belinda Webb, Gary and Jody Walston, Lane and Grant Walston, all of Desdemona, Lois Martin of Waco and Jeb Hudson of

Ranger.

Gary and Linda Barker of Teague; Garrett, Rachel and Morgan Barker of Meridian; Mildred Barker of De Leon; Marsha Johnson, Billy and

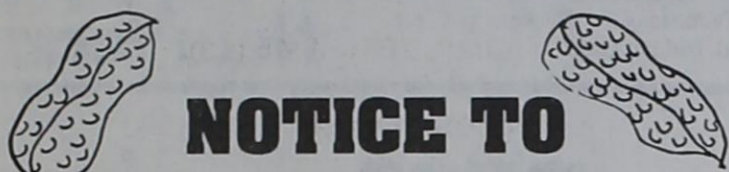
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Chris of Andrews; Eva Williams of Stephenville; Debbie Koeller and Tyler of San Antonio visited the holiday weekend with Bob and Merlene Wisdom.

The City Of Gorman Office will be Closed On Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve December 31st.

Proposed Fireworks Amendment To Ordinance No. 240

THE CITY OF GORMAN IS PLANNING THE FIRST READING OF AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 240 BUILDING CODE AND FIRE LIMITS. THIS AMENDMENT FORBIDS PERSONS TO SELL, USE, OR DISCHARGE ANY KIND OF FIRECRACKER, TORPEDO, OR OTHER DETONATOR WITHIN THE CITY. THIS AMENDMENT WILL BE READ AT BOTH REGULAR MEETINGS IN JANUARY.



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KOKOMO NEWS

By Zelda Jordan

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends. My wish and prayer is that the Lord will bless each of you with a happy and prosperous New Year.

There was only one service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. The choir rendered the special music. Visitors were Shannon Bond, Brian Bond and Gary Browning.

Larry, Paula and Lenny Morrow of Plains and Lance and Layne Morrow of Lubbock spent Christmas with Naoma Morrow.

Enjoying a Christmas get-together on Sunday in the home of Paul and Imogene Norris were Larry, Paula and Lenny Morrow of Plains, Lance and Layne Morrow of Lubbock, Ronnie, Jeanna, Cory and Lacy Pack of Carbon, James, Jo, Jana, Jodi and Jason Norris of Desdemona, Randy, Lisa, T. J. and Travis Lewis of Stephenville and Naoma Morrow.

Anna Laura Clearman returned home on Tuesday before Christmas after going to Amarillo to be with her daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Jackie Morgan of Frino, while Jackie underwent surgery in an Amarillo hospital. Jackie is home now and reportedly doing well. We wish him a very speedy recovery. While in Amarillo Mrs. Clearman also visited with a sister, Jessie McCaffety, and visited in Plainview with Gary and Nanetta Thompson and family.

Speeding Christmas with Mrs. Anna Laura Clearman were Jamie and Ann Clearman of Ovalo, Keith and Klay Clearman of Hereford, Karley Clearman of Abilene, Kelvin, Kristi, Kaylee and Kade Whitehurst of Lawn; Ken and Linda Clearman of Arlington, Wayne, Kyla and Caleb McEntire of Sugarland, Kendi Clearman of Denton; Gary and Nanetta Thompson of Plainview, Cathy and Jo Beth Thompson of Lubbock; and Mike, Mary Jo and Kami Leonard of Canadian. Jackie and Diane Morgan of Frino and Charlie Morgan of Dallas were unable to attend due to Jackie's surgery.

Johnnie B. Griffith spent the Christmas holidays in Midland with Ken and Janie Riley and Scott, Chad and Lara.

Billy Strube of De on visited with Larry and Betty Strube. Visiting during the holidays with Nancy Hendricks were Kelly Buchanan of Waco, Sylvia Buchanan of Stephenville, Bessie Buchanan of Tuscola, Joseph and Linda O'Neal of Austin, Zelda Jordan, John and Troy Scitern, Hope Joiner and Ruth Bryant.

Those visiting with Bro. Joe O'Neal during the holidays were Joseph and Linda O'Neal of Austin, Paul and Hazel Taylor of Lake Leon, Allen Alcock of Carbon, Bill, Cole and Clay Sandlin of Carbon, Sylvia Buchanan of Stephenville, Kelly Buchanan of Waco, Nancy Hendricks Ruth Bryant, Ardith Pittman, Arlton Smith, R. C. and Martha Harrington, Dane Gressett, all of Gorman, Melinda Harrington of Waco, Olen, Kim and Zane Harrington of Fort Worth.

On Monday Nancy Hendricks, Joseph and Linda O'Neal and Bro. Joe O'Neal visited in Stephenville with Sylvia Buchanan.

Clifford and Lurline Nelson and Cassie Rasco were in Stephenville for a Christmas get-together on Christmas Eve with Dr. Jimmy and Maggie Nelson. Others present were the Nelsons children, Tena and Gary Danley and Caleb of North Richland Hills, Travis Nelson of Andrews AFB and Teresa and Robert Findley of Gainesville.

Jimmy and Maggie Nelson and Travis Nelson spent Sunday night and Monday with the Clifford Nelsons and Jimmy and Travis went deer hunting, Cassie Rasco also visited in the Nelson home.

Jor and Barbara Fields, Michael, Lisa and Falyn and Gilbert, Kaylea and Jamie Thomas, all of Carbon, and Richard and Teresa Nachtigall, Taylor and Trevis of Morgan Mill, spent Christmas with Vernon, Deon and Lindell Fields.

Visiting with Oren and Norma Webb during the holidays were David and Judy Porter, Scarlett, Amanda and Sarah of Taylor, James and Teresa Webb, Jeremy, Gigi, Jantzen and Chelsea of Stephenville, Stacy and Brenda Webb, Jacob and Kaci Of Comanche and Ronnie and Laura Shelton, Andrea, Emily and Katherine of Sapulpa, Okla.

Holiday visitors with Claude and Juanita Fuller were Rick and Pat Fuller of Lewisville, Wesley and Kevin Fuller of Abilene, Wayne and Cristy Eaton, Chad and Lindsey of Ovalo. Wesley, Kevin and Lindsey remained here for a visit with their grandparents this week while on school vacation.

Christmas holiday visitors with Berniece Rodgers were Joyce and Neal Gilbert of Katy, Steve and Kim Gilbert of San Antonio; John and LaTonne Rodgers of Carbon, Kim and Wayne Cauthern and JulieAnn of Graham and Jonna and Ande Cervantez of Eastland; Bob and Kathy Rodgers, Jason and Corby of Brownwood and Kevin and Shonna

Rodgers and Amanda of Early; Mike Rodgers and Cindy, Eric and Lisa Jackson of Cisco.

Zelda Jordan spent Christmas in Abilene with Glenda and Bill Priest, and Sheri and Wade Daniell of Abilene, Cindy, Kyle and Kayla Jordan of Portales, N. M., Robert, Diane and B. J. Miles of Abilene and Jack Priest of Albany, who were also visiting in the Priest home.

Kristi Graham, daughter of Jerry and Juanita Graham, was care-flighted to Fort Worth Children's Hospital on December 13th from the Eastland Memorial Hospital. After a ten day stay, she was able to return home on Thursday, December 23rd. Those coming for Christmas with the Graham family and a visit with Kristi were her sister and family, Kim, David and Jeremy Crabtree of Stephenville and her grandparents, O. D. and Wanda Followwell of Brownwood, and friends, Michael Hampton of Gorman, Bill Hogan of Kokomo, Betty Sue and Larry Strube and Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

JARAD FAILS HONORED WITH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Jarad Fails, son of Tim and Nelda Fails of Arlington, was honored with an early birthday party on Friday, December 17th in celebration of his 8th birthday which was Dec. 19, in the home of his grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Little in the Kokomo community. The chocolate birthday cake was inscribed with "Happy 8th Birthday Jarad" and was served with ice cream.

Those attending and helping Jarad celebrate were his mother and brother, Nelda and Cody Fails of Arlington, grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Little, uncles, aunts and cousin, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, and James and Jill Little of Lake Leon.

JIMMY AND VERNA LITTLE HONORED ON 40TH ANNIV.

After Jarad Fails birthday party in their home, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were surprised with a celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary which was on Dec. 19th. They were presented a large box, which, when they finally got to the center of it, held tickets for a Hawaiian vacation, an anniversary gift from their children, Ray Neal Little, Nelda Fails and James Little and their families.

The celebration was completed with a beautiful anniversary cake decorated with teal colored decorations and complete with wedding bells, doves and wedding rings and was inscribed "Happy 40th Anniversary" Mom and Dad.

Verna Lee reports that they were very surprised and are very excited about going to Hawaii.

On Sunday, Dec. 24th, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, Nelda, Tim, Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington and James and Jill Little of Lake Leon gathered at the home of their parents, Jimmy and Verna Little for breakfast and opening of their Christmas gifts.

On Sunday, Dec. 19th Jimmy and Verna Little hosted an early Christmas dinner for Jerry and Lavell Hallmark and Earl and Debbie Braddock and Ashton and Shane, Amy and Taner Shott, aoo fo San Angelo, Greg and Becky Etheredge, LeeVi, Shane and Shetanne of Big Lake, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington, and James and Jill Little. They all visited with Dora Garrett at Valley View Lodge in Eastland.

Bob and Mary Jane Little hosted the Little family Christmas get-together in their home on Christmas Eve with a Christmas supper. Those enjoying the festive occasion were Ima Boles of Clyde, Bill, Lois and Abbey Boles of Ranger, Earl and Betty Little, Karen and Clay Patterson of Knox City, Doug, Carole, David and Joe Little of Carlsbad, N.M., Jimmy and Verne Little, Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland, Tim, Nelda, Cody and Jarad Fails of Arlington, James and Jill Little, Charles and Carolyn Little, Scotty, Caye and Zack Mauney of Seymour, Dan and Charla Burgess, Alan, Shellie and Justin Little of Gorman, Mrs. Pebble Boles of Eastland, Stacy, La Dawn and Alexia Snapp of Seguin, Terry, Arleen, Michael, Jonathan, Andrew and Lauren of Tyler visited earlier in the day with Bob and Mary Jane and the Snapp family.

—GP—

WITH FRIENDS

Fred and Mary McMullen of Melrose, N. M.* Dan and Jo Carey, Harold, Freida, Jeff and Genia Harrison of Mesquite, Brent Carey of Stephenville, Jerry, Nora and Patrick Frasier of Kingsville, Maxine Frasier of De Leon had Christmas dinner and visited over the weekend with their parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, Jay and Mary Williams. All had a great time.

Health Problems Are Winter Hazards

Although Texas winters often are mild, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) warns that cold weather-related deaths occur almost yearly in the state.

In 1992, at least 16 Texans died of hypothermia, severe loss of body heat.

"While severe or extended cold is dangerous to anyone, some people are more likely to suffer from hypothermia than are others," explained Dr. Diane M. Simpson, TDH Associate Commissioner for Disease Control and Prevention. She said people who are sick, or those taking certain

prescription drugs or drinking alcohol, may lack resistance to low temperatures. Small children are vulnerable because their bodies radiate heat faster than the bodies of adults. The homeless who are unable to find emergency shelter also are at risk.

However, Dr. Simpson said that the elderly are the group most susceptible to hypothermia. Death certificates show that 73 of the 111 Texans who died from cold weather conditions in the decade from 1981-1991 were 55 or older.

Several combined factors make cold weather more hazardous as people age. The elderly may not readily recognize and react to cold, since the natural reflexes which help us to adapt to cold -- the circulatory system, metabolism rate and the shivering reflex, lessen with age.

Also, older low-income people may set their thermostats lower than they should, to reduce heating costs. "These tendencies, plus the fact that many of the elderly live alone, have poor mobility or poor health requiring medications, invite tragedies every year," Dr. Simpson said.

"We urge everyone to check on elderly friends and relatives, especially during cold weather. Any symptoms of hypothermia are serious," Dr. Simpson added. Besides confusion and drowsiness, symptoms of hypothermia may be slurred speech, falling blood pressure, shallow breathing and pinkish tint to the skin.

Hypothermia begins when a person's deep body temperature falls below 95 degrees F. less than four degrees below normal. Dr. Simpson warned that even in Texas' temperate climate, people need to pay attention to wind-chill. Wind-chill is a term for the cooling effect wind has on the skin. Not only can wind-chill cause rapid heat loss from the body, it also can cause frostbite -- actual freezing of tissues. A strong wind, even in moderately cool weather, can cause a wind-chill far below freezing.

Texas Beef Industry Unites To Promote

The Texas beef industry from the "gate to the plate" took a positive stance on food safety November 10 in Fort Worth by emphasizing its commitment to producing a safe and wholesome beef supply. It further committed itself to education consumers on how to handle, store and prepare food safely in every Texas kitchen.

Twenty representatives of all segments of the beef industry participated in the "United for Food Safety" press conference at the Fort Worth Livestock Exchange Building. Following the media conference, the industry representatives had their photograph taken with a typical beef steer. The historic shot will be the centerpiece of a year-long emphasis on food safety.

"The different groups and individuals committed themselves to working together in this special event several months ago," says Anne I. Anderson, executive director of the Texas Beef Council. "Coincidentally nine isolated cases of foodborne illnesses associated with raw or undercooked beef were reported to Texas health authorities just days before we met."

Anderson said the illnesses reinforced the need for the Texas beef industry to remind consumers that beef comes to them as safe and wholesome product, but it also must be handled, prepared and stored properly by the consumer. That was one goal of the conference.

Conference speakers emphasized that the Centers for Disease Control say just over 2 percent of foodborne illness is caused by meat. The National Research Council reports only 3 percent of foodborne illnesses is a result of problems in the production and processing stage. These figures indicate that growth of illness-causing bacteria may occur during the handling, storage and cooking of meat products at food-service and by the consumer.

Our speaker was Vickie Detwiler of Bellingham, Wash. She is the mother of a 17-month-old son who was killed by secondary infection from E. coli 0157:H7 bacteria in February, 1993. He had contracted the bacteria in day school from another child who had eaten an undercooked hamburger. Detwiler told the group that her son's death could have been avoided through proper cooking of the meat. That same caution was reinforced by medical and government speakers throughout the media conference.

Industry spokesmen said they would face the challenge of getting this message to consumers through an intensive campaign. Beef check-off dollars have funded production and dissemination of this campaign through the Texas Beef Council.

* Texas consumers can receive information through brochures available at many foodservice and retail companies.

* East-to-understand food safety messages in Spanish and English in more than 6,000 restaurants across the state will reach food-handling employees.

* In January, 1994, more than 1.2 million refrigerator magnets carrying food safety tips will be provided to Texas consumers through direct mail, pediatricians, and schools.

"The most visible reminder of this year's food safety information and education campaign will be the group photo of the different segments taken after the conference," Anderson said. "It includes production, feeding, marketing, packing/processing, research, distribution, foodservice and retail representatives."

The photo will run in a two-page advertisement in Texas Monthly in January 1994. The ad's copy will emphasize the industry's commitment to food safety. The photo also will appear at consumer events and food shows across the nation.

"This photo and the food safety program it represents are proactive gestures by the beef industry to address a dangerous problem," Anderson said. "Fortunately, it is a problem that experts believe can be solved easily. We hope to do just that by educating an entire new generation of Texans about how to handle, store and prepare food as they and their families can consume beef with confidence."

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Friday - Hamburgers, cheese, all the trimmings, french fries, ice cream and milk.

—GP—



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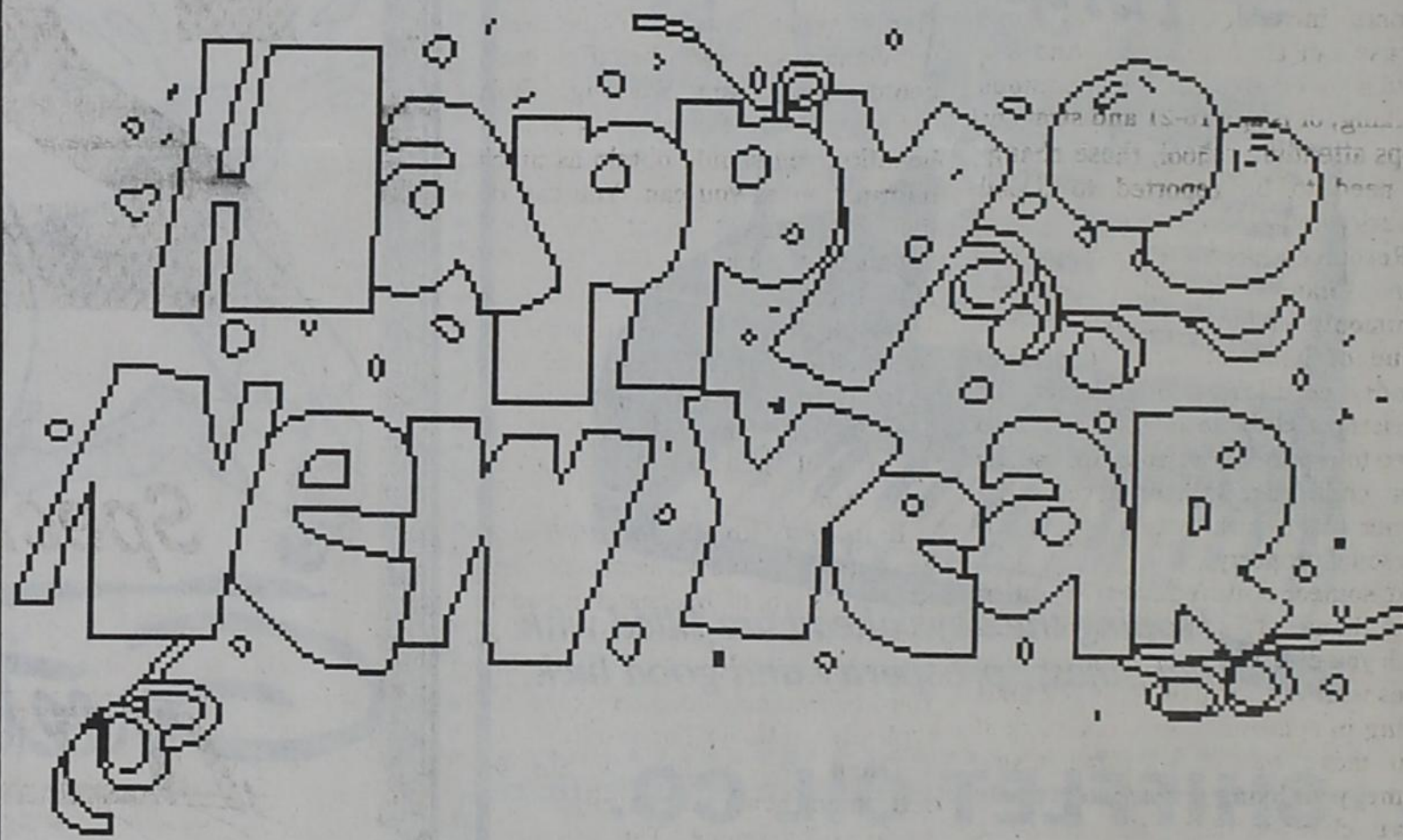
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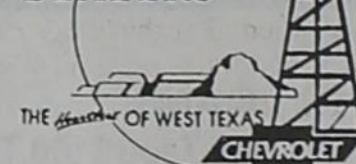
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CARBON NEWS

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Those visiting at the First Baptist Church of Carbon on Sunday were Bobbette Sherrard and friend from De Leon, Vera Lyerla and Babe Norris of Flatwood and some friends of Bro. Keith Henson from Eastland. Those visiting with Coy and Jessie Mangum over the holidays were Don and Cheryl Mangum of Eastland, Linda Ritter, Coy, Jr., Tonya and Andrew Mangum of Fort Worth, Leamon Cox, Marvin Hale and Mary Lou Hodge of Carbon, Cooky Petree and Ruth Livingston of Cisco. Dorothy Jackson spent the weekend in Sweetwater with Lavada, Stan, Ande and Erin Tucker. Dale Jackson and family spent last Tuesday night with his mother enroute to New Mexico for Christmas. Don Guy of Austin visited his parents, J. F. and Siegal Guy, over the weekend. Elizabeth Sandlin visited last week in San Angelo with Kathryn, Freddie and Chad Coburn and they returned home with her for the family get-together Saturday with all the rest of the Sandlin families. Cricket Walker

was a guest also. Visiting with Charles and Maxine Morgan over the weekend were Marty and Tara Morgan of Briggs, Marc and Kim Miller of Azle, Maria, Ande and Andrea Paulk of Imperial, and they all, with Tim and Darlene Stacy, Greg and Becky Stacy of Arlington, Delana Stacy and friend, Erica Stander of Abilene, whose home is in Johannesburg, South Africa, Terry, Gayla and Brad Stacy of Carbon, Jennifer Stacy, Angela Stacy and Bubba Twitchell of Eastland, visited with Billie Stacy on Sunday for the family get-together. Wallace and Paula McDaniel of Clyde hosted the Christmas dinner for their families, R. Lee, Duane, Nelda and John McDaniel of Carbon, and Wayne and Shanna Davis of Hillsboro and Paula's family of which I didn't get the names. Marvin and Gladys Hale were happy to have their children home for the holidays. They were Peggy and Charlie Stephenson, Tonya and Terry Cox of Fort Worth, Patsy and Charles Bryant and family of Panther Creek. Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ancil

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(Tiny) King over the weekend were their children, Donna Sue and Brad Carlile and Robby of Houston, Cynthia and Jimmy Sharp, Cassie and Kathryn of Temple and Ronnie Pinkerton and Travis of Abilene. Visiting with Wanda and Truman Bryant Saturday were Angie and Dwayne Clower of Pioneer, Keith and Gayle Clower of Nimrod, Jody, Wendy and Nichole Forbus of Stephenville, Doug, Sandra and Hannah Bryant and Jody Marr of Carbon, Heather and Heath Bryant of Dumas and Phyllis and Vernon Wright of Eastland.

Visiting with Mack and Lavene Stubblefield all last week were Jerry, Sherry and Zachary Rowell and Heather and Heath Bryant of Dumas.

Dale and Tena Walker had Christmas with their son, Dr. Kent and Ginger Walker in San Antonio. Ginger's family were visiting with them also.

Euell and Jenoise Allison were visiting in the home of Shane, Ann, Nathan and Kimera Lowrie on Sunday afternoon and night. Others visiting were Alvie, Linda, Adrienne, Stacia and David Allison of Arlington, Bill and Wynelle Brown of Gorman and Kris, D'Aun, Kristal and Billy Bob Brown of Carbon.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Free Brochures Untangle New Tax Laws

Dallas — Taxes and confusion go hand-in-hand for many taxpayers, and the new tax bill just adds to the problem. Now though, two free brochures that make sense of the tax code changes are available free from the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants (TSCPA). One is geared toward individuals while the other is for small business owners.

The brochure designed to help individuals, "Twenty-One Money-Saving Tips for 1993, A CPA's Guide to the New Tax Bill" cuts through the clutter of the new tax bill and presents the facts in layman's terms. It lists the new tax provisions and their effective dates and provides some tips to help lower your tax bill.

Small business owners concerned with how the new tax bill will impact their bottom line can get pertinent information from the brochure, "Understanding the New Tax Laws, A CPA's Guide for Small Businesses." It outlines the new laws and offers some general tax-saving strategies as well.

"There's no doubt taxpayers need good, clear information in order to prepare their tax return and take advantage of money-saving opportunities. These brochures can be valuable tools in helping taxpayers understand the new tax laws and minimize their tax bill," said Pat Wilson, CPA-San Antonio and TSCPA president. The brochure was produced by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

TSCPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting professionalism among CPAs and influencing excellence in education throughout

the state. Headquartered in Dallas, the 31,000-member Society has the largest in-state membership in the nation.



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ITEM OF INTEREST

There will be no Musical at the Sipe Springs Community Center due to January 1st being a holiday with other activity involved.

The musical will resume on February 5th.

Changes In Income, Resources May Affect SSI Payments

If you are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, your benefits and your eligibility for SSI may be affected by changes in the amount of your monthly income, your living arrangements, and in your resources (such as bank accounts, houses, or cars). A change in any of these items could make your SSI payments go up or down.

Under the SSI program, income includes cash, checks, and other things you get that can be used for food, clothing, or shelter. Changes in income include changes in your spouse's or child's income. And if a child who receives SSI starts or stops working, or is age 18-21 and starts or stops attending school, those changes need to be reported to Social Security, too.

Resources include the things you own. Changes to your resources commonly include changes in the value of bank accounts, stocks or bonds, certificates of deposit, or Christmas club accounts. You also need to report if you, your spouse, or you, child buy, sell, or become the owner of any real estate, a car, or personal property.

If someone moved into or out of your home, if someone who lives with you dies, if you or someone who lives with you has a baby, if you start living in someone else's home, or if you move out of someone else's home, your living arrangements may have changed and this must be reported to Social Security.

You should report changes in any of these circumstances to Social Security within 10 days after the month in which the change happens. But, the change usually will not affect your check for the first 2 months after the event. There are penalties for not reporting changes or for making false statements about changes in your income or resources. In addition, if you have received an overpayment, you'll have to pay it back.

You can report changes by phone either to the local Social Security office or by calling Social Security's toll-free number 1-800-772-1213.

VICTORIOUS ON NAFTA, GRAMM URGES FREE TRADE WITH CENTRAL AMERICA

Washington — U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm will introduce legislation to demolish trade barriers between the United States and all nations of the Western Hemisphere.

"Trade built America, tore down the Berlin Wall and dismembered the Soviet Union," Gramm said. "Even in the economic wasteland that Cuba has become, once Fidel Castro's communist government joins those of the old Eastern Bloc in the dustbin of history, trade can replace decades of poverty and want with jobs, growth and opportunity," Gramm said.

The Gramm legislation will put free trade agreements between America and the 32 nations of the Caribbean Basin, Central America and South America on a fast track to congressional approval.

It makes special provisions for Cuba to join in a trade agreement with the United States, requiring

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Typically individuals spend about 20 years in retirement so it is important to plan for those years. Not only can Social Security help you financially during your retirement years, Social Security representatives can assist you to plan for your retirement as well.

Almost anyone about to reach age 62 or anyone age 62 or older who plans to claim Social Security retirement benefits should contact Social Security in advance. In fact, we encourage individuals to check into their Social Security retirement benefits up to a year before they actually plan to retire. That's because some individuals can get benefits even before they stop working. But, before you file for your retirement benefits, you should obtain as much information as you can. You can do this by calling Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and speaking with a teleservice representative. The representative will answer any questions you may have, assist you in obtaining a benefit estimate, and advise you when and how to schedule an appointment.

If you plan to file for retirement benefits in January, February, and March, it would be best for you to call the toll-free number as early as possible to obtain information about your retirement because those are typically our busiest months.

When you decide to file for retirement benefits, you might want to do so by phone. The completed application is then mailed to you for verification, signature, and return to our office for processing. Your birth certificate, and proof of recent wages will be needed at this stage. You may bring or mail the original documents or certified copies to our office, where they will be photocopied and returned to you.

A few weeks after you file for benefits, you'll be notified by mail of your Social Security monthly benefit amount and the date it will begin. You'll also receive a Social Security booklet explaining your rights and responsibilities as a beneficiary and how to report changes that may affect your benefits.

that Cuba first replace the Castro government in Havana with a freely elected, constitutionally guaranteed democracy. Additionally, the bill requires that Cuba release its political prisoners, restore the right to private property and guarantee free speech and a free press.

"Protectionists said no to NAFTA, but history, common sense and Congress said yes," Gramm, R-TX, noted. "Protectionists will continue to surround America with a wall of quotas and tariffs, cheating our own consumers and mortgaging our children's future, and we must not let them succeed."

"Expanding trade beyond NAFTA to our neighbors in the Caribbean Basin and to Central and South America, will open vast new markets for our agricultural and manufactured products, creating thousands of new jobs here at home," Gramm said.

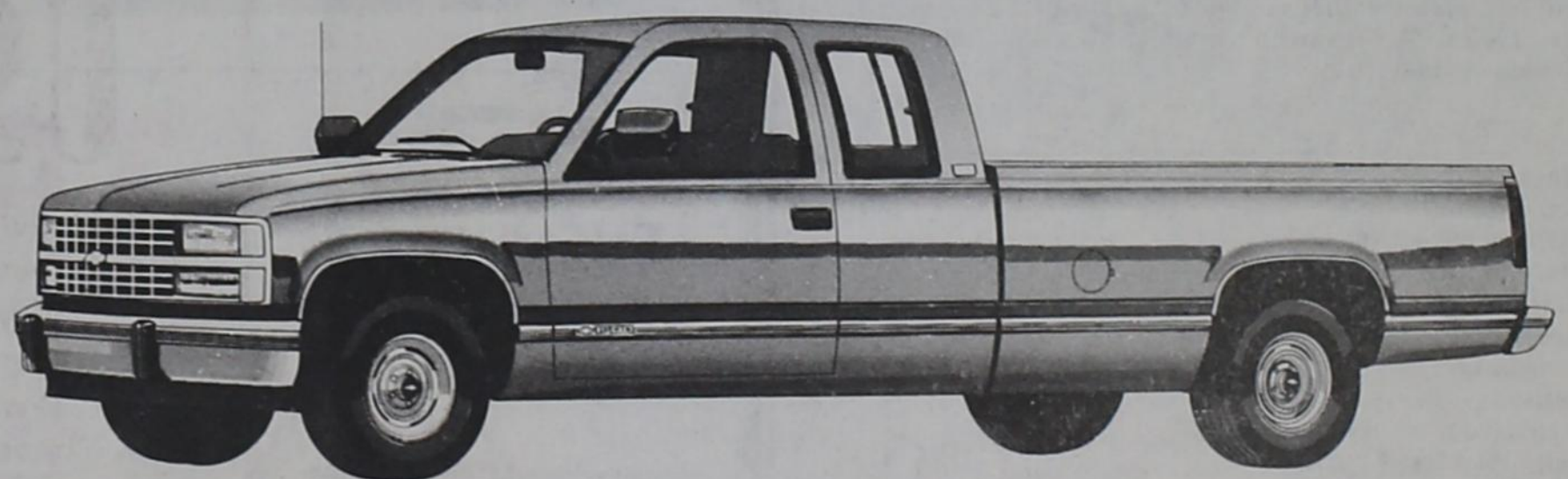
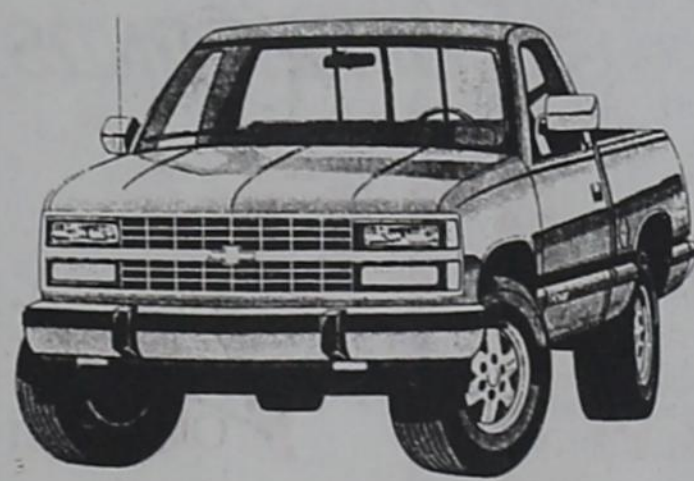
The islands of Venice were sinking an average of about 1/5 inch yearly until the mid-1970s. The Italian government restricted the use of water from the city's underground wells. Water pressure then built up under the islands and the city stopped sinking.

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HOLIDAY IDEAS

Homemade Cookies Combine Chocolate and Buttercrunch

News USA

(NU) - One way to sweeten your holiday entertaining is with the delectable combination of chocolate and buttercrunch in homemade cookies.

So, if your sweet tooth is now on alert, here is a great-tasting, fuss-free new cookie recipe that is as easy to prepare as it is delicious.

These tasty cookies contain Almond Roca® Buttercrunch — a unique buttercrunch confection coated with chocolate and diced almonds created by family-owned confectioner Brown & Haley back in 1923.

ALMOND ROCA® BUTTER BALLS

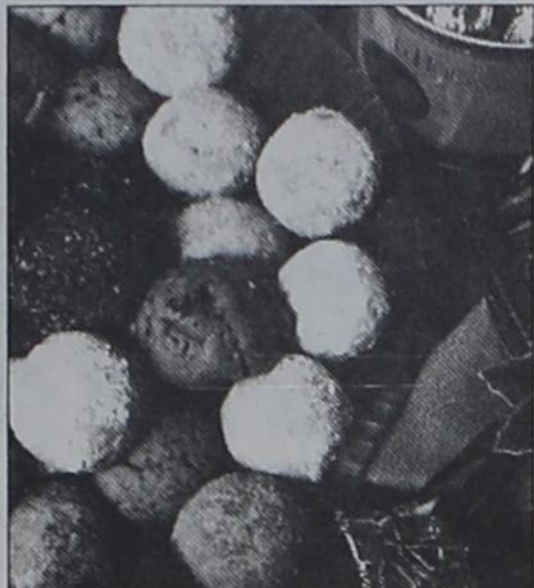
(Yields approximately 39 cookies or 1 pound)

FOR THE COOKIES:

1 1/3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 stick (4 ounces) sweet butter, softened
Grated rind of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup (approximately 4 ounces) finely ground Almond Roca*

OPTIONAL TOPPINGS:

1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup confectioners sugar
1 cup finely ground Almond Roca



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In electric-mixer bowl, put flour, sugar and salt. Blend. Cut in butter, lemon rind and extracts. Mix until soft (rather dry) dough is formed. Gently add ground Almond Roca. Refrigerate dough 15 minutes.

With your hands, roll dough into small balls (3/4-inch in diameter) and place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 15 minutes. While still warm, remove from baking sheet and roll in one of the above toppings or leave plain.

* Cut Almond Roca pieces in half. Put in food processor and process until candy becomes a fine powder.

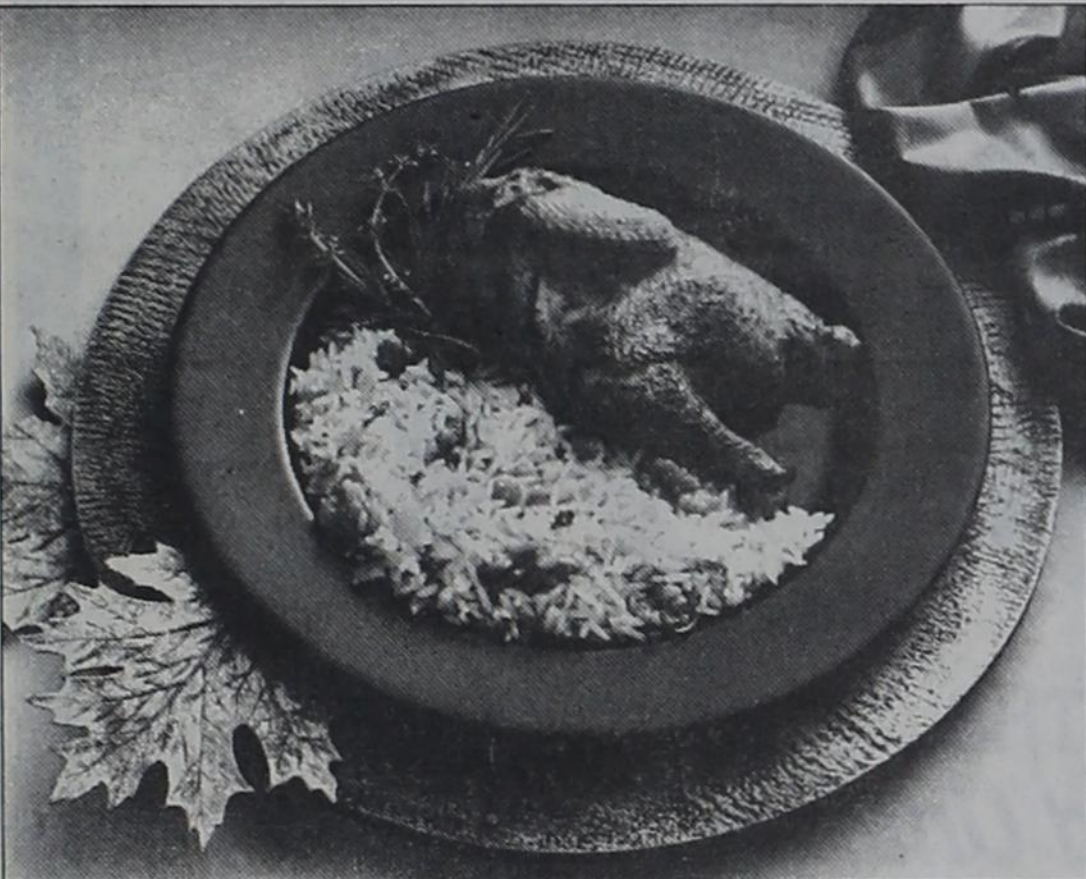
Holiday Dessert Ideas Using Almond Roca

Tartuffo — Roll ball of hard vanilla ice cream into crushed Almond Roca until completely covered. Freeze until hard. Top with chocolate sauce and whipped cream.

Buttercrunch Cake — Buy a pound cake or favorite plain cake, brush lightly with honey and sprinkle crushed Almond Roca over top and sides of cake.

Strawberry Crunch — Top fresh cut strawberries, lightly sugared, with whipped cream (yogurt or non-fat sour cream) and sprinkle with crushed Almond Roca.

Almond Roca — Add crushed Almond Roca to your favorite butter cookie recipe or use instead of ground nuts for delicious cookie crunch.



Herbed Walnut Rice Is Festive — And Healthy

News USA

(NU) - For generations, home cooks in many parts of the world have looked on rice as the nearly perfect food.

For one thing, rice is versatile — this Herbed Walnut Rice, with its mixture of aromatic herbs, is equally delicious as a stuffing for poultry or all alone as a flavorful side dish.

But best of all, rice is high in complex carbohydrates and contains no sodium, cholesterol or fat. In fact, just 10 percent of the calories in Herbed Walnut Rice come from fat.

Nearly as important for today's cooks-on-the-run, this festive dish is easy to prepare.

For more ideas on cooking with rice, write to the USA Rice Council, Box 740121, Houston, TX 77274. Meanwhile, brighten your winter dinner hour with colorful Herbed Walnut Rice.

HERBED WALNUT RICE

(Makes 6 servings)

1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup shredded carrot
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/8 teaspoon rosemary
1 tablespoon butter
3 cups cooked rice (cooked in chicken broth)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Cook onion, carrot, walnuts, marjoram, thyme and rosemary in butter in large skillet over medium-high heat until vegetables are tender crisp. Stir in rice and parsley; heat thoroughly.

Each serving provides 199 calories, 7 g. protein, 9 g. fat, 23 g. carbohydrate, 1.2 g. dietary fiber, 549 mg. sodium, 6 mg. cholesterol.

FREEBIES

Information Just A Phone Call Away

(NU) - For information about supplemental health insurance for people age 50 and older, call the AARP Group Health Insurance Program at 1-800-523-5800, and ask for Operator 184. (News USA)

This holiday season, the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Mich., are paying tribute to the Wright Brothers and the anniversary of their famous flight. Take your family to see the special Holiday Take Flight program. For more information, call 1-800-TEL-A-FRIEND. (News USA)

For information on establishing or adding to an IRA, or investing the proceeds of a maturing CD into the Bull & Bear U.S. Government Securities Fund, call 1-800-VIP-4200. (News USA)

Now, there is a weapon against the flu. Flumadine, a new prescription medicine developed by Forest Laboratories, Inc., is available in the United States to treat and prevent influenza type A. For information on Flumadine, call 1-800-355-9500. (News USA)

New Year Brings New Business To Texas — NAFTA

Washington—The North American Trade Agreement takes effect January 1, bringing immediate benefits to Texas businesses, from cattle ranchers to oil producers, U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm says.

"Several barriers to U. S. trade with Mexico are scheduled to drop immediately as NAFTA is implemented, increasing markets for Texas farm products, oil and gas drilling machinery and computer products,"

Gramm says.

The following are some of the products that will be affected by NAFTA January 1:

BEEF — Mexican tariff of 25 percent on frozen beef, 20 percent on fresh/chilled beef and 15 percent on live slaughter cattle will be eliminated.

CANTALOUPE — The seasonal duty charged on imported cantaloupes will be eliminated from January 1 to May 15 annually.

CORN — NAFTA assures the U. S. a 2.5 million metric ton duty-free market for corn that will increase by 3 percent each year.

OIL & GAS FIELD DRILLING MACHINERY SERVICES — Tariffs on more than 17 percent of U. S.

oil and gas field drilling machinery will be eliminated immediately, with tariffs on an additional 66 percent of U. S. products to be phased out over the next five years.

COMPUTERS — Texas has become one of the pre-eminent computer manufacturing states in the U.

S. Under NAFTA, 70 percent of Mexican tariffs on computers and 100 percent of Mexican tariffs on computer chips will be removed on January 1. Tariffs on the remaining 30 percent of U. S. computer products will be phased out over the next five years.

PERSONALITIES

Inspirational 'Gladiator' Fights For People with Hearing Loss

News USA

(NU) - Shelley Beattie — known to millions as "Siren" on the "American Gladiators" television show — is training for the 1996 Olympic kayak team.

She has been a bodybuilding champion. She's the dream spokesmodel for organizations supporting the handicapped.

And 27-year-old Beattie is virtually deaf.

Her success and stardom have made her the perfect symbol of the hearing-impaired community's long-standing desire to be considered as capable as everyone else.

Beattie has had to wage some long battles to get to this position. But she has proven to be a formidable fighter.

"Born hearing" and an admittedly "very hyperactive" child, Beattie got into a cupboard at age three and overdosed on 20 adult aspirins.

While this mishap hastened degenerative hearing loss, doctors said a normal 3-year-old would have died.

Life at home was tough, she says, where there was some denial of her hearing problem. But she continued to develop the strong, athletic body that was obvious even in preschool tumbling class.

She went on to set school athletic records that still stand today.

In the classroom, however, things were harder. Beattie had to do some cheating in order to get by "because I couldn't understand the teacher," she said.

Deficient hearing is an often misunderstood but common disability. In fact, one in 15 school-age children have it.

Still, she made it into college. And, although she would not graduate, she began working around that time in group homes with emotionally disturbed and handicapped teenagers.

She also began body building and



Shelley Beattie sets a formidable example for the hearing-impaired.

winning competitions. In 1990, she won the Emerald Cup in the prestigious USA body building competition.

National media attention led eventually to "American Gladiators."

Today, Beattie addresses deafness publicly on behalf of the Better Hearing Institute. She wants people to know that most hearing problems can now be helped medically, surgically or, like her own, with hearing aids.

"I refused to let a hearing problem stand in my way," Beattie says, adding that young people must not believe that "only older folks suffer from hearing problems."

She urges anyone who suspects a problem to "arrange for a checkup now."

Information on hearing loss and available help can be obtained by writing the Better Hearing Institute, P.O. Box 1840, Washington, DC 20013, or by calling the Hearing HelpLine, 1-800-EAR WELL.



A happy new year is meant to be shared and we'd like to share this one with you.



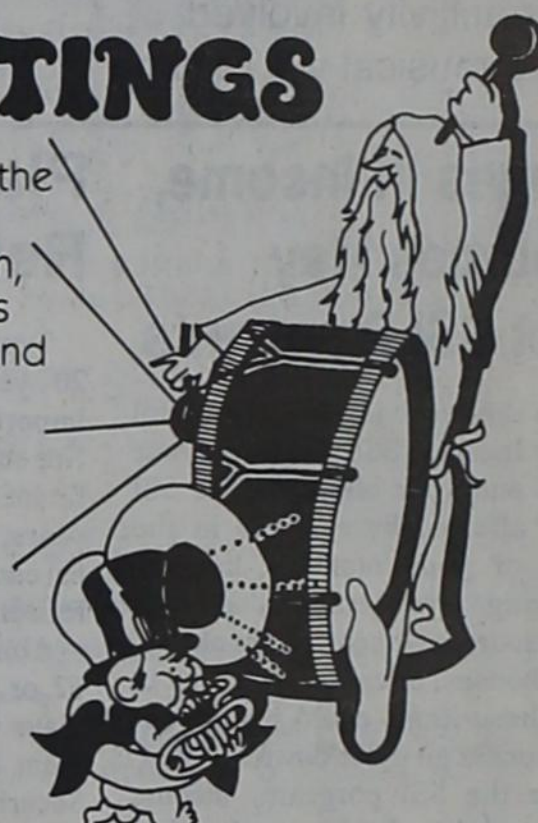
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GREETINGS

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