



Merry Christmas



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TxDOT approves Sidewalk Improvement Project

Local funds still needed

by Randall Conner, Director of Economic Development

City Manager Aref Hassan received notification from the Texas Department of Transportation last week that the Downtown Winters Sidewalk Improvement Project has been selected as part of the State-wide Transportation Improvement Program for the year 2000.

The Winters project scored high enough on the evaluation that local officials did not have to go to Austin to present our case.

The selection is subject to the formal approval of the Texas Transportation Commission and obtaining the required local matching funds. To date, over \$33,000 of the \$44,000 goal has been raised.

The Winters Sidewalk Improvement application was made August 9, 1999, and the Texas Transportation Commission meets January 28, 2000, to make formal approval. The timeline for the project is as follows:

Project Agreements, Legal Work — February - March, 2000
Engineering and Environmental Evaluations — March - July
Right-of-Way Permitting — July - August
Plan Review — August - October

See SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, pg. 3

Relief Fund to serve needs of Winters residents

by Pastor Jim Hanson, Winters Ministerial Alliance

The Winters Relief Fund is a "Not-for-profit" corporation that serves people in Winters who find themselves in various kinds of needs: assistance in paying util-

ity bills, medicine, and food.

Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, our basic means of support come from our annual

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Too tired to 'Deck the Halls'



KENDALL FERGUSON, age 3, catches a few winks while big brother Kody Perry, age 6, puts the finishing touches on his gingerbread house in Mrs. Sneed's first grade class. Parents of the boys are Michael and Michele Ferguson. Winters classes dismissed on Dec. 17 for the Christmas holidays and will return on Jan. 3, 2000.

Dinner will be served to "any and all" on Christmas Day

"A West Texas Christmas Dinner" will be served at Jones Hall in the First Baptist Church of Winters at 401 North Main from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Day.

Sponsored by the Winters Ministerial Alliance, the dinner is for anyone and everyone. This includes those "who are traveling through, truckers, all alone, hungry, or folks who have no place to go on Christmas Day for dinner."

The meal will be prepared and served by volunteers from the community. Anyone needing a meal delivered to their home is asked to please call 754-5521. The alliance asks that everyone pass the word about the meal which is free.

If you would like to help with this project, volunteers will be needed anytime from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Baptist Church. Donations of vegetables, salads, desserts, or money, is welcome.

Christmas is for everyone, and all are welcome!

WTU announces new low income energy assistance program

West Texas Utilities Company has joined with community service agencies across its service territory to offer a new low income energy assistance program.

Called Neighbor to Neighbor, the program provides a fund that helps WTU customers pay their home energy bills in emergency situations. Thirteen community action agencies in West Texas administer the program. Serving Runnels County is Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. of Coleman.

Funds for the year-round program are provided by an initial contribution from WTU's stockholders with continued funding by customer contributions and a company-matching program.

"We are indebted to these agencies for their enthusiastic support," said Paul Brower, WTU's general manager and president. "Without them, this program wouldn't be possible." The various agencies, following

criteria established by WTU and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), determine the eligibility of participants and implement the program in their respective areas. No program funds are used to administer the program, so 100% of each contribution directly benefits those in need.

A special feature of the program allows customers to participate in the program through regular or one-time contributions. "Everyone can be a neighbor by extending a helping hand to someone in need," said WTU's Brower. Customers who want help can obtain a brochure and pledge card at a WTU Business Office, or simply call 1-888-216-3523 (English) or 1-888-216-3505 (Spanish). The donation you indicate will appear on your next electric bill. All contributions to the program are fully tax-deductible.

While the company is committed to supporting this program,

Brower noted that WTU expects the West Texas tradition of neighbors helping neighbors will make it an even bigger success. Summer temperatures in West Texas regularly exceed 100 degrees, and that can be life threatening if individuals don't have adequate cooling. Winters can be equally challenging for people without adequate heat. Financial hardships and unexpected emergencies can compound the situation for those people already in need.

Applicants to the program must meet the following requirements:

- Be a WTU customer
- Be responsible for paying the energy expense in question
- Have a genuine financial need at the time of the application.

For more information, call 1-888-216-3523 or contact a WTU area business office.

Museum receives \$5,000 grant

The Z.I. Hale Museum recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Strake Foundation of Houston to help finish the restoration of the second floor of the Rock Hotel Heritage Center.

The exterior and first floor of the Rock Hotel have been completed and \$39,000 is needed to complete the second floor and to

See MUSEUM, page 6

Enterprise closed Christmas Eve

The Winters Enterprise will be closed on Friday, December 24, so our employees may enjoy the Christmas holidays with their families.

Deadline for all news and advertising will be noon, Monday, December 27.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- Dec. 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., SANTA CLAUS at First State Bank
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m., First State Bank Holiday Cheer Table, Winters
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m., First American Bank Open House, Winters
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Security State Bank Holiday Open Houses, Winters & Wingate Branches
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Runnels County Courthouse Offices Close
- Dec. 24-9 a.m.-Noon, First State Bank Holiday Cheer Table, Winters
- 7:30 p.m., Cowboys for Christ, Drasco
- CHRISTMAS EVE**
- The Winters Enterprise Closed
- Dec. 25-CHRISTMAS DAY
- Dec. 27-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- 6 p.m., City Council
- 6 p.m., Weight Watches, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- 7 p.m., Wingate Masonic Lodge
- Dec. 28-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center
- Noon, Lions Club, Community Center
- 7 p.m., WVFD
- WVFD Auxiliary
- Dec. 29-7 a.m., WABIC, Chamber Office
- 11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Senior Citizens Activity Center
- Dec. 30-11:30 a.m., Senior Citizens Meal, Sr. Citizens Activity Center



An invitation

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Oil Bidness

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This is the time of year when I normally prognosticate (thank heaven for spell checkers) on the future of oil prices. My prediction record is dismal, however I will do my part in upholding this, ahem, tradition.

Last year, I spoke of the prevailing prices as an aberration that couldn't last. Thankfully, I was right for a change, although I had no idea it would turn around so fast and so dramatically.

What I have to say this time around will sound familiar, but the direction I point will be 180 degrees from last year.

The current prices are an aberration (I don't often get to use that word more than once a day). That doesn't mean I don't love the benefits that flow to our business because of higher prices. It just means that I have reviewed the historical record and the current level of prices is unsustainable in the long run, in my opinion.

Just as prices a year ago were too low to sustain, prices above \$25 just can't last. Now, I have no special computer program that tells me what the exact price of petroleum should be. The market does the price setting. But, I can see when a price spike is just that—a spike—sharp, pointed, and of short duration.

Prices are likely (again, in my opinion) to trade over the longer term in a range that can be described roughly as being between \$17 and \$20 per barrel, with some consideration for overall inflation. But, although inflation can affect acceptance of slightly higher prices over a longer period, there is a general intolerance in the market for petroleum prices that get too high, too quickly.

This happens because the United States' populace, the center of the consumption universe, will not allow gasoline prices to get too high without changing their habits (lowering consumption or slapping controls on prices). The effect of higher oil prices is being felt now and people are beginning to complain (see some of my recent columns). It is true that current prosperity and very low core (does not include food and petroleum) inflation have kept a lid on the general public outcry, but petroleum is so pervasive in our world that the effects will creep throughout the economy affecting everything from gasoline prices to airline tickets to the cost of milk jugs.

There has also been some unreasonable fear regarding Iraq taking their oil off the market. Yes, they have said they are not going to participate in a continuation of oil-for-food sales plan, but there is some doubt they have stopped selling and they will sell eventually, believe me. At that time, I expect prices to drop back considerably.

I do believe that current prices have aided the overall acceptance of inflation in energy prices that the market would not accept over the last 15 years. This means that prices may begin to trade in the higher end of the range mentioned above, and the price range may actually expand upward slightly. But, in any case, I expect prices to fall back sometime in 2000.

More specifically, I expect oil prices to get back around \$20 with a slight chance of a drop to \$16 or \$17 if Iraq opens up the spigots.

There, I have done it. I have exposed myself to ridicule and embarrassment once again. Anything for my readers...

HIGHLIGHTS OF AREA DRILLING ACTIVITY

COMPLETIONS

Runnels County

Bettis, Boyle, and Stovall has completed the Burns-Watkins Unit #1 in the Dorman Field (1 mile NE of Wilmett) at an initial rate of 35 BOPD in the Goen (perms 4610-4615). Loc. is 1680 FWL & 50 FSL of Lot 11, H.L. Bays Sur. No. 444, A-17.

STAKINGS

Coke County

Perkins Prothro Company has staked the W. C. Blanks #E-6 in the Jameson Field, 6 miles SW of Silver (Depth 6800). Loc. is 3500 FWL & 3475 FSL of Sec. 69, Blk. 2, H&TC Sur., A-223.

Coleman County

Haynes Production Co., Inc. has staked the Allen-A- #1 in the County Regular Field, 9 miles E of Coleman (Depth 2200). Loc. is 1200 FNL & 4610 FWL of M. Chavez Sur. No. 44.

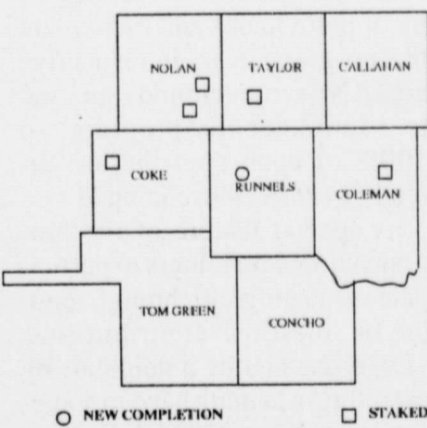
Nolan County

Enrich Oil Corporation has staked the A.M. Brown #1 in the Flagstaff Field, 1 mile S of Nolan (Depth 5900). Loc. is 672 FNL & 2211 FWL of Sec. 286, Blk. 64, H&TC Sur.

Ventex Operating has staked the Morrow-Brooks Unit #1-A in the Weaver Springs Field, 5 miles NE of Nolan (Depth 6000). Loc. is 35 FNL & 1273 FSL of Sec. 48, Blk. 5, T&PRR Sur.

Taylor County

L.C.S. Production has staked three wells in the County Regular Field, 3 miles W of Tuscola (Depth 4999). The Stockton #1 is loc. 1932 FWL & 548 FSL of Sec. 36, Blk. 1, SPRR Sur. The Stockton #11 is loc. 216 FWL & 1448 FSL of same Sec. The Stockton #14 is loc. 2550 FWL & 1258 FSL of same Sec.



A WEST TEXAS SCENE painted in pastels is displayed by artist Hugh Campbell, who emphasizes balance and harmony.

Hugh Campbell presents program on pastel paintings to artists guild

by Elouise Chesnut

There were fourteen members and three guests at the Tuesday, December 7, meeting of the Mid-West Texas Artists Guild.

Using photos, taken when creeks contained water, Hugh Campbell did a pastel painting of his interpretation of a West Texas scene. As he painted, he answered questions on the type of paper and pastels he preferred. He emphasized creating balance and harmony in a painting, commonality.

The president, Jean Hensley, surprised us with the news that Billie Dawn King had done a November newsletter for all the members. She plans to do this every month and the members

plan to put them in notebooks. This is made possible by Buddy's Plant Place, donating the paper and printing.

The Carnegie Library of Ballinger has offered to order books and videos on art. Contact Edith Collins or Sandra Kasper with suggestions. Sandra Kasper is also the one to contact if you have paintings you want to show at the library. Paintings are needed for February. Brownwood show entries are due February 6-12.

A belated thanks to Billie Dawn King for all her help in the Mid-Texas Artists Guild show on December 7 and to Carmen Glass for the use of her building.

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Monday, Dec. 27: Hamburger steak w/gravy, rice, tomato salad, cornbread, and fruit.

Tuesday, Dec. 28: Swiss steak, hominy, tossed salad, cornbread, and rice pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 29: Pork roast & gravy, sauerkraut salad, mashed potatoes, roll, and cake.

Thursday, Dec. 30: Ham & gravy, black-eyed peas, mixed greens, cornbread, and Jello.

Friday, Dec. 24: Closed for New Year's.

Sr. Citizens Nursing Home News

By Billie Ruth Bishop

In the spirit of the season

Thanks to everyone for the contributions and time given to the residents during the Christmas season.

I hope that each of you has a wonderful and safe Christmas.

Mrs. Lucille Hill has entered the nursing home. She is in room 112.

It is estimated that Jesus was born some time around 6 B.C., since Herod, the king who attempted to kill all Jewish male infants in and around Bethlehem died around 4 B.C.

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Obituaries

Ellis Zane Moore

WINTERS—Ellis Zane Moore, 76, a lifetime resident of Winters, died Wednesday morning, December 15, 1999, at his residence. He was born September 5, 1923, in Winters. He graduated from Winters High School and married La Moyne Kennedy on June 25, 1942, in Winters. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Australia during World War II as an aircraft mechanic.

Mr. Moore owned and operated Winters Sheet Metal, a plumbing, heating/air conditioning, and sheet metal contractor. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a volunteer fireman for 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, La Moyne Moore of Winters; two daughters, Zanette Hammonds of Austin and Sylvia Moore of Austin; three sons, Robert Moore and wife Suzan Flanagan of Corinth, Mike Moore and wife Donna of Midland, and Marvin Moore and wife Sarah of Houston; his mother, Stella Moore of Winters; two sisters, Mittie Ley of Van Wert, Ohio, and Cynthia Autrey of Temple; and seven grandchildren.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 17, at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Reverend Barry Taylor and Reverend Harry Grantz of Cisco officiating. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery in Winters, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were George Mostad, Charles Awalt, Randall Conner, Mark Briley, Joe DeLaCruz, and Joe Gerhart.

Memorials may be made to the Andrew Fund at the First Baptist Church in Winters.

Virginia Fay Howell Bryson

SAN ANGELO—Virginia Fay Howell Bryson, 92, died Sunday, December 19, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital.

She was born July 4, 1907, near Cornhill, Williamson County, Texas. She had lived in San Angelo since 1976.

Survivors include one daughter, Jane Bryson Frederick of San Angelo; one son, Tom W. Bryson of Buchanan Dam; one sister, Ella Mae Sawyer of Winters; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one niece; and numerous great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger, directed by Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Ava Elizabeth Talley

ABILENE—Ava Elizabeth Talley, 80, died Thursday morning, December 16, 1999, at her residence.

She was born March 4, 1919, in Wingate and was raised in Shep. She married Aubrey D. Talley on December 23, 1939, in Blackwell and moved to Abilene in 1974.

Mrs. Talley was a homemaker and a member of Northside Baptist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include her husband, Aubrey D. Talley of Abilene; one son, Glynn Talley of Barrington, New Hampshire; one daughter, Lynda Squires of Lubbock; two sisters, Ruby Allfred of Abilene and Opal Pillion of Littlefield; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 18, at Northside Baptist Church in Abilene with Reverend Don Greenway officiating. Burial was in Shep Cemetery in South Taylor County, directed by Winters Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ruben Talley, Raymond Talley, Cecil Self, Jimmy Allred, Carey Allred, and Sam Doyle.

Memorials may be made to Ben Richey Boys Ranch.

Charles A. "Bo" Evans Jr.

BUFFALO, OKLAHOMA—Charles A. "Bo" Evans Jr., 63, died Monday, December 13, 1999, at Harper County Community Hospital in Buffalo, Oklahoma.

He was born October 25, 1936, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Charles Albert Evans and Bess (Bryan) Evans. He graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1954 and Oklahoma A&M in 1958. He married Jo Lavern Downing on April 12, 1959, and later Mary Lou Deighton on August 21, 1992. He had resided in Buffalo for the past 2-1/2 years, moving from Ada. He was also a former resident of Winters, Texas.

Mr. Evans was an oilfield engineer. He was a member of BPOE, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his wife on July 11, 1997.

Survivors include a very special companion, Ilene Nichols of Buffalo, Oklahoma; two sons, Chuck Evans and wife Tammy of Columbia, Louisiana, and Lee Evans and wife Nancy of Lowake, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday, December 14 and 15, at Myatt Funeral Home in Buffalo, Oklahoma. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 16, at Criswell Funeral Home in Ada, Oklahoma. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Ada, Oklahoma, directed by Myatt Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Harper County Community Hospital, in care of Myatt Funeral Home, Box 749, Buffalo, Oklahoma 73834.

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— Benjamin Franklin

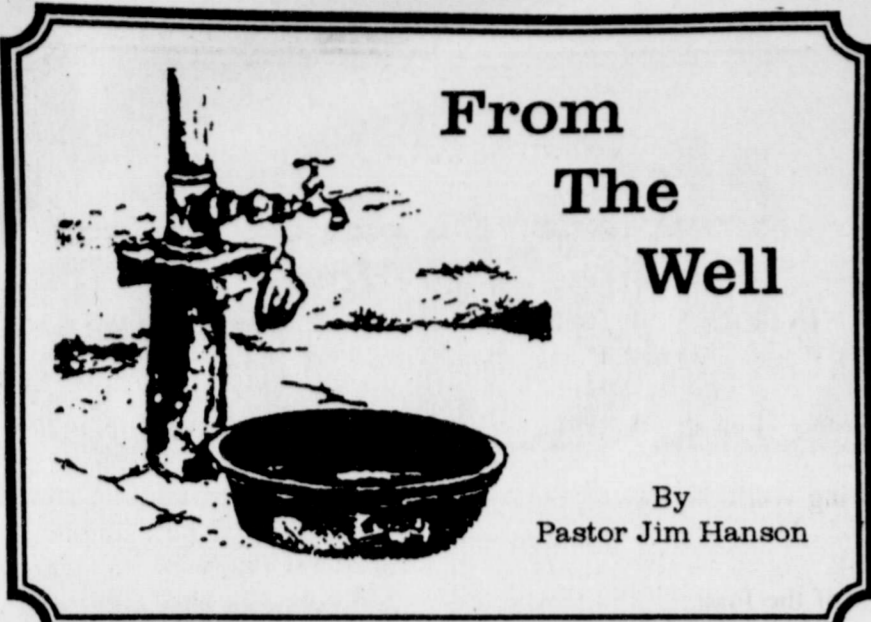
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From The Well

By
Pastor Jim Hanson



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Christina Georgina Rossetti wrote a poem about the first Christmas. About 150 years ago. It goes like this:

"In the bleak mid-winter,
Frosty wind made moon,
Earth stood hard as iron, water

like a stone;

Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago."
"Heaven cannot hold him, Nor... earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ."

And it was in the bleak mid-winter of 1969, in Crookston, Minnesota, that two young pastors were talking about "how" we, and the members of the church we served, might truly "get into Christmas." The real meaning of Christmas. The beautiful church, with stained glass windows and huge pipe organ was gracefully appointed with red poinsettias and candles and pine branches. The choirs were all practiced and ready to sing. All of it was good. But — there was still an empty space in our souls. So — what could we do — to truly penetrate our souls with the real meaning of Christmas.

At that moment, inspired by the Holy Spirit, I blurted out to my assistant, "Paul, let's do a stable communion. Right after we go caroling. We'll invite whoever wants to come — we'll go out to Randy Christianson's place. He has just the right kind of barn — almost ready to 'go down.' And he has horses, and sheep, and a few cows, and chickens — do you get the picture? There, in that old red barn we'll sing a few carols to the Lord, and, for bread, we'll have some Christmas bread... with frosting and fruit mixed in, and good full-bodied red wine. And the Word... the Christmas story... and the words from Jesus at the Last Supper... 'Do this... to remember me.'"

Paul nodded. And smiled. And exclaimed "That's it. Let's do it." And so, we did. Randy was so pleased and honored that his old barn would be filled that night... with folks from town... with the Words and with Holy Communion. We announced it. Put it in the church bulletin. Put it in the newsletter. "Stable Communion... Come."

The night came, two days before Christmas Eve. It was a cold, cold night — 20 degrees. The wind blew some. There was lots of snow. We wondered who would come... if any.

Much to our surprise — we had at least 50 carolers. Adults, high-schoolers, and children. When we got to Randy's, there were cars in the yard, engines running, waiting for us to get there so they could join in the Stable Communion.

With only the light of our flashlights and the sound of our feet puncturing the crusty snow, we made a kind of procession to the barn. Inside, Randy had made an altar of square bales of straw. Right in front of the horses' stall. The cows were in their place. So also the sheep. And a light was shining on the bottle of wine and the bread... and the Bible, and a big Common Cup.

I didn't have to quiet the crowd. Just being there — in that setting — made a sanctuary. I started to hum "Silent Night"... then we sang. We passed around the Scriptures... to be read out loud by parishioners. We prayed — for folks — in need. We heard the Word. We blessed the bread and wine. While saying the Words of Institution — "This is my body," the horse nuzzled my neck. Honest! Like he approved of it all. We ate the bread and drank from the cup. In the presence of the animals. And, in the presence of Him.

I looked at Paul. He looked at me. We nodded. And looked up to where the Baby now rules as Lord. To the heavens. And said, "Thank You, Jesus."

I have been part of worship services in great cathedrals and tiny chapels. With marvelous choirs and mighty organs. But I have never experienced, before or since, the power of His presence in the Lord's Supper — as I did, that night, in Randy Christianson's barn near Crookston, Minnesota. And why not? If God chooses to be born in a barn then, why shouldn't I be "reborn" in one now?

Well, the barn is gone. And, so is Randy. He's with the Lord. But not the Stable Communion. It has become a tradition in that town. And grown. Now they have it in the arena of the horse building at the college. And the animals are there. And the Words. And the carols. And Communion — for the whole town. Hundreds come. And why not? A stable is sufficient.

My heart can be a stable. Often is. And needs to be cleaned. But even more, to be occupied. By Him. Even in the cold of winter. In Winters. And it is, as we sing, "O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today." If we mean it, and believe it, even that stable will suffice.

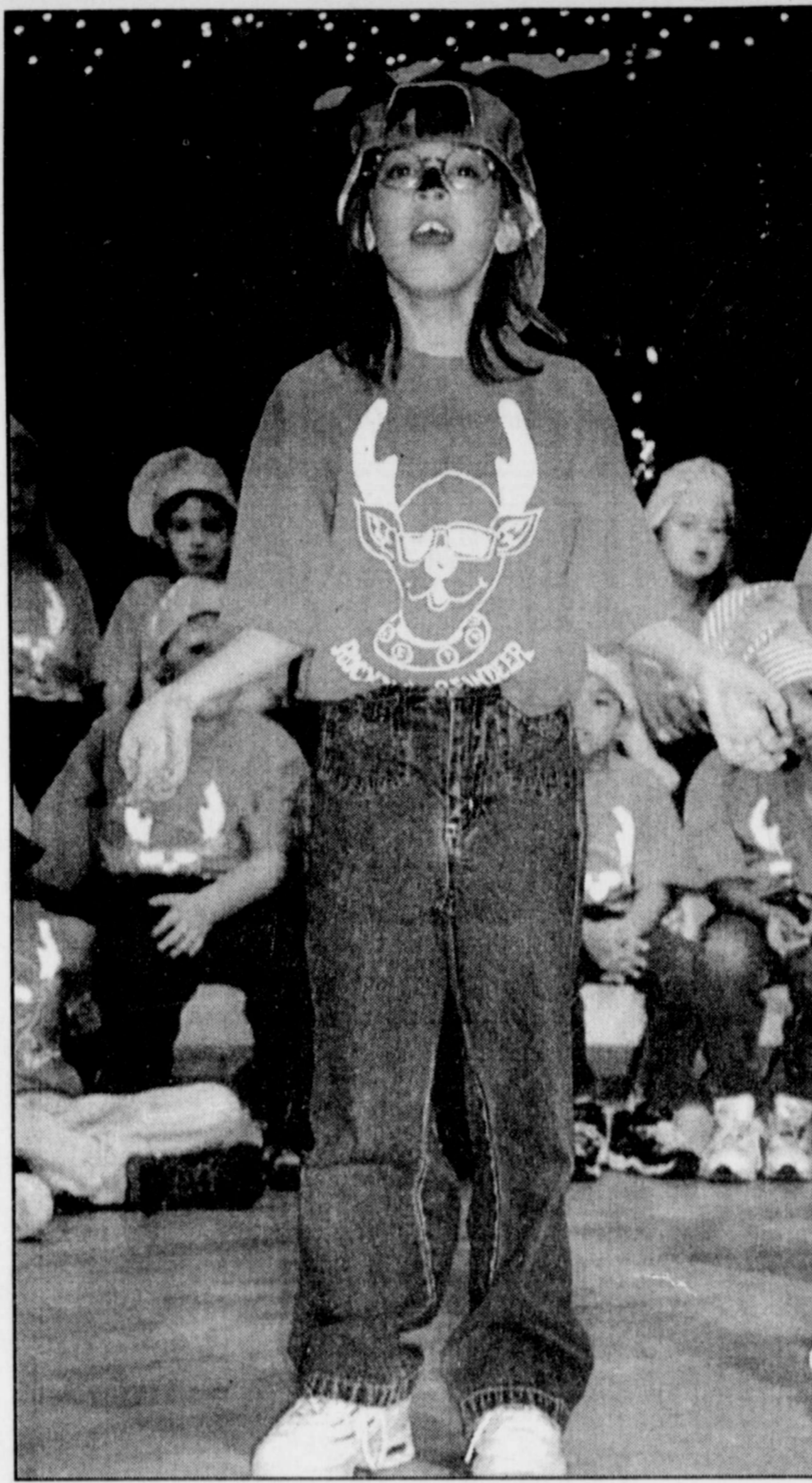
Merry Christmas!

RELIEF FUND, continued

appeal. If you do not receive a letter, please consider sending a check to The Ministerial Alliance, Box 201, Winters, 79567.

The Ministerial Alliance helps hundreds of people, local residents each year. We are grateful for your gifts, and we are good stewards of them. Our goal is that no one die in Winters from hunger, extreme weather conditions, or from need of medicine.

God Bless You for your support.



ONE OF SANTA'S REINDEER, alias Kathleen Mills, has a rather emphatic time explaining "I can't believe that out of the 365 days in the year—we seem to have two jobs on the one and only night we already work!" Winters Elementary second graders performed the Christmas musical "The Night the Reindeer Rocked" on December 9.

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT, continued

Bidding — October - November
Construction and Completion — November 2000 - March 2001
The Winters Area Business and Industrial Corporation is asking everyone to pledge what they can toward this project. Pledges may be sent to Winters Industrial Board, P. O. Box 211, Winters, Texas 79567. When completed, there will be a tremendous improvement in the safety of our sidewalks and the beautification of downtown Winters.

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Two arrested in connection with recent burglaries

After more than three weeks of investigations, several of the recent downtown burglaries and acts of vandalism have been solved with the arrest of Kris Ballard, age 19, of Winters.

At about 2:15 a.m. on Sunday, December 12, Officer Mark Welander of the Winters Police Department responded to an activated burglar alarm at Winters Oilfield Supply at the south end of town. Officer Welander found two broken windows on the front of the building. He then found an unlocked entry door on the east side of the building and upon opening the door, came face to face with Ballard. A short chase inside the building ensued before Ballard was apprehended.

Assisting Officer Welander were Officer Michelle Denton and Winters Police Chief Carey Balentine.

Due to the location of Winters Oilfield Supply which is not in the city limits proper, the incident was reported to the Runnels County

Sheriff's office which sent officers to the scene. Ballard was transported to the Runnels County jail by the officers of the Sheriff's department.

A 16-year-old juvenile was also arrested on information given by Ballard. The juvenile and Ballard have confessed to burglarizing and vandalizing several businesses in the area, but, according to Chief Balentine, the investigation is continuing.

In addition to Winters Oilfield Supply, other businesses vandalized on December 12 included Bishop and Son, Dry Manufacturing offices, Pioneer Vet Clinic and Bahlman Chevrolet.

On November 17 and 18, Winters Flower Shop & More, Bedford-Norman Insurance, Hatler Insurance, and Textronics were vandalized. The offices of Gene Wheat (Bob Loyd LP Gas) was hit on November 23, and the Winters schools were burglarized on November 26.

Nominations needed for Man and Woman of the Year

by Carolyn Scarborough, Chamber secretary

A big "thank you" goes out to Nelan Bahlman and Spill's Furniture for donating and replacing the linoleum at the entrance of the Chamber office. It looks very nice now.

We also need to thank *The Journal* and KRUN for their help in covering and promoting the Arts & Crafts Show, parade, and Miss Sno-Queen contest.

The Chamber banquet will be held at the community center on Saturday, January 29, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. A meal will be served and entertainment provided by Heaven's Jubilee. This year's

theme is "Celebrate the Century." If you would like to make a bid on the catering of the meal, please contact the Chamber office before December 28.

It's time again to be thinking about the Man and Woman of the Year.

These nominations need to exemplify the following qualifications: lives in North Runnels County, active in community activities (civic, school, boards, church), strong family values, respected in the community, willingness to help fellow citizens, See **NOMINATIONS**, page 7

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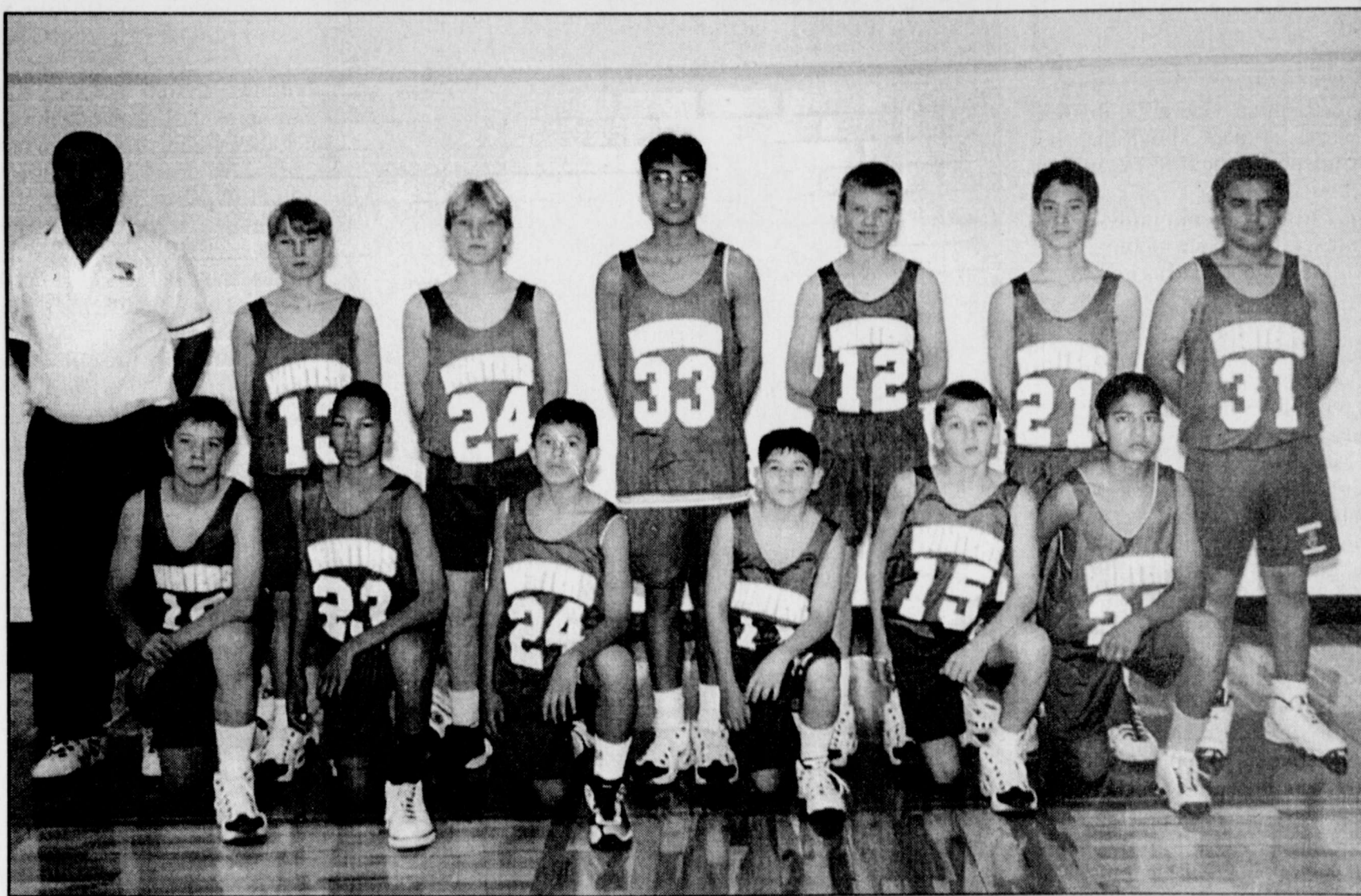
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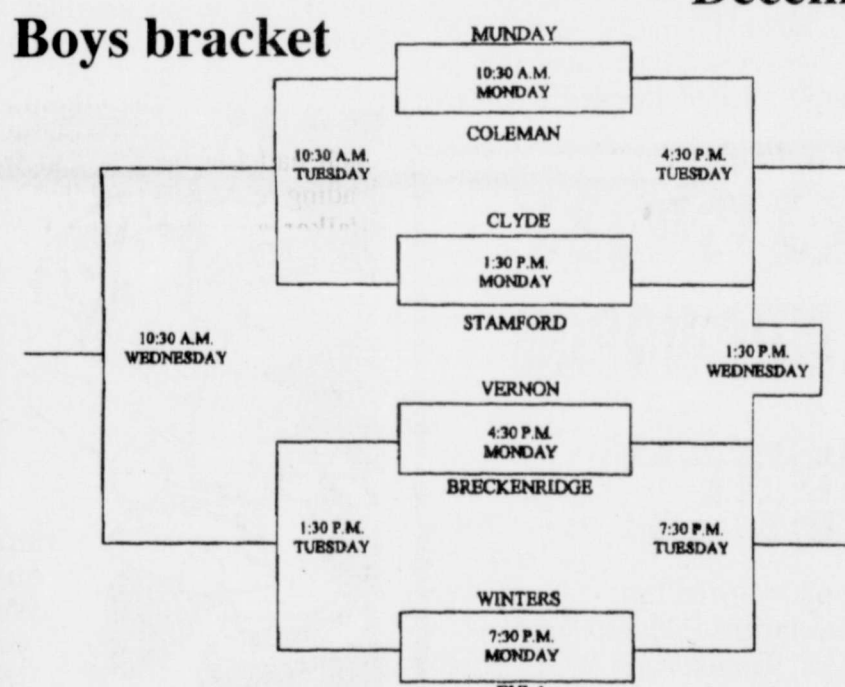
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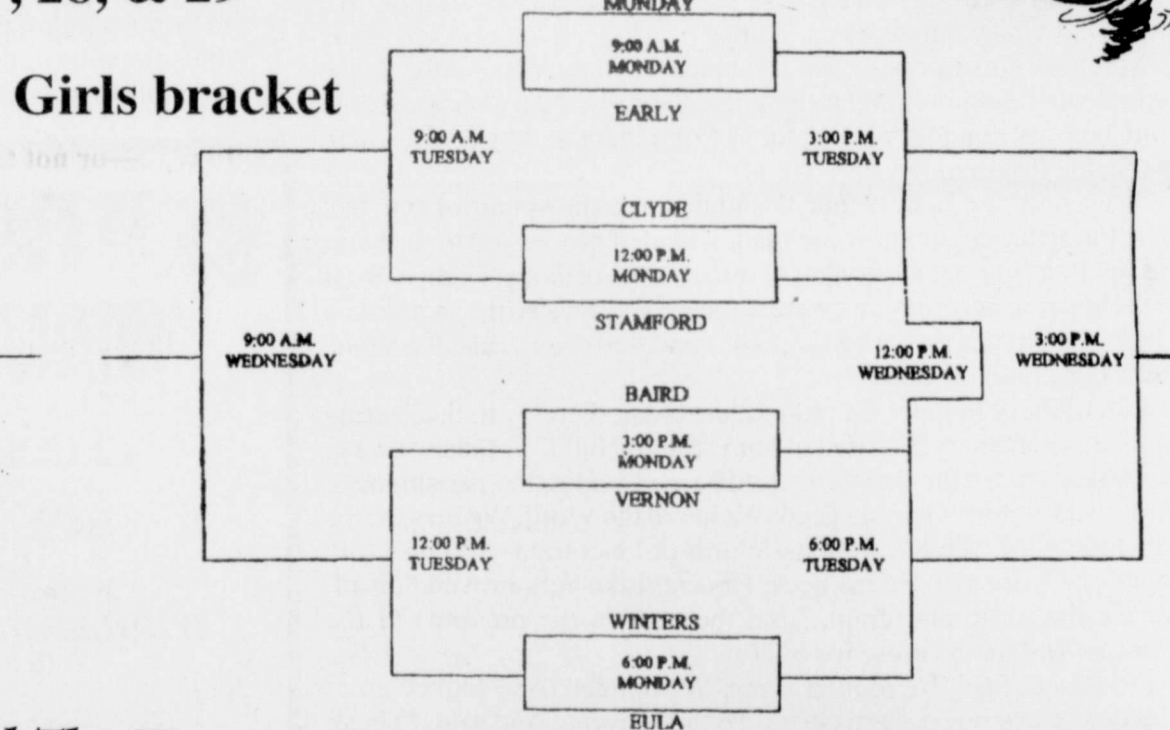


Eula Holiday Classic Blizzard and Lady Blizzard schedules December 27, 28, & 29

Boys bracket



Girls bracket



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Basketball Hoopla

Team	Opponent	Date	Place
Varsity Boys	Hamlin	Dec. 14, 1999	Winters
Varsity Girls	Coleman	Dec. 14, 1999	Coleman
Junior Varsity Boys	Guldbwaite	Dec. 17, 1999	Winters
Varsity Boys	Guldbwaite	Dec. 17, 1999	Winters
Varsity Girls	Goldblwaite	Dec. 17, 1999	Winters
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Team: Junior Varsity Boys Coach: Chris Bearden
 Opponent: Wylie Date: Dec. 9, 1999
 Place: Colorado City Tournament - Game 2

POINTS SCORED EACH QUARTER	1	2	3	4	OT	FIN.
WINTERS	10	9	14	12		45
OPPONENT	14	14	17	11		56

Free throws made: 8 of 10 for 80%

Player Name	Points	Rebounds	Steals	Assists
Colby Walker	8	4	3	1
Juan Minomunay*	12	10	2	3
Shane Colburn	13	4	4	2
Wade Parramore	2	2	0	0
Arthur Martinez	2	5	1	1
Oscar Lopez	0	0	2	4
Aaron Pritchard	9	5	4	4
Justin Harg	0	5	3	3
Chris Santana	0	0	0	0

*Denotes high point individual for Winters



STACI BISHOP brings the ball down the court during varsity action for the Lady Blizzards who are now 3-0 in district standings.

Basketball '99
 Catch the Action

Dec. 27-29—Eula Varsity
 Tourney, TBA,
 There, VG, VB
 Jan. 4—Bangs*, 5p.m., There,
 JVG, JVB, VG, VB

VG Varsity Girls VB Varsity Boys
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Students of the Month

Each month the junior high teachers select students from the 7th and 8th grades to be Boy and Girl of the Month. These selections are made on the basis of academics, leadership, and citizenship.

Pete Griffin has been chosen as the "Boy of the Month" for December 1999. He is the son of Tom Griffin.

Pete, 13, is in the seventh grade and enjoys social studies.

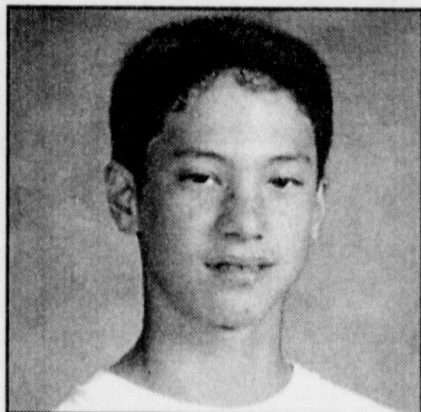
His honors include making the honor roll and participating in UIL literary events.

He enjoys coin collecting and sports. In his spare time, he watches TV and talks on the phone.

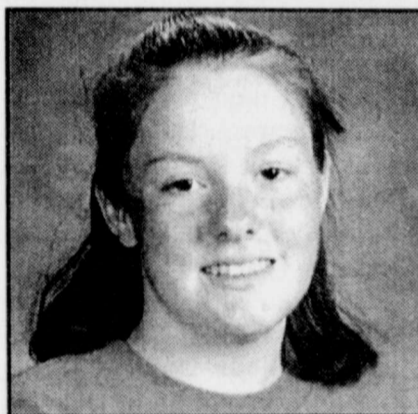
His duties include cleaning his room and working in the yard.

His future plans are to attend college.

Pete most admires his dad.



Pete Griffin
December
Boy of the Month



Maegan Schwartz
December
Girl of the Month

Maegan Schwartz has been chosen as December 1999 "Girl of the Month." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schwartz.

Maegan, 13, is in the eighth grade and enjoys algebra.

Her honors include stock show awards.

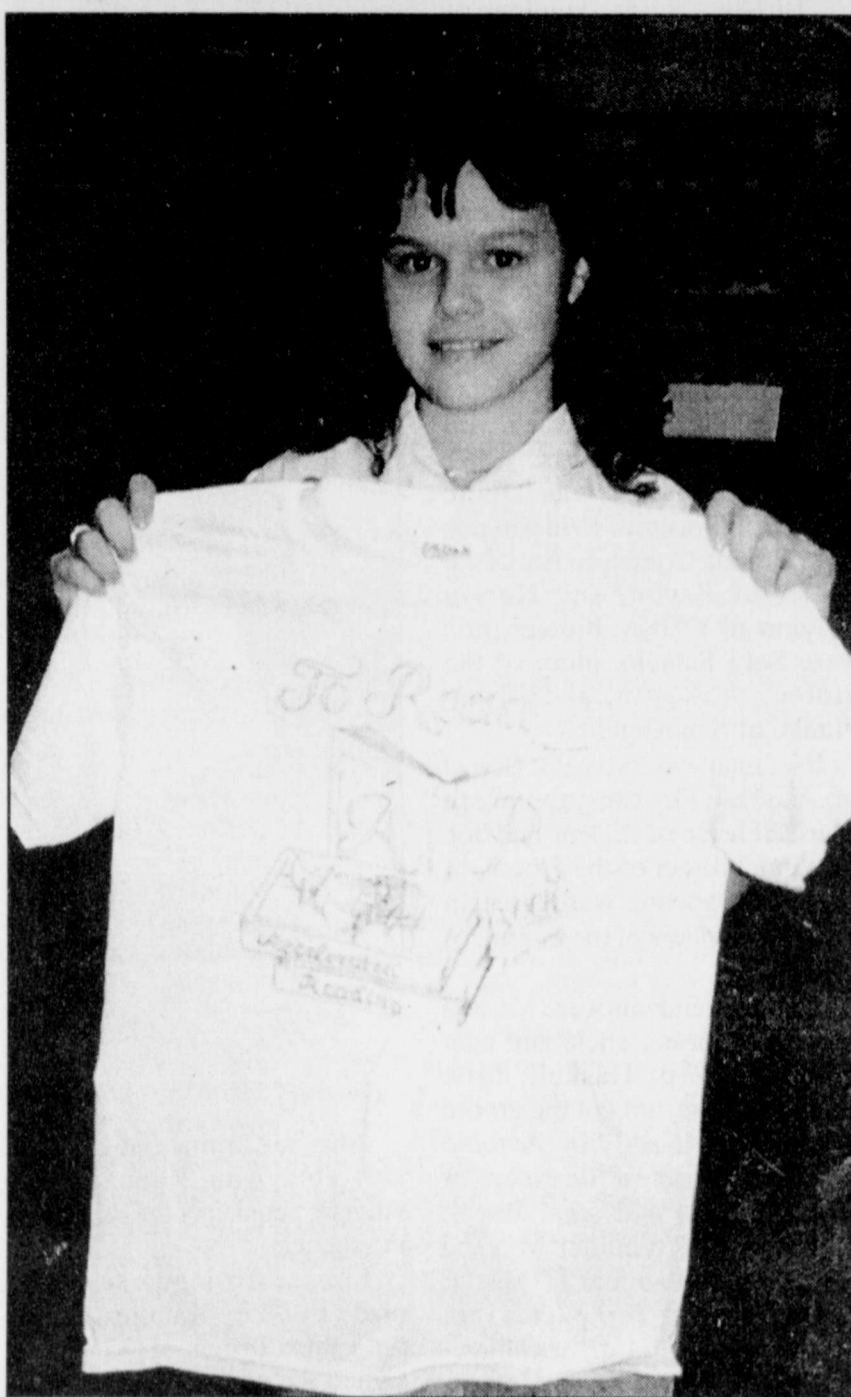
Her hobby is basketball.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends.

Her duties include keeping the house clean and taking care of her show animals.

She plans to attend Texas Tech and be a Red Raider.

Maegan most admires her parents and grandparents.



AMBER LEVERETT, a seventh grader at Winters Junior High School, proudly displays her custom designed Accelerated Reading t-shirt. As the grand prize winner of the AR program, Amber was asked to design an AR t-shirt, which will become an annual event for the winner. On the back, Amber's shirt reads "to read—or not to read...that is the question."

Blizzards win district opener 50-43 against Goldthwaite

The Winters Blizzards opened district 25-2A basketball play with an exciting 50-43 win over the Goldthwaite Eagles in Blizzards gym on Dec. 17.

Scoring was low for the first half, with Winters trailing 17-19 in a very physical match before a large crowd. The Blizzards continued to play catch up for the first three periods of play, being down 30-31 at the end of the third quarter.

But Coach Robert White and his determined squad ran a full-court press and outscored the Eagles 20-12 in the final period to win the first district game of the season.

The Blizzards shot seventy percent from the free throw line, sinking 14 of 20, compared to 8 of 22 for the Eagles who seemed to become more and more rattled as the clock ticked.

Although Goldthwaite threatened the Blizzards with their 3-point shooting, Winters' steady hand at the free throw line proved to be big in the outcome of the game.

Josh Minzenmayer and Wade Parramore led the Blizzards' scoring with 11 points each, followed by Colby Walker with 8, Oscar Luz with 7, Aaron Pritchard with 6, Shane Colburn with 4, and Jeremy Hope with 3.

Minzenmayer and Colburn each had four assists and were leading rebounders, while Colby Walker aggravated the Eagles with three steals. (See game stats on page 4).

After a somewhat rocky beginning early in the season, the Blizzards seem to be coming together with great team basketball. They travel to Eula on December 27, 28 and 29 to compete in the Eula Holiday Classic. The first game will be at 7:30 Monday against Eula, the 18th-ranked team in Class 2-A.

Come support your Blizzards and enjoy some great basketball!

Three on TSTC President's Honor Roll

Three students from Winters were named to the President's Honor Roll at the campuses of Texas State Technical College.

Recognized for academic excellence at Sweetwater were Bobbie Collom, emergency medical services, and Steven Spill, computer science technology. Keith Kraatz was recognized at the Brownwood center for machinery technology.

Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll.

Bonnie Walker on Dean's List at ACU

Bonnie Walker of Wingate was named to the Dean's List at Abilene Christian University for the fall 1999 semester.

Maintaining a 4.0 GPA from May to December, Mrs. Walker is studying in the field of special education with hopes of attaining a teaching certificate.

She is a former employee of Dry Manufacturing, working approximately 25 years in Customer Service and retiring in May 1999.

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WHS students and teacher honored at city council meeting

During the regular meeting of the Winters City Council on December 16, Mayor Dawson McGuffin read a proclamation and presented awards to Mr. David Hale and four of his WHS calculus students. The students were winners in the design contest for a city flag, sponsored by the City of Winters.

Those present and receiving their awards were Mr. David Hale, teacher, and students John Bahlman, Kirk Byrd, Shelley

Meyer and Jana Presley. Not present were Matt Angel and Arthur Martinez. Mr. Hale and his students thanked the Mayor, Council members, and City Manager Aref Hassan for the honor and recognition.

The flag will be flown in front of city hall, along with the federal and state government flags.

In other action, Mayor McGuffin gave the oath of office to Bettye Pinkerton and Mary O'Rear, newly appointed direc-

tors for the Winters Housing Authority. Dwayne Williams was unable to attend the meeting, but was sworn in earlier that day.

Public hearings were opened on proposed annexations of properties described in Exhibit "A" and as published in the December 2, 1999, edition of *The Winters Enterprise*.

There were no comments from the audience, and Mayor McGuffin closed the public hearing. He announced that the sec-

ond public hearing on proposed annexation of these properties will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 27, 1999, at City Hall.

Personnel matters were discussed in executive session; however, no action was taken after the council reconvened to regular session.

Present for the December 16 meeting were Councilmen Steve Esquivel, Mike Meyer, Jimmy Butler and Joe Gerhart, Mayor McGuffin, City Manager Hassan, and City Attorney Ken Slimp.



WINTERS ELEMENTARY SIXTH GRADE SELF-MANAGERS for the second six weeks are (back, l-r) Cesar Irachita, Paige Geistmann, Vickie Santoya, Erica Lujano, Ashley Vasque, Kindy Walker, Amanda Polk, and Angel Ramirez. Also included are (third row) Angelica Campos, Raysha Garcia, Krystal Gibbens, Amber Toten, Miranda Lara, and (second row) Israel Guerrero, Priscilla Vara, Ashlee Sanders, Latisha Hildreth, and (front row) Jessica Meyer, Kayla Horton, and Stephanie Perez. Absent from picture was Sonja Stout.

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Amada Cortez and Enrique Palacio united in nuptial mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church



Elouise and Dewey Chesnut

Chesnuts to celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Chesnut will observe their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 26, 1999. The couple celebrated the event with a trip to Branson, Missouri and Cincinnati, Ohio, earlier this year.

Dewey Chesnut married Elouise Pope on December 26, 1939, in Odessa. They have two children, Mike Chestnut and his wife Jan, and Kay D. Turley, and her husband Jim; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Carlsbad, New Mexico, Seminole, and Winters. They are members of the Unity Church of Christianity.

Dewey was a field foreman for Exxon. He retired in 1981 to pursue his hobbies of metal sculpture and hunting artifacts at Ft. Chadbourne. He is on the Board of Directors of the Fort Chadbourne Foundation.

Elouise worked for the Seminole Public Schools and Gaines County Abstract Office. She continues to paint and is media correspondent for the Mid-West Texas Artists Guild.

The couple continues to be active in square and round dance clubs in Abilene.

Amada Cortez and Enrique Palacio were married Saturday, November 20, 1999, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Austin.

The nuptial mass was performed by Father Bill Elliot. Music was by the church choir, and Michael Ramiero of Austin played the trumpet.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Mary Cortez of Winters. The groom is the son of the late Enrique Palacio Sr. of Durango, Mexico, and Genoveva Trevino of Austin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a princess style white satin gown and train accented with beads and sequins. The dress was especially designed for the bride at Casa Yoly Acuna Coah, Mexico. The bride's veil rested on a halo of pearls.

Maid of honor was Diane Zuniga of Houston. Bridesmaids were Erlinda Cortez, cousin of the bride, of Bryan, and Norma Trevino of Dallas. Flower girls were Sara Palacio, niece of the groom, of Austin, and Briley Franke of San Angelo.

Best man was Sylvester Bernal of Austin. Groomsmen were Mark Salazar of Austin and Joe Trevino, brother of the groom, of Dallas. Ringbearer was Christian Trevino, nephew of the groom, of Dallas.

Senior attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cortez, uncle and aunt of the bride of Haskell; Mrs. Margarita Jara, aunt of the groom of Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Cordova, cousin of the groom of Del Rio; Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. DeLaCruz of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. George Sauliner of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Trevino, brother of the groom, of Dallas.

Ushers were Rene Cortez, brother of the bride, of Ballinger, and Jody Cortez, cousin of the bride, of San Antonio.



Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Palacio

Angela Martinez of Ballinger and Dee Ann Kemp of San Angelo, cousins of the bride, were the readers.

Flower arrangements were made by Mary Ramirez of Austin. Eloise Brown of Winters designed the garter.

The reception was at the Pflugerville Lions Club with a catered barbecue dinner being

served. During the dinner, a Mariachi band played to entertain guests. A dance followed with music by an Austin DJ.

The bride's wedding cake was a three-tiered, strawberry-filled cake decorated with purple frosting ribbon.

Chocolate was chosen for the groom's cake and featured a marathon runner.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by parents of the groom and bride at Mexico Tipico Restaurant in Austin.

The bride attended school at Winters and Ballinger and graduated from Ballinger High School and Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater with an associate degree in information management. She also attended St. Edwards University in Austin and is currently employed by Dell Computers of Roundrock.

The groom is a graduate of San Benito High School and the University of Texas in Austin with a bachelor's degree in business. He also earned an associate degree in electronic engineering from Austin Community College. He is employed by Teradyne Inc., an engineering firm in Austin.

After a wedding trip to Fredericksburg, the couple will make their home in Pflugerville.

Dobbins family celebrates anniversaries and birthday

The Dobbins family had three wedding anniversaries and one birthday to celebrate on Sunday, December 19, at the Winters Housing Authority.

M.L. and Odessa Dobbins celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on December 16; David and Marc, their 39th on December 17; their son Doug and Kristi, their 12th on December 19; and Doug's daughter, Jordan Lee, celebrated her fourth birthday on the December 20.

Others attending were Kit and Turner Dobbins, San Angelo; Jerry and Melba Dobbins, Irving; Bruce Dixie and Scott Dobbins, Wichita Falls; Marthelia and Allen Sikes, Jason Sharp, Abilene; Marlene, Jessica, and Samantha, Colorado; Wayne and Carolyn Dobbins, Sundown; and Joni Dobbins, Denver City.

Janet Cason catered the noon meal before exchanging gifts.

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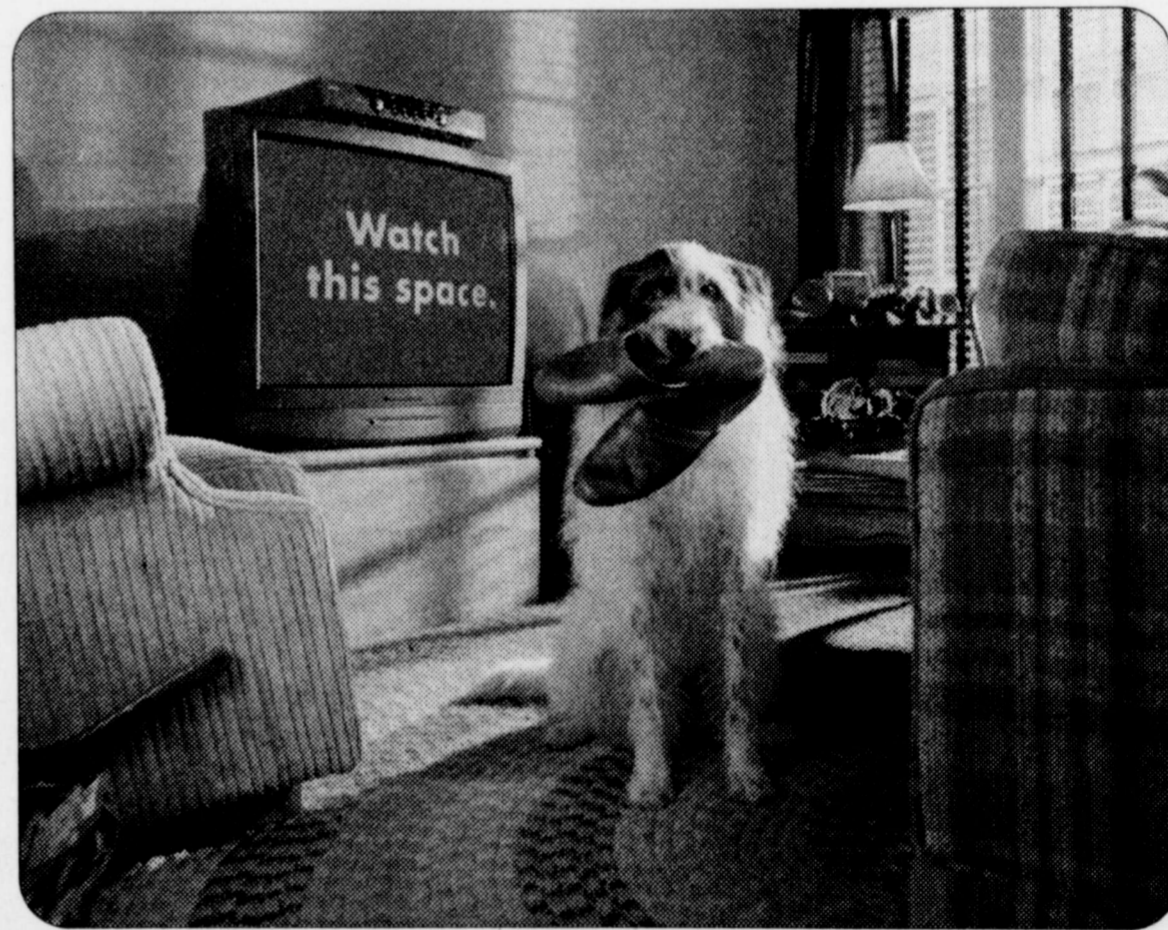
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Solutions for this puzzle appear in this issue.

Letter to the Editor

Family asks for prayers for son

We would like to thank everyone for the words of kindness, the hugs, and the phone calls this past week. This is the second worst thing parents can go through.

A special thank you to Bill Cathey for his kindness toward Kevin. Thank you, Jimmy Smith, for your kind words. To my postal family, you have made me stay out from under that rock and keep on going. Steve has stood strong. Kevin has learned who his real friends are.

I want to say a few things about our son, Kris. First of all, we will always love him. He is still our flesh and blood. The one thing that will not quit ringing in my mind is WHY????? As parents, we can feel the pain within our children, can't we? Words can't describe that feeling.

Kris started to school here in the second grade, so he grew up here. I know most of you remember his big smile and cheerfulness. He never met a stranger. He loved life. He loved his daddy and made every step he made. He wanted everyone to be happy and was always making people smile back at him. We miss that boy terribly.

I know there is still hope. Please pray for us.

Love,
Steve, Deb and Kevin Ballard

Editor's note: The following poem was brought in by Debbie Ballard who wants to share it with our readers. The author is unknown.

Letting Go

To let go does not mean to stop caring;
it means I can't do it for someone else.
To let go is not to cut myself off;
it's the realization I can't control another.

To let go is not to enable
but to allow learning from natural consequences.
To let go is to admit powerlessness
which means the outcome is not in my hands.

To let go is not to try to change or blame another;
it's to make the most of myself.
To let go is not to care for
but to care about.

To let go is not to fix
but to be supportive.
To let go is not to judge
but to allow another to be a human being.

To let go is not to be in the middle arranging
all the outcomes
but to allow others to affect their own destinies.
To let go is not to be protective;
it's to permit another to face reality.

To let go is not to deny, but to accept.
To let go is not to adjust everything to my desires
but to take each day as it comes,
and cherish myself in it.

To let go is not to regret the past
but to grow and live for the future.
To let go is to fear less
and love more.



SARAH CAMPOS gets a little help from her mom, Elia Campos, as little brother gets a peek at the fun (and mess) of building a gingerbread house in the Mrs. Sneed's first grade class.

Census 2000 to hire workers for Runnels County

The Bureau of Census is looking for a few good Runnels County men and women to help count the area's population.

According to Sandra Burroughs, recruiting assistant for Census 2000, Abilene Region, several temporary work assignments are available to county residents after the first of the year. "The Bureau will pay competitive wages and will reimburse employees for expenses such as mileage," Burroughs said.

Testing for available positions will be Tuesday, January 4, at 6:00 p.m. at the Winters Housing Authority Meeting Room located at 300 N. Grant. Testing will also begin Wednesday, January 5, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the third floor conference room of the Runnels County Courthouse in Ballinger. Testing in Ballinger will continue each Wednesday at the same times through May 2000.

The written test includes multiple choice questions which measure reading, math, the ability to follow instructions, map reading, and other skills and abilities. The test takes about 30 minutes to

complete, but the necessity of completing other paperwork stretches the time frame to approximately three hours.

Interested individuals must provide two forms of identification from among the following: a driver's license or state identification, a school ID with a photo, voter's registration card, U.S. military card or draft record, a military dependent's ID card, a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card, a Native American tribal document, or a Canadian driver's license.

Or you may bring a passport, a certificate of citizenship, a certificate of naturalization, an unexpired passport foreign passport with an I-551 stamp or employment authorization, an alien registration receipt card with photo, or an unexpired temporary resident card.

Each applicant must also bring a U.S. Social Security card, a certification of birth abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State, an official birth certificate, a tribal document, a U.S. citizen ID card, a resident citizen ID card, a resident citizen ID card, or an unexpired employment authorization document.

Individuals with questions may call Ms. Burroughs at (915) 625-1012 or (915) 636-2529 for more information.

Library News

Books still for sale

by Carolyn Scarborough

I would like to thank Jack Davis, Jr. and Tony Torres for coming to our rescue when there was a burning smell in the library. They found a ballast on the lights going out and took care of it for me, preventing a possible fire. They are definitely friends of the library, and I am truly grateful to them.

The book sale was a big success thanks to the citizens of our community. We made \$184.00 selling books at \$.10 - \$.50. That's a lot of books, but there is still a roomful left. We will continue the sale until after the first of the year during regular library hours, Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

We will close the library early, 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 23. Be sure to stock up on plenty of reading material to keep busy all weekend.

NOMINATIONS, cont'd.

asset to the community, and successful in their chosen field.

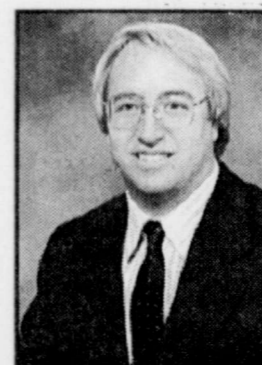
Please get your nomination in by next week so we can get the list to the nomination committee from which to make their decision. This is an important honor in our town and we want to make sure no one is overlooked because time ran out.

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Poe's Corner

By Charlsie Poe

They light up the town

Myriads of lights glowed in the darkness illuminating the area around 317 N. Melwood... December 21, 1978. Children and adults alike were attracted to the Wallace (Buck) Watson home.

Since the first of December, the blaze of lights on the house several doors north of me attracted my attention when I picked up my newspaper each morning. And the first question I asked Mr. Watson was had he noticed any difference in his light bill.

"It was only \$3 or \$4 more a month last year," he said. "The lights are switched off at 11 p.m. and since I'm up early, I turn them on again for awhile in the morning."

"We started decorating in 1973, soon after we married," said Mrs. Watson who was a widow. "I have 38 grandchildren and Buck has four."

The first year they strung lights around the door and the two windows. "The second year Santa Claus was on the roof and the grandchildren had such a fit over him that we moved him closer—he is on the eave now and we also added the big lights," said Watson.

The project started out as entertainment for their grandchildren and ended in being for all



Charlsie Poe

children. "Many visitors come by and stop and sometimes there will be a pickup load of kids," Watson added.

The third year lights were placed around the rose arbor and in 1977 many additions were made. A cross and star were anchored on the roof and lights were strung on each side of the walk. Snow men and little elves settled on the lawn, also several small Santas driving reindeer.

Two candles joined the scenery in 1978. Inside decorations included a decorated tree loaded with presents, poinsettias everywhere, a snowman in the window, and candle holders adorned with holly.

Watson was a veteran of World War II, having served in the 36th Division, 142nd Infantry of Company F for three years. Machine gun fire amputated his leg in a battle at Salerno, Italy, and he was in the McCloskey Hospital at Temple when he married Ruth

Sellers. She died in 1970. They had two sons, George and family lived nearby and Larry lived at home.

"Larry puts up the lights and decorations, I'm not able to help," said Watson, who lost his eyesight in 1966 while driving his car near Abilene. "I thought we were going to have a wreck and my wife had to drive us home," he said.

Living on the disability pay and wanting to see the country, the Watsons sold tickets for various carnivals and Larry helped. Sometimes he took care of the grounds. They left each year in the spring when Larry was out of school and returned in September.

"We worked for Ray Cammack from South Dakota, the Dick Dudley shows out of Wichita Falls, Bill Haynes and others," said Watson.

They traveled over the Northern United States and Canada. The states they visited were Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, and others.

"Once we came into Yellowstone National Park from the Canadian site and out at Boise, Idaho. When the sun goes down all visitors have to be in a campground and the guards know how many are in each camp. This is

necessary in case of fire or disaster. Sometimes the guards have to assist travelers in finding a camping spot," Watson related.

Mrs. Watson, the former Mrs. Horton and her husband Mirl lived at Wilmeth. They reared six boys and three girls. Five of the children lived in Winters, Winnie Cantwell, Iva Potts, Mirl Dean, and Larry and Harold Watson. Naomi Herridge lived in Antioch, California; both Leo and Jerry lived in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, and Leon in San Angelo. In addition to the 38 grandchildren, there are three great-grandchildren.

The scene has changed since the Christmas lights glowed at the Watson home on Melwood Street in 1978, but the entire block is sparkling with decorations.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Watson are deceased. The decorating has shifted to George's house to the south where his children enter into the decorating, assisted by Larry who continues to live at the homeplace.

George's daughter, Loretta Horton, and her husband Virgil live around the corner on Truett Street in front of me and they are about to outdo their parents in sparkling decorating.

Police Beat

The information below is taken from reports on file with the Winters Police Department. Some of the information is provided to police by citizens, and in some cases, police have not finished investigating the reports. These reports make up a small percentage of the total calls the Department receives and responds to each week.

Winters Police Department reports received and/or investigated from Sunday, December 12, 1999, through Saturday, December 18, 1999. Winters Police Officers:

- received a report of a burglary of a building in the 600 block of W. Broadway. A door was found broken in and a cash box containing \$100 was missing. Evidence was collected and two suspects, a 19-year-old male and 16-year-old male, both of Winters, were identified. Charges are pending at this time.

- received a report of a fight involving weapons in the 400 block of S. Rogers Street. Investigation revealed that mutual combat occurred between a 31-year-old male and a 24-year-old male, both of Winters. No charges have been filed and a separation was made. The 24-year-old male further alleged he was handcuffed by a 22-year-old male purporting to be a policeman. The victim refused to press charges at this time.

- received a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Poplar Street in which a 1995 Toyota was scratched on the driver's side resulting in \$500 damage. Two possible suspects were named. This case is under investigation as criminal mischief Class B.

- stopped a 1970 Chevy in the 800 block of N. Main Street for a mechanical violation. The driver, John Sturgill of Lueders, was found to have a suspended license and was subsequently arrested for driving while license suspended. The vehicle was impounded for no insurance and display of fictitious registration.

- received a report of a gas drive-off in the 500 block of W. Dale Street. A clerk reported an unknown elderly female drove away in a white four-door sedan after pumping \$10.04 in gas. The female later returned and paid for the gas.

- received a report that a storage building had been broken into in the 600 block of Bowen Street. A number of items were taken including tools. This case is under investigation as burglary of a building.

- received a report that a wallet belonging to a 45-year-old male of Winters was believed stolen. The male, who resides in the 400 block of Farrar Street, later reported he had found his wallet and no money was missing.

- stopped a vehicle in the 100 block of E. Dale Street for a mechanical violation. The driver identified himself by name and date of birth and stated he had no drivers license. His vehicle was impounded and a citation for driving without a license was issued. The driver, George Lozano of Winters, was later found to have given a false date of birth and his license was under suspension. He now faces charges for failure to identify and driving while license suspended.

- while working security detail at the community center observed two males possibly fighting. Queandro Quarles of Ballinger was arrested for assault and minor in consumption of alcohol and taken to Rannels County Jail. Prior to this incident, a 16-year-old male of San Angelo was arrested for disorderly conduct and minor in consumption of alcohol and found to be violating terms of his release from custody on a felony charge and was taken to detention in San Angelo.

- received a report of a vehicle burglary occurring in the 200 block of Circle Drive. A number of tools were taken from a toolbox on the victim's pickup. This is under investigation as burglary of a motor vehicle.

Rannels County Crimestoppers offers a cash reward for information which leads to the grand jury indictment or conviction of offenders and the caller does not have to give his or her name. To give a Crimestoppers tip, call your local law enforcement agency at:

Winters Police Department—754-4121
Ballinger Police Department—365-3591
Sheriff's Department—365-2121

Crews News

By Hilda Kurtz

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

Nila and Therin Osborne attended the funeral of Ruby Jackson, the mother of Janie Fanning of Abilene, in Robert Lee on Thursday. Bro. Ferris Akins and Ramona Akins of Ballinger and Louise Osborne of Winters were dinner guests of Nila and Therin

Osborne after church services on Sunday.

Rodney and Alzi Faubion of Arlington visited the home of Dale and Linda Duggan on Saturday. Dale and Linda Duggan spent Sunday with daughter Katy and Kyle Grigsby in Abilene and also Lo Nell Grigsby of Hawley.

Visiting during the week with Harvey Mae and Noble Faubion



Hilda Kurtz

were Walter Pape of Santa Anna, Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins of Ballinger, and Rodney and Alzi Faubion of Arlington.

Carolyn Webb and family had an early Christmas with Gene and Michelle and daughters Amanda, Ashley, Jennifer, and Stephanie Webb of Austin. Gene and Linda Webb of Coleman and Joe Webb of Coleman were visitors with Carolyn Webb on Sunday at Hopewell Baptist Church.

Calvin and Hildegarde Schvojsa spent Friday with me and got a load of firewood. They trimmed my Christmas tree and gave me more of the Christmas spirit. I needed that.

Helen Alexander and Selma Wilkerson had a nice visit with Allen and Pat Bishop Sunday afternoon.

Paul Stoecker and Leona Matthies' sister of Coleman and Abe and Pat Giles of Brownwood visited Leona and Roy Matthies on Sunday.

Linda and Travis Ford of Rising Star visited with George and Connie Gibbs. Also visiting were Lane, Kenny, Tanna, and Saffron Gibbs of Winters and Horace and Shirley Gibbs of Bangs.

Bro. Ferris and Ramona Akins will have an early Christmas with all of their family.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Bowen from Westland, Wyoming, came by on their way home to see Fairy and Wilbert Alcorn. A good friend, Mac Gorman of Houston, visited Friday. Donald, Donna, and Dennis Alcorn of Sterling City came also and they had an early Christmas with Fairy and Wilbert.

Margie Jacob and Carolyn Webb enjoyed barbecue lunch together in Talpa on Wednesday.

Beverly VanZandt and Margie Jacob were in San Angelo on Saturday to visit with Sybil Waller and had lunch with her at the Rio Concho Manor. They shopped awhile and then stopped by to visit with Justin and Kristi Busenlehner and Jodi in Rowena.

Kathryn Kozelsky from College Station spent Saturday and Sunday with Grandma Margie.

On Sunday evening, Kathryn, Beverly, and Margie went shopping in Coleman.

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Official Records

County Court Dispositions

Michael A. Wilkerson Jr., found not guilty of driving while intoxicated, found guilty of reckless driving, fined \$50 plus \$210.25 court costs

Joe Henry Tolliver Jr., separate charges of assault, driving while intoxicated, and two counts of driving while license suspended, all dismissed, defendant convicted in another case, to serve 12 years in Texas Department of Corrections

Jason Walker, assault, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Christina Marie Balderas, driving while intoxicated, pleaded nolo contendere, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750, plus \$250.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Larry Bubenik, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, plus \$184.25 court costs, \$185 hot check fee, and \$1,259.50 restitution

Richard Castillo Ortiz, driving while intoxicated, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Manuel Sanchez, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, dismissed, insufficient evidence, restitution paid

Daniel Wallace Bruton, driving while intoxicated (subsequent offense), pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500, plus \$235.25 court costs and 80 hours community service

Kenneth Burselson, possession of marijuana, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Norman Noel Jackson, driving while intoxicated, second offense, pleaded guilty, sentenced to one year in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Joan Carlos Pena-Macias, making alcohol available to a minor, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to 18 months, fined \$1,500 plus \$235.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Ricky Lee Smith, driving while intoxicated, pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months in county jail probated to one year, fined \$750 plus \$250.25 court costs and 50 hours community service

Shirley Baker, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, restitution paid

Paul Escobar Jalomo III, failed to appear, dismissed, insufficient evidence

Domingo Manley, theft of merchandise by check, improper notice, restitution paid

Mitchell Lee Caffey, making alcohol available to a minor, dismissed, defendant convicted in another case

Lahoma Trammell, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, dismissed, improper notice, restitution paid

Margarita L. Villarreal, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, restitution paid

Ben Juarez, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, improper notice, restitution paid

Leonides Garcia III, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, improper notice, restitution paid

Shirley Baker, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, dismissed, insufficient evidence, restitution paid

Joe Adams, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, dismissed, restitution paid

Suzanne Adams, theft of merchandise and/or cash by check, pleaded guilty, fined \$100, \$35 hot check fee, \$210.25 court costs and \$160 restitution

Aimee Nord, theft of merchandise by check, dismissed, restitution paid

Cases Filed December 13

William Jason Wheelless, filed for driving while intoxicated

Lance Brad DeBerry, filed for driving while intoxicated

Jason Antonio McAfee, filed for driving while intoxicated

David Lee Alfaro, filed for driving while license suspended

Erin Lamont Davis, filed for possession of marijuana

Thomas Daniel Mata, filed for driving while intoxicated

Ray Lee Luera, filed for possession of marijuana

Marriage Licenses Filed December 15

Joe L. Asebiz and Catherine Darlene Plumley

December 17

Guillermo Gutierrez Barcenas and Yvonne Ann Serbine

December 20

Raymond Dennis and Lee Ann Offill

District Court Divorces Granted November 23

Samuel Thomas Rodriguez and Kristi Gayle Rodriguez

December 2

Michael Wayne Manley and Lebecca Louise Davis

December 13

Angel Jose Romero and Sylvia Ann Romero

Civil Cases Filed December 13

Providian National Bank vs. Debra L. Gardner, suit on account

State of Texas vs. One Gateway Computer and Assorted Computer Hardware and Accessories, notice of seizure and intended forfeiture

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 Felony Cases Filed December 13

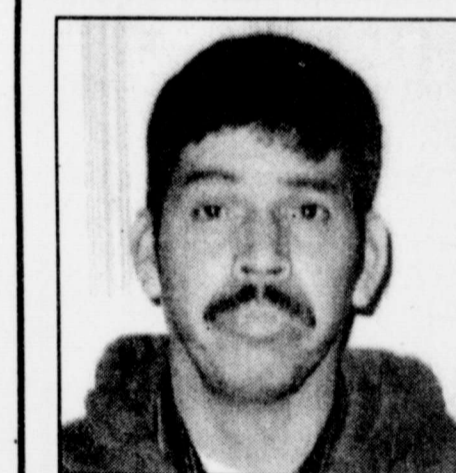
Faustino G. Salinas, filed for aggravated assault on a peace officer

Kristin Steven Ballard, filed for four counts of burglary of a building

December 16

Frank Allen Gulden, filed for burglary of a habitation

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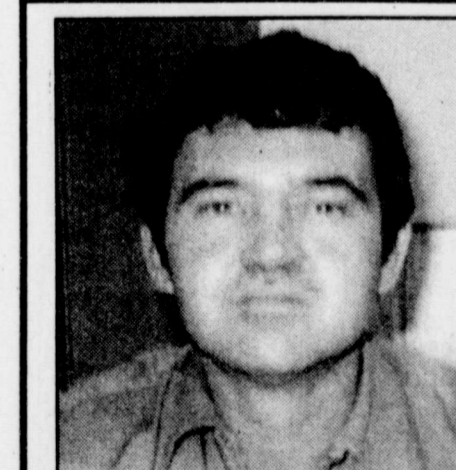
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Indecency with a Child by Contact
Victim 10-year-old female

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RONNIE JOE YOUNG

White male, 35 years of age
Address: 600 Vancil, Winters, Texas
Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child
Victim 12-year-old female

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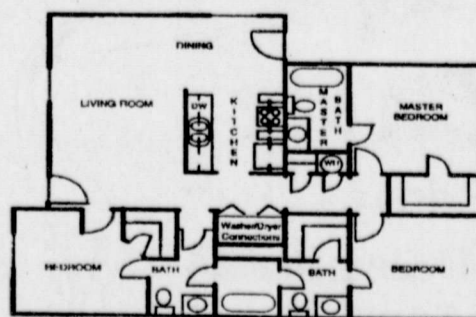
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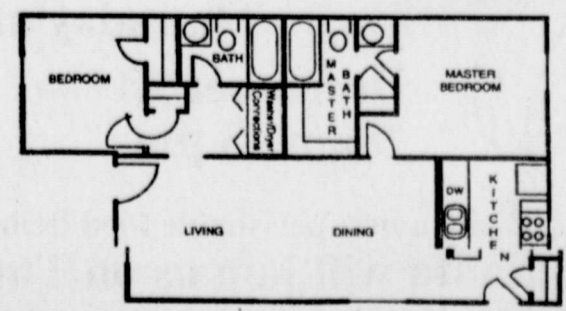
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242 S. Main	Newly Remodeled. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large lot. Approx. 900 sq. ft.	600 S. Main	Price reduced! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, updated on corner lot. Approx. 1350 sq. ft. Building Site. Lot size 100'x120'. Newly Remodeled, Near School. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Approx. 1100 sq. ft.	210 S. Melwood	Standout Style, Near Downtown. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area w/fireplace, garden room, garage, large lot with rear chain link fence. Approx. 1600 sq. ft.
205 N. Cryer	Functional Flair. Price reduced! 3 bedroom, 1 bath, open living/kitchen area, newly remodeled. Approx. 1302 sq. ft.	400 Wood	Two Building Sites. Lot size 112'x140'. Great Location For Antique Store. Retail store front, architectural facade. Approx. 2000 sq. ft.	506 Tinkle	Charm story. Totally remodeled, large brick w/4 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, living room, double carport, upper guest apt. Chain link fence. Approx. 2100 sq. ft.
104 West St	Great Location For Antique Store. Retail store front, architectural facade. Approx. 2000 sq. ft.	Hunters Glen		205 N. Cryer	Newly Remodeled. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large lot. Approx. 900 sq. ft.
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Conservation News & Notes

By Kay Mansell, District Technician

Order trees early from RSWCD Windbreak Tree Program

Did you have to settle for a substitute tree instead of the actual tree that you wanted last year because you waited too long to order your choice of trees?

In cooperation with the Texas Forest Service Nursery near Lubbock, the Runnels Soil and Water Conservation District (RSWCD) will be offering quality hardwood and evergreen tree seedlings for sale to area residents through the Windbreak Tree Program.

These seedlings are healthy, viable seedlings that are well adapted to the soil and water conditions in Runnels County.

The RSWCD will be offering three categories of seedlings this year: conifers, hardwoods, and wildlife packets.

Twelve-inch conifers (Afghanistan pine, Austrian pine and red cedar) have a 28-cubic inch root volume and are \$26 per 15 trees in felt containers and bullet-plastic containers are \$18 per 15 trees.

Bareroot hardwoods (aromatic sumac, catalpa, fourwing salt-

bush, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, lace bark elm, nanking cherry, osage orange, Russian olive, sandcherry, sand plum, and shumard oak) are approximately 24 inches in height and sell for \$24 per 50 trees.

The wildlife packets (100 trees in 4 species) contain species beneficial to wildlife habitat and nutrition. Types of wildlife packets available are deer, turkey, squirrel, and quail and pheasant and are priced at \$46 per packet.

This program will conclude on January 31, 2000, and seedlings will arrive at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Ballinger on February 10, 2000.

Please consider ordering early to have trees reserved before stocks are depleted.

Technical assistance in planning your windbreak is available.

For more information, call 365-3415, extension 3, or come by the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 2000 Hutchins Avenue in Ballinger.

Commissioners to consider purchase of livestock trailer for 4-H Club

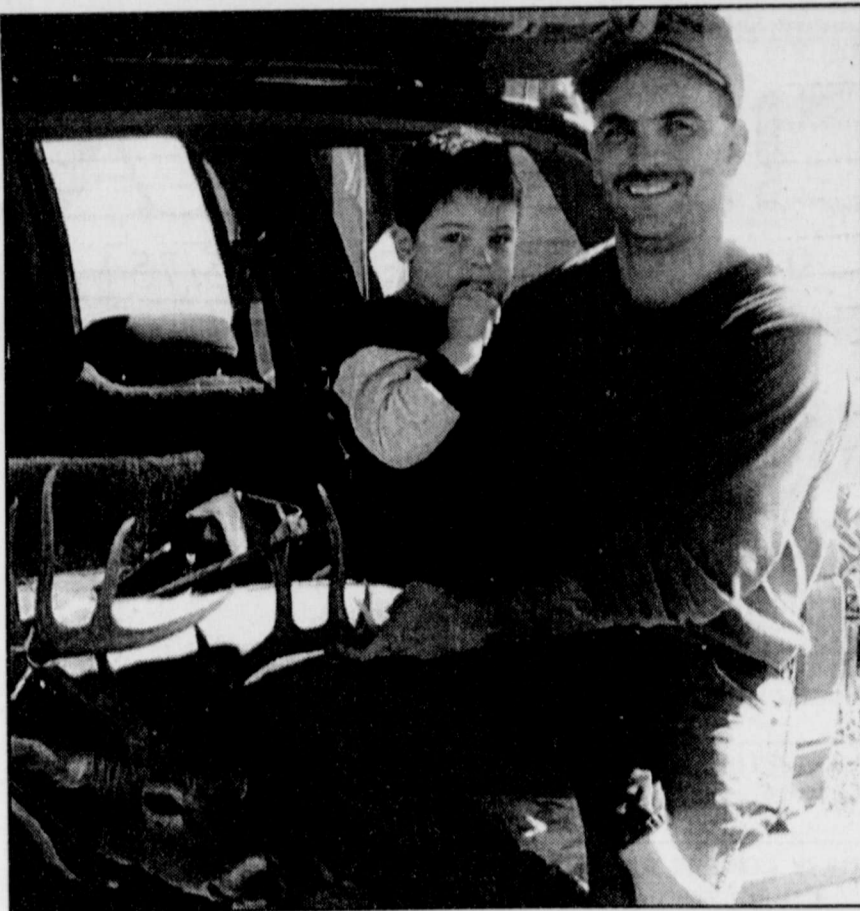
County Commissioners met twice in December, with a light agenda at both meetings.

At their regular meeting on December 14, Commissioners conveyed several lots in the flood plain to the City of Ballinger. The lots were claimed for non-payment of taxes and the city will maintain them.

Commissioners also agreed to sign a contract with the Texas Department of Human Services which says the county will refund any overpayment made by TDHS

for home delivered meals.

In a special meeting, Tuesday, December 21, commissioners discussed purchasing a livestock trailer for the Runnels County 4-H organization. County Extension Agent Mike Mauldin presented some options to the commissioners, but the matter was tabled with no action taken. Mauldin was instructed to check several dealers and come back to Commissioners at their January 11 meeting with a recommendation and firm price.



KEVIN VEST and son TYLER of Stephenville proudly pose with this 11-pointer, his first deer taken in the 1999 season. Kevin is the son-in-law and Tyler is the grandson of Randy and Linda Jones of Winters.



MICHAEL HUBACH shot his first deer using a .250 Savage. The kill was made December 12, 1999, one day after his 11th birthday. The doe's field weight was estimated at 115 pounds. Michael is the son of Marie Fisher and grandson of Rey and Eva Reyna, all of Winters.

Extension News & Views

By Mike Mauldin, Extension Agent-Ag

Ballinger FFA, McCown, Meyer are champions of Runnels Pecan Show

The 1999 Runnels County Pecan Show and Open House was held Tuesday, December 7, at the Runnels County Farm Bureau in Ballinger. Fifty-nine (59) entries were received this year. Twenty-five of the county entries have been sent to the Regional Pecan Show in Odessa.

The county winners champion in each division were awarded a plaque and rosette and the reserve champion a rosette. Ribbons were awarded to the first three in each division, according to Mike Mauldin, county Extension agent.

Results follow.

COMMERCIAL DIVISION CHAMPION

Ballinger FFA - Pawnee

RESERVE CHAMPION

Chester McCown - Pawnee

Apache

1st, Lilly Schraer

Cheyenne

1st, Woodward Farms

2nd, Chester McCown

Choctaw

1st, Jerry Egan

2nd, Doyle and Janice Lange

3rd, Barbara Schaefer

Desirable

1st, Rhonda Legg

Forkert

1st, Chester McCown

Kiowa

1st, Candice Legg

Mohawk

1st, Robert Behrens

2nd, Lilly Schraer

3rd, Barbara Schaefer

Pawnee

1st, Ballinger FFA

2nd, Chester McCown

3rd, Robert Behrens

Sioux

1st, Chester McCown

Tejas

1st, Robert Behrens

2nd, Ballinger FFA

Western

1st, David Lange

2nd, Woodward Farms

3rd, Donna Kalina

Wichita

1st, Robert Behrens

2nd, Woodward Farms

3rd, K.D. Feist

CLASSIC DIVISION CHAMPION

Chester McCown - Other variety

RESERVE CHAMPION

Chester McCown - Other variety

Burkert

1st, Mr. and Mrs. FG French

2nd, Daniel Redman

3rd, Barbara Schaefer

Cherokee

1st, Jerry Egan

Comanche

1st, Brooklyn Cmerek

2nd, Robert Holder

Mahan

1st, Dwaine Lange

Podsienik

1st, Jerry Pospichal

Shawnee

1st, K.D. Feist

Shoshoni

1st, Woodward Farms

Other Varieties

1st, Chester McCown

2nd, Chester McCown

3rd, Chester McCown

VARIETY SEEDING/NA-TIVE VARIETY DIVISION CHAMPION

Erik Meyer - Variety Seedling

RESERVE CHAMPION

Patricia Lange - Variety Seedling

Native

1st, Patricia Lange

2nd, Donna Kalina

State Champion

1st, Chester McCown

Lightest

1st, Faye Killough.

Stockshow set for January 14 & 15

The Winters Junior Livestock Show is slated for Friday, January 14 and Saturday, January 15, 2000 at the Showbarn Complex off the Novice Highway.

All livestock is to be in the barns by 9 a.m. Friday for weigh-in and classification.

Rabbits, sheep, and goats will

be shown starting at 2 p.m. on Friday. The swine show is at 9 a.m. on Saturday, followed by the Little Britches Pig Show.

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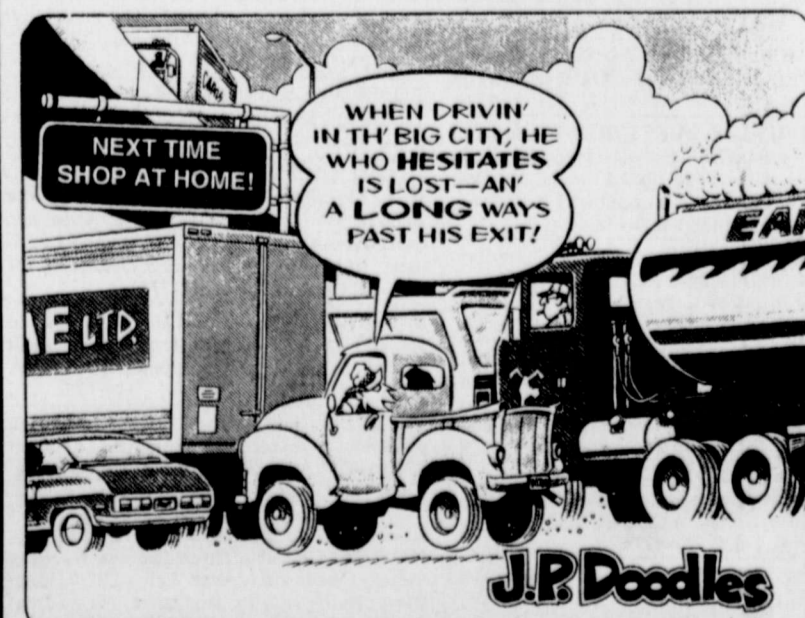


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Section B
The Winters Enterprise
December 23, 1999

Christmases Remembered...

"My most memorable Christmas..."

December 24, 1956, 10PM—I was an 18-year-old Navy Seaman aboard the U.S.S. HANCOCK (CVA-19). The Hancock, a heavy attack aircraft carrier, is on patrol somewhere in the South China Sea.

My shipmates and I had just been awakened to stand the 11PM to 7AM watch in the Radio Room. As we prepared for work, we joked with each other to take our minds off the fact that this was our first Christmas away from home.

Suddenly we heard a loud "HO-HO-HO" and Santa Claus, with red suit and white beard, appeared in our compartment. "Merry Christmas," his deep voice boomed. He gave each of us a small package.

With our spirits lifted, we opened our package and found a book, pair of socks, an apple, and hard candy. This unknown Santa made the first Christmas away from home a little less painful for six homesick sailors.

CSRC Gary Porter
U.S. NAVY/Retired
Winters, Texas



"All I want for Christmas..."

When I was little, I always had the same item on my Christmas list. I wanted a piano and each year I asked for it. Most Christmas mornings I had a piano under the tree, but it was only one of those toy ones and not one would show me a way to make it sound beautiful the way I knew piano music would sound.

But one Christmas season, when I was in the third grade, I saw a delivery truck pull up in front of our house and men started unloading the one thing that I knew would forever be the best present ever.

When I couldn't immediately make it play music I must have felt some frustration. But thankfully, besides the sacrifices my parents made to make the payments on the piano, they also furnished lessons.

I started that next January on a long journey that has always been a delight and joy to me and hopefully to others as I share the gift inside of me God placed there.

Susan Conner
Winters, Texas



HOLY BIBLE

Holy Bible

Through His words we learn how to live and love.

May the spirit of Christ's message fill you with hope and understanding.

Merry Christmas to you and your family. Wishing you a season of happiness.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

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Dec. 24 - 11:30 PM
Carols & Midnight Mass
Dec. 25 - 9 AM Mass
11 AM Spanish Mass

O Christmas Tree

Festive tidings to one and all.

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Merry Christmas!

Joyous greetings of holiday cheer to one and all. We appreciate your loyal patronage this past year.

From...
Bill, Barbie, Fran and Sue

FIRST American BANK



"Christmas past..."

Christmas, 1950...In my mind's eye, I can still see what the house looked like, what I was wearing, and what my younger cousin, Prissy Nunley, was wearing (they dressed us alike...me in green and Prissy in red!) when she climbed into my new wooden doll cradle and sat there grinning at me. I promptly dumped her out and dragged the cradle to Granny's closet and put the cradle inside. I then placed my little red rocker in front of the door and wouldn't budge.

Today the doll cradle is used as a display for some old rag dolls. The cradle was given to me when I was 3-years-old by my grandparents, Earl and Mary Caudle of Ballinger. It still has the original finish and handmade mattress (stuffing fresh from a bale of cotton). I gave the cradle to my daughter, Cristi, for her 3rd Christmas in 1981, and the cradle survived our house fire on December 15, 1988.

...I also remember lying in the living room floor at Granny's playing "pick-up sticks" with my older cousin, Willie Johnson, while we ate popcorn from a dishpan, to the sounds of laughter from "lots of family" and shuffling of dominoes from the kitchen, and creak of Pop's (my great-grandfather) old rocking chair as he bent over to retrieve his spit can so he could expel a dip of snuff...the smells...of cedar branches, wood smoke, coffee, spiced tea, hot chocolate, fudge, fruit cake, peppermint...the sights—the colored lights on trees, sparklers, and fireworks, the brilliant starts in a clear winter's night sky. Ahh, the simple good old days.

Brenda Buxton
Winters, Texas



HALLELUJAH!

Please join us in celebrating this most holy occasion with Christmas Eve services at 6 PM and 10 PM and Christmas Day Services at 10 AM. Sons Paul and Timothy Hanson will be singing on Christmas Eve.

St. John's Lutheran Church

Come let us adore Him

May all the blessings of the season be yours as we celebrate this holy Christmas in the name of our Saviour. Happy holidays to everyone.

First United Methodist Church, Winters

Candlelight and Communion services begin at 6 PM Christmas Eve

"A Christmas to remember..."

From the time I was three years old I remember Christmases spent at the home of my maternal grandparents, Wash and Lela Nance. The Christmas most vivid in my mind is that of 1945.

The first Christmas after the end of World War II was special. The downtown parts of Main and Dale streets were decorated with shining bright lights of green, red, and blue. Garlands were on every light post. Special decorations to welcome those of us who were coming home from the services. It was a happy time for this nineteen-year-old who was seeing friends not seen for a year—or years.

As usual, we had the Christmas tree at the home of my Great-Uncle and Great-Aunt Frank and Myrtle Pumphrey. Great-Grandma Mary Pumphrey was there as was my Great-Great-Aunt Roxie Alexander, along with my grandparents, Wash and Lela Nance—the Nance and Pumphrey kids and even some grandkids were there. Over thirty people in all that year. What a happy time.

I'll never forget that Christmas Eve with its bright, full moon, and cold crisp air. My uncle, Bill Nance, four years older than I, had just gotten out of the Navy, and I, from the Army Air Corps. After the Christmas tree festivities ended Bill and I were taking presents out to the car. After we loaded them in, he looked at me and said, "This time last year we didn't know when we would have our next Christmas at home." That was true, yet here we were—the war was over.

That's why Christmas, 1945, was and is very special to me.

Alex Orr
Tyler, Texas



"... the true story of Christmas..."

Not many people have a memory of Christmas with fourteen brothers and sisters like I do. We did not receive very big presents! But I remember one Christmas when I thought we wouldn't even have a Christmas tree from the mountain as we always did. But finally on Christmas Eve, here comes Daddy with a big beautiful cedar tree from the mountain. So we made decorations and were so proud of our tree, and an apple and orange we got. We only had fruit around Christmas. But we had heard the true story of Christmas from the Bible so that made up for everything else.

Arlene Schwartz Boles
Winters, Texas



"My best Christmas as a child"

The year was 1927 on a farm in Rannels County. I was 5-years-old. My brother, Alvis, was 4-years-old.

Our mother dressed two small dolls—handmade boy clothes for one, girl clothes for the other. She wallpapered two shoe boxes for trunks and put doll clothes in both boxes. She made the clothes by hand, from scraps and an old wool suit.

Our brother, Granville, made a doll bed for me, and a little wooden wagon from my brother, Alvis. He made these two items from wooden apple boxes and painted both items.

Our mother, Amanda Waldrop (Granny Waldrop), made a little mattress, pillow, sheet, and pillowcase for my doll bed. —It snowed that Christmas!

That's my memory of a "Best Christmas" as a child.

Opal Heving
Comanche, Texas

Jesus...

...the Reason for the Season

COMMUNITY-WIDE CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1999
11AM-5PM

First Baptist Church of Winters

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Don't be alone for Christmas...
Anyone & Everyone Welcome to Attend!

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OF PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN GOOD TO US!

We want to thank you for being a top-shelf customer, all year long, and we hope you and your family enjoy a very tasteful and fulfilling season!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
From the Employees of...

Lawrence Bros.
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"Remembering how we built a very special Christmas tree..."

About 1977... This boy and his mother came up with the idea of him being a Christmas tree for the parade. All their powers of persuasion were turned loose on daddy and grandpa to make the frame for the tree out of chicken wire, which turned out to be a half day's job—plus making a top for it and stretching heavy wires across the frame on both sides, in order for it to be carried.

All this took place in grandpa's garage and the frame was then moved into the house. Now, the real work began of adding foliage. Facial tissues of the right color green could not be found so newspaper was used. There is quite an art in making newspaper leaves, but don't start without stacks and stacks of paper.

First, the paper was cut into squares and folded diagonally, then the folded side twisted to fit into the wire frame. For this task, it took two grandmas, and an unsuspecting aunt who had dropped in for a visit, to cut and fold while mama and son poked these leaves into the frame. If there was no coffee break and everyone worked fast this task could be accomplished in three hours.

In the meantime, poor grandpa worn out from the day's activities decided to read the news. He asked, "Has anyone seen *The Winters Enterprise*? You haven't cut up my paper, have you?"

Receiving no answer from the preoccupied group, he picked up a square of the newsprint that had been cut and began to read. Someone snatched it out of his hand and stuck it in the frame of the tree without looking at him.

Patient grandpa asked again (when you are a grandpa you have learned to be patient), "Didn't *The Winters Enterprise* come today?"

"Yes," said grandma, "I put it in a safe place," but she made no move to get it, so grandpa decided to watch television.

The almost completed tree stood in front of the TV. "Can't that thing be moved to the garage?," he wanted to know.

"No," someone said—"It's sprinkling rain outside. It'll have to sit here until morning."

Friday morning dawned bright and clear. The only tasks remaining were to spray paint the tree and decorate it. Daddy did a lot of negotiating and consulted with professional painters and decided to use a commercial spray gun, provided by understanding friends. All it took to complete this job was a quart of green paint and a can of glitter. This task was completed by nightfall.

The following day, the day of the big parade, all that remained to be done was to decorate the tree and move it in a pickup truck to the parade grounds—another full morning's work and decorations would be in place.

By parade time, the tree had been delivered, and a pair of gloves brought to keep the wires from cutting little hands, as the tree was heavier than anticipated. Because of its weight, daddy carried the tree as far as possible before it was put in the parade.

With daddy's help and a lot of coaching, the sparkling, glittering tree got to the intersection before the little engineer decided to quit and came bailing out. But he stepped lively around to the Chamber of Commerce to pick up his prize money.

Wary daddy dragged the discarded tree to the back of the (then) Fashion Shop, muttering something that sounded like "The next time someone has an idea she can carry it out herself."

The tree was in the way at the Fashion Shop and the next day daddy was instructed to move it, and it landed in my garage where it remained for several days. With each move, some of the glitter and leaves were lost.

When the same small boy learned that I was not going to have a tree, he instructed me to have his daddy bring the tree into the house and use it. I complied with his wishes as grandmothers always do and once more the tree was moved with the loss of only a few more leaves and a little glitter.

Decorations were straightened and leaves replaced and the resplendent tree stood proudly in my living room adding to the festivities. It may not have been the prettiest, but it was the most expensive tree I'd ever had.

Now that Christmas was over, the same little boy had begun to wonder how we were going to move the tree to my basement so that we could have it for next year. Mentally I'd drawn the line but I was sure the tree would end up in the basement.

This boy is Brandon Paige Poe, the youngest born June 30, 1971. He lives in Lubbock with two little boys of his own who will soon have fun building trees.

Charloise Poe
Winters, Texas



MRS. BILLIE WHITLOW gives Briana Mesey a hug and a kiss during Christmas caroling rounds at the Senior Citizens Nursing Home. Briana and the Winters 4-H Club recently sang for the residents in honor of the holiday season.



Let's all do our best
Without panic or fear
And strive to put Christ
Back in Christmas this year.
He's always been there,
But He gets pushed aside
In the many "Traditions"
Of our Christmas tide.
We hurry and worry,
We fret and we frown.
A modern day Christmas
Can get us all down.
So let's just remember
And remind all the nation,
That the Birthday of Christ
Is the real celebration.
While we open our hearts
To the peace and the joy
That was brought to earth
By that Baby Boy.

Jane Soese, 1999



Jane Boese of Elk City, Oklahoma, is the aunt of W.C. Woffenden of Winters and the great-aunt of Rene Woffenden, also of Winters. She is the mother of nine boys and one girl, raising all ten children as a single mother. An award-winning poet, Aunt Jane sends original poems as a Christmas greeting each year—a different one to each family! W.C. and Rene wanted to share this "tradition"—and this year's poem.

Happy Holidays From All Of Us



With best wishes to you and your flock for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. Your warm friendship makes us proud. Thank you!

The Employees of
Benny Polston, CPA

"Twine for Christmas..."

In 1938, on a farming ranch west of Ballinger, Texas, at five o'clock on Christmas morning, my parents and I got up as it was still dark and went into the living room where the tree was. We opened the presents under the tree.

I received some toys and different presents. I remember the truck and tractor and, as a little 6-year-old boy should, I pushed them around. I ran into what the younger generation may not know as "binder twine." It was just lying on the floor where I was playing. My little tractor and truck ran over it and my mother said, "Noel, what is that thing lying on the floor?"

I sure didn't know what that twine was doing there, and we saw a note attached to it. Well, I was so young I still couldn't read, so my mother read the note. It said, "Dear Noel, If you follow this twine, it will lead to another Christmas present from Santa Claus."

So as curious as little boys are, I wondered what it could lead to. My father and mother said let's see where it goes. At that time, we had no electricity but we had oil lamps. So I followed the twine out of the living room, towards the door into the bedroom, and then went through that bedroom into another bedroom and out towards the dining room. In such anticipation, it wandered into the screened-in porch that was boarded up for the wintertime at the back of the house. To top it off, a norther' had blown in that night. The rain was coming down pretty heavy and I was still in my pajamas. But the twine went out the back door. Then my mother said, "You'd better get some clothes on before you go out there in that weather."

While getting dressed, we were all talking and the horse heard us and he nickered. And I thought to myself—"OH BOY, Santa Claus got me a horse!" My mother got my raincoat and galoshes on me and all I could hear was the nickering. So my father turned on a lantern so that we could carry it out in the dark morning and through the rain.

We got outside and I noticed the car was out of the garage. I didn't know why, but the twine went into one door of the car on the driver's side and I thought, "Is that horse in the car?" I looked in the car and there was nothing in there. The twine went out the other side of the car and circled around the car and back into the garage through the door.

We then opened up the door of the garage. There the horse was! Black and wet all over because he had been out in the rain. With the light coming through the doorway shining so brightly that you could see his eyes just sparkling. He had his ears up and was just happy to see us. My father set me up on the horse's wet back, which of course didn't bother me with all the excitement. I was just so happy!

What I didn't know until later was that my father bought the horse some weeks before Christmas from Jack and Jimmy McAden's father who lived out in South Ballinger. On Christmas Eve, somehow my mother kept me from going with my father. She'd kept me busy while he took a trailer out on the other side of Ballinger, picked the horse up, and brought him by our place—hidden from me seeing the vehicle that was hauling the horse.

He went to the joining ranch on the other side of us and left the horse there until the next morning. Supposedly, my father got up around four in the morning to bring the horse to the garage and that is why the horse was so wet, and my father still had enough time to do the maze of twine in the house. I remember after breakfast, we went out to take care of the animals—milking cows and such—and my father puts me on the horse to go bring in the milk calves and the horse gets startled by a jack rabbit and jumps out from under me. My father sees me on the ground, gets me up, and we walk back to the house.

That was the beginning of my getting into the horse business, and I have never been without a horse since. The most horses I have ever owned at one time was 103 head. My father was killed by lightning a year after that, so that is why this makes it a very special Christmas.

Noel Wiley
San Benito, Texas

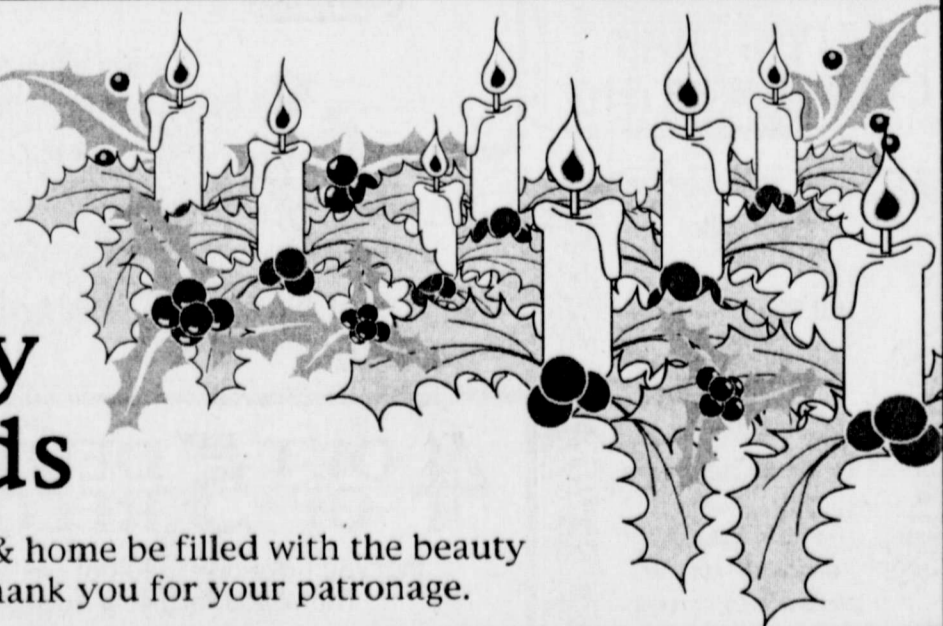


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Family
Friends



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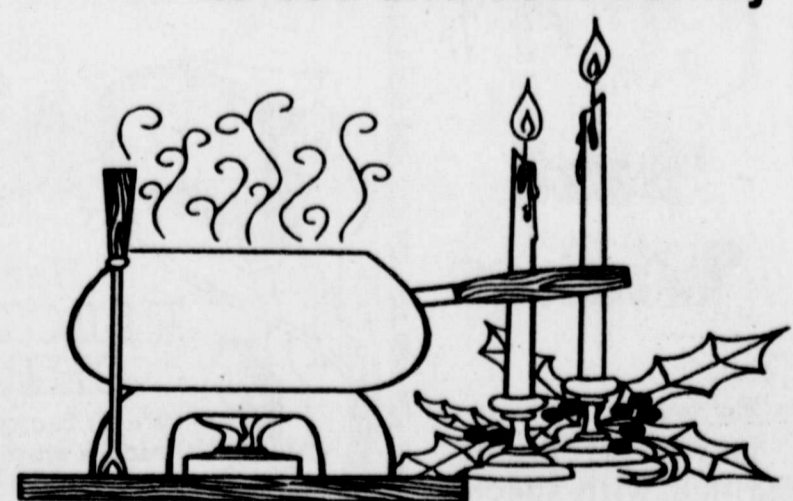
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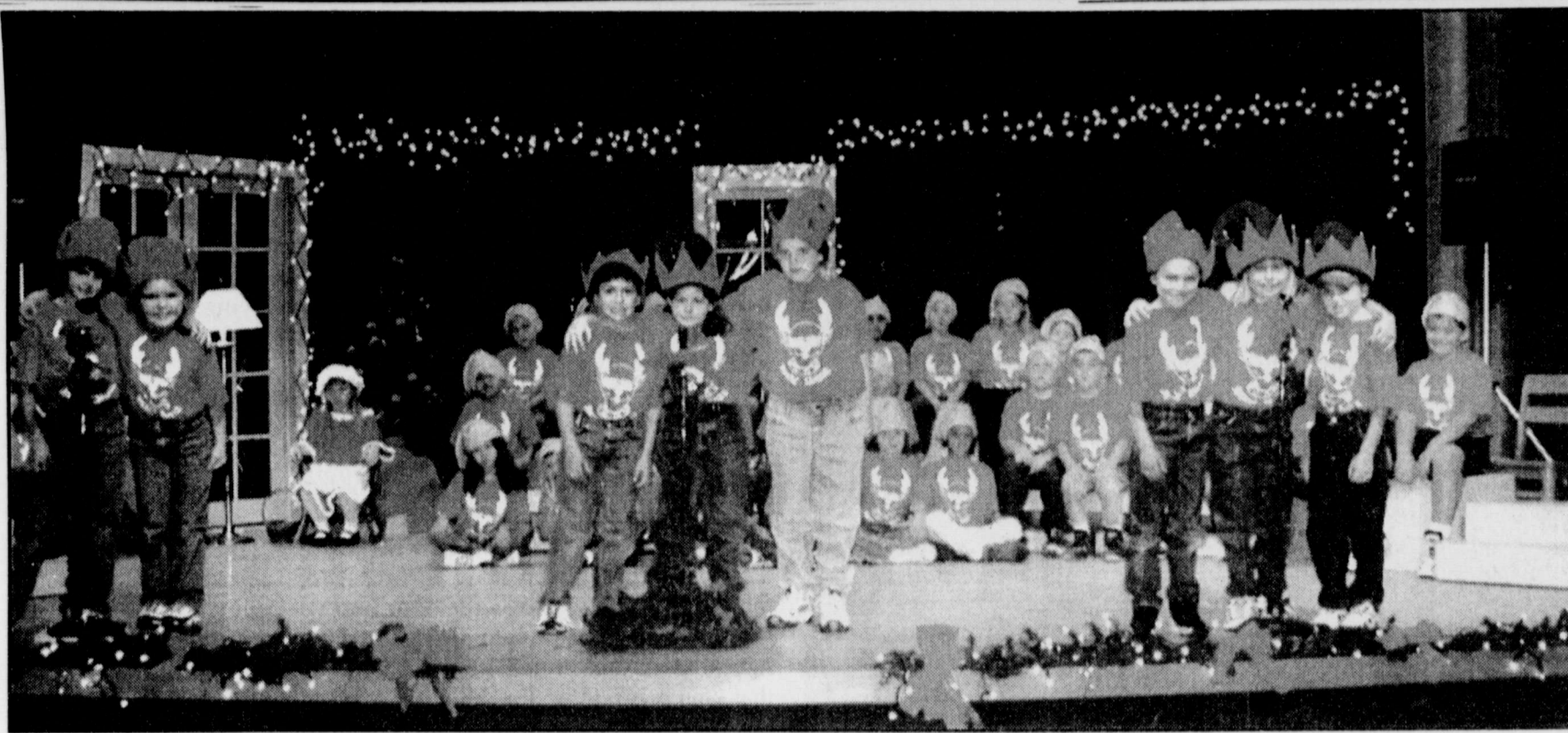
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SANTA'S HELPERS LEND A HAND, or should we say "band," to Rudolph and the reindeers when the hoofed performers find themselves "double-booked" on Christmas Eve. Merry little elves ready to rock 'n' roll are second graders (l-r) Shelby Knight, Devon Rodriguez, Josh Lujano, Briana Mesey, Joby Winfrey, Collyn Pritchard, Tana Gibbs, and Joseph Stoeker.

Dear Santa

All I want for Christmas...



MRS. OLIVER'S 2ND GRADE CLASS

I want a playstation and a game called WW. A red truck would be fun. I want a play boat to play with in the water. I would like some books to look at and also a black bike. Please let it snow so I can build a snowman.

I love you, Santa
Manuel Roman

I sure like your long beard. It is Christmas time again and heres what I want a blue Wal-Mart truck I also would like a real puppy. I want a play statin. I enjoy watching Toy Story would you bring me a Buz and a Woody. How is Mrs. Clause I Love you, Santa

Brandon Taylor
P.S. A choo-choo train

How is Jissca? I onely want four things. Gigggle'n Kelly, sleeping buety barbie and ken doll, books, bug soft Kelly doll.

Merry Christmas.
Love
Kathleen Mills

I hope your Reindeer are okay. Where are the Elf. I want to go to the North Pole. I want to ride on comit. I want to see viscon. I love you santa. How is Mrs Claus is she okay. Are you okay santa I hope you are okay. Is viscon okay. Love

Nicky Sanders

I wish I could have a freinds and my dad come home for christmas eve please dad.

Love
Candace C'Dell

How are you? Are the reindeer okay? Are the elfs having a snack? Oh is miss Claus is she okay? Have a good Christmas? by

Love
Kevin Jackson

How are the reindeer? Well if you can make it to my house this is what I want A bike, computer, skates, a skateboard and a teddy bear. And how is Cupid my favorite reindeer? And one more thing a drumset to praktus our play.

Love,
Mavritza Bowden

I want a cat deall and a dinosaur deall and a game of jump rog and a game of bass ball.

Love
Tytephanie Blackshear

how was your weos? is there alot of snoe at the North pole? are you exsided becase you get to rid on the stae? what I want for christmas is a motersikel and a litel puppy.

John Rodriguez

are you doig ok? How about the reindeer are they o.k.? Are the elf's making toys for the boys and girls? What about roodoph is he watching your sleay? Did you feed your reindeer today? I've been wanting a computer, bike, mecky mouse, skatebord. I wish you would come see. I also want a monster truck, electric race track with two wletrick cars.

Love
Justin Taylor

I would like a trampoline, and a new puppy and anew bike. How is Mrs. Claus. And I would like to move to Abilene and meet new friends well I already have a friend in Abilene her name is Allison Yates and when I move I hope I'm in her class.

Love,
Jennifer Brewer

I want a sert and a pants.
Love,
Jacinto Hernandez

How are your Raindeer doing and how is Mrs. Claws doing. I wood like some arts and crafns and I wood like some blo up furniture and I wood like a game and I wood like some pooh little things and I wood like a Rabbit and I wood like some Game Boy's and I wood like those to be Yellow and Blue and Red and Green.

Love,
Danielle Nichol Pinkerton

I would like a TC re motorcycle. And I would like a Gameboy. And I would like a shark Lab. And I would like a mountain bike. And I would like a Nitindo 64.

Love,
Aaron Grenuelge

How are you and Mrs. Clause & the Reandeer & the elfs. I would like a gocart, Iguana, 741 piece starwars pod racers, a couple of computer games, a couple of playstatoin games. That all.

Love,
Josh Lujano

How is it at the North Pole. How is Mrs. Claus and how are the reindeer and elves I would like a robot, a parat that talks, a tree house, I want you to come spind the knit with me, I want Mrs. Claus to come spint the knit with me. Games, Chalkboard, I want a answering masnin and I am gona say I am not here you know the drill. I want a slav, a Jeep, I want Lincoln Logs, I want a wawer hope you have a very mery Christmas

Love,
Jaci Frierson

I would like a gameboy and I would like some earings and I would like a green pen of my own and I would like to see you're raindeer and you're elves and you. I would like a gigaper and blues clue book with the pencil. I would like a Toolbooks I would like a Chalkboard. I would like a Drum set a some Gams

Love:
Olivia Stout

how are you. I would like a drums and shoes and tools for my grandpa and a vaccelan for my grandma and I want some shirts.

Love,
Sarah Martinez

I have been a good boy. I wood like a tame is a big Dady and a dirosaur.

Love,
Jason Taylor



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From the opening of the season to the wrap-up, may you enjoy many good times. You're the best!

Winters Beauty Salon
Sheryl Webb



Best Wishes

To wish you holiday greetings, filled with special joys!

Runnels County Commissioner Precinct 3
Thurman Self

How are you doing I will be doing a christmas play. December 9th and we have a Santa in it his name is cody and he is good and this is wat I want a molcutrol durtbich football pads of the Dallas cowboy's and the shirt that is number 8 and some pents and a football that is sined by the Dallas cowboy's that is there sise that is a cholg sise football and a bick that has pegs and I want some peds on the frunt of my bick.

Love
Braden Mihesha

How are you boing? I am fine. how is yore wife? I have been good this year. I want some hats and some camoe and some toy reindeer.

Lave
Cody Bean

How is your reindeer Santa how is the elffs Santa. Santa how is Miss Clas. Santa I wood like to have a phone pleas and flary pants and drums and a pool and a traplyn and I wish my uncl Francky wood come home to see your children and Brianna, Cotny, Kristin, Addy, Trasen, Justin.

love
Brianna Mesey

How are you and the reindeer I wish for a buton and a leter soot and a bike and backstreetboys tape and poster and mistletoe to kiss a boy and a car to drive and prity dress I Love Santa and the reindeer and elf. Are you and the reindeer and elf all right. I Love you Santa so much.

Alexandria Cortez

How are you doing? Are the reindeer OK? How are the Elves? I want \$13,224, a computer, with inernet dirtbike, I have tried to be good,

Love,
Hayden Bergman

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We're going out on a limb to say, "happy holiday and many thanks," to all our customers.

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how like a go a rnote a bulldog for my u give me i Love Adda

I like becaus buzlityer you give those two Love Josep

how is whold lik for my s butiful d that go w my sister give so t one more you in pe Love, Tiffan

How i Elves and see you in rolerblad Mrs. Cla Love, Deuan

I wou basketbal some cur like a bas Love, Cheloy

I wou Goldber that come like a law Sting. Love, Aunan

I wou of kerrits SouthAm Love Ryan

I wou reamote games for dog and t love, Joby

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Our W 700

how are your randeare. I wood like a go car. and a NiNtindo 64. and a rnote cunro dert bike and a baby bouldog but if i get the baby bouldog for my uncle then you dount have to give me it.

Love,
Addam Ramirez

I like to work like your elves becaus I am one. Could I have a buzlytyer and a gocart. I dont care wat you give me but I do care if yo give those two things pleas.

Love
Joseph Stoecker

how is roodof and your wife. I whold like a myy size angel and one for my sister. And I whold like a butifull dress. And toas cklidy things that go with my dress. And some for my sister or cous it's the seesend to give so that's al I whont. Oh their's one more thing I whold like to see you in person!!!

Love,
Tiffany Cravens

How is Mrs. Clause how are the Elves and Riendeer? I wish I could see you in life. I would like some new rolerblades and and a doll of you and Mrs. Clause.

Love,
Devon Rodriguez

H O H O

I would like a basketball and a basketball goal and a cumputer and some cumputer games. And I would like a basketball watch.

Love,
Chelsy Lipsey

I would like to have a tawlking Goldberg and a tawlkin kevin nash that comes in One pack. next I would like a tawlking DDP and a tawlking Sting.

Love,
Amanda Jamez

I would I A rabbit and A stepise of kerrits and to sind my brother to SouthAmarka.

Love
Ryan Hagle

I would like a play-station and a reamote controllid car and more games for the playstation and another dog and tuff talkn wrestler.

love,
Joby Winfrey

MRS. LINCYCOMB'S 2ND GRADE CLASS

How is dasur doing and how are ou doing? And how is Mrs. Clars? I warnt a play stayshen. and I want some close. I will leave you some cics and milk.

Love
Usula Estrada

How are you dooing and mrs santa dooing and rander dooing? I cnt wat till christms I want a Playstan game and a dog and football

Love
Anthony Martinez

I Love you Santa I Love Scool Satna I wel tel you wunt a Pokmon for Chirches and a plastusing and a ispoort and a movee uft a Pokmon.

Love
Anthony Diaz

How are you doing today. But I want a ride to the north Poule. And I want a puppy. And How is the Reindeers. And my little sister wants a Big caste.

Love
Randy Noe Carrillo

I have tried to be good this year. And my brother has tried to be good this year along with Mom and dad. Are the elves doing OK. Is the raindeer doing ok. Please tel me. I want a teddy bear. I like Pokymon. I like dolls. I want popcorn, I want a baby sister, and a baby brother.

Love
Tana Gibbs

How are you doing and the elvs and the raindeer. I've tride to be good and my bothers have tride to be good too. I woud please like a bike for Christmas. I will pout out some cook-ies.

Love,
Sybil Bridgeman

How have you been this year. How have the reinder been this year. We are having a play about Christ-mas it is called the night the reindeer rocked and it is going to be a fun play. Will you bring me a bike, horse, a truck, another dog, and odme shoes, and a remote control car.

Tia Davis



SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS (a.k.a. Cody Bean and Tiffany Cravens) say goodnight with a "Merry Christmas to all," as they close the second grade Christmas program.

how is rudeoff I really like you. I have been good this year. Can you give me some stuff for Christmas. May I have a baseball bat and a baseball and a baseball bat holder. I like football I want a football tee. And a soccerball I like Christmas because you get presents and real cool presents. And I want a game boy and a WWF game for my gameboy and a Nintendo 64 too. And some Nintendo games to go with it too.

Love,
Cottyn Pritchard
Merry Christmas

Hi! Santa how are your reindeer and elfs. I have been good and I hope roodalfs nose still gloce. What I want for christmas is StarWars and what my sister wants For christmas is a skatebord shanin. What my dad wants for christmas is my mom back home And I hope my sister Kayla would come home to! I hoep Mrs. Claus is okay to. I hope you don't git sick o your christmas rounds. And I can't wait For December 25.

Love,
Jeremiah Josh Arispe
Merry Christmas.

How are you. May I have a dool with a careg. I ben trying to be good Santa. Ha are the raindeer Santa.

Love,
Chelsie Schmidt

How is it going over there I hope it is going great. How are the RenDeeRs doing. I bet They are great to. Santa May I have a the robot the one with moccan to and Plase can you give my sister a Present to! Merry Christmas.

Love
Josh Lee

How is roodof doing this year. Pleas give me a rnot contro robt pleas. Pleas give me a New bike, Pleas bring me a Ntido 64. Pleas bring me a play stason whith game pleas. Pleas bring me a regler Ntido whith game. O yea dnot frgit the Ntido games. and a pokuman.

love
Marcus Herrera

I want a Socerball for christmas and a piggy banc and love

Roman Garcia

I have ben reel good this year. Could I have a coyboy hat. and all coyboy shirt. Oh I forgot I need a soccer boll. and a farm set to go to my animles in it. Go up to my Gandmas hous and Gandpas house to put presents under there tree. P.S. I want a coloring book.

Love
Jason Laird

We are having a program and Code is Santa in our program. I am in the corse. Laser is Roodof. Sybil is Dasher. I'm sorry if I can't spell your raindeers names rite. I do want some things. Please can I have Ten horses, another dod, a cat, more toy horses for my other horses to play with and pokeymon cards and pokeymon and pecicnou. I want to see you I love you. Love

Lucy Butler
Marry Cristmas and have a happy new year.

Hi Santa, 9 days to crismas We are having a crismes play. It called the token reindeer. How are the reindeer dooing. Are you rede for crismes this year. this what I want for crismes. I want a bottleshire and a leago toy. I want Jonny Thuner. And a Nike shut. A Noo game I want a caste and a noo game for my playstaston I want spiraodotgon.

Love
Jonathan Patton



Haw are you and the reandear. I have den chrien to be good this yer. My cusun and my siste rand my other to chsuns to. I want a pokemon. And I want a baby dog. And I want a rill pokemon.

Love
Primo Reyes

Hi Santa how are you doing? How is you reindeer doing? How are the elf doing? How is Ms. Santa, I been so good so has my sister. I want a bike and a box of stiker and a Merry Christmas.

Love
Cindy R. Chavez

MRS. SNEED'S 1ST GRADE CLASS

I am 6. I want a pet cobra my mommy wants a kitten my daddy wants a noow rifle my sister wont a Barbie my Memaw want a dress my papaw wants a noow bewt my BoBo wants a ? I have ben a good boy how are you

Dillion Lindley

Merry Christmas

My name is. Caroline Rodriguez I wot, computr hau and my sistr. Sarah a comoputr to I wot I wot a rill teluff.

Caroline Rodriguez

my name is C.J. Johnson I want a race track. I am 7 years old. I want to give Santa cookies and milk. I have ben good. and I want a tent and I want a mask.

Love,
C.J.

Mi nam is Raul I luv u santa an I wut cande and aple with it. I want a toy car to pla with. cake orange dog kite egg jump hat.

Raul Perez

I would like, doll's that sing. And candy. And a tea set. And thats All for me. I will let you have cooky's. and milk My name is Lisa Dees are you doing good I have been good I live in a country phone 636-4443 Please get my Mom cooky dough. Please get my Dad m & m's, Please get my cat some cat food. Please get my dog a ball to play with. That's All. phone 636-4443.

Lisa Dees

My name is Jared. I am seven years old. I would likes Jets and a dog. I would like toys.

Love,
Jared Cortez

Season's Best...

'Sno fooling, we wish you the best! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Bob & Christy Lindley
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May it be a beautiful season for all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for stopping by!

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We don't want to let another minute go by without expressing our gratitude and best wishes to our valued customers and friends.

Y.K. Lee, M.D.
Y.K., Soon, John, Patsy & Charlotte

Gather 'round for a blessed event

May you experience a sense of warmth and peace that will light your way through the new year.

Happy Holidays

Pioneer Vet Clinic

619 E. Broadway

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's a treat to know and serve you.

We will be closed Christmas Eve & Day and New Year's Day to celebrate the holidays with our families.

Raymond's Clip Joint

What better time to thank all our friends and customers for their valued business in the past year.

Happy Holidays

Heidenheimer's
105 South Main
Winters, Texas

Season's Greetings

To all those near and "deer" to us, our deep gratitude and warm regards for a joyous holiday season.

Motel Winters

The Devang Patel Family

my name is Sara Campos. And I am seven years old. I live at Winters Texas. I would like some Tweety bird stuff. And I would like some Elmo stuff too. My mama wants some pairs of shoes. My daddy wants some tools. My brother wants some books. My baby brother wants a Pooh bear. And I would leave Santa some cookies and milk.

I love you Santa
Sara N. Campos

hi my name is Devin Martinez. I am six yrd old. Dear Santa I want sum cles. I want a toy car. I want a bike. I want two per of shoes. I will leve you sum cookies. I want two books. I live in wintrs.

Devin Martinez

My name is Robert Coppage. I want a toy for Christmas. Get my brother a truck. Get my mom a tent. Get my dad a big truck. Get my uncle John Henry a tent. Get my sister Lacey Michelle a cat. How are you?

Robert Coppage, 6



WINTERS 4-H CLUB MEMBERS give Senior Citizen Nursing Home residents Lavell (Doc) Smith (left), and Isaias Fernandez, some enthusiastic advice during a game of dominoes as the 4-Hers prepare to leave after caroling to the residents. Pointing out Doc's next move is Jason Laird with (back, l-r) Clent Bryan, Bryant Mikeska, and Braden Mikeska.



I will leave you some chocolate cookys and I want a battery for my jeep I love you. my mom wants a real dog and a real dog and a saddle and my name is

Drey Clifton Richards.

My name is Kody Perry I want a stuf anamool dog I want too get a dart for my dad I wood like it too snowe I theenk i wood like a ber. I wood leve you some milk and cookies on the plate for you.

by Kody Perry

My name is Regan Newsom how are you I am 6 I would like a toy guitar, and sewing machine I will leave cookies and milk I would like Sleeping Beauty I live in Ballinger I have bin good I would you to breg mom a littel red wagin and Breen my Dad a Belt and Breen my sister a Bird and I love you.

Regan M. Newsom

my name is David Reyes I am six years old. I wot a jet and a nintendo 64. and a robote. git my mom stop me up. git my Dad tools. git my cusin a robote. git my sistrs a pla stashun. I will leve you sum cookies. I luv you santa said

David Reyes

my name is Haley Kaczyk and I want a Barbie jeep, and a stuffed dog and a cat, and for my brother a guitar. and for my sister a ring. and for my mom a angel pin, and for my Dad a pocket knife. I will give you cookies and milk.

Haley Kaczyk

im in fine how are you I wud like a cat and a dog and my popu a wreath. I love santa. bring my Gramol a base. I will lev you cucus and milk.

Miranda Torres

MRS. PARRAMORE'S 1ST GRADE CLASS

I Luv to play with my sistr. I will have and sher candee with my Sistrs Linda and Bianca. Breg me a barbi bike and a hores.

Frum Crystal Trevino

I want a toy of jrassic park and shoes and a bugs life toy and a cross. I bin vere good this year.

From: Alonso Flores

I wood lik a Bab Kith. I wot a rabit. I wot Pokeman stuf. I wot a fish. I wos good and mi brdth' wos good.

Frum Hannah Luga

I want a bike and a doll for chrismas. I want a brand now dog and cat.

Love Ashley Delacruz

I want a CdPlayr and a Jeep and Sherts and Shorts and a appl. I want a per and a game and nike Sherts and nike Shorts and a dog and cats and a frogs and a rabbit and a buloon and bols and a desk and jactik and a tede. Mere crisms and hape noo yer. I Love you Santa.

Love Amber Blackshear

Pleas bring me a Farebe and a bike. Pleas bring me some crayons and a calering book. Thanke-you!

Love Kaitlyn Johnson

pleas bring me a Lunchbox. from

Raymond Rodriguez

I want a bike and a basket bolb gole.

From Javed Bailey

I like you and your Rain Deer. I like to read a lot. I would like 2 gifts a big hors and a little hors. How is Roodolf doing? I like Roodolf. I would like to see you some time.

Love Kayla Hightower

I want a footbol and cors and a bike and a erpump for my basketbol and a book and a noow sokrbol and a noow crayola.

Love Jesse Butler

I want a mongoosbike. I Love you Sant Clause.

Love Dustin Oswalt

I bin good to da. I wood like sum cors and tracks to ras.

Love Wesley Hagle

I bin good too Dae. I Love you. You our mi friend. Haw is mi gramool dooing up ther. Bring me ene presint beus I dont now what i wunt.

Love Alex Sudduth

I want a lasr tag and a TV and basbol bat. Bring me a bisikl helmit with a wotr botl. Ples send a hamstr and a jrse numbr 23. I bin a good boy. frum

Clint Bryan

I beelv in you. Plees bring me a toy and my own Sookrbarbie and my own Sockrbol.

Love Kovi Gallimore

MRS. COLBURN'S 1ST GRADE CLASS

I want for Christmas a umbrlla a rolobads. And a jet. And a jates. I wish it wil sno at Wentr. And a rancot. I ded bin good. You ned to com in mi dor.

Love John C. Brien

I will wunt enee thange you breg me. I like Rudolf. I had that book but I lost it. Haw are thengs up ther. I bet its coold leeding the sleigh? Is Mrs Claus o.k.? Wut about the elves are they o.k. too I have bin good this Christmas. my name is Alexandra that's my ril name but thay col me Zannie you can rite it cethr way with a y aur a ie frum Alexandra to Santa Clause. You can try the stove pipe frum

Alexandra Jessica Stimp

Can you gev me a peanou, and a cumputr and a neckles. I want my teeth to gro up again. My sis wants a peanou, and I want mor thegs a puzzll and my sis wats a book and my sis wants a dol, santa is it fun when you drive the sleigh! Are yol ocky oh veder Snta are you ok I mist you ohvenir. Dear Santa I want to tel you that my momi is gene get a babye Santa con you gev my momi a covr to my momi and can you gev my babye brother a pupy.

by Bibiana A. Mendoza

I want some candy and a bike for Christmas. I have been a good boy. Please bring my mom some candy, too.

Love, Justin Bryson

I want a bike and a bear and a poobear and a cumputr boombox and. Some sedes and I am Leveing you some cookey how is things up there. How is Rudolf! How is Mrs. Claus! How is it flying in the air I was in the prade and I was Rudolf in the prade and my sistr was a elf and Soosy, was to how is Mrs. Claus and you and your efves and you reindeer

Love Abby Guy

I want a blaxs and a big swimming pool and a big bike and a Prezints for miye Sistr and brother Santa miye mom is gowing to the hospitl to hav a baby. Haw is Rudolf, dowing I won't miye teeth to growe up. Santa can I ride in your Slaye please Santa. Lav.

Bianca Cavillo

howw are you doing? How is Mrs. Clos? I have bin a very good little girl this yiar, plees breging me a charm neckles. And sum chapstick a few pinsools. Sam noow pers of shoes. thats all I want. Oh, how are your RaneDeer I will levee you sum gooddees. I came to Shool. How is the wethar, on Chismis Eve I will probule by awake came tharow in the chimney. would you breging my sis a babydoll?

Kaleigh Edge

I want a footbol. And a reemoke con troll cor. And soldrs. And a cor and computer are the elfys helping you. how is Mrs clos dooing is Rudolf dooing fine is it snoweing a lot. I will levee you choklit cookees and milk on my tabel. I hope you make it to my haws. I wish I can see Rudolf. and the elves. Is it cold ovehter. you haf to go throo the door to get in my hows.

Love, Justin Ray Trevino

haw are you dowing ples sent my mom a flawr and buy mee a busliteyer. and a toy trane. and I left a cookeys On the big brown table I bind good

Love Nico Campos

How is Santa is fine too, my sistr has chickin pocks. I love my mom and my dad and my sitter shelly and me I want a Bear and a doll and a Barbe and a computer. are you being good at home yes I wil give you some cooks and some milk in the table.

Love Joselyn Soto

hou is Mrs. Clos is she feeling wel I wunt a mongisbike and. I wunt a littel baby roodof. I have bin beehaveing. I wunt curs and I wunt a drum set and stikes. I will levee you cookees and milk. You need to go in through the door.

Love Estevan Nava



I want a remot kintrool car and a remot kintrool jetske, and a remot kintrool bote, and a map, and a four wheler, and a book of anumools. How are the reindeer doing? Haw is Mrs. clos doing. I have bin vere vere vere good this yir. I have lerned a lot. I am not going to leve ine theng for you. So haw cold is it up ther. Com in the door.

Love Kelton Scott Bredemeyer

I want a four drums and I will wunt a rolbias deer Santa I want to see how roodof is dooing you find santa? I am find I am good santa. How are you santa? deer roodof how are Santa I will levee you cookees. Santa I love you Santa

Love Joseph Soto

I want a footbol. And a reindeer. All dragin ball z acshin figers. And a monke. And a cumputr. Santa haw is Mrs Santa. Win you cuma to my home I will levee some melk and some cuke. And I luv you Mrs. and Santaclaus. Santa haws the wethr is it code. Santa im doing good Santa. Hows mrs claus doing. Hows Rudolf doing good. How dus the slef flye.

Love Derek Lane Smith

Merry Christmas to All

Wishing you a grand season, with our thanks

Gehrels and Associates

Craig & Kelly Gehrels

All our best wishes to you and yours for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Windmill Enterprises
Randall Conner

Enjoy this season of wonder

Accept our profound gratitude for your support this year. Many thanks to all our friends and customers. Happy holidays and the best new year.

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Wishing you and your family health, prosperity, and joy. Thanks for your kind patronage.

We will be closed Monday, December 20 through Friday, December 24, AND Friday, December 31 for the holidays.

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Family Practice

Little Star Of Bethlehem

...for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matthew 2:2

May faith guide you, and may enlightenment be your constant companion throughout this holy season.

NRH **North Runnels Hospital**

With Warm Wishes

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Sobby June

Magic Night

May all your dreams come true this Christmas.

Runnels County Clerk
Elesa Ocker & deputies Billie, Carlene, and Cheryl

WISHING YOU Well

Our prescription for a happy holiday season includes generous measures of goodwill and cheer along with a healthy dose of gratitude from us. We're really thankful for your confidence and support.

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MRS. CAVAZOS' 1ST GRADE CLASS

I want a ring and a jumprope and a kite and a cd player and a bike.
Love,
Devon Shackelford

I want footbo i want cat and i want moon and i want milk
Love,
Miguel Rodriguez

I want a boy dog and anew, game and ted de ber,
Love me,
Tyler Lincoln

I bin good to day. please will you bregg a favorite and a game please
Love,
J.J. Johnson

I have been good. I want a cat dog jump rope a house a book a ball a Baby please get my together a candle a play frog a hat a glass moon that we can put on are tree.
telephone by
Shelby Gehrels

I want a brown bat. I want a whit baseball. I want a kick ball. I want a game. I want a football.
Luov
Scott Cuvry

I ben good Ree mo cren troL trucks. Lethr jakit, lethr gluv, My pal 2000000, a footboll,
Luv
John Smith

I want a rocket and a big ball please sent thes toys
Love
J.J. Silva



I want A Erhocky table and A Berbe the one that cooks and A feengnet polish the one that I can mak and A Ginrrashie Girl and A micrwave the are that cooks food
Love,
Kelsea Garcia

I wud like a Cat and a bat and a ball and a elephaet,
Love
Cheyenne Smith

I have been very nice please bring me these things. A furby, a stufit dog some crayons, and a coloring book.
Love,
Kaitlee Johnson

I have been good I want a doll with a bed. Merry Christmas
Love
Nelly Espino

I want a not life dinosaur a toy dinosaur and a reel telephone with all the stuf I tell You from the mell box
Love
Joses Llanas the End

I have been good I want a Pinata with candy and toys. I also want a rabbit with box. I want a burro with a blanket.
Effren Vizuet

MRS. TEKELL'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I want a little jeep that I can drive, any kind but not a boy one. I want a dollhouse that looks like a castle on top, a Barbie doll, and a play kitchen and a big swimming pool for summer. Give my brother Randy a jeep too and give us both real computers.
Love,
Shantel Ware

I want a bicycle, a basketball, a football, a swing set, a basketball goal, a computer with games and a play station with games. I want you to bring my mom and dad amicrowave, my brother baseball with a bat and a wallet for my sister.
Love,
Joey Salinas

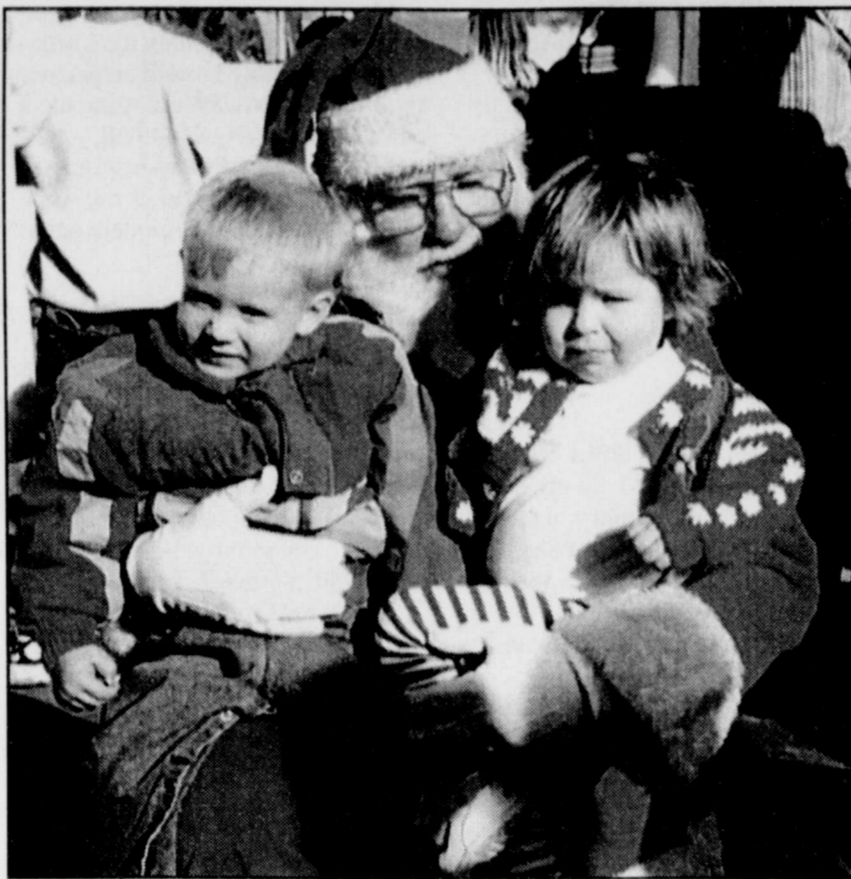
I would like a remote control car, a puppy, some WWF wrestlers, a basketball and some new crayons. Please bring my grandmother some new clothes. And bring my grandpa some gloves.
Love,
Sebastian Martinez

I have been going good. I want a train that you don't push a button. you can control it in your hand. I want something that will tell me the numbers when I count, a basketball that when you shoot, it has numbers that tells you how many you shot. and a toy reindeer that you can pull and it can walk.
Love,
Cannon Bryan

I want an Easy Bake Oven, a teddy bear, a Tommy coloring book, and a Pooh Bear t-shirt. I have been sort of good this year. Would you bring a chalkboard for Keegan. A calendar for mom and dad and a teddy bear coloring book for Camille.
Love,
Caitlin Kurtz

I want a real bake oven, a Barbie bike that I can ride, a flower pot with flowers, a chalkboard and chalk, some new clothes, a calendar. Mom needs some new cups, some clothes for dad and a new "puter" (computer) for Keegan a dress for Caitlin.
Love,
Camille Kurtz

My brother, Cody wants Pokemon cards. I want a go-cart, a little 4-wheeler, and a basketball because my other one is on top of the school building. A saw for my Papa because he has a workshop, a dress for my mom, she doesn't have very many, a 3-wheeler for my dad and cow slippers for Memaw.
Love,
Cameron Bean



SANTA'S GOT A HANDFUL and a lapful following Winters' annual Christmas Parade as two-year-olds Brendon Mikeska (left) and Bailee Busher share their wish list with the jolly 'ole man.

I want a go-cart, a game with ABC's, a tent, some numbers so I can learn how to write my numbers, some legos so I can build with a policeman, some hammers and tools and some pencils for school. I want you to bring markers for my brother and I want a board and marker to write on.
Love,
Alex Perez

I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie doll house, a little babydoll, some crayons, scissors, ans some markers, ssome colored pencils and some tattoos like at school and some colored paper, and some books for me to read. I want a ring for my mom. I want a backpack too.
Love,
Chelsea Lozano

I want you to bring me a cash register, a little Barbie car, and a Barbie doll. I have been playing on my swing set everyday and I have been a little bit good. When my mom tells me to go get stuff for her I do it.
Love,
Abigail Sanchez

I want a Power Ranger, and a new game for my Sega and Play station, and a new soccer ball because my dog tore up my other one and a domino game and a big ole bike. I want you to bring my brother this board to write on with a pencil and a heart, star, and a circle on it. It has a thing you pull to erase it.
Love,
Riley Ripley

MRS. McBETH'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

My name is Ashley. I would like for you to bring me a computer to work on. I also want two Barbies. If you would bring me a baby doll. I will love you forever.
I love you Santa.
Ashley Garcia

I would like dinosaurs, a Power Rangers movie, a Star Wars shirt, and godzilla 2 movies, a Power Ranger toys and paints, a dinosaur stamper, and helicopters.
Love,
Anthony Sanchez

I would like my own TV, some colored pencils, and a CD player for my mom.
Luveliana Stout

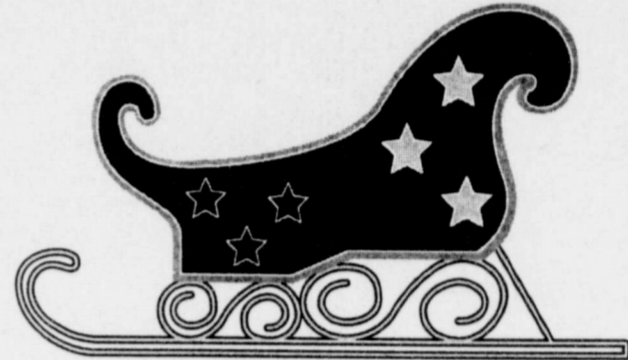
I would like a motorcycle, a slide, a hen with baby chicks and an apple tree, a doggie, a computer and a play station.
Love,
Lamar Kincaid

I love you! Please bring me a toy motorcycle. I would like a teddy bear to sleep with. I need a real cat because I don't have one. For my mom please bring her a Marvin Hat. Tell your reindeers to be careful and fly high on Christmas Eve.
Scottie Tubbs

I love you Santa. Please bring a play puppy dog that sings. I also want a play race car. Give Mrs. Santa a big heart because she is nice too. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Tyler Smith

I would a computer, a gymnastic Barbie, a baby doll. play make-up and mirror.
Love,
Krissey Smith

I would like a blue bike with training wheels. The mostis thing I want is clothes.
I love Santa!
Christopher Perez



My name is Kelsea. I want to ask you to bring me a Barbie Club House. Please bring my brother Jared a little car. I love you Santa you always bring me nice toys. I also want a Playdough. I will take anything Santa because I love you.
Kelsea Esquivel

I would like a racing car, a dinosaurs, a Furbie, a Pokeman, a Woody, Playdough.
Love,
Tomas Lugo

I would like. . . a CD to work on the computer, a computer, a Barbie movie, a CD player.
Love,
Lacey Arroyo

I would like a cowboy hat, cowboy clothes, cowboy boots, and a cowboy horse. Playdough.
Love,
Nicholas Kraatz

I would like a Furbie for Sierra, a water baby for me, a Furbie game. Mother likes us and pink perfume
Love,
Salena Aleman
PS—Moma is going to send you a book!

I want to talk to you about what I want for Christmas. I would like a Barbie that talks. Please bring back my cat Selena. I would like my aunt and cousins to come for Christmas. I want all my family with me.
I love you Santa.
Hunter Bernal

I would like a basketball, abasketball shirt and pants, a green Power Ranger and a yo-yo, a skate board and a dolly for Christy.
Love,
Dylan Martinez

Seasons Greetings

Hang a wreath, deck the halls, and have a very Merry Christmas!

The Hair Post
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Winters, TX
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SENDING OUR BEST

Just dropping you a line to say, "hope your season delivers in every way!"
Merry Christmas!

Princt 2 Commissioner
Keith Collom

Best Wishes

May the joys of this festive season be yours!

Joyce Weems
Justice of Peace

Away In A Manger

May you rejoice in the splendor of His many wondrous creations in this season of love. Merry Christmas!

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Here Comes Santa...

And he's bringing our very best wishes your way.
Merry Christmas, friends.

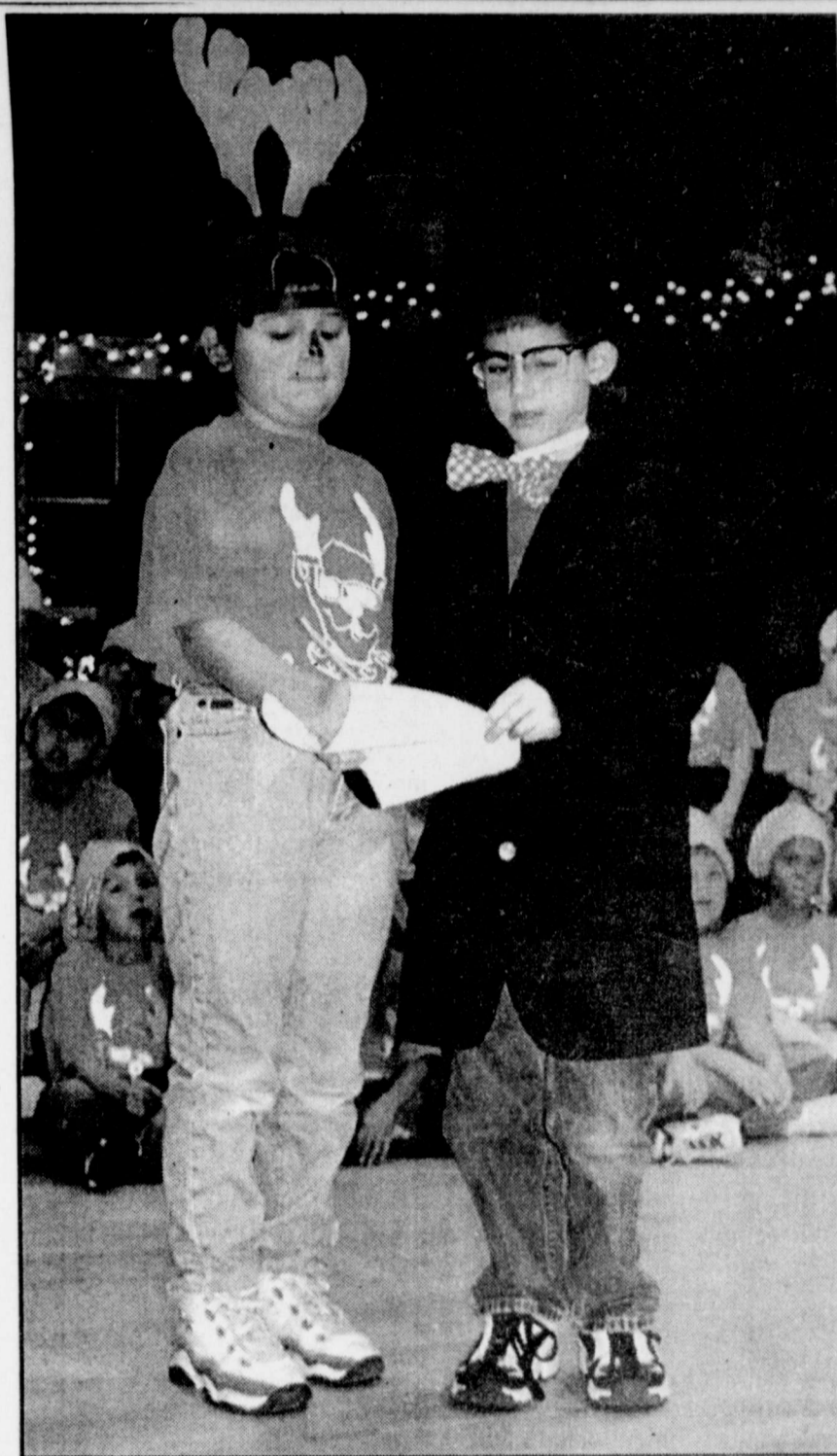
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SENDING OUR BEST

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
— Matthew 5:8,9

May this holy season bestow a multitude of blessings upon you and yours.

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MRS. DAVIS' KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I have been a good boy. I do my phonics and come to school every day. Will you please bring me a power ranger, (the red one), a blue car, Pokemon cards, a red puppy, and a brown kitten? I will leave you some cookies and some ham on the table by the couch.

Love,
Billy Ray Perez

I have been a good boy. I help my dad clean the car and I help my mom clean the windows. Would you please bring me a life saver, the Pokemon movie, some new clothes, and a Pokemon T-shirt. I will leave you a coke and a sandwich on the table.

Love,
Isaac Nunez

I have been a good girl. I would like to have a white, soft puppy, a bed for him, a black kitten, a boy baby doll that cries, some new clothes and an ice cream maker. I'll leave you a coke and some Santa cookies by the Christmas tree.

I love you Santa,
Dominique Garcia

I have been good. I swept the floor, cleaned the house, and raked leaves. I would like to have a go-cart, a real piano, a new red and blue bike, a computer, and a Rotweiler puppy. I am leaving you some milk and chocolate cookies under the tree.

I love you Santa,
Noe Sanchez

I have been very good. I would like to have a go-cart, a play station, a toy stuffed bear, a Lego helicopter, and a fish hook. I will leave you cookies and milk on the cabinet in the kitchen.

I love you Santa,
Jonathan Tamez

I have been a good boy this year. I picked up pecans, put up the Christmas tree, decorated it, and helped my mom fold clothes. Please bring me a trumpet, a go-cart, a football, a helmet, a suit and pads and new games for my brother. I'm leaving you some hot chocolate and the reindeer some water.

Roy DeLaCruz

I have been a good boy all year. I help mom and dad pick up rocks and help do everything. Will you please bring me Army men, a pump-up airplane, the new Star Wars movie, and a life saver, and a bow and arrow? I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table by the couch.

Kenny Schooler

I have been good most of the time. I do favors for my mom. I went to my grandpaws to get my mom's shoes and I pick up my toys. I would like to have a soft puppy to put on my bed, some winter clothes, some jewelry, and a fluffy doll.

Crystal Sanchez

I have been good this year. I have made the beds and cleaned my room. Would you please bring me a Barbie house, some new clothes for my Barbie, a new pink bike, and some new clothes and some blocks? Your milk and cookies will be by the Christmas tree.

Tory Reyna

I have been good this year. I have made the beds and cleaned my room. Would you please bring me a Barbie house, some new clothes for my Barbie, a new pink bike, and some new clothes and some blocks? Your milk and cookies will be by the Christmas tree.

Roseanne Garcia

I have been a good girl. Will you please bring me a baby doll and some clothes for her, a new blue bike, some new clothes, and a real baby? I will leave some milk and cookies for you on the table in the kitchen.

Basilia Aragon

I have been a nice girl this year. Will you please bring me a real dog, a white one, a Barbie doll, some clothes for her, some white shoes for me, anecklace, new crayons, and a coloring book? I will leave a sandwich for you by the tree.

Samantha Rodriguez

I have been a good girl this whole year. Please bring me a Barbie doll, some new crayons, a real baby, a choo-choo train toy, baby crib, a Barbie house, and a real chow dog. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Ashley Castillo

I have been good all year. I help my mom clean the house, the dishes, and pick up my toys. Would you please bring me a soccer ball, a football, a go-cart, Go Fish card game, a real puppy (black), and some blocks. I will leave some milk and cookies under the tree.

Payton Middleton

I have been good all year long. I come to school every day and try really hard to do good. I want you to bring me a skate board, a little rocking chair, a surf board, a Blue Heeler dog, a little bow and arrow, and a target and new crayons. I will leave some milk and cookies on the table and some water on the roof for the reindeer.

Strait Daniel

I like you very much. I have been a good little boy. Could you bring me a go-cart, a new gold bike, a play station, a little pit-bull puppy, and some new games to play with? I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Paul Reyna

I want toys. I want tiger toys, trucks and car. I want bunk beds so I can sleep on top and Jesse on the bottom. Mommy wants cooking stuff. Daddy wants tools. Jesse wants a football. My sister wants a babydolls. I have been nice. I will leave you chocolate cookies and iced red Kool-Aid.

Love,
Charlie Tamez

MRS. BUTLER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

I want a Sega, a Play Station, a new toy box, a top, a spelling computer. Bring my Momma some clothes and my Dad some pants and new book. Brittany wants some books, so she can collect them. I also want a dog, because our other dog runned away. I have been kinda really okay. I will leave you some toast bread.

Love,
Johnathan Fisher

I want a Poke Mon trading cards, a new bike, some wrestlers, an easy Bakery and a coloring book. Please bring Mom and Dad a new waterbed. I want Garrett to have Poke Mon trading cards, too. Garrett wants a new bike. I want Garrett to have Sega games and L.J. to have Playstation games. I have been good.

Love,
Hayden Nitsch

I want a new big truck and the big tractor store. I would like five dollars and a ten. My little sister wants a new pair of shoes and a baby doll. My big sister wants a bunch of stuff.

Thank you Santa,
Jack Pritchard

Please could I have a Play Station hockey game, a basketball goal and a basketball. I want a computer. Could I have computer games? I want a T.V. My mom wants new shoes, because her has old shoes. Daddy wants some boots. M.J. wants a hockey game, too. I have been kinda of good.

Love,
Fabian Esquivel

I want some Legos, a new race car track, a package of 64 crayolas, new cars, a new dictionary. Mommy wants red roses, Daddy wants a new watch. Anna wants new Barbies. Ida wants a brand new watch. My nephew wants a train with tracks. I will leave you a snack. I have been really, really good.

Love,
Joe Gallegos

Please bring me some Beanie Babies, a Barbie doll, a new Barbie computer game. Bring my mom some new clothes. Daddy needs new boots. My brother wants a new PlayStation game. Christy wants some new toys like a rattles. I have been good this year. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Michelle Krause

I like you, Santa! I like Christmas because you give me presents. I would like a bike, a football, a skateboard, golf club and golfs. Bring Grandma a cookie jar and Grandpa a B. B. gun. Rosa wants flowers. Grandma would like flowers, too. I will leave you banana cookies with white milk. I have been good. I am nice to Grandma and Grandpa.

Love,
James Martinez

I like you! Please bring me an Ninetendo 64, pencils and paper, scissors and glue, a computer and some games. I want my baby sister to have a key chain. I think my mommy wants an eraser for her pencils and highlighter. I have been really good. I am going to leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
S.J. Willborn

I want a puppy, a computer, and a Barbie. I want a coloring book, crayons and markers. I want a Cinderella shirt and a toy angel. I love you Santa! Thank you.

Love,
Sava Perez

I want some Christmas stickers, a toy Christmas tree, and a Teddy bear. My sister wants a Teddy bear book. My mom needs a new pencil and I want to get my dad a calendar. I also want a caterpillar toy. I will leave out a sandwich for you.

Love,
Kendra Sanchez

I want for Christmas new crayolas new shoes with Barbie on it, a new watch, new choochoo train, letter tiles, a Barbie computer and Barbie CD. Bring Maritza a Barbie CD, some sandal shoes and flip flops, blue and white crayons. Mommy wants a new stick with Santa Clause on it. I will leave you a snack. I have been kinda of good.

Love,
Kristina Diaz

I want a Tonka Joe, a Buzz Saw Louie, Pets Four, so I can talk to my pets. I really, really, really wants a computer game of the Tool game. I want you to bring Mommy some jewelry and Daddy a new pickup. My sister wants some nail polish and Gymnastic Barbie and Kellie's playground. Santa I have been really good.

Love,
Archie Mills

I want a Poke-Mon game, a computer, Poke-Mon cards, Poke-Mon shoes. My sister wants a Barbie and Barbie clothes. Daddy wants a broom to sweep the house. Mommy wants a new bed. My baby brother wants a Poke-Mon game like me. I will leave cookies and milk.

Love,
Andrew Chavis

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I want a tiger Beanie Baby that makes noises. I need a new pair of scissors. I want to get some new paper for my dad's computer. I want a Teddy bear for my little brother Jarret. I want to get my mom some new shoes. I'll leave some cookies and milk for you.

Love,
Courtney White

**MRS. BRYAN'S
PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS**

I would like a candy cane, book, car, and a cooked turkey. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Rico Campos

I would like a new jacket and a sweater and a book, pencils, Diamond Earrings and necklace and blue and purple earrings. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table behind the chair.

Hugs,
Daisy Martinez

I would like a Green Power Ranger and mommy to have a Yellow Power Ranger and a Red Power Ranger for my Dad and Pink Power Ranger for my Sister. I would also like a Blue Cookie Monster.

Thank you,
A.C. Mata

I would like a back pack with a baby and baby food and clothes and a baby with a bottle.

Thank you,
Jeanna Perez

I would like to have a white and black puppy, a Ninja Turtle, candy a new blanket with Lego's on it, and books. I will leave cookies and chocolate milk for you in the living room.

Hugs,
Junior Espino

I would like to have some new tennis shoes, Ninja Turtle game. I've been a good boy. I will leave you cookies and milk in the living room.

Hugs and Kisses,
Anthony Lara

I would like a play motorcycle, a radio with headphones to listen to music, racing cars, monster trucks. I will leave cookies and milk on the porch for you to eat.

Thank you,
Gabriel Martinez

I would like a Christmas Tree, a doll house, Mr. Potato Head, toy for my dolls, and books. I will leave cookies and milk on my dresser for you.

Thank you,
Destiny Rodriguez

I would like a Barbie, a white present, a present for my mommy, one for my daddy and one for my sister and one for my brothers Junior and David. I will leave you cookies and milk in the kitchen.

Love you,
Shelly Sato

I would like a Stone Cold Steve Austin, a Hercules movie, Green Power Ranger and an apple. I will leave you cookies and milk in the toy box

Thank you,
Nathan Rodriguez

I would like a Dinosaur, Black Power Ranger, a butterfly, books, a real pumpkin, bears and birds. I will leave you cookies and milk in my room for you.

Thank you,
Edmund Tamez

I would like a Barbie, a Barbie house, Barbie work out toys. I will leave you cookies and milk at my grandmothers house in Mexico.

Hugs and Kisses,
Beverice Garcia

I would like a Buzz Lightyear. I've been a good boy this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you in the kitchen.

Thank you,
Eusebio Reyna

I would like a Black Barbie, a skate board, crayons, Play Dough, markers, Roller Skates. I will leave cookies and milk for you in the refrigerator.

Have a safe trip,
Veronica Garcia

I would like a Goldberg that talks and a ring. Mom wants Christmas lights for the house. Leann wants CD's. I will leave cookies and milk for you on the floor in the living room.

Have a nice trip,
Michael Ulatovse

I would like a pink house to live in and a bike, a real motorcycle, Barbie car I can drive and crayons. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table in the kitchen.

Have a safe trip,
Sabrina Cswalt

I would like a Barbie House and Barbie clothes, a book and a puzzle. I will leave cookies and milk for you in my room

Thank you,
Alicia Reyes

I would like a Barbie and a play phone. I've been a good girl this year. I will leave you cookies and milk on the couch.

Love you,
Jessica Perez

I would like a Will Smith Wild, Wild, West CD, an airplane that I can throw to someone and that they can catch. My sister would like a Barbie and a rocket. I will leave you cookies and milk in the living room.

Have a safe trip,
Kolton Garcia

I would like a wagon and a Barbie Computer. I want Mommy to have a Pink Power Ranger. I would like a Teddy Bear. I will leave you cookies and milk in the kitchen in the refrigerator.

Thank you,
Ashley Hodge

I would like a truck with a remote control, a play horse and a real horse, a play bull, a little horse that I could ride. I will leave you cookies and milk for you on the kitchen table.

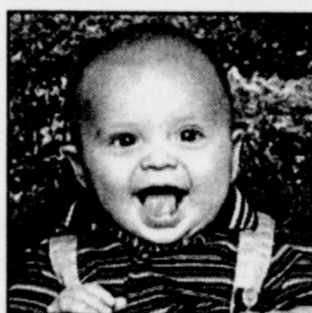
Love you,
Danny Rodriguez

*Merry Christmas
& Happy 1st Birthday
We love you,
Mommy & Daddy
Grandma & Grandpa
Mamaw & Papaw*



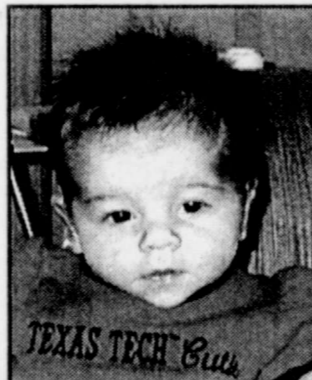
Audrey Noel Moore
December 24, 1998

*Merry First Christmas
To Our Little Miracle
Love,
Granny, Grandad
Mom & Dad*

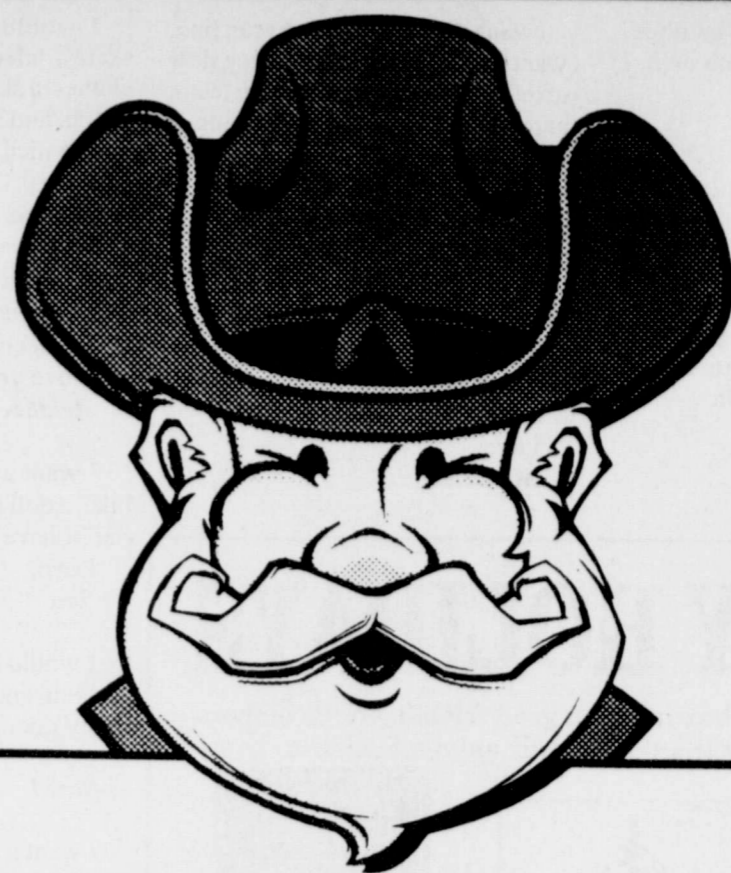


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*Emily's First Christmas-
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Contributed by Harry and Marsha Bryan Powell

**WINTERS HEAD START
PATSY STAGG &
ELMA FLORES' CLASS**

I want a racing car and a puzzle. I have been a good boy this year.

Love,
Israel

I want a puzzle and a Barbie doll. I have been a really good girl.

Love,
Vanessa

I want fire crackers, a tank truck, a plane, and lots of toys that wind up. I have been a really good boy.

Love,
James

I would like to have a dog, a tractor, and a truck. I have also been a good boy.

Love,
Sevin

I want a gun, candy, and fishes. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Sevin

I would like a Barbie doll and a bike. I have also been a really nice girl. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Elizabeth

The Best of the Season to You and Yours.

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I want a bike, a slide, a mailbox, skates, and a radio with Pooh on it. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Cheyenne

I have been a good boy this year. This is what I want for Christmas—a toy gun, a power ranger toy, a turtle, shoes, a jacket, a puzzle, a basketball, a football game, an Easter bunny, and Space Jam stuff.
Love,
Nicolas

I want all the Barbies you can find. I want make-up, a star, a hunting deer jacket, a little bear purse, scary teeth, candy canes, and lots of presents, a Santa Clause, and a toy tree. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Destiny

I have been a good little boy this year. I want some dinosaurs, cans, trucks, scary toys, a bike, and a motorcycle.
Love,
Marshall

I would like to have a pair of skates, teletubby, a Barbie doll, new clothes, a skirt, a toy egg, Tweety bird watch, and a Tweety bird pen. I have been a nice girl.
Love,
Sabrina

I want a new bike, a new Barbie with a green dress, and a new jacket. I have been a good little girl.
I love you,
Heather

I want a go-cart, a Barbie doll, a bike, a doll house, candy, and clothes. San, I have been really good.
Love,
Teri

I would like to have real tools, a toy gun, and cans. Santa, I have been really good this year.
Love,
Jared

I want a rabbit, fishes, a goat, and a mule. I want a lot of things. I have been a really good boy.
Love,
Elvis

I want a baby doll, a Barbie bike, a Barbie car, and a Mermaid bike. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Samantha

A safe holiday tops Santa's Christmas list

Texas Department of Transportation launches annual holiday "Don't Drink and Drive" campaign

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," said Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn of the century New Year's parties. People who don't normally drink and drive may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message "Santa Claus is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driv-

ing. Thirty holiday-themed billboards are being posted on interstate highways in major Texas cities and throughout Texas, and



SANTA CLAUS points to a festive coaster, urging Texans not to drink and drive during the holidays. Hundreds of restaurants and bars across Texas have teamed up with the Texas Department of Transportation to spread the responsible driving message. Eighty-three Texans died last December in alcohol-related crashes.

Don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will air statewide in December. Thousands of convenience stores, li-

quor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message are also being provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Bryant said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Stores Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between December 24 and 26 and between December 31 and January 2.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We're glad to be celebrating with good friends and neighbors like you. Many thanks for your valued business.



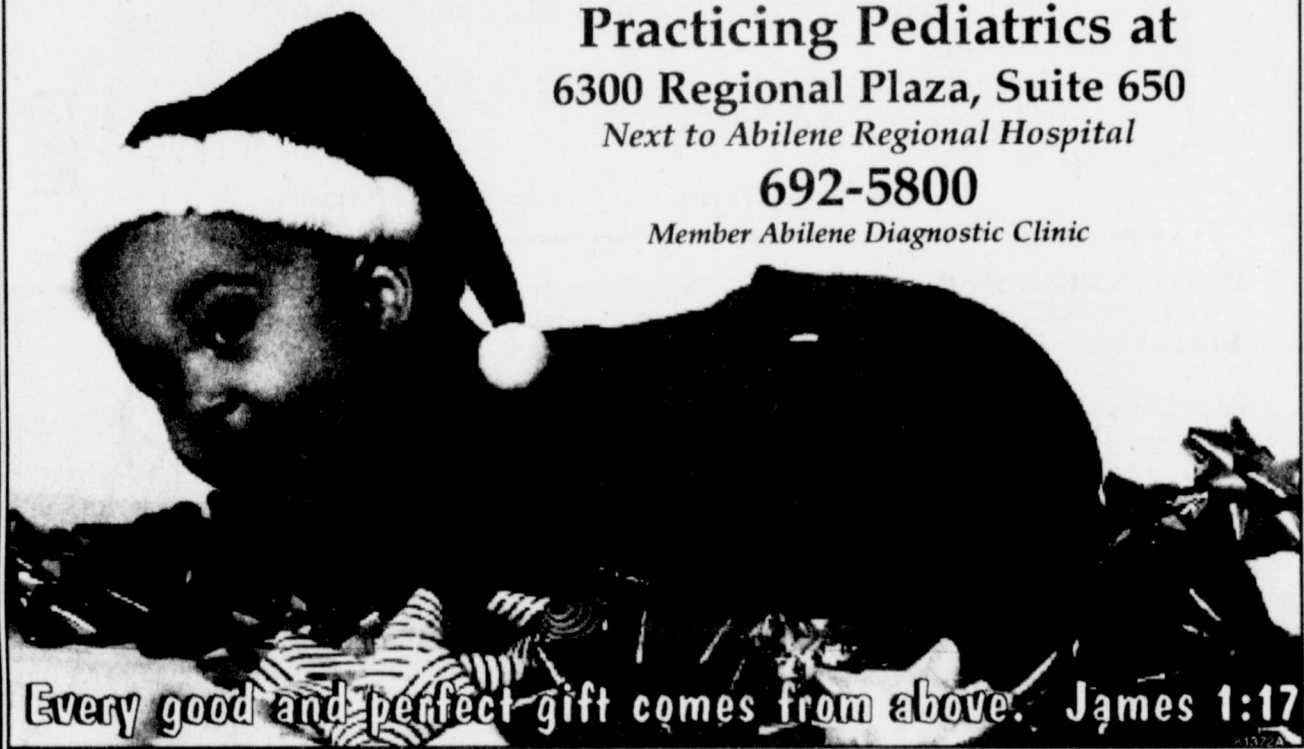
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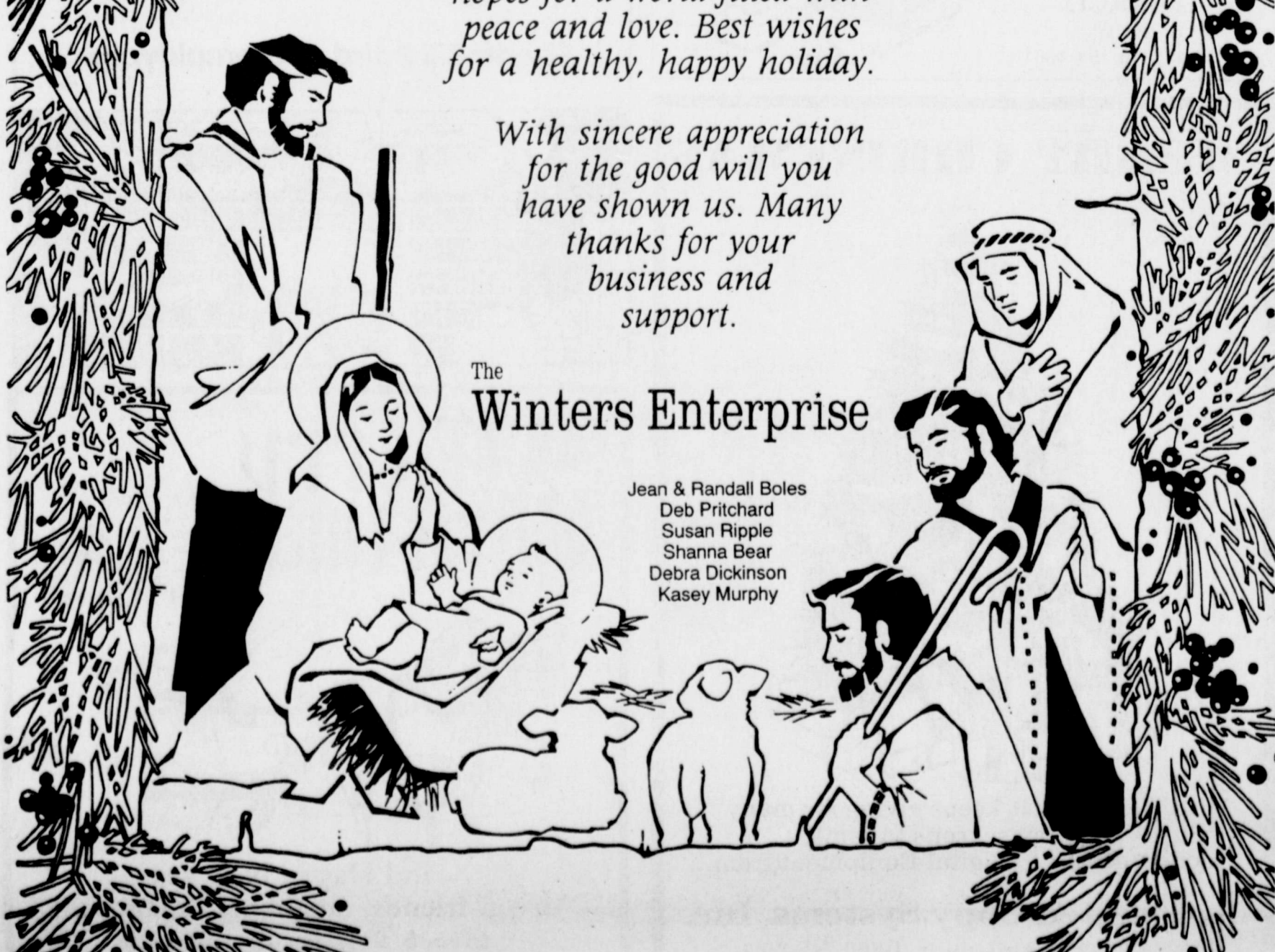
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11

In this time of joyous remembrance of His birth, we join you in prayer and celebration, offering our hopes for a world filled with peace and love. Best wishes for a healthy, happy holiday.

With sincere appreciation for the good will you have shown us. Many thanks for your business and support.

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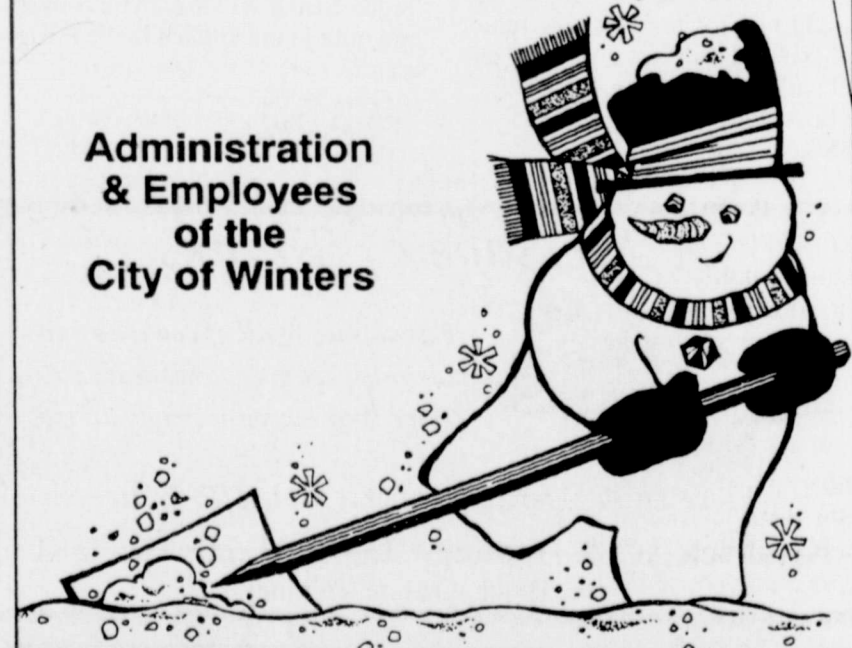
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'Tis The Season!

In this season of happy thoughts and warm hearts, we extend a special "thank you", to all our good friends for your confidence, loyalty and support. A very Merry Christmas to all!

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