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Kitty's Korner

Kitty Montgomery

Here it is folks, our great big Christmas card. You'll find messages from your local merchants, letters to Santa (completely unedited) a few holiday recipes and tips, plus contributions from our regular correspondents. We think this is a good time to thank Mrs. Post for her weekly "Tips for Gardeners," Debra Price for "Debra Says," Lottie Lee Baker for "Snips, Quips," the staff of the Lion's Roar. We'd also like to thank Brian Gries, belatedly, for the good job he did for us on the football stories. And, of course, to all our advertisers and subscribers. A great big Merry Christmas to you all.

kk They have done it again! Tissie Mitchell gets the idea, Pearletta Morris puts it together, and I am the recipient. This year there is an arrangement of red carnations and greenery on our counter. It's not just an arrangement either. It's sitpeanut, covered in burlap. Real honest to goodness peanuts are growing out of the carnations with peanut rosettes scattered around. In the center there is a bag of peanuts topped off with a jar of peanut butter and the caption "Think Peanuts." We have a picture elsewhere occurred in the home of Mr. on this page, but it doesn't and Mrs. Joe Moran over the do it justice. You'd just have weekend when they brought to see it to appreciate it. I never get clever ideas like home from a San Antonio this, but I am going to have a hospital with a clean bill of color photo made of it and health. send it to President-elect Carter for his inauguration. Anyone with any sense of normality in breathing in the humor at all would have to new born, the attending phy-



OZONA, CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS 76943

HO HO HO AND A BAG OF CANDY is what Santa brought Hundreds of young ones received the Christmas candy and Ozona youngsters when he made his pre-Christmas visit whispered their wishes in his ear before he left for the North Tuesday afternoon. He was right on time, too, and youngsters Pole. Santa's annual visit is sponsored annually by the Fire ting on a giant styrofoam were ready and waiting for him in spite of bitter cold. Department with candy furnished by the Ozona Lions Club.

Winners Told In

Suit Against County Yet To Be Decided By Judges

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1976

judge panel who heard briefs Jesus Castro. The fourth County, et al, December 15, The plaintiffs claim to speak limit on when the judges can community in Crockett Counmake a decision. It might be ty, and further claim disa week or two or could be crimination against the M-A several months, according to community in the drawing of the attorney. If the judges the four precinct lines in the decide to wait until the U.S. county.

Supreme Court makes a detended to Texas is consti- and the four commissiontutional in a case pending, it ers, Jesse Marley, Bill Black, could be next summer.

The Crockett County offi- Castro. Also, Leta Powell, cials named in the suit were Billy Mills and John Hunnnot in Dallas for the court icutt. action with the exception of Commissioner Precint 4 Je- Democratic Primary and the sus Castro. He appeared resulting run-off. A letter with his lawyer, and asked from the Justice Department that his name be taken off dated July 7, 1976 interthe list of defendants and posed an objection to the placed on the list of plain- precinct lines as they now tiffs. The request was grant- stand. The first proposal

A decision has not been Hector DeHoyos, Robert under the Voting Rights Act forthcoming from a three- Flores, Jesse Fierro and in a civil suit styled Hector plaintiff was Armando Reina, 1976. There was further cor-DeHoyos, et al, vs. Crockett who died several weeks ago. in Dallas. There is no time for the Mexican-American

Named as defendants in cision on whether or not the the original action were Voting Rights Act as ex- County Judge Troy Williams also questions the Plaintiffs' Jack Williams and Jesus

The suit was filed after the

was submitted to the Justice Department January 13, respondence between the county and the Justice Department during the time, but no objection to the proposal until after both elections.

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The attorney for the county, Lucius Bunton, contends that the objection is untimely since it was not made within a 60-day period. He motives for not filing their suit until after the run-off election. This seems to be especially pertinent since attorneys for both sides and spokesmen for both sides met in a called meeting prior to the first primary and agreed specifically on the disputed precinct lines. No further protests were made when the Mexican American

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ed and now the plaintiffs are **Christmas Holidays To**

appreciate this. kk

We tried to get pictures of the baby had a collapsed all the winning decorations lung. The problem was a rupand managed to get best overall and best door. How- forced the infant's vital orever, best window is miss- gans into his chest cavity. ing, Wanda Bunger had her The baby was flown to San blinds drawn. We thought Antonio with a very slim the Sutton house was just chance of survival. Surgery beautiful and deserved best overall, but the Davidson touch and go for days. girls just had to be the most original with their best door. Besides the giant letter to fifteen ounces and had a Santa, they hung their strong constitution. This, a-Christmas stockings from the balcony. I think Santa had and prayers pulled him already been there, 'cause through. A happy Mrs. Joe Barbarra's sock was filled with switches, Anne's held a day that the young man was bit of female fluffery and Camille's was full of toys and

dolls. Do go by and look at all the decorations before Christmas Day. You're bound to get the spirit.

For Morans

Christmas

Miracle

The Miracle of Christmas their infant son, Justin Lee, morning after the judges toured the town Monday

night between 7 and 10 o'clock. The contest is spon-The baby was born here sored each year by the Ozona December 2. Noticing an ab-Garden Club. Best overall, this category includes decoration from one sician gave it an extensive end of the house to the other, examination and found that

went to the Jeffrey Suttons in Country Estates on None Such Drive. Second place tured diaphram which had went to the Steve Kenleys on Terrace Drive and third place, the John Parks home at 1104 11th St. First place for best window went to the George Bunger was performed and it was Jr. home at 1107 11th St. and

second place, the Hillery Young Justin Lee weighed Phillips home at 1201 Ave. E. a healthy seven pounds and Best door went to Barbarra and Anne Davidson at 104 11th St. with second long with skilled surgeons place going to the P.L. Childress Jr. home at 302 11th St (Tina) Moran reported Mon-The judges were so imadjusting fine to home life pressed with the decorations in the places of business in and was eating like a puppy.

Santa scene, was picked for

Young Justin joins five brothers and sisters to make it an even half dozen for Tina and Joe.



first place. Second place Winners of the Annual went to Baker Jewelers and Christmas Lighting Contest third to Small Fashions. were announced Tuesday

The judges met with Garden Club members at the El Sombrero for dinner and held Christmas observation home tour before judging the contest. If decorations were lighted other than the door or window, they were judged in the overall category.

Wildcats **Slated For** County

J. Cleo Thompson, Dallas, will drill two 9,200-foot Ellenburger gas wildcats in the vicinity of the Ozona, Northeast multipay field and 10 to, Brown Furniture and miles east-northeast of Ozo-

The No. 2 P.L. Childress is 1 5/8 mile southeast of the two-well Ellenburger area, but separated by the recent 7800 gas opener which was nonproductive in the Ellenburger, is 1,185 feet from the Ozona, they decided to give north and 1,820 feet from the mention to those they felt west lines of 7-GH-GC&SF. were outstanding. Brown Thompson will drill the Furniture, with its bedroom-

No. 1 Wilkins as a 1/2 mile, south outpost to his No. 1 C.E. Davidson III scheduled wildcat which was recently completed as a 11/4 mile north extension to 7890 Pennsylvanian production in the Davidson Ranch multipay as field of Crockett County, eight miles east of Ozona.

Location is 1,320 feet from the north and west lines of 22-IJ-GC&SF. Contract depth is 8,300 feet.

Hunt Petroleum Corp., Dallas, No. 1-9 Watson Ranch, in 9-A-TCRR, Crockett County Canyon prospect, 24 miles southwest of Ozona and 11/2 miles southeast of Canyon gas production in the Ozona multipay field, flowed an unreported time, making gas at the rate of 168,000 cubic feet daily.

Flow was through a 20-64-inch choke and perforations at 6,006-884 feet. Testing continued.

Vary Among Businesses

Ozona business holidays El Chato's will be closed the will be as varied as the holi-24th through the 26th. days of residents, due to Business houses which will

Christmas Day falling on be open Monday include Saturday. Schools were dis-Morrison's, Perry Bros., missed and will not recon-Ozona Butane, Village Drug, vene until January 3. Westerman Drug, Baker However, Santa arrived as Jewelers and Southwest Mischeduled Tuesday afternoon crowave.

and school children and preschoolers alike were able to visit with him and give him last minute requests for Christmas. The Ozona Chamber of

Commerce took a holidayclosing survey Monday, and determined that the following businesses will be closed Monday, Dec. 27,: The United, Watson's, Mae-Lu's, Small Fashions, Montgomerv Ward. South Texas Lumber Co., Foxworth-Galbraith, White's Auto, Western Au-

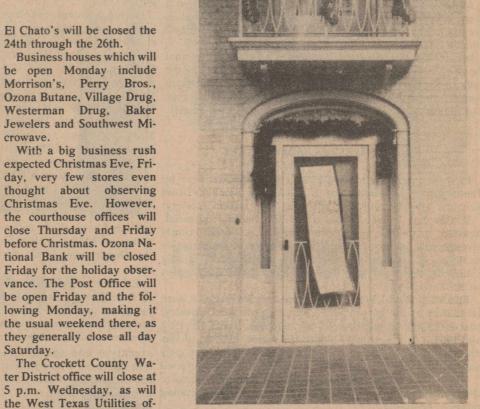
Saturday. Ozona Boot. The boot shop will be open for emergencies Monday with Oscar Kost holding down the fort. The only retail outlet, which we Monday. The Stockman ofknow of, which will be closed fice will be closed Thurs-Christmas Eve, is Small Fashions. They will be closed at 5:30, Dec. 23 and will not

reopen until 9 a.m., Dec. 28. The Hiway Cafe will be closed Christmas Day, but will be open Sunday. It will be closed as usual Monday.

Morrison's Burglarized Sun. Night

The C.G. Morrison store in downtown Ozona was burglarized late Sunday night or early Monday morning. Employees discovered the break-in when they opened the store Monday morning. Several hundred dollars worth of merchandise was taken including radios, watches, stereo tapes, underwear, pillows and bed linens, among other things.

The thief or thieves gained entry to the store through a back window, which had been boarded up high above the alley. At press time officers had no clues about the burglary.



fice. They will be open BEST DOOR is at the Davidson home at 104 Eleventh St. A giant letter to Santa declares all the girls have been good and invited the old fellow in for cocoa and cookies. Christmas day and Friday, if possible. stockings with names of the occupants adorn the balcony.



BEST OVERALL in Christmas lighting contest was the Jeffrey Sutton home located in Country Estates on None Such Drive. Brilliant Christmas colors were used in window decorations, the tree behind the first two windows and the giant Christmas wreath which spanned the double doors.



ARRANGEMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD - This is the arrangement mentioned in the Korner, We think you can make everything out as described, even with the clutter of The Stockman in the background. The bag of peanuts is just below the caption to the right of the noanut hutter

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POLITICAL SNOW JOB

Members of our U.S. Congress have bemoaned the "low public opinion" of our National Legislature. Unfortunately, the collective members of Congress haven't done much to change that low opinion. If anything, they have tended to make it worse.

Consider, for example, the recent Congressional uproar over the "inflationary" 6% price hike by the steel companies. shrank to \$1.189 billion as The expressions of indignation ran all the way from the Legislative Budget name-calling to a demand for a full-fledged investigation. Board put finishing touches

Warren Brookes, a distinguished feature writer for the respected Boston Herald American says that he doesn't recall "any politician raising an eyebrow when the United Auto recommended general fund Workers signed their contracts (just a month before), thus raising the labor costs on automobiles by more than \$6.3 billion." That tidy sum, newsman Brookes reminds us, is not billion just 2 times, or 4 times, or six times, but twelve times the total size of the steel price hike.

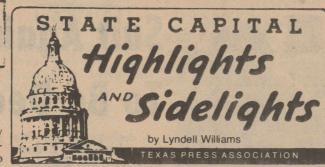
Translated into cost per car, that figures out to a rise in price per car of about \$18.00 because of the increased cost of requests of all agencies, the steel. But the price of labor is going up by over \$500.00 per total outlays inevitably car. Why no Congressional outcry? Could it be because Big Labor forked over more than \$48 million in political "contributions" in the last election?

"Frankly," continues Brookes, "we don't remember a single politician from either party complaining when the million he asked. From the some who had taken the Teamsters raised total trucking-labor costs by more than \$11 billion over the next three years. That's 22 times as much as the steel price hike. Wasn't that inflationary? And what about the rubber workers who just added salary hikes and other dealmost \$2 billion to the price of tires - wasn't that inflationary, certain to be heard.

These same politicians, "while complaining bitterly about a mere half billion dollar increase in the price of steel, quickly the increases directed per cent recover from the finding only about a yard torget that Social Security taxes went up last January \$4 would go to state employee temporary paralysis. Ac- of paper per roll, often billion and will go up another \$4 billion this January - and that pay raises of 6.8 per cent tual number of cases of the not enough to wrap one Congress raised government spending by almost \$50 billion and 5.1 per cent (for each syndrome which occur large package. The moral last year and next year's budget will go up another \$50." year of the coming fiscal normally (having no con-



TAXPAYER



AUSTIN - An estiinto the U.S. are up 1.2 but that's enough if you mated \$3 billion general million barrels over the make it last a lifetime. revenue windfall quickly

January 2 average. The December 16 allow- Twin Razor Blades are

to the 1978-79 state budget. The legislative leaders seek re-election and is stepping down January 1. appropriations for the next

Swine Flu Shots End biennium of more than \$4.8 On request of federal authorities, Texas Depart-While the budget-writers

ment of Health Resources sharply pruned spending declared a moratorium on the swine flu campaign. soared. They held Gov.

Dolph Briscoe's proposals national level pending a tainly exemplified by for highway assistance to thorough investigation of Christmas paper makers. about a third of the \$825 polio-like symptoms in Attractive six-roll pack-\$1.189 billion left must vaccine.

come funds for additional About 4,000 persons a public school aid, teacher year develop the symptoms, according to Dr. Fratis L. a dollar, or more. mands for more spending Duff, director of the Texas

SNIPS, QUIPS AND LIFTS by Lottie Lee Baker **The Needs Of Christmas** Help me to notice that on each street, there's a person need to run and meet-

There's a faith to bolster-A heart to mend-Congratulations to John L. And someone who reaches and Ghita for being named out for a friend! Christmas King and Queen. Keep me from being so busy wrapping and tying, I lose The Speech II plays were the sound of the needy

crying. **** Gossip, unlike river water flows both ways.

The real problem of leisure time is how to keep others from using yours. ****

The difference between courtship and marriage is the difference between the pictures in a seed catalogue and what comes up.

One of the pleasures of reading old letters is the knowledge that they need no answer. ****

You must lose a fly to catch a trout. ****

There are 365 Fear Nots in the Bible-one for each day of the year. **** Unfortunately, the one thing that most of us re-

ior Varsity. Congratulations member too well is when we va'll. forgive and forget.

You are only young once, What is this about Gary Warren being a Queen, we thought you were the King, Gary.

Pam.

Mounds?

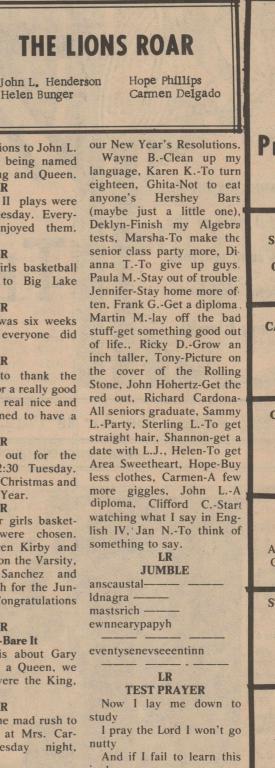
able hearing was the last terrific. Now instead of nicks, What was the mad rush to for Railroad Commisioner a fellow only gets ditto the bathroom at Mrs. Car-Ben Ramsey who did not marks. son's Wednesday night, **** Hope.

A Lift For The Week Worries are mostly about tomorrow and yesterday.

Christmas Paper The trend toward mis-

Action was taken on the leading packaging is cerages of holiday wrapping paper are on sale almost everywhere-usually for

The disappointment for Department of Health Re- purchasers comes when About \$291.3 million of sources. Duff said about 90 they open them at home,



junk I pray the Lord that I won't how about a flunk. But if I do don't pity me at Gigi, why did you get a can all of "Cambell's" soup? Just lay my bones in the study hall We hear the boys in H.E. Tell my teachers I've done Class are looking forward to

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my best sewing. Then pile my books upon LR my chest Karen K. and Helen B., what's this we hear about Now I lay me down to rest your cars sticking together.

Helen Bunger

LR

put on Wednesday. Every-

one really enjoyed them.

Boys and girls basketball

This week was six weeks

tests. Hope everyone did

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Sophomores for a really good

dance. It was real nice and

everyone seemed to have a

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holidays at 2:30 Tuesday.

Have a Merry Christmas and

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ball teams were chosen.

They are Karen Kirby and

Kathy Sewell on the Varsity,

and Kathy Sanchez and

D'Anna Koerth for the Jun-

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Grin-N-Bare It

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Captains for girls basket-

a Happy New Year.

School let out for the

We want to thank the

teams went to Big Lake

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Thank you.

Tuesday.

good time.

great.

I pray that I will pass "to-LR morrow's'' test In Band Monday morning, If I should die before I there was a contest. The

Freshmen won. Gee, it wake That's one less test I'll seems that ya'll are moving have to take up in the world.

LR The Shadow happened to We dedicate the movie "The Rat Patrol" to Teresa Brown and Jeannine Perry.

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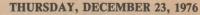
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Business

And now these same members of Congress, who socked it period).

to us to the tune of \$50 billion, have the audacity to complain because the steel companies increase prices by a mere half fund spending increases inbillion?

Informed (and concerned) Americans are well aware that foundation school program; the chief cause of inflation lies smack-dab in the middle of the \$160 million to the Dehalls of the U.S. Congress and Senate. If the members of partment of Highways and Congress want to enjoy a "better public opinion," then they Public Transportation; had better start doing something to earn it - and quickly. \$67.6 million to Depart-

CARTER'S LESSON FROM BRITAIN

In those stacks of briefing papers being poured over by of higher education; \$235.2 Jimmy Carter, hopefully there is at least one detailing Great million for the colleges and Britain's sad lesson in how not to reform society. universities; \$209.5 million

If this has been omitted from his reading material, for medical assistance; \$76 however, an instructive substitute could be a speech recently million for teachers retiregiven in this country by Dr. Rhodes Boyson, a conservative ment and \$150.8 million for member of Parliament. Speaking at Brigham Young the Department of Correc-University in Provo, Utah, Boyson offered these observations tions. on Britain's plight:

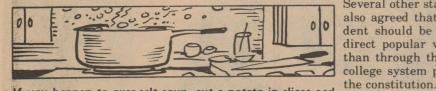
Following World War II, key industries in England were \$2.5 billion of the general taken over by the government - including the steel industry, revenue outlay, health, coal mines, public utilities, and the railroads. "Between 1951 mental health, rehabilitaand 1964," said Boyson, "before the major inflation of this tion and welfare \$1 billion, decade, the average price rise of the products of the monopoly executive and administranationalized industry, the increase averaged only 18 percent. tive agencies \$1.14 billion,

'Individual liberty has also declined as taxation to finance the legislative \$51.6 millthe inefficiency has cut ever more deeply into free spending ion and the judiciary \$37.5 power," he added. million

The result of socialized business and industry? In medicine it has meant poor standards, long waiting lines for surgery and hospital beds, and a flight from the country of many of England's top doctors.

But the biggest cost has been in human freedom. "The path to socialist destruction in Britain," said Boyson, "was prepared by good but ill-advised and ill-judged men and is now passing into the hands of men of destructive envy and hate. The bell of Soviet Russia tolls for us, as ours tolls for you.'

Hopefully, the way will yet be opened for our valued ally, tional change and allow the Britain, to regain its composure and strength. In the meantime, God forbid that we should follow the same voters to elect presidents anti-freedom path as a new Democratic team prepares to take directly in the future. The over in Washington.



If you happen to over-salt soup, cut a potato in slices and boil it in the soup to absorb the salt. Then discard the slices.



nection with the vaccine) is Other general revenue not known **Court Speaks**

Electors Meet

Allowable Set

system be abolished.

clude \$121.1 million to the Workers locked out by their bosses in labor disputes should be allowed to draw unemployment compensation, the State Supreme Court held in affirmment of Public Safety;

ing a Waco Court of Civil \$137.5 million to public Appeals decision. junior colleges; \$128.8 mill-The Court of Criminal ion to health science units

Appeals overturned three decisions: One reversed the convic-

tion of an El Paso County man for assault in the death of another man he struck.

Another sent back to Dallas for retrial the case of a Education would take man convicted for assault to murder after introduc- it was discovered that her tion of evidence of an ear- engines and shafts vilier conviction.

> The third reversed the five-year probated sentence given a Jefferson County night club manager for assault with a prohibited weapon.

AG Opinions

Texas presidential elec-Atty. Gen. John Hill has tors met here last week. been called on by the Secast the state's 26 votes for nate Jurisprudence Com-Jimmy Carter and Walter mittee chairman to write Mondale and recommended an opinion on whether the that the electoral college State Bar's \$4 million mortgage on its new build-Electors split 18-8 on the ing is proper.

proposal to seek a constitu-In recent opinions, Hill held:

A fee for attorneys appointed to represent indivote for Carter and Mongents for time spent on dale, as expected, was 26-0. legal research and inves-Several other state electors tigation out of court is not also agreed that the presiinheritently unreasonable. dent should be elected by But legal research and indirect popular vote rather vestigation done by an atthan through the electoral torney and billed to himself college system provided in in such cases is not compensable.

County court records can be transferred to regional historical resource depositories. The depositories have no legal obligation to return the records to court for use of private attorneys erait won't permit to end. 2 Tbsp. butter or margarine without a court order if microfilm records are available from the court clerk

Salaries for assistants thought less about getting district or county attorney must be approved by the commissioners court to become effective.

of this Christmas storygo to the store where genuine rolls of paper can still be had.

Ut-

One by one the great ocean liners have been withdrawn from the Atlantic run, formerly the blue ribbon route of the passenger sailing ships.

tained a regular schedule of crossings, among the big ships. But QE-2 has been

plagued by unfortunate incidents - · immediately before her maiden voyage brated excessively. Repair delayed her debut

and cost millions. This year she experienced another setbackan explosion at sea in the stack. She was forced to put back into England for costly repairs. Her passengers were flown to America.

Bui Cunard has announced QE-2 will carry on in 1977, make thirty crossings during the year beginning April 6th. Despite all difficulties, Cunard officials say this year showed a growing number of travelers prefer a ship crossing to Europe. With the number of lux-

ury liners making the crossing down to one, North Atlantic crossings cups. may be here to stay, after all. Those who enjoy leisure and luxury travel hope QE-2 can hang in there, holding on to an

If the average person

world for everyone. * * * *

LR Need a drum lesson? Contact Ricky DeHoyos or Tony Davee. LR

Santa Clause was in Ozona Friday night at the dance. But when he came in Mr. Payne was nowhere to be found. Either Mr. Payne doesn't like Santa for some reason or another, or LR

annual staff. John L., how did you Only QE-2 this year main- manage to get Ghita all wet and sticky Friday night? LR

> Friday night someone must have mistaken Ozona for Hollywood, with all the cameras flashing and everyone all dressed up in their never forget you. Thanks for everything. fancy clothes.

LR LaDawn, it seems that you and Hope had on the same dress Friday night. It's a good thing they weren't supposed to be Paris Originals. LR

Movie of the week at the Big H.: Shenandoah.

LR ta was presented with a Well, the school year is beautiful gold bracelet from half over and it doesn't leave the O.H.S. Student Body. much longer for Seniors. So let's make the best of it with

cent

Bye Ghit!

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SPICED NUTS

2 cups pecan halves 1 cup sugar 1/4 tsp. grated orange rind 1 tsp. cinnamon 1/4 tsp. salt 1/8 tsp, cream of tarta

¹/₄ cup orange juice concentrate, thawed Toast pecan halves at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Set aside. Combin sugar, orange rind, cinnamon, salt, cream of tartar and orange juice concentrate in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat to 238 degrees F the tide is turning, these (soft ball stage). Remove from heat, add nuts and stir until syrup officials believe, and sugars. Pour immediately onto waxed paper and separate. Yield:

PRAIRIE FIRE

1 (15 oz.) can ranch style

beans, undrained 1 onion, chopped 1/3 lb. sharp Chedda cheese, grated 2 jalapeno peppers 1 clove of garlic

and investigators fixed by a and more about giving, Place all ingredients into a blender container. Blend until mixture is this might be a better smooth. Place in fondue pot and keep warm while serving. Serve with chips. Yield: 2-1/2 cups.



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Tips For Gardeners From the **Ozona Garden Club Mrs. Bailey Post**

Merry Christmas! Our state President, Mrs. Margaret Coil of Lubbock, sends her hope your holiday season will be a merry one and your celebration will be an outward expression of the inner joy for all that Christmas means. Her wishes for all of you:

May you have the gladness of Christmas

Which is hope, The spirit of Christmas Which is peace, The heart of Christmas

Which is love. World Gardening and the **Bicentennial**

At the end of our Birthday Celebration, all Americans are proud of our Nations historical places, events and accomplishments. Garden Club members in particular, need to realize that plant life is our most precious heritage. Without it, no one would have lived to observe a Bicentennial Anniversary. World gardening has created history since the beginning of time. Wherever man traveled, including our forebearers, he carried his heritage of plant material with him.

Columbus carried the seed # of the sweet orange with him to the New World in 1499 and Spanish missionaries later brought the seed to mission gardens in California. In 1900, oranges were a luxury, a Christmas treat. Since then the orange industry has made tremendous strides. The United States now leads the world in the production of oranges.

America also leads the world in the number of its plant-loving citizens who are members of specialized plant societies, or garden clubs belonging to National Council of State Garden Clubs which came into being in the 1920's.

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Methodist **Women Elect** Officers

The Ozona United Methodist Women met Wednesday, Dec. 15, and electe



Jack Hilker Parents Plea For News Of Son Missing One Year

(Editor's note: We have been ished, the company gave him requested to publish the an "800" phone number to desert which I-10 winds following story by the young call when he wanted to work man's parents, Mr. and Mrs. again Don Hilker, 275 Carlisle Rd., Having some free time and Bedford, Mass. 01730. We

the independence to travel receive one or two requests a year similiar to this.) Jack M. Hilker is 26 years old. His light brown hair is short, and he sports a neat, closely cropped beard. He enjoys the outdoors and works as a concrete carpen-

This description is not unique, and would fit many young, energetic, independent men. And Jack is just such a person.

But there is something strange about Jack Hilker: he is missing Jack Hilker is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hilker

allow him to continue his of Bedford, Massachusetts, a independent life. He left his suburb of Boston located father in Anaheim on the between the historically famorning of November 11th mous towns of Lexington and and promised that he would Concord. Almost a year ago, call his family in Massa-Jack left his family in Bedchusetts as soon as he was ford to head out on an adlocated. venture that many young That morning is the last men dream about but few are time Mr. and Mrs. Hilker able to live: to see a part of have heard from their son. the western United States, to

though a package they sent photograph his experiences, and to work just enough to to him in Phoenix, Arizona via United Parcel Service was provide for his Spartan exispicked up, presumably by him, on November 12th. The So. Jack set off last February in his 1968 gray Ford Hilkers have received no van, (Mass. plate BB22-482) letters, no telephone calls, no

indication from Jack's Maswhich was equipped for sleeping, writing, and carry- ter Charge or checking ac- by, Larry Knott and Bert ing the tools of his trade. He count that any charges were Brawley, all of Shreveport made or checks were written landed a job with a construction company in Arizona. He after November 11thworked on this job all summer, and when it was fin- their visit that he would be

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heading to Houston on Route CHRISTMAS PARTY I-10. The Hilkers contacted FOR RUTH CLASS the construction company, Brown and Root in Houston. and they said they did not as yet have Jack's name in the work computer as having started a new job on November 15th.

So now, Jack Hilker is a police statistic. His name has been entered on the Missing Person's list through the National Crime Information Center, and police in Bedford and Texas are seeking clues to his disappearance. There have been no accident reports: Jack's van has also disappeared, and there is no trace of the young, ambitious man who left Bedford to pursue his dream. The Hilkers seek the help

of the group around the of any person who might Christmas tree for the class have met Jack or seen him scrapbook. during his trip to Houston. They hope to get the Civil Air by the gift each one received Patrol, or a private pilot, to from her prayer pal. search the long stretch of A love offering was taken Band News for the class fund and for

through on its way to Hous-Miss Lola Mae Daniel. They do not believe their included Mrs. Ottist Prideson purposely deceived them more, Mrs. Steve Kenley, around, Jack and a friend when he announced he was Mrs. Grace Williams, Mrs. hiked through the Sierra going to Houston on another Pat Wester, Mrs. Jerry Lay, construction job. They be-Mrs. Bobby Halydier, Mrs. Bob Falkner, Mrs. Frank Reavis, Mrs. Phillip Smith, prevent him from calling his Mrs. George Hester, Mrs. Bruce Mayfield, Mrs. Huey

Any information to help the authorities in their search for Jack Hilker should be department, or to Inspector Bedford Police Department-Bedford, Mass. 01730.

Sharp.

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COUNTRY CLUB BRIDGE Mrs. Frank Tillman was hostess for bridge at the Country Club Thursday.

Winning high was Mrs. Joe Friend; second high, Mrs. Pat Wester; low, Mrs. Joe Couch and bingo, Mrs.

Others playing were Mrs. Clay Adams, Mrs. Bob Bailey, Mrs. Charlie Black, Mrs. John Childress, Mrs. Arthur Kyle, Mrs. Bruce Mayfield, Mrs. Sidney Millspaugh, Mrs. Kirby Moore, Mrs. Gene Perry, Mrs. Sherman

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bagspent the weekend here hunting and visiting in the Jack told his father during Tom Montgomery home.

FALED

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The Ruth Class of the Womans Club First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas party in Meets Thurs. the home of Mrs. Nelson

Lanham on Tuesday evening The Crockett County Wo-December 7, with Mrs. Welmen's Club met Thrusday, don Maness and Mrs. Ed December 9 with Debbie Brown serving as hostes-Vordick and Sandy Montomery as co-hostesses. The group dispensed with Shelly Conner called the the usual business meeting meeting to order and Debbie and enjoyed the festive foods Vordick called roll.

provided by the hostesses A program on first aid was and members of the class. presented by Jerry Cain, Tara Brubaker, Jacky Brian Henry, James Mahaf-Cave, Vicki Odem and Pam fey and Dub O'Bryant.

Riley entertained the ladies Other members present with beautiful Christmas were Sue Vinson, Sara Hig-Carols, accompanied by Mrs. night, Pam Coates, Patty Dale Burger at the piano. Coates, Linda Ayers, Alice Bro. Lanham took a picture Poage, Pam Cooke and Debbie Lopaz.

Prayer pals were revealed OHS Lion

By Michelle Jones-Reporter

Other members present Concert Contest is getting closer for the Ozona Lion Band. The band is busy preparing for this important event.

The band is working on style, accuracy, and precision, which is not only important in marching but in concerts as well.

Ingram, Mrs. Lonnie Dorris, Although the O.H.S. Lion Mrs. Ray Mixon, Mrs. Perry Band's marching season has Hubbard, Mrs. Scottie Housended for this year, we need ton, Mrs. R.L. Brown, Mrs. vour continued support in Ted Lewis, Mrs. Pleas Chilbacking the Pride of Lion dress, Mrs. P.L. Childress Country as we present pre-III, Mrs. Garland Allen, Mrs. sentations for the public Audrey Glynn and Mrs. E.F. throughout our concert sea-





Mountains last Fall, and ended up in Anaheim, Cal- lieve that something has hapifornia last November. pened to Jack which would There, Jack had the opportunity to visit with his father, home. who was in Anaheim on a business trip. Jack told his father that he had phoned

the construction company, relayed to your local police and had been told there would be work in Houston, Thomas McNeany of the Texas starting November 15. For Jack, who is a muscular six feet and weight

about 190 pounds, the opportunity to return to work pleased him, for it would

Evart White

Taylor and Mrs. Gene Williams.

officers for their afternoon study group. Mrs. Buster Deaton, president, presided. Officers elected for 1977 include Mrs. W.T. Stokes, president: Mrs. R.A. Harrell, vice president; Mrs. Joe

S. Pierce III, secretary; Mrs. Gregory Turnbull, treasurer. Program leader was Mrs. John Hignight and the Christmas program was on "World Hunger." An offering was taken for the Ozona Community Center.

Others present were Mrs. Ben Bohmfalk, Rev. Ben Bohmfalk, Mrs. L.B. Cox, Jr., Mrs. A.S.Lock, Mrs. Bill Cooper. Mrs. Arthur Kyle, Mrs. L.L. Bryant, Mrs. Billy Reagor, Mrs. Maudie Couch and Mrs. Bailey Post.

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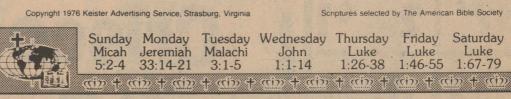




We had put the last bauble on the tree and hung the children's stockings by the mantel. We had even remembered our newly acquired kitten. Her catnip mouse was adorned with a red ribbon and a small gold bell.

Then suddenly I found myself staring at the wreath in the window. In the center of it, I could see the white church I'd gone to as a child. More often than not at Christmas there was snow on the ground when we went to the services, crisp and crunchy beneath our feet.

I blinked . . . and, when I looked again, the church was gone. But memory's message still remained. I turned to my husband. "There's something else to do," I told him, "if tomorrow is really to be Christmas."



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Letters To Santa

and a Green Machine. Santa, Will you bring me some have a Happy New Year and toys? I want a six million that's all. Oh, and I want one dollar man, one doll, a new of those Mickey Mouses that doctor kit, the bionic woman, walks. a real football, a basketball **Keith Fowler** and basketball hoop. Will 88

you please bring Gary some toys? He is too little to write Dear Santa. and will you bring him a D.Q. Kid? Gary and I have been tell my Mommy what to Randi and Gary Thompson wants, one of those babies

Dear Santa Clause, I'm only in Kindergarten, so my Mom is going to write for me. I want a camp set, I want some Lincoln Logs, and some Lego Building things,

of this holiday touch us all.

§§

Dear Santa,

good.

love,

want a wagon that is what I want. Marcos Gonzales I'm only 3 so I'm going to Dear Santa Claus, write. I want a Mickey Mouse that walks like Keith truck and the tack. Love that turns over, some make-**Donald Gutierrez** up, and that's all I can want.

I love you Santa Clause, and you're funny. Dear Santa Claus, Misty Fowler I wish I hed a bike and a doll and diman. I wish you Dear Santo Clausg, I what a School bag an I what a baby that away an I

could go to my hoem. I love Santa Clous, Lydia Benson 88 Dear Santa Clous, I would like a hush little baby hush. And I will be

Patricia Cannon

Dear Santa Claus,

88

tent to go hunting. And I

want two walkee talkee and

one per of binoculars and I

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good all days for mother and my father. And I love everbody in my hole life worl. I thank you for all the candy in love you Santa. Chrismas. I will try to give you a Christmas card. All the prasas that all peple give me



May your holiday be one of joy, great peace and

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what a sofball. I love Vickie. I apresheadom and my ever Dear Santa Claus, Christmas I give a kiss to auns and give them a prason. Love. Bernice Ybarra I want a pellat gun and a 88

Dear Stanta Claus, I want a baton, 2 big dolls, ball, banjo. I hope you are fine. I love you all. Love,

can give her food and she gos Debbie Brown to sleep and she plays with 88 I would like a boat with the Dear Santa Claus, I want a truck and toys for my little bruthr too. I love Dear Santa Claus. you Santa. **Eddie Torres** Christmas. I will be good far Love Santa the rest of the days.

> Dear Santa Claus, I want two tents and I want Dear Santa Claus, two mushing guns and I want three walkee talkees and I a guter, a wake up doll and a want a airplane and that is big will. what I want. Jaime Cantellans

Dear Santa Claus,

George Ed Wall

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Would you bring me a bas- Dear Santa,

I would like a bike and a ball and bat for Christmas. I model car and roller skates. and a fire ingine. And I want ever thing else suprises. From,

I would like a goudtar and

a car that you take appart. I

have ben prity good to and I

whope you come to see me.

I wish you would bring me

a bike and a doll that talks

and walks and crys and you

Virginia Lea Gilbert

Vickie Reagor

Your Frin,

§§

I would like a doll for

I want a stoler and a buge.

Camille E. Davidson

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Love Chris Dunn

Dear Santa Clauos,

her blocks.

Robert Chanev 88

a bady doll and a bol and Dear Santa Claus, I whan't gogo boots for Christmas Santa Claws and a barby doll. I love toys and like them and I hope you have a good marry Christbook it is called LuLu. mas in December the 25. 1976.

I love Bernice Frances Moran



This is the season when hearts turn ever homeward to family and friends and, if the journey is made down memory lane, it seems dearer still. Our very best wishes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1976

Daer Sant Cloas,

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

Love,

my bike.

Wayne Smith

I am boing god in my work.

I hope I do not get a n an not

get pot out in the hal.

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I want a nice wrorm sleep-

ing bag for Christmas and I

will have a nice Christmas.

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I want a recerd player and a rub a dub dolly and a

tusday taner and a basket for

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I want a Holly hobby.

When Christmas comes I will

be looking for you. If I see

you I will come an see you.

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I want a doll and a kite and

a play homes and a letter and

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Yolanda Hartnett

Dear Senta Claus,

set and a airplane.

Jason Beebe

Daer Sant Cloas,

Danny Gutierrez

Dear Santa Claus,

Kristie Theis

Dear Santa Claus,

Your so pritty and I love you and I want a woch and a tv and I want now walls to and I want bocsing gluvos. How are you Sant Cloas and your elfs i'm doing fine and i've dreming like you. Your good like God.

From Kenneth Sessom 88

Dear Santa,

I want a toy gun and a hoest an some cowboys an some sojers. James Sanchez 88

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a six million dallar man. I hope your happy with your wife. I'm happy because you give us present and because your nice. Love. **Roger Flores**

88 Dear Santaclos,

Ples bring me a bike. Ples bring my sistr a doll. Wood you get me a back Isaias Flores hole and a crane and a tool 88

> Dear Santa Cluas, I want mincky mouse and I want school stuf and a boll and a Badie Bus. Jena

some crayons and a big doll Dear Santa, and a play clown and a play I want a Super Toe and a mouse and a play lion and a Eivil Ceivil Stut Cycle. And a play turtle and a play doll bar and two post a ramp a and a play rabbit. I want a Crash up Derbe and a kicking tee and a football. Mary Lou Hayes (LuLu) From Sam Hightower §§

> Deer Sarta, I wish that I cood have a rub a dub dollie and a tug boat Shier. From Tressa Crawford §§

Dear Santa, I want a Hush litter Baby and my bruver wants all boy toys I hope you come to my home. I love you Santa. From Shauna Kay McCary §§

Dear Santa, I wish a big doll and a coat to Dear Santa. Julie Cantu

SS

Dear Santa, I wish I can get a bike and a doll and a coat and a book and clos and a ball.





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Dear Santa, Letters To Santa Dear Santa, I wish that you bring me a I like Santa. I hope you ten speed bike. bring me a bike. Love you, Love you, Dear Centa, Beto Diaz **Terrie Martinez** I won't some guns and a At Kicmas I hop the you 88 leta foot ball set and nerf wilk be wel. At Kicmas I hop rocket and nerf foot ball and the you wilk bring the pe-Dear Santa, Dear Santa, a raceing car set and a train cente. My nam is Jesus I hope you give me a I want you to give me a Martinez. I lif in Ozona, Tex. and some clay too and some remote-control airplane, and real walkie-talkie. Please will I liv in a vello hoc at Ozona. I a helicopter, and an Evilyou give me the real walkiegest tod you that I liv in Knivel, Stunt Cycle, and talkie. I want it will you give Ozona. please send me a rein-deer, it to me please? I love you Jesus Martinez and a truck. Santa, Pepe and David want 88 walkie-talkies. Please will Love, Baby a live and baby Jimmy Dean Lyaman you give us the walkie-tal-Dear Santa, 88 kies. I love Santa. I want a bike. I want the Pepe Villarreal set up of the bionic man. I want some real flying shoes Dear Santa, very much. I want a space Please send me an Evil Dear Santa, ship to. I want a good Christ-Knivel. I wish you could come to mas. I want a magic pencil Love, Ozona and you could bring very much so I can go out Dino Tambunga me a Bionic woman and a side. §§ walkie-talkie and an amy doll Love, Holly hobby doll house and a Clay Childress Dear Santa, basket ball. I want a new pencil and a Love. Amy Doll and a Kick-n-go Jennifer Probst Dear Santa, two and a Holly Hobby I want a Happy Birthday Wishingwell game. Tender Love, and a Bionic Love, Dear Santa, Woman, Books, and Chairs Jennifer Parks I hope you give me a and Table. §§ walkie talkie. Love you Santa Love. From Peggy Knox Dear Santa, **David Gonzales** 88 I wish you could give me and my sister a bike and a Dear Santa, blackboard. Dear Santa, I hope you come to my house and I hope you bring Love. I want a Bionic Man and a Abel Lara me a bionic woman. super jet cycle and a GI-Joe. 88 Love, Love, Alma Gutierrez David Dodd Dear Santa, and Jose Gutierrez I want a barbie doll. And I 88 want a Happy Tender Baby Dear Santa, Love. I love you Santa. Dear Santa, Love, motorcycle. My teacher's I hope you bring me a ball Tonya Carter and a doll. name is Miss Cano. Love 88 Love, Norman Vasquez you. 88

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Dear Santa, I wish you come to see me. Bring me a Bionic woman. I wish you could come and bring me a bike. Buy me a happy tender love. I wish it could snow when you are here.

I love you. Vickie Lara

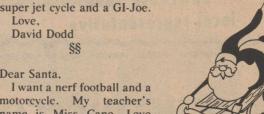
Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a baby that away and a doll for my

Janet 88

Please bring me a Roller Skates and I wish I had fore my Mother ice Machine and ice cream Machine and Jawes and doll home and baby that way and Jamie and a train fore my littiel brother. Your friend is Dians My name is Esmerado and Im good.







Eddie Joe Lewing

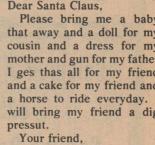
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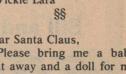
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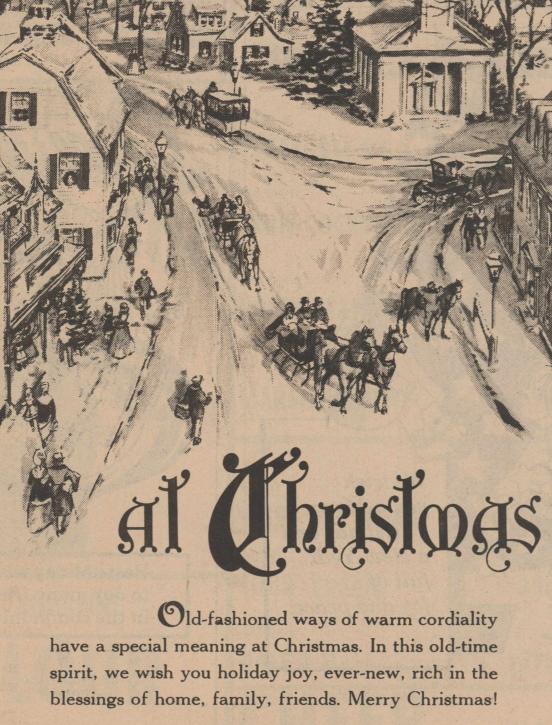
cousin and a dress for my mother and gun for my father I ges thas all for my friend and a cake for my friend and a horse to ride everyday. I will bring my friend a dig



Dear Santa Claus,







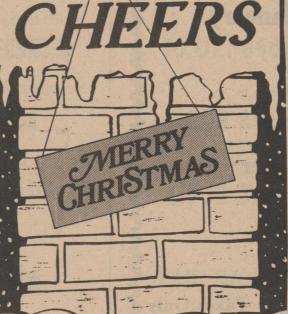
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May the gifts of love and peace be yours this holiday season.

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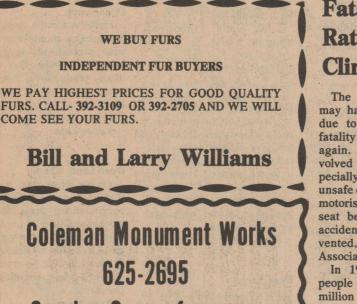




We hope you have a great Yuletide season and a prosperous New Year.



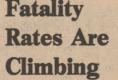
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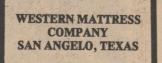
The 55 mph speed limit lives. may have decreased deaths A due to auto accidents but fatality rates are climbing again. Many factors are involved but carelessness, especially on country roads, unsafe cars, bad weather and motorists who don't wear seat belts all contribute to accidents that could be pre-

vented, the Texas Medical Association says. In 1975 there were 4.1 people killed for every 100 a short trip, it's wise to toss miles pared to 3.9 in 1974. The in case there is car trouble. trend seems to be increasing, CB radios not only help the Governor's Office for spot smokies but they also Traffic Safety says.

A National Safety Council study shows country roads produce nine times as many deaths and 14 times as many property damage accidents

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as do controlled-access sup- are useful for passing on erhighways. Blind intersections and reduced vision on curves and hills contribute to many crashes. Being alert and prepared to stop in these situations can save many A quick check of the car

also can help avoid trouble. Check tire tread and pressure, windshield wipers, accessibility of seat belts, defogger or rags to wipe off fogged windows, and hoses, belts and fluids under the hood. Problems with many of these could mean being stranded on the highway in winter weather--which can be very dangerous. Even for com- in a coat and adequate shoes

weather and road condition information. Even AM or FM radio weather forecasts can give valuable information about what's coming. Sometimes postponing a trip for a few hours or a day will avoid bad weather that can threaten even experienced drivers. Arriving late is better than not arriving at all, TMA savs. People increase their chan-

ces of arriving alive if they wear seat belts. Even if people refuse to use seat belts on short errands, buckling up on a trip is not too much trouble. Hospital beds or caskets are much more confining than seat belts.

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By - Sgt. Sidney Lyle ary in placing their valua-Christmas time is a time gifts. It is also the time for

murder, robbery, and burglary. It appears that every thief within a hundred miles crawls out of the woodwork to do their dastardly deeds during the winter holiday season. All manner of crimes tend to increase this time of times more likely to be buryear causing a loss to the family, not only in monetary value, but by way of injury or sometimes even death.

This is the season for robberies to occur. People steal from one another, either to pay for the cost of Christ- an unlocked window? Are mas expenses or because the you aware that 3 out of 4 merchant tends to become careless during the holiday season and allows more cash rapes occuring in the home to accumulate in the register are the indirect result of making it more profitable for window peeping? Indeed we the robber. Car prowlers may consider our home a have a field day with a wide haven of safety, and rightly selection of Christmas packages in cars and pick-ups. find easy entry into the home The most difficult decision and a ready market for the the thief has to make is which car to steal from. After all, falling victim is ever present, most cars have packages in them and the doors are un- holiday season when multilocked. Even if the doors are tudes of presents are neatly locked, the cars can be wrapped and in obvious view opened with a small piece of of everyone passing the wire. All this makes the home. Now, a thief will not thief's job easier because have to settle for used merpeople don't like to go to the chandise when he robs you. little inconvenience necess- He can have all new goodies

neatly packaged and ready to liquidate.

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bles in the trunk of the car. There are several very for colorful decorations, hap- As for the security of the good solutions to this parapy smiles, and exchanging of home, its a thieves' paradise. Before you get too settled in the comfortable security of vour home, let me ask a few questions. Did you know that every 40th home in your neighborhood has been burglarized this year? That a home on the corner is three glarized than a home in the middle of the block? That every fourth house or apartment is left unlocked when no one is at home? That 20 per cent of all illegal entries into a home is through

> rapes occur in the home? That the majority of those so. But as long as the thieves items stolen, the chances of especially during this winter Nature never makes ex-

or no uses. ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. Franco Harris plays pro Nature will always main-1. When did Adm. Byrd football for what team? 2. Who leads the AL in

Comaneci from?

star gymnist Nadia

McAdoo win the Rookie

of the Year Award?

Ken Stabler, Oakland.

4. Drew Pearson plays pro

2. Who first discovered touchdown passes. the earth is round? 3. Where is the National 3. What country is Olympic

3. Romania.

5. 1973.

4. Dallas Cowboys.

- Library of Medicine? 4. What was the Marshall
- Plan?

WHO KNOWS?

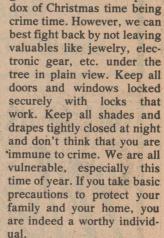
reach the South Pole?

- 5. When was the first 5. In what year did Bob heart transplant made?
- 6. In what year did King
- Edward VIII abdicate? 7. Where is the Aviation
- **Answers To Sports Quiz** Hall of Fame?
- 1. Pittsburgh Steelers. 8. Who invented the passenger elevator?
- 9. Name the northernmost
- U.S. university? 10.What is the motto of
- Georgia?
- **Answers To Who Knows** 1. November 29, 1929.
- 2. Aristotle.
 - Bethesda, Mo

football for what team? Never, no never, did nature say one thing and wisdom say another. -Edmund Burke. -----Nature encourages no

looseness, pardons, no errors.

-R.W. Emerson.





Let us permit nature to have her way; she understands her business better than we do.

-Michel de Montaigne.

Nature resolves everything into its component elements, but annihilates nothing.

cellent things for mean,

tain her rights, and pre-

vail in the end over

any abstract reasoning

whatsoever.

-Lucretius.

-John Locke.

-David Hume.

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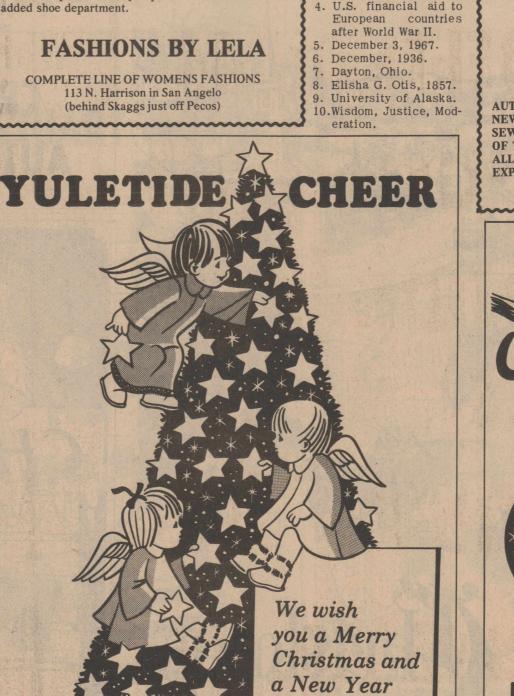
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THE OZONA STOCKMAN PAGE TEN Letters To Santa To The Ozona Lions and during football season. Dear Santa Claus, Fans: In speaking of football, the we lost and who's fault it Please bring me a doll and **IT WAS MY FAULT** fact of the matter is that I a chalkboard and a skate-Never before have I been have been keeping track of words board and a Mr. Santa mouse guilty of violating my own the Ozona Lions games this that talks and a Mrs. Santa philosophy, some people year as I have in the past, mouse that talks and some may call it superstition, call it and am very happy and Sale - Sale elves that talks. what you may, but on Tues- proud of the Lions accom-Your friend. day, December 7, 1976, Pearl plishments. Cassi McPherson Harbor day at that, I done it. From the beginning I felt All Artificial Door Badges 88 Permit me to explain. that perhaps this year was an You see, I am an Ozonan, unusual year for the Lions, so Dear Santa Claus, born and raised in that ex- in their support I praved. Please bring me a barde a traordinary little town on the Every week I would ask no Dear Santa, doll and a dansing barde and high plains of Edwards Pla- one, call no one, Nothing, I 20% To 50% Off I want a Ballerina Bar- a pony. bie. I want a fun-filled Junbo teau. I too love the dust and would wait for the Ozona Your friend, hail storms we get in the Stockman to arrive and break 44-inch stocking. Lisa summer and the freak un- the news to me, 3 days later, From Tonya Carter 88 **MAXINE'S** expected freezing northern to tell me the outcome of the 88 winds in the winter. But Lions game of the week Dear Santa Claus, Dear Santa Claus, that's not all friends, I too am before. Why punish myself Please bring me a jaws eace Please bring me a football one of those football loving in this way, I don't know. game and a five speed. My set. Please bring me a evil freaks specially when it in- Well, the outcome of every FLOWERS brother wants a sand blaser stunt bike. Please bring my volves the Ozona Lions. game, every week was great, and a strech armstrong. No other time, as mother a pantsuit. Please I am not a superstitious but the punishment imposed the Christmas, means Your friend, bring my father sum blueperson per se, though I on myself to have to wait for so much to all of us. Paul would have to admit that the Stockman, to learn of the ieens. 88 Your friend, more than once I've found game, got greater. Not only Todd Foster myself on the living room that, the news would be a Dear Santa Claus, floor attempting to recover a week old and the following Please bring me a baby fumble specially in games game had already been playthat away and a Hush amy like last week between the ed, it almost became unbaby. Dallas Cowboys and the Red- bearable. Your friend, skins. My knees and elbows Because I have started to Missy are not only sore, but bruised follow the games through the 88 as well. Some cottonpicking Stockman, I dare not ask or game eh? call anyone. Things might Dear Santa Claus, My wife no longer wishes change, I told myself and Please bring me a moter Dr. and to sit next to me during most certainly I wouldn't cross bike and a football set. which time I be watching a want to tilt the ship. And for my father a rifle and football game, may it be live I envy all of you who Mrs. Blanton my mother a ring. Now Santa or in the tube, due to the fact enjoyed the win right at Claus if you are not in a hurry that she is afraid I might hurt sight, for you were fortunate will you please live some and her. She is afraid I might and present, me, I had to be presents. throw an unexpected flying 2,000 miles away at the time The End tackle and friend I scale at of history making and suf-Your friend, Vinita Routh 210. As a matter of fact I fered while I waited for the Elias Gonzales, Jr. don't believe she wants me delightful, but delayed news. in or around the house Nevertheless, I too enjoyed it when the Stockman finally arrived. As time went on it became unbearable. I couldn't stand it any longer, not those long waits. So, on December 7, 1 thought perhaps I could fool myself by sneaking out the - The back door at home and call Birthday my brother Pete Garza, Sr. in Ozona and quitely ask him of what had happened between the Childress Bobcats and Jesus. the Ozona Lions game. His Effort. first words were - It was a cold night, very cold - Man I copied - and felt goose pimples and chills all over my body. I knew right-abe the way that I had blown it. I US should had never called. Why couldn't I wait. Then he 'Tis Christmas said, 20 to 14 Childress, plus and hearts a few unprintable words, what else you want to know, are at peace. he said. Nothing, nothing more, I'll call you later, I said and hung up. Merry Christmas. NICK'S I kicked a few stones on the way back home, perhaps even ran a few cars off the road, I don't know. A long day that was. My wife Rita Let us celebrate! **CHEVRON** said to me as I entered the **DAVEE PLUMBING** house, I was looking for you, where were you? I answered, **DINA'S** I think I answered, out, just out. She says I said, Ozona, Ozona. May the true The coaches said, the Chil-POCO TACO spirit of dress Bobcats were too tough strong and fast for the Lions, Christmas the Bobcats are experienced, bring joy 16 of last year's lettermen are back and they were in the to everyone. FRIENDSplayoff last year. Well, Hogwash, that was only an excuse. The fact of the matter is, if I hadn't gotten so anxious to WESTERN know the score and had waited for the Stockman instead of calling my brother, the Lions would have never **AUTO** lost and still be in the runnings. So, I'm sorry, it was all my fault.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Now that we all know why was, permit me to say a few

My football bi-centennial year has been a very satisfying year. Like other football lovers I too have my choices of football teams. In the pros - the Dallas Cowboys and the Washington Redskins, in College - the Texas Longhorns and the Terrapins, Maryland University and the Bowie Bulldogs and the Ozona Lions for high school. All have and were successful except perhaps the Longhorns and that depends how you look at it. We Texans never lose, we honorably retreat. The Bowie Bulldogs of Bowie, Maryland, our home town now, like the Ozona Lions, they too lost their state-finals game the same night. That too was a long sad day. My congratulations to the super Ozona Lions for a terrific, history making, outstanding season. I cannot in all conscious single out anyone individual in the Lions team, for I believe it was the entire team effort which produced the outstanding accomplishment.

Perhaps other years when the Lions had been good and won some games and even district titles, it had, in my opinion, to be credited to someone or two outstanding player like, Beecher Montgomery, Howard Lemons, Butch Coates, Tom Ed Montgomery, Jimmy Read, Bernard Lemons, Alton Smith, Juan Delgado, Bobby Sutton, Luis Vela, Pete Garza, Jr., Johnny Ramirez, this to name a few of the past. This does not apply to this year. This year made that big difference the Lions have been looking for. Undoubtably it had to be togetherness, want to win, esprit de corps which in turn created the element needed for success. All Out Super Team

Needless to say, the super team reflects the outstanding performance by the coaching staff, physically and mentally. The lions had not gone as far had it not been for the super team work. No runner could have run so well without the willful super blocking of his teammates, nor could the lineman make all those superb tackles without the extra effort of their teammates in clearing the interference. The Lions Had It All. To the bench warmers as we refer to the substitutes, they too receive equal congratulations, for they had to work twice as hard to prepare themselves to fulfill a super position if called upon. If ever there is another team in that Ozona town who can beat that record, will know for sure, it has to be The Ozona Lions. To All a Merry Lions Christmas and a joyful roaring New Year and may God bless you. Alfred "Butch", Rita and Becky Garza P.S. Had the Lions gone to the state finals, I was prepared to fly to the game, regardless of location. What never crossed my mind was the fact that it would have cost me \$700.00. Let me say, Lions, give me another chance. In this season of Joy and Peace Dr. and Helen, Barbara and Melodye

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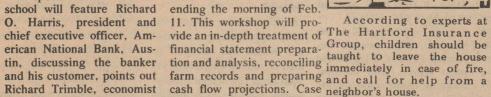
Bankers To Learn About Customers

One of the most important relationships to any banker is that which exists between himself and his customer. Texas bankers will learn more about this rela-Farm and Ranch Credit School for Commercial Bankers, Feb. 7-9, at the Rudder Center, Texas A&M University

A special session of the afternoon of Feb. 9 and school will feature Richard ending the morning of Feb. O. Harris, president and

with the Texas Agricultural problems will be solved to Extension Service and publicity chairman for the school. Setting the stage for the thods of financing farm ducted during the same time cussed. Other sessions will dities, loan documentation,

agricultural industry. An Agricultural Credit Analysis Workshop will follow the school beginning the



provide realistic experience for attending bankers. New this year is a special three-day school will be a two-day Commodity Hedging session in which dealer me- Session which will be con-

equipment and farmers and period as the Credit Workoutside equity capital are dis- shop. This session will provide an in-depth look at the cover outlook information for mechanics of hedging, hedgvarious agricultural commo- ing as a forward pricing tool, hedging decision guides and tionship at the 25th Texas correspondent banking and living with a hedged loan, recent developments in the notes Trimble.



According to experts at

and grows through open, honest expression of affection between husband and wife, parent and child, and brothers and sisters. It in-

cludes a feeling of oneness which comes through understanding each other and being sensitive to the needs of family members. Holding similar values and goals, having emotional interdependence and being a cooperative, responsible family member help to form the

ties that bind. Simple daily experiences promote feelings of family unity over the years. Parents do much to facilitate a feeling of warmth and closeness between family members in many little ways. The

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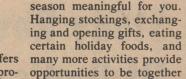
Christmas season offers special opportunities to promote family unity. This specialist suggested some ideas for building family unity. 'Make family experiences out of as many holiday in which activities you and activities as you can, such as

decorating the house and tree, attending and participating in community or religious programs, sending Christmas cards and preparing holiday foods. Youngsters especially enjoy and

benefit from some responsibility for holiday activities. 'Making gifts or shopping with parents for gifts for friends and relatives teaches the meaning of sharing and giving. Making cookies, candy, cakes, pies or helping decorate the house and Christmas tree with parents teaches children the meaning of cooperation. There is pride of accomplishment when a child's helpful efforts are recognized and acknowledged.'

She added that Christmas is truly a special time for families. You and your family

probably enjoy certain cus-



and share the happiness and excitement of the season. "It does not matter how you celebrate the holiday or your family choose to participate. The important thing is that your family is drawn closer together as a result of the experiences you do share," she said.

T.O.P.S CLUB MEETS

The weekly meeting of T.O.P.S. Club 937 was held Friday, December 17 in the Chamber of Commerce Building. There were eleven members present with a total loss of five and three-fourths pounds. Queen of the week was Pat Hulseman. There will be no meeting

December 24. Secret pals will be revealed at the December 31 meeting.

A Christmas party was Divide a deck of cards in held following Friday's meet-ing. half. Have someone pick a card from one half and put it



There are three cities listed and King were put together before starting, and the even in the record books as being cards were together. Don't the smallest in America, only mix them when dividing the .4 square miles in area: deck and the secret card will Belvedere, California, Bonne be the even one in the odd Terre, Missouri, and Mont- half or the odd one in the gomery, West Virginia. even half.



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Other members present:

Mrs. Erby Chandler, Mrs.

Dwight Childress, Mrs.

Pleas Childress, Mrs. Buster

Deaton, Mrs. Bruce Hill,

Womans League Has Annual Club Christmas Party

Members of the Ozona expected visit to the group Womans League celebrated and delivered the secret pal Christmas Tuesday night, Christmas gifts. After open-December 14, in the home of ing and viewing the hand-Mrs. Bill Carson. Mrs. Tommade gifts and revealing my Stokes served as cosecret pals, members drew hostess. for their 1977 secret pals.

Christmas goodies from each members kitchen were served as the group joined together in fellowship. Mrs. Tony Allen gave the inspirational reading with a Christmas selection from Erma Bombeck. Mrs. Billy Reagor sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Magic Club

Odd Man Out

You can learn how to do

Mrs. H.O. Hoover, Mrs. Johnny Jones, Mrs. Bruce Mayfield, Mrs. Frank Mc-Mullan, Mrs. Van Miller, Mrs. John Parks, Mrs. Ron-Santa Claus paid an unald Pennington, Mrs. Joe S. Pierce, IV, Mrs. Jack Probst, Mrs. Nat Read, Mrs. Lane Scott, Mrs. Charles Spieker, Mrs. Jeffrey Sutton, Mrs. Randy Upham, Mrs. Wesley West, Mrs. Jim Williams, Mrs. Tommy Wilson, Mrs. From The Shari Lewis Steve Sessom, Mrs. Pon Seahorn, Mrs. Lloyd Comer,

> **Care For** Christmas **Pot Plants**

Mrs. H.M. Phillips, and

Mrs. John R. Hunnicutt.

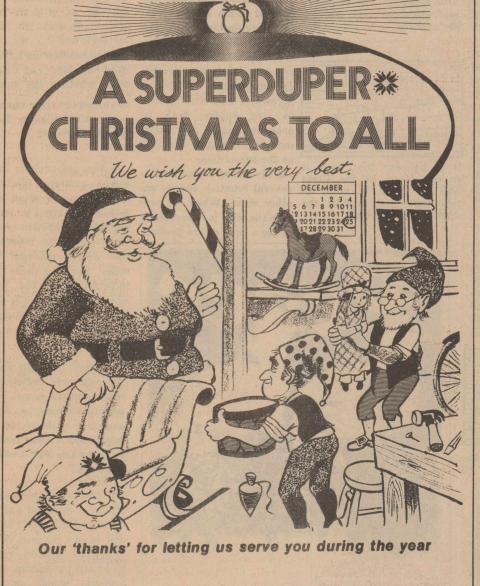
Pot plants are popular gifts secret of this one was that the during the holiday season. And with a little care, these

living gifts will retain their beauty for a longer time. Dr. William C. Welch, landscape horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, advises a cool location for poinsettias, chrysanthemums or azaleas. It is important to keep the plants out of drafts and away from heating sources.

"Since Christmas plants usually come from a greenhouse where they get plenty of water, frequent watering is necessary in the home, usually every other day,' advises Welch. "Since overwatering is possible, use a good planting media or a container with a hole in the bottom to allow proper drainage

All new plants need a good light source," says the hor-ticulturist. "The best light is by a window, but artificial light will do. A plant can be damaged by placing it in direct sunlight or too near a glass window.

Some gift plants can be transplanted for prolonged beauty in the spring, notes Welch, Chrysanthemums are



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Family Unity Christmas means different things to different people, but to everyone, it presents a

specialist, says.

Holidays Promote

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excellent time to strengthen

family unity, Mrs. Ilene Mil-

ler, a family life education

"Family unity develops



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ever told unfolds anew: Christ is born. .a-Burn - Oa - Oum - Oum.

OZONA BOOT

May the gifts of love and peace be found beneath each family tree.

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Study Reveals Importance Of Dad's Annual Deer Hunt

A weekend with the boys, were collected on a special study preferred the aged the lure of the hunt, or the permit from the Texas Parks female animal over the intencall of the white-tailed deer and Wildlife Department. sified flavor of the aged male often fall short of justifying "Five factors involved in the animal. Dad's hunting expenses to slaughtering and handling of Mom in the family discus- the deer were chosen to sions each year.

But, results of a Texas the quality of venison," said (gut shot) and the other A&M University study may Hosch. "These included sex, groups," she said. give Dad some new ammu- delayed skinning, stress, denition in his argument in layed field dress and cold that juiciness, a problem favor of the value of his storage aging."

hunting. He can tell Mom he is off to bring home some ducted which contrasted before skinning it. It was quality meat for the dinner such factors as whether the found that aging of the cartable, and if he follows the deer were killed instantly or casses significantly increas- coming more of a legitimate study results closely, he will stressed (gut shot); skinned ed tenderness. "The aging immediately or delayed skinnot be exaggerating. Often the quality of the ning; aged or quick frozen; or retards and extends rigor

study.

deer meat the hunter brings whether the animal was male or female. home is just not up to many family taste standards, and determining a way to im- ducted to determine the

prove this deer meat taste quality of venison from each treatment group," she said. was one of the goals of the These included taste panel

The study on white-tail tests, equipment quality deer was conducted on two evaluation and bacteriologranches near Hondo in ical analysis of the meat. Several patterns emerged Southwest Texas. Involved were Joyce Hosch, Dr. Ranquality. Hosch said the taste zell Nickelson II and Dr. Milo Shult, all with the Texas panel evaluations in the stu-Agricultural Extension Serdy indicate that methods of vice, and Dr. Zerle Car- handling or slaughtering can doe populations in some eight-foot wall around the penter with the Texas Agri- greatly influence venison quality. cultural Experiment Station.

The sex of the animal is specifically an important factor in deterfluence various slaughtering mining how intensified (gamey) the flavor of the deer meat will taste. Male ani-In the study, 36 animals higher in 'gamey' taste."

She said an increase in intensity of flavor was noted in female animals aged for Blessings

one week in a cooler. "However, the flavor intensity produced by the aging did not appear to be the same as the 'gamey' flavor associated with the male animal. This aging process definitely produced a more desirable flavor," Hosch said. "The taste panel employed in this



that the hunter consider fulfilling two goals. He can get his trophy and make his wife happy also with quality deer meat by bringing home a doe

hunting.

as well. iscule amounts of meat eit-'Significant differences her. In 1973 more than 10 were also noted between the million pounds of boneless determine their effects on stressed or excited animals white-tailed deer were harvested by Texas hunters. This figure translated into

The study revealed also the cost of ground chuck beef with "dry" deer meat, is envalue of this deer meat at Six treatments were con- hanced by aging the deer more than \$16 million. With food costs still on the increase, deer meat is bemeat source. And besides,

process in the cooler not only bringing home some quality increase the water-holding 'Various tests were con- capacity of the meat," Hosch ble to Mom. pointed out.

Obviously, the fact that doe meat is superior to that of the buck is not of utmost importance to many hunters because they are after a prize buck trophy. But, some alterations in from the research as to meat attitude might be necessary in the future, hinted Charles Ramsey, an Extension Ser-

vice wildlife specialist. "The areas need to be thinned," he said, "and our hunters need to take them out."

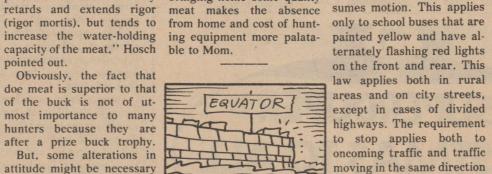
Doe permits are issued to landowners by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and does may be huntmals were shown to rate ed in counties where such permits have been issued.

The

One inch of rain contains the same amount of water as 10 inches of snow!



Commission annually



In the spirit of Christmas

may hope, joy and peace

come again to all nations

and to all mankind.

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order where property is Q: Can I pass a school bus owned?

poses of probate is to establish title to property; in order to have this reflected in the records of the county bus which has stopped to located, it will be necessary load or unload children must stop until the school bus reto file certified copies of the proceedings in each county. The requirements for the transfer of land in other states depend on those states' laws.

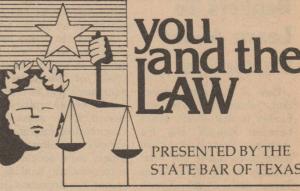
> used car. How can I determine whether the mileage

is the actual mileage the car has been driven?

ceive written disclosure from the seller of an autocar's odometer represents the actual mileage. The seller must provide this information to the buyer under federal law. The seller may be liable for damages if

and my husband says he might take it away from me. Is there any way I can prevent this?

A: The property accumulated by a husband and wife during marriage will be divided in the divorce decree. The judge has full freedom to award possession of any property bought during a marriage to either the husband or wife, regardless of who paid for the property. If the judge awards you the car, you could have the title changed simply by sending a certified copy of the divorce cree to your county

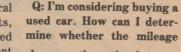


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which has stopped to load passengers if the bus is A: One of the main purat that time would place the traveling in the opposite di-A: The driver of any ve-

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shown on the car's odometer

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> he deliberately gives a false statement. Q: When I bought my car, the title was registered in my husband's name. Now I am considering a divorce



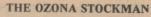
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Cancer Memorials Ozona Primary School Faculty for Eddy Nations.

Mrs. Charlie Black, Jr. for Henderson, Mrs. Monroe Baggett and Roy Henderson. ney, Mrs. Ora Mae Warren. Mr. and Mrs. Beecher

Lillie Baggett, Eddy Nations. Johnigan, Eddy Nations, Roy Mr. Roy Henderson. Bonnie Warth for Mrs. Joe B. Mayer, Mrs. J.M. Baggett, Mrs. John Kear- Luke Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldred Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Ward Roach for Mrs. Payne Ro-



Mrs. Stephen Perner for Montgomery for Hartley for Mrs. Monroe Baggett, bertson, Mrs. Monroe Bag- How To Buy And Preserve gett, Roy Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Harrell for Eddy Nations, Carrie Ann Dacy.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Stokes

for Mr. Roy Henderson. Charlotte, Judd and Lea Montgomery for Mrs. Ethel McKenzie.

Mrs. Charlie Black, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Applewhite flew from Midland Tuesday to spend Christmas in California with their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Applewhite.

Nuts For Holiday Baking Say "nuts," in terms of not always, cost less than food, and you add flavor, shelled nuts. You can save looks, texture, and calories. time and effort by buying

iversity System.

about 250 calories to the daily food intake. But in spite half pounds; Brazil nuts, two of that, the question shop- and one-half pounds; Fil-

buy in the shell or shelled. pounds; Walnuts (English). 'Whether or not to buy two and one-half pounds; nuts in the shell is often a Walnuts (Black), five and decision you must make. one-half pounds. Nuts in the shell often, but "In general, one pound of

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shelled nut meats equals about three to three and onehalf cups. Whole nut meats will give more cups per pound than halves, pieces or chopped nuts," she said.

Nuts depend upon their oils for their pleasing flavor. When nuts are stale, the oils become rancid and unpalatable. Nuts in shell keep better than shelled nuts. Shelled or in the shell nuts keep best in a cool, dark place. Unsalted nuts keep better than salted ones. Nuts can absorb off flavors and moisture. When this occurs, you will have a limp, tough and even moldy nut, she explained.

"Nuts can be kept in the freezer eight to ten months if properly packaged.'

Here are some cracking tips to insure perfect whole or half nut meats. Brazil nuts--24 hours in the

freezer will make shell so brittle that they will yield to gentle cracking.

Pecans--give up perfect halves if they have been soaked six to eight hours in a cold salt solution (one-half cup salt to three quarts water). Then drain and reach for the nutcracker.

Walnuts--yield to the hammer for best results. Hold the nut so it stands on the flat end. Strike the pointed end, giving it a sharp, bouncing blow.

CARD OF THANKS

May we take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers, their concern and every wonderful act of kindness after our son was born and confined in a San Antonio hospital. Everyone was so considerate. A special thanks to Dr. Owensby and the staff at the hospital, whose fast work saved our baby's life.

Tina and Joe Moran

Mrs. Jake Short has returned to her home here after a visit with relatives in St. Louis.





We wish all of the fine people in our community a very Merry Christmas. **KYLE KLEANERS** TO ALL OUR RIENDS...

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hodges for Eddy Nations. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wills for Roy Henderson. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kyle for Eddy Nations.

for Mrs. Ethel McKenzie. Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Kirby

Memorials Chairman

Merry

From all of us to all

of you- -warm wishes for a memorable holiday.

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The precious gifts of love and peace be yours this Christmas.

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Agricultural Extension Ser- To have one pound of vice, The Texas A&M Un- shelled nut meats, you would need the following amounts

Almonds, three and one-

Noel

There is peace and joy

for Christ is born

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at Bethlehem

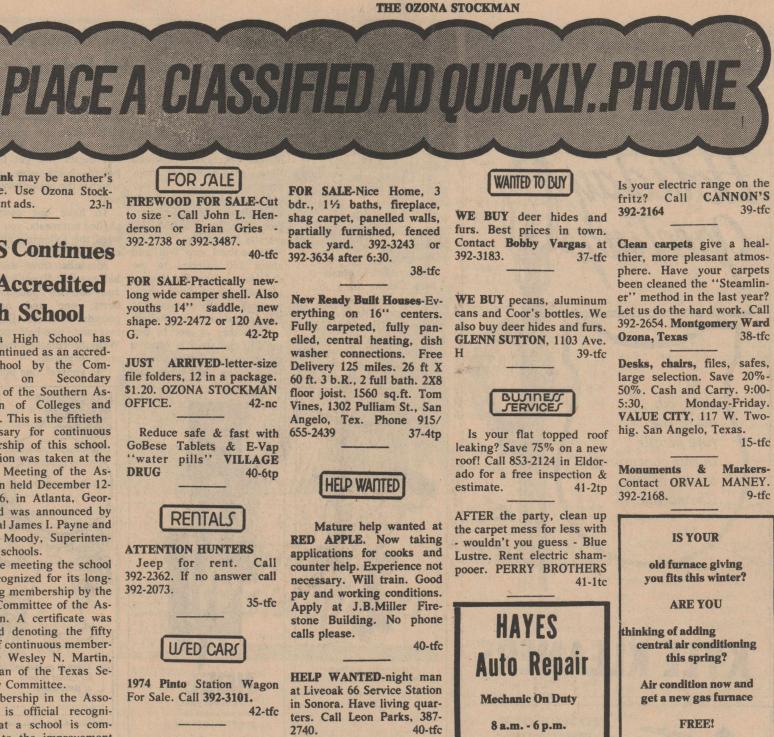
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candidate led the ticket in the sioner Precinct 1. It was only after his defeat by the inthe run-off that the suit was filed and the Justice De-

party Plaintiff on behalf of Jesus Castro was filed by Botello, a lawyer who has recently moved to San Anly intervened in the case. Along with the Plaintiffs, present for the county was Lucius D. Bunton.

the last member of a piothat contributed so much to the progress and developparticularly the livestock empire that became Crockett

As their father had been before them, all were stalwarts in the livestock industry and in community development. The family had a Ozona National Bank from its inception and Roy served as



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