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Holiday Closings

Several Coke County offices and businesses will be closed a few days for the upcoming New Year's holiday.

The City of Bronte will be closed Thursday, January 1. The Coke County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2.

The Robert Lee City Hall will be closed January 1 and 2. The City Landfill will be closed on January 3. Trash service will run as scheduled on Friday, January 2.

The Observer/Enterprise office will be closed Thursday, December 25 through Friday, January 2. Business will resume as usual on Monday, January 5.

Answers on Aging meeting set

Bea Ramsey with the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will be in Coke County on Monday, December 29. She will be at the Bronte Senior Center at 10:45 am and at the Robert Lee Senior Center at 11:30 am.

Reservations for Coke County Rec Halls set

The first day to rent the following Coke County buildings for 2009 will be on Monday, January 5, at 7 am in the Judge's office in the

Coke County Courthouse. Robert Lee large recreation hall, Robert Lee Senior building, Robert Lee Pavilion, Bronte large recreation hall, Bronte Senior building and Bronte Pavilion.

If you have any questions, please call the Judge's office at 453-2641.

Red Hat meeting set for January 8

The Coke County Red Hat Club will meet Thursday, January 8, in Robert Lee at Rangel's Restaurant at 11 am. Come join us to start off the New Year with good food and good company.

Coke County dance slated

The monthly dance for Coke County will be from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on January 6, at the Robert Lee Rec. Hall. There is always fun to be had and good food to eat. Tell your friends and tell your neighbors about the dance. Someone may not get to read about it in the newspaper. If someone doesn't have a ride or doesn't want to go alone, maybe someone could give them a ride.

There will be a break from dancing and for the band to take a break. Although everyone likes to dance, they also like to eat. There is a pot luck supper, so bring your appetite.



Who is this? This little one doesn't quite know what to make of Santa at the Christmas festivities held in Bronte on Saturday, December 13.

Everyone come and start out the New Year dancing with the stars.

There is a small charge to dance and eat, but it is worth it to have a good time.

For more information, call 453-2678.

Historical Commission meeting slated for January 12

The Coke County Historical Commission will hold a meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009, at the Coke County Library at 3 pm.

Volunteers are sorely needed for the newspaper project. A demonstration of the preparation needed to prepare the Observer/Enterprise to be microfilmed by the West Texas Collection at ASU will be held. The process is simple, but human power is needed to get the project done. Please mark Monday, January 12, on the calendar and see how you can help preserve Coke County history.

Another project to be discussed is the stabilization project for the Old Jail. Ideas and human power for fund raisers are needed. The Old Jail has stood for 102 years and is a Coke County treasure. Its stabilization will make it last another 102 years. The Old Jail receives one or two visitors a day according to one of its neighbors. The building

represents the pioneers of Coke County's proud and exciting past. Today's grandchildren and great grandchildren will be bringing their children to see the building.

Mark Monday, January 12, 2009, as the day to begin helping in a serious campaign to preserve what is most real about Coke County.

Sid & Bernice Evans Scholarship to be awarded

The Bronte United Methodist Women announce that applications for the Sid and Bernice Evans Scholarship are now being accepted. The Evans were long-time members of the Bronte First United Methodist Church. The Scholarship Foundation has been established by their family.

The Scholarship is for students 20 years of age and older. Applications are available from Pat Martindale, at the City Hall, 114 South Washington.

Applications must be returned to the Bronte City Hall by January 16, 2009. The Scholarship recipient will be announced on January 20.



Happy New Year




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Christmas Carols! On Thursday, December 4, the residents of Robert Lee Care Center were treated to some Christmas Carols by the "LRC Crew" from American Habilitation Services in San Angelo.

Death Notices

Wells

Donna Marie Wells, 50, died Thursday, December 18, 2008 at her residence. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Dale Wells of Robert Lee; a daughter, Teresa Morales of Dallas; brothers, Virgil Thacker of Dallas and Jim Jim Anthony of Tennessee; and a sister, Evie Gaston of Dallas.

RL FUMC UMW History an

approaching reality
The United Methodist Women of Robert Lee First United Methodist Church are offering a book of their history, The United Methodist Women in Mission, for sale immediately to all interested parties.

Authored by Ava Lou Davis from several primary sources and edited by Jamie Boren, the book chronicles the people, ministries, and events of the UMW of Robert Lee FUMC over its entire history from 1891 to today.

The history includes a list of the women who signed the

Women's Society of Christian Service (predecessor of the UMW) charter in 1940.

This little history is an important addition not only to those who have been involved with the Robert Lee UMW over the years, but also to the history of this region of west Texas.

If you would like a copy or for more information contact: Jamie Bilbo Boren, PO Box 505, Robert Lee, TX 76945 (325) 453-2112; or Ava Lou Tubb Davis, PO Box 54, Robert Lee, TX 76945 (325) 453-2184.

FSA accepting applications

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications for Emergency Farm Loans resulting from damages and losses caused by high winds, hail, lightning, and a tornado on June 5, 2008 through June 17, 2008 and also caused by drought that occurred on January 1, 2008 and continuing.

Coke County has been named a contiguous county where eligible farmers may qualify for FSA EM loan assistance. Farm Loan Manager, Justin B. Holland, asks farmers who want to apply for emergency loans to submit their applications as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is

June 10, 2009, but if farmers wait too long, a backlog will develop and cause delays.

Generally, farmers who have lost 30 percent of their production due to designated disaster are eligible for emergency loans. The FSA office is located at 103 W. Florida Avenue in Sweetwater.

Don't Drink & Drive Public Education Campaign

Consistently Texas is among the states with the highest incidence of drunk driving in the nation. In 2007, 1,485 motorists died in alcohol-related crashes on Texas roadways. Safety experts continually remind us that drunk driving incidents spike during the holidays. Law enforcement officers often refer to this time of

year as "rookie season" because motorists who partake in the season's merriment don't always know when they've had too much, and many get behind the wheel after they've been drinking.

That's why the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is launching its 11th annual Don't Drink & Drive campaign as part of its yearly effort to curb drunk driving over the holidays. The campaign runs from December 21st through New Year's Day 2009. This year, for the first time, TxDOT will launch a variety of interactive ads leading Internet travelers to Santa's MySpace profile. See myspace.com/santaintexas. Santa is not the only one

who'll be busy this year. From December 21 until January 1, which includes Christmas and New Year's holidays, the Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement agencies are making an extra effort to spot—and stop—drunk drivers.

TxDOT will air its award-winning animated television spots showing Santa getting home in an unexpected way. Radio spots rely on popular Christmas carols to deliver upbeat reminders to not get behind the wheel when you've been drinking. TxDOT will also use festive artwork for billboards and other out-of-home media featuring the slogan "Santa is Coming to Town. Please Don't Hit Him." and in Spanish, "Santa ya Viene. No lo Atroppelles."

Area Churches Invite You to Worship

Bronte Church of Christ
PO Box 346 • 118 S. Jefferson
Bronte
(325) 473-3291
Preacher John V. Driggers
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
Central Baptist Church
324 S. Franklin • Bronte
(325) 473-4811
Tim White, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm Worship
Wed. 6 pm
Emmanuel Pentecostal
PO Box 683 • 1019 Colorado City Hwy
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2360
Rev. Ray Aldridge, Pastor
Sun. 10 am & 6 pm, Wed. 7 pm
First Baptist Church
424 S. Washington • Bronte
(325) 473-2331
Bro. Morris Johnson, Pastor
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School,
10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Youth
and Worship
Wednesday 7 pm Prayer Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Washington & Holmes
Bronte
(325) 473-3281
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
Sun. 10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
5:00 Youth
First United Methodist Church
PO Box 144 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2417
Rev. Steve Rowe, Pastor
Sun. 10 am Sunday School
11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Choir
Iglesia Bautista Bethel
101 Houston • Robert Lee
(325) 453-5003 • 453-2296
Pastor: Basilio Esquivel
Sun. 9:45, 11:00, & 11:30 am
& 6 pm, Wednesday 7 pm

Southside Church of Christ
PO Box 698 • 8th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2176
Frank J. Daniels, Preacher
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Worship
Northside Church of Christ
PO Box 388 • 9th & Chadbourne
Robert Lee
(325) 655-9784 or 453-2685
Portis Ribble, Minister
Services: Sun. 10 am & 1:30 pm;
Wed. 6 pm

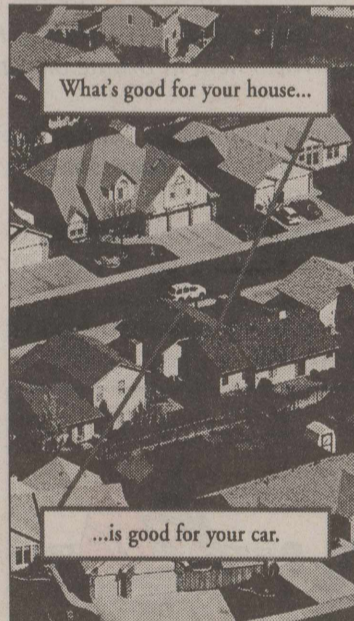
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
601 W. 10th, Robert Lee
(325) 365-2687
Rev. Hubert Wade, Jr., Pastor
Sat. 6 pm

Pecan Baptist
PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of Robert Lee
on Sterling City Hwy • (325) 453-2004
Rev. Richard Easterling, Pastor
Sun. 10 am, Sunday School
11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Robert Lee Baptist Church
PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
(325) 453-2724
Jason Martin, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Tennyson Baptist Church
Hwy 277 • Tennyson
Joe Hodges, Pastor
(325) 473-2040
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
Victory Assembly of God
PO Box 638 • 6th & Houston
Robert Lee
(325) 453-2208
Rev. Irving Smith, Pastor
Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

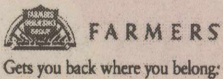
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Though the percentage of alcohol-related fatalities in the state has decreased over the past few years, Texas continues to lead the nation when it comes to alcohol-related traffic fatalities. This makes alcohol a factor in 44 percent of the fatal crashes in Texas, significantly higher than the national average of 41 percent.

According to transportation safety experts, during December in Texas alone, more than 27,000 traffic crashes will injure 20,000 people and kill around 335 more. About 150 of those fatal crashes will involve someone who was drinking. (Estimates are based on an analysis of Texas crash data since 2001.)

Costs of a DWI

If the safety consequences alone are not enough to convince Texans not to drink and drive, the financial penalties may sway some holdouts. According to regional surveys in Texas during 2007, the total costs of a DWI arrest and conviction can run motorists anywhere from \$5,000 to \$24,000 or more, which includes citation fines, court processing fees, costs for an alcohol education course and an alcohol addiction evaluation, attorney fees, potential auto insurance rate increases, a three-year surcharge to retain one's driver's license, bail and probation fees.

How Texans Can Avoid a DWI? Let Someone Else Take the Reins.

Plan ahead if you plan to drink. Designate a driver, call a cab or someone you trust to pick you up, or spend the night where you are. Bottom line: Do not get behind the wheel if you've been drinking.

Here's the Law: 21 or Older

In Texas the legal limit for intoxication is .08 BAC (blood or breath alcohol concentration). However, drivers can be stopped and cited when impaired regardless of BAC. Drivers and passengers can be fined up to \$500 for having an

open alcohol container in a vehicle.

First Offense

- Up to a \$2,000 fine
- Up to 180 days in jail upon conviction (mandatory three days in jail)

- Loss of driver's license up to a year
- \$1,000 surcharge for three years to retain driver's license

Second Offense

- Up to a \$4,000 fine
- Up to one year in jail upon conviction (mandatory five days in jail)

- Loss of driver's license up to two years
- \$1,500 surcharge for three years to retain driver's license

Third Offense

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- Two to ten years in prison
- Loss of driver's license up to two years

- Mandatory 10-60 days in jail if defendant receives probation

- \$2,000 surcharge for three years to retain driver's license

*After two or more DWI convictions in five years, motorists must install a special ignition interlock that prevents their vehicle from being operated if they've been drinking.

DWI with a Child Passenger

Motorists can be charged with child endangerment for driving while intoxicated if they're carrying passengers younger than 15 years old.

DWI with a child passenger is a felony and punishable by:

- Up to a \$10,000 fine
- Up to two years in a state

jail

- Loss of driver's license for up to two years

Here's the Law: 21 or under

It is illegal for minors (under 21) to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess or consume alcohol. It's also against the law for minors to misrepresent their age to obtain alcohol.

Minors in Possession (MIP)

Here's what happens the first time minors are found in possession of alcohol. Any amount of beer, wine or liquor will trigger the penalties.

- Up to a \$500 fine
- 30- to 180-day driver's license suspension

- Eight to 40 hours of community service

- Mandatory alcohol awareness classes

A second or third offense can lead to suspension of the minor's driver's license for 60 to 180 days. Those 17 or older can be fined as much as \$2,000 or go to jail for up to 180 days for a third offense or both, plus automatic driver's license suspension.

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

It is illegal for anyone under 21 to drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in their system. Here's what happens the first time a minor convicted of a DUI. Any amount of beer, wine or liquor can trigger the penalties.

- Up to a \$500 fine

- 60-day driver's license suspension

- 20 to 40 hours of community service

- Mandatory alcohol awareness classes

Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

Drivers 17 and older who are stopped for drinking and driving with a blood or breath alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or greater can also face DWI criminal penalties listed for those 21 and older.

Sorosis Study Club meeting held

The Sorosis Study Club of Bronte met for their annual Christmas party at the beautifully decorated home of Pat and Martin Lee on December 18, 2008. President Lanette Fletcher welcomed all members and guests and Martin Lee said a blessing. Delicious refreshments consisting of beautiful snack trays, rolls, and cookies accompanied by punch, hot wassail, and coffee was served by the yearbook committee: Marilyn Bivins, Lanette Fletcher, Pat Lee, Doris Sims, and Jane Wheat. Hostess Pat Lee had several

party games for the group. Brains were challenged on the Christmas song quiz, Christmas movie quiz, and Christmas trivia test. Janet Wommack and Lee Wommack won the prizes for best Christmas drawing while paper was held on top of their heads. Glenda Draper, Lanette Fletcher, and J.J. Bowden won the prizes for best Christmas tree torn from paper held behind their backs. The following prizes were given for Christmas mugs: Biggest, Martin Lee; Funniest, J.J. Bowden; Most Unusual, Jane Wheat; Most Creative, Fredna and Elton Moore; Best example of friendship, Glenda Draper. The party ended with Pat Lee leading the group in singing "Silent Night".

Members and guests present were: Marilyn Bivins, Celia and J. J. Bowden, Jane and Ed Cumbie, Glenda and Joe Draper, Jean and Royce Fancher, Lanette and Keith Fletcher, Mary and Tuny Glenn, Peggy and Richard Hembree, Pat and Martin Lee, Fredna and Elton Moore, Doris and Jesse Sims, Kay and Rick Styles, Jane and Bill Wheat, Janet and Lee Wommack and Jennifer Stango.

Seasons Greetings from Larry's Automotive

We will be closed December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 2, 2009.

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ROBERT LEE SCHOOL NEWS



Visit from Santa? The Robert Lee Elementary Pre-Kindergarten (above photo) and Kindergarten (left photo) classes enjoyed a visit from Santa recently.

Local students graduate ASU

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 364 students during 2008 Fall commencement exercises December 13 in San Angelo, Texas.

The 2008 Fall graduates include the following from Coke County.

Bronte: Denton J. Ashley, Bachelor of Science

Robert Lee: Whitney L. Riley, Bachelor of Science; Michele G. Sanchez, Bachelor of Science and Samuel B. Schiwart, Master of Science.

Job Start for Students

The Concho Valley Workforce located in San Angelo is offering the Job Start program free of charge to interested students ages 14-17 on Saturdays from January 10 through February

14 from 10 am until 4 pm. Job Start provides students who are interested in getting the skills, resources and personal connections to help them in Surviving the Game of Life". Registration may be completed online at www.cvworkforce.org.

Applications are also available at Bronte High School. The deadline to apply is December 19, 2008. For more information, please call the CVWF at 653-2321.

Grief Program

Hospice of San Angelo is offering a free program for grieving children and their families on six Tuesday nights from February 3 through March 10 at the First United Methodist Church located at 37 East Beauregard, San Angelo. The purpose of the Building Bridges program is to provide a unique support group for children who have experienced loss through the death

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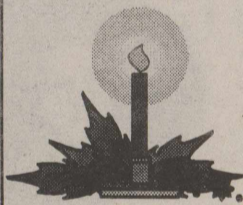
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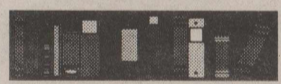
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School Menu



Breakfast

Monday, January 5

Juice, donut, cereal, milk

Tuesday, January 6

Juice, pizza, cereal, milk

Wednesday, January 7

Juice, burrito, cereal, milk

Thursday, January 8

Juice, muffin, cereal, milk

Friday, January 9

Juice, pancakes, sausage, cereal, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 5

Burrito, salad, corn on cob, applesauce, teddy grahams, milk

Tuesday, January 6

Salsbury steak, scallop potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit cocktail, milk

Wednesday, January 7

Chicken strips, tator tots, salad, gravy, sliced bread, apricots, milk

Thursday, January 8

Ravioli, carrot and celery sticks, roll, peanut butter supreme, peaches, milk

Friday, January 9

BBQ on bun, pickles, baked chips, orange, pork & beans, milk

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College financial aid night planned

Bronte ISD will host a free college financial aid orientation on Tuesday, January 27 at 6 pm in the school library. The program, presented by a representative from the Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center and Angelo State University will last about an hour and will cover the steps in completing the general application form (FAFSA), stress the importance of grants and scholarships, and explain the nature of student and parent loans. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Although the presentation will focus on seniors, all students and parents are welcome and would benefit from the session. A drawing will be held for a \$200 scholarship for attending seniors or those represented by a parent.

For more information, please call Mrs. Timmerman, Bronte ISD counselor, at (325) 473-2521.

BISD board holds regular meeting

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting, December 18, 2008 at 7:42 pm in the board room. Those in attendance were: Wayne Coalson, Jeff Schoenfield, Bob Frazee, Paul Williams, David McWright, Shane Kelton, and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were: David Bedford, Michael Bohensky, and Donna Poehls. Quinda Feil-



Author! Emily Beaver of Sterling City spoke to Bronte Elementary students on Wednesday, December 17. The author read from her novel "The Recluse of Iffley Village," and discussed with the children what it is like to be an author.

Duncan was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by David Bedford.

Principals' reports were given by Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal and Michael Bohensky, Secondary Principal. Mrs. Poehls reported 172 Elementary students and Michael Bohensky reported 148 secondary students.

The board approved campus and district improvement plans, retainer with Walsh Anderson law firm, the Multi Regional Cooperative Agreement, Fairview agreement, Update 84, student surveys by ASU and Time Clock Plus. The board also approved by resolution a 403(b) plan document. The board reviewed vehicles and will accept proposals on 4 door sedans and 8 to 9 passenger SUV/Suburbans.

Alan Richey, Superintendent, gave a financial update and announced all board members have fulfilled their board training requirements. Discussion was held on the old Ag building and the regular January Board meeting will be held January 19, 2009.

The board picked an instrument for Superintendent and board evaluations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

BJH UIL results announced

Many Bronte Junior High students traveled to Winters on December 11 to participate in the district contest. They competed against other schools in their zone of the district which included Baird, Cross Plains, Eula, Miles and Winters. The 7th grade had a total of 139.5 points and

BRONTE SCHOOL NEWS



Junior High UIL! These Bronte Junior High students participated in the district contest, held on December 11 in Winters.

placed fourth out of the six schools. The eighth grade had a total score of 265.3 and placed second out of six schools. Individual results are as follows.

Mathematics

8th Grade
1st) Kyle Kelton, 4th) Jael Williams, 1st Team) Nathan Fillman, Kyle Kelton and Jael Williams

Maps Graphs & Charts

7th Grade
3rd) Rachel Everheart
8th Grade
2nd) Mikayla Fraune, 3rd Team) Mikayla Fraune, Cindy Davila, Michelle Rhodes

Ready Writing

7th Grade
3rd) Megan Yackley
8th Grade
1st) Caleb Rosson
Impromptu
7th Grade
4th) Rachel Everheart
8th Grade
6th) Erika Puentez

Dictionary Skills

7th Grade
1st) Megan Yackley, 2nd) Rebecca Dugan, 2nd Team) Megan Yackley, Marisa Sanchez, Rebecca Dugan
8th Grade
3rd) Cindy Davila, 6th) Erika Puentez, 2nd Team) Erika Puentez, Cindy Davila and Michelle Rhodes

Editorial Writing

8th Grade
6th) Jael Williams

Social Studies

7th Grade

2nd) Stetsen Emfinger

8th Grade

1st) Carson James

Modern Oratory

8th Grade

2nd) Jael Williams

Number Sense

8th Grade

6th) Mason Hoyt

Calculator

7th Grade

6th) Ty Lee

8th Grade

2nd) Kyle Kelton, 5th) Conner Clark, 6th) Michelle Rhodes, 2nd Team - Kyle Kelton, Conner Clark and Michelle Rhodes

Science

7th Grade

2nd) Ty Lee, 3rd) Marisa Sanchez, 2nd Team) Ty Lee and Marisa Sanchez

8th Grade

2nd) Carson James, 2nd Team) Carson James, Brayde Knight, Brooke Bedford

Art

7th Grade

1st) Nathaniel Rosales, 4th) Ty Lee, 1st Team) Ty Lee, Nathaniel Rosales, Courtney Wyatt

8th Grade

1st) Cindy Davila, 2nd Team) Cindy Davila, Erika Puentez, Brayde Knight

Listening Skills

8th Grade

1st) Carson James, 2nd) Brooke Bedford, 6th) Mikayla Fraune, 1st Team)

Carson James, Brooke Bedford and Mikayla Fraune

Spelling

7th Grade

4th) Fred Arthur

8th Grade

1st) Caleb Rosson, 3rd) Mikayla Fraune, 4th) Jael Williams, 1st Team) Caleb Rosson, Mikayla Fraune and Jael Williams

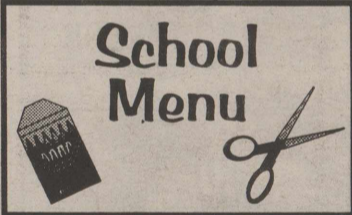
A Bright and Joyful Holiday Season Across Texas

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

This holiday season, Texans are observing cherished traditions and creating new memories. Friends and neighbors are gathering for parties, families are preparing to host relatives or travel to see distant loved ones, and children are brimming with anticipation of presents to come. This time of year also brings a bright array of regional customs and celebrations that are unique to Texas.

During the first week of December, Galveston residents flocked to the historic landmark district to take part in a beloved annual festival, Dickens on The Strand. Each year, downtown Galveston is transformed into Victorian-era London for the weekend-long event, which features reenactments from Dickens' novel "A Christmas Carol," home tours, concerts, a feast, a ball, and other special events at historic sites across the island.

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 5

Cereal, applesauce, toast, jelly, milk

Tuesday, January 6

Blueberry muffin, assorted juice, toast, jelly, milk

Wednesday, January 7

Sausage, assorted juice, biscuit, jelly, milk

Thursday, January 8

French toast sticks, assorted juice, syrup, milk

Friday, January 9

Sausage roll, assorted juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, January 5

Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, rosie applesauce, milk

Tuesday, January 6

Pigs in a blanket, macaroni & cheese, pork & beans, peaches, milk

Wednesday, January 7

Spaghetti, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, Texas toast, milk

Thursday, January 8

Taco salad, tomatoes and lettuce, refried beans, mixed fruit, nacho chips, milk

Friday, January 9

Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, bun, apple crisp, milk

Sending best wishes to you this Christmas Season

The Country Inn
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To Santa, With Love

**Bronte
Pre-K**

Dear Santa,
I want a long blue dress. I also want new Princess dolls with shoes. Santa, Mom needs new baskets and Dad needs new tools.

Love,
Tiffany Timmerman

Dear Santa,
I want to movie cars, a new camoflauge jacket and back pack and a new cocker spaniel dog. Santa, how is Rudolph?

Love,
Tyler Beavers

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo DS and some games for it. I also want a Digi and a baby pet reindeer that is real. Hi Santa Claus! I really want a new baby lab dog. I forgot I want a real telephone.

Love,
Zachary McWright

Dear Santa,
I want a black puppy. I want a new baby doll. I also want a new car. I also want a new baby kitten.

Love,
Chloe Reyes

Dear Santa,
I want a real doggy. I want a blue robot toy. I want a new baby kitten. Thanks Santa.

Love,
Isaac Gonzales



Dear Santa,
I have been a very, very good little girl. I would like a Nightlight Aquarium and "Arnold the Sleeping Pig" from Main Street Market. Thanks Santa!

Love,
Skyann Strickland

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll with sunglasses and Spy girls and the High School Musical video and some video game (Dora and Princess) and Wall-e toy.

Love,
Jessica Montez

Dear Santa,
I want a pink laptop. I want a big dog. I also want some pixos. Santa, how is Rudolph? What time will you be at my house?

Love,
Sydney McMullan

Dear Santa,
I want a real car that opens up in the back and has a radio. I also want a small TV that I can play my games on and a bat cave.

Love,
Lance Rolls

Dear Santa,
I want Hannah Montana clothes and PJs and TV with a remote and some jewelry and a house.

Love,
Alexis Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I want real make-up and some blue jewelry. I also want a play horse and fake fingernails.

Love,
Thaliah Castaneda



Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want sum brbs ples. My litl sistr nedns a Hannah Montana Brbe. How are the der? Can you get me a Hannah Montana house?
Merry Christmas Santa,
Abby Arthur

Dear Santa,
Ples bring me a litl toy doge and a braslet with a hart.

I love you
Nikkole Horendt

Dear Santa,
Can I have a rel fone and a jingl bel. Can I hav a Rainer?

I love you,
Mariah Delacerda

**Wishing Everyone
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**Our thoughts, thanks and
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season and throughout the year.**

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We wish to thank all of our family, friends and neighbors for their prayers supporting all military troops.

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Hearts are warmed, and spirits revive;
When good friends get together,
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*We just want to wish all of
our customers and friends a
Very Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!*

*Ramona, Chad, Betty,
Keith, Laura, Gloria,
Zack and John*

Dear Santa,
Ples bring me a cel fon
and a rel gutr. How are the
rander?

I love you,
Brandon Arthur

Dear Santa,
I wot a new per of swet
suts. Can I hav a stiker
book and hair bows too?
Merry Christmas.

I love you!
Michaela Bosquez

Dear Santa,
Can i hav a fak cel fon, a
chrn braslet with a balarena
tutu on it?

I love you!
Katelyn Bohensky

Dear Santa,
I want a pretty ring, books
and more rings. My teacher
says that I have been a very
good girl.

I love you,
Alex Garza

Dear Santa,
Ples bring me a litl toy
doge and a braslet with a
hart.

I love you
Nikkole Horendt

Dear Santa,
Can I ples get a litl pla-
hors? How is Rudolf, is he
good? I want a pla rander
with a red nose.

I love you,
Alison Hiley

Dear Santa,
Ples mak my hors better.
Can I pleas hav a real
motrsicl bik? I ned ne pads
to.

Quay Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I wat a doll and a new TV
and giv cokies to Santa.

Amanda Marrs

Dear Santa,
I want a rel skatbord and a
kamra. I like the deer.

Waylen Marshal

Dear Santa,
I like animls so can I have
a for real frind and that little
cumputr game and a doll? I
love u Santa. How are your
riandeer?

Shaylon McGlothlin

Dear Santa,
I wod lik a fack motrcikle
and a new pair of shows and
a new par of soks and I wat a
new pair of glovs.

I love you,
Jadan Morgan

Dear Santa,
Can I ples have a cat that
purs and talks with a com
and the cat has white har.

Keeley Queen

Dear Santa,
I ned a punching bag and fut-
bal stuf and a skat bord. Ples.

I love you,
Robert Tijerina

Dear Santa,
Can I ples hav a new bik?
I ned a pla pink hors and a
tede bar. I love yur rander.

I love you to!
Marissa Reyes

Dear Santa,
I ned a rel black hors so I
can rid him. I want futbal
pads and a new futbal to.

Thank you
I love you
Johnathan Saldana

1st grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my golf
clubs. I figureout tricks.
Will you please bring me
videos of Star Wars? I like
elves.

Love,
Seth Hoyt



Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents. I
got my tonsls out. Will you
please bring me a psp. I'm
giten every thing els for my
family.

Love,
Elexia Davis

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys for
me. I am 7 now. Will you
please bring me a four
wheeler and a bike please
Santa. I like the reindeer.

Love,
Mason Aguirri

Dear Santa,
Thank you for getting me a
basketball. Will you please
bring me new toys. How is
Rudolf?

Love,
Damian Albolae

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the ma kup
and nil polish. I has a friend
name Kyalyn. Will you please
bring me a baby that goes to
the bathroom and Barbie, this
will be the best ever
Christmas? I love the real
Santa.

Love,
Josalyn Casares

Dear Santa,
thank you for the kar. My
brother has a different hair
than me. Will you please
bring me a ipod and a
Playstaion 2 just for me? Win
i see Santa at the store i will
hug him.

Love,
Rafael Casillas



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

We're glad to say, now that the season is here, that to know and serve you has been a joy this past year. Have a wonderful day!

COKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE
Stover & Jerita, Mario & Sheryl

Happy Holiday

*To all our friends
May your Christmas be truly joyous.*

Paul & Joan Burns

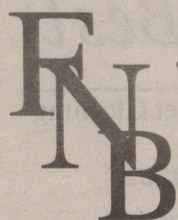
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

May the blessed voices of song and laughter echo through your hearts as we enter into this noteworthy season. This is a glorious time of year when feelings of brotherhood prevail and the spirit of peace on earth and harmony throughout the land prevails.

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to voice our expressions of good will and gratitude to our many fine customers and friends. Your kind support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Wishing our customers and friends a joyous holiday season!



First National Bank
Bronte, Texas



To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me. I am in 1st grade. Will you please bring me a dog and a playstation and MP3 player.

Love,
Karissa Cervenka

Dear Santa,
I thank you for my gifts. I am in first grade. Will you bring me a ipod, computer, a Bratz doll. I will have milk and cookies.

Love,
Brittany Earley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my birthday. I live in Texas. Will you please me one book, a football, and video games? I will leave you cookies.

Love,
Agustin Espino

Dear Santa,
Thak you for the makeup and thank you for the nail-polish. I got to read to the kindergarten. Will you bring me a Tinkerbell book? i will leave cookies and milk!

Love,
Stephanie Garza

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the cupcake maker and the cats and dog. i learned how to rid my bike. Will you please bring me a baby kangaroo? How do the reindeer fly? I will leeve the reindeer treats.

Love,
Cindy Gentles

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving the kids wundrfl games. I have three big 1 year old dogs. Will you please bring me a har designer Barbie in a Christmas carol movie, and crystal? I will leave carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Summerain Gothard

Dear Santa,
Thank you for cupcake maker. I now in the first grade. Will you bring me a prinses baby cub cheda.

Love,
Mia Minjares

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys. I moved to a new house. I learn my math. Will you please bring me a motorcycle, pet snake and Blis Games? I will leave you cookies.

Love,
Joel Guia

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts last year. I'm trying to shoot my first buck. Will you please bring me a iPod, EA sports games, 223 gun sighted in all ready? How is Rudolf?

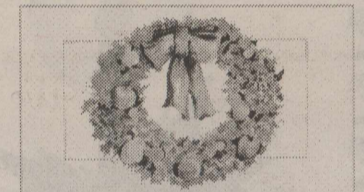
Love,
Raleigh Hunter Hortenstine

Dear Santa,
Thank you for skateboard. I moved to a new house. Will you bring me skating shoes, video games, a iPod? How do reindeer fly?

Love,
Christyan Jones

Dear Santa,
Thnk you for my toys. I like the name west Texas. Will you please bring me big my little pony set, crustalls and cupcake maker? How is Rudolf?

Love,
Hannah Mertz



Dear Santa,
Thank you toys for the children and me. I am in 1 grade. Will you please bring me crystal for my mom and me, a puppy toy, and a Holiday Christmas doll? I will leave you cookies.

Love,
Whitney Moran

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the doll. Dear Santa I want to hug you Santa. Will you please bring me Brat Doll, unicorn, game cue? How do you git down the chimney?

Love,
Megan Reyes

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts and the toys. I am in first grade now. Will you please bring me a crystal and a nintendo DS and a ipod? I like Christmas. I like Rudolf and I like you Santa.

Love,
Kyalyn Seales

2nd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you at the North Pole? I think it is cold at the North Pole. I wish you could give me a bike. How are your reindeer? I bet your reindeer must be cold. I hope you can get me a telescope and the Zone gaming sysem. I will leave you cookies, milk, enchiladas and hot sauce.

Love,
Jr Guia



Dear Santa,
I want a saddle and a bridle and they are real. And the bratz and his name is Zack and ean and the Bratz house and a DS and pixsows and a guitar and the bratz Band and I want the hole band of the Bratz and Biskit. Some medium horses that fit in and a big barn that my play horse can fit in.

Love,
Jayden Speary

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a gutar and a pink DS with gams, a new volleyball and a scarf and a high school Musical dance mate.

Love,
Baily Torres

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Tex phone that is pink DS pink, lab-top pink, jonisbrother poster, new shoes, Barbie Hous, texas tech cover, Bratz, play Station 2, John cenu poster, camp rock poster, X-box, texas teck clothes, Hannah Montanna guitar and toys and toys.

Love,
Miranda Tijerina
Your #1 fan

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a digi Baby Alive go by by, laptop, cell phone, a guitar, Gabreiel u doll with a micriphone, Barbie and the Christmas Carol movie, a mad agascar 2, escape to Africa movie, and pixsos.

Love,
Cassidy McWright



Season's Greetings

Happy Birthday Jesus

Greetings to our customers & friends this holiday.

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May all the warmth and peace of the holiday season be yours.

Hal & Kim Spain

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

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Katy & Kevin Johnson

Dear Santa,

1) baby bunkbed, 2) baby closet with clothes and shoes, 3) boots, 4) earrings, 5) Hannah Mantanas house, 6) ds game it is called fashin designer the wedding, 7) horse with a barn, 8) iPod, 9) Barbie my house set, 10) High school musical the school, 11) Wii and a game itis calld dancars, 12) Bratz house

Your #1 fan
Kaylee Puentez

Dear Santa,

I want this for christmas. I want a phone, and a skateboard and a froghabatat, and biskit and that is all. P.S. Tell the rainders that I love them and tell Rudolph that I love him even with his nose glowing.

Love,
Alyssa Lyon

Dear Santa,

I please want a dirtbike and mountain bike and a racing bike and some riding gear and a catcher suit and a umpire suit and a wooden bat.

You #1 fan,
Tanner Braswell

Dear Santa,

I wood like a ipod, a cat, pixows, games, guitar and Brats Band, Hannah Montana Book, Barn with horses. Dresses with high heel Shoows, Saddle, bridle. That's it.

Your #1 fan,
Brooklyn Mishell Jones

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like a volleyball for Christmas and a diary and a bear and some shoes and a crib and sune clothes for my baby and a laptop and a brats house and a snow globe and a alarm clock and dolls and a guitar and some high school musical night clothes.

Love,
Kaily Torres

Dear Santa,

This christmas. I would love a intindo DS with games, cooking, softball, baseball, mareo brothers, Hannah Montanna, High school muical, baby sitting, pets, and picksose, please.

Love,
Kim Ogle

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want a Black ds and a phone and some cars, and Picksos, and Pokemon cards.

Love,
Nick Casares

Dear Santa,

I want house and also a guitar and also doll and also a toy of snow.

Your friend,
Mahira Tapia
Robert Lee
Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want some new shoes and clothes. I want new Barbie dolls and I want my sister, Zoe to get a Barbie house.

Aubrey Nichols

Dear Santa,

I want a new baby doll and a new jacket. I want my sister, Elexis to get a new Barbie and Barbie house.

Take care of the reindeer.
Chyann Torres

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a Bratz doll and a flute. I also want a new pair of high heel shoes and a new backpack. I want some new clothes, jewelry and lip gloss. I've been good.

Heather Huapilla

Dear Santa,

I want a blue drum and a Barbie doll with clothes. I want a play horse and a barn. I also want a flute.

Kylee Mitchell

Dear Santa,

I want a play horse and a little horse too. A little bear that lights up in the dark. I really want a new baby doll. I've been very good.

Braylee Hood

Dear Santa,

I want a toy train. I want a play horse and a bicycle. I want a playhouse too.

Brooke Smith

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. I want a Barbie, a baby doll with clothes, and some more pretty sweaters for me. I love you.

Jacey Brashear



Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl this year. I want a new teddy bear. Two of my teddy bears are broken. I also want a little black raccoon. I want something that's kinda like a new kitchen because my sister poured something on mine.

Rachelle Arthur

Dear Santa,

I love you! I want a Barbie and a baby doll.

Reaghan Bohannon

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I was a brave girl when I had my arm operated on. I want some flarp and floam. I also want a baby alive doll. Have a safe trip!

Layla Brown

Dear Santa,

Why do all the kids get toys? I want a Jimmy Johnson remote control car and a go-cart. I also want a speed racer toy.

Richard Eatherly

Dear Santa,

I would like a necklace with a star on it, a word game, and a Power Wheels monster truck that I can ride in. Is it snowing at the North Pole?

Shae Guerra

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, a fishing pole, and some more pretty sweaters. How old are your reindeer?

Jasmine Kohut

Dear Santa,

I would like one light saber that does really cut stuff and I might want Optimus Prime-the one that really talks and shoots bullets. I can only get it when I'm a grown up since I can't shoot bullets out of a gun yet. I ask for a train that really goes on a real train track but it is a remote control and it can push like a real train and it has to use coal. And I might want a small hummer truck. Do your elves really make all the toys?

Ethan Fullen

Dear Santa,

I want a dog that swims and a Dora bath toy. I also want some jingle bells for my family so we can ring them whenever we want. Is it cold at the North Pole?

Mya Mitchell

Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? I want a light saber, Buzz Lightyear and a Super Man toy.

Michael Munoz

Dear Santa,

I want a light saber that is green and a transformer that walks in the living room by itself and a toy gun. How many reindeer do you have?

Ian Paredes

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, a Barbie game, and a bracelet. How cold is it at the North Pole?

Hemma Rangel

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING...

We're extending our very best wishes to you and yours for a holiday filled with good friends and cheer.
We're proud to be a part of this fine community and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE HALL FAMILY



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Pat & Jack Clement

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To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck that I can drive around my front yard with stripes and fire on the side of it. I also want a new bike and a computer. How is Prancer?

Casey Skipworth

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur, an army soldier toy, and a light saber. Is it snowing at the North Pole?

Kobe Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, moon sand, and one of those Barbie cars that I can ride in. How many reindeer do you have?

Zoe Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I want a Hanna Montana book, a Hannah Montana Best of Both Worlds movie, and Hannah Montana shoes. How much snow is at the North Pole?

Jullisa Ureno
1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? Santa. I want a toy cop car truck and I Pod. See you soon.

Love,
Jessie Valenzuela

Dear Santa,
How are all the reindeer and elves? Is Mrs. Claus decorating a Christmas tree? I want gun, a pet fish, and TV. Chocolate cookies and milk will be here.

Love,
Martin Andrew

Dear Santa,
I know you are busy getting ready for Christmas. Is Mrs. Claus baking cookies? I hope the elves are feeding the reindeers. Please bring me a new bike and some new music cd's.

Love,
Kole Leal

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a toy truck and skateboard. I would also like MBC player. I hope I have been good.

Love,
Kadin Ward

Dear Santa,
How is Ruddlph and the other reindeer? I want a Barbie and Barbie house. I also want a boy doll Jessie. I am going to be good.

Love,
Tara McCormick

Dear Santa,
I hope you come. How is Rudolph? I want a Barbie and a little bear. I like Hanna Montana shirts too. I will stay up and wait for you.

Love,
Sydney Hayes

Love,
Anthony Ramirez

Dear Santa,
What are the reindeer doing? Mrs. Claus how are you doing at the North pole? I need football pads, helmet, and pants.

I love you,
William Ray Dunn

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa! How are you doing? Are you making presents? I want a doll and a cat and a shirt. Do you want milk and cookies?

Love,
Jessica Valenzuela



Happy Holidays

from

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CHADBOURNE
FOUNDATION

Garland, Lana, Ann,
Steve, Mike & Brent

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
We want to thank all of our friends and
customers for a successful year. We look
forward to serving you in the New Year!
Paul's Body Shop
Paul Knight Family

Season's Greetings

Happy holidays to all our fine customers. May your home be blessed with all the joys of the season.

Kei Antilley
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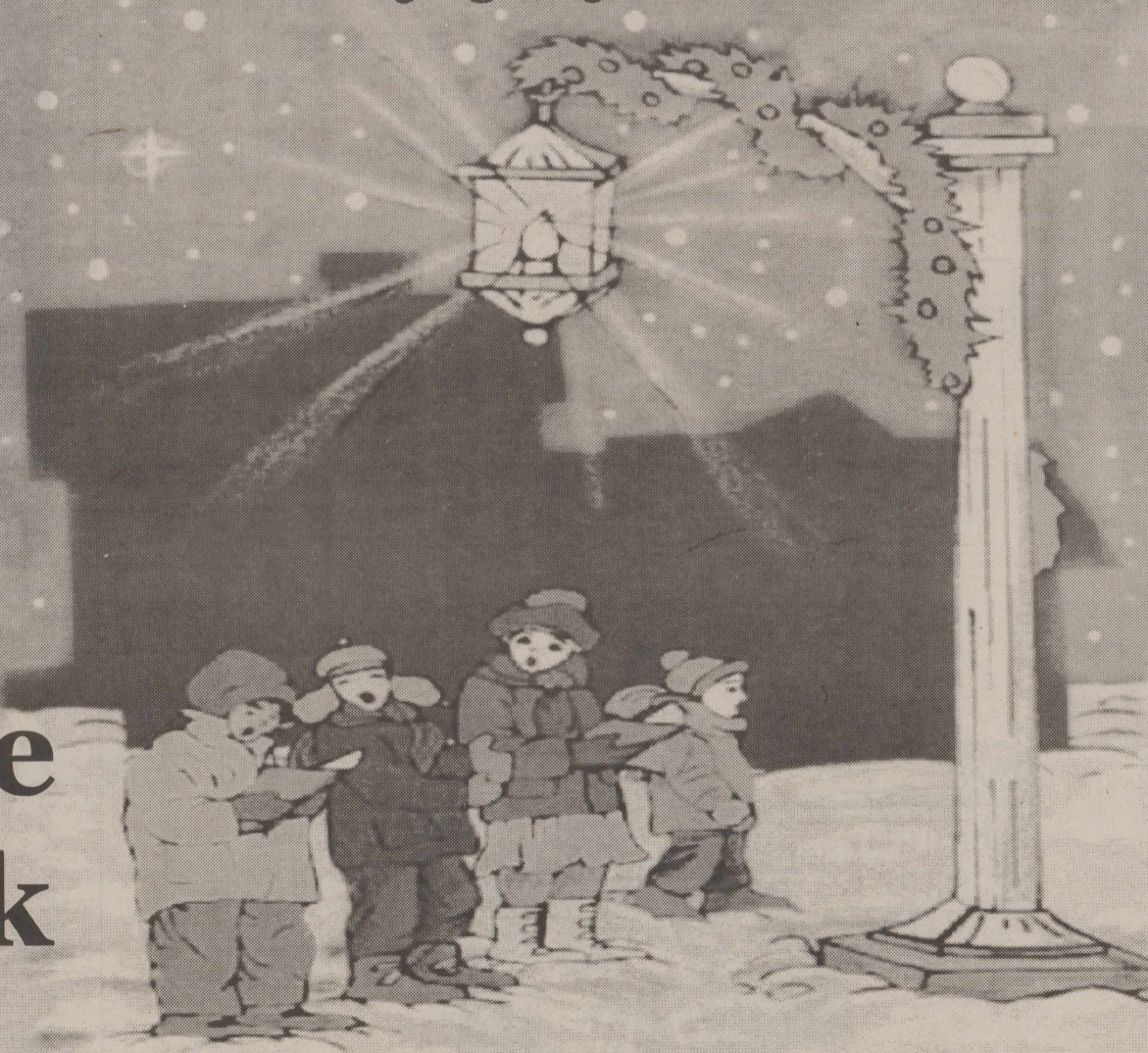
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Lisa Service
Robin Sevier
Brenda Skinner
Debbie Smith
Donna Tucker

Robert Lee State Bank



Robert Lee, Texas

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Dear Santa,
How is Mama Santa? I want a computer for Christmas and some new shoes. A shirt would be nice. I love you!

Love,
Veronica Ureno

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas? Please bring me a puppy and a toy biscuit. I also want a Pet shop. I love you!

Jaycee Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph? I want a Cabbage Patch doll, a cat toy dog, and toy house. I will have cookies out for you and Rudolph.

Love
Haleigh Soto

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I want a toy blue truck, toy turtle, and toy polar bear. I will leave chocolate cookies and glass of milk.

Love,
Clay Montgomery

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and how are you Santa? I want two games because they are cool. I also want D-trex. I hope you come to my house at Christmas.

Love,
Kaleb Gregston

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? What is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you bring the toys I want like toy horse, doll clothes and laptop Bratz. I'll leave cookies.

Love,
Shaelyn Ellsworth

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I am going to leave cookies out for you. I want a toy jet plane, toy cop and bear. I love you Santa.

Love,
Stephen Oleksiuk

Dear Santa,
I'm Jay How is Dasher and Prancer? I wish you would bring me a X-Box and a toy dinosuar. I'm going to leave cookies out.

Love,
Jay Service

Dear Santa,
What is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a play station, shot gun and football pads. I will leave a letter for you.

Love,
Jonathan Skipworth

Dear Santa,
Are you coming to my house? Please don't be late. I want a Star Wars toy TV and computer. Thank you for all your good help.

Love,
Ethan Brashear
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I have been good. May I have a pellet gut and a remote control plane.

Love,
Kaden Austin

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas this year. I would like an Ipod, one or two webkinz pets and some more chapter books.

Love,
Courtney Brown

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you like cookies? Can I have a toy horse named Oreo and a tine PaPine named tutu and a wii fit.

Love,
Kelby Clawson

P.S. I hope you have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? May I please have lots of toys for Christmas? I'll have lots of milk and cookies out for you. i hope you have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas,
Corbin Drennan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? May I please have a Nintendo DS with Star Wars and Indiana Jones games? I would also like Mario Cart. May I have a new football? Have a safe trip.

Love,
Tristan Ellsworth

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a Pet Shop, DS games and 2 laptops (one for my Mom). I also want a dog toy.

Love,
Madison Hall
P.S. Hope you like our cookies!



Dear Santa,
Well it is me, Megan! I hope you know me. This is my first letter. I would like you to eat my cookies. And I would like to tell you what I want. So, may I tell, may I please tell you! So now, this

is what I would like. A baby kitten because they are cute. May I have more books? I like to read books. So I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas,
Megan Grantham

Merry Christmas

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May you have the spirit of Christmas, which is hope, and the heart of Christmas, which is love. May all the days of Christmas be merry and bright and the New Year be filled with peace, love and happiness.

From:
The Board of Commissioners of the Robert Lee Housing Authority
Lynn Doris Smith
Rick Sanchez
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Milburn Wink

and the Employees
Frances Percifull, Executive Director
Grace Todacheeny, Office Clerk
Martin Landeros, Maintenance

Merry Christmas to all my valued clients, family & friends.

May the true meaning of the Christmas Season be yours.

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Toni Rainwater & Family

To Santa, With Love

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you? I hope you have a good trip. May I have some Pokemon cards? May I have a set of pixo dots?

Love,
Josh Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are you? May I have a Jaws 2 for PS2? May I also have Indiana Jones the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull and 100 Pokemon cards? Have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
Garrett Knight

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing up in the North Pole? Can I have a horse, saddle, bridle and halter? Also I would like a hockey stick and puck. Santa, if you don't mind I really need a new pair of boots. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Kenneth Mitchell

Dear Santa,
How are you? May I please have a four wheeler, a game boy, a football helmet and a Steers football jersey for Christmas.

Love,
Oscar Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you today? May I have a wii game please? May I please have some books about carebears and some books about Junie B. Also can I have a clock and some puzzles please? I will make you some brownies.

Love,
Autumn Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How much snow do you have? Can I have a new bike, weather shows and books, and radar? Have a Happy Christmas!

Love,
Caleb Ward

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Clause? Are elves real? May I have a Nintendo DS? May I have a cheerleading outfit? May I have a new baby doll? May I have some accessories for my baby doll?

Love,
Desirree Roe

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? Do you have a special elf that does different toys? May I have candy cane earrings and Chou Chou first tooth baby doll? We will be at Mema's house in Oklahoma. We will leave milk and cookies out there.

Have a Merry Christmas,
Chelsea Wyatt

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer and elves doing? I have been good this year. May I have an Ipod for Christmas, dance maker, and Guitar Hero?

Love,
Elexis Sanchez
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I was just wondering how you and Mrs. Claus were doing. How am I doing here at school, not so good. My friends and I heard a lot of people say you are not real that your just a big fake. They even told my friend and she cried. So she must love you so much. And if you are wondering what I want for Christmas give it to Charity. My mom and dad are getting me stuff.

Your frnd,
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I want a pig with hair. I have been good this year. I have been polite, and very good. I put my toys away. I do everything that my mom and dad says. I do the dishes. I come to my mom when she needs me. I help people, and I listen to the teacher. I do not take drugs and I do not hurt my body. I like people. I love frogs, especially the red eye tree frog. I have six friends. I also love God and you.

Ryan Harless

Dear Santa,

What I would like this Christmas is a movie Barbie in a Christmas Carol. I like a gourmet cupcake maker. I like a movie The Pirates that don't do anything and are you my neighbor? I like a movie Rack, Sack, Benny and Sock drawer and some books. My baby sister says no. Just me and my baby sitter. My big sister Just a day dream.

Love,
Rachel Russell

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a great Christmas. I'm so excited that it is almost Christmas. Every time it gets closer to Christmas I shiver. But I'm so excited. I have one question for you. What's the best thing that has ever happen to you. Any way I am still hoping that you are going to say hi to Mrs. Claus, reindeer, and all elves. And I would like a skateboard, jet pink motorcycle, and a electric keyboard. Yo do not have to give me all this stuff if you don't want to. But I hope you, Mrs. Claus, reindeer and all the elves have a great Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Mariah Munoz

Dear Santa

How are the reindeer doing? If Mrs. Claus doing well? Are the elves doing what you say? But I have trouble going to bed early because I can't stop watching TV. But Im being good today. So I would like a psp and Wii and a Play Station 3.

Your friend,
Jorge

Dear Santa,

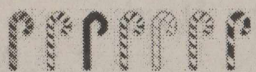
How are you Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves doing? What is the weather like at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a Ipod. I would love a computer too. I would also like a Ninetindo DS.

Merry Christmas,
Josh Gregston

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer, Mrs. Claus, and the elves doing? I would like a Littlest Pet Shop Tekster and I would like a brand new lap top.

Merry Christmas,
Your friend,
Elana Gloria



Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer and the elves? Is the toy making going fine? How many hours does it take to get all the toys under a tree in one day? Santa I would like a DS video games, CD's, Wii, dolls, laptop, cellphone, shoes, cloths, books, and a tea set. And I will like to have a happy Christmas with my family and friends.

Love,
Alyssa Balderas

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? How are Mrs. Claus and you Santa? I bet the elves are working hard for Christmas eve. I know you are to, and also Mrs. Claus. How is Rudolf the red nose reindeer? I am hoping that you can make it to deliver all the presents this year. You are fast at dong it all. I love Christmas because I get to do the Christmas tree.

Thank you,
Kelsey Benson

Dear Santa,

How is the weather up there? What have you been doing? How do you go around the world in one night? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? How are the elves? What are the elves names? I would like a guitar Hero world tour. I would like a psp.

Your friend,
Isaac Hodges



Dear Santa,

How are you and the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? We are having a 50's Christmas play this year. We are going to sing "Whole lotta cleaning goin on," "Strolling through the 50's,"

"Rock around the Shop tonight," "Gifts come from the heart," "Santa be good to me," "Rockin Down the Chimmey tonight." I would like to have a tent. I would love to have a pink scotter.

Merry Christmas,
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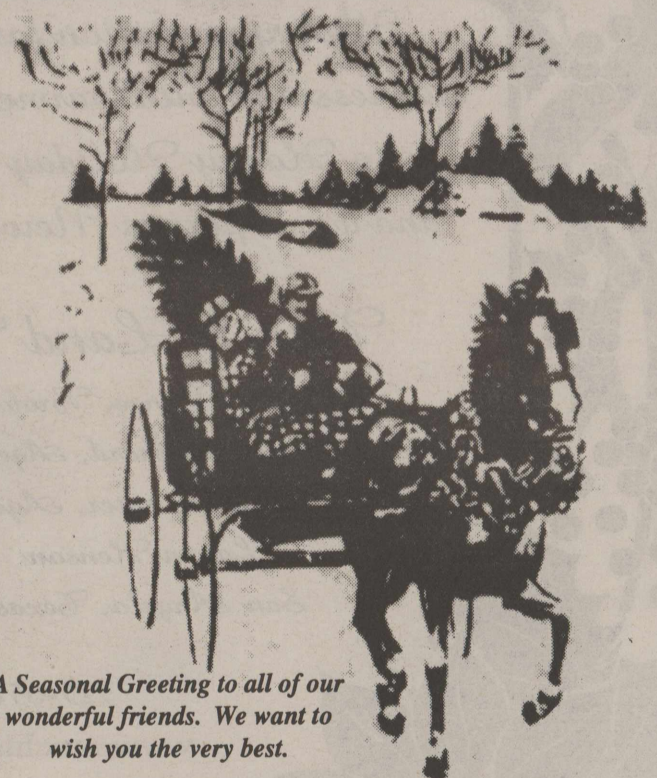
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How are the reindeer doing lately? Is Mrs. Claus doing well? I'm in 3rd grade and I have not gone to ISS. Are the elves doing well? I hope you are doing well too. I would like jewelry, clothes, and a new bike.

Love,
Margo Mendoza

Dear Santa,
How are the you and elves? I would like a 20 question guessing game. I would like a 25 Anniversary My Little pony. i would like the Tinkerball movie. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Kortney Roach

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I hope they are fine, and how are the elves and Mrs. Claus. I wonder how cold it is at the North Pole? We are doing a Christmas play its calld Santa Stuck in the 50's, and I am Dasher or Dancer in the play. For Christmas I would like a motor bike, Madagascar 2. Escape Africa the video game, Tri-Bot the robot.

Merry Christmas,
Tavo Rangel

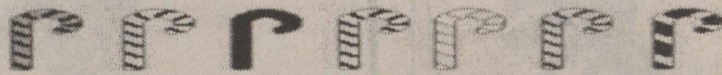


Dear Santa,
I want to ask how are the reindeer and how are the elves? I am Santa in a Christmas play. I have to do lines and a lot of other things. Santa how was it in the 50's? How is the North Pole? Do the elves play a lot at North Pole? Is your hous full of elves? Where do the reindeer sleep? Mrs. Claus, do you go in the sleigh with Santa? If you do, how is it to go all around the world? Santa, I would like a Wii, box of games and puzzles.

Your friend,
Julian Torres

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Who is the leader of the reindeer and elves? For Christmas I would like a hedge hog, facts that are +-X, xbox 360, rock band, three psp jams. Merry Christmas

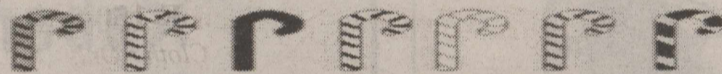
Your Friend,
AJ Minjarez



Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? How are the reindeer? Are they doing good? Are you cold at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DS, Skates, and Bitty Baby Clothes. Have a safe trip delivering presents to all the kids that have been good this year. We will leave some snacks on the table. Have a wonderful trip. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jessie Wheat

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I wonder what it is like to be in the North Pole? Santa I hope I am not on the naughty list. I have been good all year long. I helped my bother when he was on his tractor, when he was side ways from the swing set and I saved him by when his leg went in the spring. Comet is my favorite reindeer. I would like a new bike. Also I would like new clothes and a new room decoration.

Love,
Kiara Burns



Misc.

Dear Santa,
I'm getting pretty excited about Christmas this year! I am two years old, and my Grandma tells me I have been an extra good boy. For Christmas, I would really like an Elmo Live, and any kind of toy that makes lots of noise! Also, don't forget to bring a special treat for my dog, Aspen. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Kaleb Crawley



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This year marks the 35th Anniversary of Dickens on The Strand, and the 2008 celebration was particularly poignant. Just three months ago, Hurricane Ike devastated the island and badly damaged many of the historical landmarks that have been fixtures of Galveston for generations. Despite the challenges this community has faced, the festivities were as exuberant as ever and show that Galveston is well on the way to recovery.

In Austin, for more than 40 years Texans have visited the famous man-made Zilker Tree. The massive tree is 120 feet in diameter, towers 155 feet above the metropolitan park, and sparkles with 3,309 bulbs on 39 streamers strung from Austin's historical Moonlight Tower. Zilker Park also boasts a one and a quarter mile long Trail of Lights, which includes 41 lighted scenes such as the North Pole Express, Santa's Sleigh, 12 Days of Christmas, Home for the Holidays, and many others.

Beyond Austin, holiday lights illuminate many Central Texas communities. The Texas Hill Country Regional Christmas Lighting Trail takes visitors on a journey from Goldthwaite to New Braunfels and many towns in between. Along the way, Central Texans can see elaborately-lit historical homes, a variety of life-size manger scenes, brightly decorated town squares, and even Santa sitting atop a lighted John Deere tractor!

In East Texas, Marshall is home to one of the largest Christmas light shows in the country. Hundreds of businesses and entire neighborhoods decorate their homes around holiday themes with a collective 7 million lights. The holiday beacon that shines brightest is Marshall's historic downtown courthouse. Known

as the "Crown Jewel" of the city's Wonderland of Lights, the courthouse alone is decorated with over 125,000 sparkling bulbs. Each year, Marshall's world-renowned display draws more than 125,000 visitors from across Texas.

It is the tradition of many North Texans to visit the Whistle Stop Christmas display in Cleburne. Hulen Park is aglow with 3 million lights across 11 acres throughout the holiday season. Visitors can have their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, enjoy live music, and take a candlelit tour of historic area homes.

In West Texas, Santa Land has brightened the Lubbock sky for 52 years. This holiday village features a 60-foot Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Across Texas, these brilliant displays and merry celebrations fill residents with the joy of the season. But we must not let the true meaning of the holidays fade in the radiance of brightly

decorated homes and communities or get lost in the flurry of festivities. Where we can experience the true wonder of the holidays is in the low-light of the advent candles, as we honor the day Baby Jesus was born in a manger 2000 years ago. The spirit of Christmas is most radiant as we sit next to our friends and families in the pews of our churches, singing Silent Night in the dimness of candlelit services. The joy of the holidays is also spread in homes and synagogues illuminated by the growing light of the menorah.

As we gather with those dearest to us to celebrate the season of hope and peace, let us also remember our men and women in uniform who are unable to be home for the holidays because of service overseas. These brave soldiers protecting our freedom may be thousands of miles away, but they are always present in our thoughts and prayers. They too are providing messages of hope and peace to future generations.

May Texans of all faiths appreciate the gifts we have been given and enjoy a festive, safe holiday season.

Bronte Chamber Christmas Activities

Saturday, December 20 rounded out the Bronte Chamber of Commerce Christmas events with the final merchant's drawing of four Bronte Bucks certificates valued at \$15 each.

The grand prize drawing of a Toshiba 19" flat screen TV was won by Gina McCutchen.

The Yard Decorating Contest had 15 entries. Winners were: 1st place - Martin and Pat Lee; 2nd place - the Raymond Sanchez Family; 3rd place - Keith and Vicky McCutchen.

The Chamber is looking forward to 2009 and is currently developing plans for upcoming events to be held throughout the year.

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Has Fluffy been Naughty or Nice?

Sure Santa Claus is coming to town with gifts for little Sammy and Sue, but what about your pet? If your pet has been good this year it is time to reward them with a holiday present.

"Pet stores seil all kinds of holiday presents for our animals," states Dr. Mark Stickney, clinical assistant professor and director of general surgery Services at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences. "However, not all those presents are good choices for your pet."

Added holiday pounds are not just a worry for us; our pets can be at risk as well. Dr. Stickney recommends keeping a few things in mind if you are planning on purchasing edible presents for your animals.

"Too many sweets can make pets sick," notes Stickney. "It is also important to factor in the added calories from the treats so overfeeding can be avoided."

If you are planning on buying your pet an edible

chew toy, Stickney recommends getting them one that will soften as they chew it such as rawhide. Things such as pig's feet and horse hooves do not soften, and can crack a dog's teeth.

In terms of toys, Stickney has a few suggestions when it comes to what to get your pet.

"For dogs, don't get them a toy that resembles anything they are not allowed to chew on. A toy shoe or newspaper could be confusing and give the animal the wrong idea about what is or is not ok for them to chew on," explains Stickney.

Also, make sure the toy you get the dog is sturdy.

"Don't get your pet anything they could shred or destroy, they might eat part of it which can potentially cause gastrointestinal obstructions," comments Stickney. "Make sure to get a toy that is appropriate for the breed and age of your dog. There is a great rubber dog toy called a Kong. These rubber toys have a hole in



the center that can be filled with a treat which the dog works to get, which is both fun and stimulating for the animal. Kongs are a great toy idea for any dog because they are virtually indestructible, come in various sizes, and provide hours of entertainment for your pet."

Stickney also recommends avoiding toys that encourage tug of war games. Never encourage your dog to resist giving you things they have in their mouths.

"When it comes to buying gifts for cats, they will like anything that crinkles or moves unexpectedly," states Stickney. "Beware of things that have strings they can swallow or bells they might choke on."

If you give your pet a toy that requires interaction on your part, such as cat "fishing" poles that have long strings, in which your cat can become entangled, make sure the toy is put away when you are not playing with your pet.

"Birds and Ferrets like anything new and novel," comments Stickney. "Just know that birds will ulti-

mately destroy anything that is put in their cages, and ferrets often swallow things so make sure what you give them is strong enough to resist being pulled apart or chewed up."

If your pet is of the scaly nature, they may not appreciate their present.

"Snakes and lizards won't really notice if they get a present," notes Stickney. "These animals like stability in their environments, so adding something new may not excite them as it would other pets."

No matter what kind of pets you have on your list make sure you get them safe and appropriate gifts this holiday season.

New Year's Resolutions for Drivers

At this time of year, everyone hopes to close the book on bad habits and resolve to do better. Experts agree that many people break their

New Year's resolutions because they set unrealistic goals for themselves. However, there are common driving behaviors that drivers can resolve to improve for this New Year, which are not only attainable but can make it a safer year for everyone.

"Bad driving is often just a habit you get in to," said Ray Palermo, director of public relations for Response Insurance. "It can take as few as 21 days for people to adopt a new habit. So, drivers can help ensure that 2009 is safe for themselves and others on the road in a relatively short period of time." He offered a few New Year's Resolutions for drivers.

-Use your turn signal. Letting other drivers know where you are heading avoids crashes.

-Stay calm. Don't compound another driver's foolish driving maneuver by making your own. Don't overreact to events that can lead to road rage.

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-Know where you are going. And, if you do make a wrong turn, just keep going. More often than not, you can return to the correct road pretty quickly and do it without endangering others.

-Maintain your car. Check all fluid levels, change the oil if it's due, clean the car's windshield, windows and headlights, make sure your lights and directionals are working properly, check the tire tread and air pressure.

-Sleep. Rest can be your best defensive driving weapon. Long hours behind the wheel, particularly at night, make you drowsy, less alert to danger and increase your response time.

-Stop multi-tasking. Eating, reading, and talking on a cell phone (even hands-free) while driving are distracting.

-Never drink and drive. And, be alert for drivers who may not be as safe as you.

-Get an emergency kit. A first aid kit should minimally include bandages, tape, wash & dry cloth and a topical antiseptic. A car kit should include oil, anti-freeze, transmission and brake fluids, basic tools, signal flare, flashlight (with fully charged batteries) and duct tape.

Additional information on this and other car and homeowner topics is available at the Response Insurance Safety Information Center: www.response.com/safety.

Healthy Holiday Feasts: No Contradiction in Terms

Even for the healthiest among us, holiday dining tends to be the nutritional equivalent of a month-long partying spree in Las Vegas.

Unfortunately, what happens in Holiday Vegas tends not to stay there; it follows us the rest of the year in the form of about 1.4 extra pounds on average. And some unlucky souls gain as much as five pounds.

According to a 2005 study by the National Institutes of Health, these small weight bumps add up over the years. Worse, the anything-goes mindset of holiday feasting can tempt us to relapse into unhealthy dietary habits, thus accelerating our weight gains.

Wouldn't it be great if we could avoid this annual caloric assault without sacrificing the heart-warming experience of delicious food and drink shared with our loved ones? Thanks to a creative new generation of cooks, this dream now is entirely feasible. And no, the solution doesn't require choking down lots of brown rice casserole, artificially sweetened pies or soy-based faux meats.

Flavor-Friendly Swaps Are the Secret



"My advice for cooks around holiday time is to keep on doing what comes naturally in terms of creating flavors you like — but look for ways to make them a little healthier," said sous chef Frank Lopez of Central Market Cafe in Austin.

"You just need to look for alternative ingredients, be it nonfat maple syrups, Splenda-type brown sugars or substituting Crisco for most of the lard in your tamale stuffing. You'd be surprised; all it takes is just a little bit of lard to give you that authentic taste."

In his kitchen — which turns out thousands of ready-made holiday meals and to-go entrees, side dishes and desserts — this often means cutting intensely flavored, high-calorie ingredients in favor of ones that pack all the taste but less fat and sugar. Some of the healthy tradeoffs Lopez and other new-school cooks are using include:

- Topping roasted meats with citrus glazes, not gravies.
- Sauteeing meats and

vegetables with olive or grapeseed oil instead of butter.

- Sweetening desserts with fruit juices, not syrups and sugar.

- Thickening sauces with corn starch or saucier's flour (such as Wondra) rather than cream reductions.

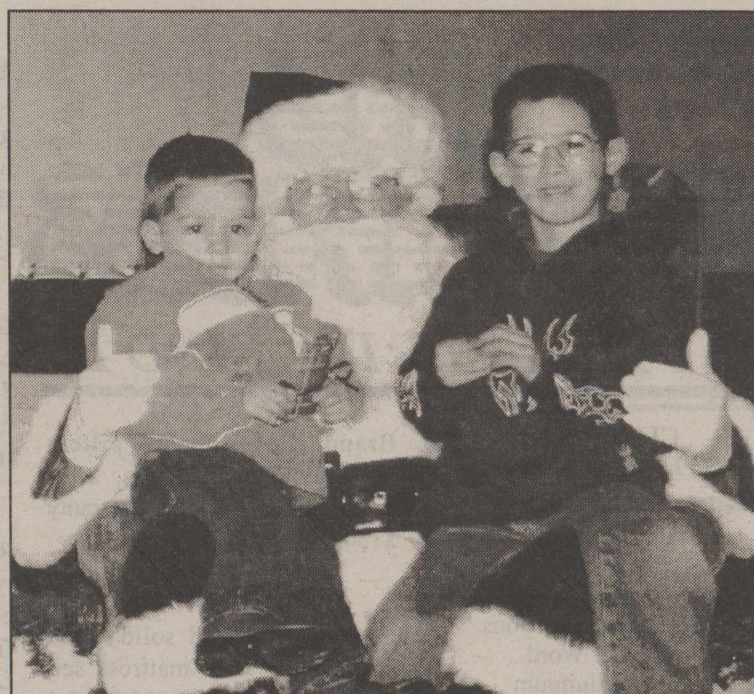
- Grilling vegetables with citrus and a bit of olive oil in lieu of boiling them in buttery sauces or serving them up in cream-laden casseroles.

- Serving "skinny" mashed potatoes boiled in chicken stock and flavored with roasted garlic puree, olive oil and bacon salt instead of butter and sour cream.

- Shifting away from calorie-bomb cakes and cream pies in favor of small, intensely flavored fruit tarts kicked up with liqueur flavorings (guests will enjoy dessert just as much while eating less).

- Serving less bread and offering herb-flavored dipping oils rather than butter.

"It's also good to remember that people tend to eat as much as you put out, even if it's more than they really



wanted," Lopez said. "If you finish your holiday meal, something's wrong."

Apart from over-the-top meal sizes, another major cause of holiday weight gain is nonstop snacking. Here, too, there's a no-sacrifice solution: tasty, lower-calorie goodies.

Examples include trail mix; unshelled roasted nuts (they're not low-calorie on an ounce-for-ounce basis, but are satisfying and take longer to eat than most snacks); finger sandwiches dressed with mustard, not mayo; hard candies (because they take longer to consume than fudge or other soft candies); popcorn; smoked salmon and grapes or other bite-sized fruit.

Beware Those Miscellaneous Calories

Of course, family get-togethers aren't the only places where holiday calorie pushing runs up against our

willpower. Many workplaces also feature potluck meals, snack bowls and the like. Although most enjoy these bonding experiences, it's still wise to remember that all calories count the same, regardless of where they're consumed. So enjoy the pre-Christmas office potluck — but apply the same smart cooking and eating principles here as you do at home.

And, once those big meals are over, dispose of the leftovers. Better still, plan menus carefully so less food is left over afterward.

Finally, don't throw in the towel on exercising during the holidays. The typical football halftime show lasts 20 minutes — plenty of time to get in a quick walk, jog around the neighborhood or shoot a few baskets. Even a little exercise goes a long way toward not only burning calories but also curbing your appetite.

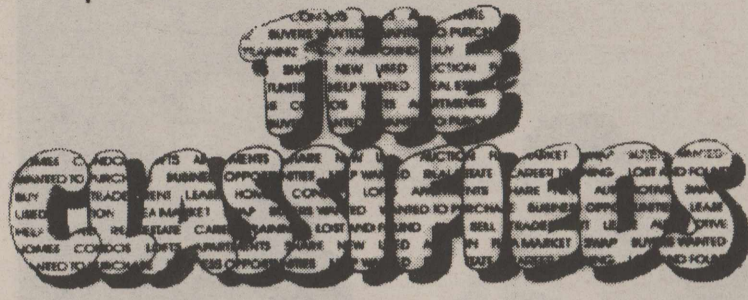
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FOR SALE

COMPUTERS

New and Used. Repairs, upgrades, internet service. New 6.0 megapixel digital cameras \$90. New Polaroid photo printers \$25. Many new items 1/2 price! Ed Martindale, 473-3004.

22-tnc

FOR SALE

160+/- acres. Robert Lee, Tx. \$1100.00/acre. (325) 692-1873.

21-4tc

HAYGRAZER

Square bales. New Crop. \$5/bale. 453-2731.

05-tnc

FOR SALE

2003 Chevy Cavalier. 4-Door. Good Condition. 75,000 miles. 453-4359.

22-3tp

FOR SALE

1986 Buick Regal. 2-Door. V8. 46K miles. \$3,000.00. (214) 369-9595.

24-2tp

FOR SALE

Brand New queen pillow top/orthopedic mattress. 2 pc set, in plastic. Original warranty \$150. 325-428-9172.

22-3tc

FOR SALE

Cherry sleigh-bed solid wood still in box with mattress set, both new \$395. 432-664-8980.

23-1tp

22-tnc

453-2775 (h) - 450-7666 (c). Covered parking, water well. Home. Central heat & AC. 2 BR, 1 & 1/2 bath Mobile

FOR SALE OR RENT

FOR SALE

Double/Full orthopedic mattress set. FLAME RESISTANT, warranty. \$135. 325-428-9172.

22-3tc

22-tnc

7666 (c). \$250.00. 453-2775 (h) - 450- almost new. 2 very Good. wheels. 30X10.50 R15. 2 4 tires mounted on Ford P/U

FOR SALE

MUST SELL

Brand new king pillowtop mattress and box, in plastic. \$250. 325-428-9172.

22-3tc

FOR SALE

Body contouring memory foam mattress and foundation, still wrapped with warranty. \$375. 325-428-9172.

22-3tc

FOR RENT

FOR RENT

New medium size storage units, utility trailers 1 & 2 axle, hand trucks and dollies available with day rates. Jesse's, 503 South State Street, Bronte, Texas 76933. 325-473-3900.

01-tnc

TAKING APPLICATIONS for one, two & three bedroom apartments. Washers, dryers, RO water systems in each unit. Contact Housing Authority of Robert Lee, 710 N. Bishop, 453-2912. Equal Housing Opportunity.

16-ew

2 BR/1 BATH MOBILE HOME

for rent outside Robert Lee. 453-2731.

21-tnc

MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED

Land to lease will manage. Need long-term lease. Father/son team. Up to 7 people. 817-999-7876, Tim.

22-5tp

Amazing Hair Salon & Gifts
401 W. 10th
Robert Lee • 453-2125
We now accept credit cards!

STUMP GRINDING

You have an unsightly tree stump in your yard? We'll grind it out without leaving a hole or a mess. Richard Baker. 473-2017 (home), (325) 669-7415 (cell).

20-tnc

THE "BARBER" SHOP

Debora England, 107 W. Main, Bronte. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. 9 am - 5 pm. Avon, buy or sell, independent rep. 650-1970.

50-tnc

PARKER PLUMBING

Residential & Commercial. All types plumbing repair - new construction, remodeling, fixtures, and sewer service. Licensed Master Plumber. 473-2131, Bronte.

34-tnc

NEED A SIGN?

Banners, Graphics, Vinyl Lettering, Magnetic Signs and Vehicle Lettering. Juan Rangel, (325) 453-9010.

40-tnc

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Inside or outside. Over 34 years experience. Robert Lee and surrounding areas. Call Charles at 453-2351.

23-2tp

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

Rendering Plant. Fantastic pay based on exp. Great benefits. 3 wks Pd. Vac. 401k. Exp w/ Cooker, Press, Centrifuge, Screw Conveyor, Grinders. Welding, Elec., Plumbing a plus. 325-653-6836.

23-2tp

COKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

is currently accepting applications for TCLEOSE Certified Deputy. Apply in person at 13 E. 7th Street, Robert Lee, Monday-Friday 8-5. Experience preferred.

23-2tc

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

so much for all the help you have given me following the fire which destroyed my house in Bronte.

Sincerely,
Lynn Pate
24-1tp

NOTICES

BESSIE WALKER RANCH

No person or group of people have been recognized and given legal rights to do business, sign leases, collect money, or distribute money for all of the owners. No bylaws have been voted on and accepted by all 82 owners of this property.

23-2tc

Bob Frazee's 944-0010
473-6603
Texas Best
Deflooding & Carpet Cleaning
24 hr. Emergency Water Damage Service

ASH-MILICAN-CARSON REAL ESTATE

453-5144 OFFICE • 21 E 6TH STREET • ROBERT LEE, TX
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For information & photos, visit our web site at
www.amcwesttexasranches.com

Coke County ~ Ranch & Hunting Properties

New Listing! 39 ac., Highway frontage, west of Robert Lee. Easy access. All pasture. Excellent building site with electricity and rural water line on property.
91+/- ac., Highway frontage, 2 water wells, a 36'x45' all metal barn with plumbing, nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home.
New to Market! 80+/- ac., convenient to Robert Lee, mountainous views, good hunting.

We have Buyers, We need Land Listings.

Lake Spence, mobile home on large lot with huge storage/shop.
Nice Mobile Home. 2 BR, 2 Bath, fully furnished.
On 30 Acres, 3 BR, 2 Bath Brick home near Bronte. Barn, Pecan trees, cross fenced with good cultivation.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE OF ESTRAY THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COKE

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Wayne McCutchen, who after being by me duly sworn deposes and says:

After the herein described estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of recorded brands in the county where said estray was found. The search did not reveal the owner of said estray.

I did then advertise the impoundment of said estray in the Observer/Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation in the county where said estray was found, at least twice during the fifteen (15) days after the impoundment of said estray. The dates of such advertisement were 12-26, 2008 and 1-9, 2009, and a duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith.

I also posted a copy of the Notice of Estray and the Notice of Impoundment of Estray on the public notice board of the courthouse of the county in which the estray was found.

Said estray is described as the following:

- Kind of animal-Bovine
- Breed--Angus
- Color-Black
- Sex-Male
- Age-1-2 yrs. old
- Size-Approx. 1000 lbs.-1200 lbs.
- Brand, Marks, Identifying

Characteristics-Branded JNF connected & half circle bar on left hip underbit in right ear WITNESS my hand, this the 19th day of December, 2008. Wayne McCutchen Sheriff or Designee of Coke County, Texas SWORN to and subscribed before me by Misti Hayes this the 17 day of December, 2008.

Misti Hayes
Notary Public,
Coke County, Texas
My commission expires:
4-8-2012
24-2tc

ROBERT LEE CARE CENTER

A 24-hour nursing and rehabilitation center with a 20-bed Alzheimer unit is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- CNA s - Full-time
- CNA s - PRN
- Cook - 6-2 Shift
- Cook - PRN

Benefits include paid vacation, holidays, sick days, and personal day, with 4 and 2 rotation, 8 hour shift, with pleasant work environment.

Interested applicants may apply in person M-F, 8am-5pm at 307 W. 8th St., PO Box 1209, Robert Lee, Texas 76945-1209. Phone 453-2511 EOE

Land Available!

- New Listing! **SOLD** Bedroom Home on Hilltop! Guest House!
- New Listing! 290 Acres Sance Area! Remote and Mountainous! Home and Barn!
- Rugged Hill **SOLD** Home! Barn and Shop! 4 Ponds and Creek!
- Hills and Live Oaks! 250+/- Acres! Brick Home! Working Pens and Barn!
- Large Bar **SOLD** mobile home! Near Bronte!

Available Homes!

- Large Brick Home! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath! 3 Living Areas! 2 Dining Rooms! Privacy Fence and 2 Car Garage! Live Oaks!
- New Listing! 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Home! Bay Windows! Built-ins! Approx. 4 Acres!
- New Listing! Near Park! 2 or 3 Bedroom Home! CH/CA! Approx. 1 Acre! \$40's!!!
- New Listing! Large 4 Bedroom Home! Fireplace! Shop! Near Golf Course! \$80's!!!
- Home with 6.5 Acres! 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath with Fireplace! Out Buildings! \$90's!!!
- Large Rock **Under Contract** in 2 Bath Home! Hardwood Floors! Fireplace!
- Huge Price Reduction! Rock 4 Bedroom 2 Bath Home! Hardwood Floors! \$52,000!!!
- Hillcrest **Under Contract** ne with Fireplace and Built-ins! 2 Living Areas!
- Woodlawn Addition! Brick 3 Bedroom 2 Bath! 2 Living Areas! Fireplace! Sunroom!
- Home with **Under Contract** in 2 Bath with Office! Large covered area for RV!

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...Healthy Holidays

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Where to Find Healthy Holiday Ideas

Once you've resolved to make holidays a healthier time for yourself and your family, where can you find recipes and more meal-planning advice? That's the easy part. Bookstores and the Internet increasingly are rich with expert advice on cooking flavorful, lower-calorie foods that fit into traditional holiday menus. Some good places to start include:

- Eating Well.com: www.eatingwell.com/recipes/collections/christmas.html
- Food Fit.com: www.foodfit.com/cooking/lowfat_holidays.asp
- Food Network: www.foodnetwork.com/healthy-eating/index.html
- Central Market eFoodie Magazine (includes healthy cooking tips): <http://www.centralmarket.com/Foodie-Central/eFoodie.aspx>
- Whole Foods Market: www.wholefoodsmarket.com/holidays/recipes/maincourses.php

Help Save Pets By Searching Online For Holiday Gifts

Simply by using the Internet to search for holiday gifts -- or anything else -- you can help local animals this season.

Shopping online has become one of the easiest ways to check-off people on your holiday list without leaving home to deal with crowds or gassing up the car. It even can save money by helping you comparison-shop and, in many cases, to avoid paying sales tax.

Now, online searching and shopping is being put to



even better use to help pets in local communities.

Looking for a creative way to help pets in need this holiday season and beyond, Dogpile.com has launched the Search & Rescue program to raise money for the ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

Dogpile.com, a search engine that pools results from all major search engines, is donating a portion of revenues from searches conducted on the Dogpile Web site to the ASPCA. And the giving doesn't stop there: Consumers can continue to give without spending a penny of their own money by using a downloadable Search & Rescue toolbar.

Dogpile.com's Search & Rescue program has a goal of raising \$1 million through the end of 2009 by inviting consumers to do what they already do: search the Web.

A study of current giving trends conducted by Dogpile.com found that Americans who typically give to charities are cutting back on donations by nearly half from last year, and ani-

mal charities are among those expected to suffer most compared to other organizations and civic causes. The situation is compounded by the fact that many of those surveyed have had to give up a pet -- or know someone who has -- due to financial hardship. As a result, animal shelters around the country are struggling with rising populations and shrinking contributions.

"We know that like us, most Americans have their hearts in the right place when it comes to animal

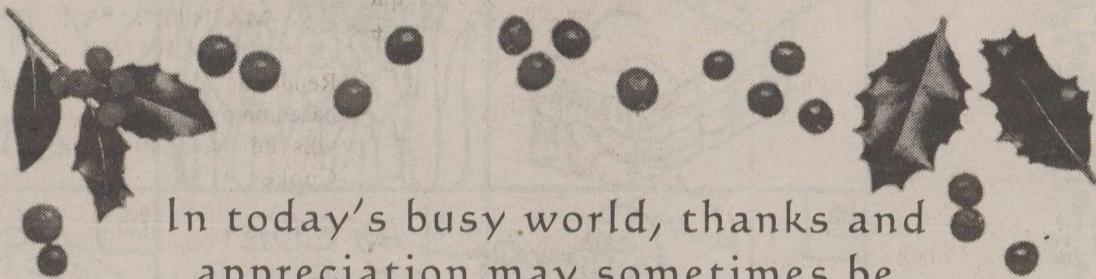
welfare, but many don't have the means to give at this time," said Stacy Ybarra, Senior Director of Corporate Giving for InfoSpace, Inc., parent company of Dogpile. "Programs like Search & Rescue can change the way corporations and consumers approach charitable giving. You search and together, we rescue -- it's as easy as that."

Eighty percent of people surveyed agreed that if they knew there was a way to donate money to charity through their actions --

instead of actually spending their own money -- they would do it.

"Tough times call for creative ideas and committed partners," said ASPCA President and CEO, Ed Sayres. "We appreciate the support of Dogpile.com and consumers everywhere who use the site to search. Working together, we can all help animals in need."

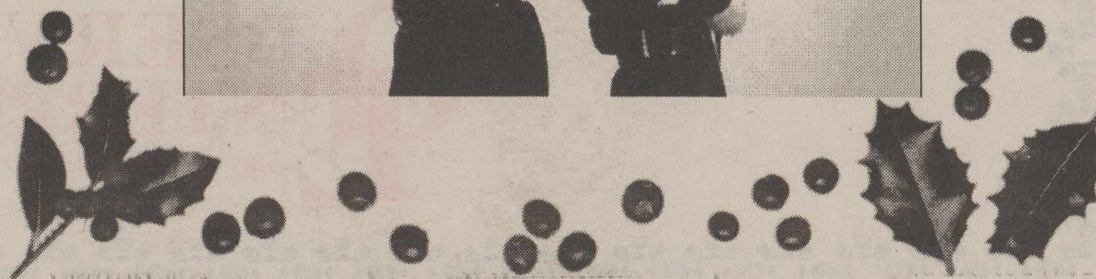
For more information about the Search & Rescue program, visit www.dogpile.com/rescue. For more information about the ASPCA, visit www.aspc.org.



In today's busy world, thanks and appreciation may sometimes be overlooked. We want to take a moment to let you know we are thankful and appreciate your patronage.

Ronny and I wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy, and Joyful 2009 New Year!

Cindy's BBQ & Grocery
409 W. 10th
Robert Lee



Merry Christmas!

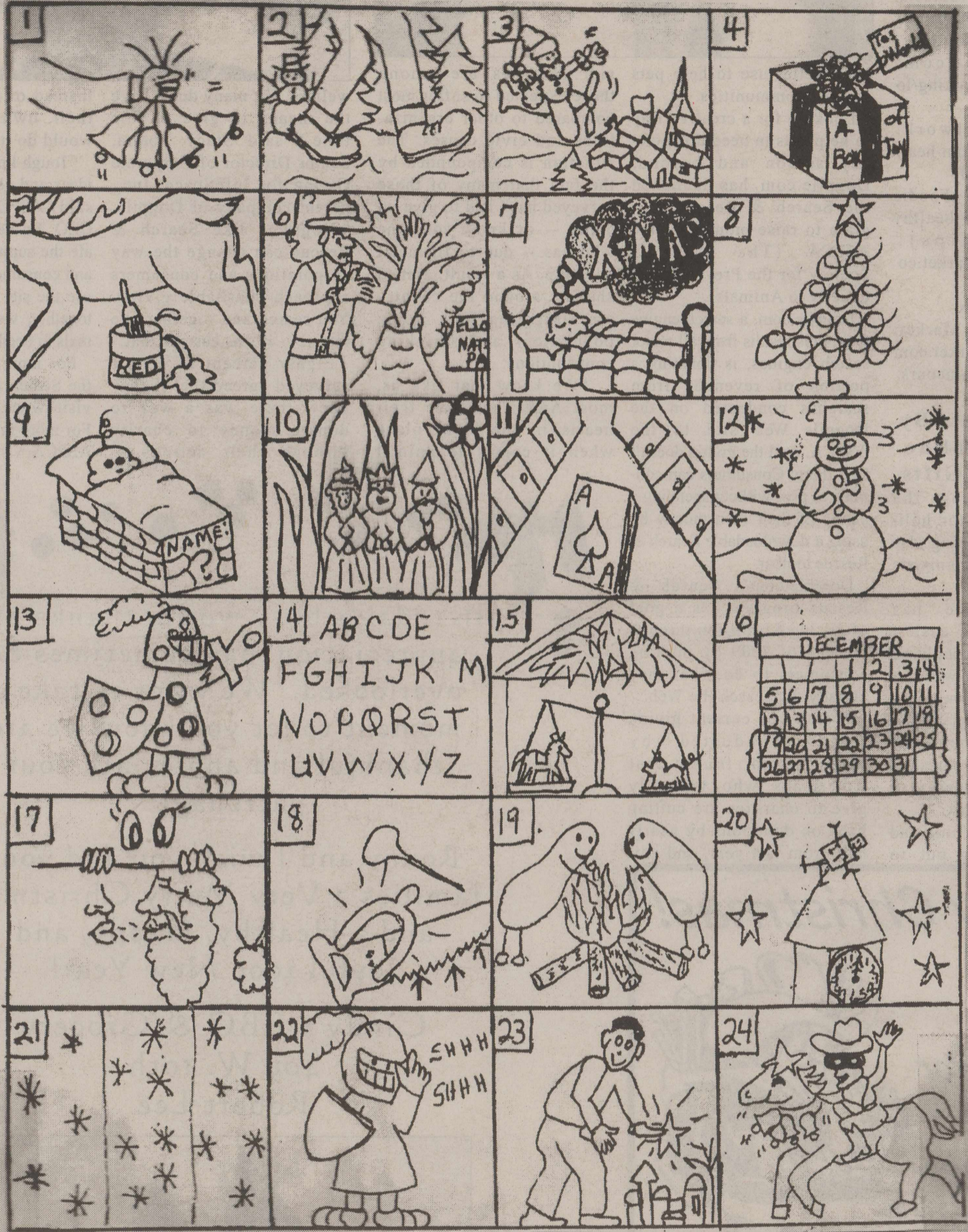
Thanks for your patronage throughout the year.



The Town & Country Gang

- Eleanor • Kim • Daisy • Lisa • Roxie
Marie • Gena • Kathy • Angie • Jacob
Cory • Robbie • Felicia • Cindy • Larry
Christina • Kevin • Paul • Cass • Brenda

Merry Christmas



*Each illustration represents a holiday song.
Can you guess all twenty-four songs?*