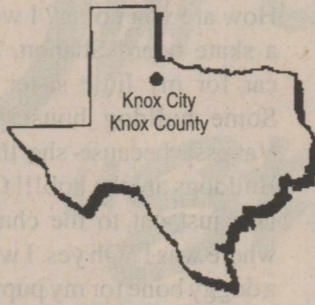


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I'm Spending Christmas In Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
because I'm spending Christmas day with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell the joy their beautiful voices bring.
It is beyond description to hear the Angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
but it's only for a little while that we will be apart.*

*I'll ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love,
so please pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor of the peace here in this place.
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?*

*Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing --
I'm spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King.*

- From Our Loved Ones In Heaven -

-- Author unknown

*Wishing each of you a blessed Christmas.
Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season.
God's blessings on all of you.*

*The Knox County News
Stacy, Dave, Scooter, Billye*



Blessings to All

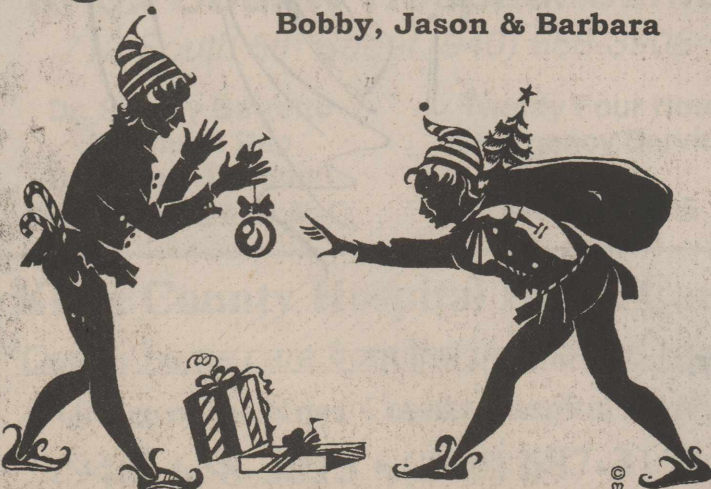
*There is a quite in the winter wood,
A silence that the soul alone can hear,
As if all of nature . . . knew and understood
The meaning of this Holy time of year.*

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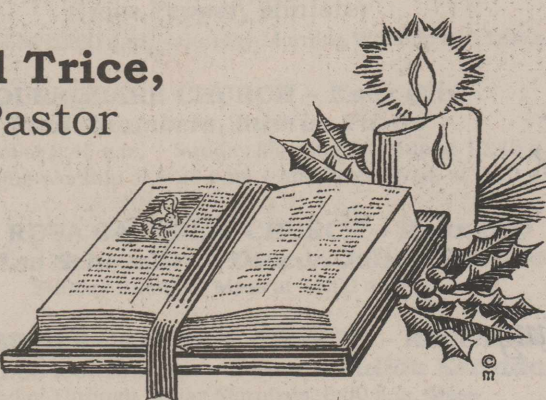


HOLY NIGHT WISH

*"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."
— John 1:5*
Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.

O'Brien Baptist Church

Bill Trice,
Pastor



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a skate board Shanon, a Barbie car for my little sister Tiffany. Some bulldog house shoes for Vanessa because she thinks the Bulldogs are the bob!!! O-k, O-k, let's just cut to the chase. Now where was I? Oh yes. I would like a doggy bone for my puppy, an art set, a bit of snow and a Merry Christmas!!!
Samantha Esquivel

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas. I have been good this year. I want a remote control car and some lego sets and a computer game.
Tyler Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like toys for Christmas. I would like an easy bake and a doll, puppies, computer and a printer. And Mrs. Bailiff give her a good present and Mrs. Collins, too. You are my favorite friend. Merry Christmas too you Santa and every body.
Love your friend,
Alicia Rea Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Please send toys and a cat. I would like a phone and computer and a stereo. Send Sophia a Giga pet. Thanks Santa, goodbye.
Shelby Gutierrez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please, I want a tractor with a remote control, construction workers and watch. Bring it to Knox City.
Your friend, Tanner Monroe

Dear Santa,
You are very nice. I want a play doll, a bouncing ball, and some Barbie things. Just whatever you want to bring me.
I Love You, Cassidy Carter
P.S. I've been good.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like for you to bring me a jeep, a doll house, a baby and a stroller, also I would like you to bring my baby brother a jeep and some trucks.
Thank you, Laquita Roberson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Backstreet Boys CD, a Britney Spears CD, a Britney Spears poster, a bike, a Christmas bear and a Furby.
How is Mrs. Claus doing?
Love, Laura Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a new game for my computer and 4 new Playstation games. I will leave cookies and milk. I have been good. Thanks for the stuff last year and this year. That's all.
Your friend, Cameron Espinosa

Dear Santa,
My name is Tayler and I live in Justin, Texas, with my mommy and daddy and Leighten. Thank you for baby Jesus.
For Christmas I would like a Walking Pony and Blue's Clue Handy Dandy notebook to draw on.
My sister, Leighten, would like a baby doll and a Blue's Club mailbox.
Santa I love you! I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Tayler Pepper

Dear Santa,
My name is Leighten, and I live in Justin, Texas, with my Daddy and Mommy and my sister Tayler. I try to be a good girl like my sister.
I would like a Blue's Clue paw print and mailbox. And a baby doll.
Bring Bell a bone, please. I love you and I have a key for you!
Leighten Pepper

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! My name is Jonathan. Where is Mrs. Santa Claus? I'm not very scared of you. Do you have any pine cones? I want a real goldfish and a real red Power Ranger suit. Boots, too. I also want Crash Bandicoot Warped and Spyro the Dragon for my Playstation. I would also like a big t-rex. I want the boots to be black. I want a new stocking, too. Would you bring my baby brother, Justin, a little t-rex dinosaur, and some crackers. He's just a baby. He's getting teeth and bites me. He's pretty good anyway. I'm four. I want to ride in your sleigh. Bring dad some new tools, and mom some new spoons for me to dig with. Where's Rudolph, I want to pet him. Bye Santa Claus.
Jonathan Rainwater

Dear Santa,
My nme is Braleigh Middleton. I am 4 years old and live in Abilene. Would you please bring me a Giddy Up Cowgirl, a new pair of cowboy boots, a Sonny the Seal game, and a Barbie Jet Ski. I have tried to be good all year long. Please don't forget my little sister Kylee and my brother Jayden. I will be at my MiMi and Pap's house in Benjamin. I will leave you and Rudoply some milk and cookies.
I love you, Braleigh Middleton

Dear Santa,
My name is Kylee Dodson. I am 17 months old and live in Abilene. I would like a baby, a wagon, a BIG toy box, a quackin duck and some new Keds. Please don't forget my big sissy Braleigh, my brother Jayden and all the other boys and girls. We will be at my MiMi and Pap's house in Benjamin. I will leave you lots of cookies and milk for Rudolph.
I love you, Kylee Dodson

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Barn and pajamas, please, I want slippers, too. I will leave cookies and milk for you, Santa Claus, and cheese for the reindeer.
Love, Allison Lynn

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a bike, please? I would like a Barbie, too. I live in Knox City. I hope you can find my house.
Love, Rosie Woods

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie and a yellow ball. I can bounce it. I will go to bed when my clock says 9:00.
Love, Jasmine Sanchez

When making out your Christmas gift list, don't forget the Knox County Child Welfare Board.

The kids are depending on you!!

Donations of a new toy or a \$5.00 monetary gift may be taken to the office of *The Knox County News* and left under the Christmas Tree in the front window.

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79529

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

With the holidays upon us once again, there's so much to celebrate, so much for which to be thankful. We count our many blessings, but we'd be remiss if we didn't say how much we celebrate our friendship with you and we truly value your ever-loyal patronage. Here's to hoping that we continue to share more wonderful moments ahead.

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SEASONS GREETINGS

Quints' mom & dad start new life

(Editor's Note: The following article by Michael Gaffney, Medical Editor for the Lubbock Avalanche Journal featured this story in the Saturday, December 18, edition of the A-J of Jamie and Mike Wells, who are the parents of quintuplets born Tuesday, December 14.

Jamie is the granddaughter of Audie Johnston of O'Brien and Mazelle Kainer of Knox City. In a Wednesday, December 15, article by Gaffney, the Wells quint were the third set of all male quintuplets born in the United States that all survived.)

By MICHAEL GAFFNEY
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

In a matter of minutes, Mike and Jamie Wells of Lubbock had five little mouths to feed, 100 fingers and toes to nibble, five tiny babies to clothe, care for and put through school.

Quintuplets Jantzen, Briley, Zachary, Landen and Jaden, came into the world Tuesday, between 1:22 and 1:24 a.m., joining their young parents in life's journey.

Although 10 weeks premature, only one of the babies, Jaden, the largest of the five at birth, was on a respirator Friday, December 17, when the mother and father had their first public interview.

Dr. Doanh Phan, a neonatologist, is monitoring the boys' progress at Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside, where the birth took place.

All five boys may be released from the hospital within five weeks, depending on their progress, said Dr. Bill Atkinson, perinatologist and one of the primary delivery physicians. All are "in stable condition," Phan said.

The immediate future for Mike, 29, and Jamie, 28, involves learning to cope with the sudden responsibility of parenting five boys, two identical twins, and three fra-



ALL SMILES during a news conference in Lubbock last week, Mike and Jamie Wells, parents of newborn quintuplets, describe the size of their babies. Mike is holding a diaper like the ones the quint are wearing. The babies are about the size of the toy Jamie is holding. A-J photo by Chase Perry

ternal twins.

Fortunately, the young couple's parents and siblings are ready to provide assistance when they need a break, said Tania Johnston, Jamie's mother.

James Johnston, the boys' grandfather, said that he and his wife are looking forward to baby sitting the quintuplets.

"I feel good," Johnston said. Adding with a chuckle, "I told my little brother that he had three (grandchildren), but I caught up with him in one lump."

"Our main concern is that they get home safely," Mrs. Johnston said. "We cannot hardly wait until we get to sit with them."

"Our daughter is counting on us, Johnston added, "and we don't plan to let her down."

When the Wellses learned that multiple fetuses were developing, they reacted with wonder and joy, said the proud father.

"When we saw five little heart beats in there, we did not even consider selective reduction an option," he said.

In some cases when fertility drugs overstimulate a woman's ovaries and multiple eggs are

fertilized, couples may choose to have several embryos removed.

But, "We asked for these babies and we were glad to have them," Wells said. "We certainly weren't intending to get pregnant with five babies when this started . . . but it happened. And we certainly blew away all the odds."

After 4 1/2 years of marriage, 4 years spent repeatedly attempting to conceive both naturally and artificially, the Wellses decided to try one more time with Dr. Janelle Dorsett, infertility specialist at The Centre for Reproductive Medicine.

"It was our first try with Dr. Dorsett," Wells said. "She had winning combination."

"We're happy that everything worked out as good as it did. And we're just real excited about things to come, and what has happened to us so far."

Mrs. Wells may be released today or Sunday, Atkinson said. The Caesarian-section delivery "went exceedingly well," he said.

The couple will need an addition built onto their home or will have to move to a larger home eventually, Wells said.

"We bought this house in February or March and we weren't pregnant yet," Mrs. Wells explained. "I wanted the big kitchen and a big living room . . . it's sort of big, but it's shrinking now. We'll fit in it for a while but I'm sure we will need to expand."

The hospital is giving the Wells five infant car seats as a gift, said Eddie Owens, spokesman for Covenant Health System.

Additionally, the Wells' church is raising funds and goods to help the couple through this early period of parenthood - - times five.

"We have set as a goal trying to provide five baby beds, five strollers, five high chairs, five swings," said the Rev. Charles Murray, pastor of Bacon Heights Baptist Church. "We're still in the process . . . but we're well down the road."

"We've got some manufacturers who've said all along that when the babies arrive they will consider providing some of these things. I'm trying to help them so they don't have to worry about it. They've got enough to worry about."

The church estimates that each child will need \$3,634 for basic needs through the first year, Murray said.

"We're hoping the community will respond in helping us provide an addition in the back of their home that will be child-proofed," Murray added. "The boys will be able to play freely and the parents won't have to watch them every moment."

Wells, a structural engineer with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., said that he thinks the early months will be easy if the support

comes as he anticipates.

"We won't be as comfortable as we were, certainly, when it was just the two of us," Wells said. "But I think the first two years we will have a lot of help."

"I think the third and fourth years will be the most difficult because mom will be at home and we will be living on my salary alone."

Mrs. Wells decided to quit her job with Children's Protective Services, where she served as adoption specialist.

Asked if they had considered adoption an option, Mr. Wells re-

plied, "If this didn't work we would have not just given up and been made about it. I feel certain that we would have adopted."

"There are so many needy children out there who will not get the opportunities that these five boys will get, and we would have been happy to give a needy child the same opportunity. But we definitely wanted children."

"And boy, did we have children," Mrs. Wells chimed in.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May all your hopes and dreams come true this holiday season and beyond.
Many thanks and merry Christmas!

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Melissa and
Brackston Barnard

*"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will
toward men."*

-- Luke 2:14

May we remember that 2,000 years ago, God made the supreme effort to care about each of us, He gave us His perfect Christmas gift . . . and laid it in a manger.

His love and words say in Isaiah 43:1 . . . "I have called thee by name, thy art mine."

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Dear Santa,
 I hope you have a good time over here. And be careful! Hope you don't have any trouble. I am five years old and my birthday is March 9. My name is Kyle. I want a hot wheels track, snap-together models, and a Nintendo 64 game.
 Your friend, Kyle Harrington

Dear Santa,
 I love you and I want skates, a football receiver and I want to be Batman next Halloween. I want a new shirt and a power Rangers cup. That's all.
 Brandon York

Dear Santa,
 I want a gocart. I have been enjoying the stuff you got me last year. How is Mrs. Clause, Santa. I want a flute. I want an Easy Bake Oven. I want some roller blades. I want a dog. **HAVE SAVE TRIP SANTA,**
 Rechele Raynes

Dear Santa,
 I would like some mud tires for my Dingo go-cart, I would also like a computer and some new PLAYSTATION games. Some new roller blades would be nice.
 Your friend, Joseph

Dear Santa,
 I would like to have a NINTENDO game called Coolborders 1080. I would like to have a computer game called "BIG TROPHY HUNTER 2"!!!! Can I have some laser light batteries. I always like the gifts you bring.
 Your pal, Travis Hawkins

Sunday rites are held for Lillian Amanda Park Logan

Funeral services for Lillian Amanda Park Logan of Knox City were held Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Knox City. The Rev. Vergil Ichtertz, church pastor, officiated. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Logan died Friday night, December 17, in a Lubbock hospital following a brief illness.

Born December 31, 1907, in Scranton, Texas, she came to Knox County in 1914. She received her bachelor's degree from McMurry University in Abilene and her master's degree from Hardin-Simmons University. She taught school for 47 years at Albany, Rochelle, McLean, Clarendon, O'Brien, Knox City, Benjamin and Munday. In addition to teaching, she served as high school principal, girls basketball coach and football coach at O'Brien.

Lillian married Neal Ellis Logan in 1935.

Mrs. Logan worked for the county superintendent for Haskell County. She also taught for Western Texas College in Haskell. Lillian was the first director of the Knox County Senior Citizens Center and was instrumental in establishing its present structure. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Knox City. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 73 years; a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include her husband, Neal of the home; a son, Neil Eiland (Lanny) and his wife Suzanne of Lubbock; and two grandsons, Neal Ethan Logan of Lubbock and George Christian Logan of Borger.

Pallbearers were Ethan Logan, Christian Logan, Brack Shaver, Jim Dillon, Joe Clonts and Rob Harrison.

Rites are held Tuesday for Fannye Watson

Funeral services for Fannye A. Watson of Knox City were held Tuesday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Knox City. The Rev. Emil Becker and the Rev. John Gillispie officiated. Burial was in the Knox City Cemetery with Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Watson, 92, died Sunday, December 19, in an Abilene hospital following a brief illness.

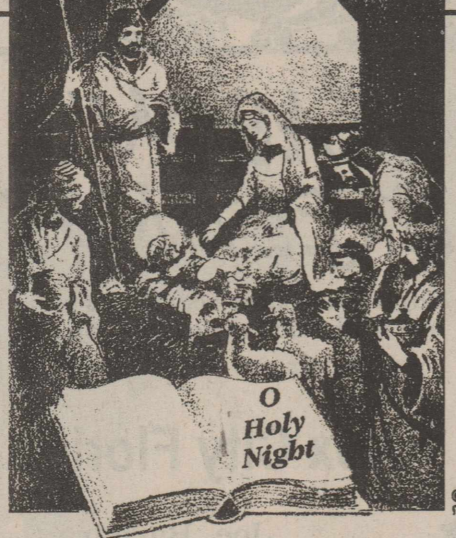
Born August 7, 1907, in Roscoe, her parents were the late Joseph Edward and Bessie Russel. She married Abe M. Watson on January 3, 1931, in Walters, Oklahoma. Mr. Watson preceded her in death on December 13, 1985.

She had moved to Knox City in 1920. Mrs. Watson was a china painting teacher. She was a member of the Knox County Hospital Auxiliary, the Knox City Study Club, and International Porcelain Artists and Teachers, Inc.

Mrs. Watson was a member of the First Baptist Church and had been a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include a son, T.A. Watson of Abilene; a daughter, Mary Jo Williams of Graham; a sister, Jocile Nevin of Topeka, Kansas; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two great-stepgrandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Joe Clonts, Greg Clonts, Mickey Logan, Chris Berry, Buster Lowrey and Sammy Tankersley.



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

Knox City Foursquare Church
Paul Chambers, Pastor

Red Cross to offer disaster classes beginning January 8

By Jackie Birkett
 Service Delivery Coordinator for Baylor, Knox and Wilbarger Counties - American Red Cross

Do you want to help if a disaster strikes Knox County? Are you ready to volunteer your services to help your neighbor? The North Central Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross is going to conduct, free to the public, volunteer disaster classes.

On January 8, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., introduction to disasters, damage assessment and mass care will be presented. On January 15, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., emergency assistance will be presented.

These classes will be held at the Knox City Community Center at 212 South Third Street. After completing these four classes, participants will be able to work as a disaster volunteer locally and nationally.

Call 1-877-622-8686 to register. Registration is necessary.

Haskell set to discuss VRJC's LVN program

The Development Corporation of Haskell, Inc. along with Vernon Regional Junior College will be hosting a meeting for persons interested in participating in a Licensed Vocational Nursing Program in Haskell.

The meeting will be held at the Haskell High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 4, 2000, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Vernon Regional Junior College officials will be at this meeting to answer questions, supply testing information, curriculum plans and a cost analysis for the program.

All interested parties are invited to attend this very important meeting.



Enjoy the Good Times at Christmastime

May all good things await you and yours in this wonderful season of fun, memories and magic. We hope all of your fondest wishes for happiness and success are granted during the holidays and beyond.

We appreciate your kind support and friendship throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to one and all!

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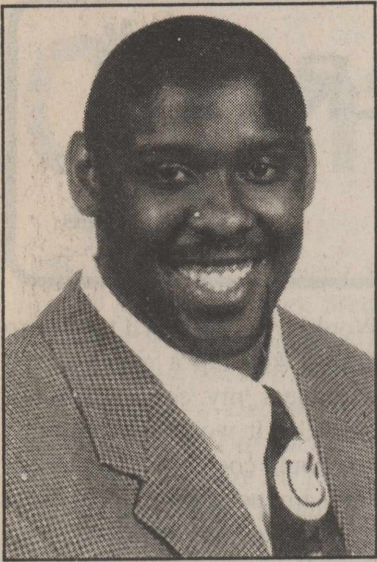
Tuesday, December 28 - Fish with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, bread, pudding.

Wednesday, December 29 - Chicken strips with gravy, baked potatoes, buttered squash, pea salad, hot bread, fruit and peanut butter whip.

Thursday, December 30 - Ham and cheese sandwiches, potato wedge, lettuce and tomato, pickles and onions, pork and beans, cookies.

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DUANE TOLIVER

Toliver receives degree Saturday from Texas Tech

LUBBOCK - Larry Duane Toliver of Knox City, Texas, was among the Texas Tech University graduates receiving degrees in ceremonies held Saturday, December 19, 1999.

Commencement exercises were held at 1:30 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena on the Tech campus.

The son of Vickie and Larry Toliver, Duane received a bachelor of business administration degree in management.

Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered the commencement address.

Dr. Donald R. Haragan, President; James E. Sowell, chair, board of regents; and Dr. John T. Montford, chancellor, were among the Tech officials participated in the program.

While a student at Texas Tech, Duane was a member of the Red Raiders football team. Recruited on a four year scholarship as a defensive end, Duane also saw playing time on the kickoff team.

Duane is a 1996 graduate of Knox City High School.

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Neal seeking re-election as district attorney

District Attorney Bill Neal has authorized *The Knox County News* to announce his candidacy for re-election as District Attorney for Baylor, Cottle, King and Knox Counties in the upcoming Democratic primary.

Neal is completing his second four-year term in that office. He previously served as District At-

torney for eight years in the Foard, Hardeman and Wilbarger County district.

"I have enjoyed serving the folks in the 50th Judicial District as their felony prosecutor these past seven years, and look forward to continuing that service for another term," Neal said.

"If elected I will continue my

policy of vigorous, yet fair and impartial, prosecution of all felonies committed in the district where we have sufficient evidence to justify it."

"I believe that tough prosecution deters crime. If would-be violators realize that if they do the crime, they will have to do the time, then we will have less crime

to prosecute."

A native of Quanah and a graduate of the University of Texas Law School with honors, Neal has practiced law since being admitted to the Texas Bar in 1964.

His first year out of law school he served as a briefing attorney for the Texas Supreme Court in Austin.

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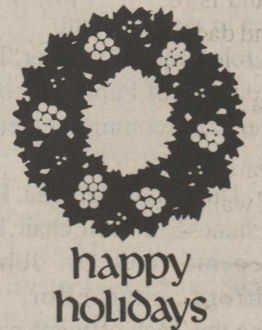
SANTA CLAUS points to a festive coaster, urging Texans not to drink and drive during the holidays. Hundreds of restaurants and bars across Texas have teamed up with the Texas Department of Transportation to spread the responsible driving message. Eighty-three Texans died last December in alcohol-related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

MOM'S LETTER TO SANTA

Dear Santa, I've been a good Mom all year. I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my two children on demand, visited the doctor's office more than my doctor, sold sixty-two cases of candy bars to raise money to plant a shade tree on the school playground and figured out how to attach nine patches onto my daughter's girl scout sash with staples and a glue gun. I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon, on the back of a receipt in the laundry room between cycles, and who knows when I'll find anymore free time in the next 18 years. Here are my Christmas wishes: I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache after a day of chasing kids (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't flap in the breeze, but are strong enough to carry a screaming toddler out of the candy aisle in the grocery store. I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy. If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like a car with fingerprint-resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any programs containing talking

animals; and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide to talk on the phone. On the practical side, I could use a talking daughter doll that says, "Yes, Mommy" to boost my parental confidence, along with one potty-trained toddler, two kids who don't fight, and three pairs of jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools. I could also use a recording to Tibetan monks chanting, "Don't eat in the living room" and "take your hands off your brother," because my voice seems to be just out of my children's hearing range and can only be heard by the dog. And please don't forget the Playdoh Travel Tack, the hottest stocking stuffer this year for mothers of preschoolers. It comes in three fluorescent colors and is guaranteed to crumble on any carpet making the In-laws' house seem just like mine. If it's too late to find any of these products I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container. If you don't mind I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season.

Would it be too much trouble to declare ketchup a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely. It would be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family; or if my toddler didn't look so cute sneaking downstairs to eat contraband ice cream in his pajamas at midnight. Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and my son saw my feet under the laundry room door. I think he wants his crayon back. Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the chimney and come in and dry off by the fire so you don't catch cold. Help yourself to cookies on the table, but don't eat too many or leave crumbs on the carpet. Yours Always... Mom P.S. One more thing... you can cancel all my requests if you can keep my children young enough to believe in you.



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Internet and Video Tape Course Orientations:
January 13, Sumner Applied Arts Bldg.

ACCOUNTING		ENGLISH		OFFICE TECHNOLOGY (Cont.)		INTERACTIVE VIDEO COURSES	
ACCT 2402.1 Principles of Accounting II	8:00-9:00 MWF	ENGL 1301.1 Composition and Grammar	11:00-12:00 MWF	OFFT 2430.1 Automated Office Procedures	N 5:00-8:00 Th	BILINGUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH	
LAB Principles of Accounting I	1:00-3:10 F	ENGL 1302.1 Composition and Literature	8:00-9:00 MWF	LAB Automated Office Procedures	N 8:00-10:00 Th	BCHE 1201.16 Professional Standards N 5:30-8:30 M	
AGRICULTURE		ENGL 1302.2 Composition and Literature	9:00-10:00 MWF	OFFT 1342.1 Practicum I	TBA	BCHE 1402.16 Bilingual Interpreting Techniques I N 5:30-8:30 T	
AGRI 1325.1 Marketing	9:30-11:00 TTh	ENGL 1302.3 Composition and Literature	9:30-11:00 TTh	OFFT 2341.1 Practicum II	TBA	LAB Bilingual Interpreting Techniques I TBA	
AGRI 1407.1 Agronomy	10:00-11:00 MWF	ENGL 1302.4 Composition and Literature	N 6:30-9:45 Th	OFFT 2342.1 Practicum III	TBA	BIOLOGY	
LAB Agronomy	1:00-3:10 M	ENGL 2323.1 Survey of British Literature	9:30-11:00 TTh			BIOL 2402.16 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1:00-4:00 T	
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY		ENGL 2323.2 Survey of British Literature	N 6:30-9:30 M			LAB Human Anatomy and Physiology 1:00-4:00 Th	
AUMT 1410.1 Automotive Brake Systems	N 6:00-8:00 M	Several classes of Basic Writing Skills I, II, and III are offered day and nights.				BIOL 2420.16 Microbiology 5:00-8:00 T	
LAB Automotive Brake Systems	N 6:00-10:00 T	FARM AND RANCH MANAGEMENT				LAB Microbiology 1:00-4:00 Th	
AUMT 1445.1 Auto Heating/Air Conditioning	10:00-12:00 T	AGAH 1453.1 Beef Cattle Production	11:00-12:00 MWF			CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Workforce & Transfer Course)	
LAB Automotive Heating/Air Conditioning	1:00-5:00 T	LAB Beef Cattle Production	1:00-4:00 W			CJCR 1307.16 Correctional Systems and Practices N 6:30-9:30 W	
AUMT 2437.1 Automotive Electronics	8:00-10:00 W	AGCR 1307.1 Range Management	1:00-3:00 T			ECONOMICS	
LAB Automotive Electronics	1:00-5:00 W	LAB Range Management	1:00-3:10 Th			ECON 2301.16 Principles of Economics I 8:00-9:00 MWF	
AUMT 1367.1 Practicum-Auto Mechanic/Technician	TBA	AGEQ 1315.1 Horse Evaluation I	TBA			ECON 2301.17 Principles of Economics I 8:00-9:30 TTh	
AUMT 2366.1 Practicum - Auto Mechanic/Technician	TBA	LAB Horse Evaluation I	TBA			ENGLISH	
AUMT 2367.1 Practicum - Auto Mechanic/Technician	TBA	AGEQ 2239.1 Horsemanship II	1:00-5:00 Th			ENGL 1301.16 Composition and Grammar 11:00-12:30 TTh	
BIOLOGY - LECTURE		AGMG 1364.1 Practicum I	TBA			ENGL 1302.16 Composition and Literature 11:00-12:30 TTh	
BIOL 1322.1 Nutrition	N 5:30-8:45 Th	AGMG 2364.1 Practicum II	TBA			GOVERNMENT	
BIOL 1409.1 General Biology	9:30-12:30 T	AGMG 2365.1 Practicum III	TBA			GOVT 2302.16 American Political System II 11:00-12:00 MWF	
LAB General Biology	9:30-12:30 Th	AGMG 2580.1 Coop Farm & Ranch Management	TBA			GOVT 2302.17 American Political System II 8:00-9:30 TTh	
BIOL 1411.1 General Botany	10:00-11:00 MWF	GOVERNMENT				GOVT 2302.18 American Political System II N 6:30-9:30 T	
LAB General Botany	1:00-4:00 W	GOVT 2301.1 American Political System I	12:00-1:00 MWF			MATHEMATICS	
BIOL 1411.2 General Botany	11:00-12:00 MWF	GOVT 2301.2 American Political System I	12:30-2:00 TTh			MATH 1314.16 College Algebra 8:00-9:00 MWF	
LAB General Botany	1:30-4:45 T	GOVT 2302.1 American Political System II	8:00-9:00 MWF			PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	
BIOL 1411.3 General Botany	N 6:30-9:30 Th	GRAPHICS				PTA 3003.1 Clinical Pathology 1:00-2:15 MF	
LAB General Botany	N 6:30-9:30 Th	GRPH 1422.1 Electronic Publishing I	9:00-10:00 M			PTA 3025.1 Therapeutic Modalities 2:30-3:45 MF	
BIOL 2402.1 Human Anatomy and Physiology	9:00-10:00 MWF	LAB Electronic Publishing I	1:00-5:00 M			LAB Therapeutic Modalities 1:00-5:00 Th	
LAB Human Anatomy and Physiology	12:00-3:10 M	HISTORY				Clinical 1 Therapeutic Modalities 8:00-12:00 W	
BIOL 2402.2 Human Anatomy and Physiology	9:30-11:00 TTh	HIST 1301.1 United States History to 1865	8:00-9:30 TTh			Clinical 2 Therapeutic Modalities 1:00-5:00 W	
LAB Human Anatomy and Physiology	12:30-3:30 T	HIST 1302.1 United States History since 1865	8:00-9:00 MWF			PTA 3034.1 Fundamentals of Physical Therapy 4:00-5:15 MF	
BIOL 2420.1 Microbiology	10:00-11:00 MWF	HIST 1302.2 United States History since 1865	11:00-12:00 MWF			LAB Fundamentals of Physical Therapy 9:00-12:00 F	
LAB Microbiology	12:00-3:00 W	HIST 1302.3 United States History since 1865	11:00-12:30 TTh			PTA 4033.1 PTA Seminar 9:00-12:00 MF	
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (Workforce Courses)		HIST 1302.4 United States History since 1865	N 6:30-9:30 W			PTA 4054.1 Rehabilitation 1:00-5:00 Th	
BMGT 2303.1 Problem Solving & Decision Making	TBA	HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT				PTA 4054.1 Rehabilitation 1:00-5:00 W	
BUSG 1366.1 Practicum - Business, General	TBA	HRPO 2307.1 Organizational Behavior	11:00-12:00 MWF			LAB Rehabilitation 8:00-12:00 TWTh	
BUSG 2366.1 Practicum - Business, General	TBA	MATHEMATICS - LECTURE				SOCIOLOGY	
BUSG 2367.1 Practicum - Business, General	TBA	MATH 0301.3 Elementary Algebra	9:30-11:00 TTh			SOCI 1301.16 Introductory Sociology N 6:30-9:30 M	
CHEMISTRY		MATH 0301.4 Elementary Algebra	10:00-11:00 MWF			INTERNET COURSES	
CHEM 1412.1 General Inorganic Chemistry	N 6:30-9:30 T	MATH 0302.3 Intermediate Algebra	8:30-9:30 TTh			BIOLOGY	
LAB General Inorganic Chemistry	N 6:30-9:30 Th	MATH 0302.4 Intermediate Algebra	9:30-10:00 MWF			BIOL 1322.19 Nutrition TBA	
COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS		MATH 1314.1 College Algebra	10:00-11:00 MWF			CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Workforce & Transfer Course)	
COSC 1301.1 Introduction to Computers	8:00-9:00 MW	MATH 1314.2 College Algebra	8:00-9:30 TTh			CRJ 1307.19 & CJS 1312.19 Crime in America TBA	
LAB Introduction to Computers	1:00-3:10 M	MATH 1332.1 College Mathematics	N 6:30-9:30 T			CRJ 1301.19 & CJS 1322.19 Introduction to Criminal Jus. TBA	
COSC 1301.2 Introduction to Computers	9:00-10:00 MW	MATH 1348.1 Analytic Geometry	9:30-11:00 TTh			COMPUTER-ASSISTED DRAFTING & DESIGN	
LAB Introduction to Computers	1:00-3:00 W	MATH 2414.1 Calculus II	11:00-12:00 MWF			DFG 1409.19 Basic Computer-Aided Drafting w/lab TBA	
COSC 1301.3 Introduction to Computers	N 5:39-7:30 W	LAB Calculus II	11:00-12:05 TTh			DFG 1417.19 Architectural Drafting-Residential w/lab TBA	
LAB Introduction to Computers	N 7:30-9:30 W	Several classes of PSI mathematics are offered days and nights.				DFG 1452.19 Intermediate Computer-Aided Drafting w/lab TBA	
COSC 1301.4 Introduction to Computers	9:30-10:30 TTh	MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY				DFG 2432.19 Advanced Computer-Aided Drafting w/lab TBA	
LAB Introduction to Computers	1:00-3:00 Th	MCOT 1104.1 Introduction to Internet	9:30-10:30 TTh			ECONOMICS	
COSC 1301.5 Introduction to Computers	N 5:30-7:30 T	MCOT 1105.1 Intermediate Internet	9:00-10:00 WF			ECON 2301.19 Principles of Economics I TBA	
LAB Introduction to Computers	N 7:30-9:30 T	MCOT 1106.1 Advanced Internet	TBA			ENGLISH	
COSMETOLOGY		MCOT 2140.1 Special Projects	TBA			ENGL 1301.19 Composition and Grammar TBA	
FMI, call Kathleen Beavers ext. 3242 or Darlene Kajs ext. 2265.		MCOT 2312.1 Principles of Spreadsheets	11:00-12:00 TTh			ENGL 1302.19 Composition and Literature TBA	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Workforce & Transfer Course)		LAB Principles of Spreadsheets	1:00-3:00 Th			ENGL 2323.19 Survey of British Literature TBA	
CRJ 2323.1 & CJS 2300.1 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	N 6:30-9:30 Th	MCOT 1342.1 Practicum I	TBA			GRAPHICS	
CRJ 2314.1 Criminal Investigation	12:30-2:00 TTh	MCOT 2341.1 Practicum II	TBA			GRPH 1422.19 Electronic Publishing I with lab TBA	
COMPUTER-ASSISTED DRAFTING AND DESIGN		MCOT 2342.1 Practicum III	TBA			MICROCOMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	
DFG 1417.1 Architectural Drafting-Residential	10:00-12:30 M	MUSIC				MCOT 1104.19 Introduction to Internet TBA	
LAB Architectural Drafting-Residential	10:00-12:30 W	MUEN 1152.1 Vocal Ensemble	11:00-12:30 MWF			MCOT 1105.19 Intermediate Internet TBA	
DFG 1452.1 Int. Computer-Aided Drafting	N 5:30-8:30 M	MUSI 1301.1 Fundamentals of Music	10:00-11:00 MWF			MCOT 2312.19 Principles of Spreadsheets w/lab TBA	
LAB Int. Computer-Aided Drafting	N 8:30-10:30 M	MUSI 1306.1 Music Appreciation	N 6:30-9:30 Th			MCOT 2412.19 Principles of Database w/lab TBA	
DFG 2440.1 Solid Modeling/Design	N 5:30-8:30 W	Several classes of Guitar, piano, and voice are available.				OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	
LAB Solid Modeling/Design	N 8:30-10:30 W	Contact Vicki Pennington, ext. 2215.				OFFT 1414.19 Principles of Word Processing w/lab TBA	
DFG 1366.1 Practicum - Drafting	TBA	NURSING				OFFT 2418.19 Adv. Word Processing/DT Publishing w/lab TBA	
DFG 2366.1 Practicum - Drafting	TBA	Call Cathy Bolton ext. 2270 for more information					
DFG 2367.1 Practicum - Drafting	TBA	OFFICE TECHNOLOGY					
DRAM		OFFT 1405.1 Business English/Communications	8:00-9:30 TTh				
DRAM 1120.1 Rehearsal and Performance	N 7:00-10:00 TTh	LAB Business English/Communications	1:00-3:00 T				
DRAM 1310.1 Introduction to Theatre	1:00-4:00 W	OFFT 1415.1 Information Processing	N 5:00-8:00 Th				
DRAM 1310.2 Introduction to Theatre	1:00-4:00 M	LAB Information Processing	8:00-10:00 Th				
ECONOMICS		OFFT 2140.1 Special Projects	TBA				
ECON 2301.1 Principles of Economics I	11:00-12:00 MWF	OFFT 2418.1 Adv. Word Processing/DT Pub.	8:00-9:00 MWF				
ECON 2302.1 Principles of Economics II	9:30-11:00 TTh	LAB Adv. Word Processing/Desktop Publishing	1:00-3:00 W				

Required orientation for video tape and Internet courses

Guthrie senior responds to needs of family in carbon monoxide scare

The quick response of Guthrie High School senior Ryan Antilley on the morning of November 15, 1999, led to the safe recovery of his parents and sister in a carbon monoxide scare.

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on Monday, November 15, Ryan's sister Callie woke with a headache and as she was going to the kitchen to take something for this; her father Gary Antilley heard her fall.

While Gary was trying to get Kallie to respond, Ryan's mother, Stasia, came to the kitchen area to quickly pass out herself. Ryan, getting up to see what was happening, saw his mother fall to the floor hitting her head on the refrigerator.

After making sure she was alright, and then seeing his dad briefly blackout while still trying to take care of Kallie, he quickly calls the EMS service, which are as well friends and neighbors, Pat Bradbury and Suzie Adams and her husband Travis.

Ryan gets Kallie outside the house and is returning to get his mom and dad out when Bradbury and the Adams arrive. Stasia, still semi-unconscious, is helped outside by Ryan and Suzie while Pat takes care of Kallie. Gary was able to walk out on his own ac-



RYAN ANTILLEY

cord.

After investigating the situation, it was determined that the vent off of the hot water heater was off, going through the fan and heater system.

Later on the day of November 15, a carbon monoxide detector was installed in the Antilley home. Stasia said that on November 21 the detector again went off.

In testing the home for carbon monoxide, the level was extremely high when the hot water heater came on.

Following a check inside the house, all looked well. Upon checking the roof, the rain cap on

top of the house was crushed, so it was replaced.

Again on Thursday, December 2, Stacia went home sick and once again the alarm went off. It was decided then to replace the hot water heater, and to this date, they have not had any other alarms.

In pulling the family from the residence, Ryan was in a walking cast. His senior year at Guthrie saw him beginning the football season with the Jaguars playing two games, only to miss the next with a concussion. The following game he was back in to play, breaking his foot in the first quarter. He finished the game and upon seeing a doctor for his injury, he was placed in a walking cast from September 24 until December 5, thus missing the remainder of the season.

Following Ryan's quick action and the carbon monoxide alarm incidents, the Antilley family are firm believers in this device. Stacia encourages everyone to get one for their own safety.

The Antilleys are grateful to Pat, Suzie and Travis for their quick response and help in a much needed time.

Stacia will be remembered as the former Stacia Carver, the daughter of Jan and Fred Carver of Benjamin.

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie, a doll of all the Spice Girls, the Generation Barbie, and the Big Kelly doll that has soft blond hair. I would also like a Gymnastic Barbie, a Barbie car, and a Barbie airplane. That's it.
Love, Adrian Flye

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a CD player, some CD's, and a computer with a printer. I want some nail polish. I want a foot ball, some head phones, a kitten, a chemistry set, a skateboard, a typewriter, and more.
Love, Mina Banks

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of roller blades, Barbie doll clothes and a Millennium Beanie Baby. I would also like an N'sync CD, a swimming pool, a computer, a Nintendo and a Britney Spears CD. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Ashley Espinosa

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the toys from last year. Please bring me a Playstation, a radio, a camera, a power ranger, and a Stone Cold toy figure. I would also like a computer, a soccer ball, a basket ball and some roller blades.
Have a nice Christmas.
From Derrick Coleman to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Playstation, a football, Batman racecars and a whistle football. I would also like soccer ball, a wrestling figure that talks, and a toy box.
How are you doing? I hope you have a nice Christmas.
Love, M.J. Abila

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun, and a deer rifle with shells. Also, I would like a bike, tennis shoes, money and a knife. I want a Nintendo 64 with games and joysticks.
Love, Derrick Northrup

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a bike, CD player, a 22 rifle with shells, shoes, a deer rifle, a soccer ball and six knives.
Love, Rocky Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a new doll for Christmas. Please leave it under the Christmas tree. I will in Knox City in a yellow and blue house. I want some books, too.
Love, Emily Espinosa

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doggie. I want a doll, too. Please bring my Mama a necklace.
I will leave you some cereal and koolaid.
Love, Selena Benavides

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Power Ranger, a bike, and a Batman toy.
From Daniel Satchell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want baby dolls, an over baker, a swimming pool. For Christmas I also want a CD player and some CDs.
Love, Maria Torres

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being Santa. I want a go-cart, film and a camera. I would like a Nintendo 64 with games and 50 dollars.
Thank you, Eric Casillas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike, a skateboard, and roller skates. Thank you for bringing my Nintendo 64 last year.
Love, Kenyin Collier

Dear Santa,
I hope you are having a good Christmas. I would like a soccer ball and a skateboard.
Love, Kishan Raghu

Dear Santa,
I want some Beanie Babies, a Christmas Barbie, a oven baker, a computer, a Britney Spears CD, a bike, a Spice Girls poster, new shoes and some nail polish.
Love, Micaela Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Back Street Boys tape, and a Scary Spice Barbie. I also would like a swimming pool, a slide, and a Beanie Baby, a basketball and a CD player.
Love, Holly McCrary

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a CD player with CDs, and a Britney Spears singing doll? How is Mrs. Claus?
Love, Britney Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a Computer, a Britney Spears tape, a Backstreet Boys tape and a game. Thank you, Santa.
Love, Sabrina Benevides

Dear Santa,
I would like a BB gun, a Bazooka bike, Batman, 1000 dollars, a soccer ball and toy.
Thank you, Ivan Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a Furby and Barbie Spice Girl doll.
Love, Michelle Espinosa

Dear Santa,
May I have a Grip and Flip and a globe. I would like a computer. I have been good. I am going to leave you some cookies.
Love, Brandon Bradley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie, a game, and a real cat. I have been a good girl this year. I will put cookies and milk out for you.
Love, Kaley Ainsworth

Dear Santa,
I would like a Godzilla. Also I would like some small soliders and a water gun would be fun.
Love, Miguel Espericueta

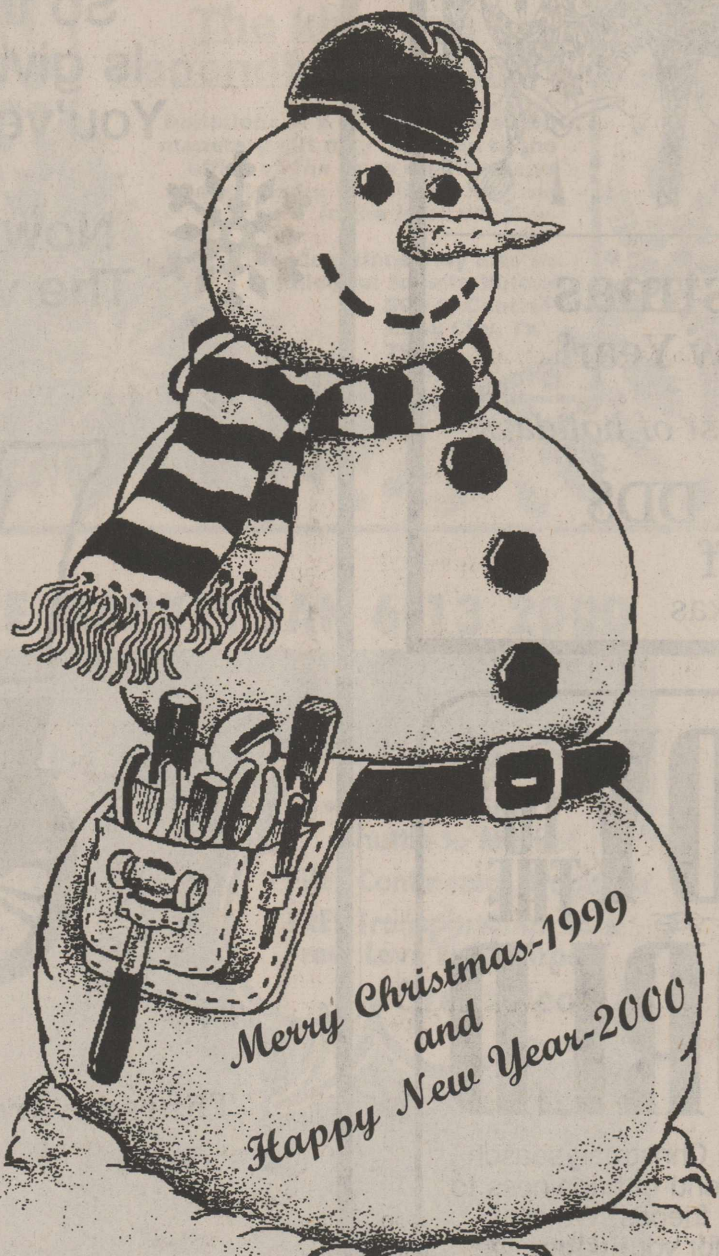
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and some clothes, a swimming pool and a basketball to play with my sisters. I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Thank you,
I love you, Camille Ward

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike for Christmas this year. I am working hard in school. Thank you for the gifts last year.
Love, Fernando Espericueta

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Amazing Ally and a Kindergarten Baby. I would like to have a puppy too. I have been good this year and I hope all is well with you.
Love, Makayla Harrington

Dear Santa,
May I have a Grip and Flip? Please bring me a skateboard and a bike with a water bottle. I have been good and worked hard in school. I will leave you some cookies and some milk to drink.
Love, Latrell Woodson

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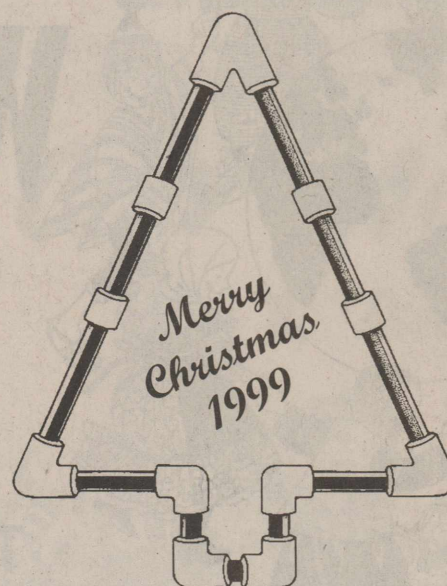
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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a dog that has a bone and it walks. It is a Goofy dog. I want a real dog, too, please. I live in O'Brien. My house is blue and white.
Love, Chasity Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a combine and an army tank. I want a remote controlled motorcycle. Zachary would want a big toy with a key and a steering wheel.
Love, Quinten Burt

Dear Santa,
May I have a baby doll and a baby stroller, please? I would like a baby carriage too.
I went to go take a picture with you but the girls wouldn't get on his lap. Maybe we can take a picture next year. I've been a little bad but I'm going to be better. Please come, anyway.
Love, Haley Ledesma

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a truck? I would like a game or a book, too.
My mom was fixing some presents and you were on the roof. So you know where I live.
Love, Isaac Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a two seater one for my Dad and me. OK, a three seater one so Brandon can ride, too. I want the Operation game, too, please. I want Bird Machine so I can fly in it over to my Meemaw's house. I want Don't Wake Daddy Up.
I took a picture of you and me at the Dairy Queen. I'll see you, soon.
Love, Brandon Bradley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Legos and a bike. Please bring me a pretend school house and a basketball. I watched you in a movie.
Love, T.J. Wertz

Dear Santa,
I want a black motorcycle with gas and a jacket and helmet. I like a talking radio and some handcuffs for playing.
I saw you at the mall. I sat on your lap but I wanted Mama to get me. I've been good this year.
Love, Riley Albus

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I will leave you a snack.
I want a dump truck, a race track and a watch.
Love, Urie Woodson

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie bike with a microphone to talk on. I want a helicopter, too, please.
I will leave you cookies and a glass of milk.
Love, Megan Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please, Santa, I want a four wheeler. When I was real little, I took my picture with you.
I will go to sleep early and I will help my sisters go to bed, too. They have a hard time going to sleep.
Love, Josie Chapman

Dear Santa,
I want a new pair of skates so I can skate on the sidewalk. Please bring baby toys for Natasha and real Legos for my brother. Chocolate milk and cookies will be on the kitchen table for you.
Love, Braden Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a toy dog and cat. I want a toy fish. I want a Blues Clues dog. that's all.
I love you, Tiffany Esquivel

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I want a Barbie angel.
Love, Jasmine

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Bill Neal District Attorney



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. ("Valor"), formerly known as dba Texas Operating Co., L.P. has entered into a contract with GTE Southwest Incorporated to purchase the following exchanges in Knox County: Benjamin, Knox City, Munday. On December 13, 1999, Valor filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting approval of the acquisition and issuance of a certificate from the Commission to provide telephone service to the listed exchange(s). If approved, GTE will cease to be the local telephone service provider in this area and Valor will assume the responsibility of providing local exchange service in this area. The Valor application has been assigned Docket No. 21834. GTE's application to remove the exchange(s) from its certificate has been assigned Docket No. 21830. The Commission intends to investigate the acquisition and its impact on the public interest pursuant to Sections 14.101 and 54.051-54.054 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

Valor does not propose any increase in charges to customers in this application. If, in the future, the Company proposes a rate change, customers will be given notice at that time.

In addition, Valor seeks designation by the Commission as both an eligible telecommunications provider ("ETP") and as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") within the service area acquired from GTE, to permit it to receive state and federal universal service support. The Valor applications have been assigned Docket Nos. 21832 and 21833. GTE also seeks to remove the service area sold to Valor from the area in which it has been designated as an ETP and ETC. The GTE application has been assigned Docket No. 21831.

All of the applications and the proposed tariffs are available for inspection and copying at the Central Records Office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Austin, Texas. The Valor applications and tariffs are also available at the office of counsel, Brook Bennett Brown, McGinnis, Lochridge & Kilgore, L.L.P., 919 Congress Avenue, 1300 Capitol Center, Austin, Texas 78701. The GTE applications are available for inspection at GTE's offices at 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1500, Austin, Texas 78701.

Persons with questions regarding the Valor proceeding should contact Mike Page with Valor at (202) 466-0940. Persons with questions regarding the GTE proceeding should call Carl Ehrhart with GTE at (512) 477-8986. Persons who wish to intervene in either proceeding or comment on the action sought should identify the relevant docket number and contact the Public Utility Commission at Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas, 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission office of Consumer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or, toll free, at (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas at (800) 735-2989 to reach the Commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477. The deadline for intervention in these proceedings is February 22, 2000, and you must send a letter requesting intervention to the Commission which is received by that date.

If you have a red circle on your address label, that means your subscription to the NEWS is about to expire.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Sega Dreamcast and maybe a basketball game with it? I will leave you some cookies.
Love, Zach Shaver

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Power Ranger Megazord that is remote controlled. I have been good, I have some cookies that you can eat.
Love, Taylor Chappell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, and a pair of roller blades. I will need some knee and elbow pads, also. I will have some cookies for you.
Love, Landon Lynn

Dear Santa,
Please would you bring me a bike and a coloring set. I would like a stuffed bear that is white too. I have been good this year and worked very hard in school.
Love, Whitney Collins

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer, some makeup and a real pony. I will leave some cookies for you. Hope Rudolph is doing fine.
Love, Tiffany Wertz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike for Christmas. I would like to have a Pokemon book, a remote control Pokemon car and a bear. Thank you for the gifts last year. I have been good and am working hard in school.
Love, Santos Espinal

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll and some clothes. Please bring me a computer and a stuffed cat. I have been good and am working hard in school, I will leave some cookies and milk by the tree.
Love, Lacey Pierce

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, Playstation, clothes, coat, shoes, OHO, radio, tapes, watch that's all I want from Santa!
Lannie Coleman III

Dear Santa,
I would like a go-cart, a Pokemon book and a Christmas book. Santa, can you bring me another Beanie Baby?
Love, Zakery York

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a guitar. I would like a small car that I fit into. I would like a bike and a game. I am trying hard to be good.
Love, Luther McCrary

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, some roller blades, a bike, a skateboard, and boats. Also, I would like a computer.
Love, Edward Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are felling ok. How is it going? I would like a buzz lightyear, a Toy Story 2 video game, a dirt bike, and a double o seven video game, also some underwear.
Will Livingston, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you today? How is it going up there at the north pole? I would like a small soldier toy and a cool bike. I would like some toy story toys like Buzz light year and Woody the cowboy. I am ready for Christmas. I'll decorate my house and a big Christmas tree with lots of lights on it. I would like a lost galazy power ranger toy with a galatic speeder to come with it.
Love, William Toliver, 3rd grade

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Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Santa and all the little Elves. I would like a small basketball, football and a soccerball to help me with my sports. I will leave cookies and milk beside the tree for you.
Thank you, Isaac Ruiz

May the story of Christmas bring joy to all.

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At this special time of year, we offer our thanks and join with you in celebrating the birth of our Savior. May the gift of His love fill your home and heart this holiday season.

First Baptist Church

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Merry Christmas

Here's hoping your season gets off to a flying start, and brings much joy throughout!

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SEASONS

In this celebration without stop, we'd like to start... by saying thanks for all your kindness and support.

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GREETINGS

Best Wishes

From

Doctor Shirley Barretto

~

Doctor Imran Rao

~

Doctor Feras Hamadeh

and Staff of the

Knox County Hospital Clinic

Merry Christmas

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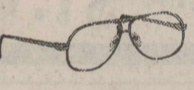
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Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
 Hello, my name is Isaac Flores. I am 1 year and 9 months old. I have been a good boy this year. Santa I would like to have my bigfoot fixed so I can cruise around Papa and Nana's house. I also would like some cowboy boots and some pajamas (sleepers). Oh Santa, I would also like to get my mommy something special for always being there for me. Merry Christmas.
 Love always, Isaac Flores

Dear Santa,
 I want a Airhog, a Super Rebound, a pogo stick, a medium size football, and some size 4 1/2 roller blades. Also, a vortex power bat and laser challenge radar extreme. Thanks for what you brought me last year.
 From Jerod Daniel

I love Santa
 Dear Santa,
 My name is M.J. Abila. I am 7 years old. I want a nitendo 64 and computer and new shoes and video games and football and two players and a Batman and toys and a cross necklace and addids caps, Nike caps and socks and Tommy socks and addids socks and Nike socks and wreatling man and the ring and belt and a bike and rollarskates and a toy box and bagy pants and shirts and pants and little basketball goal and little basketball and a TV and pagy shorts and long sleeve shorts and addids shirts and Nike shirts and addids shorts and Nike shorts and muscle shirts and a swimmin pool and addids shoes and Nike shoes.
 'how are you doing Santa.
 I love you so much.

Dear Santa,
 Hi! I am 3 years old. I have been a really good girl this year. Well, most of the time. Thank you for the Barbie Jeep you brought me last year.
 Could you please bring me Woody's horse, Mr. Potato Head, a Barbie Airplane, a doll stroller and high chair, and a watch? Because I always want to know what time it is.
 Say Hi to Mrs. Clause, too.
 I love you, Brandy Homstad

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a rocking horse for Christmas. I would also like some new pajamas and slippers. I have tried to be a good girl this year.
 I will leave a snack for you on the table. Thank you.
 Love, Andrea Lynn

Dear Santa,
 I am almost 3 this year! I liked you at the Mall, but that gingerbread cookie you gave me was shoo-shoo.

I want every toy I see on TV, but I NEED a bike and helmet for Christmas. Mamma says I have been a very good girl, but don't listen to JeeJee or Ashley cause they might tell you I pout and say "no" sometimes.
 Please bring something special for Clay and Reagan who stay at JeeJee's with us and remember my little "Stister" Kylie needs a baby doll.
 Kylie and I will leave you and your reindeer a healthy and nutritious snack of weanies and cheese, Teddy Grahams and Coke.
 Love, Your Friend,
 Keelie Harrison

Dear Santa,
 I am a very shy 18 month old little girl. You know I won't sit on your lap, but my big sister (who's not shy at all) told you I would love another baby doll. You could bring me something good to eat, maybe even some of the food Sophie gets since Jee Jee yells at me when I get it out of her bowl.
 Please bring my Sissy something good like clothes and Dr. Pepper.
 Also, remember my special friends who stay at Jee Jee's with me and Keelie, Clay and Reagan. Clay needs some boy toys since we have all "girl stuff" at Jee Jee's and Reagan needs a little baby doll.
 Love, Kylie Harrison

Dear Santa,
 I want a stereo, a Sony Playstation, a computer, WrestleMania 2000, and some rollerblades. Please bring a babydoll for my sister.
 Sincerely yours, Andrew Inland
 P.S. How's Rudolf?

Dear Santa,
 My name is Mea. I am 8 years old. I want some barbies and a barbie ken, a computer and a playstation Barbie. And some clothes and some overalls. And a family house together. And some sandles, some high heel shoes, some tennis shoes, a teddie bear.
 Sincerely, Mea Linda Abila
 I believe in you,
 I think you are reel.

Dear Santa,
 Sometimes I like you, but sometimes I don't. I would like for you to bring me a John Deere front loader like at the John Deere house. I also need a corn picker and a trailer. My last request is a red and blue ceiling fan like the one at Billy's place (where they make hamburgers). I will leave you some fudge.
 Love, Stratton Jack Edmonds
 P.S. Please remember to bring gifts to Brian, Brandon and Natalie.

Dear Santa,
 I can't talk yet but I know what I like. I would like lots of candy and anything with a moo cow on it.
 Love, Spencer Scott Edmonds
 P.S. Bring Nora a special prize.

Dear Santa,
 I am only two months old so I don't know what I like yet, but I know you will have good judgment on what to get me.
 Love, Stuart Day Edmonds

Dear Santa,
 I would like a new stereo, CD's. I would like cool clothes, and hair accessories. I would like you to have a nice flight, how is Mrs. Claus? Have the reindeer had all of their shots? Oh, how are you doing? I hope GRATE! Well I better let you go.
 Sincerely, Sarah Burt

Dear Santa,
 I want a new Barbie doll and a cat. I have lots of great friends. My family is great, too.
 I love you, Tatianna Wiggins

Dear Santa,
 I like you and I love you. I want a yoyo, a wrestling ring, some clothes, and some skates.
 Thank you, Anthony Toliver

Dear Santa,
 How are you?
 I want a motorcycle, football, a soccer ball and a truck.
 Leave it under the Christmas tree.
 Your friend, Adrian Hernandez

Dear Santa,
 I love you, I play with toys, I go to school in Knoxville. I live in Knoxville. For Christmas I want a Princess Barbie, a Teddy Bear, and a yoyo.
 I love you, Jordan Carver

Dear Santa,
 I like you, I want some new gym shoes and some new toys. I don't know what they are called but I think you will know.
 I love you, Jarek Wilde

Dear Santa,
 I love you. Will you be my friend. I want to play kitchen, a Barbie and some clothes for Barbie.
 Your friend, Destini Billington

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a Blues Clues t-shirt and a toy car and a bear.
 I love you, Steven Diaz

Dear Santa,
 I love you! I go to kindergarten. I'll leave milk and cookies out for you.
 I want a necklace, ring and a Barbie.
 I love you, Lucinda Diaz

Dear Santa,
 I'm an excellent young woman! I would like an 'N SYNC CD! I would also like a new CD player! A phone line in my room! The Dixie Chicks Fly! I forgot! Oh, I remember now! I want a television in my room! I also want clothes and cool shoes! A new big bed!
 Catch you later! Candace Carver
 P.S. I want this stuff real bad!

Dear Santa,
 I want a standup CD holder, Rugrats Playstation game, a computer, a dream phone and roller blades. If I get those roller blades I want knee pads, helmet and elbow pads.
 Thank you!!! Sarah Jo Johnson
 P.S. Have a nice trip!!!

SEASONS GREETINGS

Greetings From The Thompsons

When your families gather near for the holiday season, take a few minutes to tell 'em how much you love them. Rejoice in all things the Lord has made possible and also thank Him for the love in your heart and guidance through life.

Merry Christmas
 From our family to yours,
 Dave, Stacy and Scooter

"Honor All Men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King."

James 2:17
 May the true message of Christmas be heard by all in this and every season.
 God bless you all.

First Christian Church
 Steve Pepper, Pastor



Dear Santa,
 I want a dirt bike, a Playstation with games, and new Nikes. I also want a computer to do my homework on. I have been pretty good this year. I would like a kits too. I need a BB gun (I already know how to use one). I want a football and a tee to kick the ball off of. I would need a helmet with that. A train with railroad tracks would be fun to have too. I want a dog.
 Love, Rico

Dear Santa,
 I would like a Playstation with games. I also want a pool table. I have been pretty good this year. I want a soccer ball because soccer is my favorite sport. I would also like a gocart. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Hears some advice: go on a diet. I live on three eleven south second. Merry Christmas.
 Love, Orrin

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Johnson, and this is my first Christmas. I am five months old. I know I'm just a little guy, but there are still some things that I would like for Christmas. Please bring me an activity center that makes lots of noise and lights up. Daddy likes my toys that make lots of noise. I would also like a white bear skin rug, a Tonka car to chase, and some books. Oh, and anything that I can put in my mouth. Please remember my Aunt Angela and my cousins Brad and Dustin. They take good care of me. I will leave you some homemade cookies and a big Diet Coke. I love you!
Love, Tyler Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Playstation, and a Barbie doll. I will leave some cookies. I want a cd and player. I want new shoes.
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and playstation! I want a GI-Joe policeman and a football toy. I want a football with a tee. And a little puppy about one month or two months old. I want a big bike with a head light. I want a big big big Buzz light year!!! I want two plain white t-shirts and a Deoni Sanders jersey and AickMan jersey! I want 4 pears of jeans, two pears baggy and the fourth pear plain. I want a hair cut and a lot of shirs and socks. And some candy.
Dillon Loftiss

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nerf Tornado, a robot, a chemistry set, a computer, a book to read, a Playstation, a Sega dream cast, a game boy, some crayons, and a blue power ranger.
Christopher Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are you? Thank you for the Nintendo 64 last year. My dad, my brother, nmy sister and I play it a lot.
This year I would like any kind of remote control car. Or a remote control dirt bike. This is mainly what I want, but you can get me a surprise.
Bring Zach and Cassidy a surprise too. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.
Jordan Carter

Dear Santa,
I would like a desk, a stuffed dog, a stuffed Santa, play food and a shape with me cash register. I have tried to be good. I hope every boy and girl is good. I like Christmas.
Love, Carlie Rowan

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Shop with Me, cash register, an Intel Pentium III 550MHZ, 9.1GBHD laptop, and Generation Girl, Tori. I would also like the Hank the Cow Dog Series and a CD player.
P.S. I would like a clean room, too.
Please make sure everyone has a Merry Christmas and gets a good present.
Brittany Coop

Dear Santa,
How are you? I will take a lap top computer with a printer, some toys, some new clothes, a new bike, a cramer, a new car and a new bed.
Rachel Ellis, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want 2 Barbies, a puppy, walkie talkie, a Tommy Pickle doll and jeep.
I want a bike, I want Barbie Cach Rasch and Dill Pickle doll and a generation girl, a Barbie and a super generation Barbie, a doll house and a giddie up girl.
Tiffany McCrary

A Golden Time

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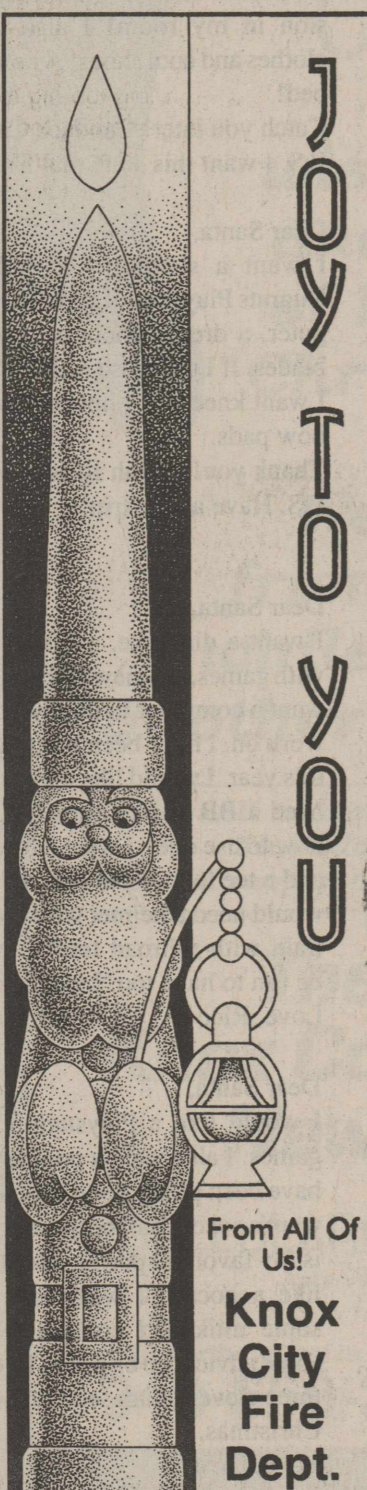
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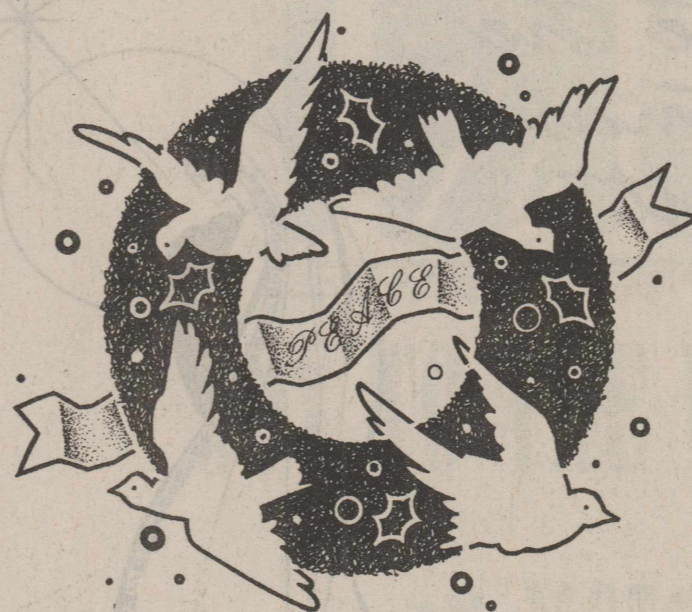
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**Retired school
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The Knox County Retired School Personnel met Tuesday, December 14, 1999, in the First Baptist Church fellowship hall in Knox City.

There were 25 members present for the annual Christmas luncheon. The building was decorated in the Christmas motif.

The Munday First Baptist Church pastor, Randy Gressett and the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Knox City, Johnny Johnson, were guests. Rev. Johnson gave the blessing of the meal.

Following the meal, vice-president Ramona Helms introduced Sandy Williams and her husband Don. Sandy is president of the District IX TRTA and she brought a report of the district and then gave three readings about Christmas.

Jessie Roberts gave a "Cowboy" reading version of Corinthians Chapter 13.

Louise Kemletz led the sing song with Margie Clonts at the piano.

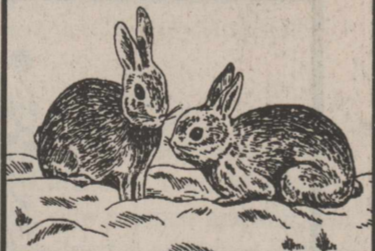
Knox City members were hostesses.





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**Letters
To Santa**

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I would like a baby born and a fashion Barbie and another Barbie and a puppy and new shoes and a Barbie airplane and a computer with Barbie disk and cd player with cd's and a Barbie shop with cash register and a Barbie jam box.
Love, Amber Woodson, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Mea Linda Abila. This is a list I want for Christmas. I want some clothes, a teddy bear, some sandals, some tennis shoes, some roller skates, a Barbie house, a bike, a Nintendo 64 for Christmas.
Mea Linda Abila

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a Buzz Light, a Toy Story Woody, a computer and a puppy. I would also like a new bike. Please bring my brother Adrian a new bike and for my sister Kayla a new computer. Bring my baby brother Nathaniel a teletubby. Bring my pet dogs a doggy bone.
Your friend, Lee Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I hope everything is going as planned. How are the reindeer? I would like an All Terrain Maneuverable Remote Car, a rock book and collection.
Happy holidays, J.C. Chappell

Dear Santa,
I have been sort of good. So if it is not anytrouble, I would like a new N64 game, a gocart, a Totally Hits, Now3 cd, and Millenium¹ CD.
Thanks for taking time to read my letter!
Sincerely, Derek

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, some board games and rollerblades. Get my brother some games and some clothes. Get Rechele toys and a bike. How is it at the North Pole? We'll see you and your reindeer on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, Brittany Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a dirtbike and a new fishing pole and a BB gun with a scope and a remote control car. I've been good this year.
Love, Kyle Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like skates with pads and a helmet. And I will also like a laptop computer. And I would like a N'Sync CD and CD player. I have been good.
Love, Marquita
P.S. I will have cookies and milk!

Dear Santa,
My name is Richard Saxton. I want a Sony playstation. The games I want is maximum Toystory 2 and WCW. I want a radio and the song I want is from Little Troy, Master P., and I got the hook up.
Yours truly,
Richard Saxton

Dear Santa,
I would like a minipool table for me and my sister because our favorite game is pool. I also want a computer. I would also like a TV for my van. I also want a Nintendo 64 and a Playstation. I would like some CDs. I want Bewitched, Five and Smash Mouth. I've been good this year, and I will leave some cookies out for you to eat. If it isn't to much, I would also like any kind of inflatable furniture and a Game Boy. How is Mrs. Clause and the reindeer? I hope they are fine. Merry Christmas.
Love, Jessie K. Schur

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Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a Dry Erase Board and a brand new bike. I also want a necklace, a bracelet and a ring. I will also leave some cookies for you.
Love, Sara Smith
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64, a games called WrestleMania 1000, and a poster of The Rock, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Ken Shamrock. I want N'Sync and poster.
Love, Adan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elf's and reindeer? I am fine. I am ready for Christmas. I would like some video games for a Nintendo 64, a barbie doll, a video called Toy Story 2, a board game, some CD's for a computer.
Kayla Hacker, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing OK. I want a bunk bed, a new mongoose bike, a playstation and some games to it, a board game, a saddle, a horse, a furby, a baby furby, two computer games, a dog, a cat another guinea pig.
Good bye, Chance Agraz

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. Can I have a new house? Can I have a van? Can I have a bike, a new kit, and a Stone Cold poster and a Miaheal Jordan poster and a new Dallas Cowboy bed.
Sincerely, Ryan Casillas

Dear Santa,
I would like a new computer, Discman, a Rock tumbler, cds, and some sand art.
Love, Dannie

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie shop with me cash register. I want another easy bake oven I want a barbie and a man barbie. I want a barbie car for my barbies. I want a computer. I want a mat for me to practice doing more flips. I want a bike for Christmas. I want a molly doll for Christmas. I want a puppy one month for Christmas. I want a pool for Christmas. I want a trampoline for Christmas. I want a TV for Christmas. I want a cd player for Christmas. I want a tape player for Christmas. I want a baby born for Christmas. I want a symnastic barbie for Christmas. Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas.
Molly Elizabeth Agraz

Dear Santa,
My name is Sheniqua Woods. I want rollerblades, a bike, the Barbie play game, new clothes and boots. How is everyone at the North Pole?
How is Rudolf and Mrs. Clause and the Elves? Have a nice ride and Merry Christmas!
Yours truly,
Sheniqua Woods

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer, boombox, cds (Brittany Spears), some new playstation games, and a pool table. I have been a good girl this year so far. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.
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MIKE SHEEDY

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We appreciate everything you have done for our family so very much and will never forget your kindness.

Merry Christmas to each of you and God bless.

Vickie and Larry Toliver

Thanks to all of you for the cards, flowers, calls, food, visits and prayers since my recent surgery and returning home.

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Charlene Brothers, Mayor

Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

It's almost here! That's Christmas, I'm talking about. I hope everyone has a very enjoyable holiday weekend, if you're going to be out on the road, please drive carefully. There will be a lot of traffic on the road. And above all, let's remember why we celebrate Christmas and never fail to give thanks to Him for our many blessings.

Concerning our ill - Tick Moorhouse has been a patient in th Haskell hospital several days. Think if he was still feeling pretty well today (Monday) he was going into the care home in Haskell for a few weeks until he's able to come back home and live by himself.

Audra Neal underwent an emergency appendectomy last Sunday morning early. According to her dad, she's feeling OK now. I haven't seen her but am glad she's doing OK.

Ronnie White has had a pretty good case of this "flu-like" stuff. He's feeling much better now, but said for a few days, he sure felt horrible.

Christmas Program - The community Christmas program was held Sunday night at the Baptist Church. Special music was presented by the Church of Christ choir and also a special ws sung by Sharazan Riggins. Children of the community enacted the Christmas story with congregational singing of carols at the proper time on the story. Refreshments were served following the program.

Duke Christmas Party - Dennis and Pam Duke and their children Zeke, Rachel and Rebecca, Phil and Paige Boone hosted once again a Christmas party in their beautifully decorated home on Saturday night.

Lots of visiting and good food was enjoyed by those in attendance. They have done this several years now and it makes for a most pleasant evening and evryone appreciates their efforts that go into making it so enjoyable.

Monday night several kids and adults went Christmas caroling. Tho the weather was cole those taking part enjoyed it and enjoyed hto chocolate and cookies after their "rounds". Those who had visits from the carolers expressed their appreciation of the group.

Reba and Carhlie Morrill's house has arrived. It got here today and lots of locals were down

there to see it be "unloaded" and "set up".

I haven't seen the inside but from outside it looks like it's going to have plentyof room for the two of them. I'll have a more complete report after I have the "grand tour"!!

Here 'N There - Mary Rainwater of Nocona was a Benjamin visitor on Saturday.

Jo and Dub Cartwright were in Lubbock over the weekend to be with her aunt in Methodist Hospital who is suffering from a broken hip. She's 96 years of age and not much can be done to repair it. She is from Littlefield.

Rachel Duke of MU, Zeke Duke of Tech and Rebecca, Phil and Paige Boone of Trent were weekend guests of homefolks.

Dwayne and Chase Polvado of Vernon are spenting this week with their grandparents, Joy an Charles Jones.

Bobby Hudson, Debra Ebraheim and Linda Hudson attended the funeral of Angela Harrold in Lubbock. Angela died Thursday and was the daughter of the late James Grady Hudson and his wife Dorothy. I extend sympathy to that family.

Raul Barrientez underwent surgery last Tuesday in Abilene. He's doing well but will have to take it easy for a few days.

Maretha Patterson and Shawn Johnson were in Abilene today for Maretha to see her heart doctor. She got a good report and if she doesn't have any further problems, doesn't have to go back for several months.

The Conners had an early Christmas this past weekend. Work schedules and other circumstances prevented them from all getting together on Christmas weekend. Those on hand for a family meal and gift exchange wre Steve Conner of Colorado City, Keith, Pam and Casey Conner of Big Spring, Kim and Billy Moore, Samijo and Shelby of Spur, Stephanie and Bobby Brannan and Jimmy and Michele Barrientez of Lubbock and Bud Conner and Blaine and Clay Conner and Hazel Stockton of Benjamin.

Stopped by and saw Bobby Hudson's new sunroom he has just added on to his house. It's a spacious addition and I know he and his family will enjoy it.

Merry Christmas, everyone!




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25 CHICKEN TENDERS - 1 PINT GRAVY
2 SIDE ORDERS - 5 BISCUITS
\$15.99

DELI FRESH TO YOU !

... WEDNESDAY SPECIAL -- STEAK FINGER BASKET - 4 PC. \$2.99 - 6 PC. \$3.99

... THURSDAY ... CHICKEN STRIP SPECIAL - 6 PC. Choice of potato log, mashed potatoes or french fries - biscuit or rolls - gravy - free small drink - \$3.99

... FRIDAY - HAMBURGERS ... \$1.75 - All Day !!!

... MONDAY - CHICKEN FRIED STEAK SANDWICH ... \$1.99

... TUESDAY - HAMBURGER and POTATO LOGS ... \$2.75

Everyday Prices!

• Mrs. Baird's FRIED PIES

2 / 99¢

• Mrs. Baird's HONEY BUNS

2 / 99¢

• Town Talk BREAD

24 Oz. White 69¢

• Town Talk Brown 'n Serve ROLLS 69¢

We would like to thank our many friends & customers for their patronage this past year.

May each of you have a very, very Merry Christmas !!

We will be OPEN Christmas Day!

HOPE YOUR CHRISTMAS



URNS OUT JUST RIGHT!

Here's our foolproof recipe for a perfect holiday season:

Take One Part Cheer
Add Two Parts Joy
Throw In Our Very Best Wishes
And Serve In Generous Portions
To A Fine Mix Of People Like You!

Sweet tidings and many thanks to all.

Lawrence Bros.



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