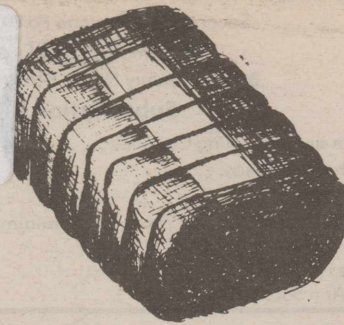


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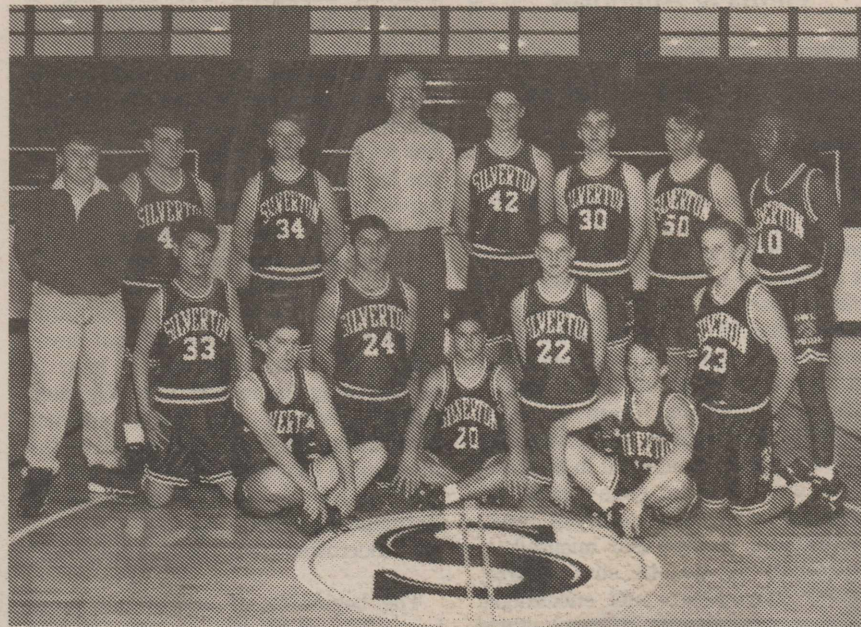
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Meet The Lady Owls and Owls!



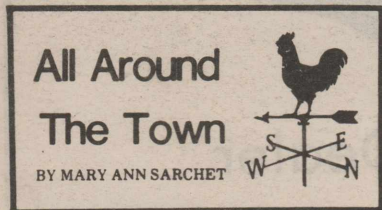
The Lady Owls--(standing, left to right) Michelle Warren, Molly Bomar, Leslee Weeks, Coach Roger Whipkey, Kenzie Burson; (sitting, middle row) Manager Kara Kingery, Dedra Johnston, Brandi Brunson, Lacy Brunson, Lori Brannon, Manager Heidi Tiffin, Kimmie Blazier; (sitting, first row) Molly Brooks, Holly Nance, Shannon Weaver, Shauna Kingery.

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The Owls--(standing, left to right) Manager Michael Reagan, Zeb Holt, Brandon Sarchet, Coach Donnie Dutton, Jack Cherry, Cy Comer, Will Hester, Jon Ivory; (kneeling) Hector Martinez, Arnold Garza, Chris Justice, Trey Wyatt; (sitting) Jared Francis, Andy Bullock, Leland Wood.

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All Around
The Town
BY MARY ANN SARCHET

City officers are giving credit to Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Pete Laney and his staff for the speed with which Silverton's emergency grant was approved. The situation is a true emergency, and without the \$350,000 grant the City's hands were tied in regard to providing a new water supply source. It always helps in a situation of this kind to have respected senior representatives in high places, because they have the know-how to get things done.

From all of us in Silverton, THANK YOU! We wish a merry Christmas and the very happiest of new years to the Pete Laney family.

Our hearts are united in prayer for the families of those who are very ill at this holiday season. We lost my mother to acute leukemia at Christmas, and I know first-hand how terrible it is to see those you love suffer through Thanksgiving and into the Christmas season. There just MUST be a cure found for all the forms of cancer. And while we're at it, we need to find the CAUSE so we can effectively deal with it. One case of cancer is TOO MANY.

Southwest Airlines, along with LaQuita Inns have conducted a contest

Chamber of Commerce To Have Annual Meeting January 14

The board of directors of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce have announced the date of their annual meeting to be held on the evening of Saturday, January 14. All current members of the Chamber of Commerce and any others who are interested in the betterment of the community are invited to attend.

among students in the elementary, middle and junior high schools to learn what Christmas means to them. Students were invited to put their thoughts and feelings about the holiday season into essays to be submitted for judging.

Winners will receive two roundtrip tickets to any Southwest Airlines published destination and accommodations for two nights will be provided at a LaQuinta in that city.

Students of Miss Jane Self have submitted entries, and some of their essays are printed in this issue of the *Briscoe County News*.

I would like to call your attention to a health survey that is printed on the back page of this issue of the newspaper. This is very important, and you are asked to remove it from your paper and answer the questions contained therein. When you are finished with it, drop it off at Nance's or at the City Hall. You could be making a great contribution to your community by doing this.

There will be no cost to attend the event; however, families attending are asked to bring two covered dishes (salad/vegetable/dessert) to accompany the entree which will be furnished for the meal. Highlight of the evening will be the appearance of Wynon Mayes who will bring a special program designed to motivate and entertain.

The opportunity to renew your membership or become a member of the Silverton Chamber of Commerce also will be available. For more information, please call W. D. Rowell at 823-2486.

Showmanship Clinic Planned December 27

A county-wide showmanship clinic will be held on Tuesday, December 27, from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the County Showbarn in Silverton. All county youth are invited to attend this event. There is no cost to attend; however, everyone is asked to RSVP to the Extension Office at 823-2131, if they will be attending, by December 21.

Topics to be covered at the clinic include grooming, caring for and showing steers, heifers, lambs and pigs. Please call for more information.

Signup Period For New Cost Share Program Is Announced Here

A new cost share program is available through the Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District. Briscoe County has been allotted \$15,000 to help producers install conservation practices that improve water quality.

In order to be eligible for this program, producers must first sign a water quality management plan for their farm. These plans are very simple and are designed to protect and improve the quality and quantity of our water. Once a water quality plan is in place, the producer will be protected from EPA regulations.

Cost share will be available for almost any conservation practice at the rate of 50% of the actual cost.

Assistance and programs of the Natural Resources Conservation Service are available without regard to race, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

With Our Best Wishes On Christmas


Go Owls, Lady Owls!

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A Voice From the Country



Earl Cantwell
Gems & Allegorys

The Babe of Bethlehem

Some more food for thought about Christmas.
 True children of God realize that this season of the year has no more significance religiously than any other, but minds are inevitably turned to the birth of Jesus at this time because of the thoughts of the world around us. Some good is done when we remember that in the midst of all the carnality, strife and division, there is some thought of the Saviour. Many who sing of His birth are commercial in purpose, but the world has not gone completely to the dogs as long as the story of Jesus, even warped, twisted and misused, is mentioned. It quiets some fears, captures some hearts and encourages

some hands. Oh that the abuses and misconceptions were removed! And they could be by simply believing and obeying the word of God. But heathensim and idolatry, encroaching on Christianity through developing such things as "Christmas" do not crumble overnight; they do not lie helpless at the feet at the break of day. Our problem is not stopping the season's happiness but divorcing it from religion. The song, "Silent Night," thrills the soul with joy and what it describes is historically accurate and its blessings perpetually ours. We do not know whether in the winter or summer, but we know that it happened. Think of the happiness kindled in the heart, and expressed in the words, "Joy to the World, the Lord has come." Then consider the gentleness of the song, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."
 May we not attach religious significance to December 25, but never lose sight of the birth of that baby in our teaching and meditations. We must never become so hard against celebrating His birth that we leave the impression that we lack appreciation of it. That He was born of the virgin in Bethlehem we firmly believe.
 (borrowed from "The Lamplighter")

The beginning of one of our more beautiful traditions: In the Middle Ages, when documents were signed they added an "X" after their names. Then they would kiss the "X" as a sign of kissing the cross of Christ. Many could not read or write, so documents were signed (sealed) with just an "X" and a kiss.
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Eighth Grade Owls—(left to right) Lorn Estes, Donny Burson, Jared Holt, David Donahoo, Jay Arnold, Jeremy Holt, Matt Martin, Junior Castillo.
 Photo by R Photography

After all the hurrying and rushing and shopping shoving that takes place during this season, some folk in our day probably decided that the "X" stands for "Xhaustion," "Xcuses," "Xchanges" and "Xasperation.
 It is so very important that we keep Christ in the most important and prominent place, and know His happiness, and His peace. Amen.

taken the place of the altar in too much of our modern Christmas observance. This year, let us strive to attain the true joyous "Christ the Saviour was born," "Glory to God in the highest" interpretation of Christmas.
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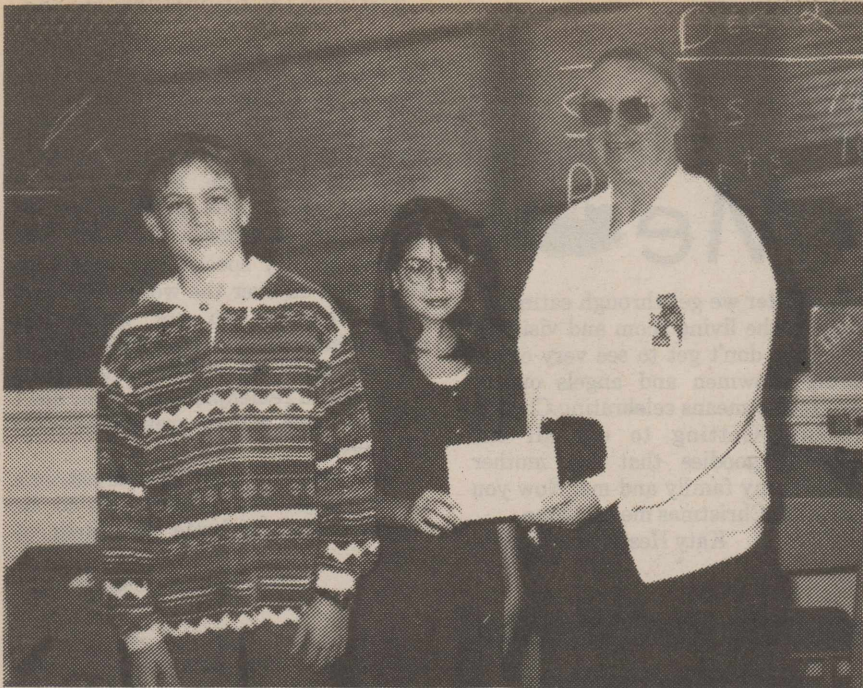
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Seventh Grade students Charlie Bomar and Lori Edwards were pictured as they presented the money they would have used to exchange Christmas gifts in their class to School Nurse Margie Pinkerton, R. N. The money is to be used to benefit the needy.

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4-H'ers Compete At District Show

Five 4-H'ers represented Briscoe County at the District 1 4-H Food Show which was held at Caprock High School in Amarillo on Saturday, December 10.

Hannah Boedeker, Valley 4-H Club member, participated in the Junior Main Dish category with her version of Chicken Ravioli. In the Intermediate Fruits and Vegetables category, Silverton 4-H Club member Katy Hester entered her Cauliflower Bermuda Salad for competition.

Silverton 4-H Club members Carrie Baird, Molly Brooks and Jeremiah Brooks participated in their respective

categories in the Senior division. In the Main Dish category, Carrie entered her recipe for Chicken Enchiladas. Molly entered Yellow Squash Gingerbread in the Breads and Cereals category, and Jeremiah entered Chewy Oatmeal Fruit Bars in the Snacks and Desserts category.

All 4-H'ers were recognized for their participation at the District level. Parents accompanying the group for the day were Robin Boedeker and Bena Hester.

Happy Birthday To . . .

December 22—Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner, Frances Kellum
 December 23—Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison

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December 26—Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27—Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey, Fern Parker

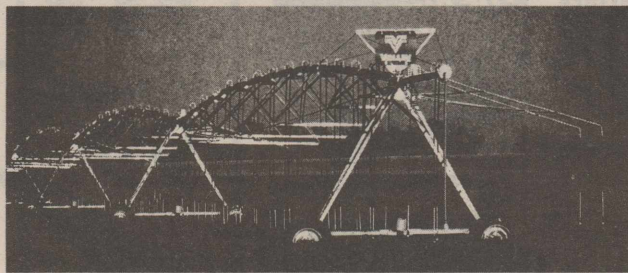
December 27—Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill,

Dara Ramsey, Fern Parker
 December 28—Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

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What The Holiday Season Means To Me



The Christmas holiday means so much to me because I get to spend time with my family. Christmas time is not just about opening presents, but sharing your love with people all around you. Christmas time is about caring not just about yourself. The reason that I have a great Christmas is because I get to spend it with my family. I hope that I get to thank God for making Christmas come true. One other reason I like Christmas is because

you get to wish your friends a Merry Christmas.

Erica Edwards, sixth grade

What Christmas means to me is getting up on Christmas morning and looking out the window, seeing snow falling and icicles on the trees. Then going in the living room and seeing the beautiful tree with all the presents under it. Then going to my grandparents house and eating a good

dinner. After we get through eating we can go to the living room and visit the people you don't get to see very often. Making snowmen and angels out of snow. It also means celebrating Christ's birthday. Getting to eat all the Christmas goodies that my mother makes for my family and me. Now you know what Christmas means to me.

Katy Hester, sixth grade

This time in the year is very special for many people all around the world. This is a season for families to get together and celebrate Christ's birth. Many families celebrate this holiday in many distinct ways. My family gets together and opens presents at my grandmother's house. I think that this holiday is very special and should be celebrated all over the world. However many families do not believe in celebrating this special holiday. I think that we need to be appreciative of what we have and remember those that don't have as much and be grateful of what they have.

This season to me is the greatest time of the year because you get to be together and celebrate the birth of Christ.

Dara Ramsey, eighth grade

What do I think of when I say Christmas? Well let's see. It means presents and I get to see my dad, my grandparents, and my cousins. I haven't seen them all year. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Christ. Hatred and discrimination should be forgotten. We should respect other's holidays. For example, Hanukkah. Some people make fun of Native Americans. I think that's wrong. Several of my friends are Indians. And I respect them. Christmas means freedom to some people. I have to take turns going to my grandparents' houses. It can be fun, but sometimes I would like to have Christmas at my house.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Vicki VanHorn, sixth grade

Christmas. What do you think Christmas is? I think Christmas is a time of love. Christmas is a special holiday. Christmas is the holiday in which Jesus was born. Christmas is a time of joy, peace and togetherness, where family and friends spend quality time with each other. Christmas should be a time of giving instead of receiving. People should give gifts instead of receiving gifts. People should feel glorious, unlike Ebenezer Scrooge who had acted grouchy toward other people. Christmas should be a time when people give up something for other people. Peace to all!

Junior Castillo, eighth grade

What the holidays mean to me is about families getting together and having a good time. First we open presents and smile at each other and give everyone a hug. Besides it is better to give than to receive. I go out with my dad to chop down a tree from the woods. We hang lights outside to make the house look good and ready for Christmas. We decorate our Christmas tree with ornaments and candy canes. We also drive around and see the bright lights and decorated houses. The holiday is a very special season to me.

Daniel Castillo, sixth grade

The holidays for me means to be with the ones you love, and share the memories that you have together. I love to have holidays, because it means a time of laughter, fun and games. It means a time for thanks for all of the good things people did for us in order to have very special holidays. I love the holidays because it means a time to eat good and wonderful food. On the holidays, my family gives presents and we also receive them. I think the holidays are a good thing to have because you get to spend time with your loved ones.

Leslie Burkart, eighth grade



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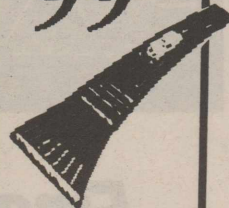


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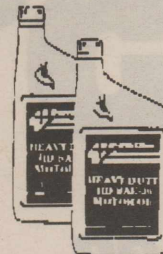


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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The holidays to me mean to get with your family and to celebrate the Lord's blessings.

At our house we always go to my grandmother's and eat dinner and the grandchildren have a great time playing in the basement. Another thing that we do is go caroling, and we have a marvelous time! We go to the Lockney Nursing Home, and we also sing for elderly people in our community.

The holidays are not about opening your presents on Christmas Morning. It is a time to spend with your family. It is also a time to celebrate the Lord's blessings, that he has given to all of us at this special time of the year.

Lindsey Weaks, eighth grade

The holiday season is very important to me because it is the time when my whole family comes to my grandparents house. My sister comes home from college, and my cousins come from Houston. Then on Christmas morning we all sit around the tree and open presents, laugh, and joke around. After that the adults sit around talking, while all my cousins go outside and try to get in trouble. Then for the next few days, my relatives stay at my grandparents's house. Then they get up after a few days and leave. After that, I just look forward to seeing all my relatives again the next Christmas.

Josh Breedlove, eighth grade

Holiday season means Christmas, and lots of presents and on December 25 Jesus was born that is why you celebrate Christmas. I like Christmas because Jesus was born, and you get a lot of Christmas presents, and spend a lot of time with your family. I like Christmas because we get out of school on December 16 and come back January 3rd. I like Christmas and so does my family. The best part about Christmas is that you don't have to dress up like you have to on Halloween. That is what the Holiday means to me!

Cindy Allen, sixth grade

To me Christmas is a time of great joy. The time of year when you are caring and loving to everyone. Christmas is more of giving than receiving. It is the time of year when people sing Christmas carols, and get to visit with all the family members. To me it is the time of year when snowmen are being built, sleighs are being ridden, and snow ball fights are being played. It is the time of year when fireplaces are being lit and hot chocolate is being drunk. Christmas is when everybody celebrates Jesus Christ's day of birth. Christmas is a terrific holiday.

Kayla Davis, seventh grade

The Holiday season is about bundles of things like Christmas: That was when Jesus was born on December the twenty fifth. That is also the day we celebrate Christmas with assortment of gifts under the tree. You also get to see your family and spend more time with them. I like to wake up early on Christmas morning to see what Santa brought me and everyone else. I like the night before Christmas because we get to open one present. That is what the holiday season means to me.

Kendra Rhoderick, sixth grade

I love the holiday season because you get to see all of your relatives that you haven't seen in a long time. Sometimes you even get the thrill of your dad coming home from the army or navy.

My dad doesn't come home from the army, but I get to see my mom. Only on every other year though. I get to see her this Christmas, and I am very thrilled about it. I think you would be just as excited as me if you were in my shoes. So have a good Christmas. I know I will.

Jordan Sarchet, seventh grade

The holiday season means peace and love. It means sitting by the fire, eating fudge, drinking eggnog. It means singing Christmas carols around the piano while grandma plays. It's a season of love and laughter. It's a season where there is not fighting, no quarreling where everyone gets along. It means decorating the Christmas tree and

putting lights on the roof so Santa can see your house. It also means not just receiving gifts but giving them to others just because you care. Most of all Christmas Day was the day that our Lord Jesus Christ was born and was laying in a manger.

Sara Kirchoffner, seventh grade

The holiday season is a very special time to me. The main reason is that it is the birthdate of Jesus, Christmas (Dec. 25). It also means being with my family, friends and being cheerful.

The best part about the holiday is singing Christmas carols around the piano, while my brother and I play.

When my aunts and uncles finally

arrive after their long journey to my house, we say the blessing and eat dinner. After we eat we all take a nap. After everyone wakes up from their nap, we open our gifts.

That is what the Holiday means to me.

Kenda Wood, seventh grade

The holidays are a time for joy, happiness, and love. It also means that you get to be with your family, friends and loved ones. The season brings out the best in all people, even yourself. The coldest sights of the holidays are not just the trees or the gifts; it's family. Plus I really love singing the Christmas Carols, eating the delicious food, and playing in the snow. I believe the true spirit of Christmas is giving rather than receiving. Always remember the blessings of God. He is the one who put you here. God Bless You!

Mickey Juarez, seventh grade

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Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to the local scholarship fund and Silverton Senior Citizens instead of sending Christmas cards.



Junior High Lady Owls—(standing, left to right) Lori Edwards, Lindsey Weaks, Coach Roger Whipkey, Kenda Wood, Constance Gillenwater; (kneeling) Celeste Gardner, Lisa Comer, Lindsey Jennings, Dara Ramsey, Dara Johnston, Sara Kirchoffner; (sitting) Misty Wilkinson, Tyra Younger, Vanessa Reyna, Leslie Burkart, Destiny Ivory.

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Mrs. Parker's First Grade Students Write Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bicycle with training wheels.
Merry Christmas, Shandy

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a doll.
Merry Christmas, Michelle

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Lion King Sega Game.
Merry Christmas, David

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Baby with pacifier and bottle.
Merry Christmas, Abby

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bike.
Merry Christmas, Trichelle

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Power Ranger.
Merry Christmas, Angelica

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a choo-choo train.
Merry Christmas, DeLysa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Fireman, Cops.
Merry Christmas, Kenneth

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a GI Joe.
Merry Christmas, Mark

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Sega Genesis.
Merry Christmas, Ismael

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Dear Diary.
Merry Christmas, Angela

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a bike.
Merry Christmas, Sebastian

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a black semi-truck.
Merry Christmas, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me an ugly man toy.
Merry Christmas, Jesse

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me Power Ranger slippers.
Merry Christmas, Benjamin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a baby doll.
Merry Christmas, Jasmin

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a big fire truck - 911.
Merry Christmas, Jeremiah

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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



To me, the Holiday Season means celebrating Christ's birth and being with family. One of the most enjoyable moments for me is Christmas Eve. This is special to me because I have the privilege of being with family, as my mother reads about the first Christmas. Sometimes people lose sight of what the Holidays really mean. That breaks my heart. Not a Christmas goes by without me thanking God for sending his Son and for giving me my loving family. This Holiday Season I hope and pray that everyone either is with loving family members or celebrating Christ's birth.

Julie Weaver, sixth grade

To me Christmas is a time of happiness and family time. Christmas is a wonderful season. You get to sing songs, warm up by a cozy fire, watch all the crystal snow fall, and get lots of neat presents from "Santa Claus"! But besides getting a great deal of neat presents and all there is still one more thing to think about, Jesus's birth and how Jesus died on the cross for us. When Jesus was born, his birth took place in a stable with lots of animals. Christmas isn't just about getting lots of presents, it's about when Jesus was born and that special night in the stable.

Taylor Griffin, sixth grade

Christmas means Mary and Joseph not being able to find any room to have baby Jesus. It means the angels singing "Glory to God in the highest, Peace on

earth, Good will toward men!" Christmas also means the wise men coming and praising and giving gifts like frankincense, incense and mere to baby Jesus. It means the beautiful star that guided the Wise men. To me Christmas mostly means Jesus's birth. If Jesus had not been born, we wouldn't have Christmas or Christmas vacation. I think we owe God a big thanks for sending his son Jesus. That's what the holiday season means to me.

Paul Donahoo, seventh grade

Christmas stands for many things. But more than anything else it's a time of happiness. It's a time of Christmas trees and bright colored gifts. That are a constant test of willpower to see if you can wait for that special day when you finally get to tear them apart and marvel at the wonderful gifts inside. Perhaps the best of all is the wonderful food that is served for Christmas. The huge dishes of delicious food that fill the air with a smell that makes your mouth water. Christmas may stand for many things, but this is what it means to me.

Jay Arnold, eighth grade

The Christmas holidays mean more than just presents to me. They are filled with love and happiness. Anymore, quite a few kids that are younger than myself think that Christmas is only a time when Santa Claus comes and gives them presents, but they forget what the true meaning of Christmas is. Christmas means more to me than any

other holiday because it is our Lord's birthday. Christmas is also a time of joy. It is also a time to spend with our loved ones.

This is what Christmas means to me. Have a happy holiday!

Celeste Gardner, eighth grade

The holiday season means to me a time of sharing, a time with family and friends, and a time of giving. The holiday season also means a time of forgiveness. The most important thing to me is the birth of Jesus. It is a time of happiness and a time of love. During the holiday season, I love to play in the snow and build snowmen. I also love to open presents that my friends and family give me. I also love to go Christmas shopping. And the most important thing to me is a time of family gathering. This is what the holiday season means to me.

Amy Wynn, eighth grade

Christmas to me means celebrating Jesus's birth. It also means going to our grandparents house to eat with all our family. Another thing is getting presents and getting up really early in the morning to see what we got. I also like this holiday because you get to give and receive presents. The reason we give presents to one another is because when Jesus was born the Wisemen gave him gifts. I also like this holiday because we get to eat really delicious food. We also get to come together as a family. One more thing I like about it is we get out of school.

Jared Holt, eighth grade

To me the holiday season means celebrating the birth of Christ. It also means having all of the family come over. I like getting up very early in the morning to see what I got. We have real good meals. Everyone in my family comes over and stays until eleven o'clock or later. We get to skip school for two whole weeks. There is normally a great deal of snow so I like to hit people with snow balls when they are not looking. Another thing I like about the holiday season is by this time we are half-way through with the school year.

Lorn Estes, eighth grade

The holidays are a very important time for me. They mean a time of sharing, and spending time with my family. Christmas is also a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The holidays give you the chance to be thankful to God, we thank him for sending his son to forgive us of our sins. The holidays are a time for people to express their love for one another. The holidays mean so much to me, but the most important thing about it is celebrating the birth of Jesus, and spending time with my family. That's what the holidays mean to me.

Destiny Ivory, eighth grade

The holidays are a very special time to me. My family centers the holidays around the real meaning of Christmas, which is the birth of Jesus Christ. Also, it should be a time of forgiving and being in the holiday spirit. No one wants to be around a "Scrooge" during the holidays! I also think of the holidays as being a time to be around your family, which I luckily get to do! And of course, eating! It also is a time of giving and receiving presents, which is really fun! Putting up lights outside and on the tree are also fun. This is what the holidays mean to me.

Lindsey Jennings, eighth grade

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Seventh Grade Owls—(standing, left to right) Charlie Bomar, Mickey Juarez, Nathan Francis, Jordan Sarchet, Coach Donnie Dutton; (kneeling) Paul Segura, Paul Donahoo, Ryan Minyard, Daniel Reagan.

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Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

I am just a little boy three years old, so it's hard to be good all of the time, but I try. Please bring me some Power Rangers, a train, and a bean bag chair. My sister, Amber, wants a ring, doll and doll bed. We will be at Grandma and Grandpa's house this year.

Love,
Weston Roberts

Dear Santa,

My name is Chelsea. I have been a good girl. I want a Lion King bike with training wheels and a check-up baby.

I have a chimney for you to come down. There will be cookies and milk and Jello for you.

For Rudolf and the reindeer, there will be hay.

I also want a T-shirt with bears on it.

Love,
Chelsea Johnson

Dear Santa,

My name is Kelsie. I'm three years old. As you know, I have been a pretty good girl. Mom keeps reminding me that I had better watch out, and better not pout, but with Kiefer as my brother, well, you understand.

This year I would like a new bicycle and helmet and an Aladdin and Jasmine doll. Have a safe trip and

thank you.

Love,
Kelsie Dutton
P. S. We will leave you a snack by the tree.

Dear Santa,

This is Kiefer! The one that has a hard time with his stars.

Even though I haven't been really good all the time, I have had some good days. This year I would like some roller blades, hockey sticks, pucks and knee and elbow pads also. I would like a Mighty Ducks T-shirt.

Thank you and have a safe trip.
Love,
Kiefer Dutton
P. S. My sister said she would leave you a snack.

Jesus Lives Today

by Joy Stodghill



The night was calm and peaceful where baby Jesus lay
The precious son of Mary was sleeping on the hay.
Mary and Joseph knelt by Him and smiled so tenderly
They gave thanks to God for sending this baby.

The angels hovered 'round Him, sweet music they did sing
A chorus of Allelues to Christ, the newborn King
The shepherds came to worship Him, three Wise Men rode so far
To see the child that lay beneath a star.

The baby grew to be a man, who taught the world to love,
He told them of His Father that lives in Heaven above.
He died for us at Calvary to wash away our sin
The third day He arose to never die again.

Now He lives above in Heaven and He sits at God's right hand
He is there to welcome everyone that gives their love to Him.
The years have been so many since His blessed birth that day
Still, precious Jesus lives within our hearts always.

Attend Graduation Exercises

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reid attended the graduation exercises at Texas Tech University Saturday to see their granddaughter, Lori Reid, receive her diploma.

WEATHER

FOR 24-HOUR PERIODS IN DECEMBER

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	61	23	
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4	72	28	
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15	63	26	
16	46	33	
17	55	24	
18	60	21	
19	63	22	
Total Precip. in December			.19
Normal Precip. in December			.68
Total Precip. Year to Date			16.32
Normal Precip. for Year			21.22




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Producers have finally made it to the "short-rows" in terms of the 1994 harvest season with many area gins either close to or finished ginning.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, the crop that just kept growing will likely top out very close to USDA's December crop estimate. USDA puts upland cotton production in Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S at 3.03 million bales, a 100,000 bale increase from the 2.93 million bales projected since early September.

Backing up the three million bale figure are estimates from the Lubbock and Lamesa Classing offices which class the lion's share of the production in the 25-county area. A combination of these figures indicates samples from 2.88 million running bales will be processed by the two offices. Converting this figure to 480 pound statistical bales indicates a crop of three million bales.

"Since people have started trying to put a figure on the size of the 1994 crop, the only ones who have been close are USDA and the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "We have had a tremendous year when you consider the extreme adversity the crop went through during the growing season."

Johnson notes that producers were under the gun right from the start on a number of fronts, but most importantly from a moisture standpoint. The 1994 crop was planted with a severely limited store of underground moisture and received little or no supplemental rainfall during the season to help bring the crop along.

Currently it is estimated that 95 percent of the area crop has been harvested and the remaining acreage will be off the stalk by Christmas. Ginning also will be mostly complete by Christmas except for a few gins that will operate into the new year because they either have large backlogs or are located in areas that got started late.

So far the 1994 crop has continued the pattern of high quality across the board seen in last year's crop. Adverse weather during the harvest season that delayed some harvesting activity helped contribute to a slight fall in quality from 1993. So far the 1994 crop

continues to have most bales fall into Color Grades 11, 21 and 31 (Good Middling, Strict Middling and Middling respectively) and Leaf grades 2-4. All other quality factors have maintained very high levels on average throughout the season.

Wendell Wilbanks, director of the Lubbock Classing Office, estimates as

much as 80-90 percent of the bales classed at his facility were stripped following the use of harvest-aid chemicals. He notes that this has been a big contributor to the high quality exhibited by the crop.

Marketings continue to show a strong demand for High Plains cotton with some compresses reporting that as

much as 40 percent of the crop has been shipped already. Prices also have been a pleasant surprise reversing their normal downward trend during the harvest period because of the increase in demand for West Texas cotton built on back-to-back years of high quality and outstanding delivery service by the area's warehouse industry.

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The Briscoe County Commissioners' Court will accept bid proposals until 10:00 a.m. January 9, 1995 for the purchase of the following:

One new full-size police model four-door sedan, with the following minimum specifications:

- V-8 engine
- Automatic Transmission
- Air Conditioning
- Full Power (includes steering, brakes, windows, and seats)
- Bench Seat
- Pillar Mounted Spotlight
- Heavy duty tires and wheels

Bids must be received in the office of the Briscoe County Judge by 10:00 a.m. January 9, 1995. Bid opening to follow.

Swisher Memorial Hospital Is Now Seeking Volunteers

Serving others is what Swisher Memorial Hospital does best. To further this aim, the board of directors and staff has initiated the establishment of the Swisher Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. This Auxiliary will consist of volunteers from the community who will assist in performing duties to enhance the care of patients and operations of the hospital. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 1995, at 2:00

p.m. in the cafeteria of the hospital. Those who may be interested in joining the Auxiliary should plan to attend this meeting.

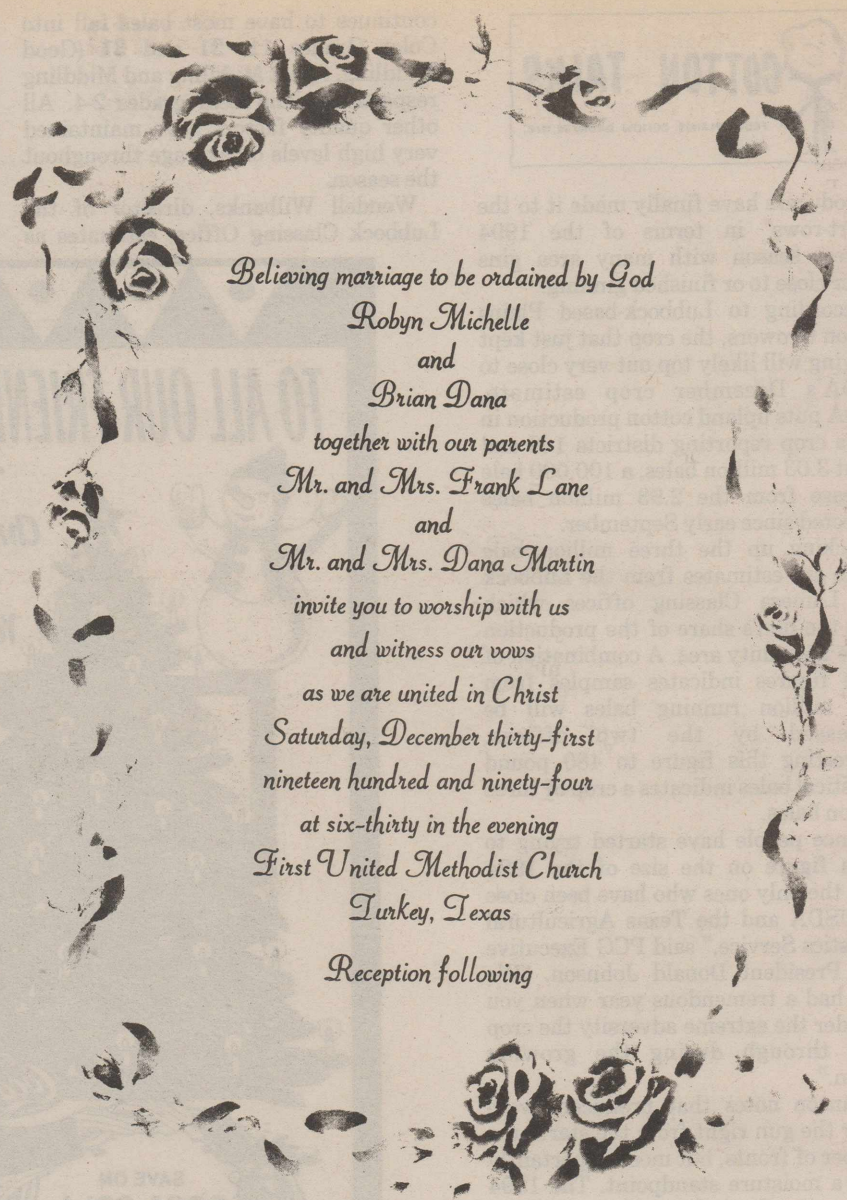
Mrs. Virginia Reynolds, director of the Auxiliary of High Plains Baptist Hospital, will be the featured speaker at this organizational meeting. She will explain some of the benefits and rules of serving as a volunteer of a hospital. Application forms will be available at the meeting for those interested in pursuing membership.

There will be three types of members. An active member participates actively in the service programs of the Auxiliary. Annual dues of \$3.00 will be charged to be a member of this

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category. A maximum of 25 active members are needed at this time since the number of positions to be staffed are limited. Associate members, who shall pay annual dues of \$10.00, consist of those who are interested in the purposes of the Auxiliary but who do not participate actively. A life member is one who may or may not participate

actively, who pays \$100.00 as dues and shall be exempt from further payment of dues.

Among the duties to be performed by a volunteer include, under the assignment of a charge nurse, refilling juice and water containers per diet order, talking with patients, and grooming if assistance is requested. Filing and making copies as requested will also be assigned. These duties will both enhance and upgrade patient services and assist in lowering hospital costs. Services of the volunteers will greatly be appreciated by hospital staff and patients.

Opal McCaslin, director of central supply, and Frances Doyal, director of medical records/business office, have worked hard in establishing this program. Ms. McCaslin will be providing ongoing oversight of the hospital program. Mrs. Carlie Cosby, with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, has provided a significant amount of assistance in setting up the program.

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Varsity Teams Earned Big Victories Against McLean Here Friday Night

Silverton's varsity Owls and Lady Owls rolled to big victories before a large crowd of fans here Friday night when McLean came to call. Only the junior varsity Owls dropped their game, this being a very close two-point loss after the hometown team had led throughout most of the game.

The junior varsity opened the action and, after trailing 2-6 at the end of the first quarter, went on to post a 19-14 halftime advantage. They continued to hold a 29-25 lead at the end of three quarters, but were nipped at the end of the 37-39 decision.

Andy Bullock led the team's offense with a big 17-point effort. Adding to the score were Chris Justice and Leland Wood, six points each; Will Hester, four; Jared Francis and Hector Martinez, two points each.

The Lady Owls jumped out to a large lead which they enjoyed throughout their game. After leading 15-7 at the

end of the first quarter, they led 32-13 at the midway stop. After three quarters, the Lady Owls were ahead 52-25 and went on to finish with a 61-39 advantage. All of the girls saw action in the game, and a team of mostly freshman girls played most of the fourth quarter.

Dedra Johnston hit six three-point shots in the game and led the team with a total of 23 points. Molly Bomar rang up 14 and Brandi Brunson added 12 points to lead the Lady Owl offense. Also scoring were Michelle Warren, four; Shannon Weaver, three; Kimmie Blazier and Lacy Brunson, two points each; and Lori Brannon, one point.

With three of their seven players in deep foul trouble, the Owls racked up a very satisfying 66-62 win. Jack Cherry burned the baskets with a big 29-point effort, and his teammates, Cy Comer and Trey Wyatt, tossed 14 points each into the baskets. Adding to the score



Trey Wyatt goes up high to put a shot into the basket while his teammate Jack Cherry readies himself to put the rebound—if there is one—into the basket.

Briscoe County News Photo

were Arnold Garza and Brandon Sarchet, three points each, and Jon Ivory, two points. Cherry, Wyatt and Sarchet each contributed a three pointer.

The PIP (Partners in Progress) team presented a demonstration of skills during halftime of the game. This is a new program that was started here a few weeks ago, and is being directed by Missy Forbes, Shelly Brock, Leigh Ann Dutton and Liz Griffin. They are doing very good work with the young people.

The Owls and Lady Owls drove to Kress over the torn-up paving that is being repaired on FM 145 Tuesday night of last week, and split four games with the Kangaroos. The junior varsity Lady Owls led off the evening's entertainment with a big 51-11 victory. Lacy Brunson earned individual scoring honors with a big 24-point effort and Shauna Kingery also scored in double figures with 11. Adding to the score were Kenzie Burson, eight; Kimmie Blazier, six, and Molly Brooks, two points.

The Lady Owls led 8-0, 22-5, 31-9 and 51-11 at the ends of the quarters.

The Kangaroos jumped out to a big early lead to smother the junior varsity Owls beneath the 74-45 score. The Roos led 24-5 at the end of the first quarter and 47-19 at halftime. They enjoyed a 61-31 lead at the end of three quarters.

Andy Bullock burned the baskets with a big 30 points to lead all scorers in the game. Also adding to the score were Leland Wood, nine; Will Hester, four, and Hector Martinez, two points.

The varsity Lady Owls had to come from behind a 9-10 first quarter score to move into a 24-17 halftime lead at Kress. They moved on to lead 42-25 at the three-quarter mark, and earned the final 56-36 advantage. Balanced scoring was the key to the game, with Brandi Brunson getting 16 points and Molly Bomar and Dedra Johnston adding 13 points each. Adding to the score were Michelle Warren, nine; Lori Brannon, three, and Leslee Weaks, two points.

The varsity Owls trailed at the end of each quarter, 14-21, 30-44, 45-62 and finally lost their match 76-55. Three

players scored in double figures, with Jack Cherry leading the way with 19. Brandon Sarchet caged 12 and Trey Wyatt rang up 11. Adding to the score were Arnold Garza, eight; Zeb Holt, four, and Cy Comer, one point.

The teams are idle until after Christmas when they will travel to Cotton Center on December 29 for games beginning at 2:00 p.m. The following night, they will host the teams from Lazbuddie. Don't miss the action!

What The Holiday Season Means To Me

To me Christmas is a symbol of love and happiness, to share with your family. Christmas is also a way to share the Lord's birth with the world. It is a holy day. When I celebrate Christmas I try to think of others.

When I think of Christmas I remember my family and loved ones. I keep in mind to play games, and be with family and friends.

When I celebrate Christmas I think of the Three Kings that took the gifts to the baby Jesus.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Tyra Younger, seventh grade

The holiday season means to me is for a family to go places and spend time together and open presents. Also I think that a family should sit down and tell each other what the holiday means to them. I also think that its a special time to celebrate Jesus's birthday and eat a turkey or something like that. Its just a time for happiness, joy and fun. Also sometimes its a good time to makeup with a friend that you had a fight with that week or an argument. I think its a perfect time to show how much you love a person. This is what the holiday season means to me.

Issac Garcia, sixth grade

Dear Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Townlii Ziegler and I have been a very good girler this year. Please bring me a life size Barbie, peanado (piano) and a baby bed, stroller, and high chair for my dolls. Please bring Trey some cowboy boots too.

I love you,

Townlii Ziegler *

Dear Santa Claus

How many raindeer do you have on your Sleigh. How many Christmas presents did you get Mr. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. Did your elves get for Christmas. Oh yeah did Santa Claus tell you after you get done he will read you a few Stories.

Love,
Elizabeth
Francis
Donlin *

Dear Santa,

Please bring me Baby All Gone and Makeup Beauty and Ice Cream Party and Stretch Dog. Please bring my brother Cayson a toy and The Lion King.

We will be spending Christmas at Mama Dean and Grandad's.

Please don't forget the other good little boys and girls.

I love you,
Whitney George

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

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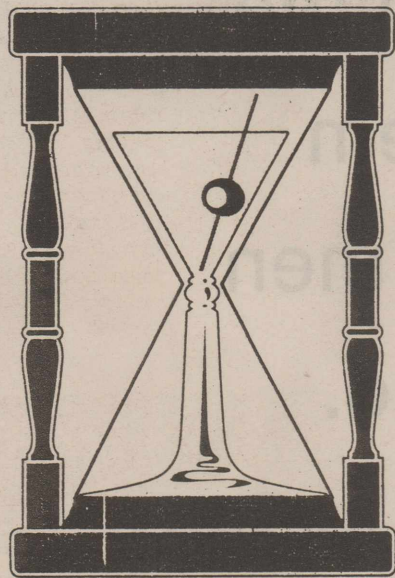
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Christmastime. Time for celebration. Time for partying. And unfortunately, time for accidents and fatalities on the road.

But what's most unfortunate of all, is that many of these traffic accidents could have been avoided if the drivers had exercised good judgement about alcohol.

That's why we're taking the time out to remind you to use common sense this holiday season. Whether this involves appointing a designated driver, calling a taxi, or hosting an alcohol-free gathering of your own, taking a few moments now to plan a safe evening can save a lifetime for you and others.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Please Don't Drink And Drive.

This timely message is brought to you by

110th Judicial District



Lo, the star, which they saw in the east,
went before them, till it came and stood
over where the young child was.

—Matthew 2:10

Season's Greetings

Let there be joy
at Christmas,
when all the world
is warm and loving
in remembrance
of that night when the
Star of Bethlehem
led the three wise men
to the Holy Child.

Patricia McJimsey

Lura Brown

Glenda Couch

Beverly Minyard

Jack Strange

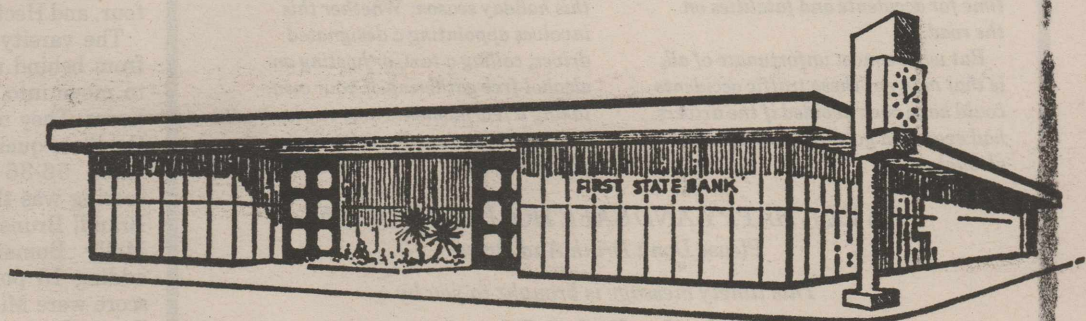
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Kindergarten Kids Write to Santa To Make Their Special Requests

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a fort and K-nex blocks and a clock. I've been good all year. I can't wait until you get here. I also want some tacks.
 I love you,
 Clay Strange

Dear Santa,
 I want a pair of skates, and a little yellow truck.
 Jose Hernandez

Dear Santa,
 I want roller blades. Hocke. MASK. Cerset Hocke stkk.
 Drew

Dear Santa
 I want roller blades, nintendo's Jurassic Park and a play climb center. Santa, I have been good ask my mommy. We will leave you cookies and milk.
 Ory J.

Dear Santa
 I have been a good girl this year! Please bring me some roller skates and a playhouse for Christmas.
 My brother wants a Sega and my Sister would like a bike and roller skates too.
 Wendy

Dear Santa,
 I would like some roller blades for Christmas. Thank you for being so nice.
 Love
 Dusty

Dear Santa
 I want a Power Ranger game, Roller blades a bicycle and a play motorcycle for Christmas
 Thank you,
 Vincent Paul Martinez

Dear Santa,
 I've been good and I would like some boots, guitar, a cowboy hat, cool tools, erector set
 Casey

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a light bright a game boy, splat bug game and some surprises. I have been good.
 Love
 Ami

I Claudia want a Hollywood barbie doll, a doll that talks, skates, & kitchen set with a stove for Christmas.

Dear Santa,
 I want a big black bear that I saw at the store the other day. I would also like some barbe dolls, a little puppy. I also want all my family to be together for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year.
 Lou Jessica

Dear Santa,
 I want a truck.
 Jamie

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kelli. I am 5 years old and in kindergarten. I have been pretty good this year. I want you to bring me a baby with a bottle that's all. I love my family. I love my teacher.
 Your Friend
 Love You,
 Kelli Patino

Dear Santa
 I want 2 babies a ring and some earring and for my baby sister I want a small bike. For my brother I want some toys I will leave some milk and cookies for you under the tree.
 Lydia DeLeon

EXTENSION TOPICS FOR TODAY

by Ronda Alexander
 Briscoe County Extension Agent
 Home Economics

Conserving Water in the Kitchen

Water conservation must begin with each individual. Even just a 10 to 15% reduction in personal water use can save Texas water and sewer rate payers

billions of dollars over the next 50 years. The effort to conserve must begin now!

There are numerous ways to conserve water in the kitchen; most of them are just small changes in how we do things. Never run the dishwasher without a full load. This practice will save water, energy, detergent and money. Using a pan of water or placing the stopper in the sink for rinsing pots, pans and cooking utensils, rather than leaving the faucet running, will also help save water. Try keeping a container of drinking water in the refrigerator. Running water from the tap until it is cool is wasteful. Better still, both water and energy can be saved by keeping cold water in a picnic jug on a kitchen counter to avoid opening the refrigerator door frequently. Use a

small pan of water for cleaning vegetables, rather than letting the water run over them. Consider using a small amount of water in the pot with a lid on it for cooking most food. Not only will this method save water, but food is more nutritious since vitamins and minerals are not poured down the drain with the extra cooking water.

Always keep water conservation in mind, and think of other ways to save in the kitchen. Small kitchen savings from not making too much coffee or letting ice cubes melt in a sink can add up in a year's time.

Merry Christmas!



We trim our trees with colors bright

In honor of that blessed night

When in a manger He was born

And with His love our world adorned

Sincere thanks and good wishes to all our cherished friends and neighbors. May your holiday season be a time of peace and happiness.

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Mrs. Nance's Third Grade Students Send Christmas Wishes to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Clifton. I am nine years old. I have been a very good boy this year. I want three things for Christmas. NBA Jam and WWF raw wrestling for my sega and a GT racing bike.

Clifton Baker

Dear Santa,

I hope you an your Elves an Riendeers are all O. K. This year I am writting this letter to tell you that I've been real good an if you could please bring me a bike a TV an a VCR for Christmas.

Love You
Melodie

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want Roller blades, nee pads, elbow pads and a bike helmet. I also want a knife, a football, boots, erigation boots, chaps, spurs, and blue jeans.

Sincerely,
Caleb Francis

Dear Santa,

This Chrisman I want a bike it is Tatic it has a water bodle shocks and a real soft seet it is 24 inches. I want lots of candy a Hot weel porsh for my brother if you could get him a TV he would appreciate it and get my mom a gold neckless and my dad 3 5 8s drill bits he broke his

Your frend,
Eric Minyard

Dear Santa,

This year I hope you and the Mrs. and every one around the world have a a great Crristmas. I want a bike and a new TV and a vereare.

Joseph Mark Klein, Jr.

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a remote control tractor and haybalor to go my brother Terry would probably like a Sega game or Nenteno game. I would also like a plow to.

Brandon

Dear Santa,

This year I hope you bring me a ten speed bycilie. Would you put flowers on my grandpa Gardner's grave. I would like it if you gave Kenneth Woods (We call him Ke King) a electric will chair, and a pipe. I hope you get Celeste a boombox. In my stocken would you put 5 sets of earrings, 4 rings, 2 neckleses.

love always,
Stella Gardner

Dear Santa,

This year I want a cowboy lock a Emmit Smith statue, a guitar, a keybord, and especilly a Emmit Smith Jersey. I would lika Troy Aikman football signed I hope dad gets a knew toolbox. I hope mom gets a diamond neckles. I hope memal gets a diamond necklas.

Your-friend,
Payton

P. S. Merry Cristmus

Dear Santa,

I hope that you can bring me american girl doll and a Pattey gyms. For my grandmother a camera. For my sister I will try to get her a horse. For my dad I will try get a meat slicer. For my mom I will try to get my mom a necklace.

Love,
Tara

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I want a walky talky and a Power Ranger watch. And I want you to bring my sisters and my brothers what They want

Love,
Monica Garcia

Dear Santa.

I have been a good boy. I want a watch and anything else you want to bring. pleas bring my brother and sisters some thing to and my mother and dad.

love,
Martin Hernandez

Dear Santa.

This year I would like to get a bike, Super NE Sora Sega. This year I hope I can get my girls, boys and the teacher in my class I might get my boys in my class some handcoffs. The girls in my class might get a barbie or a puzzle. My teacher might get a coffee cup. My family already got some presents.

Love, Kelsy

Dear Santa,

This year I want a thunder strike 20 or a talk esy tape recorder or rolor blades. Can you git one more to on your slay for my brothe Chance? A tractor will be okey for Chance hes asked for toy but I an being nice. I just got a cast would you sine it?

Your friend,
Kody

Dear Santa,

This year I want roler blades. If I don't get some than I just will get any thing else. I don't want much because other people need stuff more than I do.

Love,
Ty

Dear Santa,

I would like a color tv and a vcr and a sega. And I hope that my dad gets a little more money in D.J. services. And I hope my mom gets a maw car. And my sister gets a maw Lion king bike And peace on earth

Love
Kathrine

Dear Santa,

This year I hope that you get to my house okay but when you do come to my house I would like a, bed for my American doll, and two more thing for me some clothes and a tape of Reba McIntire. I also hope Taylor Cord and my mom and dad get what they want and my Grandparents get what they want.

So have a good trip.
Lori

Dear Santa,

This year I hope you will bring me a sega and a t.v. for my room. I hope you will bring me a new jacket. I hope you get my mom a new bed room set and my dad a new truck. I wish you will bring my sister a new bike, so she can ride in the summer. I hope you will bring my oldest sister a new clothes so she can where. I hope my sister can get what she wants. I wish you will get my niece some toy so she can play with and so she won't get bord. I hope you will have a good Christmas

Danielle

Dear Santa,

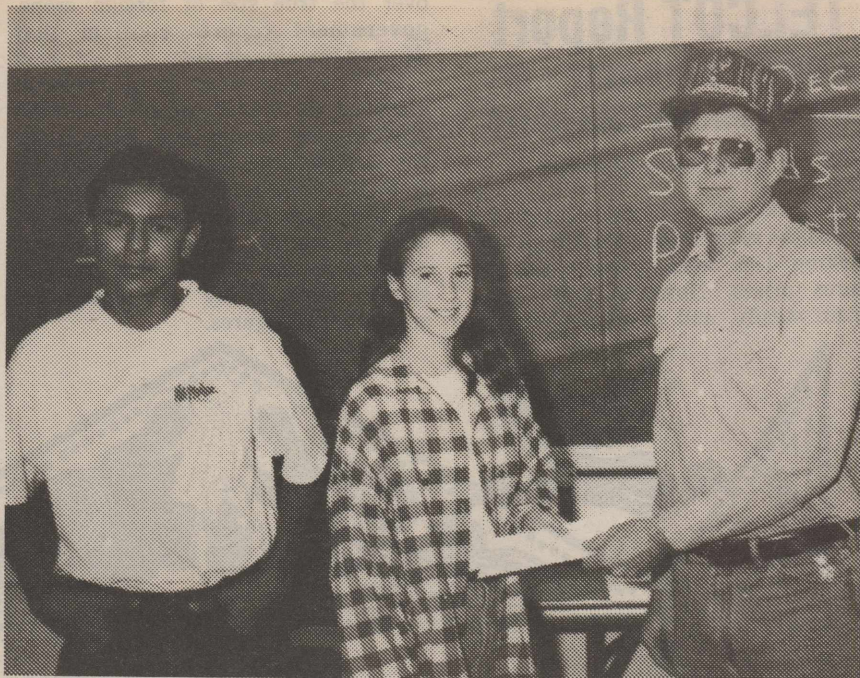
This year I would like Samanthas bed and her pujamas. My sister would like a stuffed doll.

To: Santa
Love Stormy

Dear Santa,

I want an American Girl Doll. The one I want is Addy. I want some more jeans. I hope you can bring me some perfume. My brother wants some roller blades and an exavator. I want a video but I'm not for sure which one.

Your friend,
Daryl Ann Reynolds
P. S. Merry Christmas!



Adrian Ramirez and Taylor Griffin represented the Sixth Grade as they gave the money their class would have used to exchange Christmas gifts to Anthony Kingery for the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Briscoe County News Photo

Dear Santa,

How are you. I Am fine. Merry Chrimas. I would like a tryl well reecor and some rechede dateny

from Joseph Albach

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like some roller blad, some paint, and my brother wants a strech arm strong monster, my mom wants a new ring, my dad wants a new belt. But most of all I want love! I want a super nintindo, jinny gemnest, secret talk baby a micky mouse telephone, a tas mania devle stuffed animal, a new puppy, a go cart, party mania game, go go worms game, my brother wants a tonka truk.

Love,
Beth

Dear Santa,

I hope you get me a trampoline for me and my sisters. I want a Royal Rumble powerranger, and X-men game for Saga.

Your friend,
Marcos

Letter to the Editor

I have always enjoyed the paper and looked forward to its arrival each week; however, during the last couple of years, I have only received about half of them. I often see letters published in the paper from others with the same problem. Perhaps you should go back to mailing in the brown envelope which was used several years ago.

Please discontinue my subscription which expires 12-12-94.

B. D. Clemmer

(Editor's note: We are sorry that you are not able to receive your newspaper. If there was anything we could do about this problem, we surely would do it. Service in the postal system gets worse all the time while the rates for mailing continue to rise. We are presently looking at rate increases, which we certainly do not feel are justified considering the service the second-class mail receives. Apparently, there are some in the postal service that consider second-class mail in the junk-mail category. We will miss mailing to your address.)



HOLIDAY GREETINGS!

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thanks!

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TELCOT Report
A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF
COTTON MARKETING NEWS
 For The Week Ending December 15

The market took a breather early this week as the international trade was still digesting last week's sharp rise in futures prices. However, spot sales remain steady, and despite confusion

over the true size of foreign crops, government reports confirm that demand remains strong.

USDA's December crop estimate affirmed the beliefs of most market observers by raising the 1994 U. S. cotton production figure 120,000 bales from its November estimate, pegging the total at 19.6 million bales. However, analysts said the impact of the slight increase in the U. S. crop estimate should be offset by the export and ending stocks figures.

USDA increased 1994 U. S. exports by one million bales to 8.2 million from November's estimate. According to one analyst, a strong export performance by U. S. cotton is attributed to robust mill demand in addition to a lower production outlook in several major producing countries.

As for world figures, USDA's estimate of the 1994 global cotton production was cut one million bales from November's figures bringing the total to 85.8 million bales. The bulk of

the global crop reduction was in Pakistan, down 500,000 bales, India was reduced 400,000 bales and Uzbekistan down 200,000 bales. Increases in imports, world beginning stocks and exports, coupled with the loss in production, resulted in a cut in projected world ending stocks of 40,000 bales from the previous month's forecast. Ending stocks for the 1994-95 marketing season now are estimated at 30.85 million bales. Thus, the December crop report was interpreted as bullish.

The recent changes in the 1994-95 U. S. cotton demand and ending stocks estimates may signal a reduction in the 1995-crop upland cotton acreage reduction program (ARP). In October, USDA announced that based on that month's supply and use estimates, it was determined that a 7.5 percent ARP level most likely would be required. Yet, in December's supply and demand report the U. S. cotton outlook for 1994-95 changed due to prospects for significantly larger exports.

U. S. cotton sales have soared in recent weeks as foreign crop prospects have deteriorated in several key countries. As a result, the projected U. S. exports were revised up to 8.2 million bales. Government sources say that current farm legislation clearly indicates a change in the preliminary 7.5 percent set aside due to these new developments. Though the USDA will announce the final ARP by January 1, 1995, market observers estimate the new set aside could be anywhere from zero to 5.5 percent.

USDA broke new ground this week as it introduced its first GSM-102 credit program for sale of U. S. agricultural products to China. A total of \$100 million in loan guarantees was allowed for the 1995 fiscal year, including a \$20 million line of credit for cotton. This should equate to a proportionate 50,000 bale sale. This is not a large credit package, but if this line of credit is readily used, an additional allocation is possible. According to one market watcher, China is the fastest growing economy in the world and the U. S. seems to be getting into position to be the country's preferred supplier.

Reports continue to conflict concerning the current cotton crop in Pakistan. The most recent private estimate is 4.7 million bales as compared with USDA's estimate of 6.3 million. The Pakistani government admitted that it had signed contracts with Turkmenistan to buy a sizable amount of cotton from the Central Asian republic. However, rumors are circulating that the Central Asian cotton is moving through the pipeline very slowly and some purchases from Uzbekistan may not be filled. It is believed that Pakistan has purchased additional quantities of U. S. styles stemming from the concern that Central Asian styles will not arrive on time.

Demand remained steady in the spot market as inventory was being rebuilt earlier this week. According to one source, due to the producer's willingness to sell at "today's" prices and their aggressive marketing, this year's sales are well ahead of the normal schedule. Spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ending December 15 totaled 93,136 bales. That was down from the previous week's total of 114,926. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 74.44 to 75.57 cents per pound.

USDA announced export sales of 1994-95 U. S. cotton increased a net 249,300 bales in the week ended December 8, down considerably from the previous week's figure of 1,460,600 bales. Featured buyers were Taiwan, China and Pakistan.

Go Owls, Lady Owls!

HALLELUJAH!

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.

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Looking Back

through the files of the
Briscoe County News

December 20, 1984—Dear Santa, I want a bike and a clock and a watch for Christmas. Brandi Breedlove . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Cabbage Patch Kid and I also would like a real monkey if you want to go to Africa or maybe the zoo. I would like another Barbie Doll. Love, Brandi K. Brunson . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a set of drums. And please bring me a doll with a cradle. Please bring me a surprise. Merry Christmas. Love, Holly Nance . . . Dear Santa, I wish for some Star Wars and Transformers. You are the best Santa Claus. Love, Dewayne Juarez . . . Dear Santie Claus, I love you. I want a B-B gun and a tape player and some cassettes. That's all. Anthony Gamble . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll. I want a cookie monster and a telephone. That's all. I love him and I like him. Carrie Baird . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Blueberry Muffin, Purple Pie Man, Apple Dumpling, Raspberry Tart. I forgot somebody else but maybe my mother and I can help pick up. Merry Christmas. Love, Lisa Hester . . . Dear Santa, I want He-Man stuff and He-Man bracelets because I am tough like him. Nobody can mess with me. I want everything. I want my own battleship game. I love you, too. Lorn Estes . . . Dear Santa, I want a bicycle. And a thing that goes "Um Um" and also a boxing pen. I want a B-B gun when I get big. I want a pop gun and Mickey Mouse lamp. Jay Arnold . . . Dear Santa, I want a 6 x 6. I want my own tape player and some Alvin and the Chipmunk underoos and a short sleeve shirt. Donny Burson . . . Dear Santa, I want a Cabbage Patch kitty. I want a calculator. Holly Tiffin . . .

December 26, 1974—Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a five-speed bicycle and a motorcycle. Ross Estes . . . Dear Santa, Send me a bike and a gun and a truck and a football suit. Dear Santa, I love you. Send my mother a Christmas tree. Merry Christmas, Chris Clardy . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a TV Magic Set and a fur coat. Your friend, Stephen Stephens . . . Dear Santa, I want to give you a snack for you and your reindeer. I want a Barbie Town House and I want a Kathy Quick Curl and a live puppy. I love you, Donna Sue Tomlin . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a trampoline and a three-story Barbie house and a ten-speed bike. Love, Angie Lowrey . . . Dear Santa, I would like a Miss America Beauty Center and a TV tennis game. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Love, Tammi Edwards . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl six years old, and have been pretty good. Would you please bring me a Madame Alexander Doll, knitting machine and a trampoline. Don't forget all of the other boys and girls. Love, Melissa Leigh Stone . . . Dear Santa, I will be happy in the house for Christmas and I will share all the things that I get for Christmas. Love, Judy Segura . . . Dear Santa, I want a bottle cutter and a surprise, too, and an Evel Kneivel Van. Love, Jim Forbes . . . Dear Santa, I can't wait until Christmas because it is my birthday. Sincerely yours, Donna Boling . . . Dear Santa, I want a tape player and some clothes, a Barbie Town House. I have been a good girl. Love, Missy Brown . . . Dear Santa Claus, My name is Lee Ann Durham, and I live in Silverton, Texas. Would you please bring me a bicycle, a doll house with an elevator. Bring the other boys and girls something. Love, Lee Ann Durham . . . Dear Santa, I want an airplane and a football outfit. I also want a bow and arrow for Christmas. Thank you, Norby Garcia . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please will you bring me a ten-speed bicycle and an Evel Kneival

set and a Golden Gate Road Race and a football. My name is Dick Cogdell . . .

December 24, 1964—Dear Santa Claus, I want a bicycle and a gun and apples and candy and oranges. I want a V-room truck. Sincerely, Emilio Cruz, jr. . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a watch and a pair of house shoes. Thank you for the things you brought me last year. Love, Donna Stodghill . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a doll and some clothes for my doll. I also want a typewriter. I hope the other children get what they want. Sincerely, Lori Francis . . . Dear Santa Claus, I like that bike you gave me. I can make it go very fast. I've had a good time with it. This year I want a B-B gun. Sincerely, Barry Francis . . . Dear Santa, I am in the third grade and I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like a pellet gun and a race track. Also I would like a bicycle. Thank you very much. Your friend, Rickey Minyard . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a baby doll and a

buggy for it to ride in. I have been a nice girl. I love you, Mary Chris Cantwell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Johnny Seven OMA. Thank you for everything I got last year. Sincerely, Wylie Bomar .

December 14, 1944—Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a set of dishes. If you can't bring me those little dishes, bring what you can. Please bring me some nuts, oranges and apples, candy and bananas. Please don't forget my grandma Noblett and grandma McJimsey and all the rest of the little children and our poor soldier boys. We wish you good luck. Love, Helen McJimsey . . . Dear Santa, I don't want much this Christmas. Just a pair of boxing gloves, football and plenty of fruit, nuts and candy. Santa, don't forget the boys overseas. Yours truly, Norman Jasper . . . Dear Santa, I'm trying to be good. I hope you will bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I want a bathrobe and don't forget to bring my little sister, Rebecca, a doll. I hope very

much that you have a Merry Christmas. Don't forget to bring some candy, fruit and nuts. Your pal, Sandra Mallow . . . Dear Santa, I am a girl eight years old and in the second grade. I want a doll, a set of dishes, and candy, nuts and fruit. Your little pal, Ernestine Strange . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a tractor, some cars, a little bus, and an airplane. I would like you to bring me some fruit, nuts and candy. Your friend, Robert Edwin Crass . . . Dear Santa, I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a good football so I can learn to play football like my brothers. I would like to have a good rope, and a blackboard. Yours truly, Walter Arnold . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a beautiful doll with glass bory and three dresses, an evening dress and cape, and hair that I can comb. I want a table and two chairs and apples, nuts and candy. I have been a good girl and studied hard all year. Your friend, Virginia Garrison . . .

Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come



May you bask in the season's glory.

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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



Christmas to me means waking up on a cold December morning, running into the living room, and bursting into the packages sitting on the fireplace. It also means helping my mother bake Christmas goodies for our family get-together on Christmas Eve. It's shopping in a bustling mall, going into each store and buying what we think would be perfect for a close family member or friend. It's also a time when we try to give to some who aren't as fortunate as we are. Most of all it's the love shown to each other during the holiday season, that is the most important part of all.

Brooke Garvin, sixth grade

The holiday season means remembering Jesus Christ's birth. And the way two ordinary people went to an old stable in the town of Bethlehem and gave birth to an extraordinary child through the work of God.

The two ordinary people were Mary and Joseph. And when Jesus was born people came from all the land to give him presents. That's probably why people give presents on Christmas.

I think Jesus' birth was probably the most important day in all of history, because without him we would all be lost.

So when Christmas comes around remember the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ. Have a very merry Christmas!

Daniel Reagan, seventh grade

To me the holiday season means family. All of us getting together to exchange presents and have a delicious Christmas dinner with turkey, dressing, plum pudding, corn and mincemeat pie.

It also means snow and mounds of it. I love to go skiing and play with my little brothers in the snow.

Christmas also means the birth of our savior Jesus Christ. Christmas was the day he came into the world pure and holy to save us all. Then later he was to die for all of the world's sins.

That's what the holiday season means to me.

Lisa Comer, seventh grade

To me the holiday season is the time when millions of people pack their way into stores everywhere. People get so busy looking for the right gift and so caught up in all of the decorations and lights that they lose the Christmas spirit completely. I believe in doing some of the traditional Christmas things and being with my family. I like

to hear the Christmas stories and the songs that reveal the true reason for Christmas. Stories like "The First Christmas" and songs like "Oh Come All Ye Faithful". These things are what Christmas is about to me.

Matt Martin, eighth grade

Christmas time is a very special holiday. It should be a period of happiness, rejoicing, and forgiveness. Children and adults should look at the holiday as Christ's birth. Everyone needs to rejoice and be very thankful of what they have. It needs to be a time for families to be together. Christmas can also be a very sorrowful time of the year. Many families don't have the opportunities to have a tree, acquire presents, or even be in a warm snug house. Everyone needs to think about the less fortunate people and strive to be as giving as possible. That is what the holiday season means to me.

Misty Wilkinson, eighth grade

Christmas means getting to be with family. I love getting to see all of my relatives that I haven't seen in years. We talk about everything that's gone on since last year. I love those talks! Christmas means a big Christmas dinner. We have turkey, dressing, pies

and all that other delicious holiday food. I like the pies the most, especially pumpkin pie! I think the pie is the best part! Christmas means the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who came to Earth to save us from our sins. This is something special that we need to remember. Christmas means sharing. I like to share my gifts with others.

Tyler Young, sixth grade

The holiday season means being with my family at my house, or at one of my grandmothers' homes for Christmas. Our family tradition is that we get up that morning and read the Christmas story out of the bible. My dad always reads it since he is a preacher. Then we exchange gifts with one another. At lunch we have the traditional turkey dinner. After lunch, my family talks about the year and what happened. The holiday season means celebrating the birth of Jesus. Christmas, in my opinion, has gotten too commercial. Celebrate it the way it should be celebrated.

David Donahoo, eighth grade

The holidays mean to me a time to be with my family and being able to see my relatives. It also means a time of giving and sharing each other's love. I like the holiday season because you also get to eat a delicious meal. The holidays are also a time for giving gifts to other members of your family and also to friends. The Christmas vacation is a really special time for my relatives and me. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Donny Burson, eighth grade



When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The holiday season means joy and happiness. It means that you are with your family and relatives. It also means that you get to be with your loved ones or they get to be with you. The season brings out the best in you and the best of other people. The prettiest sight of Christmas is all the gifts and decorations. The most joyful part is the beautiful Christmas Carols. It is better to give than to receive. Christmas is also a time for friendship. Playing in the snow is also fun.

Always remember the blessings that God has given you.

Vince Cruz, seventh grade

To me the holiday season means getting to spend time with your family and friend eating candy and pies, and celebrating the Christmas holiday. It means going to other people's houses and exchanging gifts (or staying at your own house). Some people even go out of state to see their relatives. Our family stays in town because most of our family lives in Silverton. One really good thing about the holiday is that you don't have any homework to do over the weekend. And if it snows like last year (5 feet drifts) then you can have fun in the snow.

Have A Merry Christmas!

Ryan Minyard, seventh grade

What the Christmas holiday means to me is that all around the world many people get to have a time of love. It also means that you get to see your family. Plus you get presents, but that's not what is so special about Christmas. It's the love in the families and the love that we get to experience with the Lord. It's also a time for young children to have fun and be happy. It's about families and friends coming together in the Grace of God. That's what the holiday season means to me.

D. D. White, seventh grade

The getting to be with your family, friends and the people that you love. Christmas is a symbol of the birth of someone very special, Jesus Christ. It means singing Christmas carols and drinking hot chocolate. It means waking up in the morning and looking at the Christmas tree. I love to open Christmas presents! (It is my favorite thing to do.) My sister and I go out and play in the snow. It also means that you won't have any homework.

That is what the Christmas holiday means to me.

Dara Johnston, seventh grade

For me, the holiday's a time for love! It is a time for joy, hope and forgiveness. When every family member gathers around the Christmas tree to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The presents are gifts like the Wise Men's gifts to Him. Peace on Earth, good will toward all men, and happiness to be shared by everyone means true love. With the famous saying being read aloud, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." Singing Christmas carols, drinking hot chocolate, and sharing love. That is what the holiday season means to me!

Kayela Wiest, seventh grade

The holiday means to me when Jesus Christ was born into this world. He was in the town of Bethlehem. His mother was Mary. Her husband was Joseph who was chosen to protect Mary and Jesus.

Christmas is also about being with

your family and friends. It is also about helping all of the homeless and the needy to have a Christmas that they never have had before. They need to know that people care about them, and the homeless also need somewhere warm to go during the Christmas holidays.

Paul Segura, seventh grade

What the Holiday Season means to me is for a family to get together and spend time together. They also get to open presents.

Sometimes they get to eat turkey and dressing on a certain day and that's the day that they get stuffed. A few people that haven't seen each other for a long time sometime start to cry.

It is also a sad time if that happens. If that happens it will ruin your supper because all the crying will not make you hungry any more.

This is what the holiday season means

to me.

What does it mean to you?

Adrian Ramirez, sixth grade

To me the holiday is not just presents and days off from school. It is the birth of Jesus Christ the son. In whom the Lord sent to die for us and to save us from sin. He did this because he loved us so much. The only reason we should have presents is to remind us that he received diamonds, incense and even perfumes from the wisemen when he was born. So we must all remember its not just Santa Claus who is watching; it's the Lord too.

Constance Gillenwater, seventh grade

The Christmas holiday is my favorite holiday because everyone is home, and I get to see all my relatives. It is also a fun time because you get to open gifts and eat a great deal of food. The house is also decorated very nice. The only

thing I don't like about the holidays is that we have to wait until Christmas morning to open the gifts. However, this Christmas, maybe we will get to open them early. I hope so! As you can see, this is probably my favorite time of the year because of all the Christmas spirit and everyone being together.

Merry Christmas!

Charlie Bomar, seventh grade

Christmas means a great deal of love and happiness. I think that when Christmas is here we should forget all about hatred. When you say something mean to someone, you should always apologize to that person. We should appreciate that God brought us into this world. We should also ask God to help the poor and the homeless. Pay a tribute to the poor and send clothes and food to them. Just think of the people in Somalia that are running out of food; there are some other people in other countries also that are starving to death. When you are eating good, they are eating dirt and bugs. Give them money so they will be happy like you are at Christmas. All holidays are to be happy and for kids to have fun.

Diana Garza, sixth grade

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 Love,
 Humberto Vasquez

Dear Santa,
 I want a Power Ranger mask and Acco stum. I will leave some cookies.
 Love,
 Mayra

Dear Santa,
 I would like a genie gemnastic Barbie and a Super Netdo game.
 Love,
 Brittany

Dear Santa,
 It has been a good day at school. This Christmas I would lik some batteries that will work for 2XL and some more tape for him. A book holder. The last thing I want is a space set.
 Love,
 Josh

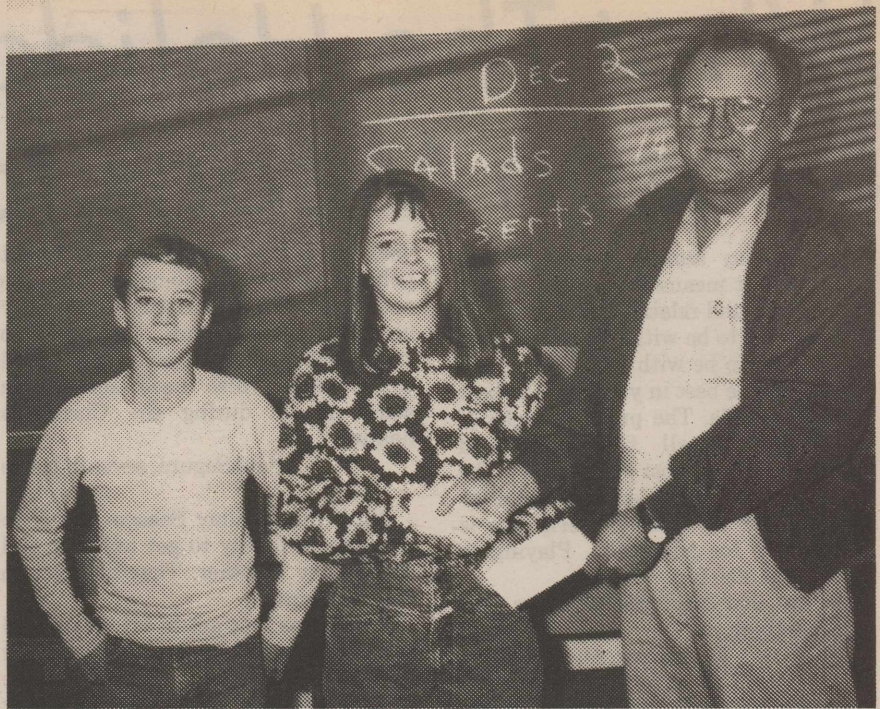
Dear Santa,
 I want a rifle. I also want a Sega CD.

How are you. I am fine. I ment to ask about your raindeer and your wife. Have a happ Chirstmas.
 Love,
 J. P.

Dear Santa,
 I want a game gear With Six games and a 22 pistl. Olso I want a puppy.
 love
 Chris

Dear Santa,
 Please bring me a game boy. Also a game gear. And a hockey set. And the last thing I want is a evle please please
 love,
 Beau

Dear Santa,
 I want a gameboy. Santa will you please bring me a barbie with a brush and a come and some clothes with it.
 Santa will you please bring me a kid sister with a brush that has kid sister and I want some clothes to go with it and some shoose.
 love
 Susan



Eighth Graders Donny Burson and Lindsey Jennings presented a donation to the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, received by Jerry Patton, which represented the money they would have used to exchange gifts with one another at their Christmas party.

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Dear Santa,
 I want my own TV. I want a six will remote control car. I want a computer to.
 Love,
 Max

Dear Santa,
 I want a 22 oldtimy shotgun. I want 22 bolets whith it. I want a 22 and it has to have bolets to. I also want a hoster.
 Love,
 Chance Rhodrick

Dear Santa,
 I want a barbie. Also I wont a vcr And plese a came Boy. And some clothes plese. And a cold car And computer.
 Love,
 Janet

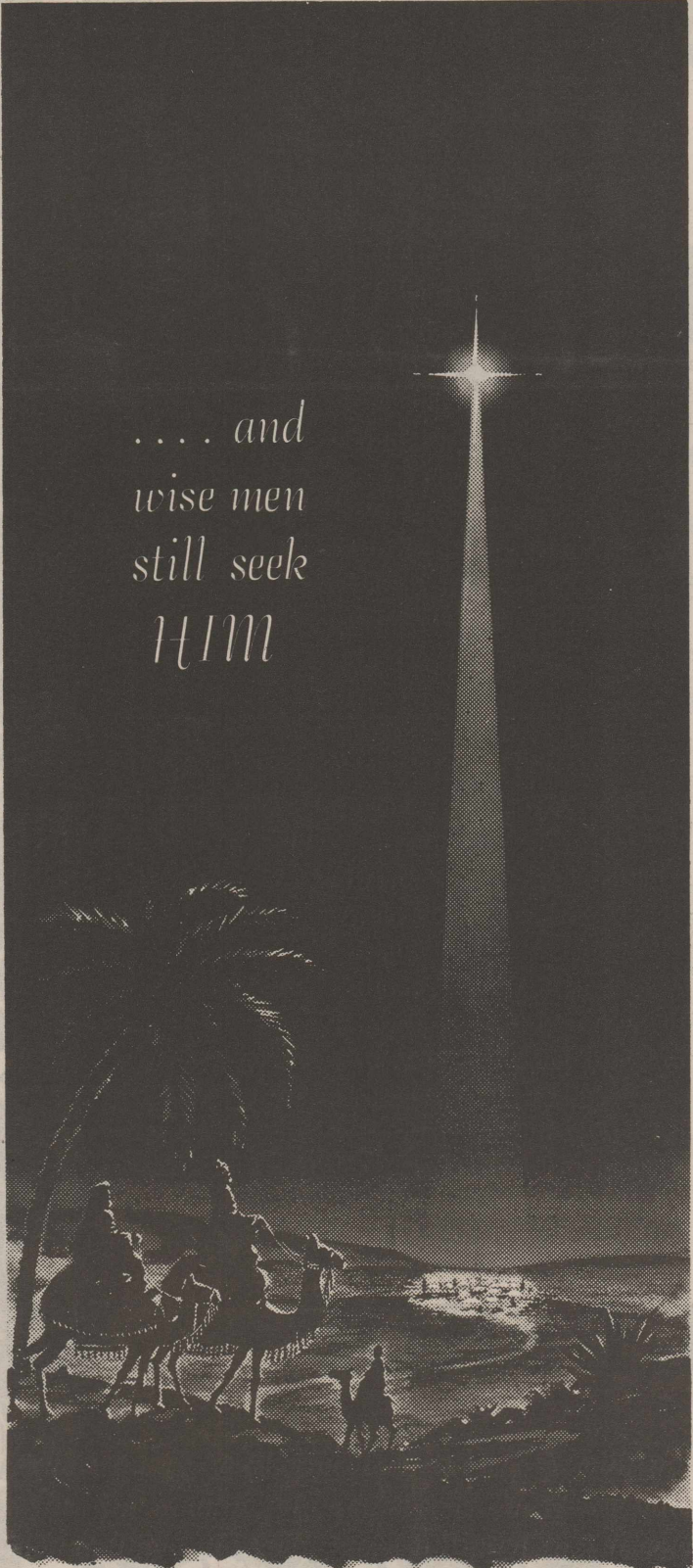
Dear Santa,
 I want a TV. And please a game Boy. And a hockey set. And close please. And a Beach Jeep car. And a gold cart.
 Love,
 Kelsie

Dear Santa,
 Please bring a tv and vcr with a remtecontrol. Also I wold like a saint Lucia wreth witha white dres with a red ribbin arond it.
 Love
 Whitney

Dear Santa,
 I want a rifle. I also want a hocky set. I have been a good boy. I also want a modersikle.
 love
 Zack

Dear Santa,
 I have been so good. Please breennng me a book shelf. And some clothes.
 Love,
 Danielle

Dear Santa,
 I want a gameboy. and a Molly doll. and a game to go with my computer. and a real computer. and a gold cart.
 Love,
 Krista

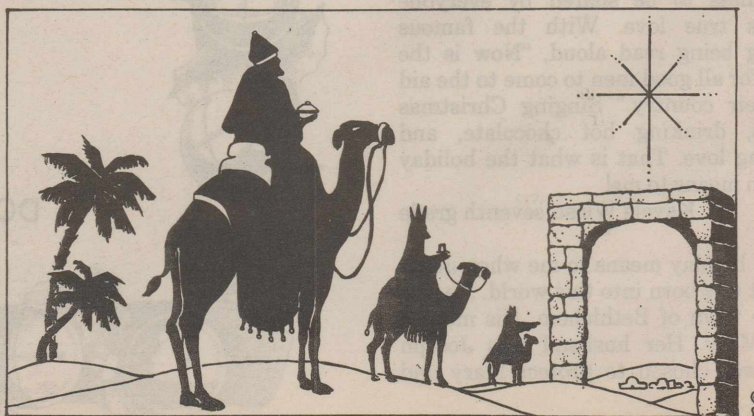


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First Grade Students Send Their Christmas Wishes to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

I wat a drum game daluscowboy shrt
computer boot hat cake ginger bread
I am nise boy and therteball chcn
Albert

Dear Santa

I wut Doctr dribls gros things a litl
rander that wocs and trns the noseson
Jeronimo

Dear Santa

I want a dales cowboys 8 man suit
and I want a racecar set and I want
controes on it and I want a gameboy
and I want a supernintido with a
baseball game to play on the
supernintido and I want a wene dog
Have a good trip
Tanner

Dear Santa

I want a Dallascowbow grse lice
Emit's 22 and I want a satle and a ril
horse and a cowboy black hat and a ril
reindeer and a baskieball gold with a
baskieball and a twentwo have a good
trip
love
Gid

Dear Santa

I lik yu I wont a little dog have a hape
christmas frum E. J.

Dear Santa

my name is keely I Want a doll that
is the sam sise is me and a big berd and
a little bron ber!
Keely

Dear Santa,

My name is Oscar and all i wallt is a
remot ctrow car and donot frget abt
My name is Oscar.

Dear Santa my name is Yance I want a
hoce set and Doulis cow boys rolrbladse
ule trik rase trak and a kumputre.

Dear Santa I Wont Super Van city. this
is like MidyMax but it is turtls. Hungry
Hungry hipo. camputr.
Joshua

Dear Santa my name is Hanna
Dear Santa, all i wont for Christmas is a
littl pupy with a hol in site it and I no
Yuo gite alot of kids presenes but that
is ol I wont for Christmas

Dear Santa

how are your Raindeer I hope ther
well Holly Vernon and Duncan Vernon

Dear Santa

I want twist 'n stile Tiffany and a
cuputer
Tori

Dear Santa

i wut som Rolerbass and mee cide uv
Midee max and cars with opin doors
and i wood be happy if you wood bring
som pisloos and don't cair what kide uv
pisloos you get me and i wood be happy
if you got me a tedeebear.
Jesse Reyonlds

Dear santa what i want for christmas is
a super nintendo.
Love, seth

Dear Santa

I wud lik you to breg Eduardo a play

motr sikl

Luv Eduardo

Dear Santa

i want a Kittet and a hie striper horse
and a diary and fine u Lea a jimmus &
Barby theend
frum: Melonie

Dear Santa

I want a game boy.
Love Deigo

Dear Santa,

I want B. B. gun and tetris and Your
Phone number mine is 847-2617
Love Ethan

Dear Santa,

I Like you reindeer I want a cat dog
fish pig gun
Love, Mon

Dear santa.

I want a Jeep and a kitchen key and a
remote contr Car
Lov3 Kambra

Dear Santa,

I wud Lik you to breg me a Sace
genses With Sret Fitr two
LuV Ramon

Dear Santa,

I Wut a gameboy and 2 ice hockey
sticks Puck
love Thor

Dear Santa,

I want a Robote and My size Bride to
but I Rile want the Ril Rudof Randear
Love Sage

Dear Santa

I Want a power car I Want a ril baby
Jesus I want a tocKene Robote I want a
ril Star in my hear
Angie

Yuletine
Joy

Dear Santa,

Please quit smoking pipes. I've tried
to be a good boy. Please send me a
bunch of farm equipment. I really want
a John Deere tractor, a boll buggy, and
a "nodule" builder. I'd also like a cotton
stripper. A backhoe would be fun, too.

Please bring us a new fishing pole and
send my brothers some magic pens so
they can get their homework done
faster. My brothers need a motorcycle,
too. My daddy could use a new desk so
he could have one in our house, too. My
mommy needs a new stocking holder
that looks like an angel.

Please remember the missionaries
that we learn about at church. Send
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What The Holiday Season Means to Me



The Christmas holiday means many things to me. To start with it's a symbol of the day that Christ's birthday was to supposedly have happened. Second, the Christmas holiday is a day of giving because it says in the Bible that "It's better to give than to receive." Then we usually go to a relative's house or our relatives come to our house during the Christmas holiday. Last but not least, children get out of school for two weeks and one day, and a new semester starts on the day we go back to school. These are just a few reasons why I like the Christmas season.

Nathan Francis, seventh grade

The holiday season is getting together with family and friends. I could go on

forever about all the presents and food, but that's not what Christmas is about. Christmas is about friends and family getting together and enjoying themselves; it is a time to kick back and relax and not worry about the troubles in life. Christmas is also celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus was born in a stable in the City of David.

The holiday season is about celebrating the greatest gift of all, love.

Isaiah Ivory, sixth grade

What the holiday season means to me is a house full of family joy. It also means giving gifts of love and care. The holiday season, Christmas is the day Jesus was born. To me the holiday season is a time you get to see all your

family and enjoy laughing and talking with them. To me it also means having a free two weeks from school and getting to see all your friends one last time before the next year. The holiday season means lots of different things to many people, but these are a few things of what the season means to me.

Catherine Reyna, sixth grade

Christmas means a time of laughter and joy, giving and receiving. Christmas is a time of playing in the snow having just as much fun as you can have on any holiday. Christmas means a great deal more than just receiving and sharing to me. It means love and kindness to many people. If there is a person poor, cold, and lonely,

invite him or her in for the night. Christmas is a time for being with friends and family. Christmas is my favorite holiday! How about you?

Aaron Wederski, sixth grade

The Christmas holiday means to spend time with your loved ones. You get to see all of your relatives that you haven't seen in a while. It is also a time for rejoicing the Lord, and sharing with everyone. We also exchange gifts with pretty wrapping and bows. You eat turkey, dressing, ham, fruits and vegetables and pies. After the holiday is over we end up with lots of good things that we don't really need but we want. We also eat leftovers for a week, but that isn't that bad because it is all good and homemade.

Lori Edwards, seventh grade

The Christmas holiday is a very special time to me. You get to see relatives that you haven't seen in a long time. You give a warm welcome to anyone who comes to your house. Everybody is always happy. Your relatives bring different dishes that they have prepared such as chips, dip, cakes, and different kinds of foods. They can taste your different foods and you can taste theirs.

Christmas is also a time for remembering Christ. The Lord is the only reason we have this joyous holiday. We always show love and affection toward relatives and friends.

Misti Mattheus, seventh grade

The holiday means friends and relatives joining each other. They get together at one person's house and they celebrate the birth of the Lord. This means they share gifts. Why? Because when the Lord was born, the three kings gave him gifts. So people share gifts with family friends, and people who don't have family to share gifts with.

The Lord is really important to us because he died for us and he performed miracles for the people who can't hear, see, walk or talk. That is why God is so special to us.

Ana Pena, seventh grade

Christmas to me means Santa Claus coming and giving everybody presents under the tree that we have decorated with lights and ornaments. Also building a snowman with all of the snow outside is fun too. It is great putting up stockings for the whole family and on Christmas finding little gifts in it is fun too. Christmas is a time when we sing Christmas carols. Christmas is a time when we celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. Christmas is a time when we drink hot chocolate and also a time of happiness for family and friends to get together by the fireplace.

Vanessa Reyna, seventh grade

The holiday season to me means happiness. It means being with your family and having the best time with the ones you love, and the ones that love you. It's not what you get but that you are there with them. So the one greatest gift of all is being alive to spend it with them. Christmas isn't only about receiving gifts. Because the greatest gift that anyone could receive is getting off work and being able to receive the love that your family gives you on this wonderful Christmas Holiday.

Bert Garza, eighth grade

The holiday means to me a time of giving. It is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is when you need to have peace with everybody. You need to give instead of receiving gifts. You want to have fun, but not hurt others having fun. You want to help others by giving to them. Give them something they may need or maybe want. It is a special time to be with your family and friends and just be together. It is a marvelous time to talk to one another. This is what the holidays mean to me.

Jeremy Holt, eighth grade

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."

Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas Season, and celebrate his birthday on Christmas Day.

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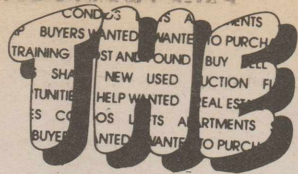
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Thank you for your care and concern during Ray's illness.

We wish you a happy holiday.

Ray and Tommie Cruse
Mark and Derinda Patton

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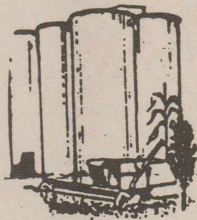
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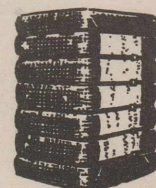
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The Troopers of the Department of Public Safety are urging all motorists that if you are going to a party this New Year's Eve to plan your trips ahead. Take that designated driver with you. Remember, if you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink.

If you are hosting a party during this holiday period, be a responsible host and don't push alcoholic beverages on people. Have more to drink than alcohol, such as soft drinks and fruit drinks. Above all don't let a person drive away from your party after he has had too much to drink.

The Texas Department of Public Safety wants everyone to enjoy the holiday period, but don't make the same mistake that so many have made by saying, "It will never happen to me," because it can. Have a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

Irrigation Conference To Address Concerns

A diversity of speakers will share their views and experiences in producing the '94 crop during the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show January 5 at the Amarillo Civic Center. Continuous hot, dry weather created significant demands for irrigation that in many cases could not be adequately supplied. Three continuing education units (CEU) will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial applicators. Registration and the Trade Show begin at 8:25 a.m. and the program begins at 9:25 a.m.

Brad Lance, agronomist with Pioneer Hi-Brid International, Lubbock, will open the conference with a review of how and why extreme temperatures and irrigation influenced short and full season corn hybrid production in 1994.

Finding the appropriate acreage or mix of short season corn, grain sorghum and/or full season corn to match irrigation capacity and yield potential to make the most profit will be addressed by Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Amarillo.

Harold Grall, grower and farm

manager for Coleman Agri Enterprises near Dumas, will share his experiences with ridge till farming and why and how he is changing.

Planning crop acreages for optimum irrigation with available water and the crop production advantages using high efficiency systems will be discussed by Leon New, Extension agricultural engineer, Amarillo.

A catered meal will be provided at noon with a \$5.00 registration fee. By calling your local County Extension Office in advance, you can help determine how much food to prepare.

Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist at Amarillo, will begin the afternoon session with a discussion of effective, safe strategies of chemigations and what to anticipate in the future.

Rex McCloy, a Hutchinson County grower, will describe how he uses his irrigation systems to compliment and reduce other crop production practices and costs.

The day's activities will conclude with an evaluation of drip irrigation for row-crop farming. Freddie Lamm, research agricultural engineer with Kansas State University will present results of six years research drip irrigating corn and his view of the economics.

Randy Hensley, a grower in the O'Donnell area, who also plans and installs drip irrigation systems, will present his experiences drip irrigating cotton and details on system planning and costs.

The Trade Show will include exhibits of the latest irrigation and chemigation

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For more information, contact Leon New at 806-359-5401 or your local County Extension Office.

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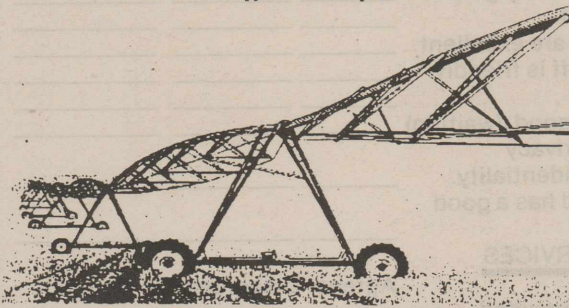
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BRISCOE COUNTY CLINIC ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Briscoe County Clinic Association is committed to providing you with the finest health care services in a timely and cost efficient manner that is responsible to your needs as an individual and as a family. As a result, we would like to ask your help in determining if the community could support a rural health clinic. High Plains Baptist Health Systems in Amarillo is performing a health assessment in the community to determine the feasibility of a clinic.

Please answer this survey, and mail or hand deliver it by January 3, 1995, to:

Silverton City Hall
Nance's Food Store

Quitaque City Hall
Merrell Food

Turkey City Hall
CC's Valley Market
James Davidson

For assistance, call Anthony Kingery or Lynn Frizzell.

Your age (optional) _____ Town _____

- Have you or a member of your household used inpatient or out-patient hospital services in the last 12 months?
 No Yes
 If yes, in what community was the hospital located?
 (Check all that apply)
 Amarillo Tulia Lockney Plainview Lubbock Other
 What was the name of the facility? _____
 If you used a hospital other than Tulia Hospital, why?
 My doctor referred me I chose the hospital
 What services did you obtain? X-Ray In-Patient admission
 Out-Patient Lab Day-Surgery
- Have you or a member of your family visited a physician's office in the last 12 months? No Yes
 If yes, in what community was the physician's office located?
 (Check all that apply)
 Amarillo Tulia Lockney Plainview Lubbock Other
 If you did not use a physician in Tulia, why? Personal choice
 Specialists not available
- Have you or a member of your household used or visited an emergency room in the last 12 months? No Yes
 If yes, in what community was the emergency room located?
 (Check all that apply)
 Amarillo Tulia Lockney Plainview Lubbock Other
 If you did not use the emergency room services in Tulia, why?
 Personal choice Services not available
 What services did you obtain? Lab Emergency Room
 X-Ray Primary care
- Please provide your impression of the hospital you used most recently by indicating whether you agree or disagree with the following statements about the hospital and its physicians. Statements are provided about emergency services, all other hospital services and physician services. Please respond to as many of the statements as possible. (If you disagree please indicate why in the space provided.)

Hospital _____

EMERGENCY ROOM (ER) SERVICES

- | | Agrees | Disagrees | No Opinion |
|--|--------|-----------|------------|
| The ER is easy to find. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Care provided in the ER was very good. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ER physicians are excellent. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ER nurses and technicians are excellent. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ER admitting/reception staff is friendly. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ER staff is very friendly. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Timeliness of treatment is good. (waiting) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ER staff respects patient privacy and maintains patient confidentiality. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| ER facility is clean/neat and has a good appearance. | _____ | _____ | _____ |

ALL OTHER HOSPITAL SERVICES

- | | Agrees | Disagrees | No Opinion |
|---|--------|-----------|------------|
| Very good hospital care is provided. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Physicians who practice at the hospital are excellent. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Hospital nurses are excellent. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Hospital admitting/reception staff is very friendly. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Hospital staff is very friendly. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Staff respects patient privacy and maintains patient confidentiality. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| State-of-the-art equipment/procedures are available. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Facility is clean and neat, and has a good overall appearance. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Timeliness of treatment is good. (waiting) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Site and appearance of patient rooms is good. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Parking is always easy to find. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Community _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

PHYSICIAN SERVICES

- | | Agrees | Disagrees | No Opinion |
|--|--------|-----------|------------|
| Physician's offices are conveniently located and easy to find. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Physicians have a good image in the community. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| It is easy to make an appointment. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| The physician's office staff is friendly. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Office staff respects patient privacy and maintains patient confidentiality. | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Timeliness of treatment is good. (waiting) | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Disagreements or comments _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

5. How can health services in Briscoe County be improved?

6. If a full-time Rural Health Clinic was developed in Silverton, would you utilize it before considering receiving care elsewhere?
 No Yes

7. If a Rural Health Clinic was developed in Silverton, would you support and utilize the services of a physician assistant or nurse practitioner?
 No Yes

8. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1-highly satisfied, 5 very unsatisfied) rate your satisfaction with the following:

High Plains Baptist Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
St. Anthony's Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Northwest Texas Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Tulia Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Plainview Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Lockney Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
University Medical	1	2	3	4	5
St. Mary's Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Methodist Hospital	1	2	3	4	5
Other _____					

9. Does anything limit your ability to seek and receive timely care for you or your family? (Check all that apply.)

- Lack of money or high cost of care
- Do not have health insurance
- Need care after doctors' hours or on weekends
- Have limited means of transportation.
- I am disabled
- Doctor is too busy
- Don't know where or what services are available
- Don't know what type of service I need
- I am limited by my age
- Don't trust or like area health personnel/hospitals
- Care might not be private or confidential
- The health care system is too confusing
- My language limits my ability to communicate
- Other reason (please specify) _____

10. What health issues are of greatest concern to you? (Please check all that apply.)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholism/Cirrhosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold/Flu problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating Disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye/Vision problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease/Heart problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney/Urinary problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity (Diet/weight loss) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy/Prenatal care | <input type="checkbox"/> Teenage pregnancy issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well baby/baby care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

Please use the space below for any additional comments you would like to make about a clinic in Silverton, Texas.

