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To bill, adjournment

Senate clears obstacles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted today to choke off a final conservative-led filibuster against a 5-cent gasoline tax increase, clearing the last obstacle blocking action on both the legislation and adjournment of the 97th Congress.

After the 60 votes necessary to break the filibuster were obtained, senators — anxious to go home for Christmas — were moving immediately to a final vote on the tax bill.

Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., predicted before the voting began today that he had the

votes to break the last in a string of conservative filibusters against the proposed nickel-a-gallon boost in the gasoline tax, and pass it.

"I think we'll manage both," Baker said before the Senate convened at 8 a.m. EST.

Senate passage of the measure would send it to President Reagan, who supports it, and clear the way for the Senate to adjourn nearly two days after the House.

Vice President George Bush, acting in his role as presiding officer of the Senate, was to be on hand for today's votes.

Senate aides said today

that at least 10 senators had returned to Washington — some via military transportation — to vote. Included among the group was Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., who had been recuperating from heart surgery.

Baker, who tried throughout the lame-duck session of Congress to enact the bill, has been bedeviled by conservative members of his party who argue the tax

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Lady Bird gives nation a present

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lady Bird Johnson says her donation of 60 acres for a National Wildflower Research Center was a gift to the nation on her 70th birthday.

"It's sort of to pay the rent for the space I've taken up in this highly interesting world. I love all the 70 years and I'm grateful for them," she said Wednesday, before sowing the first seeds at the center site.

Mrs. Johnson, the widow of former President Lyndon B. Johnson, gave \$125,000 in addition to the 60 acres, about 10 miles east of Austin.

"At 70, face it, my years are limited so I've got to get to work," she said on the flower-bedecked bus that brought Johnson relatives and friends to the center site.

The former first lady remains active in the Austin

community and throughout the state. She spends her weekends at the LBJ Ranch in Stonewall, 60 miles west of here.

During the week, she lives in an apartment in the building housing KLBJ — the Johnson family radio station.

She said she "tires more easily, my energy is less and I have to say a lot more 'nos'" to invitations.

But Mrs. Johnson was energetic and enthusiastic for the birthday celebration and dedication of the wildflower research site.

"There's a certain sense of freedom about becoming 70. It gives you the license to do what you want to do," she said.

Johnson daughters Lynda Bird — the wife of Virginia

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Reagan honors young heroes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A White House ceremony could not dull the pain, but it did provide some comfort to a Lancaster, Pa., couple whose son won a posthumous bravery award for rescuing a small boy trapped in a deadly septic tank.

"These awards won't bring him back, but they show people care about him — people who didn't even know him," James Jones said of his son, Jeffrey, after accepting an award for him Wednesday.

A misty-eyed President Reagan presented 1981 Young America Medals for Bravery to Jones's parents and to

Mark Rhinier, the sole survivor of a four-man rescue team.

"This is a reminder — a sad one — that we honor men because they take great risks and sometimes pay the ultimate price," Reagan said.

Jones and Rhinier, then 18-year-old volunteer fire fighters, were among those called to the scene when Benjamin Walker, 8, fell into an underground tank in his parents' backyard.

Two paramedics died before their colleagues above

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By O.G. Speeds/Niemann

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says he always likes the gifts he gets on Christmas but, as they years go by, he enjoys more the gifts he gives.

Once more we share the holidays
And greet old friends and new.
We lay aside all worldly thoughts,
And love and joy shine through
And in this Christmas season
This is our wish for you:
That the warmth of Christmas kindness
May last the whole year though.

(Anon.)

This edition of the newspaper is our annual Christmas Greeting edition. We will also publish a paper Friday, and it will be a combined Friday-Sunday edition. Our staff will be off Saturday through Monday, and the office opens again Tuesday.

From the staff of The Brand, we extend Merry Christmas greetings to our readers, advertisers and news contributors.

Another big thanks goes to the anonymous group of men who sponsor the Christmas Stocking Fund. The project started three years ago and has helped make Christmas brighter for a large number of needy families.

The spirit of giving and sharing is an important part of Christmas. Folks who gave to the Stocking Fund, to Project Christmas Card, to church groups who helped the less fortunate, or aided in other areas are sure to have a happier Christmas!

Wheat planting totals decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter wheat farmers have planted 5 percent less acreage for the 1983 harvest than they did a year ago, according to the Agriculture Department.

The USDA's Crop Reporting Board said Wednesday that based on Dec. 1 surveys farmers have seeded 63 million acres for 1983, compared to a record 66.4 million acres planted for the 1982 crop.

Officials said it was the smallest acreage planted in winter wheat since the 1980 crop's 57.6 million acres.

Winter wheat is planted in the fall and harvested the following year. It makes up about three-fourths of the nation's total wheat production.

To be eligible for price supports and related benefits for their 1983 crop, wheat producers will have to reduce their acreage 20 percent from their crop base, including a straight acreage reduction of 15 percent and a 5 percent paid diversion.

"In Kansas, the nation's largest winter wheat state, acreage decreased 7 percent, while Texas, with the second-largest acreage, was down 4 percent," the report said.

Oklahoma's winter wheat acreage was down 2 percent from a year ago, and

Nebraska's plantings were down 8 per cent — the largest percentage decline in the Great Plains region. Both North and South Dakota showed increases of more than 10 percent.

In the Southeast, major wheat states of Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee showed declines of 10 percent, 9 percent and 5 percent, respectively.

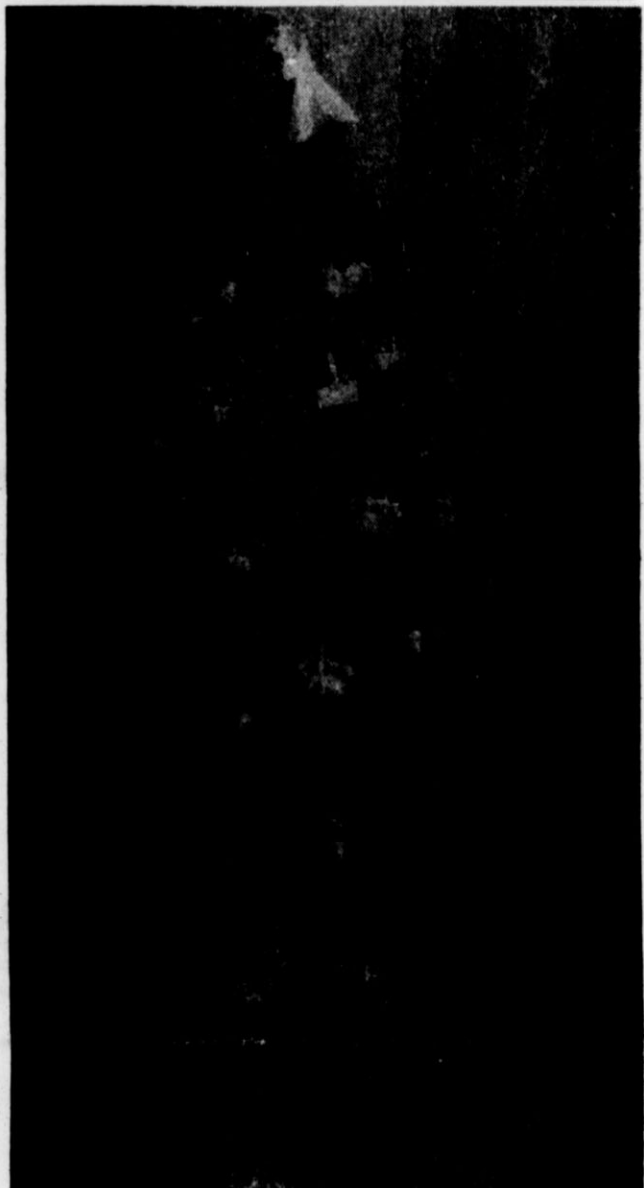
Farmers help feed hungry

By GRAHAM VINK
Associated Press Writer

Northeast farmers sent opinions to Pennsylvania. Wisconsin farmers offered apples to laid-off miners in Minnesota and movie stars bagged food in Los Angeles as Americans showed their Christmas spirit by helping to feed the legions of unemployed.

"A lot of people are just knocking on our door and saying, 'This is what we want to do for you,'" said Mike Cantrell, coordinator of a food giveaway program in Minnesota's Iron Range, a min-

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Basket Case

A motif of floral baskets decorate Mrs. J.V. Perrin's Christmas tree this year. Mrs. Perrin has done her tree in butterflies, birds, candy and Santas during past years and usually gives her decorations to her children. She said she already had some ideas for next year's theme.

CSF above \$7,000 mark

The Hereford Christmas Stocking Fund topped the \$7,000 mark Wednesday, providing funds for food and clothing for less fortunate families in the community.

The total contributions added up to \$7,313 Wednesday, and it appears the sum may surpass last year's total of \$7,480. Even though the economy is depressed, Hereford residents continue to share with the needy.

The anonymous group of men who sponsor the Christmas Stocking Fund have already disbursed most of the funds, but continue to aid families as more donations arrive. With a large number of requests, the CSF screening committee contacted local social workers to aid in getting help to the most needy. Some requests were not acted upon after a check of the individual situations.

The Brand will continue to accept contributions Friday morning, or checks can be mailed to CSF, Box 673, Hereford.

PREVIOUS BALANCE \$6,587
Mr. and Mrs. John Perrin 25
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Case 100

Michael E. Moon	25
Lowell Neumayer	50
Judy Neumayer	50
VFW	100
Anonymous	20
The Bobby Boyd family	25
Anonymous	5
Anonymous	25
Arrowhead Mills	46
Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bell	20
Anonymous	25
The Sports Stop	25
Anonymous	20
Adults S.S. Class, First Presbyterian Church	100
Order of Rainbow for Girls	25
George Ochs	25
Anonymous	15
TOTAL TO DATE	\$7,313



update thursday

Two workers remain critical after explosion

HOUSTON (AP) — Coroners today continued trying to identify the body of an oilfield worker killed when a welding gun ignited a natural gas tank near the Southeast Texas town of Bleiberville.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's office planned to use dental records to identify the slain worker, said a spokesman, who declined to give his name.

Two other men also were killed Tuesday, and two workers injured in the explosion were listed in critical condition Wednesday night at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

B.M. Burns Jr., 23, a construction supervisor for Exxon, and Don Rutherford, 51, of Magnolia, Texas, were hospitalized with burns over more than half their bodies.

Witnesses said the explosion scorched the pastureland around an Exxon Corp. well and blasted two nearby tanks from their foundations. Billows of black clouds could be seen 10 miles away.

Joe Tonorio Jr., 39, of Cleveland, Texas, and the unidentified man were dead at the scene, Austin County Peace Justice Tom Richter said. Jose Martinez, 21, was burned over all of his body and died at Hermann Hospital in Houston six hours later.

The workers were connecting the tank to a well about 11:15 a.m. Tuesday when a spark ignited the vapors from the small amount of natural gas condensate inside, said Exxon spokesman Les Rogers.

All of the victims, except for Burns, worked for T-T Construction Co. of Tomball, Texas, he said.

Commissioners, mother admitted to hospitals

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong has been admitted to a hospital for heart tests, following a routine physical examination. His mother, who had chest pains, entered another hospital Wednesday.

Armstrong, who was 50 last month, was admitted to Seton Hospital. He said he was not in pain, and added, "I think this is the first time I've been penalized for putting off my Christmas shopping until the last minute."

He was elected land commissioner in 1970, but chose not to run for reelection this year, losing a bid for governor in the May Democratic Party primary.

Louise Landis Armstrong, in her early 80s, was admitted to St. David's Hospital, and was said to be resting comfortably in the cardiac wing of the hospital.

Construction worker fined for biting deputy

HOUSTON (AP) — A 24-year-old construction worker who bit a deputy sheriff in a fight must pay the official

\$782 for his medical expenses, lost wages and torn uniform, a judge says.

State District Judge Doug Shaver also sentenced Johnny Herron of League City to six years probation and fined him \$1,000 for the Nov. 14 scuffle at a Seabrook restaurant.

The sentence was part of a plea bargain agreement, Harris County assistant district attorney Ken Mingleddorf said.

He said Deputy J.A. Johnson suffered severe swelling, bruises and scratches on the arm that was bitten.

Johnson was sent to investigate a disturbance at the restaurant, where the officer found Herron celebrating his birthday with friends and acting in an disorderly manner, Mingleddorf said.

Herron argued and then tussled with Johnson. When the deputy tried to subdue Herron, he was bitten on the arm, according to a police report.

"He just lit on like a bulldog," Mingleddorf said. "He just wouldn't let go."

Weather

West Texas — Winter Storm watch Panhandle Friday. Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms Panhandle and South Plains tonight. Rain mixed with snow by early Friday changing to snow late Friday. Snow accumulations under one inch. High 65 Panhandle to near 80 Big Bend. Lows 25 Panhandle to 42 Big Bend. High 42 Panhandle to 65 Big Bend.

Lack of snow fails to deter Christmas celebration in Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The only snow found here dusts the jagged peaks of Mount Kenya, the country's national symbol. But lack of snow does not deter the celebration of Christmas, the biggest family holiday in Kenya and much of this huge, diverse continent.

The Swahili greeting "Nakutakia Krismas ya Furaha" or the Afrikaans "Geseende Kerfees," exchanged by the white Dutch-descended settlers of South Africa, carry the same wishes of good will as the English equivalent — "Merry Christmas."

Many Kenyans have been saving for as long as six months to buy a goat or a cow to roast at family reunions at Christmas, which — as in the United States or Europe — is observed with church-going, gift-giving, carol-singing and drinking.

But fuel shortages in Kenya and Zimbabwe this year will prevent some people from making the trek to home villages.

There is a rush on any sort of transportation — usually rickety, mud-spattered buses, flatbed trucks with travelers piled atop burlap bags of charcoal or, in Kenya, the ubiquitous "matatu," a panel truck packed with

passengers and parcels.

In South Africa, where Christmas arrives at the height of the Southern Hemisphere summer, affluent whites will have their turkey cold and served buffet-style around the swimming pool.

Other white South Africans have already begun the annual Christmas migration to the Indian Ocean beaches of Natal Province where the Miami-like resort city of Durban swelters amid tinsel holiday decorations.

But residents of the Soweto township — where Johannesburg-area blacks must live under South Africa's apartheid laws — usually stay home for the holidays.

One Soweto resident, Lavhutsi Luvhengo, wrote a letter to the township's newspaper, the Sowetan, urging blacks in that troubled, white-ruled land to ignore Christmas.

"Some of us can hardly celebrate our own birthdays, but we go out our way to celebrate the birthday of a son of people who have oppressed and despised us," Luvhengo wrote.

Christmas is a white issue and should have nothing to do with Africans.

As in other parts of the

world, the African Christmas is marred this year by recession — and one of the areas hardest hit is Soweto.

"Time has knocked the spirit out of black Christmases," black journalist Doc Bikitsha wrote recently in Johannesburg's Rand Daily Mail. "That feeling of anticipation and excitement has gone because the pockets are empty and there is simply nothing to look forward to."

In Tanzania, a socialist country suffering its worst economic crisis in 21 years of independence, the most highly prized Christmas gifts this year are toilet paper, toothpaste, cooking oil and soap — items in short supply.

In Senegal, where there has been a French presence for 350 years, people parade through the narrow streets of St. Louis with lanterns on Christmas Eve, singing carols with both a French and West African flavor.

In other former French colonies in West Africa where there are still sizable European populations, much fuss is made over importing Christmas delicacies such as Belon oysters, fresh foie gras and turkeys — all by air and at enormous cost. A single oyster can cost the equivalent of \$3.

Then on what is often the hottest, most humid day of the year in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, thousands of expatriate French sit down and gorge themselves at a Christmas dinner.

the woods with a Forest Department ranger armed with a machete and select their own Christmas trees.

Pershing missile tests grounded

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — The new Pershing II missile has had its test flights grounded indefinitely because of "problems" with a launch last month that caused a hydraulic system failure. Army officials have disclosed.

The Pershing, the Pentagon's answer to the Soviet Union's SS-20 missiles pointed at Europe, is a nuclear warhead scheduled for deployment next December in West Germany.

Protesters in Frankfurt this fall had demonstrated to protest the basing of 108 of the highly accurate, seven-ton missiles in their homeland.

Last month, after four test failures, Congress canceled \$40 million in appropriations for the missile's construction.

The Nov. 19 test firing of the missile, packed with a dummy nuclear warhead, was "a partial success."

Four air control vans that allow the missile to veer in on its target failed to activate, because the hydraulic pressure was too low, said David Harris, spokesman for the Army Missile Command at the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Revelation of the test failure follows three previous launch failures. In July, a test Pershing had to be destroyed seconds after lift-off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., because of a casing leak.

Three minor reports filed

Three minor miscellaneous reports were filed with city police Wednesday.

Christmas lights were torn from a yard decoration at 103 Pecan, a pickup at 712 Blevins was scratched by vandals, and a resident reported that her front car tag was stolen or missing.

Christmas not all gloom in Lone Star

Shoppers still smiling, even with less money

By CHARLES RICHARDS, Associated Press Writer

"There's no way it's going to be as big a Christmas as we had last year, but it's not all gloom and doom either," says the dry goods merchant in the East Texas town of Lone Star.

Lone Star and other nearby communities were dealt a devastating blow when Lone Star Steel cut back its operations last summer.

"But Christmas is a Christmas," says Warren

Hood, manager of J.B. White Co., and that's a time when you hold your head up high despite adversity.

"Everybody's still shopping like it's a regular Christmas. They've cut down some, not buying as much as they would have in the past, but they've still got the Christmas spirit," Hood said.

"We're all keeping our heads above water, and everybody still greets you with that Christmas spirit."

One difference, he said, has

been that some people who customarily have bought presents for every other member of their family decided to draw names this year to keep the buying within a more meager budget.

In some ways, business has been better this Christmas for the store Hood manages. Hood said most families seem to be frequenting local stores instead of driving to shopping malls in bigger cities.

In Dallas, where Christmas

shopping was reported to have gotten off to a slow start just after Thanksgiving, things were going at a frantic pace this week.

"It's been nice and busy. Of course, they don't have any other choice. If they don't buy this week, Christmas will be behind them," laughed Pam Markle, manager of North Park Shopping Mall in Dallas.

She said it is too early to predict how this year's buying will compare with

previous years.

"It has been peculiar — up and down. One day it's been real strong and the next day off. They've been real inconsistent this Christmas," said Ms. Markle.

"What you're seeing is people are buying things that are very functional. It's not a question of the dollar value, just that it's more functional instead of the more trendy items," she said.

"People are buying the typical classical shirt, the standard blouse, a lot of household gifts. And of course the one thing they are buying this year again is the home video-type computer games."

Both Ms. Markle and Dick Colby, manager of South Plains Mall in Lubbock, noticed a growing switch to gift certificates that caught them by surprise.

"The shoppers here have been more conservative, but one thing they're also doing is buying more gift certificates. Those are up by 400 percent," Colby said.

Ms. Markle said North Park Mall sold out last year of its "North Park Gold" gift certificates, good at any store in the mall, so they printed twice as much — \$54,000 — this year.

"We are already out of it," she said. "We sold out last Monday. That's a pretty healthy volume in gift certificates. I guess we'll have to print even more next year."

Like other places, traffic at the Lubbock mall has been heavy this week, Colby said.

"It was a little late starting for us this year, perhaps because of adverse weather we had just after Thanksgiving, but it's really picked up. I

think people have finally decided Christmas is almost upon them and they're going to have to start doing something," he said.

The Salvation Army, which gave food checks to 2,735 families last year, was able to more than double that for this year's Christmas.

"We have already assisted 6,393 families with food checks," said Maj. Ted Morris, city coordinator for Salvation Army activities in Dallas.

The Salvation Army already has given toys to 3,400 families, with another 1,700 families due to get toys by Thursday. That compares with 21,000 toys to 2,300 families a year ago.

Salvation Army officials had worried most about their annual Christmas dinner. They expected to need food for the more than the 700 people they fed on Thanksgiving Day, but funds were low.

Then merchants connected with the Apparel Mart at the Dallas Market Center came to the rescue. Seven merchants agreed to donate all the food, produce, paper products, coffee and milk that will be needed, and are making the Apparel Mart available for the meal itself.

"They're gearing up for 1,500 people," Morris said. "This took a major load off of us. We could have seated only 100 people. How many people will come, we don't know, but if anyone needs a Christmas dinner, there's no need for anyone to go hungry."

Radio listeners donated \$92,000 in gifts and cash for the mentally retarded at the Denton and Fort Worth state schools.

Food

ing area where unemployment is near 45 percent.

The spirit was evident from coast-to-coast Wednesday as people still working lent a helping hand to those out of work in a nation where unemployment has hit 10.8 percent, the highest Christmas jobs rate since the Great Depression.

A truckload of 40,000 potatoes donated by farmers in Minnesota and North Dakota was expected to arrive in Iron Range towns today, with another due Jan. 5. Some 100 bushels of apples from Wisconsin growers are expected soon.

In Los Angeles, movie stars and volunteers, wearing

brightly colored slickers or plastic garbage bags to protect them from a rainstorm, bagged 750 tons of food on Wednesday for 30,000 people and said they hoped to feed 100,000 more people.

"The optimism in the middle of this pouring rain is terrific," said actor Jack Lemmon, who was helped by performers Dennis Weaver and Valerie Harper in the parking lot of the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"This is the toughest Christmas I've ever seen," said Wilma Smith of the First Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Compton, which will distribute food to 90 families.

In Pittsburgh, laid-off steel workers lined up last Saturday for 900 pounds of spuds donated by Maine farmers. On Wednesday, 40,000 pounds

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of onions arrived from New York.

"All we've got to do is get a load of carrots in here and a side of beef and we've got the makings for a good stew," said United Steelworkers union spokesman Mike Drapkin. About 34,000 steelworkers are laid off in the Pittsburgh area.

The Mellon Bank has given \$103,000 to help feed the unemployed in southwest Pennsylvania, the largest donation it has ever made to help the needy. About \$5,000 was used to buy 1,000 turkeys, handed out last week at a party for unemployed steelworkers in Homestead, near Pittsburgh.

"Even some kids help us," said Linda Ezerosky, coordinator for a food bank serving 1,000 people through a Pittsburgh USW local.

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ground realized the tank was filled with toxic fumes.

Reagan also presented 1980 bravery medals to youths from New Mexico and New York.

Michael Browne of Dixon, N.M., was 13 when he climbed a slippery, 300-foot-high mountain ledge to assist a severely injured woman until rescue workers arrived. He is

credited with saving the hiker's life.

And Robert Noble of Fredonia, N.Y., now 20, entered a burning car several times — over the protests of his friends — in an attempt to free its four passengers. He managed to bring out three people, only one of whom survived.

pensive to manage public lands, city parks, industrial parks and the right-of-ways of highways. We cannot manage them in the old way which meant heavy use of mowing, manpower and fertilizer," she said. "We've got to crank in some use of our native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs. The native, hardy things, right where the Lord put them, can get along better with the rainfall that is there."

The only permanent struc-

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tures at the site now are an old house — the renters will move out soon — and KLBJ's transmitter tower. Areas for future greenhouses, wildflower beds and a laboratory were marked by ribbons.

No wildflowers were in sight on the warmer-than-usual December day.

"It's like going to see the baby while it has chicken pox," she said.

Present

Gov. Charles Robb — and Luci were on hand for the ceremony, along with the seven Johnson grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson said the nation's 25,000 species of wildflowers have practical uses, as well as aesthetic ones.

"There's so darned little known about them," she said. "They are capricious and frustrating."

The Karnack, Texas, native said wildflowers could

have nutritional or medicinal uses and could be a money-saver on public land.

Robert Dedman, chairman of the state highway commission, said at the ceremony that Texas spends \$24 million mowing grass along highways.

Mrs. Johnson said wildflowers and native grasses could replace the grass now being mowed by the state.

"It's harder and more ex-

There's very little credit for anybody to take" from this lame-duck session, said Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich.

Helms, meanwhile, had no apologies for his stalling tactics.

"I think that a senator has the duty to do whatever is necessary when he is sufficiently convinced that a piece of legislation is bad," Helms said Wednesday.

Supporters of the tax measure say it will raise \$5.5 billion annually to finance

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170,000 jobs for highway, bridge and mass transit repair. They also claim another 150,000 jobs would be created in related industries. The administration estimates the tax hike would cost the average motorist \$30 a year.

However, Helms and other opponents said the measure would cost jobs, not create them, by raising taxes during a recession. Others oppose the bill because of heavy excise taxes it would impose on the biggest trucks on the road.

Senate

hike is bad policy.

The latest problem cropped up Tuesday night after the House passed a compromise version of the legislation and adjourned. Senators thought they also would be able to vote and go home.

But Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., mounted a last-minute filibuster, standing at his desk and objecting to requests that would allow a quick vote. Helms and Baker eventually agreed to the show-down votes today.

While Baker and Helms

officiating. Burial was under the direction of Wilderson-Hatch Funeral Home of Waco.

Mr. Stephan died Dec. 18 in Hillcrest Hospital in Waco after an illness. He was the brother of Moody Stephan of Hereford.

A native of Gatesville, he had been a baker in Lubbock, moving to Waco in 1981. He was a veteran of World War II and was a Methodist.

Other survivors include a daughter, Gloria Wills of Lubbock; two sisters, Mrs. Charles G. Jones and Amanda, both of Waco; a brother, Charlie of Gatesville; and two grandsons.

LORA PICKENS Services are pending at Gililand-Watson Funeral Home for Lora Pickens, of Route 3, who died at 10 a.m. today in Deaf Smith General Hospital.

Obituaries

YSABEL S. CELAYA Rosary for Ysabel S. Celaya, 77, will be said at 7:30 p.m. today in Rix Chapel.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in San Jose Catholic Church with the Rev. James O'Conner officiating. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Celaya died Wednesday at Deaf Smith General Hospital. She had been in Hereford 22 years and was a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, six daughters, five sons, one brother, four sisters, 41 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

ELDON STEPHAN WACO — Services for Eldon H. Stephan, 79, of Waco and formerly of Lubbock, were held Monday at Hammeline Cemetery in Gatesville with the Rev. H.F. Meier of Waco

Dear Santa, I want a bike for Christmas. And would like some new clothes too. And I would like my stocking full with some candy and fruits.

Thanks Santa, Trinity Ramos age 8 2nd

Dear Santa, I need some new toy, I would like a new bike, for Christmas, and would like my stocking full of goodies, like candy, and fruits. Santa I won't forget to leave you some goodies for you. Thank you Santa.

Ruben Ramos age 7 2nd

Dear Santa, This year I want a pair of skates and a play bake oven that has all of that mix stuff to go with it. I also want some pants and a shirt. Bye Love Ya!

Love April

P.S. I wonder if you would bring me a little pair of shoes for next winter.

Dear Santa, I am 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy this year.

Please bring me a mountain climber that you control. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love, D.J. Warrick

Dear Santa, How are you? How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? We have been pretty good most of the time.

My name is Nicholas Tarr and I am 4. I would like a G.I. Joe, Dukes of Hazard car and a Smurf game.

My name is Marissa Tarr and I am 3. I would like a Miss Piggy doll and

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Strawberry Shortcake doll. Also all the dolls that go with Strawberry Shortcake.

We would like a pacman game.

We will leave you some cookies out for you and carrots for the reindeer. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas.

Love, Nicholas & Marissa Tarr

Dear Santa, I want a doll house.

Love Samantha

Dear Santa, I want an Atari game for Christmas. And a teddy bear for my baby brother.

Love, Bobby And Ricky

Dear Santa, My name is Cory. I am 4 years old. I have tried to be a good boy. I would like to have a tractor and a pickup for Christmas.

I love you Cory Johnson

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Larry Ramaekers, Tamara Cassels

Engagement announced

The engagement of Tamara Lyn Cassels and Larry Joseph Ramaekers has been announced by the parents of the bride-elect, Connie Howard and Joe Pat Cassels.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ramaekers of Nazareth, Texas.

The couple plans to be married on Feb. 5 at Holy Family

Parish in Nazareth.

Miss Cassels is a 1981 graduate of Canyon High School. She is currently employed by B. Dalton Book Store in Amarillo.

Ramaekers is a 1977 graduate of Nazareth High School. He is currently employed by Lawrence Ward Trucking of Hereford and has his own farming operation in Nazareth.

Holiday fish a tradition

COLLEGE STATION — Timely and nutritious for the holiday season is a seafood dish with a colorful fruit sauce, called "Christmas Cranberry Catch."

This dish features fresh Texas fish fillets baked over a savory bread stuffing and topped with cranberry-orange sauce, says Annette K. Hegen, seafood consumer education specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

"A green garnish of parsley completes the festive look and makes this an elegant-as well as traditional—Christmas Eve entrée," she says.

CHRISTMAS CRANBERRY CATCH

2 lb. fresh fish fillets
1 c. sliced celery
One-third c. chopped onions
6 tbsp. melted margarine
1 c. soft bread cubes
1/2 c. chopped pecans
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1 c. orange juice
Cranberry-orange sauce

Cut fillets into serving-size portions. Sauté celery and onions in four tablespoons margarine until tender. Stir in bread cubes, pecans, 1/4 teaspoon salt, orange rind and orange juice. Turn stuffing into well-greased baking dish.

Arrange fish in a single layer on stuffing. Drizzle remaining melted margarine over fish. Sprinkle with one teaspoon salt. Bake for 25 minutes at 350 degrees or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serve with sauce. Makes 6 servings.

CRANBERRY-ORANGE SAUCE
one third c. sugar
2 tsp. cornstarch
1/2 c. orange juice
1/2 c. water
1 c. raw cranberries

2 tsp. grated orange rind
Combine sugar and cornstarch in saucepan. Mix well and add orange juice and water. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Add cranberries and cook five minutes, or until skins on cranberries break open. Stir occasionally and fold in orange rind.

Serve over fish. Makes 1 1/2 cups sauce.

Additional seafood recipes are available without cost by requesting them from: Seafood Recipes, P.O. Box 158, Port Arkansas, Texas 78373.



Delicate seedlings need moist soil to thrive. Try dipping an old whisk broom in water and sprinkling the plants lightly.

Good advice received

Determination pays off

BY LAVON NIEMAN
I bet I've had more advice the past week or so on how to make (or not make) divinity candy than anyone can imagine.

It's been fun and I've enjoyed all the comments - even if Speedy didn't really have to reveal my 30 years of failure with candy right on the front page of the Hereford Brand.

Needless to say, this made me even more determined this Christmas to make a good batch of divinity that didn't have to be eaten with a spoon. Especially after Roberta Campbell brought Speedy a lovely box of divinity she made so he'd know what it was like.

This little article is to let my advisors, critics and supporters know, I REALLY DID IT RIGHT THIS YEAR!

Avis White told me she informed her family many years ago (after several failures) that there's lots of homemade candy better than divinity; and since she thinks she convinced them, she doesn't make divinity any more.

Elizabeth Witherspoon called to tell me the very best divinity recipe is in the first Hereford Brand recipe book that was published. It just so happens that I have "Let's Cook Something", published in 1942 by the Hereford Brand, thanks to a sweet little lady, Mable Barnheart who gave me her copy because I wanted one so badly. The divinity candy recipe was contributed to the book by Mrs. H.H. Hawkins.

In the mail I received some good advice and a divinity recipe from Virginia Adams. She said she had not had any luck with divinity until she made it by this recipe called "Double Divinity."

A few years ago Kerrie Steiert gave me a "No-Fail Divinity" recipe made in the microwave.

So now I have three good recipes and want to share them with you. But as my mother told me many times, never make divinity on a cloudy day and you must use a heavy duty mixer - not a hand mixer.

DIVINITY CANDY
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water

Pinch of cream of tartar
Boil these ingredients, together until it threads. In another pan cook together:
3 cups sugar
1 cup white Karo
1/2 cup water

Boil until small amount of syrup forms a hard ball in cold water (take out of cold water and hit against side of cup to test). Remove first syrup from the fire, cool slightly, and pour slowly over 3 egg whites which have been beaten very stiff, beating constantly about 1 1/2 minutes.

Then add second syrup slowly, beating as before. When creamy fold in 1 cup nuts and 3-4 cup candied cherries and turn immediately into buttered pan. Cool until firm and cut into squares. Roll in toasted coconut if desired.

DOUBLE DIVINITY
No. 1 Syrup: 1/2 c. Sugar one third c. water
Bring to soft ball (240 degrees) Cool slightly.
No. 2 Syrup: 1 1/2 c. Sugar one third c. water 1/2 c. white corn syrup
Bring to hard boil (254 degrees)

Beat 2 egg whites until stiff in large mixer bowl. Add

Practice energy, water conservation techniques

COLLEGE STATION — High energy and water prices can be cut considerably by some simple conservation practices in home laundry.

The water heater should be set no higher than 140 degrees Fahrenheit, according to Becky Saunders, clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

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syrup No. 1 to whites slowly with mixer on medium to high using big mixer.

Add Syrup No. 2 to whites with mixer on medium to high and beat until whites look dull.
Add 1 tsp. vanilla. Drop on waxed paper.

NO-FAIL DIVINITY
4 cups sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1/4 cup water
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Combine sugar, corn syrup, water and salt in a 2-quart casserole. Cook in microwave oven 20 minutes or until candy thermometer reads 260 degrees F. Stir every 5 minutes during cooking time.

While syrup cooks, beat egg whites until very stiff. Gradually pour hot syrup over egg whites and continue beating at high speed until mixture is thick and candy starts to lose its gloss. (The beating may require about 12 minutes.)

Add vanilla and nuts to candy and drop by teaspoonfuls onto wax paper. Makes approximately 7 dozen pieces.



Suzanne Whitfield

January wedding set

Suzanne Marie Whitfield of Amarillo and David Milton Rudder of Durango, Colo., plan to be married at the First United Methodist Church of Durango on Jan. 29.

Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Whitfield of Edcouch, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Milton C. Rudder of Hereford and Mrs. Marynell Rudder of Lubbock.

Miss Whitfield is currently employed by Barnes Jewelry in Amarillo. She is a graduate

of Lyford High School and Texas Tech University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Her fiancé is self-employed as a restaurant owner and consultant in Durango. He is a graduate of Hereford High School and attended Texas Tech, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

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Rebekahs hold annual party

Twenty five members and guests were present for the annual Christmas party of Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228 Tuesday evening. A gift exchange was held and Christmas candies, cakes and other goodies were enjoyed.

Vice-grand Lavita Fitzgerald presided at a short business meeting during which 32 visits to the sick, 20 cheer cards, four flowers, and eight dishes were reported. Also, fruit baskets were delivered to seven shut-in members during the past week.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. and Mrs. C.D. Fitzgerald, Elmer Combs, Jim Loving, Gene Bishop, David Rettman, Fred Ruland, and Guy Lawrence.

Also, Eugenia Combs, Roger Brown, Chip Combs, Leona Sowell, Edna Mathes, Lydia Hopson, Susie Curtisinger, Irene Merritt, Glessie Shelton, Ada Hollibaugh, and Ursalee Jacobsen.



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Leadership effort supports War on Drugs program

COLLEGE STATION — A leadership project of the 22,680-member Texas Extension Homemakers Association has resulted in a united effort in support of the Texans' War on Drugs Program.

A resolution adopted recently by the entire membership pledged the support of Extension Homemaker groups in the war on drugs at both the community and county levels, according to June Cline, organization specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Extension Homemakers are concentrating their leadership efforts, Cline says, in four main areas:

1. Speaking in their communities to increase the level of awareness about the harmful effects of drugs.

2. Monitoring court cases that involve drugs to see that offenders do not get off without receiving the full measure of the penalty that fits the crime.

3. Forming parent peer groups in schools, communities and churches with parents, and getting together to develop guidelines for their children to follow to help prevent drug involvement.

4. Encouraging drug awareness programs in schools and making drug awareness part of every teacher's in-service training.

Goals of the Extension Homemakers organization are to promote wholesome

family relationships and to share community responsibilities with other organizations, Cline says. The anti-drug educational effort is one more voice among many throughout the state that should bring a clear message to drug dealers and users about their being unwelcome in Texas.

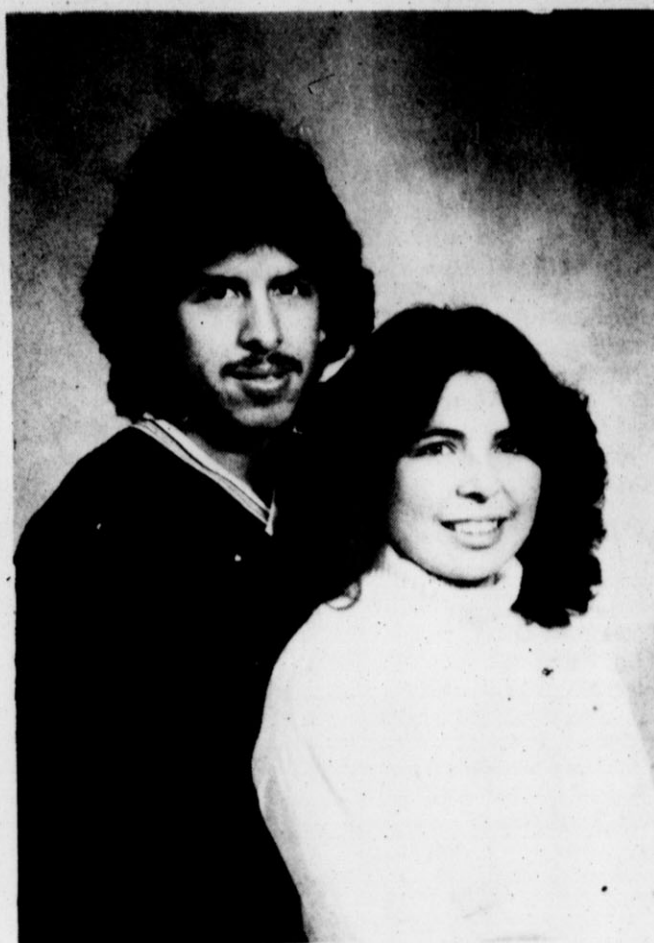
The Texans' War on Drugs committee was established by Gov. Bill Clements and is chaired by Dallas businessman H. Ross Perot. The committee, of which TEHA President Billie McCraw is a member, established a three-pronged approach to combat drug abuse: education and prevention; legislation; and law enforcement.

The action arm of the Association's committee responsible for the implementation of education and prevention has been instrumental in establishing and strengthening community and family groups throughout the state, Cline reports.

The level of awareness of drug abuse has already increased considerably, and programs involving parents and various civic organizations are making progress in the effort to eradicate this menace to Texas youth, Cline adds.



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Roy Garcia, Connie Villarreal

Couple plans wedding

Connie Denisse Villarreal and Roy Lee Garcia plan to be married at San Jose Catholic Church on Feb. 12.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Hector M. Villarreal, 112 Star St., and Ophelia Garcia, 304 Lake St.

The bride-elect is a 1982 graduate of Hereford High School, where she was a VOE student. She is a member of San Jose Catholic Church and is currently employed at ERA-Marn Tyler Realtors.



The autograph of Julius Caesar is reputedly worth \$2 million.

The prospective bridegroom attended Hereford High school, is a member of San Jose Catholic Church, and is currently employed by Brandon & Clark Electric Co.

Make Christmas Day bike rides safe

Imagine the joy of a child upon discovering a brand new bicycle under the Christmas tree. Make sure the first bike ride begins a lifelong habit of safe bicycling. Don't let safety go out with the wrapping.

The very first thing a child should learn about riding a bike is how to ride it safely. Bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road cars follow.

Nelson Mueller, head of the Texas Safety Associations' section of home and leisure activities, urges parents to teach their children to ride

safely, even on Christmas day.

"About half the people killed each year in car-pedal accidents are children under 14 years old", Mueller warns. "These youngsters will obey safety rules if they are taught."

The following guidelines can help parents teach safe bike riding.

-Bike operators must obey traffic regulations, signs, signals and markings just like cars.

-Observe all local ordinances pertaining to bicycle operation.

-Keep right, drive with traffic, not against it. Ride single file.

-Drive bikes defensively by watching out for the other guy.

-Watch out for drain gates, soft shoulders and other road surface hazards.

-Be alert for car doors opening or for cars pulling out into traffic.

-Don't carry passengers or

packages that interfere with vision or control.

-Never hitch a ride on a truck or other vehicle.

-Exercise extreme care at all intersections, particularly when turning left.

-Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.

-Bikers should be protected at night with the required reflectors and lights.

-Ride a safe bike. Have it inspected to ensure good mechanical condition.

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More than six million dollars was lost by Southwestern Bell in suspected fraudulent third-number long distance calls in 1981. We investigate these calls and assist law enforcement agencies in bringing cases against the individuals involved. But, just as consumers pay for shoplifters through higher costs for goods, it is the honest customers who help pay for the fraudulent call losses through higher rates.

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The company is now taking stronger action against fraud. We are changing the way we authorize third-number calls. Under the old system, operators placed a third-number, long distance call before verifying the call with the third party.

Today, if you make such a call from a public phone, the operator will try to get authorization from the third party. Before your call is completed, the operator will call the number and ask if the charge will be accepted. This process takes about 35 seconds.

In 1983, operators may be required to get verified permission before completing long distance calls to a third number. It may take a few more seconds of inconvenience, but it means an eventual savings for customers as we tackle this multi-million dollar problem.

Industry Changes Begin Next Month

Beginning in January, the first of two major decisions affecting the telecommunications industry takes effect. (The second significant change—the settlement of a federal court case against AT&T will be discussed in future columns.)

On January 1, 1983, a Federal Communications Commission ruling, designed to encourage competition in the telephone market place, requires the establishment of a fully separate subsidiary. That's been done. The company is American Bell, Inc. American Bell will be

offering terminal products... mostly telephone instruments to both business and residence customers.

As a result, throughout 1983 the only new telephones we can provide are those which were in Southwestern Bell inventory as of the last day of this year. That doesn't mean we won't have any phones.

During next year, business and residence customers will be able to obtain Southwestern Bell equipment while our inventories last.

Those customers who use Bell PhoneCenters also may find a major difference after January 1, 1983. Certain locations will remain with Southwestern Bell. After January 1, they'll be called Southwestern Bell Service Centers. Customers can continue to use the Service Centers to pick up equipment available in our inventory. Other PhoneCenters, particularly in our major markets, will become part of the separate subsidiary.

Throughout 1983, the company will continue to repair Southwestern Bell sets that you lease. You can exchange your leased sets at a Service Center or contact our repair department. If you own your phone, follow the maintenance arrangements provided when the set was purchased.

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A last word on service... despite these industry changes, Southwestern Bell employees are committed to providing quality equipment and services. I feel confident we can adapt to our new environment and that we will be successful.

If you'd like a booklet which explains additional details of changes in the telephone industry, send your name and address to: Telecommunications in Transition, Southwestern Bell, P.O. Box 225265, Dallas, Texas 75265.

As always, if you have a question or comment you'd like to pass along, don't hesitate to let me know. Here's my address:

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Goheen appointed as national aide-de-camp

Charles T. Goheen, of 300 Centre Street, VFW Post 4818, has been appointed by VFW National Commander-in-Chief James R. Currie, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., to serve as a national aide-de-camp for 1982-83.

Currie, head of the over 1.9 million member organization of overseas veterans commented, "It is because of the tireless efforts of civic and patriotic minded citizens like Mr. Goheen that the veterans and communities the VFW serves have been affected in a positive manner."

"Our programs touch every citizen in the community, they help the young, the

old, the Vietnam veteran and the World War I veteran," he continued. "I am pleased to make this appointment because I now that Goheen will do an outstanding job for the VFW. Our theme for this year is 'Strength Through Service' and that means to the veteran, his community and his country."



The first basket-makers were probably nesting birds.



Christmas Pageant

From left, Bridget Baker, Stacy Artho, Russell Sanderson, and Wendy Connally performed in the playlet "Children of Bethlehem" at St. Anthony's School Christmas pageant recently. Also included in the program, given by third through sixth graders, were "A Christmas Tale That Spells Christmas" and "Angels, Lams, Butterflies, and Fireflies."

Children take part in holiday celebrations at St. Anthony's

A family Mass is planned for 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve in St. Anthony's Church, with parish children serving as ministers for the liturgy. The children are invited to bring the infant Jesus from their family crib to be blessed at the conclusion of the liturgy, following the custom of Pope John Paul II.

The Wednesday night Religious Education classes had a special liturgy on Wednesday, Dec. 15, followed

by a Christmas reception for students and their families. The Sunday classes had their liturgy and reception at 9 a.m. Sunday in the auditorium. Members of the RE committee hosted the receptions.

A Christmas party and hayride was held Dec. 17 for members of the CYO, Christian Youth Organization. Today they have the honor of decorating the church for Christmas.

The weather canceled the St. Anthony's Women's Organization Christmas dinner. However, the ladies honored the project of giving toys for abused children to Catholic Family Services.

During Advent, students at St. Anthony's gathered each morning for a 'Jesse Tree' service. This service consisted of an Old Testament reading which revealed gradually how God prepared a people for the coming of His Son. The prayer included a reminder to the children of their own responsibility in preparing their heart for the coming of the Lord.

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I cannot ask anyone else this question? Please reply in the paper. I live with my son and his wife. If they saw your letter to me on this subject I would die. -- Worried In Chicago

sip and breathe for a few moments. This is guaranteed to cure your hiccups, even though you may have a wet chin. It's worth the inconvenience. -- Grandma Gretchen In San Jose

DEAR GRANDMA GRETCHEN: Thanks. The next time I get the hiccups I'll try it and think of you.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: "N" and I plan to be married

in July. I've tried everything under the sun to get his mother to like me. Nothing works. I'm the wrong religion, too short for him, too plain-looking, went to the wrong schools and my parents have no social standing.

"N" has told me his mother is not happy about his choice but he is confident that I will win her over in time. We are deeply in love and I so want his mother to accept me.

Please tell me what to do. -- Thumbs Down In Pa.

DEAR THUMBS: Stop trying to please the old battleaxe. The strain undoubtedly shows. Be yourself. You will then have the respect of yourself and others.

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Guest Editorial

How come I've got a dollar left?

"HOW COME I'VE GOT THIS DOLLAR LEFT?"

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A DOLLAR. I've paid my income tax, and my State tax, I've paid amusement tax, sales tax, hospital tax and gasoline tax.

I've paid the liquor tax, the cigarette tax, the automobile tax, the school tax and the tax to put up a bridge at the other end of the county.

When I pay my lawyer 600 bucks, I pay tax on that — and so does he. I pay tax on the money I give to the baby-sitter and the real estate salesman and the man who makes out my income tax form each year.

SO how come I've still got a DOLLAR? OBVIOUSLY, I've made a mistake somewhere and overlooked a tax. But I distinctly remember paying my road tax, the excise tax, the defense tax and the tax to provide more scholarships for kids to go to the university so they can tell me how rotten the system is.

I've paid my taxes for sewers, bombs, wheat for India, the senate, hockey rinks and public transportation.

Yes, I've paid my water tax. And when they charge us an air tax to clean up the pollution, I'll pay that too.

I confess I haven't paid my death taxes yet. But I will.

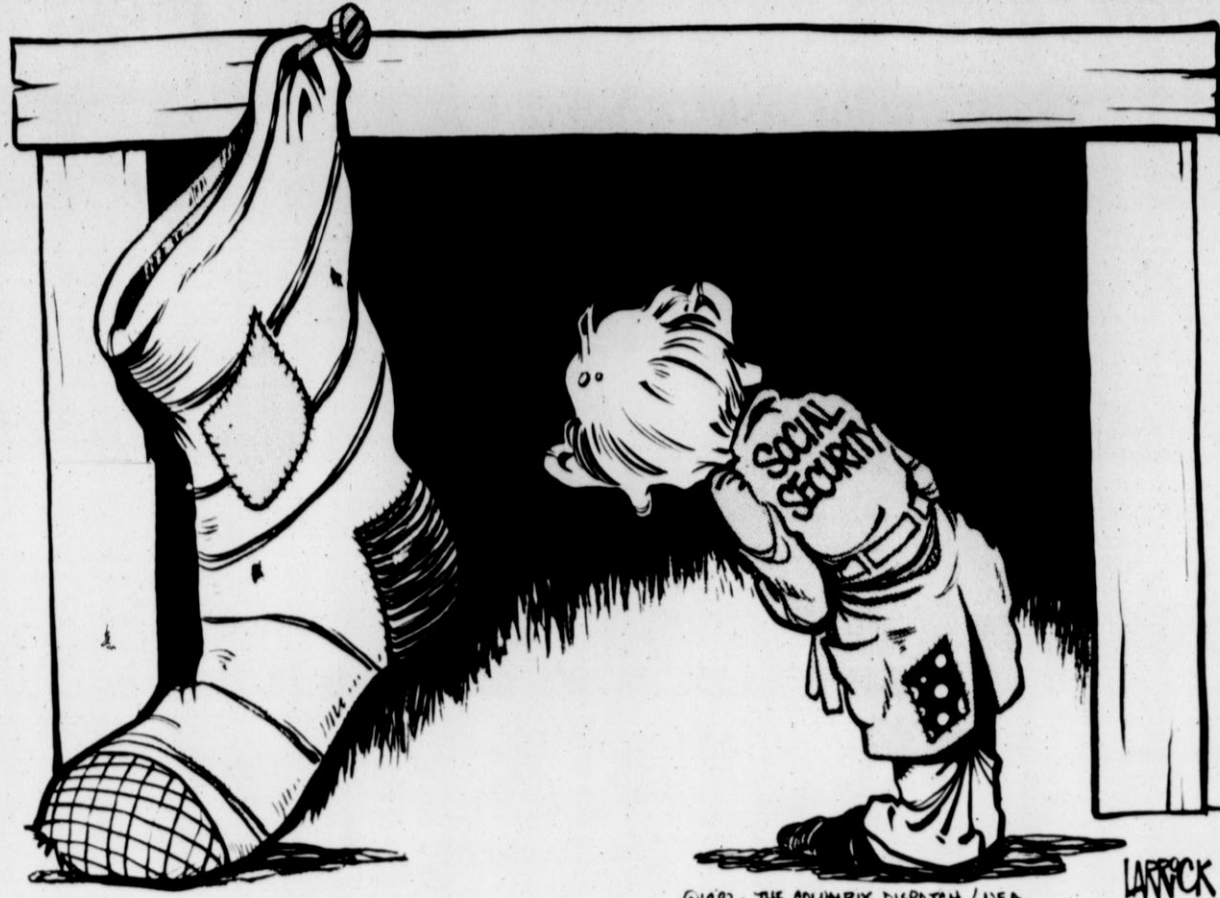
I've paid my taxes for parks, fire protection, law enforcement. I've paid my taxes to help the farmer, the Indian and the unmarried mother.

I wouldn't dream of going fishing, owning a dog or getting married without first paying the tax.

I pay taxes on the toothpaste I use when I get up in the morning and I pay taxes on the pillow I rest my head on when the day is over.

HOW COME I've got this dollar in my pocket? Where did it come from? Did somebody put it there to get me in trouble? Is there a tax when you find a dollar like that?

I'm not sure. But I know the government is going to be sore when they find out I've got it. — Des Moines Register.



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LARRY ROCK

VIEWPOINT

Greetings from White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
CHRISTMAS 1982

The Christmas season is with us once more, and Nancy and I are very happy to extend our warmest greetings to all who celebrate at this thoughtful time of year.

The uniqueness of our great nation and the American people is seldom more obvious than during the yuletide holiday. We often marvel at the myriad customs which have been brought to our shores. As we are a blending of nations, so are we an amalgam of Christmas traditions, and Nancy and I have found it interesting to note the national origin of just a few.

The legendary feasts of the early Romans provided a model for many of the merry-making aspects of Christmas, especially the lighting of candles, lavish dining, and the giving of gifts. From our Teutonic heritage came the yule log and the wassail bowl, and caroling began in England.

The connection between St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, and Christmas lore evolved with the Northern Europeans while it was the Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam who brought with them the notion of St. Nicholas as a giver of gifts. The Dutch also influenced St. Nick's lean look, creating that chubby, bearded fellow in a red suit who was characterized so beautifully in the famous

"Twas the Night Before Christmas."

St. Nick, or Santa Claus, first rode atop a bounteous sleigh drawn by reindeer in a German immigrant's rendering of the jolly old elf visiting soldiers during the Civil War. Nativity scenes were developed in Italy, and though some controversy exists over the origin of Christmas trees, they seem to have been popularized in Germany.

Decorations date back to ancient times when homes, public buildings, and temples were festooned on special occasions. From Spain and Old Mexico came the tradition of holiday plays, and the Moravians, carrying lighted candles and singing Christmas carols, would stage processions into a stable to recall the humble birth of the Christ child.

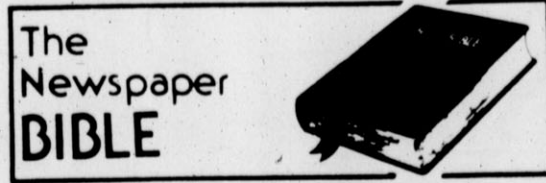
You and your families have your favorite traditions, too, just as we do, and somehow we seem an especially blessed people at this time of year — not because of what we have but because of what we believe and are.

The spirit that pervades our traditions and our celebrations is one of tribute to our Heavenly Father and to the most magnificent present of all time — His loving gift of an only begotten son to a world weary with confusion and strife.

As you ponder this Christmas season of 1982 with us, Nancy and I ask you to join in a special prayer — a prayer for peace in our families, our communities, our nation, and the world. We pray that each of us may reach out to kin, colleague, friend and foe in friendship. We pray, especially that our hearts may turn to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, for He has shown us the way to what we so earnestly seek for our beloved planet earth.

May God bless and be with you through the holidays and always.

Ronald Reagan



HOW TO BE A SHARP SHEEP

"Anyone refusing to walk through the gate into a sheepfold, who sneaks over the wall, must surely be a thief! For a shepherd comes through the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice and come to him; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. He walks ahead of them; and they follow him, for they recognize his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run from him, for they don't recognize his voice."

"I am the Gate for the sheep," He said. "All others who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. Yes, I am the Gate. Those who come in by way of the Gate will be saved and will go in and out and find green pastures. The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness."

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man will run when he sees a wolf coming and will leave the sheep, for they aren't his and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf leaps on them and scatters the flock. The hired man runs because he is hired and has no real concern for the sheep."

"I am the Good Shepherd and know my own sheep, and they know me, just as my Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:1-5, 7-15)

Bootleg Philosopher

Lawmakers' pay raise explained

Editor's note: The Bootleg Philosopher on his Deaf Smith grass farm on Tierra Blanca Creek looks at the recent pay raise Congress has given itself.

Dear Editor: Some people are criticizing Congress for giving itself a raise of \$8,138 a year during the lame brain, I mean lame duck, session, making a member's salary now \$69,800.

With the country in the shape it's in, the critics say, with high unemployment, inflation, lots of bankruptcies, more lay-offs feared and the government head over heels in debt, doesn't this seem like an odd time for Congress to be voting itself a pay raise?

The critics didn't understand. Congressman are fighting inflation in the only way they've figured out. You see, nation-wide inflation is something Congress doesn't know what to do about, other than refer it to a committee. But on an individual basis, Congressmen have discovered that there are only two ways of combat-

ting inflation: either spend less or earn more.

Choosing the latter, Congress is thus setting an example. To spend less means further drying-up of consumer buying, which causes less manufacturing, which means more lay-offs, more firms going out of business.

But to earn more, that's the key, and Congress has decided to lead the way by giving itself an \$8,138 raise. Have you stopped to think what a boost it'd be to the economy if everybody got an \$8,138 raise? Why that's enough to make the downpayment on a new car.

Some people will say, "Yeah, but that Congressional pay raise comes from borrowed money, borrowed from us tax payers who're already faced with a 130-billion-dollar deficit."

Such people should go stand in the corner. They should choose their corner carefully because some Congressman may be there ahead of them.

Yours faithfully, J.A.

Paul Harvey

What do we do about Russians?

What are we going to do about the Russians?

President Reagan says if he does not get all the missiles he wants, our peaceable negotiators are handcuffed.

Vernon Roster says, "These who argue for an indiscriminate arms buildup frighten the Russians are simplistic. These who argue for unilateral disarmament are naive. Neither has learned from history."

So, what are we going to do about the Russians?

The answer is, frequent criticism of the present administration's foreign policy is that it has not been publicly stated.

I have never considered that criticism valid.

Dear American, we drew a line north of us across the Pacific and announced, "For anything on this side we fight."

He left Korea on the other side.

The Reds, thus misled, went after Korea.

We ended up fighting anyway.

How much better if we do not delineate a specific foreign policy. Keep the Soviets guessing as they keep us guessing.

Spheres of influence declarations never work anyway.

Despite the Monroe Doctrine, the Soviets are in Cuba.

So, then, what are we going

to do about the Soviets?

The Soviet Union almost got whipped by Hitler. Then and since, an understandable paranoia has motivated them to accumulate weapons at the expense of all else.

The Soviet standard of living is abysmal compared to any place in the Western World. Yet, Moscow persists in producing guns instead of butter to such a disproportionate degree that restiveness threatens even the iron grip of the KGB.

Historically, leaders in trouble take their nations into some foreign conflict so that homefront deprivations can be blamed on "the war."

Afghanistan has not adequately served that purpose.

The Soviet economy is a shambles. Afghanistan has become an intolerable drain and Poland is a ticking time-bomb. Any Soviet leader has to live in terror of the philosophical ebb tides in Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

The Kremlin's reach has exceeded its grasp.

We must, of course, keep our more-than-adequate missiles loaded for bear.

But our nation's primary priority must be our nation.

To paraphrase Kipling, "If we can keep our balance when our potential adversaries are losing theirs — then tomorrow will take care of us."

Senator Bill Sarpalius



Reports



FOUR BIG ISSUES

AUSTIN — Thousands of bills will be presented before the Texas Legislature in the upcoming 68th Session. Many of these will be old ideas brought up for further examination, while some measures will be totally new.

As all of the bills to be presented have not yet been written and filed, we cannot tell exactly what new big issues may surface. However, by looking at the past session and the current statewide attitudes we see four issues that are sure to be big.

WATER — Texas problems with water development has been brought before the public many times in the last few years. We do not have to tell you folks in the Panhandle and South Plains about the rapidly reducing ground water resources. It is our hope that the non-agricultural producing areas of the state can now realize this crisis situation and will help us act to resolve it. Possible water development measures include state financing of conservation equipment, implementation of a statewide water plan, and the regulation of water rights.

STATE TAXES — Texas is fortunate to have a tradition of being able to provide quality services while maintaining an extremely low tax base. Sadly, this is changing. Due to increased population and industrialization in Texas, for the first time in many years our projected spending levels are higher than our expected revenues. This means we have to do one of two things: either increase taxes to raise revenue or decrease spending to fit our current inflows.

TOXICATED — As you may know, this is an area that we have been working on for almost two years now. Growing concern in Texas over this long overlooked problem will undoubtedly result in re-vamping of the current laws. In addition to ours, there will be many other bills presented to the Legislature concerning DWI. These include measures that would increase the minimum fines and jail times for DWI, prohibit open containers of alcohol in automobiles, and raise the legal drinking age to 21.

TEACHER SALARIES — Teacher salaries, especially for those teachers below college level, are currently too low to attract and maintain the large number of qualified people needed. If these salaries are not raised by the Legislature in this session, teacher shortages or increased local school district taxing are likely to result.

There are many other issues currently facing Texas that will probably receive much attention in the next session. These include the insanity defense, blue laws, pari-mutuel betting, highway funding, and trucking regulations. These are only a few of the problems that are to be dealt with in the short 140 days of the session. Because they are so large and affect such a great number of people, knowing your opinions on these matters is essential if we are to represent the 31st District properly. Please contact us on these, or any other, measures to be presented during the session. Please write to Senator Bill Sarpalius, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711.

As the years turn

75 YEARS AGO — We first heard of the horseless street car; then the horseless carriage; a little later the wireless telegraph; then the wireless telephone, and now comes the churnless butter.

The Brand has in press a publication to be known as "The Mirage" to be issued quarterly or as the occasion demands. The word mirage means "a reflection", and the paper or journal will reflect the Hereford country in a most attractive way.

50 YEARS AGO — More than 1,000 little folks were made happy on the streets of Hereford last Saturday just before noon when Santa Claus appeared in person to join a parade of the high school band and a street packed full of children who had turned out in the almost zero weather to greet their old friend.

Local weather conditions have been anything but favorable for the past two weeks. While no snow of any amount has fallen since Dec. 15, low temperatures have prevented the melting of the four to six inches that fell last week.

25 YEARS AGO — Bad weather, the spring blizzard and the wet, cold and finally windy fall, made the biggest news of 1957 in the Hereford area, according to a survey of the years' events by the Brand's news staff.

The most dramatic event was undoubtedly the blizzard of March 23-24.

A survey of Tierra Blanca Creek, to determine whether the construction of a dam would be economically justified, has been authorized by the Chief of Engineers Department of the Army, according to A.T. Mims, president of the chamber of commerce.

Information regarding approval of the survey was forwarded to Dr. Mim by Rep. Walter Rogers.

10 YEARS AGO — In compliance with a new law passed by Congress, motor, oil and gasoline producers with distributors in Hereford and across the country will be required to provide consumers with a lead-free gasoline product by 1975. Despite a not-so-good year in agriculture throughout the area, Hereford and Deaf Smith County continued to reflect a steady growth as building construction topped the \$3 million mark for the sixth consecutive year.

1 YEAR AGO — Four pedestrians were among 13 people who have died so far this Christmas holiday weekend in Texas, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Conoco Inc. branches in Ponca City, Houston and Stamford, Conn. are conducting a long-term experiment to test methanol as a substitute fuel for powering cars.



SAINTS AND SINNERS

George Plagenz

Two small street urchins in tattered clothes had stopped to admire the bright, new, shiny sports cars parked at the curb.

It was Christmas Eve. While they were standing there, a young man came by and was about to get into the car when the older of the two little boys spoke up.

"Is this your car, mister?" he asked.

The young man nodded. "My brother gave it to me for Christmas."

The boy looked astounded. "You mean your brother gave it to ya and it didn't cost ya nothin'?" Gosh, I wish I ...

He hesitated. The young man knew what the boy was going to wish. He was going to wish he had a brother like that.

But the young man was wrong. "I wish," the boy went on, "that I could be a brother like that!"

Then he looked lovingly and somewhat sadly at the smaller boy who used a crutch. "C'mon, Bobby," he said, "we'd better get home. Mom will be waiting for us."

In that little story is the true spirit of Christmas. Thank God, we "have a brother like that" who came to earth at Christmas to give us the one gift most worth having — the everlasting gift of God's love, so that forevermore we shall know that "when we plod on leaden feet and sigh for wings and no star shines," above the encircling gloom and around it shines the light of God's love in the face of Christ. And we shall know that love is at the heart of all good things.

But that is only part of the Christmas story. God's great gift was intended to set all the world to giving.

Our wish for ourselves on Christmas should be that we can "be a brother like that" to those in our lives who look to us to give them the greatest of all human gifts — a hand to hold and a look that says, "I love you and I think you're wonderful."

As Bobby and his older brother will someday learn, that is worth all the bright, new, shiny sports cars in all the world.

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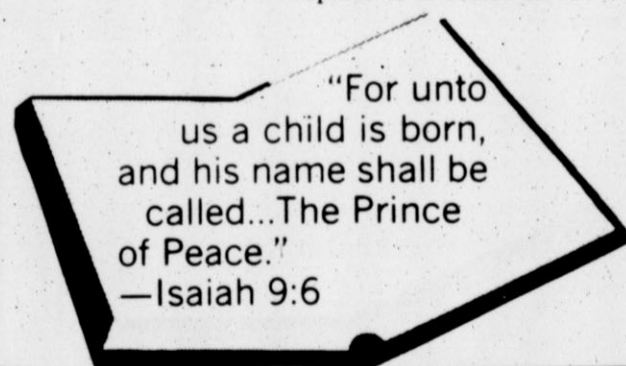
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For young and old, Christmas represents the climax of the year and the glittering jewel of the winter season; yet amid all the excitement of presents and parties we should never for one moment lose sight of its origin and purpose. Let us remember that what we are celebrating is the most important birthday in all the history of mankind: of Someone who, from an obscure corner of the world, was destined to teach us all how to live in peace, brotherhood and love. Most of our good character traits and whatever spiritual happiness we may have achieved we owe in some measure to Him, through the Bible and the many Church denominations which expound His teachings. Attend yours this Christmas, and learn how the true spirit of it came about.



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Indiana stuns No. 2 Kentucky, 62-59

By DICK JOYCE AP Sports Writer

Leave it to Bobby Knight's defense-minded Indiana team to stop Kentucky's hot-shooting Wildcats.

Kentucky, ranked No. 2, had been shooting 61 percent from the field with a 7-0 record before running into the fifth-ranked Hoosiers Wednesday night at Bloomington, Ind.

Indiana, which led 32-27 at halftime, rallied from seven points back in the second half to score a 62-59 college basketball victory behind Randy Wittman's 17 points and Ted Kitchel's 16. The Hoosiers, with a man-to-man defense, held Kentucky to 20 percentage points below its average and hit 18 of 23 free throws — all the second half — in running its record to 8-0.

Knight, in his 12th season at Indiana, said, "It's the best Kentucky team I've seen since I've been here."

"It's the best defense we've played against all year," said Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall, whose Wildcats had beaten Indiana in their three previous meetings. "Indiana was pressuring us all over the court. They break you down."

In other games involving Top Twenty teams, No. 9 Tennessee routed Oklahoma State 99-56; No. 11 Georgetown snapped a two-game losing streak with an 80-65 romp over Southern of Baton Rouge 80-65; No. 17 Nevada-Las Vegas captured the Rebel Roundup with a 77-65 victory over Baylor, and 18-ranked Villanova downed Seton Hall 87-68.

"We played with hard with a good level of intensity," said Knight, who has guided Indiana to two NCAA championships (1976, 1981), "and Kentucky did, too. It was a game of streaks."

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Wittman, a 6-foot-6 senior and the Hoosiers' leading scorer, scored four of Indiana's six field goals in the second half, and three clutch free throws. He also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

Kitchel, a 6-8 senior, collected six of Indiana's free throws late in the game, including two that gave the Hoosiers a 60-55 lead with 46 seconds left. Kentucky reduced its deficit to two points with four seconds left, but Kitchel added another free throw with two seconds to go.

Jim Thomas added 16 points for Indiana, while Melvin Turpin scored 17 points and Charles Hurt 15 for Kentucky.

Dale Ellis' 39 points powered Tennessee, 7-0, over visiting Oklahoma State, 2-5. Tyrone Beamane added 12 points apiece for the Volunteers who led by as much as 26 points in the first half.

"It's not like we were pressing or trying to run up the score," said Tennessee coach Dan DeVoe, "they just weren't playing the inside defense."

Sophomore Pat Ewing scored a career-high 35 points

and grabbed 15 rebounds as Georgetown made its record 7-2 over Southern, 4-5, at Landover, Md. The game also marked the first extended action of the season for point guard Fred Brown, who had been sidelined after knee surgery.

"It was good to have Fred back," said Georgetown Coach John Thompson. "He didn't score much (seven points) but he had an effect on what was going on."

Sidney Green's 27 points and 10 rebounds earned him the most valuable player award in UNLV's triumph, its seventh without a loss, over Baylor, 7-3. Danny Tarkanian, son of Jerry, the Runnin' Rebels' coach, contributed 20 assists for the winners, who also got 15 points apiece from Eric Booker and Larry Anderson.

Long Island University, led by Robert Cole's 25 points, won the Rebel Roundup consolation game with an 81-79 victory over Morehead State.

Villanova, paced by reserve Mike Mulgum's 15 points, boosted its record to 4-2 with a Big East Conference triumph over Seton Hall. John Pinnone and Stewart

Granger each added 14 in the nightcap of a Philadelphia Palestra doubleheader.

LaSalle won the opener, 82-65, behind Steve Black's 19 points.

Notre Dame's John Paxson scored a career-high 30 points and Ken Barlow added 25 in powering the Irish past Valparaiso 108-78, and Russell Cross erupted from a scoreless first half to hit 13 points, including the go-ahead basket, in Purdue's 65-63 win over DePaul.

In other games, Marquette got 19 points from Dwayne Johnson and 16 from Glenn Rivers in a 61-51 victory over Kansas State; Keith Armstrong's only point of the night, coming with 20 seconds left, earned Pittsburgh a 75-74 victory over Florida State, and Vanderbilt, behind 14 points each from Phil Cox and Ted Young, downed Middle Tennessee 64-53.

Southern California, with Wayne Carlander scoring 20 points, topped Colorado State 72-65; John Toms' 18 points led Wake Forest over Robert Morris 100-69; Georgia edged Georgia Southern 57-55 on Terry Fair's late basket; Mark West's 19 points paced Old Dominion past North Carolina-Charlotte 78-58; Minnesota defeated Jacksonville 62-48 as freshman Marc Wilson hit 21 points, and Xavier of Ohio got clutch shooting from Anthony Hicks and Eddie Johnson in beating Miami of Ohio 54-50.

Howard Carter's 21 points and Leonard Mitchell's clutch free throws earned Louisiana State a 51-49 victory over Texas-El Paso and Wyoming crushed Southern Colorado 100-67 behind Mike Jackson's 28 points.

Fresno State draws probation

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP)

Fresno State loses two scholarships next year and its basketball program has been placed on immediate probation for one year by the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference for recruiting violations.

The probation, announced Wednesday, will have little practical effect on the Bulldogs, because they will remain eligible for the conference championship, post-season play and television appearances. The school must, however, report to the PCAA's Compliance Committee next summer on steps taken to bring the program into line with NCAA rules.

Bulldogs' head Coach Boyd Grant and assistant Jim Thrash "are being issued public reprimands for their roles in a series of violations occurring between August 1981 and June 1982," the PCAA said in a prepared release.

Fresno State, the conference's basketball champions the past two years, advanced as far as the Western Regional semifinals in last season's NCAA tournament, losing 58-40 to Georgetown.

The violations cited by the PCAA included:

Members of the coaching staff being involved in the entertainment of two high school counselors and an assistant high school basketball coach on three different occasions.

Improper contact was made with a junior college athlete at the site of the California State Community College Championship.

A member of the coaching staff bought small gifts for the sister of an enrolled athlete and an assistant high school coach.

The PCAA Compliance Committee had, at the school's request, reviewed its proposed penalties and voted to sustain them. The entire matter will now be forwarded to the National Collegiate Athletic Association for its review.

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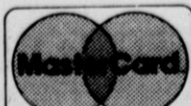
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Transactions

NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded Lee Mazzilli, outfielder, to the Pittsburgh Pirates for Don Aubin, outfielder, Tim Burke, pitcher, John Holland, catcher, and Jose Rivera, infielder.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Designated Tom Hausman, pitcher, for reassignment.

BASKETBALL—National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS—Announced that Scott May, forward, cleared waivers and became a free agent.

UTAH JAZZ—Announced that Anthony Roberts, forward, failed to pass a physical examination and was not signed by the team.

FOOTBALL—United States Football League.

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BOSTON BREAKERS—Signed

Gerry Raymond, guard, and Bill Chaplick and Mike McLaughlin, centers; Ray Phillips, linebacker, Charles Philyaw, defensive lineman.

DENVER GOLD—Signed Thomas Bennett, running back, Robert Purdum, tight end, Harold Norfleet, offensive lineman, Victor Simon, linebacker, James Black III, defensive lineman.

GENERAL
NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION—Announced resignation of Robert Ryan, vice president for communications.

COLLEGE
INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE—Named Jim Cochran head football coach.

Bowl review

By The Associated Press Saturday, Dec. 11 Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.
 Wisconsin 14, Kansas State 3
 Friday, Dec. 17 Holiday Bowl At San Diego, Calif.
 Ohio State 47, Brigham Young 17
 Tangerine Bowl At Orlando, Fla.
 Auburn 33, Boston College 26
 Saturday, Dec. 25 Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas
 North Carolina (7-4) vs. Texas (9-2), 3 p.m.
 Aloha Bowl At Honolulu
 Maryland (8-3) vs. Washington (9-2), 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 29 Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.
 Alabama (7-4) vs. Illinois (7-4), 8 p.m.
 Thursday, Dec. 30 Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.
 West Virginia (9-2) vs. Florida State (8-3), 8 p.m.
 Friday, Dec. 31 Hall of Fame Bowl At Birmingham, Ala.
 Vanderbilt (8-3) vs. Air Force (7-5), 2 p.m.
 Peach Bowl At Atlanta
 Tennessee (6-4-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 2 p.m.
 Bluebonnet Bowl At Houston
 Arkansas (8-2-1) vs. Florida (8-3), 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 1 Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz.
 Oklahoma (8-3) vs. Arizona St. (8-2-0), 1:30 p.m.
 Cotton Bowl At Dallas
 Southern Methodist (10-0-1) vs. Pittsburgh (9-2), 12:35 p.m.
 Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.
 Michigan (8-3) vs. UCLA (9-1-1), 3 p.m.
 Orange Bowl At Miami, Fla.
 Louisiana State (8-2-1) vs. Nebraska (11-1), 8 p.m.
 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans
 Penn State (10-1-0) vs. Georgia (11-0-0), 8 p.m.

Ski report

ALBUQUERQUE (AP)—The New Mexico Division of Tourism and Travel reports the following conditions Wednesday at the state's ski areas:
 Angel Fire—midway 21 inches; man-made, packed powder, roads clear.
 Cloudcroft—midway 12 inches; man-made, packed powder and hard packed powder, roads clear.
 Eagle Creek—midway 20 inches; packed powder and hard packed powder, roads, clear, closed Christmas Day.
 Pajarito—midway 20 inches; packed powder and hard packed powder, roads clear, closed Christmas Day.
 Red River and Woodlands—midway 24 inches; man-made, packed powder and hard packed powder, roads clear.
 Rio Costilla—midway 24 inches; packed powder, roads open.
 Sandia Peak—midway 24 inches; packed powder and hard packed powder, roads open.

Sierra Blanca—midway 36 inches;

man-made, packed powder and hard packed powder, roads clear.
 Sipapu—midway 12 inches; packed powder and hard packed powder, roads clear.
 Sugarite—midway 53 inches; packed powder and hard packed powder, roads clear.
 Val Verde—closed.

COLORADO SKI REPORT
DENVER (AP)—Colorado Ski Country USA reports the following conditions at major Colorado ski areas on Wednesday, Dec. 22.
 Arapahoe Basin—30 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Arapahoe East—Opens later.
 Aspen Highlands—22 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Aspen Mountains—21 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Buttermilk—23 depth; 0 new; hard packed.
 Breckenridge—31 depth; 0 new; hard packed.
 Ski Broadmoor—7 depth; 0 new; hard packed.
 Copper Mountain—32 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Crested Butte—27 depth; 0 new; packed powder, hard packed.
 Eldora—24 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Beaver Basin—Opens later in December.
 Hidden Valley—14 depth; 0 new; packed powder, hard packed.
 Ski Idlewild—27 depth; 0 new; hard packed.
 Keystone—38 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Loveland Basin—26 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Monarch—25 depth; 0 new; packed powder, hard packed.
 Panadero—24 depth; 0 new; powder, packed powder.
 Pikes Peak—Opens later in December.
 Powderhorn—41 depth; 4 new; powder, packed powder.
 Purgatory—45 depth; 1 new; packed powder.
 St. Mary's Glacier—Opens later in December.
 Sharktooth—Open weekends, holidays and Wed. through Fri. evenings.
 Silver Creek—18 depth; 0 new; packed powder, hard packed.
 Snowmass—24 depth; 0 new; hard packed.
 Sipapu—midway 12 inches; packed powder, hard packed.
 Steamboat—35 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Sunlight—23 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Telluride—31 depth; 0 new; packed powder.
 Vail—25 depth; 0 new; hard packed.
 Winter Park—27 depth; 0 new; packed powder, hard packed.
 Mary Jane—35 depth; 0 new; packed powder, hard packed.
 Wolf Creek—61 depth; 0 new; powder, packed powder.
 Snow depth in inches refers to unpacked snow depth at midpoint. New snow refers to snow within last 25 hours T-trace.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	21	5	.808
Boston	21	7	.750
Washington	14	11	.560
New Jersey	13	13	.500
New York	9	17	.346
Central Division			
Milwaukee	17	10	.630
Detroit	16	12	.571
Atlanta	12	13	.480
Chicago	10	17	.370
Indiana	9	17	.346
Cleveland	4	22	.154
WESTERN CONFERENCE			

Midwest Division

Kansas City	15	9	.625
San Antonio	18	11	.621
Dallas	12	13	.480
Utah	11	16	.407
Denver	10	16	.385
Houston	4	21	.160
Pacific Division			
Los Angeles	20	6	.769
Seattle	20	6	.769
Phoenix	15	11	.577
Portland	15	12	.556
Golden State	12	15	.444
San Diego	4	22	.154
Wednesday's Games			
Boston 140, Chicago 131			
Cleveland 106, Indiana 98			
Kansas City 146, Denver 102			
Los Angeles 124, Utah 100			
Thursday's Games			
Denver at Detroit			
Washington at New Jersey			
Atlanta at Milwaukee			
Dallas at Phoenix			
Los Angeles at San Diego			
Houston at Portland			
Golden State at Seattle			
Friday's Games			
No games scheduled			

NHL standings

Wales Conference						
Patrick Division						
	W	L	GF	GA	Pts.	
NY Isles	18	12	7	139	117	43
Philadelphia	18	12	5	135	111	41
Washington	15	9	9	124	115	39
N.Y.						
Rangers	17	15	3	142	130	37
Pittsburgh	10	18	6	112	151	26
New Jersey	7	23	7	102	162	21
Adams Division						
Montreal	20	8	6	159	119	46
Boston	19	9	6	148	104	44
Buffalo	16	13	6	136	118	38
Quebec	15	14	5	155	152	35
Hartford	10	19	4	112	153	24
Campbell Conference						
Norris Division						
Chicago	23	5	6	158	109	52
Minnesota	19	10	7	156	136	45
St. Louis	12	20	4	127	140	28
Detroit	7	18	9	102	141	23
Toronto	5	20	6	106	146	16
Smythe Division						
Edmonton	17	11	7	172	141	41
Winnipeg	15	15	3	137	139	33
Vancouver	13	14	7	128	120	33
Wednesday's Games						
Buffalo 3, New York Rangers 1						
Philadelphia 3, New Jersey 1						
Chicago 4, Toronto 2						
Edmonton 3, Minnesota 2						
Thursday's Games						
Boston at Hartford						
Montreal at Quebec N.Y. Islanders						
Pittsburgh at Detroit						
Toronto at St. Louis						
Edmonton at Los Angeles						
Calgary at Vancouver						
Friday's Games						
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Krutov paces Soviet victory

MOSCOW (AP)—Vladimir Krutov scored three goals to spark the Soviet Union to a 9-4 victory over Czechoslovakia in the championship match of the Izvestia ice hockey tournament.

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Despite playoff contention

Patriots: a team in turmoil

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP)—The New England Patriots, upset with the methods of first-year Coach Ron Meyer, remain a team in turmoil even though they have gone from ineptitude last season to playoff contention this season.

Players have expressed unhappiness with recent fines, the coaching staff's alleged lack of interest in their strategy suggestions and stricter rules than those of Ron Erhardt, Meyer's predecessor.

"Half the players want to get out of here," one Patriot, who preferred anonymity, said Wednesday.

In the past two weeks, Meyer has levied three publicized fines against veteran fullback Sam Cunningham, running back Vagas Ferguson and an unidentified rookie.

Cunningham's father died recently, and the player was fined for returning two days late after attending to family business. Meyer said Ferguson was fined for "conduct detrimental to the progress of this football program," believed to be a lack of effort in practice. The rookie reportedly was fined for missing a practice.

Asked Wednesday who decided what constitutes conduct detrimental to the team's progress, Meyer said, "I do."

Is there a chance to appeal? "None whatsoever," he said.

"I wish both incidents would never have occurred, but, unfortunately, they have," Meyer said of the actions that prompted fines against Cunningham and Ferguson. "The consequences have to be paid. It's

as simple as that. I don't go around looking to play gestapo at all. I'm here to coach football.

"I don't envision myself a heavy at all. I think once you do something, you do it absolutely right. There's no shaving corners on it. There's no 'what ifs' when you regard principles," he added.

"There's no emotion involved with discipline. There's no emotion involved with doing what's right."

Meyer said the club has had a "bunch" of disciplinary actions this season which were not publicized and added that he does a player "a great service" when he disciplines him.

The Patriots, 2-14 last season, are 4-3 this year, one victory away from clinching a playoff berth. But

Meyer, head coach at Southern Methodist last season, said he doesn't know if he has a happy team.

"I don't take a vote. I have no idea," he said. But he added, "You think things are bad now, you ought to try to envision an 0-7 situation."

Players, saying there was widespread discontent, complained that, unlike in past seasons, they and their families were not invited to the club's Christmas party. Pat Sullivan, assistant general manager, said that was done to save money.

They also said they and their teammates are intelligent enough to make strategy suggestions to the coaches but that such input is discouraged. "We're told not to ask questions and just play," one player said.



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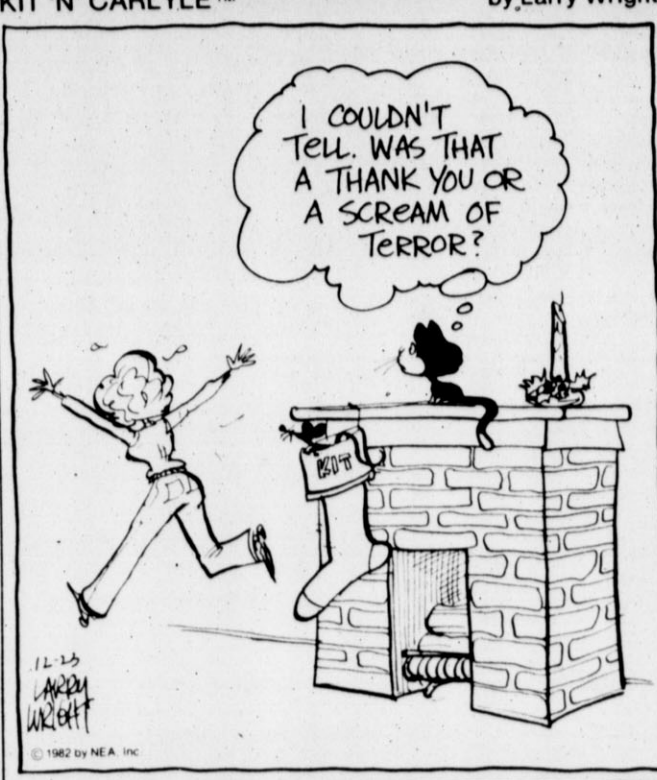
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FOR LEASE: Nice brick 3 bedroom home. Garage, large fenced yard. References and deposit required. Phone 364-8114 9 to 5; 364-2926 after 6 p.m. 5-118-tfc

3 bedroom house, 1 1/2 bath. Nice location. Quiet neighborhood, 503 Avenue J. Call collect 1-298-2479. 5-120-5p

Duplex for rent. One bedroom, living room, kitchen, bath, utility room. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Water paid. 364-4594 after 6 p.m. 5-120-5p

2 bedroom trailer house. Washer and dryer. Couple, no pets or drinking. 3 1/2 miles southwest of Hereford. 357-2344. 5-121-tfc

Clean, unfurnished 3 bedroom house. Carpeted. \$250 per month; \$100 deposit. For more information call 364-3751. 5-116-5p

RENTALS IN NORTHWEST
Nice 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with fireplace and master bedroom. \$400 per month. 10A-104-10p

Small 3 bedroom on Beach Street. \$275 per month. 10A-104-22p

Very large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Lots of room. \$500 per month. 10A-116-10p

For more information call Marn Tyler Realtors, 364-0153. 5-123-5c

6. Wanted
WEST SIDE SALVAGE
We buy trucks, cars, pickups. Any condition. Call 364-8775. 6-87-tfc

We pay cash for mobile homes, regardless of condition. Prefer 1965 to 1975 models. 364-0064. 6-172-tfc

Will do house cleaning. 364-0792. 6-119-5p

GENE GUYNES, is at Owens Electric working on alternators, starters, magnetos. 11-221-tfc

7. Business Opportunities
Local Business for Sale: Established carpet cleaning service. Nationally recognized as the safest most efficient cleaning available. Established clientele. Moderate investment required. 364-3578. S-W-7-115-tfc

8. Help Wanted
Piano tuning. \$30. We are experienced in repairing all makes of pianos. Call 655-4241. HUFF'S OF CANYON. 11-13-tfc

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LICENSED TO CARE For Children Ages 6 months-12 years
Excellent program by trained staff.
Two convenient locations
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10. Announcements
SAVE TAX WITH AN IRA
CALL Steve Nieman, CLU or B.J. Gilliland PLAINS INSURANCE 205 E. Park Ave. 364-2232 364-8030 home 10-126-tfc

New Special Prices
Psychics Tarot-card reader, Horoscopes. Help with personal problems. Experienced. Call Jo Ann. 364-2925. 10-163-tfc

NEED HELP? Operation Good Shepherd. 364-0382. People helping people. 10-237-19c

10A. Personals
Seeking information on Kenneth Moran Sr. son, 18 years old. All replies confidential. Cecile Moran, R. No. 8, Box 463, St. Joseph, Mo. 64504. 10A-104-10p

Drinking a Problem? For help or information, call 364-2141 24 hours. 10A-104-22p

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Sandy Vallejo of 203 Dayton, write to Mark, 700 A. Hickory, Hannibal, MO. 63401. "Reward". 10A-116-10p

Heating and air-conditioning. Specialists in comfort and energy savings. We will inspect, clean, lubricate and test and adjust equipment to maintain safe and peak efficiency. Brown Sheet Metal, Inc. 364-3867. 11-220-tfc

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Virgil Kelley Residential-Commercial All bids & wiring Competitive Ph. 364-1345 Nights 364-1523 or 364-5929 P.O. BOX 30 11-15-tfc

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CUSTOM FARMING. Bob Hicks, 578-4521. 11-114-10c

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LONGHORN APPLIANCE SERVICE.
We service all brands. 108 Brevard. 364-4480. If no answer call 364-1673. 11-120-10c

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JOE GARCIA CEMENT CONTRACTORS
Straight finish, turnkey job. Free estimates. Storm shelters, stucco and plastering. 364-1497, 410 Blevins. Th-S-11-153-tfc

12. Lifestock
WHEAT PASTURE WANTED
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L.B. WORTHAN, orderbuyer for all classes of stocker and feeder cattle. Young Brangus heifers (some cow and calf pairs) for sale. Young Brangus bulls available at all times. 364-5442. 12-214-tfc

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Have horses. Would like to trade for cows. Call 289-5390. 12-119-10c

13. Lost & Found
FOUND: 200 Block of Hickory. Glasses in case. Identify at the Hereford Brand. 13-117-tfc

LOST: Medium tan and white male dog. Floppy ears. Answers to Clyde. REWARD. If found, call 364-8520 or 364-2217. Owner anxious. 13-119-5p

FOUND: Wrist watch. Identify at the Hereford Brand. 13-119-tfc

LOST: Little girls yellow and white kitten, from 207 Sunset. Call 364-8384. 13-121-5c

FOUND: Half grown kitten, gray with white paws. Has collar, friendly. 300 block Douglas. 364-5975. 13-123-3p

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is to inform the citizens of Deaf Smith County that Form F28A known as the 1982 Census of Governments Survey of County Government Finances has been filed with the Bureau of Census, Jeffersonville, Indiana as required by law. A copy of the form has been posted on the bulletin board in the Courthouse and may be inspected there. The documentation supporting the numbers on the form may be inspected in the County Treasurer's office in the Courthouse.

HCR REAL ESTATE
715 S. 25 Mile Avenue
Office 364-4670

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1 section 15 miles from Hereford highway on two sides. Good financing.

320 acre irrigated land with home Northwest of Hereford. Owner must sell, make offer!!

1/2 section between Hereford and Dimmitt. Good water, house, central pivot sprinkler.

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1 section northwest of Hereford, one mile off highway. Will sell or trade.

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Large ranch south of Muleshoe. Seven windmills. Good fences.

WE HAVE MANY MANY MORE.
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Tony Lupton, 364-1446
Stan Gossett 364-4621
578-4635
Th-S-123-tfc



HEALTH

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Confusion about calories

DEAR DR. LAMB — How can you tell how many calories are in vitamins? Will vitamins make you fat? I have heard that vitamins are necessary for energy but I have never seen anywhere how many calories they contain.

Also, how does your body use calories when you are resting? I know you use a lot of calories from physical activity, work or exercise, but what happens when you are sleeping? I've heard that your body uses more calories

when you are resting than when you are working. Is that true and, if so, why?

DEAR READER — Many people are confused about calories because they don't know how their body uses energy. It is a very complex chemical system but within the cells the end products of food digestion are broken down to release the calories in your food. These calories of energy are what your body uses at rest or play. In the final stages the food is broken down to carbon dioxide,

water and energy. The carbon dioxide must be eliminated through your lungs and the water is added to your water intake for the body's use.

Now, vitamins do not provide calories for you. The sources of calories are literally carbohydrates, fats, proteins and alcohol. Other substances in the food you eat don't add calories that are digestible or available.

The vitamins are essential in forming the chemical compounds that are called co-enzymes and act to break down your food. They are a catalyst. Without them your cells could not liberate the energy in your food for your cells' use. So while they do not provide energy they make it possible for you to obtain energy from your food. If you were low on some important vitamins, you might be low on energy.

Yes, your body uses a lot of energy at rest. An adult may use 1,500 calories a day even if he rested in bed the whole time. That is called your basal metabolism. The energy is used to provide body heat. It is also used in many important chemical actions in your body.

At Wits End

BY ERMA BOMBECK

When parents reach a certain age they automatically become people who "have everything."

Without even knowing how, when, or why they become a member of that elite club that is "impossible to buy for" because they have everything they will ever need to live out their lives in total comfort.

I can see how youngsters would think that. After all, to them "having everything" is to drive a car that is paid for, charge accounts that don't have to revolve, your own travel agent, a refrigerator stocked with food, and eating all the white albacore tuna you want.

Let me tell you what some of them don't have. They don't have children who would dream of calling without reversing the charges.

They don't have a child who would spend an entire evening with them finding out what their life is all about.

They don't have a family who would arrange for all of them to go to church together.

They don't have kids to get the dinner, do the dishes, and set them down to watch home movies when the roots were darker and steps were quicker.

They don't have a written note, a poem, a picture, or anything made by young hands that says, "I made this especially for you."

Children sell themselves short. They think they have nothing of value to give. They are wrong.

"How about lunch? I'm buying" is equal to one Rolls-Royce with Ultrasuede fenders.

"I'm not going anywhere tonight. How about a game of Scrabble?" is worth a ruby pendant surrounded by a cluster of diamonds.

"I can stay only 12 hours, but I wanted to spend Christmas with you and Dad" is worth 200 acres of the Grand Canyon.

"Let's get a live tree and trim it together" is worth a private car on the Orient Express.

"I love you" doesn't have a price. It's invaluable.

The older you get, the less you are impressed with material things. They are achiever's dustcatchers that you thought would love you back, but they don't.

These are tough times for young people who must be anguished about what to get the generation that "has it all" that does not have an exorbitant price tag.

How about a part of yourself? It'll fit without alterations. The color will be perfect. It will match any decor. They won't have it. And they won't take it back. Trust me.



Orders to start or stop classified ads in The Brand must be submitted by 3 p.m. the day prior to publication. Deadline is 3 p.m. Friday for Sunday's edition. Call 364-2030 for further information.

Emperor Jahangir of India, who died in 1627, was one of the world's most-noted jewel collectors. He reportedly owned 2,235,600 carats of pearls, 931,500 carats of emeralds, 376,600 carats of rubies, 279,450 carats of diamonds and 186,300 carats of jade.

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with MONTE WOODFORD

Join us for two profitable and fascinating evenings with one of America's finest marketing educators. The fee will be \$85.00. Spouses are invited for \$20.00. The meetings will be held January 5th and 6th, 1983 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located on Country Club Drive and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Call FGL (364-7400) today for more information or to make your reservations.

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YOU WANT IT YOU GOT IT CLASSIFIED
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NEW ADDRESS: 313 N. LEE

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Rare concert footage, cult classics, interviews and insights — a real video music treat. Friday and Saturday — All Night!

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LOCAL CASH GRAIN

CORN 5.07
WHEAT 3.50
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SOYBEANS 4.80

TEXAS CATTLE FEEDERS

TRADE Moderate
VOLUME 7873
STEERS 61-61.50
HEIFERS 58-59

BEEF — Compared to Tuesday the beef trade was slow after noon and demand moderate. Steer and heifer carcasses were steady to 1.00 higher. All prices are choice yield grade three unless otherwise stated.

MIDWEST — Steer carcasses were steady to 1.00 higher at 93.00 for 600-900 lbs. Heifer carcasses were steady to 1.00 higher at 92.00 for 550-700 lbs.

PORK — Compared to Tuesday the fresh pork cut trade was slow and demand light in the central U.S. carlot area. All prices are untrimmed unless otherwise stated. Loins were not fully established at 106.00 for immediate shipment and steady to 1.50 lower for 17-22 lbs. Hams were steady to 3.00 lower at 86.50-88.00 for 17-20 lbs. Bellies were 1.00-2.00 lower at 75.00 for 12-14 lbs.

GRAIN FUTURES

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade, Wed. Open High Low Settle Chg.

WHEAT
500 bu minimum, dollars per bushel
Mar 3.42 3.43 3.42 3.42 +00 1/2
May 3.40 3.41 3.40 3.40 +00 1/2
Jul 3.35 3.36 3.35 3.35 +00 1/2
Sep 3.25 3.26 3.25 3.25 +00 1/2
Nov 3.15 3.16 3.15 3.15 +00 1/2
Dec 3.05 3.06 3.05 3.05 +00 1/2
Prev. sales 7,242
Prev. day's open int 36.685, up 403.

CORN
500 bu minimum, dollars per bushel
Mar 2.92 2.92 2.92 2.92 +00 1/2
May 2.88 2.88 2.88 2.88 +00 1/2
Jul 2.85 2.85 2.85 2.85 +00 1/2
Sep 2.80 2.80 2.80 2.80 +00 1/2
Nov 2.75 2.75 2.75 2.75 +00 1/2
Dec 2.70 2.70 2.70 2.70 +00 1/2
Prev. sales 13,188
Prev. day's open int 127,390, up 638.

OATS
500 bu minimum, dollars per bushel
Mar 1.74 1.74 1.74 1.74 +00 1/2
May 1.72 1.72 1.72 1.72 +00 1/2
Jul 1.70 1.70 1.70 1.70 +00 1/2
Sep 1.68 1.68 1.68 1.68 +00 1/2
Nov 1.66 1.66 1.66 1.66 +00 1/2
Dec 1.64 1.64 1.64 1.64 +00 1/2
Prev. sales 386
Prev. day's open int 4,652, off 124.

SOYBEANS
500 bu minimum, dollars per bushel
Mar 5.36 5.36 5.36 5.36 +02 1/2
May 5.34 5.34 5.34 5.34 +02 1/2
Jul 5.32 5.32 5.32 5.32 +02 1/2
Sep 5.30 5.30 5.30 5.30 +02 1/2
Nov 5.28 5.28 5.28 5.28 +02 1/2
Dec 5.26 5.26 5.26 5.26 +02 1/2
Prev. sales 16,536
Prev. day's open int 86,913, up 77.

CATTLE FUTURES

CHICAGO (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Wed. Open High Low Settle Chg.

CATTLE
42,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Feb 58.50 58.70 58.70 58.40 -17
Apr 59.00 59.50 59.50 59.20 -30
Jun 60.00 60.75 60.75 60.50 -25
Aug 60.00 60.50 60.50 60.50 +00
Oct 60.50 61.00 61.00 60.75 -25
Nov 61.00 61.50 61.50 61.25 -25
Dec 61.50 62.00 62.00 61.75 -25
Prev. sales 11,111
Prev. day's open int 42,218, off 794.

FEEDER CATTLE
42,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Mar 45.00 45.25 45.25 45.00 -25
Apr 45.50 45.75 45.75 45.50 -25
May 46.00 46.25 46.25 46.00 -25
Jun 46.50 46.75 46.75 46.50 -25
Jul 47.00 47.25 47.25 47.00 -25
Aug 47.50 47.75 47.75 47.50 -25
Sep 48.00 48.25 48.25 48.00 -25
Oct 48.50 48.75 48.75 48.50 -25
Nov 49.00 49.25 49.25 49.00 -25
Dec 49.50 49.75 49.75 49.50 -25
Prev. sales 606
Prev. day's open int 8,213, off 362.

HOGS
38,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Jan 57.00 57.10 57.10 57.00 -10
Mar 57.50 57.75 57.75 57.50 -25
Apr 58.00 58.25 58.25 58.00 -25
May 58.50 58.75 58.75 58.50 -25
Jun 59.00 59.25 59.25 59.00 -25
Jul 59.50 59.75 59.75 59.50 -25
Aug 60.00 60.25 60.25 60.00 -25
Sep 60.50 60.75 60.75 60.50 -25
Oct 61.00 61.25 61.25 61.00 -25
Nov 61.50 61.75 61.75 61.50 -25
Dec 62.00 62.25 62.25 62.00 -25
Prev. sales 7,810
Prev. day's open int 41,008, off 1,701.

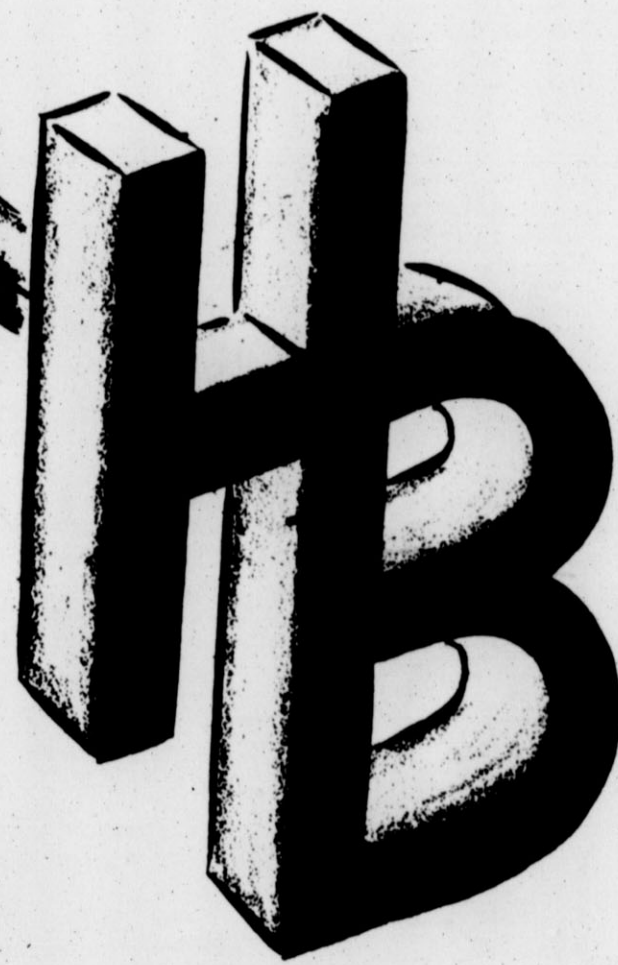
PORK BELLIERS
42,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Feb 62.00 62.25 62.25 62.00 -25
Mar 62.50 62.75 62.75 62.50 -25
Apr 63.00 63.25 63.25 63.00 -25
May 63.50 63.75 63.75 63.50 -25
Jun 64.00 64.25 64.25 64.00 -25
Jul 64.50 64.75 64.75 64.50 -25
Aug 65.00 65.25 65.25 65.00 -25
Sep 65.50 65.75 65.75 65.50 -25
Oct 66.00 66.25 66.25 66.00 -25
Nov 66.50 66.75 66.75 66.50 -25
Dec 67.00 67.25 67.25 67.00 -25
Prev. sales 6,733
Prev. day's open int 18,429, off 513.



CHRISTMAS JOY



Christmas comes but
once a year... so we'll take
this time to say...
"Here's hoping this holiday
is the best one ever
to come your way! Enjoy!"



Happy Holidays from our staff and employees

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Jeri Curtis
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Session had shortcomings

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the lame-duck session of Congress lingered five days beyond its planned deadline for adjournment, dispirited lawmakers looked back at a record of unfinished business and unresolved issues.

They had been in session for just under 3½ weeks, called back to Washington by President Reagan to deal with 10 appropriations bills needed to provide the government with operating money for the current fiscal year.

They passed only four, allowing six bills covering 11 departments or branches of

government to die. Those agencies remained dependent on an emergency, stop-gap spending bill.

While the House said it had had enough and quit for the year, the Senate remained locked in a filibuster early today over a year-end proposal by Reagan to raise the federal gasoline tax by a nickel a gallon to rebuild federal highways.

Conservative Republicans mounted the opposition to the measure, which would create an estimated 320,000 jobs, and threatened to push the Senate into sessions through Thurs-

day.

The lame-duck session also failed to complete action on some issues Reagan had said were his top priorities for the 97th Congress.

Congress did complete some items, however.

Ending years of debate, lawmakers finally reached agreement on a nuclear waste disposal plan to find a burial site for highly radioactive wastes that have been piling up for the last 40 years. Under the bill's timetable, the underground repository should be operating by the late 1990s.

And it approved a \$9.138 congressional pay raise for House members, the first since a 5.5 percent increase in 1979. Congressmen will make \$69,800 a year with the raise. Senators will not get the raise, but limits on their outside income were lifted.

Although six appropriations bills died, including a Defense Department money bill sought by Reagan, Congress did pass bills for the departments of Agriculture, Transportation and Interior plus the federal payment to the District of Columbia.



Holiday Helpers

Old St. Nick (Kyle Andrews) depends on his elves, from left, Lisa Lucero, Marie Duncan, Juan Perez and Jadalyn Connally for keeping Christmas cheer. The Shirley Intermediate School pupils were practicing for their play "The Witch That Stole Christmas."



*I wish you a Merry Christmas,
Rev. & Mrs. Bookout & Girls &
Friends of Assembly of God.
From Mrs. W.E. Brewster*

GREETINGS

Here's hoping Santa has something special for you in his bag of gifts! Have a very merry Christmas, friends!

Blakely Oil Co.

Exxon Jobber
S. Main



Merry Christmas

From
SOUTHWEST FEED YARDS, INC.

It would be easy to survey the happenings of 1982 and analyze that we had too little price, too much government, too little rain, too much death loss and etc. However, as we approach the Christmas season, the only things that come to mind is how fortunate we are

1. That we have a SAVIOR enabling us to have everlasting life.
2. We live in a country with freedoms that allow us to pursue our own destiny.
3. Ours is a country of surpluses and most folks have gone to bed with a full stomach.

There would be many other blessings that each of us could apply individually. All of us at Southwest Feed Yards are especially grateful that you are a customer of ours and wish upon you and your family, a joyous holiday season and a prosperous 1983.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Hoover
and Employees of
Southwest Feed Yards

Gaston's CLOSING OUR SUGARLAND STORE!!

After 15 Years We Are Moving Back Downtown. We Don't Want To Move Any Of This Merchandise.

500,000 DOLLAR INVENTORY SALE

20 TO 50% off

OUR ENTIRE STOCK MUST GO

**Gaston's
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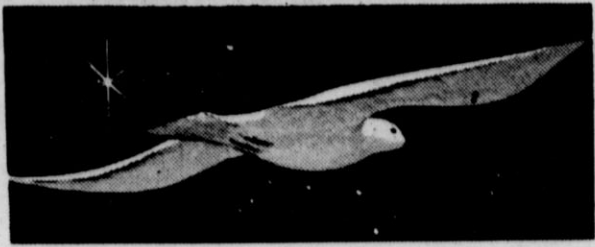
**NOTHING
HELD
BACK**

Look For The
Red Tags For
Extra Savings
In Every
Department

**LARGEST LIQUIDATION IN THE
HISTORY OF HEREFORD**

**SAVE ON
MENS WEAR
LADIES WEAR
JEWELRY
DIAMONDS**

**SAVE ON
GIFTS
FURS
BOYS WEAR
SHOES**



Heavenly Blessings:

A Prayer for Peace

Father of us all, teach your children to live with each other in peace. Now, during this holy season, enable us to understand one another...respecting those differences that may separate us, while recognizing those qualities that unite all mankind.

Heavenly Father, may your peace — that peace that passes understanding — be felt throughout our land and all over this planet that we call our home.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I'm Todd and I'm writing for my three year old brother. And his name is Jason. He has been a good boy. He wants a Mickey Mouse talking phone, race cars, and a train.

Love,
Todd Collier
and
Jason Collier

Dear Santa, My name is Michelle Lance. I am 7 years old. I live at 323 Star. Please bring me a Annie Mansion, an Annie Limousine, Annie clothes, Annie's friends and a baby doll.

We will leave you some Pumpkin bread and Egg Nog.
Love,
Michelle Lance



Waving Santa

Santa Claus waves to passersby in this motorized decoration on the lawn at 207 Sunset. Playful elves adorn the other side of

the lawn, and a large "Merry Christmas" sign is mounted on the home's rooftop.



Donating for a Cause

Each year during the holiday season American Lung Association volunteers set up an undecorated Christmas tree at Sugarland Mall. As donations are made to the association, candy canes are added to the tree, creating a visible measure of the project's success. All money goes toward the prevention and control of the lung diseases. Last year almost \$800 was raised through this project. Memorial gifts are

accepted throughout the year, with donation envelopes available at local banks and funeral homes. Helping man the booth at the mall this year were HHS Key Club members, the Homemakers Class of First United Methodist Church, Hereford Garden Club, La Plata Study Club, La Madre Mia Study Club, Alpha Iota Mu, and the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries.

"A free thinker is he who does not fear to go to the end of his thought."
Leon Blum

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, My name is Shawn Lance. I just celebrated my 6th birthday. I have been a good boy this year and would like for you to bring me a tin-can alley, a toy box, an E.T. module and a tool kit. Please remember to bring my sister Michelle and all my cousins something.

Thank you for the presents you brought me last year.

Shawn Lance
323 Star

P.S. Also please send me an Atari and a pack man and E.T. Cartridge.

Dear Santa, My name is Katy and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like tippy toes doll and a game. I am good most of the time. I will put a cupcake and glass of milk for your snack on Christmas Eve. Thank you for coming to my house.

Katy Sue Smith

Dear Santa, I hope you will come to my house Christmas. I have been good. I would like to have a horse and a radio. My little

brother Kelly has been good too.

Rajeana Boyett
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Barbie Magic Curl with her Beauty Salon set and a 16 inch nurse doll and her 6 inch baby doll too the twins Laura and James. The first twin James wants a cow the second twin Laura wants a baby crawl away and a airport. Daddy wants some chew tobacco and Mommy wants a can opener.

Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Alicia

Dear Santa, I would like a big barbie house. And a make up Barbie head for Christmas. Thank you.

Melissa Davis

Dear Santa, I want a piano for my barbie.

Love
Tanya
Age 6

Holiday Cheer



To each and every one of our friends: thank you!

Ruland Steamway
501 W 15 364-3578



Noel

Merry Christmas and sincere wishes for a year full of much happiness, prosperity and good health. We're glad to have served you!

Whiteface Aviation

615 S. 25 Mile Ave.



A very special Holiday greeting to all our special friends and patrons: may your Holiday be bright and happy.

We will close at noon Christmas Eve and will continue regular business hours Tuesday Dec. 28th.

STAN KNOX TV & MUSIC
900 N. Lee Hereford 364-0766

It's Time to Wish
ONE and ALL A
JOYOUS HOLIDAY



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS
MAY YOUR HOLIDAY BE FILLED WITH
HAPPINESS AND MAY ALL THE BLESSINGS
OF LIFE BE YOURS IN THE NEW YEAR.
FROM ALL OF US

Mildred Drake Kee Ruland
Jerry Justice
Mary & Pick
HARMAN'S
Downtown

We light up your life



All year, every year, you can depend on us for adequate electricity — when and where you want it.

We hope that our electricity will add to your enjoyment of the holiday season this year.

Holiday Greetings from
Deaf Smith
Electric Cooperative

East Hwy. 60

364-1166



Santa Visits

Children who attended public story hour at Deaf Smith County Library were delightfully surprised by a visit from Santa Claus recently. These two youngsters seemed a little awed by his presence.

Cable network in sportswear

NEW YORK (AP) — ESPN, the 24-hour sports cable network, is getting into the sportswear business.

By next month, ESPN hopes to have its line of products from jogging suits and gym shorts to hats and balls.

"If they can sell clothing with 'Gloria Vanderbilt' on it, why not ESPN?" asked Fred Schwartzfarb, manager of ESPN's direct-response advertising.

The ESPN Fashion Line is a logical extension of the successful direct-response commercials, a staple of the advertiser-supported cable networks, of which ESPN and Cable News Network are the two most popular.

Since these networks reach significantly fewer households than ABC, CBS and NBC, new commercial sources had to be found, particularly for programs with small, select audiences. ESPN viewers know they'll be inundated by direct-response advertising during rodeo jumping, rodeos and motorcycle racing.

Direct-response advertising sells products on TV that are not available in the

stores. These products, ranging from Ginzu knives, oriental steamers, special records, magazines and paintings, used to be the exclusive province of late-night local TV stations.

Now, they're all over the cable dial, reaching a wealthier, better educated viewer. According to the Simmons Research Bureau, viewers in 12.2 percent of ESPN's households make more than \$30,000 and 20.8 percent have professional or technical jobs.

Of ESPN, however, you won't see a knife slicing a tin can, nor will you hear such spels as "Order now and every country-and-western hit ever written will be yours!"

"We had a Mickey Gilley record offer and it just died," Schwartzfarb said. "The meter didn't jump at all, even though we put it on during rodeos and what I call redneck racing." Our public doesn't want cheap records. Those things don't even have jackets. They come in paper."

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
Due to the fact I am a bachelor and very rarely take the time to cook for myself, I would appreciate a microwave oven sitting under my tree Christmas morning. Also, because I live alone and seldom have visitors I would like an E.T. doll to converse with.
Always your faithful friend,
STAG

Dear Santa,
I am a typical 13 year-old teenager at La Plata Junior High. I've been a very good girl most of the time except when I put lipstick and makeup on my little sister and her friend. For Christmas I want: Elmo, Frank, Henry, Kermit, Howard, George, Harry, Lester..... and Pete. I will leave you some cookies and milk out for you.
Love,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a castle gray skull, he man, skeltor, their weapons, and their vehicles. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jeremy Lomas
8 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Barbie Dream House, Crayon Secret Beauty Case, and a toy box. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Laura Lomas
5 years old

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would like a Dump Truck and a baby Rusty Dog. Thank you and Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kasey Lomas
19 months

Dear Santa,
My name is Javier Jr. Gutierrez. I am nine years old in 3rd grade at Tierra Blanca School. Here is what I want: Pac Man Watch, Racing Car track, and an atari with Pac-Man, Donkey Kong, and frogger cartridges. Bring my brother a soccer ball, and a tricycle.
Love,
Javier
P.S. I left a snack out for ya.

To Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus
All I want for Christmas is ATARI or an orange or white kitten in my stocking and any thing else you can get me.
My name is Chara McDonald. I'm in 3rd grade I'm eight years old.
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
I want a piano for my barbie.
Love
Tanya
Age 6

To Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus
All I want for Christmas is ATARI or an orange or white kitten in my stocking and any thing else you can get me.
My name is Chara McDonald. I'm in 3rd grade I'm eight years old.
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you will get me an atari for Christmas and a trampoline and a remote control car and a bike and a motorcycle and a Lite-Bright and a watch and some crayons and some nikes, too.
Your friend,
Corin Carrillo

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like an atari and a bike and a race track. Merry Christmas Santa and Rudolph Happy New Year and to all the elves a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Joe Lucio

Dear Santa,
I will be at Granny's. I want a bathdoll, barbie doll, and Blueberry Muffin doll. I won't care if I don't get these three dolls.
How is Rudolph doing?
How is Mrs. Claus?
How are the elves?
How are you Santa?
Are you busy making toys?
Is it cold at the North Pole?
I love you dear Santa.
Love
Emily Carter
4 years old

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Jacob Gonzales, I'm 3 years old. I want a Dragon and a hungry, hungry hippo. My little brother Joseph wants a Tractor rig. We love, you.



Serenading Santa

A trio of carolers entertains this Santa at a home at 817 Country Club Drive. A Saint Nick

is inside the home, and is visible through a large window.

The World Almanac



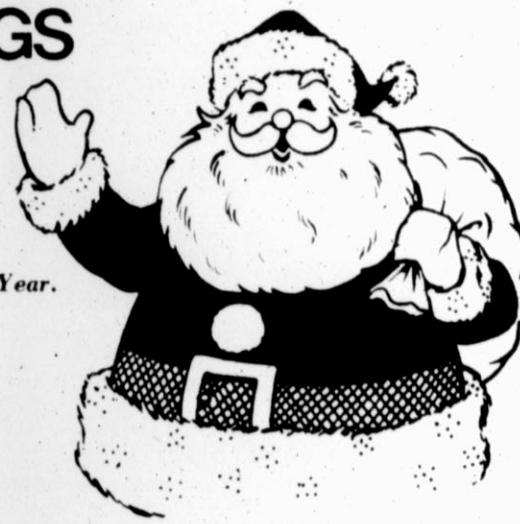
1. What is the Eskimo word for the Eskimo people? (a) Aleut (b) Inuit (c) Indians
2. What is the world's second-largest country in land size? (a) Canada (b) U.S.S.R. (c) China
3. Which U.S. magazine has the highest circulation? (a) National Geographic (b) Reader's Digest (c) TV Guide

ANSWERS

Q A Q A

Greenland, a huge island between the North Atlantic and the Polar Sea, is separated from the North American continent by the Davis Strait and Baffin Bay.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Wishing you Good Cheer For Christmas and the New Year.

George Warner Seed Co. Inc.

120 S. Lawton

BE MERRY

Join the festivities on this merry day and begin to spend Christmas in a very special way. Thanks.

Hereford Butane Inc.
Veterans Park Road

Glad Tidings

We hope your Christmas is filled with Joy and Happiness.

Sugarland Feed Yard
West of City

JOYOUS CHRISTMAS CHEER

SEASONAL EXCITEMENT FILLS OUR LINES ON THIS MERRIEST OF YULETIDES! WISHING YOU THE BRIGHTEST OF HOLIDAYS AND THE BEST OF BLESSINGS!

Since 1927

Kester's Jewelry
Across from the Post Office
Downtown Hereford

Doctors added to next space crews

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two flights of the space shuttle next year will be the first to carry astronaut crews of five. The space agency announced Tuesday it is adding a doctor to study space sickness on the missions.

Dr. Norman Thagard has been added to the crew of the seventh space shuttle flight, now set for next April, and Dr. William Thornton will be the fifth crewman on the eighth flight, scheduled for next June.

The crewmen were added in an effort to better understand space sickness, an ailment similar to sea sickness.

The illness occurs during what is called the "adaptive process" early in space missions. Many astronauts suffer from nausea and some even vomit. During a mission in November, nausea experienced by one astronaut forced postponement of a

planned spacewalk. Thornton, 53, was named an astronaut in 1967 and has never flown in space. He will be 54 next June, when his mission is planned, and will become the oldest man to be launched into space.

With Thornton on that mission will be Richard Truly, commander, Daniel Brandenstein, pilot, and mission specialists Dale Gardner and Guion Bluford Jr. Bluford will be the first black American to fly in space.

Thagard, 39, was selected as an astronaut in 1978 and has not flown into space. He joins Robert Crippen, commander, Fredrick Hauck, pilot, and mission specialists John Fabian and Sally Ride on the seventh shuttle mission. Ms. Ride will be the first American woman to fly into space.

The seventh mission is scheduled for six days and the eighth for four days.



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

ISAIAH 9:6-7



Final Inspection

Lynette Leasure, employee at Hereford State Bank, gives a last minute glance to one of the

numerous Christmas scenes located in the bank.

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Joy



It's our favorite time of year — when we have the opportunity to wish all our good friends a very Merry Christmas!

Bernina Sewing Center
419-B Main

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



May Christmas bring contentment to your heart, the best of health, good luck and good will to everyone.

McLain Garden Center

1302 West Park Ave. 806-364-3300

NOEL

We gather together on this holiest of holidays to bring you tidings of comfort and joy! Thanks to all!



Farr Better Feeds

Progressive Road • 364-3890

HAPPY HOLIDAYS




HAPPY HOLIDAY PARTNER

We're wrangling up a corral of good wishes for all our valued customers and friendly neighbors. Hope you've roped yourselves the best day yet!

Seasons Greetings
from your
Coca Cola Bottler

GREETINGS



That jolly old fellow is coming and we hope he's bringing lots of gifts your way! The best of holiday greetings to everyone!

Hereford Grain Corp.

100 S. Main

Angels Bring Good Tidings

The good news of Christ's birth was first given to mankind through an angel, according to St. Luke: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

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

Angels have played an important role throughout the story of the Nativity. It was the angel Gabriel who first announced to Mary that she would be the mother of the Messiah.

And, when Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant, an angel appeared to him in a dream, assuring him that "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

When Herod the King sought the life of the infant Jesus, it was an angel who warned Joseph to "take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt..."

After Herod's death, an angel informed Joseph when it was safe to return to

Israel.

Throughout the Old Testament times, God used angelic messengers to help His people in their various encounters. Indeed, He promised them through Moses that his angel would guide them: "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

Angels have even won battles for the Israelites in Old Testament times. Isaiah wrote of one such victory: "The angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand..."

And, it was an angel that shut the mouths of the lions in the den where Daniel was held captive by King Darius!

King David praised such angelic helpers in his 34th Psalm: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."

Jacob's vision of a ladder reaching from earth to heaven, with the angels of God ascending and descending upon it, has an important message for mankind, especially, at Christmastime.

As the poet Francis Thompson wrote: "The angels keep their ancient places;

Turn but a stone, and start a wing!

'Tis ye, 'tis your estranged faces,

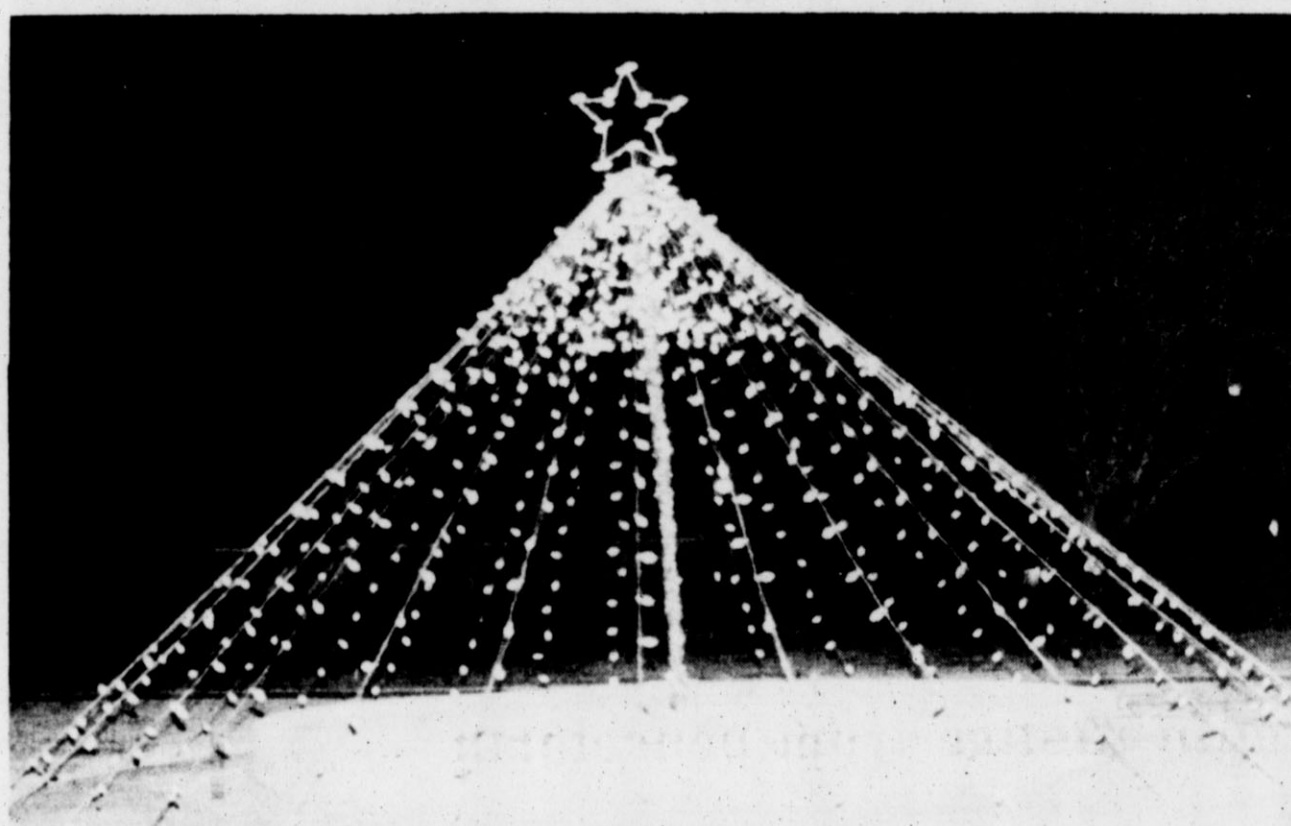
That miss the many-splendored thing.



Santa's Throne

Santa will be vacating his throne Christmas Eve as he will be leaving for the North Pole to get his sleigh and reindeer ready for their

Christmas deliveries. This scene is located at Sugarland Mall.



Red Christmas Tree

This bright tree made of red lights graces the grounds of Kings Manor each year. The lights

are strung across a fountain at the rest home.

Handel's "Messiah"

Each Christmas, music-lovers throughout the country are once again enraptured by the most popular choral work of all time, Handel's "Messiah."

Since its first performance in Dublin in 1742, this beloved oratorio has been performed countless times in concert halls as well as churches.

Although it was originally intended as an Easter work, "Messiah" has become synonymous with the Christmas season for English-speaking peoples. However, the entire oratorio is not usually performed at Christmastime, but is limited to those sections relating to the Nativity.

The reason for the popularity of this magnificent work is not difficult to determine. Based on texts from the Scriptures, the music for "Messiah" is both melodious and moving. Tradition has it that when the oratorio was performed in London before King George, he was so

inspired by the "Hallelujah" chorus that he spontaneously rose. Since subjects do not remain seated while the monarch stands, the rest of the audience promptly rose as well. Since then, audiences traditionally rise to the their feet at the beginning of this magnificent chorus.

Handel, it is said, claimed to have received divine inspiration in the writing of his greatest masterpiece. Certainly, he wrote "Messiah" in record time — he started the work on August 22, 1742 and completed it on September 14, approximately two weeks later. Scholars, in studying the original manuscript, note that Handel wrote so furiously, he sometimes neglected to put stems on the notes and scratched or blotted out changes instead of erasing. The manuscript reveals a composer working at a fever pitch and would seem to support Handel's claim.

HAPPY HOLIDAY!

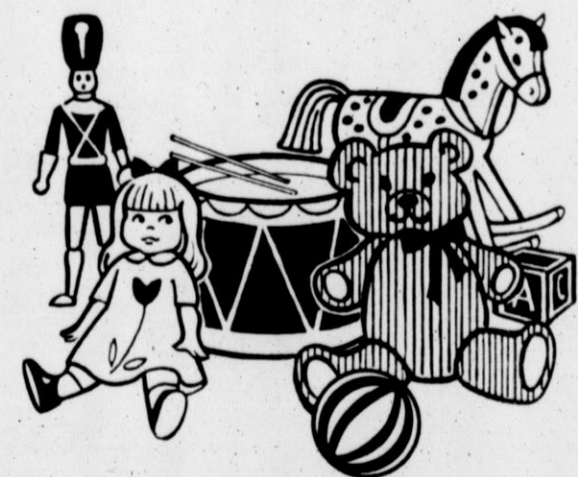
There's no better time to wish our friends the best! Merry Christmas!

Hereford Iron & Metal
N. Progressive Road

Happy Holidays

Just a cheery little greeting to say, may your Yuletide season be merry in every way!

Hereford Janitor Supply
1301 East Park — 364-0517



Best Wishes

HOW TO WIN AT THE LOSING GAME

DIET CENTER

Jimmie Middleton
364-8461 — 801 N. Main
Holiday Hours:
8:00 to 1:00

AT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
THERE IS NO MORE APPROPRIATE TIME TO SAY

Thank You

AND TO EXPRESS TO OUR FRIENDS, OLD AND NEW,
WARM SEASON'S GREETINGS
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

*Tom Houston
Laurie R. Ward
John R. Wright*

Brownd Sheet Metal Inc.
E. Hwy 60 364-3867

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May the magic of Christmas fill your souls with wonderful things! Our thanks to one and all!

OWEN'S ELECTRIC
809 E. 2nd 364-3572

Presenting a special Christmas story

A Christmas Carol

Panels continued on pages 7B, 8B, 9B

A CHRISTMAS CAROL by The Joe Kubert School

IT IS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, AND THE NIGHT FOG SHROUDS THE SNOW COVERED CITY.

IN THE DARK AND GLOOMY HOUSE OF EBENEZER SCROOGE.

TH- THE CHURCH BELL... IS STRIKING MID-NIGHT!

AT THE STRIKE OF TWELVE...

Y-YOU MUST BE... THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME!

THE OTHER SPIRITS TOLD ME... YOU WOULD COME!

GO, SPIRIT OF THE FUTURE... I AM DEAD!

WHY DO YOU TAKE ME TO THAT ILL-FORMED HOUSE?

WHAT ODDS 'N' ENDS HE LEFT!

IF SCROOGE'D BEEN DIFFERENT, HE'D NOT HAVE DIED ALONE!

AYE... AN' WE'D NOT HAVE COME BY THESE GOOD THINGS!

Y-MEAN T'GAY YOU EVEN TOOK HIS BED SHEETS?

D-DID NO ONE IN THIS WORLD CARE IF I LIVED... OR DIED?

GHOST OF THE FUTURE... I-I FEAR YOU MORE THAN ANY SPECTRE I HAVE YET BEEN.

B-BUT I KNOW YOUR PURPOSE IS TO DO ME GOOD!

FIRST IT WAS THE GHOST OF MY DEAD PARTNER, MARLEY...

AND HE TOLD ME OF THE VISIT OF THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS FIRST...

THE BOY IS YOU, EBENEZER SCROOGE. DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE GIRL?

YES... SOO! IT IS MY DEAR SISTER, FRAN.

WHEN THE GHOST OF CHRISTMAS PAST DEPARTED, STILL ANOTHER SPECTRE APPEARED.

IT WAS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

THE GHOST OF THE PRESENT TOOK ME TO THE HOME OF MY CLERK, BOB CRATCHIT.

MY HOW YOU'VE GROWN, TINY TIM!

NOW, I PUT MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS, SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS YET TO COME!

LEAD ON, GHOST OF THE FUTURE. LEAD ON!

I'M ON TOP OF THE WORLD, FATHER!

WHEN DID YOU SAY HE DIED?

LAST NIGHT, I BELIEVE.

BUT WHAT WAS DONE WITH ALL HIS MONEY?

LEFT IT TO HIS COMPANY, I BELIEVE.

I'LL NOT ATTEND... UNLESS THEY GERVE SOME FOOD!

AWE... I'LL NEED TO BE FED IF I'M TO ATTEND OLD SCROOGE'S FUNERAL.

IT WON'T BE MUCH OF A FUNERAL.

OLD SCROOGE'S FUNERAL WILL BE A CHEAP ONE... FOR 'PON MY LIFE, I DON'T KNOW OF ANYBODY TO GO TO IT!

TH-THAT'S MY FUNERAL OF WHICH TH- THEY SPEAK!

OLD "SCRATCH" GOT HIS OWN AT LAST, EH?

WELL... I DON'T MIND GOING TO IT... IF A LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

I-I THOUGHT THOSE MEN... WERE... MY FRIENDS!

SO, SPIRIT OF THE FUTURE... I AM DEAD!

WHY DO YOU TAKE ME TO THAT ILL-FORMED HOUSE?

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is James and I'm five years old. Please bring me a few toys for Christmas. I have been a good boy for most of the year and we'll try to be even better next year. I don't have any brothers or sisters but I'm sure my mom and dad would like a few gifts too.

Love,
James F.

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhonda I'm 6 years old and always try to be a very good girl. Please bring me some dolls for Christmas. How are things at the North Pole? I hope things are going very well. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus I said hello.

Love always
Rhonda J.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tammy and I am 7 years old. I think you know what I want for Christmas, just some cute little toys. My brother thinks he's too old to write you a letter, but, he'd like some toys too.

Love always,
Tammy K.

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FRIENDS & CUSTOMERS

MODE O' DAY
Sugarland Mall Fran & Tammy



The most popular breed of dog in America is the poodle.

O HOLY NIGHT

May the Spirit of Christmas which is Peace fill your hearts with love and contentment this Holiday Season.

Star
314 North Main 364-2037

Commonwealth
Theatre, Inc.
P.O. Box 111, Houston, Texas 77001

HOLIDAY CHEER

And now, again, it's Christmas! We wish you happiness and good fortune throughout this special season and in the coming year!

CAISON'S
828 West 1st -
- Next to Red Carpet Inn

MAY THE DOVE OF PEACE FIND IT'S WAY INTO YOUR HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

RIX Funeral Home
Gary Phipps, Martha Wagoner, Gary Jones
105 Greenwood 364-6533

A CHRISTMAS CAROL by The Joe Kubert School



Storeowner wants it told straight

NEW YORK (AP) — "What I want for Christmas is for them to cut out all the nonsense and give it to us straight," said the storeowner in a small town near Flint, Mich. "Tell it like it is," he said.

He was referring to the repeated promises by government and private sector economists that recovery was just around the corner — first quarter, second quarter, third, fourth, and now at Christmas the promise of sometime next year.

"It's cruel," he said. "You shouldn't get people's hopes up like that."

Ill-informed too, a confession rarely made by those who view the economy through the statistical microscopes, and who tend to refer to discrepancies as statistical aberrations, although their statistics refer to human beings.

One of the rare ones, Albert Cox, Jr., chairman of Merrill Lynch Economics Inc., told a meeting of business economists earlier this month that "there is no question that the administration and most others who supported Reaganomics, including me, were too optimistic regarding the early results of the program."

But all of the forecasters go on forecasting, and make good money at it.

"The signals of recovery are not really fragmentary at this point. Instead, they are pervasive and impressive..." said Cox. In spite of, he said, "a gloomy (media) bias, with heavy emphasis on unemployment."

Chase Manhattan Bank's "Economic Observer," a monthly publication, offers this month the ersatz encouragement that "Yes,

Virginia, there will be a recovery." It will be apparent by late winter or early spring, it says.

Meanwhile, all the forecasters say, there are signs of recovery, such as in the stock market. But as Fiorello LaGuardia, the former New York City mayor, said once: "Ticker tape ain't spaghetti." You can't eat it.

The unemployed cannot eat it, and there are officially more than 12 million of them. The economy in general is likely to improve, says Morgan Guaranty Trust, but the unemployment rate seems destined to worsen.

The contrast of a strengthening economy, measured by abstract statistics, and a worsening employment situation, measured by human idleness, is ironic but not unique. A recession, for one thing, tends to eliminate the least productive workers and leave those who produce the most for the dollar.

But it also adds to the disillusionment of those who aren't able to participate in the recovery, and it is these, it would seem, who are most fed up with the repeated forecasts of better times. Like the Michigan proprietor,



Tall Order

It was no small task decorating this large Christmas tree at Hereford State Bank for the holiday season. Delores Gerber, bank employee, places the final stocking on the flocked tree that is also decorated with red bows and an angel.

Gambling city opens heart for laid-off hotel-casino employees

RENO, Nev. (AP) — When two casinos closed a week before Christmas and 600 people lost their jobs, this gamblers' town found its heart.

For the 600 workers, the news came late Friday afternoon that their employers, the Mapes Hotel-Casino and the Money Tree Casino, could not meet their payroll and would be closing immediately.

The next morning, the phone started ringing at the Salvation Army headquarters. By Monday, the calls were non-stop and a special "Operation North Pole" was set up to help the casino workers.

The gifts were as varied as they were unusual.

A taxi company offered free rides, a toy store donated free toys, a U-Haul Christmas tree lot had free trees, the neighboring Club Cal-Neva was prepared to give \$25 to each of the workers totaling about \$15,000, and a Lion's Club chapter donated 250 turkeys.

Even the Washoe Medical Center had a gift: free emergency medical care.

"This is not a charity thing," insisted Elizabeth Shay, an Internal Revenue Service worker who took the week off to organize the effort. "This is an effort of love on behalf of the community."

Mrs. Shay said when she heard about the layoffs, "It just bothered me. So I decided, 'I'm going to do something about it.'"

Since then, she said, life has been hectic, but "It's one of the nicest Christmas weeks I've ever had."

The Salvation Army has established two different funds for the casino employees, one for food vouchers, another to raise cash.

Best Wishes

May you have a happy Christmas Holiday with family and friends. Thanks so much for your patronage.

Glenn's Footwear
401 N. Main

Today In History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1982. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 23, 1948, Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese World War II leaders were executed in Tokyo.

On this date:

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the U.S. Army and retired to his home in Mount Vernon, Virginia.

In 1788, Maryland ceded a 10-square-mile area for use as the national capital — the area that became the District of Columbia.

In 1941, U.S. forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.

In 1975, the CIA chief in Athens, Greece, Richard Welch, was killed by gunmen outside his residence.

Ten years ago: Nicaraguan officials reported 10,000 lives were lost in an earthquake that hit Managua.

Five years ago: A procession of tractors was driven in to then-President Jimmy Carter's hometown of Plains, Ga., in a demonstration for higher price supports for farmers.

One year ago: President Reagan announced several economic sanctions against the Polish government for its imposition of martial law.

Today's birthday: Major league pitcher Jerry Koonsman is 39 years old.

Thought for today: "The world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel." — Horace Walpole, English statesman (1678-1757).

What this country needs is a telephone answering machine to reply to the answering machine that tells you your party isn't there.

Blessings to All

As we gather together with friends and relatives let us remember the real meaning of Christmas. God's love for us!

Al & Margie Daniels
Rainbow Car Wash
417 N. 25 Mile Ave. 364-8261

Letter to Santa

Dear Santa Claus, I am 9 years old I wish you will give me a cartridge for the atari. I would like that cartridge to be Donky Kong. And I would like a watch with a calculator.

P.S. Say Hi to Rudolph

Your friend, Mickey Garza

In The True Holiday Spirit,
May We Wish You
The Very Best...
Along With Our
Thanks.

Warren Bros.
410 Park Avenue

It's Christmas Eve, you forgot to go to the bank and need cash for that last minute Christmas gift.

Don't forget our 24-HOUR Club House will be open during the Holidays.

"We're The Bankers!"

Hereford STATE BANK
Phone 364-3456 / Time & Temperature 364-5100 / Member F.D.I.C.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL by The Joe Kubert School



Christmas Time

Most Hereford businesses have decorated their offices in true holiday fashion. Employees at First National Bank put the finishing touches on their white flocked tree. From left are Linda Houston, Rita Bell and Joyce Allred.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I wish you safe & happy Christmas.
I would like for Christmas a laughin-bear, a mickey mouse talking phone, a strawberry shortcake doll & carriage, that's all.

Love Ya!
Jacklyn Renee Palacios
2 yrs old,
418 Paloma Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Palacios

Dear Santa,
Here's wishing you a safe and easy trip. We have lots of home made goodies for you and some fruit.

I want for Christmas a hula-hoop, a baton, a western style Barbie & Horse. I know that you & mommy were shopping for some clothes and she told you what size I wear and what I like, so thank you for that too.
Until next year!

Love Ya!
Jennifer Dawn Palacios
6 yrs old
418 Paloma Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Palacios

Dear Santa,
I want to wish you a safe trip and a Merry Christmas. We have lots of goodies under the tree for you.

What I want for Christmas is a fall Guy truck and a big one, and a Lone Ranger Mask and gun set, a new bike a truck with cows & horses, a wrecker, and a race car set. I guess that will be all for this Christmas, till next year.

Love Ya!
Jose Fabian Palacios
418 Paloma Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Jose Palacios

Dear Santa,
I received your tape the other day and was so glad to hear from you. Please tell Ober and all the other elves "hi" for me. I am quite sure you remember that my name is Kendra King and that my address is 218 Juniper. I will be 3 years old on January 5th. I would like for you to bring me a Bye Bye Diapers Doll. Also, bring me a Little Tikes Cozy Coupe or a Strawberry Shortcake bicycle, which ever one you can fit into your sleigh.

Love,
Kendra King

Dear Santa,
Monchichi doll,
Dear Santa,
I want a Monchichi doll, bike and a typewriter for Christmas. I love you Santa.

Love,
Thelma Vasquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am going to have you a bowl of cookies. I hope I get a toy train and a survive game and a bike and a doll for my sister and a bowl of candy.

Your friend
Danny Morales

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing?
I am doing fine.
I want a bike for my present.

Thank you,
Leroy Montez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle and an atari. I have been good.

Your friend
Ray Longaria

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race track and a watch and an alarm clock and a car and a sports car and a gun and a present and some boots and a dog and a house.

Your friend,
Paul Valdez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Lite-Bright, and a trampoline, and a watch, and some pants, and a doll and tennis shoes, and an operation game. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Sally Moreno

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for Christmas I want a bike and a watch and a motorcycle and a race track and a trampoline and an atari.

Santa how have you been in the North Pole?
Your friend,
Gilbert Contreras

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you because you bring presents. Please bring me a fur coat please. And some barbie dolls with clothes. And a doll house with dolls and clothes, and furniture for the doll house.

Yours Truly
Melinda Kay Jones
I love you!

Dear Santa,
I have been real good this year. I would like for you to bring me a Smurf jogging suit, a barbie, and a barbie doll house. I will leave

something out for you.
Love,
Keiley

Dear Santa,
I try to be good all the time because I love you Santa. I love Mrs. Santa, too. I am 3 years old I want a tow truck wrecker for Christmas, please. Please bring Seth something too. Please bring Rustee some real bones.
Thank you.

Love Matthew Baird



Merry Christmas to All

We're wishing you and your family all the happiness of the Holidays. We've enjoyed serving you.

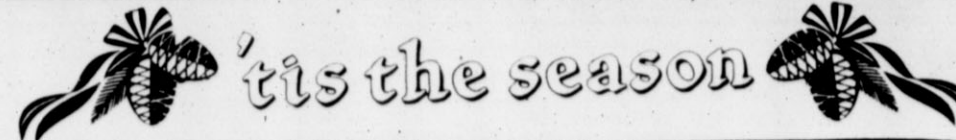
May the spirit of the Holy Night enter our hearts and bless us all!

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—One month before his scheduled inauguration, Gov.-elect Mark White mobilized dollars to pay off his campaign debt and political support to keep a key campaign promise.

Last week White held fundraising dinners in Houston, Austin, Midland and Dallas, collecting about \$1.5 million to pay off the remainder of his campaign debts. The gala affairs put him in the black just hours before the deadline barring politicians from accepting contributions 30 days before the Legislature convenes.

He also nixed a proposal to end the automatic fuel adjustment charge, saying it did not go far enough, and drew support from the Texas Municipal League.

White reiterated his campaign promise to abolish the clause, vowing to appoint utility commissioners who will have a strict accounting of utility companies.

"They (utility companies) can play all the games they want to today. When I get in there, the party's over. And they don't have to turn out the lights," White said.

"Would Change Nothing"

Three weeks ago the Public Utilities Commission, fearing reform bills already prefiled for the coming legislative session, proposed to alter voluntarily the controversial fuel clause.

Utility representatives hoped the action would satisfy the reformers, but TML representatives dashed cold water on those hopes last week. The League's legal counsel told a Senate subcommittee the proposed change to abolish the clause would actually "change nothing."

The League routinely represents cities before the Public Utilities Commission.

Attorney Don Butler told senators that utilities pass "everything but the kitchen sink" along to consumers through the fuel adjustment clause and that it has been

abused by utility companies.

Phone Rates Dropped

Under such heavy fire, the PUC took steps last week to reduce telephone rates, a move that surprised onlookers and shocked Southwestern Bell executives.

Hearing examiners for the PUC said the phone company is entitled to only \$244.1 million of the \$471.5 million rate hike the company requested.

If the recommendation is accepted, residential customers would see a decrease of up to 90 cents a month from the bonded rates they have paid since Nov. 9, the examiners reported.

Other Texans

In the election aftermath, several public officials have undergone alterations in their political fortunes. Texans undergoing transitions last week were:

—Outgoing Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown said he will go on the banquet circuit as an after-dinner speaker. His brochure guarantees "a standing ovation or you pay nothing." He said he will live comfortably on his retirement pay, land revenues and speaker's fees.

Brown blamed a portion of agriculture's problems on the industry's disunity. "The Farmers Union and the Farm Bureau hate each other's guts in this state, and they can't get together on anything."

—Outgoing Republican Gov. Bill Clements encountered a hard salvo from his own party leaders who blame him for turning his back on

other Republican candidates. At a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee, Clements was accused of ignoring mainstream party factions, including Reagan supporters.

—Tobin Armstrong, special assistant to Clements, was appointed by him last week to the Texas Historical Commission.

—Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace, who faces reelection in '84, will take over as the panel's chairman. The post traditionally goes to the commissioner who next faces the voters.

—Veteran Capitol reporter Ann Arnold has been tapped by White to become the first woman press secretary to a Texas governor. She is bureau chief for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and previously was an Austin correspondent for United Press International for 13 years.

—John Sharp of Victoria, who won a two-month term in the state senate a month ago in special election, kept the seat for the next full term by defeating another Democrat and fellow colleague from the House, Tim Von Dohlen of Goliad. Sharp received an unprecedented endorsement from Texas Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle, who accused Von Dohlen of favoring Republicans as chairman of the redistricting committee last session.

—Former Ambassador Bob Krueger, who lost by half a percentage point to U.S. Sen. John Tower four years ago, said he plans to challenge Tower again in 1984.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
My mother is writing this for me. Hope you are not getting too tired building toys.

I would like a fur coat, an Atari Game, an Annie Mansion, & a Strawberry Shortcake Baby that blows kisses.

My little sister, who is 4 years old, would like a Strawberry Shortcake Baby that blows kisses too. She would also like some clothes for her baby. She also wants Strawberry Shortcake play doh, snail cart, carousel, Custard, Pupcake, Lemon Meringue Miniature & Finally Strawberry Shortcake Mini House.

I would also like Raspberry Tart House, Strawberry Shortcake in her night gown miniature, Raspberry Tart Doll, & Strawberry Shortcake Cake Mix.

My two brothers are last. Clay who is 9 wants a cassette player, some boots, a BB gun, some shells for his shot gun, some hot wheels & Atari. Cal who is 1 1/2 yrs. wants a truck and some little baby toys. He also needs some clothes.

Oh Santa I am 7 years old.

tricycle and a garfield. I have tried to be a good girl. I am going to try to leave some

cookies & milk out. Also one more thing I love you
Love Always

Leslie Arthe age 4
Merry Christmas

NOEL

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hoping that Christmas and the days to follow bring joyful times, pleasant memories and much happiness.

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The Friendly Beasts



Jesus, our brother, kind and good,
Was humbly born in a stable rude.
The friendly beasts around Him stood,
Jesus, our brother, kind and good.



"I," said the donkey, all shaggy and brown,
"I carried His mother uphill and down,
I carried her safely to Bethle'm town."
"I," said the donkey, all shaggy and brown.



"I," said the cow, all white and red,
"I gave Him my manger for a bed,
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head,"
"I," said the cow, all white and red.



"I," said the sheep with the curly horn,
"I gave Him my wool for a blanket warm,
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."
"I," said the sheep with the curly horn.



"I," said the dove from the rafters high,
"I cooed Him to sleep so He would not cry,
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I,"
"I," said the dove from the rafters high.



So every beast, by some good spell,
In the stable rude was glad to tell
Of the gift he gave Immanuel,
The gift he gave Immanuel.



It's nice to have so many friends!
Here's hoping you have the merriest
of holidays and gifts galore!

Corky and the Crew

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902 Lee — 364-3500

President Reagan's campaign underway

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's reelection campaign will be under way long before he announces whether he is going to be a candidate for a second term in 1984. It can't be any other way.

Reagan summed up the reason in year-end interviews:

If he runs too openly too soon, every move he makes would be suspect of political

motivation.

If he decides against running, and says so, his persuasive power would be undercut.

So Reagan will wait.

Jimmy Carter, the president Reagan ousted in 1980, did not formally announce his candidacy until Dec. 4, 1979, not that he didn't say and show that he was running. He'd been campaigning all year, and the announcement

was only a formality.

Announcements usually are ritual declarations of the obvious. A modern presidential campaign cannot spring to being and action without long months of planning and organization. That means that the work must begin months before there is a declared candidate, and perhaps before the president has decided whether he will be one.

That work will be done by proxy, or in the privacy of the White House, through most of 1983, until Reagan is ready to say go — or stand aside. It won't all be done quietly, for there is an advantage to early signals that will tell the Reagan troops to be ready for a campaign.

The White House tried to send such a signal with the appointment of Sen. Paul N. Laxalt of Nevada, Reagan's

close friend, as overall boss of the Republican National Committee.

That was in part the rationale when former Reagan political aide Lyn Nofziger convened a meeting of 1980 campaigners to discuss plans for 1984. Twenty of them conferred on Dec. 6, and Nofziger said he would give the president a report on their discussions.

But that operation lacked

something in the orchestration. Nofziger's invitation letter suggested that the Reaganites had better get together now lest officials tied to Vice President George Bush take precedence in a new campaign.

But it certainly sounded that way. Nofziger apologized to Bush.

"Man's freedom is his inner worth."

Michael Beer

Merry Christmas



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We Will Also Close At Noon on New Year's Eve.

The First Noel Born Is The King

The first noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, noel, noel, noel, Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, Born is the King of Israel.

Then enter'd in those Wise men three
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offer'd there, in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, Born is the King of Israel.



Program Participants

Fourth grade students at Bluebonnet Elementary School presented a musical recently en-

titled "Three O'Clock Rehearsal". The event was directed by Kathy Martinez.

Santa Claus: A symbol of good cheer

Santa Claus is such an important element of Christmas today that we sometimes forget that he is fairly recently arrived on the holiday scene, as we know him today.

Santa's beginnings go back as far as ancient times, it is thought, when pagan gods such as Saturn presided over feasts such as the Saturnalia, a mid-winter festival celebrated by the Romans.

These pagan influences can be seen in the Father Christmas figure that was popular during the 1800s in England. He was a tall, bearded figure, pictured with a wreath of holly reminiscent of the Druids.

But, the most-obvious ancestor to Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, of course. St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop who lived in Asia Minor during the 4th century. A legend grew up around him, crediting him with saving three maidens from a life of disgrace. It seems that their father was

too poor to provide dowries for them, a requirement for marrying in those days.

St. Nicholas is supposed to have thrown bags of money through the father's window, thus enabling the daughters to marry. He was also said to have miraculously restored three boys to life, thereby becoming associated with both children and gifts.

In Germany, the figure of St. Nicholas gave way during the reformation to the Christ Child, actually a messenger for the Infant Jesus and thought of as a girl.

In time the Christ Child, or *Christkindl*, became known as Kris Kringle in the United States, taking on the old Father Christmas aspect that came to us from England.

The Dutch also had a great deal to do with our present concept of Santa Claus. Their version of the St. Nicholas figure was Sante Klaas, and it was this version that

was brought by the Dutch settlers to the New World. Like St. Nicholas, Sante Klaas was both benevolent and saintly.

The realistic saint-figure became merged with elf figures from old European lore in the mind of a professor sometime during 1822 and the delightful concept of today's Santa Claus was born in a poem entitled *The Visit of St. Nicholas*. Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's lively description of St. Nicholas as "a right jolly old elf" inspired the famed artist, Thomas Nast, to create a small, elfish character with whiskers and beard, and name him Santa Claus.

Time has subtly changed the original Santa Claus from a gnome-like figure to the plump, jolly fellow

more recognizable to modern children, but the sleigh and reindeer have remained intact, and we can directly trace our contemporary Santa to those first drawings by Nast.

Tree of life is tradition

Today's Christmas tree, all decorated and ablaze with lights, actually had a deeply religious significance at one time.

In medieval Europe, it was the practice of the local churches to present mystery or miracle plays, usually based on Biblical stories and intended to edify the people of the time.

One of the most popular of such plays was the Paradise play, based upon the story of Adam and Eve as related in Genesis. In this play, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

As the mystery plays fell into disfavor, people began to place Paradise trees in their homes on the feast day of Adam and Eve, December 24th. At first, only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim the tree, symbolizing the sweet fruit of redemption. In time, candles were

borrowed from the pyramid tree that was popular during the early 17th century in Germany. The latter was actually a structure of graduated wooden shelves, adorned with candles and glittering ornaments.

Gradually, the pyramid tree was forgotten as the Paradise tree took on its glitter and lights.

Today's typical Christmas tree, hung with many ornaments and twinkling lights, is a far cry from the simple, apple-strewn fir tree that was once associated with sin.

But, with the addition of candles, the Paradise tree became more symbolic of the light of Christ and so it is that the modern Christmas tree is a symbol of joy to Christians today.

The jewels in a jewel watch are usually rubies or sapphires.

PEACE

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Blessings to All

As we gather together with friends and relatives let us remember the real meaning of Christmas, God's love for us!

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We wish you great joy this Christmastide...may love and peace abide with you and yours all through the holiday season and in days to come.

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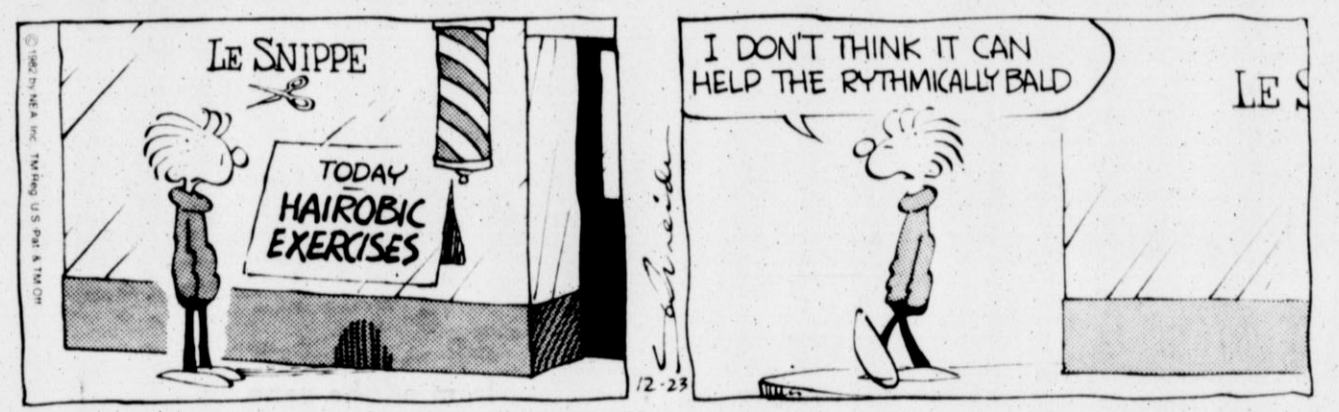
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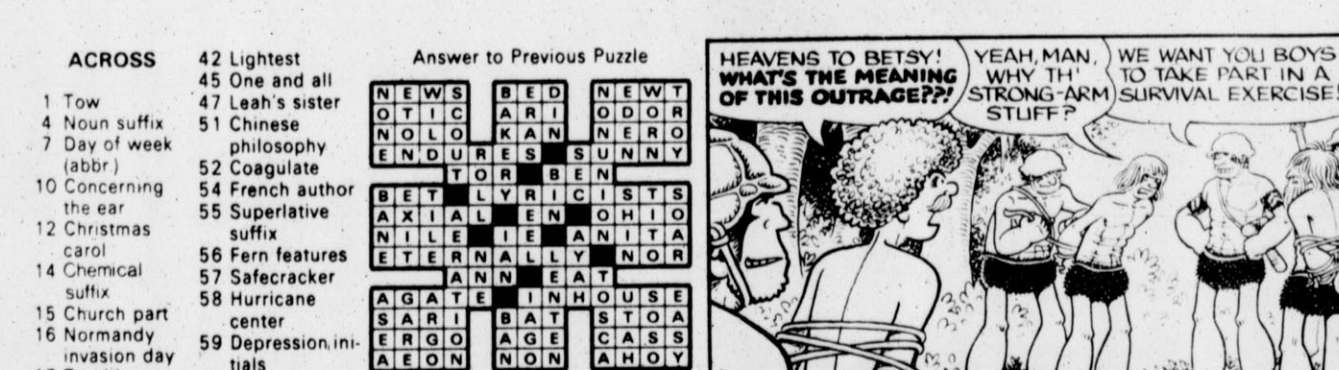
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HEAVENS TO BETSY! WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS OUTRAGE??

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BUT WE WERE GETTING ALONG JUST FINE! WE DON'T NEED SURVIVAL TRAINING!

OH, THIS ISN'T FOR YOUR SURVIVAL! IT'S FOR OURS!

YEAH! NOW GET MOVING!

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COMMENTARY

Don Graff

Polish appearances

The military regime in Warsaw is easing up, so it says, on martial law. Lech Walesa is free, more or less, and offering to come to reasonable terms with the government in a cooperative effort to restore a shattered economy and social peace. Although Solidarity remains disbanded, some autonomous associations may be allowed to function, after a fashion, in the coming months and a conditional amnesty is being considered for thousands of activists detained for illegal activities. Poland would appear to be coming up for air. "Appear" is definitely the operative word in that statement. For all the appearance of change in the last few days, nothing has really changed during the months since the government suppressed street demonstrations with a force that was its own demonstration of how ruthlessly far it was prepared to go to maintain control. Most of the limited privileges granted in the martial law revision are taken back elsewhere in measure. Walesa in custody, and the main points of his proposal have been ignored. There may be new organizations eventually, but they will never be the workers' own and they will never replace Solidarity. To get a better fix on what is happening in Poland today, it may be useful to recall some observations that appeared in this space more than two years ago. To be precise, on Sept. 5, 1980, when a revolution appeared to have been won. "Don't be fooled by all the shouting. It is far from over yet. The bargain Poland's workers have struck with their government is truly a formidable achievement. For the first time anywhere in the Communist empire free trade unions, more or less, have been officially sanctioned and the right to strike in effect confirmed. And that is only the centerpiece of the broad range of economic and political issues on which the government has given way. These Western voices that are exulting over the developments as the possible beginning of a relaxation throughout Eastern Europe are, however, sadly off the mark. Possibly disastrously so. This is precisely what the essential third party to the deal, the Soviets, will never allow. The real question is not whether the Soviets are going to

make a move to frustrate implementation of the Polish settlement, but when and how. They have so far refrained from force or the overt threat to use it. They may continue to do so for very practical reasons. A military response would have repercussions beyond East Europe that the Soviets would much prefer to avoid. "And there is a less risky alternative: pressuring the Polish government into chipping away at the substance of the agreements until the status quo is effectively restored.



WHY SETTLE FOR LESS?

Oh, Foolish Galatians! What magician has hypnotized you and cast an evil spell upon you? For you used to see the meaning of Jesus Christ's death as clearly as though I had waved a placard before you with a picture on it of Christ dying on the cross. Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by trying to keep the Jewish laws? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you heard about Christ and trusted him to save you. Then have you gone completely crazy? For if trying to obey the Jewish laws never gave you spiritual life in the first place, why do you think that trying to obey them now will make you stronger Christians? You have suffered so much for the Gospel. Now are you going to just throw it all overboard? I can hardly believe it! I ask you again, does God give you the power of the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you as a result of your trying to obey the Jewish laws? No, of course not. It is when you believe in Christ and fully trust Him (Galatians 3:1-5) I have been crucified with Christ; and I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And the real life I now have within this body is a result of my trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I am not one of those who treats Christ's death as meaningless. For if we could be saved by keeping Jewish laws, then there was no need for Christ to die. (Galatians 2:20-21)

Television Schedules

THURSDAY

6:00 (1) News (2) Jazzerise (3) Gomer Pyle (4) Stableboy's Christmas (5) Barney Miller (6) NFL Story Line By Line (7) Moneyline (8) Soledad (9) Yoga (10) M*A*S*H (11) MacNeil-Lehrer Report (12) MOVIE: 'Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol' Mr. Magoo plays Scrooge in this adaptation of Charles Dickens's classic. Voices of Jim Bakus, Morey Amsterdam, Jack Cassidy, 1963. (13) Family Feud (14) How Can I Live (15) Jeffersons (16) Entertainment Tonight (17) ESPN SportsCenter (18) Sports Tonight (19) El Mensajero de Navidad (HBO) Inside the NFL Len Dawson and Nick Buoniconti analyze this week's NFL action and look ahead to next week's games. (20) Guston Christmas Pageant (21) Fame Bruno and Coco treat a new student with special care and Danny Falls in love. (R) (60 min.) (22) Sneak Previews Co-hosts Neal Gabler and Jeffrey Lyons take a look at what's happening at the movies. (23) Joanie Loves Chachi Joanie visits Chicago and becomes the trombonist for the band during a TV audition. (24) MOVIE: 'We're No Angels' Three escapees from Devil's Island take over a French shopkeeper's store just as the auditors arrive. Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray, Joan Bennett. 1955. (25) Magnum, P.I. Magnum, jolted by old memories, sees a girl he is convinced is his wife that was reported dead in Saigon's '72. (R) (1) (60 min.) (26) NCAA Basketball: UCLA at Maryland (27) Prime News (28) El Aprendiz de Brujo (29) What's that Wouldn't Die Jack Lord narrates this story of the Pacific gray whale. (R) (60 min.) (30) NBA Basketball: Atlanta at Milwaukee (31) Star of the Family Buddy competes up the horrors awaiting Jennie Lee in show business. (R) (32) Noche de Gala (HBO) MOVIE: 'The Border' A man wages war against corrupt border guards who manipulate the lives of Mexican immigrants. Jack Nicholson, Valerie Perrine, Warren Oates. 1982. Rated R. (33) 700 Club (34) Cheers Diane accepts a job as a waitress at Cheers. (R) (35) Christmas at Pops Mel Torme heads an all-star cast in a tribute to the Yuletide season. (R) (60 min.) (36) Too Close For Comfort Henry is sent into shock when Muriel's mother comes to visit his new son. (R) (37) Burns & Allen (38) Sign Off (39) Jim Bakker (40) News (41) Jack Benny Show (42) Late Night with David Letterman (43) Nightline (44) MOVIE: 'Going My Way' A priest assigned to a down-trodden parish attempts to bring the parish and the people. Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald, Rose Stevens. 1944. (45) MOVIE: 'McCloud: The Concrete Jungle Caper' McCloud assumes the identity of a heroin dealer to infiltrate an international drug ring. Dennis Weaver, Victor Jory, Joseph Campanella. 1974. (46) ESPN SportsCenter (47) Moneyline Update (48) I Married Joan (49) Last Word (50) Jewish Voice (51) NCAA Basketball: UCLA at Maryland (52) Mike Douglas People Now (53) My Little Margie (54) NBC News Overnight (55) Good News (56) El Mensajero de Navidad (57) Bachelor Father (58) Jim Bakker (59) CBS News Nightwatch (60) Sports Update (61) El Aprendiz de Brujo (62) MOVIE: 'Hollywood Hotel' A Kansas City boy finds Hollywood not to his liking. Benny Goodman & Orchestra, Dick Powell, Lela & Rosemary Lane. 1937. (63) Life of Riley (64) Muppet Show (65) Crossfire (66) Inside the NFL Len Dawson and Nick Buoniconti analyze this week's NFL action and look ahead to next week's games. (67) 700 Club (68) Love American Style (69) Jerry Falwell (70) Nightbeat (71) ESPN SportsCenter

FRIDAY

6:00 (1) Night Before Christmas (2) News (3) Winners (4) City/Forgot Christmas (5) Barney Miller (6) NCAA Basketball Report (7) Moneyline (HBO) Inside the NFL Len Dawson and Nick Buoniconti analyze this week's NFL action and look ahead to next week's games. (8) Yoga (9) Gift for Granny (10) M*A*S*H (11) MacNeil-Lehrer Report (12) Family Feud (13) Crossroads (14) Jeffersons (15) Entertainment Tonight (16) ESPN SportsCenter (17) Sports (18) Noticiero Nacional SIN (19) Superbook Christmas Special (20) Powers of Matthew Star Matthew meets a girl who, unknown to him, has been sent to destroy him. (R) (60 min.) (21) Washington Week/Review Paul Duke is joined by top Washington journalists analyzing the week's news. (22) MOVIE: 'Scrooge' A benevolent ghost leads the nefarious Ebenezer Scrooge on a millennial journey to discover the true meaning of Christmas. Warren Oates, Nicole Evans, Drew Borsland. 1979. (23) Pinocchio's Christmas (24) Camp Meeting USA (25) MOVIE: 'The Bells of St. Mary's' A priest and a nun, through their warm understanding, rebuild a failing parochial school. Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman, Henry Travers. 1945. (26) Dukes of Hazzard (27) NFL Game of the Week (28) Prime News (29) Chantyn Programa musical presentando la bella Charlyn. (HBO) MOVIE: 'Oliver' A young orphan, taken in by a wealthy benefactor, is kidnapped by his old gang. Ron Moody, Oliver Reed, Harry Secombe. 1968. Rated G. (30) Music Box (31) Wall Street Week Louis Ruker analyzes the '80s with a weekly review of economic and investment matters. (32) NFL Films 'Economy' (33) 700 Club (34) Knight Rider Michael Knight must break into a military base to rescue the daughter of an investigator. (R) (60 min.) (35) M*A*S*H (36) MOVIE: 'The Fish that Saved Pittsburgh' A 12-year-old water boy and an astrophysicist team up to aid the failing Pittsburgh basketball team. Stockard Channing, Julius Erving, Jonathan Winters. 1979. (37) Jim Bakker (38) MOVIE: 'Muppet Movie' Kermit the Frog and friends head to Hollywood in hopes of achieving fame and fortune in the movies. 1978. (39) Gymnastics: USGF Single Elimination Championship (40) Sueno de Navidad (41) Remington Steele Remington and Laura investigate a missing video game executive. (60 min.) (42) TBS Evening News (43) Westbrook Hospital (44) Ice Skating: Ennia Cup from the Netherlands (45) Freeman Reports (46) 24 Horas (47) Star Time (48) To Be Announced (49) News (HBO) Rich Little's 'A Christmas Carol' Rich performs a different version of this Christmas classic. (50) Dick Cavett Directors of Int'l Note Akira Kurosawa is the guest. (51) Christmas Eve Services (52) ESPN SportsCenter (53) La Navidad en el Mundo (54) Another Life (55) Sounds/Christmas Eve Doc Severinsen hosts a program of traditional Yuletide music and readings. (R) (56) Business Report (57) Charlie's Angels (58) The King is Coming (59) Saturday Night (60) Spirit of People (61) FIS World Cup Skiing: Women's Downhill Coverage of the Women's Downhill from Piancavallo, Italy. (62) Crossfire (HBO) MOVIE: 'This is Elvis' Actual footage and staged scenes depict the life and career of Elvis Presley. 1981. Rated PG. (63) Christmas Carol (64) Christmas Rome 1962 Pope John Paul II celebrates Christmas Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, Italy. (90 min.) (65) Sign Off (66) MOVIE: 'The Robe' A drunken and dissolute Roman Tribune is assigned the duty of executing three criminals in the province of Jerusalem. Richard Burton, Jean Simmons, Victor Mature. 1953. (67) Jim Bakker (68) Christmas Service Christmas Eve Mass is celebrated at the Church of St. Peter and Paul in New York, NY. (60 min.) (69) News (70) Missa de Roma (71) Messiah (72) Nightline (73) Twilight Zone (74) NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship from the University of the Pacific (75) America Screams (76) Last Word (77) Zola Levitt (78) Midnight Mass (79) Mike Douglas People Now (80) MOVIE: 'Knights-riders' Motorcyclists traveling with a Renaissance far discover that ideals exist in modern times. Ed Harris, Gary Lathi, Amy Ingersoll. 1981. Rated R. (81) NBC News Overnight (82) Heritage USA Update (83) Sign Off (84) Chantyn Programa musical presentando la bella Charlyn (85) Bachelor Father (86) Gunsmoke (87) Jim Bakker (88) Sports Update (89) Promise (90) Sign Off (91) Christmas Choir (92) ESPN SportsCenter (93) La Navidad en el Mundo (94) MOVIE: 'How Green Was My Valley' This poignant story of Welsh life tells how the people deal with their problems. Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Roddy McDowall. 1941. (95) 700 Club (96) Love American Style (97) Jimmy Swaggart (98) NCAA Basketball Report (99) Prime News (100) CNN Headline News (101) NFL Game of the Week (102) El Milagro de Vivir (HBO) MOVIE: 'Taps' Cadets threatened with the closing of their school incite a student rebellion. Timothy Hutton, George C. Scott. 1981. Rated PG. (103) Wild, Wild West (104) Jack Van Impe (105) Professional Rodeo from Mesquite, TX (106) Ross Bagley (107) Sign of the Times (108) Classic Country (109) Eagle's Nest (110) Prog cont'd (111) Sports (112) Sueno de Navidad (113) Rat Patrol (114) CNN Headline News (115) How Can I Live (116) Inside Business

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Energy thieves finding sophisticated methods

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As utility prices soar, so do losses at the hands of energy thieves, who are finding increasingly sophisticated ways to "steal" gas and electricity.

And industry representatives say the problem is not confined to those who cannot pay.

"We're getting hit in middle America. People have a lot of debts and they consider their electric bills a nuisance," said Roger Krenkler, energy theft coordinator for Southern California Edison.

Theft losses nationwide were placed by energy officials at more than \$3 billion in 1981.

"Right now anti-utility sentiment runs pretty high," Krenkler said. "We used to be the good guys when our product was dirt-cheap, but conditions change."

The doctoring of electric meters focuses on rewiring, stopping or even reversing the spinning discs, which control the kilowatt-hour dials.

"Gas meters can also be adjusted, and offenders have on occasion toyed with underground gas pipes in order to try to restore disconnected service."

"I guess I've got about 400 slides of illegal theft restarts and you wouldn't believe what people will do — anything that won't leak gas," said William Oland of Philadelphia Gas Works.

"We find a lot of very exotic theft techniques," said Krenkler, who did not want to name them for fear they could be copied. "Let's just say they involve rather sophisticated switching processes that circumvent detection."

The utilities are fighting back with special meter locks, bonuses for meter-readers who detect theft and computer checks for erratic energy consumption.

Philadelphia Gas Works has instituted an around-the-clock telephone service for people to report tampering.

During a "typical" call Oct. 22, a woman began urgently describing her neighbor's efforts to reconnect the gas, which had been shut off for non-payment.

"I want to know if he's got gas on or what," she shouted.

"I don't want to get blown up in the street!"

A check showed that the gas had been illegally restored. It was turned back off.

As in most cases, no charges were filed. Utilities say the main objective is to stop illegal activity and try to recoup lost charges, if possible.

When they do go to court, law enforcement officials say they are often hindered by judges who don't take such cases seriously.

"The courts have been singularly unsympathetic to it," said Joseph Casey, chief of the economic crime unit of the Philadelphia district attorney's office.

"Judges have said, 'This should be a civil case. Why are you tying up our courts,'" Casey said.

Krenkler said about 50 successful prosecutions have been obtained this year based on theft cases involving Southern California Edison.

"Normally they'll pay the court costs and restitution. We've had very little jail time," he said.

Duquesne Light Co. of Pittsburgh is still trying to recover \$27,086 it says physician William Polan owes for electricity he used between 1971 and 1981. Polan has contested the charges.

Last month, a Duquesne crew arrived at Polan's 19-room home in an effort to cut power.

Polan pleaded guilty to theft of service in 1981 and was ordered to participate in a rehabilitation program and repay \$1,700 in debts that accumulated during a five-month period covered by the criminal charges.

Duquesne has since won approval from the state Public Utility Commission to take steps — including shutting off power — to recover the full amount, plus penalty fees, that it says piled up during the ten years. Polan says he is being overcharged.

Increasingly, the larger utilities say they are facing not just individual energy cheats, but professionals who will doctor a meter for a fee.

"People will pay \$100," Krenkler said. "He (the professional) may use a network of agents. He may never negotiate personally and is not necessarily ever known to the customer."



Getting Adjusted

Kyle Andrews puts on his whiskers to become Santa Claus in a Shirley Intermediate School play for the Classroom Teachers Association meeting.

Talking computer game developed

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Toy-makers at Milton Bradley Co. and computer engineers at Texas Instruments have developed a device that will allow people to conduct limited conversations with home computer.

Milton Bradley Vice President Charles M. Perrottet said the device, which will sell for less than \$100, can be used with Texas Instrument's 994-A home computer.

The unit will be able to recognize 10 to 12 words programmed into a game cartridge and will be able to answer in synthesized speech. Users of the device will be able to give commands to the home computer by saying each word of the command twice.

The unit also comes with a joystick and keypad for game playing.

Texas Instruments, of Lubbock, Texas, will have exclusive rights to the device for six months, Perrottet said.

"Six months from now we can produce this unit for any other computer company," Perrottet said.

The Texas Instruments home computer sells for \$299, with a \$100 rebate through April 1983, Perrottet said. Perrottet said Milton Bradley views the agreement as a way for it to enter the home computer field with education and game cartridges without producing an entire computer system.

"This is basically a cartridge deal. We are professional game and educational material producers," Perrottet said.

Pregnant, unwed teacher fights to keep position

NEW YORK (AP) — A pregnant and unwed high school human behavior teacher says she'll return to work after having her baby despite charges from parents that she is immoral and a poor example for their children.

"I am neither immoral or amoral. In my way, I'm a God-fearing woman," said Patricia Hope, who is 7½ months pregnant. "I have no doubts about what I'm doing is right. If others don't think what I'm doing is right, then they don't have to do it."

Miss Hope vowed to return to her classroom at East Hampton High School six to eight weeks after her baby is born. She began her maternity leave Tuesday, one day earlier than she had planned.

"I couldn't take it anymore," she explained in a telephone interview.

Miss Hope, 41, said before the meeting that she wants another child, "before time runs out on me and I'm no longer able to do it."

A group of parents circulated a petition last month demanding the East Hampton school board fire Miss Hope because she was "immoral" and a poor role model for children. About 100 people signed it, but 469 others signed a petition supporting her.

The petition favoring Miss Hope was presented to the board Tuesday night and about 20 people spoke on her behalf at an informal public hearing in this town east of New York. No action was taken.

The earlier petition claimed Miss Hope sets an example that "certainly does not reflect the principles by which we feel teachers should live."

Shirley Anderson, who spearheaded the drive to have Miss Hope removed, told the board Tuesday night Miss Hope had "abused her privilege as a teacher... I thought teachers were role models."

Another speaker, Sherry Kruger, said what Miss Hope had done "was a slap in the face of every decent teacher

in this school."

Board chairman James McIntyre explained there was no formal action before the board to remove Miss Hope, who has tenure and could be fired only by following state education law.

Miss Hope, who teaches courses in biology and human behavior, has a 20-year-old daughter by the first of two failed marriages and has cared for four foster children.

The petition supporting Miss Hope called her "one of the most valuable teachers we are privileged to have teaching our youth."

"The issue at hand is whether this matter affects the well-being of the students and the quality of their education, which it clearly does not," the petition said.

Miss Hope's "evaluations

all show she's a good teacher," said superintendent Robert Friedah. "As an educator, I don't have any problems with her on that."

Miss Hope, who has declined to identify the father of her child, did not announce her pregnancy — "I knew better from experience," she said — but she wore maternity clothes when school began in the fall.

Tests have shown the baby, due in mid-February, will be a girl and Miss Hope plans to name her Penelope.

"All I want to do is have my baby and go back to teaching," she said.

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Heavy Load

Although Rudolph is nothing but skin and bones, he'll probably have no trouble hauling Santa and his sleigh around in this Christmas scene on the lawn at 135 Pecan. A Texas Merry

Christmas is also included in the greeting, and a satisfied-looking bear grins from what Santa has brought him (at left). (Brand Photo).

Christmas in Colonial times

Although the earliest American Christmases were rather grim due to the fact that the Pilgrims disapproved of celebrating the holiday, Christmas in the colonies in time was generally pretty festive.

There were no Christmas trees, as the German custom was not introduced into this country until the 1880s, but in other ways, Americans made merry.

In Williamsburg, Virginia, for instance, the celebrating began a week before Christmas and lasted until Twelfth Night, or January 5. Festivities included caroling, dancing and much feasting.

The holiday season was ushered in with a huge bonfire and candles were lit in every window, while fiddlers and singers filled the air with music.

Balls, fox-hunts, and visits between neighbors and family set the tone for the social season in colonial Virginia during the holidays.

The Dutch who settled on Manhattan Island brought over their Christmas customs from Holland, including the legend of Sante Klaas. So intent were the Dutch on celebrating Christmas that all Council meetings were called off from December 14 to three weeks after Christmas!

In Maryland, the many Catholic settlers brought holiday customs from their native England to keep a merry Christmas, too.

Food, of course, was an important element in all colonial celebrations, although it varied in ethnicity. The Dutch, for instance, favored doughnuts, sweet cakes, short cakes and ginger cakes, fruit pies, preserves, fried shad, roasted chicken and bowls of milk and cream.

Virginians feasted on roast turkey with grapes, kumquats, roast beef, cranberry mold, spiced crab apples and glazed sweet potato slices.

Christmas Day itself always centered around church services, ranging from morning worship to midnight mass, with churches festively decorated and voices raised in praise of the season.

Because colonial settlers were often widely scattered, greetings at Christmas-time were likely to be sent by way of musket fire. This custom of firing muskets, as a matter of fact, has evolved into setting off firecrackers in some parts of the south today.

Although the colonial Christmas did not have Santa as we know him, or the tree, or gift-giving to the extent of modern times, it was a time of joy.

A poem published in the *Virginia Almanack* during Colonial times expressed it best:

"Christmas is come, hang on the pot, Let spits turn round, and ovens be hot; Beef, pork, and poul-

try, now provide To feast thy neighbors at this tide;

Then wash all down with good wine and beer And so with mirth conclude the year."



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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One solitary life

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He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied 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 His garments, the only property He had on earth. When He

was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race.



All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.



In some animals, such as the rabbit, the incisor teeth keep growing as they are worn down. The shark grows set after set of teeth.



Just Admiring

Cassie Tyler just likes to sit back and admire the tree decorated with silk poinsettias. Cassie is the daughter of Jerry and Charlotte Tyler.

It is the time of snow, sparkling with light sincere: The day that Christ was born: It is the time of snow.

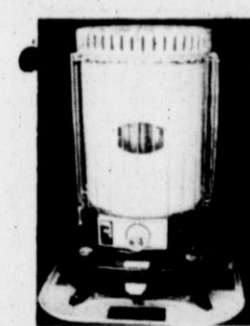
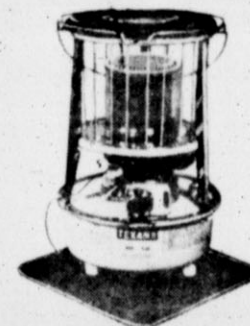
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Dickens' London lives

LONDON (AP) — Charles Dickens' London lives, especially at Christmas when the gray old town glows with the humor, hope, charity and cheer traditionally used by the English to warm their bleak winter.

In his immortal classic, "A Christmas Carol," Dickens wrote in 1843 that "the brightness of the shops ... made faces ruddy as they passed." This year, as then, the scene is much the same.

Glowing faces pack the streets as Londoners go about their annual hunt for Yule trees and table treats. They scurry to department stores, fashionable boutiques, local butchers with geese hanging in shop windows and street-corner fruit vendors.

In subways, the hats of Lon-

don's street musicians fill with coins and the halting melodies of tipping carolers leak through pub doors.

Business phones are answered, "Happy Christmas," and the sound of laughter and clinking glasses can be heard. Even the staunchly atheist Soviet Weekly wishes its London readers "Heartiest Greetings" in red and green letters.

In a year when Britain's economy sank to depths not seen since the Depression, a year when more than 3 million people haunted welfare lines, a year when 255 British soldiers died in the Falkland Islands war, the Christmas spirit endures.

Despite the recession, stores are reporting a crush of shoppers, with sales as

much as 20 percent higher than last year. And not just of sensible items. Harrod's, London's most famous department store, expects to sell a quarter ton of caviar by Christmas Eve, and one of the most popular items is champagne-flavored toothpaste — at \$3.15 a tube.

For Londoners, Christmas is the acknowledged opening of the silly season, when newspapers and television, lacking real news, fill up with the most improbable items.

Take the large controversy that swirled around charges by a consumer group that tavern owners have been swindling patrons out of millions of dollars a year by counting the froth on ale as part of the pint.

Dickens said part of Christmas' appeal is to the child in all of us. Not surprising, then, that the Royal Shakespeare Company's new production of Peter Pan is the top box-office hit — even with a new ending in which Peter

and Wendy and the rest of the children grow up to become lawyers, judges and accountants.

Of course for some Londoners, there is no theater or music or gift-giving. Social service groups estimate 200,000 of the 7 million Londoners will spend the holiday alone, many of them elderly widows and widowers.

Christmas unleashes a flood of appeals for money and clothing for London's needy. It seems almost every cause has a Christmas appeal and almost all find patronage. Giving, Dickens wrote, is part of "keeping Christmas" in London.

There are other traditions: Christmas cards, an English invention of the 1840s; wassailing, the giving of apples to "banish all unhappiness from the past twelve months" and crackers, party favors which explode when their twisted wrapping is tugged.



Bean Green

Pat Mercer, a Shirley Intermediate pupil, puts a feather in his hat before going on stage as Jack in the Beanstalk. Jack is one of the fairytale characters trying to decide what to do in "The Witch That Stole Christmas."

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
My name is Stacy and for Christmas this year I would like Frogger to go on the Atari also a Stereo, a watch, & Garfield. I have tried really hard to be a good girl. I will try to put out some milk & let my little sister Leslie put out the cookies. Santa I sure do

love you & what ever you bring me. Thank you. I hope all the other children get a visit from Santa.

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Santa irked by commercialism

Santa Claus, that jolly, bewhiskered old philanthropist to the young, says he's disgusted with all the commercialism that clutters up Christmas, but that he can't stop it.

"It makes my temperature go to about 120," he said in a fancied interview in his workshop home at the North Pole before making his world-girdling rounds Friday night.

Puffing on his pipe, he sighed sadly about the flood of pictures of him used to whump up advertising pitches and the "phony guys that dress up like me to hawk their stuff on the tube. It's

repulsive."

"But I'm not responsible for how much they corrupt my image," he said in conjectured comments to U. S. Catholic, a monthly magazine published in Chicago by the Claretian Fathers and Brothers.

"Don't try to pin the materialism of your nation on me," he said. "Fortunately there are still millions — kids mostly — who keep my image clean."

He said they "know I stand for giving selflessly" and "think of me as a person who gives bounteously and without asking for anything in return except affection."

Ask if that impression wasn't a bit god-like, he stroked the side of his red nose, grinning. "Exactly. Precisely. Think about kids. They need something to hang on to, a face, a body, a someone."

"They can't grasp abstractions and vague notions of God. So they look to me. Many of them think of God as looking like Santa — benevolent, giving, trustworthy ... and loving without exception."

Santa noted that all his many names have religious implications, that Santa Claus derives from a slurring of St. Nicholas, that Father Christmas has priestly connotations, that Kris Kringle stems from a German expression meaning Christ-child.

"Whatever people call me, it's a compliment," he laughed, shaking like jelly.

Magazine staffer James Brieg says he asked if it wasn't dangerous for children to "think of God as being like you" because when they found out about him, they might think "of God as a phony."

Patting his ample girth, Santa said it was up to parents to "replace me with something more" as children get older.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a Thing-a-Ding-Dings, Love 'N Touch Doll, Smurf, AHOY, and Take-A-Long-Play Center.
Love Meili Taway
Merry Christmas
Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a doll called Bell and some surprises. Please don't forget the other kids.
Love Wendy

Dear Santa,
I want a little toy doll who can talk like mama and I want a ballerina who can move.
Love Angelina K. Taway
Merry Christmas
Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a football, a airplane, a radio, a record player, 2 blank tapes, a car, a E.T. game, colors, a paint set, a bowling game, a tennis ball, some socks, snowboots, & some Xmas records. And my sister wants: 6 blank cassette tapes, a T.V. a radio, an E.T. Book, a jump rope, a baseball, 2 packages of stickers, a couple of albums, some puzzles, a bike, a pair of boots, a camera & some film.
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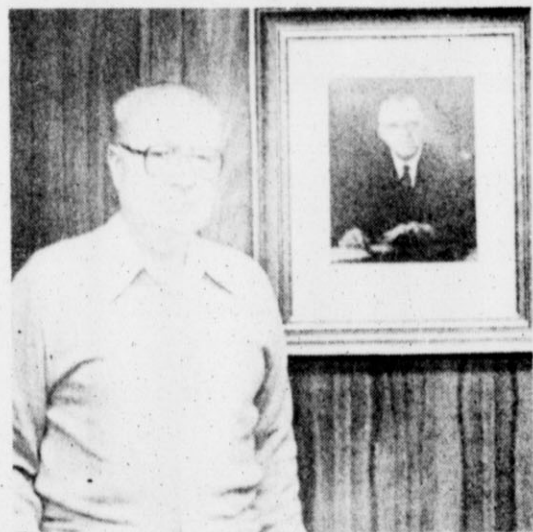


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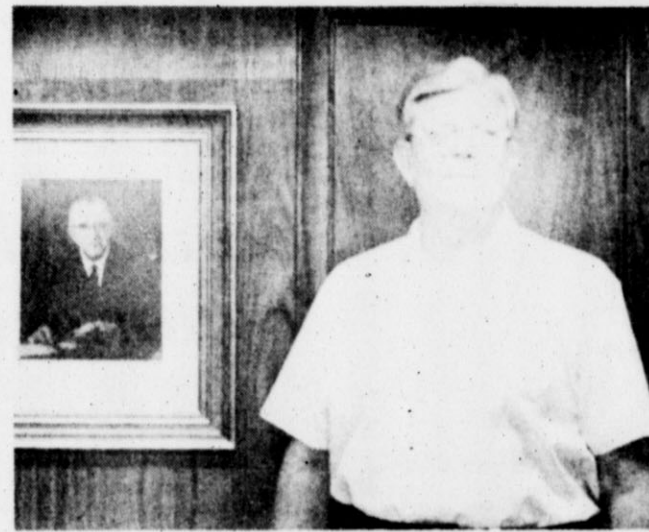
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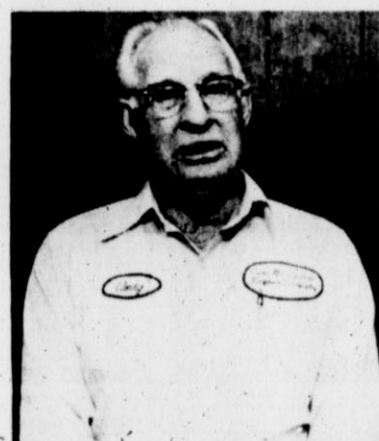
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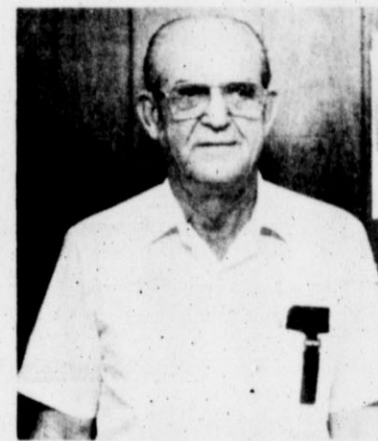
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Dear Santa
My name is Michael McCrary, and I am 3 years old. And I want some lego blocks for Christmas and some candy, lots of it. And a hot wheels car set. I hope I have been good enough.
I love you, Michael

Dear Santa
Please bring Hayley and B.J. an Atari and some candy.

Dear Santa
My name is Linda and I am 15 years old. I would like a big box of makeup or a paikit Amer that's what i would like. I am 15 year's old but i don't look like it that's what every body says. Well i all read told you what i want it.
From Linda Segovia

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a chalkboard and a doll, a color book and a Strawberry Short Cake Hutch, also a Teddy Bear.
Sharon Saucedo

Dear Santa
I like you! How r things thir.
I wante some mony.
Sine Monty

For Christmas, I would really like: a Christmas tree, a choo-choo train, a hot wheels like my brother's, Michael, some books, a Snoopy suitcase and I don't want anything else.
You are nice, Santa.
Spencer Goodrich Power
222 Centre
Hereford, Tx. 79045

Dear Santa,
I want a football. And I want a car. And I will leave some cookies for you, Santa.
Love,
Brent Flood

Dear Santa Claus.
Please read this letter. I know you are busy. I've been good this year. I would like for you to bring me the Star War's Millenium Falcon and the Fisher-Price Play Family Camper.
I will be at Mimi and Peepa's house on Christmas Eve. Please use the front door - we'll have a fire in the fireplace. We will leave you some cookies and juice for a snack.

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm looking forward to a visit from you I want skates.
Love,
Prisca Cantu

Dear Santa,
I want a car that has batteries and some guns and a cowboy hat.
Adolfo Cadena

Dear Santa,
I wote one bik
E.T. pug bag.
Love Gabriel.
I Love you Santa.

"Dear Santa,"
Thank you Santa Claus for these toys. I love you! Santa, how are your elves? It's nice you come to see us on Jesus' birthday. Could you please come to my house a little early because we will be at Granny Jo's on Christmas morning? Here is what I would really like: a remote control volcano, a remote control firebird, a set of tools, a hot wheels suitcase, a taperecorder, some Star Wars stuff, lots of stuff to paint with, and a United States puzzle.

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. I hope you will. I hope you like my tree. I want a baton. My baby brother wants a Bambi doll, and my big brother wants snow boots.
Love,
Kylo Matthews

Santa Claus, I love you. Thank you, Scott Shaw (Age 5)

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm looking forward to a visit from you! I want a tram-poline.
From
Maria Segovia
love you Santa

Dear Santa
I want a Pac Man game and I want a pack of stickers also a Christmas book.
Melissa Mancha

Dear Santa,
I want toy's. I want game's. I want a E.T. game.
Dominique

I am almost 6 years old. I have been fussing a lot, but Jesus is trying to help me be better. My sweet little brother, Jacob, is only 9 weeks old and I love him so much. Could you bring him a cute outfit with a duck on it and a rabbit cup and a rattle. Goodbye and I hope you have a nice trip."
Love Michael Power, Jr.
222 Centre

Dear Santa,
I want a diesel truck. I want a ET toydoll and a watch and a bike and a piggy bank and a pair of shoes.
Love,
LeeRoy Arroyos

Dear Santa
How have you been? I've been fine. I want Western Barbie Doll, bye bye diapers. It's a doll, Western Barbie adventure set, Baby fuss-a-lot doll, connect four, dymo mike wireless microphone, strawberry shortcake berry-go-round, strawberry shortcake funmaker, snoopy toothbrush, nerf ping pong, Mickey Mouse Talking Phone, Operation and some pajamas size-8.
Your friend
Cathy Coronado

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, Christmas is coming and I hope you are too! I want a pac-man dog.
Love,
Anissa Richardson

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Pac Man game, a Rudolph Book and a play gun.
David Ramirez

Dear Santa, Susan
I want a toy box. I want a Santa sute. I want a doll and you I want a E.T. game.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and I want a doll and I want a cat.
Love Tamara

Dear Santa
I want HBO, electric car, digital watch, snow boots, four by fours.
Love,
Nathan Henderson

Your friend
Cathy Coronado

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I don't know what I want. So please bring me. What you think is best. I like you.
I am having a good time.
Your friend,
love
Heather

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a watch; a little chatter telephone and a strawberry short cake bike.
Misty Galvan

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a ball and a bike. I love you Love Lori

Dear Santa,
My name is Lisa and I want white skates with the Micky mase. I were size 3 1/2 that the size i were and that's what i want. I been a very nice girl and i love you Santa.
Love you Santa
from your nice girl
Lisa Segovia

Dear Santa,
I want a Master Merlin and Crayon secret beauty case and numbers up.
Love,
Sherry Lynn Vermillion

Love
Heather

Dear Santa,
I want a little toy doll who talks and for my mom a fur coat.
Love Angelina

Dear Santa,
I want a bike
And I want ball
And I want rais-car-set
Love Russell

Love
Monica

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, Christmas is coming, and I hope you are too! I want a cat.
Love,
Tessa White

PEACE ON EARTH!
May you and your loved ones have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, a healthy and prosperous New Year!
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Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois

Holiday Cheer



'Tis the season... never a Christmas morning, never the old year ends, but someone thinks of someone, old days, old times, old friends.
May all the joys of the past, return again this happiest of times... Christmas!

Holly Sugar Corp.
West of City

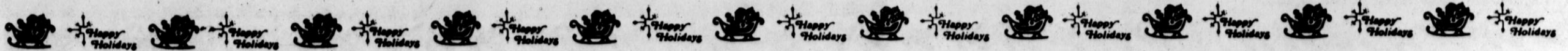
HAPPY HOLIDAYS



We're sending old-fashioned greetings to all our good friends... may you have the merriest holidays!

West Texas Rural Telephone Co-op

Dimmitt Hwy



A bike, a ball, a pretty doll...

Dear Santa,
I would like a TYCO racing set. And a puppy for my baby sister Crystal for Christmas.
Love
Crystal and Daniel

Dear Santa,
I am 11 years old and in the fifth grade at West Central Elementary School.
I have tried to be good. Please bring me a vikings suit or bring me a racing car set and a magic set and a pool table.
I will leave you some milk and some cookies and tell Rudolph hi for me.
Love Matthew McIntosh
437 Long

Dear Santa,
I am six years old and in the first grade. I go to Aikman.
I love you. We will have our stockings up. Bring me a baby doll with clothes and a play sink, a pool table and what else you got for me that's all.
When I saw you, you asked me to leave some cookies out, so I will.
Love, Shelly McIntosh
437 Long

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm a first grader, who is looking for you! I want a kitten.
Love,
Teri Moore

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I have been good just for you! Bring me a Pac-Man game.
Love,
Jesse Castillo

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I have been good just for you! Bring me a man-cheche.
Love,
Amando Dela Cerda

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I have been good just for you! Bring me a strawberry shortcake doll.
Love,
Melinda Castias

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, please come to my house whatever you do, bring me a hotcar.
Love,
Michael Cano

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I have been good just for you, bring me a doll.
Love,
Samantha Borday

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and I am in the 2nd grade. I want a Baby that cry's and drinks and I want a purse with makeup and hiheel boots and some gloves and a telephone. Love you from Tonya Castillo.
There will be cookies for you by the Christmas tree.
Dear Santa,
My name is Melinda White. How have you been this year? I can not wait until Christmas comes. I wish you a merry-merry Christmas. I would like to have an atari video computer and the video car-traidges and the names are E.T., Smurf, Donkey-Kong, Frogger, Pac-man.
Merry Christmas Santa and friends.
Sorry so sloppy
Your friend
Melinda White
Keep Cool Santa
Kid I love you!!!
Dear Santa Claus,
I am 5 years old & and I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a houseboat, a lumber yard, a record-player. Please give Rudolph some extra sugar for me. I would also like a Noah's Ark game, a pedal-powered firetruck, finger racers, video game system, motorcycles, tractors & trucks, construction vehicles & some new clothes.
I will leave you some cookies & milk on the floor in front of the fireplace or in the kitchen.
See you soon,
Kyle Bradly Moody

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, bring me some paints for Christmas.
Love,
Maria Corona.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas bring me a doll!
Love,
Kathleen Cooper

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I've been as good, as I possibly could, bring me a lospeed bike.
Love
Antonio Ortiz

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm a first grader who is looking for you. I want a hat.
Love,
Tammy Escamilla

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, please come to my house, whatever you do! Bring me a doll.
Love,
Laura Estrada

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I have been good just for you! Bring me a game.
Love,
Fidelia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, Christmas is coming and I hope you are too. I want a Atari game.
Love,
Adam Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue. Please come to my house. Whatever you do! Bring me a Pac-Man game.
Love,
O.J. Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a strawberry doll. Thank you.
Rosemary Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a little baby doll that cries. Thank you.
Diana Torres

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a yellow bike. Thank you.
Estela Barrientos

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a baby doll that drinks. Thank you.
Elizabeth Zepeda

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a strawberry short-cake doll. Thank you.
Herlinda Sainas

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a strawberry short-cake. Thank you.
Mary Murillo

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a big blue bike. Thank you.
Jose Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a big green and red trailer with rig and a dump truck. Thank you.
Porfirio Narez

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a bike. Thank you.
Joel Benavidez.

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a bike and a play house with a doll. Thank you.
Julissa Fuentes

Dear Santa,
Write a letter Los Love Dear Santa. Christmas, bicycle
Ofelia M

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. I want a Dukes of Hazard. Thank you. P.S. and a superman.
Elija Garcia

Dear Santa,
I am a 1st grader at Tierra Blanca school. I want a truck with big wheels. Thank you.
Miguel Morales

Dear Santa,
I am a 1st grader at Tierra Blanca. I want a Dukes of Hazard race car.
Johnny Rodriguez

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Hope Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a racing cars and track. Thank you.
Juan Rico

Dear Santa,
I am a first grader at Tierra Blanca school. Please bring me a trailer rig. Thank you.
Juan Diaz

Dear Santa,
Love you Santa, Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.
Kim Urias

Dear Santa,
I love Santa, Happy New Year.
Edna

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I love you Mom.
Maricela Martinez

Dear Santa,
I love you Merry Christmas.
Jessica

Dear Santa,
Santa: I love you. The wtres God. Me Happy New Year. 982. esfen Lov I you.
Jana

Dear Santa I Love you from Erma and Merry Christmas.
Erma

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Deaf Snata love write Letter Santa Claus
Jennifer

Merry Love Christmas, Santa, Happy New Year Day You I Dear Santa I wish
Brenden Fuenten

Dear Santa I love you film Crystal Santa. Merry Christmas. I wish you a merry christmas.
Crystal

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I wanta bicycle
I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Wade J.

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Happy new year.
Dear Santa I love you I wat a bicycle.
Chris Means

902 Schley Merry Christmas. I love Merr
Leticia

Merry Chris. Santa I Love Christmas
Jamie Moraan

Dear Santa
I want a kissing barbe and a new string for my guitar and a new bike with breaks straw bery short cake doll. New tina shos and a new sleeping bag and a goear and a traplean and new skattes and a real car that rely goes. Have a very mery mery mery mery mery mery mery Christmas Santa. Jared wants a toy santa clas and the tings I have.
Deanna Jared

Dear Santa,
Happy New Year Christmas Day makes my love as mery
Chrystal

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas I love Santa
I love you
Bridget King

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas
Dear Santa
I love Santa
Jose

Dear Santa,
Love Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Write a letter Santa Claus!
Chrisv

Dear Santa,
Love Santa you Santa Happy New Year
Nora

Merry Christmas I love tradtl
Nikki Messer

Merry Christmas

May all things that warm the home and heart be yours this holiday... along with our sincere "hearth"-felt gratitude to you and yours.

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BLESSINGS TO ALL

May this Holy Season inspire us all with renewed love and hope...that we may each enjoy a "Merry Christmas"

Deaf Smith General Hospital
801 E. 3rd St.

Joyous Holidays

Let us strive for lasting friendship with our fellow men, now and after Christmas.

Seedtec

(Formerly WAC Seed Co.)
Front Street

We'll leave some cookies out...

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that says Mom Mom. And I want a Barbie doll. And I want a T.V. And a Pac-man little game. And a E.T. doll and a strawberry short cake doll and 100 book marks. Well, I got to go.
Love
Marina Perez,

Dear Santa,
I want a race car track and a video game with pitfall.
Love,
Jarrit Edwards

Dear Santa,
I want dishes and a bike and pretty cut and grow. And I want a Pac-man.
Love,
Tina Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I need a pocket knife with a case. I need some boots because the ones you brought me last three year do not fit me well my time is running out so I better say good-bye. Oh and I wear size 5 and a half.
Love,
Jesse Cerda Jr.

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, please come to my house, whatever you do! Bring me a gun.
Love,
Jose Garza

To: Santa
Fr: Mary Helen
I am 9 years old. I am in the forth grade. I wanta bike and a bake stove and a sew and a barbie doll and I want a smurf watch.
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a lazer 2000 or cliffhangers, an alari and some game cartridges. Have a Merry Christmas.
Colby Black
225 Juniper
Hereford, Tx.

We hope you have a happy christmas, giving toys to children. Oh! one more thing, I will have cookies for you and your elves, and wife. By now!
Love Crystal Corey

Dear Santa,
I want a sony walkman or donkey kong, frogger, defender on atari or a sling shot or a Houston Oilers or the Los Angeles Rams or San

Francisco 49'ers football suit with all the pads their is or a ski suit with skis.
thats all,
Jason Paetzold
207 Sunset

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike for me and a HBO Box for my Mother and a play toy dirt bike for by Brother and a doll for my Sister and a car for my Dad.
Love,
David Mondragon

Dear Santa,
I want a magic Curly Barby Baby fuss a lot, a pac-man pillow, a real baby kitten, a stuffed rein deer. Please.
Love,
Pam Price

Dear Santa,
I want a three wheeler, for me, and a dirt bike for my friend and please don't leave so fast.
Love,
Mario B. Pena

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I've been as good, as I possibly could, bring me a barbie.
Love,
Michelle Heflin

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you and your elves been. What I want for Christmas is a Barbie swimming pool, my brother wants a Dump Truck for Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus
I want an Odessey 2 video game and a stomper 4x4 an erector set and Cliff hangers race set.
Thank you
George Kearns

Dear Santa,
For Christmas
Bring me a doll.
Love
Kathleen!



Dear Santa,
I want a video game and a Christmas book and a chalk board and a piggy bank.
Love,
Manuel Cassas

Dear Santa,
I want a Master Merlin, Rudolph lamp, I got my baby sis a E.T. doll.
Love,
Cree Futrell

Dear Santa,
I want a donkey kong game for Christmas because I like donkey kong and it's my favorite game, you know why, I'm getting tired of Pac-Man.
Love,
Russ Watts

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I've been as good, as I possibly could bring me a football suit.
Love,
Todd Patterson

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a doll and skates, clothes and a barbee doll with a rope, and a sing-along sing heads. I like Christmas.
Love,
Mendy Drerup

Dear Santa,
I want a big muncheechee I hope and a kitten oh and I might have some cookies out on the table. Well I better go, bye.
Love,
Emily Fuston

Dear Santa,
I want a watch for Christmas and a piano and a Barby doll.
Love,
Minta Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a monkey puppet and a puppy and a watch and then anything you want me to have. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kyle Hansen

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of moon-boots, I wear a size 3 1/2 medium.
Love,
Justin Boyd

Dear Santa,
I want a play cat and a play doll and a candy Muncheechee. Please do not go away from Hereford. Good-bye I will not see you again.
Love,
Veronica Gallegos

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Dear Santa,
I would like a little pac-man game. It is just like the arcade games. But I want a Santa Claus doll and that is all.
Love,
Brian Pinkerton

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a motor cycle and a football and a video tape and another b.b. gun and that's all that I can think of.
Love,
Eric Suttle

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I want a donkey kong game for Christmas because I like donkey kong and it's my favorite game, you know why, I'm getting tired of Pac-Man.
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Joy
TO ALL

Times may have changed but one thing is still the same — sending holiday greetings to friends old and new. It's a pleasure to wish you happy holidays.

FRITO-LAY INC.
East of City

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May the joyous harmony of the season be yours to share with family and friends. To our many valued patrons, we offer a special "thank you."

Merry Christmas to all!

from all of us at

TG&Y
family centers

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa:
I am three years old, I would like a baby doll, some snopy dog shoes, a new shirt and pants, a watch, I would like all the other kids to get the toys they want I have been a very good girl.
Love Candice Lange
P.S. I am leaving Santa some milk and rudolph a carrot by the tree.

Dear Santa Claus
I have been a good little girl and I hope you will get me a strawberry short cake, a frierde, a needle craft chest and skates.
Love Melinda

Dear Santa
Hello, I wish a merry x-mas and I would like a Air Jam mer, crisscross crash remote car.
Love Allen Laney in 2nd 364-0324

Dear Santa Claus
I've been a good boy, I would like a dukes of hazard electric slot racing set, Magnum 440 super stocker racing set, walkie talkies, chain lightning, super bowl electric football, stay alive, Daisy BB Gun, BMX invade bike
My Christmas Wishes
Robert Games 4th Grade

Dear Santa
I wish you a merry christmas and a happy new year and when you come down my chimney I will have candy on my tree for you and I want a bike for Christmas and also an Atari and I am in the 3rd grade.
Love
Anthony
Urias

Dear Santa Claus
I love you Santa Claus and I want to have a blue bird and a cat but I really want a play horse. And I want a santa claus like you but a doll the best. I hope you will call me I want a cowgirl hat too but a purse with you on it. 364-0324.
From Aline Laney
P.S. I am in the 2nd and I love you Santa.

Dear Santa Claus
I want a record player with a tape player in it and I want a doll that says bye bye, diapers and make up set and I want a real puppy dog that is brown and real cute for Christmas. Dear Santa this is how old I am 12 years old and I am in the fifth grade at West Central Intermediate School.
From Wanda Jean Laney
229 Ave B phone 364-0324
P.S. The puppy I would like a red ribbon around his neck.
Love Wanda

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is David Vermillion and I am 5 years old.
For Christmas I would like to have Electric Trucking, a Sting Ray, and Stompers that go right back to you.
I have been pretty good this year. Thank you for my toys if you bring them.
Love,
David Vermillion

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sherry Vermillion and I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like to have nubmers up, Master Merlin, and Crayon Secret Beauty Case.
I have been good, Please don't for get my little brother David.
I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Sherry Vermillion

Dear Santa,
I love Santa Merry Christmas I wot a car
David H.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll and disles.
Rachel Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want dishes and a doll and a play telephone Christmas.
Janet Carmargo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bikes a some little cars.
Johnny Zambrano

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some dishes and skates, a doll and pants.
Evon Trevino

Dear Santa,
My name is Robin I am 6 years old. For Christmas I want a strawberry shortcake baby doll, a garfield backpack and doll clothes. Please bring some things to my brother Rusty. We have been good. Love Robin.
Robin Rayburn
212 Greenwood
Hereford, Tx. 79045.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Teddy Bear and a new rattler for Christmas.
Love,
Macy Hill

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like to have a criss-cross crash, walkie talkies, 4X4's a skate board, and a Dallas Cowboy watch.
Love
Thad Hill

Dear Santa,
My sister cannot write because she is 4 years old. And she wants a bike, doll, some Sunday shoes, purse. And a Mickey Mouse Phone. And I want a cliff hanger race track. And a camera. God bless you
From Travis Mize & Jennifer
P.S. Thanks

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm looking forward to a visit from you! I want a trampoline.
Love,
Margie Mejia

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I am looking forward to a visit from you, I want a Star Wars Luke Skywalker.
Love
Edward Barientez

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm a first grader, who is looking for you. I want a bike.
Love,
Tony Perez

Dear Santa,
Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm a first grader who is looking for you and I want a doll.
Love,
Michelle Lance

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, bring me a race car.
Love,
Juan Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi! Merry Christmas. I would like a pair of Red Knickers and dress shoes and some pom-poms.
From Pricilla Garza
P.S. Say Hi to Mrs. Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some dishes, pants and a doll. Please bring them to me.
Elizabeth Medrano

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bike and a doll for Christmas.
Oralia Zallar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and some shoes and boots.
Chris Montez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some skates and a Barbie Fashion Maker and my first Barbie.
Mable Gomez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a total team control football and a nyilnt overnight express and a road race team.
Mike Madrig

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Tippy Toe Doll and a bike.
Michelle Garza

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll and some shoes with sock and a coat.
Linda Vasques

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas, I am only three years old so my sisters are writing my letter. I would like a big red wagon and another music busy box cause mine broke.
From: Catrina Dawn Garza
P.S. Say Hi to Mrs. Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I'm writing you this letter because I don't want you to forget my Christmas presents this year. My name is Marggie Rincon, I am 5 years old and I am in K-5 at Aikman. What I want for Christmas this year is my own record player and a little doll with clothes and her own little bottle to feed her. A little puppy I have been a good little girl this year.
Hope you can find my house. Take care.
Love
Marggie

Dear Santa Claus,
I am 7 years old and I want a truck and bike and I want a E.T. watch and some smurts racing cars and a wagon and a G.I. Joe.
Love you
from Raymond

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello! I wish I have a good Christmas and a jogging suit and a box of crayon markers and I hope you give me some Crayola Crayons.
From: Melissa Garza
P.S. Say Hi to Mrs. Santa Claus.

Dear Santa
I would Like a Strawberry Shortcake doll and a pair of shoestrings, and a purse and a billfold and makeup please bring my sister Sarah a lemon merange doll, and my baby sister Amy some things too.
Rebecca Carlisle Age 7
Sarah Carlisle Age 3
Amy Carlisle age 4 months

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some candy, a soccer ball, a hard football, and a bicycle without training wheels. Also, a 4X4 roughrider and a tractor.
Merry Christmas, and please be careful on your trip this year.
Love, Jeremy Nigh

Dear Santa,
I love you, and hope you are feeling okay. Please bring me a tricycle, a grey football, a blue and white pickup, and a blue baby doll.
Thank you.
Jeremy and I will be good until Christmas. I don't know what daddy and mommy want for Christmas, but whatever you decide to bring them will be okay.
See you later, Kristin Nigh



merry christmas

As the Christmas spirit radiates around us, we especially hope you feel the festive warmth and promise that this holiday brings. Enjoy it...with our sincere thanks.

Nunley's Fruit Market
220 N. 25 Mile Avenue 364-4553

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Sincere good wishes to you, our good friends and customers, this very joyous Season!

**Ron & Mary Crist
Dale & Claudia Smith
Esther Ramirez**

**First National Fuel & Nursery
& Nursery
Holly Sugar Rd.**

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Our gift to you is continued service and good cheer throughout another year.

**Jack & Jill
Park Plaza**

Noel

May the joys of this holy season fill your hearts. May you find peace everlasting.

Christian Book Store
347 N. Main

NOEL

At this holy season, we pause to think of those we love... and friends both near and far. We pray that the Infant Jesus will bless each and everyone with their heart's desire.

**WESTERN PUMP
And Equipment Company**
Holly Sugar Road 364-3264

Christmas thoughts from Stanton Jr. High

Christmas, At My House?
 Maybe!
 Christmas, at my house?
 Maybe!
 You have to
 Get through
 Christmas Eve
 First.

Time to
 Do the
 Tree.
 Who's making
 Popcorn?
 Not me!
 First we string
 The popped corn
 On thread.
 Next we throw it
 on the tree.
 We have to be sure
 It's spread on
 The tree evenly.

Get the ornaments
 out of the closet.
 Which closet!
 That closet.
 Found 'em!
 "I get to put
 The pretty ones
 On the tree. You
 put the other
 ones on it."
 "No, I put the
 Pretty ones on.
 You put the other
 ones on it."
 "No, I put the
 Pretty ones on.
 You put the others
 On the tree."
 "Stop fighting!"
 Mommy and Daddy
 will put them all
 on the tree.
 "What do we get
 To do?"
 Get the presents.
 That's a good idea!
 Secrets! Secrets!
 Hush! Hush!
 Don't run in the house.
 We won't.

Time for bed.
 Already?
 Do we have to?
 I'm not sleepy!
 Go to bed anyway.
 Okay.

Snacks to eat.
 Presents to open.
 Isn't Christmas exciting?
 "Get up, Mommy."
 "Get up, Daddy."
 It's Christmas.
 Let's open the presents.
 Yes, let's do.
 "Wait until after we eat."
 Mommy and Daddy
 Act, calm,
 Cool, and
 Collected.
 But they're
 excited, too.
 After all,
 It's Christmas!
 "Can we open
 The presents now?"
 "After we wash the
 Dishes."

"Now we can
 Open the
 Presents."
 Mommy says.
 Run to the living room.
 Don't run in the house.
 Okay.
 Slow down.
 Everybody gather' round.
 Sitting on the floor,
 Waiting for the presents.
 It takes forever.
 It seems.
 Daddy reaches under the
 tree and picks
 A pretty package.

It's for...
 Sister.
 Next one is for...
 Me!
 Then comes one for...
 Mommy.
 Daddy picks one up,
 It says
 "Daddy"
 Now we can open them.

Exclamations!
 Noise!
 There are toys,
 New clothes and
 More Christmas candy
 And other goodies.

Time for Christmas Dinner
 There are all kinds
 Of good things to eat.
 Ham, green beans,
 Hot rolls, too.
 There's a covered dish.

What's in the dish?
 Which closet!
 Slowly, slowly.
 Inside there is
 Mound of mashed
 potatoes.
 On top is a
 pool of gravy.
 The home-made kind.
 Everyone's favorite.
 Careful,
 Don't eat too much.

More playtime.
 Finally it's time
 For the
 Evening meal.
 We'll have
 leftovers from
 Christmas Dinner
 It's as good now
 As it was then.
 (Maybe even better.)

Soon it's time for bed.
 Everyone is wide
 Awake.
 Do you know something?
 Christmas just wouldn't be
 Christmas without
 The excitement.
 Well, I'd better be
 Quiet or my
 Mommy and Daddy
 Will get mad.
 Goodnight.

Sabrina Stepp
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas
 A time for love is Christmas
 time.
 A time of hope and joy.
 Listening to the bells chime
 Carols for each girl and boy.

Mother wraps and works and
 bakes,
 Making the necessary plans.
 The table is laden with pies
 and cakes,
 And vegetables from all those
 cans.

My sister wants a sweater
 red,
 Some leg warmers striped in
 blue,
 Brother wants a teddy for his
 bed
 And a train that goes choo
 choo.

Edna wants a video game,
 A poster, bedspread, and cat,
 A blouse monogrammed with
 her name,
 So she'll always know where
 it's at.

Edna Soliz
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

The Happiest time of the year
 Christmas time is the hap-
 piest time of the year
 When everybody is filled with
 cheer.
 Church bells ringing,
 Choir's heavenly singing,
 Streets filled with lights
 All red and green bright,
 People coming from far
 away,
 Seeing their loved ones for
 the day,
 People are sharing,
 People are caring,
 This makes Christmas the
 happiest time of the year.

Diana Romo
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Santa is Coming
 At this special time of year
 When Santa Claus comes to
 town,
 Little kids need have no fear
 Nor cause their faces to
 frown.

Santa will come with many
 toys,
 He won't forget you, you, or
 you,
 Dolls for the girls, trains for
 the boys,
 For Mom a clock going
 "cuckoo".

Michelle Green
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas Time
 Christmas time is coming
 near,
 It's the best time of the year,
 Happy planning for a tree
 Gleaming with gifts for you
 and me.

Christmas time is coming
 near
 When I look up in the sky,
 I see Sanit Nicholas passing
 by.
 Bringing gifts to girls and
 boys.
 In his bag crammed full of
 toys.

Kellie Carruthers
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

A Christmas Mouse
 There was a Christmas
 mouse
 Who always wore a blouse
 She was always cold and
 freezing,
 And continually was sneez-
 ing.

It was Christmas on that
 night,
 She thought the tree was a

Rickey Chavez
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Traditions of Christmas
 The tradition at our house
 is putting up a tree. Usually it
 is a fake, but sometimes, if
 Mother doesn't want to get it
 out of the attic, we go and buy
 a real one. Then we all want
 to help. Jeanie, Jeri, and I
 like to put ornaments on and
 sometimes we get to put up
 lights on the house. Then we
 put packages under the tree.
 On Christmas Eve we go to
 my grandmother's house. My
 aunt, uncle, and their kids are
 there. All the young kids get
 around the tree and pass out
 presents and then we eat
 turkey and dressing. We go
 home and get up in the morn-
 ing to see what Santa Claus
 brought us.

George Chavez
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

The Love of Jesus Christ
 When Jesus was born on
 Christmas night,
 The stars were up high just
 shining bright.
 Joseph was happy Mary was
 too,
 To find out their son had real-
 ly come true.

Mary and Joseph had no
 place to live,
 He was the Lord's son, they
 had nothing to give.
 They gave Him their love as
 anyone would,
 And he gave them his love, as
 much as he could.

When Jesus was older he
 taught about the bible.
 Then he announced He was
 his father's new arrival.
 Jesus was a man now and he
 died for you and me.
 And he gave us this land, as
 far as the eye can see.

Now you know about Jesus
 and all the trouble he went
 through
 And all he asks is love from
 me and you.
 So worship the Lord as much
 as you can.

Because he died on the cross
 and proved he was a man.
 By Paul Maes
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

On Christmas Night
 When I look up in the sky,
 I see Sanit Nicholas passing
 by.
 Bringing gifts to girls and
 boys.
 In his bag crammed full of
 toys.

Every house will be so dark,
 All quiet but one dog's bark,
 Against the chill and cold of
 night,
 Children awake to see a sight.

The presents stacked all
 around the tree.
 Many gifts they'll now see.
 TV games and sets of blocks,
 And numerous goodies left in
 their socks.

Rickey Chavez
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas
 Christmas is a time for love,
 Shining stars from up above,
 Busy days to cook and shop,
 Too tired at night to bunny
 hop.

Jay Newton
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas
 Christmas is a time for love,
 Shining stars from up above,
 Busy days to cook and shop,
 Too tired at night to bunny
 hop.

Christmas is a time for joys,
 Bringing happiness to all lit-
 tle boys,
 Sisters, mothers, and fathers,
 too
 Have no reason to be blue.
 Richard Sanchez
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

The Day After Christmas
 The day after Christmas
 when the lights are out,
 With crumpled paper all lit-
 tered about.

I wonder, in bed, was Santa
 really here?
 And will he be back again
 next year?

Becky Sherman
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas Fun
 Christmas is the time of year
 When the people talk and
 cheer,
 Building snowmen in the
 snow,
 Making his face and watching

it glow.
 By the tree we sit and sing,
 These are the fun things
 Christmas brings.

Michelle Zepeda
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

The Christmas Star
 I came upon a Christmas star
 When I looked up in the sky,
 I couldn't really tell for sure,
 But it twinkled in my eye.

I saw some magic in the star,
 As if it were going to fall,
 I thought about a simple
 wish,
 A wish which could please
 nearly all.

And suddenly it tumbled
 down,
 It fell a great big fall.
 I shouted out my greatest
 thought,
 "Merry Christmas to you
 all!"

Elizabeth Gutierrez
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas Gifts
 My sister's Christmas dream
 came true,
 She got a brown kazoo.
 Dad got a shirt, boots, and
 shoes,
 I got a teddy bear with eyes of
 blue.
 Really all we wanted to do,
 Was wish a Merry Christmas
 to all of you!

Michelle Vaughn
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High

Christmas Night
 It is very late at night,
 And everything is right,
 Relatives have come and

Ricky Ruiz
 Stanton Jr. High
 Grade 8

A Special Day
 Christmas is a special day.
 It is a time when we all pray,
 God has blessed both you and
 me.

Brenda Bell
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High



stayed,
 Yet, no sounds are made.

While the wind is blowing,
 The stars above are glowing,
 But before you can say "Hi",
 Black clouds have come by.

As the snow starts falling,
 Love has started calling,
 While Christmas tree lights
 are on,
 Santa Claus has come and
 gone.

In the morning all start to
 jump,
 Feet on the stairs run thump,
 thump,
 All the kids get at least one
 toy,
 Then we all start spreading
 joy.

Ricky Ruiz
 Stanton Jr. High
 Grade 8

Christmas Days
 I like to think of Christmas
 days,
 With snow and kids on
 sleighs,
 Houses decorated inside and
 out,
 Santa is coming without a
 doubt,
 Smells of dinner from the kit-
 chen,
 To open presents, I'm just it-
 chin.
 Excitement of relatives on
 the way,
 To help us enjoy our holiday.

Brenda Bell
 Grade 8
 Stanton Jr. High



Christmas Blessings

Christ the
 Savior is
 born! Let
 us sing His
 praises!



Brass Spike

421 N. 25 Mile Avenue

Merry Christmas

Our best wishes for a joyous Noel to
 all our wonderful patrons. May the
 best of the Holiday Season be yours!

Little's

237 N. Main



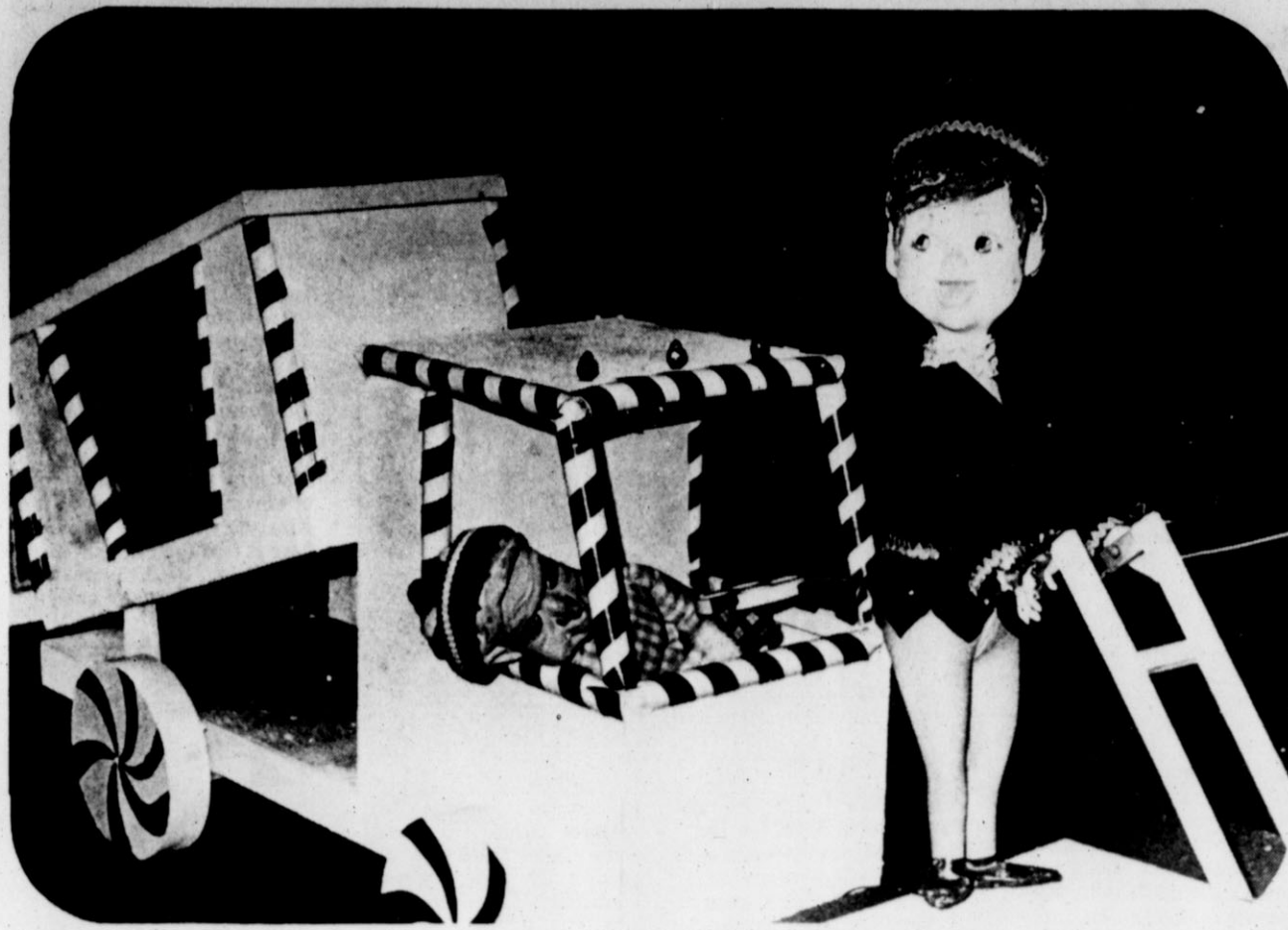
Rejoice!

Blessed are they who share
 the magic and wonder of
 Christmas. As the holidays
 unfold, may you and your
 loved ones enjoy its divine
 spirit and infinite joys.



Caryn's Hallmark Shop

220 N. Main



Santa's Helpers

Santa's little elves have been busy the past few weeks. This display is located at

Sugarland Mall along with other unique Christmas decorations.

Santa Claus lives in dreams of quadruplets in New Mexico

By RUTH ANN RAGLAND
Associated Press Writer

Jolly old St. Nick, who comes down chimneys and leaves gifts for good little girls and boys, still lives in the imaginations of the Segura quadruplets, born nine years ago on Christmas Eve.

"They just keep wondering how come he doesn't die or something — He's so old," said the quads' mother, Margie Segura, 34, of Artesia.

Santa Claus? "He's nice," said Florencio, the first-born of the identical quadruplets.

The boys' faith in the tooth fairy has been shattered, but they still believe Santa mysteriously will appear to bring them Christmas gifts.

Florencio, Fabian, Fernando and Fermin were born Dec. 24, 1973, at Artesia General Hospital. Doctors told Mrs. Segura and her husband, Florencio Sr., that the birth, which did not involve fertility drugs, could be figured at odds of 180 million to one.

Santa will be leaving weights and benches under the Christmas tree for the Segura quads, who now are in second grade at Yucca Elementary School in Artesia.

"We're trying to get them into physical fitness," Mrs. Segura said. Their sister, Katie, 13, wants a cassette player and tapes for Christmas.

When Christmas comes, it's a double celebration for the Seguras — the quads' birthday party is on Christmas Eve. "They usually invite the whole class," said Mrs. Segura.

Ask Fermin what he likes most about Christmas, and he'll reply, "My birthday. We're going to have cake, ice cream, punch and cookies."

Their birthday presents this year will be a surprise. Last year, they got boxing gloves and have gotten some practice on each other," their mother said.

The boys still pose a problem of identification for their father, said Mrs. Segura. But he's starting to tell them apart "a little bit

more now."

They're not having to wear name tags in school this year, either, said Mrs. Segura. There are two second grade classes at Yucca, and there are two Seguras in each class. Fabian now wears glasses, so that helps.

There's only about half-inch difference in height between Fermin, the last-born and Florencio. Fermin is about a pound heavier than Florencio.

The boys still dress alike. And all want to be truck drivers when they grow up. Their father drives tankers for Navajo Crude Oil.

New Mexico now has two sets of quadruplets, and Santa also will be turning his sleigh in the direction of Las Cruces to visit Ryan, Matthew, Courtney and Marisa Muench, who are 1½ years old.

When Santa Claus arrives at the home of Joe and Sheila Muench, he'll find the Christmas tree sitting in a playpen.

The quads are toddlers and "they climb on chairs and up on tables — wherever they can get," said their father, Joe Muench, 35, sports editor at the Las Cruces Sun-News.

"They can't get in the playpen, but they can still reach for the branches. But they can't get a good grip," he said.

The quads, who were born June 12, 1981, weigh about 22 pounds each. "They eat regular table food," said Muench. "They like pudding and bananas. They go through two bananas in about one and a half minutes."

The Muenches will be spending Christmas at home this year. "We can't charter an airplane," Muench quipped.

When their other child, Joseph, 6 and in first grade, awakes on Christmas morning, the family will open their gifts. The quads get up too early — about 5:30 a.m., so Joseph will be the Christmas Day alarm clock.

Joseph will be getting clothes, cars and trucks from Santa this year, and the quads are getting "little big-wheel bikes," Muench said.

For the Christmas Day festivities, the tots will be dressed in colorful red and green outfits. "We dress them all different," said Muench. "They all look different."

The Muench quads may be presenting a variety of challenges for their parents, but Mrs. Segura, who now has nine years of experience in rearing quadruplets, says that "when they're babies, it's a lot easier to take care of them."

However, she said she's not anxious to swap places with the Muenches. "I'm too used to these guys," she said.

Christmas Greetings:

From our friends in Norway it is, "Gledelig Jul!"

We would be welcomed to a French home with a "Joyeux Noel!"



The Consumer Alert

by Mark White
Attorney General

AUSTIN—When the family settles down after Christmas, some member may have to return a present because of poor fit or duplication.

Store clerks have learned to expect post-Christmas visitors with gift packages in hand.

Most consumers are able to return or exchange their gifts with little or no trouble, other than fighting the crowds.

But attorneys in our Consumer Protection Division point out that stores are not legally obligated to refund money, exchange merchan-

dise, or accept returned goods for store credit unless an item is defective or is not as represented.

As a courtesy to customers, however, most stores are very accommodating about such matters. There are, however, some stores (often in large chains) which are unable to make a gift exchange or give a refund or credit because of store policy.

Our lawyers recommend that consumers inquire about a store's policy before purchasing a gift that may have to be returned later. For example, a store may refuse to accept a returned item if the merchandise was on sale when it was bought.

Of course, if the store made an error, such as sending a size 44 regular jacket when the order specified a size 44 long, the store is required to correct the mistake.

You should also remember that personal or intimate items such as underwear, earrings for pierced ears, and some cosmetics are usually sold on a no-refund, no-

exchange basis.

If you receive a Christmas gift or a gift for any occasion that you need to return, follow these guidelines from our attorneys:

—Take time to go to the department it was purchased in or to the "return" office and explain the reason for returning the gift.

—Take all sales or charge slips, hang tags, and labels with you when you return the item to the store.

—Save the box or container the item came in so you can return the goods in it.

—Never wait more than a month to return something and don't make an attempt to return goods that are worn or used.

—Always be aware of the store's policy on gift exchange and refund.

If you have a problem returning a Christmas gift, make an attempt to settle it with the store management. If that doesn't prove successful, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office nearest you.

Legendary Inspirations

With a holiday as beloved as Christmas, it is only natural that many legends have sprung up around it.

There is one such legend that was inspired by the small tree or shrub known as the Glastonbury thorn.

According to the legend, Joseph of Arimathea, the disciple of Jesus, made a long pilgrimage to England. He drove his walking stick into the soil of Glastonbury, and the staff miraculously flowered into white blossoms.

The shrub produces these flowers twice

yearly, in the spring and at Christmastime, adding substance to the lovely legend.

Yet another legend tells of the little drummer boy who watched sadly as gifts of great value were placed at the feet of the Infant Jesus. It seems that the boy had no gift to offer the Holy Babe.

Suddenly, it occurred to him that he did possess one thing — the ability to play his drum. Softly, he began to play for the Babe, so the legend goes, and was rewarded with a smile from the Infant Jesus.

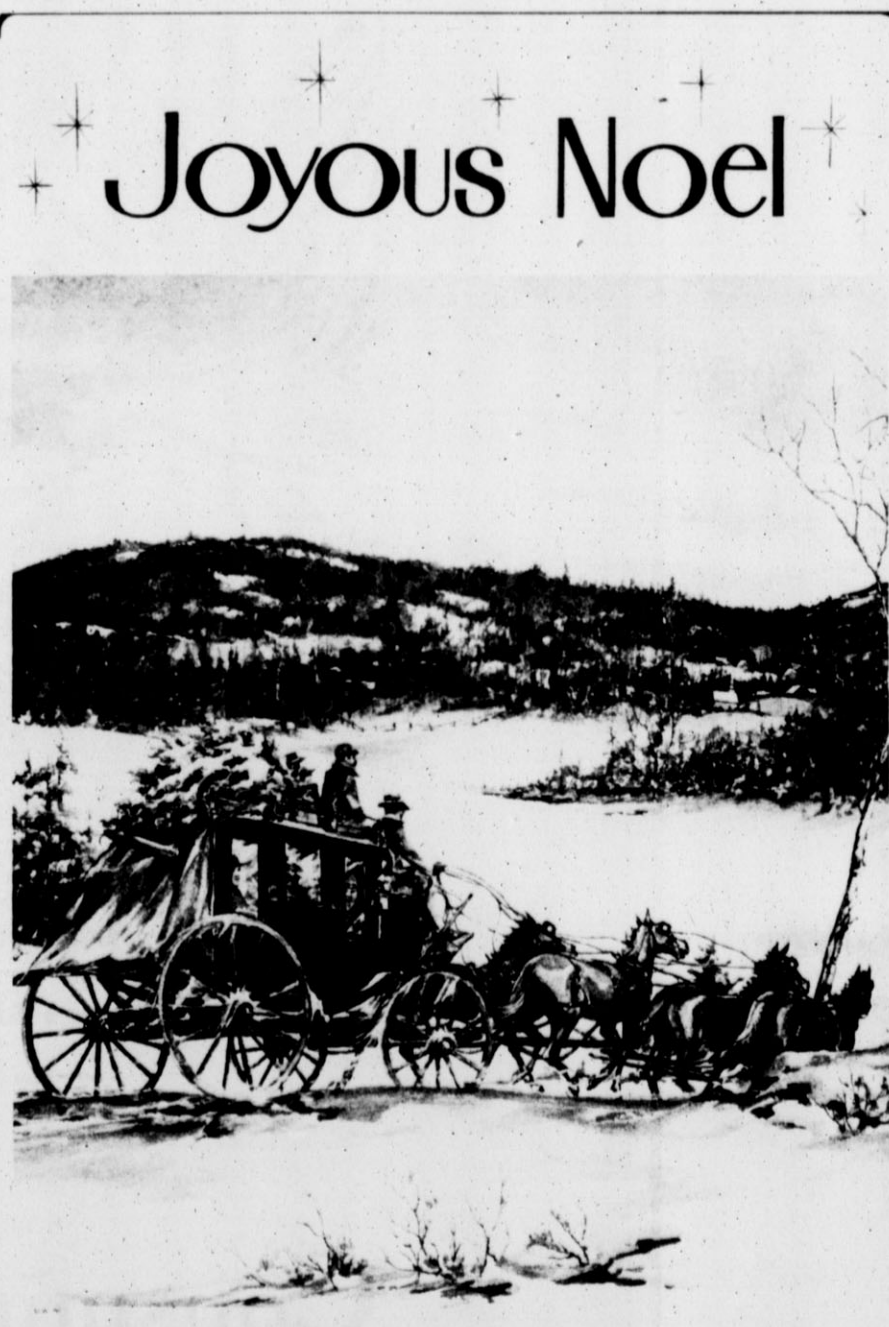


We pray for the blessings of the Infant Jesus upon you and your loved ones at Christmas.

Hereford
Parts & Supply,
Inc.

364-3522

702 W. 1st



Joyous Noel

Throughout the land, the season spreads a feeling of warmth and good cheer. To all of you, we wish the very best of everything. Our sincere thanks for your patronage.

Gonzales Bros. Plumbing Inc.
& Employees

364-0193

West Walnut Road

We Will Close For The Holidays, Dec. 23rd at 5 pm
& Will Re-open Dec. 27 at 8 am.



Hope the magic and mirth of Christmas shower you with happy surprises! We thank you especially dear friends and patrons for your support.

Merry Christmas

WE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday Noon, December 24

and

Saturday, December 25

Open Monday, December 27

BARRICK'S
Furniture & Appliance

West Hwy 60

364-3552



From "The Nativity" by Gustave Doré

'They offered him gifts'

The drama of the Nativity can never be overworked. Artists in every century have marveled at the accounts of shepherds, wise men and a manger — and then expressed their own interpretation of the first Christmas. Great drama is truth in action and the inn and stable at Bethlehem is center stage every December.

Scholars note that the presence of the Wise Men (with their earlier visit to Herod) gave the Nativity its universal acclaim. Without them, the birth of Jesus would have seemed more local, barely regional, with a few breathless shepherds and a dozen bar flies next door. These dignitaries, perhaps from Persia or Babylonia, were of great influence and learning.

They certainly were skilled in celestial studies, tradition holding that their journey to Palestine took more than two years. Diplomacy was their greater skill, when you consider how they handled Herod and his mad intentions. (Instead of reporting on the birth of Jesus to this monarch they avoided the confrontation of kings by taking a back road home.)

And they brought presents for the Child and his family, "opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh."

And they brought questions to us and other Christmas watchers, such as whatever happened to the presents? There is no further mention in scripture. And why these

gifts? Was there a special significance or was this the random offering of traveling royalty? As scholars and teachers, why did they not leave some scrap of writing, a saying or teaching that had motivated their enormous search, clues to their own thought and theology?

These gifts then:

Gold had an obvious purpose. Money always helps and for Mary and Joseph it meant not luxury but life. They were soon warned of the murderous intent of King Herod. The sudden journey to Egypt and extended stay would be costly for these displaced people. Without income or resources, they would be in real danger. The gold was probably spent on traveling and supporting the young family in exile.

Frankincense was a very expensive fragrance, something that a peasant girl like Mary could never afford and rarely experience. This possession of royalty went to royalty and most especially for the child's mother. It was a gracious, touching present, lavished on a teen-age mother who gave birth to the Son of God.

Myrrh was used primarily for embalming. Again, belonging to the wealthy. Some say a sign of Good Friday. Yet, in this instance, perhaps a warning to Joseph (without using words) that danger and death brewed in Herod's heart and he'd better be off for Egypt.

All these gifts for a King from those who worshiped from afar.

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For Puritans, no Noel

When was America's first Christmas?

By Tom Tiede

ST. MARYS CITY, Md. (NEA) — There is little left to show for it, but this tiny community on the Chesapeake Bay has something of a distinguished history. It is one of the oldest white settlements on the continent, and it may have been the site of the first Christmas celebrated in America.

Repeat: It *may* have been. Nobody seems to know for sure. Historians have identified the first Thanksgiving in the land, down to details of the menu, and they can likewise describe with certainty the first Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day and Fourth of July. But the first Christmas? That's more difficult.

The problem is that most of the Christians who settled the New World did not observe the birth of Christ. Indeed, they purposely ignored it. They were religious to a fault, they kept the Sabbath with fierce determination, but they believed that Christmas was no more than pagan superstition. They came by the belief

honestly enough. They were products of the Reformation. When the major nations of Europe separated themselves from the pope in the 16th century, the Protestant churches did away with the traditions of Roman Catholicism, including the Christmas mass.

In fact, many Protestants were quick to condemn Christmas as sacrilegious, and some nations outlawed it entirely. The English Parliament, for example, decreed in the 17th Century that "No observation shall be had on the five-and-twentieth of December, commonly known as Christmas Day."

And the laws were enforced, sometimes by the threat of arms. When the Puritans took over Britain, government troops broke up Christmas celebrations, tore down decorations, and arrested clergymen who held services on the day. Some celebrants in Europe were actually thrown in prison.

And the harsh campaign was carried over into the Americas. Because most of the early settlers were anti-pope Protestants. They rebelled against the religious persecutions in Europe, and some of them fled to escape it, but they installed their own pious restrictions in the new land.

They did it in Jamestown, Va., for one place. That was the first permanent Christian village in America (1607). Historians say the 104 settlers, including Capt. John Smith, were English to their bootstraps, mostly Protestant, and there is no record that they allowed the Christmas observance.

Nor was it allowed in Plymouth, Mass. That's where 100 Puritans set up



camp four days before Christmas in 1620. On Dec. 25 of that year, one of the Puritan leaders wrote in his diary that "No man rested all day." In other words, it was a day like any other, not significant at all.

And that's the way it was in British America until, probably, the early 1630s. That's when the first boatloads of Catholics bumped into the Eastern seaboard. They were resolutely traditional, they owed allegiance to Roman custom, and they struck roots here in "St. Maries Citie" in Maryland.

Historian Burt Kummerow says there were 20 Catholics in all. And they had 110 non-Catholics with them. The Catholics were speculators, they came to America to build businesses and prosper; the others were hired as indentured servants, and were brought along to do the heavy labor.

Kummerow says the Catholics most likely celebrated Christmas the first year they landed, in 1634.

But he can't prove it. Rev. Andrew White, a Jesuit priest who recorded the group's activities in a well-kept diary, did not make an entry for the five-and-twentieth of December 1634.

Father White did make an entry for Christmas of 1633, however. That's when the Catholics and their servants were enroute to America. They were on two sailing vessels, the Ark and the Dove, and they were heading for the new land in hot weather, over a "sea of milk," by way of Barbados.

Historian Kummerow says the Catholics were probably ill at ease during the voyage. They were not used to the confinement, nor to the weather, and the passage was troubled. The ocean was too calm, for one thing; Father White wrote that there were fortnights when the winds didn't blow.

So the passengers apparently noted Christmas Day with an enthusiasm that bordered on desperation. Father White wrote that

wine and other spirits were "given all over," and "30 people were sickened." Some of the latter never made it to Maryland; Father White says a dozen of them died.

In must have been some celebration. Kummerow says the alcohol was probably spoiled. In any event, that may be how the custom of Christmas was brought to America. And the footnote here is that the drinking, the excess, and even the deaths are still a part of the annual festivities.



Why do the bells of Christmas ring? Why do the little children sing?

Once a lovely shining star. Seen by shepherds from afar. Gently moved until its light Made a manger's cradle bright.

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God could have come to us in any way He chose. Why did He choose to be born to a humble Judean couple in a lowly stable?

The Gospel according to St. Matthew tells us, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child,



and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The prophet referred to by Matthew is Isaiah, who prophesied around 700 years before the birth of Christ. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."

St. Luke tells us, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of

Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house of lineage of David.

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

It was part of God's plan that His Son should be born to the wife of Joseph, a son of Abraham.

For the birth of Jesus fulfilled a promise by God to Abraham, who was called to be the father of many nations.

It was to Abraham that the One God first revealed himself. It was Abraham who was willing to leave his home and family to journey to a strange land in obedience to the Lord.

Because of Abraham's great faith, God rewarded him with a promise: "...I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore..."

God also included other nations in his promise to Abraham: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

God kept his promise to Abraham; despite his old age, the patriarch begat a son, Isaac, who in turn begat Jacob. Jacob in turn begat twelve sons, the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel. One of these twelve, Judah, was destined to be the ancestor of David, the

King. David in turn, became the ancestor of Joseph, the husband of Mary, who was to be the mother of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Messiah was to come from the line of David, the son of Jesse: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots:

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord...

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek, and his rest shall be glorious."

It was because he was of the house of David that Joseph had to journey to Bethlehem while Mary was with child. In journeying to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the prophecy of Micah: "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Studying the history of salvation shows us that the birth of Jesus to the young spouse of a descendant of Abraham recalls God's promise to one man who was faithful in answering God's call.



Shirley Singers

Singing students from Shirley Intermediate presented a program of carols at the December meeting of the Classroom Teachers

Association. The group was directed by Jane Gulleyand and Jan Petree with Elva Devers, piano accompanist.

The Feast Pig

We can thank the Dutch for today's "piggy banks." It's an old custom in Holland for youngsters to save their pennies in a pig-shaped earthenware container, called the "feast pig," which is not opened until Christmas.

Amidst the general call of happiness, the bustle of spirits and stir of affections, which prevail at this period, what bosom can remain insensible? It is indeed the season of regenerate feeling — the season for kindling, not merely the fires of hospitality in the hall, but the genial flame of charity in the heart.

— "Christmas" by Washington Irving

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A Different Meaning

What does the Christmas season signify to you? Ask the question of a hundred persons, and you would probably get as many different answers.

To some, Christmas is shopping for gifts, perhaps beginning as early as summer!

To others, Christmas is the sound of holiday music everywhere...on the radio, in the stores, in the office and in the churches.

To children, of course, Christmas is the time when Santa Claus comes to town, hopefully loaded down with lots and lots of presents!

Christmas means an eagerly anticipated annual visit from distant sons or daughters for many parents.

To others, it's the glow that comes from singing carols to those spending the season in hospitals and convalescent homes.

Christmas is taking the youngsters to see

Santa Claus for some; for others, it's ice skating down at the pond.



For many, the season means observing a family tradition, whether it's going together to choose the Christmas tree or attending special holiday services together.

Christmas means "open house" for those who traditionally welcome friends and family in this hospitable way during the holidays.

Look into each heart and you will find a special association with Christmas — but, as varied as the reasons may be, they all celebrate the truest meaning of the season: the birth of the Infant Jesus.

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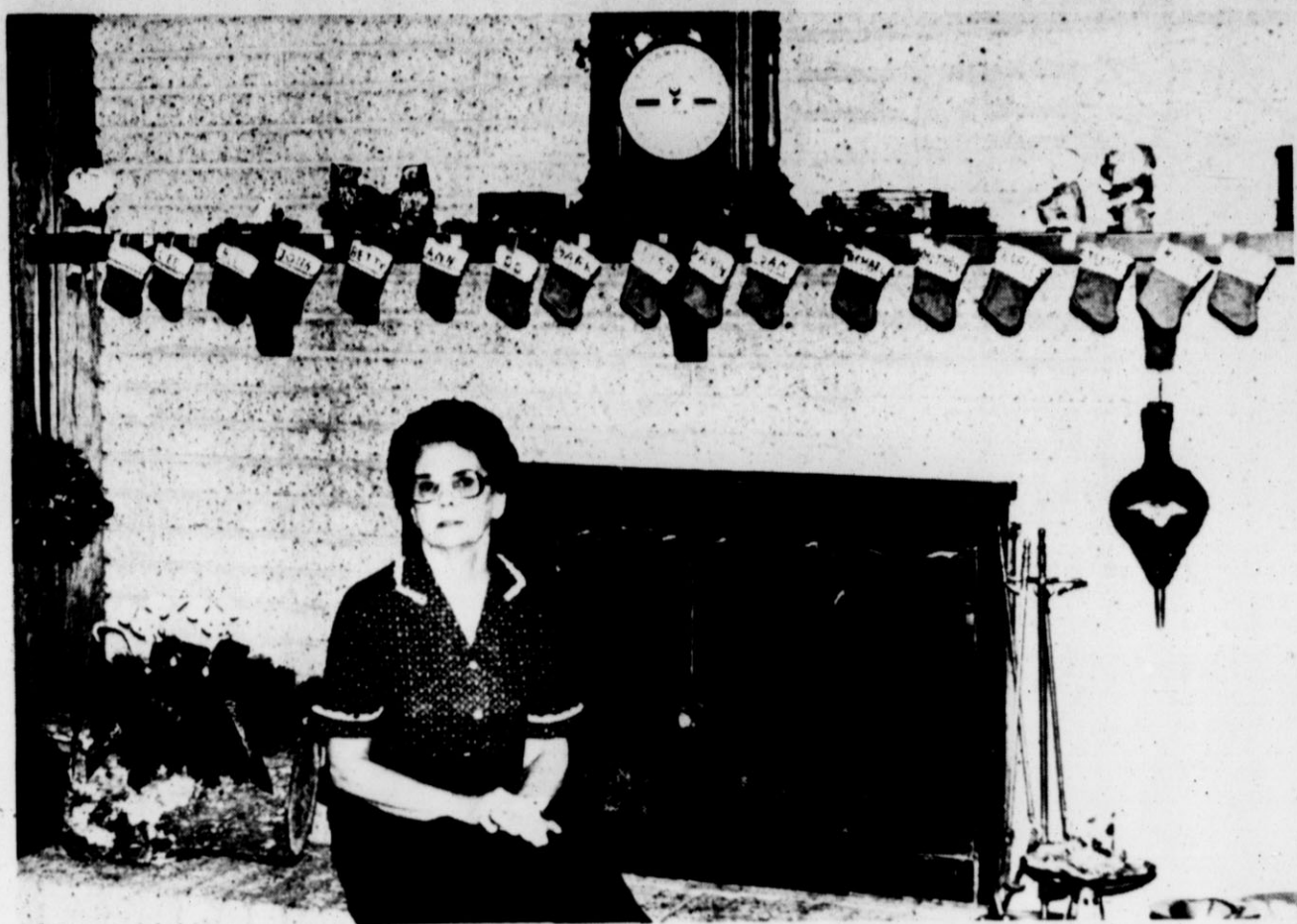
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Christmas Customs Around the World

Many beautiful legends and customs are associated with the Christmas season and they come from all parts of the world.

In Sweden, for instance, a popular custom centers around Saint Lucia, a maiden who lived during Roman times. According to legend, St. Lucia gave her dowry to some poor Christians on her wedding day and was condemned to be burned at the stake for doing so. But, the flames did not harm her, so her executioners had to use a sword to kill her.

Today, St. Lucia's Day begins the Christmas season in Sweden. Traditionally, the eldest daughter of the household, wearing a halo of lighted candles and a white robe, serves coffee and cakes to her family at dawn on

this day. However, the ceremony is often observed publicly now, with Lucia and her court appearing in offices, schools and civic halls on December 13th.

A colorful legend originates in Greece about some mysterious beings called Karkant-zari. Half-human, half-creature, the Karkant-zari wander about on the twelve days following Christmas, making mischief in general.

To make these mischievous beings go away, the tradition is for the local priest to dip a cross entwined with basil into a copper vessel of holy water, then sprinkling every room of the house. Old leather shoes that have been saved throughout the

year are burned at this time to further ensure that the mischief-makers stay away.

In Italy, the legend of La Befana enralls youngsters still. It seems that this unfortunate witch was told by the shepherds of the birth of the Saviour, but she delayed so long that she missed the Star of Bethlehem and has wandered about in search of the Child ever since.

According to the legend, La Befana leaves gifts at each home she visits, in hopes that the Christ Child is there.

Italian children have to wait for the feast of the Epiphany, January 6, for their gifts from the legendary witch, however.



A Child's Christmas

Christmas Every Day — Too Much of a Good Thing

A story by William Dean Howells, "Christmas Every Day," tells about a little girl who got too much of a good thing.

It seems that she liked Christmas so much that she wrote to the Christmas Fairy to ask if Christmas could come every day. The Fairy agreed to her request, but for one year only.

The little girl was

delighted — imagine, Christmas every day! When Christmas came, she was the first one up to find all sorts of presents under the tree. She ate so much candy, she didn't want her breakfast and she ate so much dinner that she got a stomach ache and had to go to bed early.

The little girl slept late the next day, but was awakened by the other children, who

were dancing around her bed with stockings filled with presents. It was Christmas again! There was the tree surrounded with all sorts of presents, and the little girl's family looking rather surprised. So, the little girl once again ate too much candy and too much dinner and went to bed all out of sorts.

Christmas kept coming every day, and the presents kept piling up, and everyone began to lose their tempers. The little girl was afraid to tell anyone that it was all her fault, and she was ashamed to ask the Christmas Fairy to take back her promise.

So Christmas came on Valentine's Day and Easter and every other day of the week. And, on the Fourth of July, all the fireworks turned to candy because it was Christmas again, which made a lot of boys and girls very unhappy.

What with all the Christmas dinners, they began to run out of turkeys and cran-

berries, and soon the woods were just filled with stumps, because all the trees had been used for Christmas trees.

People ran out of money buying presents for each other, and they got so tired of giving presents that they just threw them over the fence or through the window.

Meanwhile, the little girl had so many dolls, she would sit on them and she got so that she couldn't stand the sight of presents anymore.

The little girl felt so badly about all this that she began to talk in her sleep and it was discovered that she was responsible for all the Christmases! Everyone was very angry with her and none of her playmates would play with her anymore.

So, at last she wrote to the Christmas Fairy to put an end to all the Christmases, but

she got no answer. And, when she went to the Christmas Fairy's house, no one was there.

At last, the real Christmas Eve arrived. And, the next morning there was no Christmas! The little girl was very relieved and so was everyone else. She went to thank the Christmas Fairy and together they decided that it would be best after all, to have Christmas come just once a year.

Creative Craft For Kids

Children enjoy making decorations at Christmastime and easy projects can keep them happily occupied while adults address cards or tend to other holiday tasks.

Here's a simple decoration that can be made with plain white paper plates and some felt tip pens. (Choose plates with indentations around the rims for best effect.)

Outline a holiday motif such as a Christmas tree or presents, then have the youngsters color in the outlines with felt tip pens, as well as background if desired.

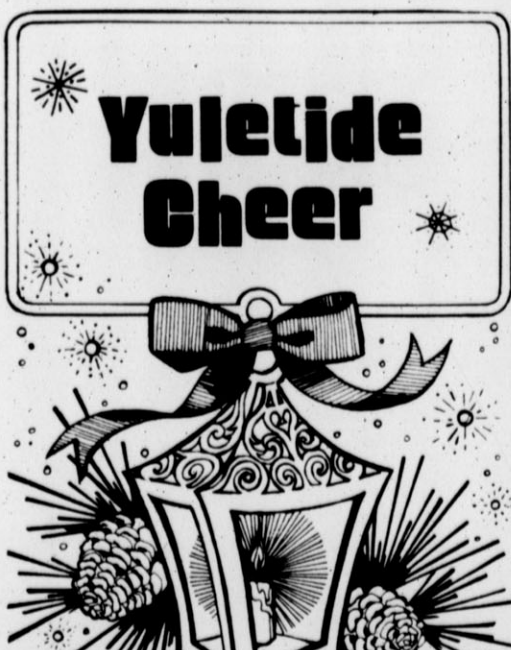
Another possibility would be to cut holiday scenes from magazines or cards, and have the



youngsters paste them in the center of the plate.

Next, have them color the indentations around the rim for a finishing touch.

Tape two short lengths of ribbon to the back of the plate, one on each side, and tie in a bow for hanging in the youngster's room or in the kitchen or hallway.



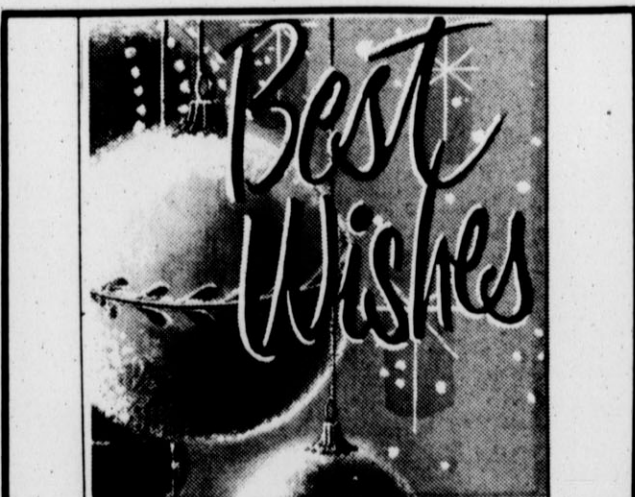
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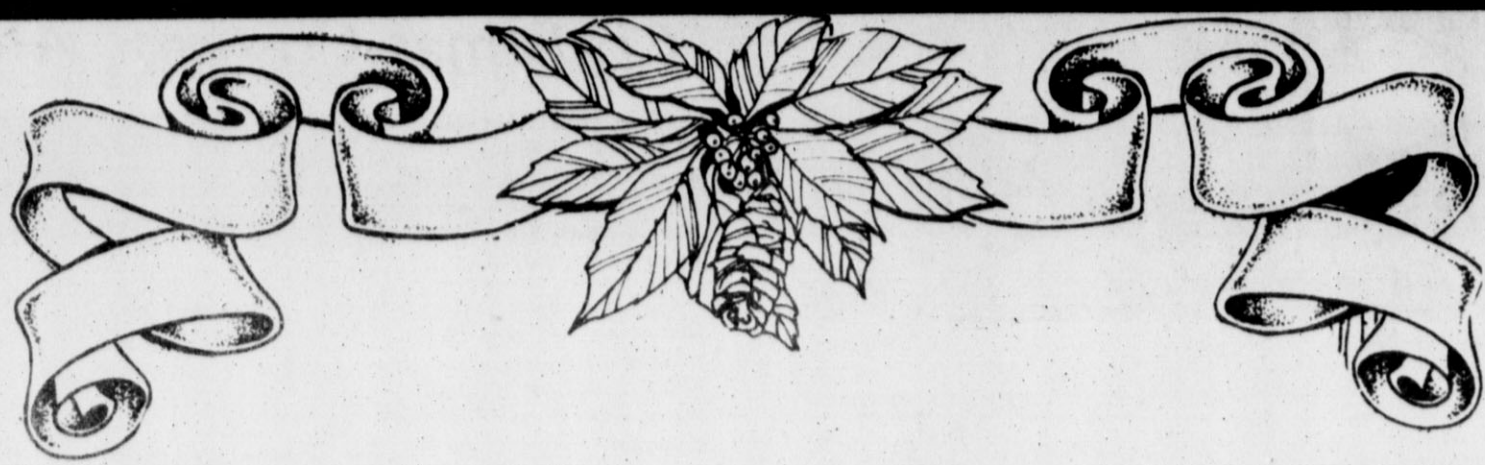


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