

## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



Perry Thomas was a friend of mine. He could do anything in the shoe shop! I'd run in there when the tip came off one of my shoe laces, and he'd right quick put another one on. He was the last of the old-time boot makers.

He had a keen interest in history and especially local history. In 1936 he, along with other members of his SHS class, received an "Award of Merit" from the Texas Centennial History Committee for work done on a project to address the revelation of unexploited sources of Texas history. The project produced a small book of interviews held with local pioneers of the day. That love for regional history was revealed when one would visit with him about his tour of duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps and the time spent building roads and cabins in Palo Duro Canyon, as well as local digs for fossils and artifacts.

We'll miss him!

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The following item was contributed by Sally Grimland to Lataine Dillard:

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.

She says to the clerk, "May I have fifty Christmas stamps?"

The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "Has it come to this? Give me six Catholic, twelve Presbyterian, ten Lutheran and twenty-two Baptists."

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Wasn't it wonderful of Larry Elms (SHS Class of 1962) and his sister, Shirley Cates (SHS Class of 1955) to give such a wonderful gift to the school in memory of their mother, Letha Elms? The \$10,000 will be used wisely to provide books and enrichment for the elementary students. If you would like to send a note to them, it can be addressed to Larry at his law office at 2223 34th Street, Lubbock 79411.

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L. N. Johnson says that he learns a lot about who is kin to whom from reading the Briscoe County News. "I never would have dreamed that Doc



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*Savannah Henderson, five-day-old daughter of Zane and Tay Henderson, was the youngest child visiting with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. She has lots of relatives in Silverton, including her grandparents, Dwain and Shirley Henderson, and great-grandparents, Fred and Vivone Arnold.*

*Briscoe County News Photo*

## 2004 CEU Events

Provided by Brandon McGinty  
CEA-Ag  
Texas Cooperative Extension  
Briscoe County

Here are some CEU (Continuing Education Units for Pesticide Applicator Training) events in the Panhandle area. If you have questions, please call the contact person listed for the location and time.

Jan. 6--Ornamental and Turf, Lavon Harman, 806-358-7285

Jan. 12, 13, 15, 16--Pioneer Crop Production Meetings

Jan. 12--High Plains Vegetable Conference, Greta Schuster, 806-651-2280

Jan. 13--Western Rolling Plains Chemical Conference, Toby Oliver, 806-623-5552

Jan. 22--2004 Grain Elevator Workshop (5 CEUs), Carl Patrick, 806-577-5600, Amarillo Civic Center

*Yearn to understand first and to be understood second.*

Beca Lewis Allen

Simpson and Beefie Garvin were brothers-in-law," he said.

## Winter Natural Gas Bills To Be Higher This Year

Atmos Energy Corporation (NYSE:ATO) said today that its customers in West Texas can expect their winter natural gas bills to be around 10 percent higher than bills last winter, assuming normal weather. If the winter weather is colder than normal, resulting in higher gas consumption, customer bills would go up more than 10 percent, the company said.

Wholesale prices for natural gas in October and November declined from the summer high of \$6 per 1,000 cubic feet due to decreased summer demand and warmer-than-normal fall temperatures; however, wholesale gas prices spiked last week, reflecting an increase in demand caused by the cold weather across much of the United States.

"I believe we have adequate supplies of natural gas for the winter and I'm very optimistic prices will moderate," said Robert W. Best, president.

## Owls, Lady Owls Open Greenbelt Tournament At Clarendon Monday

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will be playing in the Greenbelt Holiday Classic at Clarendon December 29-31, along with teams from Quanah, White Deer, Panhandle, Pampa JV, Kress, Adrian, Clarendon, Valley, Highland Park, Hart, Wellington, Grady, New Mexico, W.T. High, Hedley and Trinity Fellowship (girls division) and Quanah, White Deer, Spearman, Alpha Charter, Kress, Adrian, Clarendon, Valley, Highland Park, Hart, Wellington, Grady, New Mexico, W.T. High, Hedley and Trinity Fellowship (boys division).

The Lady Owls begin the tournament with Panhandle at 12:00 noon Monday. This will be followed by the Owls vs. Spearman at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Winners advance to play at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Losers will play at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

The games will be played in the Bronco Gym and the Colt Gym, both at Clarendon High School, and at the Clarendon College Gym. The tournament is sponsored by Greenbelt Municipal & Industrial Water Authority and is hosted by Clarendon High School and Clarendon College.



*The Junior High Lady Owls defeated Clarendon 29-28 and Highland Park 29-26 to place first in the Clarendon tournament. Displaying the championship plaque are (front, left to right) Tory Patton, Cassie Yancey; (second row) Tracelle Ramirez, Shandi Forbes, Abby Reyna, Lydia Guerra; (back row) Jordan Sherman, Jasmin Ivory and Laura Scarborough. See related story on Page Fourteen.*

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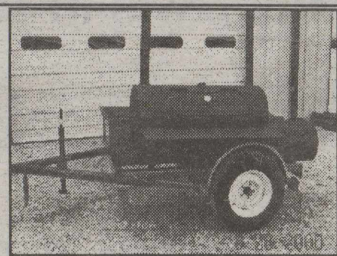
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Lisa Schott  
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Our deepest appreciation for all the care and sympathy shown to us at the passing of Danny's mom. Every one of the calls, cards, flowers and donations given in Garnie's memory have touched our hearts and reminded us once again what wonderful family and friends God has blessed us with.

Danny and Donna  
Matthew  
Matt, Aimee and Laurel

Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and flowers. Your acts of kindness have helped make our sorrow easier.

God bless you,  
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Greyson Reagan, son of Todd and Lisa Reagan, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week.  
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Audrie Strange, daughter of Matt and Brittany Strange, was one of the kids who visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week.  
Briscoe County News Photo

### Quilt Raffle to Benefit Veterans' Memorial

The Friendship Quilters have recently completed a quilt which is on display at City Bank-Silverton.

The quilt will be given away to benefit the Veterans Memorial.

Go by to see the quilt soon, and ask for details about how you can win it.

*Opinions that are well-rooted should grow and change like a healthy tree.*

Irving Batcheller

*The instinctive feeling of a great people is often wiser than its wisest men.*

Louis Kossuth

### Orders Are Being Taken Now For Windbreak Trees

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for wind-

*A verbal art like poetry is reflective; it stops to think. Music is immediate; it goes on to become.*

W. H. Auden

*The future belongs to the things that can grow, whether it be a tree or democracy.*

Kenneth D. Johnson

*To err is human, to forgive canine.*

Anonymous

break trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas and Colorado Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees from New Mexico, as well. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care for your trees. Delivery will be made in March 2004.

A minimum order may be required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want.

For more information, call 806-823-2341, Extension 101, or go by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Silverton, located at 410 Lone Star.



## Good Luck To The Owls and Lady Owls This Season!

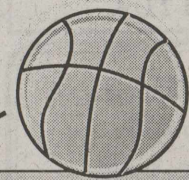


### Varsity Owls & Lady Owls in Tournament at

### Clarendon Dec. 29-31

### At Clarendon Jan. 2, 2004

### Junior Varsity at Clarendon Jan. 2, 2004



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**Student Attendance Plays Major Role**

Student attendance plays a major role in funding for the Silverton school system. Each day attendance is taken for every student enrolled in the Silverton School. If a student is not in attendance from 8:00-10:00 a.m., the school will not receive funding for that student, for the day.

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**Silverton School Activities**

Monday, Dec. 22--School's Christmas Holiday began

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 29-30-31--High School in Tournament at Clarendon

Friday, Jan. 2--High School at Clarendon, 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 5--Petersburg High School, here, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7--DeVry Univ. meets with Juniors and Seniors, 1:25

Thursday, Jan. 8--Junior High and Junior Varsity in Tournament at Lazbuddie

*Too often, travel, instead of broadening the mind, merely lengthens the conversation.*

Elizabeth Drew

*Never take a cross-country trip with a kid who has just learned to whistle.*

Jean Deuel

**A Holiday Classic: The Poinsettia**

(NAPSA)-In addition to their role as traditional Christmas decorations, poinsettias can serve as tokens of goodwill, friendship and joy during the holiday season and beyond. More than 50 million Americans will purchase a poinsettia plant this holiday season.

And while 75 percent prefer the familiar red version, there are currently more than 100 varieties available. White, pink, yellow, and even variegated poinsettias are gradually gaining popularity. The newest poinsettias to be cultivated include the "Plum Pudding" and "Avante Garde" varieties.

Named after Joel Poinsett, who introduced this indigenous Mexican plant to the United States during the 1800s while he served as the nation's U.S. ambassador, poinsettias have become America's best-selling potted plant. More than 85 percent of all potted plants sold annually are poinsettias.

Here are some care and handling tips for your own holiday classic from the experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM:

- When purchasing your plant, select a poinsettia with dark green foliage, strong, stiff stems, and completely colored flowers. Make sure your plant has no fallen or yellow leaves and that it is fully balanced and attractive from all sides.

- Poinsettias thrive on bright, sunny natural daylight. Place your plant in indirect sunlight for at least six hours per day. Keep your room temperature between 68 to 70 degrees. Do not place your plant near drafts, heating vents, or appliances.

- Water the plant when the soil surface feels dry to a light touch. It's very important not to allow your plant to sit in standing water.

- It is not necessary to fertilize your poinsettias when they are in bloom. However, after the holidays, a balanced, all-purpose household plant fertilizer will help maintain the rich, green foliage color and promote new growth.

*Business is like a wheelbarrow. Nothing ever happens until you start pushing.*

Anonymous

- Do not place your poinsettia outside, as the plant is sensitive to chilling temperatures.

Visit 1800flowers.com on the Web for a beautiful selection of poinsettia plants and other beautiful holiday gifts.



*A pot of pretty poinsettias can be a delightful way to make the season*

*bright for yourself or as a gift.*

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SILVERTON ISD's State Financial Accountability Rating**

Silverton ISD will hold a public meeting at 12:00 noon, January 15, 2004 in Room 1 700 Loretta Street, Silverton

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Silverton ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

52-2tc

**Wishing You a Festive Christmas**

Light the tree and hang the holly;

'Tis the season to be jolly!

Sing the carols, old and fine,

Like Silent Night and Auld Lang Syne!

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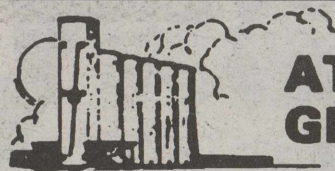
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through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 23, 1993**--Dear Santa, Please bring me a stove and sink, an icebox with budda and keshup in it. A doctor baby and telephone. Please bring my brother, Trey, some clothes. I love you, Townlii . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a talk boy and a camera and would you please tell me about your reindeer? I will put some cookies and milk under the tree. Love, Kody Joe Rhoderick . . . Dear Santa, I love you. Hope you have a safe trip. How are your reindeer? Could I have a race car track, a teepee and a pottery maker. I'll leave you cookies. Can I also have a bead maker so I can make belts? Can I have a car? Can I have a baby reindeer too? Love, Gid Mayfield . . . Dear Santa Claus, How are your reindeer? I hope Rudolph's nose is still bright. I would like to have a toy rifle, a remote control doll and a toy dog. Love, Holly Vernon . . . Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Twenty-Two, a Sterio, coat and pants. I hope I get all of them too. I know you are fat. Monty Wood . . . Dear Santa, I want a game gear and for my mom if you can get her some perfome. If you can, get my dad some work boots. And get my baby brother a botman. Get my big brother a football and my big sister a case of books. Please give my baby sister a doll. Red Ivory . . .

**December 22, 1983**--Dear Santa Claus, Would you please bring me a football, socks, Smurf house shoes, a GI Joe. Please bring my cousins some toys too. And don't forget baby Jason. We have all tried to be real good. Don't forget my Mammer. She wants some new glasses. Love, Billy Edwards. P. S. I really love You . . . Dear Santa, I want a Smurff Big Wheel and a Show-n-Tell. I want Santa Claus to bring me a reindeer, a playlike reindeer. What do you want? Do you want a can opener and a can? I want a talking toothbrush like Marshall's and I want a tape recorder too and everything! I've been being a big girl. I'm going to leave you some chocolate cookies, I guess. Love, Lindsey

Jennings . . . Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a pink bike, an ET Cup and a Care Bear sleeping bag. Love, Staci Dianne Hill . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good little girl this year. I would like a Strawberry Rider, Barbie doll, a puzzle and some more toys. Don't forget my cousins. They have been good too. I Love You, Misty Wilkinson . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me for Christmas an Atari, a bicycle, and a doll. I love you, Santa. Brandi Breedlove . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a car and a truck. O. K. Santa? I will leave you so you can roundup the reindeer. Peter Trevino . . . Dear Santa, I want a Motorcycle, a Cliff Hanger and a Longnose Truck. Love, Lance Holt . . . Dear Santa, Has it been cold? I want a green Manglo, Walkie Talkies, Canonblaster and a motorcycle. Cy Comer. P. S. Come eat . . .

**December 20, 1973**--Dear Santa, I have been a pill but I will try to be better. I want a B-B gun for Christmas. Love, Neal Edwards . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good girl all this year. Please bring me a Putt-Putt train, Weebles, and a Newborn Baby Tenderlove. Love, Missy Minyard . . . Dear Santa, I would like a combine and a road grader for Christmas. Love, Jamie Frizzell . . . Dear Santa Claus, How are you this year? I would like a velvet doll please. I would like some pants and shoes and some roller skates and a little miss Beauty Shop and a 7-up Machine and if you do not have these I do not mind. Love, Donna Lavy . . . Dear Santa, I would like an M-1 carbine spring action BB repeater and a Vertibird Rescue Ship and a mountain challenge set. Love, Michael Hill . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I want a new bike for my birthday because my birthday is December 25. For Christmas I want a new baby doll. And some clothes. And whatever else you want to bring me. Bring my three sisters something, too, and don't forget the other boys and girls. I love you, Donna Boling . . .

**December 19, 1963**--Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a doll, a watch and some clothes. Yours truly, Ann

Offield . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little boy three years old. I would like for you to bring me a football suit and a gun. I have a little brother one year old. His name is Paul. He would like a Casper Talking Doll and a Musical TV Radio. Brent and Paul Brannon . . . Dear Santa, I want some guns and two trucks. I want an air rifle. I am eight years old. I am in the second grade, and I am a good boy. Rickey Minyard . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a Barbie's Dream House, Tammy Dream House, Italy, Frances, Nappy and Happy, Pebbles, Bam Bam, Barbie, Ken, Tammy, Her Delightful Family and a record player. Thank you, Freeda Henderson . . . Dear Santa Claus, Give me some heels. I want a play dress. I want a purse. Thank you, Celia Martin. P. S. Don't forget I have been a good girl and want a doll . . .

**December 24, 1953**--Dear Santa, I am a little girl seven years old and I would like for you to bring me a walking doll. Mother will make the clothes for her and I would like a doll bed and a new ironing board and some cowboy boots and hat. I love you, Santa. Patricia Cagle. P. S. Bring a little rubber ball for my new puppy . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a football and a truck and steam shovel. A wagon that has side boards. I want a four motor plane and slinky. Your old friend, Guy Breedlove . . . Dear Santa Claus, You have some nice reindeer. I am nearly six years old and I will go to school next year so I will need a book sachel if you have one. My doll, Joan Palooka, got her arm broke and I took her to the doll hospital. She needs one long dress and two short ones. I would like to have a new doll and an electric iron and please bring something for Bill, Dave, John and my mother and daddy. Thank you, Santa. Love, Mary Lynn Schott . . .

**December 9, 1943**--Dear Santa, you will be here soon, won't you? Please bring me a train and a truck. Also some candy, nuts and fruit. Christmas makes me very happy. Your old time pal, Riley Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll, a game, a blackboard, some dishes, a ring, basketball, fruit, candy and nuts. Remember my little sister. Your friend, Sandra Mallow . . . Dear Santa Claus, please bring me a doll and a doll buggy. Please bring me fruit and nuts. Your little

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### Happy Birthday-

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December 26 -- Molly Brooks, Lindsey Irwin, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

December 27 -- Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Chandler

December 28 -- Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

December 29 -- Van Breedlove, Buddy Brown, Gid Mayfield, Pat McWaters, Sydney Michelle Williams

December 31--Rob Weaks

### Happy Anniversary-

December 27--Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

December 29--Mr. and Mrs. Barry Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hutsell

December 30--Mr. and Mrs. Doug McDonough, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Fuston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartman

December 31--Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cogdell

friend, Jo Marie Wesley . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good little boy this year. I am not going to ask for very much this time. All I want is a wagon, football. Lots of candy, fruit and nuts. Your friend, Eston Gamble . . . Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a sleepy doll sewing set so I can make my doll clothes and some apples, nuts and oranges. Please don't forget the other little girls. My name is Helen Delois McJimsey . . . Dear Santa, I am in the fifth grade. I am nine years old. I have been a very good girl. I would like lots of handkerchiefs, popcorn, socks, gloves, a little doll about four inches tall, cap, puzzle and some candy. Your friend, Nadyne Gamble . . .

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An estimated 10 million individuals are getting into the collecting game. One study has identified several categories of collectors, ranging from Internet and eBay Collectors to Generational Collectors, and people who inherit collections from family or friends. Young collectors favor Cabbage Patch Kids, Care Bears and Wild Republic's singing plush beanbag birds. To collect Audubon birds, visit [www.wildrepublic.com](http://www.wildrepublic.com).

### NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2003). Cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which consists of Dawson, Ector, Howard, Martin, and portions of Borden and Midland counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning **January 1, 2004**. All cotton fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212.

# Silverton School's Students of the Month For November



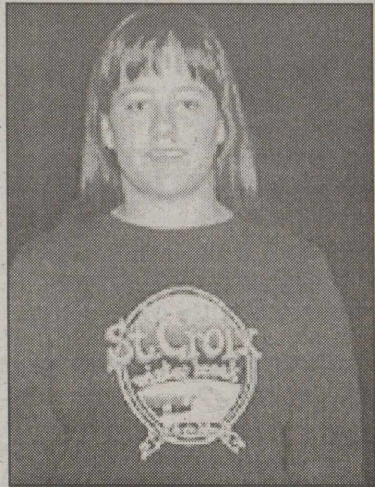
Kelcy Simpson

Kelcy Simpson is the daughter of Connie and Mitchell Simpson and is a senior in Silverton High School. She enjoys playing basketball, cheerleading and hanging out with her friends and family.



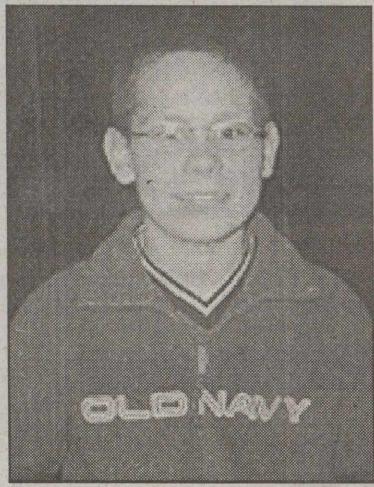
Tanner Young

A sophomore in Silverton High School, Tanner Young is the son of Rance and Nancy Young. He likes to work with his hogs. He enjoys being in FFA and likes spending time with the ladies.



Laura Scarborough

"I like riding horses, hanging out with friends and playing basketball. I also like playing the guitar," said Laura Scarborough, daughter of Marcus and Janie Scarborough. She is in the Eighth Grade in Silverton Junior High.



True Burson

True Burson, son of Bryan and Lana Burson, is in the Seventh Grade in Silverton Junior High. He enjoys roping steers and playing sports, like football, baseball and basketball. He also likes showing pigs.

Each month during the school year a boy and a girl will be selected as outstanding students of the month. They will be selected from the Silverton High School, Junior High and Elementary School.

Nominations are based on character, leadership, attitude, sportsmanship and scholarship.

From a list of nominees, the teachers select the students who best meet these qualifications.

*Wrap the presents,  
trim the tree,  
Light the lights for all to see.  
Hang the wreaths  
and mistletoe,  
Let the Christmas spirit flow.  
Tell the story once again...  
The first Noel, the  
Three Wise Men.  
And sing the yuletide  
songs, sublime.  
Joy to the world--  
It's Christmastime!*

## Greetings of the Season

The streets resound with song and mirth,  
While people pray for peace on earth;  
Bright lights twinkle from tree...  
And boys and girls are filled with glee,  
Anticipating what delights  
Santa's sleigh will bring tonight.  
What is the meaning of these things?  
It's the joy that Christmas brings!

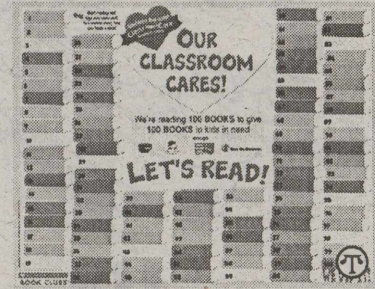
# SILVERCOT GIN

Ken Richardson, Manager

## NEWS OF YOUTH

### A Unique Lesson In Giving

(NAPSA)-A national survey shows that kids who volunteer their time develop an invaluable sense of compassion towards others and a deeper understanding of the world around them. Giving also helps them feel better about themselves and shapes their attitude to lifelong volunteerism.

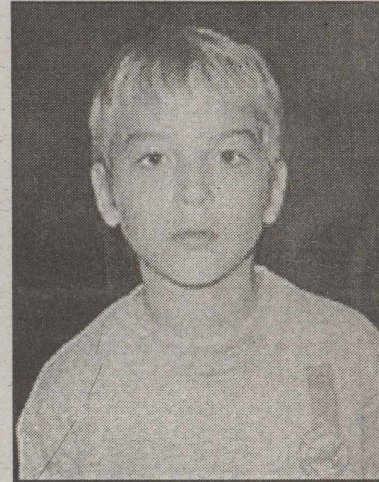


One opportunity is a program run by Scholastic Book Clubs called ClassroomsCare. For the third year in a row, kids get to read books in their classrooms, and for every 100 they read, the club donates 100 books-for a total donation of two million books-to underprivileged kids who cannot afford to buy books. The books are given to four different charity partners, First Book(r), the "I Have a Dream" Foundation(r), Reach Out and Read(r) and Save The



Brittany Deckard

Brittany Deckard is the daughter of Barbara and Terry Deckard. She is in the Third Grade in Silverton Elementary School. She said, "I enjoy showing goats in 4-H and hanging out with my friends, and math and spelling in school."



Forrest Otis

A third grader in the Silverton Elementary School, Forrest Otis is the son of Amy and Bronc Otis. He enjoys showing goats and playing the guitar.

Children(r). Last year, over 1.5 million students took part in this extraordinary giving-by-reading program and millions of children got to own their first book. A Florida second grade teacher captured the spirit by proclaiming "my students felt so proud knowing that by reading they could share their love of books with others."

For more information about the ClassroomsCare program, visit [www.scholastic.com/classroomscare](http://www.scholastic.com/classroomscare) or talk to your child's teacher. Experts say it is never too early to learn about giving to others.

*With money in your pocket,  
you are wise and you are handsome  
and you sing well too.*  
Yiddish proverb

*For a real quick energy  
boost, nothing beats having the  
boss walk in.*

Robert Orben

*When the power of imparting  
joy is equal to the will, the  
human soul requires no other  
heaven.*

Percy Bysshe Shelley

*I never think of the future.  
It comes soon enough.*

Albert Einstein



Mesa McJimsey had a nice visit with Santa Claus at City Bank-Silverton last week. She is the daughter of Doug and Carrie Ann McJimsey. *Briscoe County News Photo*

### Pre-Kindergarten Kids Write Santa

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a barbie bike with a barbie cellular and a barbie backpack. I would also like a barbie helmet. Would you please bring my mom a real cellular phone? Bring my Dad a box of tools. Bring my brother a playstation game and bring my sister a cassette player.

Love, Destiney

Dear Santa,  
I would want you to bring me a baby travel set, some clothes, playdough, and a computer. Please bring my momma new clothes and my dad a new gun. I want you to bring Corey some daisies and bring my brother a new comforter.

Love, Baylee

Dear Santa,  
I would like atrampoline and a barbie. Could you bring my mommy some rings. I would also like a baby with some bottles and diapers.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa,  
I would like a chew-chew baby that talks and cries when you wake it up and that says you wake it up and that says momma too. I also want new clothes and a mailbox. Nothing else.

Love, Mesa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a chew-chew baby, and a mailbox for my baby. Could I have some new clothes for my baby and some bottles.

Love, Lana

Dear Santa,  
I want a chew-chew baby that talks, some bottles and a bicycle, and a jeep, and clothes. Please bring mommy some clothes.

Love, McKena

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a truck, a play gun, a dinosaur. Please bring my brother a book. I been good. I will leave you a present under the tree.

Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,  
I want a new pocket watch, a remote control boat and robot. I also want a remote control ship 'cause I have never had one before. That's all.

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a spinning top, a new jacket, and a pink truck that is little. Please bring my brother a little ball. I also want a coloring book for me.

Love, Sheridan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and some clothes for barbie. That's all.

Love, Elena

Dear Santa,  
I want a watch, a Teddy Bard, A New Toy Car.

Love, Isaias

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle and an X-box. I also want a trampoline and a computer. Please make it snow!

Love, Michael

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll and a talking grill. I want a big diamond ring for my momma and a new coat for my dad.

Love, Harley

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote Control dump truck. I would also like a talking grill. Merry Christmas Santa! Could you also bring me a talking boat.

Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Bicycle, And I want a Barbie watch. Thank you very much!

Love, Kali

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Christmas tree and a barbie machine. Could you also bring me a Chocolate ice cream machine and a beauty shop. I would also like a remote control car.

Love, Teah

Dear Samta,  
I would like a toy robot and some action figures. I would like some resue heros.

Love, Rend

Dear Santa,  
I would like a blue teddy bear and G. I. Joe Ninjas. Could I also have a toy rabbit and a motorcycle, that's not too big, just for my size.

Love, Zachary



Santa listened to the Christmas wishes of McKena McJimsey, daughter of Doug and Carrie Ann McJimsey, at City Bank-Silverton last week. *Briscoe County News Photo*

### Silverton Student Graduates at LCU

Lindsey Gale Weaks was one of 102 graduates who participated in commencement exercises for Lubbock Christian University December 13, 2003. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. She is the daughter of Gary and Cathey Weaks of Silverton.

Lindsey was a member of Lambda Omega Alpha women's social club for four years which she served as president, vice president and Master Follies director for three of those years. She also was a member of Kappa Delta Pi honor society.

*The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work.*  
Richard Bach

*Genius is one percent inspiration, and 99 percent perspiration.*

Thomas A. Edison

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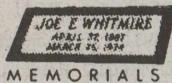
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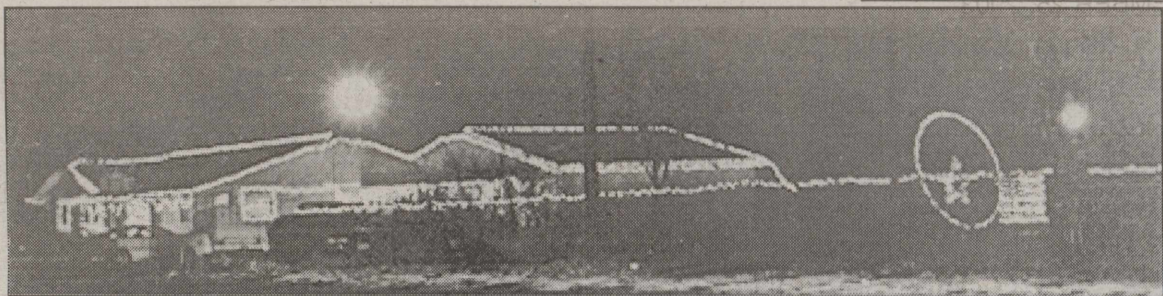


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The home of Stanley and Frances Gamble on Grady Street is decorated with many lights of all colors. The roofline is accented with a double row of lights, while the fence is outlined and a star changes colors in a circle of lights. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Of all earthly music, that which reaches farthest into heaven is the beating of a truly loving heart.

—Henry Ward Beecher

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The superior man will watch over himself when he is alone. He examines his heart that there may be nothing wrong there, and that he may have no cause of dissatisfaction with himself.

—Confucius

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Praise is well, compliment as well, but affection—that is the last and most precious reward that any man can win, whether by character or achievement.

—Mark Twain

*Our Best  
Holiday  
Wishes  
To You*



As we enjoy the symbols  
of the season,  
the tree, the decorations,  
the music and more,  
we would like to add  
our best wishes for a  
joyous holiday.

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**HOLIDAY GREETINGS**

**FROM THE WHOLE GANG!**

Wishing you a season that's merry and bright, filled with laughter, love and much delight!  
It's been a privilege and pleasure serving you this past year. Thanks, friends!

**FLEMING WELL SERVICE**

Peggy, Leo and Cary Fleming





Matthew Tipton, son of Dwain and Alison Tipton, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week, and explained in detail what it was he wanted to get for Christmas.

Briscoe County News Photo

and then program it for real-world applications.

Kickin' Bot: An Illustrated Guide to Building Combat Robots (Wiley, \$24.99), by veteran robot builder Grant Imahara, is packed with easy-to-follow diagrams and illustrations, so readers can get to work right away, and build their very own fighting robot, quickly and easily. It is the only construction guide that takes visual approach to robot construction.

In addition, these tomes have practical applications: In an effort to get students excited about technology, many schools have begun instituting and competing in robot-building competitions. More than 85 major personal robot competitions have taken place over the past year.

Both Robot Building for Dummies and Kickin' Bot are available at bookstores, or online at [www.wiley.com](http://www.wiley.com).



Teah Patton, daughter of Mark and Derinda Patton, was comfortable sitting on the lap of Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week.

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First Grade



Dear Santa  
I want a personal CD player  
Freaky Friday DVD telescope  
walkie talkies finding nemo  
DVD electric scooter

Love  
Sarah Elisabeth Branham

Dear santa  
I really want a Dragonball  
GT set, and a rell Exodio pack  
a rell Dragonball GT thos life  
size

love Riley Bill cogdell

dear Santa,  
Love, i Wish bionlde and I  
Wut grone wbike and the  
moor Wish telescop and  
eJoeSone

Loves Aostin

Dear Santa  
I plees woont the hole Sett  
olvf bionicle a poles motor-  
cycle walkie talkies Slyfe the  
Sky dragon

Love Koree

Dear Santa I wish I had a Big  
Bouncy ball and a Barbie

Love Giselle

Dear Santa I,  
Want the time wizrd, the Baby  
Dragon the A thosonthdf  
Dragon and the Joey Packand  
Sly Ferthesky Dragon Winged  
Dragon of Rd

Joshp

Dear Santa,  
I wish a telescope please  
bring sister some thing I also  
want a real puppy.

Love, Edgar

Dear Santa I wish I had a  
trampoline and a remote  
control airplane

Love Josh Allbright

Dear Santa I want Legos  
regenera tor remote contro  
air plane

Love Jacob

Dear Santa  
I wish that you hath a  
merecostrmas Santa I wish  
that I Want dneuweke and a  
Exodia pack

List Santa Enrique

Dear Santa,  
this year I wont a polemol  
and a electric scooter.

Love Ciara

Robot Building

(NAPSA)-Gift givers and recipients may no longer dread the phrase "some assembly required," especially when the item being put together is as fun and versatile as a robot.

Television programs such as "BattleBots" and "Robot Wars" have brought personal robotics to the masses, and two new books can help people get started in building their own "bots."

In Robot Building for Dummies (Wiley, \$21.99), Roger Arrick, founder of Arrick Robotics, shows how readers can start with a kit and create their own personal machine,

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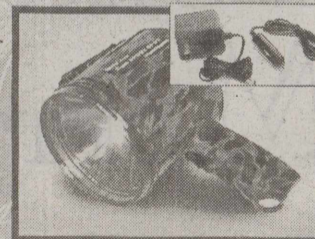
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Dear Santa,  
 please bring  
 toys. I've  
 been good.  
 Love,  
 Paul

**Letters From  
 Mrs. Mayfield's  
 Second Grade**

Dear Santa, Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I really enjoyed them. How is Misses Clause And how is Rudolph, Dancer and Prancer and all the other reindeers? This year May I please have a motorized scooter and polly pocket and a chock and marcker bord. And May I please have a pet rabbit but if you can't get me a rabbit would you get me a Barbie and

a play Barbie horse.  
 Love, Taylor Wall

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gift Santa. How is Mrs. claus? This is what I want a swing set and a skipit and cloths. How is Rudolph? have a Marry christmas Santa. does Rudolphs nois does it still shine. does Mrs. claus have gray hair? are your elves a tied of building toys?  
 Love, Karina

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the gifts last year. This year I want a motorized scooter, trampoline and a skip it. What color is Mrs Clauses hair? How many reindeer do you have? Do elves have sharp ears. Does Comet have a Christmas shirt? Does Rudolph have spots? Do you have a car? How many wifes do you have? Is your nose red? Does your underwear have spots on them?  
 Love, Brittney

Dear Santa  
 How is miss Claus and you? This is wut I want for Christmas: Art set, Roler Blades, C.D. player, trampoline, remote control car, Mitey Bechs, Books,  
 love, Blake

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? Thank you for the presents last year. How is Rudolph? and How is Misses. Claus? Would you please bring me a Polly Pocket. Would you please bring me a Skipit. Would you please bring me a real phone. Santa, I love you tell Misses Claus I said hie. and Tell Rudolph I said I love hem. Merry Christmas  
 Love, Taylor H.

Dear Santa, is Rudolph's nose still glowing? Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I would like some chaps shrinky dink and a Hilary Duff doll and earrings a bracelet and a ankle bracelet to match please. How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Hope to see you soon.  
 Love, Harlee

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? And does Mrs. Claus have gray hair? Would you please bring me a real phone an a UNO Attack game and also some rings for my fingers. How is it at the North Pole and are your elves getting tired from building all those toys? Does it take a long time to deliver all the toys to all the boys and girls? Thank you for the gifts last year. Love  
 Candy Kate



Bethany Reyna, daughter of Eloy and Erma Reyna, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. She told Santa about the things she wanted for Christmas.

*Briscoe County News Photo*

Dear Santa,  
 Can you please get me a toy humer and a bike and a gum truck and Baterys merry christmas Santa.  
 Love, Kaison

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? Please bring me a new bike and go go my walken pup a cheerleader barbie. And a CD player and a ice cream maker and ice skates.  
 Love Haley

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Please can I have ice skates for Christmas, a trampoline, a diary and a Icee maker and a CD player.  
 Love Molly

Dear Santa,  
 How are your raindeer? I would like a module truck. Please Motorcycle too.  
 an a remote controle airplane.  
 Love, Skyler

Dear Santa,  
 How are Comet Cupid Doner Blitsen Vickson Dasher Dancer Prancer and Rudolph? Can you please send me an Icee maker and a puppy. If you cant send me a puppy can you please send me a Rabbit. How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? what is your favorite elves name? What color is your under where? How old are you? How old is Rudolph? How old is Comet? How old is Cupid? How old is Doner? How old is Blitsen? How old is Vickson? How old is Dasher? How old is Dancer? How old is Prancer? Merry Christmas!  
 Love Emily

Dear Santa,  
 Thanks you for the gifts last year. Please bring me a guitar and CD player with batteres and CD. I hop you bring My gifts.  
 Love Matias

(NAPSA)-Whether it be lending expertise in the classroom or helping with homework, parental involvement in schooling can play a key role in children's academic achievement.

According to research published in 2002 by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory, students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores, and enroll in higher-level programs.
- Be promoted and pass their classes.
- Attend school regularly.
- Graduate and continue to post-secondary education.

"Not only does parental involvement in schooling strengthen the family and help students achieve better grades, it also strengthens the life of the schools, creating a community of committed adults supporting the goals of the schools and the students," said Patrick Bassett, president of the National Association of Independent Schools. "This feeling of community, with adults and students working together for a common purpose, is one of the great strengths of independent schools."

For more information about independent schools, visit [www.nais.org](http://www.nais.org).

..... and  
 wise men  
 still seek  
 HIM



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*Fast away the old year passes,  
Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,  
Sing we joyous all together,  
Heedless of the wind and weather,  
Fa la la la la la la la . . .*

Traditional Welsh Carol

# Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

*from all of us to all of you!*

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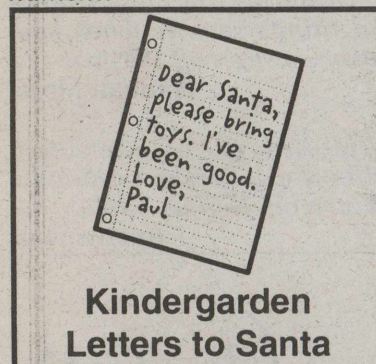
## *The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things*

*Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends exchange greetings of joy and good will. It's happening here and now in our most wonderful town, and we're pleased to be a part of it. Merry Christmas to all!*

*Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club.*



Lori Griffin received All-Tournament honors at the FM-211 basketball tournament played in Wilson and New Home. She averaged 13 points a game with seven rebounds. Sixteen teams participated in the tournament.



**Kindergarten Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa, I want a telescope. Also a flag and some army toys. And a racecar. Thank you, Santa,  
Noe Beltran

Dear Santa, What are you doing? What is Mrs. Claus doing? Your elves must be at hard work. A new play station, something for my mom. I want a pin and Harry Potter wand for magic, REAL magic.  
Sheldon Scroggins

Dear Santa, I want a green bike, a go-cart, a toy. A toy book. Hope you don't get cold at the North Pole.  
Maison Fuston

Dear Santa, I want some Powerpuff clothes. I want a zebra toy. I also want puppets, and Powerpuff books.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Julissa Martinez

Dear Santa, How hard are you working? I want army men, remote control, hunting game. Hope it is not too cold. And that's all!  
Zane Hunt

**Lady Owls Got Off to Slow Start At Claude Dec. 16**

The Lady Owls got off to a slow start against Claude Dec. 16 at Claude, but played well against them in the second half.

Lori Griffin led the offense by scoring 16 points. Sasha Wood also scored in double figures, getting 10 points. Adding to the score were Haylee Simpson, six; Kelsie Estes, four; Kelcy Simpson, Danielle Ramirez and Krista Hale, two points each.

Lady Owls	4	11	20	42
Claude	14	32	45	59

Dear Santa, I like Santa Claus. I want a transformer, a book 'bout Pok-e-mon and how do you get to the North Pole? And I need a toy that looks like Santa and I think I need a little REAL flag.  
Javier Gamez

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll. Santa I wish you to watch over me while I'm in my bed. I want a Barbie doll. Santa, I want you to watch my Mom, Dad, Brother and Sister.  
Tricia Curry

Dear Santa, I like his presents. I also want a Barbie Jeep. Also a Barbie and Powerpuff toys. Some clothes for the Barbie dolls and some puppets.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Kelsey Ivory

Dear Santa, I want Cowboy set, maybe 2 sets, a knife, car, Teddy Bear (maybe he will give me it!) A Helicopter, play horse, ax to chop wood with.  
Ryan Baird

I want Hulk Hands. Also a Spiderman costume. Also some playdough to make a mess on my mom's floor. A bunch of magnets too. I also want a stuffed animal of a zebra. And I want a dinosaur puppet. And I want a sewing kit. And I want a brand new backpack. And a tracing something. If that's too much stuff, you don't have to get that much.  
Thank you,  
Gavin Smith

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie Jeep, Barbie doll, bike, Santa Clause, because I like him. I thought of something else, Barbie purse.  
Shea Hubbard

Dear Santa, I want Transformer Power Rangers and Power Ranger Transformer bicycles. Also the trucks. A big toy Megazord.

Thank you, Santa,  
Cody Bruce

Dear Santa, I want games and toys. I also want a play guitar and a Transformer Power Rangers. And a computer.

Thank you, Santa,  
Benigno Nayola

Dear Santa, I want some Polly-Pockets, Go Go My Walkin' Pup (it talks and it walks), and I want Barbies. Rudolf, is his nose still shining? We have been

**Junior High Lady Owls Win Clarendon Tournament**

Silverton's Junior High Lady Owls brought home a plaque for winning the Clarendon Junior High Tournament.

The girls defeated Clarendon 29-28 and Highland Park 29-26 to take the championship. Shandy Forbes scored 19 points before fouling out in the Clarendon game. Also scoring were Lydia DeLeon, Tracelle Ramirez, Laura Scarborough and Cassie Yancey. Others on the team are Tory Patton, Abby Reyna and Jasmin Ivory. Shandy Forbes led the scoring with 17 points in the game with Highland Park. Also scoring were Jasmin Ivory and Laura Scarborough.

learnin' bout Rudolf and we sang Rudolf songs. You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Blitzen. . . Thanks for doing this for us, because we love God so thanks for doing this for God's birthday.  
Lucchese Cogdell

**One Solitary Life**

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

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

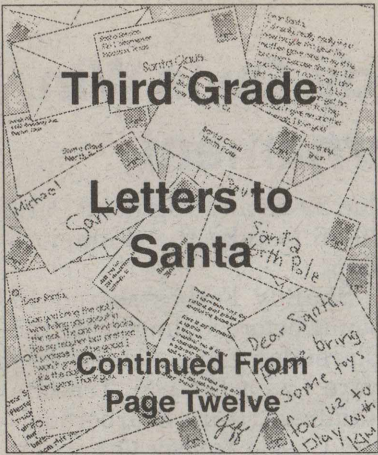
*Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon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



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

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

Merry  
**Christmas**  
from  
**SWISHER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**



wanted a land RC and that is it can transform in to a car and a ship and a tank thats all i want mery Christmas  
Marvin Yanez

Dear Santa Claus,  
This year for Christmas I want a baby doll or a pixer. I don't care if you get me something that I didn't get me what I ask for. Please get my dogs something.

Your friend,  
Shelly Fuston

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a mutater. I want a Gamecube. I also want a Remote Control Airplane. I want my family to have a great Christmas.

Your friend,  
Jeremy Hall

Dear Santa, I billev you are real. I was wondering if you cood bring me a game boy advanes game Maireo, tank you.

From,  
Cody Daugherty

Dear Santa,  
How are you at the North Pole? I want some clothes, barbies, real make up, and dress up stuff. Santa, please get something for the poor. Please make Marry Myers well. What I really want for Christmas is my friends and family.

Love,  
Tessa Breedlove

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this year? I want a dolphin comforter, babby doll travel set, and a basketball suit. Will you bring my brother a DVD player, My mom a new phone, My sister a penguin, My dad a hunting suit.

Love,  
Brittany Deckard

Dear Santa,  
I want a riding horse adventure computer game, a stuffed animal uniform, a toy horse, a barn set, some some make-up, colored pencils, a horse book, a magic tree house book.

Your friend,  
Abie Nicole Tipton

Der santa, how are you dooing in the north pol? I hop you hav a mery christmas and how is Roodof? and how or the alfs und ms santaklos. and i

### New Arrival

Zane and Tay Henderson are proud to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Savannah Brooke, at Covenant Hospital in Plainview at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 2003. She weighed six pounds fifteen ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Rik and Kerri Snodgrass, Monte and Brenda Cannon, all of Tulia; Dwain and Shirley Henderson of Silverton.

Proud great-grandparents are Lewis and Rosella Cannon of Tulia, Fred and Vivone Arnold of Silverton. Savannah is the great-granddaughter of the late Hulan Henderson, Gaston and Lottie Owens, H. M. and Vera Cowell.

*It is the quality of our work which will please God, and not the quantity.*

Mahatma Gandhi

*A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.*

Carl Reiner

*The victory of success is half-won when one gains the habit of work.*

Sarah Bolton

*Hope is the parent of faith.*

C. A. Bartol



Santa Claus visited with Paloma DeLeon, daughter of Judy and Rolando DeLeon, at City Bank-Silverton last week.

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### Lady Owls Defeat Kress Ladies 43-35

Silverton's Lady Owls went to Kress December 19, and brought home a 43-35 victory.

Lori Griffin led the offense with a big 22-point effort. Sasha Wood also scored in double figures, getting 12 points.

Adding to the score were Danielle Ramirez, six, and Haylee Simpson, three points. Also playing were Kelsie Estes, Krista Hale, Kelcy Simpson and Brittany Tiffin.

Lady Owls	2	13	28	43
Kress	12	18	29	35

The Lady Owls hit 16 of 27 free throws.

Next appearance for the Lady Owls will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, December 29, in the Clarendon Tournament.

*If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel.*

Will Kommen

*Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.*

Hannah More

*Music is one of the greatest gifts of all. It asks nothing in return but that we listen.*

Anonymous

## "O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

When the shepherds saw that shining star over Bethlehem, they knew a great miracle had taken place. Let us remember to keep the miracle of that night alive, and renew in our hearts the true meaning of Christmas.

May all the joys of the season be yours.



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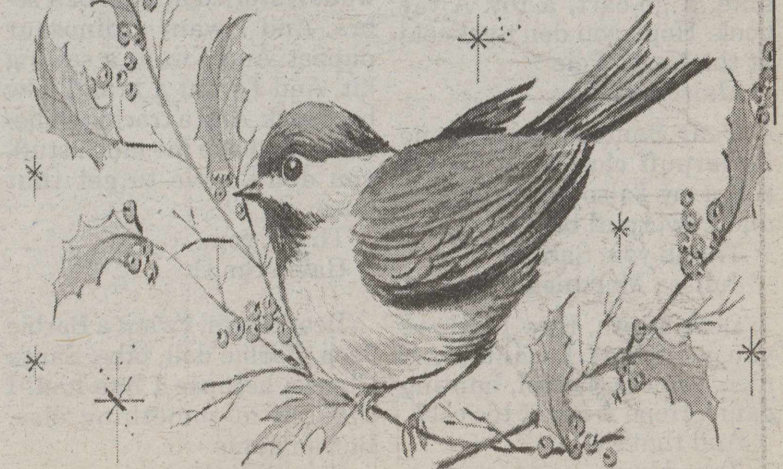
The Rex Johnson Family

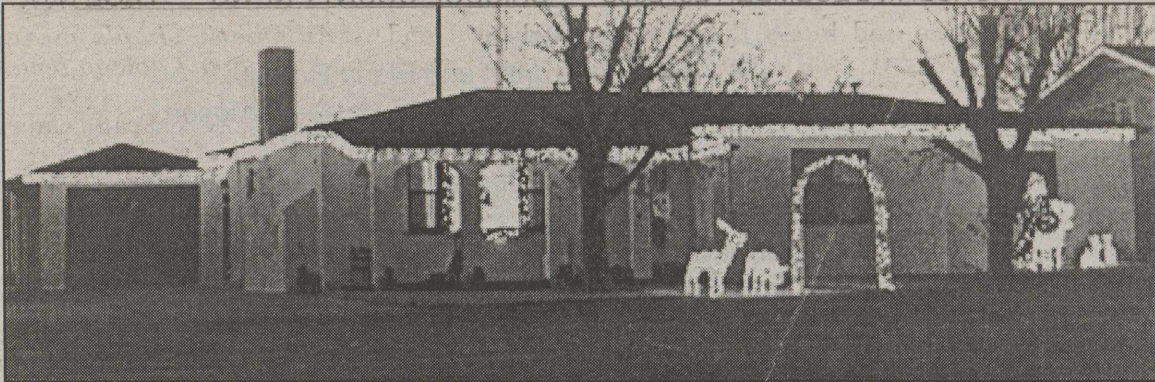
## Holiday Greetings

May the gladness and contentment of the season remain with you and those dear to you, enriching your lives to the fullest measure.

**Guaranty Abstract Co.**

Steve, Mike, LaQuetta, Shannon & Katy





The home of Leo and Peggy Fleming on south Main Street is beautifully decorated for Christmas, with several moving deer and a Christmas tree in the window.

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## Obituary

### TOMMY STRANGE

Funeral services for Tommy L. Strange, 68, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 22, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Officiating was Bob Crass. Burial followed in the Silverton Cemetery. Arrangements were by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

He died at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 19, 2003 at Country Manor nursing home in Amarillo.

Mr. Strange was born July 3, 1935 in Silverton. He graduated from Silverton High School with the Class of 1953 and was a veteran of the Marine Corps.

Survivors include a daugh-

ter, Terri Williams and her husband, Robert, and a granddaughter, Ashley, from Sanger, Texas; a daughter, Debbie Donoho, and granddaughter, Suzanne, and grandson, Porter, Phoenix, Arizona; two sisters, Sylvia Fowler of Smyer and Mae Pitts of Alexandria, Louisiana; three brothers, Jack Strange of Lubbock and Norman and Fred Strange, both of Silverton.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Memorial Fund at Box 774, Silverton, TX 79257.

*The morning is wiser than the evening.*

Russian Proverb

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

George Herbert

*Not on one string are all life's jewels strung.*

William Morris

## Bits & Pieces Of News

by Lataine Dillard

We were saddened at the passing of Tommy Strange, brother of Fred, Norman and Jack Strange. Services were conducted at First Baptist Church on Monday. Our love and prayers go to the family.

If you are a senior citizen, you are missing a lot of fun if you are not coming to the exercises each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have the most fun, not to mention the stretching exercises that are so good for all people! Last Friday someone mentioned things we liked to eat and John Francis said that Maebelle loved kraut. She groaned and no, that she hated kraut. We swap recipes

## From the Patio

by Nina Martin

While drinking my morning coffee Friday morning, a beautiful pheasant rooster flew

and Valeria, who is a flat abed person, says "Hold in your stomach!" We love to be reminded because that is half the solution; hold it in ALL the time!

Loretha Rhoderick is enjoying having her sister, Marguriete, here again.

I saw Lydia Segura at B&R on Saturday. She was gathering up food for her family who are coming for the holidays.

I also saw Immanuel Vasquez who works there. He is a very nice and diligent young man.

Gordon and Carolyn Lowrey have really enjoyed watching their grandson, Dakota Smith, play football this year. Shallowater went a long way in the state playoffs. Congratulations, Dakota! Gordon is now having knee trouble and will start in the Synvisc treatments in January. We hear great things about this treatment.

Lottie Garrison visited with her brother, Harve, and sister-in-law, Marie, in Lubbock last weekend. Lottie's sister, Icy, See Bits & Pieces-

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into the maple tree right before my eyes. I hardly breathed and I missed him when he flew away.

The quilters yesterday were myself, Sybil King, Nadyne Childress, Rose Mary Perkins, Linda Bearden, Wanda Strange, Joy Stodghill, Diane Norris, Laverne Stephens and Christine King. We finished Diane's Wedding Ring quilt.

Sybil and Neil King enjoyed grandson, Tanner Cartrite, of Dumas last weekend.

Christine King traveled to Dallas with daughter Brenda and Earl Rolands of Floydada. Their daughter, Amy Wade, graduated from Medical School as a physician's assistant. Amy's dad, Bob Wade of Tulia, also attended.

Christine spent Friday night with Jo Dodson at Arlington.

Recipe:

### SWEET AND SOUR

#### HAM SAUCE

2 cans whole berry cranberry sauce

1/4 cup white vinegar

1/3 cup finely chopped onion

Combine and simmer until onions are tender but still crisp.

MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BRING YOU

*Peace and Joy.*



Just as the wise men found their way on that first Christmas, may you, and your loved ones, be guided by the light of His love this holiday season, and evermore.

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*Happy Holiday!*

Look, it's Santa with his sack, Climbing down the chimney stack!  
In a flash he's gone from sight; Then he's back and waves good-night.  
He jumps into his little sleigh; You can almost hear him say,  
As his laughter fades away--Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Hooliday!

**BROWN HARDWARE**

Carol and Mary Davis and Family





How could Santa resist entering the John Francis home on north Braidfoot Street? The many lights and gingerbread trim provide a very Christmasy appearance.

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**More Bits & Pieces of News- Continued From Page Eight**

Alaska. who visits here a lot, is having rotator cuff shoulder surgery in January. She lives in

Alaska.

It's good to have Peggy Strange out of the hospital. She has had respiratory problems since she was a child.

Loretta Hardin had her sis-

ter, Pat Crabtree and husband, Jack, visit this weekend. They went to church with Loretta and Buck. Pat plays the organ and piano for her church in Alamogordo, New Mexico and played the piano for the morning service, and she and Loretta played organ and piano at the evening service. They attended the Seasoned Adult lunch. Then they helped set up the hall for the funeral dinner on Monday. That was so nice of them. Buck, Loretta, Glenda and Bud Couch and Roy Mack and Lois Walker lent hands, too. Thanks! The Crabtrees were going to spend Christmas with their daughter at Fort Riley, Kansas. Her husband is in Iraq.

You are invited to attend the candlelight service on Christmas Eve at First Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. It will last about an hour. Everyone is welcome!

I save all my answering machine calls. Then I get to hear my loved ones' messages over and over again, for instance: Hi Mom, Just wanted to say hello. I love you.

How do you like this weather? Our granddaughter, Jennifer, in Virginia can't believe we have 23° at night and 65-70° during the day sometimes!

Theta and Rex Holt attended the college graduation of grandson, Lance Holt, on December 12.

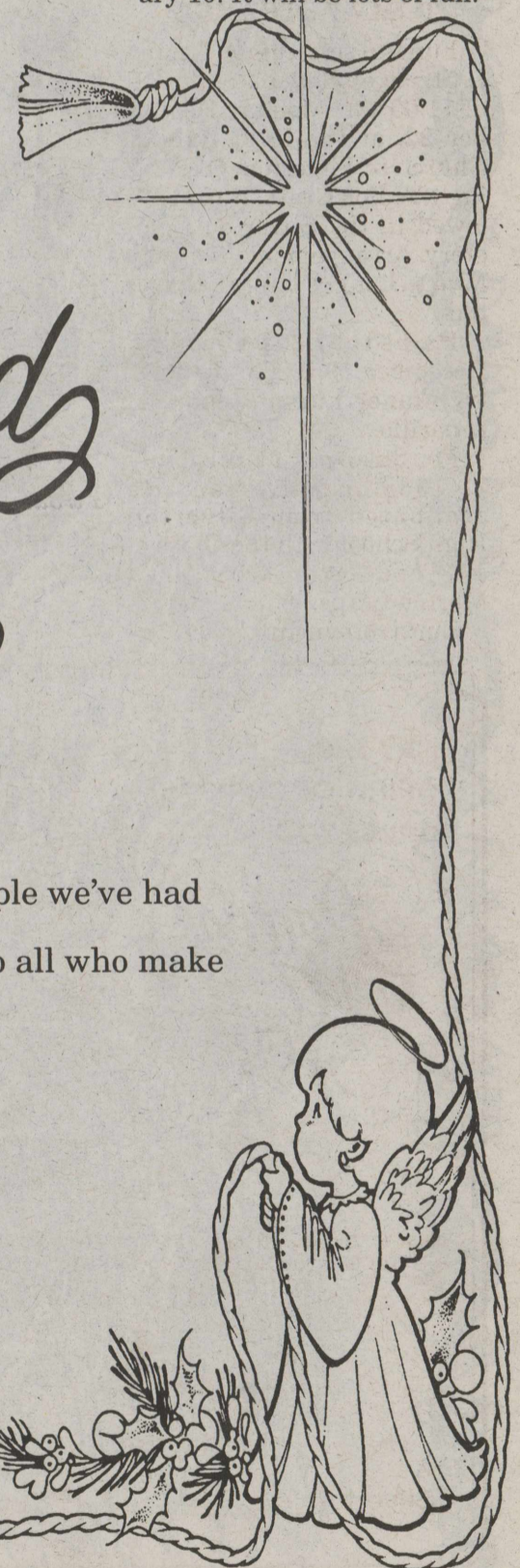
*Automatic simply means that you aren't able to repair it yourself.*

Frank Capra

*A chimpanzee can learn to recognize itself in a mirror, but monkeys can't.*

*In French universities, freshmen are sometimes called bec jaune, or yellow beak, for their similarity to fledgling birds.*

Don't forget the Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton. Then please remember the Bingo benefit the Chamber is having on January 10. It will be lots of fun!



*With You in Mind  
at  
Christmastime*

Lights are twinkling. Carollers, singing. Trees all aglow.

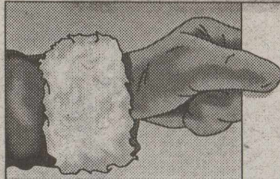
Signs of Christmas are everywhere, bringing to mind all the good people we've had the privilege to serve this past year, and so we offer our warm wishes to all who make the holiday season so special for us.

*Happy Holidays from all of us at*

**MID-PLAINS**

**RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**





## Letters to Santa

### From the Third Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this Christmas? I am fine. I would like a baby travel set and a beautiful dophen piciter. And a comb set for my mama and a jacet for my dad and brothers. Please remember my friends and famuly.

Your friend,  
Selena Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I only want 2 things for Christmas some games fore a game cube like Toney hoawk und ground and spawn Mario

cart dolol dash the Hulk and Tack and the powerof juju May borher wants a X box.

Your friend,  
Hilario Nayola

Dear Santa, how or you dowong this year? Santa do you mind bringing my dad a new tool box and my mom a new blinder. And my Grand a ring. And my brother some legos Anbd for my I want a rewinder it is a rnatcantro car. and the most thand I rily want is my family to get together.

Yor frend  
Derrik Smith

Dear Santa,  
This year I want to have an ambulance and a transformer, named Blur and Titlewave. Please remember the men fighting for us today in Iraq.

Your friend,  
Rowdy Cogdell

Der Santa Claus  
I want a trampoling for Christmas

Valeria Garcia  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a little merot control car and and a new dog and my little brother wants a telescope and my big brother wants a little merotcontrol car also.

Your Freind,  
Omar Martinez

Dear Santa,  
Whats going on at the North pole. Do you mind if I have 3 things for Christmas Santa Clause? I would like Barbie Buety Boutique CD rom, the Chalange, and a little horse set.

Your friend,  
Ashley Smith

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this year? I want new playstatoin games, and a movive called Freaky Friday, and clothes, and jrrewer and a labty or a computer and peaese put moeny in the poors stockings, but what I want the most is my freinds, and my famliy.

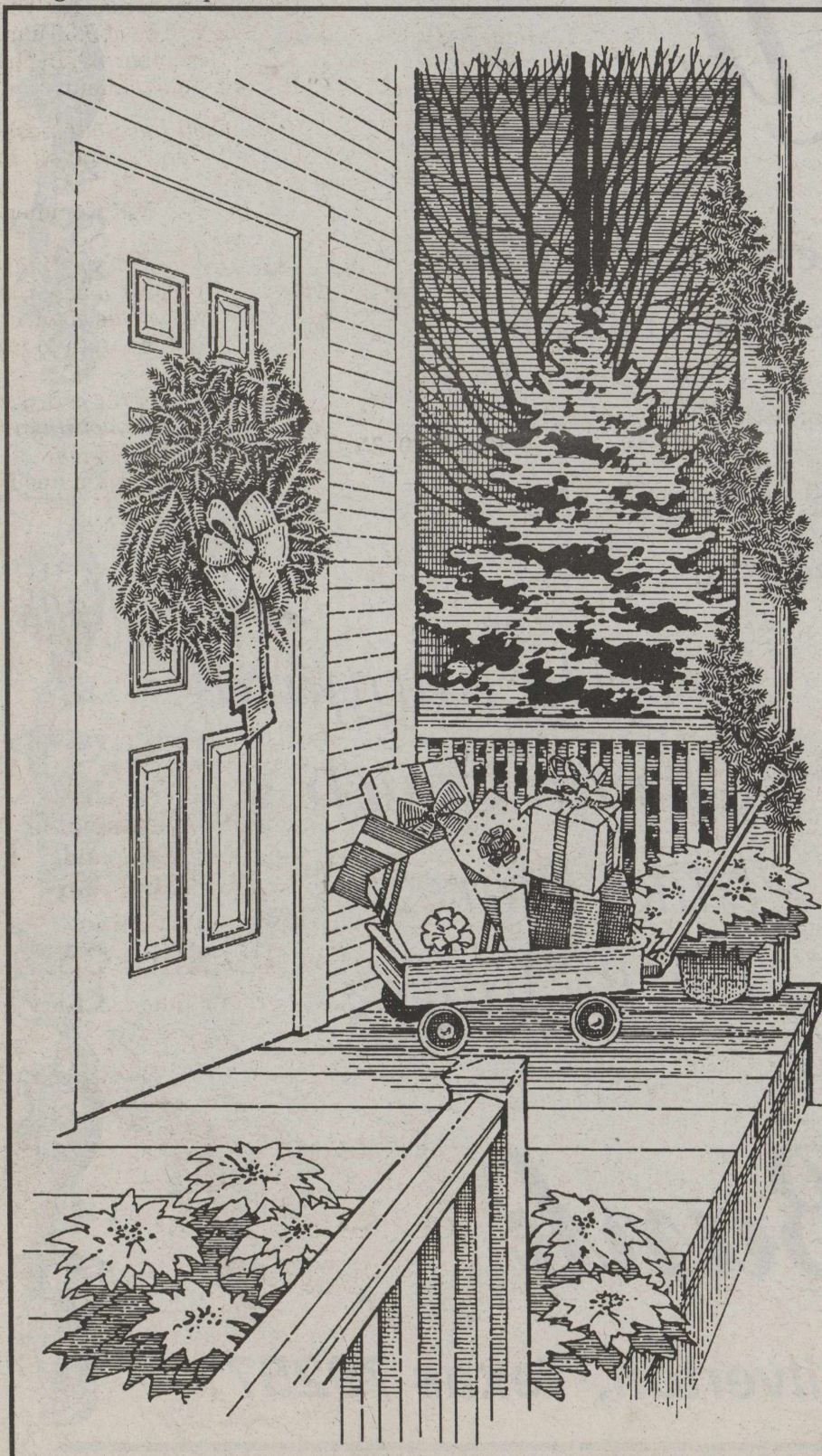
Your freind,  
Katey Bullock

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this year? I want a mew CD player, Baby doll play pen, a baby doll blanket, and some mew cloths. How are the elves and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope they are warm. There is one more stocking up this year, it's my Baby dolls. You can put stuff in it or you don't have to, I don't care. I hope you have a safe trip, and stay warm.

Sincerely your friend,  
Kodie R. Saul

Dear Santa,  
Santa all I want for Christmas is my family to come over and come celabrate Jesuses berthday.

Your friend,  
Brewster Garcia  
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# Merry Christmas

One of the real joys of the season is the chance to put aside the routine of daily business, and, with sincerity, wish our friends a very merry Christmas.

**BROWN - McMURTRY  
IMPLEMENT**

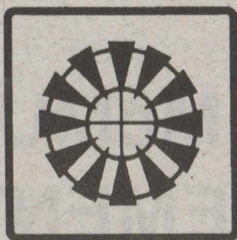
# Christmas Joy to All

In the spirit of this special time of year, we wish everyone the blessings of His light and love.

An abundance of thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

*Kyle Fuston*  
*Madeline Stone*  
*Brenda Patton*  
*Pat McJimsey*

*Beverly Minyard*  
*Glenda Couch*  
*Mike Juarez*  
*Estella Juarez*



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# Peace on Earth

