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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Merry Christmas."

Night Before Christmas –in Snyder.
(First Published in 1998)

T'was the night before Christmas, in Snyder you know.
Way out in the west, where it seldom does snow.
Asleep in their bunks, were Bubba and Sue,
A dreamin' of Christmas, just like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of the bed,
For this is West Texas, what more need be said.
When all of a sudden, from dark of the night,
There came such a ruckus, thought it was a fight.

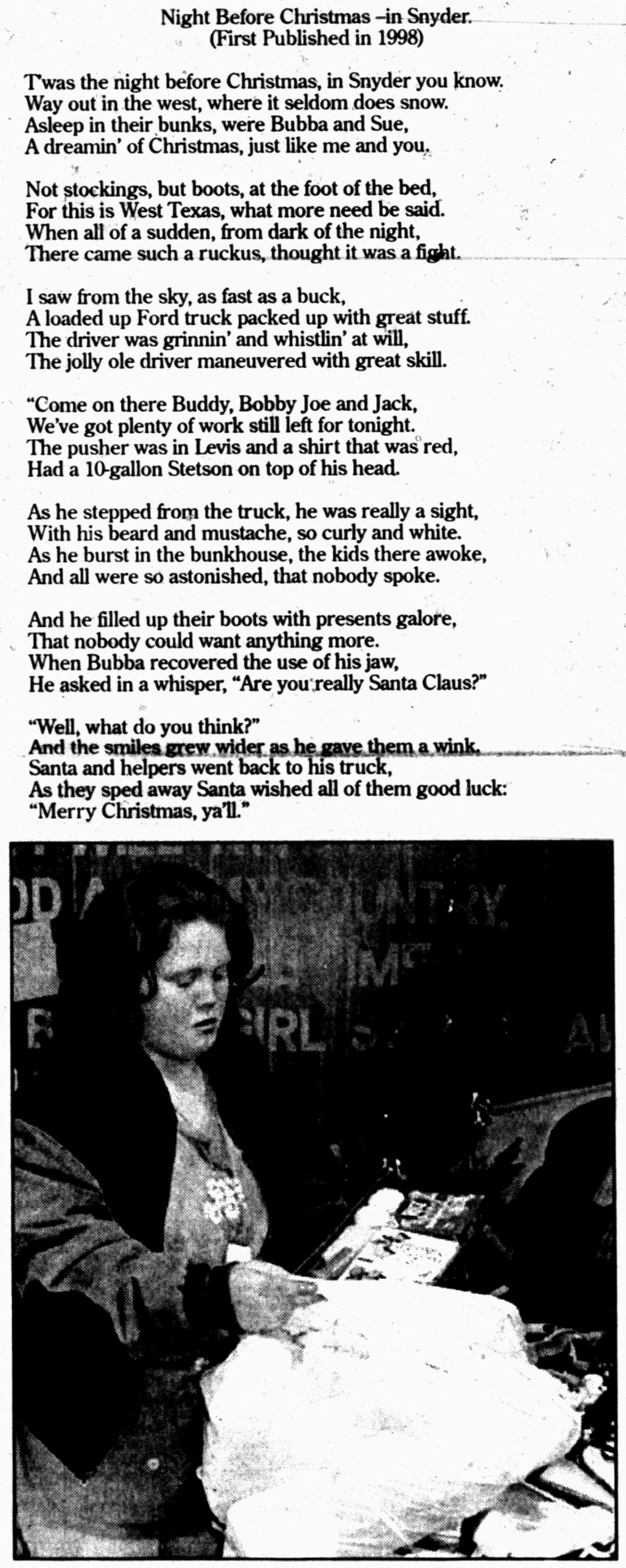
I saw from the sky, as fast as a buck,
A loaded up Ford truck packed up with great stuff.
The driver was grinnin' and whistlin' at will,
The jolly ole driver maneuvered with great skill.

"Come on there Buddy, Bobby Joe and Jack,
We've got plenty of work still left for tonight.
The pusher was in Levis and a shirt that was red,
Had a 10-gallon Stetson on top of his head.

As he stepped from the truck, he was really a sight,
With his beard and mustache, so curly and white.
As he burst in the bunkhouse, the kids there awoke,
And all were so astonished, that nobody spoke.

And he filled up their boots with presents galore,
That nobody could want anything more.
When Bubba recovered the use of his jaw,
He asked in a whisper, "Are you really Santa Claus?"

"Well, what do you think?"
And the smiles grew wider as he gave them a wink.
Santa and helpers went back to his truck,
As they sped away Santa wished all of them good luck:
"Merry Christmas, ya'll."



TOYS FOR TOTS — Girl Scout Tressie Martin fills a bag full of toys for Toys for Tots. Girl Scouts and volunteers have worked since Dec. 18 getting the toys ready to be picked up or delivered. (SDN Staff Photo)

Christmas, 1999



Holy Infant, so Tender and Mild



For correctional officers...

TDCJ board to look at raises

A special committee of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice has been assigned to work with state officials and prison employees and management toward a pay raise for correctional officers.

Criminal Justice board chairman Allan B. Polunsky said Friday that the committee "will begin immediately to search for solutions to the problems of pay, staffing and career advancement."While all nine members of our board are deeply concerned about the needs of correctional officers, I feel a special committee can move more quickly and go into greater detail than the board as a whole," Polunsky said.

"As to a pay raise, we all know where we want to go. A pay raise is needed badly," said Polunsky. "But questions of how we get there and when we get there remain unsolved. We can move closer to resolving those questions by linking the efforts of the state leadership, the employees and agency management. That is the mission of this committee."

Polunsky said the committee will meet "with everyone involved in both the questions and the possible answers."

Serving on the committee are board members Mac Stringfellow of San Antonio, Alfred Moran of Fort Worth and Hank Moody of Washington.

ASK US

Q—What time is Santa Claus going to start delivering gifts in Snyder on Christmas Day?

A—According to information from the North Pole, he is expected to start his Christmas deliveries about 4 a.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, 30-35. Saturday, partly cloudy. High around 55.



Bianca Alvarado
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:46 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:40 a.m.
Of 357 days in 1999, the sun has shone 350 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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

—Luke 2:11

Judge rules in breast implant lawsuits...

Women may sue parent companies

DETROIT (AP) — A judge's ruling that opens the door to more litigation over Dow Corning Corp.'s silicone breast implants could unravel the complicated deal aimed at ending years of legal battles on the issue.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Spector said in an opinion issued Tuesday that women with silicone implants who voted against the $3.2 billion settlement with Dow Corning last month may sue its corporate parents, Dow Chemical Co. and Corning Corp.

The settlement had barred further lawsuits against Dow Chemical and Corning Corp. over silicone implants. That clause is one of the keys to the settlement, part of a $4.5 billion bankruptcy reorganization plan for Dow Corning.

The clause is "fundamental to the plan," said Dow Corning spokesman Michael Jackson. "Without the release, there's no plan." Dow Corning will appeal the judge's opinion, Jackson said.

Spector said he lacked the power to grant a release to Dow Chemical and Corning, and that the plan didn't appear designed to grant such a release anyway. Jackson said Dow Corning disagreed on both points.

Spector's opinion also said women who voted to approve the settlement would be barred from suing the companies. It's unclear how many women his opinion might affect; 112,774 women voted on the plan earlier this year, with 94 percent approving.

Spector said there was no reason to assume allowing claims from women who voted against the deal would create an undue burden on the companies.

The companies estimate claims have been filed by 170,000 women or people representing their estates.

The no-lawsuit release in the settlement had been fought by lawyers for a group of women in Nevada, where the state's supreme court has upheld damages against Dow Chemical over silicone breast implants, opening the door for similar lawsuits

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Nicole Dabney semi-finalist in essay event

Nicole Dabney of Granbury, former Snyder resident, was "shocked" to learn she had been named a semi-finalist winner in the "Ultimate Returns Essay Contest." Jackson Hewitt, a national tax preparation service, sponsored the contest.

The national event asked students at 40,000 schools across the country to write an essay of 500 words or less about how they would spend the revenue generated by taxes to ensure the successful future of the United States.



Nicole Dabney

Nicole was a student at West Elementary when she wrote the essay last school year as part of an all-school assignment.

Social studies and language arts classes worked together on the assignment. Teachers were JoAnn Williams and Danita Covey.

During social studies classes, Mrs. Williams said students worked in groups as they studied all about taxes and how they became a part of the United States.

Students were asked to decide how to spend $1,000,000 in tax revenue. They also had to have support for their ideas, Mrs. Williams said.

Then, students wrote their essays in English classes.

"I listed three ways I would spend the money but I can only remember one," Nicole said from her home in Granbury Tuesday morning.

"I said I would give some of the money to the Third World countries because it's a shame to see them live the way they do."

As a semi-finalist winner, Dabney will receive a $50 savings bond and her family will receive free tax preparation from Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

She is the daughter of Steve Dabney of Granbury and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dabney of Snyder.

Before moving in July, Nicole said she had lived her whole life in Snyder.

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Chris Burkhalter of Ashland, Ala. was selected as the grand prize winner and will be flown along with his family and teacher to Washington, D.C. for a reception on Capitol Hill.

He will also receive a $10,000 scholarship and a personal computer.

Cahtrina Altimari-Brown of Huntington Beach, Calif., was selected as first prize winner and will receive a personal computer.

The second prize winner, Dane Aleknavicius of Gladstone, Mich., will receive a $100 savings bond and all the winners families will receive free tax preparation from Jackson Hewitt Tax Service.

The essay contest was part of the "Just the Facts on Taxes" program developed by Jackson Hewitt to introduce students to our government and its system of taxation.

"This program provided us an opportunity to teach students about taxes and challenge them to come up with their own ideas on how they would spend America's money, Peter Tahinos, vice president of marketing, said. "Helping them understand taxes at a young age will prepare them for their role as tax paying citizens in the future."

Judging for the essay contest was conducted through the Lifetime Learning Systems, a division of the Weekly Reader Corporation located in Stamford, Conn.

A panel of five judges, all with extensive backgrounds in educational publishing, selected the winners from over 5,000 entrants.

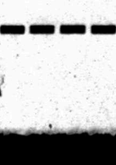
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TWAS ONE CRAZY NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — Three fourth grade classes presented "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas" before the holiday break. Teachers are Donna Griffin, Janie Carroll, Debra McNair. Sharlot Sparlin was the music director. Griffin's students (top photo) are from left, bottom row, Jake Alaniz, Adriana Herrera, Kirstie Davis, second row: Alison Cox, Layton Westmoreland, Kelby Seale; third row, Destiny Rylant, Rebecca Goolsby, Rudy Martinez, Houston Flores, Juan Hidalgo; top row, Samantha Daves, Nathan Wittie, Jonnie Porter, Morgan Moffett, Joe Garza. Tatum Norwood is not pictured. Carroll's students (middle photo) are from left, bottom row, Taylor Groat, Joel Rocha, Raquel Ruiz, Chris Richards, Ramsey Rodriguez; second row, Ashley Gonzales, Michael Turner, Crystal Rodriguez, Jacob Scifres; third row, Cassie Cazarez, Jordan Derryberry, Matthew Garcia, Shayla Wilson, Ashlei Lopez; top row, Kelly Holdren, Jacob Hinson, Daniel Burk, Derek Murphy. McNair's students (bottom photo) are Quentin Shafer in front; first row, from left, Audrey Jones, Stacey Elam, Ashley Casas, Brent Bollinger; second row, Christian Tippens, Christina Villa, Guy Baldwin, Steven Logan; third row, Cecelie Slaughter, Arthur Martinez, Jacob McFatridge, Jessica Verduzco; fourth row, Liza Fonseca, Brad Ashworth, Fabian Contreras, Lupe Lopez. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bill Bradley files for president in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley has officially filed for the Texas primary ballot, beating Vice President Al Gore to the punch in the nation's second-largest state.

The former New Jersey senator filed by mail, said state Democratic Party spokesman Mike Hailey. Bradley's paperwork was received Tuesday.

Calls to Bradley's and Gore's campaigns were not immediately returned to The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Christmas Eve Service
11pm
First Presbyterian Church

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999

The year ahead will offer many new opportunities to accomplish your aims and wishes. However they won't come in the blink of an eye, so give your small steps time to develop into large strides.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Should you need assistance today for what you hope to accomplish, you'll discover everyone will readily do what they can to make your plans come off as you envision them. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be sure to include a friend in your special plans today who may not have family around or who always invites you when she or he has something special cooking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rome wasn't built in a day, so don't get impatient today if you can't get everything done in the wiggle of a nose. Do things one step at a time and everything will come off perfectly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some pleasant news you'll receive today from someone who lives at a distance from you will be like music to your ears. It could be what you've been waiting to hear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What might start out to be a bit of a frustrating day will quickly be forgotten as the day turns into a most thoroughly enjoyable one spent with those who are close to your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't even think about being a loner today. Sharing time with persons whose company you truly enjoy will have a revitalizing affect on your outlook and attitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Chances are you're going to realize some great compensations today for all that you've been doing for others. They'll want to reciprocate in their own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do your part in adding to the festivities today by engineering activities that are weighted more to the mental side. This is where you'll shine the most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone whose confidence you didn't think you enjoyed may surprise you by sharing some intimate news not meant for everyone's ears. It'll be some ing to cheer about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Small, intimate groups will be more to your liking today than being in places where you could get lost in the crowd. Limit your socializing to your those of your choosing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Pride of accomplishment will exceed any monetary gains you might receive today. Your initiative and creative talents will please all who are lucky enough to share in them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) People over whom you think you have little influence will follow your suggestions today to the letter. It'll please you to know they trust and respect your ideas so much.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999

Look for your horizons to be greatly expanded in the year ahead, because you're likely to venture into areas you've never explored previously. The results will awaken many new interests for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because you're not apt to take things at face value today, you'll be a tough person to surprise. Yet you'll still enjoy any offerings others are trying to spring on you. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your cooperative inclinations today will assure pleasant associations with others. Each concession you make will be equally matched in return.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A number of your ambitious interests can be advanced at this time. Instead of taking it easy today, make a list of your priorities and get rolling on them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The merriment of yesterday still lingers in your persona, so chances are you're going to find ways today to continue having fun with all who will join in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The end results for which you had hoped would come about through all your planning will be realized today, so long as you continue to follow your game plan. Keep your eye on the ball.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Continue to go along with the flow of events today, because they look rather favorable for you and this may be more due to the efforts of others than yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) More gifts could be in the offing for you today, but they might come from those who have appreciated the good work you've done for them in the past rather than from family or friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) After doing your part to make things jolly for everybody else, today you might begin to place some emphasis on your own personal interests once again. It'll be just what you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll continue today to make those you love your primary concern and see to it that they're happy. Your selflessness will be adequate compensation in itself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is a propitious day to to spend with friends and acquaintances. Your collective efforts to put together something that pleases everybody will be gratified.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The dealings of the past few days with those who are in the position to enhance your sense of well-being will be gratified today. You'll feel more secure than you've felt for some time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Now is the day to make some phone calls or e-mails to those you've been neglecting who presently are separated by distance. They'll be happy and grateful to hear from you.

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Woman sues for records FBI compiled

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unidentified Arkansas woman who claims President Clinton assaulted her sexually in 1978, when he was Arkansas attorney general, has sued for any files the FBI might have kept on her.

Clinton's attorney has called the accusations "absolutely false."

Judicial Watch, a conservative legal foundation, filed a lawsuit on Juanita Broaddrick's behalf in U.S. District Court. The suit joins 31 other cases the group has against the Clinton administration.

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						1 Happy New Year
2	3 Lady Dusters vs. Southwest Shootout @ Waco	4 Offices Open	5	6	7	8
9	10 Spring In-Service Begins Lady Dusters vs. Howard College @ Big Spring 6:00 pm BOARD MEETING 7:00 pm	11	12 Residence Hall Opens 2 pm	13 Lady Dusters vs. Odessa College @ Snyder 7:30 pm	14	15
16	17 MLK Holiday Campus Closed Lady Dusters vs. Clarendon College @ Clarendon 6:00 pm	18 Classes Begin	19 SGA Mtg Noon Pictionary 7:00 pm SC	20 Lady Dusters vs. South Plains College @ Snyder 7:30 pm PTK Exec. Mtg 10:45 SC 105	21 Dance - Intramurals Fundraiser 8:00 pm-1:00 am At the Armory	22
23	24 Last day to Register, add or change Lady Dusters vs. New Mexico Jr. College @ Hobbs, NM 5:00 pm (Est) Movie Night 8:00 pm SC	25 Intramural 3 on 3 B-Ball 7:30	26 SGA Mtg Noon	27 Lady Dusters vs. Midland College @ Midland 6:00 pm Intramural 3 on 3 B-Ball 7:30 PTK Mtg 10:45 SC 105	28	29
30	31 Lady Dusters vs. Frank Phillips College @ Snyder 7:30 pm					

Spring Registration Schedule: January 13, 2000

8:30-11:30 Sophomores (30 hrs or more)

8:30 last names A-F
9:30 last names G-O
10:30 last names P-Z

1:30-4:30 Freshmen (0-29 hrs)

1:30 last names A-F
2:30 last names G-O
3:30 last names P-Z

Evening Registration

6:30-8:30 evening registration any students

Late registration will be January 14th - 24th. Students should go to the admissions office to begin the process.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Mario Herrera, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Phillip M. Lang, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ricky Morton, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

L.T. Hood, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tracie McDowell, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Randal L. Browne, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

J.A. Pollard, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Terry and Anna Burton, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Douglas Kunz, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charles White Jr., 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Dewey W. and Jennifer D. Braddock, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Sidney Degrate, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

H.K. and Norma Lofton, 2000 Chevrolet Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Matthew C. Davis, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Van and Becky Hale, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

David E. Kight, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

Leasecomm Corporation vs. J. Burt Sandefur and John Williamson, jointly and severally, and dba J.B.S. and Company, suit to enforce foreign judgment.

Patsy Williams vs. James Melton, dba Melton Plumbing, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Sharon Darlene Applin and Marvin Barth Applin, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Veterans Land Board of Texas to David Oscar Adams, 30 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 191, Block 3, H&GN survey.

William D. and Nan Love to Charles Fulks, the north 25 feet of the south 89.4 feet of the east 90 feet of Lot 2 and the south 20 feet of the north 40 feet of the west 30 feet of Lot 2, all in Block 5 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Douglass G. and Belinda Foster to Rodney G. Foster, the north 201.3 acres of the west one-half of Section 236, Block 3, H&TC survey.

West Texas State Bank to Keith Matthies, dba Matthies Construction Co., all of Lot 10 in Block 11 of the Original Town of Snyder.

B.L. and Nina F. Lavender to Adam and Shelly Brewster, tract one being 14.49 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 157, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being Lots 1-14 in Block 13 of the Green Hills Addition; tract three being a portion of Falls Avenue abutting Lot 1 in Block 13 of the Green Hills Addition; tract four being part of a 20-foot alley abutting Lots 1-14 in Block 13 of the Green Hills Addition.

Waymon W. Holmes to Wade and Elois Davis, tract one being 23.3 acres out of the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being all of the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Ruby Irene Lee to C.M. Kruse, 106 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 110, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Billy Lee McKinley to C.M. Kruse, 106 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gary Lynn and Patricia Ann Scott to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 3 in Block 4 of the Highlands Addition.

Widespread problems found in grounded Mexican airline

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Mexican government investigation of the airline Taesa, grounded shortly after a fatal jet crash, has found widespread problems. But it said its passengers had not been in danger.

The airline must correct the problems — among them, resolving its longtime financial difficulties — before it can fly again, the Transportation department said in statement Wednesday.

The airline, Mexico's third largest, said that most of the problems had already been corrected and it hoped to attract new investors and resume operations soon.

The department had suspended Taesa on Nov. 23, two weeks after a DC-9 crashed in central Mexico, killing all 13 passengers and five crew members.

The statement Wednesday said the department had found "important problems" in the airline's maintenance, operations, training and administration.

It set 69 conditions for the airline to resume operations. Among the issues that have to be addressed are the airline's lack of financial resources, inadequate staffing and supplies, and its use of outdated manuals.

"It's important to note that the defects and deficiencies had never affected flight safety in themselves," the statement said. But it said they created the potential for safety problems and resulted in flight cancellations and delays.

The department also grounded permanently six of the airline's planes, because of their old age and the difficulty of obtaining spare parts.

Taesa said in a statement that it had planned to take those planes out of service in March as part of an upgrade of its fleet. It said it would now step up those plans.

Group prepares to greet new year at the Space Needle

SEATTLE (AP) — Long before the millennial hype, a group of friends and family in Oregon scored a coup by renting the Space Needle for their 1999 New Year's Eve bash.

"I'm just amazed that somebody in Seattle didn't think of it ahead of me," said Wendy Warren, 50, of Portland, Ore.

The idea for the party blossomed nearly a decade ago while Ms. Warren was celebrating New Year's on the Oregon coast with friends. They all paused to consider where they wanted to be as 2000 began.

"About three people said simultaneously: 'Space Needle!'" said Ms. Warren, whose interest in the landmark dates to the 1962 World's Fair, which had a 21st century theme.

"The Needle was built as representative of what it might be like in the next millennium," she said. "So what better place to be?"

It took two years to persuade the Needle's private operators, but the group managed to do it. The Needle is the launching point for the city's Dec. 31 fireworks extravaganza, with 60,000 people expected to be on hand.

On Wednesday, officials canceled plans for a New Year's Eve burning of 14 giant papier-mache and wooden sculptures, which was to be held at the surrounding Seattle Center. Officials said the city seems more vulnerable after last week's arrest of a man for allegedly bringing bomb-making materials across the U.S. border in Port Angeles. He had rented a motel room near the Space Needle.

Ms. Warren wouldn't disclose the cost of renting the entire Needle, but renting the facility at the 100-foot level costs $11,000. "One of the reasons for starting early was so everybody could add more (money), year by year," she said.

She and the 10 other hosts invited 700 people, including some from Europe and Africa.

On New Year's Eve, they'll be able to wander the 605-foot structure, from the lower level to the flying-saucer-like Needle restaurant at the top and the observation deck just above. Music and a buffet spread have been arranged.

A Nov. 26 accident has cast its shadow on the festive plans. One of the group — William "Tiger" Warren of Portland — died with his three young sons when their small float plane crashed on takeoff from the Columbia River. Warren founded the 13-restaurant Macheezmo Mouse chain.

Canceling wasn't an option, said Stephen Babson, Warren's attorney.

"Tiger would have been mortified to learn it had been canceled," he said. "He'd been involved in the planning more than a decade. He wouldn't want people not to go just because he wasn't going to be there."

The border arrest hasn't derailed the group's festivities, either.

"I'm sure some people are probably going to drop out at the last minute," said Susan Hoffman, a friend of Ms. Warren. "We're still planning on having a fun party."

Bennett enlists

JAYTON — Melissa R. Bennett, daughter of Roy and Christine Bennett of Jayton, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program on Nov. 23.

She graduated from Jayton High School and is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on Aug. 23.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six weeks basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Bennett is scheduled to receive technical training in the operations career field.

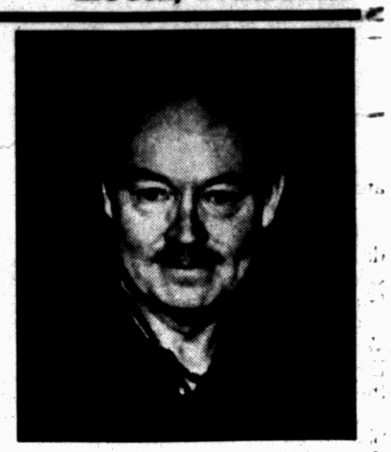
In conjunction with the vocational skill, she will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Porn star hiding out in Vancouver penthouse

TORONTO (AP) — A porn star wanted for her role in an insider trading scandal on Wall Street is hiding out in a Vancouver penthouse, a Canadian newspaper reported Thursday.

The National Post reported it had contacted Kathryn Gannon, who is known in the porn industry as Marylin Star, at the home of her fiance Wednesday. She refused any comment on her case, the paper said.

A friend of Gannon told the paper she was considering whether to turn herself in.



Dr. Paul Thompson

Dr. Thompson is recognized

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Dr. Paul A. Thompson, Snyder family physician, was honored for 20 years of membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians.

The AAFP is the national medical association, representing 88,000 family physicians, family practice residents and medical students from across the nation.

Founded in 1947, the AAFP recognized Dr. Thompson and paid tribute to Academy members for their years of involvement and contribution to the family physician's prominent role in today's health-care delivery system.

A requirement of membership is 150 hours of approved education every three years.

Dr. Thompson, board certified by the American Board of Family Physicians, began his practice in Snyder in 1979.

Dr. Thompson graduated from Abilene Christian University, earned his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and completed his residency in San Antonio.

Dr. Thompson has served as Cogdell Hospital Chief of Staff four times and, he is associated with Covenant Healthcare Center at 5009 College Ave.

2 men die in crash

BOYD (AP) — Two men, one from Saudi Arabia and the other from Yemen, were killed when the small flight-school plane they were flying crashed in a pasture northwest of Fort Worth.

An emergency beacon was picked up about 10 p.m. Wednesday shortly after the twin-engine Beechcraft took off without a flight plan from Meacham International Airport in north Fort Worth, investigators said.

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On this day in 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida" premiered in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

On this day in 1955, the Lennon Sisters sang on "The Lawrence Welk Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kit Carson (1809-1868), U.S. frontiersman-soldier; Howard Hughes (1905-1976), industrialist; I.F. Stone (1907-1989), journalist; Ava Gardner (1922-1990), actress; Robert Joffrey (1930-1988), choreographer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1968, hockey player Garry Unger played the first of 914 consecutive games. The streak lasted until 1979.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one great thing." — Archilochus

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 22) and last quarter (Dec. 29).

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Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999
Today is CHRISTMAS DAY; it is the 359th day of 1999 and the fourth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1818, "Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung for the first time, in Oberndorf, Austria. It had been composed the previous day by composer Franz Gruber.

On this day in 1959, as a Christmas present, Ringo Starr got his first set of drums.

On this day in 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev resigned his post as president of the USSR.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clara Barton (1821-1912), humanitarian; Robert Ripley (1893-1949), cartoonist; Cab Calloway (1907-1994), singer; Rod Serling (1924-1975), writer; Jimmy Buffett (1946-), singer, is 53; Sissy Spacek (1950-), actress, is 49; Rickey Henderson (1958-), baseball player, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Miami Dolphins defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 27-24. It was the longest game to date in NFL history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Surely, God on high has not refused to give us enough wisdom to find ways to bring us an improvement... in relations between the two great nations on earth." — Mikhail S. Gorbachev

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Bus crash survivors return to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — They stepped off the plane looking dazed and tired but very, very glad to be home.

About 50 young members of Grace Presbyterian Church were met by clapping and cheering relatives at Bush Intercontinental Airport Wednesday night, a joyous end to a tragic Colorado ski trip that claimed the lives of three people and injured dozens.

"I'm so grateful that my daughter's OK," said Donna Marshall. "I'm close to tears all day thinking about the other families who have children who are critically injured. My heart goes out to them."

Macelo Fallick, 15, was in a tour bus following the one that skidded off an icy road near Canon City, Colo., and rolled down an embankment late Tuesday.

"I guess it made me think, like, how much I actually love my family," he said.

Authorities said 57 members of Windwood Presbyterian Church and Bethel Independent Presbyterian Church were on the bus that crashed. Two members of Windwood Church died along with the bus driver, and many from both churches were seriously hurt.

Authorities identified those killed as Kevin Matthew Donat, 16, of northwest Harris County; Christopher M. Scarberry, 17, and driver Robert Gene Hawthorn, 72, both of Houston.

Two private planes supplied by Houston sports team owners Chuck Watson and Bob McNair shuttled parents of the injured teens from Houston to Colorado Wednesday morning. Those planes returned to Houston in the afternoon, carrying some of the teens who escaped serious injury.

Watson, owner of the Houston Aeros minor-league hockey team, had two daughters on the bus — 17-year-old Carrie and 14-year-old Carly. The older girl suffered a broken collarbone and fractured elbow; her sister was not seriously injured.

McNair is owner of Houston's new NFL expansion team.

Gov. George W. Bush sent his condolences to the victims and their families.

"These are young people who came together because of their faith in God and now it is the faith of their loved ones and fellow church members that will sustain them during this difficult time," Bush said in a statement released by his office.

Janet Hawthorn of Houston, the bus driver's wife, was already dealing with tragedy.

"She just lost a son to muscular dystrophy and trying to get her life together. ... Oh man," said Ms. Hawthorne's sister-in-law, Catherine Sparks.

Windwood elder Fred Caldwell said his church would make plans on Thursday for a memorial service honoring those killed in the crash. An all-day prayer vigil was held in the sanctuary Wednesday and dozens of worshippers came and went.

Members of other area churches brought food and offered support.

"We've had a tremendous outpouring of support and love. We really appreciate it, and we need your prayers," Caldwell said.

Sixteen of the injured skiers were from Bethel, including youth minister Gerald Williams and his wife Audra, pastor Robert Tolson said.

"When crises like this happen, we naturally ask the question why," a prepared statement from the church said. "Why would God allow a group of church kids to meet with this tragedy at all? And especially just days before Christmas?"

His flock Wednesday was busy comforting one another, dropping off food and praying for the safe return of loved ones, Tolson said.

"They're resting in the fact that God is sovereign," he said. "There are a lot of tears, though."

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Japanese emperor Akihito celebrating 66th birthday

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Emperor Akihito marked his 66th birthday Thursday, offering sympathy to those suffering from the country's weak economy and greeting well-wishers at the imperial palace.

"I hope the coming year will be brighter for everybody," the emperor told a flag-waving crowd from the balcony of the imperial palace, flanked by members of his family.

Despite the birthday, which is a national holiday, the focus this year was on Akihito's daughter-in-law, Crown Princess Masako, who under went tests last week to see whether she is pregnant.

Since her marriage to Crown Prince Naruhito six years ago, the pressure has been on Masako, 36, to give birth to a male heir to Japan's Chrysanthemum Throne.

The baby would be second in line to the throne after Naruhito, 39. Palace authorities have not yet confirmed her pregnancy.

Masako appeared with the rest of the family at a palace balcony to wave to the crowds. But she was going to skip a tea party for foreign diplomats in the afternoon, the Imperial Household Agency said.

In pre-birthday comments released Thursday, Akihito did not address the potential pregnancy. Instead, he said he was thankful that the first 10 years of his reign had passed peacefully compared with that of his father, Hirohito.

Akihito assumed the throne after Hirohito's death in 1989. The first 10 years of Hirohito's reign included Japan's military expansion into Asia and its devastating defeat in World War II.

"It is of great concern to me that the severe economic circumstances of this past year still persist, causing various hardships in the lives of the people," Akihito said.

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Each employee at Cogdell Memorial Hospital was given an opportunity to cast their ballot for Employee of the Year from previously selected Employees of the Month from January, 1999 through December, 1999. Criteria for selection included consistent dedication, caring, and a commitment to the goals of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Roy was first selected as Employee of the Month for April, 1999. He said the most rewarding aspect of his job was "being able to leave in the morning with the feeling that I was able to make a difference in someone's life." He also expressed his appreciation to co-workers, saying, "I learn something from them every day, and I want to thank them for that." Roy generally works the night shift at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and is assigned to ICU/CCU, but also fills in as needed in the Emergency Department or the Medical/Surgical unit.

He graduated from Snyder High School in 1975 and completed the LVN program at Western Texas College in 1988. In addition to Cogdell, Roy has also worked at hospitals in Stamford, Aspermont, and Lubbock.

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Pokemon may rule but other toys remain in short supply

NEW YORK (AP) — So you thought Pokemon games and cards were the only things flying off store shelves this Christmas?

Guess again. Game Boy Color video-game players, Amazing Ally dolls and Millennium Barbies have joined the list of toys retailers can't seem to keep in stock.

Many parents are scrambling to find these goodies in time for Christmas. Some are going so far as to pay hefty premiums on auction Web sites such as eBay and Amazon.com.

"I don't know what I am going to do if we don't find it, but I'm not sure we will. I think we've looked everywhere," said Don Schumaker of Gettysburg, Pa., who has much of his extended family searching for a "Shop With Me" Barbie Cash Register for his 7-year-old daughter.

The panic has only worsened since Toysrus.com began e-mailing shoppers late Tuesday with awful news: Some customers may not get their orders by Christmas.

Toysrus.com said affected customers would be compensated for the inconvenience with $100 coupons that can be used in their stores.

That may do little to soothe customers like Latrice Lyde, who is furious that the four games she ordered Dec. 6 for her 4-year-old daughter will not come to her New York home by Saturday.

"What am I going to say to my daughter?" she asked. "This is the first year she really believes in Santa and this is going to be so disappointing for her."

The last-minute search for substitute gifts won't be easy. Pokemon and many products tied to the Japanese cartoon — including video games and trading cards — are in short supply.

But there are also a number of lesser-known toys that are just as hard to find.

"Yes, Pokemon is very popular, but this isn't a one-hit season. There isn't one specific toy like a Furby or Tickle Me Elmo that everyone has to have," said Jim Silver, editor of The Toy Book, a New York-based trade publication. "I would say there are a dozen or so toys that people want but can't get."

The $80 Game Boy Color, for instance, is scarce at stores nationwide. The manufacturer, Nintendo, said it ran out of the hand-held video-game players weeks ago and most retailers have exhausted their supplies.

Shoppers also can't find Amazing Ally, a $60 doll with a computer chip embedded inside. She can talk, joke, tell stories, play games and keep track of such things as a child's birthday, hobby or favorite pet.

Supplies of some toys that rely on computer chips are down in part because of earthquakes that hit Taiwan, a major production center, in September.

Mattel's toys based on the new movie "Toy Story 2" are also moving fast off store shelves. The same is true for the $199 Sega Dreamcast video-game systems, Mattel's Millennium Princess Barbie — a $39 doll dressed in an elegant gown — and the $50 Kid Designs' Barbie cash register.

Postal Service will deliver mail in 500 electric trucks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service says it will be delivering a cleaner environment along with the mail.

The agency announced Wednesday it is purchasing 500 electric vehicles from Ford Motor Co. for mail deliveries in California and the Washington, D.C., area beginning next fall.

It is the single largest contract for electric vehicles in U.S. history, government officials said.

The Postal Service has about 200,000 vehicles in its fleet nationwide, but currently only 25 are electric, said Bill Dowling, a Postal Service vice president.

T.J. Glauthier, a deputy secretary at the Energy Department, said only about 500 electric vehicles are now being used in the entire U.S. government. "This doubles the number of electric vehicles in use in the whole federal government in one swoop," he said.

The Postal Service is buying new right-hand drive vehicles modeled on the Ford Ranger pickup for about $12 million. The first ones should be delivered in the fall.

"We deliver clean air along with the nation's mail," Postmaster General William Henderson said.

Electric cars are virtually pollution free, and officials say the vehicles will eliminate thousands of pounds of carbon monoxide and smog-causing gases from the atmosphere each year.

The bulk of the electric postal vehicles — 480 — will be used for mail delivery in California, with the remaining 20 going to the Washington, D.C., area.

The vehicles only travel about 50 miles before they need to be recharged, but officials said they are well suited for a postal route.

The electric vehicle bodies will be connected to Ranger frames at an existing Ford plant in Rome, N.Y.

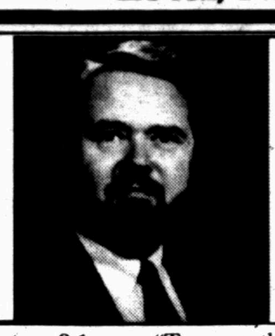
The Postal Service recently purchased about 21,000 so-called flexible fuel vehicles that can run on either gasoline or ethanol. Because of California state environmental laws, it already uses the relatively clean-burning ethanol fuel in its vehicles there.

And it already has the nation's largest delivery fleet that runs on compressed natural gas — about 7,500 vehicles.

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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



When all else fails...keep a-goin'

This is the last column I'm going to write for publication this year. However, I don't intend for this to be my last column. I plan to keep a-goin'.

Recently, I ran across a little book titled "101 Famous Poems." It was published in 1929 and contains some beautiful classics. One of those is Frank L. Stanton's "Keep a-Goin'." I want to share it with you.

If you strike a thorn or rose,
Keep a-goin'!
If it hails or if it snows,
Keep a-goin'!
'Taint no use to sit an' whine
When the fish ain't on your line;
Bait your hook an' keep a-trying' -
Keep a-goin'!

Whether the weather kills your crop,
Keep a-goin'!
Though 'tis work to reach the top,
Keep a-goin'!
S'pose you're out o' ev'ry dime,
Gittin' broke ain't any crime;
Tell the world you're feelin' prime -
Keep a-goin'!

When it looks like all is up,
Keep a-goin'!
Drain the sweetness from the cup,
Keep a-goin'!
See the wild birds on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,
When you feel like sighin', sing -
Keep a-goin'!

Isn't that great? What a wonderful way to encourage others to persevere, try again and press on toward your goals.

To me it says, "Don't quit, you'll get it. Don't start crying, just keep trying." I want to add a few thoughts to Stanton's.

I'd like to send this message to the folks listed below. It is also for you if you need a little encouragement. To the business owners who are struggling with hypercompetition...keep a-goin'.

To the farmers and ranchers who feed us all...keep a-goin'. To the medical providers who are growing increasingly tired of long hours, grouchy patients and growing bureaucracy...keep a-goin'.

To the teachers who are being stripped of discipline and reason in the classroom...keep a-goin'. To the truckers who grow weary with the pounding miles as you haul the goods we need to buy...keep a-goin'.

To the students who are struggling to keep up in class...keep a-goin'. To the senior citizens who are wondering if life is worth the effort...keep a-goin'.

To the writers who are at a loss for words...keep a-goin'. To the families who are fighting hard to keep their heads above the financial whirlpool...keep a-goin'. To the people feeling hurt, anger and pain...keep a-goin'.

To the men and women in our armed forces and law enforcement agencies who wonder if their efforts are still appreciated...they are...keep a-goin'.

Tough Times Pass

Yes, life goes on. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

There is always a reason that we go through the hard times. Though we don't get to choose our trials, we do get to choose whether we give up or hang on. I can tell you that hanging on is the best solution.

Never have great things come to those who give up. Nearly every great and successful person was simply a regular person at some time in life. The difference between the good and the great is that the great...keep a-goin'.

In just a few days we will all celebrate the new year. No matter what you're facing, let me encourage you to...keep a-goin'. It is the best advice I could ever give you.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, Box 67, Amarillo, 79105.

Scientists report gene mixing between monkey and jellyfish

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon researchers say they have successfully placed jellyfish genes into monkey embryos, a step that could lead to a better understanding of genetic diseases in humans.

The scientists chose the jellyfish gene because it instructs cells to make a green protein. That makes it relatively easy to track whether the gene has been transferred into a target embryo — cells actually emit a green glow under certain lighting.

The study is reported in this month's journal Molecular Human Reproduction.

Doctors at Oregon Health Sciences University's primate research center said they doubted the same technique they used could be used to put new genes — for instance, ones believed to correct or prevent diseases — into human embryos.

Such a step raises questions of genetic engineering.

"We do not support extending any of this in humans," said Gerald Schatten, lab coordinator and developmental biologist. "Our goal is in making fertility treatments safer and creating better disease models for studying devastating human disorders."

More than one-third of the monkey embryos produced by using the technique took up the jellyfish gene and began producing the green protein within two days, Schatten said.

The scientists attempted to transfer seven embryos into the wombs of rhesus monkeys. Only one resulted in a birth, a monkey now 6 months old that researchers named George.

"We're thrilled that we have George, this healthy male who by every measure seems to be a normal, happy frisky monkey," Schatten said.

Tests of George have been inconclusive as to whether any of his cells carry the jellyfish gene. However, scientists at the University of Hawaii reported in May that they had actually transferred genetic material from the same species of jellyfish into the cells of mice.

The Oregon experiment also was designed to study the safety of a technique widely used in fertility clinics to help infertile men father children.

In the procedure, called intracytoplasmic sperm injection, doctors use a fine needle to put male sperm cells one at a time into egg cells. In Schatten's lab, researchers first mixed the sperm of a rhesus monkey in a dish containing strands of DNA containing the jellyfish gene.

The experiment showed that the DNA stuck to the outside of the sperm and stayed on when the sperm were injected into egg cells — a potential risk. The membrane surrounding an egg normally excludes DNA from viruses and other sources.



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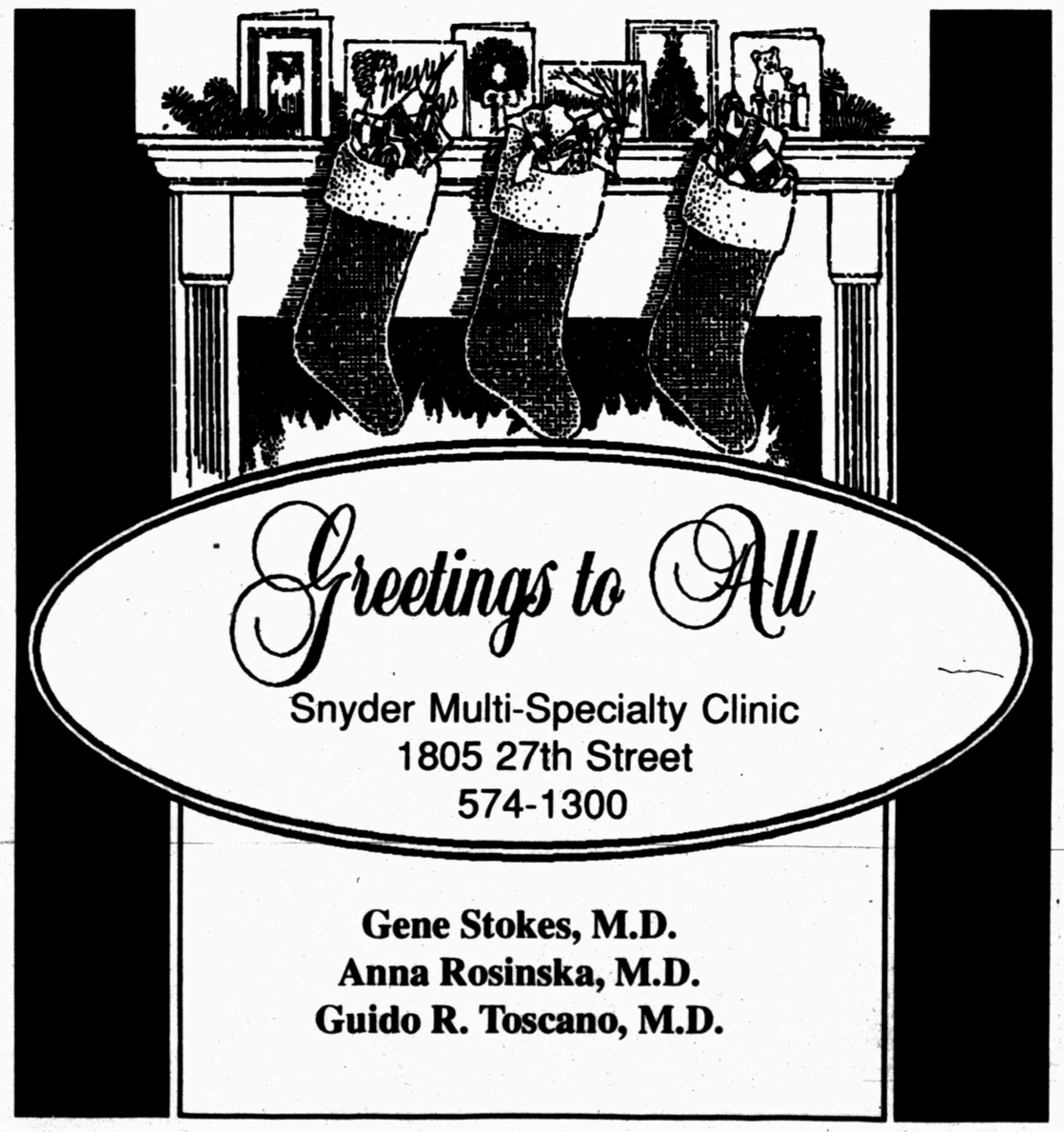
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SPORTS

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Facing 2-12 New Orleans will be a holiday gift for Cowboys

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, America's Team, the team that won six division titles and three Super Bowls, is limping along at 7-7 this year, beset with injuries and strife, the offense sputtering, the fans muttering, the owner grim. What could be worse?

How about a loss to the 2-12 New Orleans Saints on Christmas Eve?

Before the chuckles begin, remember the Saints were not much better last year and they whipped the Cowboys 22-3.

"That does not have to be reminded to anybody," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "Those who were on the football team last year know what happened when we went there and how disappointing that was for us. Right now, we know what's in front of us. If we win the next two ballgames we're in the playoffs. That's really our focus."

The Cowboys bring a six-game losing streak on the road to New Orleans and are coming off their first home loss of the season. The New York Jets' 22-21 victory killed Dallas' chance to take over first place in the NFC East.

Dallas would be guaranteed at least a wild card berth with a 9-7 finish.

The game means a lot to the Cowboys, Saints coach Mike Ditka acknowledged, but it also means a lot to his long-suffering players.

"They're playing for something, we're not," Ditka said. "We're playing for pride, but you're playing on national television. You got a chance to rectify a lot of wrongs by playing some good football out there."

Since the Dallas game last year, good football is not something the Saints have had much contact with.

New Orleans has lost five straight and, after dropping the Jacksonville game 41-23, has been beaten 43-12, 35-12, 30-14 and 31-8 by Baltimore last week when the offense made just eight first downs.

Offensively, the Saints are 20th in the NFL. Defensively, they're 21st.

Running back Ricky Williams, who has missed the last four games with a sprained toe, is expected to play Friday. Jake Delhomme, who will take his first snap in a regular-season NFL game, will start at quarterback, replacing the battered Billy Joes — Hobert and Tolliver — and moving ahead of Danny Wuerffel, who has been ineffective in sparing use.

"I really don't know what to expect at this point," said Dallas coach Chan Gailey. "I would think that if Ricky was healthy, they would be trying to run it more. If Ricky is not healthy, we really don't know what to expect. I don't know if they think that Jake would be the kind of guy that would want to come out and throw the ball around some, or would they try to throw a little closer to the vest and let him get acclimated by running the ball a little more."

One thing Gailey does know: Losing is not accepted back in Big D.

"It's no fun. It's tough duty," Gailey said. "There are great expectations here. We have to try to find a way to win these last two, and get in the playoffs, and continue having winning seasons. We had one last year, we have to have another one this year."

Dallas rookie trying to learn intricacies of aerial attack

IRVING (AP) — Chris Brazzell is doing a lot more studying this week.

Liberated from running patterns for the scout team, the first-year receiver for the Dallas Cowboys is trying to quickly learn the intricacies of being a featured player, a role he was thrust into last Sunday.

"They made it easy for me last week," Brazzell said. "Now, I've got to really concentrate and learn about blitzes in standard formations and worry about every type of coverage."

The Cowboys took a flier on Brazzell in September when they claimed him off waivers from the New York Jets, who had kept him on the practice squad all last season after making him a sixth-round draft pick.

Brazzell, a 6-foot-2, 198-pound speedster with only small college experience, was on Dallas' active roster for the first four games. But he played in just one, and that was on special teams.

Then the Cowboys released him Oct. 14 and signed him the next day to their practice squad. His only duty was to run basic patterns to help the first-team defense prepare for the upcoming opponent.

"Being on the scout team is very simple," Brazzell said. "You look at the card and run the route."

Brazzell played well enough to catch his coaches' attention. Just the mention that they were considering activating him as a receiver was enough to keep Brazzell motivated, even though he continued being inactive.

"I said, 'Well, I had a good week, maybe they'll do it.' Then I had another good week and said, 'If it's not this week, then it'll be another week,' " he said.

Brazzell finally got his chance two games ago against Philadelphia. With Dallas facing a third-and-9 in the third quarter, he caught the first ball thrown his way for a 12-yard gain.

Against the Jets last Sunday, Brazzell showed his former team what they were missing by catching a 9-yarder early in the second quarter. On the next series, he turned a 12-yard hitch pass into a 53-yard gain, setting up the touchdown that put Dallas ahead 14-13.

Coaches were so impressed by those two grabs that at halftime they made Brazzell the No. 2 receiver behind Raghib Ismail. Developing another pass-catching threat has been a priority since Michael Irvin was sidelined in October.

"Brazzell made a big play," coach Chan Gailey said. "We were hoping to get him in position to make another play."

Quarterback Troy Aikman, however, completed just four passes in the second half, none to Brazzell, as the Jets pulled out a 22-21 victory.

Dallas (7-7) plays at New Orleans on Friday. The Cowboys are guaranteed a playoff berth if they win their final two games.

With veteran Ernie Mills still slowed by a pulled thigh muscle, Jason Tucker is likely to start a third straight game. Brazzell will back him up and also be used in multiple-receiver formations.

"My confidence is way up," said Brazzell, whose only disappointment is that the season is almost over. "There are a lot of young receivers here in Dallas and I'm young, too, so I feel I can do the things they're doing.

"My job is just to catch the ball when it comes my way and keep making plays. Hopefully the coaches will see something and I'll leave the season on a good note."

Astros trade Hampton to New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Hampton, who led the National League with 22 wins last season, was acquired by the New York Mets from the Houston Astros.

Outfielder Derek Bell also goes to the Mets. New York sends Houston outfielder Roger Cedeno, rookie pitcher Octavio Dotel and a minor leaguer to be named.

Hampton, a 27-year-old left-hander, was 22-4 with a 2.68 ERA last season and finished second to Arizona's Randy Johnson in voting for the NL Cy Young Award.

Hampton was second in the majors in wins, one behind Boston's Pedro Martinez (23-4) and third in the NL in ERA behind Johnson (2.48) and Atlanta's Kevin Millwood (2.68).

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

With gridiron action slowing down — high school titles have been decided, the college bowl season isn't in full gear, and the Dallas Cowboys have come to a staggering halt — here's some holiday hoop news.

Local basketball fans remember Rick Henderson and Jimmy Taylor for their numerous stellar performances at Snyder High School.

But graduation didn't end the success of the two ex-Tigers. Henderson and Taylor are now making a name for themselves at the college level.



Henderson

Henderson, a 1997 graduate of SHS, is leading the Lubbock Christian Chaparrals rise up the NAIA rankings, while Taylor, a member of Snyder's class of '98, is making an impact at Abilene Christian.

After leading the Tigers in scoring his junior and senior seasons, Henderson's offensive production has continued at LCU.

The 6-6 sophomore leads the Chaps in scoring, averaging 17.1 points per game. While he was a threat outside and in the paint for the Tigers, Henderson now does the majority of his damage from long-range.

The LCU sharpshooter has connected on 52 percent of his attempts from three-point range, with 117 of his 154 points coming from behind the arc.

Henderson is major reason the Chaps (7-2) are No. 20 in the NAIA poll, their highest ranking in recent history. The former Tiger has led his squad in scoring in six of its nine contests.

Rick is the son of SHS asst. principal Ron Henderson and high school English teacher Betty Henderson.

Like LCU, the Abilene Christian Wildcats are prospering with their Snyder product on the floor.



Taylor

Taylor, a 6-6 wing, is producing big numbers on both ends of the floor early in his career. After redshirting last year, Taylor has started seven of nine games for the Wildcats this season, and is among the top three in four statistical categories.

Similar to his days at Snyder High School, Taylor is a force in the paint. He leads ACU with 80 rebounds, averaging a team-high 8.9 per outing. His nine points per game is third best on the squad.

But the ex-Tiger also contributes on the defensive end. Taylor's 11 shot blocks leads the team, and his 13 steals rank him second on the squad.

Seeing his former players prosper at the next level brings a smile to the face of Snyder coach Bud Birks.

"It's great to see those two guys doing so well at the college level," said Birks. "Despite their different playing styles, they're both making contributions.

"And their styles are quite a bit different. Rick is smooth and fluid, and can get his shot off quickly. He's a prototypical shooter. Jimmy on the other hand is all about aggression and attacking the rim. He likes to mix it up underneath, and battle for rebounds. Both guys know what they do best, and they work hard to help their teams."

At the high school level, there's another group of local players garnering hardwood respect.

The Ira Bulldogs have finished the first half of the regular season with a perfect 15-0 record and the No. 8 ranking in Class 1A.

After reaching the regional semifinals last year, one of the main reasons for the Bulldogs' success this season is their confidence, according to head coach Bubba Edwards.

"My guys just believe they can beat anybody," said Edwards. "Success breeds success, and because of how we did last year, our guys are very confident. They really believe they are going to win every time they step on the floor. They get it in them that nobody is going to walk all over them, and they keep battling until the final whistle."

Ira has pounded its opponents by a combined score of 1,058-581. The Bulldogs average margin of victory is 31.8 points. Three of their wins have been by 50 points or more, and they've won by at least 20 points in all but four of their games.

Even with all of this success, the Bulldogs can still take another step up when they take part in the highly-competitive Fort Worth Classic, beginning Tuesday.

Ira opens the event against Keene, the 20th ranked squad in Class 2A. A victory would then pit the Bulldogs against Brookeland, a 1A state semifinalist a year ago.

"Our guys see this tournament as a chance at validation," Edwards said. "They know they can really make an impression, if they perform well in Fort Worth.

"They know it's going to be tough, but they're confident. They understand that if you play hard, you're always in the game. So we're going there to play the best that we can. And if we come out on top, then hey, watch out 1A basketball."

NFL Glance

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
x-Indianapolis	12	2	0	.857	388	274
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	276	213
Miami	9	5	0	.643	285	277
New England	7	7	0	.500	269	268
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	251	269
Central						
y-Jacksonville	13	1	0	.929	358	169
y-Tennessee	11	3	0	.786	304	274
Baltimore	7	7	0	.500	299	257
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	.357	251	253
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	276	414
Cleveland	2	13	0	.133	189	408
West						
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	338	258
Seattle	8	6	0	.571	306	265
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	329	268
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	234	290
Denver	5	9	0	.357	291	299

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Washington	8	6	0	.571	396	347
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	264	298
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	302	227
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	207	296
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	234	326
Central						
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	221	219
Detroit	8	6	0	.571	298	282
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	341	301
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	298	288
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	254	287
West						
x-St. Louis	12	2	0	.857	461	192
Carolina	7	7	0	.500	356	338
San Francisco	4	10	0	.286	246	393
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	214	337
New Orleans	2	12	0	.143	216	365

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff spot

Friday, Dec. 24
Dallas at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25
Denver at Detroit, 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 26
Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m.
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Monday, Dec. 27
New York Jets at Miami, 9 p.m.

NHL Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Philadelphia	19	11	5	1	44	105	81
New Jersey	19	11	3	2	43	97	79
Pittsburgh	13	16	3	4	33	100	93
N.Y. Rangers	12	16	4	2	30	81	91
N.Y. Islanders	7	19	5	0	19	62	98
Northeast Division							
Toronto	21	11	4	2	48	109	80
Ottawa	16	12	5	1	38	84	76
Buffalo	14	15	5	1	34	84	86
Boston	13	13	8	0	34	84	88
Montreal	12	20	2	1	27	73	85
Southeast Division							
Florida	19	11	3	2	43	98	79
Carolina	13	14	7	0	33	81	90
Washington	12	16	5	1	30	82	96
Tampa Bay	10	17	5	3	28	88	105
Atlanta	7	22	3	2	19	68	118

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Detroit	23	9	3	1	50	123	82
St. Louis	21	9	3	0	45	105	68
Nashville	10	20	4	2	26	84	106
Chicago	9	20	4	2	24	90	104
Northwest Division							
Colorado	16	15	4	1	37	96	97
Edmonton	11	15	9	5	36	88	93
Vancouver	12	15	7	2	33	91	103
Calgary	13	16	5	1	32	79	100
Pacific Division							
Phoenix	20	12	3	0	43	110	93
San Jose	18	16	4	2	42	111	100
Dallas	17	13	5	1	40	81	76
Anaheim	17	14	4	1	39	89	82
Los Angeles	16	12	6	1	39	104	98

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Games
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

NBA Glance

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	17	8	.680	—
New York	17	10	.630	1
Orlando	14	11	.560	3
Philadelphia	14	13	.519	4
Boston	11	14	.440	6
Washington	9	17	.346	8½
New Jersey	8	18	.308	9½
Central Division				
Charlotte	16	8	.667	—
Indiana	16	9	.640	½
Milwaukee	14	12	.539	3
Toronto	14	12	.538	3
Detroit	12	14	.462	5
Cleveland	11	14	.440	5½
Atlanta	10	15	.400	6½
Chicago	2	21	.087	13½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
San Antonio	19	8	.704	—
Utah	16	10	.615	2½
Denver	13	11	.542	4½
Minnesota	10	13	.435	7
Dallas	8	18	.308	10½
Houston	8	18	.308	10½
Vancouver	5	19	.208	12½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	22	5	.815	—
Portland	19	7	.731	2½
Seattle	18	8	.692	3½
Phoenix	17	8	.680	4
Sacramento	14	9	.609	6
L.A. Clippers	7	18	.280	14
Golden State	6	19	.240	15

Friday's Games
No games scheduled.

Saturday's Games
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Houston at Washington, 1 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Letters to the editor

Check Writers

Dear Editor:

I have noticed on many occasions in the news media, when anyone writes a check or uses a credit card that is not theirs, other people get up tight about it, especially if it is their money. I have also noticed the degree of punishment is based on "Class," lower, middle, upper and untouchable.

The "lower" class gets pounced on rather severely and instantly. The punishment and penalties by comparison are very severe for the amount of money involved. This is, as I am quite sure, to discourage this type of profit taking.

The "middle" class theft is called embezzling. It is the same as writing a check on a "no account," only you do not have to bother writing those checks. The amount of money involved is usually larger and the degree of punishment is less by comparison. Still, at this level you are removed from the model citizen list and lose your right to play with other people's money.

The "upper" class withdrawals are permitted as long as the public does not find out. If they do, and this is the part I have trouble understanding, the President of the United States says, "the people will just have to bail out the savings and loan companies." And we did. Only a handful of withdrawers were punished. They were sent to a private resort with a white wash line around it to keep them from escaping. Golf carts, clubs etc. were furnished at no expense to the withdrawers.

The "untouchables" of course are the Democrats and Republicans in Washington. They boldly steal and embezzle daily. They make the laws and if you make something they think they own it. So that makes them above reproach. The GOP is saying save Social Security. It has to be shored up for the upcoming baby boomers or it will collapse. Does this mean all those baby boomers have failed to pay into Social Security? Also, they say people are living longer and this is the big drain on the system. They even set limits as to how much you can earn before they start taking it back from you. Another thing they try to get you to believe is the system was never designed to be a pension plan, only a supplement. This may be the way it started but if the funds were used only as intended, the elderly would move up in their standard of living when they retired. Think about it. If you pay into a fund for 35 or 40 years, after which you die, all the funds can afford is $300 for a funeral. And you only get that if you have a minor in the family.

The trouble with Social Security is not the amount of retired people. It is the bureaucratic stealing and embezzling. These self-appointed thieves have the owners of the fund make withdrawals with teaspoons and they are using buckets. The Republican party set their budget and they know and intend to steal a minimum of $17 billion from the fund to get through next year. If there were a way to prove how much has been taken from the system by the Demo rats and Republicans you would find they have spent as much as the people have drawn. More, if they had to pay back with interest. Anyone who took funds from Social Security should be fired and prosecuted by the same law that governs the people. Oh they are the first to say it is federal money. Saying it does not make it true.

Election year is up and coming and this is the time to get rid of any who are addicted to Social Security funds. Anyone who suggests raising the retirement age or changing anything as the cost of the retirees are to be voted against and eliminated. The simple fix to Social Security is to only have one plan. The federal pension plan should be eliminated retroactive as of 1930. The old thieves have changed the federal plan so their juniors cannot retire at a million dollars a year as they can. If it affected their retirement they would not be so eager to line the pockets of their lobbyists with it. Let them get by on $17,000 earnings maximum a year.

Steve Forbes summed it up best, "If you put a huge pot of honey in the forest unguarded, bears will come in and stick their paws in it. But that is what bears do." The only difference to bears and bureaucrats is one uses buckets instead of paws. I am asking everyone to be alert and if anyone changes anything that takes one dime from retired people, black ball him or her and let's get rid of them.

Do not believe for one minute that baby boomers, longevity or the numbers of retirees are the problem with Social Security. It is out and out embezzling that will be the downfall of Social Security.

Omer (Mushroom) Pointer

County Insurance

Dear Editor:

On October 1, 1999, Scurry County renewed a $750,000 contract of group medical insurance with Texas Association of Counties. The month prior, in September, I had met with the commissioners' court and presented an alternate insurance plan.

The plan duplicated benefits, but would save Scurry County $110,000 during the next plan year.

The court expressed interest in the new insurance plan but stated that while renewal with the same carrier required no bid action, any change would require the county going out for bids. I visited with the courthouse for the next month but a bid packet was never completed.

I met with the court in November to answer any additional questions and remind the court that the delay was costing the taxpayers $9,000 to $10,000 a month. As of this date, the court has taken no action on this matter.

If the bidding process were started immediately, the earliest date of change would be March of 2000. While my motives are somewhat self-serving (this is how I make my living), as a taxpayer, I don't understand the court's reluctance to explore any money saving proposal during this difficult economic period.

H. Jene Steakely
Steakley Insurance

Courthouse Decorations

Dear Editor:

I am writing to let the community know what a beautiful job the courthouse employees and elected officials did on decorating the halls of the courthouse. I toured each hall this Christmas season as it was open to the public. Each floor had put forth a lot of extra time and effort to go along with the theme they had chosen. I hope that this will be an added tradition from now on. It really put me in the holiday spirit.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Ernest Hollis



Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

The other day I watched "The Homecoming" again.

One of my favorite Christmas movies, it was the springboard for the popular series "The Waltons" during the '80s and chronicles a single Depression-era Christmas Eve, when the large country family waits for their dad to come home from an out-of-town job, uncertain whether he might have been injured or killed on the way in a bus accident they have heard about on the radio.

The snow is deep, they have no telephone or automobile—no way to find out what has happened to him. And when the man walks in the door at long last, bearing presents and hugs, we weep with joy for a story about the power and love and pure joy of family.

The movie—and the TV show that followed—touched a nerve in our stress-obsessed society and made many of us yearn for a simpler time.

And it is easy now, at the end of a millennium and the close of a century, to romanticize the past, to embroider it with a Currier and Ives frame, and to believe that such simplicity of values is lost forever as we zap into a new era dominated by electronic energy, high-tech gizmos, and microwaveable lives.

But whenever I feel the urge to soft-focus those days, all I have to do is take a stroll in an old cemetery. The first thing you notice is the shocking amount of graves for children and infants and "mother and baby." Families tended to be large because as many as half of the children would not survive to adulthood; there were no vaccines for such things as whooping cough and measles, no antibiotics to treat the flu or even a simple infection, no penicillin to fight pneumonia. As late as my childhood at mid-century, a polio epidemic swept the world and destroyed millions of lives.

This century has seen two world wars that threatened to tear the planet apart, decades of living in fear of nuclear annihilation, Communist domination that caused more than one president to fear the toppling of governments world-wide "like dominoes." An environmental threat in which, as Chief Seattle predicted a century ago, we would "suffocate ourselves in our own waste." And a fearful new plague that seemed oblivious to any kind of treatment and rendered its sufferers as lepers and untouchables.

And this is precisely why I am optimistic about the future.

Through it all, democracy has held strong against all onslaughts. Hitler's "Thousand-Year Reich" didn't last five. It was Communism itself, it turns out, that fell like dominoes. Rivers have been cleaned up, air purified, endangered species brought back to life, and precious habitats preserved. (Not that we don't have a long way to go yet, but the fact that we've reversed so much environmental damage already is proof of the resiliency of nature and the common sense of mankind.) And some of our most feared diseases, from AIDS to many forms of cancer to heart disease have been brought from the status of "terminal" to "manageable," and even sometimes, "curable."

Yes, our society has undergone massive sociological changes, from its transition from industrialization to digitalization, to the impact of Civil Rights and the women's movement. And any time society undergoes change, it must also embrace at least a small measure of chaos—unemployment, higher divorce rate, and other forms of fallout.

But the good news is that we came through the passage intact, and in many ways, better. The economy is stable, and the divorce rate is slowing down and even falling as individual families learn that they, too, can weather the changes without splitting apart.

We're living longer, healthier, and more meaningful lives than ever before in history. Opportunities abound—at the turn of this century, blacks and women couldn't even vote—but we've come a long way, baby.

Some people, though, persist in believing that we've come too far from the days of the Waltons. But recent statistics show that simply isn't true. In a recent Time magazine survey, it was found that at least three-quarters of the American people have chosen to celebrate the new year, new century, and new millennium not, as expected, in elaborate parties and complicated travels...but at home, with family.

It would seem that, after all this, we've come so far...just to come right back home again, our own end-of-century homecoming. And it is every bit as sweet—maybe more so, because we've come so close, so many times, to losing it all.

So let's lift a glass and toast an exciting, joyous, and wonderful new year, new century, and new age.

Santa Letters....

Dear Santa,
I have not been good this year. Because I hade to go throw away a milk outside the when I went to git on the bus my princible was standing in front of the door and he yelled at me and my friend Ashley.
The end.
Leeja

Dear Santa,
I like Cristmas and you. I want a Backstreet boy CD for Cristmas. I want a piano and a computer. Love Santa Merry Cristmas.
Your friend,
Ashley

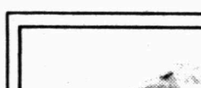
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Twelve Days of West Texas Christmas

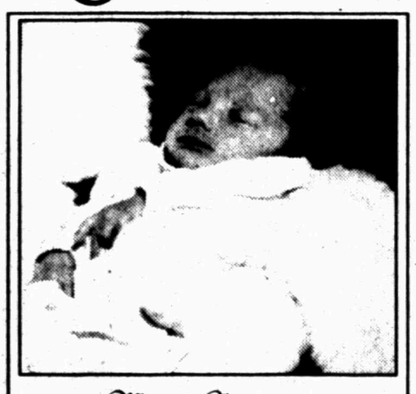
On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
a tumble weed in a prairie
On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
two horny toads
On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
three mesquite trees
On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
four scorpions
On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
five rattle snakes
One the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
six bails of hay
On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
seven coyotes a howlin'
On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
eight windmills a turning
On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
nine cowboy hats
On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
ten dusty storms
On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
eleven drops of rain
On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me...
twelve dancing tornadoes
eleven drops of rain
ten dusty storms
nine cowboy hats
eight windmills a turning
seven coyotes a howlin'
six bails of hay
five rattle snakes
four scorpions
three mesquite trees
two horny toads
and a tumble weed in a prairie

By: T'Shambra C. Day, age 12

Baby's First Christmas



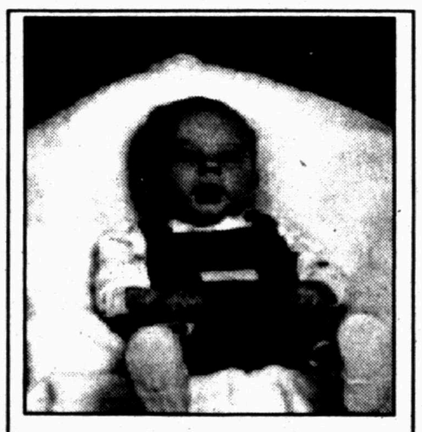
Merry Christmas
Mira Justine Rocha
Love your family



Merry Christmas
Devin Robert Bynum
Son of Julie & Jason
Grandson of Becky Johnson
and Harley & Judy Bynum



Merry Christmas to everyone who prayed for me. Thank you! I love you Granny, Pops & Gram and my brother Travis
Love Tyson



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To Everyone!
From Jordan Reid Hood
Conroe, Texas

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Seek treatment for blackouts

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a series of events this year that I want to share with you. I'm an active 87-year-old retired dentist. Several months ago, while carrying a chainsaw in my hand, I woke up on the ground. No harm done, fortunately. About a month later, while checking my mailbox, I again found myself on the ground — without warning. Finally, last week, while brushing my teeth, I fainted in the bathroom and sustained a small facial laceration.

When I described these events to my doctor, he looked puzzled and made no comment. What is going on here?

DEAR READER: I am sorry to say that your doctor receives an "F" on his exam; he did not address your problem in an appropriate manner.

Your sudden and unannounced episodes are virtually diagnostic of what are called "drop attacks" — patients suddenly faint without warning, for brief periods. Although there are many causes for such precipitous loss of consciousness, I suspect that your drop attacks are heart-related, given your age.

If the pulse suddenly slows, most people experience lightheadedness or faintness; older folks, however, can pass out without warning.

I remember a typical example of this that I was involved in last month. An 82-year-old woman came to the office with a history almost identical to yours. On exam, she was fine. However, during an outpatient analysis of her pulse rate, she was discovered to have repeated bouts of heart stoppage, lasting up to 10 seconds. Following this, she had a pacemaker implanted and, at last report, was chasing her husband around the kitchen table.

Seriously, your symptom should be addressed before you have an accident or suffer serious harm from falling. I urge you to obtain a Holter monitor, a 24-hour analysis of your pulse rate. This simple and inexpensive test may make the diagnosis. The major disadvantage of the Holter is that your slow pulse may not occur during the recording period. Nonetheless, this is a good first step.

Should your pulse analysis be entirely normal (and I am wrong), you must undergo further testing. Because your doctor stubbed his toe on this one, I advise you to seek a second opinion. Start with an internist and then, if necessary, progress to a cardiologist (for a third opinion). I am so convinced of your diagnosis (called "prolonged asystole") that I doubt these back-up visits will be necessary, however. Regardless of the diagnosis, though, don't delay getting immediate help, before you pass out driving or at the top of your stairs. This condition is potentially serious; don't procrastinate. To give you related information, I am sending your a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is a binge drinker with diabetes. After a week of drinking, his fasting blood sugar was 600. At that time, his doctor placed him on appropriate medication. However, my husband subsequently stopped the pills, gained 80 pounds and now consistently runs glucose levels above 300. Are we dealing with diabetes or alcoholism?

DEAR READER: Both.

And in spades.

Your husband certainly has diabetes, an excess of blood sugar. The basic treatment for this disease is diet, with or without medication. I suspect that your husband needs both. His enormous weight gain proves that he is consuming too many calories, probably in the form of sugar and sweets — and, of course, alcohol, which provides "empty" calories and is dangerous for diabetics because, among other things, it poisons the pancreas, the organ that makes insulin.

Experts now acknowledge that the average alcoholic is not a down-in-the-mouth bum who drinks cheap red wine out of a bottle in a brown paper bag and lives in a packing crate. Many alcoholics are healthy, gainfully employed — and younger than previously supposed. Moreover, a high percentage of alcoholics avoid alcohol for days, months or years — only to end their cycles of temporary sobriety with bouts of binge drinking. Alcoholism is a tricky disease with many variations. The "classic" alcoholic may be in the minority, and a person certainly doesn't have to be a daily drinker to be alcoholic.

In any case, your husband's drinking pattern will, in all likelihood, kill him eventually. He really needs to stop drinking and seek help from a doctor, a counselor or Alcoholics Anonymous. In addition, he should return to his physician for an examination, a possible alteration of his medications and a full program to address his diabetes. This may take the form of a diet, coupled with an exercise program and drugs to control his blood glucose levels.

Your husband needs to know that he cannot run away from his diabetes by pretending it's not there (denial is a staple in the alcoholic's mental state), or rationalizing his drinking problem by insisting that he only "overdoes it" once in awhile.

Let me know what happens. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm pregnant with twins. One doctor says to walk a lot but avoid intercourse. Another doctor says that sex is OK but suggests that I stay in bed. Who is right?

DEAR READER: Follow the advice given by the doctor you have hired as your gynecologist/obstetrician. As a general rule, intercourse during pregnancy is safe, providing there is no high risk (such as a history of premature delivery) and relations are carried out gently. For most pregnant women, moderate exercise is beneficial — at least up to the last few weeks of pregnancy, when even walking can become uncomfortable.

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Former FBI agent arrested, indicted

BOSTON (AP) — John Connolly's job was to handle mob informants James "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, milking them for information while keeping them safe. As an FBI agent, it was also his job to uphold the law.

Somewhere along the way, prosecutors allege, the two jobs conflicted.

All three men were indicted Wednesday on charges of racketeering, conspiracy and obstruction of justice. The indictment alleges Connolly helped Bulger and Flemmi in an enterprise that included gambling, loan-sharking, extortion and bribery.

It also accuses Connolly of falsifying FBI documents on Bulger's and Flemmi's alleged crimes and of warning Flemmi about an impending indictment in 1995. Bulger fled and remains on the lam.

Connolly, 59, who was arrested in his Lynnfield home, pleaded innocent in federal court and was freed on $200,000 bail. Flemmi is in jail awaiting trial on related racketeering charges.

Connolly, who retired in 1990, has been under investigation as a result of a federal probe into his relationship with mobsters. Connolly has insisted he did nothing wrong. In pretrial hearings last year, he asserted his constitutional rights against self-incrimination.

Barry Mawn, special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston office, apologized for what he said was Connolly's violation of the public trust.

"I am certainly on the one hand saddened, but on the other I'm angered," Mawn said.

But Connolly's lawyer, Robert Pope, said the indictment was flimsy and an embarrassment to the FBI and the Justice Department.

"I'm telling you, we'll take it apart," he said.

He said Connolly was being blamed because he participated in FBI-sanctioned dealing with mobsters that the agency now regrets.

U.S., Mexican officials sign accord

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A new agreement between the United States and Mexico requires each country to inform each other where they plan to construct or expand sites used to dispose hazardous or radioactive waste along the border.

U.S. officials announced the agreement on Wednesday. Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency and Mexico's National Ecology Institute signed the pact on Dec. 1.

The agreement requires each nation to tell each other plans for waste facilities, including recycling and treatment centers and incinerators, within 60 miles of the border.

The accord still allows each country to make individual decisions on where waste facilities will be built.

A Mexican Embassy spokesman in Washington said it "allowed both governments to move forward in responding to the sensitivities of populations living on both sides of our border."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Confused wife would take husband back despite abuse

DEAR ABBY: I recently divorced my husband of nine years because I found out he was having an affair. He actually introduced her to people that we both knew. I ended up hiring an off-duty police officer so I could get the proof (pictures). It turned out she was one of my husband's co-workers, and the affair had been going on for three years. I ended up divorcing him, but the woman's husband decided to forgive her.

My ex hates my guts because she chose to remain with her husband.

Abby, I am so ashamed. How could I not have known? We had not slept together since our daughter was born; she is 6 years old now. He blames the whole affair on me. He says I was not doing my wifely duty and that's what made him cheat. Well, I just didn't feel that close to him. He had been verbally and physically abusive prior to our daughter's birth and afterward. He was terrible to my parents and called them names. He never paid any bills nor helped me with our daughter.

To this day he hates me so much he can't stand to look at me because he has to pay child support. He has every other weekend with our daughter, and it kills him to come and pick her up. He was a sorry excuse for a husband and not much better as a father.

The problem is — if he wanted to come back, I believe I would take him back. Why do I feel like this? Is there something wrong with me? Do I need counseling? — DAZED AND CONFUSED

DEAR DAZED: Your husband was a master manipulator. Regardless of where he tries to lay the blame, the physical and verbal abuse you received from him was not your fault. Nor did you "make" him cheat on you — he managed that all by himself.

One of the tactics of an abuser is blaming the victim for the terrible things he does. Unfortunately, the victim often believes her abuser when he says she "made" him act the way he did.

There is nothing "wrong" with you that can't be fixed. Counseling is the answer — and the sooner the better. If your physician cannot refer you to a therapist, call the Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-7233, for a referral. (The TDD line for people with hearing impairments is (800) 787-3224.) Please don't wait to make the call.

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DEAR ABBY: The letters in your column about people who wear too much perfume in public prompts this letter.

Some years ago, faced with an identical crisis, I discovered a fix that has stood me well in the numerous olfactory confrontations I've encountered since. When assaulted by odors I can't endure, I obtain a small wedge of lemon or lime. When rubbed under the nose, the resulting citrus aroma effectively masks the sickeningly sweet smell of the perfume. The application of the lemon slice can be done inconspicuously if one doesn't wish to embarrass the offender, or can be done blatantly if one wishes the odor-wafter to become aware of the problem he or she is causing. — EARLE TIMBERLAKE, B.S.C., REGISTERED MASSAGE THERAPIST

DEAR EARLE: Thank you for the tip. For people who are simply offended by the odor of too much perfume, your suggestion could prove to be a godsend. For those who suffer allergic reactions to perfume, however, I still think prudence would dictate that they put as much distance between them and the offender as possible.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Have a merry Christmas, but keep this in mind: If you're drinking, don't drive; if you're driving, don't drink.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I have been reading the letters in your column about acts of kindness, and I'd like to tell you about the young man who saved my husband from drowning. Please don't reveal my name if this is printed. My husband is embarrassed about the incident.

He and I were on vacation in Hawaii and went snorkeling at 8 a.m., something we had done many times before. However, this time, when my husband, who is asthmatic, looked up and realized how far from the beach we were, he panicked, and it brought on an asthma attack. He kept saying he couldn't breathe and he wouldn't try to swim. I tried to get him to hold onto me so I could pull him in (I'm a strong swimmer), but he kept saying we weren't getting anywhere and pulling away from me.

We were right in front of a hotel, and I could see people on their balconies. I began yelling for someone to help. No one came. As we were bobbing around, my husband kept drifting away. I continued to yell for help.

A young man suddenly appeared on the rocks in his bathing suit, wearing a snorkel mask and carrying fins. He climbed down the sharp coral rocks and yelled that he was coming to us, and we should just relax. For some reason, my husband was able to believe him, and they started a conversation. The young man put on his flippers and entered the water, which was dangerous because of the rocks and the surging waters. He took hold of my husband, told him to relax — then pulled him all the way to the beach while I swam on my own.

When we reached the sand, not one person came forward to help us, although many were standing and watching. No one said a word. The young man told us he was a physician and gave us his name. He was Dr. Tom Elgin from California. If it weren't for his courageous action, I doubt my husband would have survived. I bless him in my prayers daily. I hope God is good to him. — GRATEFUL IN FLORIDA

DEAR GRATEFUL: Your letter gives new meaning to doctors as lifesavers. Dr. Elgin was indeed a hero — and I'll bet he's going to be surprised when he begins hearing from friends and acquaintances all across the country telling him so.

P.S. Tell your husband to stay in shallow water hereafter.

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DEAR ABBY: A reader wrote you asking for some thoughts on friendship. I would like to share mine. It is one of the best descriptions of true friendship I have ever read. It was given to me by a friend; I do not know the author.

FRIENDSHIP

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person.

Having neither to weigh thoughts

Nor measure words, but pouring them

All right out — just as they are —

Chaff and grain together —
Certain that a faithful hand will
Take and sift them,
Keeping what is worth keeping,
And with a breath of kindness
Blow the rest away.

— DICK IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR DICK: Noble words, indeed, and well worth sharing. Thank you for sending them my way — and Merry Christmas.

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Lawyer: client will be cleared

DALLAS (AP) — One of the attorneys for longtime Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb said he remains confident his client will be cleared of bribery charges.

But Scottie Allen told the Dallas Morning News "this is not a good week" for Lipscomb.

During a court hearing Wednesday, Yellow Cab Co. owner Floyd Richards pleaded guilty to a federal conspiracy count relating to allegations he bribed Lipscomb, one of the most well-known leaders of Dallas' black community.

Richards previously pleaded not guilty to all charges. Lipscomb pleaded innocent in March to 33 bribery-related counts involving payments from the taxi company owner.

Earlier this week, federal Judge Joe Kendall ordered Lipscomb's trial moved to Amarillo, a move that means fewer minorities will make up the jury pool.

In addition to his guilty plea, Richards has agreed to testify against Lipscomb at his Jan. 11 trial.

Richards, who will be sentenced in April, faces a maximum five years in prison and $250,000 fine.

Records show Richards paid Lipscomb $1,000 in cash every month from about May 1995 until at least December 1997.

During Wednesday's hearing, Richards testified that in exchange for the payments, Lipscomb would vote in favor of taxicab-related issues on the City Council.

Lipscomb, 74, and Richards, 56, declined to comment Wednesday.

Allen said he does not expect Richards' guilty plea to damage Lipscomb's hope for acquittal.

Agency: Girl's death in Texas first dengue fever in years

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas has recorded its first death from dengue fever in several decades, the state health department said Wednesday.

The South Texas girl died earlier this month. Health officials said confidentiality requirements prevent the release of more specific information about the girl, who they believe contracted the viral mosquito-borne illness during a visit to Mexico.

Health Department spokesmen said the agency has confirmed 51 cases of dengue fever this year, the state's largest outbreak of the disease this decade. Sixteen of the cases were believed to have been contracted in the state.

Dengue fever is spread by the Aedes aegypti mosquito. Symptoms include high fever, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and skin rash. The disease usually lasts two weeks and is rarely fatal. There is no vaccine or cure.

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1959 HERMLEIGH CLASS — The Hermleigh Class of 1959 held its reunion in June and present for the occasion were (from left) front row, Pat Lofton, Jean Etheridge Daniels, Judy Spikes Davidson, Carolyn Stucky Hamby, Sandra Cooper Gorman, the late Hilda Wilcox Williams, Sue Green Phillips; standing, Jimmy Freytag, Wayne Sturdivant, Carl Burleson, Jimmy Roemisch, Robert Neblett, Orville Paty, Nelda Smith Hedges, Kenneth Reeves, Janelle Richter Orr, Lamoin Collier, Dwaine Williams and Harold Robbins. (Wadleigh Studio Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression(Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

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Mauldins will celebrate 70th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Mauldin will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Monday, Dec. 27. They were married in 1929 in Sylvester, Tex.

Eugene, born on Nov. 20, 1911 at Shields, Tex. And Vernie Belle Cooper was born June 30, 1911 at Roby.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauldin lived in Snyder for several years and attended Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Mr. Mauldin worked at Snyder Farm and Ranch, Robo Car Wash and for the Highway Department. Mrs. Mauldin worked at Aileen's. They now live in Abilene.

Their five children, Carl Mauldin of Comanche, Irene Masters of Snyder, Marjorie Brown of San Antonio, Roland Mauldin of Clyde and Don Mauldin of Henderson, Nev., hosted a reception for them at Clyde on Nov. 27.

The Mauldins have 17 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.



Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mauldin
(Contributed Photo)

Louis Farrakhan fighting cancer

CHICAGO (AP) — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan says his fight with prostate cancer has left him a changed man — one who is preaching unity among all races and religions.

A smiling, fit-looking Farrakhan made his first public appearance in months Wednesday to address reporters and 200 supporters at the Nation of Islam mosque on Chicago's South Side.

The man accused of making anti-white and anti-Semitic remarks called for all people to unite on Christmas Day to pray for world peace.

He said he'd come to realize the importance of such a message after what he called a "near-death experience" in March caused by a radiation-related rectal ulcer.

"There is no way that I could come out of that experience without making a complete commitment not just to my people whom I love and would give my life for," said Farrakhan, 66. "But I will spend the rest of my days working to uplift a lost and fallen humanity, regardless of their color, their race or their creed."

Farrakhan said recent floods in South America and hurricanes in this country — as well as terrorist bombings and school shootings — are signs from God that disaster is looming. But he also preached a message of hope, saying mankind has the power to avoid biblical prophecy.



BRIDE HONORED — Mrs. Jason McAden, nee Kellie Laird of Abilene, was honoree at a bridal shower recently in the home of Shirley Newman. The couple married Dec. 18 at Trinity Baptist Church in Abilene. Jason is varsity volleyball coach and Kellie will be a speech therapist for the Hobbs, N.M., ISD. Pictured from left are Cheryl McLemore, the groom's aunt from Odessa; Janelle McAden, his mother; the honoree; Joyce McLemore, his grandmother from Odessa; and Jackie Kilpatrick, another aunt from Odessa. (Contributed Photo)

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Thank goodness for Dan Heaman. He's making sure kitsch survives until the 22nd century.

Heaman, a funeral director with Hoffmeister-Kriegshauser Mortuaries, plans to bring in the new year by burying a time capsule in a nearby cemetery with instructions that it not be opened until Jan. 1, 2100.

So far, the time capsule contains about 30 items, including a black velvet painting of Elvis, a pair of pink plastic flamingos, Beanie Babies and a Monkees album.

"It's turned into a kind of kitschy or campy thing, which is totally cool with me," Heaman said Wednesday. "Whatever people want to donate."

The vault is in front of the main office at Oak Hill Cemetery so the time capsule shouldn't be forgotten over the years, Heaman said.

The Elvis painting came courtesy of a South County woman who told Heaman it had been in her family for years — as the family joke. She hated to throw it away, so she donated it.

Heaman only regrets that he won't be around when the time capsule is opened Jan. 1, 2100. Or thereabouts.

"If they miss a few days, I won't get upset," he joked.

Weight Watchers resume January 3

Weight Watchers will not meet Monday but will resume the regular meetings on Jan. 3 with weigh-in at 5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Form more information about the meeting or joining the organization, call Nathalie Kelley at 573-1868.

Thank You Snyder!

I have enjoyed serving your community. I will no longer be available for consultations at Cogdell Hospital/Speciality Clinic. I will continue seeing patients in Big Spring, Texas. I would like to thank the staff at Cogdell Hospital, and a special thanks to Margo Grant, LVN.

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Friday, Dec. 24, 1999

North 12-24-99
♠ 9 6
♥ 10 6 2
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ A J 5 3

West
♠ K J 3
♥ 3
♦ A J 8 5
♣ K Q 9 8 2

East
♠ ---
♥ K Q J 9 8 7 4
♦ 9 4
♣ 10 7 6 4

South
♠ A Q 10 8 7 5 4 2
♥ A 5
♦ K Q 3
♣ ---

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			3 ♥
4 ♠	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 3

A great piece of declarer-play

In the last two days, I've highlighted a pair of my favorite bidding and defensive deals of the year. To complete the cycle, as baseball commentators like to say, here is a wonderful piece of declarer-play. It was produced by Dick Budd of Maine during the Summer Nationals in San Antonio.

How would you try to make four spades? West leads what you know to be a singleton heart.

Apparently West doubled like a man who was confident of the outcome. (That's hard to do at a Nationals, because the auction proceeds silently, via bidding boxes. You place your bid on the table, using cards.)

South won with the heart ace, then led the spade queen. (If you had led the ace and another spade, you would have gone down. West takes his two trump tricks, then exits with the club king. Even if you win with dummy's ace, discarding your heart loser, and play a diamond to your king, West has two winning defenses: duck, or win and exit with the club queen.)

West returned the club king. However, Budd ruffed in hand, cashed the spade ace, and put West on play with his spade winner. What could West do now?

If he tries a low club, declarer would call for dummy's jack and throw both his low red-suit losers on the club winners. If West leads a low diamond, dummy's 10 wins the trick, and South's heart loser evaporates on the club ace. So, West cashed the diamond ace, but Budd was ready — he unblocked the king! This endplayed West again. He had to give two tricks to the dummy, on which South's losers disappeared. Beautiful!

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Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999

North 12-25-99
♠ K J
♥ A 8 3
♦ A K 3
♣ K 7 5 4 2

West
♠ 5 4
♥ J 9 7 2
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ 10 9 6

East
♠ 6 3
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ Q J

South
♠ A Q 10 9 8 7 2
♥ 5 4
♦ 6
♣ A 8 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
3 ♠	Pass	7 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Season's greetings to all

First, I would like to wish all my readers a very happy Christmas. As an appetizer for the food and drink to come, enter this competition. The first two questions relate to the hand diagram.

1. With South the dealer and East-West silent, how do you think the bidding should go? Note that the given auction is to be ignored.

2. Assume South is in seven spades and West leads a diamond. What line of play gives you the best chance to land the grand slam? Ignore the given East-West hands.

To win a prize, you must get those two right. But to decide the grand prize winner, here are some tiebreaker questions.

3. Dummy has A-J-9; you have K-5-4 in hand. What is the name of the play when, needing three tricks from the suit, you start with dummy's jack?

4. What are probably representations of Charles VII of France; Charlemagne, Emperor of the Franks; Julius Caesar; and Alexander, the Greek Emperor?

5. Bokk, Juvenia, Millwarkey, Moscito, No Name and Saffle Spade — which one is not a bidding system?

6. What is the leading of an unsupported high honor card to create an entry in partner's hand called?

Send your answers to Phillip Alder, Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016, to arrive by Jan. 20. The answers will be given in the column for Feb. 1, and the prizewinners announced as quickly as possible! Please take as read all the usual disclaimers such as no responsibility can be accepted for entries that do not arrive.

And remember, this is all for fun!

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Mr. and Mrs. Elkins celebrate 64th wedding anniversary at their home

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The recipient of the quilt was Carol Iglehart.

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Texas drought thins out pucker-up plant

HOUSTON (AP) — Revelers looking to steal a smooch this week could be out of luck.

After centuries of crowning December doorways and inspiring blushing lovers to lock lips, Texas mistletoe is in short supply this year.

Agricultural experts blame the dearth of the Christmas green on drought conditions in much of the state this year. Texas is usually marked by soggy air and frequent showers, but 1999 will rank as one of the state's 10 driest years.

"Mistletoe is a succulent leaf; it dehydrates so fast," said Carol Swan, horticulturist at Teas Nursery in Houston. "We don't have any this year."

Diligent shoppers may manage to scrounge up a bit of mistletoe, but it's likely to be brown, tired and scraggly.

"Usually it grows rampant here," Swan said. "You can just walk around and see the big balls in the trees."

Agriculturalists, however, are quick to point out that mistletoe's status as the Yuletide's most romantic adornment is relatively new.

Call it a wolf in sheep's clothing: Mistletoe isn't as innocent as Norman Rockwell might lead us believe.

No people have celebrated the plant's racier side like the Celtic Druids, who held moonlit ceremonies to slaughter white bulls and slice mistletoe from the treetops in a jubilant celebration of virility.

Mistletoe got its name in medieval days when scientists believed it grew spontaneously from bird droppings

Post office will deliver on holiday, sometimes as Santa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Santa may show up at some doorsteps with Express Mail over the weekend, the Postal Service reports.

The post office delivers Express Mail every day — including Christmas — and in some cities carriers have decided to wear Santa suits on their rounds.

The agency said postal Santas will be at work in the following cities:

Arizona — Flagstaff.

California — Bakersfield, Glendale, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Ana, Santa Barbara.

Connecticut — New Haven, Stamford, Waterbury.

Florida — Fort Myers, Tallahassee, Tampa.

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Cancer cases tracked covertly

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — Officials at a federal uranium processing plant covertly tracked suspicious cases of cancer among employees while claiming the workers were safe, according to published reports.

In the early 1980s, managers at the Energy Department's Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant in western Kentucky counted 13 current and former workers who suffered from leukemia and other cancers in the previous 27 years.

Some names and initials were listed on a confidential DOE document, The Courier Journal of Louisville reported today. All but three had died by 1984, but medical experts apparently didn't learn of the list for nearly a decade. Others never did.

"Workers should have been told the list was being kept and why they were being tracked," said Jim Key, a representative for the workers' union. "I was astounded they had been tracking this and never told us."

The Washington Post reported today that its analysis of plant rosters listing more than 200 employees found that 10 died of blood and lymph system cancers, including six from leukemia. Government mortality rates show that only a single death would be expected in a group of adults that size.

Three plant employees have filed a federal lawsuit alleging workers unwittingly were exposed to plutonium and other highly toxic substances from 1953 to 1976. The suit is sealed.

A recent DOE investigation looking back to 1990 found that worker safety and environmental problems have persisted during federal efforts to clean up the plant.

That report, released in October, said plant workers had not been adequately informed of some risks and that radioactive contamination from the site continues to spread through groundwater toward the Ohio River.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has apologized for the failure to disclose plant hazards and promised compensation for sick workers. Congress has provided a $16 million increase for the plant's cleanup in its fiscal 2000 budget.

At the time the cancer list was put together, in 1984, the federal government and plant officials reportedly were hiding the fact that highly radioactive metals such as plutonium and neptunium had contaminated some of the uranium processed at the plant.

Government medical researchers saw the list when they visited the plant in 1992 and urged the Energy Department to study the incidence of leukemia among workers — something that was never done, the Courier Journal reported.

It is not known why the plant operator — either Union Carbide or Martin Marietta, which took over operations in 1984 — kept the list.

The names of two of the plant's former health physicists, Charles Turok and Bruce McDougal, are on the document, indicating each received a copy. Both said they hadn't seen it.

Steven Wyatt, a spokesman for the Energy Department's office in Oak Ridge, Tenn., said he showed copies of the list to department officials in Paducah and Oak Ridge, and "no one has a clue as to who kept it or why."

Most of the dead employees worked in the uranium-processing building, in maintenance or in laboratories that could have exposed them to radiation. The other three employees were identified only by initials.

Medical experts say the incidence of 13 cancer cases among the more than 5,000 people who worked at the plant since its 1953 opening may not be excessive. But the number does not include those who died of lung cancer or other radiation-linked cancers.

Other documents show the Energy Department has been collecting its own data on worker deaths at its nuclear plants. By the early 1990s, it had collected 700 death certificates of former Paducah workers and hundreds more of dead workers at other nuclear facilities.









BOO BEAR AND THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — Hermleigh elementary students presented "Boo Bear and The Night Before Christmas" before the holiday break. Karen Whittenburg's kindergarten students (top photo) are back row from left, Larissa Nachlinger, Delinda Dacus, Aleya Sharp, Carly Gill; front row, Danny Arellano, Jr., Barney Ramirez, Jr. Alison McCarter's second grade students (second photo) are back row from left, Jose Rangel, Dustin Dacus, Melanie Kariainen, Naomi Arellano; front row, J.P. Smith, Jacob Sanchez, Anthony Jones, Shawn Shankles, Gloria Ramirez, Vincent Mireles. Joyce Lionberger's third grade students (third photo) are from left, back row, Sean McClure, Casey Williamson, Hannah Brooks, Marissa Davis; bottom row, Rustin Webb, Ashley Luna, Lelan Shankles, Jeremy Eaton, Josh Beasley. Chris Boone is not pictured. Shaye Williams is not pictured. Lori Williamson's first graders (bottom photo) are from left, Matt Williams, Timothy Arellano, Fabian Fuentes, Duncan Sorrells; bottom row, Garrett Gray, Gavin Gray, Jacob Nachlinger, Jordan Williamson. Lori Garcia is not pictured. Also performing at the Christmas program but not pictured were Brenda Kuss' fourth graders, Willie Berkley, Brett McClure, Jonathan Mireles, Jurnie Boone and Cord Welsh, who sang Christmas carols. Cathy Beckman's fifth graders also sang carols. They include Scottie Arellano, Hank Berkley, Alicia Culp, Nickolas Eaton, K'Leigh Jackson, Brittany Kelley, Brian Molina, Michael Barrera, Jeff Bilbrey, Kelvin Doggett, Steven Hembree, Megan Kariainen, Bobby Lane, Robert Ritch. Mary Spieker's high school drama cast also presented "The Christmas Dream." They include Klifton Lee, Angel Vasquez, Amber Harbin, Samatha Smith, Toni Martinez, Tracey Luna. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Food Cupboard Thanks You!

This Christmas Season there has been an outpouring of caring for the less fortunate. The Ministerial Alliance thanks all those in the community who have been helping meet needs through the Food Cupboard this holiday season. We want to give special recognition today to the following:



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Also, some very generous donations have been received for this community ministry. To these people and to the churches supporting this work in their mission budgets ***and*** with their volunteers through out the year, we cannot ***trumpet*** a "God Bless You" loud enough!

Rev. Bob Moore, SCMA Board President
Marie Armstrong and Mabel Covey, Food Cupboard Directors

Senior Center News

The Senior Center staff wishes everyone a "joyful and peaceful holiday season."

The Christmas dinner was a success as meals were served to 185 at the center and 144 were delivered to homebound seniors.

Peggy Vernon won the quilt raffle. The $482 raised will go toward the operation of the center. Everyone's support is appreciated.

Also appreciated is the treadmill, which someone has donated anonymously. We are always thankful for various gifts received from the community.

Monday

Center Closed.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., daily exercise begins at 11, and the Golden K Kiwanis Club meets at noon. The country western dance and game night has been cancelled for December only. The next dance will be on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Line dancing and clogging practice has been cancelled until Jan. 5.

Thursday

The Local Yokels will be entertaining in the dining room at 11 a.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" begins at 10 a.m., and the New Year's party at 11 a.m. with the Kitchen Band providing entertainment.

Ideas are still being received for the time capsule. Everyone is encouraged to bring a message for the future. As many items as possible will be included. The capsule will be buried with a plaque above ground with instructions to open in 100 years.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
Closed For Christmas

Tuesday
Chili con carne, cheese sticks, sliced onion, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cookie, cornbread

Wednesday
Braised pork chop w/cream gravy, whole kernel corn, boiled okra, tomato wedges, Apple cobbler

Thursday
Steak fingers, w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, savory peas, tossed salad, red applesauce

Friday
Fried fish, pinto beans, crinkle cut fries, cole slaw, Jello cake

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Town mourns for firefighters, children

KEOKUK, Iowa (AP) — Three of the dead were husbands and fathers with a combined 36 years of firefighting experience. Three were children — 1-year-old twins and a first-grader.

All six died in a duplex fire Wednesday, darkening the anticipation of Christmas in this Mississippi River town of 12,500. The loss of comrades fighting a fire was a first for the 19-member Keokuk department.

A black sash hung over the garage door of the fire station Thursday. Flags over city offices — as well as around the state — flew at half-staff.

"It's Christmas, and the whole thing is practically unthinkable," said Bill Olmsted, who lives about a block from the burned duplex.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation. Fire Chief Mark Wessel said the firefighters were caught in a "flashover," which happens when a fire causes everything in a room to become so hot it begins producing a flammable gas, which can ignite in an instant, with temperatures reaching 1,500 degrees.

Twins Robert and Rebecca Cooper were taken out of the burning home, but died not long after. Seven-year-old Jessica McFarland was found dead along with two firefighters upstairs in the duplex. The other fireman was found downstairs.

Everywhere in town, someone had a story to tell about the firefighters, assistant chief Dave McNally, 48; Jason Bitting, 29; and Nate Tuck, 39.

"I don't care if it was fixing the roof at the school or if the boiler would break down in the middle of winter, Dave was the first one there. That was his nature. You didn't have to ask," said friend and bowling league teammate Roger Downey.

McNally, a 25-year veteran of the fire department, had a wife and three children. Bitting, who had been with the department more than six years, also had a wife and three children. And Tuck, a 41/2-year veteran, was married with two children.

Tuck was the junior varsity baseball coach at Keokuk High and a volunteer coach for the middle school's football and basketball teams.

"Coach Tuck was one of those coaches who was in the shadows. He never took credit for wins, but he was always the first one to congratulate me and the players after a game," said seventh-grader Zach Gatton. "He taught us a lot of things without screaming. Coach Tuck was somebody who made us want to try hard."

Dawn Marlin, whose husband, Jeff, also is a Keokuk firefighter, said Bitting was "a kid at heart."

"He'd call up our son, Justin, who's 19, and want to come over to play guitar with him," she said. "Everybody liked him.

Student prayer referendum is criticized

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Democrats on Thursday criticized a nonbinding prayer referendum on the Republican primary ballot as a "cheap advertising ploy" to rally right-wing supporters.

"Many Texans are deeply committed to their religious faiths and spiritual convictions but they do not condone the exploitation of religion for cheap political gain," said state Democratic chair Molly Beth Malcolm.

State Republican officials decided to put the nonbinding Texas Religious Freedom Referendum on their party's March 14 primary ballot.

The referendum asks, "Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting event?" It is in response to recent court rulings banning student-led prayer before football games.

State GOP Chairwoman Susan Weddington has said the ballot measure gives voters a chance to express their "outrage" over the court rulings.

"This referendum is about freedom," said Republican Party spokesman Robert Black. "Right now, an activist federal judiciary is attempting to bar Texas students from voluntarily praying at football games. Republicans think it's important that Texans are able to voice their opinion on this issue.

"We find it somewhat disturbing that the Democrat Party does not want Texans to voice their opinion on an important issue like this," Black said.

Ms. Malcolm said the ballot measure gives the impression Republicans have a monopoly over religion even though most Democrats support the right of students to initiate prayer at school activities.

"The Republican ballot initiative is a slap in the face of religious freedom and spirituality," Ms. Malcolm said.

State election laws allow political parties to put nonbinding questions on their primary ballots. The religious referendum will be the last item on the GOP ballot.

Student-led prayers at football games became a national issue after a lawsuit challenged the practice in the Santa Fe school district in Galveston County.

Texas leads nation in deaths related to truck accidents

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas led the nation in truck-related accident deaths in 1998 for the third year in a row, according to a truck safety advocacy group.

A report released Wednesday by the California-based Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways (CRASH) said Texas had 477 truck-related accident deaths last year. California was second with 378.

Texas' ranking is directly related to its size and increased congestion on its roadways, the group said. Texas and most other states have seen an increase in truck-related deaths over the last three years.

Texas also ranked first in children killed in truck crashes with 56 and first in the number of truckers killed in on-the-job crashes with 93.

After several high-profile crashes this year in the Houston area, a state trucking association has joined with the Texas Department of Transportation to launch a safety campaign in that city. Officials hope to expand it to other cities next spring.

The campaign will focus on public education, highway engineering and law enforcement. Billboards and radio and television announcements will be used to tell the public about the dangers of driving in a tractor-trailer rig's blind spot.

Counts appointed to committee on rural development

State Rep. David Counts has been appointed to the Select Committee on Rural Development by Texas House Speaker Pete Laney.

The select committee is a specially created committee for the legislative interim to study a broad range of topics pertinent to the rural area of Texas.

"I am excited to work with my fellow colleagues of the House to study and develop recommendations which will aim to maintain, as well as to improve rural Texas," said Rep. Counts. "There are many changes happening in our state, and we in rural Texas must be ready to take advantage of the changes. We can work together to preserve those things which contribute to the enriched values of Texas, and we can work to enhance those things that will make our rural way of life better.ep. Barry Telford of DeKalb will lead the committee. Members are Reps. Clyde Alexander, Warren Chisum, Judy Hawley, Jim Keffer, Tracy King, Jim McReynolds, Tom Ransay, Irma Ranger and David Swinford.

"The membership of the committee is a good, strong group who are interested in the viability of rural areas, small cities and small towns," said Counts. "I think this study is a strong statement that we are committed to working with the rural areas and upholding the way of life that many of us were raised in.

Officers probe possible break-in

Snyder officers are investigating a possible burglary of the Snyder High School shop building.

Sgt. David Holley was called to the school at 11:18 a.m. Thursday by Mike Carter, SISD's director of maintenance and transportation.

Holley said it was unknown if anything is missing.

One arrest was made Thursday.

Officers took a 58-year-old male into custody at 7:38 a.m. on U.S. Hwy. 84 west of Rip Griffin's for public intoxication.

Holiday closings are listed below

Local financial institutions with the exception of one will close at noon today for the Christmas holiday.

American State Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank and West Texas State Bank will all close their doors at noon.

However, First American will remain open until 3 p.m.

The Christmas holiday also prompts a number of other closings around town.

City and county offices are closed today, with the exception of the city landfill. It will remain open today, but will close Christmas Day.

Scurry County Library will not reopen until Monday.

Window service at Snyder Post Office closes at noon today, but customers will be able to pick up packages at the wooden door in the box lobby until 5 p.m.

Mail will be delivered and placed in boxes as usual today, but the office will be closed and no deliveries will be made Christmas Day.

The Snyder post office is not expecting a truck from Abilene on Saturday.

However, someone will be at the office on Sunday to deliver any express mail packages that are received.

The Scurry County Museum, located on the Western Texas College campus, is closed until Jan. 4, as are administrative offices at the college.

Registration for the spring semester at WTC begins Jan. 13.

Ira and Hermleigh students return to school Jan. 3 while Snyder students do not return to class until Jan. 4.

The Texas Workforce Commission, also located on the college campus, is closed today.

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Obituaries



Gladys Cartwright

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Funeral service for Gladys B. Cartwright, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of Lighthouse Assembly of God, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Cartwright died Wednesday, Dec. 22, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Nov. 24, 1917, she married Thomas N. Cartwright on Jan. 12, 1967 in Liberty. A homemaker, she was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God.

Mrs. Cartwright was preceded in death by one son, Richard Spurlock, and one daughter, Juanita Hyres.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas Cartwright of Snyder; a daughter, Onita May of Henderson; a sister, Aline Barkman of Granbury; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Revis Groves

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Revis Orene Groves, a former resident of Hermleigh, died Thursday, Dec. 23, in Morning Glory Adult Care Center in Midland following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Groves, 85, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born Sept. 27, 1914 in Scurry County, she married R. Grant Groves on Feb. 18, 1940 in Snyder. He died on July 15, 1985.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Larry Don Groves on Nov. 27, 1982.

Mrs. Groves was a homemaker and a member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, David and Shirley Groves of Midland; a daughter, Betty J. Hartman of Midland; two brothers, A.C. Chandler of Midland and Buck Chandler of Houston; a sister and brother-in-law, Allie and Elmer Martin of Midland; and four grandchildren, Beckie Hartman, Summer Groves, Sarah Groves and Cody Groves.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Christmas Eve services

First United Methodist

The community is invited to a Christmas Eve service of carols, candlelight and Holy Communion at the First United Methodist Church. The service begins at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary and will feature a variety of narrations and musical selections.

First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church will hold a candlelight service Christmas Eve service. The worship service will begin at 11 p.m. It is a service of lessons and carols and will bring one into the day of our Lord's birth in celebration of what Christmas is really about.

First Christian

First Christian Church will hold its annual candlelight and communion service at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve. The service will feature communion for all believers regardless of denominational affiliation, a mediation by the pastor and special music. The service will conclude with the worshipers joining in the procession of light outside the church and singing "Silent Night." The service will last about 45 minutes.

Hermleigh Methodist

Hermleigh United Methodist Church will hold its annual Christmas Candlelight service at 5:30 this evening. Visitors are welcome.

Colonial Hill Baptist

A Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at 6 p.m. at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Landfill hours

The City of Snyder Landfill is open today, but will close Christmas Day.

Fund established

Employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel unit have established an account at West Texas State Bank to benefit the wife and three young children of correctional officer Daniel Nagle, killed while on duty at the McConnell unit at Beeville. Donations may be made in his name at West Texas State Bank.

TSA selling pecans

The Technology Student Association of Snyder High School is selling an assortment of pecans and peanuts as a fundraiser to help finance a trip to the state contest. Call 573-8961 for further information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Most Important Thing," followed by "Getting to Know God's Provision."

Softball booster club

A meeting of the Lady Tigers softball booster club will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday. The next meeting will be at noon Jan. 4 in the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Children's Day Out

Children's Day Out at First United Methodist Church resumes Jan. 4. The program has been expanded to include infants and now receives children 6 months through 4 years of age. A limited number of partial scholarships are also available. To reserve a space for the spring semester, call Barbara at 573-4770.

Social security reps

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Snyder on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Library extends hours

Scurry County Library has extended its Saturday hours and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-W-F and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

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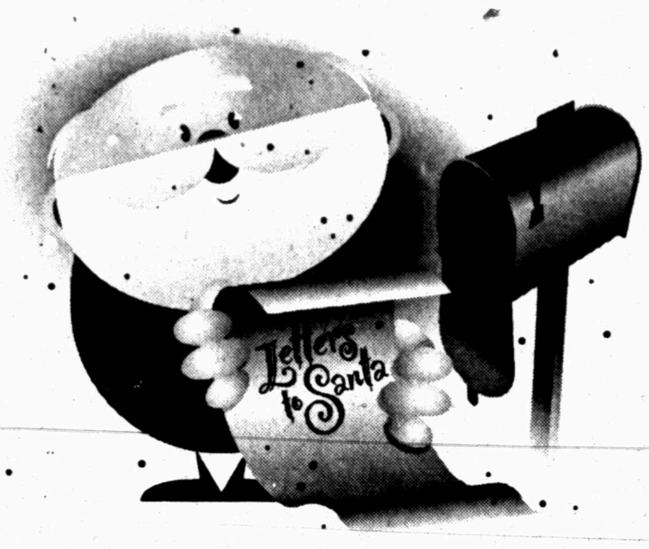
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Love,
Jessica Cooper
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I wish you would bring me a new bike and a Stewart little movie. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kaden Seale
Second grade

Dear Santa.
I want a Stewart little car, I want dresses, I want a baby dill.
Love,
Cassie Gunset
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a barbiecashregister and new shoes and new dress shoes and toys and snow and a good holiday. I wish you a merry Chirstmas.
Love,
Kelsi Fulford
Second grade

Dear Santa,
I want a knife, a long, a wat waler dog and a cub.
Love,
Lee McGinty
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie cashregister and new shoes and new dress shoes and toys and snow and a good holiday. And a very very good Christmas.
Love,
Jessica Floyd
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a toy Jeep for Christmas and new showed and a new bike.
Love, Cindy Nicole Garza
Second Grade.

Dear Santa,
I want a toy Jeep for Christmas and new shoes and a new bike.
Love,
Cindy Nicole Garza
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Book to Read. A computer, a jeep, a bike and a baby doll and one more thing a cashregister.
Love,
Amber Gutierrez
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a VCR and a tv and a trampaline and four pairs of hoes and a play phone and some dresses.
These are the colors, a red dress and a blue one and a green one and don't forget yellow and pink, and some dress shoes and a cash register.
Love,
Tosha McGlouthin
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation game and a rocking horse, and a computer and a robot and a big snowmen and my best of all is a nutcracker.
I wish you a mery Christmas.
Love,
Ty Burton
Second grade

I want a play remote cantrole motorcycle and a switch bladeknife and play motorcycle to ride and a camera with film.
Love,
Zackery Ball
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy for Chrismas. I Love play staytion games. Can you get me one? I've been a good boy and I want a switchblade.
Love,
Matthew Rios
Second grader

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a dirtbike and toy and a trampaline and rolerblades and a CD's player.
I wish you a very, very, very Christmas.
Love,
Krystal Buerrero
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a play station and a cannonball Chris Book.
Love Alex Hernandez
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I wish you would bring me a kitty and a mommy cat and a puppy and a mommy dog and a pretty dress.
Some new dress shoes and a new calendar and a pet toy bear and a Friend that would be my friend for ever and ever and ever and ever and ever.
Love,
Ashley Browning
Second Grade



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We wish you and yours the best season ever.

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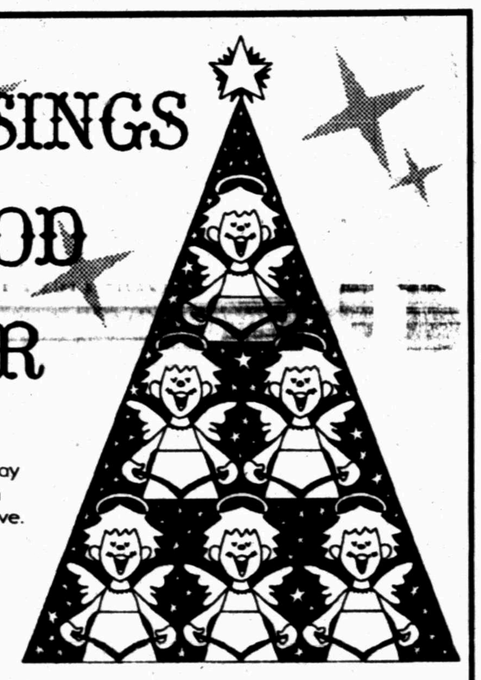


GREETINGS FROM THE NORTH POLE

Mr. and Mrs. Claus send you their very best wishes for a spectacular holiday, and so do we.
It's been great getting to know you over this past year, and we look forward to your continued friendship.

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BLESSINGS & GOOD CHEER



Here's hoping your holiday season is filled with an abundance of joy and love. Thank you for your loyal patronage.

Have a very merry Christmas!

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HOLIDAY Peace

Our thoughts are with you throughout this season of hope and brotherhood. May you experience the true spirit and meaning of the holiday.

God bless you.

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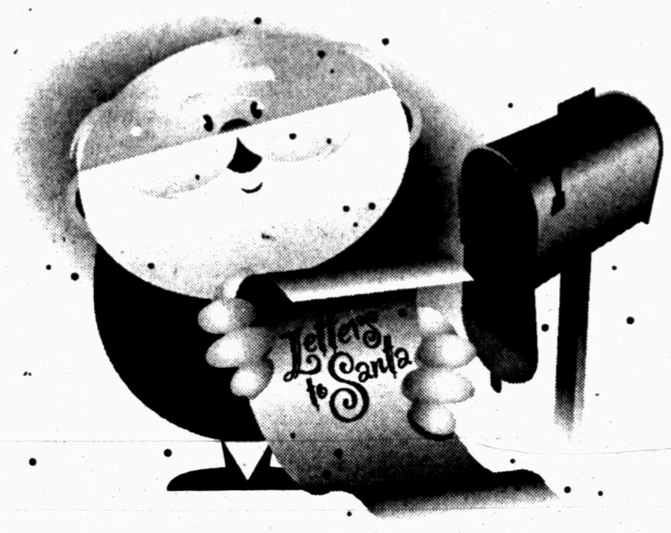
A Gift At Christmas

We hope that Santa is good to you this year, and that Christmas finds you surrounded by family and friends enjoying a warm and lovely celebration.

We want to thank you for the gift of your patronage, and for giving us the opportunity to serve you this year. Best wishes for the new year, and we hope to see you soon.

Southern Electric, Inc.
900 College Ave.
573-4903

FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
I want a pogo stick a buzz light years a WCW relaser a puppy a dark marl punching bag and a bike.
Love,
Landon Jones

Dear Santa,
Telly Tubby, braclet dog, ribbet, clohes, ring, shoes, book, doll with stroller, Nockles, Kitten, a doll house, toys, a barbe power car, belt, boots, a kitchen set, sloo, swig.
Love,
Alex Guzman

Dear Santa,
A dog a doll house catddog that talks barbie bike, skate barbie, barbie stroller, barbie.
Love,
Mercedes Guzman

Dear Santa,
I want a Taly Tobby doll and a cashraster and coloring book and coler and pazoles and school paper's and penstes and tape for my mom, For Christmas Barbie and a Stroler, Barbie car, Barbie House and a dog house.
Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I want a robbot, costom a star, backback, and a fan, new jackit a candy cane. I want to go to my grampa's house tely tuby, dooo, new raindeer, some presents, new close, new light bulb, a vacshon money bag, a little computer, a Christmas tree, clock, a penguin. Santa rodeo toys, I want watergun, a kite.
Love,
Austin Morris

Dear Santa,
I what a tall a tubby doll for Christmas. My brother wants a computer fore Christmas.
Love,
Hayley Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a card move a bick a powr ranger a toy gun a netiood a puppy a frisbe a baskitball some claus a feart a lap top.
Love,
Jesse Alaniz

Dear Santa,
Telly tuby, Back Pack, Buz Light Year, Toy Cars, Batman, a jacket, a Bite, new shoes, power ranger, a craon box, wood, Gameboy, some trucks, ribbit, Chraping, Backetball, a dophen shirt, a fire tuurck, Blue Clues,
Love,
J.D. Lujan

Dear Santa,
I want a rain deer toy and a Bike and a buzz light year p9olice officer car a chu telly tuby doll. A Christmas tree a basketball, basketball goal, a soccer ball football, a dtable, a woody doll.
Love,
Allison Vincent

Der Santa,
I want a Barbie, some skates, a chalk board, a Barbie house, a big talking Pooh Bear, a Barbie Van, the Bumbell Bee song, a angel baby, a kindergarden Baby, a puzzel, a big talking tella tubbie, a big talking Baby Bop.
Love,
Katrina Aviles

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie. I also want a kitchen playhouse. I want a very cute tele tubies named LaLa. I want some very very pretty rings. I want some butterfly clips.
Love,
Aaliyah Wesley

Dear Santa,
I want a Barby, toy with a button on it, bike, purse, toy hamburgur, parriot, snow, cat, puppy, barby car, real phone, cabbage patch doll, tea set, pot, toy container, glue, craddle to put a doll in, popup book, doctor set, scorpion, tiger, and chalk board.
Love,
Crystal Sandova

Dear Santa,
I want a blue car, red car, racen car, and different color cars, a puppy, and a stone cold toy, monster truck, cat, hat, Batman and Robin toy, Pokemon toy, small balloon.
Love,
Joseph Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. I also want a bike. I want a baby doll that has a diaper. I also want a red pen. I want play dishes to. I also want different colored pens. I also want nail polish. I want some new dresses and clothes. I want some hair clips and earrings. I want star necklaces and earrings that have diamonds. I also want a small bathtub.
Love,
Heather Madrano

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Princsess Barbie with a Prince, and another Barbie with a horse and a baby with glitter. I would also like a fluffy caterpillar and a new toy story train and an angel toy and a star toy. And a teddy bear.
Love,
Dawn Carillo

Dear Santa,
I want hot wheels, Dodge little car, football, train, soccer ball, pajamas, toy motercycle, Harley Davison shorts, jacket, toy shotgun, Sega Genisis, games (for Sega), a bike, baby boom box.
Love,
Tyler Mayes

Dear Santa,
I wont what I did last summer $1,000,000, a pool table, air hockey, clothes, some cars, It's My Shoulder Game, a Sega, some new shoes, some crayons, scicors, cotton, marshmellows, Sleepy Hollow.
Love,
Jonathon Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Barbie doll, Blues Clues, a book, a teddy bear, a stereo, Christmas CD, new shoes, a reindeer, Underdog stuff, a computer, blocks, a big pencil, Pokemon, a toy Hamburger, a piano book.
Love,
Sabrina Salinas

Dear Santa,
I want a swimming Barbie and a Barbie car and a teddy bear, a stuffed animal reindeer, a Pooh Bear, a baseball silly slammer, a stuffed animal Blue bird, CD player, tape player, Tellutubies, a talking Piggy, computer, Play Station.
Love,
Daphny Torres

Dear Santa,
Star Wars Toys, Power Rangers, small soldiers, bike, Sting toy, Pariot, motorcycles toys, real puppy, monster truck, toy truck, green truck, rermote mondster truck, pet scorpion, wrestling toys, Toy Story book, pet crab.
Love,
Adam Cabera









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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Jessica Garza. I am eight years old. I will be nine in January. I am also in third grade. I wanted to let you know that what ever you give me I will be happy with it. I think I have been a good girl. I forgot to tell you I go to school at Central Elem. That is all I wanted to let you know. I will be waiting for you.
Love,
Jessica Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Dayton Grice. I have three brothers. I want a dragon trnasformer, a sleigh, a discow light, and a micerfone. I am nine and three quirters in age. I am adoted.
Sincerely,
Your friend, Dayton Grice

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kaycee Dayle Westlund. I have one brother. I live in Snyder Tx. Santa what I want for Christmas is two ferbys, one baby ferby, cd player and some cd you think I would like, and I really want a Parikeat bird like NaNa's bird. That's all I want for Christmas. For Max will you get him a blue's clues toy.
Sincerely,
Your friend, Kaycee Westlund

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Lareshia and my last name is Carey. I have 1 sister thank God. I have 0 brothers. I love my Mom and Dady. I have been a good girl but lets get to what I want for Christmas. I want a Gimblory fashion factory, a new bike, a new tv with a new Super Nientiondo, a Play Staition, a Nindtiondo 64. I wish Britney would have puppys but if she does not I want you to give me one. That's all I want for now. Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Your friend Lareshia

Dear Santa claus,
Hi it is Jessica. For Christmas I would like a little t.v. and the Britney Spears cd. I have ben a very good girl. I would like some gray clay and a pot maker with it. Can I have a cd player? I would like a snowcone maker and a black lab. I would also like some baby boll cothes for my new baby. I would like the N.sink cd to. I would like a Santa claus hat very bad. And can you ask your elves to make some new cothes for elfy? I would also like a nother Lee Mentlen doll. And lost more but I can not name it all. Santa claus we will be at my dads moms house. So please bring our gifts to her house. Thank you very much.
Love,
Jessica Bilderback

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Forest. I go to school at Central in Snyder west Texas. This is my Christmas list, a gocart, pokemon cards 5 packs, a new bb gun, cloths, and lot more stuff. So old saint nick how is it going up there good or bad. I'd say good. How is your reindeer. How is old rodof the red nose reindeer. Good.
Scurry County Sincerely,
Forest



Dear Santa calus,
My name is Troy Cole Russell. I am in 3rd grade. And what I want for Christmas most of all is a play sation or a 4-10 shotgun and a Hank the Cow dog book called. The case of the one eyed killer stud Horse. I would also like a go-cart.
Love,
Cole Russell

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Breen Fletcher. I go to school at Central Elementry. I would like a Nitedo 64 and the game Pokemon. I would like a stuffed animal. I would like lots of candy. I would like a stuffed puppy very much. I would love a stuffed donkey too.
Love,
Brenna Fletcher

Dear Santa claus,
My name is Zachary and I want a present because I been a good little boy and I am happy to have a family. Because I got 1 sister to play with and I got 2 brothers and my Mom and Dad. And I go to school and Im in third grade. Because we lear about animals and bunch of stuff like that. And we celebrate Cristmas and I been wanting a bike.
Sincerely,
Zachary Rivera

Dear Santa Clause,
My name is Kadrian. I an in third grade. I have been a little notty. But I been good most of the time. I would like you to give the poor a home.
Tinke,
Kadrian Groage

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Laura and I have sister. Me and my sister are happy about Christmas is presents. I want my mom and dad get back togther. I want a bike and I want to all my x tables and a sega.
Love,
Laura Hernandez

Dear Santa claus,
My name is Jon Ryan im 8 years old have two brothers and two sisters and two nethus. there names are Alexi and eathan i guess you know what that means i'm an uncle and one ov my sister is an aunt and the other is a mom. and one ov my bothers is a thiel and my other brother is a dad. iv been a little bad and a little good. But i want a small remote cantroll car that has a highgrolics that has a you know cars that have a lock a unlok thing but that's all.
Your friend,
Jon Ryan

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Joseph i'm in 3rd grade and i have one brother so far i ben bad by lying and by tiling a story but now i learnd not to tell a story i whant a leasware and a bike and roller blades and x men.
Friend,
Joseph Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dolly, a gymnastic Barbie, some new chainlinks, and new pencil. I want a dog and some candles.
Love you,
Krystin Keylon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a truck and car. Love you.
Stefan Vasquez



Dear Santa Claus,

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Rose Mary Jones
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Snyder, Texas 79549

Season's Greetings
The halls have been artistically decked,
The gift list has been twice again checked,
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And before the bells begin to chime,
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All Good Things on Christmas
Here's hoping the holiday season delivers an abundance of joy to you and yours, just as you've brought us this past year.
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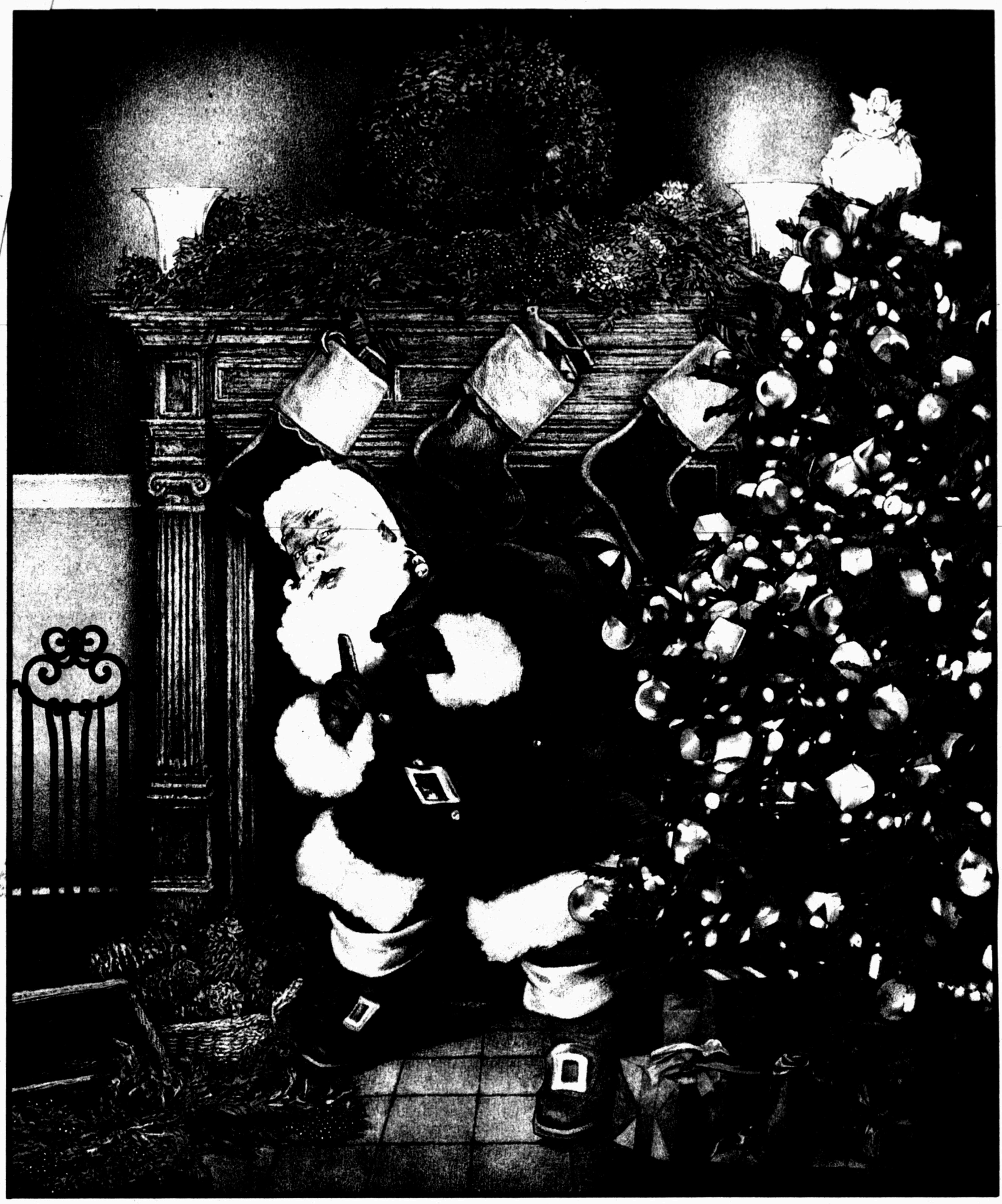
Deck The Halls!
May the beauty of the season surround you, and may your holiday contain all the trimmings of love, health, wealth and success. Merry Christmas and many thanks for making our year sparkle.
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From the Officers, Directors and Employees of

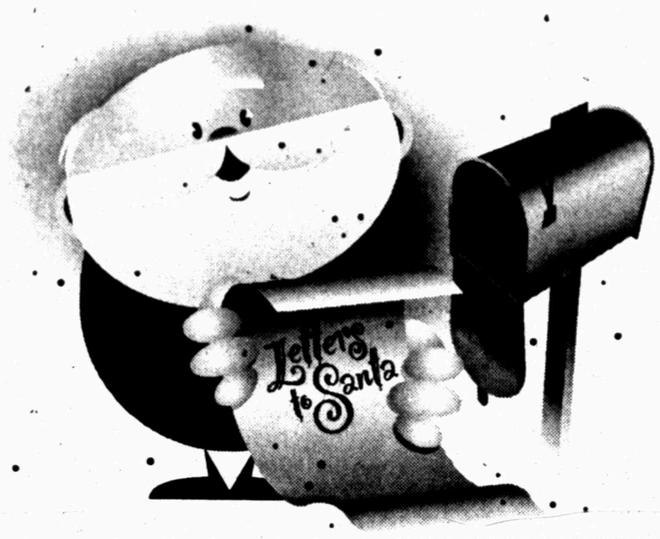
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new Barbie windsuit and a Barbie telephone. I want diamond rings, diamond dresses, and golden shoes. Also I want a Barbie airplane, a new puppy, and Barbie stickers. I love you.
Alison Downing

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ginga pet, a puppy, a horse, and a Baby Born. I want a Barbie radio, Barbie telephone, Barbie computer, and a Barbie hot tub. I want some magic stuff and new clothes. I love you.
Meagan Downing

Dear Santa Claus,
I want toys that I can put in my mouth. I am 6 months old. I have been a very good girl. Love you!
Hannah Downing

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a hamster, a Barbie jeep, and a Barbie.
Love you,
Amanda Roemer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a skating Barbie and a skating baby. I want you to bring me lots of candies.
Love you,
Ashten Wilkinson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby doll and a stroller. I want 4 Poohbies. I want something for my mommy. I think flowers would be nice. I want a toy horsey. That's all I want.
Love you,
Breanna Benitez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie. I want you to bring me a new book that has animals in it. I want a computer. Please bring Jakiya a new toy doll Barbie that does flips that I saw on t.v. Please bring momma some new clothes. Bring my daddy a Power ranger pillow.
Love you,
Bresharre Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle and a car.
Love you,
Caleb Green

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a buggy with a doll.
Love you,
Cerise Black

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle bike and a toy that I can play with. I want a bunch of toys.
Love you,
Cyrus Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Buzz Lightyear and singing Woody. I want sword. That's all.
Love you, Dance Doty

Dear Santa Claus
I want a race car and a white Power Ranger.
Love you,
Darren Escobedo

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a race car and a monkey.
Love you.
Devin Collier

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Batman and a dinosaur. Love you,
Eddie Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a necklace and playdough. I want a Easy Bake.
Love you,
Jackie Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie stereo and Barbie cash register.
Love,
Justice Terrazas

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a wrestling gloves.
Love you,
Noel Villa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a car and motorcycle.
Love you,
Andrew Velasquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a book, some funny one. I want a truck.
Love you,
Christopher Brasher

Dear Santa Claus,
I want the Giant and car and monster truck.
Love you,
Dalton May

Dear Santa Claus,
I want fingernail polish and stuff. I want a computer and paint and stuff. I need paper for it. I want colors to color it. I want a baby doll and a brand new jacket, a red one. And I want a different color dress. I want a Rudolph that sings some songs. I want flowers.
Love you,
Haley Beall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Barbies. I want Jessie and a new Barbie club. I want a new Barbie clothes.
Love you,
Kiersten Price

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie car.
Love you,
Marie Fletcher

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a play Hot Wheel and a play motorcycle. I want a play space shi . I want a jeep.
Love yo,
Matthew Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want new jeans, new shirts, and new pajamas. I want a horsey and Barbie angel. I want a Barbie, too.
Love you,
Rebecca Alacon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Pokemon books and Pooh Bear book.
Love you,
Triston Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want presents. I want a video. I want a school bus and truck. I want Frosty the Snowman, crayons, markers, fishing pole. Alligator, umbrella, tiger, helicopter.
Love you,
Victor Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a cowboy hat and 5 books, a bedtime book. I want a snake toy, a jeep, skates, a horse, bouncing balls, and a pencil. I want a dog.
Love you,
Michael Blythe

Dear Santa Claus,
I want colors, a wagon, and a swing.
Love you,
David Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some books. I want toy watch, a pen with a feather on it, and a Barbie car. I want a Barbie.
Love you,
Brianna Carrisalez

Merry Christmas
From All The Girls At the Cuttery
2417 College Ave.
573-0189, 573-4782

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year
The holidays are in full bloom, and we just want to wish you every happiness, and express our sincere appreciation for your kindness.
All the best to everyone!
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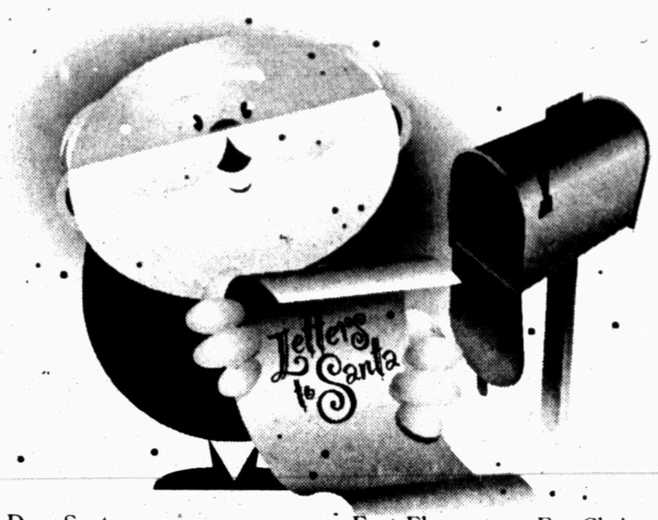
Have A Ball!
To have a really fine time this holiday season, gather the whole family together and invite plenty of good friends over. Then spread the love and laughter all around...very much like the kind way you treated us all year long.
All the best to our family of loyal customers!
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HOME ON THE RANGE
There's nothing better than being home with family and friends, during the holidays. That's why we're glad our home is right here!
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Miracles Do Happen!
In the hustle and bustle of giving and receiving, we pause to count our blessings and contemplate the miracle that is Christmas.
May you and your family enjoy a most miraculous holiday season.
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Snyder, Texas
573-6332

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May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Properous New Year!
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa:
My name is Aryn May. I am 7 years old. I want for Christmas: Roller Blades, a Ferbie, Double Stroller for my baby dolls, CDs, the new Breyer Indian Horse. Beanie Babies, and Butterfly hair clips. I have been very good this year at home and at school. I am a 2nd grader at Stanfield Elementary.

Sincerely,
Aryn May

Dear Santa:
I have been a good girl. I'm 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1 Mick4ey Walking Dog
2. CD Backtreet Boys
3. Makeup Box.
Love,
Laura Reigh

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Bike.
Love,
Tri Nguyen

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Pokemons
2. Wrestling toys
3. Game Boy
Love Gage Welsh

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Pokemons
2. doll
3. Nintedo
Love,
Mechallie Brewer

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a Power ranger toy.
Love,
Jonathan Craig

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. puppy
2. WWF toys
3. play station
Love,
Jesse Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary for Christmas I would like a spears CD
Love,
Kelly Alarcon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary for Christmas I would like:
1. computer
2. Nintendo
3. Swimin pool
Love,
Taran Clemmons

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. TV
2. puppy
3. cats

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Shoes
2. Bike
3. Kitten
Love,
Jessica Farquar

Dear Editor:
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Roller blades
2. doll
3. computer
Love,
Daniella Jaquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. doll
2. Mickey walking dog
3. Play station
Love,
Jacoree Brooks

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. roller blades
2. rabbit
3. bed
Love,
Ally Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. puppy
2. CD Backstreet Boys
3. Nsyng
Love,
Amanda Villa

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Play station
2. Billy Bob teeth
3. CD player

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. dog
Love,
Chelsea Russel

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary for Christmas I would like:
1. TV
2. Spears CD
3. puppy
Love,
Kaitlin Bass

PEACE

In the Spirit of the Season...

Here's hoping your Christmas joy is deeper, friendships stronger, and your days brighter in this and every season throughout the year.

Merry Christmas to all our loyal customers!

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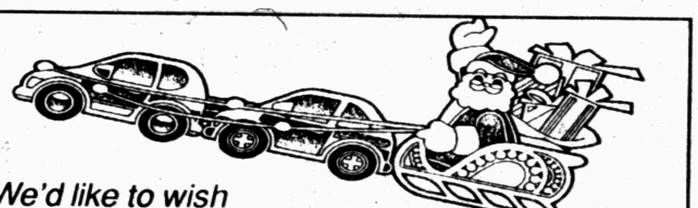


FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM

— John 3:16

God bless you and yours in this holy season and beyond.

East Side Church of Christ
201 31st Street Snyder, Texas 79549 573-3583



We'd like to wish
everyone a great Christmas with miles of smiles!

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3406 College Ave. 573-8150



God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior,
Was born on Christmas Day.
— Carol

On this most holy occasion, we'd like to join you and your family in praying for worldwide peace and harmony amongst all God's creatures.

May the light of His love brighten your home and warm your heart this holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

Rudy's Restaurant
4604 College Ave.
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Greetings!

May the spirit of Christmas be always at your door, just as you are always welcome at ours.

Happy holidays, everyone. We look forward to serving you again in the year to come.

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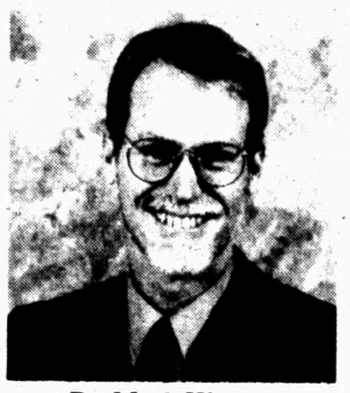
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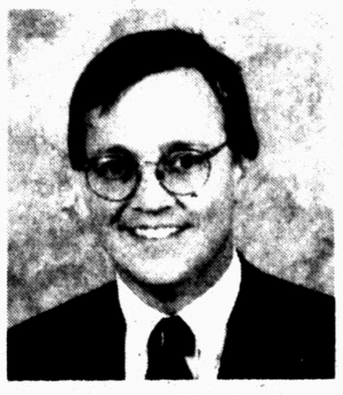
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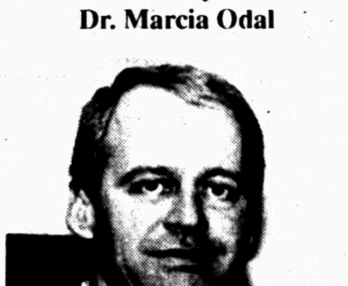
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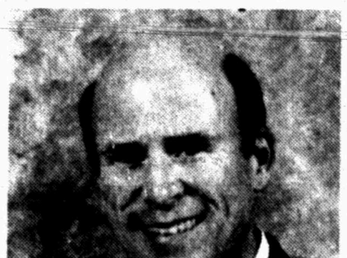
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST HOLIDAY WISHES!

From all of us who write the stories, sell the ads, edit the pages, run the presses and carry it to your doorstep daily... to you, who make it all worthwhile... our sincere best wishes and heartfelt thanks.

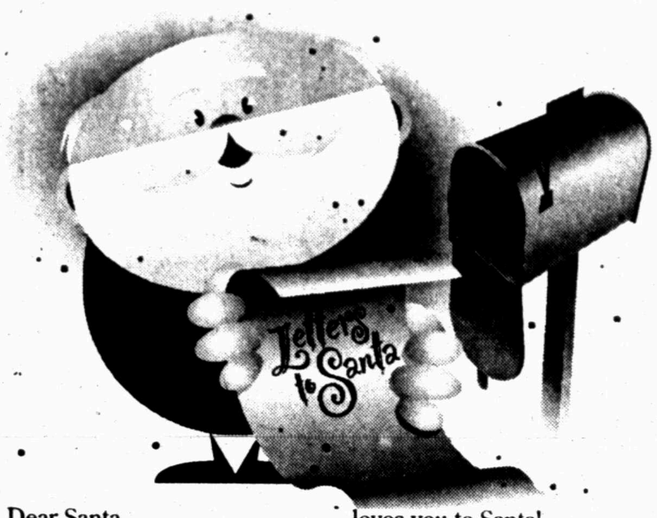
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
I want a basketball Hoop and a doll with clothes. A Magna Doodle. I am trying to be good. Thank You.
Walker Barrett
P.S. I'm 3 years old

Dear Santa,
I would like a Kitty Groomer, a Ms. Pac-Man, a Pokemon Pinball game and a EZ Bake Kitchen Please. Also send alli and Punkin some toys. Alli is 10 months old. Punkin is 13. I love you Santa!
Sarah Davis
Age 7
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Santa,
I want two Action Digures from Dragon Ballz. Also I want a large Lego castle. Also I want a Pokemon Bull with bulbasaur in it. And for everyone to have good luck and love each other.
Love,
Chance Kelly

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me three things. They are a trampoline, a go-cart, and a bike.
I have been a really good boy this year.
Love,
Justin Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have three things I would like for Christmas. The first thing I would like is a go-cart. The second thing I would like is a Furby. The lst thing I would like is happiness for the whole world.
Love,
Tiffany Roemer

Dear Santa,
I wish I had two bike tubes, Exxon truck, two real horses, a real dog, a real blue bird, a real gold fish, and nine toy cars.
Love,
Matthew Daniell

Dear Santa,
I would like six things for Christmas. These things are a toy car, a toy truck, a game, a pool able, a computer, a CD, and a go-cart. I have been a good boy this year.
Love,
Nicholas Fores

Dear Santa,
I want two things for Christmas. These things are a halter for my horse and a trampoline. I also wish you could make my friend Jody get well.
Love,
Kelcey Stafford

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas. The first thing is a toy car. The second thing is a horse. The third thing is a cell phone, with note pad. I also want the people in the hospital to get better.
Love,
Roberto Aguirre

Dear Santa,
How have you and Mrs. Claus been doing? I have been doing fine. I was making my list for you and this is what I would love for you to try and bring me. Some new CDs (Smashing Mouth, the girl who sings Genie in a Bottle I'nsyc, and Victoria). A game for my computer. One of those blow up chairs and a dKinder-garden Baby (Rose). I have tried to be a good girl this year. I will leave you milk and cookies!
P.S. I have a new baby sister her name is Sarah Marie and she can't talk right now but she would love you to bring her a walker. Some noise makers, a toy, for her bed and anything else you would like to get her. She loves you to Santa!
Thank you and have a safe trip!
Love,
Katy Spradlin age 9
Sarah Spradlin age 7 months

Dear Santa,
I told you I would write so I am. For Christmas I would like a TV, a Guess watch, an Adidas jacket. A twirling light. A Jacket from the Gap (red), She Daisy cd, Brittney Spears cd, LFO cd, My Best Friend's Wedding, and Dixie Chicks Fly cd, Poke Pin Ball, and Tarzan, Top Gear Racing Gameboy color games, PJs from J.C. Penney with matching house shoes, a Disney stadium blanket, Blow Up Chair, Tearaways, money, a Nickelodean clock, waterproof camera, Disney Chradies, Pay Day games, Candle Kit, Box Bead Kit, Millennium Barbie, and Frogger for computer, Baskin & Robbins ice cream maker, Beanie Babies, volleyball with net, tether ball, cd player car adapter, Candy Dot maker. That is all. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Christi
P.S. I will be sure to leave you cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.
PPS Say Hi to everyone for me.

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a puppy for Christmas.
Thank you,
Dominique Diaz,
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a train for Christmas.
Thank you,
Manuel Benitez

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a race car for Christmas.
Thank you,
Codee Aplin
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a frog for Christas.
Thank you,
Larry Settles
6 age

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like to have a basketball and hoop for Christmas.
Thank you,
Tommy Stanley
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like to have a toy motorcycle.
Thank you,
West kindergarten
Alberto Resendiz
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like to have a cowgirl Barbie. Thank you,
West Kindergarten
Ashley Black
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like Power Rangers Lost galaxy for Christmas.
Thank you,
West kindergarten
Fabian Gutierrez
Age 6





TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS

...On the twelfth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me,
twelve pipers piping,
eleven drummers drumming,
ten lords a-leaping,
nine ladies dancing,
eight maids a-milking,
seven swans a-swimming,
six geese a-laying,
five golden rings,
four calling birds,
three french hens,
two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.

May all the days of the season be filled with happiness, good cheer, and delightful surprises for you and those you love. Thank you for bringing us the gift of your patronage this year.

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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Thank you,
Briana Stanford
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I would like winnie the pooh for Christmas.
Thank you,
Monica Torres
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a snow board for Christmas.
Thank you,
Christan
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a puppy for Christmas.
Thank you,
Jazmyn Moore
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like to have Barbie cr for Christmas.
Thank you,
West kindergarten
Bianca Silva
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a Nintendo 64 for Christmas.
Thank you,
Alex Bullis
Age 5



Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I would like Power Rangers Lost galaxy for Christmas.
Thank you,
West kindergarten
Fabian Gutierrez
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a toy ballerina for Christmas.

Joyous Noel

RING IN THE JOY
This wonderful time of year gives us the opportunity to put aside the daily business routine and extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for bringing so much joy our way.
Merry Christmas and best wishes for a Happy New Year!
TACO JOHN'S
4212 College Ave.

JOY TO THE WORLD
...And a world of good wishes to all of you who have brought us so much happiness this past year. Merry Christmas!
Ezell-Key Feed & Seed
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
From Our House To Yours
Home is where the heart is, and we love being a part of this great community. Thanks for making us feel right at home.
THE RITZ DINER
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A Christmas Wish For You
We're hoping that your season brings
Lots of glad tidings and beautiful things;
The warmth of family,
The blessing of friends,
Plus peace and joy
That never ends.
May all your hopes and dreams come true,
That's our Christmas wish for you!
PERMIAN COMMUNICATIONS
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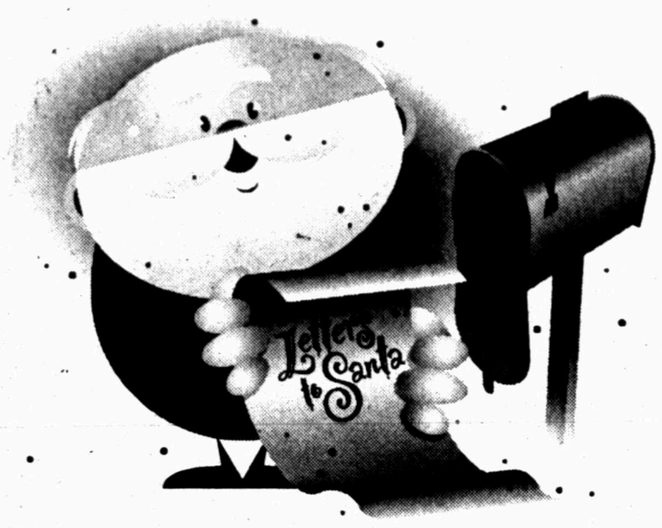
You're Always Welcome, Here!
May your holiday season be filled with good times and fond memories for a long time to come.
Thank you for visiting us this past year.
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LIGHT UP THE WORLD... IT'S CHRISTMAS!
All the halls are decked and bright
With candles, wreaths and strings of light.
The tree is trimmed, and snow is falling;
The windows glow, and friends come calling
To spread good wishes, and to say,
"Merry Christmas to all — have a great holiday!
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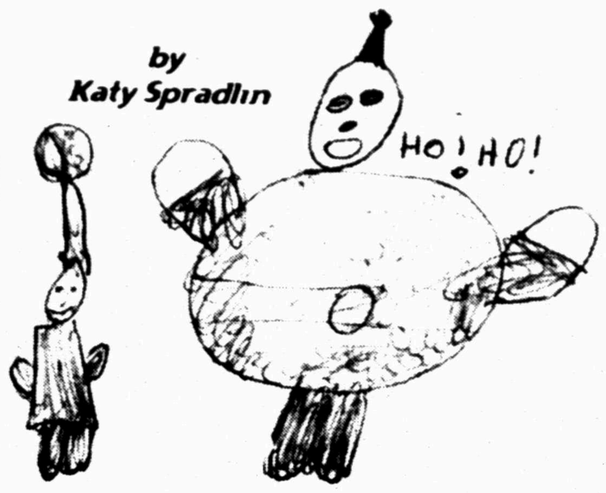
Trimmed with a Wish
Here's hoping good friends and good times play a starring role in your holiday season. Thanks, friends!
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To our many fine customers and friends, we extend our very best wishes for a season filled with joy and all the white stuff.
Thanks for making our year a huge success!
E.D. Walton Construction Company, Inc.
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



by Katy Spradlin





Dear Santa,
Heather, Chase, Brad, Jacob and Clint have been real good this year. Please make their wishes come true.
Please bring PaPa enough money to help make their wishes dreams come true. Bring their moms and dads something special too.
Granny

Dear Santa,
Please bring me something with Barney and a Cookie Monster toy. I have a new baby brother, his name is Jordan Reid. Bring him some toys for a baby. I have been very good. We will leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Jaden Hood
Conroe, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like a game for my Play Station and some clothes and anything else you bring me will be fine.
Love,
Joshua
Guthrie, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like some clothes and house shoes and jewelry and anything else you can think of that would be great.
Love,
Ashley
Guthrie, Texas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me something besides tire. I would like some jewelry and clothes and shoes.
Love,
Shannon
Thorndale, Texas

Dear Santa,
I would like anything for Christmas. Money would be nice.
Love,
Corey

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year and I have tried not to fight with my brother. For Christmas, I would like a Pokemon movie, a Tarzan movie, a Talking Bubba, and some Hot Wheels. And please bring my Aunt Juice a battery.
Thank You
Dalton May

Dear Santa,
I hope you can find our house because we live out in the country on Thompson Road. Do you know where that is? If you can find me I would like a Pokemon movie, a Talking Bubba, and some Hot Wheels that me and my brother can play with. I have been very good this year.
Love,
Dylan May

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chistmas is a cet car and a Amazing Amy and drum set jewelry set and fon. It to be a wonderful Chistmas.
From Cassie

by Leslie K. Johnston





your freiond
Amanda Smith



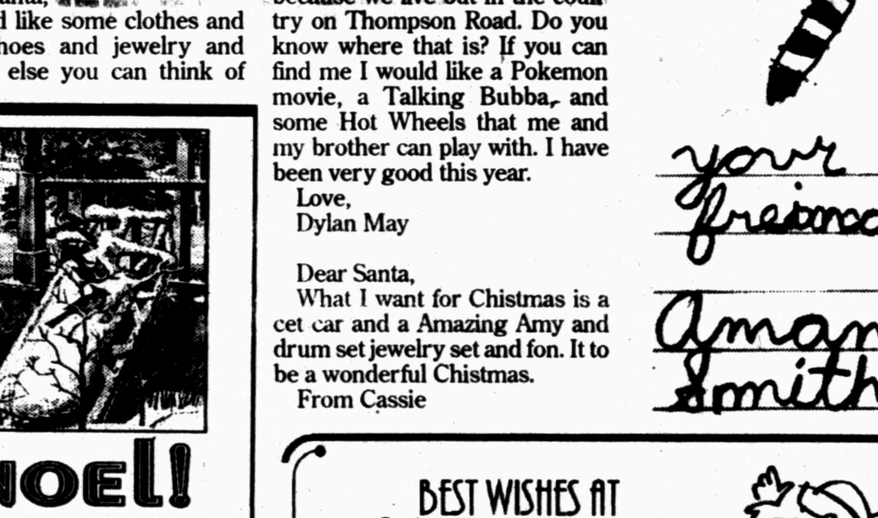
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BEST WISHES AT Christmas
Here's hoping you enjoy the best of times in this festive season.
Thanks for visiting us!
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The Casserole Company
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3311 College Avenue
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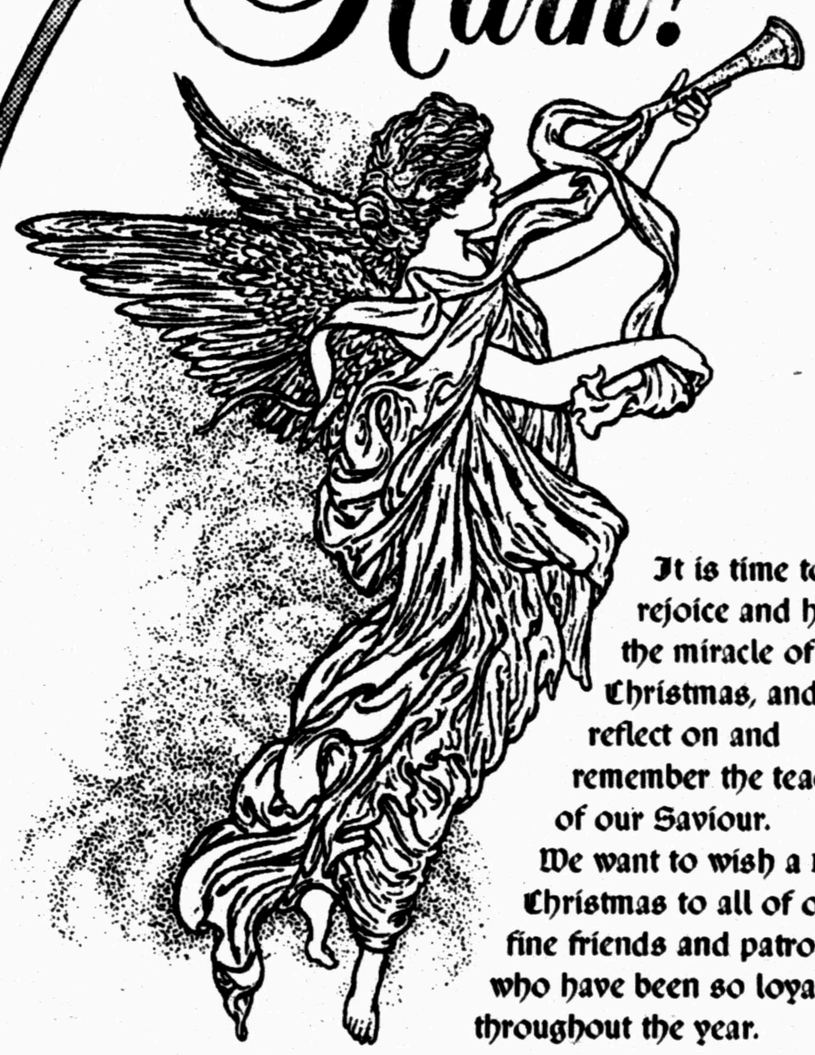


Season's Greetings
With warm wishes and heartfelt thanks from all of us.
from all of us at
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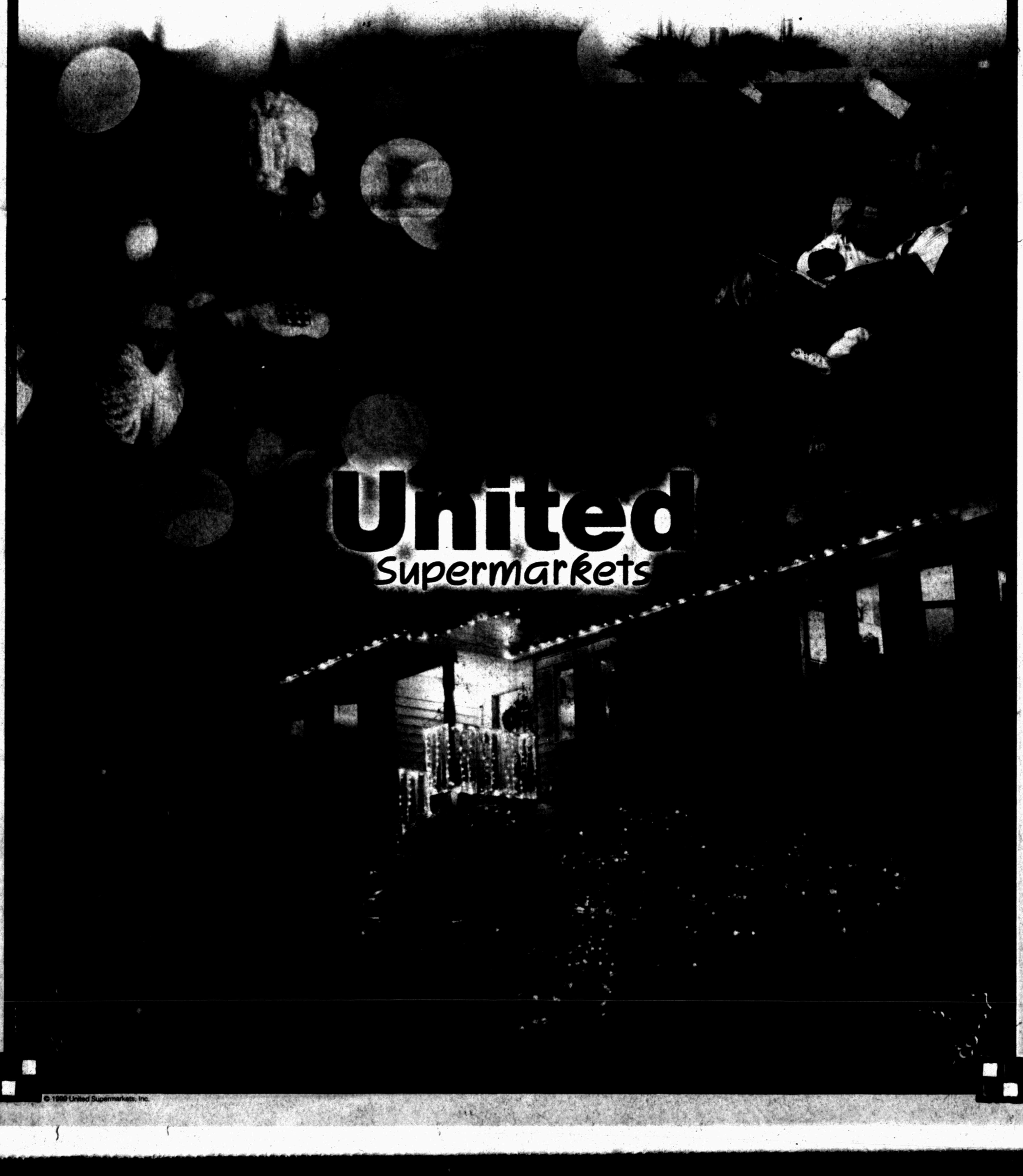
It is time to rejoice and honor the miracle of Christmas, and to reflect on and remember the teachings of our Saviour.
We want to wish a Holy Christmas to all of our fine friends and patrons who have been so loyal throughout the year.
Blessings to you and yours.
Gary, Kathy, Ryan, Nicholas, Ray, Margaret, Cindy, Nita, Mary M, Julian, Dale, Mary G
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Home Furnishings, Inc.
2112 25th Street 915-573-2141
Snyder, TX 79549

a merry christmas to all

We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2000, it is our hope that you may have...

- Enough happiness to keep you sweet
- Enough trials to keep you strong
- Enough sorrow to keep you human
- Enough failure to keep you humble
- Enough hope to keep you happy
- Enough success to keep you eager
- Enough friends to give you comfort
- Enough wealth to meet your needs
- Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- Enough faith to banish depression
- Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

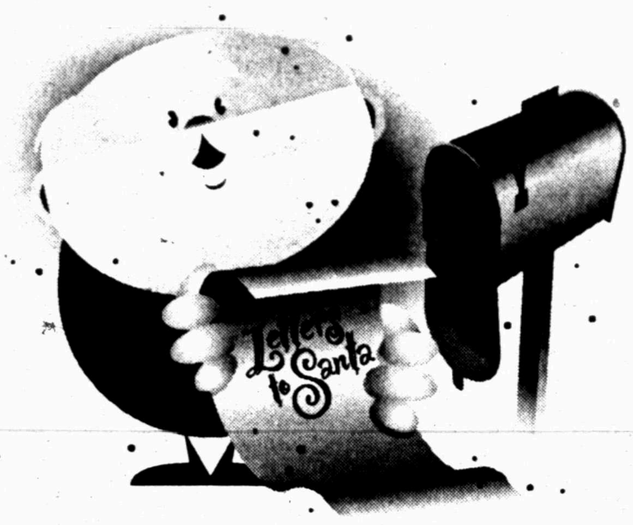
This message was a favorite of founder H.D "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976.



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Dear

FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trampoline, a playstation with two games, a nintendo 64 and a big truck with some hot wheels and a movie ZORRO.
Roman Romero

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby doll with bottle, a Barbie car, and a doll stroller.
Cassandra Romero

Dear Santa,
I'd like to know how Mrs. Claus is. And Rudolph? And all the other reindeer. I want a bike for Christmas. How are you doing? Give me a little Pikachu key chairn.
Love,
Valeri Guzman

Dear Santa,
I want some Pokemon for Christmas. Please get me some. I live in Snyder. I go to Ira School. My little sister wants one of them sleeping Blues Clues. I hope you are making lots of toys for everyone. Is it snowing there or cold?
Love,
John Martini

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Please bring me a Furby and a ballet Barbie. Thank you for the geggapet and the Babrbie carriage last year.
Love,
Lindsey Daniel

Dear Santa,
How are you.
I'm very good and what I want for Christmas is a baby boy. It feels real. It has a sucky pacifer. For my nannie I want a necklace and for my brother I want a Mutow. It's a Pokemon. For Dad a pride belt buckle. How are your elves and reindeer> Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love
Haley Farmer

Dear Santa,
Santa, how are you doing at the North Pole? How are your elves and your reindeer? Please would you get me a game boy color. Please would you get me a basketball? Please would you get me a Nintendo 64? Thank you.
Love,
Rey Juarez

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is Daniel. Is it snowing yet? I want a remote control dirt bike. I also want a video game called Rayman Two. I want a computer. I also want a new bike. I want some Pokemon and some legos.

Dear Santa,
I go to school here in Ira. I hope Mrs. Claus is all right. I hope the elves work hard. Will you please get me some pokemon and Star Wars? Thank you.
Love,
Colby Barrera

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike. I would like a new cousin and with a different attitude. How are you doing Santa? I love Santa. I am your best friend and I am your reindeers' best friend, too.
Love, B.J.Botts

Dear Santa,
I wanted to thank you for last Christmas that you gave those presents. I wanted to know how Mrs. Claus is and how Rudolph is, too? How are your elves and are you making enough presents? I wanted to tell you that I wanted for you to bring me a personal CD player and some presents for my family.
Love,
Olivia Juarez

Dear Santa,
My name is Evian. I live in Snyder. I go to school in Ira. What I want for Christmas is a trampoline and a Pokemon, any kind, and something nice for my mom and dad and something cool for my brother. Give my grandma a diamond necklace. There are some presents I want — a cat and some new shoes and a kite. Good luck Santa Claus.
Love,
Evian Olvera

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elves doing? Are the elves working? I hope I don't get coal for Christmas. I want Pokemon and a dirt bike and Digimon.
Love, Jonathan Hall

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a Sega. Some games, and Madin 2000? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you have enough milk and cookies. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love,
Brandon Lunsford

Dear Santa,
I want a new baby Dill and some CD's because my grandma is getting me a CD player. I want a fake horse. I would like a new TV because it meses up when I keep it on too long, and a computer.
Love
Cheyenne Taylor

Dear Santa,
There are things I want for Christmas. The things are dirt bike and go cart. The first things I want is dirt bike. The second thing I want is go cart. These are things I want from Santa.
Love,
Robert Villa
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
There are things I want for Christmas. The thingsv are game boy and hot wheels. The first thing I want is remove control car. The second thing I want is mountain bike nut cracker. These are things I want from Santa.
Gabriel Acosta
3rd grade

Dear Santa,
Wow! I can't believe how quickly this year has passed. I was excited last year because it was my very first Christmas. This year is even better. I really like the pretty lights and brightly wrapped presents. My mommy doesn't quite share my enthusiasm. She's rather negative with words like "NO" and "Don't." Help her with some Christmas spirit. Please bring me a ball and a Blue's Clues. I have been a very good (most of the time) boy. Thank you Santa. I love you.
Love,
Tyler Northcott
(my last name has two o's in it)

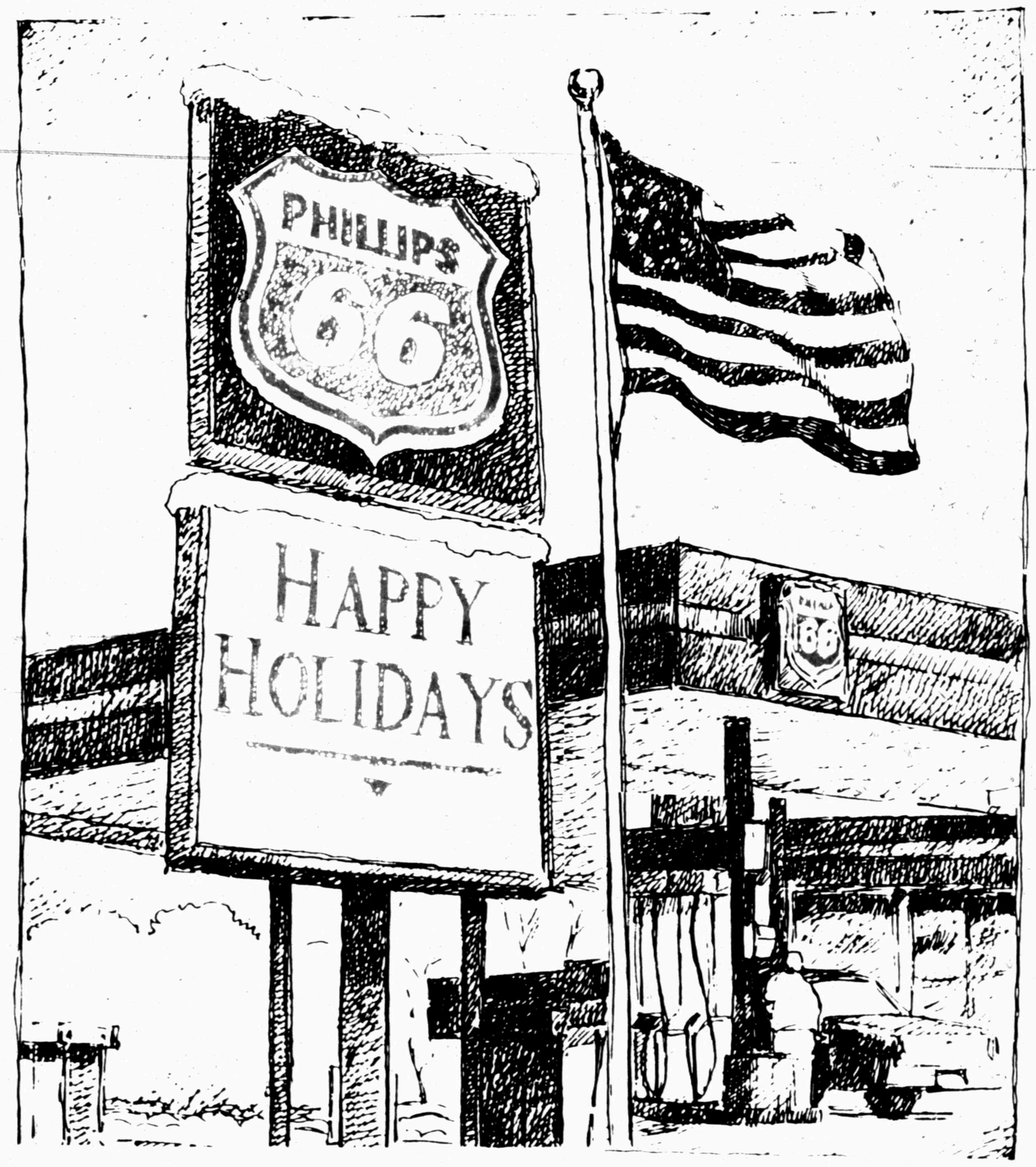
Dear Santa,
I can hardly wait for Christmas. I clap my little hands as fast as I can when I see all of the lights. I dance when I hear Christmas carols. Is that okay? This is my second Christmas and I don't know all the rules. I'm learning the rule about not touching anything.
I have been a doll baby this year. (That's what my GiGi calls me!) Please being me a soft doll to play with and lots of books to read. Thank you, Santa. I love you.
Love,
Kensey Henderson

Dear Santa,
I wish for the W attitude game. My other wish is the Resident Evil 3 Vemmes. My last wish is a W titon tron.
To Santa,
From: Kristophor Alarcon

Dear Santa,
I am nine years old. For Christmas I would like a Babrie cash register, a play kitchen, and a fake nail machine. Are your elves tired? How is Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Yoci Arellano

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a toy car. I want a play station. I want a bike. I want a robot. I want a toy T Rex.
Signed
Frankie Benitez





NOEL

Hope the holidays bring joy and love to you and yours.
Many thanks for your kind support and friendship.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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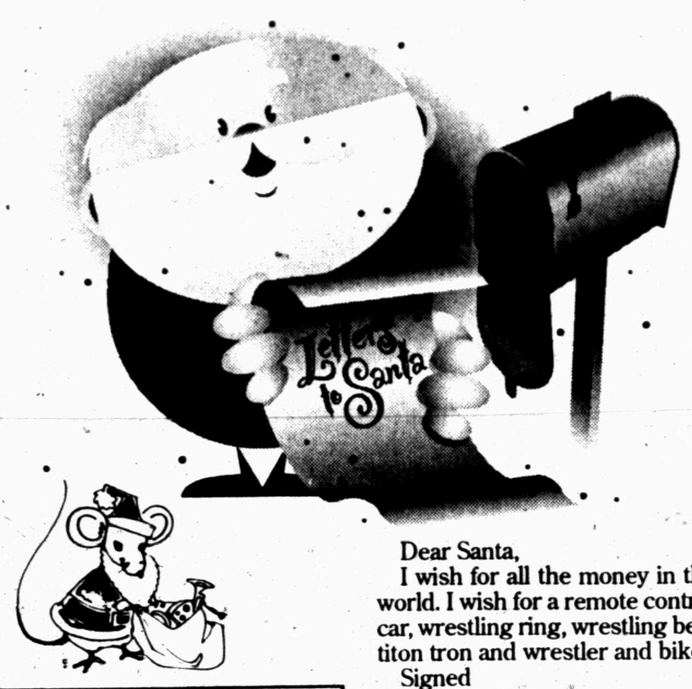
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
I wish for all the money in the world. I wish for a remote control car, wrestling ring, wrestling belt, titon tron and wrestler and bike.
Signed
Bradley Emerson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo 64, and a play station, a new house, some presents for my family.
Signed
Daniel Essery

Dear Santa,
I am 81/2 years old. For Christmas I would like my acquarium with 4 fish and a bright red bike and a new pair of rollerblades. I have been good this year.
P.S. Is it cold where you live? If so, how cold?
Signed
Sierra Foreman

Dear Santa,
I want money more clothes, shoes, stereo, tv, bed, remote control car, dog guitar, drum, desk, grand little car.
Signed
Benjamin Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
Please get me a nintendo 64. Please get me the titon tron. I won't a go cart, I wont a wrestler and a wrestler ring.
Signed
John Johnson

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old, I wish toys, snow, and rain. I would like a colored computer, CD's, Babrbie cash register, Rudolph the Reindeer movie and I would like a stuffed Rudolph. I would like lots of show to make a snowmins.
Signed
A'lex Koonce

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. Here is my list dirt bike, $200 and a Sega Dream cast.
P.S., Love Randy
Signed Randy Loveall

Dear Santa,
I would like my own computer.
Signed
Holly Manlief

Dear Santa,
I would like a Play Station with games nintendo 64, a stereo, drums, remote control car, bike, clothes, shoes, little cars, T.V. a train and car set, Game Boy and candy.
Signed
Ruben Molinar

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. I would lik for Christmas a CD player, money, Play Statioin, CDs (pop rock), blue bike and a boyfriend.
Signed
Sharla Nolan

Dear Santa,
I wan't.....
10 dollar bills,
9 chocolate cookies
8 stores of candy
7 boxes of presents
6 pots of gold
5 golden rings
4 sharpened pencils,
3 shiny apples
2 good computers
1 good clean house
Signed
Brittney D. Rivera

Dear Santa,
I would like a Babbie camera and a Barbie Radio. How is Mrs. Claus doing and you? I am 8 years old, afid I am in the third grade
Signed
Love Megan Villegas

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Barbie car, a Barbie house, a Barbie, a video game, game boy, glue, ruler, pencils, folders, crayons, a babie boy, a pencil sharpeners, a stuffed animal, and a coloring book, eraser, muskers, map colors.
Signed
Kristi Massey

Dear Santa,
I want a beast war toy really bad.
Signed
Devon Stansell

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old. I want a skateboard, sleeping bag, rocket ship, airplane, model, nerfblaster, football, flip up computer, computer disk, shark teeth and trick bike.
Merry Christmas
Signed
Daniel Peterson

Dear Santa,
I am three-and-a-half years old and my name is Riley Arnold. I have tried to be a good boy this year and I always let my mama and daddy know when I am being good, so maybe they'll remember those time more than the other not-so-good times! Anyway, for Christmas I would like anything you find advertised on TV or in sales circulars — I like it all. Anything to do with noise, motion and imagination is a good start. I like toys for boys and girls — I'm not picky. Please remember my two big brothers, Jamie and Casey — they've tried to be good, too. And remember all the other good little boys and girls in Snyder, too. Tell Mrs. Claus and Rudolph "hi" for me. We'll leave some cookies for you. Thank you.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Riley Arnold

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. This is my Christmas list. I would like a bubble lamp, a bean bag chair, a blow gun, a Nintendo 64 game and the video "Tarzan," please. Tell Mrs. Claus "hello." Thank you!
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jamie Arnold

Dear Santa,
Please can I have
a Nintendo 64
a computer
a clock with a alarm
a rug rats movie and CDs
and Donkey Kong world
a game zone
I will be better
from
Eric Trammel

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a Furbby baby, a Furbby game, a watch and a Play Station with a new Crash Bandicoot, and a Pikachu Pokeman toy.
From Carrie Harlan

Dear Santa,
I want a red phone, a Furby and a computer game, a buggy with lots of snacks in it. A Pokeman toy.
From
Tara Harlan

Dear Santa Claus, I want a furby baby, a clear phone, a Rudolph toy, a alarm clock, a bowling ball and a watch. And a computer and some Pokemon toys.
Love,
Kimberly Harlan

Dear Santa,
I left you something and I want a Barbie House. I left you come cookies and milk. Why do you bring a ladder? Watch out because there might be a fire going when you come down the chimney. I would also like some noisey lights that light up, and a baby bed. I want a TV of my own and a new Bugs Life video with Dot on the box, Sega with Bugs Life game. Please and thank you.
Lucy Hyer, age 4
P.S. Please bring a hammer, nail and a saw.

Dear Santa,
I want a Spice girl bike any kind of Pokemon stuff. A Plae Puppy Dog.
But most my family.
Love, Brittni Chaidez, 8 years old

Dear Santa,
My name is Aaron Steelman, I am 4 years old. For Christmas I want
1. ace track with cars
2. tools
3. Kids computer
I have been a very good boy this year.
Love, Aaron Steelman

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Steelman, I am 7 years old. This year I ant
1. Easy Bake oven
2. Madeline movie
3. A little TV
Love,
Jessica Steelman

Dear Santa,
Puppy, that's what I want for Christmas, please bring a CD player for Bubba,
Love Emma

Dear Santa,
I ant electric piano and a glass doll with blond hair, a chia pet.
Love Heather

Dear Santa,
Here is my wish list for Christmas
Roller Blades
Mighty Joe Young movie
Pokemon or Pikashu movie
Sing Along Mulan
New Hercules movie
Barbies
Barbie clothes
Ken
Barbie Car or Van
Clothes for myself
Clothes for baby dolls
Pokemon Pika Shu coloring book
Presents for my dad, mom and brothers.
P.S. I will leave cookies and milk for you Santa.
Love,
Ryanna Ashley Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want lots of books, I don't care what kind. I would like a Nintendo game and a stuffed animal. I have been very good this year.
Love,
Brenna Fletcher

Santa,
Hi! I want a teddy bear for your little Christmas Carol if the Christmas tree is not on, can you turn it on for me? Thank you I love Santa there's one thing I don't get anything for Christmas.
Love,
Naomi Arellano
8 year old

Dear Santa,
Hi! I have been a very good boy. Can you bring me a game or bike. I have been wanting a bike since I was five.
Love,
Jose Rangel
Age 7

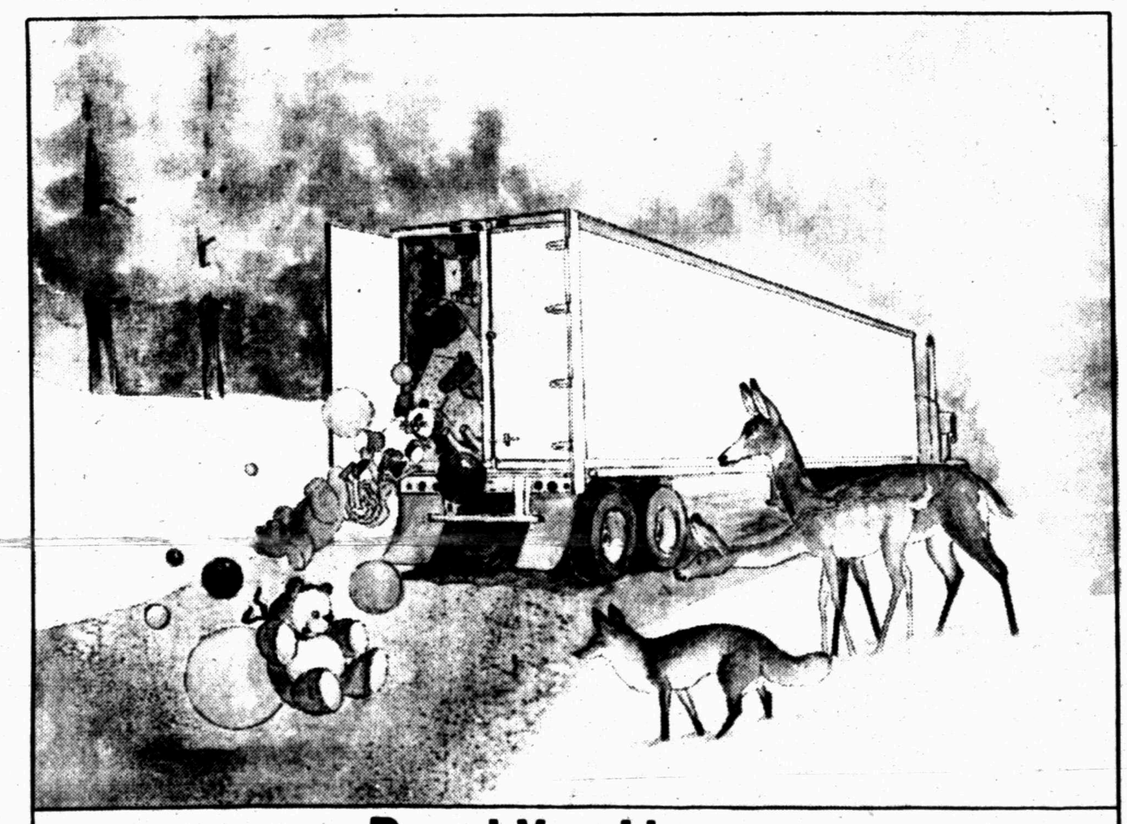
Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I would like a computer and a color game boy. A amazing ally and a furby. Skateboard Shannon.
Love,
Melanie Kariainen
Age 8

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. I've been good this year. So will you give me a Play Station and a puppy and a set of roller blades and go cart.
Love
Anthony Jones
Age 7

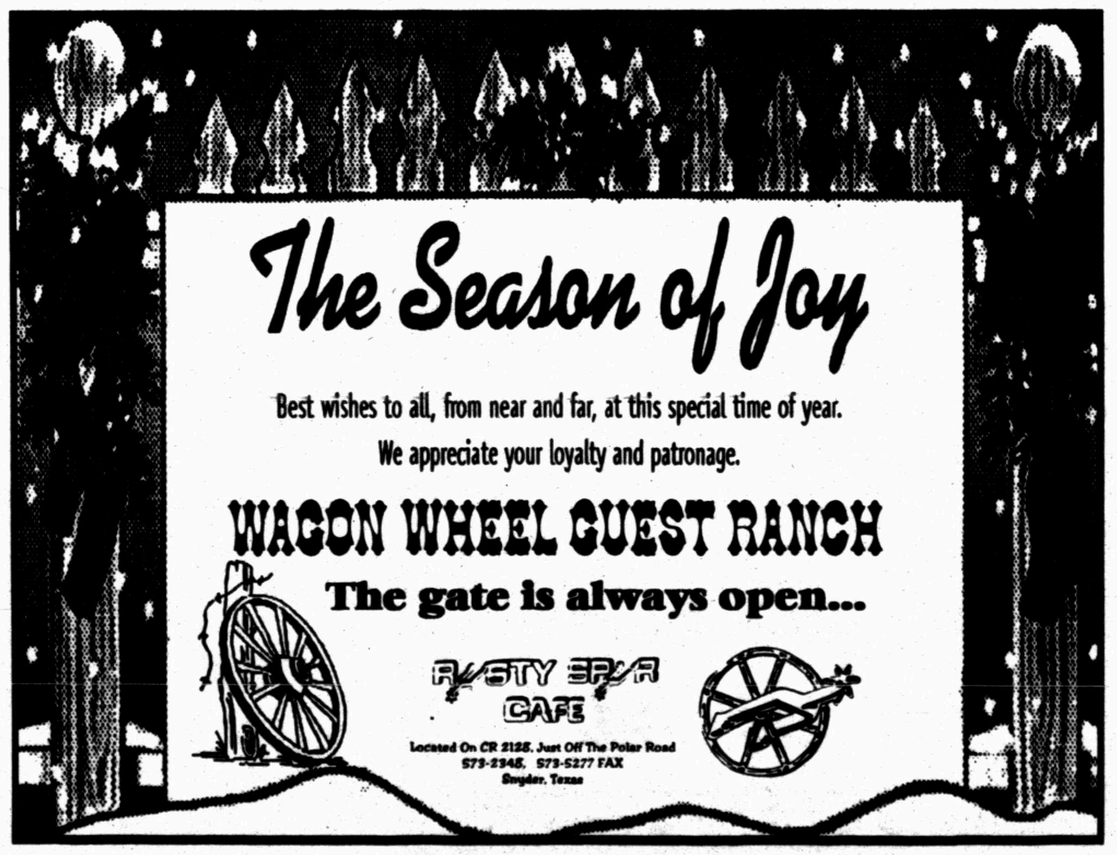
Dear Santa,
Hi! Could you please bring me a furby and a cat and a game boy. And a cat and the movie Britneys pears and the CD Vitamin C and the Sega dream cast and a computer.
Love, Vincent Mireles


Merry Christmas
And A Happy
New Year
Melton
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573-4301

All Signs Point to Christmas
Bustling shoppers rush around;
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The old familiar songs resound!
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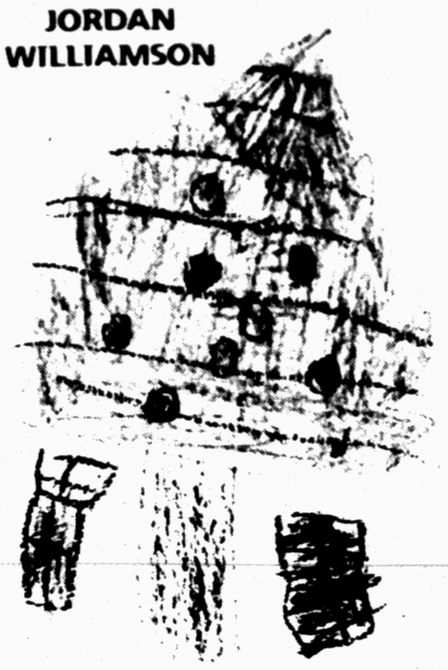

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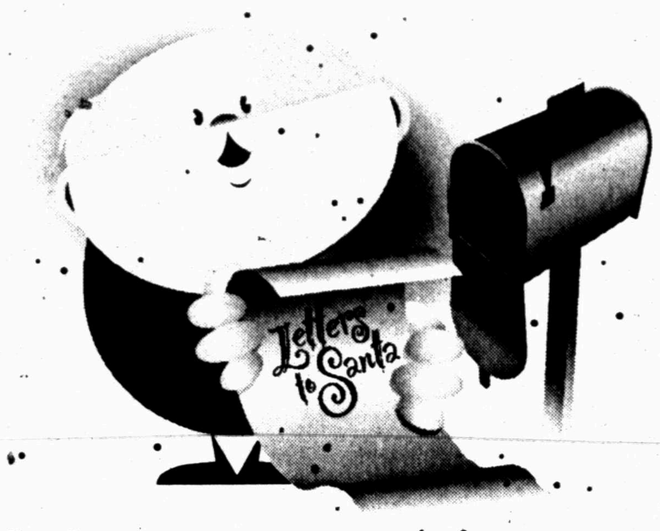

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It's our favorite time of the year, when we pause to thank our many good friends in the area for making business easy to do around these parts.
Have a happy and healthy season!
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...

BY JORDAN WILLIAMSON





Dear Santa,
I want a roller blades for Christmas and a Play Station and a football and a puppy and a go cart
Love,
Jacob Sanchez
Age 7

Dear Santa,
Hi I like the deers think you Santa for the present. Where are your elves?
Goodbye
Love,
Gloria Ramirez
Age 7



Dear Santa,
Can you bring a car to me for Christmas and a go cart and a Play Station and a pit bull and a football. Love you Santa.
Love,
J.P. Smith
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I want a toy jeep I want a puppy I want a dog.
Love,
Shawn Shankles
Age 7

Dear Santa,
Hi! Santa I want a remote control car and a game for a game boy and chardes and a winny dog and a football.
From,
Dustin Dacus
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I will have some milk and cookies for you. For Christmas I would like to have a trampoline and a doll.
Love,
Melisa Chhuor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I love you, Sata. For Christmas I would like to have a remote control boat, a dirt bike and a baby dog.
Love,
Dakota Carroll

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I want a t.v. for Christmas. I would like to have puppy dog, too.
Love,
Savannah Valdez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I want a blue Power Ranger Robot for Christmas,
Love,
Aeric Batchelor

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I want a fish and a doll.
Love,
Alexia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I have a present for you. For Christmas I would like to have something that makes fingernail polish and a baby kitty and a baby puppy.
Love,
Megan Williamson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am in first grade at East Elementary. Hello Santa! How are you? For Christmas I would like to have a play station and Lego Racer game.
Love,
Shawn Burns

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I work hard at school. For Christmas I would like to have a trampoline and a kitty.
Love, Madison Guzman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I ma in first grade at East Elementary I like my family very good. For Christmas I would like to have a trampoline, a pool and a new fish.
Love,
Terry Wright

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I love you, Santa. For Christmas I would like to have a trampoline and a newborn baby doll.
Love,
Sarah Gunset

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I will put milk on the table for Christmas I would like to have a trampoline and a remote control car.
Love,
Jacob Breedlove

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I love you Santa. For Christmas I want toy bunk beds and a baby buggy.
Love,
Macy Bilano

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I love Santa Claus! For Christmas I would like to have a calendar.
Love,
Kirstie Leuck

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I want a trampoline and a Barbie Doll.
Love,
Tara Stafford

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am in first grade at East Elementary. Santa, you are good. For Christmas I would like to have a baby dog and a robot and a labrador.
Love,
Shelby Grice

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. Santa I will have a present for you. For Christmas I want a puppy and a trampoline.
Love,
Vanessa Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I will give you milk and cookies. For Christmas I want a four wheeler and a remote control car.
Love,
Chad Greene

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am in first grade at East Elementary. Merry Christmas, Santa! For Christmas I would like to have a dog.
Love,
Ashleigh Jenkins

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We are most grateful for your friendship. Merry Christmas to all.
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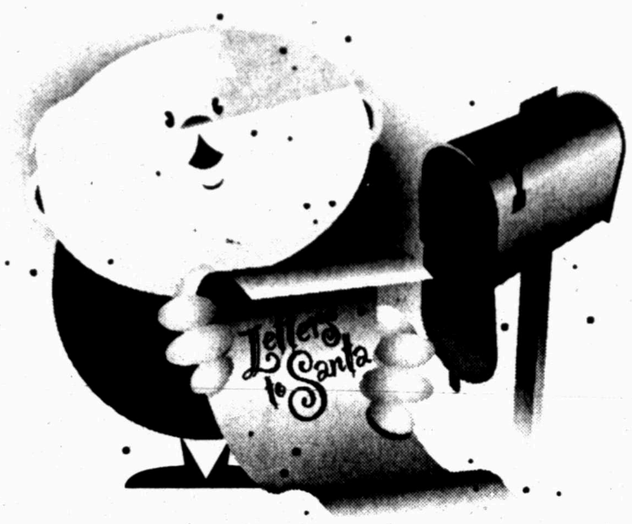
Holiday Warmth to You
May your season be filled with family, friends and many good times. You have our sincere gratitude for your patronage.
Happy holidays, everyone!
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Have a truly beautiful Christmas, filled with love, laughter, warmth and wonder. We enjoy serving you, and look forward to seeing you again very soon.
Happy holidays, everyone!
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May your holiday spirits climb as the anticipation and excitement of the season mounts.
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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want some thing for Christmas. I want a lot of things. I want a Ballerina Barbie. I want to get my mama a ring. I would like to ask if Mrs. Santa is making gingerbread cookies. I want to get my sister a little ring, her finger is little. I would like a white dress, with white shoes and a white ponytail. Thank you Santa. I love you Santa.
With Love
Aleya Sharp

Dear Santa,
I want some cars to play with. And I want a play truck and a monster truck with a control. I would like a play motorcycle. I have been real good all year!
With love from
Danny Arellano Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train and a red play truck. How are your reindeer doing? I will leave gingerbread cookies and milk for you. I also want a hula hoop for me and my sister Gloria. I also want a fire fighter truck with buttons for me and my sister, also another Chihuahua toy for me and my sister. I want Mr. And Mrs. Potato Head, too.
With love,
Barney Ramirez Jr.

Dear Santa,
I would like a 2-wheeled big bicycle. I would like some jewelry, earrings, necklaces, rings I also would like some dress up clothes. Have a good flight! We will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope I'll be down there. I hope its going fine down there.
With love,
Carly Gill

Dear Santa,
I want a baby and a game for my game boy. I would like some jewelry — bracelets, rings, necklaces, and earrings. I also want some clothes. I want some Pokemon toys, too. I want another new Pooh Bear, and a tiger and Piglet. I want a new lunchbox a bell to collect, and a little tree, a new jacket, and a new mat. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
With love,
Delina Dacus

Dear Santa,
I want a new play kitchen and I want a new baseball and bat for Tyler, my brother. For my sister, Kendra, I want her to get new red fingernail polish. I also want some new play clothes and shoes. I want some new books and new pens for Shiela. I want a new belt for my Dad, and a pretend bone for my dog. Biscuit. I want a tablet to draw on. My brother wants a new airplane. I've been sick, too.
Thank you,
Lorissa Nachlinger

Dear Santa,
My name is Kolton Kubena. I would like a backpack, a helicopter, a Ambulance, and a excavator, a Firetruck, and bigger trycyclewheels, a winnie the poo hat, lunch box, and a Snoopydo Jacket, I have been real good this year.
P.S. I will have cookies for you,
Love Kolton

Dear Santa,
How are you? Will you please bring me a Barbie airplane, Barbie cash register, trampoline, A bitty baby with her furniture and diaper bag, a computer, Backstreet boys, Millenium c.D. and Little Miss executive set. Please bring Swade some blues clues toys. Tell Mrs. Claus and the Reindeer hello. I love you Santa very much.
Love Amanda Browning

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I want a board, some tools and a squeaky tool box. I also want a little bike. My brother, Jordan wants a Beast War. Have a good Christmas, Santa!
Love
Aaron Williamson
3 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a big remote control Godzilla, some Toy Story 2 toys, Beast Wars, and a box of blocks. I also want Hot Wheels and a skateboard and a picture of you, Santa.
Your friend,
Timothy Arellano
7 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a green bike, some pictures and a picture of a Power ranger. Also I want a transformer tiger and a snowboard. I want Rudolph to send me a letter.
Your friend,
Gavin Gray
7 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a Rudolph movie, a green Power Ranger, a remote control pickup, and a blue Power Ranger. I also want a trampoline.
Your friend,
Duncan Sorrells
6 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a bike and Beast Wars. I also want more Nintendo 64 games and a skateboard.
Your friend,
Garrett Gray
7 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a trampoline, a bike with hand brakes, a re note control dirt bike, a Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story 2, and a skateboard.
Your friend,
Matt Williams
6 years old

Dear Santa
Could you bring me a bear, a dog, a cat, a swimming pool, a tv, a Barbie car, a fish, and a doll. I also want a ball, a tree, and an elephant.
Your friend,
Lori Garcia
6 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a tool box, Beast Wars, and a jacket like the one at school. Rudolph, please send me a letter.
Your friend,
Jordan Williamson
7 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow, and a Nerf wildfire and an all terrain vehicle, and a remote control dirt bike. My sister Cenna wants a Casey Cartwheels, a case for her dolls, and teletubby toys.
Love,
Colton and Cenna Lane

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is Pokemon stuff and for me to see you. I hope you will have a nice Christmas! I have a surprise for you
Love,
Rustin
Happy Christmas

Dear Santa,
I would like it if you left a letter under my pillow if you don't mind. I believe in you, but my friend Jermey doesn't believe in you. Could you bring be a stuff teddy bear if you can?
From Sean McClure
To Santa Clase
Love Sean

Dear Saint Nick,
I think you are a jolly fellow. And I hear a bunch of story's about you. What I want for Christmas is a Dad. I know you can't really make that happen, but I still wish for it. And I want my mom to be happy. And me and my brothers to quit fighting,
Love Marissa

Dear St. Nicholis,
I want a mocontrol car, walky talky and Pokemon stuff. I want a bike. I want a real Dodge Viper, convertible Mustang, cameroa. I want a talking Pikachu. I want a go cart. I want a golf cart.
Christopher Boone

Dear Santa,
I have several things I want. I need a new bike, tatoo set, skateboard, skates, a computer, my own room, a horse and a dog. I hope you can visit the kids all around the world.
Love,
Meagan Smith

Dear Santa,
There are several things that I want for Christmas. The first thing I would lik is a set of skates. I also want a computer and a bike. I hope all my friends get these things too so we can play together.
Love,
Brandon Porter

Dear Santa,
I want four things for Christmas. Please bring me a Godzilla toy, a Stone Cold Doll, The Rock Doll and a computer keybord with it I will give you popcorn and candy.
Love,
Andres Escareno Jr.

Dear Santa,
I would like two things for Christmas. I want an electric tooth brush. You can also bring me something else that I would like. I would like for everybody to have a nice home. I am going to set out cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Jake Strickland

Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas. The first thing I want is a bottle of sourstuff. The second thing I want is a brother or sister for Corduroy and Angel. The third thing I want is a book called Red Ribbon Rosie. The fourth thing I want is for Nanny and Pop to live longer.
Love,
Devyn DeLoera





Glad Tidings

May your holidays be filled with laughter and good cheer
We're always happy to be of service to you and yours.

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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!
Greet dear friends, both far and near,
With cards, and gifts, and much good cheer.
And say it loud for all to hear—
Have a joyous Noel, and a Happy New Year!

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Have A Beautiful Christmas!

Hope your holiday is glorious, and that each moment is filled with good cheer and happiness.

We appreciate your trust, and look forward to serving you soon.

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Silent Night

May the message of hope and peace He brought us on that first Holy night spread throughout humanity.

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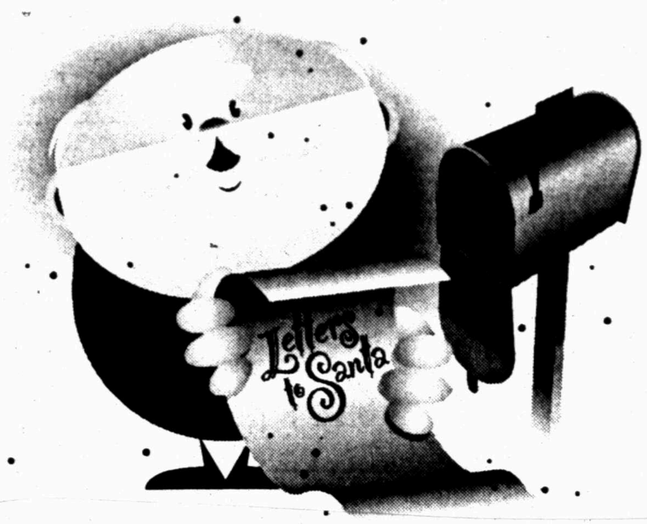
Happy Holiday!

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 Holiday!"



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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
There are three things that I want for Christmas. The first thing that I want is a computer. The second thing that I want is a Gameboy. The third thing that I want is a puzzle. But what I really want for Christmas is my sisters and their babies to come to visit us.
Love,
Kristi Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I would like you to give me three things. They are a computer, a trampoline, and a Go-cart. I hope that all sick people will feel better. I am going to give you cookies and milk.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I would like several things. I would like a bike, a CD player, Nintendo 64 games, a computer, CD's, posters, basketball shoes, school shoes, books, clothes, a trampoline, and rollerblades. I also hope there will be homes for all people.
Love,
Heather Newton

Dear Santa,
I have several things that I would like for Christmas. They are 35 MM film, an electric pencil sharpener, a camera, and Vis-à-vis markers. I also want a Go-cart to share with my sister. Would you also get the sick people well?
Love,
Victor Chhuor

Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas. These are the names of the things I want: Vitamin C-CD, N'Sync tape and a computer. I wish you would also bring something for my brother.
Dad, and Mom.
Love,
Chloe

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a book about the world, and a new bike. I also would like for everbody in my family to come down for Christmas and for all of the people to have a happy Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas. I want a Jewel Skate Barbie, a Barbie Cash register, a tranpoline, and a Barbie Phone. I want you to remember my neighbor as a friend. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you.
Love,
Gina Guerrero

Dear Santa,
My name is Kolton Kubena. I would like a backpack, a helicopter, a Ambulance, and a excavator, a Firetruck, and bigger trycyclewheels, a winnie the poo hat, lunch box, and a Snoopydo Jacket, I have been real good this year.
P.S. I will have cookies for you,
Love Kolton

Dear Santa,
How are you? Will you please bring me a Barbie airplane, Barbie cash register, trampoline, A bitty baby with her furniture and diaper bag, a computer, Backstreet boys, Millenium c.D. and Little Miss executive set. Please bring Swade some blues clues toys. Tell Mrs. Claus and the Reindeer hello. I love you Santa very much.
Love Amanda Browning

Dear Santa,
I miss you. I want a board, some tools and a squeaky tool box. I also want a little bike. My brother, Jordan wants a Beast War. Have a good Christmas, Santa!
Love
Aaron Williamson
3 years old

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a big remote control Godzilla, some Toy Story 2 toys, Beast Wars, and a box of blocks. I also want Hot Wheels and a skateboard and a picture of you, Santa.
Your friend,
Timothy Arellano
7 years old

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Your friend,
Lori Garcia
6 years old

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Love,
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MERRY CHRISTMAS
JCPenney
CATALOG SALES MERCHANT
2524 Ave. R
573-1515



Here Comes Santa!
Here's hoping the holiday season brings everything you've dreamed of, and more. We're very grateful for your loyal support and friendship, and we look forward to serving you again in the future.
Have a very merry Christmas!
THE MOVIE STOP
And Tanning Salon
3607 College Ave 573-4991



Rejoice
May the true spirit of Christmas bring you peace and joy, and may you dwell in His light, forever.
Calvary Baptist Church
2405 35th Street 573-2191



Greetings & Peace
May mirth and joy light up your hear, this holiday season, and beyond. Thank you for doing business with us. Your visits are always welcome!
"From Our Family To Yours"
Jack's
ROADBORING
Pipeline Construction
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Office (915) 573-0135
Fax (915) 573-9573

Our Best Holiday Wishes To You
The holiday season is here, and we want to wish our many friends and neighbors all good things now and far into the future.
Hugh Boren & Son Insurance
2501 College Ave.
573-3555

Before the Holiday Dash...
We want to wish everyone all good things in this festive season. Thank you so very much for your support and loyalty.
All the best to you and yours!
The Water Shop
4000 College Ave. 573-6642
Culligan
TRUST THE EXPERTS...



As we throw another Yule log on the fire, our hearts are warmed by thoughts of the many kind people we've had the pleasure to serve throughout the year, and we hope that your homes are warmed by the blessings of love and friendship this Christmas.
Nothin Butt Smokes
4108 College Ave. Snyder, Texas
573-5800

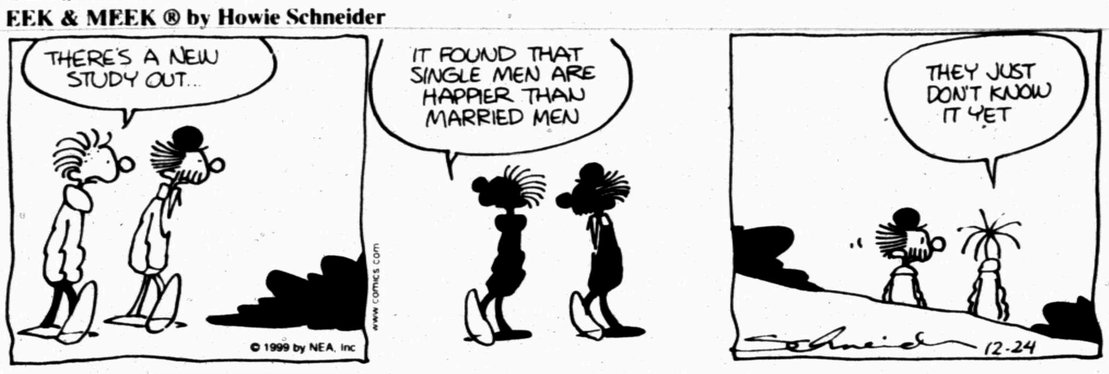
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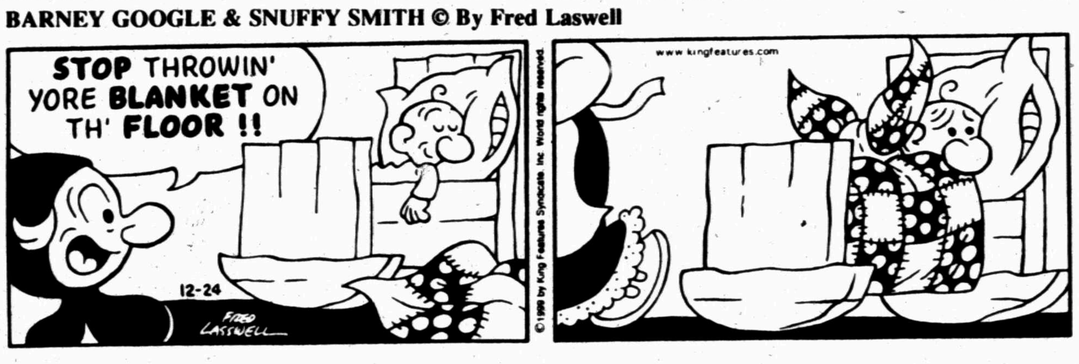
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ACROSS

1 Thin
7 Liable to litigation
13 Orson —
14 Defeat thoroughly
15 Wears away
16 "Anchors —"
17 Sixth sense
18 Pt. of ETA
20 Uncle (Sp.)
21 Furtive glimpse
23 — Kippur
24 Storage building
25 A Scott
27 Flour manufacturer
29 Comparative suffix
31 New (pref.)
32 Iced drink
33 Musician's job
34 Intervene (2 wds.)
37 Actor Peter —
40 Chilled
41 Caustic ingredient
43 — -do-well
45 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
46 DiCaprio, for short
47 Devoured
48 Actress Dahl
51 Biblical strong man
54 Hunter
55 Devise
56 By this means
57 Sounds

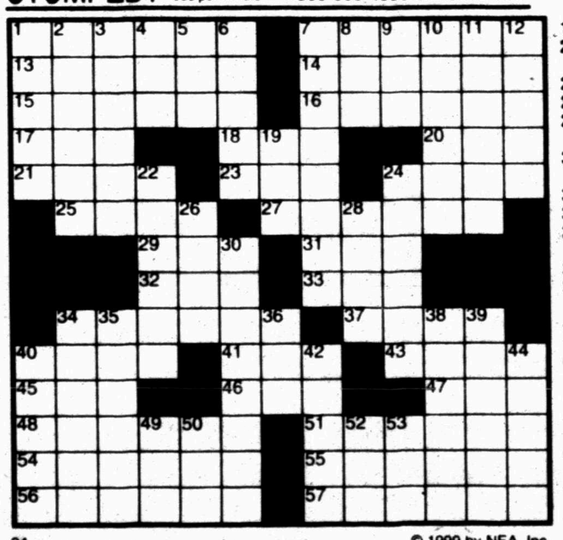
DOWN

1 Do housework
2 Knowledgeable
3 Secret-wedding participant
4 Atty.'s deg.
5 Golf mound
6 Writing assignment
7 Teeming
8 Car assemblers' assn.
9 Bar brew
10 Carefree
11 More listless
12 Priest's vestment
19 CD- —
22 Actor Harvey —
24 Motto
26 Intense
28 Navigator Ericson
30 Good-natured kidding
34 Evening party
35 Laborer
36 Brood of pheasants
38 Charters
39 Organic compound
40 Come into conflict
42 Dye compound
44 Hires
49 — out (stretch)
50 Nose
52 Year (Sp.)
53 Roman 1,006

Answer to Previous Puzzle

W	Y	E	T	H				G	A	B	S	
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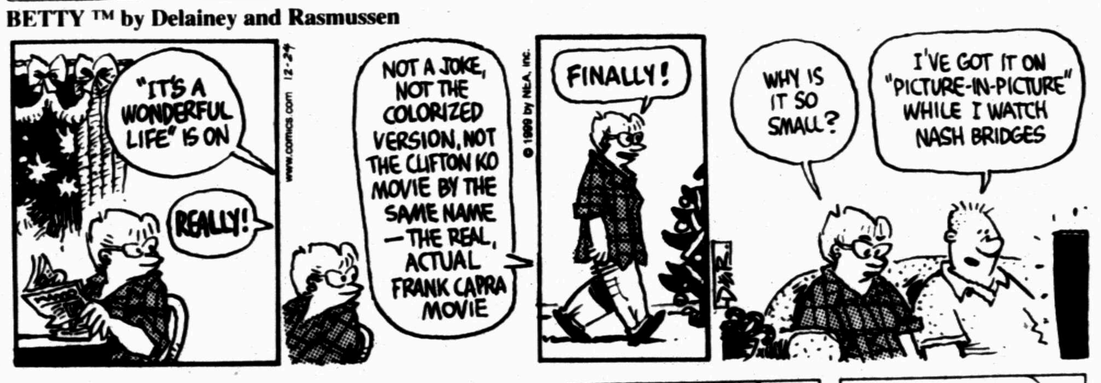
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"We don't need to buy a turkey. I've still got last year's leftovers."



"...BUT JUST BECAUSE I'M SLEEPY, DOESN'T MEAN I WANNA GO TO BED."

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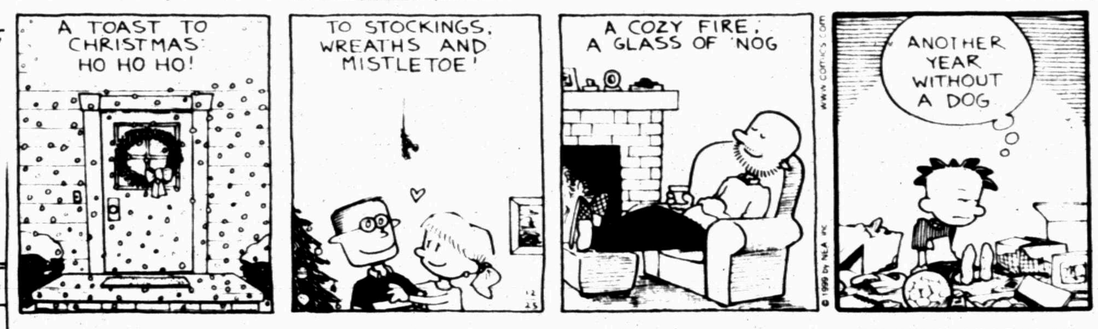
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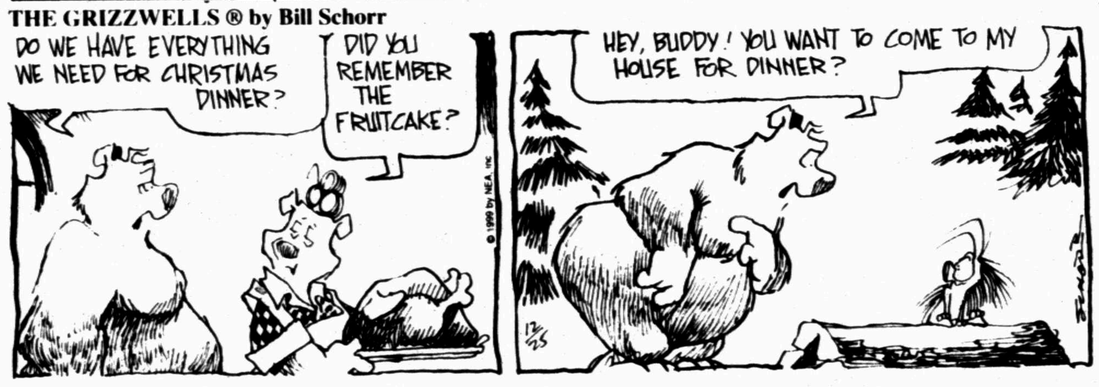
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1 Certain apartment
7 Lathered
13 Apparition
14 Maeve Binchy, for one
15 Less difficult
16 Last
17 Collection of anecdotes
18 Wide shoe size
20 Be rude to, slangily
21 Dominate
23 Superlative suffix
24 Prevaricates
25 Carbine
27 College student
29 Piece of land
31 — Francisco
32 Org. for Tiger Woods
33 "Pod" start
34 Like velvet
37 Intertwine
40 Stolen property
41 Pro — (for the time being)
43 Writer Vidal
45 Lennon's love
46 Uncle
47 On the — (fleeing)
48 Sculptor
51 Tempt
54 Army order (2 wds.)
55 Bed canopy
56 Served soup
57 Rapid

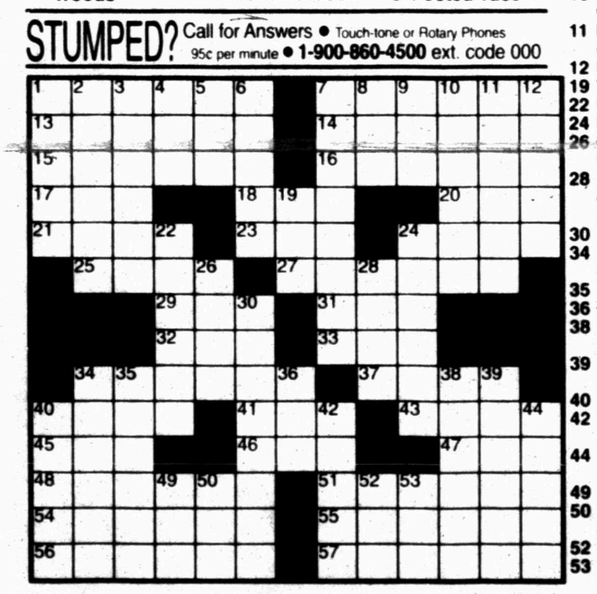
DOWN

1 Vow
2 Distant planet
3 Volcanic rock
4 Roman 52
5 French season
6 The — R's
7 Most sugary
8 Footed vase
9 Accomplished
10 Artist's workshop
11 More uncanny
12 Boutique buy
19 Type of curve
22 Fish trap
24 Inner coating
26 Not ready for launching
28 Spy employed by police
30 Ragged
34 Musical composition
35 Anchored
36 Skirt part
38 Crystalline gem
39 Copied with tissue paper
40 Slow train
42 Is introduced to
44 Manicurist's board
49 Actor Kilmer
50 Language ending
52 Fiber cluster
53 Mao — -tung

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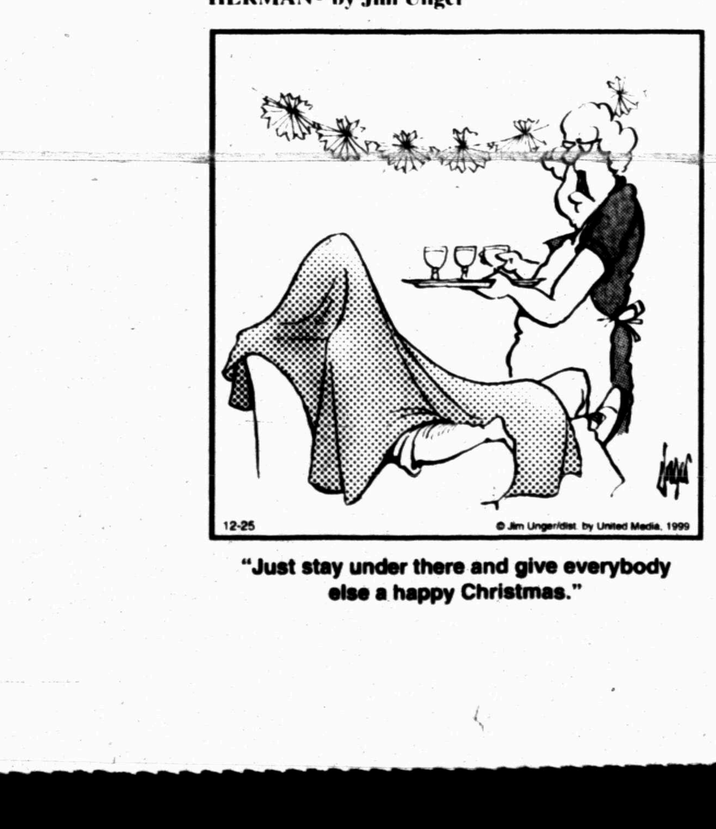
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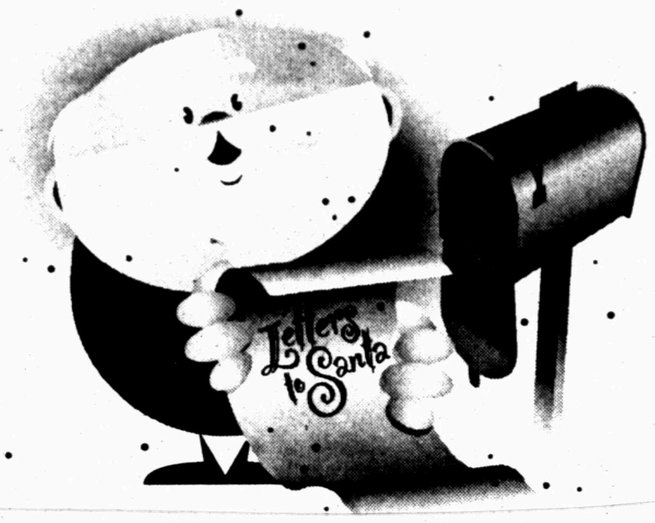


"Just stay under there and give everybody else a happy Christmas."



"LOOKS LIKE I WAS *JUST* GOOD ENOUGH AGAIN THIS YEAR!"

FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Molly dolls but I lost one of their dresses. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you for the hamster. I named him Kelsey. I've been a good girl and Ryder has been good too, but he is hungry or sleepy. Please bring me a Barbie and Barbie clothes and 5 more Kens and a swing for my doll, like Ryder's
I also want two dolls, Baby Born and Potty Dotty and a baby bed for them.
Love, Elizabeth Ferrechi
Age 4

Dear Santa,
How are you? Did you like the milk and cookies last year? I would like a CD player, the Hank the Cowdog books, puppy and a NFL size football. Have a safe trip.
Riley Davis

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? My family would like a computer and a go-cart to ride on. Please get them both for our family and also bring GG and my grandma and my Uncle Mikey because we want them to come speend the night with us. We are borded! I miss them very much. Can you please bring me them because I want them to see our new dog.
Cody Presley

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and a Car Dilly. Santa, I like you. Santa, you are nice. Thank you for the toy last year. It was cool!
Akex Stewart

How are you? How is Mrs. Clause! Thank you for the presents last year. For Christmas I want a big blue and purple bike. I want a gold necklace with a cross with dimonds in it. I also want a gold necklace, bracelet, a ring & earrings.
Kari Lord

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold down there. It is cold down here. My name is Chassidy. I am 8 years old. I like my toy from last year. I watch it every day. This yea I want a Playstation, so I can hook it up to my tv. I want a Jamez with it. I also want a Gigapet one of those talking ones. I also would like a rabbit and that's all I want for Christmas.
Chassidy Sterling

Dear Santa,
How are you and your wife doing? I like the presents you gave me last year. Did you like the cookies I gave you last year? Santa, I would like a CD player. I would realey like a trampolean for Christmas. I would realey like a lranner bike for Christmas please.
Dy KaShondrick Richardson

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? I hope you like the cookies I left you they were oatmeal. I loved the presents you gave me last year. This year I want a Nintendo 64.
Sincerely
Jaime Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? What is the weather like? How do you delever the presents in one night? I want a football with Santa Claus. A motorcycle and a lot of cars.
Your friend,
Matthew Medrano

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? For Christmas I want a puppy. How is the weather in the North Pole!
Robert Alvarez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa Claus? Well becase it cold in the North Pole? I hope you like the milk and cookies I left last year. How is the weather at the North Pole? Are you having fun going round the world?
Megael Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Di you like the cookies I made for you last year? Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I really, really enjoyed them. This year for Christmas I would like a book called Mary Did You Know! And a rabbit.
Sincerely,
Brittany Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this year? How is the weather at the North Pole. Thanks for coming to our house last year. I hope you like last year's cookies. Here's two things I want for Christmas I want a video game, for Playstation called NCAA and game breaker 2000. I want this game because both my brother and I like it. I also want a golden retreiver puppy, named Aggie. I want a puppy because our dogs Ginger and Sandy can't have any more puppies.
Your friend
Jared Cave

Dear Santa,
Did you like the cookies I made for you last year? How's Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a Playstation game or a bell from your sleigh. I can remember you.
Love,
Alex Riesr

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I really really enjoyed the presents you brought me last year. They were exciting to open! Did you like the cookies? This Christmas I want a Sega dragncast with a game a bean bag chair. I also want you to try your best to help the poor peo9ple that don't have anything. Thank You!!
P.S. Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Gina Hermosillo

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Did you like the cookies I left you last time? This Christmas I want a go-cart and a play station.
Love,
Tony Pereles

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope I'm on the good list! Can I please have a stereo, roller blades, and a skate board! I like music and I like to skate and I also like to move.
Lauren Zamora

Dear Santa,
How are things going up there in the freezing cold? I like the helicopter the other firefighter and the pirate ship you got for extra presents. This year I want the Lego trading post.
Sincerely,
David Strayhorn

Dear Santa,
How are you? Did you like your cookies and milk.? Thank you for the gifts. Would you please get me a CD called LFO, a Furrby and a Furrby Baby. I would a dishman and a movie called Passports to Paris. I would you please give them to me?
Love,
Britrney Webb

Dear Santa,
How are you going? I/m doing fine. I would like a Rugrat doll, Pooh Bear doll, some books to read. If you don't mind bring a pair of shoes.
Love,
Crystal Alvarez

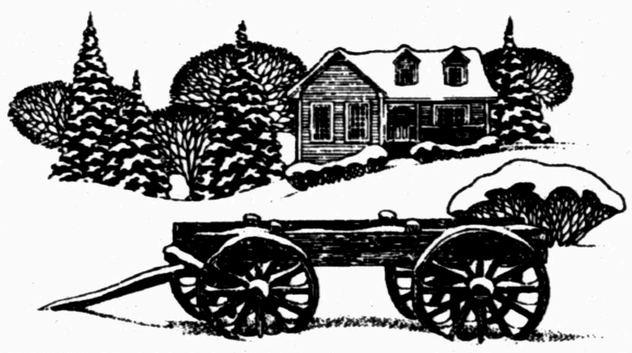






All the Best to Our Customers!
SJS, Inc.
2210 25th Street 573-3576

Greetings of the Season
City of Snyder
1925 24th



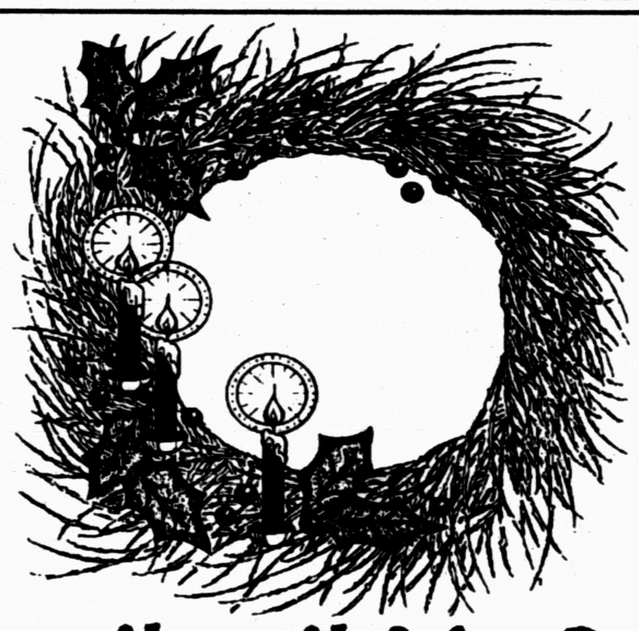
Christmas Joy



As you gather together family and friends to celebrate the time-honored traditions of this joyous season, may your hearts be filled with peace and harmony.
Bollinger Ice & Refrigeration
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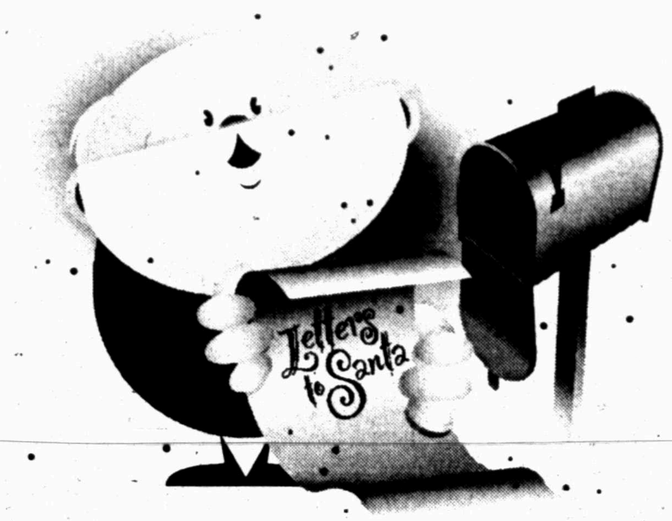
A Down-Home Holiday Greeting
Whether you're celebrating in the country or in town, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.
We're mighty happy to have served you this year. Stop by and see us again, soon.
SCIFRES TIRE & AUTO, INC.
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1701 25th Street
Snyder, Texas

Christmas Greetings
As you gather with loved ones during the holidays, we wish you the best that the season has to offer.
We appreciate your loyal support, and look forward to serving you in the new year.



Spanish Inn
2212 College Ave.
573-2355

FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a green bike, some pictures and a picture of a Power ranger. Also I want a transformer tiger and a snowboard. I want Rudolph to send me a letter.
Your friend,
Gavin Gray
7 years old

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6 years old

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7 years old

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Love,
Colton and Cenna Lane

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is Pokemon stuff and for me to see you. I hope you will have a nice Christmas! I have a surprise for you
Love,
Rustin
Happy Christmas

Dear Santa,
I would like it if you left a letter under my pillow if you don't mind. I believe in you, but my friend Jermey doesn't believe in you. Could you bring be a stuff teddy bear if you can?
From Sean McClure
To Santa Clase
Love Sean

Dear Saint Nick,
I think you are a jolly fellow. And I hear a bunch of story's about you. What I want for Christmas is a Dad. I know you can't really make that happen, but I still wish for it. And I want my mom to be happy. And me and my brothers to quit fighting,
Love Marissa

Dear St. Nicholis,

I want a mocontrol car, walky talky and Pokemon stuff. I want a bike. I want a real Dodge Viper, convertible Mustang, cameroa. I want a talking Pikachu. I want a go cart. I want a golf cart.
Christopher Boone

Dear Santa,
I have several things I want. I need a new bike, tatoo set, skateboard, skates, a computer, my own room, a horse and a dog. I hope you can visit the kids all around the world.
Love,
Meagan Smith

Dear Santa,
There are several things that I want for Christmas. The first thing I would lik is a set of skates. I also want a computer and a bike. I hope all my friends get these things too so we can play together.
Love,
Brandon Porter

Dear Santa,
I want four things for Christmas. Please bring me a Godzilla toy, a Stone Cold Doll, The Rock Doll and a computer keybord with it I will give you popcorn and candy.
Love,
Andres Escareno Jr.

Dear Santa,
I would like two things for Christmas. I want an electric tooth brush. You can also bring me something else that I would like. I would like for everybody to have a nice home. I am going to set out cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Jake Strickland

Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas. The first thing I want is a bottle of sourstuff. The second thing I want is a brother or sister for Corduroy and Angel. The third thing I want is a book called Red Ribbon Rosie. The fourth thing I want is for Nanny and Pop to live longer.
Love,
Devyn DeLoera

Dear Santa,
There are three things that I want for Christmas. The first thing that I want is a computer. The second thing that I want is a Gameboy. The third thing that I want is a puzzle. But what I really want for Christmas is my sisters and their babies to come to visit us.
Love,
Kristi Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I would like you to give me three things. They are a computer, a trampoline, and a Go-cart. I hope that all sick people will feel better. I am going to give you cookies and milk.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I would like several things. I would like a bike, a CD player, Nintendo 64 games, a computer, CD's, posters, basketball shoes, school shoes, books, clothes, a trampoline, and rollerblades. I also hope there will be homes for all people.
Love,
Heather Newton

Dear Santa,
I have several things that I would like for Christmas. They are 35 MM film, an electric pencil sharpener, a camera, and Vis-à-vis markers. I also want a Go-cart to share with my sister. Would you also get the sick people well?
Love,
Victor Chhuor

Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas. These are the names of the things I want: Vitamin C-CD, N'Sync tape and a computer. I wish you would also bring something for my brother.
Dad, and Mom.
Love,
Chloe

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a book about the world, and a new bike. I also would like for everbody in my family to come down for Christmas and for all of the people to have a happy Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas. I want a Jewel Skate Barbie, a Barbie Cash register, a tranpoline, and a Barbie Phone. I want you to remember my neighbor as a friend. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies for you.
Love,
Gina Guerrero

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a Nintendo 64. I would like the Dragon game and Star Wars game that go with the Nintendo. I also want Rudolph the Reindeer. Please bring my baby brother a Kick and Play piano that you see on TV. Please bring him a little reindeer too. We will have milk and cookies waiting for you.
Love you,
Dakota Owens,
Age 5

Dear Santa Clause,
Me and Tony go fish I get hooked.
Please bring me lots of presientes on Christmas eve. Bring me a play station Nintendo 64, basketball goal, wate if 20, wate of 1.
Love,
Anthony Shankles

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I clened my room every day. I do my chors. I feed the cat every day. I make the beds. I also have been geeteing good grads. I do not fight anyone. Bu some people like to pick fights with me. I stay very very very very very very calm. And if I get hit I tell on them.
I want a gymnastics Barby, a jewelry case, a new mountain bick, several teddy bears and several books and carm bracelet, go cart, backitbal and a bascitball goal, a soccer ball, a Henry and Ribsy book, a puppy, some kittens, a vacuum a napican balikanet, some weights, a fack unicorn, a college education, some wite snow, and some mony for my mom, a horse, a N,Sync atagraf, NSinck shirt, Nscinck poster, Britny Spers atagraf, Brinty Spers Shirt, a Brintny Spers poster, a Britny Speirs kye chain, Bactreet boys atagraf, a Backstreet boys CD, lats but no lest a conputer.
Love,
Jessica Ruelle
Third grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good if you want to know how good I've been. Here are some things I have been good at. Cleaning my room every day, I wash dishes, vacuum, pray, thank God every day. Please think about that hard work I do. Can you please bring these things I have wished for. And these things written here are the things I want. Computer, a Happy Face clock, and what you want to give me. Have a great holiday.
Love,
Erma Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus,
I been good this year, I feed my cat Midnight (most of the time)! I clean my room (once a week)! I don't fight with my brothers (very much)! I help my sister with her homework (sometimes)! Since I've been so good I want a play station, some clothes, medal of honor, and a brakeable unicorn, $1,000,000 dalars, I'll be sure to leav milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Bryan Guerra



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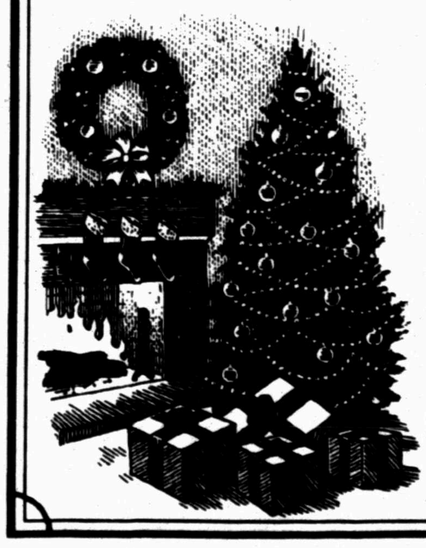

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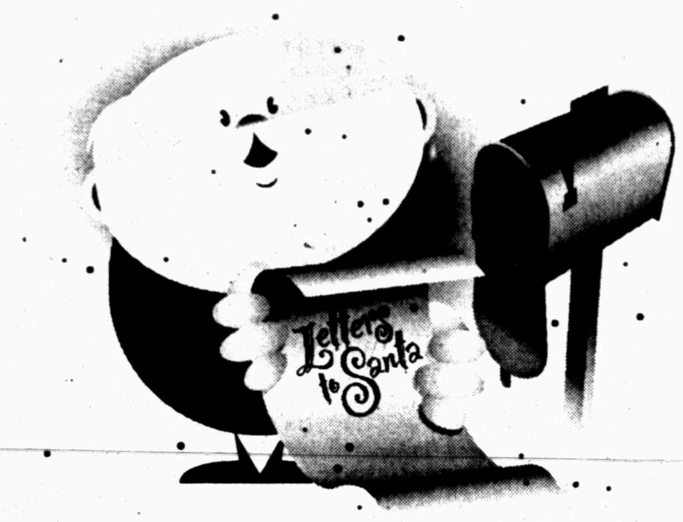

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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa Claus,
I've been very good to my dad and grandma. I clean up my room. I get all the dirty clothes.
I would like to have a gocart, new clothes, camera, boyfriend, doll-house, a beautiful tweety bird shirt, a real horse. Have a good merry Christmas and a good New Year.
I will leve a snak fore you.
I love Santa Claus,
Love,
Sheila Purser

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good to my mom and dad, sister and aunt.
Since I have been very good I would like a play station, and a go-cart, and a college eaucation. I hope you are taking care of Mrs. Claus and I hope your elves are working very hard.
Love,
Jarred Rascon

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. And I cannot believe that it is already Christmas so far I have been getting good grades. I am trying my best to make hundreds. So here is what I want a TV for my room, a Play Station with Pong, Medal of Honor, tramplene, Poloroid, College Education, 3 in 1 sports talk.
Take care.
Love,
Zachary Warren

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I learn to do the dishes and cleaned my room. Then when I'm don with my room.
Since I've been very good this year I want a football for Chrsimas I want a car and I want a bick and I want a Santa sout, I want a skatebord for Chrsimas thank you Santa Claus.
Love,
Casey Burson

Dear Santa Claus,
I have a good and a bad girl. I'm in third grade. I make good grades I don't steal mony from my mom anymore.
Sense I've been so good I want a Polaroid Barbie camera, velvet crush dress, I want for my grandma Tuter to come back alive. Have a nice trip! Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love,
Jessica R. Timora

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good by cleaning the landry wash dishes, clean my room, take trash out, and do my work at school. I have been making good grades in school.
What I want is mayby some tens, fives and one dollar bills. I would like some pencils, markers, crayons, map colors, and some clothes. Just to make sure I am in 3rd grade, but most of all I want is a playstation and game boy cole. Please bring me the game Pokamon Yellow. PS bring my mom a univorn. Polish Rudolgs nose.
Sincerely,
Jessie Deavers

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been vbery good. I babysit my little sister and I feed my puppy and cat. I allso help my dad and I shirt with my sister.
Sence I have been good. I would like a bike and a trampoline, play station, go-cart, teddy bear for my sister and a jawelry box for my big sister. I hope you have a grate Christmas.
Love,
Kira Bilano

Dear Santa Claus,
I clean my room everyday. I been you are very much! And I try very to make good grade this year.
Since I would like for Christmas, I want necklace for me. I like to go to jewelry with my sister. I bring for my mom present in the Wal-Mart with my sister. And Happy New Year 2000!!
Love,
Mary Alaniz

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year. I clean my room. I take care of my dogs. I trie very hard to make good grades and learn a bunch Since I have been so good I would like a colering set and little horses and beense baby, I would also like clothes and a camera. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love,
Kendra McGuire

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been extra good to my brothers. I been lisening to my Margeret and Flo very much. I been geeting good grades.
Sinse I been very nice I want a butiful dress. I want a play station. I want a doll that does gymnastics. I am wishing for you to bring my mom something that is a bracelet. My dad want some new boots. I hope you have a nice trip. I hope you have a jolly Merry Christmas.
Love,
Yolanda Munoz

Dear Santa Claus,
I've not been to good this year but I tride. Traves sarts the fites and we both get in trouble. And I the yhounger one has to go myh bed and so does he.
It will be nice if you will bring me a ferby, bascetball, and hoop, a new jump rope and ink for my typeriter and have a mary Christmas and a Happy New Centery!
Love,
Amanda Maynard

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good. I have feed my dog, and do you now what my dog is gowing to have puppys. Since I have been so good that I would like new clothes, some new tracktors. It would be nice to have Nintendo games, a playboy color. Make sure clean Rudophs nose off.
Love,
Joshua Sorrells

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good all year. I clean my room every day. I wash dishes for my mom. I try to be nice to my brother every day but he is always mean to me. I try to make good grades. Since I have been good I would like a trampoline. And a Polaroid camera. I also would like a velvet dress for Barbie and Kelly and if you do can it be pink? I also would like the book The Parent Trap. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2000!
Love,
Kayla Marie Liccardi







Yuletide Wishes

Here's hoping the season grants all your wishes, big and small, and that you enjoy health, wealth and peace.

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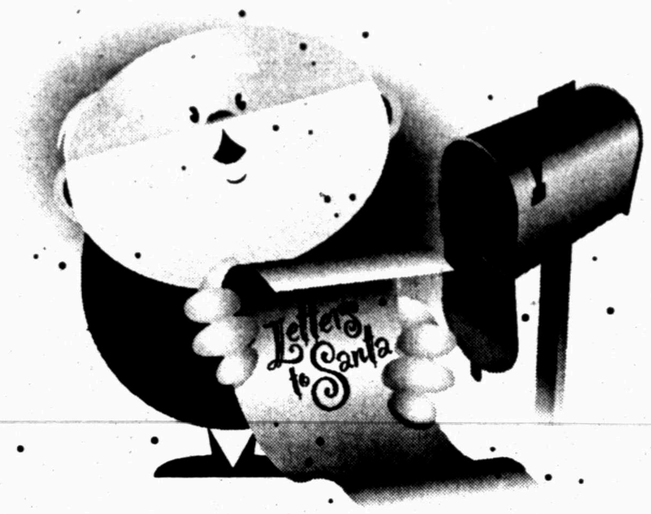
Deck the Halls

Christmas is the time to celebrate, the time for love, laughter and merriment with family, friends and neighbors. We would like to express a sincere wish for a warm and lovely holiday season to all of our wonderful customers who helped make this year so successful for us.



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FROM SANTA'S MAILBAG...



Dear Santa,
I want you and others to have a good Chricmas and a very good day on Chricmas Day on Chricmas Day and the best things that will be very good for them.
Cami Mitchell

Dear Santa,
Do you thank you bring for me a Play station and a bike and a CD player.
Justin Olvera

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a little puppy this year and my sister she wants a cook toy and gfive her a little puppy to.
Love,
Aaron Chaidez

Dear Santa,
This year I want a art set a basketball and bookset. Can you please gfive my brother a toy truck. Thank you.
Your friend,
Ashley Hagins

Dear Santa,
Thank you for what you got me last year. Well you please try to get me a computer and please try to get me a new bike. Well try to get my mom a morateosakle coat and my sister a tape that is a 98 degrees.
From your friend,
Tanya Adams

Dear Santa,
Thank you for coming. This year I want Rotar Blades and a stario with a cuset player and CD player. Can you give K'ana Garcia a present. And can you give my family the best presant ever?
Your friend,
Lucy Colunga

Dear Santa Clause,
You give us presents. Thank you for Christmas lights I got them all around my. Can you give Misty the happeyest Christmas ever and give my family the best present on Christmas Day. You must be tired by flying at night.
Your friend,
Ashley Swigert

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff you got last year. This year I want a Sega dreamcast and Gameboy color.
Love,
Dusty Davis

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. I would like a box of rocks with a polisher to polish them. My sister Amber would like the CD of 98 degrees and other CDs.
Kalyn Hildreth

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas for you and you elves and I would like egreanshel skatse and a grinder pole and I hope teds get a hams.
By Gage West

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things that you brout me last year! But this year could you bring me a pellet gun, sling shot, a bow set, and a 64 system and a pocket knife for my dad!!
From,
Samuel Lee

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us all the presents that your elves and you made. This year I would like is a Barbie and Barbie car and doll and a calendar.
Love,
Nicole Mireles

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. Could you please bring my mom a diomond ring, my dad a new walet, with a picture of all of us and my brother a long sleeve Christmas shirt. I would like a computer, but I know I probaly won't get it. Bu I also would like a Brittney Spears tape and a T-shirt with a picture of her.
Your Friend,
Leslie K. Johnston

Dear Santa,
Can you try to get me a pear of Roler blads for Christmas, Can you try to get my mom a now car, can you try to get my dad a now computer. I hope you can try to get thene pleas Santa.
Your friend,
Amanda Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a gam boy coler and a GT bilke and I want a big Tropling and I will be hope if you bring Brandon a lite dog.
Ted Cerda

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a trance former, a ruffy bike, big rado, a indo 64 could you get my cousin a 10 speed bike please.
From,
Jonathan Wallace

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Rudolph ok? This Christmas I want a yellow tractor truck and a green power ranger with a mean helmet and a nice motorcycle and a Goosebump movie. Please bring my mama some flowers. I also want Skade and the Iron Giant movie. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you!
Brandon Keith Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a slay to rid on, shoe and a hdiewod nall, doll and a rod of doll and you and a hawes and for crsemoose wish I wish my brother coms dawn and vest and a pinsol doll 3 foot tall, a biboll book a pop and a cat and a little of spirit, most of all to be big, and I want a sie soll and a pigy baking and a angle 3 foot bobe and a pony a aorershner and a play sit tabol and a fak pig, and a boll dog, aha. Gres and most of all tess.
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I have been extra specail this year. Would you please bring me a twin baby doll with cloths, dippers, and a stroller for my baby doll. For me would you bring me some cloths and and a toy that spins and torwals. Thanks Santa
Mandy Sickler

Dear Santa,
This is Mitchell. I Love You. Santa I want a controle airplain and contrde helocoptor and I love you Santa and a happy New Year Santa.
Frm.
Mitchell Marcon

Sear Santa, I want a Sting Soot the makeup. A red Lava lamp with Sharks going around it, a real gun that shoots darts. And B.B.s, a remote controle Sting.
Shane Hicks

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a Nintindo 64 with a Zeda game Jane Bond game?
Josh Tovar

Dear Santa,
I love you and for Christmas. I want a Barbie radio and a Barbie telephone and a Barbie computer and a dog and a bo-pet popet and a Baby Born and a horse and a Secret diary and a long leather jacket and some diamond earrings.
Thank you Santa,
Meagan Downing

Dear Santa,
I know that you are going to come when it is Christmas. When you come to my house I want you to buy me a computer. So I love you Santa. You are good to everybody in the world. Tommorw I am leaving at 2:00. I listen to my teacher I like Christmas. It is going to be fun on Christmas. I love Christmas because everybody gets presents. It is a special time of the holiday. When it snows am going to make a snowman.
Natasha Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like a kitchen set also a soft bear. A beny baby I want a puppy a winter suit and a new back pack also a Barbie. A CD player please Santa. I want a baby doll also a hand puppet.
Brailee Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a cupurder. I whant a bike, TV. I would whant snoweples at I whant this cadlpiler. I whant baby Dill that crise.
Jodi Hamilton

Dear Santa,
I want a Game boy color and a Playstacon and I want a TV and cable. I love Santa.
Chris Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I want a cumputer and a pupy but a real one pleas and that will be all.
Thank you,
Eduardo Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a Pokemon cards and more Pokemon cards and Pokemon toys Digemon toys.
Toby Lopez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a little Mrs. Executive set and a Barbie Aryplain and a Barbie cash register and a Barbie phone and for my mom julry and my dad get him a Intino 64.
Love,
Amanda Browning

Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed Pokemon. Can it be Dikachu please? And make it three Wiggly Tuff Jiggly Puff and Ditto. P.S. Please give Mitchell Marcon a present even no he hurt me.
Andrew Zapata

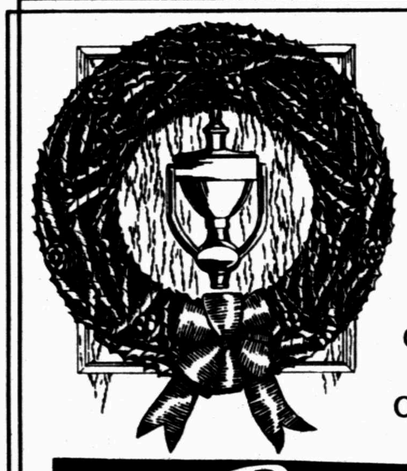
Dear Santa,
I want a computer because I have been a good girl. And a Game Boy. I want a Barbie and a TV. I want a desk and a bike.
Dana Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want to have a Santa to but I want a Pokemon Mewtow and Mew. I want a new mom and new dad and a new home and a new sister and some toys a dolls and candy and a farm and a peg two moive.
Andrea Martinez









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