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Three more expected...

Three applicants now interviewed for coaching post

Three interviews have already taken place and at least three more are expected in the search for a new head football coach for Snyder High School.

A six-member committee organized to evaluate the more than 50 applicants for the job say they will not meet again for further interviews until after the Christmas holidays.

The first three interviews were conducted last week.

To assist their decision-making, the committee is using a 20-question list asked of each candidate.

The questions asked range from their opinions on sports to academic scholarship, committee members say.

The original list of 52 applicants was narrowed to approximately 10 in mid-December by the committee. Stipulations used to shorten that list included a requirement that finalists must have head coaching experience or a minimum of assistant varsity coach experience at a 5-A program with a winning record.

Once the final round of initial interviews takes place, the list of coaching applicants is expected to be winnowed down to a finalist list of approximately three.

School officials are expected to conduct a second round of inter-

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CHRISTMAS PEACE — This peaceful Christmas moment was part of the "living nativity" scene enacted by members of the Union United Methodist Church earlier this week. It was also one of several special holiday church events planned by local congregations in connection with Christmas. The holiday will prompt almost a general closing in Snyder Friday as Scurry County families again celebrate the birth of Jesus and the effort for "peace on earth." (SDN Staff Photo)

Day until Christmas

The SDN wishes all its readers

Ask Us

Q. — During the holidays, are you supposed to drive 20 mph through the school zones here which still have flashing lights?

A. — Police officials note that, theoretically, the speed zone is in force when the lights are flashing. When classes are dismissed for holidays, however, they say police watch for the regular speed limit rather than the special 20 mph.

In Brief

Chase trial

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — A Feb. 17 trial date has been set in Flagstaff for a Texas man charged following a 250-mile police chase.

Coconino County Superior Court officials say Lawrence Strahan, 33, of Fort Worth, will be tried on three counts of aggravated assault and one count each of felony flight and possession of marijuana, the county attorney's office said.

Strahan was arrested Dec. 2 about 30 miles east of Flagstaff following a police chase that began in New Mexico.

Herd buyout

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 18-month whole-herd buyout or Dairy Termination Program sent more than 1.2 million cows, heifers and calves to market, nearly all to slaughter, the Agriculture Department said Tuesday.

In its final report on the program, the department said an estimated 1,224,600 head were sold by dairy farmers who agreed to remain out of milk production for at least five years. The program began on April 1, 1986, and continued through October.

Cable growing

AUSTIN (AP) — The major television networks will have lost 40 percent of their old share of the TV audience to cable and independent stations by the turn of the century, a University of Texas researcher predicts.

The growth of cable television and other alternatives is having a direct and measurable effect on the major networks, says Roland T. Rust, an associate professor of marketing administration.

"As cable penetration increases, the cable channels' audiences and revenues increase as well.

Local

Museum open

The Diamond M Museum will be open this weekend to allow both holiday guests and local residents to tour its facility.

The public is invited between 1 and 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Included in the Diamond M's holdings are paintings by such famous artists as N.C. Wyeth, Charles Russell, Frederic Remington, Dalhart Windberg and W.H.D. Koerner. Also on display are carvings in ivory, a jade collection and Dresden china.

The museum is located at 909 25th St. in the Diamond M Building.

Weather

Snyder area forecast: Christmas Day and holiday weekend, chance of rain. Highs mid 30s to mid 40s. Lows mid 30s to mid 20s.

Business to again aid Noah Project on Christmas Eve

For the second consecutive year, a group from Y-Z Industries will spend part of Christmas Eve renovating the living quarters for the county's haven for battered women and their children, Noah Project.

Organizer Steve Beck said approximately one dozen individuals will be working from between 8 a.m. and noon Thursday.

Ten people from Y-Z and "two or three" of their friends plan to re-do a back door and threshold, repair baby cribs that have been donated and make numerous minor repairs in the living area, which has room for about three families.

Beck, a salesman for Y-Z, noted that putting up clothes racks in the upstairs area, redoing a bathroom and other work last year kept the volunteers busy until about 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

He said the group is seeking donations of materials and appliances such as stoves and washer-dryers for the Noah Project.

Y-Z is a manufacturer of devices to measure the chemical content of natural gas, crude oil and natural gas liquids in pipelines.

Noah Project is finishing its third year in Snyder. During 1986, 41 families involving 83 children lived in the home briefly. In all, 122 families and 156 children were helped, and sponsors note the need for the family shelter continues to grow.

Prize sessions at end

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion--which saw a small group of participants wait more than 60 hours in line for prizes--ended Wednesday with the final session concluded in approximately 30 minutes.

An estimated 80 to 100 persons appeared Dec. 12 for the first prize session with approximately 30 actually admitted for a possible exchange of cash register tapes for prizes.

On Wednesday's third and final session, 34 individuals were admitted on a "first come, first serve" basis. The number of those waiting outside had decreased from the first session, however.

On Wednesday, an estimated 50 waited in line outside the

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Local jobless rate nudges up slightly in November total

The up and down cycle for Scurry County's unemployment estimates during 1987 nudged "up" with the latest report.

The figures reflect the county's job estimate during the month of November and indicate the number of persons seeking work here increase by approximately 100.

This pushed the unemployment estimate up a full percentage point, to 6.8 percent.

During October, the jobless total was at its lowest mark for all of 1987, figured at 5.9 percent, according to a release from the Texas Employment Commission.

The 6.8 percent figure reflects the second lowest total for 1987, which began with a 9.9 percent high-level mark.

The latest figures indicate the county had 9,152 persons employed during the month. The number of those "actively seeking employment" was then set at 673. The two figures combined equaled a civilian labor force here 9,825.

In addition to the Scurry County figures, the TEC released statistics for four adjacent counties. These include:

—Nolan County: Unemployment figured at 9.2 percent with a civilian labor force of 7,981 persons, 7,247 of these working and 734 said seeking employment.

—Mitchell County: Unemployment figured at 6.8 percent with a civilian labor force of 4,447 persons, 4,134 of these working and 304 said seeking employment.

—Fisher County: Unemploy-

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Church services tonight

Six Snyder churches have scheduled Christmas Eve services Thursday.

First United Methodist Church will have a "carols and candlelighting" service at 6 p.m. for the whole community.

Also at 6 p.m. on Thursday, St. John's Episcopal Church will celebrate Christmas Eve with the public invited.

Snyder's First Christian Church will have a 7 p.m. service of candlelight, carols and communion on Thursday; and at 11 a.m., a candlelight service is planned at First Presbyterian

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Have a great holiday."

There's one church secretary who believes there's someone up there looking out for her.

Theresa Ervin is secretary at 37th Street Church of Christ. One of her duties is to type up late announcments in a publication called "News and Notes" for distribution to the congregation on Sunday morning.

Theresa had the publication all typed and ready to reproduce when the copy machine went haywire. As a result, a classic typo would have gone unnoticed except for a few "friends" who noticed the miscue on the master copy.

The first item told of a planned holiday fellowship for three congregations in Snyder. Location of the fellowship was said to be "Towle Park Bar."

In her haste, the secretary had left out the last letter in Barn. By Monday, she had received numerous telephone calls, some asking for a specific location. Others suggested planners might make arrangements for a larger crowd. One jokester congratulated the new secretary "for knowing how to plan a party."

Did you hear about the two department store Santas who had the following exchange during a coffee break after listening to hundreds of youngsters?

"Ho, ho, ho! Deck the halls and then the kids."

Mickey Nunley, our ministerial correspondent at Stinson Drug, says concerning the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh:

"Batteries were not included."

A guy in the drug store claims his wife always prefers a gift he made himself--like money.

Public entities will close

About the only public employees assured of still being at work after noon Thursday will be federal postal staffers, who will still be busy with the crush of holiday mail.

After Christmas Eve Thursday, Christmas Day in Snyder will be one of almost universal closings.

The Snyder Daily News will not publish Friday in observance of Christmas--one of only two issues skipped during the year.

The newspaper will resume its normal publication schedule with its Sunday edition, which will be

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ELMORE, THE TOO TALL ELF by Kevin Fagan

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American oilman imprisoned in Nigeria is heading home

HOUSTON (AP) — An oil company executive boarded a flight home Wednesday for the Christmas holidays after being imprisoned since last summer in Nigeria, airline officials said.

After flying to London from Lagos, Herbert Rooks boarded a flight between London and Houston. He was scheduled to arrive Wednesday afternoon, according to a spokesman for British Caledonian Airways.

"It's been a long five months," said Rooks' wife, Mary, in a telephone interview from her son's San Antonio home. "I'm just glad it's all over."

Rooks was expected to travel to San Antonio to be reunited with family members after arriving in Houston, she said.

The 58-year-old Rooks is director of New York City-based United States Oil Co. and president of the firm's Geneva-based affiliate, Panoco, which operates in Nigeria through Pan Ocean Oil (Nigeria).

Pan Ocean Oil and the Nigerian National Petroleum Co. are involved in a $134 million dispute now undergoing international arbitration in Paris, United States Oil spokesman Jim Grossman said.

In July, Rooks traveled to Lagos on company business. But when he attempted to leave July 31, his passport and those of his two Swiss security men were confiscated and all three were detained. The two Swiss men also have been released, Grossman said.

On Aug. 11, they were moved to Dodona Barracks, a prison on Victoria Island, adjacent to Lagos.

They were held in virtual isolation until Nov. 23, when they were released to the American embassy, but without passports, Grossman said. Rooks lost about 25 pounds and came down with malaria during his incarceration, Grossman said.

"I may not recognize him myself," Mrs. Rooks said.

On Dec. 2, Rooks' company took out ads in New York newspapers, outlining in an open letter to President Reagan and Congress the details of the case and asking them and the State Department to put pressure on the Nigerian government for alleged unlawful incarceration.

The passport was returned Monday.

"It's been up in the air up and down," his wife said. "We just didn't know. I talked to him Saturday and he had no idea (about his return home). We kept hoping."

She said no specific charges ever were filed against him. Nigerian authorities in July told him they wanted to speak with him for about five minutes, she said, but then refused to let him go.

Rooks formerly worked for Gulf Oil Co., and lived in Nigeria for five years while working for Gulf, his wife said. She said he had no fears about traveling in the country.

"He had a lot of friends there," she said. "This was his first trip there for Panoco."

From 1975 to 1985, he lived in Odessa before joining Panoco and moving with his wife to Geneva.

Hooded gowns are adopted

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Paramedics are being issued hooded disposable gowns in efforts to ward off communicable diseases, such as AIDS.

"We have a right to protect ourselves as much as anybody else does," said Randy Stuck, an emergency medical-services instructor for the city. "Everybody puts the fireman as the hero figure, but safety has to be built into the system."

Federal health officials say acquired immune deficiency syndrome is transmitted primarily through sexual contact. The disease attacks the body's immune system, leaving a person vulnerable to infections and cancers.

About 300 gowns have been distributed to Fort Worth fire stations for a three-month trial after firefighters who double as paramedics voiced concern about contact with people who have infectious diseases.

Stuck said AIDS isn't the only concern.

"We're trying to cover a gamut of diseases, including tuberculosis and meningitis," he said.

The blue waist-length, long-sleeve gowns are made of plastic-treated paper and cost $4.20 each. An attached hood covers the face and has an anti-viral breathing mask and plastic panel to see through.

"You look like a Martian wearing it," said Carol Zamboni, an Arlington medical supplier and Fort Worth emergency medical-services volunteer who designed the gowns.

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I have a large diverticulum of the bladder. My urologist thinks that it should be removed. Another doctor, a pathologist, believes that surgery would just create a weak spot and potential problems later. What is your opinion? I'm 73.

DEAR READER — A diverticulum is a weakened, bulging portion of the bladder. It does not contract — or contracts weakly — during urination. Hence, bladder diverticula can contribute to urinary residual, the presence of remaining urine in the bladder after voiding. This residual can trap bacteria and provide a source for chronic urinary infection.

If your diverticulum is associated with symptoms, such as those of infection, it should be removed. In my experience, the operation rarely results in problems.

The decision regarding surgery is one best left to you and your urologist. Rather than obtaining a second opinion from a pathologist, who is not a specialist in bladder ailments, you would be better served by getting a second urologist's opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT — Since the death of my wife, I've turned to prostitutes for my necessities. I worry about AIDS. Can a man contract it from oral sex without a condom?

DEAR READER — In theory, yes. The AIDS virus is spread by direct contact of body fluids. In most cases, blood or semen are acknowledged to be the primary sources of infection. However, as you know, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) has been isolated from other body fluids, including saliva and tears.

To my knowledge, there have been no studies that specifically address the spread of AIDS through oral sex. However, an infected woman could infect a partner in this way if she had HIV in her saliva and he had a small abrasion or cut on the penis.

Because prostitutes have been reported to have a high incidence of HIV infection, you should insist on using a condom — or alter your method of gratification.

Sex-for-pay and casual, promiscuous sex are dangerous for anybody. I advise you to stop using prostitutes and either find a regular (and "safe") monogamous partner or resort to self-gratification. Because of your experiences with prostitutes, you may also wish to be tested for the presence of HIV antibodies in your bloodstream. This can be done through your family doctor or through your local sexually transmitted disease clinic.

If you're having an operation, you should know all you can about it. Dr. Gott's new Health Report, AN INFORMED APPROACH TO SURGERY, covers everything from second opinions to outpatient surgery. For your copy, send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My son, 17, makes a cracking noise with his foot when he runs or walks. Will it get better? He says he is not bothered by it, just by my worrying about it.

DEAR READER — Joints make cracking or popping noises when there is laxity of the ligaments that support them. If no pain is present, this disconcerting phenomenon is usually harmless. It may improve or disappear with age.

I suggest that you stop making an issue of your son's feet. Explain to him that any foot pain should be reason for him to see a doctor. However, painless cracking of the joints can usually be ignored.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My daughter is getting very depressed. For four months she has been so dizzy and tired she has had to give up her job, can't drive and can barely function. She's had many tests, all of which were normal. In the last three years she's had two miscarriages, and she has endometriosis. She's 32. We are very worried about her. What can you suggest?

DEAR READER — Before giving you an answer, I'd have to know what you mean by the word "dizzy," which can mean different things to different people.

For example, if your daughter is experiencing vertigo, the sensation of spinning or turning, the problem may lie in the balance mechanisms of her inner ears. This would require investigation by an ear, nose and throat specialist.

On the other hand, dizziness usually consists of a feeling of unsteadiness and lightheadedness, a sensation that something is "not right." This is often associated with fatigue and loss of stamina. It has many causes, including anemia, low blood pressure, hormone imbalance and general illness. In this case, your daughter needs a thorough examination by an internist, a physician specializing in diagnosis.

I think that your daughter should sit down with her doctor, discuss her medical problem in depth and learn what tests were done and what the results were. Then, with her doctor's help, she can plan a course of action. This probably will entail a second opinion from an internist or, perhaps, a referral to be diagnostic clinic at a teaching hospital.

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The U.S. War Department established a regular army in 1789. It had a strength of 700 men.

French novelist Emile Zola died in 1902 of accidental suffocation.

IBM, wizard interface

NEW YORK (AP) — Computer whiz Steve Chen and his fledging supercomputer company will join forces with industry giant IBM to develop advanced computing systems "100 times faster than today's machines."

IBM said Tuesday it would form a partnership with Supercomputer Systems Inc., formed in October by Chen, one of the world's leading supercomputer developers and former head of advanced research for Cray Research Inc.

Cray dominates the nearly $1 billion supercomputer market.

Under the terms of the preliminary agreement, International Business Machines Corp. said it would provide initial funding to Supercomputer Systems, of Eau Claire, Wis., and the two companies would exchange technical information.

A press release said terms of the partnership will be negotiated over the next several months.

The objective of the partnership will be to accelerate development of parallel supercomputers using IBM's strength in high-end technology and Chen's considerable expertise. The $5 million to $20 million machines are used in defense, mapping and weather forecasting.

Supercomputer Systems will have responsibility for overall design of the advance computing systems under the technical leadership of Chen, 44, its executive officer.

Chen said in the press release from IBM that the partnership would attempt to set new standards for high-performance computing, "leading to overall system performance 100 times faster than today's machines."

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Bake Cherry Fudge Cake for that last-minute treat

CHOCOLATE CHERRY FUDGE CAKE — Perfect for the holidays — or any time! Glace' whole red cherries make this chocolate fudge cake extra special. (AP Photo)

By CAROL DEEGAN
AP Food Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't forget dessert! This recipe for Chocolate Cherry Fudge Cake was developed by the Glace' Fruit Processors.

CHOCOLATE CHERRY FUDGE CAKE

1 cup butter cut into pieces
4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, cut into pieces
1½ cups packed light brown sugar
3 eggs
1 cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups (24 ounces) glace' whole red cherries
1½ cups pecan halves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter and chocolate in medium saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently. Mix in brown sugar until blended; beat in eggs, one at a time.

Combine flour and salt. Stir in vanilla and the combined flour and salt into chocolate-brown sugar mixture. Mix in cherries and pecans. Spread mixture in greased 9-inch square baking pan.

Bake at 350 degrees until top springs back when touched, about 35 minutes. Cool in pan on wire rack for one hour. Invert onto wire rack and cool completely. Cut into thin slices or small squares.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominoes; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information; call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

Scurry County Museum, Western Texas College, open from 1-4 p.m.

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Black Women's Association; SNB community room; 5 p.m.

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 12-24-87
♠ A K 10 4
♥ 6 3
♦ A K 5 4
♣ K J 3

WEST
♠ J 5
♥ A J 9 7 4 2
♦ Q 10 7
♣ Q 7

EAST
♠ 7
♥ Q 10 8
♦ J 8
♣ A 10 8 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 8 6 3 2
♥ K 5
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ 9

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead ♣ Q

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South bid four spades without hesitation when his partner gave him a jump raise. Although South had only five high-card points, he knew the value of a supported six-card suit, and he liked his fit with North's diamonds (the opening suit). Unfortunately the defense was unerring. Declarer covered the opening lead of the club queen with dummy's king. East won the ace and returned a low heart. South's king went to West's ace, and another heart back gave the defenders three tricks. Later South had to lose a diamond, so down one was the result.

The bidding was fine, but South needed to get himself more in the spirit of the season. Had he remembered today is Christmas Eve, he would have graciously made a present of the first trick to West. Let declarer play low from dummy on the opening lead, and watch how the play continues. On the next club play, East will play the ace, but it will be ruffed. Later, after drawing trumps, South can discard a heart on dummy's high club, and declarer will only lose one club, one heart and one diamond. What if East plays with great foresight and wins the ace of clubs at the first trick so he can play back a heart? The defenders will of course take two heart tricks to go with their ace of clubs, but South will be able to shed two of his little diamonds on dummy's K-J of clubs to make 10 tricks. And if West shifts to a trump or a diamond at the second trick, declarer simply takes a ruffing finesse by leading dummy's K-J of clubs through East, thus establishing a trick and avoiding the loss of two hearts.

FOUR WILLIAMS — The family of William Rhea Bowlin (standing) gathered recently for the Bowlin's 65th wedding anniversary celebration. Seated are William (Bill) Bowlin and William (Barrie) Bowlin holding William Barrett Bowlin. (Private Photo)

Suriname, acquired by the Netherlands from Great Britain in 1667 in exchange for New Amsterdam (New York), was formerly called either Netherlands Guiana or Dutch Guiana.

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Christmas provides good time for sharing experiences

By REDBOOK
A Hearst Magazine

Children are both naturally giving and naturally selfish, and Dr. Benjamin Spock says this holiday season and all year parents can help children grow up generous — right from infancy.

Real generosity is more than just polite sharing of playthings, Spock wrote in the current issue of Redbook. It springs from love. But even the most loving child needs some parental guidance along the way.

Even a very young baby has the impulse to give. Well before age one, a baby chewing a bread crust will offer the soggy end to his mother with a loving smile.

At just over a year old, he will survey a visitor warily, then perhaps offer one of his toys. But he won't let go, because giving up personal possessions is 'still beyond him.

Spock said a mother could encourage a baby's giving impulse by pretending to enjoy the soggy crust, smiling and smacking her lips.

"If a toy is offered but the baby doesn't want to let go, don't try to pull it away from him — that will only bring out his possessiveness," Spock wrote. "Instead, lay your hand on the toy, smile and say thank you."

That shows him his impulse was a good one.

By age two, children will try to be helpful to parents, but they do not share toys or play cooperatively. This is the age when children cry "Mine," and yank toys away when another child tries to use them.

"I wouldn't try to persuade them to share their playthings with others," Spock wrote. "They are far too possessive and selfish to accept the idea of sharing, and think that playmates who use their toys won't give them back."

Instead of focusing on his selfishness, encourage his demonstrations of helpfulness.

The 3- to 5-year-old still likes being helpful and is better at it.

"Playtime for children at this age becomes more sophisticated and they enjoy a variety of cooperative activities, building block structures, taking turns pulling the wagon and then riding in it, playing house or doctor or pretending to be the driver and then a passenger on a busy bus," Spock wrote.

"Though the 2-year-old will staunchly hold onto his toys and insist on having his own way, the 3-year-old begins to make the transition from selfishness to generosity, cooperation and compromise."

By encouraging cooperative play and household helpfulness, parents teach children about giving and getting.

After age six, children become peer-oriented and sometimes intolerant of those who seem different.

"Teaching children about tolerance of others is important," Spock said, "because I consider tolerance to be a vital aspect of a generous nature."

Shopping malls popular hangouts

NEW YORK (AP) — Shopping malls have become America's town squares, not only as a place to shop but as a popular meeting place for families and singles, reports a marketing communications company.

There now are some 25,000 shopping malls in the United States, and that figure will rise to 27,000 by 1988, according to the New York-based Howard Marlboro Group.

The nation's first enclosed indoor mall opened in 1956 in Edina, Minn., 10 miles from Minneapolis. The mall was covered for protection against the vagaries of Minnesota's brittle, cold and rainy weather. Since that time the number of enclosed malls has risen to more than 2,800.

The report notes that malls ring up over 52 percent of America's retail sales (excluding automotive parts which are not sold in malls) or about $300 billion annually.

Apart from shopping, the favorite pastime for mall-goers is munching on something, especially when moving through the mall, says the report, and the favorite food is ice cream.

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Radio channel system may provide rural phone service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a million rural homes and businesses could obtain telephone service for the first time over the next five years through a new radio channel system, an Agriculture Department study says.

Harold V. Hunter, administrator of the department's Rural Electrification Administration (REA), said most Americans take universal phone service for granted, but many live in remote areas which have never been wired into the nation's telephone network.

The Federal Communications Commission earlier this month authorized the Basic Exchange Telecommunications Radio Service, or BETRS, Hunter said. The service can link telephones in isolated areas by radio transmission with a local phone company switching station.

If the BTRS program is used, approximately 900,000 families on isolated farms and ranches, most of them west of the Mississippi River, could get telephone service if the new system is used, the study showed.

The REA estimated the average cost of installing a radio phone would be less than $4,000 for each home or business, compared with 6 to 10 times that much for copper wire linkups in remote locations.

Hunter noted that the REA began financing rural telephone service 38 years ago. The agency makes direct and guaranteed loans to about 1,000 small companies and cooperatives.

Start-up construction costs for the radio phones, if installed by rural utilities borrowing from REA, would be absorbed by the utilities, he said.

Many private investor-owned telphone firms, including the Bell operating companies, are planning to use the new radio phone service, Hunter said.

Industry groups that have joined REA in support of universal telephone service through radio channels include the National Rural Telecom Association, National Telephone Cooperative Association, the Organization for the Protection and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies, and the United States Telephone Association.

Braniff withdrawal leaves Pan Am with single existing bidder

NEW YORK (AP) — Braniff Inc.'s withdrawal of its proposal to take over major elements of Pan Am Corp. leaves the troubled airline company with one existing, and little-known, suitor.

Braniff announced late Tuesday it was dropping its takeover proposal, which had been supported by Pan Am's board of directors, after the Pan Am pilots union apparently decided not to support the offer.

Sources said the pilots rejected the offer mainly because of objections to Braniff's plan for obtaining $800 million in wage concessions from Pan Am unions over four years.

Pan Am had set a Tuesday deadline for Dallas-based Braniff to submit the labor concessions plan. Braniff and Pan Am said late Tuesday they had agreed to terminate a Dec. 7 letter of intent for a merger.

Braniff's pull-out leaves Pan Am facing a possible hostile takeover bid from Towers Financial Corp., a debt-collection and insurance holding company based in New York.

But despite Towers' repeated announcements regarding a possible bid, it has yet to mount a takeover and is regarded by Wall Street as a questionable suitor with uncertain ability to muster the capital needed for a Pan Am takeover.

Towers has not yet launched a formal offer for Pan Am and has not fully identified the sources of its proposed financing for such a bid. Pan Am, in turn, has not publicly acknowledged Towers' interest.

Towers announced earlier Tuesday that it had enlisted the support of the pilots union and the Teamsters, two of the five labor unions represented at Pan Am. Towers also said it had lined up $350 million in financial backing in addition to the $50 million it announced several weeks ago, but declined to identify its backers.

The pilots and Teamsters, along with Pan Am's flight attendants and mechanics unions, had formed a coalition that had endorsed the Braniff bid and had negotiated with Braniff Chairman Jay Pritzker.

A fifth union representing transport workers has not been included in the talks with Braniff.

The coalition has been trying to find a buyer for the financially troubled airline company for about a year, and has generated overtures in recent months by Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith, West Coast investor Kirk Kerkorian and Braniff.

The labor coalition had asked Braniff for assurances that the airline company would be kept intact, in exchange for the wage concessions.

Soviets buy wheat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union has bought an additional 400,000 metric tons of subsidized U.S. wheat for delivery in 1987-88, the final year of a long-term grain supply agreement between the two countries, the Agriculture Department reported.

The sales, equal to about 14.7 million bushels, were handled by four companies: Continental Grain Co., 50,000 tons; Artfer Inc., 150,000; Cargill Inc., 150,000; and Union Equity Cooperative Exchange, 50,000.

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♥ A 4
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ 7 6 4 2

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

EAST
♠ 8 6 2
♥ Q 8 7
♦ Q 8 4
♣ K J 10 8

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 5
♥ K 3
♦ A K J
♣ A 9 5 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ J

South gets a gift he didn't want

By James Jacoby

When it's the season for presents, we shouldn't expect only the declarer to be generous. Look at this deal where the winning defense depends on presenting declarer with the gift of a trick.

Many South players, holding 20 high-card points with an extra 10-spot, would just open with two no-trump. But South didn't want to be that high unless his partner could muster a response. Hence his one-club bid. After North's raise to two clubs, South came to life with a jump to three no-trump, ending the auction. The opening lead was automatic, the top of an honor sequence from a long suit.

Declarer rose with dummy's heart ace and led the spade nine. Finessing the nine against East would allow declarer to take all four spade tricks even if East held K-x-x-x. East played the deuce, and when South followed with the five, West played low. Assuming now that the king was with East, declarer called for the spade queen from dummy. This time West took his king and continued hearts. South won his king and cashed two more spade tricks, but he had no entry to dummy to take a diamond finesse. He had to hope for a miracle — that the diamond queen would drop doubleton. No such luck, and so a contract that could have been made foundered because West had graciously refused the first spade trick. Had West taken the nine of spades with his king, declarer could reach dummy with the spade queen to play a diamond up to the A-K-J, finessing the jack and making his contract.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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Capital inflows into Latin America have fallen from an annual level of $34.6 billion in 1979-82 to an average of $6.5 billion a year in 1983-86, according to the Inter-American Development Bank. The net resource transferred out of the region averaged $28.8 billion in 1983-85.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 25, 1987

Friends will play important roles in your affairs over the coming months. The doings of an old pal who will re-enter your life will be especially significant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be a good listener today, especially if you are at a gathering where new topics are being discussed. What you learn can later be of great importance to you. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Matchmaker set can help you understand what it might take to restore the relationship. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Conditions will be more advantageous for you today than they will be tomorrow, particularly where your career or material interests are concerned.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Knowledge gained from experience is your able ally now. If you are stymied in any undertaking, look into the past for the key to unlock today's enigma.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If there is something nice you want to do for someone close to you today, carry it out with as little fanfare as possible. Others will toot your horn later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Contact family members, prior to friends, regarding anything pleasant that you have to share today. It will avoid misunderstandings or hurt feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Should an opportunity arise today to get closer to one who can advance your career aims, capitalize on it. You'll move faster with this person's cooperation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, you're an excellent organizer, so if you see others fumbling around because of lack of direction, step in and take over the helm yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the know-how and inner resolve to get family members pulling together on the same oar today. The changes you're able to effect could bring benefits to all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a good day to discuss in depth a matter of importance to both you and your mate. By the time the discussion has ended, all differences will be resolved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Circumstances are extremely encouraging today where your material interests are concerned. You have the golden touch for acquiring things you desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will sparkle and shine today in situations where you can express your creative talents, especially if you have an equally imaginative assistant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It looks like you may receive some gifts today from people you'd least expect to. To be on the safe side, have plans in the mill as to how you can reciprocate.

Dec. 26, 1987

Substantial rewards can be acquired in the year ahead if you are persevering and conscientious. Take the long-range view and don't expect Rome to be built in a day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Weigh your words carefully today and avoid criticizing others. Someone who is presently peeved at you is waiting for an opening to give you a piece of his/her mind. Major changes are ahead for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Getting involved businesswise with a person you know socially might not be too good an idea at present. Before committing yourself, give the matter a little more thought.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you know in the business world isn't as good a friend as he/she pretends to be. Don't give this person information that can be fed to your competitors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful not to create avoidable complications for yourself today. Think your moves through, and also consider the penalties associated with erratic action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be doubly prudent in your financial affairs today. Above all, don't pour good money after bad in a situation that has a poor history for paying off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Two ambitious objectives that you hope to achieve today could slip by the boards if you aren't prepared to pay the price for success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't do anything against your better judgment today. If your common sense tells you something isn't good for you, chances are it won't be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Take nothing for granted in your business dealings today, especially if it's a touch-and-go situation. You're sitting on a shaky limb that could snap off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to put yourself in a position today where you are too dependent on others. If you do, they might focus on their interests and ignore yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If your heart isn't in your work today, the quality of your efforts will suffer. It may be wise to temporarily shelve tasks you resent performing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Subdue inclinations to take financial risks today, or you may be like the guy who ended up with a small fortune — but started out wih a big one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you're rather fortunate regarding the outcome of events that you personally direct, but today you may end up behind the eight-ball because you'll act before you think.

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Israel cracks down on occupied lands anyway

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinians threw firebombs and stones at Israeli troops who shot and killed an Arab teen-ager. The government promised more tough measures for the occupied lands, despite U.S. criticism of its tactics.

Seven Arabs also were injured in the violence Tuesday, and two Palestinian youths died of wounds suffered in a clash with troops on Monday, raising to 22 the official number of those killed since the violence began Dec. 8.

In Washington, the Reagan administration sharply criticized Israel's handling of protests and riots in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, particularly the military's use of live ammunition against civilians.

President Reagan said Tuesday the violence was regrettable but added, "There has been provocation on both sides." He said State Department officials were talking with the parties "to get them to cease."

In New York, the United States further signaled its displeasure with Israel's handling of the protests by allowing the United Nations Security Council to adopt a resolution Tuesday "strongly deploring" Israel's actions.

The vote was 14-0. The United States abstained, declining to use its veto power to block the resolution adopted after eight days of heated debate.

Hundreds of extra Israeli troops poured into the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Tuesday in a new government strategy aimed at calming tensions. The plan apparently backfired when the move further fanned the flames of dissent.

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Just flipping through some letters to Santa

By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Sports Editor

As sports writer for the Snyder Daily News, a lot of mail comes across my desk.

Most of it is general information/propaganda pumped out by university or professional sports publicity staffs. Some of it mentions new products. And then, there are those Santa letters.

Oh, yes, I get a lot of Santa letters. Have been for several years. See, it seems old St. Nick changed his address a few Christmases ago and it's so similar to mine, well...you can guess the rest.

Santa and I have straightened it out though. I'm to send him all the letters from kids. The rest of the stuff I put in File 13. It's not that he doesn't care about older children and adults. It's just that the elf strike of '81 has things still muddled up at the workshop, and he just doesn't have time.

So, what I thought I'd do, under the circumstances, is to take just a few letters at random and let you read them. Kinda' get in the Christmas spirit. Here goes...

Dear Santa,

Santa, I know this list is a little long, but do the best you can.

My List

First of all, Santa, I want a new quarterback. With good wrists this time.

I'll need a couple of receivers to go with him. And I want some new defensive backs and maybe a new defensive line.

I know this is a lot, Santa, but's been a tough year, what with the injuries and all. And shucks, I'm having to use all these old guys.

Not that age has anything to do with it. I mean, you do just fine. I mean, I'm not saying you are old or anything like that.

Also Santa, could you tell Bum Bright to get off my back? I smiled for the newspapers and the cameras after what he said about me and my team. But really, Santa, this guy is a real jerk.

Oh, one more thing, Santa. I need some linemen, too. You know, the big kind. But not fat ones. These guys we got now are too slow. They move quicker at the pregame meal than they do on the field. So don't send any fat guys.

Not that there is anything wrong with being fat. I mean, you do just fine. I mean, I'm not saying you are fat or anything like that. I mean, you can still slide down chimneys and stuff.

How do you do that, Santa?

Well, I guess I better go now. Thanks, Santa.

Yours truly,
Tommy

P.S. About that quarterback, do you have a Roger-the-Dodger model?

Dear Santy,

Hey, Bud. How's a bout sending me a Bird or a Boz or a Dr. J? Somebody like that? And I'll see what I can do for you, see? Hey, I'll get you a gift, too, understand?

Hey, You touch my hand, I'll touch yours.

Oh, oh. Don't make him too smart, though. Just broke. I'll do the rest, savy?

Hey, Santa, one more thing. I've been thinking, one of those elves might make a great jockey. Something real unique, too. Hey, we could talk about it over lunch some day, okay, baby?

Check you later, Santy.

Sleaze E. Agent

Dear Mr. Claus,

Mr. Claus, I've tried hard. I've coached this team to three straight Cotton Bowls but no one respects me.

I've got the NCAA constantly harrasing me, the Dallas Morning News constantly harrasing me, and I haven't done anything wrong (honest).

And those jokes. Talk about no respect. Well, how would you like it, Mr. Claus, if someone said it took six Santas to replace a light bulb? It's not funny.

You see, it takes one guy to hold the bulb and five to turn him around and around. Or is it five to hold the bulb and one to turn them around? Or is it

Well, I told you it wasn't funny.

Anyway, what I want for Christmas is respect. That's all I'm asking for.

Thank you.

Sincerly,
Jackie

P.S. If you could give me just a little respect, I believe our great university could see fit to provide your grandson a scholarship. Or a Trans Am. Or both.

Thanks, again.

Dear Santa,

How are you? Listen, Santa, I want to ask you a question. How come I've been nice all year, and we're strugghng to make the playoffs? I mean, you do know, don't you, who is naughty and nice? That's what the song says.

Well, Santa, I've been good. Pretty good, at least. And I've been a lot better than Jerry Glanville. He's been naughty, Santa. His team plays dirty. They kick and punch and take cheap shots and they beat us twice this year.

Frankly, Santa, I don't think the Oilers should get doodley-squat for Christmas.

I don't like being a sissy-informant, but I thought I should bring this to your attention. I know what with keeping those elves in line and making more footballs and tees and helmets and stuff, you are pretty busy. So I was just letting you know.

Oh, one more thing, Santa. I could really use another quarterback. That Terry Bradshaw guy was good. Something like that. Okay?

Thank you,
Chuck Noll
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SPORTS

Bailey leads Little All-America squad

by The Associated Press

Sophomore running back Johnny Bailey of Texas A&I and three defensive players have been named to The Associated Press Little All-America college football team for the second straight year.

The other repeaters are defensive linemen Pierce Holt of Angelo State and Rich Romer of Union (N.Y.) and defensive back Freddie Thomas of Troy State.

The 5-foot-9, 180-pound Bailey has rushed for 3,609 yards in two seasons and is more than halfway toward becoming college football's first 7,000-yard rusher.

Last year, as a freshman, he became the third player ever to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. He averaged 7.4 yards while gaining 2,011 yards in 271 carries in 1986 and had the same 7.4 average this year although he carried only 217 times for 1,598 yards in 10 games.

The Little All-America team consists of players from Divisions II and III of the NCAA and all NAIA schools.

Senior Gary Collier of Emory & Henry is the Little All-American quarterback. Collier completed 152 of 249 passes - 61 percent - for 2,317 yards and 33 touchdowns, with only 10 interceptions.

Joining Bailey at running back is senior Russ Kring of Mount Union, who carried 282 times for 1,364 yards and scored 19 touchdowns.

The wide receivers are senior James Ashley of Southwest (Minn.) State and sophomore Chris Vogel of Knox College. Ashley led all of college football with 108 receptions in 11 regular-season games for 1,732 yards and 20 touchdowns. Vogel was the top receiver in Division III with 78 catches for 1,326 yards and 15 touchdowns.

The tight end is 6-4, 235-pound senior Chris Verhulst of Chico State who caught 44 passes for 615 yards and three touchdowns.

The all-senior offensive interior line consists of tackles Rich Negrin of Wagner and Richard Van Druten of Abilene Christian, guards Duane Goldammer of Mankato State and Moses Horn of Texas A&I and center Mike Favor of North Dakota State.

Gardner-Webb sophomore Jeff Parker is the placekicker. Parker was successful on 16 of 20 field goal attempts and 46 of 47 extra-points.

Joining Holt, Romer and Thomas on the all-senior defensive unit are linemen Ronnie Glanton of Livingston (Ala.) and Lou Weiers of Clarion, linebackers Tom Doctor of Canisius, Troy Jackson of Indiana (Pa.) and Lee Marchman of Mars Hill and defensive backs Mark Dorner of Juniata and Chuck Downey of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

The Little All-American punter is senior Jeff McComb of Southern Utah, who had a 44.4-yard average on 42 kicks.

Varied attack key for West Virginia

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - West Virginia quarterback Major Harris says a varied attack is the key to defeating Oklahoma State in the Sun Bowl, and he thinks he can deliver.

"If we didn't pass much, then they would just be keying on the run," the freshman quarterback said Monday after the Mountaineers' first practice at the Sun Bowl. "It's hard to run the ball when they're keying on it."

Harris ran about an equal number of rushing and passing plays in Monday's 2½-hour practice, the first of four before Friday's Sun Bowl game against the Cowboys.

"I think they'll see a team that'll do a lot of different things: run a little, pass a little," Coach Don Nehlen said of Oklahoma State.

The Cowboys, ranked 11th and carrying a 9-2 record, take on the unranked Mountaineers, 6-5, in the Christmas Day afternoon game. West Virginia insists the team is better than its record indicates.

"The second half of the year, we started passing better when Major improved," running back Harvey Smith said.

Nehlen said Harris improved dramatically after the fourth game, a 6-3 loss to Pitt.

"I think we do a lot of good things throwing the football," he said. "We have been very, very productive in the passing game. Major's a good player. (Fans) will like him, even if they don't like our team, because he's exciting."

West Virginia's cold weather and final exams have made practices infrequent since the last regular-season game Nov. 21, Nehlen said, adding that the players seemed sluggish Monday.

"They looked soft to me today," he said. "I didn't see anybody that looked very tough."

But he said he expects the team to hit its peak on game day.

"I think we're about three practices away from being ready to play and I think we maybe we played the fourth today, so I think we're on schedule," Nehlen said.

To put them into shape, Nehlen made his players run a bit more than usual.

"They probably are trying to figure out why they had to work so hard, because this is supposed to be such a great time," he said. "We put the whip to them a little bit."

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	276	232
Miami	8	6	0	.571	352	311
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	263	288
New England	7	7	0	.500	296	283
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	327	340
Central						
y-Cleveland	9	5	0	.643	371	226
Houston	8	6	0	.571	324	332
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	272	280
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	268	349
West						
y-Denver	9	4	1	.679	355	288
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	351	273
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	253	293
L.A. Raiders	5	9	0	.357	298	283
Kansas City	3	11	0	.214	232	368

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	10	4	0	.714	352	261
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	346	347
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	320	373
Dallas	6	8	0	.429	319	332
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	260	305
Central						
x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	350	229
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	312	308
Green Bay	5	8	1	.393	231	267
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	280	336
Detroit	3	11	0	.214	239	371
West						
y-San Francisc	12	2	0	.857	411	263
y-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	389	259
L.A. Rams	6	8	0	.429	317	313
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	192	406

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

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Dallas 29, Los Angeles Rams 21

Saturday, Dec. 26

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Sunday, Dec. 27

Buffalo at Philadelphia
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Detroit at Atlanta
Green Bay at New Orleans
New York Jets at New York Giants
St. Louis at Dallas
Seattle at Kansas City
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis
San Diego at Denve
Chicago at Los Angeles Raiders
Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco

Monday, Dec. 28

New England at Miami

Season Ends

Sports brief

CINCINNATI (AP) - Curtis Strange was named Player of the Year by the Golf Writers Association of America.

Strange, who set a PGA Tour money winning record of $925,941 this season, also won the writers' award in 1985.

Paul Azinger, who edged Strange in the PGA Player of the Year race, was second in the national balloting by the 500-member writers' group.

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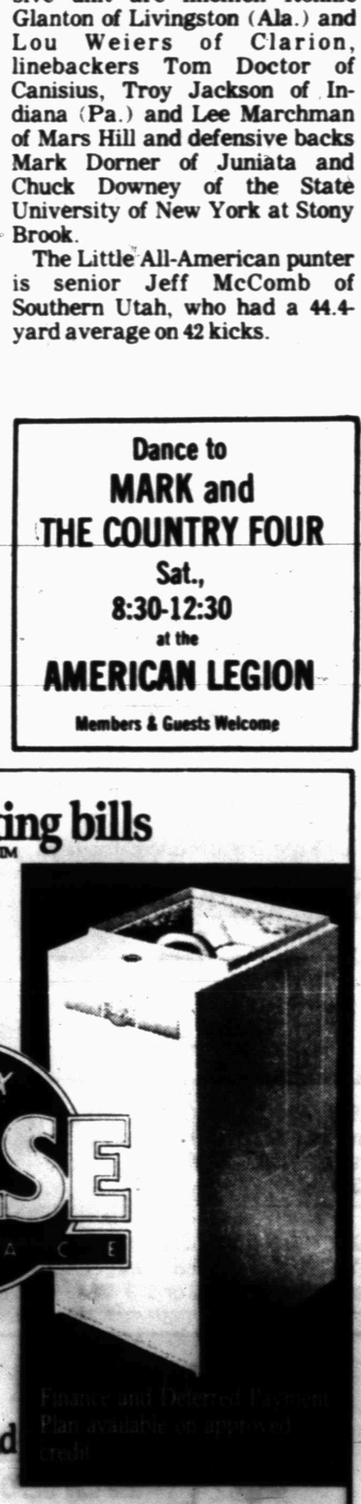

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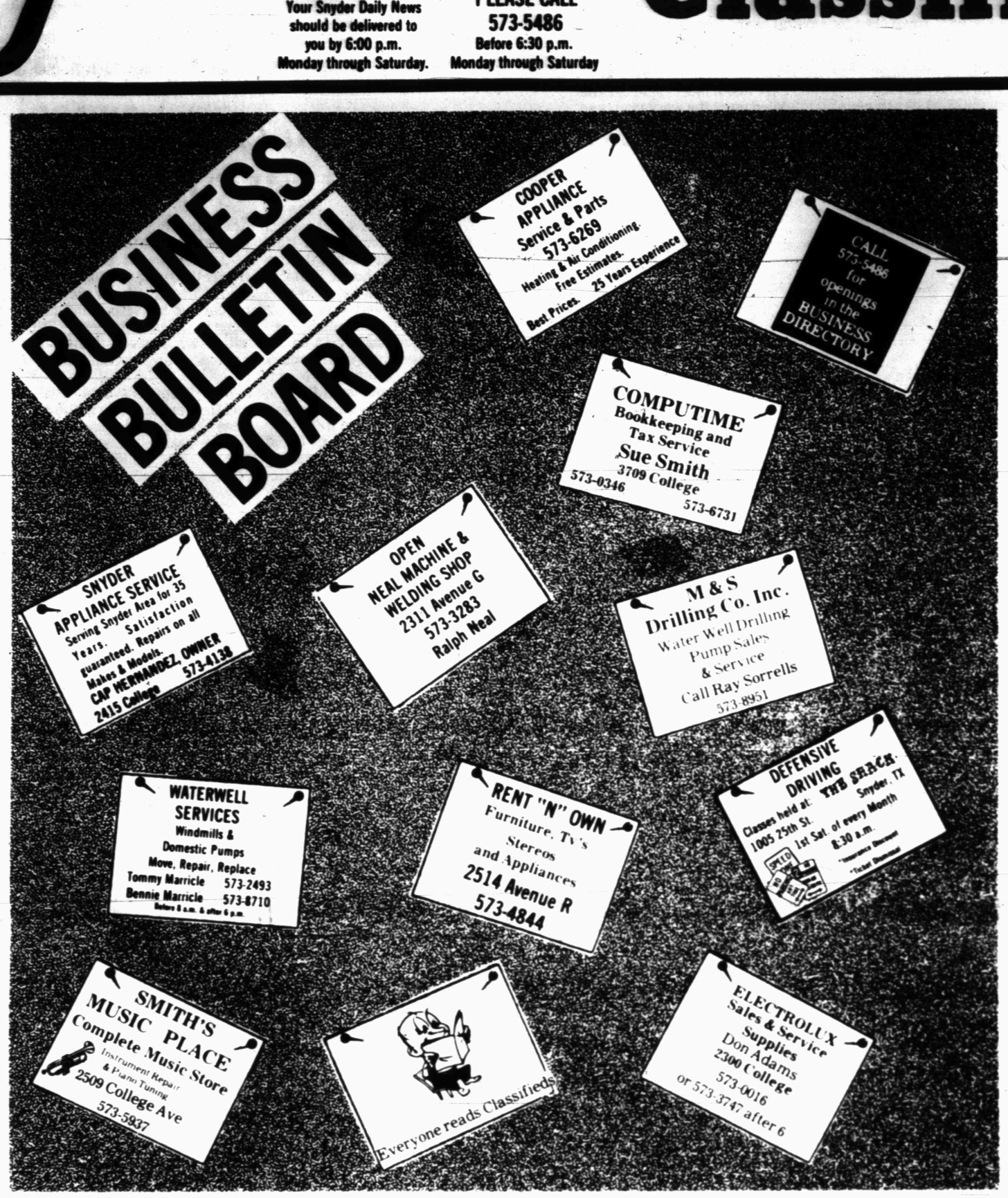

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Letters from families of hostages published

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Two leading newspapers Wednesday published letters from the families of eight Americans held hostage in Lebanon. One letter asked the kidnappers for mercy, the other wished the hostages Merry Christmas.

"We, their (hostages') families, pray that in the true spirit of this Christmas season, your hearts will soften and you will grant freedom to the innocent men you now hold hostage," the families said in the letter to the pro-Iranian factions believed to be holding the hostages.

In a letter to the hostages, the families said they "approach yet another holiday season with heavy hearts because you are not with us. We love you and work and pray for your freedom every day."

Beirut's independent daily newspaper An-Nahar gave the letters front page treatment. The leftist As-Safir newspaper published them on its back page. The English-language letters were translated into Arabic by the dailies.

The letter addressing the captors said:

"Let us all begin the New Year in a spirit of peace and reconciliation. Let us pray together that this holiday season will mark the end of the pain and hostility that is tearing your country and our hearts to pieces."

"Let us begin this peace process in our own small way. Today. Together," it added.

The families told their missing relatives that "thousands pray daily for your freedom and for the freedomn of all hostages."

"Our families are bound together by mutual pain... We work and pray for peace and justice throughout the Middle East and especially for the people of Lebanon," the letter said.

"We pray that God will grant you strength, courage, and grace during this long and painful ordeal. He has promised that He is near you and cares for you, as we do in spirit," it added.

"We love and miss you," concluded the letter, which was signed: "Your Families in the United States."

Twelve other foreigners are also missing and believed held in Lebanon.

The American captives are

Terry A. Anderson, 40, of Lorain, Ohio, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press. Anderson, kidnapped in Moslem west Beirut March 16, 1985, is the longest-held foreign captive in Lebanon. The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, claimed his abduction.

Thomas Sutherland, 55, of Fort Collins, Colo., acting dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut. He was abducted June 9, 1985. Islamic Jihad also claimed it holds him.

Joseph James Cicippio, 57, of Valley Forge, Pa., the university's acting comptroller, was kidnapped from campus Sept. 12, 1986. The Revolutionary Justice Organization, another pro-Iranian faction, claimed his abduction.

The group also holds Edward Austin Tracy, of Burlington, Vt., a writer who was abducted in west Berirut Oct. 21, 1986.

The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, also a religious underground faction loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, claims it holds three American teachers kidnapped from the campus of Beirut University College in the city's Moslem sector last Jan. 24 by gunmen posing as policemen.

The three are Robert Polhill, 54, of New York City, an accounting professor; Alann Steen, 48, of Boston, a communications instructor; and Jesse Jonathan Turner, 40, of Boise, Idaho, a professor of mathematics and computer science.

The pro-Libyan Arab Revolutionary Cells-Omar Mukhtar Forces has claimed the abduction of Frank Herbert Reed, 53, of Malden, Mass., director of the privately-owned Lebanese International School. He was kidnapped Sept. 9, 1986 as he drove to play golf in west Beirut.

Other foreigners missing in Lebanon include four Frenchmen, two Britons, a West German, an Italian, an Irishman, an Indian and two unidentified foreigners.

In addition, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite vanished Jan. 20 on his way to negotiate the release of hostages and has not been heard of since.

Robertson supporters want more religious government

DOVER, N.H. (AP) — Pat Robertson is downplaying the religious overtones of his presidential candidacy, but some of his followers are doing anything but with their expectations of a Robertson presidency.

Interviews with a dozen New Hampshire supporters of the former television evangelist indicate that many expect a sharp shift away from the constitutional separation of church and state, including a return to prayer and the teaching of the biblical version of human creation in public schools.

"We bought that lie about separation of church and state," says Frances Witcomb of Dover, who, with her husband, Charles, coordinates Strafford County support for the ex-Southern Baptist minister. "There is no such thing in our Constitution about separation of church and state. That's from the Soviet constitution."

Robertson does not go that far, but says the current Supreme Court interpretation of the First Amendment's establishment clause is flawed.

"The Supreme Court has erred egregiously since 1962. They have stood the First Amendment and all the history that goes along with it on its ear," Robertson told the Concord Monitor in an interview published this week.

The First Amendment decrees that Congress "shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

As interpreted by the Supreme Court, "that means ... the government ought to be secular. It cannot have anything other than a secular objective," says Arpiar Saunders, a professor at Franklin Pierce Law Center in Concord.

But Robertson and his supporters say the court has misinterpreted the Constitution, leading to a government devoid of the values on which they say the country was founded and one that discriminates against those values.

"This country was not a humanistic country when it was founded. This country was founded on a Judeo-Christian ethical foundation," says Ronald Welch, pastor of the Tri-City Baptist Church in Somersworth and a Robertson supporter. He said Americans who do not agree with that ethical foundation can "either stay and cooperate or there's plenty of other places to go."

"There is unquestionably a war on in this country," adds Welch. "It's a war between Judeo-Christian ethics and humanism."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SCURRY

Whereas by virtue of an Execution issued out of the 32nd Judicial District Court of Mitchell County, Texas, on the 13th day of November, 1987, in Cause No. 11228, where Fang Operators, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Betty Bare was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $1610.98 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per cent annum, from date of judgement, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 17th day of November, 1987, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, as the property of Betty Bare to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

FIRST TRACT: 3% of .75 (or .02250000) working interest in and to the following described oil, gas and mineral lease, to-wit:
Holladay Heirs "C" Lease:
TRACT ONE: The Northwest one-fourth (NW/4) of the Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Surveys, Scurry County, Texas, containing 10.0 acres.
TRACT TWO: The Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of the Northeast one-fourth (NE/4) of the Southwest one-fourth (SW/4) of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Surveys, Scurry County, Texas, containing 10.0 acres.
Only as to depths from 2,500 feet below the surface down to and including 3,500 feet; and
together with a like interest in all personal property located upon the above described real property and used in connection therewith.
SECOND TRACT: 1.0% of .72436524 (or .00724365) working interest in and to the following described oil, gas and mineral lease, to-wit:
F.W. Hardee Lease:
Being those certain five 10-acre proration units in the form of a square surrounding the Petroleum Group, Inc. - Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 F. W. Hardee wells located in the East 97 acres of Subdivision No. 16 of the C. A. O'Keefe Subdivision of Section Nos. 29 and 30, in Block No. 1, of the J. P. Smith Survey, Scurry and Mitchell Counties, Texas, said 97 acres being more particularly described by metes and bounds in that certain Assignment dated April 6, 1957, from Mary E. Robinson to George M. Robinson of record in Volume 183, Page 285, Oil and Gas Records of Scurry County, Texas;
together with a like interest in all personal property located upon the above described real property and used in connection therewith.
and on the 5th day of January, 1988, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Betty Bare in and to said above described property.
Witness my hand this the 2nd day of December, 1987.

Keith Collier, Sheriff,
Scurry County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: JAMES E. DAVIS and wife, MABLE N. DAVIS, and their unknown heirs and representatives, and the unknown owners or claimants of interest in and to the property described below;
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 18th day of January, A.D., 1988, at or before 10 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable 132nd District Court of Scurry County, at the Court House in Snyder, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 3rd day of December, 1987.
The file number of said suit being No. 16,303.
The names of the parties in said suit are: JAMES EARNEST DAVIS as Plaintiff, and JAMES E. DAVIS and wife, MABLE N. DAVIS as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
A Trespass to Try Title Suit to recover title to and possession of the following described tract of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, to-wit:
All of Lots Numbers Three (3) and Four (4), in Block Number Forty-two (42), of ANDRESS HEIGHTS, a subdivision in Scurry County, Texas, according to th plat recorded in the County Clerks office at Snyder, Scurry County, Texas.
SAVE AND EXCEPT all of the oil, gas and other minerals in, on and under said property, same having been previously reserved.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this the 4th day of December, A.D., 1987.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Snyder, Texas, this the 4th day of December, A.D., 1987.

Polly Underwood, Clerk
132nd Judicial District Court,
Scurry County, Texas

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Yule services slated tonight

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Church.

At St. John Catholic Church, a Christmas Eve mass will be read at 9 p.m.

At St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, there will be a Christmas Eve midnight mass on Thursday and, on Christmas Day, a service at 10:30 a.m.

Coach search 'on schedule'

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views with these finalists, this time traveling to each's respective school.

School officials say they are on schedule on their intent to have a final recommendation for a new coach here by a Feb. 9 meeting of the school board.

Members of the search committee include three school board members, Mike Jordan, Luann Burleson and Billy Bob McMullan, and three administrative staffers, Superintendent Dalton Moseley, Assistant Superintendant Tom Scannicchio and SHS Principal Ray Courtney.

Closings are rule on Christmas Day

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delivered at the normal time.

Financial institutions were to be open through noon Thursday, but will close at that time and remain closed Friday.

This will also be the case at Snyder city hall.

The county courthouse and its related operations shut down at the close of business Wednesday and will not reopen until Monday.

County post offices, open all day Thursday, will close on Friday only.

Jobless percent increases here

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ment figured at 6.9 percent with a civilian labor force of 2,606 persons, 2,427 of these working and 179 said seeking employment.

—Kent County: Unemployment figured at 6.6 percent with a civilian labor force of 594 persons, 555 of these working and 39 said seeking employment.

Prize sessions end Wednesday

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chamber before the giveaway began at 1 p.m. Chamber staffers say the session went quickly and easily.

In all, it was estimated the prize giveaway was worth some $20,000. Forty-five local merchants participated in the Christmas promotion.

Dear Abby

Christmas Cards Can Send Cheer Even After Holidays

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You helped me last year — can you help me again? I am still interested in helping neglected and abused children located in a home near Las Vegas. They have a project that helps them earn a little pocket money. It's recycling used Christmas cards.

Please alert your readers again to send the fronts of attractive religious cards to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, P.O. Box 1426, Boulder City, Nev. 89005-0985.

For additional information about this home, they can write to the Rev. Herbert A. Ward Jr., SSC. Last year, Father Ward and his kids were thrilled with the generous response from your readers. Will you help them again?

ED McMAHON

DEAR ED: You can bet your bippy! Many readers have already asked me what to do with their old Christmas cards. Some are works of art too beautiful to throw away, and they have no place to store them.

Readers, please note. Ed is asking for religious cards only. (No Santas, please.) And if you want to be a dear, include a buck. I'm sure the kids could use it.

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DEAR ABBY: Allen (not his real name) and I have been happily married for 14 years. We own our own business and do quite well. Allen has never been very particular about shaving and showering daily for work or before we make love. I keep myself very neat and clean at all times. I've hinted several times that I wish he'd clean up more, but he never takes the hint. Maybe I should be more blunt, but I hate to hurt his feelings.

A few months ago we hired an attractive young woman to help us out at work on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. Allen immediately started to shower, shave and dress up on those days. He even started to wear cologne — but only on the days she works with us. There have been no signs that there is anything going on between them, but I am just as hurt as if there were. Knowing that he gets all neat and fresh-smelling for her but not for me makes me feel unimportant. There is a lot of resentment building up in me, Abby. What do you suggest?

HURT IN
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

DEAR HURT: I suggest that you ask Allen to spruce up on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — and don't worry about hurting his feelings. You and Allen need some honest communication to air your feelings and needs. Accumulated resentment eventually erupts. I strongly urge counseling. You have a double dose of the seven-year itch.

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Upset Parent," who blasted the lack of supervision in our colleges today.

I went to a university that had "rules," but nobody paid any attention to them, which is the way most colleges are run nowadays. But the best experience I got out of my college years was learning to think for myself and sticking to my high moral values regardless of what other people did.

I may not have been the most popular girl in Madison, Wis., between 1972 and 1976, but I earned a lot of self-respect, and I'm sure I gained more than I lost.

MARY LOUISE, CLASS OF '76

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CONFIDENTIAL TO YOU: Have a happy holiday, and just to make sure everyone else has one, too, if you're drinking, don't drive, and if you're driving, don't drink.

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DEAR ABBY: As a daily reader (male), may I share my experience with Christmas presents? Before I retired, I was an executive with one of the largest chain stores in Maryland. A co-worker (woman) kindly answered my phone when I was out of the office. She also took messages for me, and I did her many favors, too, so we exchanged Christmas presents. (Incidentally, she had the reputation of being very tight with a buck.)

One Christmas she told me her husband had received a "soap-on a rope" and she couldn't stand the fragrance. Guess what she gave me for Christmas the following year? That foul-smelling soap-on a rope! A few days after that Christmas, she showed me and a few other guys in the office an ugly black necktie with a lot of scrollwork and various doodads painted on it. She said her husband wouldn't be caught dead in that tie. Of course, I received it from her the following Christmas!

Now here's the payoff. She told me that she and her husband had received a large box of assorted, individually wrapped cheeses for Christmas. One of my co-workers was there and heard how terrible the cheese was, and I bet him a dollar I would get it for Christmas the next year. Of course, I won the bet.

On New Year's Day, my wife and I decided to try some of the assorted cheeses. Abby, they were so old we couldn't even get the paper off any of them.

I'm sure others have had similar experiences with recycled gifts. If you use this, sign me "Blue Eyes." She will know who I am when she reads this — if she isn't too tight to buy a copy of the Baltimore Morning Sun.

NOW IN CATONSVILLE, MD.

DEAR NOW: I think we all have received and recycled a gift or two in our time. My nomination for the most recycled Christmas gifts are: (1) fruitcakes, (2) neckties, (3) colognes.

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DEAR ABBY: You're not going to believe this one. There's this woman where I work who is nice enough — as a matter of fact, she's a preacher's wife. Well, yesterday I noticed she had a hickey on her neck! Yes, one of those things that appear when two people are engaged in intimate activity.

Well, Abby, I was just floored. I mean, I don't really mind being a more liberal type, but what will the other people think? She is married to a man of the cloth — not a vacuum cleaner. She will have to go to church and face the congregation Sunday. Do you think they will stone the couple?

SEEING SPOTS
IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR SEEING: Stone the couple? Surely you jest. Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." But where is the "sin" if a man of the cloth bestows a love bite on his lawful wedded wife?

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DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you stated that the Great American Smokeout was conceived by the American Cancer Society. Wrong! It was started in 1974 by Lynn Smith, a Monticello, Minn., newspaper editor. Since then, both the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society have become co-sponsors, encouraging smokers to kick the habit for at least 24 hours. Please give credit where credit is due. Thank you.

JANET GROENKE,
ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR JANET: Mea maxima culpa, which maxes me to the limit of my mea culpas for 1987.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO YOU: Deck the halls with matzo balls! Have a wonderful holiday, but if you're drinking, don't drive, and if you're driving, don't drink.

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G-7 nations vow renewed effort to stem dollar's drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and six other major industrial democracies are vowing new efforts to break the dollar's tumble, claiming sharp currency swings since the stock market crash are threatening global economic growth.

But analysts voiced skepticism over whether the new exchange-rate statement, issued by the Group of Seven industrial nations on Tuesday after final action on a U.S. budget compromise, will help stabilize the battered U.S. currency.

The joint statement said stability of the dollar was in the "common interest" of all seven allies: the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada.

It called for the industrial nations to "cooperate closely on exchange markets" to keep the dollar from falling farther or from rising "to the extent that it becomes destabilizing to the adjustment process."

In effect, the new statement renewed the thrust of a currency agreement reached last February in Paris, known as the "Louvre accord," in which the major industrial democracies agreed to take steps to stabilize exchange rates around then-current levels.

"They're really back to where they were before, but the dollar isn't," said Stephen Marris of the Institute for International Economics, a privately funded economic research organization based in Washington.

"They just found another way of saying what they said before," Marris added.

Allen Sinai, chief economist for the Boston Company and Economic Advisers Inc., said the statement "sounds like a reiteration of the Louvre agreement.

"It is positive in that it indicates the Group of Seven countries are back on the track of cooperation," he said. "But whether it really makes a difference to the dollar is yet another issue. These countries are running out of ammunition."

Some analysts have suggested that the original Louvre agreement, named after the Paris landmark where it was signed, called for dollar stability at too high a level and that propping up the dollar required the United States to raise interest rates, possibly contributing to the October stock market plunge.

Although these levels were never disclosed, they were widely believed to be around 140 yen and 1.8 marks. But since the stock market crash, the dollar plunged to levels far below these threshholds — to near 125 yen and 1.6 marks.

A weaker dollar makes imports more expensive while making U.S. goods more competitive abroad. Even though a declining dollar can help ease the U.S. trade deficit, too steep a tumble can rekindle inflation and drive up interest rates while wreaking havoc on export-driven economies like those of West Germany and Japan.

The dollar has fallen by about 50 percent against the mark and the yen since mid-1985, reaching new record lows in the weeks since the Oct. 19 stock market collapse.

Tuesday's statement accepts the reality of the recent dollar declines, but says, in effect, that enough is enough.

"It's obvious to all of us that exchange rate levels have changed since the Louvre (accord) was entered into," said a senior Reagan administration official, who briefed reporters only on condition of anonymity. However, the official added, "The process of policy coordination is alive and well."

The new statement cited agreement among the seven nations "that either excessive fluctuation of exchange rates, a further decline of the dollar or a rise in the dollar to an extent that becomes destabilizing to the adjustment process could be counterproductive by damanging growth prospects in the world economy."

The senior U.S. official suggested that finance leaders had decided upon upper target levels for the dollar, but did not wish to disclose them publicly.

Santa letters

Santa Claus,
I want a Techniforce, page 274, Laser Actin, page 274, Captain Power (Nos. 1-9), page 275, Transformers (Nos 1-11), page 278, Ghostbusters (Nos 1-13), page 279; and Silverhawks (Nos. 14-17), page 279.
Jack

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring a flower making baskets, a big trampoline, pink scooter, board with handdle brakes, real sowing machine, barbe ice cream shop, barbe and the rockers, redd, glue, crayons, clothes, shoes and please oh please bring a baby kitty. I believe in you
Amber

Dear Santa,
We are going to be gone Christmas, can you come the 19th? I would like to have a barbie puzzle and barbie pool party. I will try to be good and keep my room clean.
April

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bike, space legos, G.I. Joe stuff, and Mask. I will be at my grandma in Midland
Brandon Lee Benson

Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good this year. Would you please bring me a doll, a remote control car so I can race my brothers and my dad. I would also like to have a cabbage patch stroller, new package of pencils, a bicycle, clothes for my cricket doll, a microphone and a computer.
Courtney Rinehart

Dear Santa,
I've tried to be good this year. I really liked what you brought me last year. This year I would like a Godzilla, toy Lamborghini, toy Ferrarai, a big pack of bubble gum, six-pack of Dr. Pepper, remote control Big Foot, bb gun, new pack of pencils, one cute puppy dog, karate suit, clothes, dart popping balloon set, computer, pool table, skate board with handles and a TV. Please bring what you can and I'll leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas
Jerrod Rinehart

Dear Ho Ho,
I am trying (sometimes) to be good. I promised my mom not to hit my brother or sister anymore with my cow whip. All I want for Christmas is a bicycle and some topguns. If you have any talking Big Birds, I like those too. We will have cookies and milk and carrots for Rudolph. Merry Kissmas.
Austin Rinehart

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. How is your wife been I want a scooter and a I want a baby popple my sister wants a doll and a cabbage patch doll.
Love,
Laurie Kerley
Katie Kerley

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Leigh Anne.
I am 6 years old.
I love you very very very much.
I have tried to be good this year and I would like for you to bring me a purple scooter and a cabbage patch and a baby that talks.
Tell Rudloph he! Love, Leigh Anne.

Strike cancelled after two parties reach agreement

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Faced with a strike during the Christmas travel rush, American Airlines agreed to scuttle a controversial wage scale that left outraged flight attendants poised for a two-day walkout.

Just hours before the strike was to begin at 12:01 Wednesday, the nation's second-largest airline agreed to a six-year contract that kills the two-tier wage scale that began in 1983 and pays new employees less than veterans, American spokesman John Hotard said.

"We will be calling the strike off. Everybody can celebrate Christmas," Patt Gibbs, president of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants, said Tuesday night. "It's an agreement that I can put to the membership, that I can endorse and that I can urge them to vote for."

The plan "maintains the principles of both sides," American negotiator Charles Pascuito said. "Every flight flying and every flight attendant's goings to be happy on every trip (today). It's a win-win situation. The company, I know, is happy with the agreement, and I think the union can make the same statement."

The contract merges the two tiers over six years into a single market-rate scale in accordance with contracts the Fort Worth-based company previously negotiated with the pilots and the groundworkers' unions, Hotard said.

"So we are very pleased that this has happened only hours before the flight attendants were to go on strike," he said. "The union board has approved it and it will now be put to the membership and they will have a certain length of time of several weeks to ratify it."

Under the two-tier system, A scale workers made an average of $25,000 to $27,000 per year, while B scale workers averaged $12,000, Ms. Gibbs said.

"You were developing a real two-class system where people were treated different, even though they were doing the same job," she said. "We weren't out to try to kill the company. We were out there to work jointly with management to make American better for everybody."

Ms. Gibbs had predicted earlier that the airline would never negotiate the two-tier system out of the contract, "so they are the ones that chose the battleground we're on today."

The strike authorization vote ended Monday and was tallied Tuesday, although union officials wouldn't give the totals.

As Ms. Gibbs announced the vote during an afternoon press conference at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, hundreds of flight attendants chanted, "No more B scale."

Although workers voted in favor of a strike, the decision to walk out came only after a spirited closed-doors meeting Tuesday in which many attendants expressed concerns to Ms. Gibbs.

"It's really emotional inside. There is a positive strike vote, but we all are deciding in there if we want to strike or not," said flight attendant Mary Burnett, 27, of nearby Euless. "The gut feeling is we all want to strike, because there are important issues, but there is fear in there. It's hard to take on such a big company."

The union had made eliminating a two-tiered pay system the top priority of its contract talks that began in August 1986.

Attendants hired before December 1983 make substantially more money than those hired since then. Support for a strike was considered sparse among the senior attendants (the number of attendants in each group is about even).

American maintained a strike would be illegal and threatened to hire permanent replacements for strikers. Under federal law, a company must recall permanently replaced workers after the strike ends, but only as positions become available.

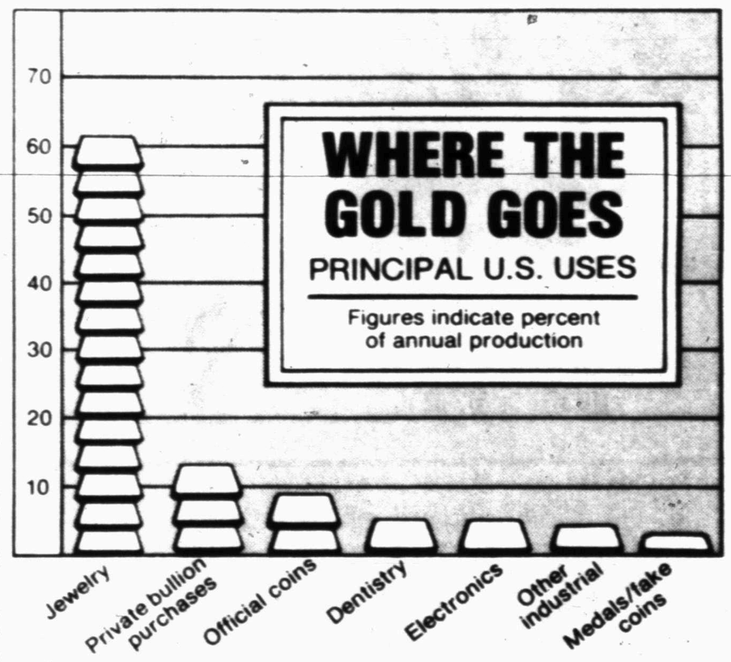
American spokesman Al Becker said the company had trained an undisclosed number of permanent replacements and also could have used supervisors and other company employees as temporary flight attendants.

Company officials said most lower-paid attendants' jobs resulted from American's rapid growth program, initiated in 1983 when all of the airline's unions agreed to two-tier pay scales in their contracts.

American said it needed to pay lower wages to new hires so it could compete with Continental Airlines, which has the lowest costs in the airline industry.

Airline officials had said that all of American's 2,000 daily flights would operate on time during the busy holiday season despite the threatened strike.

American has hubs in Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago, Nashville, Tenn., Raleigh-Durham, N.C., and San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Source "The Real Cost," by Richard North (Chatto & Windus, Ltd., 1986)

NEA GRAPHIC

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Delegation from Texas now heading home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texans in Congress are headed home for the holidays after approving numerous Christmas gifts for their constituents.

The Texas Panhandle was dropped from consideration as a nuclear waste dump, the Johnson Space Center got money to build a space station, parks officials in South Texas got funding to protect endangered wildlife, defense contractors received commitments from the Pentagon for lucrative contracts and money was allocated for construction of U.S. Navy home ports on the Gulf Coast.

In addition, lawmakers appropriated funds for the "super collider" and Sematech projects the state is seeking.

The numerous provisions were included in a pair of deficit-reducing measures signed Tuesday by President Reagan after Congress adjourned for the year.

Weary lawmakers gave final approval to the legislation — a $600 billion spending package and a $17.6 billion collection of tax increases and cost-cutting moves — at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Together, the measures are intended to reduce the federal deficit $33.3 billion in fiscal 1988, the first installment of Congress' two-year, $76 billion deficit-cutting pact with the president.

Congress' initial failure to trim the deficit had triggered $23 billion in automatic, across-the-board spending cuts last month under the Gramm-Rudman balanced-budget law. But the final legislative package canceled those cuts.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, voted against both the tax and spending bills because he didn't believe they went far enough to reduce the deficit, expected to be somewhat higher than the $147 billion in red ink amassed in fiscal 1987.

But Gramm said that Texas did very well with the legislation because it included numerous projects such as the Navy home ports.

Congress appropriated $38.3 million for new Navy facilities in Corpus Christi-Ingleside and $20.3 million for Galveston, moving the home port program from the planning stage to actual construction.

"The home ports have never really been in doubt," said Gramm, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In his first year as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, negotiated a compromise on the formulas for Medicare reimbursements that should save the state about $21 million.

Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., wanted to change the formula under which hospitals are reimbursed for Medicare bills because hospital rates are higher in the Midwest and the Northeast.

Hospitals in Illinois, California, Massachusetts and Michigan lobbied hard for the provision, but Bentsen successfully negotiated a compromise that prevents Texas from losing those federal funds.

General Dynamics Corp. in Fort Worth received a $2.148 billion contract for 180 F-16 fighters in fiscal 1988, while LTV Corp. in Dallas got $70.2 million for the A-7 attack fighter, most of which will go for research and development. LTV also received $135 million for unspecified anti-satellite work.

Rejecting an attempt by the Army to phase out a program benefiting Bell Helicopter Textron, Congress agreed to appropriate $160.1 million for a contract to upgrade various military helicopters. Sixty percent of the work will be done in Amarillo and 40 percent will be completed at Bell's plant in Fort Worth.

Lawmakers approved $100 million for Sematech, a proposed public-private consortium that would do research in semiconductor manufacturing. Texas is competing with California, Arizona, North Carolina, Florida and New Mexico to host the project.

The Energy Department also received $25 million for site survey work on the super collider project. Texas is competing with a number of other states to host the giant atom-smasher.

In 1904, a woman was arrested for smoking a cigarette on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

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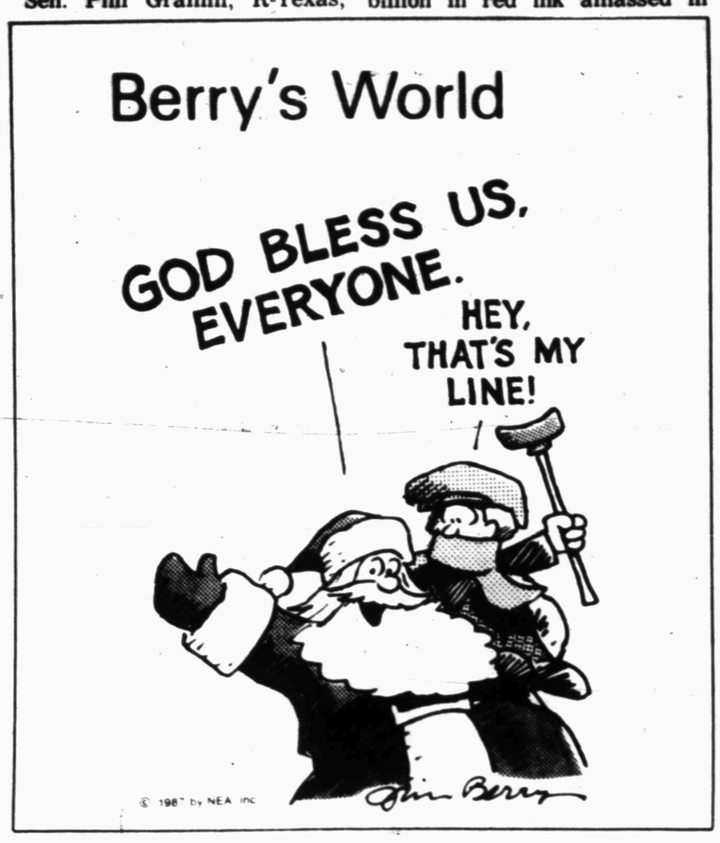

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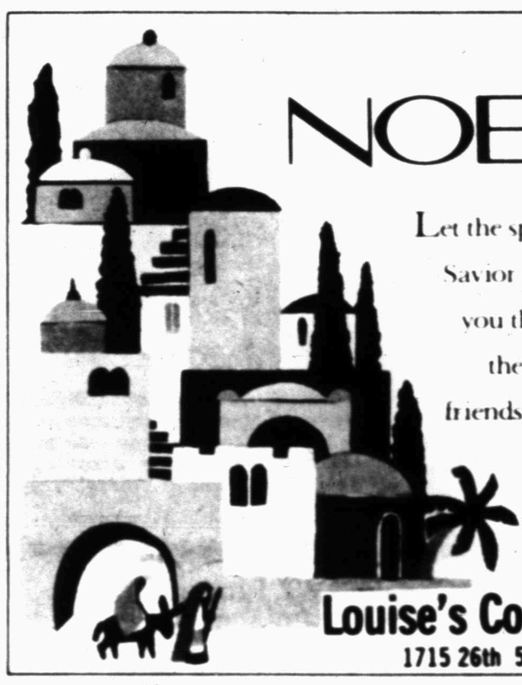
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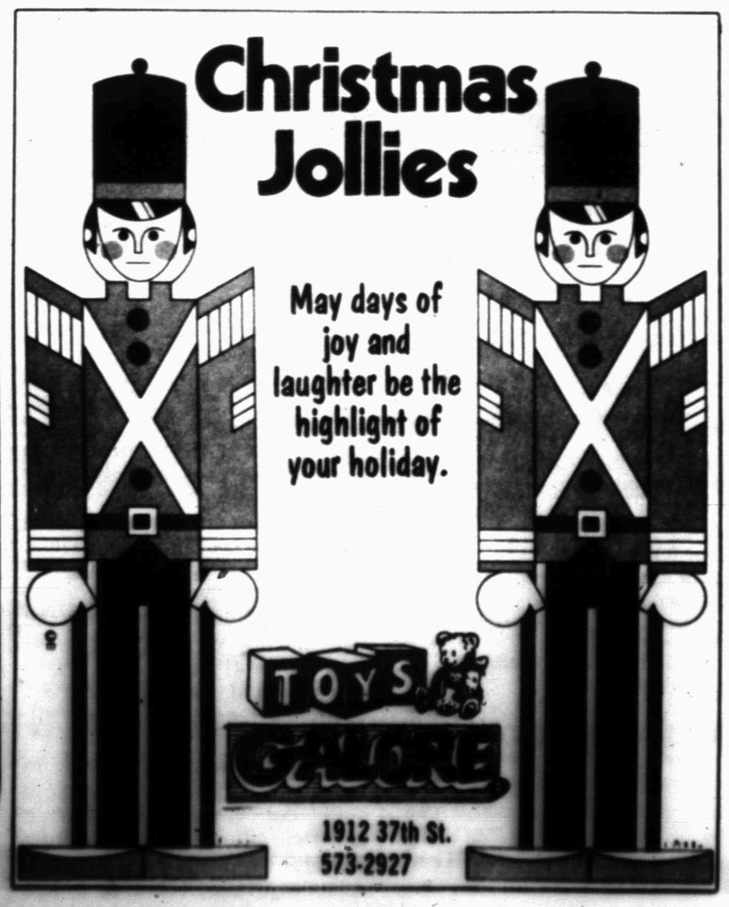

We wish you many Christmas moments of love.
Bolinger Ice Company
1700 Ave. R 573-6702

Sex determined by certain gene, researchers discover

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The ancient quest to understand the ultimate difference between the sexes may have been solved, according to scientists who report finding the gene that makes a man a man and a woman a woman.

The gene was located by Dr. David C. Page and colleagues at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during a race between labs in several countries.

"People have been fascinated from the time of Aristotle about what controlled sex," said Dr. Robert Erickson of the University of Michigan. "To have finally probably found the gene that does it is the answer to a 2,000-year search."

If Page's theory is right, the gene acts as a sort of master regulator. It appears to start a chain reaction of hormones that eventually leads to development of a male.

The gene is on the Y chromosome, which is part of the inborn genetic library of men but not women. The researchers believe that a virtually identical gene determines sex in all other mammals.

"We think we have identified a single gene on the Y chromosome that is the sex-determining switch, and we think we can infer certain things about its mode of action," said Page.

While Page says he has assembled "a strong circumstantial case" that the gene really is the sex trigger, he cautioned that more work will be needed.

The discovery may someday provide new ways to treat infertility and problems of sexual development, but its greatest importance is the insight it provides into one of the basic questions of biology.

"Although it doesn't tell you anything that you've always wanted to know about the difference between men and women, it tells you how that difference was first laid down," said Nobel laureate David Baltimore, director of the Whitehead Institute.

Dr. Peter N. Goodfellow of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in London, a competitor in the race to find the sex trigger, said he believes that Page almost certainly has located it.

For the first six weeks or so of development in the womb, all fetuses are sexually identical. Page believes that the newly discovered gene — called TDF, for testis-determining factor — rules whether they will grow testes or ovaries.

Everyone is born with 46 strings of genes call chromosomes. Two of these, called X and Y, are the sex chromosomes. Women have two X chromosomes, while men have an X and a Y.

To find the sex trigger gene, the researchers studied about 60 XX males and XY females. These are "sex-reversed" people who appear to be exceptions to the rule. The XX males are sterile.

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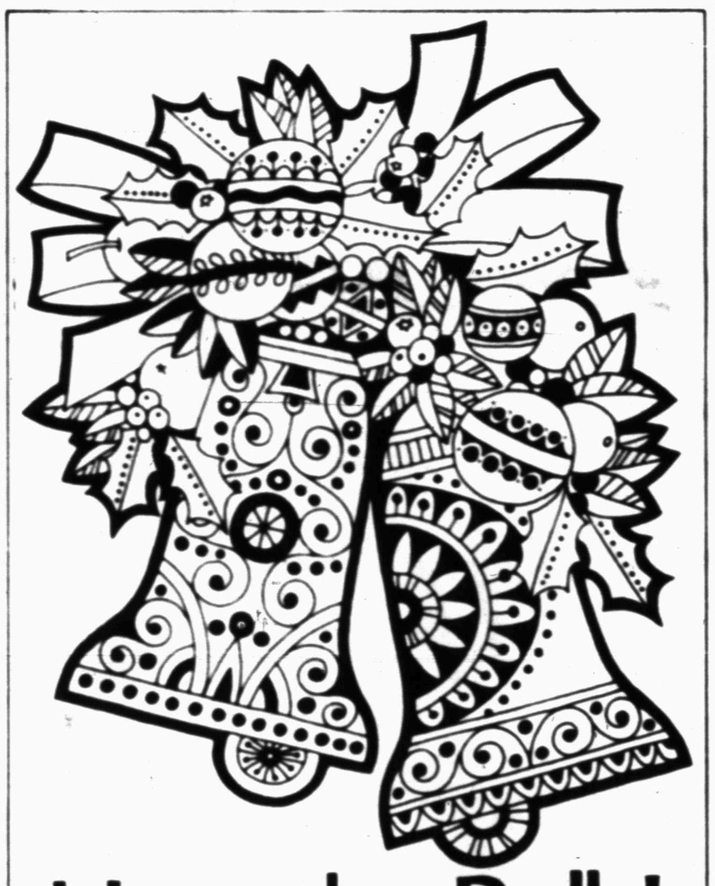
SUCCESS — These Kmart employees helped stage a gifts donation project with Kmart staffers, customers and friends to give Christmas gifts to 179 needy children. Showing some of the presents that were still to be distributed are, from left, Kitty Spurlock, Linda Atillano, Rhonda Clements and Alma Munoz. Not shown are drive organizers Billie Shroyer and Cheryl Goswick. (SDN Staff Photo)



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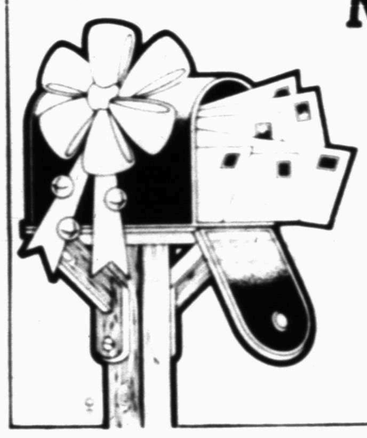

Messages of Love

We are sending our very best wishes for a letter perfect Christmas holiday.

Grimmett Bros.

1312 Ave. R.

573-8545

Merry Christmas

Here's hoping your season will be patterned with your most happy moments and trimmed with love. We truly appreciate your business and friendship.

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GREETINGS

May your Christmas be aglow in the spirit of joy and peace.

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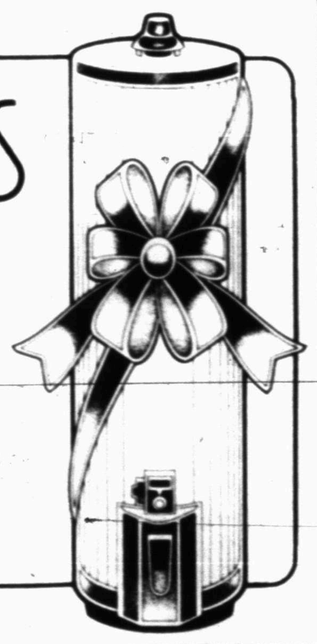

We owe our success to customers like you, and we're very grateful.

May you have a joyous Yuletide season!

The Ice House Package Store

101 Oak St. Colorado City 728-8886

Happy holidays to one and all!

Hair Station

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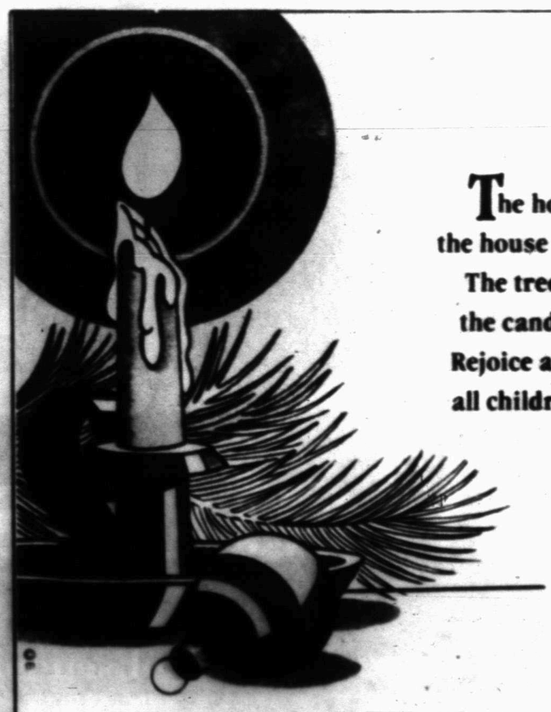


The holly's up,
the house is all bright,
The tree is ready,
the candles alight;
Rejoice and be glad,
all children tonight.

(Old Carol)

Taylor Food Mart

3400 College 573-1309

Hoping your holiday be abundant in all good things!

Gladco

573-4811

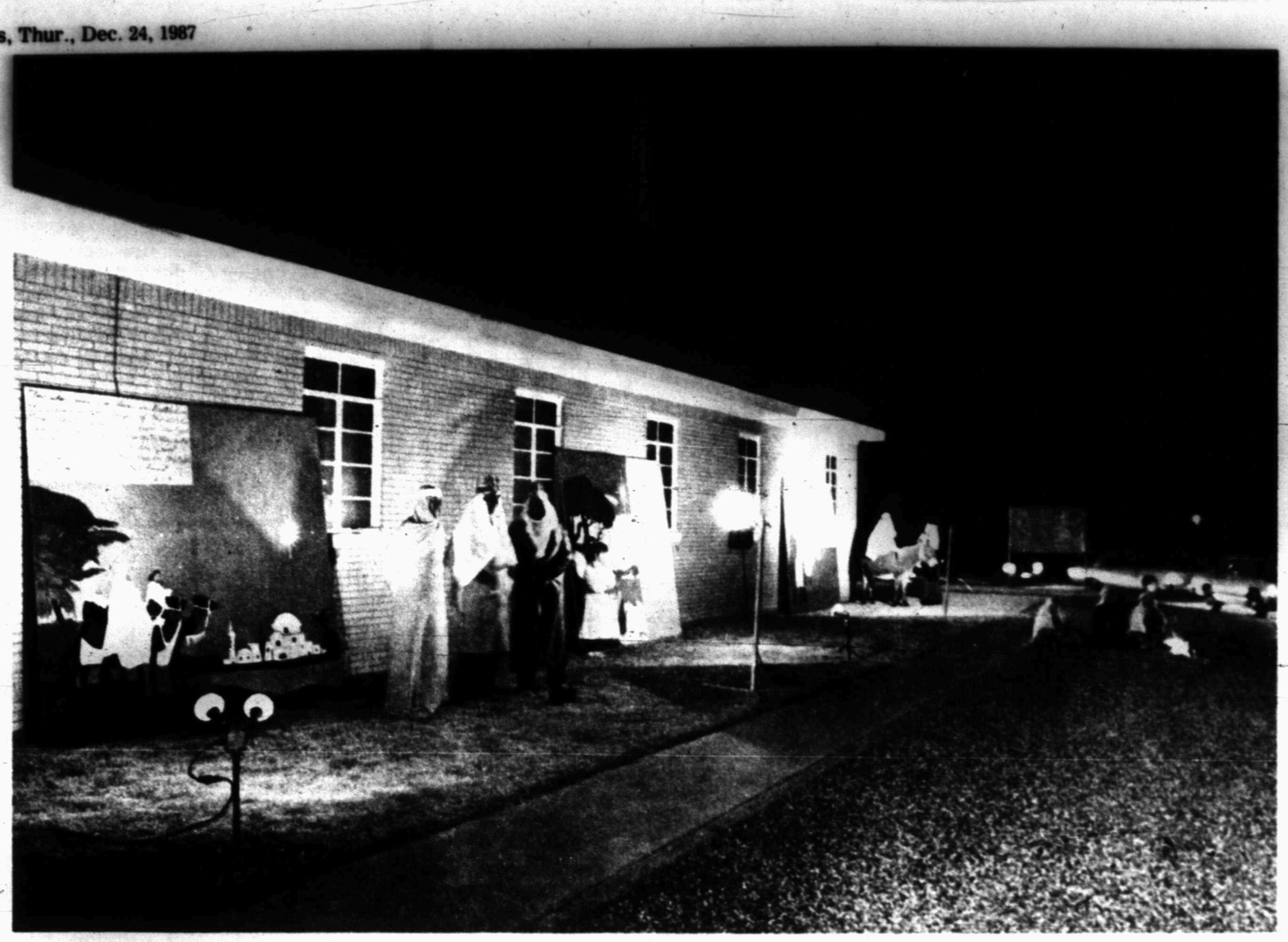
Top 10 movie preview given

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fans of Roger Ebert and Gene Siskel won't have to sit on the edge of their theater seats a moment longer. The two movie critics have offered a preview of their year-end Top 10 picks.

Ebert chose the Mel Gibson police thriller "Lethal Weapon" and Woody Allen's nostalgic comedy "Radio Days" as the year's best films. Siskel gave his highest thumbs-up to "Roxanne," a modern rendition of the classic "Cyrano de Bergerac" in which Steve Martin is a fire chief who falls for a beauty played by Daryl Hannah.

No. 2 on Siskel's list is "Moonstruck," a just-released film in which Cher's character falls in love with her fiance's brother.

Wireless telegraph service from the United States to Japan began in 1941.



LIVING NATIVITY--The Union United Methodist Church enacted a living Nativity Monday and Tuesday. Incorporating live actors and animals, the scenes could be viewed by drivers as they drove through the church yard. (Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert)

Hope receives 200 one-liners

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Hope, playing Santa Claus as he brings gifts of humor to American soldiers in the Persian Gulf this Christmas, didn't leave with an empty bag of goodies.

Martha Bolton, the only woman writing jokes on Hope's six-person comedy team, helped fill the bag with gags.

She met Hope at an Air National Guard Base on Monday as he left on the first leg of a trip that will take him to the USS Okinawa on Christmas Day, and handed him a stack of more than 200 one-liners.

Among them was this:

"I've really been having fun on this trip. Why, just last night, Miss USA asked if I'd mind taking a walk ... by the way, what's a 'plank?'"

Mrs. Bolton, a suburban housewife, went to work for Hope five years ago after supplying one-liners to Phyllis Diller, Joan Rivers and others.

The island nation of Ceylon in the Indian Ocean has been Sri Lanka for 15 years. It took its new name from the ancient Sinhalese and Sanskrit words for the island.

After the Indian-Pakistani conflict in the early 1970s, East Pakistan became Bangladesh, named for its dominant ethnic group, the Bengali.

With tidings of comfort and joy, we extend our hopes to all. May your season be abundant with love and good cheer at this, the most wonderful time of year! We greatly appreciate your friendship and good will!

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Happy holidays to all!

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Area children write letters to Santa Claus

The Snyder Daily News

SECTION B,
THUR., DEC. 24, 1987

Dear Santa,
I want a football suit and GI Joe men. I will leave cookies and orange juice.
Love Jason
P.S. Please give me the Don't Wake the Dragon Game.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Pictionary Junior and the Heart family family playground and Rockin Barbie.
Love,
Rachel

Dear Santa,
I've really tried to be a good boy but it sure is hard. I'm only 17 months old but Momma says I'm already going through the "terrible twos". I like all the toys I see but most of all I like the wagons and phones. Merry Christmas to all my family!!
Love,
Russell Lee

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a GI Joe Space Shuttle Complex, Ghostbuster Backpack, gun and car, Steve the Butler Robot, skates and a new dress for my baby sister, Brooke.
Love.
Cole Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I have been very good and have only fussed a few times with my little sister. This year for Christmas, would you please bring me a four-wheeler and a Funshine Bear? I have a three-wheeler, but the four wheeler will go a lot faster. Thank you for remembering me. My little sister, her name is Tara, wants everything.
We love you Santa,
Britt Talor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby bottle, a computer, a tape recorder, or a jeep that I can drive. Please bring my baby sister a Earnie doll. Thank you.
Love,
Lexi Lammert

Dear Santa,
Oh, Santa! How's Rudolph? Will you bring Greg "Zelda"? Please bring Laura a ten-speed. Please bring me a Crystal Barbie. I'm not going to be here for Christmas. Find me at Grandma's and Grandpa's house. I like you.
Love,
Ellen
Stanfield Elementary
Mrs. Wolf's class

Dear Santa,
I want a Fisher Price camera, Sony sports Walkman, and a Lobo II remote control car. I have been nice. Have a nice trip!
Happy Holidays!
Adam C. Morris

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for the big day? I sure am, I cannot wait until you come to my house. There are a few things I would like this year. I want a Hungry-Hungry Hippo, a truck and a remote control dune buggy that goes really fast and this year, Santa Claus, will you wake me up so I can hug you?
Clay Graves

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new baseball glove and I want a pellet gun. I want all the boys and girls to have a merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Quinten Wells

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a teddy bear and games, clothes like sweet pants and tops. I want everybody to have a merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Christy Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and I wan't a baseball bat and a baseball and I want a baseball glove. My brother wants a towtruck. My other brother wants a guitar.
Love,
Thad Davis

Dear Santa,
I am glad that Christmas is here. You and your elves are doing a good job making toys by hand. Oh, can I have some toys that you and your elves made? If I can, I want a doll that talks and a doll that has real hair. Is that movie true that I saw you in?
Your Friend,
Cathy Hoyle

Dear Santa
I would like a baby Heather and a yellow jambox. I would also like a D.R. set and a stuffed bear. And the main thing would be a baby bed.
Love
Holly Heffernan

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a real flute. I will try to be good until christmas day when you come. Also could you bring my brother Tanner a little toy truck. Thanks Santa!
Love,
Lexie Beard

Dear santa.
I Want a Piggy Bank, a race car, and A Thunder Cat SWORd.
Richard Hanks

Dear santa
I would like a bunch of Barbie Dolls, RaCCoon Family With a house and a Baby Heather.
Love,
Natalie

Dear - Santa
Hello. My name is Andrea Pavlik - I am 6 years old I have been a good girl. I would like a play oven and a tape player. I will have some milk and cookies under my Christmas tree for you. Thank youn.
Love,
Andrea

Santa Claus,
I would like a new, dark blue bicycle, a remote control car anda race track and a remote control car without a race car track.
Corey

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a Santa Claus pin, and some stamps.
Macy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a necklace for my mama and a playhouse.
Holly

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May you savor the joys of Christmas, as we thank you for your patronage.
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Holiday Roundup
Have an ol' fashioned Christmas and a grand ol' time! Thanks for your support, pardners!
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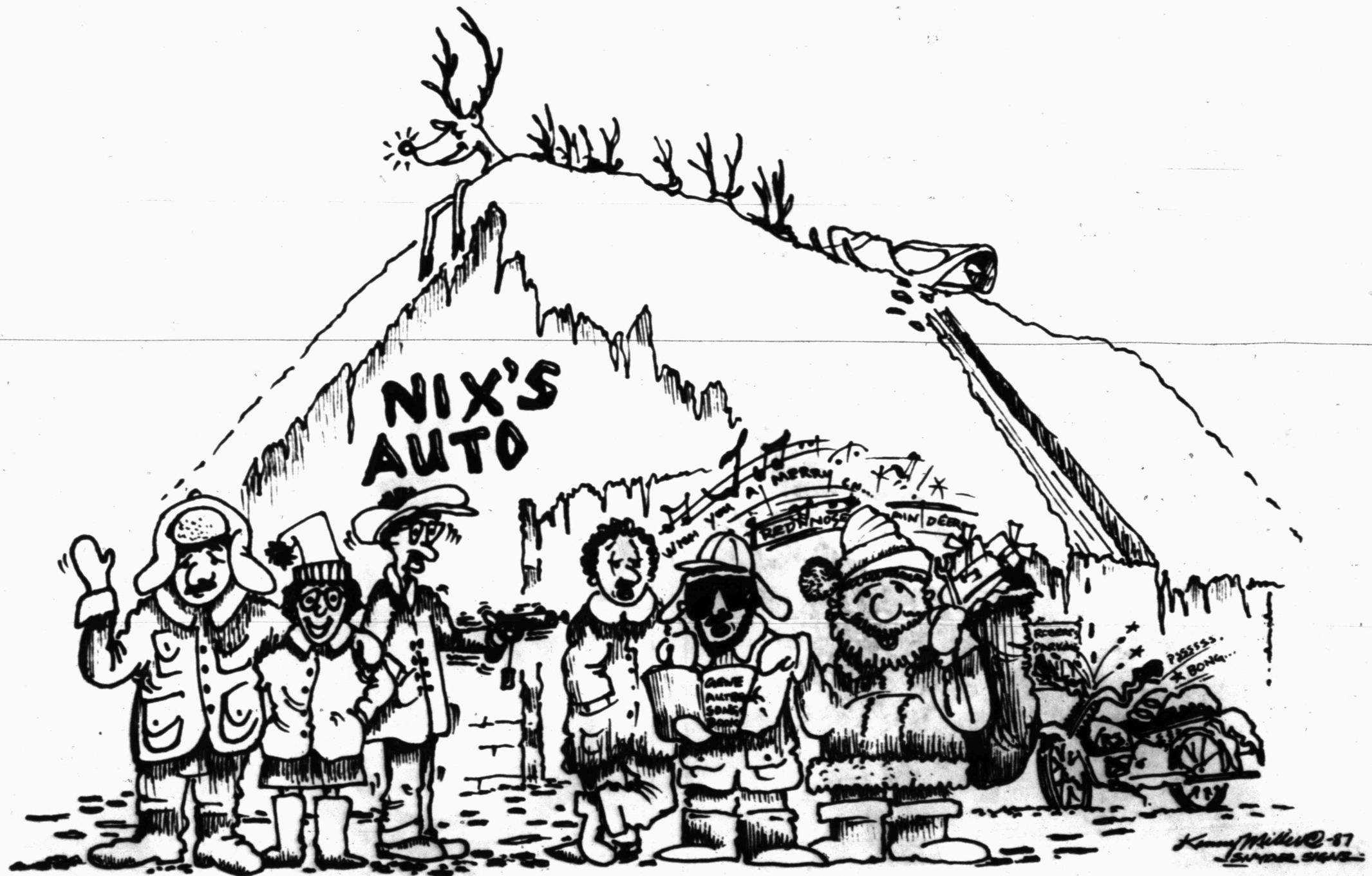

JIMMY & PATRICIA, ROBERT, BARRIE, RUBEN & SANTA SAY.....

Merry Christmas

More Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I'd like a new bicycle and a new puppy.
Clay

Santa Claus,
I want a scooter, and a pony and a ball and some new clothes.
Jamie

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and some Ghostbusters and a new bicycle.
Justin G.

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a scooter.
Nicholas

Santa Claus,
I would like a scooter, some skates and a race car with remote control.
Brady

Dear Santa,
I want a Puffalump, a Barbie and a My Pretty Pony (any of them).
Cara

Santa Claus,
I want a robot with a remote control that you can talk into and a Rudolph Game and a soccer ball.
Michael

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little baby that walks and cries.
Tabitha

Dear Santa,
I want a bouncy ball and a toy car and toy helicopter and a soccer ball and a football and a motorcycle guy and a toy train.
Justin Rosson

Santa Claus,
I want a bicycle and rollr skates and a toy train.
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I want Monster Mash and a game of Win, Lose or Draw--the kid one.
Jay

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to give me another My Child, and a bigger bicycle and a scooter and Cabbage Patch twins and another puppet of Rudolph and a game of Rudolph.
Jenna

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a Lollipop Bear.
April

Dear Santa,
I would like a My Child, a new bike and two Cabbage Patch twins.
Janette

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a candy cane and a Barbie and a Barbie kitchen and a Barbie car.
Adriane

Dear Santa,
I would like a soccer ball, Legos, and 3 Hot Wheels.
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me Nindendo tapes, and an electronic piano. I would also like a skateboard (that says "go home locos only"). Could you get me some GI Joe stuff? I would like an Army suit. My brother would like some GI Joe stuff, too. My dad would like an old English sheep dog book and so would I. I do not know how to name all the things my mom wants. Thank you.
Merry Christmas,
Ryan Landes

Dear Santa,
I really want a radio for Christmas. My sister really needs a curling iron. Her name is Myra Joe Avila. My brother would like a sweater. His name is Michael Joe Avila. My dad has wanted a thermos for his coffee. His name is Manuel Mendosa Avila.
Merry Christmas,
Your friend,
Marcie Lynn Avila

Dear Santa,
I want a laser toy, Apple IIE and thunder cats. I want my brother to get a rubber book, new clothes and baby toys. Have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Chris Stanfield

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like Denver Bronco football. Also I would like any 10 GI Joes. I would also like to have a Denver Bronco uberrla. Also I would like a baby blue heeler. Please bring me a GI Joe jet. My three-year-old brother would like a little toy jet. He would also like some GI Joes too. My seven-year-old sister would like anything you could get her. Thank you, Santa.
Merry Christmas,
Russell Ryon Riggan

Dear Santa,
I want scorpinock and a transformer. My sister wants a doll. Give my mother a cooking knife. Give my father a golf club. Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Jared Dennis
P.S. We love you.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelly. I am in second grade at Stanfield. I am eight years old. For Christmas I want a scooter and a bike.
Love,
Kelly

Dear Santa,
My name is Chrissy. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a new popple and a coat and TV.
Love,
Chrissy

Dear Santa,
My name is Carla. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a new bike and a baby Heather. Two new pairs of blue jeans this Christmas. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. I love you.
Love,
Carla

Dear Santa,
My name is Lesli D'Anne Monroe. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a VCR, TV, lamp lite and bring food for the needy.
Love,
Lesli

Dear Santa,
My name is Kacy. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a desk, a pink telephone and a dog.
Love,
Kacy

Dear Santa,
My name is Starling Shields. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am eight years old. For Christmas I want a mini 10-speed and a pogo ball and a trapper keeper and an ash-washed mini-skirt.
Love,
Starling

Dear Santa,
My name is Mandy Heaton. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a Barbie ice cream shop and a tropical Barbie swimming pool and a telephone, too.
Love,
Mandy

Dear Santa,
My name is Erica. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a computer and a chalkboard and one more thing — a nutcracker. And I want you to help others.
Love,
Erica

Dear Santa,
My name is Eric. I am in Mrs. Cozart's class at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a computer and a dirt bike and skateboard. I like you.
Love,
Eric

Dear Santa,
My name is Steven. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am eight years old. For Christmas I want a trampoline.
Steven

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel Hernandez. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want a ghostbuster and toys and clothes and shoes and a car and how are you, Santa? Have a Merry Christmas.
Daniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Chad W. I am in Mrs. Cozart's second grade class at Stanfield. I am seven years old. For Christmas I want everyone to be happy.

Dear Santa,
I would like some battle beasts, some legos and a 150 experiment game.
Your friend,
Casey Doyle

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a soccer ball and a scooter and I also want a brother so I can play with him. I want some walkie-talkie and a stereo and I want new shoes. I want a new jacket and some OP shirts and a skateboard and I want a ring for my mom.
Chris Ramirez

Santa Claus,
I have been not really good and not really bad. So that means I deserve a scooter. I have a BB gun so I should get some BBs and shotgun shells for a 410 guage.
Jerry Burton

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a barbie and the rocker. I would also like jewels secrt barbie and a purple radio and some pretty new shos. I want a new pink ten speed, some new hair bows that

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Let the carols of Christmas ring throughout the year, warming hearts and lifting spirits with joy.

Kmart
3500 College

"I Love You, Santa"

What better time than now to say 'thanks' to our special friends and patrons for your very valued support. Merry Christmas.

ANTHONYS.
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May friendships and peace be your greatest gifts this holiday time.

Merry Christmas and thanks.
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PEACE

JOY

Thank you, our loyal customers.
We appreciate your trust in us.

Hair Haven
Jackie Nail, Betty Hildreth, Vicky Thiele, Susan Grimmett and Frankie Estep

At Christmas, and throughout the year, we extend our thoughts of peace and brotherly love to all. Our customers are the best!

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O Holy Child

Sincere Christmas thoughts to all, along with our thanks for your continued good faith.

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573-0149

More Santa letters

are with clips on them, a talking doll like Baby Talk. I would like a new watch with numbers. My mom would like sonething blue and ducky and clip on earings.
Deandra Woods

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a scooter, a watch, twin Cabbage kids, a stereo, a water bed, twin preeimes, ten speed bike, a new baby, baby Heather and a stuffed toy of Fievle.
Cara Collins

Santa Claus,
I want a apple computer for Christmas. Full my stocking with lots of goodies. I also want a sister and also I want a pet fish.
Missy Orosca

Dear Santa,
I want a football some walkey talkey. I need some long sleeve shirts and some blue jenes.
Oscar Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I want a purple scooter and a baby popple.
Amanda Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a jambox, and a joggingsuit, and a hairdryer, and a watch, and some skates.
Jamie Burleson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll for Christmas. And I want a jambox. And I want a scooter.
Haley Brown

Santa Claus,
I want a scooter, a elf, and a raindear, and I want you to have a very Merry Christmas.
Jamie Juarez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I want a bike and a pond purry newborn. And a sport popole soccer ball. That is all.
Melissa Pratt

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been good this year. I want a scoter, a remote control car, a nentendo set, a ten speed bicycle, and a new baby brother.
Sean Duncan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dog and cat and a bird.
Maria Hargrove

Dear Santa,
I want a turquoise scooter and a jambox and a football from you. I love Santa.
Jalon Reed

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good boy this year. I want a nintendo and a computer and a pound puppy. I hope evrybody whose reading the newspaper get the best of wishes and I hope you win all the snowball fights you have.
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and pads and sky commandoes. I want clothes. I've been a good boy.
Jay Callaway

I want a collectable doll named Gwendolyn. I want a new watch--mine broke. And I want a Merry Christmas.
Melanie Kidd

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and a doll. I allso want a piano. I will write agin some day. I hope you have a Mary Christmas.
Monica Blume

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a new bike and shirts. My little sister a little bike so she can learn how to ride a bike. My big sister would like a Barby and the rockers van.
Gabriel Ray Hernandez

Santa Claus,
I want a new sling shot. I wish all of my family gets some coles. I wish all my family get something, especially me. I hope I get some toys like a gun.
Michael Daugherty

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want my own computer, some cars and a fire truck. I love you.
Wade Ashby

Santa Claus,
I need a new Voltron and the lab of the Mad Scientist and a castle that I can make out of Legos.
Matthew Billings

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pet bird. I promise to take care of it. And I want TOYS. Also, I would like some candy. I'm going to leave a present for you, and milk and cookies.
Jeremy Border

Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Baby Talk and a Rainboe Brite and a talkin Santa Claus like you. I'll leave milk and cookies.
Sabrina Davidson

Dear Santa,
I think I'll take a Cat's Slayer and a Power Jet X107 and a Laser Tag. I'm gonna see you at my mothers.
Todd Dobson.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that says 'wah' and a stuff kitty-kat. And I also want a little bear with a heart on it.
Johnna Ferris

Dear Santa,
I want a play pony, a little bear and a little bear's house, and I want a telephone, a real telephone.
Linsey Franks

Santa Claus,
I don't know what I want. Please just surprise me with something you think I would like. I just thought of something, I want some red ropers.
Cheyenne Goins

Santa Claus,
I want a Cabbage Patch that can take a bath, and a Barbie ice-cream shop and some Barbie clothes for my Barbie.
Irene Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a space ship, a ghost buster pop-up and a red scooter. My dad also put a list down of what I wanted.
Tim Johnson

Santa Claus,
I want a ghost popper and I want a turbo-track and an electric train set. I'm going to leave you some milk and cookies.
Kade Kubena

Dear Santa,
I want a Cabbage Patch that I can take a bath with, and a Growing Baby. And I aalso want a Barbie. I will be at my grandmother's in Artesia after Christmas, sso bring my presents to my house.
Lisa Lewellen

Santa Claus,
I want a pair of pink roller skates and I want a baby doll and also I want a Popples sleeping

Now and throughout the year, we wish you 366 days of Yuletide cheer!

Happy Holidays

Beth Guynes
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Season's Greetings

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More Santa letters

bag.
Kasey Nachlinger

Dear Santa,
I hope I can get a blue bike and I wish I can have an airplane, a remote control kind that can really fly. And I wish I could have a transformer. I love you, Santa, and I'll leave milk and cookies.
Eric Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a ghost-popper, a ghost backpack, and I want a car watch that I can put on.
Seth Rosson

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Dear Santa,
I want a set of makeup some Fluffy-Dogs, and a Barbie Townshouse. I love you, Santa, and I will have some Oreo cookies and milk for you.
Amanda Smith

Santa Claus,
I love you. Please bring me a computer that has some kindergarten stuff in it, and that has some games in it. I also want a gun that has some bullets with it. That's for a 5-year-old, so don't bring me a real one. I would also like a wooden constructo set.
Buddy Whittenburg

Santa Claus,
I want a teddy bear, a new pencil for school and a paint book. Thank you, Santa. I love you.
Brandy Lee

Dear Santa,
I want all that Ghost Busters stuff in the catalog, and a new transformer. I'll be in the valley for Christmas, so come and see me there.
Tony Morley

Santa Claus,
I want a scooter for Christmas and a new dirt bike and a new racing car.
Daniel Davis

Dear Santa,
I want to have a wild puffalup.
Summer

Santa Claus,
I am a first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a flag, and I want a VCR and I want a BB gun. Thank you.
Brian Hall

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a scooter, 2 barbiedolls, and a flag.
Emily Ensor.

Santa Claus,
I am in first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good littl boy. please bring me a footbal, halmet and a game.
Tyson K.

Dear Santa,
I am in first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a barbiedoll, shoes and Clothes.
Rebecca Hernandez

Santa Claus,
I am in first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy.
Please bring me a halmet and B.B. gun.
T.J. Whetsel

Santa Claus,
I am in first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun, VCR, football and trampoline.
Jeffery Fuentes.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I was wondering if you could bring me a remote controlled car, a jam box and a power line 880 bee-bee-pellet gun. By the way, I am 10-years old. If you can't get some of these things I will understand. I would enjoy anything you could bring me. My name is Clint and my brothers name is Cody. My mom had another baby and his name is Lance Turner. I was wondering if you could bring him some animal shaped baby bottles. My brothers age is nine. My mom wants a sweater like blouse with long sleeves. I forgot to tell you that my last name is Lewis. P.S. My whole family is wanting a VCR. If you can't get us the VCR I will understand. Clint is the one writin this letter to you.
Clint Lewis
P.S., My mom will try to make you a braclet for you to wear on your wrist. If you can, would you come a little early, becaue we are going to my aunt's house. Her house is in Midlnd. If you can't come early I will understand And will you bring my little brother, Lance, a highchair and some toys.

Dear Santa,
Michaeline wants a trampoline, scooter, pink jam box, tape of madonna, ice cream Barbie shop, pink dairy with hears, camera with film.

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. And I would want a Jem wrist rocks watch. And play make-up. Barbie Ice Soppe. Cash register, Little Tikes doll stroller.
Love, Rebecca

Santa Claus,
I have been good all year. And I would want a bedbug game. Cash register, pogobal and last I want a scooter. Jem wrist roks watch.
Veronica

Dear Santa,
I would like a polaroid camera and some polaroid film 600, I would like a talking telephone for my Baby brother and candys, and please try to bring a doll for my sister and some candys too something for my mother and for my father also. My name is Mary Ann Rivera my sisters name is Rosalinda and my brother is Paul David, and please bring us some apples and oranges and candys please I love you Santa Claus.
Mary Ann Rivera

Santa Claus,
We are not going to be at home for Christmas. Can you come the 19th? I would like to have a puzzle, a baby doll, pony tail holders, Barbie, Barbie clothes. I will try to be good and help keep my room clean.
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. Talking Mother Goose, Christmas Teddy Ruxpin, Lady Lovely Lock with horse and dog, Barbie Ferrari, Barbie and the Rockers, the man, the barbie crew and stage and van, Hot Looks doll the one with blond brown hair, with little wave curley hair and clothes, a baby pound puppie, a puffalumus bear hug is its name and wild puffalumps the panda, a white baby popple, an Nintendo gaem for everybody in my family, the controller, the gun and robot and

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THE SNYDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

More Santa letters

games Donkey Kong and Duck hunting games or others, Win, Lose or Draw for everybody in my family, a talking teacher for me and my little brother, the mini-pink piano that is the Muppet Babies Mrs. Piggy's piano, a Garfield telephone for me and my big sister, a scooter (baby blue or light blue-green). That is all I want for Christmas this month.
Holly Abell

Dear Santa,
My name is Eddie Abell. I would like for you to bring me a super building brix set, a fun to drive dashboard, a Dr. J 7 ft. Jammer set, a mask rhino tractor rig, a remote control dump truck, a red bean bag, small shinsel lamborghini, speedwheels racing car, power wheels quatrax, a scooter, boys 20 inch Huffy, a Pac-man watch and a guitar and a stereo for my brother Phillip.
Eddie

Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll and some candys and please bring a camera for my siste and some candys and please bring a talking phone for my brother-and some candy too. Thank you.
Rosalinda Rivera

Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas. Tosha said Merry Christmas. I love you. I miss you Santa Claus. I hope you have a lot of fun. Thankyou for all the toys you gave me. I now you will come to town on December 24, 1987. Tosha and Ramsey has been good
Love, Tosha and Ramsey

Dear Santa,
I would like a helicopter and a horse. I would also like a bike, a new football helmet and a jump rope. Please bring me some binoculars and laser guns.
Love,
Jay Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a jambox and a black jacket. I wish I could fly in a sleigh like you. I also wish everybody would have a Merry Christmas and get what they want.
Sincerely,
Jay Holley, 8
Northeast Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want my own room, toys, books, playhouse and Christmas things. I want my own two Christmas trees to put one in my room and one in my playroom. I wish everybody would not fight and my best friend, Jennifer, to come back. I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish I had candy canes and cakes for everybody in the Northeast Elementary School, especially you, Santa. I want to give you some because you deserve one. You might like cookies, so I will give you nine of them.
Sincerely,
Biatricia Salinas

Dear Santa,
The stuff I want is a drum set, GI Joe, remote control cars and clothes.
Sincerely,
Troy Botts, 9
Northeast Elementary

Dear Santa,
My mom has talked to you. My mom already told you my toys. I hope you remember my toys, Santa. I hope I can see you sometime. Goodby. I hope I see you soon.
Love,
Rebecca Guerrero, 8
Northeast Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a pink stereo. I also want a typewriter, a desk for my room, too. I want a new night shirt and some new sun shades. I want a Cabbage Patch doll that will take a bath with you. I also want a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch. I want some high tops very, very badly.
Nicole Lyons, 8
Northeast Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a paint gun for me and my brother. I hope I get to go to my grandma's house for Christmas and if I don't, they have a Merry Christmas and you, too. I want a new bicycle for Christmas, too. I can't think of anything else for Christmas, but if I think of anything I will tell you in my next letter and I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Thank you.
Your friend,
Shaun Anthony

Dear Santa,
I would like some overalls. I would also like a sleeper for my sister, a truck for my brother, a dress for my mother and a tie for my dad. Thank you!
Merry Christmas,
Christy Garner

Dear Santa,
I would like a set of golf clubs. I would like some new shoes. My brother said that he wanted a bear. My mom said that she wanted a new purse. My dad said he wanted a new belt. Oh, and I wanted a golf bag, too. Thank you for the alarm clock that you gave me last year.
Sincerely,
Julie Doolittle

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some money so I can buy a new sweater for my sister. For Christmas bring my daddy a new 22 so he can give his old one to me. Please give my mom a new sweater. Please give my brother a new cowboy hat and a new jacket. He lives on Ave. K. Please give me a new BB gun. When you give me a BB gun, give me some BB's too. Oh, and give my dad a box of 22 bullets. He doesn't have very many bullets. Give my sister a scooter, too. Oh, and me, too. Please bring me a new house, too. Thank you for what you got me for last Christmas.
Merry Christmas,
James Waylon Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a new scooter. Would you bring my big sister a desk? I would like you to get my mother a jogging suit. Would you bring my father a new bird house? Would you help the poor people get homes? Thank you, Santa, for everything you are doing for us.
Your friend,
Norma Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have Julie, the new doll, and I hope I have been a good girl this year. My brother would like some more micromachines and my biggest brother would probably like some hair spray. My little sister would probably like a doll, too. Now I also would like a cute, little, furry puppy. My mom, I think, would like to have a new hammack and my dad would like some cologne. Thank you for all your work.
Love,
Rachael Evans

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Are your elves working hard this Christmas? My brother, Randy, needs some new shirts and maybe shoes. Will you please get me a Rader ball? My sister Jennifer will want something like a purple unicorn. Thank you for your help.
Merry Christmas,
Jim D.H. Hill

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to get an Airwolf toy, a remote control Airwolf. That's what I want. My big sister, Lubna — she is 18 — she wants a ring and her sister does, too.
Merry Christmas,
Azhi Saleem

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a remote control car. My sister Chelle wants some Barbie toys and the talking Mickey Mouse. My mom needs a toaster. My dad needs some books to read. How are you and your elves? I hope you and your elves are doing fine because I am.
Thanks a lot,
Teddy Murray

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. Will you bring me a stereo with head phones? Will you bring my little sister Courtney a grubby worm? Please bring my older sister, Alycen, clothes. Also, please bring my mom makeup. Last of all, bring my dad clothes.
Thanks,
Lindsay Duhon

Dear Santa Claus,
Could you please try to get my brother and I a Nintendo and a small color TV? If that's too new for your elves to make, I would just like money. I hope you can remember all those people out there and be sure to dress warmly because its COLD out there.
Your friend,
Robert Nitsch
P.S. I have no chimney, so don't get on top of the house because you'll have to get down.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me an electric key board, a denim jacket and a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch kid. Please bring my sister a pair of blue jeans, a nice sweater and some more good luck so she can find another hundred dollar bill. Please bring my mom some perfume, a nice dress and some shoes. Please bring my dad a new tie, a suit and some cologne.
Thanks,
Michelle Banta

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas, I would like a radio, a He-Man toy and a scooter.
Love,
Bryan Monroe.

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas, I would like a radio, a bike, and a Barbie's Ice Cream Shop.
Love,
Amanda Powell

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas, I would like a He-Man toy, a reindeer and a train.
Love,
William Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun, a VCR, a bike and a helmet.
Love,
Brandon Williamson

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me kneesocks, a football, a BB gun and a VCR. Thank you.
Love,
Amanda Johnson

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a silky pup, lady lovely looks horse. Thank you.
Love,
Terrie Moore

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a telescope and guitar. Thank you.
Love,
Magen Lee

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a football, watch, BB gun and bike. Thank you.
Love,
Jeffrey Hernandez

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More Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a BB gun and a trampoline. Thank you.
Love,
Tommy Gordon

Dear Santa,
I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a good little boy. Please bring me a swimming pool, a trampoline and my pet monster. Thank you.
Love,
Alex Pena

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a radio, bike, mini-bike, .410 shotgun, skateboard, pool table with sticks, model cars and trucks and some clothes.
Love,
Steve Jones

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a BMI bike and a new backpack. I wish I had a room to myself and a computer and a typewriter and a scooter. I wish I had a model airplane, a BB gun, a hand watch and a pet dog.
Love,
Jane, age 8, Northeast Elementary

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car, a scooter, one of Rudolph's babies, please, and it can be late if he doesn't have one. What does it eat? A play bowling set like the real one, a party on Christmas and to be a good citizen like Ramsey.
Love,
Jon, age 9, Northeast Elementary

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. For Christmas, I want a piano, a watch and four-wheeler. And for my mom a ruby surrounded by diamonds. And for my dad a new pickup. And for my sister a diamond necklace. And for my brother an old fashioned truck.
Ray Steven Romero

Dear Santa,
How is it in the North Pole? It is fine down here in Snyder. How are your elves doing? I just wrote to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Freedom II bike. I am 8 years old. My school is Northeast Elementary.
Love,
Ramsey Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a car and a computer.
Love,
Marisso Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I had a rabbit, and I wish I had fish and a Barbie doll, a cat and a dog. And the most thing I want is you.
From Angelia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a Barbie's Ice Cream Shop and Barbie clothes.
Love,
Christine Sauceda

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Heather for Christmas. Santa Claus, you are sweet. Santa, please give me a Baby Heather. I love you, Santa.
Love,
Mikella Tidwell

Dear Santa Claus,
Christmas is almost here! I am in the second grade. I want a new bike because mine is broken. And a scooter for me and my sister, Perri.
From Griselda Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new bike and a computer. How are you? I hope you are all right, because I feel good, and merry Christmas to you, and to all a good night. And I love you, Santa Claus, and I hope the kids that don't get any presents get some.
From Janette Waltz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want for Christmas a new bike and a Barbie kitchen, Barbie Ice Cream Shop and a play telephone.
Love,
Melinda Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a doll named Julie and a poodle and a baby brother and a make-up set.
From Kimberly McGraw

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter and a reindeer to ride. I would like a sleigh, and the kind of reindeer I want is Rudolph the red nose reindeer. Dad would like a new billfold. Mom wants a million dollars.
From Kyle Callison

Dear Santa,
I would like a new pair of skates, size 3, and a sewing machine. I have been a good girl this year. I am 8 years old.
Love,
Sarah Pierce

Dear Santa,
I want a deer rifle and a few boxes of shells. I also want a skateboard and a tool set. I want a big transformer and a happy Christmas.
Love,
Daniel Holt

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby Heather, a get in shape girl, some candy and a Barbie doll with a watch. Thank you.
Your friend,
Libby Bishop

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a .410 shotgun, a hunting vest, a box of shells and a set of baseball cards. My brother would like some Calvin Kleins and Georgio cologne. My dad would like a bunch. I do not know what my mom

Joyous Holiday
With warm and thoughtful wishes for a glorious Christmastide!

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Love is our message to you for this special day and always.

Gene & Mary Dulaney

The warmth of a crackling fire, the aroma of a Christmas tree, the taste of a candy cane, the joy on the face of a child. Love to all this season, and throughout the year.

Billy Wayne Thompson
County Treasurer

Old fashioned wishes for friendship and fun this Yuletide. We're so very glad to know and serve you.

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To one and all go our hopes for peace on earth and joy in your hearts.

Jenna Vee Miller
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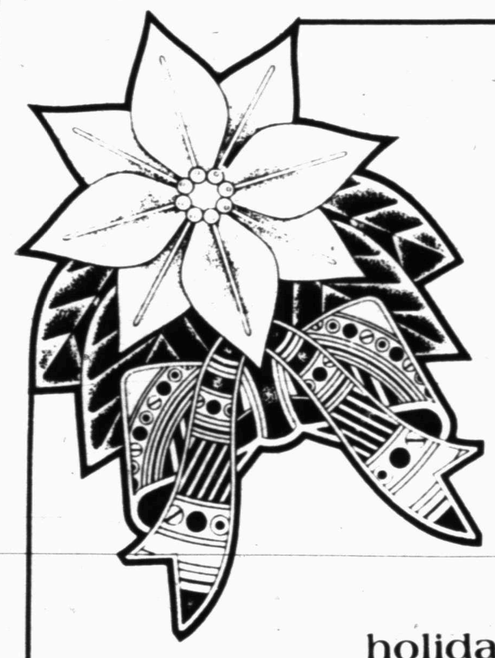

Peace, joy, love and faith...may all things that encompass a special holiday season be yours. Thanks for the pleasure of serving you.

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Ted & Fretta Billingsley

More Santa letters

would like.
Love,
Patrick Jordan

Dear Santa,
I would like for everybody to be together and have a snowy Christmas. I would like for everyone to be happy and not be out in the cold. So merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Love,
Hollye Ferris

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Miranda Eckert. I am four years. I have been a good girl. I have been picking up my toys. For Christmas I want Louie, Dewey and Huey. I also wanta talking Snoopy, a Mickey Mouse tent, a flashlight, binoculars and a Snoopy tape. Please give my cousins Jason, Janet and Lori some presents too. Happy Holidays.
Miranda

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a dollhouse, a Barbie and a stamp and stationery.
Mandi

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I was wondering if you can get me a remote controll car, VCR and a pocet knife. And I want a neckless for my mom and a tiger shirt for my little brother. By the way, if you don't get me this stuff I will understand. And my name is Cody Lynn Lewis, age 9 years old. Please try to coom early becos we are going to my aunts. And if you can't it will be ok. And a highchair and some toys please.
Cody Lewis

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want G.I. Joe and Captain Power and Lazer Tag. Also, Please send me roller skates.
Than you
Josh Burney

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me a Teddy bear and a walkie talkie.
Love,
Lorraine Southern

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me Grubby and a scooter.
Love,
Bradi Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I hope you bring me a piano and scooter.
Love,
Laurence Arellano

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me a Hot Luck Strawberry.
Love,
Kimber Beck

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me a Cabbaeg patch doll and Teddy bear.
Love,
Brooke Henderson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I hope you bring me a race car set and a bike.
Love,
Bradley Grimmett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me a Barbi set and Teddy bear.
Love,
Elizabeth Luna

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me a baby and a bike.
Love,
Andrea Powell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I hope you bring me a race car set and a puppy.
Love,
Ryan Fritz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I hope you bring me a scooter and a Cabbage Patch doll.
Love,
Pamela Brace

Dear Santa,
My name is Paige and I am 5 years old. I have tried to be a very good girl this year. Plase bring me a bike, a sleeping bag and books to write in. Say hello to Rudolph and the other reindeer. I will leave you cookies and milk and peanuts for your reindeer.
Paige Nielsen

Santa Claus,
My name is LeighAnn and I am 3 years old. My mom and dad said I was good this year. Plase bring me a sleeping bag, ghostbusters stuff and a baby doll. My sister, Paige, and I will leave you something to eat.
LeighAnn Nielsen

Dear Santa,
My name is Lacey Kidd and I'm 5 years old. Please bring me a cash register, a "My Kid Sister" doll, an Uno card game, a big stuffed dog like Cassie, and some stickers. Thank you for coming to see me last year. Your friend.
Lacey

Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a scooter and a Debbie Beauty set and also a talking baby. I have been good. Merry Christmas.
Crystal Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? If you can find my house since I have moved to the country I would like you to leave under my tree a remote control car, a camera, a flashlight and a furry brown pound puppy. Please leave my little sister a doll and my brother a watch. Hope you and the reindeer have a nice flight.
Joshua Levens.

Dear Santa,
I want some more nintendo tapes and a four-wheeler and a remote control airplane and an Uzi BB gun with a camouflage case.
Your friend,
Luke Kuss

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo and lots of games. The games I want are Mike Tyson's Punchout, Duck Hunt, baseball and golf.
Love,
Nick

Dear Santa,
I would like a good Christmas. Here are the things I want. I would like a Horror Master, Guess watch and a watch guard, .410 shotgun and a phone, and I want my friends to be friends with everybody else.
Love,
Brett Kime

Dear Santa,
I want a shotgun, a scooter and a soccer ball, nintendo and robot. My brother wants a lot of things. My sister wants a lot of things, too. We don't have a chimney. We won't lock the door. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies.
Love,
Jeffrey Larry Sears

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Punk Popple, watch, skateboard and a tape recorder, and some perfume.
Love,
Kerry Nachlinger

Dear Santa,
I want a TV because I never get to see what I want. I would like to have a pink stereo so I can hear all of my tapes. I want a telephone so I can talk to my friends.
Love, your friend,
Lori Garza

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a watch. For my mom I would want her to have a pretty dress. For my dad, I would want him to have a new belt buckle. And for my brother, a machine gun. I want all my kin to have a very merry Christmas.
Love,
Kathy Hanks

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll and a stuffed reindeer. I also would like a 10-speed. My sisters want a popple. I also want my family to have fun on Christmas Day.
Love,
Joanie Wemken

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is my family to gathez and have a very good time and my friends to have a good Christmas, too.
Sincerely yours,
Ryan Neves

Dear Santa,
Please get me a remote control motorcycle, a BB gun with a strap and scope, a Tandy computer and a camouflage gun case.
Your friend,
Benji

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a Barbie house and a Baby Heather and a Cascio and a Barbie Ice Cream Shop.
Love,
Jessica Leigh Perkins

Dear Santa,
I want a VCR because mine broke the other day, what else? I want for Christmas a bunch of junk in my stockings. And I want a computer. The last thing is for everyone to have a nice Christmas.
Sincerely,
Katye Galloway
P.S. Say hello to Mrs. Claus for me

Dear Santa,
How are you? If you are feeling good, I am too. Can you give me a bike and a dress because I've been good.
Love, your friend,
Olga Rubio

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a new bike and a snake and an armadillo and also, I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love,
Brady K. Collier

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car, a baby puppy and an Army set. Merry Christmas.
From Jerrod Rinehart

Dear Santa,
I want some tapes, a teddy bear and a bike. How are you doing? I wish you a merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Matt Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard and some toys for my brother.
Terry

Dear Santa,
My name is Amy. I want a big bike, a teddy bear, baby doll, scooter and toy car.

Dear Santa,
I have been good for goodness' sake. I like your white beard.
Nicole Kerry

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard and a remote dune buggy and toys for my brothers. We have been good.
From Terry Jamison

The Everlasting Night

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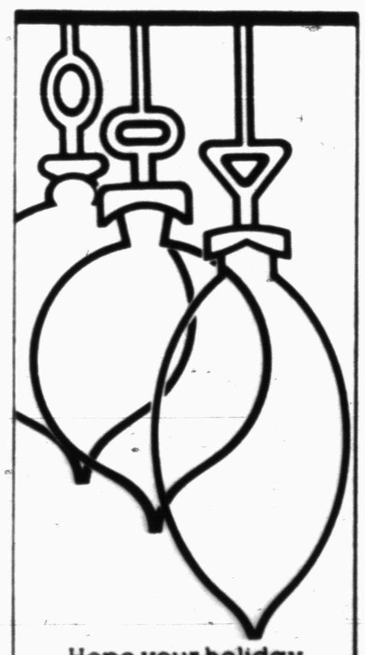

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More Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I hope you bring me a My Pet Monster and a Hot Luck Strawberry.
Love,
Cory Scott

Dear Santa, I want a snake and a football and sum He-men.
to Santa
from Ray Jasso

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that under stands you. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Bo Whitehead

Dear Santa, It has been good holidays. I will be good. I want a kitten.
Love, Landon

Dear Santa, I want a cap gun. Have a happy chistmas.
Cory Chesser

Dear Sata
I want a new bicke and a dog and a bed.
Merry Christmas sata
Chris Fuentes

Dear Santa Claus I
Want a computeur
Merry X-mas
I hope you have a good X-mas
Love Amy

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a 3 wheeler for christmas. My berther wants a heman sord. My big berther wants a World Champ Wrestling Belt.
Love
Jose
Coronado

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are doing fine. I want a key Bord and a pair of slipers. I wish you a mery christmas.
Love
Angela Renae Breuer

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and a B-B gun. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Michael

Santa's List
Dear Santa Claus,
This has been a good year. I want a Bible book cover, alarm clock and boots. How are you?, I'm fine!
Merry Christmas.....
Love By
Jennifer Bigham

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa?
Marry Chrismas mr. Class and Miss Class. Pless brange me a microscope with a frog. Then anything in the whold wide world.
Love
Tony Scott

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Plese bring me a scooter and doll close. Santa plese bring me brown glasses.
Love
Traci Eicke

Dear Santa
I want a computer. And a sweater. And have a good Christmas.
Love, Cece Valdez

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want an play kitchen and a pear of tools and a gril barbie and a boy barbie and a barbie house with all the stuff that gos with it. Santa I hope you a merry Christmas. Love
Your
friend
Loditta Garvin

Dear Santa Claus, I want a jam box and some candy and I want some close.
Jocelyn Pinkerton

Dear Santa I want a riprider and a babyryise come Shop.
I hope ive been good.
I have got a prasint for you on the chemine.
Som bows for my her.
and a cunputer.
Jembox. and a watch
for my dady and a hoursblankt for my momy
from Kacy Lane Hooker

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm in second Gread and I want a toy big foot and a Leckret gun.
Thad Sharp

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm in second grad. I would want a popbal. And a box of play-make-up. And a school house. And a jambox with taps. And a tent with toys. A cabigpach And a jule doll.
Love, Veronica Hermosillo

Dear Santa Clus,
I want a get tar
I want a hotlook
I wont a preamey baby doll with a pass a fire
I wanta tent
I wanta camra
I wanta Barbedoll car
I wanta Barbedoll
I wanta clock
I want a minneyscrt
I want some shurts
I want some pents
Love monica -ann-Harlan

Dear Santa Claus,
Waht I want for Christmas is a Jambox and something else I want is a tenspeeder and a barbiehouse.
Love Jeri-Ann Brown
I am in Second Grade

Dear Santa Claus,
I am in second grade.
I want a drum, and a soccer ball.
I Love Santa becas he givs givt-to pealple.
Love Jason
Singleton

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Brandon Thompson. I am eight months old so my Mama is writing my letter. I have been a very good boy. For my first Christmas please bring me a lot of toys and some clothes. Please bring Mama and Daddy a jogging suit each. We will leave some milk and cookies out for you.
Love you and have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a Cabbage Patch Doll, Barbi on the Rockers, Barbi's Ice Cream Shop.
Love,
Erica Arellano

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like reindeer, He-Man toy, a bike.
Love,
Thad Baldwin

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a scooter, a watch or a Cabbage Patch doll.
Love,
Mandy Wicke

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a mad scientist toy, a He-Man toy or a bike.
Love,
Chris Brown

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a truck, a bike, a radio.
Love,
Jennifer McBroom

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a He-Man toy, a mad scientist toy, a truck.
Love,
Jacob Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a chalkboard.
Love,
Candace Henderson

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like Barbi's Ice Cream Shop, a Cabbage Patch doll, a doll.
Love,
Hollie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like Barbi on the Rockers, a Cabbage Patch doll, Barbi's Ice Cream Shop.
Love,
Masharika Wofford

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a watch, a reindeer, a doll.
Love,
Stephanie Bell

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a remote control car, a bike, a He-Man toy.
Love,
Jim Chisum

Dear Santa,
I am six years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a dinsaur, a radio, a turkey.
Love,
Billy Ridling

Dear Santa,
I am eight years old. I go to East Elementary. I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a bike, a truck, a train.
Love,
Delbert Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a becritgter, pilltabll, clos, computer, bake pans.
A. J. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Borbe I cream Shop and my own camera with rele feme.
Jessica Marie Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big rail King. It has 3 engins and 14, box cars, and 3, kabooses. and the ghostbusters.
Jacob Tovar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a computer and a Barbie set and a Barbie and rockers.
Narisa Huffman

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a planit telaskop and doctor telaskop. And a remot cpntrol race car and dinosurs of all kind.
Zack Briseno

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a sailor dall and baby heather too. And tv and a all different curld bike whith a bag. A trane set. And for my sister close, my mom, purfume, and dad a sweat suit And a teddy bear.
Jackie Beck

Dear Santa Claus,
I want five prisesas from you. That all. Heres the things a want. I want a litty gun a rell one. And then a tube with a wheel for my bike. Then I ant a computer. And then a pair of boxing gloves. And my last one is a new pair of shoes.
Eric Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I would like a panda bear, a tipe riter, a computer, and to have a good Christmas and Teddy Ruxpen.
Christy Tankersley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Tedd ruxpin And a teddy bear. I want two barbie dolls and I want a bicycle. And a Rudolph the red nose reindeer.
Unsigned

Dear Santa Claus,
i would like a computer, and a credt doll and a kid sister.
Rachel Garcia

Away in a Manger
As we celebrate His triumphant birth, may we take this time to express our joy and faith in all mankind.
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...and the stockings were hung
Best wishes for the merriest Christmas!
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Aglow with Love
As the warmth of holiday candles light the season, may every heart be warmed by the glow of good friends.

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More Santa letters

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a train set and a bike and a skooter. The last things I want is a dog.
D. J. Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a telepone that I could carry around. And a Huffy and I want a TV a small
Kyle Beck

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello, my name is Greg and a I ant a remote control car. And I want a flag with the Lone Star.
Your frand,
Gred Herrera

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a white Christmas with cars anf truncks anf cloths and I want a lot of cars.
David Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a turbo hopper and a girlfriend too. And a computer. And a pup. Mrs. Santa I want some of your best cookies you can make.
Chris Riggins

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a white Christmas And a new bike with a bag. On the front the color will be pink and gray.
Melissa Free

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Teddy Ruxpin for Christmas. And I want a doll. I want a stuffed unicorn.
Kristen Lelek

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Teddy bear and I want it Big and I want a cat and a real cat I hope that all the children are nice. And I will be nice too
Benito Ubando

Dear Santa Claus,
I want two things. I want a radio. And a ghostbuster car. I hope you and you elfs have a merry Christmas. And one sockerball.
Pete Olivarez

Dear Santa Claus,
This year I want a Teddy Ruxpin and a Barbie and a Play Doctor set and a set of barbie close and shoes.
Stacey Robertson

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a BB gun, a scooter, a remote control airplane and some markers.
Kendall McCasland

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for you to bring a motorcycle, some markers, a glue bottle and a race car.
Ryan Spencer

Santa Claus,
Please bring me a blue bicycle, a scooter, a seat for my bicycle (because someone broke it) and some markers, and some M&Ms for my mama and crayon books.
Wendy Loper

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me that Barbie car that has a Barbie in it and it changes to different things (whatever you want it to change to).
Deidra Goebel

Santa Claus,
Please bring me Feivel for Christmas. I would also like six or seven packs of water grenades and a water gun.
Jonathan Hensley

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a new backpack, a red coat and a guitar.
Leslie Rollins

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a BB gun and a knife.
Dirk Anderson
P.S. I forgot abut a Go-cart with a helmet.

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a Lady Lovely Locks, a soccer ball and a new coloring box. I hope you have a safe trip.
Tiffany Nations
P.S. I forgot that I wanted some pipe works too.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a remote control car, a toy rabbit, a Popple, a scooter and a toy skateboard. I can't remember anything else except a toy octopus.
Moses Williams

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a bicycle.
Jared Hester

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dirt bike, a skateboaard, a new bicycle and that's it (or maybe a basketball).
Dusty Stone

Santa Claus,
Please bring me some round beef jerky, a sleeping bag and a stuffed rabbit.
Kimberly Adams

Santa Claus,
I want an electric train, a knife, a shotgun, a sword, a snow pickerupper and a Santa Claus suit.
Bryce Winkler

Dear Santa,
I want a soccer ball, some red pens, some markers and some candy.
Jamie Severs

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. I wish you would bring me a lot of toys. Please bring me a small baby puppy and a big whole sack of plastic apples for mama's dish. I also want a box of Legos, a Peaches and Cream Barbie and you'll find her with an orange dress, a Barbie car, a jam box, a purse and a Jewel Secret Barbie.
Katie Cox
P.S. And a play Santa hat that Santa wears.

Dear Santa,
I want a brown bike, a black scooter, 9 coloring books, a real dog and cat, some bells to hang in my room and outside a black pair of snowboots, some magic markers, ABC coloring books, and a Santa with lights on it to put on the top of my tree.
Robert Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a yellow car, a big bear, a baby that talks back to you, a necklace that has a heart that opens and you put pictures in, a big desk with a table and chairs and a little dolly you wind up and it roller skates.
Laura Lewis

Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Heather and a Lady Love a Lot.
Brandi Hancock

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you. I like the presents you give me. Please bring me a transformer.
Jamie Severs

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a scooter and Grubby.
Catrina K. Lopez

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a bike and cars.
Kenny Hancock

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a race car set and walkie talkie.
Donald George

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a Barbi ice cream shop.
Tammy May

Dear Santa,
Please bring me earrings, trampoline, bike, barbie doll and swimming pool.
Angela Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a fishing rod, and a racing car.
Orlando Garcia

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a swimming pool, flag, a bike and a trampoline.
Sandra Gainey

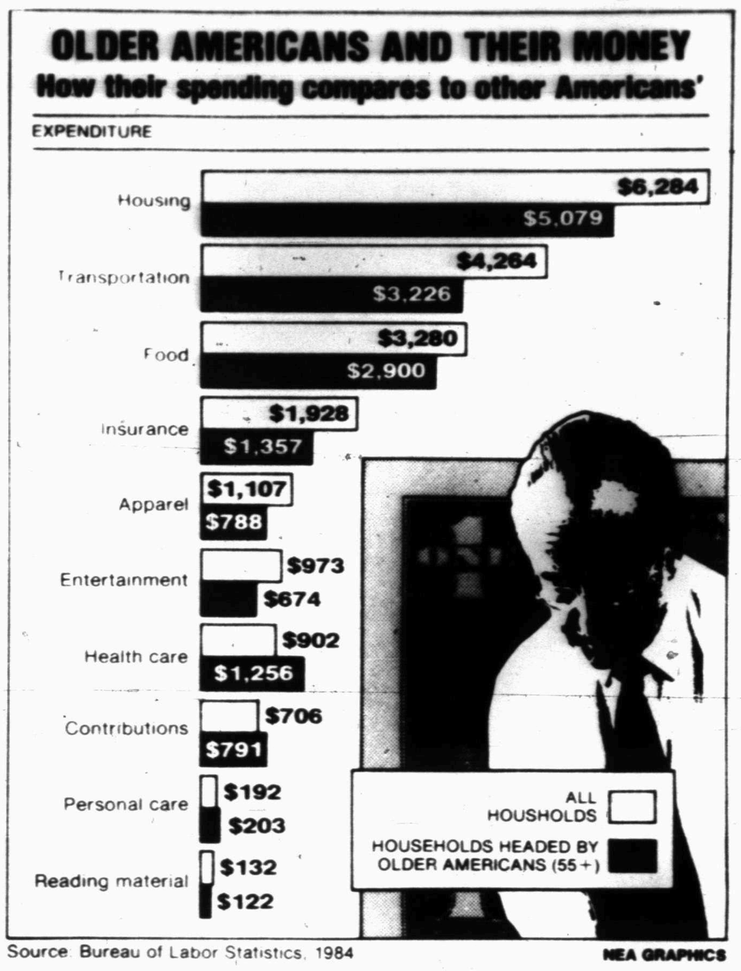
Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me two front teeth and Barbi.
Cynthia Fennel

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me Hot Luck, Strawberry doll and a puppy.
Reisha Laeigh Gafford

During World War II, German forces occupied Paris June 14, 1940.

French writer Victor Hugo (1802-1885) observed that "Initiative is doing the right thing without being told."

Sisters Christine and Mariella Goitschel of France finished one-two in the women's slalom in the 1964 Winter Olympics.



Households headed by people 55 and over spend less each year than do average American households. Older people, however, spend more on health care, personal care and charitable contributions.

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanya and I'm 11 yrs old. I am writing this letter for my sister and I. Her name is Cherie and is 3½ yrs old. Here is what she would like. a vacuum cleaner, some clothes, a dancing girilla, hoola hoop, and a pound purrie. I would like a motor scooter, a dancing gorilla, a hoola hoop, and a microscope. We will leave you some cookies and cocoa.
Love,
Tanya & Cherie Gasaway

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May your stockings be filled with love and cheer, as we thank you for a successful year.
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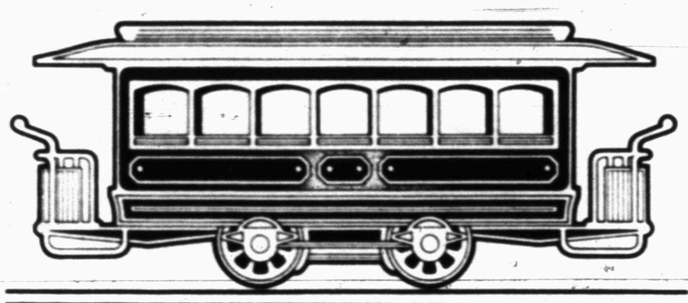
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May you experience a world of joy!
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A Happy Holiday

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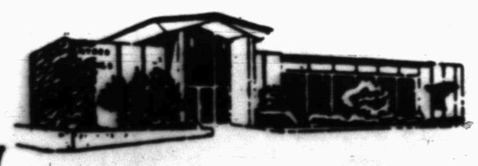

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Shirley Barthel
Willie Mae
Bob Campbell

The Snyder Daily News

East Texas man recalls World War II service

PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — The ink has faded and the words are not in English. But Henri Thomas has no trouble reading the citation he received for bravery under fire.

Translated from the French, the framed citation says Thomas was honored for "transmitting orders during a violent bombardment."

Also mounted under the glass is the accompanying medal — the Medailles Militaire. It is the French equivalent of the United States' Medal of Honor or Britain's Victoria Cross.

His memories of serving in the French army during World War I — a war that saw 1.3 million of his fellow countrymen killed and 4.2 million wounded — are not bitter.

"It felt good to be doing something," Thomas said. "The Germans had invaded. Someone had to be doing something and I was the one doing it."

He also received the Croix de Guerre for his wartime valor.

Thomas, a retired cotton broker, has lived in Palestine since 1931, but still speaks with a heavy French accent. At 90, he is still lean, spry and has no detectable limp from the leg wound that earned him the Medailles Militaire.

Despite seeing action in the costly battles of Verdun and the Somme, Thomas' worst wounds had been superficial. His souvenirs include a bullet that once grazed his helmet and a fist-sized chunk of shrapnel that barely missed him while he slept.

His lucky streak ran out in 1918 on a ridge above the Aisne River called Chermin des Dames. The Germans, attempting to push through to Paris, laid down a barrage of shell fire that reduced the ridge to a smoking, desolate wilderness.

"They had sent two or three men already and all had been killed," Thomas said. "I said I'd go."

But gunfire ripped open his leg before he could reach the objective. He lay in the mud from midafternoon to nightfall before he could be evacuated from the battlefield.

"When they got me in the ambulance, they kept washing my face, and asking, 'Where have you been wounded?'" Thomas said. "I didn't realize that I had held my knee and then wiped blood on my face."

At the crowded army hospital, Thomas asked how soon he could rejoin his regiment. The doctor said it would be a very long time.

"I cried," Thomas said.

A former swimming champion, Thomas would be on crutches for nearly two years. Once, on crutches, Thomas was stopped while boarding a train by a French general who asked him about his wound.

"Generals are usually supposed to be pretty haughty, but he asked me how I had been wounded and said, 'Well, we'll take care of you,'" Thomas said. But Thomas remembers feeling that he didn't need to be taken care of.

More than the mud and filth of life in the trenches, Thomas remembers the kindness shown by people when he returned home on leave.

"I was just a kid," Thomas said. "It was my first time away from home. What I remember is that all the people were nice to you. If you were on leave and went to a restaurant, you'd always receive great attention."

Home for Thomas was LeHavre on the Normandy coast. His parents tried to persuade him to follow the tradition of his famous relative, the Rev. Monsabre of Notre Dame, or to become a doctor or lawyer.

Thomas' choice was law school at Caen. But the war had broken out and soon his entire 12-member class enlisted to fight the Germans.

The average age of the soldiers in his regiment was 17. The names and faces are difficult to remember after the many decades, Thomas said.

"George Pupin, he was killed by a bullet in the head," Thomas said. "Pierre Becue, I think he was killed."

The front was a network of parallel trenches in which the soldiers lived for months at a time. Walking in mud was constant, Thomas said, and baths and shaves were rare.

"Later on, when we took over the German positions, we found they had better bunks in places dug two or three stories down," Thomas said. "But they had the biggest rats in the world. You couldn't sleep well and the water would seep in."

The strangest aspect of War War I was that soldiers could leave the front to visit home on furlough. Thomas' three sisters were constantly attracting the attention of American and British soldiers stationed in Normandy.

"There would be as many as 10 or 12 for dinner," Thomas said. "I felt like I was somewhere else. I didn't know these people. They were friends my family made while I was gone."

After the war, Thomas became interested in the cotton business. His annual visits to the United States during the 1920s culminated in his marriage to Mabel Colbert of Oakwood.

Los Posadas lessons are reenacted in city

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Michael Benavides and Cristin McCaskill know what it is like to be rejected.

They received anything but a hearty Texas welcome Sunday night as they strolled down the River Walk. They were turned away twice by scores of people whom they asked for help.

Fortunately, Michael and Cristin were not in trouble. They were portraying Mary and Joseph during the annual Las Posadas, one of the most colorful of the city's traditional Christmas celebrations.

Sponsored by the Paseo Del Rio Association and the San Antonio Conservation Society, the event re-enacts the holy couple's search for an inn in Bethlehem.

The children, accompanied by angels, mariachis and hundreds of faithful people, walked from La Mansion del Rio to the Arneson River Theater stopping along the way to raise their voices in song as they asked for a place to stay. They clutched candles to help light their way.

And while temperatures dipped to 54 degrees during their procession, "Mary and Joseph" refused to let the chill in the air — or their unsuccessful search for shelter — rob them of the warmth of the spirit of Christmas.

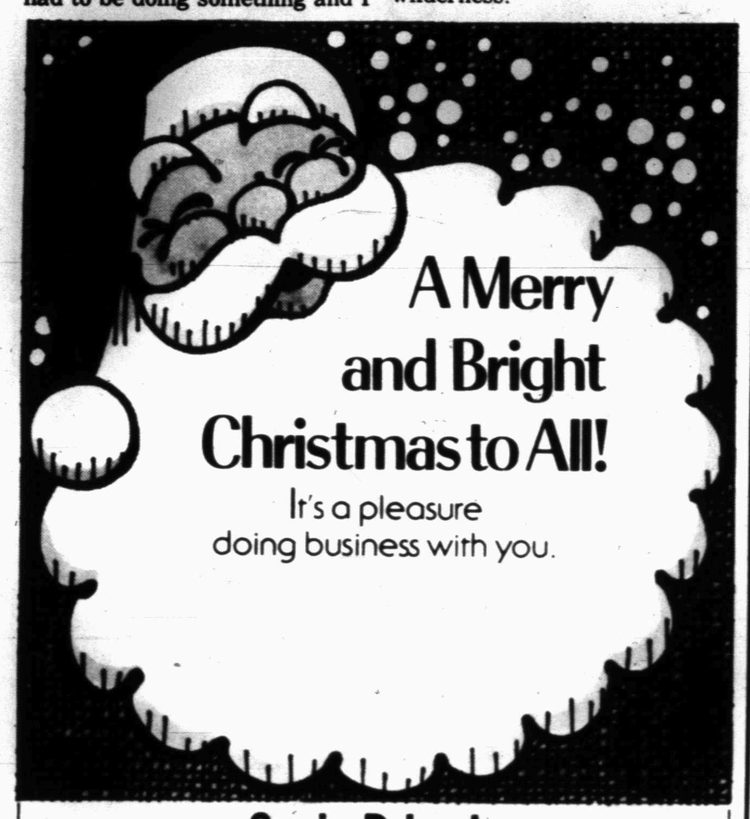
First, they were turned away by a choir at the bridge near the Kangaroo Court. A few minutes later, they reached the bridge near the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel. There they encountered the Providence High School Choir led by Sister Mary Ellen Proulx, which had the task of singing — in Spanish — the bad news of there being no room at the inn. But she did not seem to mind turning Mary and Joseph away.

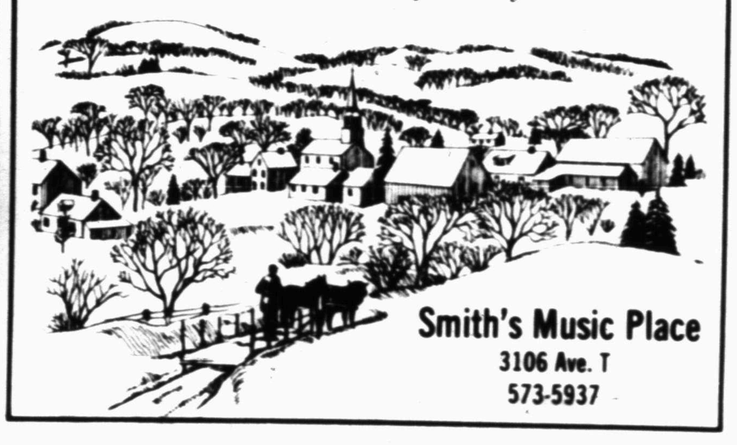
"It's a good experience," she said. "Maybe it will help me reflect on my own experience of watching people get rejected. It's nice because there is a real feeling of faith among the Hispanic community here. And I like that."

But the 30-minute search was not totally fruitless. Mary and Joseph continued to the Arneson River Theater where another choir sang out a welcome before a standing-room only audience. Then everyone in attendance was invited to attend a pinata party at La Villita.

Mary Ripley watched as Sister Proulx and her choir rejected the holy couple and then joined in the procession to the theater.

"This is beautiful seeing all these people getting together," Ms. Ripley said. "All the strangers who don't completely understand what's going on are even participating."


A Merry and Bright Christmas to All!
It's a pleasure doing business with you.
Sonic Drive In
4100 College Ave. 573-7620

Christmas Memories
As we experience the warmth and wonder of this festive season, may all that is Christmas embrace you and yours.

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Rejoice in the miracle and magic of Christmas!

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'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring... not even a mouse...
— Clement Clarke Moore

Cooper Appliance
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Joy at Christmas

A warm, wonderful holiday to you and yours!
Many thanks for your valued support in the past.
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West Side of Square
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573-3360

...for hope is born again today

May you bask in the glory of His eternal love
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Merry Christmas
May your holiday be joyous in every way.
Dr. Jack Nesbitt, Dr. Gary Sisson & Staff
1825 25th St. 573-3992

Children write to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I'm just 2 years old so I am just now learning who you are. I know I'm going to like you. I have been a good boy and I sure would enjoy having a hobby horse, tricycle and some Mickey Mouse underwear.
Be careful on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Thomas Trujillo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Electronic Battleship, My Pet Monster, My Football monster, football pople, basketball pople, soccerball pople.
I have been a good boy.
Love,
Billy Keith

Dear Santa,
My name is Derrick Craytona and I am 5 years old. I want a bike air raider, a remote control stomper.
P. S. Pleas bring my Daddy Richard back from the Army.
Derriek

Dear Santa Claus,
please bring me a crayola set and a pound purry. I would also like a gumball machine. If possible I would like a large pink keyper and a baby Heather.
Kristie Perkins

Dear Santa,
My name is Jared McMillan. I have been a good boy. I hope you are doing okay. Please bring me a Thundercat lair some Thundercat peopl, lions, tigers and panthers. I'll leave you some cookies for you
Jared

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello Santa. I have not been good all of the time, but most of the time I am writing you this little note to tell you what I want. I want a jewelry box, and a new scooter, and some jeans and some new shoes and a new baby doll
La Shunda Cheree Collins

Dear Santa,
I want a gray bike with handle brakes, a lobo II, a Model h60 BB riffle with BBs, a real bow and arrow, A Dallas Cowboys football, a sleeping bag, a pocket knife, and some gum, a army train set, a alarm clock, NFL football game, a watch with video game frager
From your friend,
Frankie Sille

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a small cassette player and Michelle Jackson cassette
Dora Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a VCR systems learning window art shop bylvanian family, pe and home play set fevil Santa Teddy Ruypin, Alleycats Rocker Barbie Rockers ice cream ,y child water cabbage patch
Leslye Starnes

Dear Santa,
~~I want a green bike with handle~~ brakes, a lobo two, Model 860 BB gun with BB's, a football with a team name on it, Dallas Cowboys, a alarm clock, some gum, a sleeping bag, a pocket knife, a amry train set, a lamp, a watch with the day
Jonathan B Tovan

Dear Santa,
I want my first Barie, icream cream stand, swimming pool, specter, babrie clothes, stardream barbie, Jem puppet, fevil, Santa Teddy Ruypin, talking big bird, water cabbage patch, talking monstetr, Sylvain family pet home play set, art workshop.
Courtney Conner
P. S. a key board, a play phone a jambox.

Dear Santa,
We want a VCR, col book, band, Ken, crib, Barc.
Blake and Betsy Shea

Dear Santa,
Color Book for Blake.
Blake

Dear Santa,
Colorbook for Shea.
Shea

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is rosie and I'm 4. Please end me a babrie doll, baby strider, and a baby. Can I also have a man barbie and stuffed animals? Could you bring Daddy a crief case and mommy a dryer. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Love you
Rosie
P. S. I love you Santa.

Dear Santa,
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From Mae Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I don't care what you give me but I really eant a baseball card folder
Brett Gibson
Age 6
I will leave some hot chocolate anf some cookies for you.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a gun that shoots arrows, a pack of gum, some lifesavers, and baseball card folder.
I will leave some hot chocolate for you and some water for your reindeer
Ryan Gibson
Age 4

Dear Santa Claus,
please bring me the following toys: toy dog, electric train, camera, firetruck, lego's, toy golf set.
Thank you,
Donny Neal Franks

Dear Santa,
Have you had a nice year? I hope your reindeer are alright. For Christmas this year I would like a Walkie-Talkie. And also some more toys. I have been a good boy but I've been teasing sometimes. I hope your elves are alright and make good toys. Tell Mrs. Claus hello. I hope you drive safely.
Jarod Womack
Age 4 Years Old

Dear Santa,
I am 7 this year. What I want for Christmas is a remote control car, a real basketball net and a ball and a rockstar popple.
Love,
Chad Chaney

Dear Santa Claus,
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Czar Peter the Great of Russia was born in 1672.

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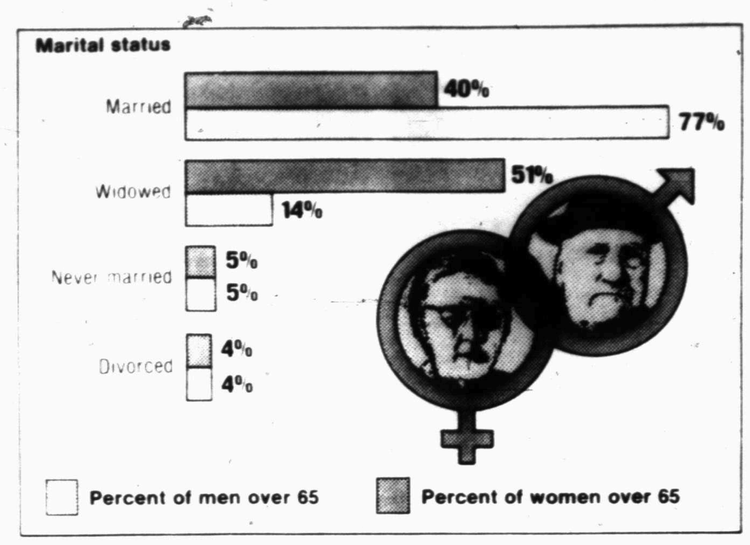

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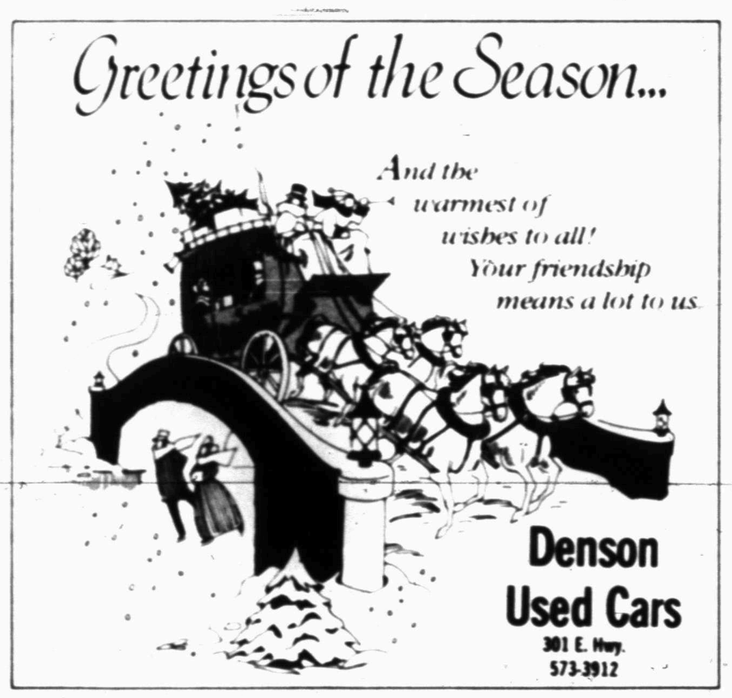

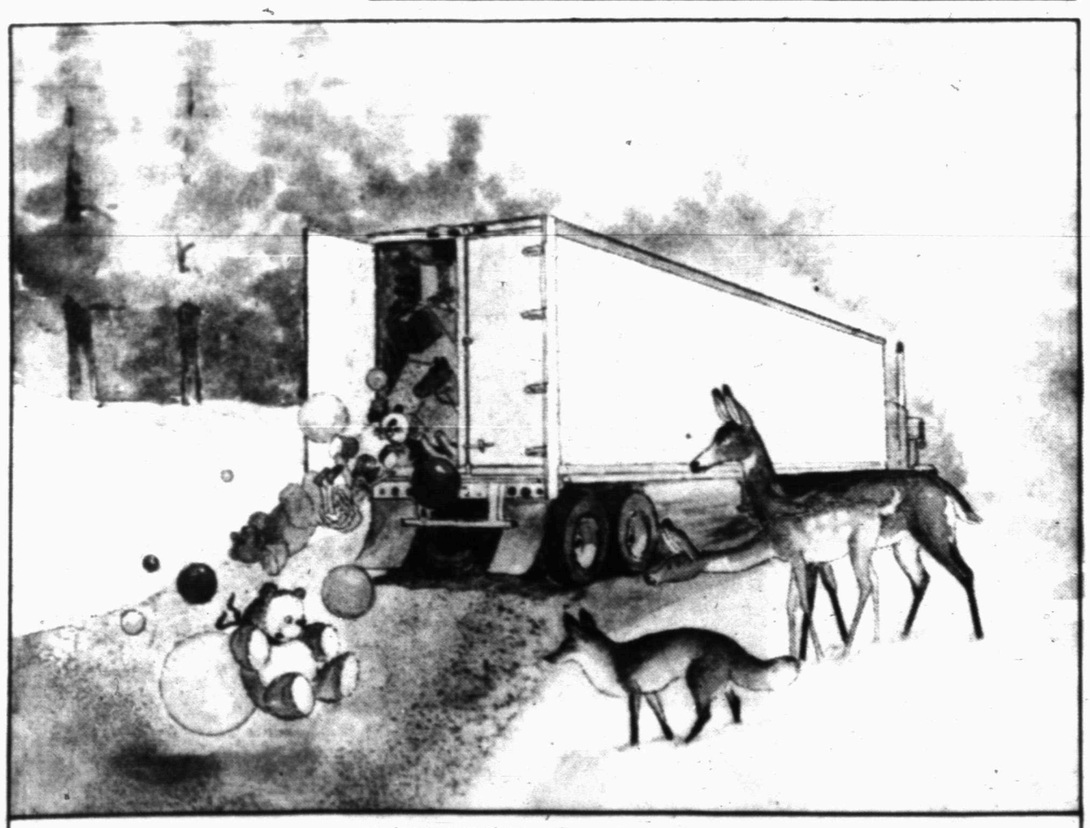

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Dallas bids farewell to AIDS activist

DALLAS (AP) — Over eggs and bacon, Mike Richards explained how he copes with the knowledge that AIDS is killing him.

"I'm an eternal optimist," he said, setting down his fork, a slight smile on his lips. "I'm going to live with AIDS and not die with AIDS. That doesn't mean I won't die, but I don't want to be concerned with only thinking about dying."

Richards has devoted the last two years of his life to educating others about avoiding AIDS, as director of the Dallas Gay Alliance's AIDS Resource Center. He is leaving Dallas because of his own illness, which was diagnosed in March.

He and his elderly parents will fulfill a longtime dream by moving to Hawaii.

"I'm not running away," said Richards, who apart from a slight cough seems completely healthy. "But I know I couldn't stay in Dallas without being overly active. Right now, I just need to reduce the stress in my life. I need to think about my health first."

Allowing publicity about his own illness, he said, is part of his effort to continue educating people about the disease.

"I want to humanize AIDS," he said "The problem with this disease is that it's been an unknown, something that happened to the outcasts of society. I want to make it real to people."

Richards was diagnosed as having AIDS after he developed a severe case of Hepatitis B. But AIDS has been a consuming force in his life since 1982.

Richards, 41, was one of the first members of the local gay community to sound the alert on AIDS. Long before it had captured the attention of the federal government, the news media or even his gay colleagues, he was trying to drum up interest in the disease, which destroys victims' ability to ward off infections.

"I had heard that people were dying in San Francisco," he said. "There was some fascination about it to me. I thought it was probably going to be a serious issue because it was affecting gay men and no one knew what it was."

In August 1982, Richards learned about the medical complexity of the disease, which then was called GRID — gay related immune disorder.

National gay leaders were meeting in Dallas that month. One session of the conference was devoted to GRID, Richards recalled.

"I was very green," said the former General Telephone manager. "I don't have a medical background and it didn't take long before I couldn't understand what they were talking about."

He understood enough, however, to urge the Dallas Gay Alliance to form a task force that fall to try to prevent the spread of the disease.

He and other volunteers soon made the first attempt to educate gays about the spread of the disease, which many believed was contracted during sexual intercourse.

Their suspicions were confirmed by subsequent scientific research, but Richards said their message initially was ignored.

"We made some mistakes," he said. "Our first message to gays in Dallas was that they couldn't do this and this or this. Gay people have always been told 'no' and they didn't like it that the Dallas Gay Alliance was telling them they could no longer have sex. So nobody listened."

By 1984, slightly more than 100 people in Dallas County had been stricken with AIDS, and 98 of them were dead. Everyone in the gay community knew someone who had died from the disease.

The alliance started pushing the idea of "safe sex," and people listened.

Nevertheless, officials now count 866 local AIDS victims, 521 of them dead.

"I've seen a lot of people die," Richards said. "I stopped counting around 40. I have a problem seeing friends and loved ones get ill because I want to do something for them. With AIDS, you can only watch them die."

The prospect of his own death is more bearable, he said.

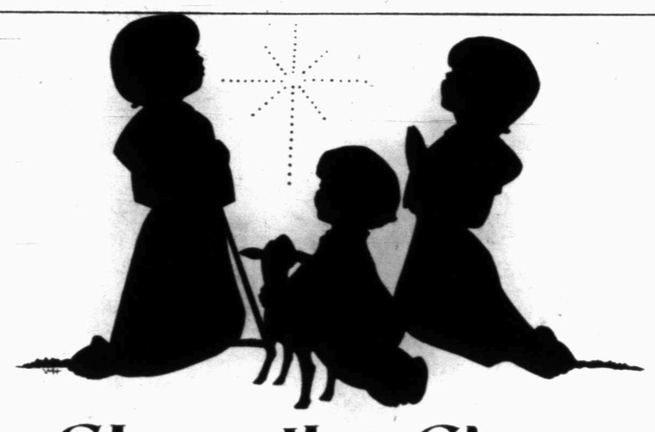
His condition has stabilized through use of the drug AZT, the only treatment that has prolonged the lives of AIDS victims. Five months after beginning the treatments, Richards has not suffered from the anemia, nausea or headaches that trouble some people on the medication.

He feels well enough now to relish the move to Hawaii, where for the past 16 years he and his parents, who are in their 80s, have vacationed together.

Friends and colleagues bade him farewell recently at a party at the Cadillac Bar. Many of them had urged him to stay, because he has been such an important part of the gay community and its response to AIDS.

Richards said he may continue those efforts, perhaps by writing a book about his experiences in the gay rights movement and his life with AIDS.

"I'm playing with the idea," he said. "I figure I'll have plenty of time to do it."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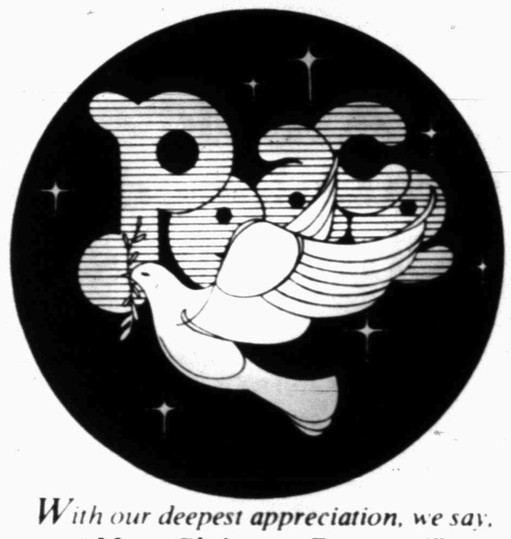
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Artist's work is hung in buildings

MEXIA, Texas (AP) — Kelly Haygood Stevens was born more than 91 years ago in this North Central Texas town.

At the age of 5, a bout with scarlet fever robbed him of his hearing.

But Stevens went on to develop his talent as an artist and today his paintings hang in universities, libraries and churches in Mexico, Chile, Spain and France as well as the United States.

Stevens, who has lived in Austin since 1949, says he considers his greatest accomplishment a mural he painted in his own home town — the "Holy Family Resting In Egypt" that graces a wall in the nursery building at Mexia's First United Methodist Church. Stevens painted the mural in 1942, and it was moved to its present site in the 1970s.

Two of his paintings, of Texas missions, also hang in his home town, in Mexia's Gibbs Memorial Library. The librarian, Ruth Clark is a childhood friend of Stevens, whose father was a partner of her father's in a turn-of-the century grocery store in Mexia.

As a child, Stevens attended the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, where he studied under Mrs. W.H. Huddle, wife of a leading Texas artist of the day.

As an adult, he left Texas, working on a master's degree at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and a doctorate of philosophy at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

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Austin said focus of Hollywood filmmakers

AUSTIN (AP) — The words "third coast" may be a brag the facts don't support, but it can now be said that Austin does indeed have a movie business.

And not just in terms of serving as housekeepers for production companies from out of state. With enough production people to crew at least one movie and a growing talent pool in front of the camera, production companies from out of town now hire up to 70 percent of their personnel from among people who live and work here.

"We're at a turning point," said Tom Copeland, assistant director of the Texas Film-Music Office. "We have never before been able to keep anyone here long enough," he said of people who crew films by working as electricians, makeup and wardrobe artists, cinematography assistants, location managers and general handymen.

" 'Blood Simple' had a good local crew, but a lot of them moved to Dallas and other places. Now we're getting good new people who aren't leaving."

Gary Bond, who is the City of Austin's film liaison, agrees. Recently working with the Disney production "Save the Dog!," Bond says film people from out of state frequently cite the "good crew" as their reason for selecting Austin as a place to film.

"It's basically a small industry, and the word gets around," he said.

Perhaps that is why, in the last year and a half, Austin has served as home base for the production of "Texas Chainsaw Massacre II," "Doodles" (a TV movie), "Nadine," "D.O.A.," "Save The Dog!" and the locally produced "Murder Rap."

People like Copeland and Bond, who serve the film business locally and for companies arriving from out of state, cite several reasons for the city's recent attractiveness to filmmakers.

In addition to enough crew to staff "about one and a half" pictures, Copeland said, the area has sufficient acting talent, post-production facilities and production equipment to get most pictures made.

"I've had some people tell me Austin's crew is as good as Houston's," Copeland said. "They're hungry; they want to work. If we had difficulty getting people to film here before, it's because we didn't have a track record. Now we have one."

Laura Kooris, in partnership with her husband, Richard, in Texas Pacific Film-Video, said the breakthrough probably occurred with the production last year of Cannon Films' "Texas Chainsaw Massacre II." Not only did it feature a famous Austin-born director in Tobe Hooper, the horror film also included Austinites in key cast and crew positions.

Local actor Lou Perry had an important supporting role in the film. Richard Kooris was director of photography. Austinite Cary White, who subsequently worked on Robert Benton's "Nadine," was production designer. Dozens of others worked a variety of jobs in cast and crew.

"It was the first picture of its size that used department heads almost entirely in Austin or other cities in Texas," Laura Kooris said.

"We always felt we could produce a film ourselves, and we found out we were right."

Texas Pacific also rents equipment and provides services from companies who request specific items. Those companies even include Benton's production of "Nadine," which was a heavily "imported" company. They rented "a certain amount of equipment" from Texas Pacific, Kooris said.

And when the "Nadine cast and crew wanted to view dailies — the unedited footage filmed the previous day — they turned to Texas Motion Picture Service, which is housed in a suite of offices in North Austin.

TMPS has the only screening facility in town for the viewing of dailies, and as such has proved a popular place with film companies. Burt Reynolds watched his dailies from "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" there. Other film companies to use the facility include "Songwriter," "Blood Simple," The "Aurora Encounter," "D.O.A.," and "Save the Dog!" The company also provides editing and sound-mixing facilities.

Austin has good weather, a varied landscape, and a film liason who smooths the path between filmmakers and city government over such things as street closings and use of public buildings. But it doesn't have everything.

Film industry people here point to a few weak areas which must be bolstered before the business as a whole can achieve substantial growth. These areas are:

— Equipment. While companies like Texas Pacific and TMPS provide some equipment needed for shooting and post-production, more is needed. Cameras are always brought in from out of town and editing equipment is frequently brought in.

— Directors of photography and operators. While Austin has plenty of writers (Bill Wittliff, Bud Shrake, Ross Milloy), a few directors and dozens of actors, the area is soft when it comes to photography, one of the film-industry specialties that blends artistic vision with technical facility. Camera operators, who work with the DP, or director of photography, also are in short supply.

— Catering. Strange as it may seem, it is not uncommon for a crew shooting on location to import its catering from Hollywood.

Some dolls costly at unusual store

BISHOP, Texas (AP) — Nicki Bryan stopped playing with dolls years ago and started working with them.

It can be an eery experience walking into her store, The Orphanage, filled with merchandise that stares back. The shop features dolls, doll-related accessories and little else.

Mrs. Bryan, 39, operates out of a drafty ex-train depot at the intersection of U.S. 77 and Farm Road 70 in Nueces County just north of Bishop.

There she has thousands of little and not-so-little human figures of bisque, rubber, wood or plastic, lined up in display cases or crowded onto shelves and tables. The merchandise ranges from brand-new collectibles to century-old relics.

Her business, at its present location for five years, caters to the conventional children's population, as well as acquisitive adults who are accumulating dolls in ever-increasing numbers.

Yet a shopper won't find some of the pedestrian, well-known varieties.

"It's such a strange thing," Mrs. Bryan said, before stopping to sell a sad-faced clown to a woman who said it was for a hospitalized daughter. "People buy dolls for strange reasons."

Sometimes, she said, it is to replace something they had as a child, while others use them to decorate their homes.

"A lot of them (adults) play with them," she added.

Mrs. Bryan said she became a doll collector after she went to college and found out her mother had given away all of her dolls.

"I just started looking for the dolls I had," she said. "You start looking for something like that and you get really involved."

The old dolls, as well as some of the new ones, can cost hundreds of dollars.

"Even their furniture is expensive," she said, pointing out one 40-year-old doll bed listed in a collectors' catalogue for $95. One collector bought a doll for $42,000 at an auction last year, she said.

Collectors still find bargains all the time at garage sales, she said.

A woman who had bought a wooden doll at a garage sale took it to The Orphanage marveling at how expensive it was at $10. Mrs. Bryan said. It turned out to be a turn-of-the-century Schoenhut valued at $400.

Another collector brought in a wooden Pinocchio doll from the 1940s that cost $25 at a garage sale, but had a collectors' price of $250.

Yet she doesn't recommend buying dolls just for an investment that may end up selling for a loss.

"People that buy dolls for enjoyment will come out better in the long run," she said, "because they like what they've got and they'll keep it."

Names for the old dolls include the Dy-Dee Baby from the 1940s and 1950s, Armand Marseilles dolls of bisque and leather from the turn of the century.

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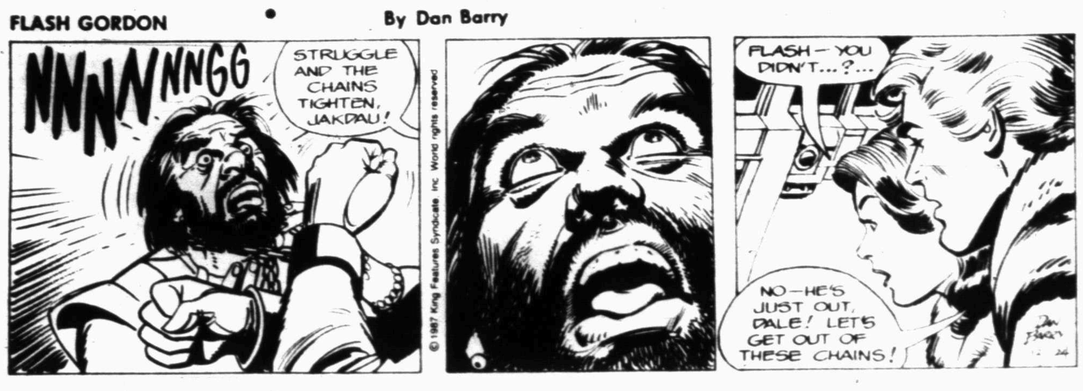

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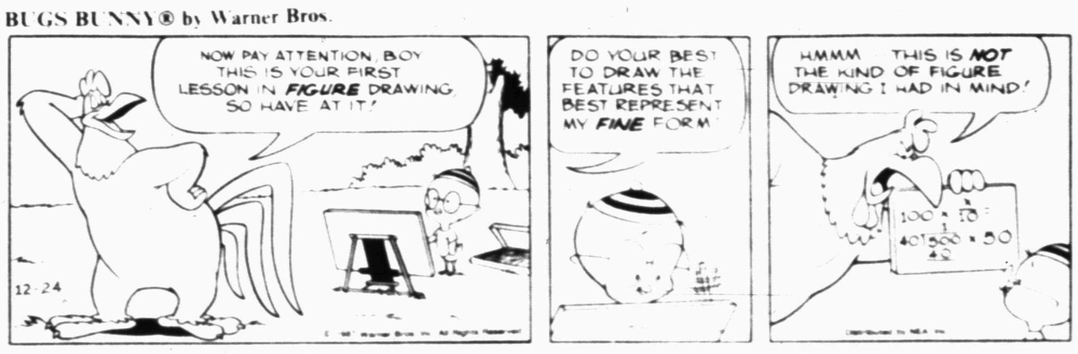

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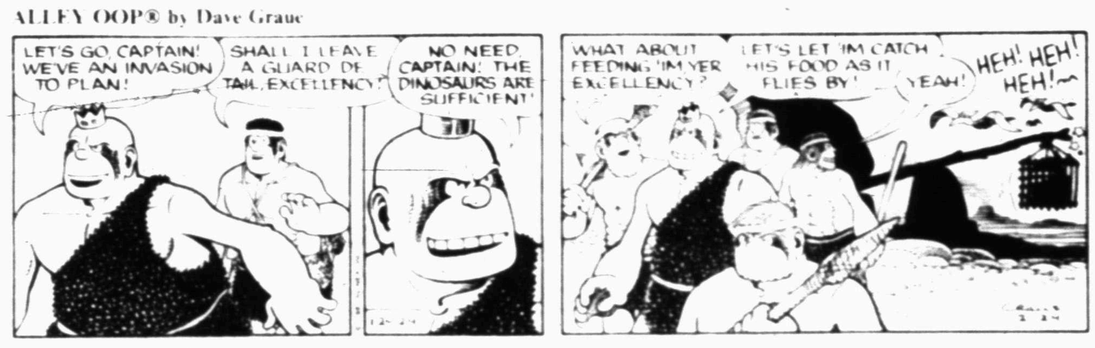

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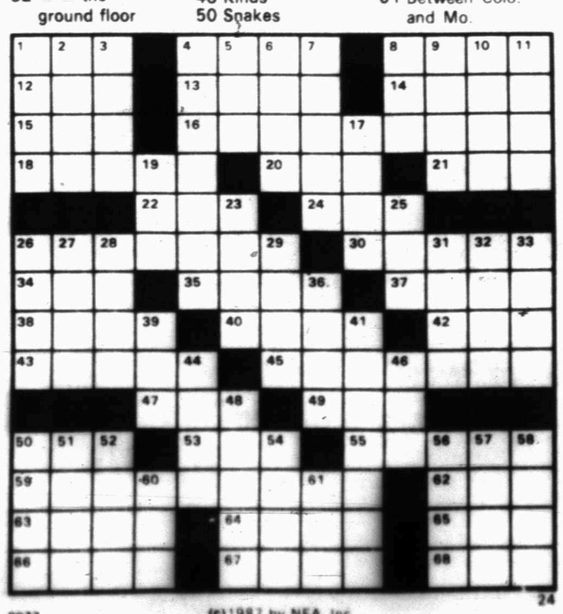

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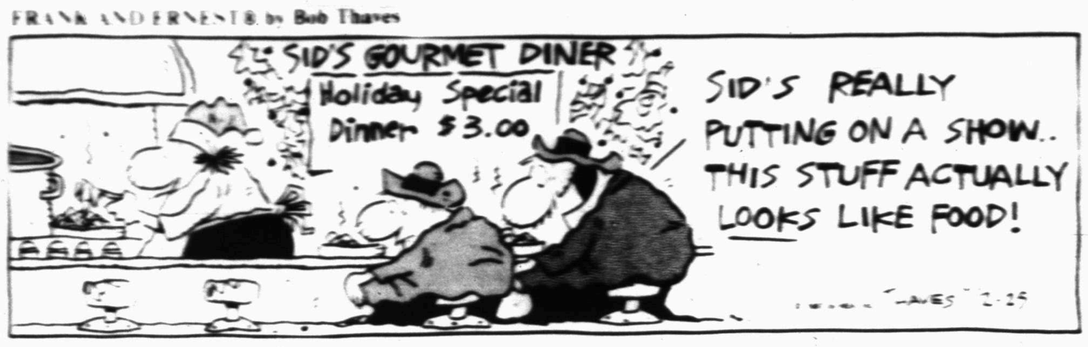

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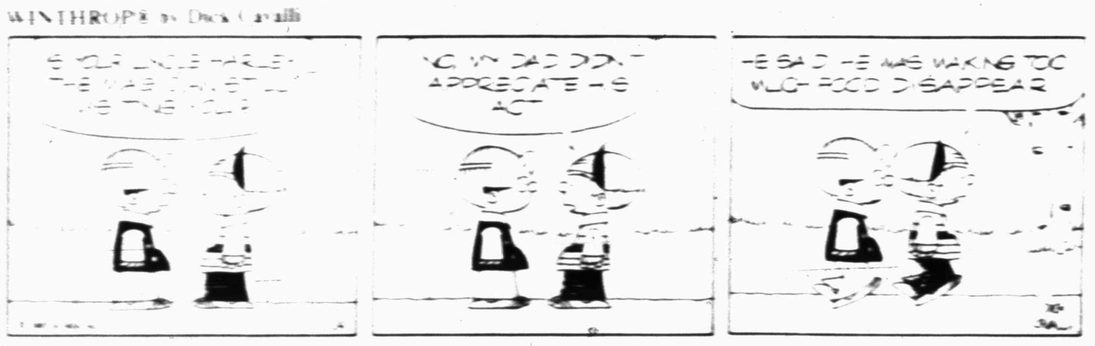

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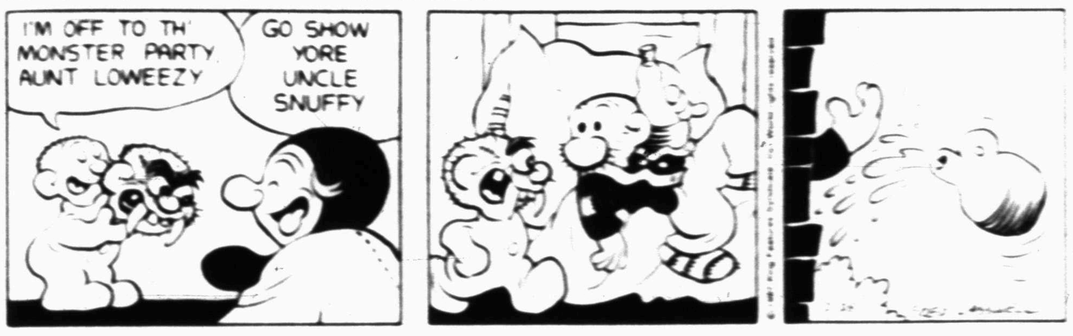

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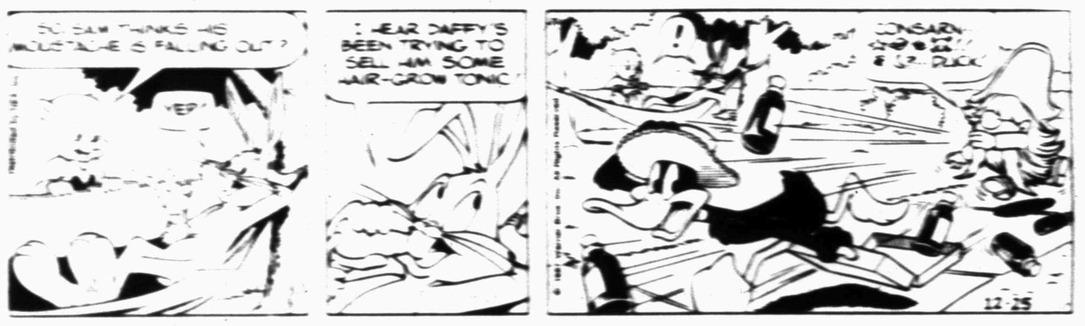

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33 Prayer
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35 Lincoln's nickname
33 Middle East org.
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37 Unit of illumination
38 Doctor
40 Ducklike birds
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58 Bohemian
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Museum director discovers artistic talent

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — Art was a talent Eddie Guffee always had admired in others.

He collected art when he could, and watched other artists create whenever possible. Never, he believed, would he take up the brush.

But that was before Guffee, director of the Llano Estacado Museum, was faced with budget cuts that left his staff at zero and even eliminated those who painted exhibits.

Necessity — the mother of invention — shoved him headlong into artistic endeavors to fill the breach, he says.

"I could sketch and knew perspective and all that before I started," Guffee says, since drawing was a necessity for plotting finds on archaeological digs and surveys.

He also had learned by listening to other artists talk about problems with colors and subjects. And he watched how they solved dilemmas.

But his own creations for museum exhibits had been three-dimensional — a buffalo soldier with his horse, a Comanchero cart, a Comanche with his campsite, a grizzled cowboy stringing wire. It took a few tries to reduce images to a flat surface, with all the proper colors in place, he said.

With determination he headed for the basement and began trying to mix house paint with the right selection of color tubes to produce the proper hues for background paint for an upcoming neo-Indian display.

Eventually he succeeded, and he turned to painting objects, conquering each in turn — a rock, a tree, a mountain, snow, water, grass, dirt, etc. With each success came the need to know another art form to complement it.

He says he found his efforts turning into a hobby.

Guffee, an outdoorsman, archaelogist, anthropologist and farmer, began seeing his world with new eyes and a desire to put it down just as it was.

The sky, he discovered, was a panorama of colors even on a clear day that seemed homogenous. Tints were lighter on the horizon blending into darker hues climbing toward the noon sun.

On a cloudy morning with a hint of clear sky, there was mauve, then a hint of green blending to aquamarine before the sky at last turned blue. Now, with each color parading through the sky, he says he automatically analyzes the shade and computes what hue would mix with the blue to obtain the perfect shade.

Now he knows by looking at a painting if if is morning or afternoon, he said. Mornings have violets while afternoons lean toward oranges.

"You'd be surprised what color a sidewalk is at noon," he said.

Though Guffee's personal collections lean to the Old West all the way back to the Spanish Conquistador and Early Man, his art takes other directions. So many others paint cowboys that Guffee has no desire to lean that direction, he said.

He said he has no idea why, but mountains and water are beginning to dominate his efforts. It began with a desire to see things through clear water; then he moved to the reflections on snow and the way of a shadow on a drift.

Once, he says, he had created "a cute little stream," he had to add a tree, the filtering of sun through its branches, the way of grass along a bank.

There is no planning to his paintings, he said. They grow with his need to know how to put things down in paint, a desire now reaching beyond the exhibit horizon to a growing hobby.

"I'm doing them backwards," he said.

However he does them, they are pleasing his friends and adding a new potential for exhibits with no one but the director, with the office help from his wife, to get the job done.

History interests Windthorst man

WINDTHORST, Texas (AP) — A marker along U.S. 281 reads "1870-1890. Buffalo Road. East-West. Hides Bones."

Those buffalo herds that left trails and wallows are remembered by an Archer County man who says he likes to preserve history by carving words on flat sandstone plaques.

Jack Loftin, chairman of the Archer County Historical Commission, said he wants future generations to know Texas history, so he has carved about 300 markers that stand in North Texas. The sandstone plaques mark battle sites, schools and buffalo hunter and ranger camps.

Loftin was born in 1929 in Young County. He works from his home south of Windthorst, about 60 miles south of Wichita Falls, on land that once had a Confederate fort and a bivouac for Gen. Robert E. Lee. Loftin cleared away mesquite tree stumps and let the grass grow to look like it did 100 years ago.

The ruts from covered wagons are 50 yards behind an aluminum barn on Loftin's property. In 1962, a college student who was writing a thesis asked Loftin about the Marcy Trail, a California immigration route.

"He brought an 1849 map that Marcy made. I knew right where it was as I saw the map. We laid it on the ground and it fit the trail like a glove," Loftin said.

The discovery spurred Loftin's interest in regional history, and he decided in 1965 to "exhibit" history by engraving sandstone rocks.

A preserver of memories, Loftin conducted 2,000 interviews for his book, "Trails Through Archer" — 500 pages of facts and pictures that took him 15 years to write and that was completed in 1979.

"It took me over a year to find the 850 pictures used in that book," Loftin said.

Loftin is the first historical writer to publish records of the Battle of the Little Wichita, which took place between the Kiowa Indians under Chief Kicking Bird and Capt. Curwen B. McLellan's 6th Cavalry on July 6, 1870.

In the battle, Kicking Bird's warriors routed the cavalry's troopers, forcing them to retreat. Two of McClellan's men were killed after another encounter with Kicking Bird's on July 12, 1870.

Loftin began engraving sandstone markers in 1965. About 100 of the markers recognize old schools and one stands in front of Holliday High School. Ranger camps and graves also are marked by Loftin's work. Recently, he erected a marker on an old buffalo hunters' camp called Rath City in Stonewall County.

He has researched the origins of the ghost town Anarene, the name of the town in Larry McMurtry's book "The Last Picture Show."

"The name came from the landowner's wife, named Anna Keene, combined with her horse's name, Rene," Loftin said.

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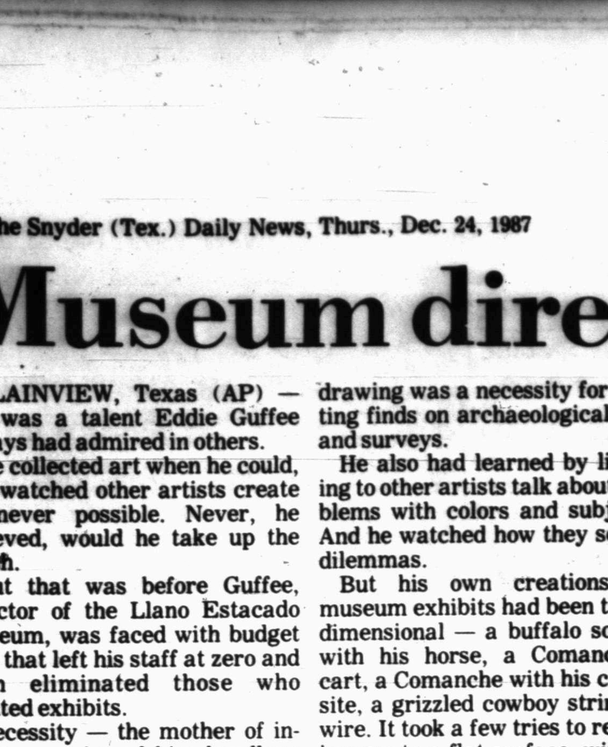

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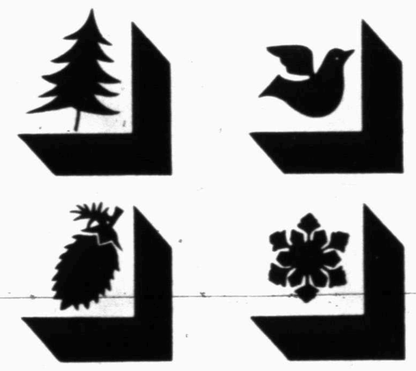

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Human imagination embellishes Christmas

EDITOR'S NOTE — The Christmas story as told in the Gospels is simple and straightforward. The human imagination has marvelously embellished it in art, including the creches of many lands. Here's a tour through these splendors.

By Hugh A. Mulligan
AP Special Correspondent

Angels, shepherds, the Wise Men, all came to Bethlehem to adore the newborn king, but if your imagination can soar with the Christmas creche makers down through the ages, so too did the hangman, the ice cream vendor, an organ grinder, the town drunk, a fishmonger with a tank full of eels and a bizarre bestiary of elephants, monkeys, lions, exotic birds in silver filigree cages, even a unicorn.

Choirs of dimpled seraphim and cherubim in these exquisite miniature Nativity scenes are accompanied by drummers, fifers, bagpipers, harpists, fiddlers (anticipating the invention of the violin by a millennium and a half) and racetrack-sized trumpets worthy of calling the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse to eternity's starting gate.

In Rome's Church of San Marco, just around the corner from the Palazzo di Venezia where Mussolini bellowed from his balcony, the presepio, or Christmas crib, has hidden pumps and levers to activate fountains, streams and waterfalls and to send down a blizzard of snow on the cave where the holy family huddles.

"You want some angels?" the smiling little friar on duty always asks when tourists kneel at this wonderfully imaginative restaging of the Christmas story. "I send you a pair, maybe a squadron." He throws a switch and the winged messengers of heaven take flight over the cardboard of Bethlehem in a sky alive with twinkling stars and moving clouds.

In Naples, where in every church and thousands of homes tiny Bethlehems arise in baroque splendor between Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nicholas, and Jan. 6, the coming of the Magi, some of the puppet pilgrims accent the timeless message of the Christ child by arriving at the stable by stagecoach, aboard toy electric trains or down the mountain by cable car.

In others, the gadgetry animates a roistering tavern scene of raised goblets and swaying patrons, for remember, the inn was crowded that night. In the background a perspiring baker in chef's hat shovels a pizza into an oven glowing with live embers.

But in religious folk art, especially at this magical, forgiving time of the year, there is only the sublime, never the ridiculous.

The 200 "pastori mobili," movable creche figures, that adorn the fabulous Angel Tree at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, a masterpiece of 18th century Neopolitan art, include an elegant lady in a lace shawl and gold brocaded gown slouching toward Bethlehem in a gilt and jeweled throne on the back of an elephant. Could this be a Wise Lady?

From the time Nativity scenes began to appear on sarcophagi early in the fourth century, the imagination of the artist was never confined to the simple story told by the evangelists Matthew and Luke.

Certainly there was nothing fundamentalist about the interpretation of the biblical texts by the sculptors, painters, architects, costumers, goldsmiths and silversmiths, stage set designers, and craftsmen called "animaliers" —specialists in creating tiny lambs, oxen and other stable animals — who produced the now priceless creches on display in museums around the world. The Museo Nazionale di San Martino in Naples and Munich's Bayerisches National Museum have world-famous collections.

The 18th-century Neapolitan presepio, in particular, with its surging crowd scenes that often include an outdoor food market, a public hanging or a band concert in the square at Bethlehem, along with the Roman census taker in polished silver helmet and gold-trimmed toga, owes more to the city's San Carlo opera than to Gospel story. More lavish than any department store Christmas window, the stage set teems with Neapolitan brio: sad-eyed, hollow-cheeked beggars, the innkeeper serving up a big bowl of pasta, peasants pushing carts full of melons, and to demonstrate the artistry of the sculptors, travelers from many lands — Turks, Moors, Slavs, Chinese, Africans.

The whole theatrical presentation required the coordinating skills of a specialist like Lorenzo Mosca, who had the title of "royal Christmas crib director."

Don Carlos of Bourbon, who became King of Naples in 1734, had a royal creche that numbered 5,950 figures.

In 1567, the Duchess of Amalfi's inventory listed two great wooden chests filled with 116 crib figures, including the Virgin with a unicorn. Neapolitan noblemen and merchants held open house during the holidays to show off creches that sometimes occupied several floors of a house.

A few weeks ago, Linn Howard, a modern-day crib director, was up on a stepladder in the Metropolitan's medieval sculpture hall directing artist Enrique Espinoza in arranging some of these fabulous figures in the branches of the 20-foot high Angel Tree that draws hordes of awed children and busloads of enchanted art lovers.

"These angels are my favorites," said Linn, carefully dusting with a sable brush a smiling cherub adorned with wispy wings and swinging a golden censer, the exquisite creation of Giuseppe Sammartino. "Their placement is important. By the emotion shown in their faces, the figures react to each other like actors on a stage."

The angel was placed atop the columns of a miniature version of the Roman forum's Temple of Castor and Pollux, which sheltered the manger.

"In Neapolitan creches," Linn explains, "the Christ child often is displayed inside the ruins of a Roman temple to show his triumph over pagan gods."

The Howard family's long love affair with Nativity sets began when her mother, Loretta Hines Howard, received as a wedding present a small Neapolitan creche. On her European honeymoon, she scoured the art dealers and antique shops for more crib figures to display in her home in Dayton, Ohio. A collector was born.

Her husband, Howell Howard, had made his fortune in the paper industry. The Hines family had lumber interests. When they moved to New York, Mrs. Howard, a painter herself, made their home at Christmas a festival a Neapolitan palazzo. She donated important creches to museums and helped President John F. Kennedy arrange a Bethlehem scene in the White House.

The Benedictine nuns in Bethlehem, Conn., have on year-round exhibition her gift of an 80-figure presepio that was presented to King Victor Amadeus of Sardinia at his coronation in 1720.

Mrs. Howard always personally supervised the trimming of the Angel Tree with the creche figures which she first lent to the Metropolitan Museum in 1957 and then donated to its permanent collection seven years later. Her idea was to combine a traditional Neapolitan presepio with the German Christmas tree by having the swirling, dancing angels seemingly flit through the branches with the glittering star at the top.

Linn Howard, who as a child helped with the decorations, took charge when her mother died.

Banker J.P. Morgan, whose business ethics may have resembled old Jacob Marley's, was a fervent fan of Christmas. He bought the original manuscript of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Like President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he read the story aloud to his family on Christmas Eve. The Wadsworth Atheneum in his hometown of Hartford, Conn., has just sent on national tour the Morgan family Nativity scene.

Every Christmas the Carnegie Institute's Museum of Art in Pittsburgh displays a masterpiece of Neapolitan baroque that gathers 29 animals and 88 human and angelic figures, including the innkeeper with his bowl of spaghetti, around temple ruins.

Boston's Museum of Fine Arts has an exquisite Venetian creche dating to the early 18th century.

History credits St. Francis with inventing creche art when he gathered real shepherds, an ox and an ass around a live baby in a manger illuminated by candles and torches near the village of Greccio on Christmas Eve in 1223. The event is depicted in Giotto's glorious fresco in Assisi.

Tableaux vivants, live Nativity scenes, became all the rage in the Middle Ages and are still popular in many parts of the world. The live Christmas pageant in Bethlehem, Pa., features a cast of more than 100, including three camels which, according to John Cornish, pageant president and a singing shepherd, "are getting increasingly difficult to find. You just can't use any zoo camel. The animals must be trained to carry riders."

How to feed birds in wintertime told

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Birds will flock to your yard in winter if they are offered a tempting bill of fare.

Here are some bird-feeding tips from Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

— Use a top-quality wild bird-seed mix that contains sunflower seeds, oats, millet and yellow corn.

— Locate feeders close to trees or shrubs. Birds feel more secure if they have an escape perch nearby.

— Vary heights of feeders to cater to the dining habits of different birds. Place foods at ground level, at tabletop height, in hanging feeders and against tree trunks.

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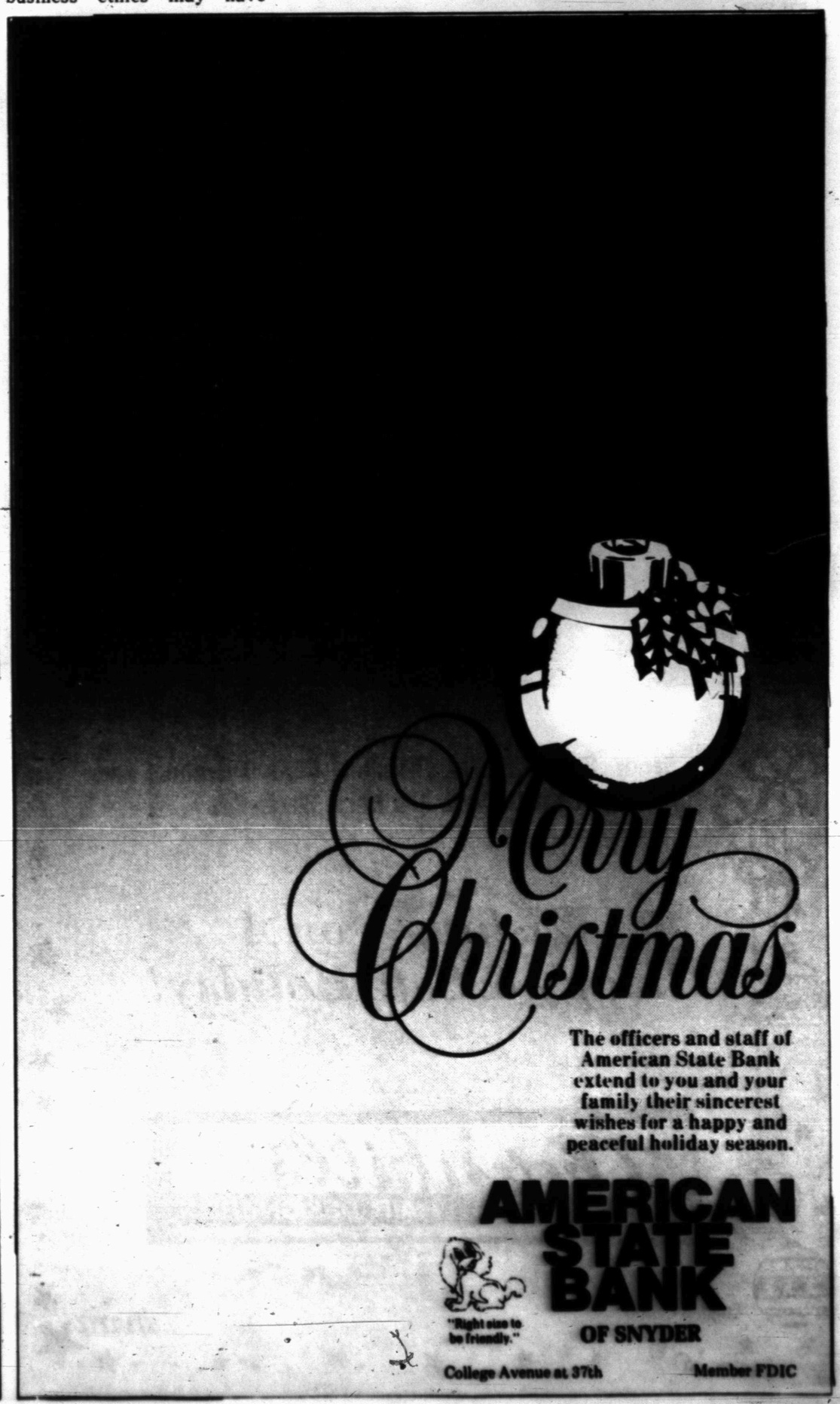
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Pistachio farm is slated for near Saragosa

ALPINE, Texas (AP) — What started four years ago with a trip by state land commissioner Garry Mauro to Israel is actually now culminating in the hands of a 67-year-old Alpine farmer.

Bruce Hackett, a retired engineer who spent many years of his career in the business of manufacturing and selling chemical tanks in the United States and in Australia, is working closely with Sul Ross State University on what will someday be a 350-acre demonstration farm just northeast of Saragosa.

Pistachio trees are growing in greenhouses at Sul Ross, and land at the Saragosa site is being prepared for spring planting.

As the primary investor in the project, Hackett plans not only 60 acres of pistachios, but also 40 acres of Christmas trees and about 30 acres of herbs, chilis and asparagus crowns.

What Hackett did was downscale the Israeli plan, which was to spend $2.5 million to raise 350 acres of pistachios and asparagus, crops that a team of analysts determined would be ideal for this part of the country.

"We're going to set up a farm," Hackett said. "Oh, it'll be a demonstration farm all right, but we plan to make a profit."

Hackett moved to Alpine about seven years ago and developed his small farm there, then leased the land commission acreage in the Saragosa area.

"Farming was lousy — we didn't do much with it," he recalled. "Then along came the Israelis."

The land commission contracted with a team of Israeli farming specialists who in conjunction with the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech, studied the arid lands in this Trans-Pecos region to see what crops could use their methods of farming and irrigation.

About 750,000 of the 900,000 acres of Permanent School Fund property that the land commission manages is in the region from the Pecos River to El Paso, according to deputy commissioner Frank Morgan.

Two years ago, the study concluded by identifying the Saragosa site as having the land and water most adaptable to the Israeli farming methods.

"Now, we have Sul Ross involved as well," Morgan said.

That was part of Hackett's plan.

Last year, when legislators talked of closing down the university at Alpine, Hackett wrote Mauro of the possibilities in this area of working the land with the university.

Now, the university greenhouses are growing 7,500 trees that will be planted in late February or early March at the Saragosa farm.

"We're planning to plant when the mesquite breaks dormancy and makes new leaves," said James Nelson, director of the Range Animal Science Center at Sul Ross. "It's the old wives' tale, but it works."

Hackett said student grants will be available not only on the farming aspect, but also for business students in helping to form a marketing company to sell nuts and honey.

Though he himself has spent many years as a farmer, Hackett has never farmed pistachios. "Nobody has except the Shah of Iran and a few people in California," he joked.

Several people in Pecos have tried their hand at the crop — with some success.

Hackett is optimistic about the Saragosa location, which will year by year be expanded in acreage from next year's 150-acre spread and will someday also include greenhouses.

"The main thing is to try and start a new industry out here, where we really need one," he said, "pistachios and Christmas trees to start with."

Forty acres of the pistachio acreage will be irrigated by flooding, and the other 20 acres by a relatively new drip irrigation system that uses micro emitters.

"The pipe is underground and the emitters are above," said Nelson. "They don't spray, they drip at the base of the plant. It saves water and gets the plant what it needs."

The trees will take eight years to produce, which is why Hackett plans to plant Christmas trees that can be harvested after five years.

"This is not an overnight project," he said. "We're talking about a 50-year project."

Retirees find rewards after they have returned to work

DENTON, Texas (AP) — Gerald Howard retired in August 1985 and couldn't stand it.

After two months at home, the 63-year-old former computer systems analyst realized he needed something to do.

"I worked all my life. I'm not the type of person to lay around and do nothing," he said. "I didn't want to get involved in the soap operas, and besides, my wife would just as soon have me out of the house," he added, laughing.

Howard is one of several retirees who works for Mary Lou Sullivan, owner of Denton Airport Shuttle and Limousines of North Texas. In fact, Ms. Sullivan has nothing but retirees working for her.

"They are so dependable and conscientious," Ms. Sullivan said. "They like to make a contribution and like to feel productive. This fills a need for them and a need for the community. If I didn't have these retired people, I wouldn't have this service."

Howard is one of the five men whose ages range from 52 to 69 who drive shuttle vans to and from Denton and Dallas-Fort Worth Airport. Although they don't make the kind of money they did before retiring, they say that's the least of their worries.

"My wife and I have a comfortable living," Howard said. "This is just spending money. It buys my tobacco."

Louie Fiorelli, another shuttle driver, said he took the job not for monetary reasons but because he detested idleness. He retired at 64 from his job as supervisor of operations at Frontier Airlines in December 1985. In January, he was working for the shuttle.

"I had to do something," he said. "I just couldn't accept retirement as such without something to do."

Ms. Sullivan began the shuttle by driving a van herself and later hired both college students and retirees. While the students worked hard, "They had other obligations, and sometimes that interfered with us having to keep the shuttle going."

Older workers, she has found, are flexible. "If they need time off, they always give advance warning. Illness hasn't been a problem either," she said. "If they have a cold, they come anyway. They're from the old school. They have the work ethic (that says) you go to work anyway."

She also has found stereotypes of older workers to be false. "I know some people think older people are crabby or that they don't think as clearly as they used to," she said. "But I find it to be the exact opposite."

Another Denton business which hires older or retired people is the Grandy's fast food chain. The two Denton restaurants each have four women working part-time as "grannies," or hostesses.

Wanda Burkhardt, breakfast manager at the restaurant on University Drive, said most of the "grannies" are over 65 and work to avoid loneliness or boredom.

"Most say they don't work for the money," she said. "They just don't want to sit at home or they don't want to be alone.'"

Jay Khorrami, first assistant manager at the Loop 288 restaurant, said the women are hired "mainly for their granny looks. We don't ask about age."

Grandy's, which was called Grannie's until eight years ago, has hired older women as hostesses since the chain began 14 years ago, Khorrami said.

While some retirees work primarily to stay busy, others do so for the extra income.

Many older citizens are finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet as Social Security benefits dwindle and Medicare premiums rise.

Peggy Kelly, director of the Retired Senior volunteer Program in Denton, which works with hundreds of unpaid volunteers over age 60 each year, said she's hearing more people say, 'If only I could have a little extra."

"After retirement, reality sets in. What seemed like a good pension plan, turns out not to be so good," she said.

Many people rely on health care plans that carry over into retirement, but as companies find ways to cut costs, those benefits are often the first to go, she said. When health problems arise, older people find their budgets squeezed tighter as they scramble to pay medical bills.

Jobs are available for low-income retirees or older people through programs such as Green Thumb, sponsored by the Texas Farmers Union.

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Book of man's family is regional history

PORT ARANSAS, Texas (AP) — It took almost 30 years, but Carl L. Duaine has completed the most challenging project of his life.

While it started as strictly a family affair, before it was finished his "family" included a large part of the population of South Texas and most of the Spaniards who colonized northeast Mexico.

The result of his labor is a 350-page book tracing his grandmother's family from the time of the original Spanish conquistadores, who reached Mexico in 1519, to the first quarter of this century in South Texas. It is about equal parts history, genealogy and family tales.

Duaine titled the book "With All Arms," which is taken from a statement made by Spaniards wishing to come to the New World. After listing the tools, equipment and livestock they would bring, they invariably finished their statement by adding, "and with all arms."

Duaine's project began in 1959 after he, his former wife, Pat, and their four children were reunited when the children came home after a long absence.

Duaine had been retelling some of his old family stories when his daughter, Diane, observed, "Daddy, you have to write all these stories down or we are going to lose them."

Duaine agreed, thinking it would be a simple matter. But after he started work he realized he needed more information; so he began writing to aging members of the family, asking for their help.

Duaine decided to make his maternal grandmother, Macedonia Ramirez, the focus of his book. One aged relative had advised him to start with the records of the church in Mier, Mexico.

The records showed grandmother Ramirez was born in Mier, a descendant of the founders of Monterrey, Saltillo and Cerralvo, and two of her ancestors had helped establish Zacatecas 28 years after the Spanish under Cortez landed at Veracruz. The genealogical trail went all the way back to men who landed with Cortez, more than 450 years ago.

Duaine also checked courthouse records across South Texas for such documents as land sales, contracts, lawsuits and wills.

Duaine said that as years passed he amassed a huge stack of notes. In 1984, while reviewing that material and his own age — he was 79 at the time — he decided it was "now or never." He began writing and organizing.

Duaine said that while the book began as family history, he quickly realized it was more than that.

"While checking my grandmother's family, I kept seeing the same names again and again. I began to realize that this was not the story of one family but of a group of families," he said.

Duaine said he found a group of about 150 family names which represented most of the developers of northeastern Mexico, and those same families pressed on into what later became Texas.

Because of intermarriage among those families, Duaine said, all the families are related to a large percentage of the others.

As a result, he added, many people whose families were in South Texas before 1915 can use Duaine's genealogical charts as a base on which to build a more recent family history.

The book provides glimpses of the daily lives of these hardy pioneers and their Indian allies.

They pressed relentlessly north and east, occupying vast stretches of semi-arid (some would say desert) land, working mines, building cities and raising cattle.

When Anglos moved into Texas, they found Spanish ranchers tending their cattle as far north as the Tilden and Victoria areas. These same Spaniards had engaged in considerable smuggling of tallow and cattle hides through the Corpus Christi Bay area for sale in the United Steas.

Wherever they went, the Spaniards asked for and got grants of land from the Spanish crown.

They lived on the land, built fortress like homes, raised families, and defended their land "with all arms."

For veteran in watch repair business, time is money

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Time is money for Keith Thomas, but he never seems to have enough of it.

In fact, he's opened his watch repair shop late more than once simply because there aren't enough hours in the day.

But he more than makes up for it in the many hours he spends at Thomas Time Shop long after regular folks have gone home from work, keeping up with the flocks of clocks customers bring in for repairs.

Right before the holiday season is a busy time for Thomas because everyone wants their cuckoos cuckooing and grandfather clocks chiming at Christmas time. Fridays are also busy because that's when most people get paid, and lunchtime is always hectic from people coming in wanting batteries for their watches.

Thomas is able to make these generalizations because he's been in the clock and watch repair business eight years.

And if there's one thing needed in a business where one misplaced sneeze could hopelessly scatter the guts to Granny's heirloom watch, it's patience.

A piece of salt would look like a boulder up next to some of the watch pieces Thomas works with, peering through a jeweler's loop at the minuscule motors to machines that remind people they're running late.

He sits in a low chair that puts him almost eye-level with the table he works at in the back of the shop. He rests his forearms on the table, letting his wrists do most of the work.

He learned his tedious trade at a clock-making school in Quincy, Ill., spending six hours a day for 14 months before he was certified in horology, or the study of time. The first week, Thomas said, was designed to weed out the would-be clockmakers who don't have the necessary patience. "We worked with one little nail, shaving it down to make a tiny instrument," he says. "A lot of people just aren't patient enough to do it."

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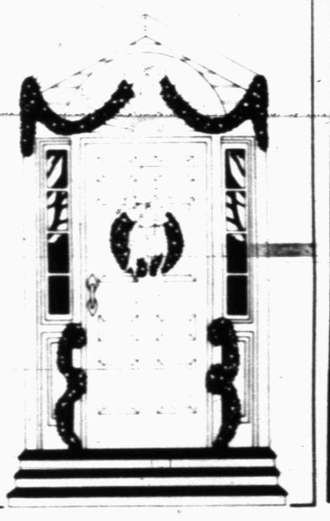

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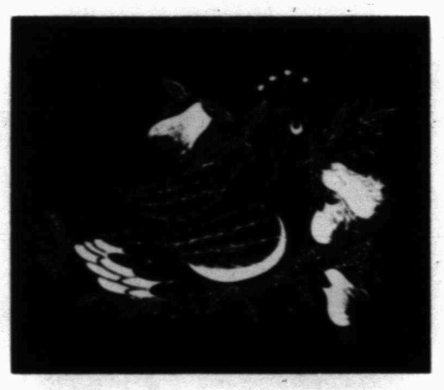

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