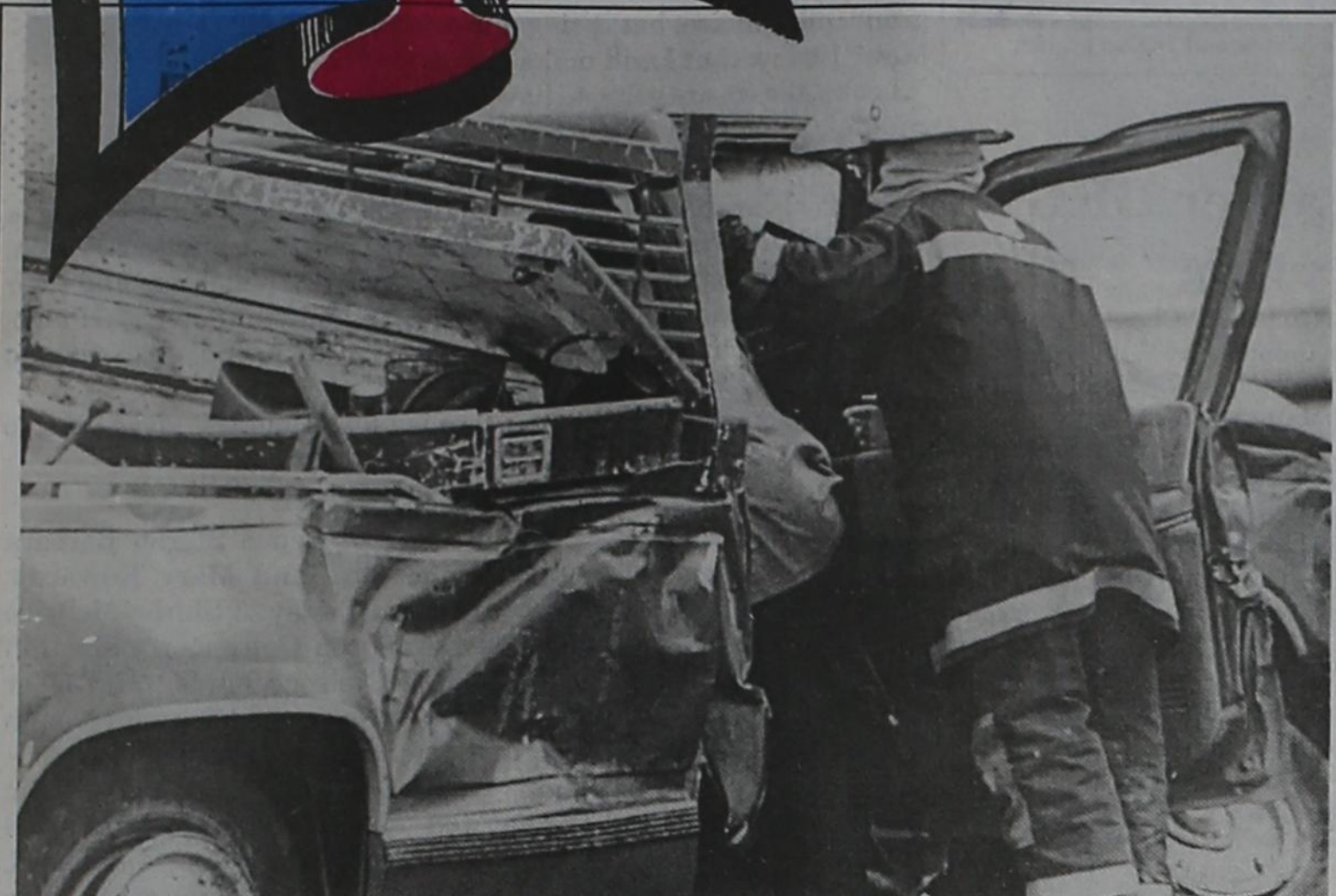
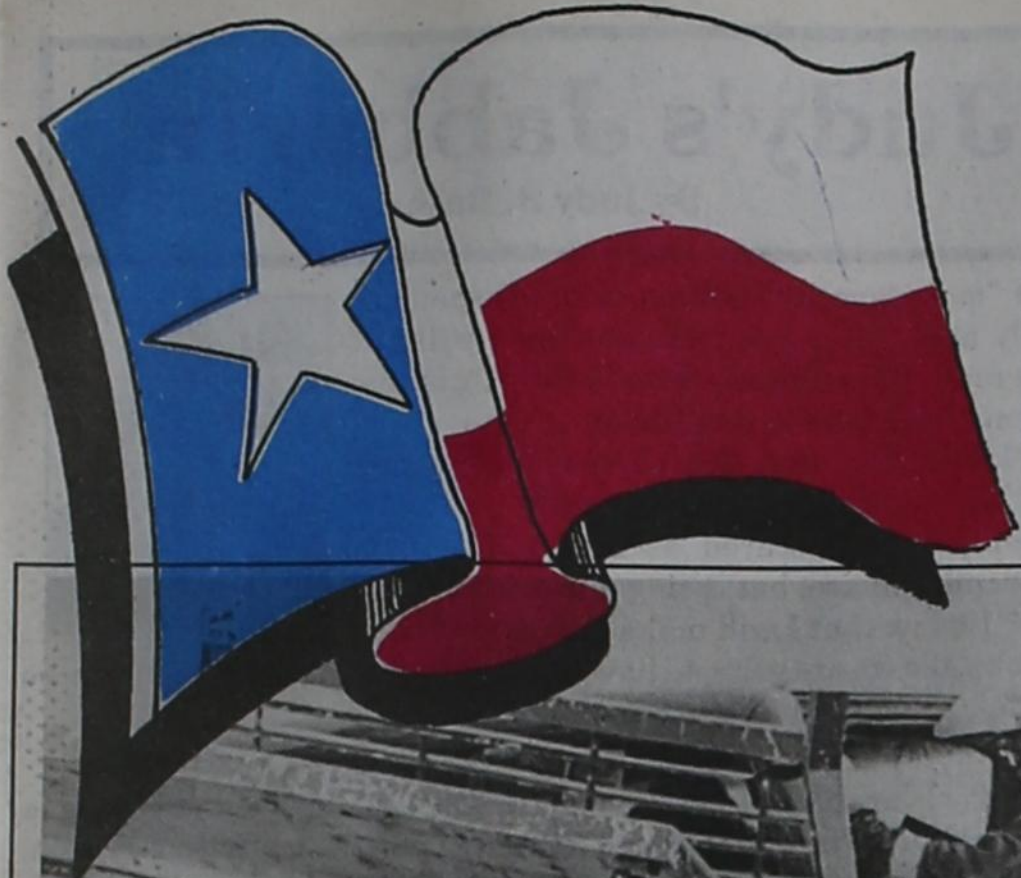


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Two injured in truck collision

by Sheri Lewis

Two local men were injured and one remained in the surgical ICU of Lubbock's Methodist Hospital Monday night after being injured in a two-vehicle accident last Friday on U.S. 84 just north of the city.

Brent Hewitt's left arm suffered breaks both above and below the elbow — the radius, ulna and the humerus were each fractured — and he is expected to undergo surgery to attach metal plates and screws to the arm to facilitate the healing process, according to his wife.

He is suffering from double pneumonia and remained on a respirator Monday evening but physicians hope to be able to remove him from it Tuesday. He has been kept heavily sedated, she said, and has not been allowed to fully awaken due to the severity of the pain he appears to be suffering.

The good news, she said, is that it has been determined he does not have a skull fracture, as originally believed, and the elbow on the badly-damaged arm does appear to be intact.

Hewitt was airlifted to Methodist Hospital at mid-day Friday after his pickup and another, driven by Moses Abraham, collided at the Wilson cutoff at CR 211 on U.S. 84 north.

According to reports from the sheriff's office, the accident occurred at about 10:46 a.m. Those witnessing the accident scene said it appeared that one late model pickup was traveling southbound on U.S. 84 when another, driving north on US 84, apparently attempted to turn west onto CR 211.

Garza County EMS, as well as the Slaton EMS, responded to the accident, as did the Post Volunteer Fire Department and Aerocare.

A trooper with the Department of Public Safety investigated the accident but his official report was unavailable for Monday's early holiday presstime.

Abraham, who was also injured in the accident, was taken to a Lubbock hospital but has since been released.

Two Truck Collision Injures Two

Garza County volunteer firemen and EMTs struggled to free Moses Abraham from inside his pickup truck following last Friday morning's two-truck collision north of Post on US Hwy 84 intersection with FM 211. Abraham was transported to Lubbock, was treated and released. Also injured and still hospitalized is Brent Hewitt.

Lions Club's Toys for Tots for Tots benefits 86 local youths

A total of 86 Post-area children were served this year by the Post Lions Club's annual Toys for Tots program. About \$1,900 in contributions was collected this year, or about \$500 less than in previous years, but the toy donations were higher than usual, said Paul Jones.

This year's program served children ages 11 and under. The effort traditionally extends to youths 12 and under but the organization opted to cut the program back a little this year due to the decline in financial contributions. Most of the toys were picked up the the children's families last week.

"We'd like to thank everyone that donated and helped out, especially the Probation Department that sold about 800 pounds of (aluminum) cans and donated \$256."

The first annual Garza County Probation De-

partment aluminum can drive is being called a great success. GCPD representatives Wayne McKim and Michelle Wischkaemper presented \$256 to the Post Lions Club for use in its Toys for Tots program.

Lions Club representatives Joe Duran, Michelli Duran and Paul Jones accepted the check. The cans were collected by individuals on adult and juvenile probation, as well as those performing community service for municipal or justice of the peace court.

"GCPD would like to thank Judge Giles Dalby, Judge George Hansard, Judge Sheila Melton, Judge Dee Justice, Judge Jim Plummer, Wilbur D. Ray and Wes Burnett for their outstanding support of this project," said McKim.

"GCPD would also like to thank all of the probationers and community service workers who wholeheartedly participated in this project. Also, we would like to thank God for whom no of this would be possible."



Helping Toys for Tots

Garza County Probation Department's Michele Wischkaemper (left) present a \$256 check to Lions Club members Joe Duran, Paul Jones and Michelli Duran. The Lions Club sponsored "Toys for Tots" seeks to provide toys for children who otherwise would not have gifts at Christmas time.

GHD proposals could cost taxpayers big bucks in '99

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last week we reported that the Garza Hospital District (GHD) board of directors approved a list of changes they want made to the enabling legislation, and State Representative David Counts apparently intends to fulfill the requests. If the changes are approved, taxpayers here are in for a wild ride.

Garza County proponents for holding an election to dissolve the hospital district have been calling for a single amendment to the original legis-

lation to require GHD to adhere to the Health and Safety Code section pertaining to elections. It is a simply worded statement and meets the standards for what more than 500 local voters demanded when signing a petition earlier this year.

The GHD proposal does include a change establishing an election for dissolution, but several other provisions would drastically change the district, including a dangerously loose request for the district to provide health care for all Garza County people.

Following are GHD's proposals and our comments:

1. That the name "Garza County Hospital District" be changed to the "Garza County Health Care District."

In order to accomplish this change, the legislature will have to propose a constitutional amendment, because there is no authority in the Texas constitution for "health care districts." What exactly would a "health care district" do?

2. That the enabling legislation allow for Garza County residents to dissolve the health care district if so desired.

First of all, we don't have a health care district. This proposal assumes that such a district will be created. If for some reason (could be legislators will actually adhere to their constitutional restraints) that this proposal is rejected, then property owners will still be unable to force an election for dissolution. We prefer the more precise wording that binds GHD to the current Health and Safety Code's election procedures.

3. That the election date for directors of the health care district be designed to coincide with the election date of the first Saturday in May in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

Aha, does that mean that all previous elections held on the first Saturday in May are null and void for failure to adhere to the original legislation? If so, doesn't it stand to reason that all decisions by the current board of directors have no legal standing?

4. That a write-in candidate for director must be declared prior to the election according to the terms and conditions of the Texas Election Code.

Hmmm... does that mean that GHD has failed to adhere to the Texas Election Code on this matter in the past? Why else would

this change be necessary?

5. That the district is not required to conduct an election if all candidates are unopposed and no proposition affecting the district appears on the ballot.

Designating GHD to adhere to the Texas Election Code and the Health and Safety Code would eliminate the need for this proposal.

6. That the district be authorized to levy taxes in an amount not to exceed 75 cents per \$100 valuation of all taxable property within the district.

Uh oh! Here's where the property owner gets it again. The current

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Weather in Post

| Date | High | Low | Precip |
|---|------|-----|--------|
| Dec. 15 | 67 | 34 | — |
| Dec. 16 | 62 | 35 | — |
| Dec. 17 | 65 | 32 | — |
| Dec. 18 | 60 | 52 | — |
| Dec. 19 | 62 | 38 | — |
| Dec. 20 | 62 | 31 | — |
| Dec. 21 | 61 | 31 | — |
| December rainfall — 0.00 | | | |
| Year-to-date rainfall — 9.861 | | | |
| Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Dept. | | | |



United Way Donation

Garza County United Way president Carol Tobias (center) accepts a \$2,000 check from Norwest Bank's Charles Hardin as Tandy Yarbro (left) joins in the presentation. "We are pleased to support this important community campaign," Hardin emphasized.

Garza County United Way campaign report



United Way

Total contributions through December 21...

\$9,448.68

Goal this year:

\$21,150

Birth



Alexandra Golden Nettles

Alexandra Golden Nettles

Scott, Golden and Trent Nettles want to announce the birth of their little girl and sister, Alexandra Golden.

She was born on November 14, 1998 at 11:42 a.m. in Amarillo.

Alexandra weighed eight pounds and 12 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Eydie Capps of Post and Dwayne and Yvonne Capps of Ingram.

Paternal grandparents are Vaneta Nettles of Brownfield and Doug Nettles of Longview.

Post-Montgomery delivers \$49,500 holiday gift to Post's CCA

Contributions totaling \$33,500 for the operating support of the agencies of the Caprock Cultural Association and another \$16,000 for the association's capital improvement fund were recently made by the Post-Montgomery Company.

Making the presentation on behalf of the contributors was Carroll Bowen, manager of the Post-Montgomery Company.

The funds earmarked for the operating support for the cultural development of the CCA's member agencies will benefit the CCA, the Garza County Historical Museum, the Algerita Arts Center and the Garza Theatre.

The monies benefiting the capital improvement fund will allow for several facility renovations and improvements to the four historic buildings currently occupied by the association's members, including:

- CCA Building, 127 E. Main (upper floor air/heat system, insulation and back stairway).
- Garza County Historical Museum (chairlift on the inside stairway).
- Garza Theatre (repairs and upgrading of the men's restroom facilities).
- Algerita Building (roof patch and air conditioning repair in the Arts Center area).

Contributors included the G. Harold and Leila Y. Mathers Charitable Foundation, the Kenneth F. & Harle G. Montgomery Foundation, the Mosaic Foundation, the Kenneth H. Montgomery Foundation, Mrs. Eleanor Barzin, Mrs. Dina Merrill Hartley and Mrs. Adelaide C. Riggs.

In response to the generous contributions, members of the CCA mailed out copies of the newly-reprinted "Post City, Texas" books to the three family members and four foundations of the Post-Montgomery Company. The books, signed by many members of the CCA board, the Garza Museum, the Garza Theatre, the Post Art Guild and Kids N Art, express the association's "deep appreciation for their annual and continual support to the arts and cultural development of Post."



Carol Bowen and JoAnn Mock

Theta Eta Chapter DKG meeting

The Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Lakeridge Country Club on December 5. The members enjoyed a luncheon and held their annual Christmas bazaar. The Brownfield members were hostesses. President Connie Flores, presided over the meeting.

Deana Troup of the Alpha Sigma Chapter presented a program focusing on music and the arts as intergrated into the school curriculum and led the group in a sing-along of Christmas music.

Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau boosts local economy

The Garza County Historical Museum's efforts to strengthen its illustration of the impact of the oil industry on the region received a significant boost this year thanks to work by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

The Commerce & Tourism Bureau served as sponsor for the 1998 Founders Day event and related activities, which this year carried out the theme "Salute to the Oil Industry." Through the generosity of donors working with the bureau, the organization was able to raise \$34,000 for the museum, according to 1998 Founders Day Committee Chairman Leslie Acker.

Additionally, Founders Day activities and related events — the rodeo, the Black & Gold Gala, the roping, the style show and the art show — generated a total income of \$45,800, Acker said. After expenses were paid, the remaining \$3,000 was turned over for the museum's use.

One of the biggest fund raisers conducted this year was the Black & Gold Gala, a catered event which featured the music of Asleep at the Wheel. It drew a total of 560 paid admissions.

A significant portion of the monies spent to coordinate the Founders Day events was paid out to local contractors, Acker said. Some of those local businesses who benefited directly from these activities included Bo Jackson (concrete); Ammons Printing (printing); LD's Daughters (style show); Brady's Package Store (refreshments); and Starkey Electric, Hudman Furniture, David Boren and Post Insurance Agency (all working with the museum).

"That doesn't include the money brought into town from out-of-town visitors," Acker said. "A lot of people came in and spent money at motels, restaurants and stores but we have no way of knowing how much was brought in."

Officials with the Commerce & Tourism Bureau are taking a much-deserved break this month and have not yet started planning the 1999 Founders Day activities, Acker said, but efforts in that direction are expected to start up in January. A new Founders Day Committee will need to be organized and volunteers are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering to work with the committee should contact Acker or Wanda Mitchell at the bureau office.

Sales tax rebate steady

This year's sales tax revenues in Garza County remain close to the figures reported a year ago, according to numbers released this month by the state comptroller's office.

Post has received a total of \$228,585 during 1998. Compared to the 1997 payments to date of \$237,978, the city has seen a decrease of 3.94 percent, according to the report.

Neighboring counties reported figures much the same. In Lubbock County, for example, 1998's tax revenues were 2.42 percent higher than those received in 1997. In Lynn County, this year's total was .11 percent higher. Scurry County was down 7.47 percent while Kent County was up 11.88 percent.

The City of Post received a monthly sales tax payment of \$16,925 this month, compared to last December's

payment of \$17,722. The difference is -4.49 percent.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected on October sales and reported to the comptroller in November by businesses filing monthly returns.

Statewide, sales tax rebates were 7 percent higher than those received a year ago.

Sonic makes Forbes' top businesses list

For the fifth consecutive year, Sonic Drive-In has earned a spot in the highly-acclaimed Forbes 200 Best Small Companies in America list, as well as remaining on Success Magazine's Franchise Gold 100 List for the sixth consecutive year.

Sonic officials cite their company's service and quality product as the reasons behind its success.

"The quick service industry is one of the toughest and most competitive businesses," said Cliff Hudson, president and chief executive officer of Sonic Corporation. "The objective is to stay on top by further differentiating Sonic from the competition. We strive to provide the ideal drive-in restaurant of the past, while incorporating great-tasting, made-to-order food with fast, friendly service for today's on-the-go lifestyles. By listening to our customers, we are able to give them the sort of unique fast food experience that they are looking for."

Forbes' annual list is restricted to publicly traded, U.S.-based corporations with 12-month sales of at least \$5 million. Once the base criteria were met, companies were ranked based on additional growth and profitability requirements.

Only 10 companies have been on the list as long as Sonic.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

My "most favorite" edition of the Dispatch is finally here. All of you folks out there will find some really cute Santa letters in this Christmas edition. Take time to read them.

As I write this, there are three more shopping days till Christmas. I'm not ready yet!! I'm probably not as scared as my children and grandchildren are, but being a seasoned "Maw Maw" I know that I will make the deadline.

Looks like we are going to have the weather to match the season, so cuddle up and read all the Santa letters.

Christmas Trip

The Pools are going to Williamsburg. Bill and Joy Pool are flying to Williamsburg, Virginia to spend a week during the Christmas season.

Accompanying them on the trip are their two daughters and their families. Dana and Michall May, Ben, Ross, and Jennifer live in Plano, Texas. Kerri and Larry Taylor, Trudy, Carly and Jake live in Friendswood, Texas.

Williamsburg is a Christmas fantasy land, and the Pools plan to enjoy many of the festive activities.

Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday 24; Renae Storie, Barbara Hardin, Christine Esparza, Mingo Soto and Mary Edwards: Anniversary; Jimmie and Delores Redman: Friday 25; Shirley McBride Cranford, Candy Dane: Saturday 26; Alison Quisenberry and Jeff Williams: Anniversary; Troy and Joyce Nelson: Sunday 27; Amber Conoly: Anniversaries; Danny and Kathy Nelson and Sue and Quannah Maxey: Monday 28; Shara Egbert and Sandra Moreno.

Tuesday 29; Kelly Crispin, Kelee Bratcher and Amy Mason: Anniversaries; Bill and Donna Aten, Max and Rebecca Haney and Lew and D'Roy Bishop: Wednesday 30; Raegan Belongia, Wes Mason, Gracie Torres, Martin Vella and Michelle Mason: Anniversary; Tony and D'Anne Bishop.

Good Cooks

I was invited to the Christmas luncheon with the Caprock Dr. bunch last Thursday and as always I enjoyed myself very much.

That is a great bunch of people and some of the best cooks! They had drawings to give away all of the Christmas center pieces and everyone that won got some pretty prizes.

Stanley and Pauline always attend and I found out that on Friday the 18th they celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. So Stanley and Pauline, look for your picture and Happy Anniversary to two of my favorite folks!!

She's Here

Our Virginia kids arrived Saturday and we all had a big time Saturday night when the other kids piled in to welcome them home.

Lucille and Mom came out also and we all ate and visited and got to know our grandbaby a little better. She's a keeper!!

Happy 92!!

I hear that Vada McCampbell was surprised by her coffee buddies Saturday for her 92nd birthday.

They all had a really good time I'm told and enjoyed getting to be with Vada again.

Those attending were: Thelma Epley, Fannie Ballentine, Lucille Bush, Velma Brown, Hooter Terry, Vada's sister, Fidge Cravy, Judy Bush and granddaughter Trevah Yarbro.

Vada, I hope your day was wonderful and that you had a great birthday!

Till Next Week

I'm going to close for this week. My wish for everyone out there is that you have the merriest of Christmas's and that we all remember the reason of the season.

As we all celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, may everyone be blessed with peace and thoughts of fellow friends.

May God bless each of you.
Merry Christmas!

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You are cordially invited to attend a Reception in honor of Royce Josey Commissioner, Precinct 4 at the Garza County Courthouse 2nd floor Courtroom Monday, December 28, 1998 3:00 p.m.



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Let Vibes help you look great for the new year ahead. Now available 3-6&12 month memberships. Come check it out, give yourself a gift for the holiday!



Stanley and Pauline Mathis celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary recently, and were recognized at the monthly luncheon held at the Caprock Senior apartments. (Photo by Judy Bush)



Rebecca Dimak, Lyntegar Electric Co-op member services rep, teaches electric safety to elementary students.

Community Service: Fancy Words For Doing Our Part

There's a lot of talk about community service these days. But action speaks louder than words. If we can help hang the holiday lights on the square, or assist local businesses, we'll do it.

We've tried to be a good neighbor for 60 years, and helping out just comes natural. Service is our NUMBER ONE priority, it's an idea we feel at home with.



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The Garza Theatre Board of Directors would like to express our sincere "THANKS" to each business that has supported us with their advertising and donations, also thanks to each individual that ushered for us this past year.

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We are looking forward to seeing each of you in 1999.

Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

'Rookie' firemen treated at annual Christmas party



Kelly Baker



Leslie Looney

Dear Santa,

I would like some big red lights and a real loud siren for my pickup. I love you Santa.

Kelly Baker

Dear Santa,

I would like a little red fire truck that I can ride on. Please tell Rudolph hello for me.

Leslie Looney



Michael Self



Daniel Redman

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a little white puppy with black spots like the one you see on some firemans trucks.

Michael Self

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a real firemans coat and hat and maybe some boots.

Daniel Redman



Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. members put in a lot of effort last week in collecting and delivery special Christmas gifts to needy of our community. (Photo by Judy Bush)



Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. members enjoyed the spirit of Christmas giving last week in the annual project to help those in need. (Photo by Judy Bush)



Post Volunteer Fireman and EMTs work to stabilize Brent Hewitt in preparation for a helicopter flight to a Lubbock hospital following the two-truck collision last Friday north of Post on US Hwy 84 (see details on page 1).

Sheriff reports seven arrests

Seven individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

Placed into custody Dec. 16 was a 23-year-old male picked up for bond forfeiture (released Dec. 20 on a \$300 bail bond). A 31-year-old male was picked up by a Department of Public Safety trooper for driving while license suspended Dec. 17 (released the next day on \$1,500 bond) and a 45-year-old male was arrested Dec. 18 by a DPS trooper for public intoxication (released the next day on time served, fine paid).

A 20-year-old male was jailed on a commitment Dec. 19. Jailed that same day were a 41-year-old male arrested by a DPS trooper for possession of marijuana (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond) and a 39-year-old male arrested by a DPS trooper for DWI/2nd offense (released the next day on \$2,500 bail bond).

A 60-year-old individual was jailed Dec. 20 after failure to identify, Class B and probation violation (released the next day on bonds of \$1,500 and \$3,500).

More than 70 calls for service were handled by sheriff's department dispatchers during the past week. Those calls included, on Dec. 15, a report of an unauthorized use of a trailer in the 200 block of West 8th, and on Dec. 16, an automobile accident at a North Broadway business (no injuries reported); an incident of criminal mischief at a local business; a single-vehicle automobile accident about five to six miles north of the city on U.S. 84 (ambulance responded; no further details recorded); and a domestic dispute at Two Draw Lake.

Calls received on Dec. 17 included a report of harassment by telephone (no address given) and a minor automobile accident in the 300 block of West 5th.

Calls handled on the 18th included a report of a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 84 north at CR 211 (two injuries reported; EMS providers responded and transports made to Lubbock hospitals); a subject with a gun in the 300 block of West 14th; a car having fallen on a subject working on the vehicle at Highland Apartments (fire department and EMS provider responded; no other information recorded); and a request for an ambulance on South U.S. 84 (transport made to Highland Medical Center, Lubbock).

Incoming calls on Dec. 19 included a report of possible child abuse in the 300 block of North Avenue M (a child allegedly forced to eat several jalapeno peppers); an automobile accident on East Main (no injuries reported); stolen property (someone reported having witnessed the taking of a sign) on U.S. 84 north; and "simple assault" in the 900 block of West 12th.

Other incidents on Dec. 19 included a report of sexual assault in the 300 block of North Avenue H; a gasoline drive-off at an 8th Street business (\$8.21 worth of gasoline allegedly taken); an incident of criminal mischief (no address given); and a family disturbance in the 100 block of 6th Street.

On Dec. 21, lawmen were asked to work a report of criminal mischief at the high school. Also, a request for an ambulance was made at a residence in the 100 block of East 6th Street.

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Tatum earns LCU degree

Leslie Tatum of Post was one of 104 graduates who participated in commencement exercises at Lubbock Christian University Dec. 12.

Tatum graduated with a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary studies in elementary education.

Tatum, the daughter of Charles and Mary Mannis, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and was named to the Dean's List and to Who's Who. She graduated summa cum laude.

Martial arts classes offered

Chung-do-kwan, a class in traditional martial arts, will be offered each Tuesday night beginning Jan. 5 in the Community Center's Teen Room.

Each Tuesday night class will be a three-hour working devoted to the development of discipline, self defense, confidence, respect, concentration, physical fitness and personal responsibility.

"This class is not for wimps," reads the flyer announcing the class. "No cry babies."

The class will be open to anyone ages third grade to adult.

Cost will be \$20 per month. For more information, call Rodney Tidwell at MAD DADS at 495-1244.

It keeps more than memories alive.



Santa Claus points to a convenience store cooler, urging Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Thousands of the colorful reminders have been placed at convenience stores and liquor stores. The Texas Department of Transportation has launched a new campaign, which includes radio, roadside billboards and window decals, to promote safe driving. Also participating are the Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, the Texas Package Stores Association and Diamond Shamrock.

Photo by Alan Pogue

GHD proposal...

(Continued from Page 1)

limit, which produces more than \$500,000 per year in taxes, will obviously not be enough to fund all the additional "health care" needs of all of us in this county.

7. To increase the spending limit requirements for voter approval by the district directors.

What spending limit requirements? We are a bit puzzled on this one, but we think it refers to the spending on building and facilities. There could be millions of dollars needed for the proposed "health care district." This one is really alarming, particularly since we have no specifics about what a "health care district" would actually do.

8. To increase the competitive bidding requirements of \$1,000 by the district to "reflect more accurately today's economy..."

Aha! Another example that GHD has failed to adhere to its legislative mandate (in other words, violations of the law). This is a confirmation that the board has entered into contracts without performing the required competitive bidding. That includes, of course, the current contract with Covenant Health Systems (previously Methodist Hospital).

9. To have those provisions requiring a copy of the audit be sent to the comptroller of public accounts be deleted.

One more time, an obvious attempt to correct the long time practice of GHD in failing to provide the audit to the comptroller as required by law.

10. That all references in the enabling legislation of the Garza County Hospital District referring to the hospital or hospital district or hospital system be amended to reflect the name of Garza County Health Care District.

Just exactly what would a "Health Care District" do? And since the current Texas constitution has no authority for such a district, will our elected officials in Austin just conveniently overlook that little difficulty?

11. That the enabling legislation be "amended in any manner necessary to provide more adequately for the health care needs of the citizens of Garza County, Texas, in the next century."

This one is a humdinger. We want to see the constitutional authority which allows for a government unit to "provide more adequately for the health care needs" of citizens. With approximately 5,000 citizens in Garza County, that little change in the law could cost taxpayers here a huge chunk of money.

We strongly recommend that Garza County property owners call and write State Representative David Counts and State Senator Robert Duncan to express their opposition to this boondoggle list. If these proposals are enacted, they will become effective immediately, and who knows what kind of restrictions will be placed on conducting an election for dissolution. We could be stuck with an unpredictably huge tax burden with no relief whatsoever.

Since it is apparent that Representative Counts has rejected the proposal by property owners to require the GHD to adhere to the already well established election code, there is much reason for taxpayers here to be concerned about the future.



Jonah Jones (left) won the Sonic Coca-Cola battery operated car. Sonic owner-operator Jose Alvidrez presented the "keys" to the car at Sonic. The drawing was held last Saturday.

Tidwell completes military deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Steven C. Tidwell, son of Wesley G. and Anita J. Morris of Post, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf with Fighter Squadron 31, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

While deployed in the Arabian Gulf, Tidwell's squadron aided multinational interception operations in prohibiting contraband transports to and from Iraq. In addition, planes from his squadron joined the carrier's air wing in flying 1,855 missions during Operation Southern Watch to support sanctions imposed by the U.N. against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

During the deployment, Tidwell and crew members had the opportunity to visit Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

Home based in Virginia Beach, Va., Tidwell's squadron provides air-to-

air operations to establish and maintain local air superiority. Fighter Squadron 31 flies the F-14 Tomcat.

The 1989 graduate of Post High School joined the Navy in June 1989.

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, Dec. 25, 1998

Holiday

Monday, Dec. 28, 1998

Roast, corn, turnip greens, coleslaw, cornbread and pineapple gelatin.

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998

Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, stewed tomatoes & okra, crackers and fruit salad.

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998

BBQ beef, potato, broccoli with cheese, hot roll, pears and cookies.

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998

Ham with pineapple, rice, Chinese vegetables, wheat roll and gingerbread w/ topping.

Post ISD

Friday, Dec. 25, 1998

Holiday

Monday, Dec. 28, 1998

Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998

Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998

Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998

Holiday

Southland ISD

Friday, Dec. 25, 1998

Holiday

Monday, Dec. 28, 1998

Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1998

Holiday

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 1998

Holiday

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1998

Holiday

Roof patched on Algerita building

by JoAnn Mock

The roof on the Algerita building in downtown Post received a patch job last month and gutters were repaired and made operable. Afterwards a small but windy rain presented no leaks either in the Trailblazers portion of the building or the Arts Center.

The roofing committee decided to have the roof patched after they were informed by the Texas Department of Transportation that the expected new roof would not be installed before August of 1999. In spite of the already long process, it was discovered that an important procedure in the ISTE grant process had not yet been completed. This procedure demanded that a consultant engineer draw plans.

The committee was given the option of selecting and paying extra for their own consultant and getting approval or to leave that up to TxDOT. The committee opted to leave the matter to TxDOT and to have the roof patched to protect the delicate nature of the problem during the rest of the year. The committee felt that TxDOT would be better able to select a consultant that would gain the necessary approval. In the meantime, the rainwater problem suffered by the structure has been stemmed.

Obituaries

Ruel Maddox

Services for Ruel Maddox, 95, of Post were held Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. in the Justice-Mason Funeral Home with Bo Jackson officiating. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. in the Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco with the Rev. Clayton Pennington, retired Baptist minister of Clyde, officiating. Burial was under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Golden Plains Care Center. Born Oct. 27, 1903, in Williamson County to Can and Della (Snider) Bolton, she married Roy Maddox in 1923 in Corel County. They lived there and in Brown and Coleman counties until they moved to Garza County in 1935 to farm.

While in Post she served as a midwife for many years and worked at the Close City School cafeteria. They moved back to Cisco in 1966 and back to Post in 1986. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Thurman Maddox of Post and Pete Maddox of Brownwood; one daughter, Fleeta Caffey of Post; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 26, 1987, and by a son, Herman Maddox, Oct. 28, 1994.

Pallbearers were Jay Williams, Clay Williams, Glen Williams, Mike Wylie, Billy Griffin and Roscoe Moulton.

Wilma "Boo" Olson

Services for Wilma "Boo" Olson, 77, of Post were held Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jerry Koch, pastor of the church, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, and the Jack Alexander, minister of the First Christian Church. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Seminole. Born Oct. 6, 1921, in Sulphur, Okla., to William Franklin and Gladys (McAdams) Presson, she moved to Post in 1923 and attended Post schools, graduating from Post High School before attending West Texas College in Canyon.

She married Don Olson in 1947 in Dallas. They lived there and in Santa Monica, California. She returned to Post in 1953 and went to work for Pioneer Natural Gas Co. as the office clerk. She retired in 1986 from Energas. She was the organist for the First Presbyterian Church in Post for 35 years. She enjoyed her music and was active in community programs. She was a member of the Art Guild, the Amity Study Club and was named Citizen of the Year in 1980.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Jan Marc and Nancy Olson of Seminole; two brothers, Kent Presson of Arlington, Va., and Glendon Presson of Corpus Christi; five grandchildren, Jon Olson, Mac Olson, Chris Olson, Monica Olson and Becky (Mrs. Tony) Denbow; and three great-grandchildren, Jarryd, Shelby and Kaitlyn Denbow.

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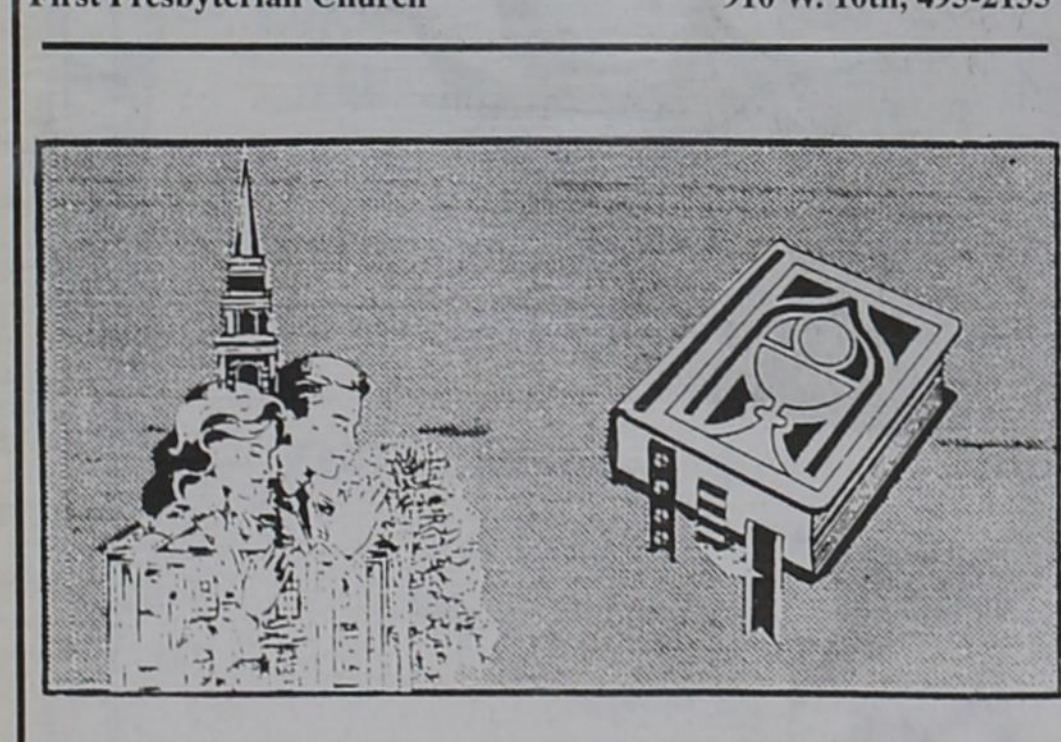
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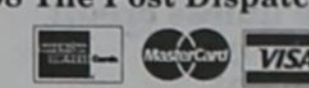
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Opinions



Letters to the Editor

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Who answers questions about the hospital?

Since you printed our letter in your December 10th issue, we were hoping to see a reply from the Garza Hospital Board in last week's edition. Instead, we received a letter from Maritta Reed, administrator at the clinic, addressing the issues we questioned.

In that letter, she made mention of the "after hours" phone number for the clinic, and that a card was sent to all households in the county stating the clinic's hours and phone numbers. We cannot remember receiving such a card.

As for the phone numbers for the clinic, when we called and there was no answer, we tried both numbers that are listed. Neither were answered. For our inconvenience, she apologized and invited us to contact her if we have any further problems.

Unfortunately, her office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If we are trying to contact the clinic after hours, and no one is answering the phone, what good is that going to do us? We understand that the clinic is soon going to cut its hours anyway, so the patients will just have to wait no matter how sick they are.

No wonder many Garza County residents are driving out of town to seek medical care.

As for the second question, on which we issued the open invitation to any board member to answer, she stated that David Counts had informed them that "the legislative counsel could draft the needed changes to our enabling legislation." Thus, it will not be necessary for the Garza Hospital Board to spend \$1,500 in tax money on legal fees to draw up the bill for the legislature to consider. We are happy to know that Mr. Counts is going to do the job for which he was elected.

This letter from Mrs. Reed now brings forth other questions. Is Mrs. Reed running the show for the Garza Hospital Board? It seems that she has said and done a lot concerning the hospital/clinic that really should be a duty or responsibility of board members. Of course, being administrator, she meets with the hospital board and many of the things she must deal with are also concerns of the hospital board, but she is not a board member.

Should she be answering questions which are addressed specifically to board members? Is Mrs. Reed overstepping her position as administrator? And if she was answering at the request of the board, why didn't she do so in a letter to the editor, so that all taxpayers could read her answers?

Just who is running things?
 Frank and Carol Tobias

Editor's Note: Mrs. Reed is wearing two hats in this situation. Apparently, since the original letter addressed questions about the clinic itself, it was quite appropriate for the clinic administrator to respond to the customer in a private letter. However, as administrator of the Garza Hospital District, perhaps her role is a bit different. As with the letter writers, this newspaper has addressed a series of questions directly (and mailed to each individual board member), seeking answers. By their lack of response, it appears board members do not feel an obligation to provide information requested by taxpayers or newspapers.

Taxpayers' Proposed Change to GHD Enabling Legislation

A letter was sent on August 12, 1998 to State Representative David Counts and State Senator Robert Duncan, signed by nine Garza County taxpayers requesting the following language to provide for an election to dissolve the Garza Hospital District:

For the purpose of determining the dissolution of the Garza Hospital District, the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District shall comply with provisions of Chapter 286.102 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Petitions signed and submitted by Garza County voters in May, 1998 to the Garza Hospital District shall be recognized as fulfilling the requirements specified in Chapter 286.102 of the Health and Safety Code.

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Local Government Meetings

- Monday, December 28**
- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.
- Tuesday, January 5**
- Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Tuesday, January 12**
- Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration bldg.
- Monday, January 11**
- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.

Prosecute the Postal Service, not Microsoft

by Jacob G. Hornberger

The U.S. Justice Department has hauled Microsoft into court with the ostensible purpose of protecting American consumers from another big, bad monopoly. As with other antitrust suits, it's all a waste of time, energy, and resources. The only monopolies that should be ended are the legal ones — that is, those in which government itself prevents free and open competition in the marketplace against the sole provider of a good or service.

For example, consider the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). It's a perfect example of a monopoly: it has been accorded the legal privilege of delivering first-class mail in the United States and the government prohibits everyone from competing with it in the delivery of first-class mail.

What happens if a private company disregards the monopoly law and begins competing against the USPS? Justice Department attorneys rush into court and secure an emergency injunction from a federal judge that orders the private company to cease and desist its competitive behavior.

The Justice Department's legal argument is always the same: that the USPS has a legal monopoly to deliver first-class mail and that it is in the interests of the government that this monopoly remain in full force and effect. What happens if a private individual, believing that monopolies are wrongful and harmful, chooses to disregard the federal judge's order and proceeds to compete against the USPS?

The recalcitrant competitor is cited for contempt, arrested by U.S. marshals, imprisoned, and fined until he agrees to stop his competitive conduct. Thus, it is government power — marshals, guns, prisons, and fines — and the threat of such power — that have always been the necessary and essential ingredients of monopolies.

It is not surprising that the USPS provides a shoddy service and mistreats its customers. That's the way monopolists — that is, those who are legally protected from competition — have always behaved. They know that if a customer is unhappy, all he can do is go to another branch office of the monopolist. The monopolist knows that the customer cannot go to a competitor because, again, the government has prohibited such competition.

If Justice Department attorneys really hate monopolies and monopolistic practices as much as they say they do, why don't they prosecute one of the worst monopolies in American history — the

U.S. Postal Service? Why have they always opposed free and open competition in the delivery of first-class mail?

Microsoft, of course, is in a completely different position from the USPS. Everyone is free to enter the marketplace and begin competing against Microsoft. And if someone does, Microsoft cannot summon marshals to effect the arrest and imprisonment of the competitor. Microsoft has one and only one option available to it: do everything it can to continue pleasing its customers.

Consumers are fickle. Treat them poorly, and they'll go elsewhere. Microsoft knows that in the marketplace, the consumer, not the government, is sovereign. Look at all those big, bad monopolies that the Justice Department has warned us about in the past. What happened to U.S. Steel? General Motors, Ford, and the automobile "oligopolists"? IBM?

What about the Japanese monopolists who were supposedly going to take over America? If those so-called monopolists had the power the government said they had, why aren't they using it now? One would think that a real monopolist would act like one. For that matter, examine a list of the 500 largest and most successful companies in 1978.

I suspect that a good many of them are not found on today's list of the top 500. Why not? After all, if a large, successful company is a monopolist, then doesn't it stand to reason that today, it would be even larger and more powerful than it was 20 years ago? The reason those companies are not on the list today is a simple one.

It's not because government lawyers gave us their paternalistic care but rather because consumers chose to take their business elsewhere. A free and open marketplace in which companies are vying to provide people with the best goods and services is the consumer's best friend.

The next time people start talking about shutting down the nonessential functions of government, a good place to start would be the antitrust division of the U.S. Justice Department.

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And thereafter, how to become rich

by Walter E. Williams

Let's define being rich as having a million dollars of net worth. To become a millionaire, according to Professors Richard McKenzie of the University of California-Irvine and Dwight Lee of the University of Georgia, is almost a cakewalk.

In their August/September Futurist article, "How Almost Anyone Can Become a Millionaire," McKenzie and Lee write, "Most people in America got rich because they chose to do so, and they pursued a path to wealth that is wide open to most of the rest of us." In other words, becoming rich is a matter of choice. Let's look at it.



Suppose a 22-year-old college graduate, earning \$30,000 a year, makes a one-time \$2,000 investment in the stock market. With a 10 percent compounded rate (which is the stock market appreciation over the last 50 years), that \$2,000 would become \$194,000 at age 70. The person wouldn't be rich; but neither would he have sacrificed much.

Suppose our 22-year-old was more serious about becoming rich and invested \$2,000 each year. At age 70, his wealth would exceed \$2.1 million. Thus, the first step toward being a millionaire is to save consistently. In order to save consistently, you must avoid "irresistible" temptations; make do with less expensive cars and clothing, and cheaper entertainment.

Another factor in becoming rich is education. Graduate from high school and attend college or some other form of post-high school training. But you have to choose your education wisely. Teachers can expect to earn half as much over their careers as engineers, so teachers will find becoming rich tougher than engineers.

Among what McKenzie and Lee call auxiliary rules for becoming rich are: marry someone with an equal or higher education, and stay married. Marriage seems to provide a stable institutional setting that promotes greater earnings, which affords greater savings.

Married people not only earn more than single people, they also economize on the costs of running their households, which allows for greater savings. The operative term is marriage, not shacking up. The binding legal contract at the foundation of marriage reflects the couple's personal commitment to each other that gives them added incentives to pool resources.

Survey data shows that married couples build up more assets than two single people or couples simply living together. Becoming a millionaire takes time and requires some risk-taking. If you start out non-rich, don't expect to be rich before you're 50. While you're young, plan to take "reasonable" risks through investment vehicles like index mutual funds (which buy shares of all companies in the Standard and Poor's stock index) or one or more of the 8,000 mutual funds.

McKenzie and Lee point out that the process of becoming rich normally takes decades, sacrifice, dedication and perseverance. Becoming rich is not for everybody. Some people quite rationally may not choose to make the sacrifices of current consumption and enjoyment. Nothing's wrong with that. What the authors stress is that it's one thing to make a conscious choice not to pursue great wealth, and another not to know the choice exists.

McKenzie and Lee demonstrate that greater wealth is possible for most Americans. That's a vital point, particularly for black Americans whose political leaders preach that they can't make it because of discrimination.

The fact that 4 percent, nearly 11 million Americans, are millionaires, most starting out with little or nothing, points to one aspect of America's greatness: By knowing where a person ended up, it's a risky proposition to speculate about where he began.

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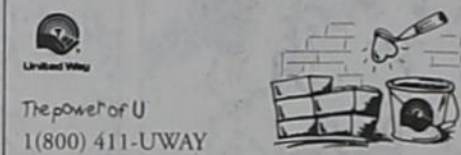


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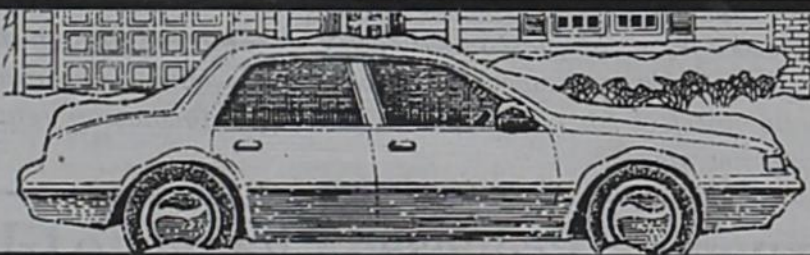
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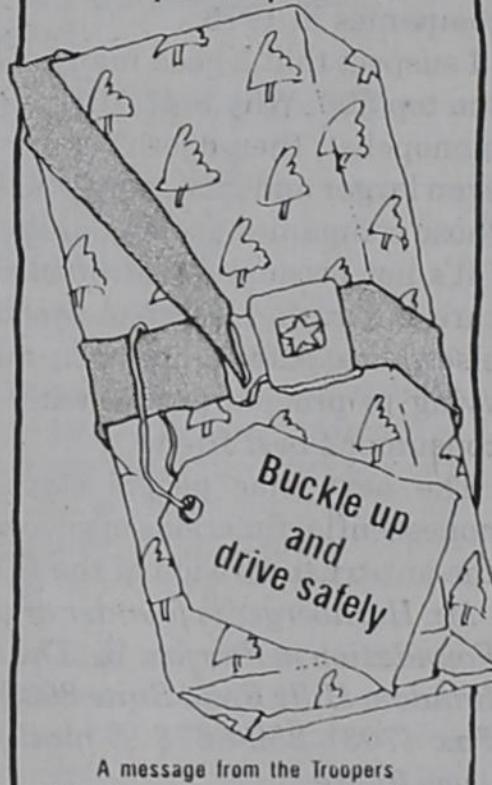
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

This week the Yesteryears column will feature Santa letters from 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago. Hope they bring back some memories and that you enjoy!

Dec. 28, 1988 10 Years Ago

Dear Santa,
My name is Donna. I live in Post Texas. Please bring me Bloni and a bik with trancoos. I wot a lito horse and a pirs of bubls and sum klos and shus The end.
Love
Donna

Dear Santa,
My name is Camie Payne. I live in Post Texas. Ples bring me 1. a jam box and a 2. snopy puzole and 3. som books and a 4. baby gros and a 5. wisoolo. 6. play drum.
Love
Camie

Dear Santa,
My name is Channa Crusc. I live in Post Texas. Please bring me doll and .cat
Love,
Channa

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelcee and I have been very "sweet". I would like a toy that makes lots of noise.
Love,
Kelcee Bratcher

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a color racer factory. Also I want a Nitendo a little pool table with two pool sticks and a bigger bike. And please remember my daddy on the rig.
Oh yea and I've been good.
Love,
Mike Reiter

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Pur Tender and a bike for Christmas.
And please bring something for my big sister Lorrye.
Love,
LaRanda Ledbetter

Dec. 28, 1978 20 Years Ago

Dear Santa Claus,
I am just fine. How are you at the North Pole? May I meet you in school and you can give me a lectric football set and electronic basketball and bowling set.
Love,
Mr. Dustin

Dear Santa,
Can Rudolph play games? I like to hear about Rudolph. I want a doll and a cat.
Love,
Lisa Shults

Dear Santa,
My favorite toy is a starbird. Does it snow all the time in the North Pole? I love you.
Love,
Jimmy Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I want a ten-speed and a doll that has a rash and I will have you sum cookies and milk.
Love,
Traci Tannehill

Dear Santa,
I would please like a little tenspeed. And I would please like a bean bag. And I would please like a baby alive.
Love,
Traci Bush

Dec. 26, 1968 30 Years Ago

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I want a bike and a Susie Homemaker and some dishes. I love you, Santa.
Mary Melinda Adams

Dear Santa:
I want a .22 gun and a fire truck and a Hot Wheels set and a Santa suit and a dress for my mother. Love,
Terry Holloway

Dear Santa:
My name is Matt and I have been a real sweet boy. This will be my first Christmas as I am not quite one year old, so will you please bring me a few new toys? My brothers and I are visiting in Post but we will be home in Victoria for Christmas. Love,
Matt Coulter

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Susie Homemaker, dishes, and do remember my brothers and sisters. Love,
Gloria Greathouse

Dear Santa:
I will be six years old Dec. 18 and have been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a slinky and a Johnny Seven? My two little brothers and I are visiting our grandmother and granddaddy but we will be home in Victoria for Christmas. Love,
Keith Coulter

Dear Santa:
I've been good. I want a cowboy and a horse and a football uniform and a football and a hat. Love,
David Fuentez

Dec. 25, 1958 40 Years Ago

Dear Santa Claus,
I am nine years old. Will you please bring me what you think I should have?
Your friend,
Linda Hays

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I would like you to bring me a family of dolls with red dresses, and a baby buggy.
Patricia Roberts

Dear Santa Claus,
We are a little girl 8 years old and a little boy, 7, and have been pretty good children. Please bring us a bicycle each and I, curtis, want a baseball bat and a football. I, Marilyn, want a doll, doll suitcase and anything else you might have for me. Please remember all little children.
Thanks,
Marilyn and Curtis Steel.

Dear Santa Claus:
"We Three" Cornell boys have been as good as any three brothers could be (most of the time). Since Donnie is so young and can't play much, he just wants a rattle or something like that. Pat wants a pair of boots, a new pickup and a football helmet and some guns.
And I, Mike, want a typewriter, boots and football helmet
Thanks,
Garland Dean Daniell,
Route 1,
Tahoka, Texas.
P. S. I will be at Aunt Zelma's at Albany, Texas.

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 6 years old and my little brother is 5. We are writing to tell you what we wish for Christmas.
I am in the first grade and still love dolls. So I would like a Tiny Tears doll with clothes and a new house coat. David, my little brother, wants house shoes, robe and guns.
Thank you,
Nancy and David Hart
P. S.: Please remember all the other little boys and girls in the world.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bride doll and a sewing machine.
I love you,
Gayle Duncan

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jeep and a trailer. Plesse bring me a horse and a gun.
Ricky Gill

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Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 1 year old and I would like to have a red wagon, big ball, some little dishes and a gold bracelet for Christmas. Please bring my big brother, Jerry Don, a pair of binoculars, scout knife and hat- chet, and a cowboy shirt.
Thanks,
Judy Lee McCampbell.

Dear Santa:
I've been good little boy. Please bring me a wind-up train and a baseball set and a football and a trinket that hauls.
Your friend,
John Everett Hill.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a little record player and probably a doll.
Yours,
Linda Ward.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am trying to be a good little boy. Please bring me a concrete mixer. If you do not have one, just bring me something else like it—maybe skates.
Don't forget my little sister. Bring her a rattle, please, Santa. We would like some nuts and candy, too.
Lots of love,
Roger Camp.

Dear Santa:
Please remember my friends, Stevie and Beth, and all my friends at school in Mexia and Post. I would like any kind of toys you have left—a big red tricycle, or scooter, or anything like that. Mickey is my little sister and she wants you to bring her a watch.
I have been a real good boy this whole year.
Hope you have lots of good luck, and make lots of boys and girls happy on your long, long trip.
Love,
James Truett Bryant.

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Mr and Mrs L.G. Thuet, Jr.

Post Couple to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Thuet, Jr., will be honored on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, Saturday, December 31 with a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.
The former Consuelo Baker and Thuet were married December 31, 1938 in Post.

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December 28, 1988



LONE STAR AGRICULTURE

Classic letter to Santa Claus is reprinted for Dispatch readers

(Editor's Note: During the several years that "Lone Star Agriculture" has been around, only one article has ever been republished in this space. It is the following letter, ostensibly to Santa Claus but more appropriately to the heart of a hurried world. The letter was written in 1952 by the then society editor of The San Antonio Express, Lois Weekes, and it is proudly reprinted here during each Christmas season as a vivid reminder for us all as to the real meaning and spirit of Christmas.)

Mr. Santa Claus
c/o Childhood Hearts
North Pole

Dear Mr. Claus:

I hope you will remember me, Santa. It's been a long time. You'd have to blow the dust away to look up my name in your files!
The last time I wrote you, I spelled Bicycle with a "k"—and I've been singing "Jingle Bells" an octave lower for several seasons now. My stocking size and my Christmas lists have changed considerably—and I now recognize the value of a little mistletoe in the decor.

It isn't that I've underestimated you through the years, Mr. C., or forgotten our relationship. I've been giving your letters to my father to mail and it's worked out beautifully since the Christmas he inquired as to my knowledge of your identity. My affirmative answer brought a "Well, start being a little nicer to ME, then," from him. And we laughed and my mother cried.

I still believe in you, you see. I've followed your activity each Yuletide in the nation's press. I

know you don't have time to read all the papers, but December's headlines—lots of them—belong to you. Annually, you crowd out the day-by-day boys who fade from year to year.

Although this is more a delayed "Thank you" for the other Christmases than a suggested shopping list, there are a few things I'd like when you rein in the reindeer at my house this year.

Could you put the light from the children's faces, pressed against countless frosted window panes, into the hearts of the world? Could you transplant a little of the feeling of holly, the glistening tinsel, the angels atop the Christmas trees, the off-key Noels and the hushed hymns, to those who are spending their first Christmas away from all that? And especially, to those who never noticed it before?

Could you remind us all that it is a Birthday we are celebrating, not just an expensive respite from the rest of the year? Could you put into our Christmas cards and our packages the messages and the warmth we really mean instead of shopworn sentiment and the same old gift?

Most of all, Mr. Claus, could you make sure that we'll never outgrow you—that Christmas will always be a way of life and that you'll be staging it allways?

I think you will because, though you've seen central heating replace the chimney, you've learned that America's front door is left unlocked each Christmas Eve. There is still room for the manger and the sleighbells in this age of automobiles and atoms. So don't ever go mechanized, Mr. Claus.

Sincerely yours,
LOIS WEEKES



ONE OF THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS

Typical of the many family Christmas trees in Post is this one in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Kirkpatrick on West 10th St. Gathered around the tree for a last-minute check of the unopened packages are the Kirkpatrick children, from left to right: Drew, Mark, Dick, Kathy and Cindy.

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ACROSS

1 TX film: "The ___ and Times of Judge Roy Bean"

5 TX "Babe": Mildred Didrikson

6 TXism: "if he giddyup, you better go" (tough guy)

7 TXism: "got a skunk ___ the tail" (trouble)

8 Commerce h.s. class in Medina Co. off I-35

16 TXism: "smart as a tree full of ___"

17 TXism: "so dark you couldn't find your nose with ___"

19 Ivan Rodriguez has often played on the AL ___ team

21 TX Roy Orbison film: "The Fastest Guitar ___"

22 private boys' school in Dallas

27 TXism: "that dog won't ___"

28 ACU men's club: ___ Sodalis'

29 brain strainer

30 field of Valley oranges

32 concerning ___ the San Jacinto Monument"

33 TXism: "black ___ black cats"

36 TX Perot dislikes govt. ___ lock"

37 Austin univer. ex-Ranger closer Henke (init.)

38 a Cowboy who doesn't report to training camp

39 TXism: "take ___ (investigate)

DOWN

1 guitar picker Paul

2 Valley "Turtle Lady" Loetscher

3 an out for Juan

4 TXism: ___ ducks on a pond"

8 pointed tools

9 Highlands is called the ___

10 TXism: "he's tall hog ___ the trough"

11 ex-Ranger closer Henke (init.)

12 TXism: ___ keep under the porch" (good hound)

13 TXism: "he's in ___ Land" (crazy)

14 TXism: "I'm ___ up to my ears"

15 giving attention

16 C&W group: ___ Boys

17 all the judges: "en ___"

18 withered, dry

20 it's not natural in Texas Stadium

22 ___ Edwards University in Austin

23 iced ___

24 homemade brew: "sour ___"

25 TXism: "busy ___ armed paper hanger"

26 not used today in Cowboy games: "instant ___"

28 Pearsall is seat of this county

31 this Guthrie played at TX Willie's Farm Aid III

34 Yo ___ Digo Creek

35 small continent (abbr.)

37 drug addict or computer operator disfavored in TX: Ku Klux ___

41 Ranger sportscaster Eric (init.)

44 TXism: "saddle strawberry"

45 without end

51 TXism for depleting resources (2 wds.)

52 in college, it's kinesiology

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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PEOPLE WHO READ NEWSPAPERS ARE

MORE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OWNERS

10 Ideas For Exercising Over The Holidays

- 1) Build a snowman or snow fort
- 2) Take five quick runs down a favorite sledding hill
- 3) Engage in after-dinner dancing
- 4) Head out for a walking tour of holiday lights
- 5) Self-choreograph a family ice skating show
- 6) Do the zoo
- 7) Hand-deliver holiday cards/gifts to neighbors
- 8) Volunteer to pack bags at a food bank
- 9) Shovel your neighbor's sidewalk
- 10) Take a brisk walk in the park to feed the birds



Family Dinner Marks 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Humble celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 25 with a family Christmas dinner in their home.

From The Post Dispatch, December 28, 1988

Sports

Lady Lopes rack up two wins before Christmas break

The Post Lady Lopes went to Aspermont December 15th and came home with a big victory over the Lady Hornets with a final score of Post 64, Aspermont 36.

Post had trouble getting their shots to go through the bucket in the first two quarters of the game and led by a small margin at half time 22 to 15; however, they came out in the third quarter and hit 7 of 16 buckets and 6 of 11 free throw attempts and scored 20 points in that period.

In the final quarter the Lady Lopes swarming defense left the Lady Hornets helpless as Post scored 22 points to only 9 for Aspermont.

Scorers were led by Kenda Looney with 12 followed by Kristen Webb 9, Lauren Webb and Meagan Mills 8 each, Rachelle Jones 7, Kasey Hardin 6, Becca Stelzer and Erin Gregory 4 each, and Jennifer Strawn and Davida Gregory 3 each. Post had 44 total rebounds in the game led by 10 by Stelzer; Hardin 6; Looney, L. Webb and Mills 5 each; K. Webb and E. Gregory 3; and Jones and Vondi Gradine 1 each.

On the last day of classes before Christmas break, December 18th, the Lady Lopes improved their record to 7-6 by winning against Roosevelt 70-38. At half the Lady Lopes led 24 to 16 and never let up pouring in 18 points in the third quarter and 28 in the fourth and allowed the Lady Eagles on 11 points in each of the final two periods.

Post was at the free throw line numerous times during the evening and hit 60% of their 35 attempts and 5 of 10 three-point shots were made. Jones led scorers with 15 (4 three point buckets made) followed by Stelzer 10; Hardin and Looney 9 each; E. Gregory 7 (1 three-point bucket) Strawn, Mills, Gradine 4 each; K. Webb and D. Gregory 3; L. Webb 2. The Lady Lopes had a good night of rebounding with 39 total: Stelzer, D. Gregory and Looney 6; Mills and Gradine 5 each; Hardin 4; Jones 3; E. Gregory 2; K. Webb and L. Webb 1 each.

The Lady Lopes continue to improve with each game and will be playing in the Crosbyton Tournament right after Christmas, December 28-29-30, followed by a game with Crosbyton on January 2nd. District play will begin January 8th against Seagraves.

8th grade boys drop close game to Tahoka

The eighth grade boys dropped a 48-46 game to Tahoka Dec. 14.

Post led for much of the game, jumping out to a 16-12 lead at the end of the first period and maintaining that lead during the next two quarters, but fell short in the final period when they were outscored by six points.

Lance Curtis was high scorer for the Lopes, canning 22 points, followed by Noah Gutierrez with 12 points. Brody Robertson had six points and Manuel Saucedo, Brandon Bell and Tye Mason each scored two points.

Gutierrez led free throws, going 2-4. "Tahoka made their free throws in the fourth quarter," the coach said, "and we didn't play very good defense in the fourth quarter."

7th grade boys A team wraps up victory

The seventh grade boys A team posted a resounding win over Tahoka Dec. 14, dropping the Bulldogs by a score of 37-17.

The Lopes led scoring from the beginning, taking a 9-3 lead in the first period and limiting Tahoka to six while adding 14 points of their own in the second quarter.

Brody Conner led scoring with 15 points, followed by Mitchell Mills with 13. Jerry Curtis had four points, Daniel Simental had three points and Mario Gomez, two points.

Mills led free throws with 1-3. Simental was 1-2 in free throws while Mark McCallister was 0-2.

Boys 7th grade B squad wins squeaker

The seventh grade boys B team earned a 14-10 win over Tahoka in two quarters of play Dec. 14.

Post jumped out to an early lead, scoring 10 points in the first period while limiting Tahoka to six. Both teams scored four points in the second period.

Adrian Loredolo led scoring for the Lopes with six points. Mitch Holly had four points and Zane Marts and Jay Cooper each scored two points.

Census workers needed locally

Full and part-time employment with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census will be available locally in coming months.

Census takers will be hired at a rate of \$8.25 per hour and crew leaders will be paid \$9.75 per hour. Mileage reimbursement for field jobs will be 33 cents per mile.

Applications will be taken every Monday—Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 and Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22—at 9 a.m. Applicants are asked to bring a Social Security card and a driver's license or a photo ID. Veterans should bring a copy of their DD214.

For more information, call locally at 806-785-6740 or toll-free 1-888-325-7733.



Post FFA members (left to right) Matthew Ledbetter, LaRinda Ledbetter, Emily Smith and Jarrett Bland recently participated in the Mesa District FFA meeting at South Plains College. Emily won the talent contest and will participate at the Area II FFA Talent competition at Angelo State University in the spring.

Varsity 'Lopes slip past Aspermont squad 71-67

The varsity boys basketball team from Post High School advanced its season record to seven wins and three losses Dec. 15 with a 71-67 road win over Aspermont.

It was a see-saw battle, with Aspermont jumping out to the lead 20-15 at the close of the first period. Post won the scoring battle in the second period, 21-15, while Aspermont led scoring 17-11 in the third. But the Lopes played tough in the final period, scoring 24 points and limiting Aspermont to 13 to take the victory by a four point margin.

Braden Conner led scoring with 21 points, followed by Clell Knight with 18 and Billy Crawford with 15. Jay Gorman and Michael Ulm each had five points, Daniel Fluitt had three points and Tyrone Jefferson and Raul Ortiz each scored two points.

Conner also led rebounds with a total of eight. Knight logged five rebounds on the night, followed by Crawford's four.

Ulm led in assists with three. Conner, Fluitt and Gorman each had two. "This was an exciting ball game throughout," said Coach Ritchie Thornton. "We did an excellent job during the fourth quarter executing our offense and defense. Braden, Billy and Clell had good games. Everyone contributed to this win."

"We had a slow first and third quarter, but picked it up in the second and fourth. We must improve on rebounding and turnovers, but we will always take a win."



Post EMT Debbie Jenkins stabilizes Brent Hewitt while volunteer firemen assist in removing the injured man from his pickup following the two-truck accident last Friday (see details on page 1).

Create A Holiday Tradition By Giving Edible Gifts

(NAPS)—According to the 1998 Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline survey, this year nearly half of all Americans will give home-baked gifts during the holidays. For a sweet treat that makes a perfect hostess gift, consider making Hot Fudge Fantasy Tarts. Arrange them on a decorative plate and take to an open house or cookie exchange.

Hot Fudge Fantasy Tarts

- Tarts**
- 3/4 cup semi-sweet real chocolate chips
 - 1/2 cup LAND O LAKES® Butter
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 30 (1 3/4 x 1 1/4-inch) mini paper liners
- Fillings**
- See variations below

Hot Fudge Glaze

- 1 cup semi-sweet real chocolate chips
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- Heat oven to 375 degrees. In 1 quart saucepan combine 2/3 cup chocolate chips and butter. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until melted and smooth (5 to 7 minutes). Pour into medium bowl; cool 5 minutes.
- Stir sugar, eggs and vanilla into chocolate mixture. Gradually stir in flour until smooth.
- Line miniature muffin pans with paper liners or place paper liners on baking sheets. Spoon about 2 teaspoons batter into each liner, filling each 1/2 full.
- Bake for 12 to 14 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- Remove from oven; immediately press one of the de-



sired fillings into center of each tart.

Marshmallow—press 3 mini marshmallows into each tart.

Cherry—press 1 maraschino cherry into each tart.

Double Chocolate—press 1 unwrapped milk or white chocolate candy kiss upside down into tart.

Mint—press one unwrapped chocolate covered soft-filled mint pattie (cut into quarters) into each tart.

- Continue baking 2 minutes. Cool 5 minutes.
- Meanwhile in 1-quart saucepan combine all glaze ingredients. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring constantly until melted and smooth (2 to 3 minutes).
- Top each tart with about one teaspoon fudge glaze. Refrigerate at least 1 hour to set glaze. Store at room temperature in airtight containers up to 3 days.
- Makes 30 tarts.

For more creative gift ideas and helpful baking advice, call the experts at the Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline at 1-800-782-9606. It's open throughout the holiday season, from November 1 until December 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CST), seven days a week. All callers will receive a free copy of "The Joy of Holiday Baking" recipe leaflet.

Nutrition Facts (1 marshmallow or cherry tart): Calories 140; Protein 2 g; Carbohydrate 22 g; Fat 6 g; Cholesterol 25 mg; Sodium 50 mg.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Kwanzaa

Compared to many of the other holidays that we know about or celebrate, Kwanzaa is very new. It was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga. Depending on where you live and your own ethnic background you may or may not know much about this African American holiday celebrated over seven days.

Because getting together to share good food is a big part of Kwanzaa and because Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas and ends on New Year's Day, I thought it would be a good focus for this week's column. Celebrating our heritage is an appropriate way to end any year. And making plans to continue working toward our goals is an appropriate way to begin a new year. These are the underlying principles of Kwanzaa.



A Celebration of People Dr. Karenga created Kwanzaa to teach African Americans the history of their own culture and to encourage African Americans today to turn to their history for support.

I am not suggesting that this column be a Kwanzaa celebration. I have two goals for this column. One is to provide information about Kwanzaa itself, as an opportunity for people of all races to learn more about the African American culture. As we learn more about each other, we can better understand and appreciate one another. My second goal is for all of us to remember our own heritage, to think about our values and celebrations. This time of reunion, recognition of achievements, cultural renewal, and rededication to strong family values doesn't need to leave anyone out.

The Seven Days of Kwanzaa Kwanzaa isn't a religious holiday or an alternative to Christmas. Dr. Karenga has identified seven principles, one to celebrate on each day.

- 1 UNITY in the family, community, nation, and race
- 2 SELF-DETERMINATION to define, name, create for, and speak for ourselves
- 3 COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY to build our community together
- 4 COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS to build and maintain our own businesses and to profit together
- 5 PURPOSE the building and development of our community, to restore our people to their traditional greatness
- 6 CREATIVITY to leave our community more beautiful than we found it
- 7 FAITH in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of the struggle.

Tradition: Carry It On

April Brady begins her book, Kwanzaa Karamu, with these words: I would like to pass on to you what has been given to me, our history. The tales of the history of African Americans warm my heart and my mind like a fire burning. This flame will burn forever. It will never go out as long as you carry it into your life and into your children's lives. It is up to each of us to share our own flame to ignite other minds and warm other hearts.

Recipe Notes

Kwanzaa celebrates making and sharing food. Make your own peanut butter to share. Here's how: Put 1 cup shelled peanuts in a blender or food processor. Blend for about 1 minute, until peanuts are crushed into a paste. Stir in 1 tablespoon peanut oil and teaspoon salt. Store in a covered container and refrigerate. (If peanuts and oil separate, simply stir to mix.)

There are many, many recipes for Sweet Potato Pie, but none were easier than this one. You could make your own pie crust, or decorate your pie with pecan halves after baking, or serve it with whipped cream. But this pie really does taste great just as it is.

Sweet Potato Pie Heat oven to 450°. Mix all ingredients, in order, thoroughly: 1 cup mashed cooked sweet potatoes (about 3 potatoes), *cup brown sugar, teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon allspice, 2 eggs, beaten, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 1 cup evaporated milk. Pour into: 1 9-inch, unbaked pie shell. Bake 15 minutes, reduce heat to 325° and bake 30 minutes longer. Makes one pie.

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Holiday Closing

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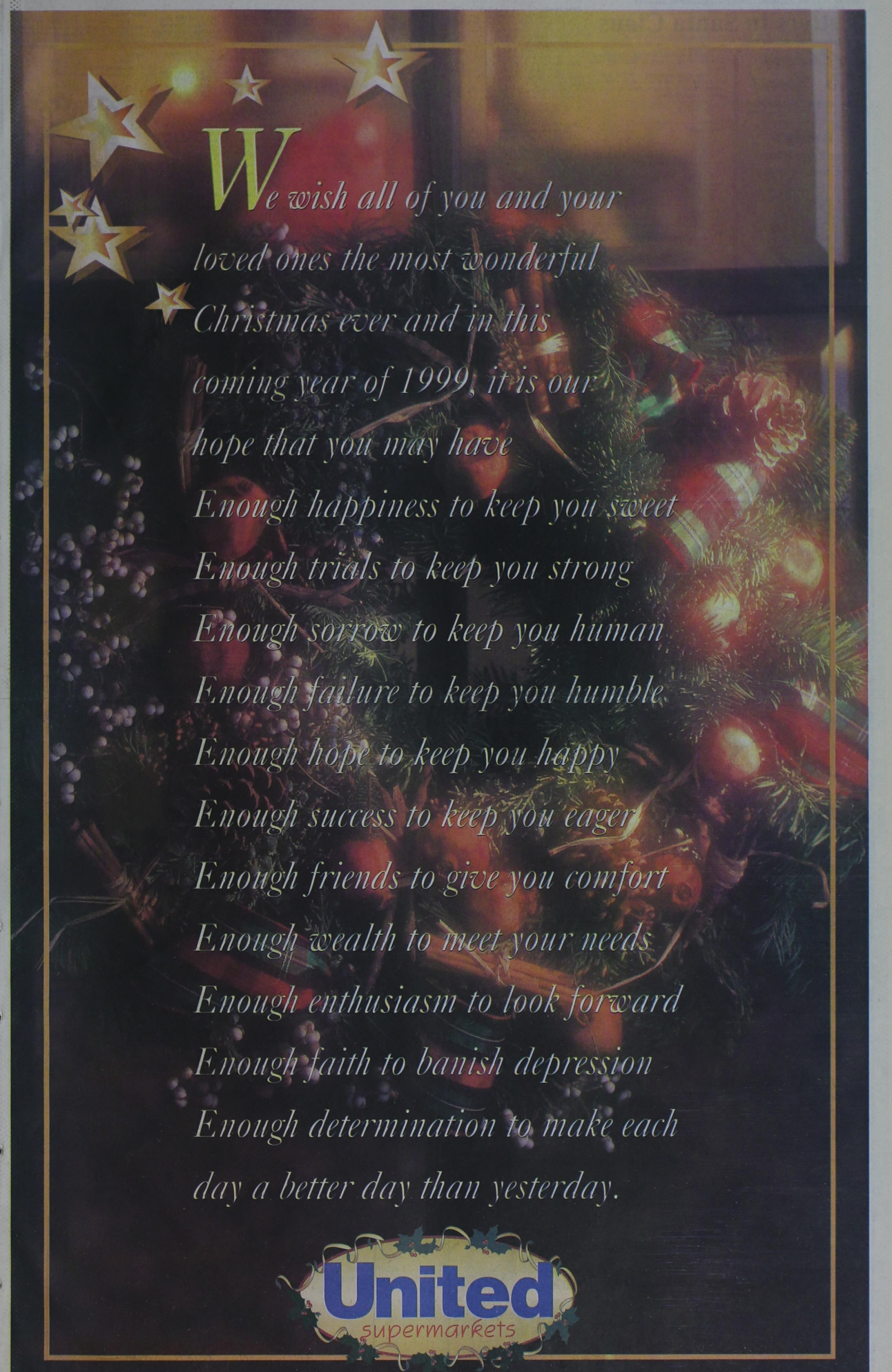
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Thank you,
Kendra Hair

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want some Nike shoes and a Gator Golf Game.
Thank you,
Kendrick Boland

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a computer and a CD.
Thank you,
Joshua Curtis

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a Batman tent.
Thank you,
Jeran McAdams

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a big remote control monster truck. I want a book and an alien toy.
Thank you,
Parker Loftus

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a "My Size Angel" and a blanket for my Barbie.
Thank you,
Kali Hewitt

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a boat, a truck and some cars. Dinosaur and a camp toy like I saw on TV. I also want a Power Ranger.
Thank you,
Fermin Rivera

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a robot and a Bug's Life race car. Dinosaur and a camp toy like I saw on TV. I also want a Power Ranger.
Thank you,
Fermin Rivera

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a bike with one in the front and one in the back. It is for two people to ride. I want a Barbie and a boy one.
Thank you,
Dametria Curtis

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a Barbie doll. I want them to be a boy and a girl. I want a heart necklace also.
Thank you,
Janice Curtis

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a bike. I have a game on lay-a-way. Please bring me a soccer ball.
Thank you,
Jordan Curtis

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a baby that sucks a pacifier. When you take it out the baby will say "mine." I want a talking Bubba too.
Thank you,
Amanda Duran

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a toy car and a bike.
Thank you,
Corbin McDonald

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a tractor and a truck and a motorcycle.
Thank you,
Patrick McDougal

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me a bike, a Nintendo and a movie called Deep Impact. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Thanks Santa.
Love you,
Ulisis Garcia

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me Bead Blast Barbie, a horse and a Make-Up Barbie. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thank you Santa.
Love,
McKenzie Mason

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me some Jeankles, a computer with a CD player and a puppy. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Chris Venegas

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me Warzone and a bike and the movie Waterboy. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thanks Santa. Your friend,
Zachary Rivera

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like some clothes and shoes. First gift I want is some clothes. I want some clothes because they keep me warm. The second gift I want is shoes. I want shoes because I only have one pair. They both make me feel warm.
Sincerely,
Amber Bustoz

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a bike and some bears.
Thank you,
Talisa Trevino

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Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a pencil, and a bear that runs and bites you. I want a truck that is blue and a yellow car that has a windshield.
Thank you,
Matthew Soto

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a Barbie jeep for me, and a Barbie car so my Barbie doll can ride in it. Please bring me some Barbie dolls.
Thank you,
Krystal Ayala

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a Barbie truck, a basketball and a Mickie Mouse.
Thank you,
Crystal Crowley

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want some Barbie gloves a Barbie House, and a bike.
Thank you,
Monica Mendoza

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a train set and new play cars.
Thank you,
Anthony Soto

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a backhole and a dump truck, and a loader.
Thank you,
Brandon Shaw

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a football and a soccer ball. I want a car to play with.
Thank you,
Jose Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a baby doll and a Barbie doll, a Barbie doll car, and a Barbie doll house.
Thank you,
Shamuada Taylor

Sing We All Noel!

As voices are raised in joyful caroling, we want to throw in a chorus of thanks, and sing the praises of our many good friends and neighbors. With best wishes to all, for a truly noteworthy season. Noel!

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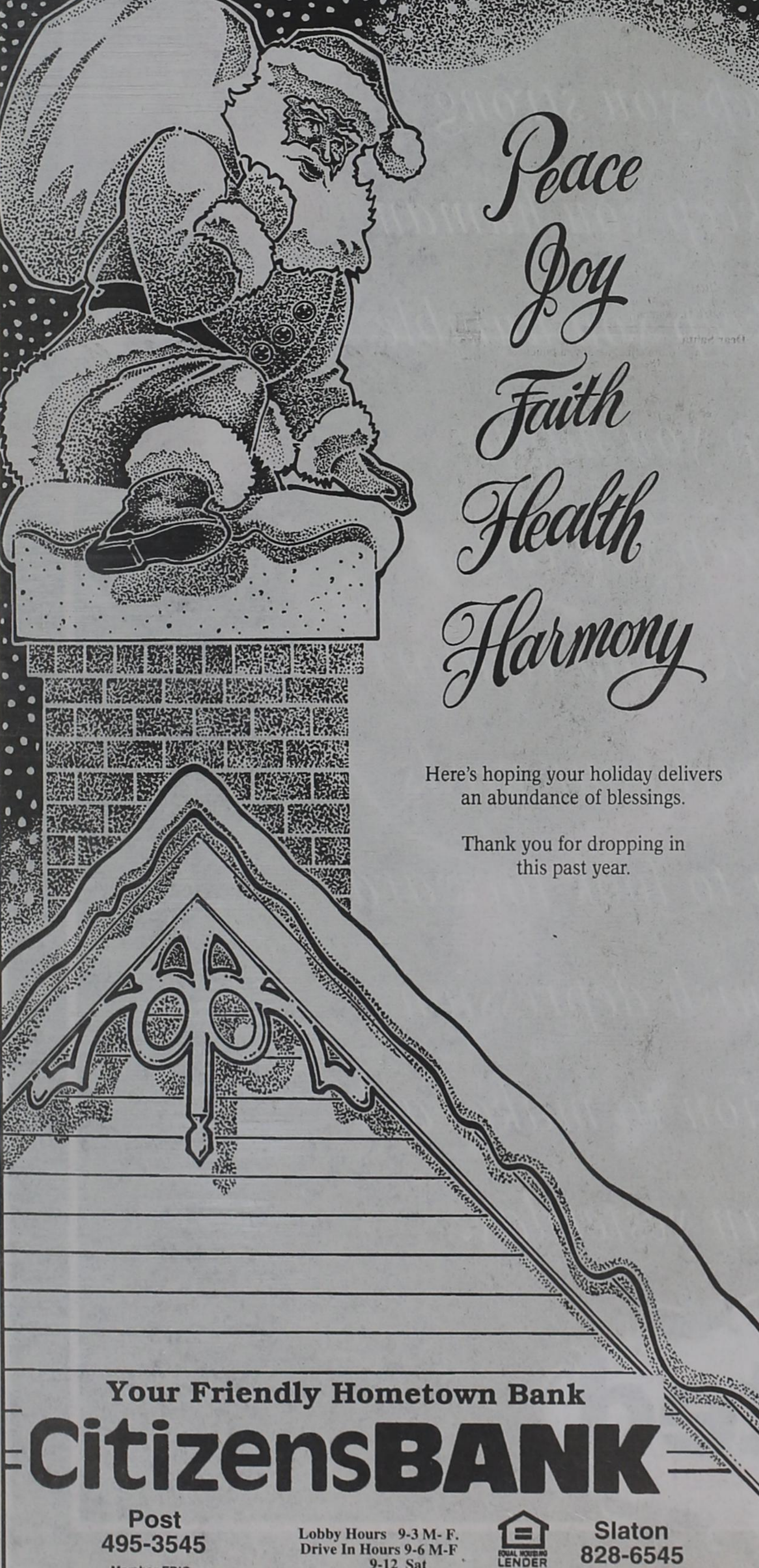
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To all of our friends, we say Merry Christmas

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Alyssa, Cailee and Whitney Dobberry

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want sleeping doll and a backpack. I also want a bottle for my baby doll.
Thank you,
Melissa Whitehead

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie car. I have lots of presents at home.
Thank you,
Nicole Alvidrez

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me a Bike, Baby Bill and clothes. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Megan Carter

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me a pair of shoes and boots. Thank you Santa Claus. I love you.
Susan Littrell

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Please bring me a computer and a Babil Dill and clothes. P.S. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Shyra Perez

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me clothes, shoes, skates, a bike and a computer. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Claudia Hernandez

Dear Santa
I have tried to be very good this year. Would you please bring me a bike, a computer and a CD that goes with it so I can play on the computer. Please put the presents under the tree on Christmas. I will open the presents and I will be so happy! I will leave you some milk and cookies. Thanks Santa.
Love,
Destiny Price

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a doll for Christmas. The first gift I would like is a bike. I would like a bike because I get to ride. Second I would like a doll. I would like a doll because it reminds me of a person. My two favorite gift remind me of a person.
Sincerely,
Tisha

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like some skates and a skateboard. My first favorite toy is skates. I like skates because they are fun. My second favorite toy is a skateboard. I like a skateboard because you can have fun. My two gifts make me feel good inside.
Yours truly,
Lauren

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a bike and a beenny baby. The first gift I would like is a bike. I like bikes because they have two wheels like motorcycles. The second gift I would like is a beenny baby. I like beenny babies because they are soft. I would like two gifts for Christmas so I can ride my bike with my beenny baby.
Yours truly,
Kyle

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a good birthday and a puppy for Christmas. The first gift I want is a good Birthday. I want a good birthday because I want lot of presents. My second gift I want is a puppy. I want a puppy because I can cuddle it. My two gifts make me feel good inside.
Sincerely,
Samantha

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a sqaese shoe and a book. My first christmas gift is a sqaese shoe. I like sqaese shoe because I like te sqaese sound. My second favorite gift is a book. I like a book because I could read it.
Yours truly,
Ricardo

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a Motersikle dirt bike and a Nintendo 64. My first favorite gift is a motersikle dirt bike. A dirt bike is my favorite gift because it is fun. My second favorite gift is a nintendo 64. A nintendo 64 is my second favorite gift because when you are bored you can play it.
Sincerely,
Tyler

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a boxer puppy and a Nintendo 64 or a Playstation. My first favorite gift is a boxer puppy. I want a puppy because I can care for it. My second favorite is a nintendo 64 or a Play Station. I want a nintendo 64 or a Playstation because they have 3-d graphics. I like my two gifts because they are special.
Truly,
Randall

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a new tv and a baby new born. The first thing I want is a tv. I want a tv because I like to watch tv. Next I want a baby new born. I want a baby new born because I like babies. I want to play house.
Yors truly,
Kelsey Leah Paul

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a trampoline and a BB gun. First thing I wanted was a trampoline. I wanted a trampoline because I can jump on it after I get my homework finish. The second thing I wanted was a BB gun. Then I can shoot it on the weekend.
Love,
John David Boren

Dear Santa
I would like two gifts for Christmas. I would like a doll house and some roller blades. The first gift I would want for Christmas is a doll house. I want a doll house because they are pretty. The second gift I would like for Christmas is some roller blades because I need a new pair.
Sincerely,
Brenda

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a jeep that I can drive, and a baby that cries. I want a chalkboard and a computer too.
Thank you,
Paulina Hernandez

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list.
I want a big tractor and a big Godzilla and a little Godzilla.
Thank you,
Daniel Gonzales

Dear Santa
I want a computer. And a baby sister. And a red book about Roodoph and Vixon and you. And a new bike. And a candy cane. And a Jamanji game. And a blue book about Mrs. Claus. And a gigapet.
Love,
Zachary

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is on this list. I want a 1. Come to be baby crawl' walk. 2. The bop it game. 3. a mountain bike that is big and purple. 4. a giga pet that is a dog a cat a bear. 5. a puppy. 6. the Jumanji game. 7. very velvet Barbie. 8. a new pair of skate. 9. a new pair of Barbie shoes. 10. lots of books I can read. 11. I want a Roodoph toy. 12. a Christmas ring.
Love,
Valerie Maria Moreno

Dear Santa
I want you to come to my house. I maat get you some cookies. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a puppies I fell dad my dog died well I want winne pool doll and a Christmas tree and a gigepep Rugrats.
Joanna Serrano

Dear Santa
I want a small sager named Archer Nintido 64 game crooser usa and Bagocussouy. Close and a rig for my man and a new car.
Klent

Dear Santa
I want a bike a gigapet a bug life watch a barbey car a coloring book a barbey a box of crains a box of pennels a gocart a cat a dress. I want Jessica to come bake I want swing set I want a computer I want some conpute games I want some barbey cloths I want some barbey cloths for the barbeys I want some books that I can drall in I want some sweters I want some folders I won a basketball a socker ball.
Love,
Kaylynn Hadderton

Dear Santa
I want a bike and now Shows and a basketball and I want a new caot can you bring a stoob book to me and a Jomonjy game and now rolablads and a now cios and a gigapet and now bagy pants and a camra and drill telfong and a now dolls and cat that is a toy and. puppy and a pal a now plane it and a now cup and a toy or you and your wife and a now frand to play with me for Jessica to com back. to have now irings and a now computer for crismas and a pocontus dol so I can play with her and tow giny pigs and a now tety bere and a radyo and a now crbns and a boll and a now puzls and a crian box and a toy hoses with little Bears and a toy baby dile and tommy.
Sabrina

Dear Santa
May I have some pupp'ys and a squar computer and a game and a bird and a book and a new little bear the same and a giney pig.
Love,
Diana

Dear Santa
I want a new bicycle and a teddy bear, the American girl, Samantha; Samantha's bed, and a new kitten Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Greetings.
From:
Samantha Hoover

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a video game called Madan 99.
Love,
Dylan Davis

Dear Santa
I want an American doll and beanie babies please send me a big box of chocolate. And I wish you a merry Christmas.
From:
Paige Bullard with love

Dear Santa
I would like a Game Boy camera and printer and a Titanic CD.
Love,
Lori Jones

Dear Santa
I would like these things: cloths, and CD, Back Street boys, Incinck, Space James, Men in Black Titanic. I would like a Espon Pen Stytes Color Printer and a couple of carteges that have sonda affects and games for a Vetech Power pad plus and a demo mod for a Vetch Power Pad Plus. Troehliche Weihnachen Merry Christmas in German.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. I would like for Christmas a T.v. for, my room.
Love,
Jordan Smith

Dear Santa
I wish for a 10 speed bike that is light purple. Second I wish for a Peace Benie Baby TY. Then I wish you Merry Christmas. Have a Happy New year.
Love,
Victoria Fannon

Dear Santa
I want a lego set, plastashan, Nintindo 64, and a telescop.
From:
Ethan Bilbo

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want Beanie Babies, and a bean bag. I want Spice girl barbie dolls (not scary or baby). I want a trip to Germany. I want that Barbie Babysitting doll. I want new finger nail polish. I want lots of other things, but most of all I want to see all of my family.
Love,
Marlee Johanna Plummer

Dear Santa
I want a bicycle, and an American girl doll, the America girl doll that I want is Molly. And I want a little Dresser for my American girl doll.
Love,
Kelsey Sanderson

Dear Santa
I want three things for Christmas. First I a amphfire to hook up to my electric guitar. Second I want a microphone that you hook up to my shirt. Finally I want a microfon hoder with a microfon. Thats all. Merry Christmas.
Bye,
Cass Tatum

Dear Santa
I want a telephone for christmas and a Merry Christmas.
From a Good Boy Named,
Allen Heckaman

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline, a pony, a bunch of new dolls, some skates, some make-up, and a big kitchen center. Bouncy Baby, a Barbie and some new teeth. Santa I will leave you a list and some milk and cookies.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa
I want a new Barbie and a trampoline and some skates and clothes and Flipping Baby and doggie. I need a purple bicycle and new shoes and especially a new horse. I will leave you cake and milk.
I love you,
Vanessa

Dear Santa
I want new socks, pants, new bed and some new boots. Also some stuffed animals, a dump truck, a swimming pool and a trampoline. I want a brown and white polka-dotted puppy dog. And some small soldiers. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa
I want a jeep and a new red bike and some in-line skates and a rocket ship, and a whirly-blade helicopter. And a new strippy kirty. Some new clothes and I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Tanner

Dear Santa
I want a Woopsey Daisey doll and a trampoline and new shoes, some beanie babies and new clothes. A new baby white and black kitty. I love you and I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Abby Holly

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Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
— Matthew 5:8,9

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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a new helicopter, and small soldiers, some clothes a toy Simba. I also want a dump truck and some blocks. New shoes and some boots. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Brandon

Dear Santa
I want some dolls, clothes and a new big kitchen. I need a new puppy, and some make-up and new shoes. I will have some milk and cookies.
Love,
Marissa

Dear Santa
I want a new scooter and a go-cart and a new red dirt bike. Also some small soldiers and their truck. I want a motorcycle and a new dalmatian puppy and some warm gloves, a friendly monster and some hot wheels. Also a computer. I will leave you cookies and some water.
Love,
Skylor

Dear Santa
I want a back-hoe and a football, and hot wheels. And a car station and a sand box with toys. I want small soldiers with a remote-control car. And new clothes and boots. And a dalmatian puppy. I will leave you some cookies.
Love,
Brian

Dear Santa
I want a red racing car, and a go-cart, a motor cycle and a new bed, boots and clothes. A new rocket ship and small soldiers, a computer and T.V. I want a new trampoline and hot wheels and a dump truck. That's all. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Dale

Dear Santa
I want a Godzilla toy, a guitar, a computer and a dump truck. A new t.v. and a rocket ship. I want a basketball and a goal and a white horse. I will leave some cookies with milk.
Love,
Anthony

Dear Santa
I want a Snoogy Pooch, and beanie babies, a trampoline and swimming pool, some skates, some little dolls, new clothes and a new kitchen center and make-up. A new computer and a t.v. in my room. And new shoes. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Evette

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a computer, skates, and a camera. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Gaby Gomez

Dear Santa
I want Tele-Tubbie, a red one, easy bake, move and groove Barbie and a green move and groove Barbie, Barbie earrings, some skates and a swimming pool, a new brownish-red pony named Sarah. I need an ice place to skate in. And a new t.v. with a computer. A hat with the cowboy suit. A new monkey and a parrot. A big cage for the parrot and a dalmation puppy dog. And a new lion king beanie baby - the real kind. I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you Santa.
Love,
Amber

Dear Santa
I want fortune the beanie baby. I also want a computer and monopoly for the computer. I want a clueless head phone, a diamond ring and why do you think I want these? Because I'm a girl.
Love,
Brenna Postell

Dear Santa
I want a Computer, and I want the game Trouble and I want To be in gymnastics.
Danica

Dear Santa
I love Santa. I want a reel go Cart and a Computer. I will give some cookies to you. I want a nintendo 64.
Kcagan

Dear Santa
I want for christmas a internet and a glass doll and a beach barbe and a repinsol barb and i will give you some coocis and milk and i want arande.
darlene

Dear Santa
Will you bring me some skates, a bike, a choo-choo train, a motorcycle, a tractor, a fishing boat, some checkers, and some clothes and boots. I have been really nice this year and so has my brother. I would like a Santa Claus toy.
Love,
Thorne

Dear Santa
I like Santa. Santa can you buy me a arme set Santa can you buy me a gun Santa can you buy me a pack uv candie
Luis

Dear Santa
I want a Whoopsy-Daisey doll and a new pink bike. And a dalmation puppy and a Barbie doll with a house and a Baker oven and a bean bag chair. I need a swimming pool and a trampoline and clothes and a baby monkey. I want a big kitchen and some skates and beanie babies. I will leave you milk, cookies and rice krispie treats and fried chicken.
Love,
Kristina

Dear Santa
I want a purple bicycle and a black and white rabbit. Also a black and white puppy dog. A swimming pool, some skates, a computer, and a new pony. A Barbie doll, some beanie babies and some clothes. I want a monkey. Some colors and a big kitchen. I will leave you cookies, milk and cake.
Love,
Salena

Dear Santa
I want a tractor that macs filds it is red and it is ponce. i want a truc, and a tralr. i want a big bildin brn.
Trent L.

Dear Santa
I want a godzllea i want a pawerranjer i want a speedbote matthew

Dear Santa
I want a doll and a dog and my sister to come and games.
cassandra

Dear Santa
I want a volcano blow out, I wish Santa will give me a Playstation I wish Santa will give me a War Zone game I will give wade a playstation I will give wade a zone game
mj

Dear Santa
I want a gocart and a big dog and a bike and a Nintendo and a football.
Ivan

Dear Santa
I want barbies i want roller skates i want some rox i want some sock i want some kos Samantha

Dear Santa
I wanta t.v. and a v.c.r. colby

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie, a Barbie car, a computer, angil and barbie computer and a game.
Rosa

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a moving van, the happy meal doll and the taco villa dog. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Adriana

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a gigapet, a real barbie camera, and a computer. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Katelyn

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Jambox and a Barbie house and wide leg pants, and a lot of presents. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Lakeysa

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a gigapet, and some white socks. I want some nike shoes.
Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me some rollerskates, nad McDonald kid and a story book. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Joshua C.

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a toy car, a story book, and a bike. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Jovanni

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a dirt bike, and I want the moovie of Zoro and a go cart. There will be milk a cookes for you.
Love,
Jesse V.

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and all the reindeers? I hope you've got everything ready for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a bike and a toy car and a dirtbike. There will be milk and cookies for you.
Love,
Jamie G.

Dear Santa
I want a toy motorcycle, a locomotive, a remote control airplane and godzilla. I have been a good boy. I have been at school and I tell the truth.
Love,
Myron

Dear Santa
I want to be a chear leater I want some pompoms I want a chear leating soot I want a my size angle Barbie I want a elsmarelda lunch box I want a Barbie huos I want a Barbie backpack I want to have the happiest christmas ever I want glitter I want a Barbie soot I want the moovy phocahontass and the moovy elsmarelda
Brandi

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Love,
Jamie G.

Dear Santa
I hope you will have all the cookies and milk you want and have a Merry Christmas. I wish I could get a bobbit, and a bean bag chair, and a baby born please.
Yours Truly,
Ashleigh Harris

Dear Santa
I hope you have a great Christmas. I please want a basketball and some pants — any kind. I want some pants please with matching shirts.
Sincerely,
Marsi Diaz

Dear Santa
I hope you have a great Christmas ever. Please I would like a dollhouse for Christmas.
Your friend,
Stephanie Garcia

Dear Santa
I hope you have a special Christmas. I would like please like a candy cane and a trampoline.
Sincerely,
Victoria Hampton

Dear Santa
I hope you have a really good Christmas. Please bring me a trampoline. Bye Santa.
Love,
Zachery Kocurek

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good Christmas, and I hope you give me lots of presents. I want a big present too, and give me a motorcycle.
Yours truly,
Leonard Lopez

Dear Santa
I would like a new game for my Nintendo 64 and a trampoline. Would you please let my family get together?
Your friend,
Tyler Menchaca

Dear Santa
I hope you will have a great Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo 64 and 4 video games. It doesn't matter what kind of video games.
Your friend,
Josana Perez

Dear Santa
I hope you have a happy Christmas. I would like blitz, extreme revenge, Madden 99, quarterback club 99.
Your friend,
Jeremy Short

Dear Santa
I hope you have a nice Christmas. I want a trampoline and a giga pet please, and good luck Santa. Bye, I hope you have fun with the other children.
Love,
Sherika Thurman

Dear Santa
I hope you will have a great Christmas. What I want is a Barbie CD-rom please Mr. Santa, and a CD of Beyond Pink please Mr. Santa!
Love,
Felicia Vargas

HARK!
Wishing you a glorious season, with our thanks.
Babb's BBQ
Mike, Angie & Trent

While You Were Out Celebrating...
We just want to supply our best wishes to the festivities, for a season filled with success and happiness.
Merry Christmas from our office to yours!
From: Don, Allane & Donna
at **Ammons Printing and Office Supply**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16
Our thanks for the many kindnesses you've shown us through the year! We join with you in praying for a world filled with peace and joy.
Giles and Louise McCrary
OS Museum & McCrary LTD, Staff
Janie, Gladys, Wanda, Marie & Louella

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
Peace on Earth and in your Heart!
B&B Backhoe Service
Ted and Carmen Brannon

...and the lion shall lay down with the lamb.
Peace be with you this holiday season.
Country Carousel
Dale, Sandy, Denise, Terry & Irene

Magie Night
May all your dreams come true this Christmas.
Tia Juanita's Tamales
Mel & Juanita Clements

Silent Night
May this holy season blanket you and your loved ones with warmth and contentment.
Merry Christmas from all of us.

H & M Construction, Inc.

PEACE
JOY

Blessings of the Season
May the gifts of this holy season become beautiful memories to cherish forever.
We're truly grateful for the gift of your friendship.
Hudman Funeral Home
615 W. Main
Hudman Furniture
301 E. Main

Dear Santa
I hope that you have a happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have some requests for presents but they're not a piece of coal. I want a Pittsburgh helmet, a Stewart jersey and a computer. That's all I want.
Your friend,
Tim Wilson

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you can get me a puppy house for my puppy. T.J. I hope you can get me a football please and a doll with a dollhouse please.
Your friend,
Shantana Foy

Dear Santa
I bet you have a great day, and I will give you some food so you can eat all of the cookies. I would like a remote control monster truck, please.
Love,
Timothy Garza

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good time eating all of your cookies, and I want a play station for Christmas please.
Your friend,
Erik Guerrero

Dear Santa
I hope you have a great Christmas. Please, I want a baseball game.
Love,
Leondrick Hastings

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I wish for a new house and two four wheelers and a trampoline. Today I put my christmas tree up.
J.D.

Dear Santa
I will like to you to get me two stuff dogs, and a doll that rides her bike, and a new bike.
I have bin nise.
courtney

Dear Santa
I want sum rollerskates for christmas. I want a sooper nintendo. I want a small soldiers. I have been good.
henry

Dear Santa
When you come will you give me a hug? Will you bring me a robot, and some cars, and a watch, and a Winnie the Pooh bear. I will leave you cookies and milk, and a peanutbutter and jelly sandwich and a Coke. Where do you live? I have been a good boy this year.
Danny

Dear Santa
I want 2 pupps with 1 moma dog. I wonte Back to the future 2 & 3. I wonte 2 threewheelers and 1 fourweler. I wonte a mountain bike. I wonte a CD player. I wonte a TV. I wonte a sooperintendow with games.
Clint

Dear Santa
Will you bring me 1 moma dog and 3 puppy's, and my own nintido 64 and borbie doll and baby doll and my own CD plier and my own seedee's and a backpack.
Melinda

Dear Santa
I want some roller skates and legos, smallsoldiers movie and toy, and a werk shop, one four wheeler I wont the toy trex and 189 dollars I have ben good.
giles

Dear Santa
I wont remote car. I wont fifteen dolrs. I wont a rugrat tommy doll. I wont a beeb gun.
fabian

Dear Santa
I wot some close and shoes, I wot a croleing baby and a culring book and I wot a book for crismus.
Alexandra

Dear Santa
I put put my Chrismus tree up i wut a one dolr i wut a lady in the tramp moovey yesenia

Dear Santa
I like Santa Clause and, I like you to. Can you bring my dogs a bone? and mee a big present on Chresmis? I wont a mals trap game?
Alex

Dear Santa
I had a good day, we mit invit Torie ovr and play. I want a skateboard, and waxy sax, and gofing clobz, and tizr and a pocitoin chase

Dear Santa
wut i want for crismus i wont a barby and i wont nuwe close and a tadybar too, and i wont nuwe shoos
kelly

Dear Santa
My name is Quincey Nicol Quintana and I just turned 1 year old. I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like you to bring me a Talking Mickey Mouse, a Cozy Coupe Car and a toy playhouse with a slide on the side. I would also like a Barbie doll.
Love,
Quincey Nicol Quintana

Dear Santa
Please come to my house on Christmas Eve. Our tree is little little this year so just put whatever you can fit under it. Just so you didn't forget I would like a car for my Barbie and a horse. Thank you and be careful flying around.
Love,
Lexi Yarbrough
P.S. Don't forget my brother Barrett needs something too.

Dear Santa
I am 2 years old and can not write yet. So my mother is writing you this letter to tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year and I would like to have a Dollhouse, a Barbie Jeep, a Baby that gives Butterfly Kisses, and a moocow. I will leave you some milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Kelbie Oden

Dear Santa
I want a Play Station, basketball and goal, a baseball and a CD player with a CD called Backstreet Boys. I would like a Winnie the Pooh Bear for Christmas and clothes with shoes.
Amanda

Dear Santa
I want a baby for Christmas and a bike and roller skates. I want earphones and a stereo and a Giga Pet.
Crystal

Dear Santa
I want this for Christmas: a computer, clothes, shoes, Nintendo 64, t.v., roller blades, baby with stroller, perfume, a chalk board, water bed, swimming pool, desk, socks, baggy jeans, bike, nails, jogging suit, clips, Doodle Bear with markers, CD player, a new born baby, and books.
Naquisha

Dear Santa
I would like some roller blades, a basketball, a Nintendo game, some clothes, a swimming pool and a computer.
Martha

Dear Santa
I love you. I will leave you some cookies and I want a sleigh like yours and a house and lots of money and a bear and a holiday and a Christmas tree and a truck and a train and a ice cream truck and a small soldiers the movie. and a ice cream truck and a toy and a computer.
Love,
Bran Hair

Dear Santa
I want a Scoobydoo game for the super Nintendo and I want a go-cart and a new Rugrats movie.
Love,
Chistian

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. I am eight years old this year. I want for Christmas small soldier the movie and a volcano blast off and thats all. santa claus do you like Christmas?
love,
Timothy Gonzalez

Dear Santa
How are you? How are your reindeer doing? How is Rudolph doing? How are your elves doing? This year I want a Nintendo. I want more books to read. That's all I want for Christmas.
Be careful,
Jorge Rojo

Dear Santa
I would like a computer for christmas and I would like a playstation and a tampline. I love you santa.
love,
jakelin Delgadillo


Dear Santa
if you come I will give you some milk in a glass and some cookies. Santa I have been good. I want to ask you if you can bring me a bike and skates, a gigga pet and a headband and computer.
Love,
Joanna Menjares

Dear Santa
I want rug rat toys, Chucky Tommy Phil and Lilli. My brother wants a race car. My sister wants a Barbie doll.
Love,
Kendra Whitehead

Dear Santa
I live 2 miles out on the Ralls Highway. When you come out ther, will you bring me toys? I have tried to be as good as this year. I will try to leave you some milk and cookies. I have 2 mean brothers, well I guess they're not mean but they are mean to me. I love Santa because he trys to bring as much toys as he can. I love Christmas because it is Jesus' birth. I am 7 1/2 years old. I really don't want anything for Christmas.
Love,
Lacy

Dear Santa
I want a play station. I've been a good boy this year. I might give you some cookies but for sure I will give you white milk. I have two brothers and three sisters but my mom has six kids. I want a watch, socks, clothes and new shoes. And finally the last thing is a book.
Love,
Patrick

ROUND UP THE CHERI!



North, south, east or west,
folks like you are the very best!
Thanks, partners!

Caprock Cultural Association
495-4000



Christmastime!

It's our favorite time for saying thank you for your friendship and for extending warm wishes to all.

THE FRAME SHOP
Tommy & Ruth Ann Young




Celebrate the warmth of Christmas and the joys of friendship. To our friends we say thanks.

Greetings from
Ira Pump & Supply, Inc.
Shane, Dick, Lisa, John & Rene

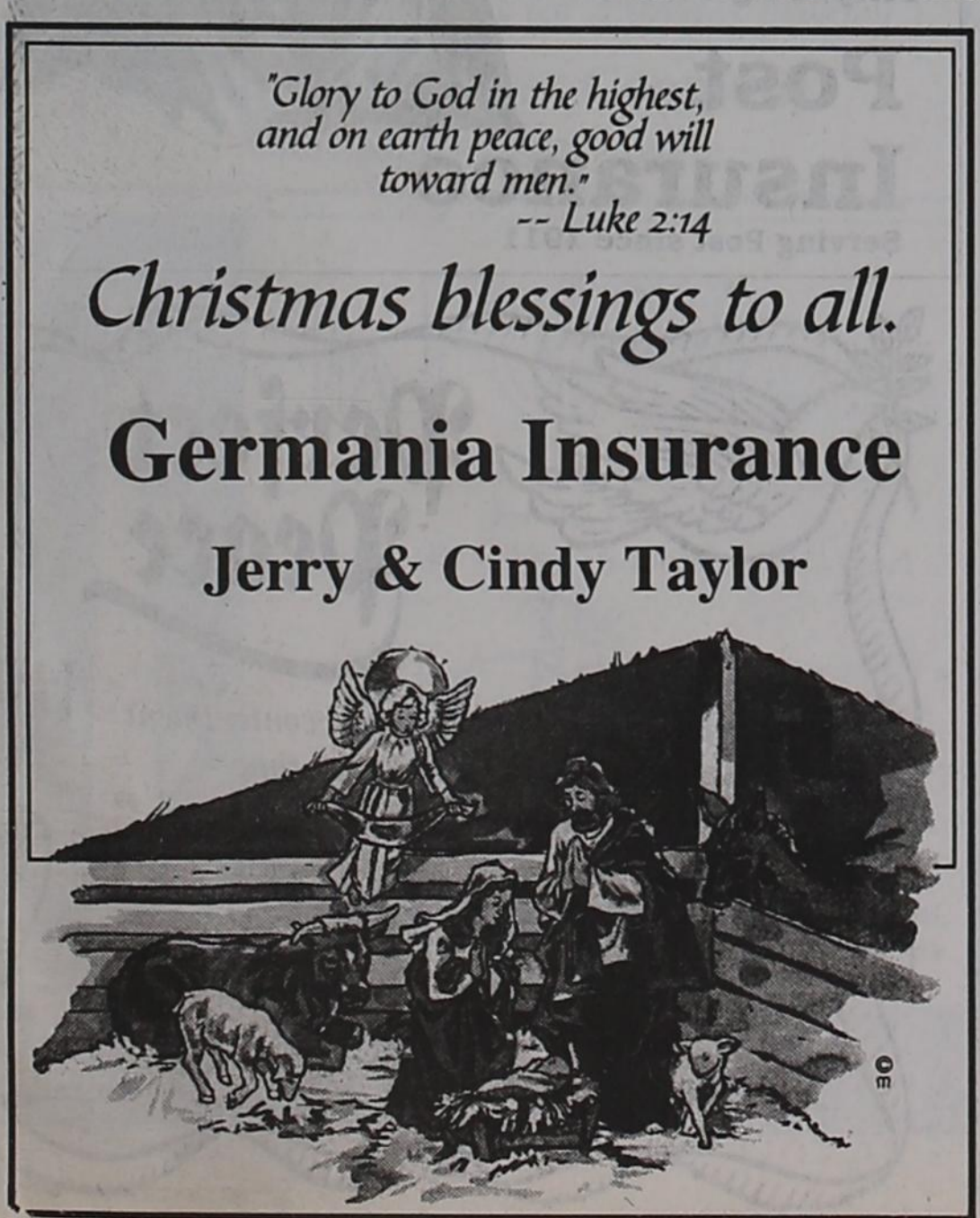
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MUCHOS GRACIAS, AMIGOS!
From the Owners & Employees of El Matamoros



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
-- Luke 2:14

Christmas blessings to all.
Germania Insurance
Jerry & Cindy Taylor

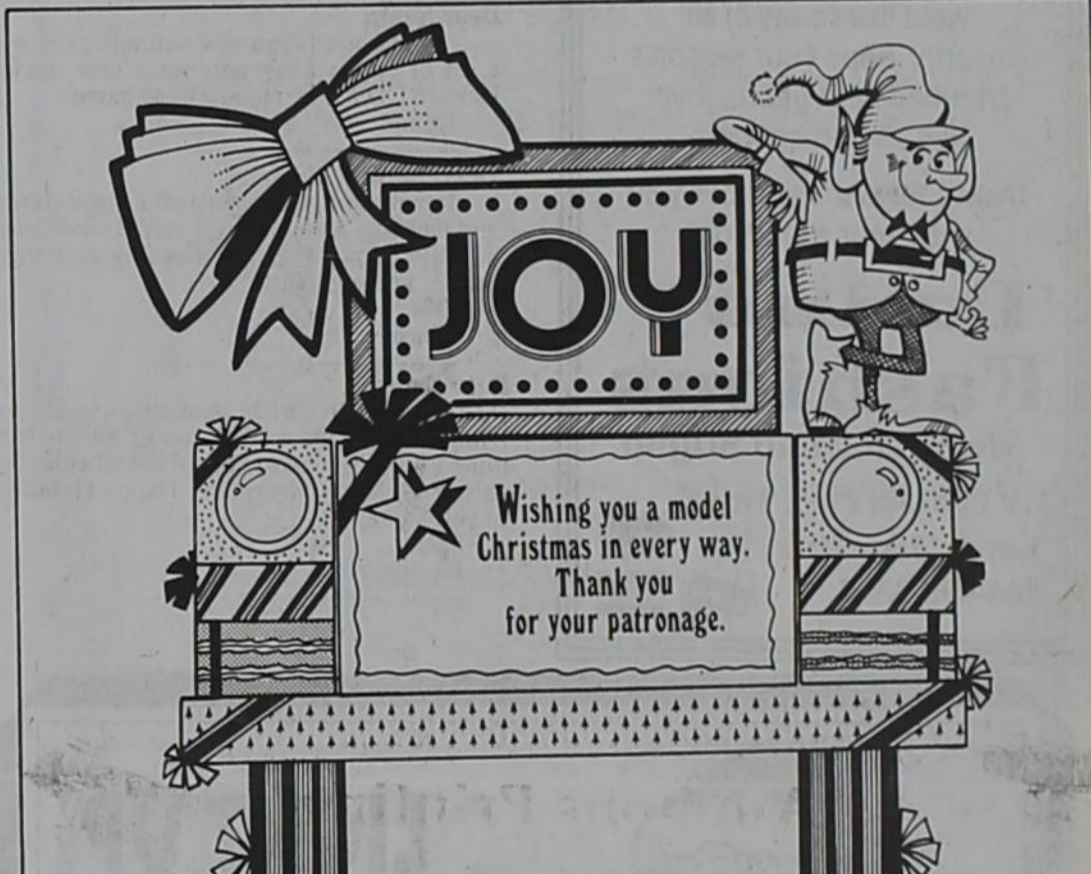


Merry Christmas, Everyone!



Our Yuletide greeting to you this year, Brings every good wish for joy and cheer. We know we'll enjoy a very good season And your kind friendship is the reason. We thank you for sending goodwill our way, And hope you enjoy a great holiday!

The Staff of
The Post Dispatch
Wes, Pat, Judy, Sheri and Michele



JOY


Wishing you a model Christmas in every way. Thank you for your patronage.

Lucas Motors and Real Estate
Harold & Dorothy

Seasons Greetings

Wishing all the best to our friends and neighbors, all over town!
Thank you for your friendship and support.

Deluxe Inn & Budget Inn
The Patel Family



Christ, our Savior is born...

South Plains Answering Service
Diana Poe

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I want a dinosaur, a big one. I want a toy rocket ship.
Love,
Gregory

Dear Santa
I want a train track and a car and a little tiny car.
Love,
Arturo

Dear Santa
I want a computer and I want two dalmations.
Love,
Sierra

Dear Santa
I want a computer and two play sharks.
Love,
Dylan

Dear Santa
I need three Hot Wheels cars. P.S. I love Santa Claus.
Love,
Anthony

Dear Santa
I want skates, a T.V. and a bike.
Love,
Skylar

Dear Santa
I want Godzilla fighting with a dinosaur.
Love,
Mario

Dear Santa
I want three Barbies.
Love,
Miranda

Dear Santa
I want a green Power Ranger and a man riding a train. I want a Steve Austin wrestling doll.
Love,
Ernesto

Dear Santa
I want a racing car, a robot and a cross for Christmas.
Love,
Oscar

Dear Santa
I want a remote control car that flips over and rolls on its side.
Love,
Billy

Dear Santa
I want a computer, a chair and a table to put it on.
Love,
Gina

Dear Santa
I want you please to bring me a trampoline, a blanket, and a Barbie doll.
Love,
Cheyenne

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline and a Play Station and an Nintendo 64.
Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a horse dragon wagon with a princess. And you could bring me a computer and a castle.
Love,
Syrina

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a Barbie house. And a Barbie toilet.
Love,
Alexandra

Dear Santa
I want a new bike a new nintendo game and a set of cars a hot wheels set a new mickal jackson CD a new video a bord game.
Kelton

Dear Santa
I want a computer, and barbie magic camra, and makeup, and jewelry. I wish I could have a millyin dollers. I also want my size angel barbie, and a go-cart.
love
Chasiti

Dear Santa
I want a train for Christmas. Can you bring it to me? I also want a fountain fir and the last thing I want for christmas is a hot wheeler for christmas. Merry Christmas. Happy Holidays to you Santa.
from,
Jay Josey

Dear Santa
I want a baby doll and a Barbie and a game.
Love,
Crystal

Dear Santa
Bring me a Barbie and a real cat and a real dog.
Love,
Monica

Dear Santa
I want a trampoline and a Barbie doll.
Love,
Patricia

Dear Santa
I want cars, turbo man, pawer ranjers, nintendo, and a compudr. I dced nice all year. I minded my mom and my dad. When my mom tells my not to git off I dont.
Love,
Salvador

Dear Santa
I want baby doll, and a book of tweed book, and a computer with 5 games, and a pooh doll, and cat! I have bin waiting 3 weeks to come!
love
Nikki

Dear Santa
Will you get me a little dog. I like dogs. I wnta domashepe puppee dog. I like December. And I want a little doll. Santa, Mrs. Pocaynoe is nise. Santa I want My mom to come home.
love
Adrianna

Dear Santa
I want a football and i will play football. I want a girlfriend I want a doolie and i will drive I wish I had a 100 dollers. I want rolublades.
Trent Babb

Dear Santa
My name is Hunter. I haven't been very good, but I'm asking you to please bring me a bicycle, a bouncing tigger and lots of big trucks. Please bring Rose and Kristi some thing very nice for putting up with me all year. Ge Ge will leave you some milk and cookies and I will sit up and wait for you!
Love,
Hunter Belongia

Dear Santa
My name is Shelby. I have been OK. All I want for Christmas is a choo-choo and a smoochie-pooch. I just got a puppy so bring him a present.
Love you,
Shelby Odom

Dear Santa
I have been a very good boy this year! I would like to have a Smoochie Pooch, Legos, and a Mousetrap game. My sister, Mallory, has also been good and this is her very first Christmas — will you please bring her a Barbie doll? Please try and bring us some snow too!
Love,
Cade Mason (and Mallory too!)

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a Barbie, a barbie house, a big Power Ranger, a big Power Ranger car, a pig jump game, a shirt that is big with numbers on it and a monster thingy on it, a big alligator, a big baby that sits on the piano, and a big Santa toy, get Tyler a big bicycle like mine, Dessie gets a big jump thing, and Whatelse I want is a baby who goes to the pot and the mom shakes her finger and a bowling ball. I'm going to leave you a big cookie kid.
Love,
Teraka

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie Jeep, My Size Angel Barbie, clothes for Barbie, Barbie skates, Barbie house, hat, blankets, and I will leave you a snack of oranges and punch and milk.
Thank you,
Kali

Dear Santa
My name is Lauren Lynch and I'm only two months old. I have been a very good girl. I would like a Blues Clues Puppy that plays music and lots of things that light up and please bring mommy and daddy one night of undisturbed sleep, that is all I have heard them ask for. I will leave out some milk and cookies.
Lauren Lynch

Dear Santa
I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a kitchen to play with. My Bubba has been good too. He want a basketball goal.
Love,
Katie Colvin

Dear Santa
I want a little dog and a Godzilu toy, and a Small Soldr toy and a shark toy and a wel toy too, play do too. I been good.
Michael

Dear Santa
On the week end Santa give me a car. And Santa give me two cars. I want football, and a computer. I hav bin nis.
cesar

Dear Santa
I want sum roller blase and a tomagachi and i want it to be a angel. A cookinge masheen. And a icecream masheen, And a t.v. I bin vare good.
Kayla

Dear Santa
I want a coecr anglil Barbie. i want a My size anglil Barbie. i want a computer. i want a Barbie tocing ansring mushene.
Kristen

Dear Santa
I want a computer, AND smol hot-wheels and a basketball and a stereo and a toy bike, and I want a 22 rifle.
shiloh

Dear Santa
I want a puppee and a cupnuder. I want a hotshot. I like it. I bin verree good.
allen

Dear Santa
I want a movee small solders santa... i want a austin 3.16 hat stone cole steve austin i want a stone cold shirt
adrian

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie Jeep and I want a Babydoll and a giant Pooh PLEASE. I been very VEERY good.
Tianna

Dear Santa
I want you to bring me a little dog I love you bring me croling and Walk baby i love you.
Breana

Dear Santa
I rilee wont a gokart, and a fishing rod. I bin very good for all year.
Solomon

Dear Santa
I want bongos and a banjo and a balloon light and a piano, and a real telufone pole with real insulators. I HAVE BIN GOOD.
Trey

Dear Santa
I want a full size swiminpool, a carvd red sla, a new ardist set, a new par of brown boots a dirt bike
Justin Boren

Dear Santa
I hope that you HAFF A GOOD TIME! will bake some cookies and I will get some milk. I hope that you deliver all of the prezziins. Haff a goot christmas. I want a giga pet.
Domanise

Dear Santa
I like snta because his fat and chube I like snta. I lite godzillas and baby godzillas and A shurts godzillas and a toy snta
Jonatan

Dear Santa
Can you bring me a puppee? Can you bring me a gokart? I want A Internr for my cd. I want A jumping WWF thing. I bin good
Angel

Dear Santa
I bin good. Are you guna brent us presents? I would like a truk, a tren, a dog, and a toy bat, and a bird.
joe

Dear Santa
I want a doll. I want a geeega pet. I want a kemra.
Lindsey

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a wine the phoo bear and a shirt and some shose and a wine the phoo bear cover and a lunchRoom Box of phoo bear.
cecilia

Dear Santa
I wot a present for mom I wot a car for her. I wot a present for dad I wot a car for him. I wot a toy tractor and a truk.
Justin Perez

Dear Santa
I want a noow barbi and a boy barbi I wot a trampoline I wot a swiminpool I wot a swinse I wot a Poob bear cos I wot a gipget.
Laura

Dear Santa
I bingood and on my splentest and i want a bike for christmas and i want presis and i want rollerblades.
crystal

Dear Santa
I luvr yor toys. I want a bebegun. I luvr u Santa. I want a bascitboll. I lic your shoes snta.
Kaleb

Dear Santa
I Wont A gigapet and a cd of 98 Degriz, a pooh bear close, a fone, Rolrblads, a Rabbit, a giant Pooh and I bin good.
Toni

Dear Santa
I want noow barbies and sum man barbes and a bike, and a cind of little house, with a stove and ferjeriader and a swoch that unfods and a baker, and a plado iscerem and pladomil.
Rachael Z.

Dear Santa
Hello, how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Are the reindeers ready for Christmas Day? I have been a good girl this year. Please Santa, bring me a cat, a dog, a doll house, and a computer.
Love Amber Bustoz

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. Please Santa, bring me a Nana, a Barbie and a computer.
Love Rachael, I will leave the door open.

Dear Santa
Hi! How are you? Thank you for coming to my house the other night. Me and my sisters enjoyed seeing you. I want a new bike, a My Size Angel Barbie, a gig a pet, a watch and a new doll. Thank you.
Alyssa Dolberry

Dear Santa
I want a My Size Angel Barbie, a gig a pet, a Barbie vanity, a new doll, and a Precious Moments figurine. Thank you.
Cailee Dolberry

Dear Santa
I want a My Size Angel Barbie, a new play kitchen, a gig a pet, a new doll, and a computer game. Thank you.
Whitney Dolberry

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a computer, a playhouse and a giga pet.
Love,
Zachery Ryan Kocurek

Dear Santa
I'm Zachary Bush. I am 2 years old and will soon be 3. I would like to have a bike, a football and some Wranglers! I have tried to b good. Please bring my mommy something too.
I love you,
Zach

Dear Santa
I want a doll stroller, a baby doll, some clothes and Winnie the Pooh tapes.
Love,
Becca Warren Lakewood, WA

Dear Santa
I want a Crawling Minnie, some rattles and some clothes.
Love,
Angie Warren Lakewood, WA

Dear Santa
How have you been? I've been real good this year. I would like to ask you for an air pump for my bike and a telescope, a glow in the dark race track and a bug house. Don't forget something nice for all my cousins.
Love,
Riley Odom

Dear Santa
My name is Hayden and I have been a good boy this year. This year I want a bike and a Bouncing Tigger. Please bring my sissy and brother something. I will see that they will be good next year.
Love,
Hayden Belongia

Dear Santa
My name is Alex and I have been a real good girl this year. I want a Barbie bike and a grey computer. Please bring my brothers Hayden and Hunter something they have been good sometimes. P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Alexandria Griffin

Dear Santa
My name is Kaylyn Dean. I have been a good girl all year. I started to school this year too. I would like to have a Barbie Jeep and some more Barbies. My little sister Kylee needs a baby doll. We will have milk and cookies for you. Kylee is too little to write you. We love you.
Merry Christmas,
Kaylyn

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a doll, skates, and paint. Why do you have a sleigh? I have been a very good girl this year.
Love,
Samantha Ortiz

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a doll. I want a whole bunch of dolls at my house! How are the reindeer? I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Carrie Poe

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a football, a baseball bat, and clets. What do your reindeer eat? Thank you for what you brought me last year.
Love,
Ernest Saldivar

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a jewelry box with a necklace and a ring. I also want a pink dress. How do you get down the chimney with your big tummy? I love you, Santa!
Love,
Phyneshia Rutherford

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a swimming pool, a star box, a red dress and a computer. Do your reindeer drink water? Santa Claus, I love you!
Love,
Tiasia Boyd

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a Barbie CD player and I want that rolling baby in the scooter. Thank you for the toys from next year.
Love,
Jenee Payne

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a Barbie jeep and another Barbie and a computer. Are your reindeer nice?
Love,
Leah Perez

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want to tell you that I'm thankful for the reindeer. I'm thankful for my dog that I have and I want a Barbie doll.
Love,
Kelsey Overton

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a black Trans Am. Thank you, Santa.
Clark Kinch

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a Barbie doll. Thank you, Santa.
Jill Thompson

All The Best To You And Yours

With heartfelt gratitude for the pleasure of serving you this past year. We hope everyone enjoys a very happy and healthy holiday season.

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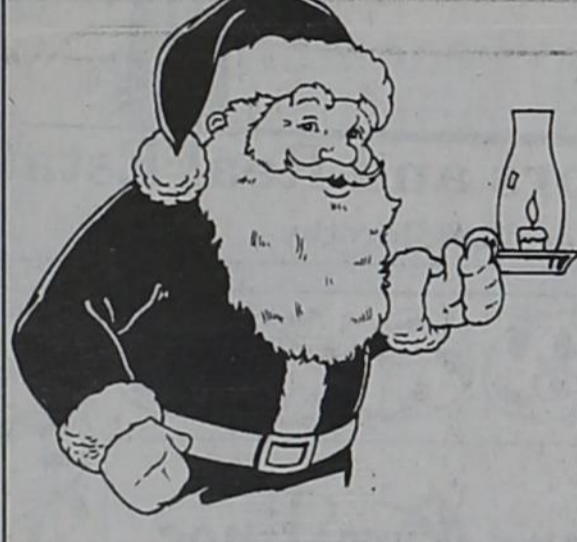
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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a talking Bubba. Thank you, Santa.
Allisha Jones

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a race car, motorcycle and a talking Bubba. Thank you, Santa.
Tammy Teichroeb

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a jeep, reindeer and a pink house.
Thank you, Santa.
Jayta Whitehead

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want an Angel Barbie doll. Thank you, Santa.
Pamela Spann

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a real horse and a Barbie doll. Thank you, Santa.
Edgar Garcia

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a computer and a basketball goal and a bicycle. I have been a very good girl this year.
Love,
Caitlin Cravy

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a baby doll and a little play kitchen. Why do you have your deers? Why do you have a sleigh? Why do you bring presents? Why do you bring stuff? Why do you have a white beard, a red suit and a big hat?
Love,
Becca Fannon

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want an airplane and a car and a helicopter. Thank you for giving me toys. I want you to know that Ernest is my friend.
Love,
Marco Ortiz

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a baseball bat, a football and boots. Why do you have a sleigh? Thank you for the stuff I got last year.
Love,
Kyle S. Copeland

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a computer, an All Better Baby, and that's it! Why do you come down the chimney when I'm asleep? Can you give me a calendar?
Love,
Ciera Miller

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a red bicycle, crayons, a football, a baseball bat and Legos. How do you go down the chimney? I think you are too big to fit down the chimney! I want to know one more thing. Are you 6 years old?
Love,
Chase Greathouse

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want X-men, Spiderman, a bicycle and a Megazoid. How did you get your reindeer?
Love,
Shawn Perez



Rejoice!

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, let us give special thanks for the blessings shown us. Best wishes for a joyous Noel to one and all.

Thank you for your support,
Merry Christmas
and God bless each of you
Mad Dads
Rodney Tidwell



A PEACEFUL SEASON

May love and happiness fill your heart.

The Seals Family
James & Vera



GREETINGS From The North Pole

...And from all of us, too!
Happy Holidays!

The Lewis Family
Max, Sheri
Blake & Tye

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a Power Ranger and a Nintendo. Thank you, Santa.
Jordan Aguilar

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a computer, books and a bible cover. Thank you, Santa.
Katelynn Short

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a BB gun. I shot one with my dad and I have to be with him when I shoot it. Thank you, Santa.
Justin Tanner

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a Barbie Doll and a Barbie house with everything in it. I want a jeep for me. Thank you, Santa.
Kyla Perez

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a blue truck like Jacey's and I want a dump truck. Thank you, Santa.
Kaylen Perez

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a Barbie and a Giga pet. Thank you, Santa.
Tanisha Paiz

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want a little carriage and I want a little car for my Barbie. I also want a talking Bubba. Thank you, Santa.
Franchesca Varela

Dear Santa
I can't wait until Christmas. Cookies and milk will be waiting for you. Here is my wish list. I want two tractors and one plow. Thank you, Santa.
Ben Mason

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a baby doll and a computer. I would also like some colors. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Kensley Hair

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want skates, a computer and a baby doll. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Alissa Morrow

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a swimming pool, a baby dog and a computer. I have been a very good girl this year!
Love,
Caitlin Cravy

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a trumpet, a little baby dog and a 4 wheeler. Why do you wear a red suit all the time?
Love,
J. Kyle Copeland

Making A List And Checking It Twice

(NAPS)—Holiday shopping can be exhausting—so many gifts to buy and so little time. To help relieve some of your shopping stress, Kids Foot Locker has created a "Hot List" for holiday gifts. You'll find something for new moms, infants and young athletes. So this year, before you head to the stores, don't forget to make your list and check it twice.

Locker Lites—let your kids light up this holiday season with these funky athletic shoes that light when they walk. Red lights in the heel glow when kids step and will help get everyone into the holiday spirit.

Kids Foot Locker Toy Sets—Play Big. Soft, bright colored, plastic basketball, football, baseball and bowling sets are perfect for the development of infant or toddlers' hand-eye coordination and will provide hours of fun for moms, dads and kids.

Teddy Bear—kids will love snuggling with this Gund bear. Dressed in a red hooded fleece, this teddy is a "bear essential" for any child's room.

Boots—bright colored work boots from Timberland are great for school or play. In infant and youth sizes in pink, purple,

orange, navy, wheat, brown and black, these boots are good to go any time. Waterproof available.

Crew Socks—put a sock in their stocking this holiday with a 6-pack of cotton crew socks. A basic must have for any kid.

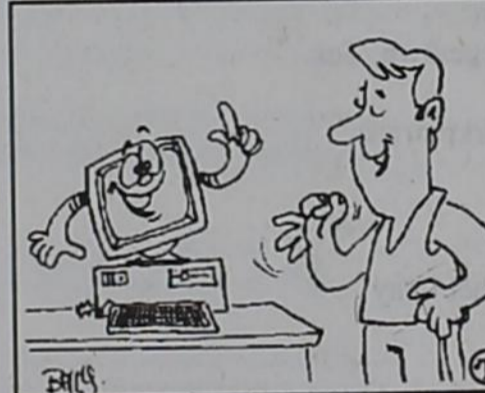
Hats, Hats and More Hats—the weather outside may be frightful, but your kid's heads won't be cold with stylish ski hats, beanies and baseball caps. Available in cotton, fleece and wool, for infants to age 10.

Diaper Bag—for the stylish new mom in the family, a sleek, black diaper bag that looks more like a bag from the pages of a fashion magazine than one that screams baby on board.

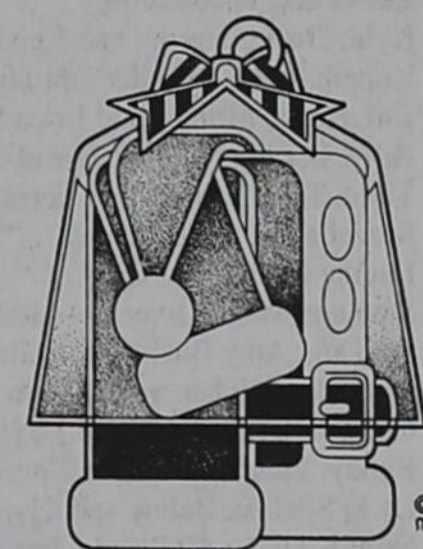
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Web Watch

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The electronic game experts at Imagine Media, the leading publisher of interactive entertainment magazines and websites, have put together a guide to help you find the perfect video and computer games for the people on your gift list. To learn more, visit the website at www.ign.com.



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Hallelujah!

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