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All Around The Town



By Mary Ann Sarchet

We got gobbled up by the age of electronics last week, and barely kept our noses above water. Our new printer which we bought a couple of months ago has dealt us misery and just refused to print our front page last week. We had to make up a patchwork page, and that is the reason there were some items left out and some used twice.

In addition, the battery went down on our old PC that we keep our mailing list in, and we were unable to print out a list of labels for the newspapers. That is why you may have received your newspaper without a name and address on it last week; we mailed newspapers to every local boxholder. That is also why the out-of-town papers were mailed late.

At this writing we are still trying to get out from under these problems; we are fighters and we won't give up, but sometimes it is hard not to give up. I think our Y2K got here early and every newspaper person knows that when they are working on their Christmas edition is a horrible time for equipment to be down!

I'd like to thank Gary Weaks for coming to town and running all over creation trying to get our mailing list going for us, and a big thank you to John Mes, the school's computer technician, who has worked around the clock to get everything running again.

My apologies to Brandi Rice for leaving her name and points scored off the Tulia JV Tournament results. She scored four points, two in each of two games. I promise I'll try to do better, Brandi.

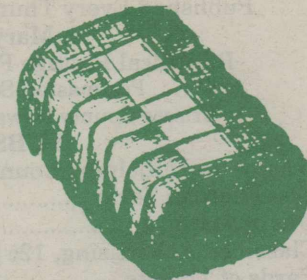
The Class 1A Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains team was announced last week.

Kade Wilcox, son of Morris Wilcox, Nazareth senior, was placed on the team as a wide receiver. He caught 38 passes for 598 yards and three touchdowns.

Nathan Wheeler, Valley senior and grandson of J. W. and Betty Reid of Silverton, was placed on the team as a runningback. He rushed for 1358 yards and 21 touchdowns and received an All-State honorable mention.

Aaron Wederski, Paducah junior, received honorable mention as runningback and also as defensive back on the elite team. He lived and went to school in Silverton until his parents, Dave and Vicky Wederski, moved to Paducah. Aaron's coach was named Coach of the Year.

We were visiting with Othel Long the other day, and discovered that she has a grandson playing for the Wayland Baptist University Pioneers. He is Josh Long, and is the son of the Darrell Longs. He is also the nephew of Roy Len Long. Both he and his brother have come from Califor-



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McKena and Mesa McJimsey, twin daughters of Doug and Carrie Ann McJimsey, had their first visit with Santa at First State Bank in Silverton last week.

Post-Season Honors Given To Two Owls

When the Avalanche-Journal selected its Six-Man All-South Plains team last week, Nathan Francis received honorable mention as quarterback, and Issac Garcia received honorable mention as a receiver.

The most popular type of radio station in the U. S. is country music.

nia to attend Wayland.

People who would enjoy a phone call, visit or card from you at this holiday season include:

Sylvia Fogerson
Lockney Care Center #18
Lockney, Tx 79241

Ashel McDaniel
#9 Travis Road
Tulia, Tx 79088

Paul Ledbetter
Box 1060, c/o Lockney Rehab
Lockney, Tx 79241

Clint Ivory told me he and his parents, L. B. and Mary Ivory, would be spending the holidays with his grandmother in Kentucky, and that his brothers who are in the service, Jon and Lyndell, would be meeting them there.

Lifetime Resident Loses Home to Fire

Bill McGavock had the misfortune of losing his mobile home to fire Monday afternoon, and had only the clothes he was wearing at work remaining. The Christmas gifts he had bought went up in flames, as did his furniture and household goods.

The mobile home was located next to the home of his parents, E. H. and Glenda McGavock, and Mrs. McGavock called the fire department as soon as she spotted smoke. Firemen were able to save a barn and a vehicle which were near the fire.

Mrs. McGavock said that wiring is suspected as the cause of the blaze.

By 1997, New York City's Rainbow Room had sold out all 200 advance seats for New Year's Eve 1999.

A cantilever is a horizontal projection from a building, such as a balcony or beam, supported at one end only.

It's believed the camel was domesticated about 5,000 years ago.

Pop art was an artistic movement that used the images and techniques and popular culture, often in an ironic way.

Silverton Hoot-Out Begins Monday

Silverton's annual Hoot-Out Tournament will be played Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 27-28-29, in the Owl Gym.

Teams entered in the boys and girls brackets are Lazbuddie, Claude, Bovina, Trinity, Hart, Cotton Center, Silverton and Kress.

The Lady Owls will open with the Kangaroo Ladies from Kress at 6:00 p.m. Monday. These two teams are in the bottom of the bracket with Hart and Cotton Center.

First game for the Owls will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday with Kress.

Winners of these two games will go to games at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, and the losers will go to games at 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Third-place games begin at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday; Consolation games are at 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. Wednesday; seventh place will be played off at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and the championship games are at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The concession stand will be serving lots of good things to eat, and everyone who enjoys watch-

ing basketball is invited to have a good old hotdog or Frito pie to get away from the Christmas leftovers for a little while.

Business Closings Announced For The Holidays

A number of Silverton businesses will be closed more than one day for the holidays.

First State Bank will close at noon on Friday, December 24, and also at noon on December 31.

Hutsell Insurance will be closed Friday and Monday.

The City and County offices and Briscoe County News will be closed Thursday and Friday.

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GREETING



Madison Haley, daughter of Kent and Marty Haley, was one of the first-time visitors with Santa at First State Bank last week. Her mother is employed at the bank.

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DONALD ROY SMITH

Funeral services for Donald Roy Smith, 63, of May, Texas were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 16, at the First Baptist Church in Silverton. Kevin Dellaria officiated, and burial arrangements were made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was born April 24, 1935 in Silverton. He passed away at his home in May December 14.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Lillian Lindsey.

He served in the U. S. Army, and married Betty Graves at Lockney December 14, 1963. He had managed a cotton gin and grain elevator at Lone Star.

Survivors include his wife, Betty, of the home; a son, Tracy

GRACE MARIE RAMSEY

Funeral services for Grace Marie Ramsey, 68, were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Quitaque, with the Rev. Anthony Sisemore, pastor of First Baptist Church in Floydada, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Lance Cypert, pastor.

Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ramsey died Friday, December 17, 1999.

She was born March 29, 1931, in Hollis, Oklahoma, and married A. B. Ramsey August 24, 1946, in Silverton. He died January 10, 1997. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Dale

Smith of May; a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Kevin Dellaria of Abilene; two step-sisters, Glenda Couch of Silverton and Mary Beth King of Amarillo; three step-brothers, Dean McWilliams of Colleyville, Darrell McWilliams of Alaska and Jim McWilliams of Amarillo.

Pallbearers were Matt Lockridge, Terry Taylor, Glen Graves, Kenneth Lockridge, Frankie Graves and Jeremiah Brooks.

Ramsey of Quitaque and Dwight Ramsey of Silverton; two daughters, Glenna Jameson of Kress and Wanda Chadwick of Amarillo; two sisters, Roberta Farley of Quitaque and Owayne King of Dumas; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters, Joyce Boyles and Una Lee Barrett, are deceased.

Pallbearers were Bryan Ramsey, Shane Chadwick, Russell Ramsey, Cory Chandler, Scott Anderson, Kevin Jameson, Brad Chadwick, Kyle Fuston and Bill Miller.

The family suggested memorials be made to the Quitaque Volunteer Fire Department, Quitaque Volunteer Ambulance Service or the Resthaven Cemetery Association.

BILLY WAYNE GARVIN

Services for Billy Wayne (Wad) Garvin, 66, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Silverton Church of Christ with Ted Kingery and J. D. Nance officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Garvin died Sunday, December 19, 1999.

He was born November 13, 1933, and married Peggy Jean Holt November 7, 1953 in Silverton.

He had owned and operated Garvin Trucking since 1961 and Garvin Oil Company since 1982.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Scott Garvin of Silverton; a daughter, Dara Ware of Floydada; two brothers, L. B. Garvin of Silverton and Kenneth Ray Garvin of Petrolia; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were David Holt, Lane Garvin, Bo Garvin, Ronald Dale Kitchens, Jerry Frizzell and Lance Stidham.

Memorials may be made to Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service or the American Diabetes Association.

New Services Get Stamp of Approval

For many, the holidays just wouldn't be the same without family and friends getting together. Or a tree with all the trimmings. Or holiday cards and packages, courtesy of the U. S. Postal Service.

As the excitement of sending and receiving holiday greetings and presents mounts, we could all use a few step-saving tips to make things go even smoother during this hectic season.

- Many post offices now provide 24-hour access to vending machines that offer stamps in different quantities and denominations.

- Retailers, such as grocers and drug stores, may let consumers purchase stamps--at face value--in the checkout line.

- It's now possible to buy stamps through automated teller machines or ATMs.

- Visit www.usps.com to order stamps as well as check ZIP Codes and postal charges.

Friendship Quilters News Notes by Nina Martin

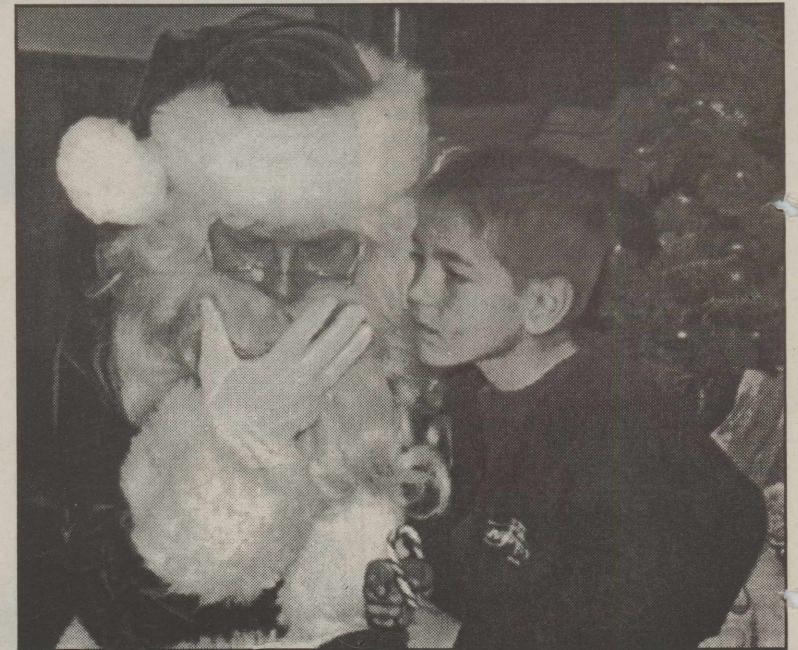
Thursdays quilters were Ann Norris, Sybil King, Juanita Howard, Bobbye Bean and myself. Wanda Strange was in Amarillo making candy. Her sister, Patsy Childs, of Amarillo met her at Darla's and they made candy for two days.

The Senior Citizens luncheon was hosted by the Silverton

Church of Christ. Everything was festive. J. D. Nance presided over the election of officers. Fred Strange was chosen to serve a president, and the other officers will be: Ed Norris, vice-president; Wanda Strange, treasurer; Juanita Howard, secretary. Santa Claus (Hal Rogers) presented a reading of the second Rudolph-the-Red-Nosed-Reindeer book.

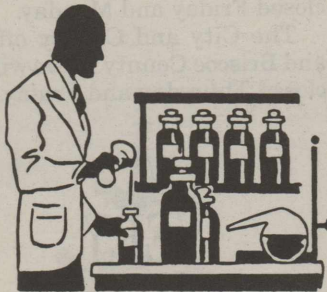
Theta Rowell gave a reading of inspirational sayings.

Sad Note: To the person who shot our dog "Reno:" Was it too dark to see his bright red collar? I appreciate Jack Graham helping me load Reno up to bring him home. Brian and I will miss him.



Brett Pendergrass, son of Coach Dan and Cindy Pendergrass, made sure Santa understood all the things he wants for Christmas at the First State Bank last week. Refreshments were served to all the children while they were at the bank to see Santa.

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LOOKING BACK

through the files of the
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December 21, 1989--Dear Santa, I have been a good little girl sometimes. I would like a trampoline and Little Miss Make-up and that is all. Thank you. Catherine Reyna . . . Dear Santa, My name is Ryan, and I want a Nintendo game named Excite-bike, and a remote control car, and Jaws the Nintendo game. I love you. I wish I could see you. Eric is my brother. Ryan . . . Dear Santa, I want a tractor and a plow and I want some dart markers and I want a truck and I want a Christmas tape. Andrew Francis . . . Dear Santa, I wish I could have a new Nintendo game and shot gun and an electric guitar and go cart. Clint Ivory . . .

December 25, 1969--Dear Santa, I want a Betty Cocker Easy Bake Oven. I have been a good girl. Fill my stocking with candy and apples and oranges. Love, Connie Rowell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a B-B gun and a punchback and a happy new year. Love, Kelly Comer . . . Dear Santa, I want a Johnny Lightning drag race set. I hope you come very soon. With love, Bobby Scott McPherson . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a Crazy Car and a King Kong Punching Bag. I go to kindergarten and I try to be nice. Love, Casey Bean . . .

December 25, 1975--Santa Claus, I want an Easy Bake for Christmas and I want a Baby Alive. Don't forget me. Lee Ann Durham . . . Dear Santa Claus, Bring me a train, a motorcycle, a Johnny West and a dump truck. I've been a good little boy. Love, Brian West . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll, cradle, high chair, blanket and pillow and a pogo stick. I've been a good girl and I love you. I'm going to leave some money out for you, \$1.03, because of all the toys I want. I'm also leaving some chocolate chip cookies and some coke for you. Can you give Daddy a pretty shirt, tie and pants? You're a nice Santa Claus, Tara Nance . . . Dear Santa, This is what I would like to have for Christmas. Please bring me a bean bag chair, a record player and a Baby Bless You. Don't forget the other girls and boys. Love, Melissa Stone . . .

December 23, 1965--Dear Santa, I hope your reindeer are fine. Please bring me a Pogo Stick and a bicycle. Bring Kyle a cowboy suit and some building boulders. Casey wants a tricycle and a stick horse. Love, Brent, Kyle and Casey Bean . . . Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a football uniform, GI Joe doll, pool table and a gun. Please bring all my little friends something, too. I have been a fairly good little boy this year. Love, Kirk Durham . . . Dear Santa, I hear you are coming to see me. I want a Skipper for Christmas. Love, Nedra Flowers . . . Dear Santa, Thank you for all the toys I got last year. This

year I would like a new saddle, baseball bat and glove. Yours truly, Zane Mayfield . . . Dear Santa, I want a B-B gun and a repair shop. I am in the second grade. Your friend, Brad Ziegler . . . Dear Santa, We put up our Christmas tree today. I am in the second grade. I hope you bring me a chalk board and a baby doll. My birthday is March 18. Your friend, Mary Jo Thomas . . . Dear Santa, How have you been doing? I am just fine. I enjoyed everything you gave me last year. This year I want a football, pelletgun, chaps, saddle-blanket and basketball. Yours truly, Ken Wood . . .

Dear Santa, I am a boy seven years old. I am in the second grade. I want an electric football game and I want a hockey game. Your friend, Brett Gill . . . Dear Santa Claus, Thank you for my Johnny Seven last year. I would like a big play truck. What would you like if you were a little boy? I have everything ready for Christmas. Abel Asebedo . . .

December 24, 1959--Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy. I would like to have a show-down set and an army set and a bow and arrow set. Thank you Santa. I like you. My name is Thurman May. I am eight years old . . . Dear Santa, Mother would like a bathrobe and gown, Daddy would like a gun to go hunting with. I would like an 18-inch doll, a trunk and doll bed. Jackie Carol Tate . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll with a lot of clothes. I want a watch too. Nancy wants a doll and a watch. Wayne wants a radio. Juannah Nance . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be a good boy. Would you bring me a caterpillar and a crane and a maintainer. Your friend, Gary Martin . . . Dear Santa, My little sister wants a watch. I am seven years old. I'm in the second grade. I will tell you one thing I want. It is a fire truck that squirts water. I am a good boy. Your friend, Max Weaver . . .

December 22, 1949--Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl nine years old and I am in the 4th grade. I have tried to be a good girl. Will you please bring me a set of books, a birthstone ring. My birthday is February 25. And please bring me a bride doll and some fruits, nuts and candy. With love, Waynelle McCutchen . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am four years old. Please bring me an airplane, a tricycle and a jack-in-the-box. We all want nuts and candy and a surprise. Mary Lynn is a sweet girl so please bring her something good. Love, Bill Schott . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a sewing machine and a house with a garage and a fire truck. Love, Sue Reid . . . Dear Santa Claus, I am a little girl five years old. I wish you would please bring me a tousele hair Dydee doll, doll house, building log set and some fruit. I love you, Sue Lanham . . .

December 20, 1945--Dear Santa, Please bring me a two-gun holster set, a red truck, a bow and arrow set and a big wagon, and lots of nuts, candy and fruit. Your friend, Donnie Perkins . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want you to bring me a belt, a Scout knife, a fountain pen and pencil and some fruits, nuts and candy and gum. Also bring the other boys and girls something. Your friend, Teddy Jack Mayfield . . . Dear Santa, This is just to let you know what I want. I want a gun, an airplane and I would like to have a bicycle but I am afraid you can't get it. I would like to get some nuts and fruit, too. Your friend, Guinn Fitzgerald . . .

December 14, 1939--Dear Santa, I would like very much to have a ring and a Betsy-Wetsy doll and also some oranges, apples, nuts and candy. Yours truly, Betty Lou Olive . . . Dear Santa, I want a doll and a washing machine set. I also want some candy and fruit. I want some dishes too. Your friend, Pauline Chitty . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a wagon and blackboard. Bring me some fruit and nuts, too. I have been a good boy. I am six years old, Gene Hardin . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a book for Christmas. Your little friend, Nina Zell Cantwell . . .

December 17, 1925--Dear Santa, Bring me a doll and candy, nuts, etc. and other nice things. Willie B. Scout . . . Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me an air gun, a wagon, a little car and a football and a ball mitt. Jim Haynes . . . Dear Santa, I am six years old and going to school. So I need a fountain pen, a desk and cedar chest and I want a set of little dishes and a ring and bracelet. That is all for mother says I must leave something for other little girls. You don't have to bring me a doll this year, as my doll will do and then I have to study most of the time. June Weast . . .



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Dear Santa:
I want a Buzz Lightyear for Christmas 'cause he's my best character. I want woody, too. I also want Bull's eye.
Love,
Jeremy Hall

Dear Santa:
I want candy canes and a snowman.
Love, Michael Ramirez

Dear Santa:
I want a Barbie, and a car for Barbie.
Love,
McKayla Cartwright

Dear Santa:
I want a new Flower baby.
Love,
Brittany Deckard

Dear Santa:
I want a new bicycle with a bell. I need a new one because Torey broke my bell. I would also like a new horn. I would love to have a baby sister Kindergarten doll.

Love,
Shelby Fuston

Dear Santa:
Bring me a doll and a car.
Love,
Selena Hernandez

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a dollhouse.
Love,
Ezbedy Diaz

Dear Santa:
I want rollerskates and a bicycle. I also want a troll.
Love,
Nikki Gamble

Dear Santa:
I want a Barbie bicycle and

some Barbie dolls. I do want some make-up, dresses, slippers, and jewelry.

Love,
Tessa Breedlove

Dear Santa:
I want a motorcycle. And I want a roller skate.
Love,
Brewster Garcia

Dear Santa:
I want a Barbie bike. And I also want a Barbie doll and a fake baby.
Love,
Krystalyn Martinez

Dear Santa:
I want a wire play set just like at school. I also want a Bike and a TV.
Love,
Kaison Hubbard

Dear Santa:
I want a motorcycle for my dad and a 4-wheeler for me. I want a brown toy reindeer too. That's all I need.
Love,
Ian Dunbar

Gift Ideas for the Holidays, Anytime

There are many ways to deck the halls and walls without spending a lot of silver and gold. Consider these hints from American Tack & Hardware to add a touch of pizzazz and color to the home during the holidays:

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- Retail for around \$4.99 to \$6.99.

Holiday Ornament Touch Dimmer

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- Simply plug your tree lights into the Dimmer and hang the ornament on the tree. The ornament becomes the switch and only you will know that it does so much more--everyone will be amazed at how easily your tree comes to light!
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Have a Healthy Home for Holiday

'Tis the season to be sneezing? Not necessarily. For the millions of Americans with allergies, the holidays may be a whole lot merrier by following a few allergy prevention tips.

- Don't store firewood indoors. Drying firewood can generate mold spores, which can easily contaminate an entire house. Bring new logs in only for immediate use in your fireplace or wood-burning stove.

- Have your chimney cleaned before the first holiday fire and be sure the fireplace flue works properly. Check fireplace vents and keep fireplace doors closed to eliminate breathing as much smoke as possible.

- If you put up a live evergreen tree during the holidays, before bringing the tree inside, use a leaf-blower to remove visible pollen grains, then wipe the trunk thoroughly with a solution of luke warm water and diluted bleach (one part bleach to 20 parts water) to eliminate any mold.

- If using an artificial Christmas tree, make sure it is not coated with sprayed-on "snow," as it can aggravate asthmatic or allergic symptoms.

- When preparing your home for guests, use a damp or treated cloth for dusting to avoid stirring up dust, and use a vacuum with a sealed True-HEPA filtration system like the Guardian from Electrolux, that prevents allergens from being redistributed into the air.

- Limit (or eliminate) scented candles, potpourri, air fresheners, live plant arrangements and holiday baking with any strong odors that may cause discomfort for people with asthma. Check dried plant arrangements for signs of mold growth and dust.

- Reducing humidity decreases dust mite and mold growth. When the heat is on, check humidity levels in rooms where you spend most of your time. Keep the air circulating by using a dehumidifier. Also remember to empty and clean the dehumidifier on a regular basis.

- When storing decorations and ornaments, thoroughly clean and dry all decorations, seal them in plastic bags and store the bagged items in airtight containers or clean boxes to prevent them from becoming coated with dust and mold.

- Remove wet dirt and leaves from around the foundation and gutters of your house to prevent outdoor mold from accumulating near the windows and doors.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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FLEMING WELL SERVICE

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Mrs. Nance's Third Graders Write Their Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy, roller blades, a CD player, a watch for my mom and football cards for my dad. nd doll for all my sisters and some cars for my brother. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus! see you next year. Have a happy holiday.
Love,
Megan Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I don't want very much. I want a play station. For my mom, get a person to fix her car. My sister wants a CD player.
Love,
Kenneth William Walls

Dear Santa,
Santa, do you need a sled or bells? I want one thing only: a remote control car. My mom needs a TV. My dad wants tools.
I love you, Santa,
Mitchell Curry

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want weights. For Christmas I want ten \$. For my brother he wants a game boy. For Christmas I want a new dirt bike. For my mom and dad I want to give them love.
Cord Lance Stidham

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy and I want \$20.00, and a play station for my brothers and something for my good friend, Destiney. I want a new puppy. Mary Christmas, Santa.
Love,
Victoria Louise Cruz

Dear Santa,
I want a super nintendo and a play station and I hope it snows and I hope I can see my graney and my brother wants a toy truck.
Jeremiah David Henderson

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a play station and I want a game boy for my room and a big Santa Claus for my little sister, Destiney and I hope I get to spend Christmas with my Grandma like I always do.
Leomardo Perez

Dear Santa,
I want three things. I want a turquoise game boy color and a real Blue heeler dog and a new playstation game and a gold necklace for my mom.
Townlii Hayden Ziegler

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and I want a pool table and give Zack a black hat and give Dusty a game for the play station.
Love,
Lee True Burson

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a game boy color, a goat, and a 22? My brother, Matt, want age of empires 11, Clay wants some CDs.

My dad needs a tool set. My mom wants a new ring I think.
Blake Strange

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new rope, and a new straw hat. I hope this Christmas is going to be happy. And try to bring my mom an apple because she is a teacher. Bring my dad and brother candy.
Love,
Shawn Johnson

Dear Santa,
I only want three things this year. The first thing I want is a guitar. I also want a play station and a turquoise game boy color. My mom wants a new house.
Cade Holt

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me chaps, blue coveralls and a power wheels dump truck and would you bring my mom and stepdad bigger stockings?

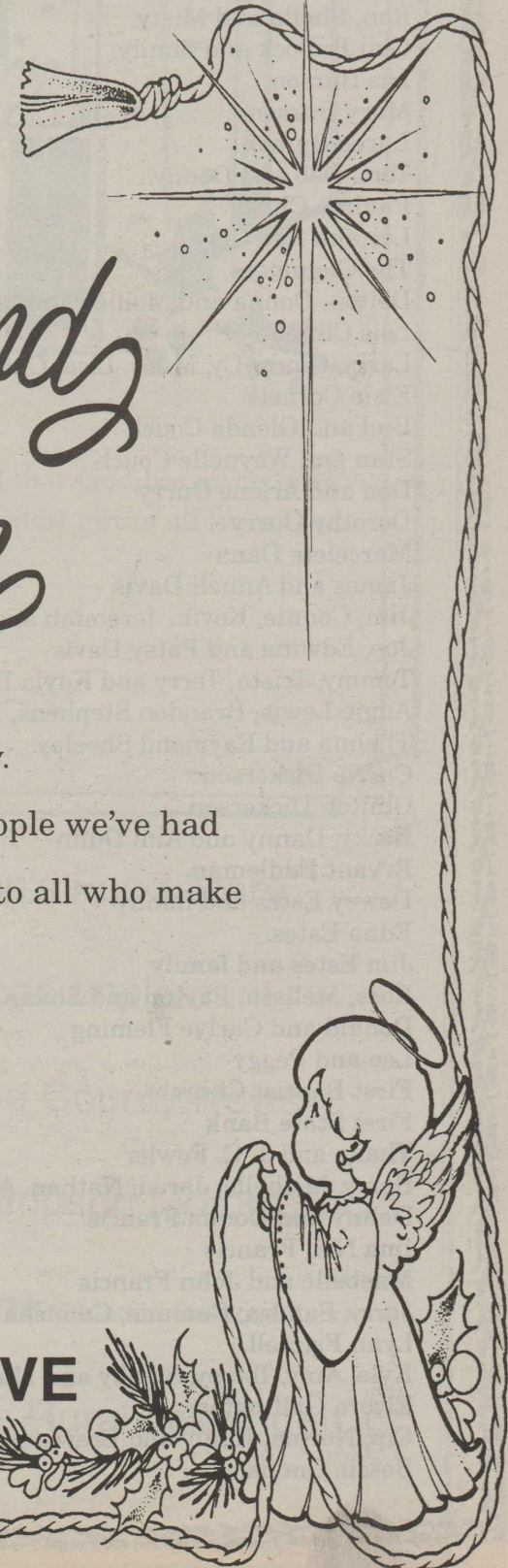
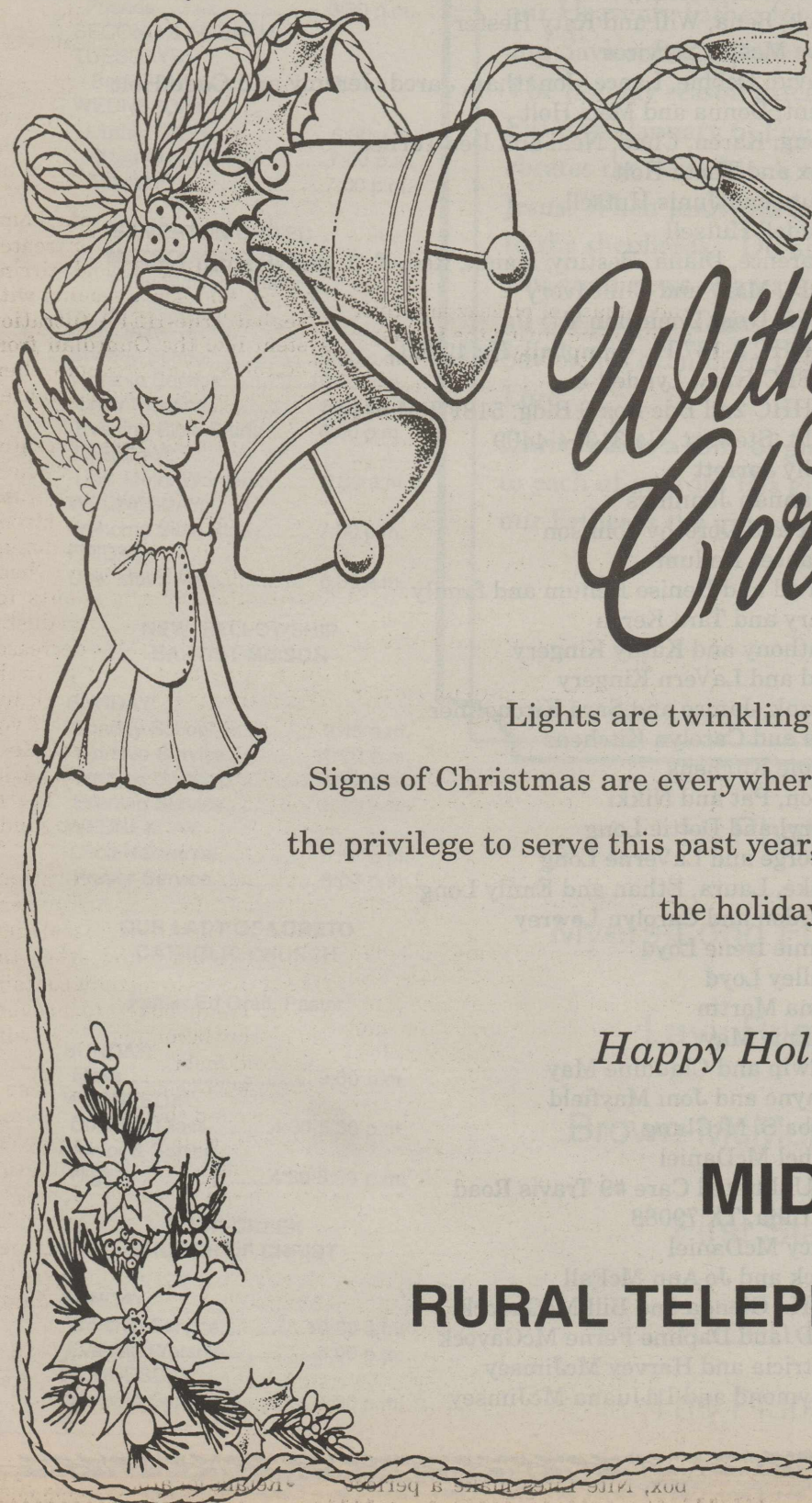
Love,
Tyler Garvin

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline. And a play station game. And for my mom I want an angel. And for my dad I want a tool box. And make it snow.
Love,
Carlos Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a CD walkman, a game boy and a pair of earrings. Oh and something for my whole family. That is all I want and have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Destiney Frizzell

Dear Santa Claus,
This Christmas I want three things. I want a new pair of silver earrings for my Mother. And a new Jam Box with huge speakers on it. I want a new basketball for outside. I also want a green game boy.

Love,
Torrey Fuston



*With You in Mind
at
Christmastime*

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

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

Happy Holidays from all of us at

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Warm Wishes Are Headed Your Way

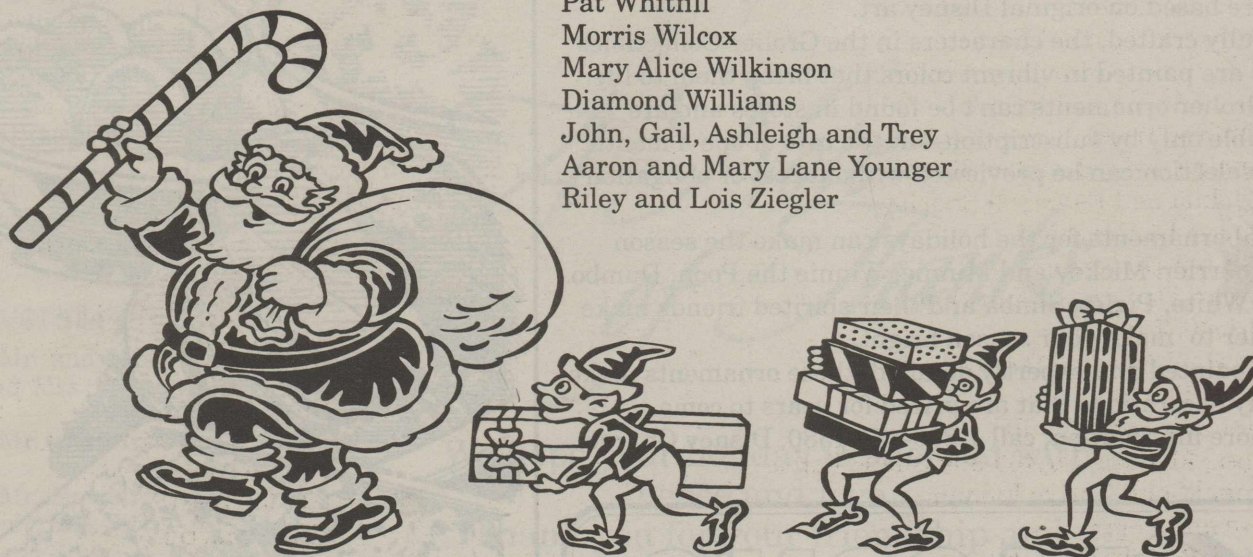
Here's hoping yours is a great holiday

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Johnny and Mary Asebedo
Jerry and Jealeta Baird
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 Duane and Shirley Reynolds
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 Eddie, Charlotte, Kendra, Kody, Chance and
 Charla Rhoderick
 Tobe Riddell
 Hal, Debbie, John and Daniel Rogers
 Aubrey Rowell
 Dean and Theda Rowell
 W. D. and Peggy Rowell
 Will, Mary Ann, Matthew and Elena Rowell
 Charles and Mary Ann Sarchet
 Brandon, Melody, Jordan and Molly
 John and LaQuetta Schott
 Rena Schott
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 J. L. and Faye Self

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 Sharon and Doc Simpson
 Silverton Oil Company
 Dale and Dona Smith
 Gerald and Gail Smith and Clay
 Lance and Jennifer Smith
 Glenn and Winnie Smith
 Mike and Margaret Smith
 Jerry and Sandra Smith
 Sandra and Gene Smith family
 Juanita Stephens
 Lola Mae Stephens
 Wayne Stephens family
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 Clifton and Joy Stodghill
 Jimmy and Madeline Stone
 Harold and Dora Storie
 Fred and Wanda Strange
 Norman and Peggy Strange
 Teresa Sutton
 Ray and Nelda Teeple
 The Plum Thicket
 Linda Oetgen
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 Betty Nan Tiffin
 Vivian Tiffin
 Anna Belle Tipton
 Reba Tipton
 Emmett and Sandi
 Mabel Tomlin
 Jay and Patsy Towe
 Pauline Turner
 Lupe and Rosa Vargas and boys
 Bud and Norma Vaughan
 Harlen, Linda, Duncan and Holly Vernon
 Roy Mack and Lois Walker
 Obra Watson
 Gary, Cathey, Rob, Leslee and Lindsey
 Max, Sheryl, Shannon and Julie Weaver
 Shafe and Jonnie Weaver
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 Pat Whitfill
 Morris Wilcox
 Mary Alice Wilkinson
 Diamond Williams
 John, Gail, Ashleigh and Trey
 Aaron and Mary Lane Younger
 Riley and Lois Ziegler



The Holidays Bring The Most Wonderful Things

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

Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. They have donated to community projects instead of sending greeting cards locally. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club.

Third Grade Students Write Their Christmas Wishes to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I only want three things. I want a giga pet, a black hat to keep my head warm and some chaps. One more thing I want is a frog for my brother.
Love,
Nichole Schott

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a little cat, and a playstation.
Please give my mom a nice present.
I want a gameboy. I want my brother to get a cool thing.
Your friend,
Joshua Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline. I want web TV. Could you get something for my brothers?
Love,
Ismael Martinez

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a black hat and chaps and the color is brown and a saddle and I want three goats.
Love,
Mikel Cord Griffin

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop computer and for my brother a beanie baby. My dad wants a cordless drill and my mom wants a pair of very good scissors to cut hair with.
Love,
Butler Otis

Dear Santa,
I have really enjoyed the things you've brought me in the past. This year would you please bring me one of three things. I would like a Kimberly doll play set, a Patty doll playground, or a Barbie FM clock radio. Thank you.
Love,
Charla Rhoderick

Disney Character Ornaments: A Gift Dream Come True

(NAPS)—When they wish upon a star, more and more people wish for ornaments from their favorite animated movie classics. Topping many wish lists this holiday season is a collection from Grolier Collectibles that captures the magic of such delightful Disney characters as Winnie the Pooh, Snow White and Bambi. These charming ornaments may be a dream come true for Disney fans and for the people who like to make the wishes of Disney fans come true. The cheerful ornaments were inspired by classic movie poses and are based on original Disney art. Carefully crafted, the characters in the Grolier Collectibles series are painted in vibrant colors that bring them to life. The Grolier ornaments can't be found in stores and are available only by subscription—at the rate of one a month. Each selection can be previewed without cost or obligation to buy. Special ornaments for the holidays can make the season even merrier. Mickey and Minnie, Winnie the Pooh, Dumbo, Snow White, Piglet, Simba and their spirited friends make it easier to make your season bright. Hand-painted and expertly detailed, these ornaments make holiday decorations that are prized for years to come. For more information, call 1-800-454-1580. Disney Characters©.

SEASON'S GREETINGS
May the magic and mirth of the holidays bring many happy surprises!
GOEN & GOEN
(Serving You For Over 67 Years)
102 E. California 983-3524 Floydada, Texas

Focus on the Holidays With Photo Tips From the Pros

(NAPS)—The holidays are a special time. "Make sure you don't miss a single opportunity to capture those memories on film," says Sam Garcia, Nikon School instructor. "The first step in shooting holiday snapshots is to make sure you have a camera that is easy to use—like Nikon's Nuvis 200 2X zoom compact—and lots of film." Sam also offers the following photo tips to help ensure that unforgettable holiday moments are easily translated into beautiful, lasting photographs: Charge It Up. Aside from stock-

ing up on film, make sure you have fresh batteries in your camera. Dead batteries can mean missing that perfect shot! Flash That Smile! Built-in flash systems are a great help when deciding whether to use a flash or not. Even in daylight shots, flash can help balance and enhance photos by reducing shadows. Don't Fumble With Film. Advanced Photo System film cameras, such as the Nikon Nuvis 200, offer the ease of simple drop-in loading, mid-roll change and print-format flexibility—choose from classic, group and panoramic. Strike a Pose? Generally, photos will be more fun if you take spontaneous, candid shots,

rather than posed ones. Nikon's Nuvis 200 combines simplicity, versatility and affordability. Weighing only six ounces and stylishly wrapped in a contoured, champagne-gold case, the Nuvis 200 makes the perfect stocking stuffer for that special someone. For more information about Nikon School or Nikon products, call (800) NIKON-US and visit the website at www.nikonusa.com.

Technically the United States observes no national holiday. Each state has jurisdiction over its holidays, which are designed by legislative enactment or executive proclamation.



All the Best

We're serving up a generous helping of warm wishes and holiday cheer, to thank you all for dining here.

THE MALT SHOP RESTAURANT

Where the elite meet to eat!

Doug, Jennie and Lance Bradford

Students Write Their Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I please have a preshesmoments doll.
I have been a good girl.
Can I have a Giddyupgirl. Can I have Samantha Cauble over at my house. How do you get to your house.
I want a bunny with a blue ribbon.
Can I please see you and Miss Claus.
Love,
Jessi

Dear Santa,
How are you and Miss claus and Rudolph doing? If you can, can you please get me a remote control dirt bike, and a train with people, and cars and a track.
love,
Skyler

Dear Seanta,
I want a cooking barbie and a bike. I want some Rollerblades. and I want some preatty clothe. I want some shoes. and some candy cane on ore christmas tree. and get My computer.
Love
Alex

Dear Santa,
I want to see you and Rudolph. Will you please get me a Nintendo tape do you still live in the Nothpole yes or no? How do you get to your House? And I want a remote control car.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I want to see you and Rudolph. Will you please give me a play station and a bike. How are you? How are the reindeer? Do you

still live in the north pole yes or no? How do you get to your house? How is Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Britni

Dear Santa,
I Love You Santa Claus. how are the reindeers and how are you I want a ras a car.
Love
Chase

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a holy joly Christmas. how is it going at North Pole? May I have a Sega Dreamcast Pleaes, and Sega game and mickcars.
Love
John

Dear Santa,
I've been Very nice. How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? Will you please bring me a doll? I would like it if you give me some softwear games. I would like it if you bring me a bike. Will you bring me a barbie?
Love,
Emily L.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. claus? I would like to have a walkie talkie please.
May I please have a barbie please.
I would like to have a Giddy up Girl dollplease.
Love,
Emily G.

Dear Santa,
I would like a game boy. and I would like a shart pleses.
Love,
Rene

Dear Santa,
I've been very nice. How are you? How is Mrs. Claus How is Rudolph? Can you please breg me these things. A pool table. and a motorcycle dirt bike.
Love
Brooks

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I would like a BB gun to have. Please can I have a biger bike. Could I have a tran cars and track?
Love
CoDee

Dear Santa,
I would like to hav a foosball taball please if you could. and I would like a computer please.
Love,
Nicholas

Dear Santa,
I want to know how you are doing? Please give me a madden 2000. Game boy. electric baseball. Please give me a movie
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa, how are you? How is Rudolph? Could you get me a star wars lego set, WeWnwo thunder, pad racing on N64?
Love,
Logan

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claws? I would like to have more dolls please. please give me some more barbies. Could I have a game boy please. how are the raindeer?
Love,
Molly

Dear Santa,
Would like a toy Mikewave and baby doll that haves food and a bottole with Milke would you please bring me a teddy bear. an please would you bring me a new bigger bike. Sant Claus how is



Blaze Cogdell visited with Santa at First State Bank in Silverton last week. He is the son of Dick and Kippi Cogdell, and his Christmas wishes are contained in his letter to Santa elsewhere on this page.
Briscoe County News Photo

Mrs. Claus? and how is Rudolph is he fine?
Love,
Wendy

Love,
Marchell

Dear Santa, Would you please braning me a horse for Christmas and a Barn for Christmas please braning me it please and how is mrs Claus doing and how is Roudolph dowing?

Dear Santa I hope you have a Good Cristmas. Sant I want a blakeit for my horse. Santa two more things I want a Head Stall. One more thing It is rains for my horse.
love,
Blaze

Millennium Glamour

(NAPS)—If one word can sum up this millennium holiday season that word is glamour. Few boutiques epitomize the glamour of the season as well as the Giorgio Beverly Hills Boutique. Here are a few gifts available exclusively at the famed Boutique or by calling 1-800-GIORGIO:

- Inspired by the Boutique's glamour, an exclusive new Boutique fragrance, "G" captures the essence of beauty and joins other Giorgio fragrances "Red" and "Giorgio".
- Extravagant party hats by London-based designer Stephen Jones are cause to celebrate.
- Leather and crystal mesh agendas and organizers by Daniel Swarovski help organize the New Year.
- Chic hot water bottles covered in leopard and mink faux fur by Jane epitomize luxury.
- Accent pieces for the home include retro ottomans by Mildred of Los Angeles.

All of these sparkling gift and evening wear selections are available exclusively at the Giorgio Beverly Hills Boutique or by calling 1-800-GIORGIO.

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem..."

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

May all the joys of the season be yours.



JOHNSON'S GIN COMPANY
The Rex Johnson Family



Forest Otis had a nice visit with Santa at First State Bank last week. He is the son of Bronc and Amy Otis.
Briscoe County News Photo

Christmas Joy to All

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

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

Morris Wilcox

Beverly Minyard

Kyle Fuston

Brenda Patton

Madeline Stone

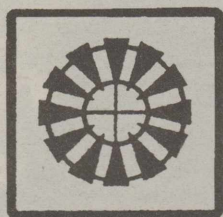
Marty Haley

Patricia McJimsey

Shawn Miller

Mike Juarez

Estella Juarez



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JOHNSON'S GIN COMPANY



Ryder Carpenter seems to be making sure he doesn't forget to tell Santa anything important. He is the son of Kent and Penny Carpenter, and enjoyed his trip to the First State Bank to see Santa.

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How-To Directions Are Available Online

Step-by-step directions for making a scent-sational holiday centerpiece from rosemary and directions for making other holiday crafts may be found by visiting www.Proflowers.com.

Home cooks can welcome the twenty-first century to their kitchens with recipes and information from Bean Education & Awareness Network by visiting the web site at www.americanbean.org.

For simple and unique gift wrap ideas, visit your local Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts stores or visit www.joann.com.

For tips on party planning and serving such quick-fix appetizers as Nancy's Santa Fe Tartlets and Florentine Puffs, you can visit www.nancys.com.

For a list of teacher selected and approved toys, parents can visit SmarterKids.com.

For holiday planning tips, log on to www.house.net.com.

For tips on holiday garment



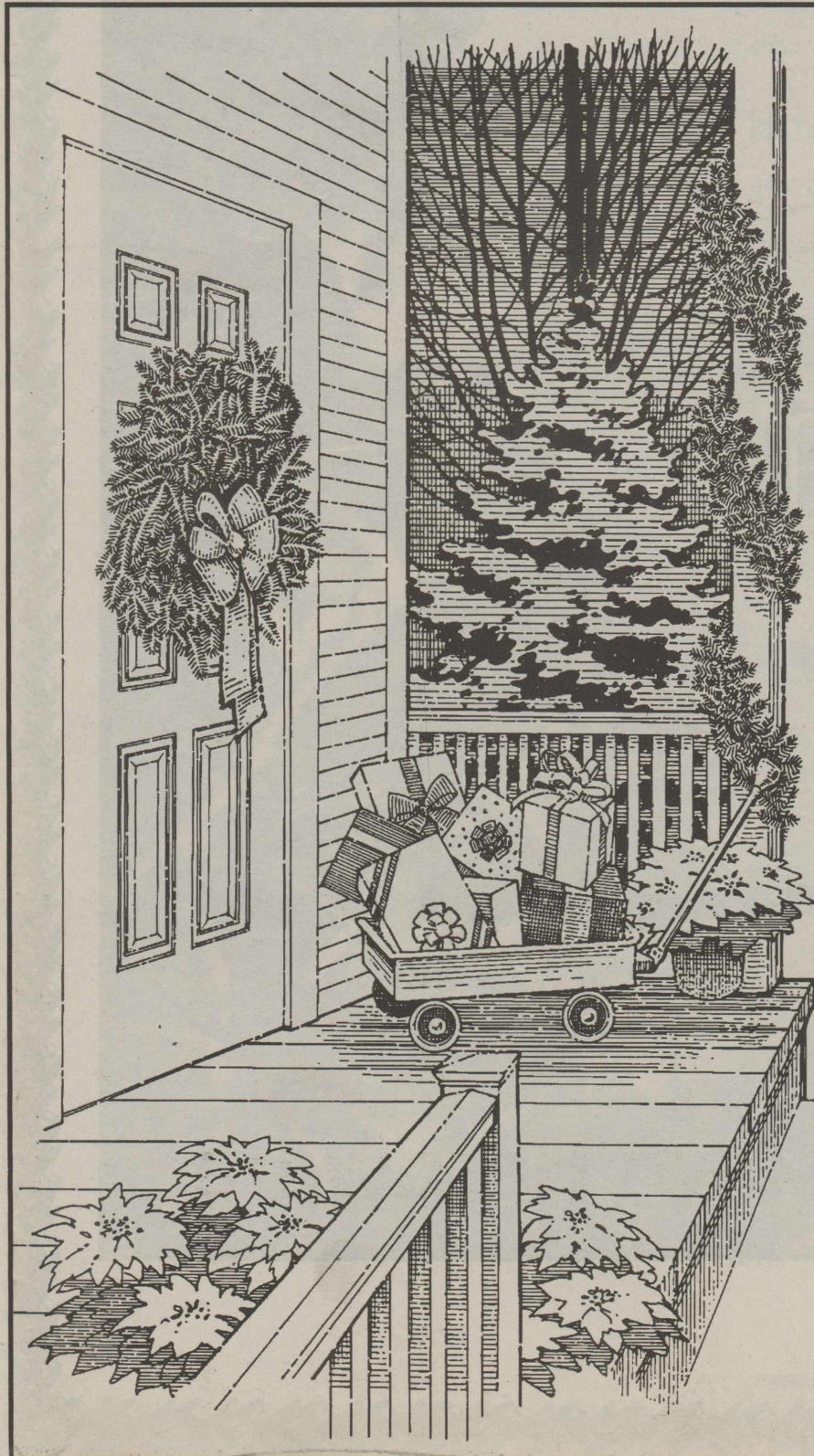
Britni Pendergrass, daughter of Dan and Cindy Pendergrass, tries to remember all the things she has on her Christmas list as she visits with Santa at First State Bank.

Briscoe County News Photo

and linen care, such as removing candle wax and chocolate stains, visit www.rowentausa.com.

To find out which web sites

rate when it comes to online shopping, consumers can visit mySimon.com, a leading comparison shopping site.



Merry Christmas

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

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TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ended December 16, 1999

USDA's weekly export sales report for the week ended December 9 showed net new sales of 158,300 bales. The number was slightly below market expectations and lower than the previous week's sales of 191,000 bales. In addition, USDA reported new sales of 16,200 bales for delivery in the 2000-01 marketing season.

Major buyers of 1999-2000 crop U. S. cotton included Brazil, Mexico and Hong Kong. Analysts were not surprised to see Brazil in the list of top buyers of U. S. cotton in USDA's recent export sales report. A short crop in South America, coupled with higher cotton consumption in the region, could result in a demand increase in the export market. The scenario might mean more purchases from supplier countries like the United States because dry conditions in Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay have cut production. For Brazil, especially, imported cotton will be necessary to meet consumption requirements.

Export shipments reached a new marketing year high of 136,100 bales, 29 percent above the four-week average. Traders also noted that total export commitments for the season now are running 30 percent above last year at just more than 4.6 million bales. However, commitments to-date represent just 79 percent of USDA's export forecast for the year.

USDA's Step 2 cotton user subsidies have been helping to enhance sales and shipments thus allowing U. S. cotton to be competitive in the world markets. The pressure from international growths, however, continues. Still, some traders are looking at the current pace of sales and competitive U. S. prices to eventually push U. S. export sales past 7.0 million bales, well above the current USDA forecast of 6.2 million bales.

On the spot cotton scene, sales were healthy once again this week, as 63,769 bales were sold on TELCOT in the five trading days ended December 16. The figure is an improvement from the previous week's sales of 56,350 bales. Average daily prices received by producers utilizing the electronic marketing system were lower the same week and ranged from 35.13 to 36.82 cents per pound, versus a range of 36.28 to 37.15 the prior week.

Weather has been a concern recently, as a considerable amount of moisture was received on the Texas High Plains. In fact, producers in the area reported snow accumulations of seven to 19 inches. As of this writing, most of the frozen precipitation has melted around the Lubbock area, although some snow re-

mains in the northern sections of the region. The heavy amounts are the equivalent of only one to 1.5 inches of rainfall, but the welcome moisture will help increase subsoil moisture levels in dryland areas. Unfortunately, the snows halted most harvest operations across the region and slowed ginning activities due to the inability of machinery to transport modulated seed cotton from the fields and gin yards.

As Texas High Plains producers patiently wait for drier weather to harvest the remainder of their cotton, elsewhere, field preparations have begun for the 2000-01 cotton crop. In the Texas Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend many producers have started applying fertilizers, and government support programs for cotton versus programs for other crops suggest the possibility of an acreage expansion in the upcoming year.

Happy Birthday-

December 23--Iris Burson, Earlyne Hutsell, Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison

December 24--Jack Robertson, jr., Sally Grimland

December 25--Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

December 26--Molly Brooks, Ed Baker, Lindsey Jennings, Abigail Reyna, Sloan Grabbe

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

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

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

Happy Anniversary-

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

December 28--Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

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

Did You Know?

Don't let your millenium fears turn you into a Y2K crime victim this holiday season. Once saving leave a financial institution they also stop earning interest and lose deposit insurance protection, say the financial experts at American's Community Bankers.

Web Watch

A helpful new beauty products web site has given gift-giving a makrover. For more information, visit www.beautyscene.com.

Friends And Families Share Season Online

(NAPS)—While there may be no place like home for the holidays, one of the easiest places to get your nearest and dearest together is on the Information Superhighway.

All you have to do is log on and there you are with your family and friends. Imaginative and resourceful online sites offer the places and you don't even need to decorate.

Two innovative sites that allow you to communicate with family and friends on the Internet, are SuperFamily.com and SuperFriends.com. These sites are virtual communities and commerce centers for those with established relationships.

A virtual community is a multi-member web site providing the technology and easy-to-use tools that allow family, friends and groups with common interests to share their lives online, despite geographic distances.

All the members can collaborate and add content to these web sites.

Online communities were created to bring people together and encourage members to communicate in new and creative ways. They are designed to help groups who are scattered geographically to do things quickly and easily—even if they are located in four different time zones. They allow you to do everything from planning events to producing a group newspaper, making a group calendar of upcoming events or creating a joint photo album.

It's generally easy to figure out how to use a web site to stay in touch with family or friends, but some are more user-friendly than others.

SuperFamily.com and SuperFriends.com are easy-to-use yet sophisticated to meet the needs of both the beginner and the Internet-savvy user.

When choosing a virtual community to stay in touch with family and friends, you should look for the following features:

- Look for a private, multi-member web site that is free, easy-to-use and offers the privacy of password-protection.
- An online photo album gives people a fast and easy way to digitally store their photos.
- Online newsletters or newspapers offer a fun way to create custom headlines and articles announcing the latest news such as upcoming parties, weddings and holiday gatherings.
- For those who like the convenience of online shopping, look for a private, multi-member web site that offers a commerce center. SuperGifts.com makes it easy to search for gifts and register preferences.

WEATHER

24-HOUR DECEMBER READINGS
6:00 a.m. Each Day

Date	High	Low	Precip.
1	62	29	
2	68	44	
3	66	30	
4	65	26	.06
5	35	19	.50
6	44	19	
7	52	23	
8	64	28	
9	64	29	.18
10	43	23	.12
11	50	23	
12	51	30	
13	50	20	
14	58	20	
15	42	16	
16	51	15	
17	55	24	
18	57	32	
19	50	33	
20	53	22	
21	35	13	.21
Total December Precip.			1.07
Total Snow			12"
Normal Dec. Precip.			.68
Total Precipitation Rec'd			
Year to Date			19.54
Normal Precipitation			
Year to Date			21.22

A Note of Thanks

We hope your holiday is adorned with peace and love.
Thank you for your friendship and all the many things that have been done for us.

Brown Hardware

Carol and Mary Davis and Family

A Safe Holiday Tops Santa's Christmas List

Santa Claus has a holiday wish for Texas drivers: please don't hit him.

Santa and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) have teamed up to remind Texans not to drink and drive during the holiday season. Santa has good reason to be concerned. Last December, 83 people were killed and 2,245 were injured in alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. In fact, Texas leads the nation in the number of traffic deaths where alcohol is involved.

"Drinking and driving is a problem anytime, especially during the holiday season," said Susan Bryant, TxDOT's traffic safety director. "We anticipate that the problem could be even worse this year due to turn of the century New Year's parties. People who don't normally drink and drive may be out for this unique celebration."

TxDOT's holiday public education effort conveys a serious reminder with a touch of humor. Colorful materials bear the message, "Santa is Coming To Town. Please Don't Hit Him. Don't Drink and Drive."

Santa and TxDOT are targeting millions of Texans with Santa's special plea for safe driving. Thirty holiday-themed billboards are being posted on interstate highways in major Texas cities and throughout Texas, and don't drink and drive radio public service announcements will

air statewide in December. Thousands of convenience stores, liquor stores and restaurants are placing red and yellow Santa decals on their front doors and beverage cooler doors reminding customers not to drink and drive. Drink coasters with a don't drink and drive message also are being provided to restaurants and bars throughout the state.

"Santa isn't the only one who wants people to be responsible drivers," Bryant said. "We are delighted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, Texas Package Store Association, Texas Restaurant Association and Diamond Shamrock are joining us to remind everyone how important it is not to drink and drive."

And just in case anyone is tempted to get behind the wheel after too much holiday cheer, local police and sheriff's departments will be on special patrol for impaired drivers during the holidays. All available state troopers from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be on the Texas highways for Operation Motorcade between December 24 and 26 and between December 31 and January 2.

The name Santa Claus comes from the Dutch Sinter Klaas, which in turn comes from St. Nicholas, a bishop known for bringing gifts and being the patron saint of children.



The light that shown in the east on the first Christmas lives and illuminates across the ages, bringing hope and promise to mankind. May the spiritual joy of the season bless you and yours abundantly on this Christmas Day and forever.

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Handmade For The Holidays

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- Cut designs from holiday fab-

Save Money and Time-Shop Online

(NAPS)—The evolution of the Internet has reduced the time-consuming task of gift shopping to a few clicks of a mouse.

The World Wide Web now makes it possible to solve all of your shopping needs. One way to save time, money, and your sanity is to find a website that is user-friendly, with an array of products at low prices.

One resourceful site, Netmarket.com, offers more than 800,000 name-brand products—from electronics to toys, fashion to health, and everything

ric and glue to solid color placemats for instant seasonal table dressing.

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www.i-craft.com.

in between. Products are organized into eight diverse superstores, making the site easy to use for online shoppers. There's also a special "flea market" section containing closeout and refurbished items.

Experts are available online and over the phone to help customers find specific products. If items are not immediately onhand, representatives locate the item through a manufacturer, provide detailed specifications on where to find the item, or call the manufacturer on the customer's behalf—all within 24 hours.

The site offers a "personal shopper," a service that gives customers a convenient way to find the perfect gift for any person or occasion. Shoppers can fill out a questionnaire about the intended recipient and any gift idea preferences. A list of suggestions is e-mailed back within two business days. You can visit the Website at www.netmarket.com.

One Solitary Life

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

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

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



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

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

Merry

CHRISTMAS
from

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David Beebe, Pastor

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Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Hal Rogers, Minister

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Randy G. Mullin, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Library Opens.....9:15 a.m.
Bible Study/S.S..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
MONDAY:
RAs, GAs, Mission
Friends.....3:30 p.m.
SECOND & FOURTH
TUESDAYS:
Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
TeamKID.....7:00 p.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Jay Stinson, Pastor

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:55 a.m.
Choir Practice..... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY:
Unit. Meth. Women..... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
In-home Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY:
Unit. Meth. Men..... 6:30 a.m.

**NEW FELLOWSHIP
BAPTIST MISSION**

SUNDAY:
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.
Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF LORETO
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SUNDAY:
Mass.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Doctrina Class.....4:30-5:30 p.m.
Junior & Senior
High.....4:30-5:30 p.m.

**ROCK CREEK
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY:
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.



Celebrate

the miracle of His birth

Celebrating the Joy of Christmas

Celebrating the Christmas season with loved ones can be a joyous and festive way to end the year and ring in a new beginning. For Christians, it is a time to worship and praise our Heavenly Father for giving us our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The holiday season extends from Christmas Eve until January 6, Epiphany, which celebrates the Wise Men's visit to the baby Jesus. When Jesus was born, the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Christmas is a time of gift giving, and in 1 Peter 4:10, we are told that God has given gifts to each of us from His great bounty of spiritual gifts. And, the greatest gift of all from God our Father is the gift of Jesus Christ, His Son.

*And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord:
it shall rejoice in his salvation.*

K.J.V. Psalm 35:9



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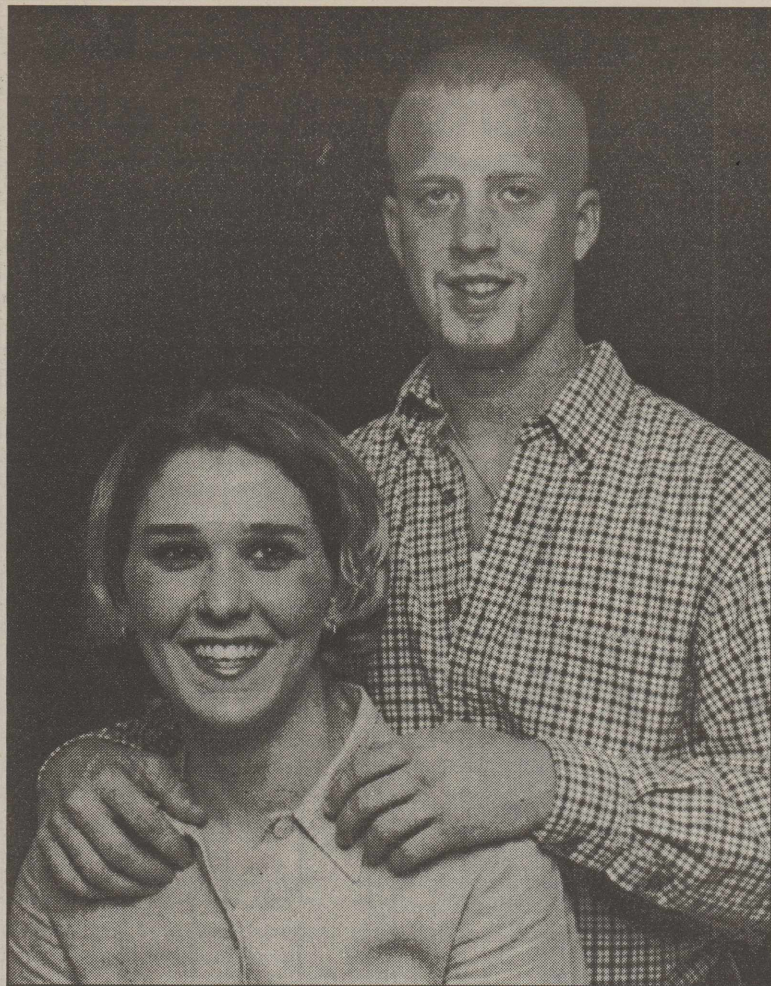
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Jack and Linda Oetgen announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Kristian Kernell, to Richard Allen Pinkerton, son of Sammy and Maria Pinkerton of Plainview. Miss Kernell, granddaughter of Richard and Mamie Tucker, is a 1999 graduate of Silverton High School. She is employed by Gebo's Warehouse. Pinkerton is the grandson of Ruth Faye Pinkerton of Plainview, and is a 1995 graduate of Plainview High School. He is employed by the City of Plainview. The couple plans a January 22, 2000 wedding at the Church of God in Plainview.



Haley Beesinger stopped by First State Bank last week to give her Christmas list to Santa. She is the daughter of Rick and Jana Beesinger and is the granddaughter of Joe and Carolyn Kitchens.
Briscoe County News Photo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me rmo king trol car. I wayld like a kids motorcycle.
Thank you.
Love,
Rex

Dear Santa
How are you doing I have been a good boy For Christmas I would like a Hot Rocker And Racing Video Game Thank you
Love,
Jason Bailey
Six years old
Lamesa, Texas

Technically the United States observes no national holiday. Each state has jurisdiction over its holidays, which are designated by legislative enactment or executive proclamation.

Since it is based on a lunar calendar, Chinese New Year can start anywhere between our January 21 and February 19.

Before December 25th became known as the birthday of Jesus, the Romans celebrated the Mitharic Festival of the Sun God on that day.

(NAPS)—For tips and recipes that make the most of the delicious flavor of figs, visit www.vallyfig.com.

To find jewelers who are graduates of the Gemological Institute of America, visit www.gia.edu.

The QVC cable station and web site (www.qvc.com) offer a wealth of items to choose from including jewelry, apparel, toys, electronics, cosmetics and household goods.

Questions about mailing options can be answered by visit-

ing the post office or visiting the Postal Service's web site at www.usps.com.

Save Up On Shipping Out
(NAPS)—For many holiday shoppers, wrapping and sending gifts can end up costing almost as much as the gifts themselves. Fortunately, a new type of Internet retail service is giving shoppers more of what they've been looking for: free shipping.

In addition to thousands of name brands at discount prices, BrandsForLess.com offers such services as "real time" chat, e-

mail and phone service with customer representatives—24 hours a day, 7 days a week—and free shipping anywhere in the United States.

"BrandsForLess.com already offers the 'best-of-brands' at great prices to online shoppers," said George Russell, president and CEO of BrandsForLess.com. "Real-Time customer service now solves one of the major problems consumers have with online shopping, which is receiving personal help in finding and purchasing items online."

Glory to the Newborn King!

As we count our blessings this Christmas season, let us not forget that Silent Night, long ago, when the Christ Child was born. His message of life eternal is the true gift of the season. Let us pray that the spirit of the nativity lives with us, now and always.

Thank you for letting us serve you this past year.

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Hail the new, ye lads and lasses,
Sing we joyous all together,
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Traditional Welsh Carol

Fond wishes for a Merry Christmas

from all of us to all of you!

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**Mrs. Strange's First Graders
Write Letters to Santa**

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Shot ganand a plaset ashen and
a nothrcrash back ma be a cat
and a culreng buck.
Love, Nate

Dear Santa if you have time coul
you get me and you botman and
a goDzila three truke David

Dear Santa,
Bike, easybaker kitten and
radro and new shoes and dress.
Love, Adrienne

Dear Santa, I wut a computers
and Barbie car bike shoes dog jkt,
Santa, Love Patricia

Dear Santa,
I want a little computer and I
wart a little doll and I wart a Cat
Love,
kaitlan

Dear Santa,
I wot a Plashtin in a computer
in u bag I Luv u Santa
Timothy

Dear Sant,
I want a bike, cat foot ball,
playstation namanto Pad
Matthew Looove

Dear santa, foot ball and helmet,
water gun bb gun
Love, Christian

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, water gun,
helme toun rope, shots play,
LOVE
Tristan

Dear santa if you have time could
you get me a bee that transforms
and a godziLLa and it's at the
Mall
Love
Isaac

Dear Santa,
I want a big computer and I
want a Bike and I want a Barbie.
Love,
April

Dear Santa
Bike, helmet, Dog, cat, Pads,
Play, station, fotball, shot gun
Pokemon, Rodolfo

*It is estimated that Jesus was
born some time around 6 B. C.,
since Herod, the king who at-
tempted to kill all Jewish male
infants in and around Bethle-
hem died around 4 B. C.*

*The custom of observing Box-
ing Day in Australia, Canada,
Great Britain and New Zealand is
said to come from the traditional
British custom of handing out
boxed gifts to servants and em-
ployees on the day after Christ-
mas.*

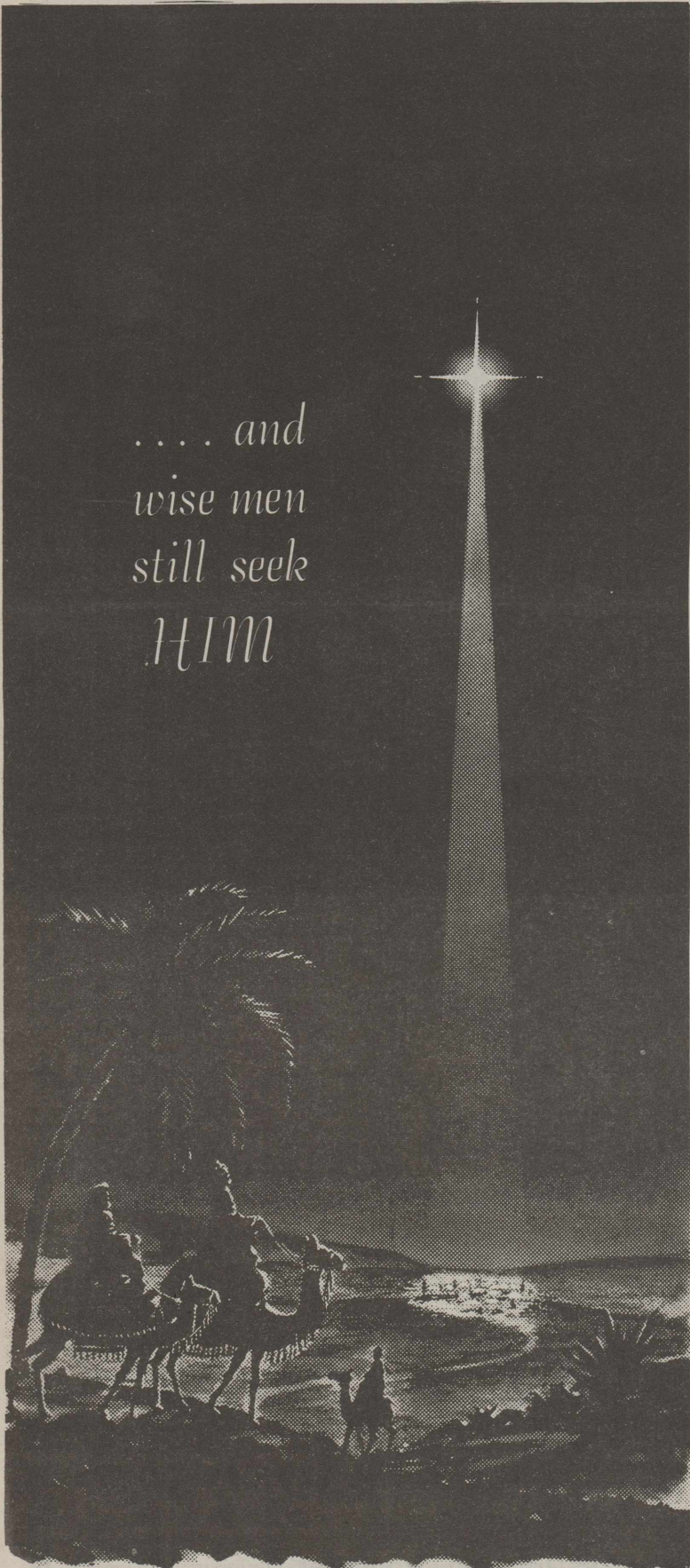
*The president can legally des-
ignate holidays only for the Dis-
trict of Columbia and federal
employees, but most states observe
such federal legal public holidays
as Labor Day.*



Adam Mullin, son of Randy and Valarie Mullin, enjoyed the refreshments at First State Bank and his visit with Santa.
Briscoe County News Photo



Koree Smith seems to be telling Santa she doesn't have much to say, as she visited with the old gentleman at First State Bank last week. She is the daughter of Gene and Rhonda Smith of Tulia. Her mother is a teacher here.
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*'The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord'
(Psalms 33:5)*

Christmastime offers us time to reflect on the beauty of creation as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We're pleased to join with you in prayer, and to offer you our thanks.

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Dear Santa, Please bring . . .

Dear Santa,
I've been a pretty good little girl this year. Please bring me a Magna Doodle, a Barbie with some clothes in a Barbie closet and a light blue "real" telephone. Please remember to bring my brother, Ryder, and all of the other boys and girls something. Thank you!
Love,
Candy Kate Carpenter
P. S. I am four years old!

Dear Santa,
If there really is a Santa, I would like a Nintendo 64 with three games: golden eye, mario racing and rage.
Please give me two controls. New tires for my go-cart and a computer! I would really really like a computer! I would even like a baby brother.
Love,
Nicholas N. Garcia

Dear Santa,
Hi! I'm Brittany but I'm writing this for my sister Baylee. She is one and for my bubba Billy Wayne. Will you please bring Bailee a baby, new socks and new tennis shoes. Bubba needs some

new work boots, socks and a clean cap. And please don't forget my flower baby. I will leave you some cookies and Dr. Pepper and I will leave the reindeers some carrots.
Love,
Brittany Lynn Deckard

Dear Santa Claus,
This Christmas I will leave you out cookies and milk. I have enjoyed the gifts you have brought me in the past.
This Christmas I would like new roller skates for Christmas. I would Also like a new Jewelry box for me. I would like a new Play Station. That is all i need for Christmas.
Love,
Torrey Fuston

Dear Santa,
I want a new barbie bicycle with a horn and bell. Dear Santa I want a new kindergarten baby. I want this toy for a little dog named "Boone." a real chewy one. That's all I want for Christmas.
Shelby Fuston

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring my

granddad the goat he wants, my Nana a new Van, my grandma wants her son to come home, my dad needs more lights to put up, and my mom wants everyone to be happy. My brother wants a truck, and for me all I want is a good Christmass.
Thanks,
Derrick Franklyn Smith
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a truck and new toys from the movie Toy Story 2.
Love,
Gavin Bailey Smith
Age 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy sometimes; I relly try to be good! I really want a bike--just one that's all. I also would like some candy. What I really want is a module truck just like my Pappy's if you can find one!
Love,
Skyler Stephens

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little boy. Would you please bring me some clothes, a wagon, and any kind of toys.

Love,
Jesse W. Hill
P. S. I also want a Rocking horse.

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy Oven and Barbie Airplane for Christmas!
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. Tell Mrs. Clause I said "hi".
I have been a really good girl this year.
I would like a pink car, a pink doll and Blue's Clues stuff. I would also like some candy in my stocking.
I will leave you some cookies, candy and grapes to snack on while you are here.
I love you!
Love,
Savannah Kast

Dear Santa,
I hope that you and Rudolph are doing great.
I have been a very good little boy this year.
I would like a red car, a ball and some trucks.
I will be sure to leave a snack for you.
I love you!
Love,
Dalton Kast

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie Jeep, a Barbie Airplane, a doll house, and a new baby doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the kitchen table.
Love,
Brittney Grabbe
There are only two forces that unite men--fear and interest.
--Napoleon

Holiday Decorating Tips

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The birthstone for July is the ruby; its flower is the water lily.

The term numismatics, the study of coins and medals, comes from the Latin word for coin--numisma.

A baby pigeon is sometimes called a squeaker.

Holiday Happiness

Joy to you and your family this Christmastime.

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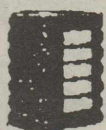
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I would like to thank my relatives and friends for the food, visits, flowers, and especially for the prayers. Every act of your friendship and concern is appreciated very much.

Rosalie and family

I would like to take this means to thank each and every one who helped in any way when my trailer burned last week.

The quick response from the firefighters I'm sure saved it from spreading to the shop and house. Thank you.

To the people who have helped with clothes, dishes, linens, money and just caring about me, thank you.

To my boss for his understanding and help, thank you.

The people who care about me gave me the strength to pick up Tuesday and begin again. Thank you.

Bill McGavock

Once again we have been reminded of the love and grace that God bestows upon us through our friends and family. Thanks to each one who prayed for us, sent flowers, memorials, cards or spoke words of love and concern. May God bless you all.

Love,
Glenda and Bud

We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to everyone who remembered us with prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers, food and cards during the loss of our Mother and Grandmother.

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