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## All Around The Town

By Mary Ann Sarchet



The menu for Tri-County Meals for next week includes:

Monday, December 26-Tri-County Meals will be closed

Wednesday, December 28-Taco Soup, Cottage Cheese/Pear Halves, Cookies/Diabetic Cookies, Cornbread, Milk

Friday, December 30-Baked Chicken, Glazed Carrots, Spinach, Pie/Diabetic Pie, Roll, Milk

Menu subject to change without notice.

The telephone number for Tri-County Meals at the Hope Center is 455-1053.

Gifts to Tri-County Meals can be sent to Box 421, Quitaque, TX 79255. \*

Briscoe County Activities Association will sponsor a Christmas Lighting Contest to be judged Thursday, December 22. First, second and third prizes will be given. \*

During the very cold days we have had recently, it has been impossible to heat this old barn of a shop that houses the newspaper office. On these days, we have remained closed. You can come by our home at 1103 South Braidfoot or call us at 823-2333 if you have business with the office and we aren't here. \*

Remember, when you see a circle around your name on your address label on your newspaper, it means that your subscription has expired. Renewal in Briscoe County and adjoining counties is \$18.00 and elsewhere in Texas the renewal rate is \$19.00. Out-of-state renewals are \$25.00. \*

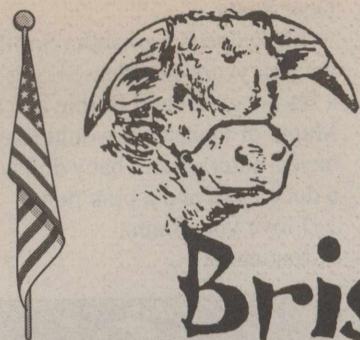
If you would like to have any of the pictures of the children with Santa that are printed in this issue or any that were taken and not printed, come by the News Office and pick them up. They are full color photos.

## Fred Strange is Candidate For Commissioner

Fred A. Strange told the Briscoe County News Monday that he's announcing his candidacy for County Commissioner, Precinct #4, in the upcoming Democratic Primary.

"I will be around to see each voter between now and election day," he said.

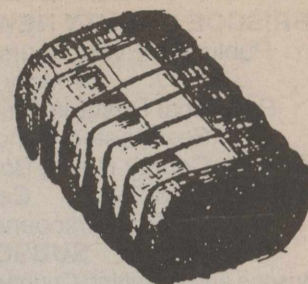
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# Briscoe County News

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Christian McMorries, son of James and Genie McMorries and grandson of Leon and Pat Lavy, was one of the kindergarten children who visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. "Please bring me a scooter and a Yoo-Gi-Oh dueler," he told Santa.

Briscoe County News Photo

## Burn Ban Back In Effect for County

Due to drought conditions defined by the Texas Forest Service, the Briscoe County Commissioners Court passed an order prohibiting outdoor burning effective December 19, 2005, in unincorporated areas of the county, excluding Caprock Canyons State Park.

Violation of the court's order is a Class C misdemeanor (Local Government Code 352.081).

## Briscoe County Receives State, National Relay For Life Recognition

The American Cancer Society signature fund-raising event, Relay For Life, was held in 243 locations throughout Texas last year and netted \$14.4 million. In June, the Briscoe County Relay For Life event netted \$18,954, which was \$10.88 per capita. This great amount ranked Briscoe County as third in the state of Texas and eighth in the nation, based on the amount per capita.

Monies raised from Relay For Life help support over \$31.5 million in cancer research in Texas at

## Tax Assessor No Longer Will Be Collecting Boat Tax

Briscoe County Tax Assessor-Collector Betty Ann Stephens will no longer be doing registration and titling for boats for Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Mrs. Stephens said she regrets any inconvenience to her faithful customers.

This went into effect December 19, 2005.

## Don't Stay Home Alone Christmas

You are invited to come and have Christmas dinner with loving, caring folks who want to prepare dinner for you. There will be no charge for the meal.

Preparations are being made for you to have a meal on Christmas Day in the school cafeteria. The meal will be served from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m. If you are homebound, a meal can be delivered to you.

Please call First Baptist Church at 823-2412 as soon as possible to make a reservation. The deadline will be December 20, so the cooks will know how many plan to attend. The earlier you call, the better so the right amount of food can be purchased.

The menu will include turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes and dessert.

## Owls, Lady Owls To Play in the Slaton Tourney

Silverton's Owls and Lady Owls will play in a basketball tournament at Slaton December 28-29-30.

The Lady Owls will meet Royce City at 5:00 p.m. in the high school new gym Wednesday.

The Owls will play Whiteface at 5:00 p.m. the same day in the high school old gym.

Other teams in the girls division are Slaton, Brownfield, Whiteface, Colorado City, Petersburg, Lamesa, Tahoka, Floydada, New Deal, Lubbock Cooper, Sundown, Hobbs JV, Post and Seminole.

In the boys division, the other teams are Coronado JV, Lubbock Warriors, Frenship JV, Colorado City, Slaton, Petersburg, Monterey JV, Stratford, Floydada, Sundown, Sudan, Slaton JV, New Deal and Estacado JV.

community, and honoring the survivors of the disease.

Cancer information is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



Tempie T. Francis

## Tempie T. Francis Is Candidate For District Judge

Tempie T. Francis announced her candidacy for 110th District Judge September 22, 2005. Tempie is a smart attorney and wins cases. She's not afraid to go to trial and she certainly doesn't mediate your case away. Tempie went to law school at Texas Tech and was the recipient of the Judge Ken G. Spencer Award.

Clients want their attorneys to win and that's why they hire Tempie. She has never lost a jury trial and the Texas Supreme Court has agreed with her upholding a verdict for over a million dollars.

Mediators give part of their client's cases away. That's not what a strong lawyer does. She is supported by citizens in all four counties in the district.

Your vote for Tempie T. Francis is a vote for someone who will be a judge that isn't afraid to put a convicted criminal behind bars. You can also check her web page at [www.tempie-t-francis.com](http://www.tempie-t-francis.com) for more information.

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**Obituary**

**PATRICIA VINES MILLARD**

Graveside services for Patricia Louise Millard, 60, formerly of Plainview, were conducted Friday, December 16, 2005, in the Silverton Cemetery under the di-

rection of Bartley Funeral Home. Officiating was Ron Huckeby, Plainview lay minister.

Mrs. Millard died at her residence in Amarillo December 4, 2005.

Born December 5, 1944 in Memphis, Texas, she was the daughter of Horace and Jesse Vines.

**Birthday Invitation**

You are Cordially Invited To  
 A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Guest of Honor: *Jesus Christ*

**Date:** Every day. Traditionally December 25th, but He's always around, so the date is flexible . . .

**Time:** Whenever you're ready. (Please don't be too late, though, or you'll miss out on all the fun) . . .

**Place:** In your heart . . . He'll meet you there (you'll hear Him knock) . . .

**Attire:** Come as you are . . . grubbies are okay. He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last . . .

**Tickets:** Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone (He says we would not have been able to afford it . . . it cost Him everything He had!) . . .

**Refreshments:** New wine, bread and a far-out drink He calls "living water," followed by a dinner that promises to be out of this world!

**Gift Selections:** Your heart. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though, just wait until you see what He has for you).

**Entertainment:** Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise, and much more!  
 (All rated "G" so bring your family and friends)

**R.S.V.P.:** Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, he's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. (He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life"). Party Being Given By His Kids (That's us). Hope To See You There! "Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory. For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

*Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb! . . . Revelation 19:7-9*

For those of you whom I will see at the party, share with someone who won't be. For those of you who aren't sure and don't want to miss out, it's never too late . . .  
 open your heart and let Him in.

Join in the celebration every Sunday  
 at

**Rock Creek Church of Christ**

Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 p.m.



Dear Santa,

My name is Nikalyn. I am three years old. I want a little horse so I can fit and hold on. And a car so I can drive with a seat belt. And some candy and bubble gum. Thank you for letting me sit on your lap. And please tell Rudolf I said hi and bye.

Love,  
 Nikalyn Shae McGinty

She lived Silverton and Plainview before moving to Amarillo in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Van Folley.

She is survived by two sons, Kyle Dunn of Amarillo and Roy Roper, jr. and wife Christie of Amarillo; one daughter, Sabrina Roper of Silverton; one brother, Jackie Don Vines and wife Shirlene of Canadian, and seven grandchildren.

**Caprock SWCD Taking Orders For Windbreak Trees**

Caprock Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak trees. Tree seedlings will be offered from Texas Forest Service. Orders will be taken for larger trees as well. Container-grown fruit trees are now available for order. Caprock SWCD also sells drip supplies for optimum care of your trees.

A minimum order is required on the seedlings orders. There is no minimum on the larger trees. The earlier you order, the better chance you have of getting the varieties you want. Many of the trees will be sold out in a short time.

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

**Upcoming Meetings**

Second Monday of each month-County Commissioners meet at 10:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom; City Council meets at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Second Tuesday of each month-Silverton Chamber of Commerce, 7:00 p.m., Pioneer Room at City Bank-Silverton; Silverton School Board, boardroom, 8:00 p.m.

First and third Thursdays of each month-Silverton Fire Department, 7:00 p.m., City Hall

Fourth Thursday of each month-Briscoe County Activities Association, 7:00 p.m., Showbarn in Silverton.

Dear Santa,

My name is Samantha Smith. I am four years old. Please bring me a Barbie guitar and Barbie and the Magic of Pegasus. I would like to have a nutcracker, a baby doll with a doctor kit, and a pink pony.

I love you, Santa,  
 Samantha

*The heresy of one age becomes the orthodoxy of the next.*

Helen Keller

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## LOOKING BACK

through the files of the  
Briscoe County News

**December 19, 1996-**Dear Santa, I want a funny bear on TV. I want a basketball goal and I want a play gun. I have been nice to my brother, Davin. Love, Logan Fabela . . . Dear Santa, I want two Barbies for Christmas and a frog toy. Love, Alex Ramirez . . . Dear Santa, I want a bike, and a swing and two Barbies. I want a telephone I share with my brother. I have been a good girl. Love, Emily Garcia . . . Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. I want a skateboard and a remote control car. I have been nice to my brother, Cord. Love, Chase Stidham . . . Dear Santa, I wish you could bring me a My Size Dance Barbie and a two-seated stroller. Your friend, Angela Nicole Lewis . . . Dear Santa, I want a CD player, toy story the nintendo game, and some clothes. Sincerely, Gid . . . Dear Santa, I want an erector set that you can build a fire truck with and 43 other models or a four lane race car track. Love, Ethan . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want an Electric lab and a real kitten. I hope you have a good trip. I hope you don't fall off a roof.

Have a merry Christmas. Sincerely, Melonie . . . Dear Santa, I want a computer. A babay and babay clothes Frady cats and a babay crib real barbie car a boom box with tapes. I love you Santa. Shandy . . . Dear Santa, How are you. I love you Santa. I want you to bring me a doll and a new Barbie. Love, Jasmin . . . Dear Santa, All I want is for my mom to have a merry Christmas. Love, Lou Jessica . . . Dear Santa, I want a Talk boy. I want a Tyco videocam. I want a XRC Ricochet stunt cycle. I want a Real TV. Love, Ory Johnson . . . Dear Santa Claus, I want a Sega CD Saturn, and a Tyco Rebound and a Mountain bike. Love, Zakkary Perkins . . .

**December 25, 1986-**Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me Tyco black night castle, Leader One or Gobot Puzzler set. Have fun on Christmas Eve. Love, Daniel Reagan . . . Dear Santa, I want a BB gun and chaps. Love, Jared Francis . . . Dear Santa, I want a Cornsilk Cabbage Patch and a Keeper. I want a typewriter. That's all. I love you, Santa.

Lindsey Weaks . . . Dear Santa, I want some blocks and a workbench. I want baseball bat. That's all. I love you, Jeremy Holt . . .

**December 23, 1976-**Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Wadlow are parents of a son, Christopher Dell . . . Dear Santa, I would like a jumping horse and a pick-up. Thank you. Love, Casey Frizzell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I love you. I want a big stove and refrigerator. Love, DeLynn Fitzgerald . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas and a record player. Jeffrey wants a tractor and Jennifer wants some dishes. And please bring all my friends something good, too. Love, Alison Grimland . . . Dear Santa, I am a little girl three years old. I have tried to be a good girl this year. I would like to have a Digger the Dog and a Hush Little Baby. Please don't forget my friend, Terry Bill, and all my cousins. I love you, Lorrie Minyard . . . Dear Santa, I want a Hush-a-bye baby and a pair of boots size 13D. I have been a pretty good girl. Will leave you a snack on the table. Merry Christmas to you. Love, Donna Tomlin. P. S. I would also like a robe . . .

**December 22, 1966-**Dear Santa, I am six years old and I am in the first grade. I would like a Baby First Step for Christmas. Thank you, Donna Grabbe . . . Dear Santa

Claus, I am a little girl six years old. I have been a pretty good kid this year. Would you please bring me a "Francie" doll set. Also, don't forget my brother and sisters, and other children. Love, Linda Lea Hardin . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me some candy and cookies, a buggy, a doll, a box of Crayolas and a cook book. Love, Brenda Cantwell . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a GI Joe and spaceman. Your friend, Donald Lynn Thomas . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun, a ball, a truck and some fruit and candy. Love, Gabby Aguilar . . . Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. If you can, please bring me a rod and reel. If you would, I would like a football. Yours truly, Ty W. McMurtry . . . Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I wish you would bring me a Baby Magic. Please, Sir. Yours truly, Lee Ann . . .

**December 24, 1936-**Dear Santa, I want a dump truck, a box of candy, ball and bat. I am a little boy six years old. Thank you. Your friend, Rance Stephens . . . Dear Santa, I am a little boy seven years old. Please bring me a truck and water colors. Your little friend, Wilton Whitehead . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a football,

a baseball and a bat. I want a cowboy suit and a bicycle. I want a pair of spurs. Yours truly, Buck D. Hardin . . . Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a big doll, a set of little dishes, a little sewing machine, some candy and apples. Don't forget the other little children in Silverton. Your friend, Peggy Davis . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a rubber doll that wets its pants and a bottle with it. The five quintuplets, and please send me some clothes for my Shirley Temple doll. I want an electric stove and an ironing board also. Please bring me all this. Lots of love from Thelma Gean Mercer . . . Dear Santa, Will you please bring me a rubber doll and a big buggy and some firecrackers and please don't forget the nuts and candy and toy telephone and some doll clothes and please bring the poor children some gifts. I hope you a merry Christmas. With love, Merline Yates . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a bicycle and a twenty-two target. Please bring me some furniture of wood. With love, Vance Childress . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a lamp and bicycle and tool chest. Bring Albert some chickens. Bring me a twenty-two and twenty-two target. With love, See Looking Back--  
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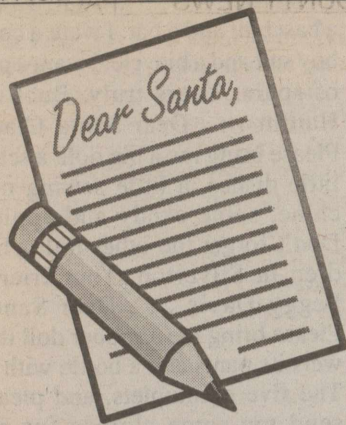
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### Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa and Rudolf,  
I hope so you bring lots of toys. Is Eddie Elf still can't hear? (His ear looks like an e and he always says, "eh?") I would like a Gameboy and Ninja Turtles and a Spiderman game. We'll put cookies not outside but inside for you.  
See you at the bank,  
Kolton King  
Son of Chad and Amanda King

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you're okay. I hope you bring a lot of presents. Could you please bring me a scooter and a Yoo-Gi-Oh dueler. You duel with cards. I love you, Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Christian McMorries  
Son of James and Genie McMorries, grandson of Leon and Pat Lavy

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to see Rudolf. I'm look-

ing for Rudolf at Christmas night. I want Yoo-Gi-Oh cards because I want like Christian. I wish you can bring me a doodle monster. I like you, Santa Claus, because you're nice to everybody.  
Your friend,  
Oswaldo Beltran  
Son of Ubaldo and Perla Beltran and grandson of Rosa Beltran

Dear Santa Claus and a moose there,  
I write you a letter. I want toys. A football and a trailer with a keep-up, a cow.  
I like you,  
Armando Ordonez  
Son of Hermita and Armando Ordonez

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is your reindeer, Rudolf, Dancer, and Prancer, Vixen, Comet and Cupid, Donder, Blitzen, Dasher? Could you bring me a TV? Have a good holiday.  
Sincerely,  
Lara Ortiz, daughter of Gilbert and Lana Ortiz

Dear A Claus,  
I live my house, Silverton. Get in the house the door. Thank you for a car, the blue one.  
That's all.  
Andrew Alanis, son of Norma and Jose Luis Alanis

Merry Christmas, Santa,  
Santa, will you say hi to Mrs. Santa? Santa, I miss you but you give lot of people presents. I really

want a turtle because I don't have one. I'm gonna name it Star. Santa, you be really careful on your way to Silverton. It might snow. Will you tell one of the slaves this--will you tell 'em, "Will you make good toys and stuff!" You can't come, if the deers are really sick. Santa, I miss you so much. Will you tell Mrs. Santa this? I really want to see her. But I can't. I will be asleep. She lives with you. I know sometimes you are alone doing your job and will you take good care of the reindeers. If one of them is sick you can let them have some water and food and stuff. Santa, my dog is really wild but he really needs a bone. Will you please put it outside under the wild tree. Santa, um, I know what I'm gonna get for my daddy but I think what my daddy really wants is a new pair of shirts because they're getting holes. Well Santa will you get those because my daddy really needs some. And he needs a new pair of socks and they're getting kind of holes too in the back of it.

Santa, have a real real good trip, take good care.  
Jennifer Miller, daughter of Terry and Leslie Miller, granddaughter of Steve and Judy Miller and granddaughter of Brenda and Mark James

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus,  
Where do you live? I know you live in the North Pole but do you live in the mountains on the North Pole? How are the reindeer doing? Can you please bring me a cat for Christmas?  
Kallie Cox, daughter of Kraig and Keeley Cox, granddaughter of Jimmy and Rhenda Burson and great-granddaughter of Mama Dean and Granddad

Dear Santa,  
I like Rudolf, because he has a shiny nose. I love Bratz for Christmas. They are sorta like Barbies. I want all Bratz stuff, and also the Bratz boys to go with the girls. I want a computer also. And I also want a bike. I like you because you are nice and you give everybody stuff.

Thank you,  
Mandy Hall, daughter of Jesse and Bobbi Hall, granddaughter of Mike and Betty Hall, great-granddaughter of Great Grandma and Great-grandpa

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doin? Dear Santa, please make me a Teddy Bear. Mandy gets to take Share Bear today. We get to take him home and he's so friendly to us. I like Share Bear. Do you like Share Bear? Please get me a



Jennifer Miller, daughter of Terry and Leslie Miller, discussed Christmas wishes with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. A kindergarten student in Silverton, she wants shirts and socks for her dad.  
Briscoe County News Photo

Barbie, a purple Barbie, the dress is purple. How are your reindeers doing? Are your reindeers being so friendly to another? I watched that movie and they kept calling Rudolf names. They were so mean. Donder tried to hide his nose. They said we won't let Rudolf join any reindeer games. I think Rudolf wants to be every reindeer's friend. Veronica (Haley's little sister) really wants a pink Barbie because she really likes pink.  
I love you,  
Haley Nichole Garcia, from the Darene Mitchell home

Dear Santa,  
I wish Shannon would get of home so we can play football and basketball and soccer ball. And that was the end. I want to ask Santa. And I love doodle monster.  
I love you,  
Xzavier, son of LaToya Baker, grandson of Dorothy Baker

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the Care-Bear clock (last year). Are you gonna go at my house. Use the door. I wanna go see reindeer on my porch. I love you.

Merry Christmas,  
Britney Juarez, daughter of Dewayne and Norma Juarez, granddaughter of Mike and Estella Juarez

## WEATHER

Recorded at 6:00 a.m.  
During December 2005

	High	Low	Precip.
1	68	24	
2	48	18	
3	76	33	
4	70	21	
5	46	21	
6	47	18	
7	40	7	
8	20	-1	
9	33	-2	
10	51	14	
11	54	18	
12	56	19	
13	55	33	
14	57	32	
15	47	13	
16	48	14	
17	40	27	
18	35	26	
19	30	24	
20	29	24	
Total December Precip.			.00
Normal December Precip.			.68
Normal Precip. to Date			21.22
Precip. Received to Date			22.48

### Guinn Fitzgerald To Be Honored at Retirement Reception December 22

You are invited to a retirement reception honoring Guinn (Fitz) Fitzgerald on Thursday, December 22, from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. at the Swisher County FSA Office, 221 NW 2nd, Tulia, Texas.  
Mr. Fitzgerald is retiring from FSA after 19 years, 5 months and 300,000 miles. You are invited to join the FSA staff as they wish him

farewell.  
If you are unable to attend but would like to send a congratulatory note (or a fun remembrance), please forward your e-mail to [eddie.womack@tx.usda.gov](mailto:eddie.womack@tx.usda.gov) or mail your card to Swisher County FSA, P. O. Box J, Tulia, Texas 79088. These will be printed and given to Mr. Fitzgerald during the reception.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
TO: MARGARET ANN  
GENTRY KAEGI

The Unknown Heirs of  
Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi,  
if deceased;

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas; and if Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi is dead, the heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, the legal representatives of the unknown heirs of each of said named Defendant; and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, if living, and if dead, then the heirs and legal representatives of the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said named Defendant, GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judicial District Court of Briscoe County, Texas at the Courthouse thereof in Silverton, Texas by filing a written answer, at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of January 2006, to Plaintiffs' First Amended Original in Trespass to Try Title Suit, filed in this Court on the 28th day of September 2005, in this cause numbered 3121 on the docket of said Court and styled Robert A. Gentry and B. Davis Gentry, Administrator of the Estate of Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. v. Glenda Kay Gentry, Loyce Wanda Gentry, Dianne Lynn Gentry Prather and Margaret Ann Gentry Kaegi.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

A trespass to try title suit in which Plaintiffs for cause of action would respectfully show the Court the following, to-wit:

BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT A. GENTRY own an undivided three-quarter interest and Defendants own as cotenants an undivided one-quarter interest in the following land in Briscoe County, Texas:

All of the Southwest One-quarter (SW/4) of Section Sixty-One (61), in Block B-1, Certificate No. 1/753, issued to Beaty, Seale and Forwood, Abstract 85, patented to John Jay French, Assignee, on August 4, 1880, Patent No. 462, Volume 32, Briscoe County, Texas.

On March 27, 1973, BRUCE E. GENTRY, JR. and ROBERT S. GENTRY obtained exclusive possession of the land by repudiating the title of Defendants and holding adversely by the conveyance of the entire tract of land through warranty deed from Ella Gentry to Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert S. Gentry. Notice of Plaintiffs' repudiation of cotenancy by Plaintiffs' possession coupled with the warranty deed from Ella Gentry which amounted to a conveyance of a portion of that claimed by Defendants, is of such unequivocal notoriety as to convey to Defendants or their predecessors notice of the adverse claim. Since March 27, 1973, Bruce E. Gentry, Jr. and Robert A. Gentry have occupied the entire tract personally and have claimed full ownership and the right to exclusive possession of the premises. Plaintiffs pray for judgment and possession of said land, and for other and further relief to which they are entitled as is more fully shown by Plaintiffs' petition on file in said suit. That Plaintiffs further own the above described tract of land under the 10 and 25 year statutes of limitations, and that title to the above tract of land is presumed to be in Plaintiffs, respectively, as alleged, as a result of peaceable and adverse possession under duly recorded deeds and claims of right and payment of taxes on said property, respectively.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs. The name of Plaintiffs' attorney and his address are Andy Aycock, FIELD, MANNING, STONE, HAWTHORNE & AYCOCK, P. C., 2112 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79410.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court of Silverton, Briscoe County, Texas, this the 21st day of November 2005.

BENA HESTER,  
Clerk of the District Court  
Briscoe County, Texas  
P. O. Box 555  
Silverton, Texas 79257  
By: /s/ Bena Hester

**Trailer Volunteers Blessed by Experience**

by Don Thomas, a former Silverton resident who graduated from SHS in 1957

I returned from a three-week relief work trip to the Gulf Coast on November 4. The devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina stretches from the Florida panhandle to Texas. The coastal areas east of New Orleans got the brunt force of the wind and massive waves of water that destroyed everything in its path. After the storm surge drained out, nothing but debris was left. Towns like Waveland, Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian, Mississippi, have been all but wiped

from the face of the earth.

The "lucky" people are getting a FEMA trailer to live in while they manage the clean up and rebuilding of their homes. But many are living in "tent cities" with portapotties for sanitation. They are being fed by many church groups and Salvation Army and Red Cross volunteers. Winter along the Gulf Coast is a moist cold and many people do not have coats or blankets adequate for the change in the weather.

Most people were not insured for a storm of this magnitude and have been reduced to pauper status. Their jobs were destroyed as well.

I met a dentist in a parking lot whose home, belongings, office and all equipment and records were destroyed. His wife is divorcing him and suing for all of his insurance settlement. He is sleeping in the back of his pickup, which has a cover on it. He has applied for welfare and unemployment.

My wife, Jean Maples, and I have been part of a team manning the Hutchinson District Hot Foods Trailer in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Teams of volunteers have used the trailer to cook for the relief work-

ers, displaced survivors and anyone who needs a meal. Approximately five to nine people on a rotating basis have been preparing 500 meals a day. Since September 11 when the operation began, more than 47,000 meals were served from the trailer parked in the parking lot of Eastlawn United Methodist Church. The last meal was served on November 17.

Our rewards were heartwarming and overwhelming. They were in the form of hugs from the people that we were helping and their kind words thanking us for coming to help and caring for them. It also was listening to the many stories of heartache and sadness over their plight and telling them that others care and want to help to the best of our ability.

It was a blessing to be there and share Christian love with people who have been through so much.

I made a second trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi November 16 to be part of a caravan to return all of the trailers and equipment to Hutchinson, Kansas. On our trip back it was encouraging when we received "thumbs up" and waves from many other motorists on the highway who saw our logo on the food and support trailers.

We have a tendency to think that a disaster is over when it is no  
**See Trailer Volunteers-  
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**Notice to Contractors  
of Proposed Texas  
Department of  
Transportation  
(TxDOT) Contracts**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**Construction/Maintenance/  
Building Facilities  
Contract(s)**

Dist/Div: Childress

Contract 0925-00-051 for STRIPING IN CHILDRESS County, etc. will be opened on January 10, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 18597

**State Office**

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

**Dist/Div Office(s)**


Childress District  
District Engineer  
7599 U. S. 287

Childress, Texas 79201-9705  
Phone: 940-937-2571

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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*From the Bird's Nest*

by Jerry Birdsong  
Superintendent  
Silverton ISD

Christmas break! It is the time of year that I get to enjoy my all-time favorite F's--Family, Food and Football. The family part is starting to line up. Hopefully we will be able to work time in for everyone except Kasi and her husband. We did enjoy our time with them at Thanksgiving and Stephanie and I appreciate all of the warmth the community shows her. Although I don't have any complaints about her high school education (after all I was the principal), I wish that she could experience some of the

Silverton things that the other girls are getting.

I can already see a problem coming with the food part. During Thanksgiving, I really thought I had done a great job of limiting my calorie intake, but I noticed that someone didn't tell the bathroom scales that I turned down a piece of pie or two.

College football is one of my passions. One of these days, I would love to go see about five bowl games in person in the same year. It is tough to work around all of the schedules to watch the games. We start back to school on January 2 and I have noticed that Texas Tech and Alabama square off in the Cotton Bowl that day.

Our school activities don't stop

during the holidays. Our varsity boys and girls basketball teams will be participating in the Slaton Tournament December 28-30. Those kids will get about six or seven days off before resuming their schedule.

The Texas Supreme Court has ruled on the school funding lawsuit. The court did rule that the cap on property taxes did create an unconstitutional state property tax and ordered the legislature to fix it by June 1, 2006. Interestingly, the court did not say that the funding was inadequate. The experts are saying that the governor will probably call for a special session in March after the primaries.

Our enrollment numbers have remained stable for most of the fall

semester. We closed December with 221 students which is ten more than we finished 2004-2005 with. It is always interesting to see if we lose or gain any students after Christmas.

After carefully monitoring the number of students in first grade during the fall semester, I am pleased to announce that at a recent Silverton ISD Board of Trustee meeting it was decided to split our first grade class into two sections. Although we believe that the teacher and aide have done an excellent job of providing an education for those students, it is the district's desire that the smaller class size will ensure the children better opportunities for learning. We interviewed applicants for the additional teacher last week and should have someone in place at the beginning of January.

The second well-deliberated decision dealt with Junior High Cheerleaders. The board approved, with administrative recommendation, a policy that would expand the junior high squad to six members and allow students to be cheerleaders more than once in junior high. Hopefully, this decision will allow for sufficient participation opportunities, plus build on prior learning and create better leadership on the squad.

Our family cherishes this time of the year when we can share with the Silverton community the celebration of our Savior's birth. We hope



Dear Santa,

I've been a good little three-year-old girl this year. Please bring me a baby doll, toys and presents. Please bring my mama some candy. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you at my Grandma and Grandpa's house.

Love,

Nikki Hester

**Trailer Volunteers--**

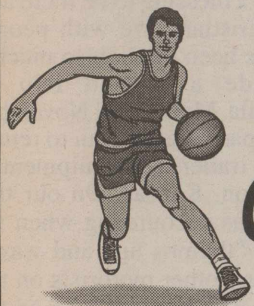
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front page headline news. Believe me, recovery has only begun. Many places have not even been cleaned up, due to the massive size of the areas of destruction. It will take years for recovery to take place. Please continue to donate and help in any way you can. The Red Cross and Salvation Army are still active in the area. If you wish to make a direct donation, please contact me for names of people who live in the Pascagoula area and can route your donation directly.

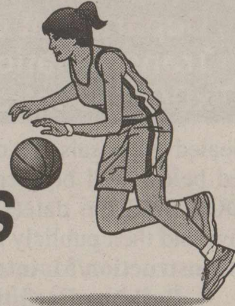
Please remember the children, as Christmas is coming very soon. Many children could have some cheer brought to them with only a few toys and gifts.

Don Thomas  
Jean Maples  
2111 Richfield  
Wichita, Kansas 67207

you and your family have a very Merry Christmas.



**Good Luck To The  
Owls and Lady Owls**



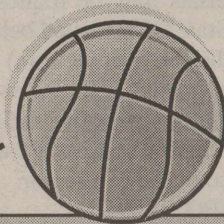
**HIGH SCHOOL GAMES**

Dec. 28-30-V G&B in Slaton Tournament, TBA

**NEXT JUNIOR HIGH GAMES**

Jan. 9-G&B at Valley, 5:00

Jan. 16-G&B with Valley, here, 5:30



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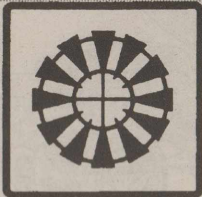


# HAVE A HOLLY, JOLLY CHRISTMAS!

*Our sincere wishes for a glorious holiday that gladdens your heart and leaves you with wonderful memories to last a lifetime. Customers like you have given us so much to be thankful for, and we greatly appreciate your patronage.*

*Kyle Fuston  
Beverly Minyard  
Brenda Patton  
Patricia McJimsey*

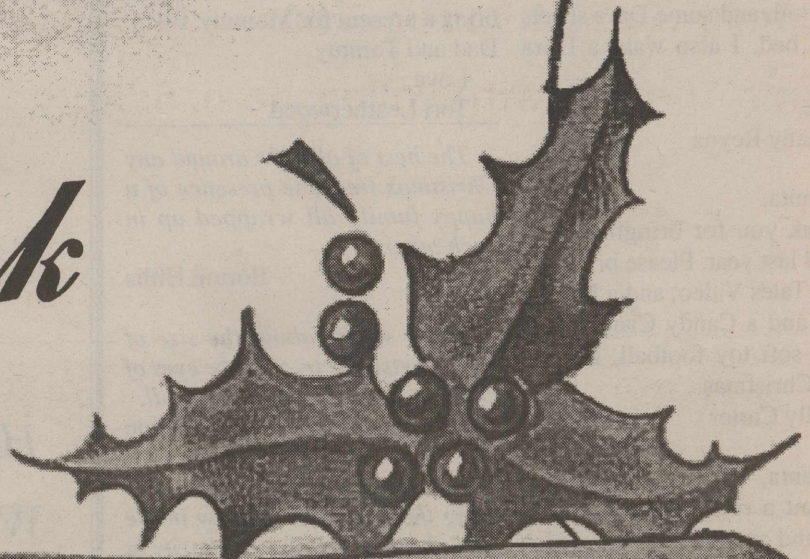
*Glenda Couch  
Mike Juarez  
Estella Juarez*



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**Pre-Kindergarten Letters to Santa**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football helmet and suit, and football shoes too. That's all. I'm going to leave you supper.  
Love,  
A. J. Cenicerros

Dear Santa,  
I want a Fire Car, Spongebob that rips his pants, and a motorcycle. Please bring mom a new car, and dad his new favorite Fire Car. I'll leave you a box of cookies.  
Love,  
Connor McMorries

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a spaceship, a hammer, and a motorcycle. I also want a Spongebob. That's all.  
Merry Christmas,  
Jaiden Whittaker

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for letting me sit on your lap. Please bring me a Dora tent, a doll, and some Dora sheets for my bed. I also want a Dora chair.  
Love,  
Bethany Reyna

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for bringing me a football last year. Please bring me Veggie Tales Video, and a Barney Video, and a Candy Cane. I also want a soft toy football. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Bradly Carter

Dear Santa,  
I want a real dirt bike with a motor and an outfit to wear. I also want a scooter with a motor, and a Teddy Bear.  
Brett Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I want to have presents for Christmas. I want you bring me a Robot, some Legos, and a Mr. Potato.  
Love,  
Evan Hall

Dear Santa,  
I want Dora with long hair, a wand, and new clothes. I will make you some chocolate cookies.  
Love,  
Ezree Williams

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dora doll with a magic wand, and a Bratz Baby doll. I also want a Dora TV. I will leave you some snacks, like chocolate cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Janaila Whittaker

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Teddy Bear, a Power Ranger, and a Batman Car and Batman.  
Love,  
Jesse Hall

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman, Batman, and a backpack.  
Merry Christmas!  
Nick Diaz

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a trailer, a Batman car, a Bear, and a backpack. I also want a Bad guy.  
Love,  
Roberto Robles

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Dora lunchbox, a Teddy Bear, some paint, and some playdough. My Dad has been good, so please bring him some lotion.  
Love,  
Paloma DeLeon

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Doll. Please bring a present for Mommy, Ellen, Dad and Tommy.  
Love,  
Tori Leatherwood

*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*  
Burton Hillis

*Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall.*  
Larry Wilde

*Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.*  
Washington Irving

*Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!*  
Hamilton Wright Mabie

*It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.*  
W. T. Ellis



Brett Ramirez, son of Adrian Ramirez and Michelle Gamble, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week. He told Santa that he wants a real dirt bike and proper clothes to wear while riding it.

Briscoe County News Photo

Dear Santa,  
I want a cash register, a little bike, and a little motorcycle, and a little doll. I also want a jump rope.  
Love,  
Veronica Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Boat, a Baby, and clothes.  
Love,  
Leslie Garcia

*Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself.*

Francis C. Farley

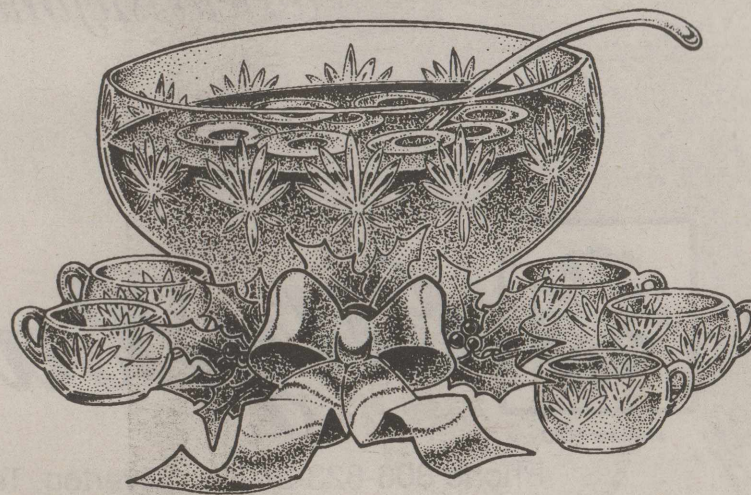
*For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home.*

W. J. Ronald Tucker

*Christmas--the magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance--a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.*

Augusta E. Rundel

# Yuletide Cheer



*Here's to a sparkling holiday with family and friends!*

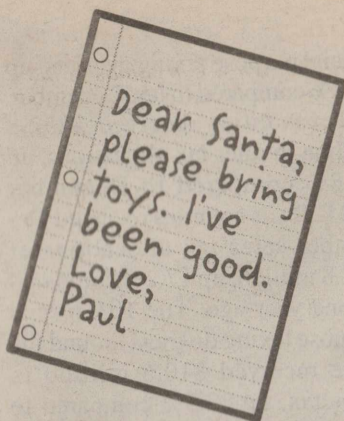
*We wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

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### Third Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I would like some games called iunite meagman 5, star wars monopoly and Danny Fantom unlemem enemy. Santa my brother wants hot wheels cars.

Yours truly,  
Riley Cogdell

Dear Santa,

This year I hope I get a doll, bike and three games, skates, a jump rope a kite and a ball. This year I hope my sister gets a Barby doll and a box of closs and shoos.

Mary Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Ciara Patino

Dear Santa,

How are you this Christmas? Can you give me a gocart, vidionaur, Maria Socer, Mario party seven, F Zero gp ledgen, golf game, Sonic Horse, indoor helicopter, spy gearlaser trip wiren, star wars game you can plug into the

TV, TV logo star wars ship, shell shoker, blue beyonid spider, telascope.

Your friend,  
Jacob Ortiz

Dear Santa,

This year I would like a fourwheeler, a karieokee machine, Cindarella the special edition, CDs and DVDs, games, books. My mom would like angels because she collects them. My dad would like some tools and movies. I hope Mrs. Claus and the elvs and yourself are ok and I hope you all have a verry verry Merry Cristmas!!

Your friend,  
Sarah Branham

Dear Santa,

I would be happy if you will give me a gameboy Sp, a gameboy hook up and ruby version. I will be happy if I get it. I wish you a merry chistmas.

Your friend,  
Enrique Gamez

Dear Santa,

This year I want these things please: Roadaka, Sidorak, Keetongue, bionide Maze of Shad-ows, the Game Boy game, Spongebob Square Pants Lights, Cameria Pants the Game Boy Game Boy game, and Pokemon Emerald Version.

Have a Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Your friend,  
Josh Patton

Dear Santa,

This year I want a radio control zero gravity humve RC, and a three

wheeler. I also want a nentedo Same cab. I bet dad wants some new tools he always dose. I bet this will be the best Cristmas ever. Have a very Mery Cristmas and don't go over the hight limit. Ho ho ho, Saint Nick.

Your friend,  
Koree Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a new football and a kicking tee with it. I also want a Number 19 Dallas Cowboys jersey. Please bring my dad some nice smelling cologne and some new shoes. I will leve some cookies and milk by the door. Merry Cristmas.

Your friend,  
Braden Bigham

Dear Santa,

This year I hope my little brother gets some cars and clothing. My mom wants some new clothes and maybe new shoes. I hope I get: some clothes, shoes, games and a baggy of candys with peanuts. Santa can you try and bring us some of the things on this list please.

Have a good Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thanks for the presents last year. I hope everybody has a good Christmas.

Your friend,  
Giselle

*He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.*

Mary Ellen Chase



McKena McJimsey, daughter of Doug and Carrie Ann McJimsey, visited with Santa at City Bank-Silverton last week, and was careful to tell the old gentleman exactly what she wants for Christmas.

Briscoe County News Photo



For more recipe ideas, visit [www.sweetnlow.com](http://www.sweetnlow.com).

You can celebrate the festive event of Mardi Gras by serving up a true Louisiana dish, says Chef Patrick Mould, owner of the Louisiana School of Cooking and author of "Recipes From a Chef." Mardi Gras Gumbo featuring duck, fresh sausage and mirliton is the perfect blend of spices and ingredients to sum up the spirit of Cajun country. For recipes and more information, visit [www.louana.com](http://www.louana.com).

(NAPSA)-Kids who eat breakfast do better academically. Getting kids to eat breakfast may be easier than you think-just make it pink. So whip together a cup of 2 percent milk, a half cup of uncooked rolled oats, a banana, a cup of frozen strawberries, half a teaspoon of Sweet'N Low and a half teaspoon of vanilla. Blend and serve.

MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BRING YOU

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

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*Happy Holiday!*

Look, it's Santa with hs sack, Climbing down the chimney stack! In a flash he's gone from sight; Then he's back and waves good-night.

He jumps into his little sleigh; You can almost hear him say, As his laughter fades away--Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy Hooliday!

**BROWN HARDWARE**

Carol and Mary Davis and Family



### December Sales Tax Allocations to Local Governments

City	Current Sales Tax Rate	Net Tax Payment This Period	Comp. Tax Payment Prior Year	% Of Change	2005 Tax Payments To Date	2004 Tax Payments To Date	% Of Change
Quitaque	2.00%	\$2,435.14	\$2,525.31	-3.57%	\$37,314.26	\$34,972.92	6.69%
Silverton	1.00%	\$1,711.37	\$1,181.35	44.86%	\$22,837.63	\$17,113.23	33.45%
Turkey	2.00%	\$1,783.84	\$2,045.53	-12.79%	\$27,810.18	\$28,575.55	-2.67%
Memphis	2.00%	\$17,493.64	\$12,914.71	35.45%	\$239,320.94	\$215,757.75	10.92%
Lakeview	1.00%	\$00.00	\$76.50	-100.0%	\$1,982.43	\$1,946.88	1.82%
Estelline	1.25%	\$1,211.60	\$1,407.61	-13.92%	\$14,724.74	\$15,111.22	-2.55%
Matador	2.00%	\$3,952.16	\$3,615.89	9.29%	\$56,165.83	\$52,488.81	7.00%
Roaring Spgs	2.00%	\$1,167.82	\$4,900.30	-76.16%	\$31,963.31	\$34,288.16	-6.78%

Some Southeast Texas communities continue to see declines in their sales tax revenue as a result of Hurricane Rita, but overall state and local sales tax revenues are up significantly, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn reported. The state collected \$1.58 billion

in sales tax in November, up 9.4% compared to November 2004. December sales tax allocations to local governments rose by \$50.8 million, or 15.8%, compared to December 2004.

"These sales tax numbers tell the story of Texans' heroic response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Strayhorn said. "They show the generosity of Texans who purchased millions of dollars worth of clothing, household goods and emergency supplies for those in need. And the numbers reflect spending by thousands of evacuees, who were welcomed in cities throughout Texas.

Strayhorn sent \$372.4 million in December sales tax allocations to cities, counties, transit systems and

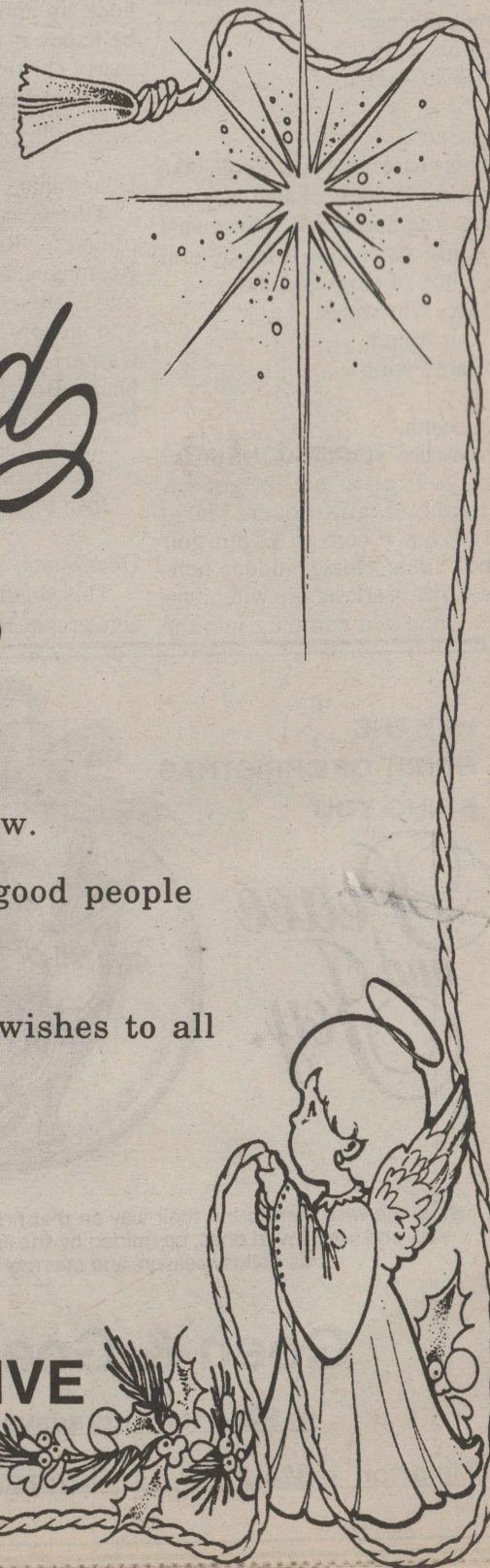
special purpose taxing districts, up 15.8% compared to last December.

Texas cities received \$252.8 million in sales tax allocations, up 15.8% compared to December 2004. Texas counties received December sales tax allocations of \$21.8 million, up 17.2% compared to one year ago. The 103 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$10.6 million in sales tax, up 22.5% compared to last December. Ten local transit systems received \$87.1 million in December sales tax payments, up 14.6% compared to a year ago.

November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments mainly represent sales that occurred in October.

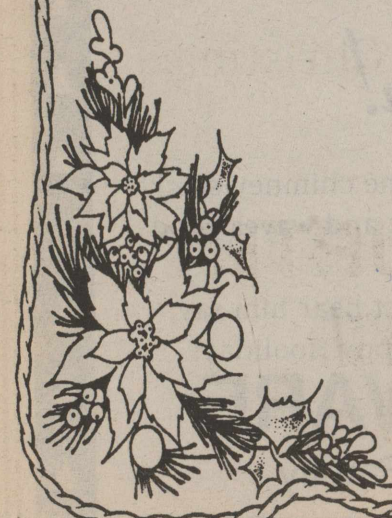


*With You in Mind  
at  
Christmastime*



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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### City Tables Junked Vehicle Proposal

In its meeting of December 12, 2005, the Silverton City Council reviewed comments and information from the public hearings, and tabled the proposed ordinance until further information is obtained.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Lane Garvin, Council members Kyle Fuston, Dwain Henderson, Wayne Reed and Delane Smith, and City Secretary Jerry Patton. Absent was Dwain Tipton.

Among items of business considered by the Council were:

- Approval of the minutes of previous meetings
- Considering and acting upon the annual audit for fiscal year 2004-2005
- The December financial re-

ports were presented and approved

- Monthly vouchers were approved for payment
- The Secretary reported that the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation Grant and the Texas Forestry Service grant has been approved and the truck chassis was ordered for a total purchase price of \$73,008.55. The City and Fire Department will be required to secure a short term loan of \$29,600 until the grant funds are received.
- Resolution 12-A-05 was heard and the results were officially adopted.
- Resolution 12-B-05 dismissing the Atmos Energy Corp. Grip rate increase was approved.
- Motion was made and carried to offer for sale by sealed bids all

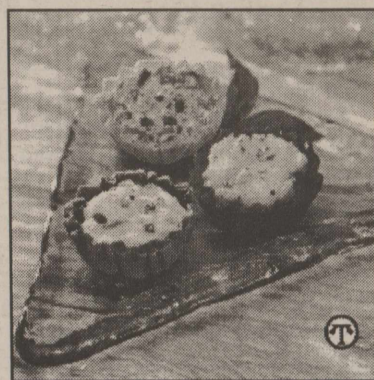
### No Fuss Appetizers

(NAPSA)-With the hustle and bustle associated with the holidays, few people have time for niceties such as homemade hors d'oeuvres when planning get-togethers. Elaborate appetizers may not make the cut when you

of the South one-half (1/2) of the west two feet (W 2') of lot seventeen (17) and the south one-half (S 1/2) of lots nos. eighteen (18) and nineteen (19), all in block no. twenty-three (23) in the original town of Silverton. Bids will open at the January 9, 2006 regular meeting.

•Motion carried to cast 88 votes each for Jim Estes, Kathy Kingery and Wayne Nance as members of the board of directors of the Briscoe County Appraisal District.

have to squeeze in shopping, decorating and busing the kids to school plays.



*Crunchy fillo shells are a great way to create no-fuss appetizers.*

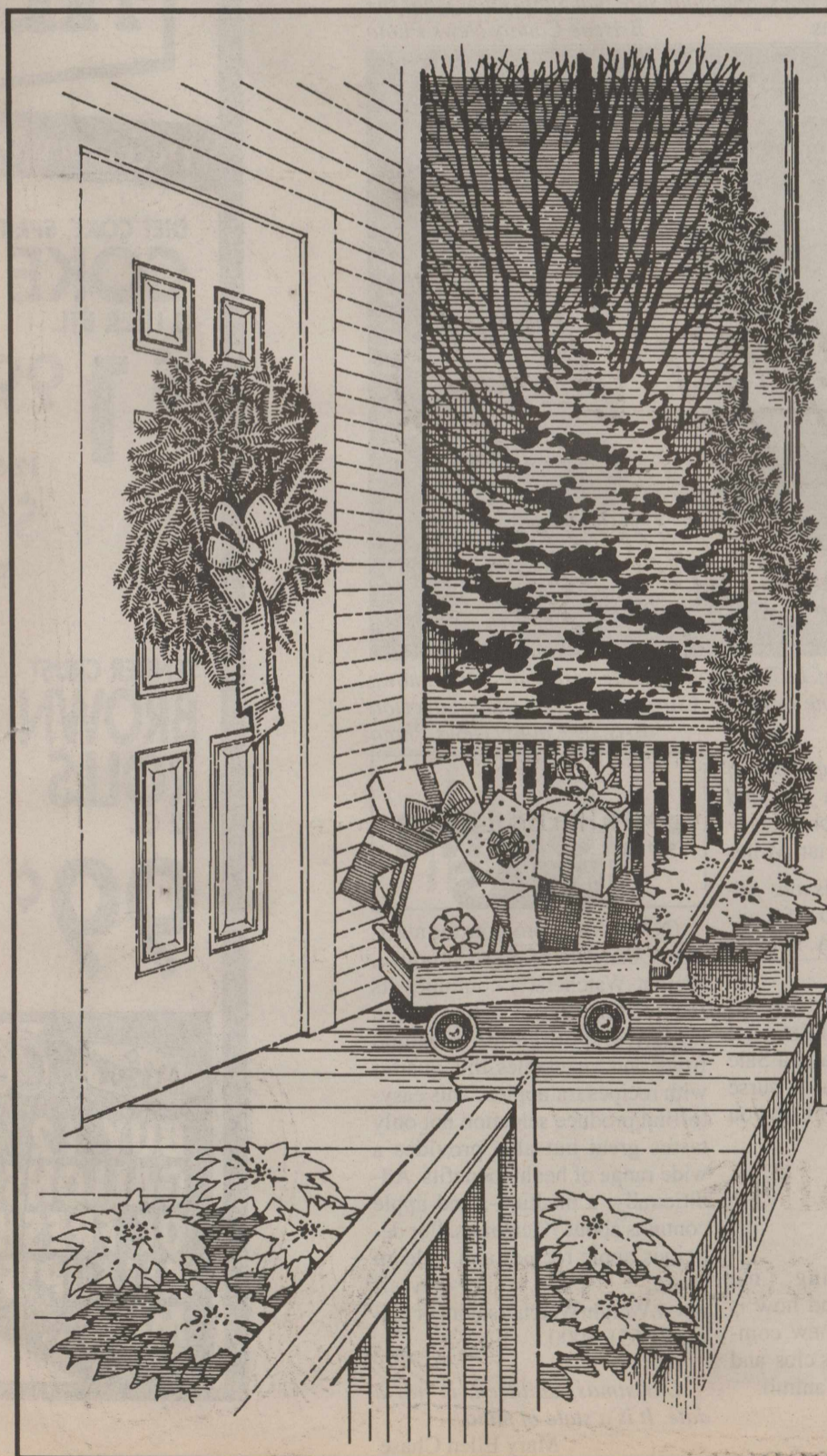
But there is light at the end of the proverbial holiday tunnel. Creating scrumptious appetizers can be as simple as visiting the super-

market or a Sam's Club store to find filled mini fillo shell hors d'oeuvres from Athens Foods. These crunchy fillo appetizers come in three tempting flavors-artichoke and cheese, three cheese, and salmon and cheese in festive-colored shells. Simply pop them in the oven, then serve them alone or with a light meal, fresh fruit or salad.

For more information about no-fuss holiday appetizers, call 1-800-837-5683 or visit [www.athens.com](http://www.athens.com).

*Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace. The soul that knows it not, knows no release from little things; knows not the livid loneliness of fear.*

Amelia Earhart

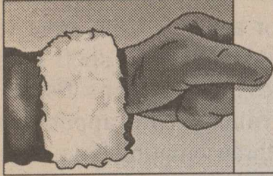


# Merry Christmas

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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**Letters to Santa  
From Silverton Second Graders**

Dear Santa Claus how are you doing? And how is Mrs. Santa Claus doing? Are the reindeer ok? My favorite reindeer is Rudolph because his nose shines bright red in the night. I hope it snows on Christmas Eve so Rudolph can shine his bright red nose. For Christmas I would like some gaucho pants, nike shoxs, pink and black and a cariokie machine. I hope I have been a good girl. And Santa Claus, Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Lucchese Cogdell

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How is roodoff? I hope roodoff is rede to bermetoys becus I hav ben gad all winter and How are the othy ders. I wat a Barbie computer and a Barbie remotchol car and a baras hoesdall and a Barbie dall.

Love,  
Adria

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you bin working hord. Can you bring me a toy double barrel shotgun and a toy rifle and toy jet and a toy ounme tanck and a toy shotgun and a sotear gun and a toy jep.

Love, Ryan

**Notice  
Advertisement For Bids**

The City of Silverton et al will accept sealed bids until 5:00 p.m. January 5th, 2006, at the City Hall, Silverton, Texas, on the below listed real estate, located in Silverton, Texas.

Unit No.	Description	Block No.
1.	All of the south one-half (1/2) of the West two feet (W2') of Lot No. Seventeen (17) and the South one-half (1/2) of lots Nos. Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19).	23

Each bid must show the Unit No., Description, Block No. and Amount of Bid. Bids must be sealed in envelope marked "Real Estate Bid" and must have the bidder's name and address on bid envelope. Bids will be opened at the January 9, 2006, regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Silverton, Texas, at the City Hall, 409 Broadway Street, Silverton, Texas. The City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Jerry Patton  
City Secretary

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Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is roodof? Please bring me a real laptop computer, Xbox 360.

Love,  
Gavin

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a robo raptor and a flag. I also want a remote control helecoper and a army puzzle.

Love,  
Noe

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Sant acklos. I love Christmas. Would you please dring me a Sp Game Boy Pokemon game and a DVD plaer?

Love,  
Javier

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer? For Christmas I would like a knew bike. And some knew shoes. And I knew karaoke machine. And a knew radio.

Love,  
Maison

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Clos? How are your elvs? I cant wate until Christmas. I hope I can git a remote control car Xbox 360, chranch foor mor.

Love,  
Benigno

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clus. May I have a new karaoke machine please. And a new bike. May I place have a new play phone that is light green please. And a new bedspread that is Purple please. And some lizze Maguiar Stuff. I love you Santa!

Love,  
Chanda

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Miss Senta? I wood like a rock angels band for christmas and a nother mike for my karacke machine. On the rock cengts wood you mak it be Roxi please. A fake horse and car. I hav a cheer leder spret brat. Thank you and your helpers.

Love,  
Tricia

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a bratz cowgirl with a horse. And I also want a Book full with all kinds of stickers except snakes. And a new bike. And can I have a new Bratz Book.

Love, Julissa



Alexia Frizzell, daughter of Camie Frizzell, visited with Santa Claus at City Bank-Silverton last week. She made sure that Santa knew what she is wanting for Christmas. *Briscoe County News Photo*



Jaiden Whittaker, son of LaToya Baker, made sure that Santa knows how old he is and what he wants for Christmas at City Bank-Silverton last week. *Briscoe County News Photo*

*I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.*

Harlan Miller

*For the spirit of Christmas fulfills the greatest hunger of mankind.*

Loring A. Schuler

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your deers I want four prisints for Christmas I want a adolt computer and a Sale foun and a new bike and a purse with makeup in it. pleas I love you Santa.

Love,  
Francisca

Dear Santa,  
Whood you bring me Roboraptor this year and how is Roodof. Maby some knew computer games how is mis.clos and you I maby want a stoft animil.

Love,  
Zane

**COOKING IDEAS**

(NAPSA)-To promote the nutritional benefits of fresh produce, Weight Watchers(r) continues its Pick of the Season public health initiative spotlighting seasonal fruits and vegetables this quarter with recipes for apples. This easy-to-find produce selection not only tastes great but also provides a wide range of health benefits. Additionally, a medium-sized apple contains about 70 calories. For delicious apple recipes and to learn more, visit [www.WeightWatchers.com](http://www.WeightWatchers.com) or call 1-800-651-6000.

*Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind.*  
Mary Ellen Chase

*Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.*  
Norman Vincent Peale

*Perhaps the best Yuletide decoration is being wreathed in smiles.*  
Author Unknown

*The most popular labor saving device is still money.*  
Phyllis George

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December 18, 2005 thru Dec

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# Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

For a luscious and nutritious dessert, few fruits can compare to the mouthwatering pear. This tasty fruit has been cultivated for about 4,000 years and there are now more than 5,000 varieties.

Many would agree that the tastiest is the Royal Riviera pear. During the 30's, this pear's extra-large size, extreme juiciness and smooth,

creamy flesh made it a favorite among the patrons of Europe's grand hotels and luxurious resorts. In addition to the pear's exemplary size and taste, they have a distinct look: a rotund body and short neck. They're green in color with a red blush, but ripen to a soft gold with a red blush when ready to eat.

Royal Riviera pears remain one

of the most popular gifts among Harry and David customers.

## Royal Riviera Pears With Chocolate Sauce

- 4 Royal Riviera Pears
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 4 cups water
- 3 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. cocoa
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp. cornstarch

1 tsp. vanilla  
Directions

Peel the pears and core them from the base, leaving the stems intact. Brush with the lemon juice. In a large saucepan, bring the 4 cups of water to a boil, then stand the pears in the water. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. In a medium saucepan, combine the sugar, cocoa, water, cornstarch and vanilla.

Mix well, and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until thickened. Place the pears in individual dessert dishes, and spoon the sauce down the sides. Serve warm.

Makes 4 servings.

You can find other recipes or order these delectable pears and other delicious gifts from Harry and David by calling 1-877-322-1200 or visiting [www.harryanddavid.com](http://www.harryanddavid.com).

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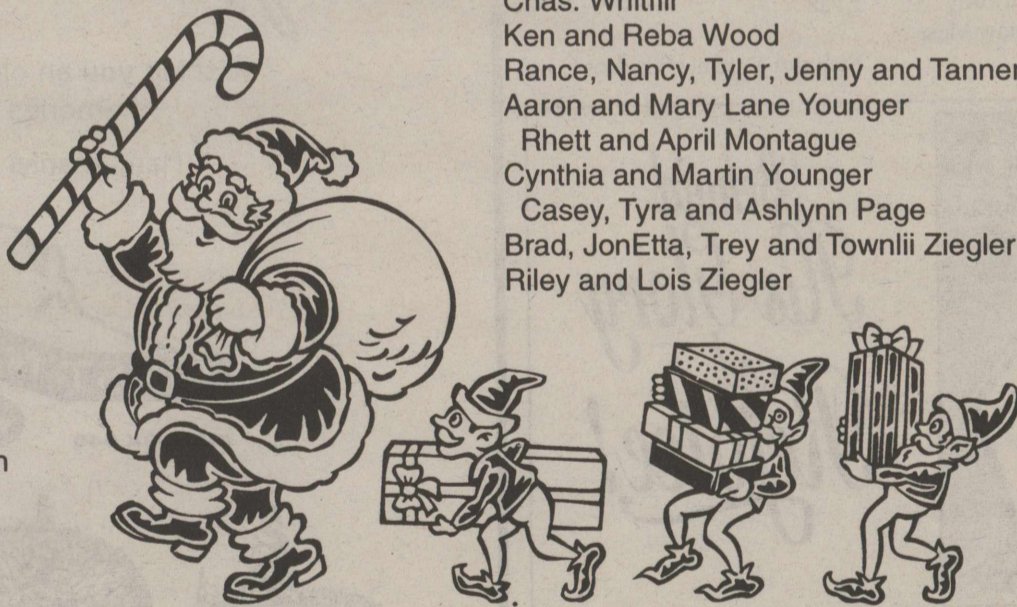
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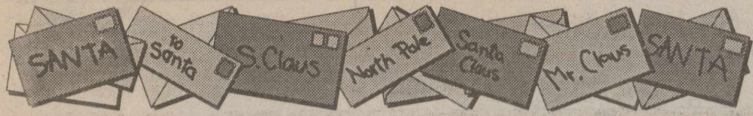
Sleigh bells ring. Carollers sing. Magic fills the air as families and friends exchange greetings of joy and good will.

It's happening here and now in our most wonderful town, and we're pleased to be a part of it. Merry Christmas to all!

Those whose names appear on these pages extend to you their personal wishes for your happy holiday season. The project was organized and carried out by the members of the Century of Progress Study Club. Receiving the proceeds of these pages will be the Silverton Volunteer Ambulance Service, the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and the Silverton Public Library.







### First Grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
Donkey Kong  
Slimshadey CD  
Play Station 2  
Football  
Halo 3  
Valiant ver kind  
Madagascar VCR kink  
ipal  
Xbox 360  
ninga turtles  
Reno

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike tell Rodolph  
hello.  
Love,  
Victoria

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that is the Robot.  
Holis or Wir. Holis Santa. I wot a  
back. I wetc HoliSar Rabbit Hollis  
The elf. Holis The Pras. Hi to Sat  
Ho.  
I love Santa.

Dear Santa,  
I luv you Santa. how is the  
ranedir. I love evree one. I lov mi  
frens.  
Merry Christmas.  
Everett

Dear Santa,  
haw are yoor rand dooing. I  
woot a poop and piebabe haw Mess  
Clas.

Santa, I love you. I have bin  
good. I wish I kood see you toda it  
is omo st. Chrismis I wish I was a  
alf I wish I was you  
Chrismis puppy  
McKena

Dear Santa, How is everything?  
How are you? I wish to have a  
Password journal, the sweet street  
town house and the Sweet street  
sharing discript.  
Love,  
Sheridan Reagan

Dear Santa, Haw is ever tang I  
wish to have carpet, scates, scooby  
doo 1 & 2 and my Dog Sckip the  
toy and one more thang a good life.  
Love,  
Shayna Smith

Dear Santa how are yer ranedeer  
how is Mrss clos  
Santa, I wish for a transformr  
haw are yor elfs how is yor  
holadays win are you cuming I  
hope you like the milk and cookese  
how was yor nite I thmk that yor  
crismes tree has beyoutifle lites and  
other decrayshens is mis clos boy  
King jinjr bredmen howruf is the  
snow are you filing good is mrss  
clos filing good  
Love,  
Evan

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Sentui Wunta Bode  
Jennifer

Dear Santa,  
haw are you I wunt a Bat I wunt  
a Bae  
Love,  
Brookelyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game boy Iw n ifn pick,  
Imdoh Gans a Sadr birldr Santa.  
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Love,  
Matthew  
Hows yogd elf Santa.

Dear Santa,  
how ar you I wunt a hug and  
sum moon shoos and a noo  
viteeogame I love you Santa  
Meree Crismus  
Kortney Kay Cox

Dear Santa a foot dol and a

baskit got and a akchfigr rolrblas  
and a Tachrikskoot.  
From Isaias to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a Tramplyny and  
lechscoodar and mucupl  
Freus Elena  
to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I wish I can hav a back pack I  
thabykl Nit I love you santa.  
With Bykl  
Harley

Dear Santa,  
Watr you doing this yer I wish I  
cod have a chigagn and a sweety  
Pie I wish I cod see luchyagin  
Love,  
Kali

Dear Santa  
May I have a lektret Skatr I riley  
Keroeoke Mushen  
Wunt I want but I dolnt haft to  
hav is a puPand Pebaby  
Love  
Mesa

Dear Santa,  
Haw is roof off Irile want a fruir  
bike with padS I rile want a truck

with a catl tralr with anmoos I rile  
want a flat bed.  
Dylan

Dear Santa,  
how or your raindeer and how  
or you I want a football and a new  
basketball goll.  
from Blaine  
to Santa

Dear Santa  
I want a trampoline and a new  
football and a box of legos and a  
cobra camel nderfigyol  
love  
Zach

Dear Santa,  
I wish fer a playstay too foo Ball  
same  
Dear Brandan and A. J.

Dear Santa,  
Haor u radu I love sata Haolis I  
yad a foot ball soocecr I yisyoo  
yood Kndayookoo daser my hall  
is radiells Hauis ylf  
I yis Sata Hoy ra ufres Fdit me  
too Satne Yoo inot fat from  
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Behold  
His Glory  
and  
Rejoice!

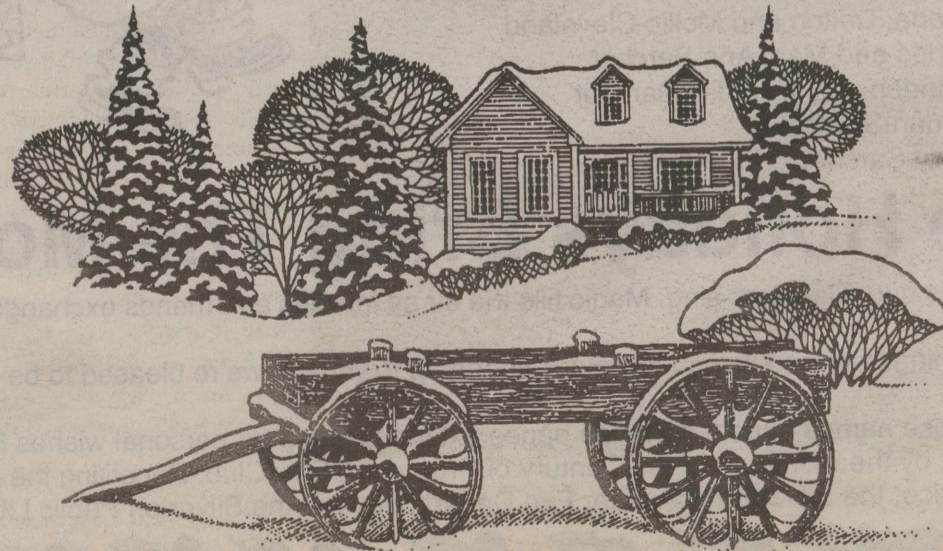
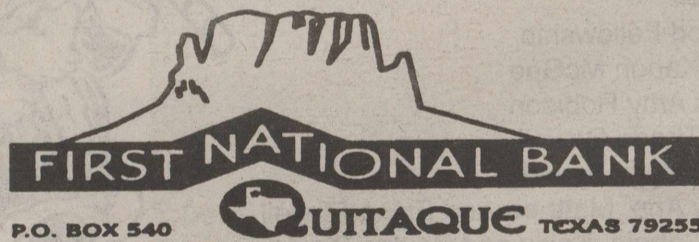
May you be filled with the true spirit of  
Christmas—its peace, its joy,  
its love—and may the significance  
of that first holy Christmas be  
ever present in your heart.

We're sincerely grateful for your  
loyal patronage.

Anthony & Kathy Kingery  
D & K Manufacturing

## Greetings of the Season

Wishing you an old-fashioned holiday filled with  
memories you'll treasure always.  
Many thanks for your loyal patronage.



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**The Fight Against Rising Heating Costs**

(NAPSA)-The comfortable feeling of being in control of the little things in life has quickly given way to a storm of feeling out of control that has stemmed from one very critical paradigm shift-fuel costs rising as much as 70 percent.



"A zone space heater is the answer to so many concerns and needs," says Ken Maitland, Director of Engineering for Desa Heating. "We are able to provide economical heating that is both comfortable and smart."

Consumers can reclaim control of their home, save money and be comfortable using technology available in new products like Desa's Solar Fusion, a vent-free space heater. As suggested by the Department of Energy, dialing down the home thermostat can save you 10 percent on your heating bill and employing zone heating makes economic and comfort sense.

Using a gas, vent-free space heater keeps all the heat you pay for in the areas you use most. Unlike traditional space heaters, Solar Fusion combines both radiant (warms like the sun) and convection (moving air) heat for a comfortable and 99.9 percent efficient option. All the heat you pay for stays in the room. And Solar Fusion doesn't depend on electricity; it keeps working even during power outages.

**Food Ideas**

(NAPSA)-Found in the grocery store coffee aisle, Maxwell House Café Collection coffee pods are made with premium 100 percent Arabica beans that have been carefully selected, custom roasted and finely ground to deliver peak flavor and aroma. Because these pods fit into most single-serve brewers, there's no hassle with online or mail-in orders.

*Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.*

Dwight David Eisenhower

*Stones and sticks are thrown only at fruit-bearing trees.*

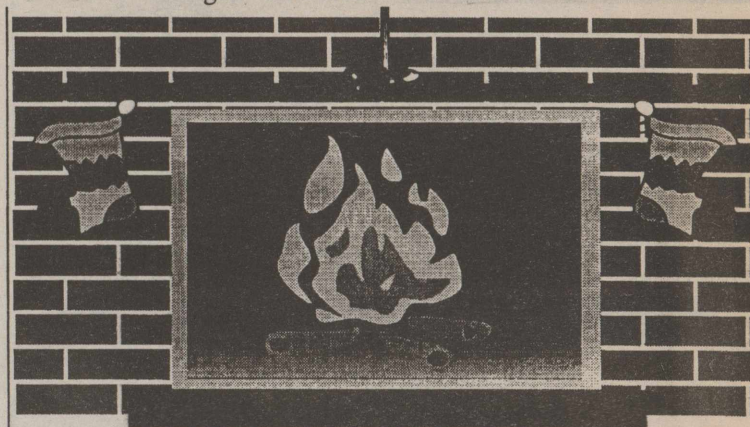
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*People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes.*

Abigail Van Buren

*Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.*

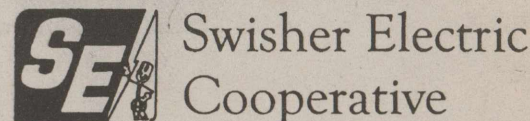
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**Merry Christmas**

*The offices of Swisher Electric Cooperative will be open both Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26.*

*Wishing You a Safe and Joyous Holiday.*



A Touchstone Energy\* Cooperative 

... and wise men still seek HIM

**LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

May the Christmas lights and decorations brighten your spirits and bring joy to your heart.

We consider ourselves very lucky to have you for a customer. Thank you for brightening our holidays.

**ATTEBURY GRAIN, INC.**

SILVERTON-KRESS-CLAYTONVILLE



## Home Ideas

(NAPSA)-Some scrapbookers prefer keeping their workspace mobile, but whatever your preference, there's a contest to win your own "Scrapbook Space of a Lifetime." Details are on [www.lifetime.com](http://www.lifetime.com).

Mixing laminates that look like stainless steel with wood grains



has become popular with kitchen designers-and may save money in a remodeling budget. Whatever the design, product consistency is im-

portant and starts with using great panels. Designers use premium medium density fiberboard and particleboard with a wide range of decorative surfaces to offer the homeowner optimum performance at a very competitive cost.

You can save money by heating your home with stylish "Retro" electric heaters from De'Longhi.

*Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.*

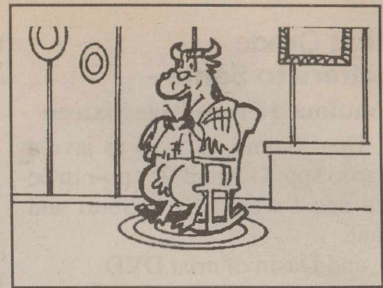
Thomas A. Edison

*Monotony is the law of nature. Look at the monotonous manner in which the sun rises. The monotony of necessary occupations is exhilarating and life-giving.*

Mahatma Gandhi

*As we respond with caring and vision to all work, we develop our capacity to respond fully to all of life. Every action generates positive energy which can be shared with others.*

Tarhang Tulku



An Irish cow, Big Bertha, lived to the record age of 48 before her death in 1993. In addition, she gave birth to a record 39 calves.

*Our Best  
Holiday  
Wishes  
To You*



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

**Silverton Oil Company**

The Dewey Estes Family

The Jim Estes Family



# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

## FROM THE WHOLE GANG!

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

# FLEMING WELL SERVICE

Peggy, Leo and Cary Fleming



### Happy Birthday-

December 22-Carl Bomar, Donnie Perkins, Sonya Bitner  
 December 23-Kim Mayfield, Jeannita Ellison, Matthew Rowell  
 December 24-Jack Robertson, jr., Sally Grimland  
 December 25-Dorothy Bomar, Donna Estes, Peggy Strange, Merlene Stephens

December 26-Molly Brooks, Lindsey Irwin, Abigail Rena, Sloan Grabbe  
 December 27-Lydia Hutsell, Ellen Edwards, Holly Glenn, Denny Hill, Dara Ramsey Chandler  
 December 28-Kathi Perkins, Mary Chris Garcia, Braden Towe, Walter Bean

### Looking Back--

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 Vance Childress . . . Dear Santa, Please bring me a lamp and bicycle and tool chest. Bring Albert some chickens. Bring me a twenty-two and twenty-two target. With love, E. H. McGavock . . .

**December 24, 1925**-Grandma Stevenson, who has been very ill, was reported to be slightly improving Wednesday afternoon. Her illness had become so serious that the children had been called to her bedside . . . A mighty mean thief or thieves broke into Uncle Sam Beavers hamburger stand some time Sunday or Sunday night and stole about six dollars worth of candy and chewing gum. They also broke a show case and tore things up generally . . . The 1925 Study Club entertained with a luncheon Tuesday noon which was perhaps the most brilliant social affair of the pre-holiday entertainment in town . . . Clay Fowler, who is bookkeeping for the Gasoline gin, was up Tuesday night for the recital. He says that they have ginned over 2600 bales of cotton there and still going strong . . . Mrs. Mary Daniels and Miss Billie Haynes, daughters of Mrs. N. W. Haynes, will have charge of the hotel during the latter's absence . . . The geese hunters are still in evidence, tearing down fences, leaving gates open for cattle to get in, and destroying crops. They are getting quite a number of geese . . .

### It's Beginning to Sound Like the Holidays

(NAPSA)-Striking a responsive chord with holiday music shoppers who like bargains is an online music club site where they can find gifts for as little as under \$20.

The site, [www.bmgmusic.com](http://www.bmgmusic.com), has thousands of choices to offer the music lover in your life. From The Killers to Toby Keith and Ray Charles to Chopin, BMG Music Service makes it easy to give someone a gift they'll really enjoy every time they listen. Shoppers who visit the site and become members will find a new Gift Center that makes finding that perfect something, either for yourself or someone else, a whole lot easier.

The online Gift Center includes:  
 • 100 Greatest Albums: This is the granddaddy of all lists and you're likely to find more than a few albums to give as holiday gifts.

### Happy Anniversary-

December 22-Mr. and Mrs. Terry West  
 December 27-Mr. and Mrs. Jay Towe, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grimland  
 December 28-Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Martin

### Silverton School Activities

December 19 to 30-Christmas Holiday; no school  
 December 28-30-Slaton Varsity Tournament

The music editors at BMG Music Service have taken the guesswork out of greatness and pulled together 100 CDs that are sure to add status to any music lover's collection. Some were best-sellers, some were critical favorites but all of them are albums every music collection should have.

• Gift Packs: Here you'll find a huge selection of preselected gift packs ranging from Today's Country 4-pack featuring CDs by Keith Urban, Gretchen Wilson, Big & Rich and Sugarland to the Blazin' Hip-Hop 5-CD package with albums from the Black Eyed Peas, OutKast's double CD, Jay-Z and 50 Cent. Whether it's classical music or classic rock, themed CD gift packs make it easy to give the perfect gift with a personal touch.

• Gift Certificates: Don't know what to get someone or, worse, don't have time to search for it? BMG Music Service is offering e-mail or paper gift certificates that allow you to give someone one, two and up to 10 CDs for only \$7.99 per CD including shipping and handling. Gift certificates are good for members as well as non-members so anyone can enjoy the gift of music.

Shoppers can find many other gift ideas at the Gift Centers from collectibles and calendars to the best music for the holiday season. To learn more, visit the web site [www.castleconnolly.com](http://www.castleconnolly.com).

## Wishing You a Festive Christmas

Light the tree and hang the holly;  
 'Tis the season to be jolly!  
 Sing the carols, old and fine,  
 Like Silent Night and Auld Lang Syne!  
 Greet dear friends, both far and near,  
 With cards, and gifts, and much good cheer.  
 And say it loud for all to hear—  
 Have a joyous Noel, and a Happy New Year!

### Silver City Mercantile Company

806-823-2374  
 Silverton, Texas

Carole Sheeler                      Lisa Reagan

## "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

# Holiday Greetings

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

**Guaranty Abstract Co.**  
 Steve, Mike, LaQuetta,  
 Shannon, Miranda  
 and Lisa



## Christmas Teen Dance/Skate Review

A lot of work and effort went into the Teen Dance held Saturday at the Showbarn in Silverton. The Showbarn looked absolutely beautiful and hopefully a milestone was set for future dances. The turn-out was about 30+ with kids and chaperones. We really appreciate Quitaque's effort to support our event and our effort to raise money for Showbarn repairs. I did not catch the complete names of the families from Quitaque but I believe they were the Williams and the Sauls, who brought us a lot of kids and even a birthday boy!

Despite the good time and support, we came out in the red. That was expected for the first few dances. It takes a while to work out all the bugs and to get established. We discovered multiple items that need addressing. We need a better sound system, we need to play more country music, no one was really interested in skating, we need more entertainment (games such as darts or pool or both, someone who knows how to get kids involved with the dances, etc.) more promotion, and more support. Over \$400 was spent on supplies, rental of the Showbarn, and groceries and only \$80 was made, leaving a \$320 deficit, which didn't leave anything to be donated, at this time, to the Showbarn repairs. But we will get there, I believe that, and at this point no one but the Howells have lost any money. So really no one has anything to complain about. We did this for three reasons: the kids, the community, and to keep our Showbarn and to keep it in good repair. A lot of people do not realize if something is not done on a continuous basis that Showbarn will fall apart and we will no longer have a place to use for public or private events. Also we need something positive for our kids in this community. A lot of us complain about the kids in our community (particularly when they are toilet papering, rearranging Christmas decorations, or even wrestling with innocent blow-up Christmas reindeer!), and trust me I am not condoning the vandalism. I am saying we need to be more involved with our youth. Regardless if your children are grown and gone, or if you have no children, we all need to be concerned and involved with our youth. We are going to attempt to continue the dances once a month and I hope people will really roll up their sleeves and get involved. Lastly, I would like to thank Mary Ann Rowell for all her help with decorating and putting the music together, Tonya Baird for decorating and running all over creation to find a better stereo and her constant emotional support, the young lady @ Allsup's who let us borrow her stereo, Micah Karber, Barbara

Edwards and their 4-H bunch, John Burson, Jane Murrel, and Will Rowell for chaperoning and running the concession stand, again the Quitaque bunch, Lisa Reagan and Carol Sheeler for making sandwiches, Able Asebedo for making flyers, The Valley Tribune and the Briscoe County News for running our publicity, all the parents and kids who showed up, Richard Howell for obtaining all the door prizes, performing most of the manual labor that had to be done to make the event happen, anyone who donated snacks or drinks, and all the businesses in Lubbock who donated door prizes. I hope I didn't leave anyone out because I will probably need your help again for the next dance! Lots of pictures were taken and I will try to get that to the paper by next week.

Remember, we are going to try to keep this going so we need people to be active helpers, and supporters. To help please call Venita Howell, 823-2011, or contact any Chamber member.

Thank you,  
The Howells

## Module Covers: Extra Care Keeps Cotton Safe, Allows Gins to Provide Quality Service

In the field, the 2005 cotton crop has impressed many a West Texas traveler over the past few months. Now that the majority of this year's field activity is complete, the focus for crop watchers will be tracking how quickly the tens of thousands of modules waiting to be processed move from field to gin yard.

Module storage has been the standard across the Texas High Plains for more than twenty years and does an outstanding job of protecting cotton quality during what can be a lengthy wait for ginning.

Earlier this season, Plains Cotton Growers joined forces with the Texas Independent Ginners Association to remind producers how important the creation of uniform-size modules was to keep ginning costs down and to increasing the efficiency of a gin transporting modules from the field.

A critical component of a well-formed module's ability to provide a high level of protection is the module tarp. Typically gins provide tarps for their producer customers and it is up to the producer to make sure that each one is properly installed and ultimately returned to the gin to be reused.

As High Plains ginners push past the halfway point of the ginning season, keeping track of module tarps can be a significant challenge.

This year's frequent high wind events have multiplied this challenge even more. Growers are en-

couraged to take the time to ensure that module covers are properly installed and to adjust loose or improperly fitted covers. This will ensure that they are able to perform as designed and have a reduced risk of loss or damage during a high wind event or during transport from field to gin.

Module covers are a significant investment for gins and taking the time to make sure they are properly installed can also keep ginning costs from being adversely impacted by reducing the number that have to be replaced because of loss or damage.

**THINK PINK BREAKFAST (NAPS)**-The rest of the day may seem rosier if you start the morning with breakfast--especially if it's a pink one.

Children especially benefit from the first meal of the day. For example, youngsters who eat breakfast are less likely to be overweight than those who don't. In addition, they tend to do better in school.

This breakfast recipe is delicious, nutritious and a beautiful color.

1 cup 2% fat milk  
1/2 cup uncooked rolled oats  
1 banana, quartered

1 cup frozen strawberries (8 berries)  
1/2 tsp. or 1-2 packets Sweet 'N Low® zero calorie sweetener  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Combine all ingredients in blender container and blend at highest speed for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Makes about 2 1/2 cups (2 servings).

Per Serving: 240 calories, 8 g protein, 4 g fat, 44 g carbohydrates, 10 mg cholesterol, 5 g dietary fiber.

Diabetic Exchanges: 3 other Carbohydrate, 1 fat.



## "Luke - The Beloved Physician"

*"He was speaking to his friends of love and strength. I know He spoke of love because there was melody in His voice; and I know He spoke of strength because there were armies in His gestures... His speech was simple and Joyous, and the sound of His voice was like cool water in a land of drought... The rhythm of His step was different from other men's, and the movement of His body was like naught I had seen before. Men do not pace the earth in that manager. And even now I do not know whether He walked fast or slow. And I gazed at Him and my soul quivered within me—for He was beautiful He looked at me even as the seasons might look upon the field, and He smiles. And then He walked away. But no other man ever walked as He walked." (From Kahlil Gibran 's description of Jesus).*

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I always resent the fact that so few people, and that includes even the best Bible students, know the origin of the Christmas story. Here is a holiday and a holy day combined that the whole world—except perhaps Russia and other pagan lands—stops to celebrate in colorful and magnificent fashion every year, with song, and sermon, and ceremony, and sentiment, and emotion, and feasting and rejoicing. Yet you can ask almost anyone you meet the question—"who gave us Christmas?"—And few can tell. Most folks never stopped to consider the matter before. Which brings them to the conclusion that my friend Doctor Luke has never gotten a fair deal from either layman or clergy.

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"From the Bible," is generally the answer you get if you ask the above question. Sure. But the Bible is filled with the writings of an army of men. And only one of those writers gave us Christmas. So I have appointed myself Doctor Luke's press agent, insofar as my circle is concerned, and decided that every year at Christmas time I would remind my friends who it was that gave us the Christmas story, with all the Christmas glory. For, had it not been for Luke, Christmas would never have been heard of. It is true that Matthew, the Apostle, wrote about the birth of Jesus in a house in Bethlehem, and about the wise men from the East who came seeking Him. But that was all. And no other biblical writer mentioned it.

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In the Book of Luke, and only there, do we

read the thrilling picture of the shepherds on the hillside, the angel chorus, the virgin mother tending her Babe whose cradle was a manger. There only do we find the inspiration for all the ringing joys, the sublime emotions that have caused the world for near two thousand years to celebrate Christmas. Yes, it was Luke alone who gave us Christmas.

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Luke, you may recall, was a practicing Physician in the Greek city of Antioch a number of years after the crucifixion, when Paul dropped in there to preach and teach Christianity. And, just as the Twelve dropped all that they had and followed the Carpenter, and as Paul had done later, so did Doctor Luke—no doubt a man of culture and education—drop all that he had and followed Paul. He followed the great Salesman throughout the world, caring for him, ministering to him, never forsaking him through prison and out and right to Rome where Paul was put to death. He was the greatest friend history has any record of, steadfast as Truth itself, and he stayed with his friend until death did them part. Paul called him "the beloved physician."

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And after Paul's death, Luke, who never saw Jesus, being one who came after, set out to gather the materials for the two mighty books he was to write. The Book of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. It is thought likely by biblical students that Luke went back over the land where Jesus had spent his short life. We can imagine him visiting many parts of the Palestinian countryside, seeking traces of Him, asking the old folks if they had seen Him, and what they remembered. And so he wrote into, his books many stories that have beautified the world and brightened the hearts and souls of man ever since; stories that the biblical writers who were contemporaries of Jesus apparently never knew.

He heard the story of the Prodigal Son, the story of the Good Samaritan, the sublime tale of the repentant thief on the cross, and others that make the Book of Luke the most beautiful composition in all literature. And just think! It was simply a long, long letter, written by a Greek Doctor to a Roman scholar named Theophilus, about a Jewish carpenter named Jesus. What a drama!

We Wish You A Merry Christmas  
ED HARRIS LUMBER COMPANY





**Letter to the Editor**

I would like to address some of the talk and things written in the paper concerning the issue to get junk cars out of the city limits. I wasn't exactly quoted correctly so I would like to clarify. I never intended to say anything at that last Council meeting but I got my feathers ruffled and did. The only reason I made any comment on serving my country was because

another individual made a comment about serving his country to protect our freedoms and he didn't believe it was right to lose the freedom to have what you want in your yard. I agree to a point. We are blessed to live in a free country but if we do not take pride in our own individual, our family, our home or property, our community, our country, what good is it? In the military I gained a sense of pride, and I hope that will carry over to

all aspects of my life and actions.

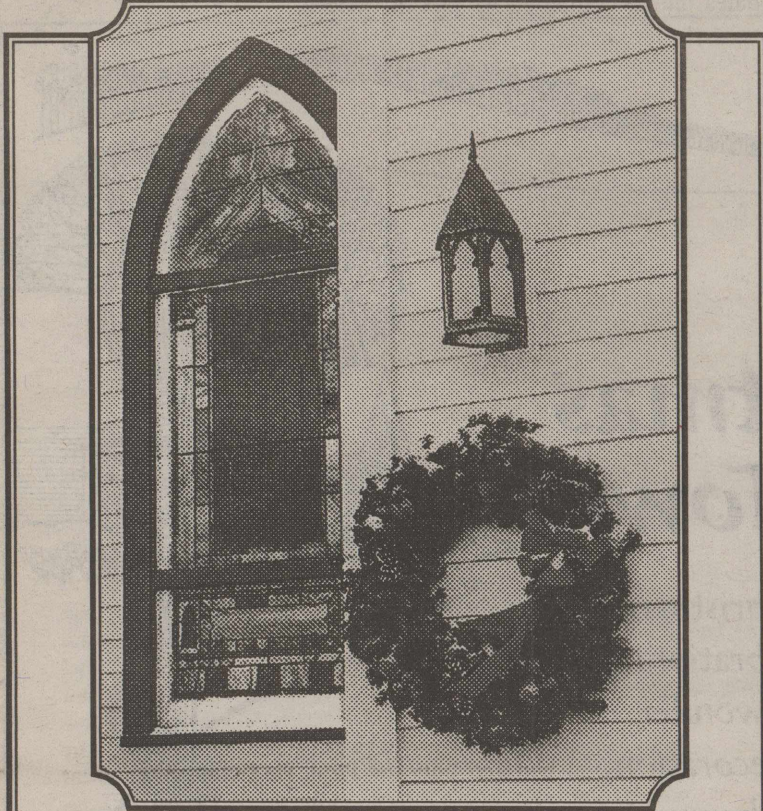
And now back to the junk car issue, my main point was Silverton was once a nice and active little community. We had department stores, a pharmacy, multiple food establishments, multiple grocery stores and gas stations. Unfortunately, we lost businesses and I think we just started losing our pride and stopped caring about the town and about each other. I feel that maybe the way our town looks is a product of how as individuals we feel about Silverton and maybe even each other. We have had so much to divide Silverton lately, the alcohol issue, and these are some of the bigger issues that people feel torn by. I think if we all put as much effort as we do into griping and complaining, bad-mouthing and backstabbing, gossiping and getting offended, we might have what it takes to clean up this town, clean up our attitudes and start being the family we used to be. I never realized how much I cared about this community until I left here in the summer of 1988. When I went out into the real world I realized what a blessing we had here in this small community. I used to tell my military friends about a place where you never locked your house (you didn't have to), where a grocery store and a hamburger stand would let you charge food till you could pay for it, you left your keys in the car, if some farmer was sick or hurt other farmers would come to their rescue, where every kid felt like they had a hundred parents because someone was always watching you and if you were messing up it would get to your parents before you got home, where everyone watched each other's property to make sure no one disturbed anything, a place where you would never go hungry, cold or sick because no one would allow that to happen in our community. What happened? Did we just stop caring? I think maybe we all got sidetracked. Out in the real world it is every man for himself, all about me

attitudes, and it's really an ugly place to be sometimes. But we don't have to be that way, that's what's great about living in a small community. In the Bible, it is written that we are in this world but we do not have to be of this world. Meaning: we don't have to follow the world's example; we need to follow Christ's example. I hope we will all think about it, for the new year coming up let's all forget things people have done to hurt us, irritate us, offend us. Let's start and finish the new year doing something to make our homes and/or property that God has given us look cleaner and more attractive, let's help the elderly and people who are unable to clean up their property, let's clean up buildings and vacant lots, let's plant flowers and trees in the community, let's trade more in our own community, make our community more inviting to visitors and home folks, let's support activities and lend a helping hand, let's be active in community groups, adopt a family to care for, let's stop feeling so offended and let bygones be bygones and give people another chance, let's get

together as a community and do family things together, let's get involved in the youth of our community, let's encourage EVERYONE (all ages, all races, all genders, all financial brackets) to get involved in a community organization. Don't complain if you're not willing to help groups out (only those who vote, work and volunteer their time and effort have a right to complain), be part of the volunteer EMS service, join the volunteer fire dept., join a growing, active church, turn off the TV and computer and be a role model, join the Chamber, go to City Council meetings, start a civic group. Let's start living the dream again!

The only way we will lose freedoms we enjoy in this community will be if individuals take advantage of the freedoms and ruin it for everyone!

May God bless you and keep you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
The Howells



**Blessings on Christmas**

May you and yours share much love, and be guided by the light of this holy time, as you reflect upon the true, beloved meaning of Christmas.

We're very grateful for your support.

**The Altman Group**

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wishes you a  
**Merry  
Christmas**



*Greetings  
of the  
Season*

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

**SILVERCOT  
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Ken Richardson, Mgr.



# Cotton Market weekly

A Service Provided by Plains Cotton Cooperative Association

December 9--Cotton futures prices managed to settle higher three consecutive days despite light volume on the New York Board of Trade before giving back some of the gains at the close of trading on Wednesday. Prices, however, returned to the plus side following the release of USDA's weekly export report on Thursday.

The department reported net export sales of U. S. cotton in the week ended December 1 totaled 449,400 bales, 38% better than the previous week and 60% more than the previous four-week average. Sales to China, the featured buyer, totaled 176,800 bales, and Mexico purchased 119,000 bales.

One trader called the sales figures "very impressive" and added sales to 24 different countries show "business is good all over." However, other traders and analysts reportedly were not overly surprised by the figures and did not expect a major breakout in price considering USDA's November export estimate of 16.2 million bales for the 2005-06 marketing year. Another analyst said weekly sales need to average 235,000 bales for the remainder of the season.

The figure of most concern to the market is weekly export shipments that should average 342,000 bales to hit USDA's target, according to one source. The latest report fell short of that goal, showing shipments of 267,400 bales. However, the figure was 94% more than the previous week and 53% better than the four-week average. China was the primary destination.

Ahead of the export report and USDA's December supply/demand estimates, the futures market was characterized by light daily trading volume. One trader described the market as "holiday doldrums slow." As expected, the supply/demand report did not contain any major surprises when it was released Friday morning.

USDA raised its estimate of the U. S. crop 2% to a record 23.7 million bales due mainly to increases in Texas and Georgia. Production in Texas jumped to 8.1 million bales, up 300,000 from USDA's November estimate, and Georgia's crop was boosted 150,000 bales to 2.15 million.

Domestic cotton consumption

bales, but U. S. exports were raised 200,000 bales to a record 16.4 million. U. S. ending stocks increased 6% to 6.9 million bales. The world numbers showed similar changes from November's supply/demand estimates.

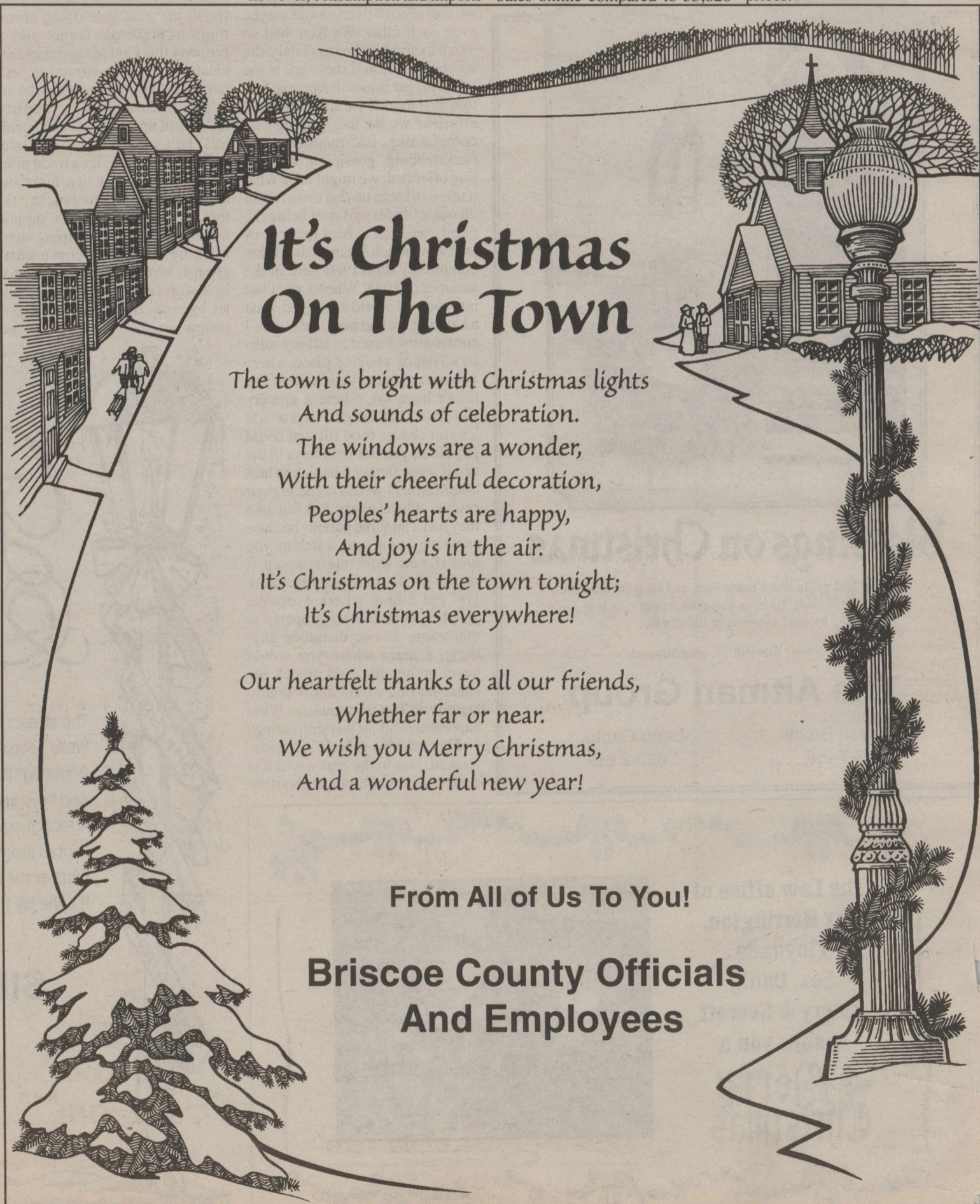
World production was raised to 112.29 million bales compared to 111.71 million in November, and consumption also increased slightly. Production in China was unchanged at 24.5 million bales, however, consumption and imports

were raised 500,000 bales each based on recent yard production. USDA's report also showed increased production in Pakistan and Australia which offset reductions in India and Turkey. Consequently, world ending stocks now are forecast at 50.92 million bales, up 1.5% from last month.

Demand in the spot market surged in the week ended December 8 as producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas sold 189,606 bales online compared to 55,826

bales the previous week. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 45.70 to 47.00 cents per pound compared to 42.50 to 46.48 cents per pound the previous week.

"Apparently, some merchants had sold cotton for delivery in January, February and March, and now they are beginning to cover those sales," one source explained. "In addition, producers have been willing to sell their cotton at these prices."



## It's Christmas On The Town

The town is bright with Christmas lights  
And sounds of celebration.  
The windows are a wonder,  
With their cheerful decoration,  
Peoples' hearts are happy,  
And joy is in the air.  
It's Christmas on the town tonight;  
It's Christmas everywhere!

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends,  
Whether far or near.  
We wish you Merry Christmas,  
And a wonderful new year!

From All of Us To You!

**Briscoe County Officials  
And Employees**

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**SILVERTON CHURCH OF CHRIST**

James Mayfield  
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**

Chad King, Pastor

SUNDAY:  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th TUESDAY:  
Womens Bible Study  
WEDNESDAY:  
Rock Salt Youth Group.....7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study, Prayer Meeting  
SECOND WEDNESDAY:  
Fellowship Meal.....6:30 p.m.  
Business Meeting.....7:00 p.m.  
RAs, Rock Salt Youth....7:00 p.m.  
THURSDAY  
Men's Group.....6:30 a.m.

**SILVERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Rance Young, 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 CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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.

**RIVER OF GOD FELLOWSHIP**  
Darleta "Dee" Lawhon, Minister

SUNDAY:  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
TUESDAY: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting  
For Further Information  
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# Share the Glory of Christmas

## The Spirit Of Christmas



*...Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

K.J.V. Isaiah 7:14

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*There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there.*  
Indira Gandhi

*Give a man a fish and he has food for a day. Teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend.*  
Zenna Schaffer

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Anne Frank

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Great big THANKS to all of you who donated to our department or sent memorials over the past year. We could not operate without our caring citizens and we greatly appreciate it!

Silverton Volunteer Fire Department

I want to thank all of you for your comfort and prayers, for the beautiful flowers and cards after the loss of my mother.

God bless you.  
Rosa Vargas and Family

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Lisa Schott and Amy Robison

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Incumbent

**For County & District Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas:**

BENA HESTER  
Incumbent

**For Commissioner, Briscoe County Precinct 4:**

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