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Matthew Nanney is 9-months old and the son of Janet Nanney of Mooresville. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nanney and great-grandmothers are Mrs. Estelle Brown and Mrs. Pauline Nanney.

Greetings for Christmas

From all of us to all of you, our best and merriest wishes. Here's hoping the holiday season holds for you many present delights. Sincere thanks for the opportunities you've given us to be of service. Have a simply wonderful holiday.

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Yuletide Customs: All Part Of The Fun

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Meeerzzy Christmas everybody!" shouts Santa Claus from his toy-laden sleigh as he deposits each family's gifts down the chimney. He does his job quickly then, off he goes, powered by a pack of eight reindeer. (Can anyone recount them? There's Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen.)

Retelling Christmas legends of Saint Nick and his reindeer and sharing memories of Christmases past, especially those of childhood, renew the joyous spirit of each holiday season. Tradition, the continuity of customs from one year to the next, surrounds each family like a warm security blanket.

In many homes, parents try to persuade the children that Santa Claus actually paid them a visit.

The afternoon before Christmas, Mom and the youngsters bake sugar and spice cookies and place a few on a plate for Santa. Hours later, after a festive meal, and a long wait by the window for signs of Santa, the kids are sent to bed. The moment they're tucked in, another relative rings bells on the roof, by the chimney opening, sounding as if Santa's sleigh had pulled up.

Later, a dedicated Dad pulls a sled across the backyard leaving "sleigh" tracks and "Santa's" footprints in the snow. Then one or two of the cookies are munches; sometimes one is half-eaten showing Santa's particular preferences.

Presents under the tree, gifts peeking out of stockings hung over the fireplace (and the few remaining cookies and Santa tracks, sure signs that Santa visited, send squeals of glee upon discovery.

Children, anxious to open the pretty packages under the tree, are usually restricted to peeking into their stockings and opening the contents. The large gifts remain until the entire family has eaten a leisurely breakfast.

The families who hadn't read the Christmas story, Luke, Chapter 2, on Christmas Eve, did so after breakfast. After all, the religious element is what is bringing the family together!

Then, the fun begins. Truly, gift-opening and seeing what everybody has received, is the most exciting for children.

Did Santa read the gift request list? Did he comply? Parents, grandparents and other relatives share in the contagious joy and delight as ribbons and colored paper accumulate in an ever-mounting pile.

From the trimming of the Christmas tree with miniature toys, animals, and figurines, to the Christmas carols singing door to door, spreading good cheer, Christmas is a time of joy and love.

Walking around the back of the house and waving through the window, the sleepy people try to figure out who is missing. Or, was it really Santa? "Ho! Ho! Ho! Happy holiday!"

To wish you the Joy of this Holy Season. Sincere gratitude.

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Aquariums: This Year Give A Living Gift Of Beauty To Someone Special

Of all Christmas presents, perhaps the most beloved is a living gift such as an aquarium filled with tropical fish. Colorful, varied, and sure to be enjoyed by the lucky recipient, it's also easy to maintain and adds a unique decorative touch to family room, living room or den.

In fact, a recent study by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania concluded it is even a benefit in relieving stress.

Bestowing a home aquarium on a friend, relative or your own children has many positive benefits. Throughout the U.S., 10 million aquariums are being enjoyed in homes, offices, restaurants and hotels.

In order to select the best aquarium for your money, one that's filled with colorful tropical fish and easy to maintain, it's a good idea to do a little investigating.

First, you will want to locate a good dealer in your area. If you have a friend who has an aquarium, ask for a reference; otherwise, the phone book lists most tropical fish retailers.

It is advisable to purchase a book that provides complete instructions on setting up and maintaining an aquarium.

One basic rule to follow, however, is to buy the largest aquarium possible, since the greater the water environment, the fewer the maintenance problems.

If you require an aquarium as a gift, you must assume all the responsibilities for maintenance.

When determining where to put your new aquarium, you should consider several factors. You will not want to put it in direct sunlight, since this will cause algae to grow on the glass and plastic accessories. You will also not want to put it on your best carpeting since, during water changes, it is possible for some water to splash on the floor, and you will be sure to want to put it on a firm stand since water is heavy.

After you have decided on the aquarium, your first accessory will be a tightly fitting canopy cover equipped with a fluorescent fixture. Fluorescent fixtures throw off a cool light and will not cause fluctuations in the water temperature.

While we are on the subject of water temperature, tropical fish require an environment maintained at around 75 degrees F (23 degrees C). You will therefore need a good heater and an aquarium thermometer.

After three to four weeks, assuming everything is functioning properly, you can then go ahead and add the rest of your fish.

Aquarium maintenance is a lot simpler than people think. Every two weeks a partial water change (not greater than 20 percent) by siphoning the water from the bottom of the aquarium is all that is required.

A device called the Hydro-Clean allows an efficient siphoning by separating the debris in the gravel and removing it with the water from the aquarium. On a monthly basis, your filter will require minimal maintenance. That's all there is.

Following this simple routine, chances of fish disease or any other aquarium problems are remote. In fact, one of the biggest problems people have is spending too much time maintaining their aquarium.

On a daily basis, of course, fish should be fed, and a good quality flake food will provide a complete diet for almost all fish.

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Twelfth Night Traditions Blend Solemn Religious Observance With Joyful Revelry



Barbie Doll Party For Jasmine

On December 4, Jasmine Nevala Smith was 11 years old. She celebrated with 12 friends at a Barbie Doll party. She is the daughter of Peggy L. Moore and Melbert Smith of Mooresville. Grandparents are George and Anna Wilson and Laura Smith, also of Mooresville.

One of the most moving episodes of the Christmas story is that of the Three Wise Men, sustained by their faith and guided by the light of a single star, on their journey to Bethlehem, to adore the infant Christ.

Their arrival is traditionally celebrated on January sixth, a Twelfth Night.

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reversed. There, the Befana, a mysterious woman whose features are hidden behind a grotesque wooden mask, accosts people on Epiphany Eve, demanding presents.

A thoroughly frightening manifestation, she is variously considered to be a descendant of the Norse Goddess Frigg, after whom Friday gets its name, or the wife of Pontius Pilate, one Procule.

Common to the celebration of Twelfth Night in many countries — among them, England, France, Holland, Germany, Denmark and Portugal — is the "Three Kings" Cake, a sweet yeast cake in which has been buried a single token, usually a bean, but sometimes an almond or a tiny china doll.

The person whose portion of cake contains this token is named king of the festivities, and presides over revelry which includes such entertainment as play-acting and charades.

This honor may derive from the custom, practices at the Roman festival of Saturnalia (which occurred in January), whereby an individual, generally a slave, would be elevated to the position of "king" for the duration of the festivities.

It's Christmas!

Wishing you seasonal joy bloom with love and peace.

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