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CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR and these youngsters like most around town are anxiously waiting for the big event. Helping Mom decorate the tree are two year old Christopher McGinty and three year old Patrick McGinty, children of Sheri and Alton McGinty.

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Dallas Brewer Announces Plans To Seek County Office

Dallas Brewer has asked The Plains Pride to announce his plans to seek the office of County Judge of Yoakum County.

A resident of Yoakum County for 28 years, Brewer states, "I would count it an opportunity and privilege to serve the citizens of Yoakum County in the capacity of County Judge, and would strive to the best of my ability to be just and fair in all situations.

"Because of past and present experiences gained from serving on various boards, I feel I could maintain a good relationship with all people involved."

"We are proud to be a part of Yoakum County," Brewer adds. "We feel it has been a fine place to live and raise our family."

A farmer, he is a current director of American Cotton Growers, Lubbock Production Credit Association and PCCA and Textile Pool.

Brewer is a member and past president of Denver City Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He is currently serving as ambassador for Denver City Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates To-Be May File For Office

Would-be candidates are advised by Yoakum County Clerk Ruby Bruton that they may file for any available office which will be balloted upon during the May Primary from Jan 4 until Feb. 3.

Democrats may file for office with Democratic County Chairman Melvin Lowrey. Republicans may file with Debbie Martin of Denver

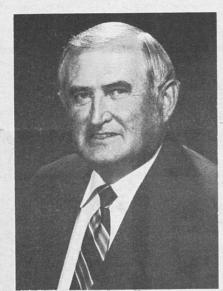
Business Office To Be Closed For Holidays

Plains Independent School District tax and business office will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1, 1986 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The office will open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Dec.

Anyone wishing to pay taxes who cannot come by the office during these hours may pay by mail. Receipts will be dated 1985 for payments postmarked 1985.

He is a member of Bethel Baptist Church and has served on the Denver City Independent School District board of education nine

Brewer and his wife, Barbara, are parents of two children, Dormye Dorsett and Kim Brewer, senior at Texas Tech University.



DALLAS BREWER

Toni Jones Is Candidate For County Treasurer's Post

Toni Jones has authorized The Plains Pride to announce her intentions to seek the office of Yoakum County Treasurer in the May Democratic Primary.

Employed as a deputy in the treasurer's office where she has worked two and one-half years, she has also worked in the tax assessor's office and as clerk in the Yoakum County Place I Justice of the Peace

County Judge To Seek 3rd Term

Paul Cobb has authorized The Plains Pride to announce his intentions to seek re-election for the office of Judge for Yoakum County subject to the May primary.

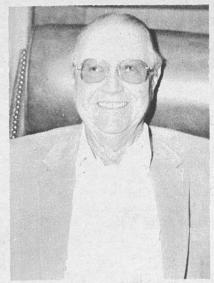
"It has been my pleasure to serve Yoakum County in this capacity for the past seven years and I sincerely ask for your continued support in my bid for a third term," Cobb

County Offices To Close Early **Christmas Eve**

Yoakum County government offices will be closed early Christmas Eve and remain closed through Friday, Dec. 27 so that employees may spend the holidays with their families.

"I hope to continue serving Yoakum County to the best of my ability," she states.

Mrs. Jones was born in Terry County and moved to Yoakum County in 1960. She and her husband, Gary, are parents of two daughters, Amy, 12, a sixth grader at Plains Junior High, and Stacey, eight, a third grader at Plains Elementary.

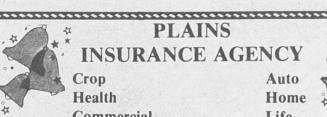


PAUL COBB

Verse for the Week

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

- Luke 2:10

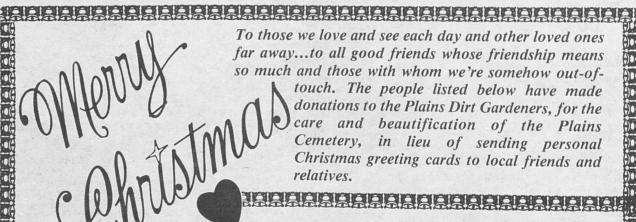


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To those we love and see each day and other loved ones far away...to all good friends whose friendship means so much and those with whom we're somehow out-of-

touch. The people listed below have made donations to the Plains Dirt Gardeners, for the care and beautification of the Plains Cemetery, in lieu of sending personal Christmas greeting cards to local friends and relatives.

Margaret Powell Martha Guetersloh-Glen & Ottie Morehouse Sit & Casey Jones Sanford & Essie Webber Lynn & Ruth Shoemaker William & Helen Worsham Latrell & Duane McDonnell Carl & Fern Lowrey The Andy Richardsons

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Dolores, Raynee & Michael Davis

(this space provided by Plains Pride)

Dear Santa Claus...

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bringe me a Cabbage Patch Doll I want a bike I want a car I want a stove I want a pony I want a premature.

> Box 845 Plains, TX 79355 Bridget

Dear Santa Claus

A Merry Christmas to you! I hope you are rested! I wish I could find out what my present is now!

Your friend, Tessa

Dear Santa Claus, I wish that I could have a trampoline. I hope you have a happy new year. Your friend, Lucia.

Dear Santa Claus,

I Hope you and Mrs. Claus Have a Happy New Year.

Your Friend, Casey

Dear Santa Claus,

A Merry Christmas to you! I hope you are happy! I want a watch and a bike. I wish for a Barbie and a play TV and a Merry Christmas for you.

Love, Yolanda Denise Ward

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I plan to leve a glass of Milk and cookies. I hope you come soon.

Your Friend, Roni. Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring a Barbie bike. Have a Happy New Year!

Your friend, DeAnn

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a transformers I hope you have A pretty smile on your faces Santa Claus, you are terrific!

Santa Claus, I Love you!

Your Friend, Eliseo

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm excited about you coming to my house Christmas night! Please bring a real baby Peaches and Cream Barbie Glamour Home backpack, swimming pool and last of all a apple to eat.

Your friend, Lyndi

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring a G. I. Joo. and a He Man. I hope You have a good tim at at Year hauis.

Your Frend Gilbert

Dear Santa Claus,

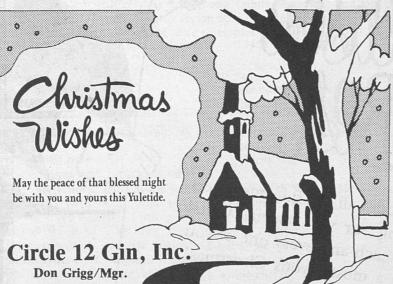
Please bring ma a basketball goal and a Hacky Sack, Thank you.

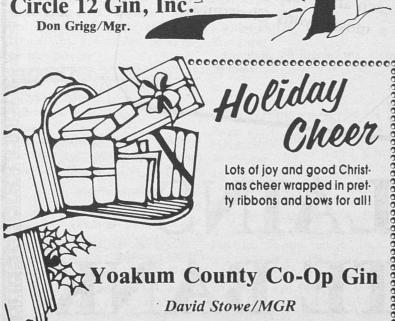
Your Friend, Paul

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tripel chanjer for Christmas. OK

Your friend, Brad







Dear Santa Claus,

I want Octomus Pryon. I love you. Bring my sisters something

> Love, Wilmbh

Dear Santa Claus,

I want My Buddy. Transformer, I want a watch, that's all. I like you very much.

I love you, Eric

Dear Santa Claus,

This year I want some Atari tapes and some clothes for my Story Book Kid you got me last year. I have been good this year.

> Sincerely, Traci Castillo P.O. Box 624 Plains, Texas 79355

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a transformer and a watch and Casey. I have been good. I am learning Mr. M.

> I love you, Joe

Dear Santa,

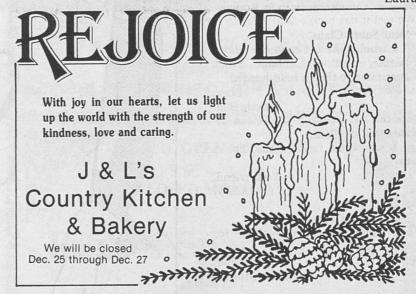
How is Rudolf? I want a doll with a string that stands up. I want a lot of dolls. I want a playhouse with Santa Claus. I want a little doll like at school. I want a puzzle too. I want a lunch box. I need some new crayons.

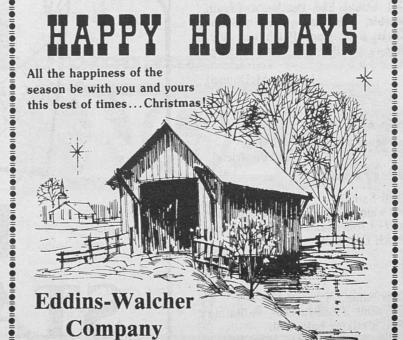
I Love You, Yesenia

Dear Santa Claus,

Is Rudolf okay? I want Cuddleups Bear. Another Bear, and a doll. That is all.

> I love you, Laura







Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,

Dear Santa Claus,

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pinball game.

and a Mask switchblade.

I want a Barbiedoll with clothes

I want a jumbo Tranformrs car-

rycase, aTransform race set, a

Master of the Universe FrightZone

Dear Santa Claus, Date

I want a drive game, and a super

You friend,

Becky Luna

Yoar friend,

Ralph Ramirez

and a house. I have been good.

Dear Santa Claus,

I wuld like a precie and the sat of Family thas a Hearts

Your friend Kelly McGinty

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Baja Beast, Transformers cassette player.

Luke Smith

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a stereo system. I want a Genesis telephone. I want a VCR. I want a Trivia Pursuit.

Your friend, Chase

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a jam box, a 22 rifle, a digital clock, traveling boots size 11/2, guitar, coveralls- size ten.

Your friend, Jacob Fitzgerald

Dear Santa

I would like to have a play tent and a new house and a Show Pony and a Baby Brite.

> Your friend. Rebecca Jo St.Romain.

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Peaches'n Cream Barbie, and a Cabbage Patch Preemie boy that is bald-headed.

Love, Valerie Blair

Dear Santa Claus,

I want these Legos, guns, Tonka toys.

Your friend, Colby

Dear Santa Claus,

I would want a Care Bear for Christmas.

Your friend, Maria Moreno

Dear Santa,

I would like Peaches'n Cream Barbie, a Koosa, a Get in Shape Girls, a Gabbage Patch Kid Boy, She-ra and Bow and Crystal Castle. Your friend, Heather McDonnell

Dear Santa Claus. I want a doll and a Barbie.

Your friend, LaLa

Dear Santa,

I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and a pair of roller skates, and a Cabbage Patch backpack.

Your friend, Priya

Dear Santa,

I want a She-ra doll, A Barbie doll, a talking baby doll.

Your friend. Anna Dear Santa,

I want a robot that stands on it's head. A pink pony for my girlfriend. Dinosor kit, battery transformer. Optupus prime turns into a truck. Radio transformer. I'll leave you cookies and punch.

Love. Josh

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Candace Faye Bowers I just wanted to write you and let you know we are leaving you some cookies and milk again this year on the table. I was so happy last year when I found you had eaten them and drank the milk. My birthday is Dec. 24 Christmas Eve, so you always come by on my birthday. I'll be four years old. Well all I want for Christmas is some clothes, a baby doll and some toys. Just whatever you can make me.

P.S. Could you please bring my little brother, Kelly Trent some little toys. He's just 7 months old, but he loves you too!

P.S.S. My Mommie and Daddy have been good, too!

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Columbia Pro-Am RC5 BMX bike, and a 1 foot 6 inch baton, and a stickerbook.

Your friend, Jackie London

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a bigfoot I want a bike and a watch and a playcar and a My Buddy and a playdog and HeMan and playcat.

Your friend, Alten

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very good this year. Would up please bring me a Cabbage Patch Kid?

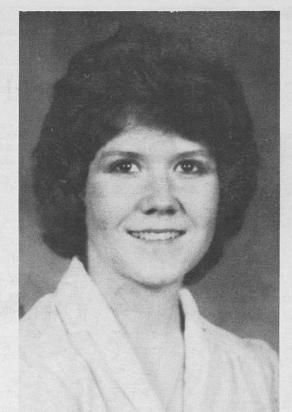
> Sincerely, Martha

Dear Santa Claus,

I was very good all year long. I want a He-Man figure for Chrismis. I want a Mask figure too. I want these things for Chrismis.

Sincerely. Jeremy Dearing





DEBBIE ALCORTA

Kitchen Korner

With hesitation, Debbie Alcorta, co-editor of The Plains Pride has agreed to be featured this week as our Kitchen Korner cook. Mother of three boys, Justin is six years old and in the first grade; Jacob is three years old, and Joseph, a victim of cancer died at age four in Dec. 1981. Debbie and her husband, Joe work together to publish The Plains Pride each week.

"I love to cook...it's just the mess I could do without," she admits. Graduate of Olton High School, she attended school at LCC and SPC before marrying Joe in September of 1976. Making their home in Olton the two also work in putting the Olton newspaper together. Debbie's mother, Sue Cannon, owns the newspaper establishment and photography studio there. The Alcortas are members of Main Street Church of Christ.

Putting family first on her list of interests, she enjoys outings with the children, fishing, camping and ceramic painting.

Recipes shared with readers are among family favorites, and she emphasizes that "the Cracker Candy recipe doesn't sound very good, but once it's made it'll surprise you...the taste resembles a Heath candy bar.'

CRACKER CANDY

30 Saltines

100 mg

1 c brown sugar

1 c butter (no substitute)

6 oz pkg chocolate chips (real, no

substitute)

½ c chopped nuts

Place layer of crackers on 11x16x1 foil lined pan. (Can use 151/2x101/2x1 pan) Boil butter and sugar for three minutes. Pour over crackers. Bake at 350° for five minutes or until crackers float. Sprinkle chips over saltines. When melted, spread chocolate and top with nuts. Cool and cut into bars, or break into pieces.

COMPANY COFFEE CAKE

1/3 c flaked coconut

1/4 c chopped nuts

1/4 c sugar

3 T butter or margarine, melted

2 c buttermilk baking mix

1/4 c sugar

1 egg

11 12

3/4 c milk

1/3 c semi-sweet chocolate pieces, melted

Heat oven to 400°. Grease square pan, 8x8x2 inches. Stir together coconut, nuts, 1/4 c sugar and 1 T of the melted butter; set aside.

Mix baking mix, 1/4 c sugar, remaining melted butter, the egg and milk. Beat vigorously ½ min. Pour

Spoon chocolate pieces (or melted chocolate) over batter; with knife, cut through batter several times for a marbled effect. Sprinkle coconut mixture evenly over top. Bake 20-25 mins. Serve warm.

CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

2 c pineapple juice

2 c orange juice

Juice of 2 lemons

1 gal apple cider

2 stks cinnamon

8 whole cloves

½ c sugar

Combine all ingredients, simmer 30 mins.

FORGOTTEN COOKIES

2 egg whites

pinch salt

²/₃ c sugar

1 t vanilla

1 c pecans, chopped 6 oz chocolate chips

Pre-heat oven to 400°. Beat egg whites stiff. Gradually add sugar. Fold in salt and vanilla...then nuts and chocolate chips. Drop by teaspoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Turn off oven and place cookies in

oven. DO NOT OPEN OVEN UN-

TIL NEXT MORNING. Makes approximately 4 doz.

Where holiday 遊遊遊 customs originated 遊遊

Deck the halls with boughs of holly! The lively carol describes one of the oldest customs of the season. Where did it originate?

Most holiday customs have a rationale behind them, as does the practice of hanging holly.

The ancient Druids believed that holly branches protected them from evil spirits. When placed in the home, these branches provided a warm haven for the sylvan spirits. In time, the practice became associated with the holiday season.

We can also thank the Druids for the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. The ancient priests of Ireland, Britain, and Gaul regarded mistletoe as the soul of the oak, which was their sacred tree. Because the plant never touched the earth, the Druids believed it represented pure spirits. As it was a symbol of peace and good will, Druid enemies would drop their weapons under the mistletoe and embrace. This practice evolved into today's holiday custom.

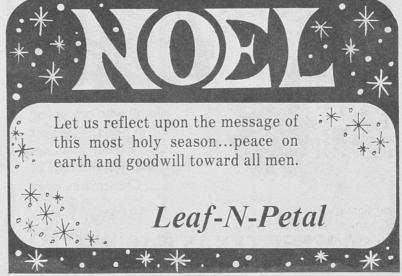


The yule log has been associated with Christmas for centuries in many countries. This custom goes back to the Norsemen, who used it as a symbol of the rebirth of the sun at the winter solstice; the word yule is actually Norse for December. The yule log is always lit with a piece from last year's log, and in many countries, wine is poured on it as a blessing.

We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for the custom of placing manger scenes under the Christmas tree. Wanting to bring the spirit of that first Christmas to his parishioners, the good saint brought animals into his church, where he placed a manger. He scattered hay about the altar, where a mother and her baby represented Mary and the Infant Jesus. The villagers loved this tableau and soon the custom of creating nativity scenes evolved from that reenactment.

The wassail bowl, where holiday toasts are customary, goes back in tradition to hundreds of years. The daughter of a Germanic chieftain is said to have offered a gold cup filled with wine to her host, with the words "Waes hael hlaford Cyning," or "Be of health, Lord King." As the practice of drinking a wassail spread, those who could not afford wine used a mixture of hot oil, sugar, nutmeg and ginger, topped with toasted bread. That is how drinking to one's





Origins of the Christmas tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green, unchanging!

The words of this beloved carol call to mind one of our favorite symbols of the holiday season — the Christmas tree.

Where did it come from? Why is it associated with the birth of Christ? For the answers, one possibly has to go back to mythological times. Norse mythology had its Yggdrasil ash and the early Greeks had Dodona's oak. In Greece, it was an old custom to wreath a pole with myrtle, olive and orange leaves. The Circassians would carry a young pear tree into the house, where it was covered with candles.

Later on, it became the custom to bring small potted cherry or hawthorn trees into the house, for blooming at Christmas or the New Year.

Before the 17th century, large decorated "paradise" trees were carried around in Germany, or used in paradise plays. In these plays, a fir tree hung with apples was used to represent the Garden of Eden.

Later on, pyramidal erections of wood, decorated with candles and fruit were often carried from house to house. Researchers conjecture that these pyramids were possible substitutes for trees.

The first decorated trees in the home began to appear in Alsace in 1605. At first only apples, cookies and treats were used to trim these new paradise trees, symbolizing the sweet

fruit of redemption. Martin Luther is thought to have added candles to the trees for the first time.

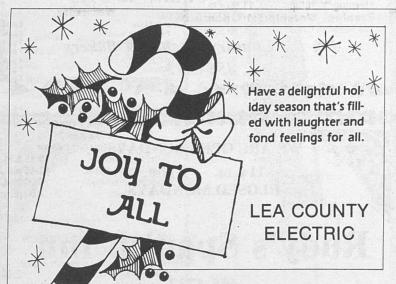
By Victorian times, the tradition of the Christmas tree was firmly established in Germany. When Prince Albert became consort to Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree to England. By then, it was adorned with candles, gilded nuts and fruits and gingerbread. These goodies would remain on the tree until it was dismantled after Twelfth Night, at which time they were gleefully eaten by the children.

The Christmas tree was introduced to America by German immigrants during the 1800s. Homemade decorations such as popcorn and cranberries added an American touch to the tree, which quickly became popular in this country.

Today, electric lights have replaced the old-fashioned and unsafe candles, and there are no end of beautiful ornaments with which to trim the tree.

Christmas trees can be found in homes throughout the country during the holidays, and in public places as well. The lighting of the Christmas trees at Rockefeller Center in New York City and at the White House are among the spectacular displays enjoyed each Christmas.

The Christmas tree can be found in many parts of the world as a symbol of the season. It has journeyed from legends of the past to become a sign of redemption for all.





Give toys that build a world



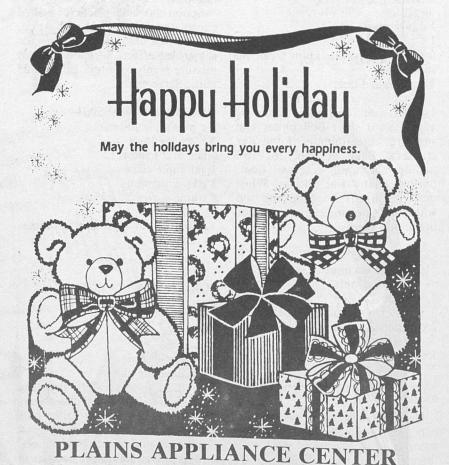
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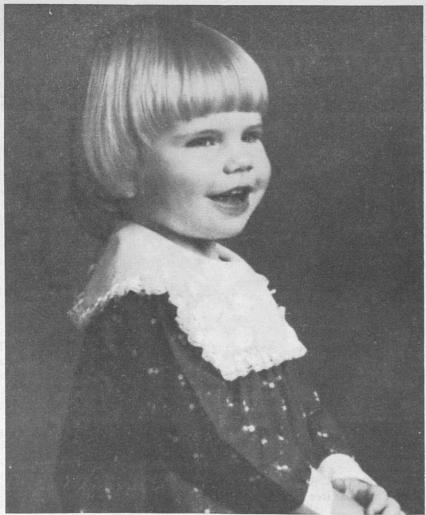
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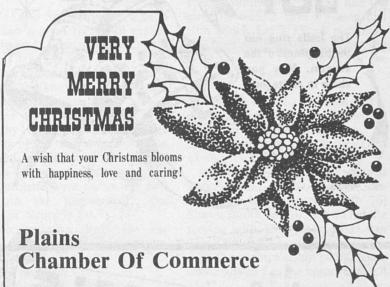
Sue & Cheryl

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8-6 p.m.



THE PLAINS PRIDE PRESENTS little Miss Shauna Rodgers, two year old daughter of Renee and Tracy Rodgers of Brownfield. She is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Rodgers of Brownfield; and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Huff of Tokio. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Rodgers of Brownfield; Mrs. Turner of Lubbock; Carrie Huff of Dallas; and Mr. Hubert Huff of Tahoka.





The Wonder Of Christmas

Louis Crenshaw United Methodist Church

Christmas lights from decorated store windows illuminated feathery flakes of falling snow, making each flake glitter like rubies and diamonds.

Catch the spirit. Christmas is a day, yet its spirit lasts the year long. Though 2000 Christmases have been celebrated since Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the wonder lingers.

Christmas is red tapers with tiny flames, colorful cards in meaningful verse. Carolers in Plains' streets sing before brightly decorated homes, their happy voices in jubilant song, this on frosty yuletide nights.

The Christmas tree is a rallying symbol for Yule season. Tinsel, red and green rope, bright balls and lights in color trim its' boughs.

Mistletoe greens hang above a welcome door decorated in the green leaves of holly with its red berry accent. Poinsettias are the flowers of Christmas. Hemlock, pine, spruce, and lordly cedar are the trees of Christmas.

The first Christmas was set in simplicity. Shepherd's hill. All heaven sang on that lonely hill. From those night hills of Judea shepherds heard the angels' song and went to the Bethlehem stable where the Infant slept in a manger bed while lowly cattle looked on.

The wonder of Christmas was revealed. The stable symbol is the story that Jesus belongs to everyone. He would come to manhood and teach the universal truth that a new freedom and justice with basic human rights for all was possible, a truth then unknown and unpracticed.

A star reigned its' fire as beacon-guide to the wise who bore precious gifts. The best gift is the treasure of an undivided heart. Best gifts are always those that lay within the heart.

The wonder of Christmas is that the past and future meet in the present and wait together.

MISSION BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA

Raymond Asebedo,	Pastor
Sunday School:	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship:	11:00 a.m.
Church Training:	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship:	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 p.m.

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Louis Crenshaw	, Pastor
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Nell Parks, Pastor
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

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AITON West,	Pastor	
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Morning Worship:	11:00	a.m
Church Training:	6:00	p.m
Evening Worship:	7:00	

PLEASANT HILL UNION ASSEMBLY Pleasant Hill

10:00	a.m.
7:00	p.m.
7:30	p.m.

HILLSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST 1502 Copeland Ave

Les Carey,	Minister	
Bible Class:	9	a.m.
Morning Worship:	10:00	a.m.
Sunday Evening:	6:00	p.m.
Wednesday:	7:00	

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC 1301 11th Street Father Tom V. Parampil

Sunday	
Holy Mass:	9-10 a.m
C.C.D. Class (Bible Study)	10-11 a.m
Sacrement of Reconciliation	8-9 a.m

Wednesday

Holy Mass	8 p.m.
Baptism Instruction	7 p.m.
Marriage Counseling	9 p.m.
C.Y.O.	7 p.m.
C.C.D.	4 p.m.
Ultrea	9 p.m.
Sacrement of Reconciliation	7 p.m.
Friday	

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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	Morning Worship:	10:45 a.m.
	Sunday Evening:	6:00 p.m.
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From The Superintendent's Desk

DEAN ANDREWS



As you read this week's article, our students are enjoying the Christmas holiday vacation. This is a very good time for all with the teachers and students looking forward to being out of school for a few days, and the parents looking forward to having the children home all day for a few days.

I will have to admit that a few parents have questioned the length of vacation time. Some have even suggested that a two day vacation might be nice some year. I don't expect a Christmas vacation that short will ever become a reality!

Our teachers and students will return to school on Jan. 2, 1986 at the regular time. It is our wish that you are enjoying this holiday season and that each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



BREAKFAST

THURSDAY - Waffles, syrup and butter, tomato juice and milk. FRIDAY - Frosted flakes, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

THURSDAY - Salmon croquettes w/catsup, blackeyed peas, tossed salad, spiced applesauce, hot rolls and milk.

FRIDAY - Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce, wedge, hot rolls and milk.

----KPLN CHANNEL 3----

THURSDAY - Channel 3 News: 4 p.m.; Community Choir Christmas Program: 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - State Volleyball Games:

SCHOOL EVENTS

THURSDAY - Basketball - Plains Varsity Tournament

FRIDAY - Basketball - Plains Varsity Tournament

SATURDAY - Basketball - Plains Varsity Tournament

Santa Claus owes them a debt of gratitude

A collector of folk customs and holiday practices attributes our presentday Santa Claus to the work of three men:

Washington Irving, who wrote of the happy rural English Christmas festivities;

Dr. Clement Moore, whose poem "The Visit from St. Nicholas" gave millions of people the idea of a jolly saint.

And Thomas Nast, the cartoonist whose plump Santa became the prototype of today's figure.



DOVE DECOR -- First graders of Melody Record's class recently decorated their Christmas tree entirely in doves, the symbol of peace.









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ON THE HARD COURT

VARSITY COWBOYS

Plains Cowboys claimed the consolation trophy in last weekend's O'Donnell Tournament with a strong comeback from an opening game loss.

Meeting Southland Thursday night, the Cowboys lost 54-74. Mickey McMinn led the scoring with 13; Billy Curtis, 11; and Martin Barrientes and Doug Green, 10 each. Curtis and McMinn picked up 10 rebounds each with Scott Lowrey getting 9.

"The Cowboys didn't play well in the first half," said Coach Clay. "The second half, they were able to outscore Southland but not make up the 22 point deficit."

All the players saw action Friday night in the Cowboy's lopsided, 81-56 win over Ropes. Curtis was leading scorer with 16; McMinn and Micah Stowe picked up 11 points each. McMinn and Billy Bob Anderson claimed 7 rebounds each.

Curtis scored 18 points with McMinn getting 15 and Lowrey, 12 in Saturday night's 57-54 victory over the host team. Close all the way, score at halftime was Plains 31, O'Donnell 33.

McMinn was leading rebounder with 15; Lowrey and Curtis got 8 each

"We knew Southland was a good team and a good team will expose weaknesses in their opponent," said Coach Clay. "That's what happened to us Thursday. Now that we've seen our weaknesses, we can begin to strengthen those areas of our game. I was proud of the boys Saturday against O'Donnell. It's tough to beat a team three times in a row and we were able to win and capture the consolation trophy."

"Southland went on to win first place in the tournament. The Cowboys record is 8-1."

Accumulative stats for the Cowboys prior to this week's tournament are:

Assists - McMinn - 29 Steals - Barrientes - 28 Rebounds - Curtis - 60 Scores - Curtis - 60

VARSITY COWGIRLS

O'Donnell handed the Cowgirls a 54-51 loss Dec. 10 at O'Donnell. Traci Nance was leading scorer with 20 points. Kristi Harris had 14, Cindy Caballero, 8. Kristi led the rebounding efforts with 10.

Competing in the Varsity Tournament at O'Donnell, the Cowgirls came home with a second place title.

In the first game, Plains took an easy 72-53 win over Southland. Traci was high point player with 27; Rosa Morales scored 18.

The Cowgirls stopped Seagraves 77-69 Friday back of Traci's 32 point effort. Cindy claimed 17 points.

Sundown took the championship trophy Saturday with a 72-57 win over the Cowgirls. Traci matched her Friday evening effort, again scoring 32 points. Rosa picked up 11 points

Coach Cain said, "I'm pleased

with the improvement the girls are showing with each game. I'm proud of their second place finish in their first tournament."

Lorenzo handed the Cowgirls a 70-41 defeat Dec. 17 at Lorenzo.

Leading scorers for Plains were Kristi Harris, raking in 17 points and Traci Nance netting 12.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Lynda Jiminez scored 16 points Dec. 10 in the JV Cowgirls clash at O'Donnell but the final score found Plains on the losing end.

Bertha Gonzales picked up 8 points in the 42-47 loss. Karen Cobb was leading rebounder.

Coach Pierce commented, "We definitly need to work on passing the ball! We threw the ball away too many times."

Hosting Jal, N.M. Dec. 5, in their first game of their own tourney, the JV girls won 39-12. High point girl was Bertha with 16. Friday's action found Whiteface victorious in a 35-28 game. Lynda led the home scoring with 8.

Seagraves handed the host team a 68-15 loss Saturday. Bertha and Juhree Stowe scored 4 points each.

"Considering this tournament was so early in the season," Coach Pierce commented, "I feel like the girls did well. I have a young ball club which has a lot of potential. We need more agression under the basket but that should come as the season progresses."

JUNIOR HIGH - 8TH GRADE

Plains Eighth Grade finished in the runner-up spot back of Seagraves in their own tourney Dec. 13-14.

In their first game, Plains stopped Tatum, N.M. 40-20. Henry Gonzales was leading scorer with 16; Shawn Booth had 10. Shawn led the scoring with 15 in their 34-33 win over Denver City.

In the championship game, Chris Gayle scored 5 as the home team fell

Seagraves took home a 30-15 win Dec. 9 over Plains Eighth Grade Girls. Heather Shipp scored 7; Corie Spencer, 4.

"This was our first game and we found out that we need a lot of playing experience. We made a lot of mental errors which we will correct as the season progresses but for their first game, I think they did a

good job," said Coach Foster.
Playing Tahoka Dec. 16, the girls lost 16-18. Sally Burrus and Heather led the scoring with 5 each; Marsha Farnham had 4 and Corie. 2.

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JUNIOR HIGH - 7TH GRADE

Seventh Grade Girls lost their first game of the season Dec. 9 when they were defeated 33-15 by Seagraves. Leading scoring were Vee Ann Fitzgerald with 7; Michelle Lowe and Leslie Patton, 4 each.

"The seventh grade girls did well considering the small number we have to work with," said Coach Pierce. "We need to get up and down the court quicker and be more aggressive."

Plains, Tatum and Seagraves tied for first place in the Junior High Tournament Dec. 13-14 in Plains.

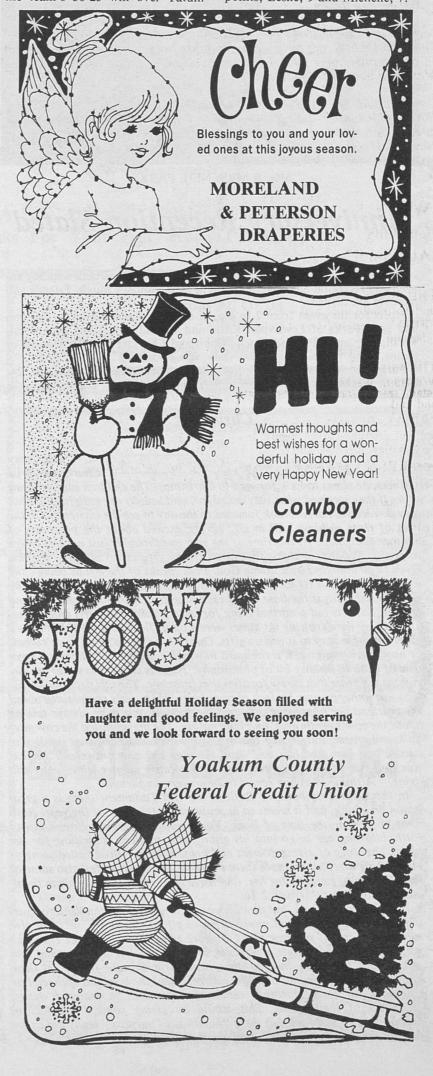
Layne Morrow scored 8 points in the team's 30-25 win over Tatum Dec. 13. Playing Denver City Dec. 14, Plains won 37-29 with Dain Guetersloh leading the scoring with 10

The Seagraves Red Team handed the young Cowboys a 31-22 loss. Mario Medina scored 9; Layne, 8.

In play Dec. 16, Plains Seventh Graders won 29-19 over Tahoka. Scoring for Plains were Monte Pierce, 10; Dan Rushing, 6; Mario, 5, Dain and Layne, 4 each.

"It was good team passing and team defense," said the coach.

Seventh Grade Girls also claimed a victory over Seagraves. In the 35-11 victory, Vee Ann scored 12 points, Leslie, 9 and Michelle, 7.





MR. & MRS. NEIL PARKS

Anniversary Reception Slated

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Parks will be complimented with a fiftieth wedding anniversary reception Saturday, Dec. 28 in First Baptist Church. Friends and relatives are invited.

Hosts for the event from 2 to 4 p.m. are the couple's children, Weldon and Jane Parks of Lewisville; Kittie and Harold Armstrong of Leavenworth, Ks.; and Jack and Janelle Cobb and Lela and Jim Warren, all of

Parks and the former Mary Lou Wolfenberger were married Dec. 24, 1935 in Weatherford.

Christmas

Les Carey Church of Christ

Everyone seems to look forward to Christmas. The children eagerly await to see if they received what they asked for, and usually are grateful for what they do receive. Parents look forward to the day to see the excitement in the lives of their children. All in all, we are excited about the prospects of another Christmas. At this time of the year our thoughts just naturally turn to giving. We should think first of all of the greatest of all gifts, the one given to all mankind by a loving God. Paul speaks of the gift as being "the unspeakable gift". (II Cor 9:15) The Gift referred to, is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This is the time we all exchange gifts with our loved ones and friends. So, it is but a normal thing for us to think about gifts and giving.

When we were growing up, times were a bit difficult and we didn't have a great deal of money to spend on gifts. Our father used to say: "it isn't what, or how much you give, it is the spirit in which you give it." There is a great deal of truth to whimsy bit of philosophy. There is an old story that has circulated for years that surely fortifies that principle. The tale deals with a pig who was unhappy over his lack of popularity. He bitterly complained about the cow and her popularity among farm folk. People were always talking about the cow's gentle eyes, and kind nature. The pig admitted the cow gave milk and cream, but argued that pigs gave even more. "Cows don't give bacon, and ham and bristles," said the pig. The cow answered, "that is true, but maybe we are appreciated more because we give while we're still living." Attitude in giving seems to be so very important.

In the sweet little book of Ruth in the Old Testament there is a great lesson on giving, and it seems so appropriate at this time of the year. Ruth went to glean in the field of Boaz. You might say this was Boaz's gift to Ruth, allowing her to go into his grain fields to glean something for her table. The story of giving doesn't end here, however, Boaz called some of his servants together and gave them instructions. "And let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them,

and rebuke her not" (Ruth 2:16) He had already given, but now he wanted to give some "handfuls of purpose". When you give that nicely wrapped gift at Christmas, why not give some hands full of purpose along with it? How can it be done? How can you afford it? The answer is obvious, and here it is! When you hand that gift to your father, mother, brother, sister or even your friend, let them know that in no way does this gift truly represent the love and appreciation you have for them, for that cannot be measured in material things, regardless of their value. This would be giving some "handfuls of purpose". You will find that these "handfuls of purpose" really are as important, or perhaps more so, than a gift of great material value.



Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Cabbage Patch Kid. I would also like some new skates and a barbie. I have been good.

Sincerely,

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I was pretty good all year. I want Liono, a capgun, and Crim Lock, Casey and Slag.

> Sincerely, Johnny Don

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I want the GI Joe Aircraft Carrier, I GI Joe, Sky Striker. G,I Joe figures. Cobra figures. and Ventum.

Mrs. Cullins says I have been excellent this year - so I should get some of the stuff at least.

Sincerely, Kirk

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I was pretty good this year. My Mom is feeling fine, too. I want these things please.

1. Pound Puppy 2. He Man figures 3. Race Car Set. 4. Thundercats 5. A big robot man 6. G. I. Joe 7. a car 8. a red wagon 9. a bunny

> Sincerely, Malunda

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I want He-Man figures. I want Superman and a ring for my mother. I want one Dynobot. See you next year!

Sincerely, Edward

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. I was good because I wanted these things: Casey, Teddy Ruxpin, clothes, kitten, move to the trailer, Care Bears. If all these things are not possible, any thing will do.

Sincerely, Stephanie Aguilar

Sincerely,

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid. Would you please bring a ring for my mom too?

She has been good.

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Clause.

I want a jambox, a dummy, a tranceformer, a moter cycle, You may not get me allofit. But get me halfof it. Get Mrs. Cullins a dimond

ring, and Kirk an aircraft carrier. Well, Santa, I will see you on ChristmasEve.

Sincerely,

Dec. 13, 1985 Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike and a doll for Christmas. Merry Christmas to you. Sincerely.

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been nice to my friends and heres what my family and I. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid and Frosta. My brother, Alberto, wants a truck and a car. My brother, Alex, wants a air craft carrier and Teddy Ruxpin. My sister, Angelica, wants a bike and a Cabbage Patch Kid. Thank you.

Sylvia

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a high chair so I can eat my good dinners.

Love Ya, Brandon Nelson

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Rainbow Brite Stero and Some Tapes and a Trampoline.

Love ya, Rachel Taylor

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Tractor Thats runs on Battery's.

Love Ya, Justin Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. Do you know what I want? I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, and a diperbag, and some dipers.

> Sincerely, Shyrone

Dear Santa Claus,

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District FFA banquet Monday, Dec. 9 at South Plains Earnest and Kenley Powell, sophomores.

SPC TALENT WINNERS -- A band from Plains High College. From left to right are band members, Brad School won the talent competition during the Mesa McWhirter, sophomore; Michael Earnest, senior; Keith

Commissioners Court

Commissioners Court convened in special session Dec. 6 with all members present.

A letter of resignation was received and read from Burve Overton, announcing her plans to retire effective Dec. 31. She has completed 32 years of employment.

Unanimous approval was given for a \$50 raise effective Dec. 1 for Deputy Donald Ray Booth upon completion of a six month trial period.

The Court approved a motion to declare an emergency and transfer \$78,000 to the Hospital Fund for the remainder of the year.

Judge Paul Cobb read a letter, which included a fiscal year 1986 budget, from South Plains Emergency Medical Services Inc. (SPEMS) asking support. Approval was voted for the county to pay their part, \$2,132.46, to support the regional coordination of emergency medical care for the current fiscal

Other action included the Court's okay of a motion to approve Yoakum County's part of South Plains Health Unit Budget in the amount of \$20,770.80.

Miscellaneous bills were approved for payment.

FACTS

There are myths we cherish at Christmas time, like the one about Santa coming down the chimney, or kissing under the mistletoe, but there also are myths we'd be better

One of those widely believed but dangerous myths says that if you drink wine or beer at a holiday party, you're less likely to get drunk than if you drink liquor. Debunking that myth can save your life. The truth is that a glass of beer (12 ounces), a glass of wine (5 ounces), and a serving of liquor (1 1/4 ounces), all contain the same amount of alcohol. So if you think you're safe driving home after the festivities because you stuck with wine or a few beers, you're not - and you may be sorry.

Another common myth that revelers want to believe during the holiday season is the one about calories. The fact is, a common serving of wine contains 114 calories; a bottle of regular beer contains about 148 calories, and 1 1/4 ounces of liquor, the amount commonly found in mixed drinks, contains 88 calories, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Puncturing this myth may dampen your holiday "spirits" but it can't harm much besides your waistline!

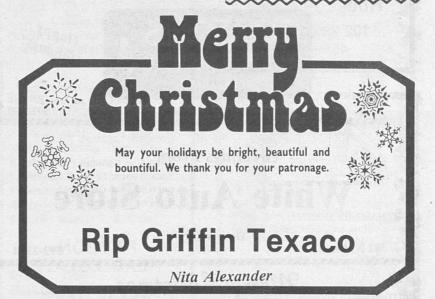
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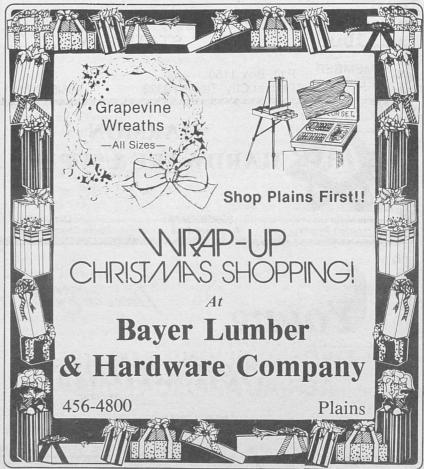
Granddaughter Entertains Guest

Neal and Mary Lou Parks' granddaughter, Trish Rodrigue of Beaumont, began a pen pal correspondence when she was 11 years old. That 1974 beginning turned into a warm friendship culminating in a recent visit by the young Australian miss, now married and living in Wales.

Cherylle Bush and Trish kept the letters they wrote through the years and reminisced over them in the visit. Although they had shared earlier photos, Trish, holding a sign "Welcome To The USA", recognized her pen pal friend at the airport by the small Koala bear she carried.









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I love you, Sabrina

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your reindeers doing? How is your work? I want a train, Transformers, and a watch.

> I Love you, Joe B.

Dear Santa Claus,

It snowed down here last night. Is it snowing at the North Pole? I want a transformer, Casey. I really want you to come to see me. I have been alot of good. I would like for you to come Christmas to give me a He Man.

> Love, Roy

Dear Santa.

Thank you for coming and giving us toys. I want a Cabbage Patch Kid, a Barbie with long hair, shoes, and clothes. I want a backpack and a lunch box and some sunglasses. A Mickey Mouse telephone, and a computor that has batteries that really works. I have really tried to be good.

Love, Jigha

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for Christmas. Thank you for the toys you gave me last year. I want "My Buddy" doll and Mr. Casey. I want a Huggabunch

I Love You, Neomi

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my presents. How are you doing? I like to work at school. I would sure like a twowheeler. I want a tractor, tennis shoes, a little bear that talks, some new clothes, a computor, some puzzles, sunglasses.

Love, David

Dear Santa, I want a doll.

Kassie

Dear Santa Claus,

My pigs are pretty and we are fixing to have babies. I want a Casey and some tapes. I want a family with stairs. some fence. A new table for my family. and that is all.

I love you, Dusty

Dear Santa Claus.

How is Rudolph doing? Please bring me a Shirley Temple Doll, so I can play with it my mama has one. Bring me whatever you want because you know best.

I love you, Vicki

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for all the toys I have. I want a Strawberry Shortcake doll and a Rainbow Brite. Huggabunch. Samson wants a big foot with claws on it. Bring Little Willie something too.

> Love, Misty

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa would you please bring me a Robot? I want some clothes and new shoes. Buy me some toys too. I like Merry Christmas.

Love, Adam

Dear Santa Claus.

Santa would you please bring me a Robot? I want some clothes and new shoes. Buy me some toys too. I like Merry Christmas.

Love, Adam

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good all year. I want a Huggabunch doll, a Barbie, My Little Pony.

I Love you, Gina

Dear Santa Claus,

Please don't forget to stop at my house this year. And don't forget Kelton and Ashlei. Could you please bring me an electric car so my daddy can play with it. I will leave some chicken out for you and a carrot for Rudolph.

> your friend, Linzie Rust age 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Monica Corina Ramoz. I am four years old. I live at 1510 Ave J Please come over on Christmas. I'll have some cookies and milk for you. This year I haven't been too bad. But you know all that. I would like a cabbage patch doll with glasses and clothes. Also I want a VCR for my T.V. so I can watch my favorite show Rainbow Brite. I hope I get to see you, but I doubt it because my mommy tells me you won't come if I'm not asleep. Anyway I'll be a good girl. Have a nice Christmas, and make sure you bundle up good.

I love you, Monica

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a Casey talking tape player, and some tapes. Thank you and I love you.

Dusty Bryan

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me the Heart Family Dolls and some Barbie furniture.

Thank you, Love, Amber Bryan Dear Santa,

I want a cabbage patch doll for Christmas, and a baby Rainbow Brite. I have been a good girl this

> Love, Roni Ponce

Dear Santa,

I am not old enough to write. I'm only three years old. But my mommy is holding my hand and helping me to write this letter to you. I would like a glow worm, and a motor bike. I have been a little good this year.

> Love Always, Jeremy Isidro Ponce

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good this year. I wont a Mask figure. I would also like a remote control car. Merry Christmas!!

Sincerely, Chris

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa.

My name is Manuel Enrique Ramoz. I'm 1, and I have two sisters, Monica and Ady. I'm still to small to write, so my mommy is doing me the favor. I would like a rocking horse and some clothes and other toys. I've been a pretty good boy. I've knocked down the Christmas tree four times, but my mommy told me not to do it anymore, cause you won't go to the houses without Christmas trees. Be extra careful on your trip down here, because we have a lot of snow. Bundle up your reindeers, too. I love you.

Manuelito

Dear Santa,

My name is Adrienne Nicole Ramoz. I am 3 years old. I am Monica's younger sister. I haven't been too good this year, but I'll try to do better. I want a cabbage patch doll also. And a VCR to share with my sister. We have our own TV that you brought us last year. Please don't forget my baby brother. He's one and he loves to open presents. He's already opened the ones under the tree, so my mommy had to wrap them again.

I love you, Santa, Adrienne

Dear Santa Claus,

I want the Dynobots for Christmas. I also want all the Transformers.

Sincerely, Gregory

Dear Santa Clause,

I was good this year I would like: 1. Kooasa 2. Modglack 3. Race car

> Sincerely, Jason

Dear Santa Claus,

I want these GI:Joe things 1. Twins 2. Firefly 3. The Beranest 4. Destroe 5. Sartan 6. Duke 7. Flint 8. Dusty 9. Roadblock. I have been good. Sincerely,

Joey

Dear Santa Claws,

I want a Hug-a-Bunch and day and night home office. I would also Like some clothes.

Melinda Smith

Dear Santa,

Please bring me and Jacob some transformers or go-bots, a new puppy dog cause my very favorite dog got killed. Just bring me anything and everything...whatever you wanta do, cause you're the Santa Claus. Justin & Jacob Alcorta



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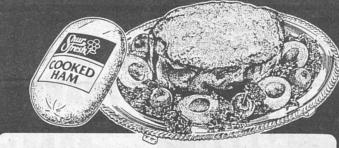


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SHELLS 10 0Z
PKG.

TIO SANCHO NACHO 89¢ CHIPS

MED./WIDE/EX. WIDE NOODLES 24 0Z 59¢ SKINNER

HANDI WRAP NON FOOD ITEMS

CONGESPIRIN CLOSE-UP 4.5 OZ. \$139 TUBE BUFFERIN 100 CT. \$379

Bananas



3 FOR \$100 CELLO PACKAGE CARROTS 2 1 LB. 59¢ WALNUTS и. 89¢ CELERY LB. 49¢ ONIONS
LB. 15¢ PECANS
BULK PECANS
BULK ALMONDS

LB. 100 GOLDEN YAMS 4 LBS. 100 ALMONDS EXTRA FANCY DELICIOUS ORANGES 89¢

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