# WHY WE CELEBRATE

Christmas Day will be here Monday, bringing all the spirit of the season with it. Many people celebrate this day as the birth of Christ as depicted by members of the First Nazarene Church in their annual Drive-Through Living Nativity. May the spirit of Christmas be with you and have a safe and happy holiday.

# Greatest gift of all was good life with a good man

By L. MORENO

**Contributing Writer** 

Looking back 20 years ago on Sept. 27, I received the best gift in my life! It was not wrapped up for me

it wasn't a Christmas gift, but to me it will always be remembered as one. That gift was my husband

to open so I guess you could say

David.

On Dec. 27, it will have been three months since my husband passed away and it seems like only yesterday that he was still here. It is still, somehow, so unreal. There is never a second of the day that I don't think of him, especially now.

My husband was a very good and generous man. The 22 years I knew and lived with him, I never learned to be a little more like him. He was always giving of himself without ever wanting anything back in return. He was a very hard worker. If any-



one needed a helping hand, he was there. I think he helped all of our neighbors at one time or another.

At work, he would cook breakfast, make a chili lunch or barbecue for his crew and company

He loved to cook. On Sunday, he would cook chicken outside for us and I will miss that part of him so much.

In the summertime, my husband always grew a garden and everything he grew, he shared with everyone. I think the summertime will be the harder for

David was always doing something when he was home from work. He never had much in his

the type of man my husband words. I know that his friends was, an he ever needed was what was in his heart. There was never a stranger he

didn't meet. My husband loved life, there never seemed to be enough hours in the day for He also loved horses. He loved

horses like he loved me. Sometimes I thought he loved his horse more than me and I guess in his way, he did. He just never took time to enjoy his horse like he should have.

Sometimes I wonder if he was born in the wrong time. We used to go to bed at night when he had rode his horse and he was say to me: You can take away anything that you want but please don't ever take me away from being a cowboy. All I ever want to be is a cowboy.

When I look out our back door and see his horse out there. I see David.

I don't know what to say about my husband, there is so much I

pockets, but I guess, because of just can't seem to put into and people who knew my hus band know what I am trying to

> A while back, I happened to call his work number and the answering service answered. She said something to me that day I will never forget. When I asked her if she knew my husband, she said "No, I never met David but he was one of a kind. he will be a hard person to replace. He always thought of others, he never got mad at me because he had to wait. He joked and always had something good to say." She knew my husband well.

> David worked out in the oil fields for 19 years. I won't say he loved his job but I now he gave his all at work.

On the morning of Sept. 27 at 6:30 a.m., my husband left to go to work like he did every morning. But that day he never came home.

Please see BEST, page 2A

# Dallas group purchases Hospice of the Southwest

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Dallas based Family Hospice Ltd. has purchased Odessabased Hospice of the Southwest Inc. and its affiliate, Home Health of the Southwest.

Family Hospice is one of the largest and fastest growing hospice providers in the country. Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

Sarah Beesinger, RN, CRNH, acting executive director for Hospice of the Southwest, will continue as interim director of Family Hospice's offices in Odessa and Big Spring.

The former Hospice of the Southwest serves 19 West Texas counties and has an average daily census of 115 patients, including patients served by the Big Spring alternate delivery

Beesinger said the acquisition will assure that quality hospice services will be even more accessible to the Permian Basin area in the future.

"With Family Hospice involved, we will be able to more efficiently deliver services to patients with a terminal ill-

ness. In addition, staff education programs implemented by family Hospice will further enhance the quality of care provided to area communities and will allow the new company to play a greater role in the region's health care industry," Beesinger said.

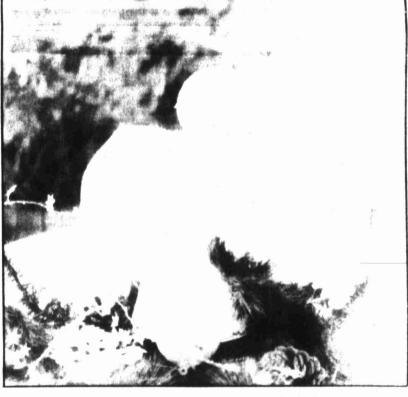
Rocky Reese, chairman and chief executive officer of Family Hospice, said the acquisition of Hospice of the Southwest presents an excellent growth opportunity for Family Hospice.

"From our own observations and from feedback we have received, we are encouraged with the level of patient services provided by the former Hospice of the Southwest staff. We are confident that by combining resources and expertise, we will be able to offer a greater level of professional service than was feasible before," Reese

The acquisition of Hospice of the Southwest follows a string of expansionary moves by Family Hospice this year. Recently, family hospice acquired Heart of Texas Hospice in Temple and opened a new office in Austin.

Please see BUY, page 2A

# 'HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING'



Above, this hand-

made angel at St.



Paul's Lutheran Church seems just about to burst into song in celebration of the Christmas season; at left, a choir of angels gathers around the tree at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church fellowship center Thursday afternoon;

# **Lubbock Methodist finalizes latest expansion**

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Lubbock Methodist Hospital System Inc. finalized its newest expansion effort with Texas Home Health, which does business as Total Home Health Care,

Director Agency Spokeswoman Donna Cherryhomes said Lubbock Methodist Hospital System obtained Texas

Home Health Care's existing agencies in Big Spring, Denton, Pilot Point, Lubbock, Plainview, Post, San Antonio and Austin.

Statewide, the new acquisitions of Texas Home Health Care added approximately 400 employees to the non-profit Lubbock Methodist Hospital Inc. payroll, as well as expanded their home care holdings and specialty services offered.

Until now, Lubbock Methodist provided home care services

solely in West Texas. The addition of Big Spring's Total Home Health Care and Texas Home Health Care's seven other agencies increased the hospital's ability to provide home care services throughout Texas. All home care services provid-

ed by Lubbock Methodist will be managed by Marcylle Combs, former owner of Texas Home Health Care, and her management team, Foundation Management Services Inc.

"The administration of Lubbock Methodist Hospital System Inc. and I share a vision of developing an integrated home care delivery system at a reasonable cost without sacrificing quality care. This is the reasoning behind our joining forces," Combs said.

**Total Home Health Care of Big** Spring will now be called "Total Home Health Care, a Division of Lubbock Methodist Hospital System Inc."



earlier this fall.

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# WORLD/NATION



Nation: The teddy bears, crosses and impromptu notes left as humble tributes to the federal building bombing victims have been taken away, placed in storage until a permanent memorial can be built. See page 8A.

# STATE

# into court

Two female investigators have moved their sex discrimination dispute with the Texas Rangers into federal court. demanding millions of dollars in damages from the state's elite crime-fighting agency. See page 6A.

# **Keeping legacy alive**

Like a religious relic, the early 20th century dental X-ray, still smelling of lubricating oil, reposes behind glass in a large wooden cabinet at the J.T. Patterson Laboratories Building. See page 9A.

# TODAY'S WEATHER

Today





**Partly cloudy** 

Today, partly cloudy, high mid 40s, south to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph; tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 20s.



PARTLY CLOUDY

**Tonight** 

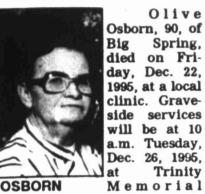
**Permian Basin Forecast** Monday: Partly cloudy, high near 50, southwest winds; partly cloudy night, low mid 20s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high near 50, southwest winds; partly cloudy night, low mid 20s.

**BIG SPRING HI** 

# OBITUARIES

### Olive Osborn



Park with Royce Clay, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiat-

She was born on Aug. 27, 1905 in Hopkins County, Texas, and married Joseph Clyde Osborn on Dec. 20, 1925 in Hopkins County. He preceded her in death on July 4, 1963.

She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1935. She was a homemaker.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Mike Murphy of Big Spring; her son and daughter-in-law, Larry four grandchildren: Dana Witt of Big Spring, Belinda Lankford of Alto, Larry Osborn of Crockett and Brenda Owens of Funeral Home. Grapeland; 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in one sister.

direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Paid Obituary

# Sally McNallen



McNALLEN

a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995, at Immaculate Heart of Mary officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

### **MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME** & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

### Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel 906 GREGG

267-6331

Julian Bernard Fisher, 72. died Tuesday, December 19. 1995. Services will be 1:30 PM Tuesday, December 26, 1995 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial

Sallie McNallen, 87, died Friday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial

Olive Osborn, 90, died Friday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jack Thornton, 73, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Perry Hall, 60, died Friday. Services will be 3:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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### West Minister Manor Health Care Center in Austin.

She was born July 22, 1908 in Merkel and married G.B. (Berl) McNallen July 13, 1929 in Breckenridge. He preceded her in death Oct. 7, 1986. She and her husband owned and operated the G.B. McNallen Oil Company in Forsan from 1933 to 1968 when she retired. She was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Pat Hagan, of Austin; four sons: James McNallen, of Connecticut; Bob McNallen and Tom McNallen, both of Bowie; and David McNallen, of Houston: 16 grandchildren, 16 greatgrandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to the West Minister Manor Memorial Fund, 4100 Jackson Street, Austin, Texas 78731; The Alzheimer's Disease Association, P.O. Box A3727, Chicago, Ill 60690-9691; Big spring Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 3463, and Judy Osborn of Big Spring; Big Spring, Texas 79721-3462; or the donor's favorite charity.

Services under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch

# Perry Hall

Services for Perry Hall, 60, of death by one son, one daughter, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Tuesher parents, four brothers and day, Dec. 26, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Arrangements under the Chapel with Clayton Hicks officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Perry Hall died Friday in a Lubbock hospital.

He was born Jan. 16, 1935, in Coahoma and married Mary Rosary Ann Beene Dec. 26, 1956 in Big Sally Spring. He was in the U.S. McNallen, 87, Army in Germany from 1954 to of Austin, for- 1956. He had worked at the Vetmerly of Big erans Administration Hospital Spring, will be until retiring in April 1992. He 7 p.m. Tues- had owned and operated Hall's day, Dec. 26, Bicycle Shop and was a free-1995, at Nalley- lance photographer until his and death. He was a member of East Welch Rose- Fourth Street Baptist Church. wood Chapel. He was also a member of the Funeral Mass Chamber of Commerce and the will be 10:30 Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife: Catholic Church with Rev. Mary Ann, of Big Spring; two Christopher Coleman, pastor, sons: Perry Dean Hall, of Big Spring; and Tony Hall, of Plano; mother and stepfather, Lois and Sally McNallen died Friday in Maurice Meek, of Big Spring; one brother, R.B. Hall, Jr., of Austin; three sisters: Jeanette Florence, of Linden; Letress Tavaglione, of Ft. Worth; and Phillis Mitchell, of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and

nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, R.B. Hall; two sisters, and a brother, Phillip.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

# Julian Fisher



longtime resident of Big Spring, Texas, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, after a lengthy illness. He was in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb.

Julian B. Fish-

Mr. Fisher was the last family member from the legendary "J. and W. Fisher' store, a pioneer family and prominently linked with the history and develop-

ment of West Texas. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1995, by Rabbi Jerald Klein of Temple Emmanuel of Dallas, Texas. Services will be held at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel and interment will follow in the family plot at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle

and Welch Funeral Home. He was born on February 6. 1923, in Dallas and married Jeanette Tudzin on June 3, 1951, but was divorced at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frances E.

Fisher and Bernard Fisher. Although born in Dallas, Julian grew up and attended

2105 Gregg

Big Spring schools, graduating from Big Spring High School. He attended Schriner Institute that is associated with Texas A & M. He was in the United States Army from 1941 to 1943 and achieved the rank of Sergeant. While in the South Pacific during World War II, he was lost on an island for some time. During his residency in Big Spring he helped with his family's business and ran several businesses on his own until

his health failed. He was an Eagle Scout and was active over the years in several civic organizations such as the American Legion, DAV, VFW. Elks Lodge and helped the VVA with their VietNam Memorial. He was one of the first troop leaders for the Elks Drum and Bugle Corps. He helped with the old settlers' reunion and was active on several Chamber of Commerce civic committees. He was a member of Temple Israel in Big Spring and Temple Emmanuel in Dallas.

In about 1990 Mr. Fisher moved to Lewisville and then in 1994 he moved to Lincoln, Neb., to spend his final days with his family. His heart was always in Big Spring, Texas.

Mr. Fisher is survived by his son, Anthony I. Fisher; a daughter and son-in-law, Evette and David Balkus; and a daughter, Wilmajean Fisher-Mehn; three grandchildren, Brandi N. Balkus, Lance P. Balkus, and Bernard Avram Fisher, all of Lincoln, Neb.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Carnahan, Don Boling, Floyd Earls, Phil Corbin, Leo Welch and Charlie Lewis. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Pickle, Jeff Grant, Loren McDowell and Connie Edwards.

Family suggests memorials to the DAV, the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, or the donor's favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral Home. Paid Obituary

# Alma B. Weyman

Services for Alma Brunson Weyman, 101, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1995, at the Mabel Glass Chapel of the Midland First United Methodist Church with Rev. Molly Krueger and Rev. Steve Schorr officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Weyman died at Mabee Center Dec. 22.

She was born Dec. 5, 1894, in Eolian and married Alexander C. Weyman Sept. 18, 1929. He preceded her in death March 17, 1942. She pursued ranching interests in Glasscock and Loving counties, and had oil and real estate investments. She was interested in gardening and antique collecting.

Survivors include two sons: Edward Brunson Weyman, of Midland, and William Robert Weyman, of Denver; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mrs. J.B. (Annie Lee) Zant, and Mrs. Charles W. (Lois) Blalock; and a brother, Glen S. Brunson, Sr., all of Mid-

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, Landscaping Fund, 305 North

Baird, Midland, Texas, 79701. The family will be at 27 Saddle Club Drive following the ser-

# **Best**

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That will be a day I will never forget even if I wanted too because, you see, that was our 20th anniversary.

I had my gift for 20 years and 20 years later, on that very same day, I lost it. The Lord does give and the Lord does take away.

So this Christmas Day, whoever you are or whatever you are doing, when you open that prettily wrapped box called a present and what is inside isn't what you wish for I hope and pray that you know that the best gift you could ever receive, you have already - YOUR LIFE! Hold on to it because some-

day it will be gone! f will love you always David.

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# POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following during the period beginning 8 a.m. Friday and ending 1 p.m. Saturday:

·LELAND M. KING, 18, no address given, was arrested for having no insurance and no driver's license, and expired motor vehicle insurance. He was released on bond.

•JODY LYNN DAY, 19, 538 Westover #109, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was transferred to the Howard County Sheriff's Department and released on \$1,500 bond.

·DAVID L. BRUMLEY, 34, Gail Route Box 266, was arrested for no driver's license. He was released on bond.

•RUSSELL EARL STRONG 29, P.O. Box 525, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was transferred to the County Sheriff's Howard Department and released on \$2,500 bond.

·LARRY LYNN PAGE 54, P.O. Box 525, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

MINOR ACCIDENT block of Lamesa. One citation was issued.

 INTOXICATED SUB-JECT/DRIVER 400 block of

·INVESTIGATING SUSPI-CIOUS ACTIVITY 1100 block of Lincoln, 1200 block of Benton, 400 block of Birdwell, 1400 block

of Wood, Larry Street and **McDonald** ·CRIMINAL INVESTIGA-TION 1100 block of East Fourth. •JUVENILE PROBLEM 800 block of East 14th, 700 block of

East 14th. •MINOR ACCIDENTS 300 block of Gregg, 1000 block of East 11th Place.

**•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF 200** block of East 23rd. •THEFT 400 block of Gregg,

2300 block of Wasson. •ANIMAL PROBLEM 400

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT 300 block of Algerita, 400 block of

Cut Throat Island PG-13

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Sudden Death

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\*Jumanji PG

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**⊞** BIG SPRING 263-2479

\*SABRINA (PG)

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\*TOM AND HUCK (PG)

11:15-1:40-4:30-7:20

BALTO (G)

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\*DRACULA DEAD AND LOVING IT (PG-13)

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block of Johnson. Birdwell, 2600 block of Chanute.

■ SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following during the period beginning 8 a.m. Friday and ending 1 p.m. Saturday: ·SCOTTY MURL CASSEL-

MAN, 36, 1014 East 21st, was returned from the Midland County Detention Center on a City, Norman and Tulsa. warrant from 118th District Court on a motion to revoke his probation. He was on probation for possession of a controlled substance.

•TERRY DEON NOBLE, 26, Route 1, Box 365, was arrested by Glasscock County Sheriff's Department on charges of felony theft over \$1,500. He was released on \$10,000 bond. Notice of the arrest was received by

•GERMAN SILVAS CEBAL-LOS, 25, 501 Union, was arrested on a motion to revoke his probation on driving while intoxicated.

\*STEVEN GLEN HILDE-BRAND, 27, 1110 East 10th. plead guilty to charges of driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and fined \$200 plus \$205 court

•TROY MICHAEL ALLEN, 36, HC 61 BOX 288; DAVID ORTIZ, 26, Dimmitt; WILLIAM ELGIN SNEED, 20, No Address Given; and DAVID VIASANA, 21, 604 Abrams were transferred to the Middleton Unit of TDCJ, Abilene, per their sentencing.

**•DISABLED VEHICLE Mile** Marker 171 of Interstate 20.

 DOMESTIC PROBLEM Midway Road. ATTEMPTED BURGLARY

block of Caprock, 400 block of Knott. •MINOR ACCIDENT FM 818. •DRAG RACING/RECKLESS No injuries were reported.

•BREAK-IN in the county. LOOSE COW Moss Lake Road South. The cow jumped •SHOTS FIRED 1000 block of the fence back into the pasture.

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In addition to Odessa and Big Spring, Temple and Austin, Family Hospice now has Texas offices in San Antonio, Kerrville, Dallas, Fort Worth, Greenville and Denton, and Oklahoma offices in Oklahoma

All Family Hospice locations serve patients in and around the cities where they are located. The collective service area of Family hospice will now include 82 counties in Texas and Oklahoma.

Hospice care funding is provided by Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS, HMOs and other insurance plans. Family Hospice, along with these financial resources, typically pays 100 percent for medications, medical equipment and supplies as well as other costs related to a terminal illness.

Besides providing advanced pain management and symptom control, professionals on staff also help patients and their families cope with the physical, emotional, social, financial and spiritual aspects of a terminal

# Herald closed Monday

The Big Spring Herald will be closed Monday due to the Christmas holidays. There will be no paper published on Mon-

The Customer Service Department will be in the office from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

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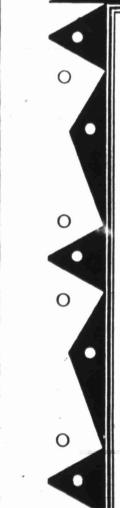
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# Daughter's helping hand greatest Christmas gift

Corina Aguirre

Contributing Writer

When I went to see my physician, Dr. Manuel Carrasco, I didn't realize what he was fixing to tell me was that I had to have surgery. Gallstones were what he found on my sonogram. I was referred to Dr. Mathews. So on Nov. 9, 1995, I visited Dr. Mathews and he said I needed surgery and as soon as possible. Surgery was scheduled by his nurse, Cindy, for Dec. 8, 1995, with lab work scheduled for Dec. 4.

The visit to my physician was due to stomach pains, nausea, headaches, and even cramps as severe as labor pains. I sometimes left my work as a cashier at Wal-Mart only to spend lunch breaks and days off at the doctor's, laboratory, x-ray, and even twice in the emergency room.

November 26, while returning to work, I had another attack and waited approximately 30 minutes before it went away. Knowing from previous attacks that I would probably have a few more that evening I drove myself to Emergency with them coming back and making it difficult to walk. While I waited for Dr. Mathews I realized it was time to do something about these attacks.

When Dr. Mathews finally came in to see me he said, "I'm not going to release you until we do surgery." Two days later I had surgery and was released from Scenic Mountain and Methodist Hospital. Mrs. Eloise Swinney from Helping Hands picked me up and returned me home. Eloise, as she insists on being called, is also the lady who kept my five-year-old child while I was in the hospital.

The next day, Dec. 1, was my 39th birthday. My daughter, Ennett Puentes, brought me some things I needed while I was ill. Members of my church (Berea Baptist) brought me a fruit basket and gave me \$100 to help me out.

Eloise again volunteered to take my daughter Victoria to school and back. When she brought Victoria she met my parents who had come to see me but hadn't got around to going out of town because my father had just had surgery a few weeks ago himself. My parents, Salvador and Teresa Aguirre, stayed and helped clean house, cook, and tidy up before they went back to their home town, Seminole, where I was born and raised.

and raised.

The next day one of my older sons, Damian Puentes, and my daughter came and picked up their little sister and took her to the Christmas parade. Damian, who plays first chair saxophone, was in the parade, along with my 15-year-old son, Nicholas, who also plays in band. He and his sister, Ennett, helped me tidy up and put up boxes.

Monday, Mrs. Burgess from Berea Baptist came and took Victoria to school. I was still not feeling very well but made an effort to pick up Victoria, which wore me out. So the next day, not feeling too well, I kept Victoria home. We had just gotten through with breakfast when I called a friend of mine, Beatrice Garza. We had arranged to get together a little later. Unfortunately, we never did, because while we were talking I had another pain and told my friend I had to go lay down. I was

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feeling a little dizzy.

The next thing I remember is being on the floor and looking up at my daughter, who had her hands on each of my cheeks, saying, "What happened, Mama?" My response was, "What am I doing on the floor?" The left side of my eye hurt. My daughter said, "Don't touch it, Mama, you're bleeding."

I dozed off a minute and looked up and saw my daughter on the phone. Victoria was talking to someone and said she had to stay on the phone until they got here. It wasn't until I heard the sirens I realized she had called 911.

Even though I have been unable to work since Nov. 26, and I will not go back to work until the First of January, I know I am very thankful for everyone who made me and my daughter realize being together this Christmas was the best Christmas we could ever have and want.

I personally want to thank all the emergency employees - I only caught one person's name. Her name was Samantha - she kept my daughter busy while I was being attended to. Thank you to Dr. Carassco, Dr. Mathews, Viola, Cindy, and all the other hospital staff. Special thanks to a nursing student by the name of Roxie - she is going to be a great nurse one day. My roommate, Margaret Lowe, was the best roommate anyone would ever want, and her daughter, Betty Long, who was the RN in charge of our floor. My church, Berea Baptist; Reverend Monroe Teethers; his secretary, Jerene Hocker; the Carters, who are my Sunday School teachers; and the classroom for the flowers they sent me. Faye's Flowers for the flowers they sent me. My daughter, Ennett Puentes, for the roses she sent me; my sons, Damian and Nick Puentes, for helping me out around the house when I was unable to get around. My parents who came when I needed them, even though Dad had had surgery, too. And last but certainshould be first, Victoria Puentes, who now knows how to use 911, and better yet, knows the

true meaning of Christmas.
For all the people who would like to know what all this meant for me - keep close to the ones you love, never underestimate the power of love. Know also that whenever you feel the most helpless, hurt, weak, and isolated, there is always God and he can make everything come true.

# In the end, family is what Christmas is about

Dear Santa

My name is Rita and Im 45, I hope you remember me, I haven't written in many years, I think my letter is long overdue to thank you for all the things you have given to me in the past.

I have had 44 beautiful Christmases but there are a few that were very special to me that I would like to really thank you and God for.

My first one was when I was 6. My little sister, Gina, was just a little over a month old. I loved her very much and she was such a beautiful baby girl, but I can remember I was feeling a little less loved and left out because we had all got together over at my Aunt Leta's on Douglas St.

Everyone seemed to be paying a lot of attention to my little sister and carrying on how beautiful she was with her "big blue eyes" and her blowing her bubbles. I had asked my mother if I could spend the night with Aunt Leta because I felt like Santa could come down her chimney better with my presents, you see Santa I had asked for a bicycle.

Mother let me stay with Aunt Leta and Uncle Lewis. The next morning I got up early and there was my beautiful bicycle. Boy did I ever have fun on that bike. You know Santa that bike was the greatest but the best present was my beautiful states after all.

baby sister after all. We are a little older now and have had a few disagreements and cries, but we have had lots of fun and laughs through the years, especially in the last few years we've really begun to get closer, and I want to thank you Santa and God for bringing me such a beautiful and loving sister. She is the best... "She has been there for all of us." That year I had several flats on that bicycle but my poor Mom was working two and three jobs to keep us going but bless her heart she always seemed to get that bike fixed for me. Thanks Mom

My next Christmas I really enjoyed was when I was 9. We lived on South Monticello. My sister and I had just got a new baby brother, Skipper.

There I was again really feeling left out, because now everyone was paying lots of attention to our new very handsome, loving baby brother. (Which I'd give anything in the world to be able to see him and his family now. Maybe some Christmas soon, Santa, we can all be together.

Anyway, my Daddy and stepmother had come over to our house and brought my sister and I our pre BEST

sents. Daddy brought me a nine inch black and white TV with a radio in it and my sister a big blue Teddy bear. We got lots of other nice gifts too that year. But Santa the best gift of all that year was our little baby brother, Skipper. He has grown into a very handsome, 6 foot 8 inch loving, caring, joking young man that we all miss very much. Hope to see them all soon.

The next Christmas I remember was when I was 20 years old. My husband, Teddy, and I had a beautiful, handsome, loving, adorable, baby boy, Shane. He was a little over seen months old that Christmas. We really didn't have much that Christmas because money was pretty tight, but we were all together and we had both our families together.

We all went over to Big Mama's and Big Daddy's. We had a wonderful time. Santa, the best gift of all that year was my son, Shane. You see, Santa, I was never able to have a little sister or brother for him to play with, but he was my pride and joy and even though I have not always been there for him, I love him will all my heart and he was always in my heart, my thoughts and prayers.

My Aunt Vada, God bless her, helped raise him along with my grandparents and mother and sister. Everyone was there for him. He can never say he wasn't loved. We all loved and cared for him with all our hearts. Santa, he has grown into a very handsome, loving, caring young man. I am very proud of him and his beautiful wife, Amanda.

My son has also given me a beautiful granddaughter, Mercedez, which we haven't been able to see very much of, but she is very much loved and we are very proud of her. I pray some day that I will have more grandchildren, too.

The next Christmas was when I was 35 years old. My husband, Charles, and I had just got married December 20, 1985, in our home. We had had a beautiful wedding. I

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thank God every day for bringing me Charles because I have not had the best of luck with my husbands in the past. I have been married three times, but Charles is the best. He has his faults, but we all do. But I love him with all my heart and he is the best thing that has ever happened to me, and his beautiful two daughters, Angela and Tracy, and handsome son, Stacy, and their husband and wife, Eric and Michelle, our five beautiful grand-children, Kyrie, Logan, Zachery, Gerin and LaRisa.

That Christmas my granddaddy, Big Daddy, Shane, my mother, and my sister came to Charles' and my house. You see, Santa, my granddaddy had never been to our house. We all really had a wonderful time. It meant the world to me that Big Daddy was at our house and most of my family. You see, Santa, that was the last Christmas that we were able to be with Big Daddy because he passed away that next Feb. 24, 1986. We really do miss him.

The next Christmas was when I was 43. You see, Santa, I had just had a brain tumor surgery in Lubbock Oct. 12, 1993. Most of my family had come to Lubbock, even though it was quite a ways for them to travel, to be with me. My husband, son, Michelle, mother, Gina, Daddy, Frankie, Glenna, Aunt Chick, and Abbie. My uncle and

Chick, and Abbie. My uncle and aunt, Duddley and Ora came the next day and my cousin, Bill, and his wife Dolores came Friday. I had lots of pretty flowers and cards from my family and friends.

Anyway, we were all together and I came through the surgery fine. I was only in there from Tuesday till Saturday. My husband, Charles, stayed there till Thursday - he had to come back home to go to work. My beautiful, loving mother, bless her heart, stayed up at the hospital with me all the time and helped me so much through all of it.

Thanks Mom, you'll never know how much I appreciate everything you did. I'm sure I wasn't the best patient in the world. But I love you for it. You're the best.

Anyway, that Christmas we were all together at our house. My poor son, Shane, was having some hard times because his wife had gone back to Washington, but other than that we were all together and was all thankful to be able to be together for Christmas one more time. I was thankful to just be alive and be with my loving family, even though my right side of my head was shaved, but it had started growing back a little.

We all had a wonderful Christmas dinner at my step-daughter Tracy's. (Many, many, thanks to you, Tracy and Don for being there for me when all of this started happening July 25, 1993.)

Since Christmas is just a few days away, Santa, I would like to thank you ahead of time for this Christmas, for bringing all of us being together at our house. We are planning on having part of it a little early because my son, Shane, and Amanda have to go back to work Saturday morning early. It may not be much but I'm just thankful that we are all healthy and can be together again and hope to have many more Christmases together.

Most of all Santa, I want to wish everyone that might be less fortunate than our family, that they have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and know God will be with them if they just ask him.

I also want to thank you and God for our daddy getting better and hope we can see him and his family this Christmas too. I would like to thank my dad and step-mother for all the things they have done for my family through the years. We've really begun to get close the last few years, which I'm really thankful for, and I love my dad very much, he is the greatest.

I want to give my love and thanks to my family - my husband, Charles son and daughter-in-law, my mother, my daddy and step mother, my step-daughters, step-son and their families, our six grandchildren, my sister, my brother and his wife and my nieces, my aunts and uncles and their families, my cousins and their families, my brother-in-law and his family, my three sister-in-laws and their husbands and all their fami lies, my step-sister-in-law and her husband and their family, my step sister and her husband and their family, and my step-brother and his family, and all who have passed on and all my friends and their family lies. I also want to give my love to our pets, Chelsea, Bull, Tracks, and Little Bit and my son and daughterin-law's pets, Sally, Bear, Tinker, Fate and Dakota.

I want to wish them all a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year. I hope they all have a safe journey to wherever they may be going and a safe return home, and may God be with them all.

Merry Christmas with love

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"If we would have new knowledge, we must get a whole world of new questions."

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# **Carry the spirit** of the season with you always

onday is Christmas day - a time for family. Most of us will be sharing this day with those we care about the most. Others will be far from home, maybe sharing the day with good

For some, the day will be laden with sorrow for lost loved ones not in attendance.

No matter if there is celebration or sorrow, Christmas means many things and gives cause to celebrate For most, it is the time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is a time to open our hearts to others in need; a time to put aside the bitterness of the past year and put on a smile for the holiday season.

As we gather to celebrate the season, unwrap the multitude of presents under the tree, we need to take the attitude we carry during December and resolve to keep it with us during the entire year for 1996.

Instead of waiting for one month to show we have a Christian attitude, we need to carry that attitude all the time. It is an attitude that makes our own life better because it brushes aside most of the anger and helps us get on with the business of living.

Think about it, if for 12 months we have all the Christmas spirit, how much greater it will be when December rolls around? Think how much less the need will be, how much better as people we will be. Christmas is a time of celebrating, remember the Christian values we have been taught.

Christ would have us remember that every day we

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by Charles Pugsley Fincher THADEUS & WEEZ



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# **Chorale of holiday** cheer for 1994 kindnesses

# ■ Washington Calling

WASHINGTON - This is the time of year when we pause to reflect on the many people, some well-known, others not, whose kindnesses made the world a little bit better place to live in 1994.

They come from big cities and small towns, from America and from countries around the world, but their common bond is a selfless generosity to others. We salute them all.

Sing a carol for hero Corlis Douglas of Erlanger, Ky., who jumped into frigid pond water to free a man trapped in his car after an accident...

And a chorus of holiday cheer for rescuer Bob Carle of Colerain Township, Ohio, who braved smoke and fire to rescue neighbor Amy Olding and two small children from their blazing home....

Hang a bauble high on the tree for Oklahoma City firefighter Chris Fields and paramedic Don Carter, who defined compassion for the nation last April in the searing photo of young Baylee Almon being carried from rubble of the shattered Alfred Murrah federal building...

And the nation's thanks to the thousands of people from around the world who also through acts of generosity and compassion — helped a stunned city survive an act of incomprehensible brutality.

Ring some jolly bells for good samaritan Jaquie Creazzo, Denver, who was paralyzed by gunshot when she tried to help another woman escape from killer Robert Harlan. And garlands of holly to the hundreds of citizens who contributed cash appreciation of her courage.

A broad holiday smile to professional clown Cory Mcdonald Mr. Twister to his friends who spends about \$2,000 a year dropping coins into other people's about-to-expire parking meters so they don't get tickets. "Random acts of kindness can be fun," he says.

A special salute to the thousands of Americans who have reacted with heartfelt goodness to the suffering caused by the

war in Bosnia. A rich box of chocolates to Mary Damron of Ikes Fork, W. Va., who went door to door in the mountains of West Virginia collecting more than 6,000 toyfilled shoeboxes for children in Bosnia. This year - prompted by the White House - thousands of churches and schools

took up her idea... An extra candy cane to Andrew Hildebrandt, a Boy Scout from Potomac, Md., who personally collected clothes for more than 200 babies and chil-

dren in Zagreb, Croatia.... Thousands of sparkling white lights to Jon Maxey, Jim Flickinger and Lt. Robert Hiner and their group of friends in Grand Rapids, Mich., who organized the Bright Light Project to raise more than \$5 million in medical supplies and equipment for Bosnia....

Mountains of Christmas cookies to Linda Veno, of Harrisburg, Pa., who founded Mother's Love to build sanctuaries

for children in Bosnia... And bouquets of poinsettias to Zainab Albi-Attalah of Alexandria, Va., who set up "Women for Women in Bosnia," to help rape victims, widows and mothers who have lost their loved ones in Bosnia.

Sing loudly for the staff at the U.S. Supreme Court, where workers donated their own sick leave time so secretary Cindy Weaver could follow doctor's orders and stay home with a problem pregnancy. Now back at work, Cindy and son Daniel, now 6 months, are doing fine.

Raise a glass of holiday cheer to retiring Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., for gracing the Senate with uncompromising class and dignity .... And to Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., for his expert and reasoned articulation of the concerns of the Congressional Black Caucus and his willingness to take on the bigger challenge of leading the NAACP in its hour of need.

Wishes for a gracious and graceful holiday to Alice Lefker, of Cincinnati, who has been visiting the ill in hospitals, homes, and nursing homes for 33 years... . A bountiful holiday to the many friends of Colorado animal-lover Mary Port who rushed to the aid of her beloved animals after fire swept through her animal refuge, killing 30 animals and destroying tons of pet food... . And a saucer full of milk to Ringo, Ray and Carol Steiner's 26-pound red tabby that saved his owners lives by sniffing out a methane gas leak in the Steiners' Ohio home .....

A holiday of warmth and cheer to sports stars Cal Ripken Jr. and Pete Sampras for embodying sportsmanship and class in a sports era woefully lacking in both. Ripken's genuine love for the game touched sports fans across the country during his pursuit of Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130 consecutive games played... . And Sampras capped a remarkable year by overcoming painful leg cramps to almost single-handedly lead the United States to its first Davis Cup title since 1992.

A sleigh full of gifts to Indianapolis Colts quarterback Jim Harbaugh, who came to the aid of a woman stranded by a flat nignway and a motorized wheelchair in After unloading the woman's packed car, only to find her spare flat, Harbaugh drove her to a service station to inflate the spare and insisted she call him at his parents' house when she arrived home safely.

> A joyous family holiday to sixth-grader Robbie Robinson of Tennyson, Ind., who calmly called 911 when his mother collapsed of heat exhaustion, then had the presence of mind to call again when he saw the ambulance make a wrong turn on the way to his house ... . And a season of happiness to Abe Gingerich and Kenny Swartzentruber of Washington, Ind., who pulled three men from the Ohio River when their boat caught fire near Newburgh Locks and

Joys of the season to Toledo, Ohio, fire Lt. Richard Knight who rushed into a burning building to save an 80-year-old woman trapped inside.... . And a season of warmth to National Guard Sgt. Joe Lewallen and members of the 132d Engineer Battalion who spent a week plucking dangerous debris from California's rain-swollen Russian River.

A cup of cheer for Victor Ortiz, who has cared for more than 325 people with AIDS in his home in a poor barrio south of Lima, Peru. Ortiz, 47, became a care-giver when he found a friend lying sick in the street with no one willing to help.

A special holiday salute to Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady, whose dramatic rescue after being shot down over northern Bosnia thrilled the nation. And a nation's thanks to the elite Marine rescue team that flew into hostile territory to get him

Those are a few of the people we remember and salute this year. There are many, many

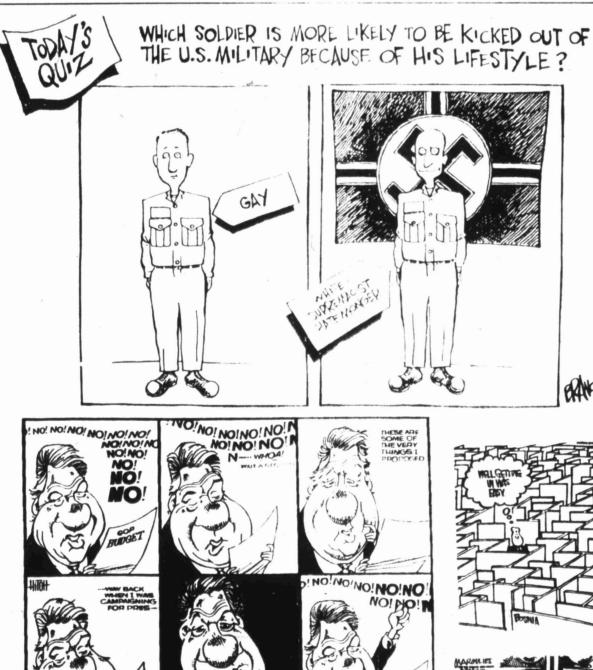
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# It's the gift of giving that makes Christmas all the more special

By BRENDA BRADSHAW **Contributing Writer** 

My best Christmases have been "all of them" and my worst, I am sure, will come someday when some dear, familiar faces are missing.

Having been one of the fortunate few who have wonderful memories, not only of Christmas, but of each year while I was growing up, I hope to recreate that kind of atmosphere for my own children.

In today's society, it seems as if it takes ore of a concerted effort on the part of parents to make sure their children understand the true spirit of Christ-

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requisite for instilling a sense of ments. both giving and gratitude in your children. All it take is as little time and effort to come up with a plan that works best for your family.

Several years ago our extended family decided to forego giving gifts to one another and instead, came up with a family project to help others. Since that time, we have participated in a variety of such activities.

Since that time, we have participated in a variety of such activities. One year, we found out about an elderly widow in need and took her a small Christmas tree. It was a little different in the fact that it was

are not rich; nor is that a pre- rather than Christmas orna-

Each person in our family, according to their own ability, had tucked a monetary gift inside their egg. Delivering it to her was as much a delight to us as it was to her.

Another year, we bought gifts for a family with several young children. As we got together for our annual Christmas dinner, we wrapped our gifts and went, as a group, to share the joy we had found in buying the presents.

The children's faces, as they stood on the front porch and watched us drive away, was all the gratitude we needed.

Then there was the time we

May I say at the outset that we decorated with plastic eggs staged a hayride - a very cold reveal our identity! one - and went caroling to those we felt could use some cheering up by a bunch of shivering

> With my own children, I have put into practice some ideas and traditions they look forward to each year.

"sneaky Angels" the week prior to Christmas. This simply means we sneak up to the doorstep of our chosen recipient several times that week, leaving behind small gifts and cards with no no name!

Half the fun is running back to the car and speeding off before we are caught. The other half i when we go to them and

Another tradition we started before they were old enough to reach the familiar red kettle of the Salvation Army is that we never pass by one without dropping even a few cents in.

I am convinced that most anyone can give a penny or two for their child to drop in. It's not One favorite is becoming the amount; it's your attitude and their smile that counts.

> We also go through their toys and select a few they can give away; participate n their school's canned food drives; and buy gifts for children who's father is in prison - a ministry of Prison Fellowship.

The benefits for our family, as we go and meet these children day be - "the spirit of giving."

we purchased gifts for, are tremendous.

There are numerous sways to incorporate the spirit of Christmas into your family that costs almost nothing. Drive around and look at Christmas lights, singing carols as you go. Bake cookies to share with neighbors. Visiting a nursing home, Just about anything will do as long as it makes us as adults step back from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and makes our children realize that helping others is a joyous part of Christmas - and life!

When asked what the best gift they ever received was, I hope my children's answer will one

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AUSTIN (AP) — Two female investigators have moved their sex discrimination dispute with the Texas Rangers into federal court, demanding millions of dollars in damages from the state's elite crime-fighting agen-

The suit accuses the 172-yearold law enforcement unit of "extreme and outrageous" conduct that caused the officers "severe emotional distress."

Alleging that the two women were libeled and slandered, the suit says their professional reputations were "tainted and they became objects of ridicule, threats, lies, disrespect and violent outbursts,"

Defendants include the parent Texas Department of Public Safety, DPS Director James R. Wilson and a member of the policy-making Public Safety Commission.

The action capped months of turmoil that has involved not only women officers but allegations by retired Rangers and others that morale has plummeted under the current Ranger leadership.

The charges have been denied by the Ranger chief and his lieu-

A lawyer representing DPS

EL PASO (AP) - An inspec-

tor who has worked for the U.S.

Customs Service for more than

20 years was released on bond

after she was charged with

allegedly disclosing confidential

Estela Aguilar was arrested

Thursday by Customs agents,

then released Friday. U.S. Mag-

\$20,000 personal recognizance

bond for the senior inspector.

She is the also assistant to the

Investigators said that Ms.

Aguilar, 49, told an unnamed

person on July 21 that someone

"driving a white Mercedes"

crossed one of the ports of entry

in El Paso and gave the person

license plate information, the El

Hearings on area

code changes set

AUSTIN (AP) - Telephone

customers in Dallas and

Houston can learn about pro-

posed new area code plans

and express their preferences

at Public Utility Commission

Southwestern Bell Tele-

phone Co. is proposing new

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Janet Ruesch set a

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officers Lisa Sheppard of Corpus Christi and Cheryl Steadman of Houston filed the 21-page document Tuesday in the U.S. District Court in Houston.

"The only way we can get anything resolved is to go federally," says Ms. Steadman, suggesting that state officials have been dragging their feet.

"This is our only real option." Ms. Steadman, 35, was one of two history-making women commissioned as Rangers in 1993, but she resigned a year

later alleging discrimination

and sexual harassment. Ms. Steadman alleged that she was subjected to ridicule and harassment after she refused to share a bunkhouse with other Rangers, all of them male, during a March 1994 overnight

meeting. "During the day of the meeting, Sgt. Steadman was subjected to grossly obscene and sexually derogatory language from the male Rangers," the suit

She said one of her supervisors overheard the langauge but told her, "They're just having." Ms. Steadman was reassigned

to the DPS vehicle theft unit in Houston.

releasing confidential information

Paso Times reported in Satur-

The investigation also showed

that Ms. Aguilar allegedly

revealed that an individual

known as "Woolworth" was an

undercover federal immigration

Customs officials also allege

that Ms. Aguilar told an

unnamed person on Aug. 18 that

"a certain family from Juarez"

was under investigation for

A federal indictment Wednes-

day charged Ms. Aguilar with

five counts of unlawful disclo-

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tion. It also charged Ms. Aguilar

with one count of tampering

WASHINGTON (AP) — States he said.

could require grown children to

help pay their parents' nursing

home bills under one of the

most emotionally charged provi-

sions in the Republican plan to

The "family responsibility"

provision, endorsed by Texas

Gov. George W. Bush and Sen.

Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas,

has become a favorite target of

Democrats who portray the

"If you go into a nursing

home, your family could go

bankrupt to pay for it," Sen.

Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., told

reporters. "If you go into a nurs-

ing home, your children's assets

Rep. Ron Klink, D-Pa., one of

the most vocal critics, said he

wouldn't be surprised if Repub-

licans let the provision die qui-

etly. "It's really indefensible,"

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Ms. Sheppard, a DPS criminal



Safety Director James Wilson after being promoted to become

investigator, rejected a Ranger commission in 1994, accusing Maurice Cook, the senior Ranger captain, of a "calculated" act of sexual discrimina-

The federal suit names Cook among the defendants.

Also named were Capt. W.D.

accuses Ms. Aguilar of telling

an unnamed person on July 15

that a "certain person" had

been detained at one of the El

The indictment also alleged

Ms. Aguilar, a 25-year agency

veteran, threatened Alvaro

Echeverri with exposure as a

confidential informant around

occurred between June 22, 1994,

All the offenses allegedly

If convicted, Ms. Aguilar

could be sentenced to one year

in prison on each count, the

magistrate said. Ms. Aguilar

could be imprisoned for as long

as 10 years if convicted of wit-

The issue is getting only a

halfhearted defense from Repub-

licans, who say it has been

overblown to obscure the larger

issue of reining in Medicaid

Bush, Texas' Republican gov-

ernor, has expressed support for

making families pay at least a

token amount for indigent par-

And Mrs. Hutchison said a

family responsibility law would

fit America's tradition of fami-

lies "taking care of their own."

see what people's circumstances

are," she said. "If they can't

take care of themselves or raise

their own children, or face

bankruptcy doing it, then I

think we have to weigh that and

Nursing home bills average

"But I do think we'd have to

ents' care, however.

not go that far."

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Paso ports of entry.

and Aug. 20, 1995.

Aug. 18-20.

The four-page indictment ness tampering, she said.

**GOP** bill would let states

charge for parents' care

former chairman of the Public Safety Commission.

Ms. Steadman spent her abbreviated Ranger career in the headquarters company in

A spokeswoman at DPS headquarters in Austin said agency and Ranger leadership were aware of the lawsuit but "because it is pending litigation, we are not at liberty to dis-

# **Preliminary order** given in CPL rate case

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Public Utility Commission has provided the first clue to what utilities will have to prove in seeking higher rates to cover the cost of "stranded investments."

The clues came in a 14-page preliminary order issued Thursday in a rate request filed by Central Power and Light Co.

The panel is asking the utility for more detailed information on its costs companywide, as well as power generating and transmission facilities whose costs are no longer covered by rate revenue.

The new data demands result from increasing utility industry concern about "stranded investments," generally large generating plants built during the 1970s and 80s, when energy costs were higher. Utilities now contend that,

in an increasingly competitive market place, revenue is not covering the cost of paying off the debt from those major projects.

The preliminary order presents the first look at what the PUC wants to know before it would allow a utility to raise rates to cover that revenue shortfall, said Martha Hinkle, PUC manager of financial analysis.

"It's the overture playing before the curtain going up, Historically, the commis-

sion has focused on how large a return a rate increase a utility would receive from.

Corpus Christi-based CPL applied for a 4.6 percent rate increase on Nov. 6, presenting the commission with its first rate case since it changed its procedures to address stranded investment.

Cheryl Steadman, left, poses with Texas Department of Public one of the first female Texas Rangers. Steadman and another female officer filed a sexual discrimination suit against the

Vickers and Lt. Robert Madeira, the ranking officers in the Rangers' Houston office, and Houston lawyer Ronald Krist,

# **Amarillo millionaire indicted**

AMARILLO (AP) - Kidnap- on Whittenburg family properping and aggravated assault charges against flamboyant Amarillo millionaire Stanley Marsh 3 are motivated by little more than spite and greed, Marsh's attorneys said.

Marsh, the eccentric millionaire best known for burying a row of Cadillacs halfway in the dirt, was free on bond after being indicted by a Potter County grand jury on the felony charges.

The charges stem from an October 1994 incident in which Marsh locked a Ben Whittenburg, son of Amarillo attorney and longtime antagonist George Whittenburg, in a chicken coop

The same incident is the basis of a civil lawsuit against Marsh brought by young Whittenburg, who was 18 when the incident

Marsh, 57, is a prominent West Texan who owns ranches, a television station and other businesses best known for the famous "Cadillac Ranch" display of half-buried automobiles along a well-traveled highway.

Marsh's lawyers said Friday that all of the charges, civil and criminal alike, stem from an old family feud, reflecting little more than greed.

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The youth wandered the city for six days before walking into a state youth services office

roll, backpack and duffel bag.

released, asked for a place to live and gave workers a letter, apparently written by his stepmother and signed by both par-

"To whom it may concern. I

boy's natural father) just found The boy, whose name wasn't out he's dying from AIDS and he doesn't want Mark around, and I can't care for Mark alone,' read a portion of the note, detailed Saturday in the Deseret

The boy also carried a birth am writing this letter to tell you certificate and told social work-

ter storm in one of the Mountain states.

The letter said the boy's mothwaste their time looking for his father and stepmother because they were leaving the country.

The boy told state workers his

WASHINGTON (AP) - For

President Clinton and congres-

sional Republicans, a raucous

year of taking each other's mea-

sure over balancing the budget

is about to enter its most crucial

Month-old negotiations over

eliminating annual deficits by

2002 have taken a positive turn,

grams, plus cutting taxes.

'The hard decisions haven't

been made yet," Senate Majori-

ty Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.,

phase.

needed his birth certificate.

"This boy has no one. His parents have left him, and we have er died shortly after his birth no way to find them or talk to and advised state workers not to them. He says he has no kin anywhere," said Randy Ripplinger, spokesman for the Utah Department of Human Services. The boy said he never had

**Budget issues loom as new year approaches** 

In addition, 260,000 federal

employees remain furloughed

and nine Cabinet departments

and many other agencies are

running at less than full speed.

That's thanks to Republicans'

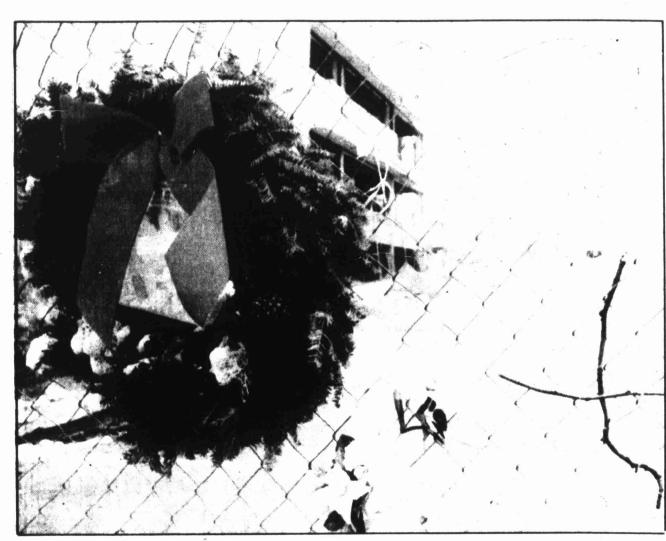
refusal to approve legislation

temporarily financing many

budget-less agencies until a

shelter in abandoned homes and meals at soup kitchens.

The boy is staying in a state shelter and will spend Christmas and his birthday there. Juvenile Judge Frederic Oddone will decide Tuesday whether he should go to a foster



A newly placed Christmas wreath and other items still remain on the fence surrounding the Oklahoma City Murrah Federal Building Thursday. Federal authorities are storing items left on the fence which will eventually be archived and included in a memorial to the 169 killed in the bomb-

# **Fence items saved for permanent memorial**

The teddy bears, crosses and limp, bloodied body in the arms impromptu notes left as humble of a stunned rescue worker cartributes to the federal building rying her from the rubble bombing victims have been appeared on newspaper front from the prosaic to the bizarre. taken away, placed in storage pages around the nation. until a permanent memorial Through the spring and sum- flags, T-shirts, flowers, crude

Christmas wreaths, withered flowers and faded ribbons still hang on the chain-link fence surrounding the empty space once occupied by the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, pulverized by a bomb that killed 169 people.

And the remaining tattered remembrances will be coming down soon.

"This was really pretty last week," one woman said recently as she showed the site to an outof-town relative.

A new wreath was attached to the chain-link fence last week, and blowing snow melted on a laminated card that read: "Merry Christmas, Baylee, and to all who died. My prayers are with you all."

Baylee Almon turned 1 on April 18, the day before the bomb killed her and the other

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - victims. A photograph of her became an attraction, its

can be built mer, thousands flocked to the crosses made of sticks, business downtown site to mourn the victims and to watch workers clear away the wreckage of the ninestory building.

Their cars bore license plates from as far away as Florida and British Columbia. Their voices carried accents ranging from the gentle drawl of the deep South to the staccato rhythms of Jananese.

Just before the ravaged hulk of the building was demolished on May 23, brought down by a carefully planned set of blasts, crowds at the fence for one last look were 10- and 15-deep. Many people brought their children to see the site of the attack.

The site became a tourist attraction that lured some people hundreds of miles off planned vacation itineraries. When lush new sod covered the emptied lot, the fence itself

makeshift exhibits changing every day.

Tokens left by visitors ranged The fence bore teddy bears, cards and written testimonials both formal and impromptu. One visitor tied a baby's diaper to the fence, possibly in memory of the infants who died in the building's second-floor day-care center.

Now the small remembrances wait for the Murrah Memorial Task Force to organize them for a rotating exhibit at a blast memorial, which is still in the planning stages.

The diaper remains on the fence. But most of the remainder is in a closet at the office of Kathy Wyche of the General Services Administration, which is in charge of federal buildings.

"We are making arrangements for space in a warehouse with climate control. We are concerned about things deteriorating," Ms. Wyche said.

### with Democrats and Republicompromise with Clinton on cans beginning to speak of eliminating federal deficits has progress being made. But this been struck.

Christmas week, bargainers are The partial shutdown entered likely to plunge into the key its ninth day Sunday, a record, issues that have separated them and was certain to go on for all year: carving hundreds of days more, thanks to a Christbillions of dollars in savings mas break that will keep most from Medicare, Medicaid, wellawmakers out of town until fare and other domestic pro-Wednesday. Both sides were hoping to reap political divi-

dends from it.

Republicans felt it would keep Clinton at the bargaining table

so they could claim credit for achieving their paramount legislative goal, enactment of legislation balancing the budget.

Democrats believed it was making Republicans look like extremists who would be overwhelmingly blamed by the public, as polls showed they were during the six-day shutdown in November. They said this was especially true for Republicans in the House, where insistence on keeping agencies shuttered until a budget deal is reached is most fierce.

"It's Jonestown over there in the House," said one Senate Democratic aide, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But there were fears among some on both sides that the voters might blame both parties

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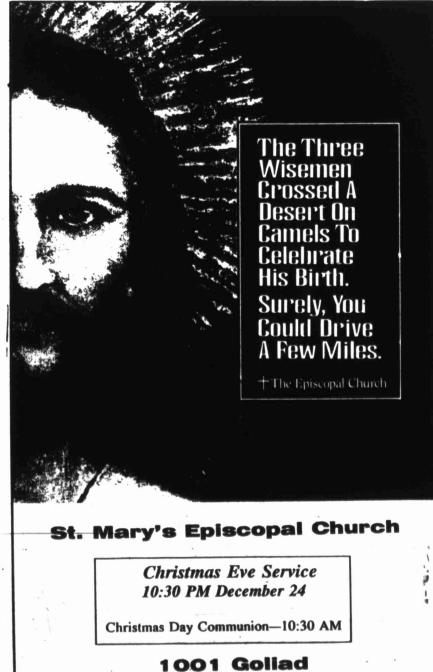
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# Three freight trains collide; two missing

EFFINGHAM, Ill. (AP) -Crude oil and possibly hazardous materials blazed Saturday in the wreckage of three freight trains, keeping more than 100 people from their homes. One train worker was killed and two were missing.

The missing crew members a conductor and engineer were "apparently in locomotives that were heavily involved in the fire..."

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Police officers inspect one of the four cars belonging to members of the doomsday cult The Order of the Solar Temple found near a forest in Saint Pierre de Cherennes, French Alps, Saturday. Police also found in the forest the charred bodies of 16 members of the cult, arranged in

# Charred remains of cult members found

spokesman

Baeriswyl.

CHERENNE, France (AP) -Police today found the charred bodies of 16 people believed to be the missing members of a doomsday cult. Most of the les. corpses, which included three children, were arranged in a star formation around a forest campfire.

Sixteen members of the Order of the Solar Temple — half from Switzerland and half from France — disappeared over the past week, and authorities had feared a mass suicide. Fiftythree members of the mysterious sect died last year in a bizarre murder-suicide in Switzerland and Quebec.

Cars belonging to some of the missing were found in the Vercors region in southeast France late Friday, police said. The discovery touched off a manhunt by 500 French police, and early ted the burned bodies a mile from the parking lot of the cross-country skiing center where the four cars were found.

By late afternoon, 16 bodies had been found in the thick, rugged forest, said prosecutor

duchess was watching herself

appear with the queen on televi-

sion, while elsewhere in her

stately home, burglars were

The Duke and Duchess of

Grafton said objects worth

\$63,000 were stolen in the

Wednesday night break-in at

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The couple was watching a

television documentary about

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**Duchess watches self on** 

TV while robbers take antiques

EUSTON, England (AP) - A television program ended.

SAINT-PIERRE-DE- Jean-Louis Loran. Fourteen of them were arranged in a star pattern, with their feet toward the fire. Searchers were not looking for any additional bod-

> Among the corpses were those of three children, and the wife and son of Jean Vuarnet, the sunglasses tycoon who is also a former French ski champion, officials said.

Police did not disclose a cause of death for the 16, but Loran said: "Flammable products were used. It is possible that other means were used in a kind of collective suicide."

It remained unclear whether any person outside of the 16 had assisted in the deaths.

Police cordoned off the cars while a team of bomb experts was sent from Lyon this morning to check if the autos were booby-trapped.

Geneva police officials said Friday they had found notes in the residences of four of the missing people hinting at a plan for mass suicide. The notes expressed a desire to "see another world," said police

The duke thinks the fact that

the robbery and the television

show happened at the same

time was a coincidence, but

said: "You just never know, and

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it must be a possibility.'

### **Mourners gather to claim crash victims** BUGA, Colombia (AP) — On a mask. Torn suitcases and clothtakes on even greater poignan-

mountain ridge strewn with bodies, rescuers packed victims of an American Airlines crash into bags and found a flight data recorder that may explain the tragedy that killed 160 people.

By early today, helicopters had ferried at least 81 bodies to the town of Buga, where relatives waved snapshots of their loved ones and pleaded to get into a makeshift morgue in a local sports center.

"Let in the grievers!" shouted Orlando Lozado, whose brother was one of 164 people on the flight Wednesday night from Miami. Four people, all U.S. citizens or residents, survived the crash 40 miles from Cali, Colombia's second-largest city.

At least 25 bodies had been identified. A morgue sign asked relatives to fill out forms listing physical characteristics of victims: moles, scars, tattoos.

Even though Colombian officials have said terrorism was not suspected in the crash, investigators at the morgue planned to X-ray the bodies for any evidence of a bomb or other terrorist act. That was delaying processing of the bodies, angering some families waiting to claim them.

About a half-dozen bodies were released to families by early today. Among those waiting at the morgue was former Miami Mayor Maurice Ferre, whose son, daughter-in-law and grandchild were on the plane.

Some relatives joined Red Cross teams at the crash site in southwestern Colombia, sifting through a sprawl of jagged aircraft parts and personal possessions — toothbrushes, baby dolls, address books, a diving

ing dangled from trees. Bodies were scattered in the muddy undergrowth, a few still strapped into their seats. Near a pile of corpses, one rescue worker nonchalantly swigged from a whiskey bottle found at the scene. At one point, crews ran out of black body bags.

In Washington, President Clinton offered his condolences to the bereaved families.

"Coming on the eve of the holiday season, this tragic event

cy," Clinton said in a statement. 'Our hopes and prayers, along with those of all Americans, are with those whose lives have been so affected by this tragedy."

The flight recorder, which indicates the plane's airspeed, altitude and direction at the time of the crash, could explain why Flight 965 from Miami hit the mountainside short of its Cali destination.



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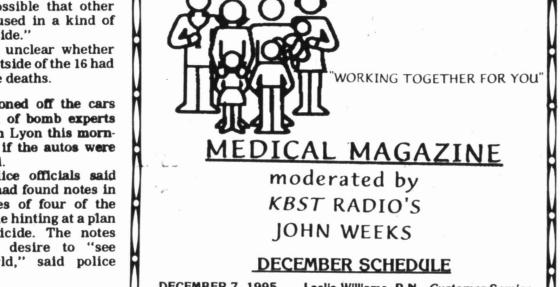
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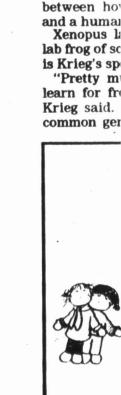
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Janice Vize shows off one of her toy props, a fly in this case, at the University of Texas' J.T. Patterson Laboratory Building in Austin. Vize is one of 24 faculty members of the Genetics Institute, a 33-year-oid confederation of university scientists who study genes in mice, flies, frogs and butterflies.

# ■ Working to understand and treat disease

By DICK STANLEY

Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Like a religious relic, the early 20th century dental X-ray, still smelling of lubricating oil, reposes behind glass in a large wooden cabinet at the J.T. Patterson Laboratories Building.

A small sign notes its significance as the tool that Universi- in the days when the workings ty of Texas Professor Hermann of genes could not be directly Muller used in the 1920s for genetics research that won him the Nobel Prize in 1946. Muller showed that large doses of Xrays greatly increased diseasecausing mutations in the genes of fruit flies.

Elsewhere in the brick building today, UT professors such as Janice Vize, who also studies fruit flies, and Paul Krieg, who studies frogs, carry on the university's longstanding tradition of important genetics research.

They are among the 24 faculty members of the Genetics Institute, a 33-year-old confederation of university scientists who study genes in mice, flies, frogs, butterflies and corn — the sort of basic-knowledge research on which medicine depends when it seeks to understand and treat disease.

"To understand any disease you have to understand how the cell works," Vize said. "And there's not that much difference between how a fly cell works and a human cell.'

Xenopus laevis, the standard lab frog of scientists worldwide, is Krieg's specialty.

"Pretty much everything we learn for frogs applies to us," Krieg said. "We have more in common genetically with frogs than people realize. Deep inside, we're very similar."

Before Muller, there was Patexamined but only inferred.

terson, who also was famous for his research with fruit flies, and Theophilus Shickel Painter, who studied human genetics and was president of UT from 1946 to 1952. They were the charter members of the Texas group, genetics pioneers who labored Scientists keep research legacy alive

atoms called molecules.

study frog embryos to try to help doctors understand some-

Krieg said. "But we don't know

number 46 was established with better equipment."

The field exploded in the 1970s with the development of technologies allowing genes to be copied, manipulated and analyzed at the level of clumps of how the heart comes out of the embryo. Nobody knows."

The great advantage of studying frogs is their prolific and rapid reproduction in a manageable format: a thousand embryos at a time, in a small

In prints from video cameras attached to microscopes in Krieg's lab, the embryos look like bunches of bananas. Their hearts, isolated for viewing by injected dyes, begin as balls of cells with many genes regulating the organ's development. Simple tubes form, then bend to form chambers, valves and muscles. Within 48 hours, each embryo has a small, beating heart.

Krieg believes he's found a specific gene that helps the heart develop, a gene that also might be involved in repair of an adult heart hobbled by disease.

Copying the gene and injecting it into an embryo, in greater quantity than normal, "produces larger than normal hearts," Krieg said. "It proves to us this gene must be involved in heart development. I'm arguing that this type of gene causes other genes to become active. This has many medical people incredibly excited — we're getting a lot of encouragement."

Down the hall at Patterson Laboratories, Vize, a molecular geneticist, shows her allegiance to Drosophilia, the scientific name of the fruit fly, in her dan-

"I find houseflies icky," she

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# said. "But fruit flies are beautiin early cell development.

The methods allow Krieg to

thing fundamental about people: how their hearts develop. "It's shocking in a way,"

"The Texas group was very famous," said H. Eldon Sutton, a professor of zoology and director of the Genetics Institute. "Painter studied human chromosomes. He came up with 48, which held until 1958, when the

gling fly earrings.

Like frogs, fruit flies reproduce quickly and in large numbers. Their life cycle, from egg to adult, takes about 10 days. So manipulating their genes for study produces quick results.

Drosophilia, a staple of genetics labs since 1900, was the subject of this year's Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology. But there's still plenty to do with the fly's about 17,000 genes.

"There are lots of basic things that haven't been touched," said Vize, who studies the eyes of fruit flies and has found evidence of a new gene that seems to be linked with cancer. "There's a nearly identical

there's one in humans," she The gene, the subject of a research article to be published

gene in mice, so we can assume

this month in a major science journal, apparently is involved

Vize said the gene seems to encode for the creation of proteins that degrade, or get rid of, other proteins when they are damaged or grow too old to function properly. Proteins make up the structural part of most organs.

"When proteins are not degraded properly, it causes a kind of cancer," Vize said. "So we're trying to figure out how these (degrading) proteins work. Our work shows that protein degradation is not just housekeeping but is important for regulating what a cell will become."

Genetics has progressed so much from the days when Muller could win a Nobel Prize

using a dental X-ray for research that it has become a way of thinking in fields from biology to pharmacy. With the expansion has come so much specialization that no one can fathom it all.

Like Painter, Sutton, who has published a textbook on the field, studies human genetics. He's researching techniques for locating genes in the Human Genome project, an internation al effort to isolate the 100,000 genes of human DNA. But he despairs of a complete overview.

"I try to keep up," Sutton said. "But it's becoming impossible to follow it all.'

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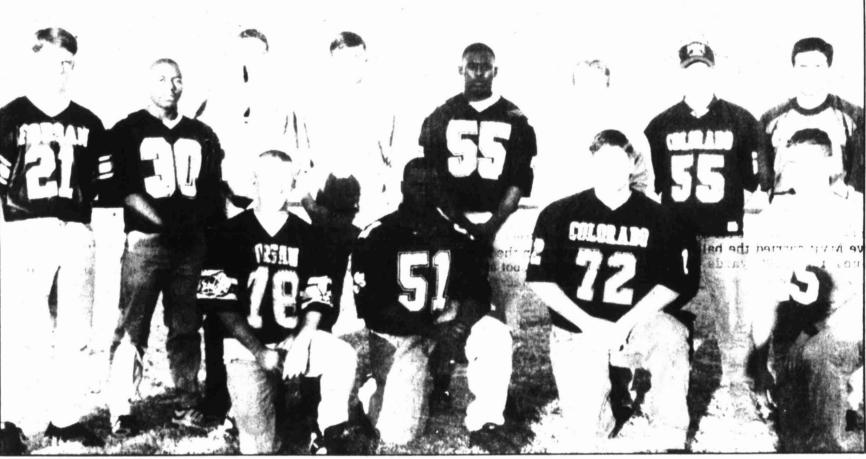
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# Crossroads Country Honor Roll



Members of the Honor Roll first-team offense are, front row, left to right: Shaun Fietz, Greenwood; Justin Schwartz, Garden City: Ty Henderson, Colorado City; Tim Rios, Big Spring; and James Escobar, Big Spring; back row, left to right: Josh Jones, Greenwood: Matthew Hamilton, Coahoma; Leo McCalister, Stanton; Arian Emerson, Colorado City; Bucky Smith, Greenwood; and Daniel Franks, Big Spring. Not pictured is Bucky Crenshaw, Big Spring.



Members of the Honor Roll first-team defense are, front row, left to right, Jason Brown, Forsan; Jon Green, Big Spring; Zack Love, Colorado City; and Lance Payne, Stanton; back row, left to right: Wes Crow, Forsan; Frankie Green, Big Spring, Matthew

Hamilton, Coahoma; Jason Hopper, Stanton; Kendall Davis, Big Spring; Bucky Smith, Greenwood; John Erwin, Colorado City; and Ryan Costabile, Colorado City. Not pictured is Philip Garcia, Colorado City.

# Steers, Wolves dominate '95 dream team

By STEVE REAGAN Sports Editor

Big Spring and Colorado City, the area's two teams with the most intriguing stories this football season, landed the most players on this year's Crossroads Country Honor

C-City, which broke a 19game losing streak at the start of the season and marched to a district championship, placed Coach of the Year Bill Grissom and six of his players on the Honor Roll. Big Spring, which lost a playoff spot because of a game forfeiture, landed seven first-team selections.

Two teams that advanced to the second round of the state playoffs, Greenwood and Stanton, also were well-represented. District 8-3A co-champion Greenwood has this year's defensive MVP, Casey Otho, and three other first-teamers, while offensive MVP Taylor Looney and three of his Stanton teammates are first team honorees.

Making his second straight Please see HONOR, page 11A

Big Spring's Bucky Crenshaw. The 5-foot-9, 169pound senior quarterback completed 68 of

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four TDs. His favorite target is another twotime Honor Roll member: senior tight end Daniel Franks. Franks (6-5, 220) caught 28 passes for 502 yards (a 17.9 average) and six touchdowns and received honorable mention recognition on this year's **Associated Press Sports Editors** Class 4A all-state team.

Joining Franks in the receiving corps is a two-way starter on the Honor Roll: Coahoma's

# Grissom guided Wolves to fairy tale season

By DARRELL ERICSON Sportswriter

In his first year as Colorado City head coach, Bill Grissom took a team with a 19-game losing streak and turned them into champions.

The Wolves made it to the area playoffs after becoming the District 8-3A champs and beating Fabens in the bi-district playoffs. A tough loss to Ballinger ended what was soon called a Cinderlla story.

Was it luck or was it skill? If you would ask coach Grissom, he would say it was because of

one thing that remained con- Grissom has been named to the offs proves excellence, which is stant was the attitude of the players and the efforts from the team as coach of the year. staff," Grissom said. "We had

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chances to fall back into the losing rut but kids bucked up to win. Once they got a taste of what it felt like to just contin-

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With the amount of success "More than anything else, the the Wolves had this year,

Crossroad Country Football

"It's a great feeling. It always feels good

ple appreciate do," Grissom said.

> fact that Grissom coaching able

break a 19-game losing streak and take their team to the playa honor within itself

"It was so rewarding to look at the situation we were in and see what we did as a team. It was so much fun to watch the kids be put in a winning situation and watch them progress," Grissom said.

Even though the Wolyes exceeded expectations this season they are looking to go even further next season.

Grissom said, "We had a lot of luck this season. We didn't have any injuries or lose anyone to grades. Being in this situation will allow us to have a better season next year."

# SHOT OF THE DAY



Temple coach John Chaney celebrates on the sidelines during his team's 74-66 overtime win over No 1 Kansas Friday in East Rutherford,

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# TEXAS

# Aikman downplays dispute

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Startled by the reaction to reports of a split between him and Dallas coach Barry Switzer, Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman says he hasn't enough clout to threaten the coach's job - and wouldn't if he could.

"I don't even know if I have any clout within this organization and, if I did, I certainly would not exercise that," he told The Dallas Morning News for Saturday's editions. "Those people make the decisions they feel they have to make, and I make the decisions I feel I have to make.

The uproar began with a story in Friday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that quoted Aikman as saying he was uncertain about his future with the Cowboys.

"I can't predict what's going to happen this offseason," Aikman told the Star-Telegram.

# NATION/WORLD

# **Baseball OKs buyout terms**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Not even snowballs, an injuried Stan Humphries or a 17-point second-half deficit could keep the San Diego Chargers from returning to the playoffs.

Shaun Gayle returned an interception 99 yards for a touchdown for the go-ahead score with 5:44 to play and Chargers completed a late-season run to the playoffs by defeating the New York Giants 27-17 on

The victory was the fifth straight for the Chargers (9-7), losers to San Francisco in last season's Super Bowl, and it guaranteed them a wildcard playoff berth in a game they almost won on a forfeit.

Referee Ron Blum halted the contest briefly early in the fourth quarter after fans at Giants Stadium pelted the field with snowballs.

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- WR Marc Baker (Sr., 6-0, 175), Big Spring
- WR Lance Dockery (Jr., 6-0, 165), C-City
- TE Clay Thixton (Jr., 160), Forsan
- OL Adrian DeLaRosa (Sr., 6-0, 165), Coahoma
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- OL Brian Ruiz (Sr., 5-10, 175), Coahoma OL - Daniel Brewster (Jr., 5-11, 195), Big Spring
- OL Jeremy Louder (Sr., 6-2, 185), Stanton
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- DL Kinney DuPree (Sr., 5-9, 280), Big Spring
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- LB Rusty Baker (Sr., 5-9, 175), Forsan
- DB Todd McAdams (Jr., 5-10, 168), Big Spring
- DB Marc Baker (Sr., 6-0, 175), Big Spring
- DB Clay Thixton (Jr., 5-8, 160), Forsan DB - Nick Hull (Sr., 6-0, 155), Stanton
- P Todd McAdams (Jr., 5-10, 168), Big Spring

# Honor.

Continued from page 10A

Matthew Hamilton. Hamilton, a 6-0, 145-pound junior, was quarterback Adam Tindol's main target this season, catching 55 passes for 728 yards and six touchdowns, and was a first team all-District 6-2A selection.

Another junior lines up in the other wide receiver slot. Stanton's Leo McCalister (6-0, 165) hauled in 30 catches for 604 yards, carried the ball six times for 42 yards and scored

11 touchdowns for the Buffalos. Greenwood's Bucky Smith, a repeat Honor Roll selection, mans one of the running back slots. The District 8-3A offensive MVP carried the ball 144 times for 1,102 yards and scored 12 touchdowns this sea-

Joining Smith in the backfield is the youngest member of the Honor Roll, Colorado City sophomore Arian Emerson. The 155-pound tailback was a main driving force behind the Wolves' turnaround, gaining 1,909 yards on 300 carries and

scoring 15 TDs. Two Big Spring Steers highlight the offensive line. Seniors Tim Rios (5-10, 290) and James Escobar (5-11, 245) were major reasons Big Spring's offense collected 3,000 total yards this season. Joining them on the offensive line are Garden City junior Justin Schwartz (6-0, 178), Colorado City junior Ty Henderson (6-3, 225) and Greenwood senior Shaun Fietz

(5-11, 240). Josh Jones earns placekicking honors for the second season in a row. Despite playing in only six games because of an injury, Jones had 16 extra-point kicks and two field goals, the longest of which was 49 yards.

Big Spring is represented on the defensive line as well. Senior Jon Green (5-9, 21), a first-team all-district selection, had 75 tackles - 17 for losses a sack, seven quarterback pres-

sures and two caused fumbles. Zack Love of Colorado City joins Green on the line. the 6-2, 255-pound junior collected 100 tackles, three sacks, four caused fumbles and four fumble recoveries for the Wolves

this year. C-City teammate Philip Garcia (sr., 5-11,160) also had a fine year for the Wolves. He had 65 tackles, three sacks and four fumble recoveries.

Also on the defensive line is Forsan's Jason Brown. Although on the light side at 145 pounds, Brown was a terror for the Buffaloes, collecting 130 tackles, three sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception.

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Rounding out the defensive line is Stanton senior Lance Pavne (6-2, 190). He had 145 tackles, three sacks and six fumble recoveries this season.

At one linebacking spot is Big Spring's Kendall Davis. The 6-0, 190-pound senior had 91 tackles - 14 for losses - six sacks, a fumble recovery and an interception in 1995.

Also at linebacker is Colorado City junior John Erwin. Erwin (5-9, 175) had 121 tackles and a fumble recovery for the Wolves.

**Bucky Smith of Greenwood is** a two-way starter on the Honor Roll, also landing a spot at linebacker. He had 110 tackles and three interceptions this season.

Big Spring junior Frankie Green mans one of the defensive back positions. Green (5-9, 170) had 62 tackles this season, as well as four breakups, one interception and three quarterback pressures.

Matthew Hamilton of Coahoma proved equally adept at catching passes and preventing others from catching them. As a defensive back, Hamilton had 74 tackles, four interceptions and two fumble recoveries this season.

The most prolific tackler in the defensive backfield is Colorado City senior Ryan Costabile (6-0, 145), who had 115 tacklers, two interceptions and a caused fumble this season.

The final defensive back is Stanton senior Jason Hopper (6-2, 170), who had 97 tackles, two caused turnovers and six interceptions this season.

Punting honors on our dream team went to Forsan senior Wes Crow, who had 40 punts for a 33-yard average while earning first-team all-district honors this season.

# Looney triggered Stanton success story

**By DARRELL ERICSON** 

Sportswriter

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STANTON - Taylor Looney was a major reason that the Stanton Buffalos had one of their best seasons ever.

With Looney calling signals on offense, Stanton made it to the area playoff round and lost to Hamlin after beating the No. 7 ranked team in the state, Iraan.

Looney completed 88 of 170 passes for 1,511 yards and 17 touchdowns. Running the ball, Looney gained 95 yards and scored 3 touchdowns on 57 car-

In the Crossroads Country Looney said. Honor Roll

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Looney said, "We just wanted to make it to the playoffs. That was our main goal. Within the team we knew we could go far in the playoffs, but people out-

side of the team didn't." Being a senior on a football team means nearing the end of your high school career. For Looney his last season is one he'll always remember.

"This season is something I will never forget. Everyone played great and we had a lot of team unity. I am already having football withdrawals. It's going to be sad to come home and see Stanton on the field and not be able to play."

# Otho was very offensive defensive player

By DARRELL ERICSON Sportswriter

Casey Otho, senior safety for the Greenwood Rangers, is the Crossroads Country Honor Roll football team's defensive most

valuable player. Otho had 33 unassisted tackels and 10 interceptions, nine in regular season and one in the playoffs. Two of those picks were retured for scores.

Those statistics were good enough to earn Otho first-team status on the Associated Press Sports Editor' Class 3A all-state

In West Texas, which is not exactly famous for passing,

stats such as these is some- to the area playoffs. thing to be admired, but for Otho it was just part of the

**MVP** 

Casey Otho,

Greenwood

"All you have to do is watch the Defensive ball. You have to read the quarterback and look to see where he is throwing and then go the

receiver and make a break on the ball," Otho said.

The Rangers were co-champions in District 8-3A and made it

Otho credited the Rangers' success to the attitude of the defense.

> had a real good defensive attitude. The defense kept us in a lot of games and always gave the offense good field posistion," Otho

said. "The seniors had a lot more enthusiasm to play. We played every game like it was

The biggest goal for Otho and the Rangers was to meet up with Alpine in the playoffs and they did, earning a victory over the favored Bucks.

"We wanted to meet Alpine again in the playoffs and we did. It will be one of the biggest games I'll remember - that and Ballinger (another victory earlier in the year)."

Otho, who finished out his football season with all-district honors, said, "We had a lot of team and parent support. They gave us a lot of incentive to win. They were always there from start to finish. It was a good season to be my last."

Complete

# **Dorsett Jr. learning to** live with dad's legacy

hallways after another Blue- ly unnoticed. Gray all-star practice, an NFL scout peered into room 418 at the new downtown hotel.

"Are you Anthony?" he "Yeah," Anthony Dorsett Jr.

Dorsett doesn't play his father's position, and he doesn't go by his father's name, Tony. The defensive back at Pittsburgh tries to live up to his own expectations, not those of people who saw his dad win the Heisman Trophy at Pitt and go on to a 12-year Hall of Fame career with the Dallas Cowboys.

"People need to realize that I didn't play in the NFL for 12 years. He did," said Dorsett, who will play in Monday's Blue-Gray game. "And I'm Anthony. I'm not Tony. I never went by Tony. I never would want to."

Dorsett also has not had the good fortune his father had at Pittsburgh. Tony Dorsett won the Heisman during Pitt's national championship season in 1976. His son's career at Pitt has been marred by one of the program's dimmest eras. The Panthers won three games in each of the past two seasons and finished 2-9 this year.

Maybe that's how the son of a football great could slip

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — through a four-year career at talking about the most famous With players bustling in the his father's alma mater virtual Dorsett during interviews.

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his dad's expressive face, if not his speed and deft moves. He's about the same size at 190 pounds, prompting coach Johnny Majors to consider moving him to tailback this season when Pitt star Billy West went down with a seasonending broken leg. Majors decided against it

because Dorsett was too far along in his career.

"I always wished I could have been here when he was a freshman," Majors said. "You always wonder, what if?" The scouts this week have

been careful to call him Anthony, but even they end up

"I've had scouts here telling

"I'm not saying it was my me they scouted my dad when he was coming out." Dorsett Dorsett, who also will play in

> the East-West Shrine game, has heard favorable things from scouts this week. Then again, how can you tell the son of a Hall of Famer he has no chance? Dorsett knows the NFL is a cruel world. "If I don't make it, then I

> don't," Dorsett said. "God didn't just bless me with physical attributes. He blessed me with a brain, too." There's a knock at the door,

and Dorsett answers it. It's another scout. This one says he's from the Browns, leaving out the teams's city of origin, because that's still up in the

Dorsett knows there probably will be more questions about

"I've grown up with it and learned how to deal with it," he said. "I've accepted it. That's who I am. It's something I live

And he knows it could be "I have friends who don't

even know who their father is."

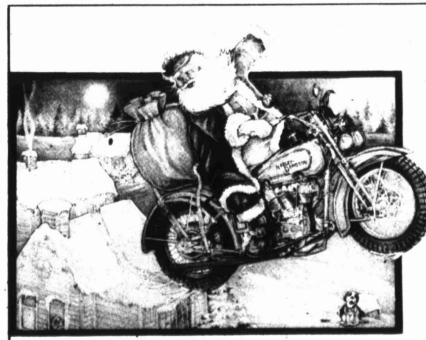
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54-66; Rent-A-Tire Rollerss, 50-78; Images, 45-83; hi sc. team game Big Spring Music Co., 730; hi hdcp team game Barber Glass & Mirro, 955; hi sc. team game Big Spring Music Co. 2064; hi hdcp team series Pak-N-Sender, 2581; hi sc. game and series Laurie Wells, 246 and 609; hi hdcp game and series Dene Lambright, 307 and 730; most over ave. game Dene Lambright, 106; most over ave series Dene Lambright, 127. STANDINGS - Pin Busters, 5-3;

Sherrie's Diner, 3-5; The Strikers, 4-4 BSCU C. City Branch, 4-4; Federal Oil. 2-6: Pack-N-Sender, 6-2: KC Kids, 6-2; Hall's Air Cooled Engines 2-6; Rocky's, 2-6; Images, 6-2; Pollard Chev., 6-2: Cline Cosntruction, 2-6; Big Spring Music Co., 6-2: Green House Photography 2-6; Barber Glass & Mirror, 4-4; Rent A-Tire Rollers, 4-4; CampbellCement Cosnruction, 0-8; E.P. Driver, 8-0; Walmart #513, 2-6; Chem Cher, 6-2; Big Spring Tire, 4-4; Day & Day Builders, 4-4.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO RESULTS - PFS over Wild Bunch, 6-2; Loan Stars over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Big Spring Music over Slow Starters Two, 6-2; Big Spring Auto Electric tied Golden Corral, 4-4; Security State Bank over A Timeless Design, 6-2; Bob Brock Ford tied Arrow Retrigeration, 4-4; Charlotte's Raiders tied Walmart Fun Bowlers, 4 4; Big Spring Chrysler over Saunders Company, 8-0; Team 18 over Conoco, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) David Campbell, 290 and 716; hi hdcp game and series (man) David Campbell, 312 and 782; hi c. game (woman) Patricia Hill, 202; hi sc. series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 550; hi hdcp game and series (woman) Peggy Huckabee, 251 and 700; hi sc. team game and series Loan Stars, 659 and 1772: hi hdcp team game Loan Stars, 659; hi hdcp

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Washington	5	10	0	333	306	342
N.Y. Giants	5	11	0	.313	300	340
Arizona	4	11	0	.267	262	385
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y-Green Bay	10	5	0	.667	380	295
y-Detroit	9	6	0	.600	399	326
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	372	346
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	388	358
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	467	228	298
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Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games No games scheduled Monday's Games

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Los Angeles	13	147	33	110 111
Vancouver	12	129	33	120 119
Anaheim	13	213	29	111 125
Edmonton	11	186	28	94 135
Calgary	8	207	23	93 128
San Jose	8	234	20	107 159

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Friday's Games Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 2

Boston 3. Buffalo 2. OT Hartford 3, N.Y. Rangers 3, tie Washington 6, Edmonton 3 Colorado 2, St. Louis 1 Detroit 5, Calgary 1 San Jose 4, Los Angeles 3 Vancouver 6, Anaheim 2 Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Hartford, 7 p.m. Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 7

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# Roughriders win 5A Div. II crown; **Sealy escapes with Class 3A title**

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Terrell Haynes got the big yards and Richard Shandy made the big plays, carrying San Antonio Roosevelt to the Class 5A Division II title with a 17-10 victory Saturday over Flower Mound Marcus.

Haynes ran for 153 yards and Shandy had a 28-yard touchdown catch and a 7-yard scoring run, both in the second half, to lead the Rough Riders (16-0) to their first championship.

The victory was sealed by two fumble recoveries in the final 3:12, one on a reception deep in Roosevelt territory and another on a bobbled punt deep in Marcus (15-1) territory.

The Rough Riders' surprising run through the postseason gives District 26-5A a championship sweep as Converse Judson took the Division I crown last weekend. This is the first time a district has won both 5A titles since the University Interscholastic League began the two-championship format in 1990.

Roosevelt earned it by holding the Marauders' record-setting offense to 23 points below its average and its lowest point total of the year (by 18 points). The Rough Riders kept Chris Sanders, the 5A offensive player of the year, to a season-low 258 yards on 17-of-35 passing. He was intercepted twice.

Marcus, which had never been past the second round of the playoffs in its 10 years, still managed to pull ahead 3-0 late in the second quarter on a 37yard field goal by Chris Prater. Then Roosevelt unleashed

Havnes. Haynes, playing for the first time since hurting his knee in the last regular-season game, had been a decoy for Shandy since one carry for one yard on the Rough Riders' second play.

He carried five times for 31 yards on a late second-half drive to set up a 23-yard touchdown by Jacob Rodriguez that tied the game at 3. Rodriguez missed a 28-yard attempt as the second quarter expired.

Haynes picked up where he left off on the opening drive of the third quarter, gaining 28 yards on five carries, including a 5-yard gain on a fourth-andinches, as Roosevelt moved to the Marcus 28.

Facing fourth-and-10, the Rough Riders went for it. Rodriguez scrambled right and threw a screen left to Shandy. He sliced through several defenders and danced into the end zone to put Roosevelt ahead

Sanders tied it at 10 late in the third quarter by moving Marcus 70 yards in seven plays, capping the quick strike with a 22-yard touchdown pass that Billy Miller bobbled but held onto as he crossed into the end

Haynes began the game-winning drive with a 20-yard run, then again went for 5 yards on a fourth-and-inches.

Shandy took over when Roosevelt got near the end zone and he scored the go-ahead touchdown by stringing out the defense down the left side of the line, then darting into the end zone.

Marcus didn't seem done, though.

Sanders had 5:37 left and he completed passes of 12, 12 and 18 yards to put the Marauders at the Roosevelt 35. After a run lost two yards; Sanders threw

across the middle for Aaron Wright at about the 20.

Wright caught it and was hit instantly. He lost it, a Rough Rider recovered, he lost it and finally Robert Haynes landed on it.

Sealy 21, Commerce 20

WACO, Texas (AP) - Sealy's Mario Tarver delivered a stinging shot on a make-or-break two point try with 53 seconds left to preserve a 21-to-20 victory over Commerce for a second straight Class 3A championship.

"When I saw (Commerce coach Steve Lineweaver) call for two, I thought it was going to be a shame that there was only going to be one state champion," said Sealy coach T.J. Mills after his team's 32nd straight victory.

In a game in which Commerce and Sealy played well enough to win a state championship, that one play ensured that only Sealy would take home a title Friday.

Down 21-14, Commerce (13-2-1) embarked upon a desperate final drive near midfield when Matt Webber connected with Lorenzo Johnson on a 45-yard play to the Sealy 7.

Webber lofted a soft toss to Brandon Sims for a touchdown on the following play. Lineweaver then elected to go for an outright victory rather than a tie on an extra point, which could have meant a shared title.

Webber dropped back on the two-point play when Tarver nailed him in the process of throwing. The disabled pass landed harmlessly and Sealy killed the clock for a narrow

# SWC's demise heads Top 10 Texas sports list

The kids on college campuses Conference games on the Humble Radio Network or when Darrell Royal's Texas Longhorns won the Big Shootout in 1969.

They've only read about the great names and games the SWC produced. They probably know the league gave birth to the Run-and-Shoot and may have heard that the Wishbone was born here, too.

What they probably know most about the Southwest Conference are the problems of the last two decades. The various schools on probation. The various coaches forced out for fear of such punishments. The death penalty.

When they were growing up, playing for an SWC team wasn't very glamorous. Out of state schools could provide more exposure on television and a better chance of avoiding probation.

A generation earlier, there was nothing better than sipping a Dr Pepper, listening to Tips' eloquent play-by-play and dream of being asked to play for an SWC school.

Sure, pro football teams in Houston and Dallas began siphoning some fans away in the 1960s, but the league was still going strong. Then, the crooks took over.

The spiral of the 1980s wasn't improving when college football hit a crossroads in the early 1990s. Realizing things weren't likely to improve any time soon, Arkansas bolted for the Southeastern Conference.

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Eventually it was decided that on June 30, 1996, the SWC would fade to black. The next day, UT, A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech would be in the Big 12. Rice. SMU and TCU would be in the Western Athletic Conference. Houston would be in Conference USA.

That left this past fall as the final football season for the grand old league.

What began with high hopes for Texas A&M ended up being a resurrection of sorts for Texas. Still, it came down to a final day matchup between those schools for the 81st and final title.

Now, it's all over. SWC football died Dec. 2, 1995, at 7:10 p.m. when a fan flipped a switch at Rice Stadium and "turned out the lights" on the grand old league.

In a voting of newspapers and broadcasters across Texas, the passing of Southwest Conference football was named

the top sports story of 1995. Another passing was a close second: the death of former New York Yankees great Mickey Mantle following a lengthy battle with cancer in a Dallas hospital.

The saga began on Memorial Day when Mantle, complaining of stomach pains, checked into Baylor University Medical Center.

Within weeks, Mantle was diagnosed with liver cancer,

Soon, Texas and Texas A&M made worse by a case of cirrho-ravaged. these days weren't born when wanted out. To do so, the sis (traced easily to the years of Kern Tips broadcast Southwest Aggies and Longhorns had to heavy drinking by the recovering alcoholic) and a long-dormant dose of hepatitis.

All of a sudden, it wasn't so funny to hear Mantle say that if he knew he was going to live this long he would've taken better care of himself.

A transplant was the only and a donor organ was quickly found. Skeptics wondered aloud whether Mantle's fame - and few people have ever been more most celebrated than "The Mick" — helped move him past other people who needed livers.

Mantle reappeared on a July 11 news conference, the same day baseball's All-Star Game was in nearby Arlington.

It was a sad sight. Once known as the strongest, swiftest, best looking guy around, Mantle was gaunt and frail. He had lost more than 40 pounds, causing a championship ring and watch to dangle around his finger and wrist.

But his words that day were as strong as ever: "Here's a role model: Don't be

like me.

That speech and Mantle's promotion of organ donations, especially a posthumous campaign by his family that was

Finally, early on the morning

of Sunday, Aug. 13, Mickey Charles Mantle died.

Not everything big was sad in

The Houston Rockets celebrated a repeat championship after making a popular but preway for Mantle to keep living sumably unwise Valentine's Day parade for Clyde Drexler, and Jerry Jones triumphantly signed Deion Sanders to a seven-year, \$35 million contract to play for the Dallas Cowboys.

> third and fourth on the list, followed by Jones' NFL-pricking deals with Pepsi, Nike and American Express to pay for But Prime Time wasn't enough to keep Dallas from los-

> ing to his old team, San Francisco, in November. There was a deja vu feeling to the loss as early turnovers and questions about Barry Switzer's decision-making in that game followed the same script as the Cowboys' January loss to the

49ers. Dallas' problems with its new archrival was Texas' No. 7 sports story.





In Green Bay on Sunday, will there be some Artzona dreaming?

It's one way for the Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers to stay warm at Lambeau Field As two of the eight NFL teams that entered the final week of the regular season already assured of playoff berths, they can fantasize about another meeting at Tempe next month at the 30th Super Bowl.

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Despite the status of the two teams, this is not a meaningless game The Packers (10-5) need a win to clinch

their first NFC Central title since 1972. If they lose and Detroit wins, the Lions get the tiebreaker and the division. And the Steelers (11-4) still have a shot at

home field advantage in the AFC playoffs. They get it if they win and Kansas City loses.

"I want Lambeau Field to be rockin' and rollin' like it never has before," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said. "I want it to be electric on Sunday. As soon as we hit the field, I want them going - from opening kickoff right until the end."

The Steelers are the team that's been joing, winning eight straight. The winning started about the time that Bill Cowher decided to find a way to use Kordell Stewart, who in ast week's 41-27 win over New England recame "Double Slash," as in quarterbackvide receiver-running back

But there's a lot more to Pittsburgh than Stewart, just as there's a lot more to Green 3ay than Brett Favre, the quarterback whose 36 touchdown passes and 4,112 yards have folks in the northland pushing his MVP candidacy as hard as they're rooting for the

One key: Reggie White, who played at New Orleans last Sunday after he was supposed to be out for the season with hamstring troubles. Another: Edgar Bennett, who last week became the first Packer to go over 1,000

yards rushing since Terdell Middleton in 1978. But whatever happens in Green Bay, the Steelers and Packers both know there's a tomorrow. That's not true for everyone

As the final weekend began Saturday, eight teams including Pittsburgh and Green Bay, were in the playoffs with their final status yet to be determined. The others: San Francisco. Dallas, Philadelphia and Detroit in the NFC. Buffalo and Kansas City in the AFC.

Ten others were consulting the stars and computers for the combination of circumstances that could land them one of the four berths still open - three of them AFC wild-

And Carolina had a chance to make history. A win at Washington and it would become the first expansion team in any sport to finish its first year with a .500 record.

The weekend opened with three Saturday games with playoff ramifications: San Diego at the New York Giants, Detroit at Tampa Bay and New England at Indianapolis.

In other Sunday games, it will be Houston at Buffalo, Seattle at Kansas City, Cleveland at Jacksonville, San Francisco at Atlanta, Philadelphia at Chicago, New Orleans at the New York Jets, Minnesota at Cincinnati, Denver at Oakland, and Miami at St. Louis. Dallas is at Arizona Monday night in the regular season finale

San Francisco (11-4) at Atlanta (8-7) Philadelphia (10-5) at Chicago (8-7) Minnesota (8-7) at Cincinnati (6-9) These three games will clarify the NFC

The key is Philadelphia at Chicago, a game that could give the Eagles the NFC East championship and a week off or give the Bears a playoff berth — although Chicago

If the Eagles, who already have clinched a home wild-card game, win at a site where they've lost 13 straight, the pressure is on Dallas, which often has trouble with the

three of their last six and lucky one-point winners at home over the Giants last week, to beat the Cardinals just to win the NFC East

and avoid playing a wild-card game. Chicago, whose win over Tampa Bay last week broke a run of five losses in stx games. Isn't in a bad position if it can beat the Eagles. A victory, combined with a loss by the Falcons to San Francisco, gives the Bears the NFC's final wild-card spot.

The 49ers, of course, aren't about to let up. They need only to beat the Falcons to clinch the home field for the playoffs, their goal all

Their track record against Atlanta says they will. They beat the Falcons 41-10 at San Francisco this season and have won six of their last seven against them, scoring 50, 42, 37. 41 and 56 points in the other victories. The Falcons, who blew their best chance

by losing at Carolina last week, can still make the playoffs with an upset. But their chances depend on some other possibilities. The Vikings, last Monday night's San Francisco sacrifice, aren't at all dead. They're In if they beat the Bengals, the 49ers beat the

Falcons and the Eagles beat the Bears — all distinct possibilities. Seattle (8-7) at Kansas City (12-3)

Denver (7-8) at Oakland (8-7)

Miami (8-7) at St. Louis (7-8) Kansas City is in, and the five others are in contention, even the Rams, who have lost eight of their last 11 games.

The Rams need to win, and Minnesota, Chicago and Atlanta all have to lose for St. Louis to make it. That's unlikely but possible. The others are in the more complex scenar-

Seattle, which would be in if it hadn't lost at home to the Jets during a run of six wins in seven games, is one of the more impressive teams, following its 44-10 win over the Raiders. But It must win at Kansas City and hope that either San Diego, Indianapolis or Miami loses.

The winning part won't be easy. The Chiefs, who can look unimpressive, still have the NFI's best record and need this game to clinch home field for the AFC playoffs, a major step on the road to the Super

"Is it a huge factor in whether or not we're able to make it to the Super Bowl? Yes, defensive tackle Joe Phillips said about remaining at Arrowhead for the postseason.

For the rest, making the playoffs will be like backing in. The Raiders have lost five straight after starting 8-2. The Dolphins started 4-0 and are 4-7 since. And the Broncos are consistently inconsistent - they have only one two-game winning streak and two two-game losing streaks, one of which they're on now.

The Broncos need a win and a lot of help. For the Raiders, a win and a loss by the Seahawks will do it, and they can even get in if they lose and the right things happen. "To me, by the grace of God, we're still in

this playoff thing," said Mike White, who is starting Billy Joe Hobert because Jeff Hostetler's injured left shoulder leaves him unable to play.

"My focus is Denver and a chance to salvage the season. That's the direction right now I'm not happy with where we are

It would also be easy for the Dolphins to miss the playoffs after being one of the AFC's Super Bowl favorites when the season start-

Carolina (7-8) at Washington (5-10) This is the most interesting of the games. with no playoff implications, only because the

games than any other NFL expansion team,

Panthers, who already have won four more

could finish at .500

# NFL This Week Can Cowboys regain killer instinct?

notable exceptions such as Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin, the Dallas Cowboys of 1995 aren't the same team as the Super Bowl champions of 1992 and 1993.

That doesn't keep coach Barry Switzer from feeling the same pressure.

"Between '93 and now, we lost 27 players that were on that squad," Switzer said. "They weren't all starters, and we still have some great players, but with the rotation they had, we wouldn't fall off much if we had their linemen, their rotation of linebackers."

The coaching also is not the same, and Switzer has been taking heat since his fourthquarter decision to go for it on fourth-and-a-foot two weeks ago. The Philadelphia defense stopped Smith cold at the Dallas 29, and the Eagles won the game 20-17 with a field goal.

Jimmy Johnson, who resigned after winning his second straight Super Bowl, laughed at his successor on the Fox postgame show, and a Fort Worth columnist wrote that Switzer had transformed the Cowboys from America's team to "the laughingstock of the country."

Then the Cowboys struggled to beat the New York Giants 21-



Quarterback Troy Aikman and the Dallas Cowboys conclude the 1995 regular season when they play at Arizona Monday.

Aikman and Smith, who have been playing hurt, and the loss to injury of middle linebacker Robert Jones and defensive linemen Russell Maryland and Charles Haley, and it's small wonder Switzer is soft-stepping

around the question of playing Add to that the pain of the lowly Arizona Cardinals (4-11) on Monday night.

The Cowboys (11-4) have beaten the Cardinals 10 straight and would wrap up their fourth consecutive NFC East title with

But the Cardinals know the Sunday's games.

term "laughingstock" as well as anyone after a season of giving up big plays (i.e., a 76-yard run by Kansas City's Steve Bono), and big yardage, and this time they're healthy on defense.

Eric Swann, a Pro Bowl defensive tackle, and middle linebacker Eric Hill were injured when Dallas beat the Cardinals 34-20 earlier this sea-

They're back, and Hill, who is averaging 10 solo tackles per game, is aching for a chance to atone for a season of disappointment.

"At the beginning of the season, you couldn't have told me that we would be sitting here at 4-11." Hill said. "We were thinking we were going to be the host team in the Super Bowl, and then everything started to go wrong. I can't say enough how frustrating it's been this year.

"A win Monday wouldn't salvage the season, but it would definitely make us feel better going into the offseason."

So the Cardinals will be loose and honed in on revenge for five years of humiliating blowouts and agonizingly narrow losses.

The Cowboys won't know their state of mind until after

# NFL may wait and see before voting on Browns

WASHINGTON (AP) National Football League club Cleveland to determine owners may await the outcome of a trial in Cleveland before voting on the proposed move of the Browns to Baltimore.

A special league meeting is scheduled for Jan. 17 in Atlanta so the clubs can act on owner Art Modell's request to move the Browns. The Akron Beacon Journal in Akron, Ohio, and The Washington Post reported Saturday the vote isn't likely to

NFL spokesman Joe Browne said a decision would depend on three factors — the result of a report Jan. 4 by the NFL's finance committee, a league office analysis and the court

A trial starts Feb. 12 in whether the city will be allowed to make the Browns honor their lease with Cleveland Stadium that runs through 1998.

The Akron Beacon Journal quoted Minnesota Vikings president Roger Headrick as saying the owners probably will delay their vote until the case is decided.

'If there is something that could decide whether or not the Browns have the legal right to move, then there's no point in taking a vote until it's resolved," said Headrick, who is chairman or a member of four prominent NFL commit-

### ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNER:

RE: NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A 3.11 ACRE TRACT OUT OF A 20.27 ACRE TRACT IN SEC. 4, BLK 32, T-1-S, T&P RR, HOWARD COUN TY TEXAS (LOCATED ON FM 700, EAST OF BURG ER KING AND ACROSS FROM THE BIG SPRING MALL) FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR ENER GAS COMPANY TO USE AS A UTILITY CON STRUCTION EQUIPMENT YARD.

This is to inform you that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Big Spring will hold a Public Hearing on the above described Proposed Specific Use Permit at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th, 1996, in the City Meeting Room, Airpark Terminal, 2000 Airpark Drive West, Building 1106, Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, Big Spring, Texas. Additionally, if approved, the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance on the Proposed Specific Use Permit at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 1996 in the City Council Chambers, Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, Building 1106 or 310 Nolan (as to be publicly posted The stated purpose of the Specific Use Permit is:

The Gilliland Group Partnership of Amarillo will be purchasing the 3.11 acre tract out of the 20.27 acre tract in Section 4. Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR, Howard County Texas (located on FM 700, East of Burger King and across from the Big Spring Mall) for a Specific Use Permit for Energas Company to use a portion of the property as a utility construction equipment yard.

In accordance with the provision of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring, all property owners within two hundred feet (200') of the affected property shall be notified (by letter at least 10 days before the Public Hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission) of this Proposed Specific Use Permit and given an opportunity to appear in behalf of their own interest You are invited to attend these meetings relative to the subject Specific Use Permit Request. Should you be unable to attend your representative may attend in your behalf, or as an alter nate, your comments may be tendered on the attached form let ter, notarized and returned to the City Engineer, Attention: Planning and Zoning Commission, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas

RALPH E. TRUSZKOWSKI, P.E., City Engineer/Director of Utilities

# Oilers say goodbye to '95 season, Houston

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) Sometime around 4 o'clock Sunday, regardless of the outcome, the Oilers will finish off their 36th and likely last season representing Houston.

It will mark the end of an era. Perhaps fittingly, the Oilers' finale will be played against the Buffalo Bills at Rich Stadium, where the era actually unraveled three years ago for

The Bills engineered the biggest comeback in NFL history when they rebounded from a 35-3 deficit in the playoffs and beat the Oilers 41-38 in overtime. Houston, despite making the playoffs the next year, never really recovered from that loss.

attached to it," Oilers coach and the Bills have won all

is that it was the beginning of decline of the Oilers. Certainly, there's been a great deal of changes. This is far enough behind us. This is a new era for

The Bills wrapped up their sixth AFC East title in eight years last week, leaving this game with no playoff implica-

Houston has made several changes the last three seasons in attempts to bring the franchise back to respectability after going from 12-4 in 1993 to 2-14 last season. The biggest move expected is shipping the team to Nashville by next year.

The Oilers (6-9) have lost all six of their games decided by a "There are some emotions touchdown or less this season,

Jeff Fisher said. "(The) opinion seven games decided by the tory over the New York Jets in same margin. Basically, the gap is closing between Houston and the playoffs.

"I was looking at Houston, and they look like a pretty darned good team to me," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "They have very good speed. They're a young team, aggressive, and they play with a lot of enthusi-

Rookies Steve McNair and Todd Collins will start at quarterback for teams with different objectives in the final game of the regular season. The Oilers want to continue their improvement and finish the season with a win; the Bills want to keep their starters healthy

heading into the playoffs. McNair, the No. 3 pick overall, led the Oilers to a 23-6 vichis first start last week. He has completed 54 percent of his passes for 401 yards and two touchdowns in three games after spending most of the season on the bench.

"It was difficult sitting on the sidelines. The transition was hard," McNair said. "But it's the speed of the game. It's a lot faster. There are 11 guys on offense and defense that can make big plays. As the quarterback, you've got to be aware of

Collins, Buffalo's secondround pick, will be making his first career start. He has completed eight of 14 passes for 82 yards while mopping up for Kelly. Kelly will be the third quarterback this week.

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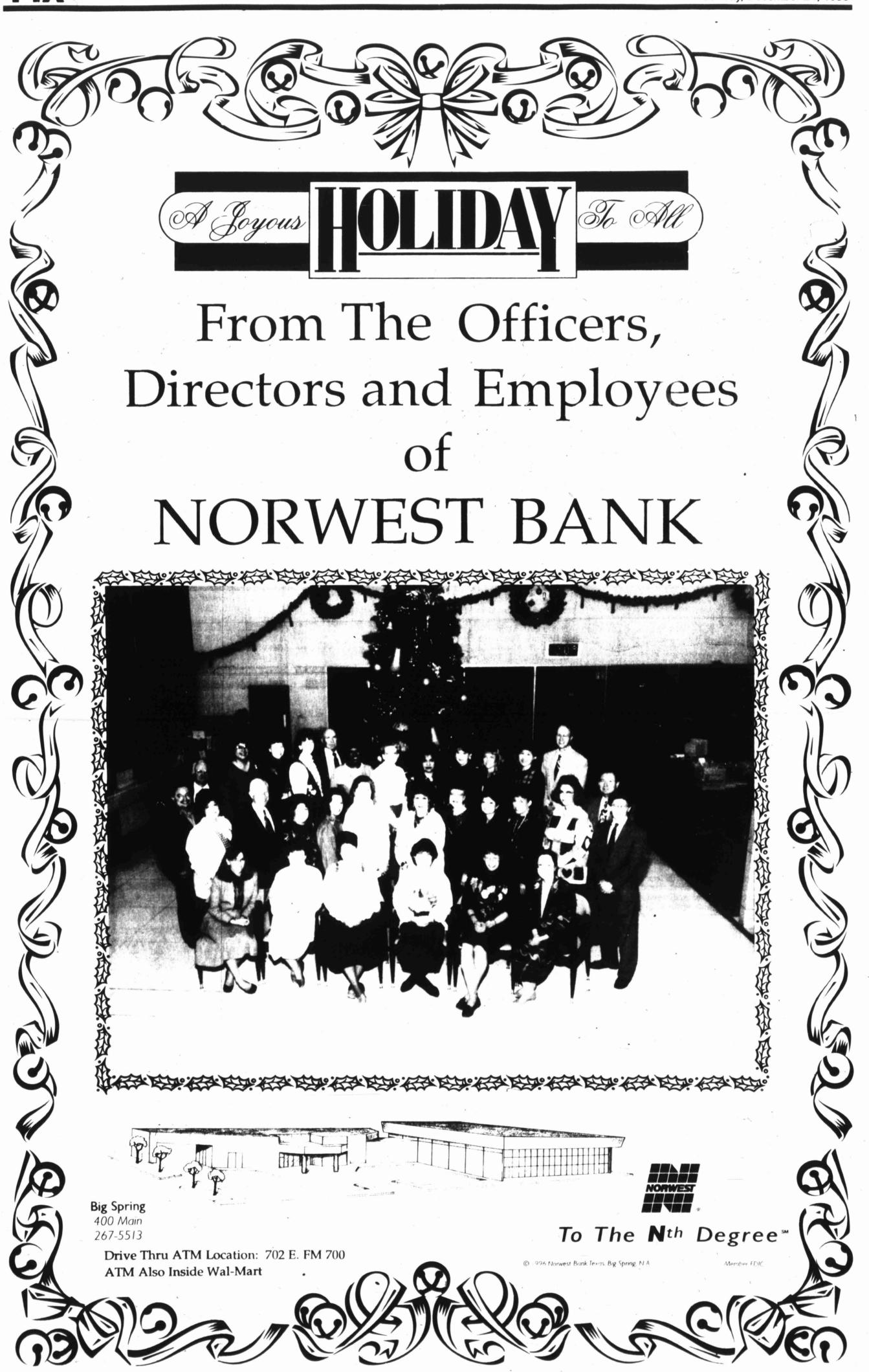
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7331, Ext. 112.

Got an item?

The Giving Tree, sponsored by Children's Protective Services, gave Wal-Mart shoppers an opportunity to purchase gifts for needy children under CPS care.

had worried about whether

all the Angel Tree ornaments

would be handled. At the last

minute, 60 ornaments were

adopted. "We're so grateful,"

Christmas projects too. The

and food collections through

TCA Cable and local schools

have all provided toys, cloth-

ing, food and financial assis-

Toys for Tots also came

through with \$2,600 worth of

goodies for preteen children.

These are the expensive

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like portable stereos, head-

"It's been a wonderful sea-

sets and so on," Tolcher said.

She added that thanks to

Doll Tea, coat collections,

The Salvation Army has its

Tolcher said.

hand in many other

tance for families

### Story by Janet Ausbury

Big Spring and Howard County residents have been in a giving mood this holiday season.

Nearly every club or company in the area has a project to collect food and clothing for a needy family, or buy gifts for children who otherwise might not have a Christmas

Whether the giving comes from small groups of children or major organized events that occur year after year, the following examples show local residents haven't hesitated to reach out to those whose holiday fortunes aren't as great.

# THE GIVING TREE

The Children's Protective Services Giving Tree provided nearly 50 gifts for 13 Big Spring-based children, said Rosie Delgado from the Big Spring CPS office. "We're very proud," said Delgado. One local company purchased \$250 worth of gifts requested on the tree's ornaments.

Fourteen families signed up to become Patron Angels and provide financial donations for CPS to supply children with necessary personal items not provided for in the agency's budget.

# THE ANGEL TREE

Salvation Army's Angel
Tree, similar to the Giving
Tree in that both feature
ornaments with children's
Christmas gift wishes, also
exceeded expectations. "We
had 606 ornaments, and all
were adopted," said Salvation
Army Major Mary Dell
Tolcher. "It was a very good
effort."

Salvation Army workers

# Tis better to GIVE

There's something going around Big Spring, and it's not just the flu - it's a severe case of holiday spirit. Thanks to local generosity, even the neediest families can now have a merrier Christmas

those who have helped the Salvation Army, "every child who signed up for Christmas through the Salvation Army will have a good Christmas this year. Families will have good food baskets, too." The food baskets were handed out Friday.

### **HELPING HANDS**

In the basement of 14th and Main Church of Christ, clothes, shoes and coats hang on racks and fill shelves lining the walls. Cans, bottles and boxes of food fill other shelves and the donated refrigerators and freezers. This is the headquarters, of Helping Hands, an organization started about a year ago by church members Don and Ellouise Swinney.

Although they are allowed to use the church's former "junk room" as a place to store items to give needy families, the Swinneys run Helping Hands independently. The nonprofit organization survives on donations from church members and others who simply want to help.

"We need more donations,"

Ellouise Swinney said, surveying the shelves around her as she and fellow Helping Hands volunteer Sally Fambro awaited the arrival of a fourth-grade class from St. Mary's Episcopal School.

The need is always greater than the resources to help, Swinney pointed out. Those who wish to donate food,

Please see GIVE, page 3B



The Salvation Army's Angel Tree, in the Big Spring Mall, provided another location for shoppers to help brighten Christmas for youngsters who otherwise wouldn't have

# Charities call 1995 a pretty good year

### By MAGGIE JACKSON AP Business Writer

Gifts of stock are rolling in so fast at the American Red Cross that the staff can't keep up. Sales of UNICEF greeting cards are surging.

In this season of giving, charities are looking back on a healthy year, with rising donations from a nation generally buoyed by a stable economy.

The picture isn't all rosy. The explosive growth of charities in recent years has made fund-raising more competitive. And federal budget cuts loom ahead.

But despite several highly publicized scandals in the nonprofit world in recent years, preliminary tallies show charities are slowly pulling out of the laggard recession years of the early 1990s.

"Things appear to be on an upswing, the economy seems to be on track, and certainly the stock market is rising," said John Paul, vice president of development at the American Heart Association, which has seen income from campaigns rise 4 percent during the last five months of the year. Income from bequests has risen 6 percent.

Total giving by businesses, foundations and individuals rose to about \$130 billion last year, up slightly when adjusted for inflation from 1993, after declining or remaining flat in the early 1990s, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel.

Individual giving — which makes up 88 percent of total contributions — has also risen slightly the last few years, but remains below late 1980s levels.

Some groups say the needs of the poor are greater now, despite the recovering economy. Catholic Charities USA, the nation's largest private human service network, recently reported it helped 11.1 million people last year, up 5 percent from 1993.



Fourth-grade students from St. Mary's Episcopal School listen as Helping Hands co-founder Ellouise Sweeney explains the organization's function. Rather than give gifts to each other during a class Christmas party, the students wanted to give gifts to a poor child instead.

# Take time to remember the mother and child of long ago

There is much to be thankful for and much to be reminded of. And, of course, there is

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Barbara Morrison Columnist

what her thoughts were during her journey and the more expanded travel of her

son's life. I wonder if her thoughts went something like this:

"I am Mary, the mother of Jesus, vessel of the child divine.

"Even as I felt you in the cradle of my womb, I knew that I was blessed. I was a humble Jewish girl with little knowledge of the world. I was in love with God and I tried to be receptive to His will. It was through grace that I believed, and it was through grace that I received. I was given the greatest task ever to befall womanhood. I was to carry the seed of love, the gift that God would give the world.

"I did not fully understand. I was so young, so innocent. But

it was not necessary that I know all. Instead, I had to turn to faith. I gave to God all that I had, and he, in turn, gave me you.

"Blessed was the fruit of my womb, they said, and many came and honored you with precious gifts. All that I could give you were swaddling clothes and a manger for a bed.

"You came into the world in a borrowed cave, and you would leave it just the same. Little would be yours, yet you would have much to give. Many would exalt you, many would condemn, but tonight alone you were simply my baby. I would hold you close to me and call you 'son."

"There were those who proph-

esied you would be a king.
There were those who said you were the Messiah. I remember most of all the one who blessed you in the temple, the one who knew what was to come. 'You yourself,' he said to me, 'shall be pierced with a sword.' I look on you now, my son, my little newborn baby boy, and try not to think of those thoughts.
Tonight, you are a babe.

"As you played at my knee I gave you all my life. I helped you and I taught you, and I cherished each day. I wanted so to nurture you and give you all your needs. Still, I reflected in my heart all I had been told about you from God's messengers. In the midst of the joy I felt when I held you in my

arms, there was a sadness in my heart I could not explain. "Tonight, this most precious

of evening hours, I refuse to look forward beyond your childhood. This evening only, you are my baby, my son.

"Yes, I look to the sky and gaze in awe at the star. I wonder at its greatness, and then I gaze into your eyes and I am left without doubt. I will not think beyond this night."

"I will not allow my mind to wander forward. I am grateful for the many visitors we have had this evening. The lowly shepherds have come to honor you and the wisest of men have traveled far. I am quite tired now. I have had too much excitement, and the peace of

watching you suckle at my breast is making me sleepy.

"I look over at my great husband who also did not understand, and I see his strength and faith in God watching with care over us both. For a moment, seeing the love in his eyes for both of us, I get a small feeling for a greater father who is also watching over us this night.

"No, I will not think of all your little life will endure, not on this night. For tonight, I am only a child's mother. This is a night for gladness and peace. My eyes are so heavy; I think I will sleep now with you curled against me. It is time to be grateful for today."

Merry Christmas.

Sterling Mackenzie Black was crowned 1996 overall Cinderella Baby in Hobbs, N.M. on Dec. 9.



STERLING "

the state competition in Roswell, N.M. in June 1996. She is two years

old and is the daugh-

Tommy and Terah Black, Hobbs, and granddaughter of James and Sue Powell, Big Spring.

Shannon Koger, a 1979 graduate of Big Spring and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Koger of Big Spring, is working this season as costumer and stitcher on the Broadway show "Hello, Dolly!"

Koger, who received a degree in drama from University of Texas in Austin, has worked at theaters in Houston; Coconut Grove, Fla.; Montgomery, Ala.; Arrow Rock, Mo.; St. Louis; Chicago; and at Radio City Music Hall in New York City, where she now lives.

Ron Birrell, son of Bill Birrell of Big Spring, was featured in an article in the winter issue of "Colorado Expression" magazine, based in Denver.

Birrell is a photographer, and his work is on display at the Memories of Vail gallery, Vail, Colo.

# IN THE

Donna C. Spindler of Odessa recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Hospital Corpsman program.

She enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill. in July 1996 for active duty, where she will undergo basic train-

Donna is a 1994 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Eric B. Smith of Big Spring, son of Harlan and Deborah Smith, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Aviation Electronics Technician program.

Eric enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill. in July 1996 for active duty, where he will undergo basic training.

He is a senior at Big Spring High School.

Aleutian Island Veterans, all service branches, their families and guests will have a reunion in Midland Feb. 24-25, 1996, and in College Station Aug. 4-6, 1996. A "back to the Aleutians" reunion in Alaska will be June 5-8, 1996. To register send self addressed and stamped envelope to A.F. King, P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, Fla. 33313.

# **NEW IN TOWN**

Ned and Misty Holt and son Kelsey, Lubbock.

Randy and Catherine Brandt and sons Caleb and Daniel, Chattahoochee, Fla.

Marlon and Vanessa Brock, El Paso.

Ann Farley, Tulsa, Okla.

Tina Stone, Colorado City. James T. and Linda Martin and daughter Kelsey, Amarillo. Randy and Vivian Calloway and daughter Megan,

Anchorage, Alaska. Waltman, Jimmie Victorville, Calif. Patricia Froggatt, Calgary

Alberta, Canada. Ursula Hynes, Calgary Alberta, Canada. Chaille, Matilde

Greenville, S.C. Geronimo and Lindy Picazo and sons Christ, Joseph, Dustin and Roman, El Paso.

# **Cookbook author prepares** authentic Mexican tamales

By ANN CRISWELL

Houston Chronicle

**HOUSTON** — Making tamales at Christmastime is a tradition that has spanned the centuries, the boundaries and cultures of Mexico. And tamale-making has become a favorite tradition with many families in Houston both Hispanic and non-

One of Mexico's foremost cooking authorities and cookauthors, Patricia demonstrated Quintana. authentic recipes recently she even made her own lard during two classes. Lard is traditional in authentic tamales, but because it is an intense form of saturated fat. Quintana said you can substitute butter, vegetable shortening or margarine. Or you can omit the fat and moisten the masa dough with stock.

You can use almost any kind of filling in tamales from meat. chicken, turkey and seafood to vegetables and cheese, she said. She demonstrated a variety of tamales - some wrapped in corn husks, others in fresh corn or banana leaves. Some were filled with cheese and rajas, strips of peppers and onion, others in a mixture of ground pumpkin and sesame

By MARY DELACH LEONARD

Those three little words can

leave you powerless on

Christmas morning — unable

to rev up that new toy train or

portable CD player. All because

So, now that you've been

Buy an alkaline. It will give

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you excellent performance. It's

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leak if you leave it in the toy

until next Christmas," advises

George Mayer of the Battery

Mayer knows batteries. The

former professor at Carnegie;

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He recommends alkalines for

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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industry.

Batteries not included.



QUINTANA

Get alkaline batteries

for longer, safer usage

seed or sweet mixtures of pineapple and coconut.

Before the arrival of the pig in Mexico, pre-Hispanic cooks made lardless tamales seasoned with honey, herbs, beans and moles, Quintana wrote in "Mexico's Feasts of Life" (Council Oak, \$24.95)

voltage to maintain quality per-

formance. The general-purpose

or heavy-duty batteries — he

calls them flashlight batteries

discharge energy. While it's no

big deal if a toy train runs

slower, a dragging tape player

Another plus, alkalines con-

Always check the manufac-

tain fewer corrosive chemicals,

so they shouldn't leak if they're

turer's expiration codes on bat-

tery packages, and don't buy

them if they're under a year of

the suggested shelf life, Mayer

says. Other factors to consider

"If it's for the 'until the kids

get bored with it' toy or until it

breaks, probably any battery

you put in will work as well as

does he buy? "I don't buy bat-

teries," he says. "I get them

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And which brand of battery

are price and planned use.

any other," he says.

free to test."

stored too long.

will produce mediocre sound.

tend to lose voltage as they

Water Gods" (Simon & Schuster, \$25) and "The Best of

Quintana" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$22.50).

When the Spaniards arrived

with pigs, the Indians began

adding lard to tamales to light-

The key to success is beating

the lard until it is as silky and

light as cleansing cream and

mixing the masa by hand until

it is light and fluffy. She

worked the masa dough by

hand for more than 10 minutes.

or leaves, make the lard, fill-

ing, beans and sauces, then

steam the tamales. Quintana

says Maseca's new masa for

tamales makes the best dough

she's found so far in the States,

although regular masa for tor-

tillas can be used. You can find

Maseca for tamales, a combina-

tion of Queso, Monterey Jack,

Fontina, part-skim Mozzarella

and Asadero or Manchego,

chilies and rice flour at special-

ty food markets and Mexican

specialty markets. Epazote (a

Mexican herb) and hoja santa

In addition to "Mexico's

Feasts of Life." Quintana's

cookbooks include "The Taste

of Mexico" (Stewart Tabori &

Chang, \$24.95), "Cuisine of the

also are popular in tamales.

First you prepare the husks

en the consistency, she said.

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# WEDDINGS

# **Brothers-Long**

Yvonne "Michelle" Brothers and Cory Dean Long, both of San Angelo, were united in marriage on Nov. 4, 1995, at Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo. Kevin Huddleston performed the cere-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brothers, San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kim J. Long, Big

Matron of honor was Cherise Basye, sister of the bride, Winston Salem, N.C. Maid of honor was Elisa Brothers, sister of the bride, College Station.

Bridesmaids were Shiela Hensley and Holly Fannin, both of Little Rock, Ark. Junior bridesmaid was Jatawn Basye, niece of the bride, Winston Salem, N.C.

Flower girls were Michele Long, niece of the groom. El Paso; and Danae Basye, niece of the bride, Winston Salem,

Best man was Kelly Long, brother of the groom, Big

Groomsmen were Kim A. Long, El Paso, and Brady Long, Richwood, brothers of the groom; and Chris Rosenbaum, San Angelo. Junior groomsman was Austin Basye, nephew of the bride, Winston Salem, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. CORY LONG

Ushers were Todd Brothers, College Station, and Brant Grundy, Austin, both brothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of San Angelo Central High School. She is employed by TeleSite Services, Little Rock,

The groom is a graduate of Forsan High School and is employed by Paint and Safety Store, based in Big Spring.

Following a wedding trip to Georgetown, Colo., the couple will make their home in Little Rock, Ark.

# ON THE **MENU**

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER MONDAY & TUEDAY

steak; potatoes; mixed vegetables: Waldorf salad: milk/rolls

THURSDAY - Chicken; potatoes; carrots; tossed salad;

FRIDAY - Meat loaf; noodles; green beans; fruit salad; milk/cornbread and cookies.

Magdelena Cianna Martinez.

Grandparents are Rudy and

WEDNESDAY - Charbroiled

milk/rolls and pudding no anaca

# **STORK CLUB**

Dec. 17, 1995, 5:35 p.m. Parents are Michael Martinez and Lisa Hernandez.

Lupe Hernandez and Felix and Diane Martinez, all of Big

# Giving new fitness videos a workout

By LINDA CASTRONE

Scripps Howard News Service

All video workouts aren't created equal, nor should they be. A new batch of tapes will hit the shelves this month, just in time to satisfy warm-weather joggers and bladers headed inside for winter. We reviewed them and picked some good enough to keep. Best total body workout:

- "Karen Voight's Strong and Smooth Moves" (ABC Video, \$19.95)

This 50-minute workout

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**FROM** 

**BARCELONA** 

**APARTMENT HOMES** 

538 Westover

low-impact aerobics with 20 minutes of strength training. Best beginner's workout: "The Flo-Jo Workout:

Mind, Body and Spirit" (Paramount, \$19.95)

Like the Energizer rabbit, Flo-Jo just keeps going and going, punctuating the dance moves with comments. All you need is a floor space and good

Best step workout: "Reebok Aero-Step with Gin Miller" (PolyGram, \$19.95)

It's not as strenuous as the

mixes a half-hour of sweaty earlier Reebok step tapes, but left us feeling like we'd done some sweating. In about 40 minutes, it's designed to burn fat and improve coordination. Best new category:

In a 100-pound borrowed suit of armor, Ashley Lukas, 23, of

Corvallis, Ore. asks Rebecca Draper, 19, of Albany, for her

hand in marriage at the Wendy's in Albany, Ore., where she

works. Draper accepted to the applause of family, co-work-

ers and diners who witnessed the proposal.

— "Bryan Kest's Power Yoga" (Warner Vision, \$14.95) You've got to hand it to Kest.

He knows how to create drama. In this three-tape series, he takes viewers from Intro to Oh, No! in a matter of hours.

Kest flirts with serious yoga, then adds enough flash to keep the trendiest of trendies inter-





May the joyous sounds of Christmas ring in your hearts throughout the year.

Andrew J. Pirkle Jr. - AGENCY -

# Introducing BONNIE YOUNGBLOOD, MD **ANESTHESIOLOGIST**



SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER AND METHODIST MALONE & HOGAN CLINIC ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ASSOCIATION OF BONNIE YOUNGBLOOD, MD ANESTHESIOLOGIST

Dr. Youngblood graduated from residency training from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas. She has received certificates in subspecialty training for cardiothoracic and obstetrical anesthesia and was presented an award for outstanding resident in obstetrical anesthesia. Her training locations included Hermann, Texas Children's and LBJ Hospitals, in addition to Texas Heart Institute. We are pleased to have her as a new member of our anesthesia team.



SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER 263-1211

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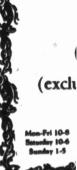
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Fambro at 263-4010.

and his baby sister.

Classmates

clothing, money or other

resources can contact her at

263-4410, or Sally or Alton

This class, led by their

teacher Mrs. Corwin, is

donating the gifts they would

normally give each other at

their class Christmas party.

The bright parcels will go to

two children these students

have never met - a little boy

Buchanan, 10; Jace Williams,

9; Erin Partee, 10; Larry

Marquez, 10; Jeremy North, 9;

Will Liggett, 10; and Kristi

Halliday (who was unable to

visit Helping Hands with the

others that day) found out

some of the boy's interests

and selected appropriate gifts.

Swinney and Corwin was the

children's independent deci-

sion, without adult interven-

tion, to give their gifts to a

child who would otherwise

have none. "It makes me feel

good," said Will. The others

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What impressed both

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Pictured: "Simon" Neutered 9-month-old male, short-hair tiger stripped tabby, white on nose, feet and chest, goldengreen eyes, very affectionate, passive and loving.

Special Note: All dogs and cats available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Smokey Joe" Russian Blue neutered male, pretty green

and gold eyes., "Mildred" Female gray tabby with golden highlights; unusual

natured.

green eyes; friendly and good-

"Leslie" Young adult female gold tabby, petite and very

"Houdini" Neutered male gray tabby with green and gold

cat, friendly and sweet.

shiny black coat, very outgo-

tabby with green and golden eyes; pleasant and compatible. "Pretty Boy Black" Young

week-old kitten, active and playful.

At other homes: Three gray short-hair kittens

with stripes, 263-2765. Two gentle, fluffy gray tabby

Small white long-hair dog,

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tens, 267-6393. Outside kittens, two white,

Three-year-old spayed cat and

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Focus on happiness, friends and a special holiday season. You enjoy the sharing and the activity. Getting together with friends, family and loved one

**FORECAST FOR DEC. 24** 

add a special tone to this day. Playfulness marks the next 24 hours. Remain positive. Tonight: The more, the merri-TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are in charge of the merrymaking and bringing others together. Your ability to organize makes a big difference in how the holiday goes for others. You are in the limelight, doing what you do best. A special token of affection is coming your way. Tonight: Stay up late doing Santa chores.\*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Focus on new beginnings and a enecial opportunity Make a point of reaching out to people at a distance. You will enjoy the moment and the sharing. Be willing to do something a bit unusual, possibly exotic. Many doors are opening. Tonight: Go out caroling.\*\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your sincerity comes across to partners, and there is an unusual sense of closeness and caring. Be sensitive to someone's wishes. Togetherness marks the next few days. Be willing to share intimacies and the future. Much is happening quickly. Tonight: Go for close-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others cannot seem to dote on you enough. Your popularity peaks and new beginnings are possible. Touch base with friends and family. A loved one shares what is going on. Make time for cookie-sharing and getting together. Tonight: You have a big grin on your face. \*\*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might need to focus on getting a couple of last-minute errands done. There could be some lastminute demands at work or involving a boss that need your care. Bringing others together this holiday season seems to be your major preoccupation. Tonight: Slow down and enjoy.\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Go with your imagination and dance through changes. Your flirtatious, loving side emerges with loved ones and children. You enjoy a special surprise or gift from a loved one. Share your jovial, childlike nature. You get into the holiday cheer. Tonight: Make this a dreamy

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Family matters are your major focus, as they should be. Happiness surrounds the home front, and joviality is the natural outcome. Share the good feelings and get into the excitement of the day before Christmas. Listen to a child or loved one's sharing. Tonight: Be homeward bound.\*\*\*\*

21) You might still be running around doing last-minute errands. Be in touch with your feelings as you spread holiday cheer. Visit friends. A caring package or present touches you Make phone calls and

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are into the gift-giving side of the holiday as you run out and do last-minute errands or visits. You need to tell someone how much he means to you. Follow-through counts as you deal with a loved one who needs to see proof of your caring. Tonight: Start the gift-giv-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Not only does the holiday season have you grinning, you have much going on in your immediate circle that pleases you. You are unusually attractive and magnetic. Your instincts are right about an important gift. Your smile and caring go a long way. Tonight: Be yourself.\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Pull back and gain some perspective. You might be overly sensitive about what is happening. A romance may be going in its own direction. Some quiet sharing means a lot to you. You might be happiest on a one-to-one level with others.

DEC. 24, 1995: You are personality-plus this year and draw others to you. You are lucky, especially in January. You can forge ahead with key projects and gain professionally and personally. You are starting a new 11-year luck cycle. Be careful what you wish for, because you are likely to get it. Money will loosen up if you use your energy creatively. If you are single, that status could change in 1996. If attached, your relationship flourishes. You walk around in a dream state.

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"Jackson" Young male black

"Donald" Male adult with

"Liza" Spayed female yellow

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kittens, 267-1379. 267-6393.

Kittens, two white, one yel-Three different-colored kit-

one gray, 267-2974. 9-month-old kitten, 263-6842.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. deeply. Let someone know how appreciated he is. Tonight:

Tonight: Spend some money.\*\*\*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR AQUARIUS helps you make

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# All the news a mule can pull

6 It's time for the Mule Train News from

Muleshoe, Texas, the world's biggest town called Muleshoe.

That's the way Magann Rennels starts her newscast on Muleshoe's Cable Channel 6 at 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. A Saturday newscast is aired at 10:45 a.m.

Nearby communities of Earth, Sudan and Amherst also get the broadcast.

The news might be two hours long and could contain the entire high school assembly from the day before. Or the entire Rotary Club meeting. It always has interviews with kids.

A couple of weeks ago Channel 6 aired a pep rally from the high school gym. Even though the Muleshoe Mules were 0-9 for the season, the spirit at the pep rally made you think they were in line for the state championship.

There's a lot of spirit in Muleshoe. Much of it is due to the efforts of Magann Rennels and Cable Channel 6.

Magann's dad Gil Lamb started the Mule Train news 41 years ago. At the time, he was working for radio station KICA in Clovis. To generate more advertising dollars, Gil started a remote broadcast from his living room in Muleshoe.

He decided to introduce the broadcast with Frankie Laine's version of the song "Mule Train." When the Mule Train News began in 1954, it was just two minutes long. But it proved to be a popular program and was lengthened. Besides that, it's hard to get all the news from Muleshoe in such a short time. Advertising revenues increased.

Gil put radio station KMUL Muleshoe

on the air in 1956 and became a tireless civic leader. He's responsible for the statue of

the mule



Smith Columnist

Muleshoe. He was named "Citizen of the Decade" for his work during the 1970s.

The next day, after receiving his honor at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, he was fired from the radio station. Magann, who helped with the news, also left the station.

They went to the cable operator in Muleshoe, which at the time was running time and temperature on Channel 6. Magann and Gil inquired if they could do the Mule Train News on that channel. The answer was yes.

Within two months, Muleshoe 1990.

had the Mule Train news again. On the Channel 6 debut broadcast on May 12, 1980, Gil was so excited to be back on the air he talked non-stop for 12 hours. He was 72 years old at the time.

It is perhaps the most unique broadcasting setup in the nation. "It is radio with pictures," says Magann. Still pictures are used a lot. The broadcast originates in an upstairs studio in Magann's home. Her husband Jack and sons Gilrobert, Payton and Greyson do all kinds of things to help.

All the television networks have done feature reports on the Mule Train News and the reports have been aired around the world. At one point, someone asked for a press pack. Magann didn't have one. A PR firm in Dallas called, got information from Magann and offered to do a press release free. The PR person said she would fax the release to Magann and send back any changes. Magann said she didn't have a fax, so it was sent to Damron Drug in Muleshoe.

Magann closes out the Mule Train News by urging some imaginary mules named Bumbo, Arturus, Little Red, Corina and Lady Legs to "get up and get us outa here," while Frankie Laine sings his mule train song in the background. Her daddy closed out the broadcast the same way. Gil died in

clever idea. On Thanksgiving,

most people (especially young

children) decorate Grandma's

tablecloth with cranberry

recipes, send a long, self-

addressed envelope, plus check

or money order for \$3.95 (\$43.50

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For Abby's favorite family

### Christmas isn't just about receiving, or even giving; it's also a time for spiritual nour-

agreed.

ishment, for Christians to remember the birth of the Savior they follow. Spring Tabernacle Church offered a Wednesday night church service followed by baskets of food given to the needy.

Arnold Tonn, who founded and operates the church with wife Mona Lue, estimated about 76 families received food. The day before, Spring Tabernacle gave out toys to 83 children. "We start now for the next holiday, going to garage sales, finding the toys and cleaning them up," Tonn said. "One woman came to us and said she'd been crying for two days. Her grandkids were here and she had nothing for them. They weren't going to have Christmas." Spring Tabernacle's assistance changed that.

"We're real pleased with the outcome," Tonn said of the church's Christmas giveaways. "I enjoy it. That's really what it's all about - helping people."

# Adoption registry can ease reunions DEAR BEVERLY: What a

DEAR ABBY: Many times I have seen letters in your column from people who have given up children for adoption and who didn't want to be found. I have also seen letters you have printed about the **International Soundex Reunion** Registry (ISRR) for those of us who DO want to be reunited with the children from whom we've parted — for whatever



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

reason in past. I relinquished my beautiful infant daughter for adop-

years ago. Tuesday. Oct. 31, I received a call from

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Susan at the ISRR in Carson City, Nev., informing me that a "match" had been made for my daughter and me! The reason she was able to locate me was because you provided the address for ISRR in one of your columns 15 years ago. Hearing my daughter's voice for the first time was a dream come true. In fact, it was the sweetest, most rewarding moment of

my life. Thank you, Abby, for your part in this most joyous reunion. If you print my letter, please use my name. I'm the happiest person in the world, and I want everyone to know it.

 JEANNE SCOTT, EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR JEANNE: My congratulations to you and your daughter. I wish you both much happiness, and I'm glad I was able to help you find each

The International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) is a group I have recommended for many years. I have found them to be efficient, honest, and in 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054total agreement with my feelings that neither the identity of the birth parents nor the adopted child shall be disclosed unless all parties are agreeable to a reunion. Birth parents and children can register, and when the children become of legal age, if both parties are registered and want to find each other, a match is made.

The address is: International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR), P.O. Box 2312, Carson City, Nev. 89702. Send a long (business-size), stamped, selfaddressed envelope to the registry and request Soundex

DEAR ABBY: Here is a creative idea I got from my wonderful mother-in-law: One Thanksgiving, she asked everyone in the family to "autograph" and date her tablecloth. She included all the children, too. Then she embroidered the signatures and dates. Now she has a priceless keepsake of all her children and grandchildren. -BEVERLY MOLA-TORE, CLOVIS, CALIF.

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Got an item?

**Big Spring Herald** 

# Winter not the time to neglect plants and shrubs Plants may look a little dis- do! Unfortunately most of our every ten days to two weeks, at trees then experience dieback. Plants used to sunlight while them get excessively dry. Enjoy

mal and inactive this time of year but do not be fooled! There is a lot of action still going on beneath the ground! After we

receive the first frost and/or freeze of the season most of us have rolled up the garden hoses, put away the sprinklers and forget about our plants and



Richardson County Agent

yards until next spring. In West Texas this is NOT the thing to

falls and winters are dry and little appreciative moisture from rainfall and an occasional snow amounts to much. Seldom do we received as much mois-

ture of our plants need. During the so-called "dormant" months, trees, shrubs and other outdoor plants are busy expanding root development and preparing the plants for spring. We perhaps suffer more plant loss from winter drought conditions than any other cause. Dry soils allow for deeper penetration of cold temperature, often causing damage to vital tiny feeder roots near the surface. Loss of plants from inadequate watering, particularly newly planted ones, is also commonplace. Watering from the damaged roots, the

a minimum, is advisable in These same symptoms can West Texas in most seasons. Plants may emerge and leaf out in early spring only to die suddenly as warmer weather returns. This is often the result of root damage caused by freezing temperature during the winter months. The root system supports the top growth of trees and shrubs and damaged roots, either from freeze damage or drought, often results in the compensative loss of top growth. Plants usually store up enough nutrients in the branches and limbs to let the plants leaf or bud out in the spring but when the supply of nutrients run out and no nutrients are coming to replace them

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occur when the top growth is damaged by late season freezes as we have experienced the past two years here in Howard

Even house plants need special treatment during the winter months. Heating of homes decreases humidity in the air and this dries out the potted plants even more so than in the summer months. Check your plants regularly and provide adequate irrigation to them during the winter period, but be careful and not overwater them. If your plants are placed in the cooler parts of your home less water may be consumed than when used out of doors during the hotter months.

being utilized outdoors need to be placed where they will continue to receive lighting during their stay in the house during the winter months. Shading of such plants will result in leaf shedding, spindly growth and even death of the plant. If your home is lacking in good lighting, you might consider the purchase of a good plant light sold for this purpose. These are those most often found with serious African Violet growers.

Your Christmas Poinsettias can be enjoyed longer if you care for them properly. Keep them out of drafts, away from direct sunlight, out of excessive heat (such as in front of heaters, on top of TV's, etc.). Don't overwater them or let them during the season and don't have too much regret discarding them when they shed their colorful leaves (the reds, pinks, whites, etc. are actually leaves. The real blooms are the little non-descript yellow buds at the top of the plant.). The trouble it takes to maintain the plants throughout the year hoping for a successful re-bloom the following year is usually not worth the effort. Just buy (or luckily be given one) next

On behalf of the entire staff of the Howard County office of the **Texas Agricultural Extension** Service we wish you a most Merry Christmas and Happily Holiday Season.

# Safety questioned as **Mexican trucks entering** U.S. are put on hold

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government Monday delayed new North American Free Trade Agreement trucking rules that would allow Mexican eargo trucks access to highways throughout Texas and its sister border states.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said that the regulations, which were to go into effect Monday, will be stayed pending completion of new talks between the United States and Mexico over improved trucking safety and border crossing efficiency.

We want to make sure that we implement NAFTA correctly," Pena said at a news conferwant to make sure that it con- with presidential politics." tinues to operate successfully, safely and effi-

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The expanded access has drawn criticism from border officials, traffic safety groups, the Teamsters union and Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan.

Critics contend most Mexican trucks do not meet state and federal standards regarding safety, weight and insurance and that Mexican drivers often lack training in handling hazardous cargos and aren't subject to time limitations behind the wheel as are U.S. drivers.

Even though Mexican truckers must comply with federal and state laws, the critics worry that law enforcement don't have the resources to nab trucks that aren't in compli-

Mexicans have their own concerns, fearing that betterequipped U.S. trucking companies will come into Mexico and siphon off their business.

The Teamsters union, which went to court last week seeking a postponement, crowed over Monday's action. "This is a temporary victory for highway safety — but the real solution is to have American trucking done by American workers with American safety standards and American wages," said Teamsters general president Ron Carey.

The U.S. trucking industry, however, took issue with the delay. American Trucking Associations president Thomas J. Donohue said: "Today's ence. "It is a solid arrangement announcement is a smoke." between the United States, screen that has little to do without safety and everything to de

> The Clinton administration had under

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White access to Mexican border House's backing of NAFTA in 1993 remains among traditional Democratic allies in the labor and environmental movement.

Pena denied that the administration sought the delay as a result of the Teamsters' court action. "This is not being driven by lawsuits," he said.

He and U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor also denied that the delay represents a NAFTA setback.

In a conference call with trade reporters, Kantor said the postponement strengthens NAFTA. "It shows both countries are being very careful as we implement the NAFTA to be sure it is positive rather than take the chance that anything negative occur," he said.

Pena said the new talks with Mexico would begin this week but declined to discuss a timetable for completion.

### 70 MPH...



Gerald Dunlap steadies the sign pole and Joey Fernandez supports the sign as Claudie Horn begins attaching the new speed limit sign Wednesday morning on Interstate 20.

# Deep water drilling requiring more upgrades to equipment

HOUSTON (AP) — There's a next year. rush to drill in deeper waters and companies are hurrying to meet the demand for bigger rigs and ships.

Legislation signed last month by President Clinton was designed to encourage the move to deeper waters by providing a royalty break for companies developing prospects farther out in the Gulf.

However, although the rates charged by drilling contractors for the most advanced rigs have doubled or tripled this ear, the rates still won't provide enough revenue to justify building new ones, insiders

So the offshore drilling industry and large energy companies have come up with new strategies to ensure that they will have the equipment to meet the demand, the Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday. They are signing longer

tracts, guaranteeing access to ble of drilling in 4,000 feet of drilling rigs for two or three years, with options that could extend the contracts to five

The drillers are upgrading some of their older rigs — vessels built about 20 years ago to operate in 800 feet to 1,500 feet of water — to handle drilling in waters up to twice as deep and the harsher environment west of Scotlands' Shetland Islands.

The leader of the deepwater play in the Gulf, Houston-based Shell Oil Co., plans to drill 10 exploratory wells in the region

Houston-based Diamond Offshore Drilling, which owns the largest fleet of semisubmersible rigs, has sent two of its 'Victory' class semisub-mersibles rigs to Texas Drydock's facility in Sabine Pass for transformation into rigs capable of operating in water depths of 3,500 feet and 4,200 feet.

Chevron and Texaco already have signed three-year contracts that will cover the costs of the upgrades, which will cost Diamond Offshore Drilling more than \$140 million.

Analysts say Diamond Offshore Drilling is in a good position to reap the rewards from the tightening market because it owns nine of the 10 Victory class rigs, which are among the best-suited for major

opgrades.
Sonat Offshore, which operites four of the nine rigs canawater, plans to upgrade one of its drillships — the Discoverer 534 — to operate in 7,800 feet of water, the current frontier of deepwater drilling, said

spokesman Jeffrey L. Chastain. The Discoverer 534 has been committed to drill for Amoco under a \$56 million contract that begins next fall.

The question for the oil companies and drilling contractors is how many rigs can be economically upgraded, said Gordon Hall, an analyst with CS First Boston in Houston.

# Holidays cause havoc for economists

By CALEB SOLOMON

Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal If you come up stumped when asked what you want for Christmas, you could be part of the reason for this year's sluggish holiday sales.

In the ninth year of Texas' economic expansion, economists say, a lot of people are suffering consumer overload, having bought or received every VCR, necktie and flannel nightie that they can stomach. Indeed, some say these replete citizens, while still a small minority of Texans, have multiplied to a number large enough to contribute in some small way to the retail sector's doldrums.

that for every spoiled Texan, things already.

there are many others who are uncertain about their financial future, fretting over high debt levels and chained to tight budgets — all of which take a greater toll on consumer spending. Yet wealth has its allure.

"I can't think of a way to quantify it, but boy I'd love to," says Al Ballinger, an economist at the University of Houston's Center for Public Policy. Despite the lack of hard data, he is nonetheless convinced that holiday gift-giving is waning among people who can well afford to buy presents this year. He theorizes that some of them have enough disposable income to acquire what they want when they want it, or that Of course, the experts know they simply have enough

Ballinger himself: "If I had to name anything I wanted, I couldn't think of what it would be," he says. "I'd like to build my house in Galveston, but that's not going to be reflected in Christmas sales."

So far, sales have been dull. Texas retail sales since Thanksgiving have fallen 5.9 percent from a year earlier, according to TeleCheck Services Inc., a subsidiary of First Data Corp., Hackensack, N.J. TeleCheck is a checkacceptance company used by a host of retailers, which it samples around the holiday. The number of checks written in the period fell 5.4 percent. Inc., an Austin economic con-

These are people like sulting firm, predicts fourthquarter sales will rise 5.1 percent this year, at the lower end of growth for the period during Texas' long upward economic

Leonard Berry, director of Texas A&M University's Center for Retailing Studies in College Station, says the phenomenon Ballinger describes "isn't the only reason behind what may be just a mediocre sales season, but it certainly is a contributing factor."

Also worthy of blame: holiday hype. "The commercialization of Christmas is wearing a bit thinner each year with a lot of people," he adds.

Indeed, the Christmas season Meanwhile, Texas Perspectives and accompanying sales seem to start earlier each year.

# BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

The Texas Railroad Commission has scheduled hearing regarding the proposed Union Pacific Railroad Company-Southern Pacific Rail Corporation merger for January 9 through January 11 in Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and Houston.

Union Pacific filed its acquisition application on Nov. 30 with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which has the authority to accept or reject the plan. Gov. George Bush has asked the commission to coordinate the state's response to the

Interstate Commerce Commission. Commission Chairman Carole Keeton Rylander said, "These public hearings will give all Texans the opportunity to tell the commission how this proposed merger will effect our state. Personally, I want to ensure any proposed merger will result in quality service at

competitive rates for the benefit of all Texans. I look forward to these hearings and I encourage all companies and individuals who may be impacted by this merger to attend." "I want to ensure that the rights of rail companies to make a profit are balanced by the rights of shippers to have market choices," Commissioner Barry Williamson said. "These hearings will greatly help us draft a state response to the proposed merger based on these

basicrights." Commissioner Charles Matthews said he is looking forward to hearing any pertinent information on specific concerns that will shed additional on the potential economic or competitive impact of the merger.

**According to statistics** released by the Texas Railroad Commission, a total of 889 original drilling permits were issued in November compared to 994 in November 1994.

The November total included 628 permits to drill new oil and gas tests, 59 to re-enter existing well bores, and 202 for re-completions.

So far in 1995, there have been 10,325 drilling permits issued.

Oceaneering could lead to bigger profits

HOUSTON (AP) — Oceaneering International says it hopes to demonstrate to investors that the future will bring smoother sailing. The Houston-based company's stock jumped to a 52-week high of 13

recently on news of a potentially lucrative contract to convert a tanker into a floating production system that will be used by Mobil in the waters off Equatorial Guinea. The company also announced plans to expand its fleet of remotely oper-

ated vehicles, which are used in oil and gas drilling, construction, and production on the sea bottom far beneath the surface of the Gulf of Mexico and other deepwater oil and gas plays.

The oil and gas exploration business has picked up over the last year, as producers find ways to make money even though oil and gas prices

That means Oceaneering and other service providers have enjoyed improved performance this year after two lean years. In the six month period that ended Sept. 30, the company reported earnings of 32 cents per BIG SPRING Sunday, D

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**Marriage Licenses:** Loren Raymond Wilson, 36. and Jerianne Lynette Burney.

Jon Ted Wright, 23, and Kathryn Grace Johnson, 21. Chad Wayne Averette, 20, and Susie Mae Foreman, 20.

Ruben Rodriguez, 41, and Graciela Tarres, 40.

**County Court Records:** Order for deferred disposition: Darrell Don Wilson.

Order discharging defendant from probation: Tommy Duncan.

Probated judgment unlawfully carrying a weapon: Jose Ines Chavez \$300 fine and 180 days in jail, and Leonides Vela, Jr. \$100 fine and 180 days in jail.

Probated judgment DWI: Ricky Gene Turner \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Gena Gavle West \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Roger Shane Miller (2nd offense) \$750 fine and 365 days in jail, Louis Torres Padron \$500 fine and 180 days in jail, Lester Muerhoff \$600 fine and 180 days in jail, Ricky Dan Ballard \$600 fine and 180 days in jail, and Benito Rodriguez \$500 fine and 180 days in jail.

Judgment & sentence theft over \$267 dilder \$506; Patrick Eugefie Rodriguez \$100 fine and 165 court cost, Abel Hinojos \$235 court cost and 30 days in iail, Leann Ellen Campbell \$100 fine and \$165 court cost, and Jason Michael Mundell \$100 fine and \$200 court cost.

Probated judgment possession of marihuana under 2 ozs.: Toby Cerda \$100 fine and 180 days in jail.

Judgment & sentence unlawfully carrying a weapon: William Forshee \$100 fine and \$165 court cost.

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Order granting occupational drivers license: Roger Shane

Corrected order granting occupational drivers license: Roger Shane Miller.

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ing: Abel Hinojos \$235 court cost and 60 days in jail. Judgment & sentence evading arrest/detention: Abel Hinojos

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and 180 days in jail. Revocation of probation and imposition of sentence: Abel Hinojos, and Camilo M.

Judgment and sentence DWI 2nd offense: Jeffrey Wilbur Daniel \$2000 fine, \$260 court cost and 10 days in jail, and Camilo Escobar \$750 fine, \$295

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Randy and Paulette Mason are joined by the chamber ambassadors, a welcoming committee for new businesses, as they officially open Mason Lawn and Garden Supplies.



Photo courtesy of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Com Music and More owner Roger Winters is joined by chamber Executive Vice President Linda Walker on his left and chamber ambassadors as he cuts the ribbon to officially open Big Spring's newest record store at 305 Main St.



Photo courteey of the Big Spring Area Chan Alan's Furniture owner Alan Johnson is joined by former Carter's Furniture owners Terry and Dorothy Carter, center, Alan's Furniture employees and chamber ambassadors as he cut the ribbon to officially open Alan's Furniture in downtown Big Spring. Alan's Furniture was formerly owned and operated by the Carter's as Carter's Furniture.

The company plans to use a

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the Toyota fork-lift business.

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Carruth said.

# Case sells five dealerships to Carruth-Doggett for \$19.5 million

HOUSTON - Carruth-Doggett Industries, a Houstonbased heavy equipment sales and rental firm has announced the purchase of five Case Corp. dealerships for \$19.4 million.

The purchase, completed late last week, includes two dealerships in Houston and one each in Alvin, Bryan and Brenham. the Houston Chronicle reported

The deal more than doubles the size of the 2-year-old Carruth-Doggett group of companies, which also includes Toyota Lift of Houston, a forklift equipment dealer, said Leslie Doggett, president of Carruth-Doggett.

The private operation now will have combined annual sales of about \$50 million and 127 employees, up from \$18 million and 42 employees before the transaction, he said.

Case, based in Racine, Wis. is a leading maker of farm and construction equipment. Over the last couple of years, it has sold dozens of company-owned stores as part of an effort to refocus its strategy on its core

manufacturing business, said Mike Thompson, dealer development manager for Case.

Until November 1994, Case was a subsidiary of Houstonbased conglomerate Tenneco, which reduced its ownership of Case to 21 percent through a secondary stock offering.

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# Weather blamed for rate hike request

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr. **Associated Press Writer** 

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas' volatile weather has created a need for higher average homeowners' insurance rates, insurance companies argued Wednesday in the state's annual rate-setting case.

Administrative law judges hearing the case didn't immediately make a rate decision. When they do, it will be as a recommendation to Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer. Any change he approves in the benchmark, or average, rates could take effect next year.

The benchmark varies between the state's 23 insurance rating territories. In each area, insurers can charge from 30 percent below to 30 percent above the state-set rate.

"The industry's request for raising the homeowners' insurance benchmark rate can be described in three words," said Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service. "Weather, weather, weather.

"The threat of potentially violent weather has been demonstrated by hail storms in Dallas and Fort Worth in excess of \$1 billion and a similar hail disaster in Austin, costing \$125 million," Johns added.

Insurance groups filed increase requests ranging from 1.7 percent to 7.4 percent. Under the proposals, renters' benchmark rates would be as much as 20.4 percent lower, while homeowners' average rates would see increases of as much as 8.3 percent. Insurers say any change to

benchmark rates does not automatically mean changes for individual policyholders. While insurers said they need

a slightly higher benchmark to protect themselves from growing claims, consumer groups said insurers already collect

The Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a state agency that argues insurance

issues on behalf of consumers. recommended an overall 3.5 percent reduction in benchmark rates. That would include a 1.5 percent drop for homeowners' rates and a 26.4 percent cut for average renters'

Meanwhile, a consumer group new to Texas staged a protest during the meeting because it was prohibited from speaking or asking questions of other case participants.

United Policyholders of Texas filed its paperwork to be a party to the case in time, but refused a request from State Farm Insurance Co. to produce a list of its members.

The judges considering the case said the group had to produce the list and could not par ticipate otherwise.

But Ina De Long, executive director of United Policyholders, said her group's membership was not relevant. She also argued that the ratesetting case could be delayed if a higher court ruled that she was illegally barred from participating.



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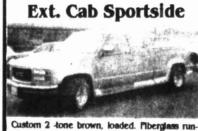
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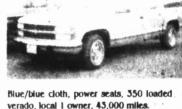
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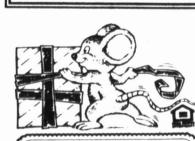
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Candy Cane?

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Mother's Day

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> **Ashley Marti** First United

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Dear Santa, I would lik sword, power 1 riding jeep. Love, Logan Gaskir

First United

**Mother's Day** Dear Santa, Please bring Love, Valinda Saldi First Unit

Dear Santa, For Christma **Big Spring Herald** 

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryan Deel. I am a good boy would you bring me a Pirate Ship and Pirate, Dump Truck and Grater and a Candy Cane.

Love, Ryan Deel 3 yrs. old

Dear Santa.

My name is Anthony. How are you? I want an ax that is fake with a big candy cane too. I want a power ranger. emmitt Smith jersey, tons of more cars, a bat, a new bike, more candy. and five arrows with one bow.

Sincerly, **Anthony Fuentes** 9 years old

Dear Santa.

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How are you doing? I have been a good girl. Would you bring me a Baby All Gone, Pink Power Ranger, Yellow Power Ranger and a doll changing table and bed and a Bubble Angel Barbie. Would you bring my baby brother Johnny a Bugs Bunny and m baby Jacob a toy he can chew on.

I love you Santa. **Ariel Fuentes** 5 vrs old P.S. Would you give me a Candy Cane?

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Clause? I want you to bring me green presents. Me also want you to bring me big trucks and little cars a barney video and a bean bag. Me also want you to bring my brother some green presents,

rattles stuffed anmails and toys.

Love, **Dakota Dalton** Age 2 1/2

Dear Santa I would like a big orange ball (a basketball), a glitter and glamour bike, some shoes (Pocahontas boots) clothes, a coat and jeans. Love,

Whitney

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want a BB gun, and a pistol. Love, Josh McAteer

First United Methodist Mother's Day Out

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy this year. I want a guitar, a new race car, and drums for Christ-

Love, Clay Lockhart First United Methodist Mother's Day Out

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a coloring board, a new baby doll, and a cassett of Rock A Bye

Baby. Love, Paige Jackson **First United Methodist Mother's Day Out** 

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me some new clothes, a water baby, toys and some toys for my little brother Max.

Love, Alyx Pappajohn First United Methodist Mother's Day Out

Dear Santa, Please bring me a locket, some dress up clothes, new dresses. Also I would like new clothes.

Love. **Ashley Martin** First United Methodist **Mother's Day Out** 

Dear Santa, I would like a BB gun, a sword, power ranger (white), a riding jeep. Love,

Logan Gaskins First United Methodist **Mother's Day Out** 

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby doll. Valinda Saldivar

Methodist Church Mother's Day Out

For Christmas I would like a

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Dear Santa,

baby doll. Love, Samantha Amos United Methodist First Church

Mother's Day Out Dear Santa, I would you to bring me Suzy Stretch and Bundle of Babies. Love, Rachael Overby

First United Methodist

Mother's Day Out

Dear Santa, My name is Bryce Payne Please give me a Boom box remote control car a Little Puppy Boxer game boy Sega game boy (and games) Toy gun Toy cars I have been a good boy. Love,

**Bryce** 

Dear Santa Claus, This is my first year to write and let you know what I'd like for Christmas. I'd like some Supernintendo Video games and some Gameboy games. I want some toys. I want a white Power Ranger motorcycle. My mommy wants for you to bring me some clothes and she wants a purse for Christmas. Bring my daddy a watch because he's always asking what time it is. I also wish for my mommy to have a sister for me and please bring my puppy, Gizmo, a bone. And that's all. Merry Christmas.

Thanks, Christian Garcia 4 1/2 years old

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Marcy and for Christmas i would like a baby doll with roller-skates and few of your mini-books.

Thank you, your best friend always w/love. Marcy G. Ramirez Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Mario and for Christmas i would like a playing guitar adn few of your minibooks.

Thank you your best friend w/love always Mario Gonzales

Dear santa I want a bebe gun and a bike and that's all and Joey want's a motercyle toy, boots and clothes and my sisster wants Baby tumbles. Love you

DJ, Joey, Stephanie

**Dear Santa Clause** My name is Erika adn for Christmas i would like a baby that cries and a baby doll that drinks medicine. your friend always

**Dear Santa Clause** My name is Bianka and for Christmas i would like a baby tha tcomes with some pampers and a doll that cries. Your friend always

Bianka Halerio

Erika Halerio

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I want a casper shirt and a socks. My family wants my graet-grandma to feel goo through cristmas and a clean world and no home less people in the world or any hungry people in the world too. Tell Mrs. Claus hi.

Ho ho ho **Tacha Martinez** 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? We are so excited that you are coming to our house.

Would you bring me a new basketball goal and a new basketball? How are the reindeer do you still have Rudolph? Next Christmas I want peace in the world.

**Merry Christmas Santa** 

Your Freind, LeAnn Brumley 2nd grad. Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, I want a movie that is called Mighety Morfun Power Rangers the movie. I hope the world is going to be orite.

Your friend, Joe Bustamante 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bass drum for Chrismas. Thats what I really want.

I want a little little puppy. I guess my mom wants a book and my sister wants to get maired. My dad wants a puppy too. I wish the world would be squeky clean. I love you SANTA. This is Kelsey Battle. 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, Dear Santa I want a bike for Christmas. I also want criss cross crash set.

and a basketball. For mom she wood like a blanket. Dad wood like a gun. And Scott wood like a CD. I wood like peace on earth. Sant eat the cookie.

Your friend, **Charles Downing** 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa.

I would like a new video game for my nintendo so I could play it for 1 day. My family would like a bed with the New York

Knicks and the Boston Celtics. The world would like good houses and good children that obey their parents. I want a flying Reindeer just like you have Santa but on my Reindeer I would like a baskethall hat. I want my house to have big lights that shine bright at night. My dad wished that he would have 4 discover cards that have his name on all of the discover

Your friend, Shyam Mehta

> 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons Dear Santa, I wood like a bike and sum cars. How are your Reindeer?

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Are they fine? Can you take me to see your Reindeer? And do you even a new skatbord? Do you know a merry christmas. by Joe Guzman

2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa,

If you can bring a bone for my dog, a big bone for Boo. She mite bark in the middle of the nite becus she always does when people are passing by our home on there bike. How is all of the reindeer especially Rudolph? And tell tell your reindeer not to be scared when Boo barks at thim and not to be frightened..

to Santa, from Tommy Gnuschke 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, This year I've been good. Today in school we're sinding you a letter becuse we believe in you. This is what I want, a remote control car and a Goosebumps book and a pog maker. This year I want to sing carols to each other.

Your friend, Caleb Choate 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, Please bring me a power wheel. And a sega Genesis. And a sega game Gear. And a new bike a mountain climber. And a New gun. And a ball a big ball not a small ball. How are you doing? I hope you are

fine. I am fine well I'll be seeing you? Your

Austin **Tarleton** 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa,

Friend,

I wish happiness for the world, for my family mabe good food. For me I want a new bike. I want a Reindeer to have gengle balls. Why do you live in the north pole? Do you really have a white beard? Do you know my name? My name is RoChelle.

Merry Christmasse Love. RoChelle McMeans! 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa,

I want a Cathy Cut and Curl salon. I have been waiting for you to come. How is Rudolph? I miss you. How are you? I am fine.

Your friend, Jessica New 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, I want a bike and Christmas shoes and socks and toys. I wanted to know how the Reindeers are doing. I want the world to be free.

Your friend, **Brittany Yanez** 

Dear Santa, Can you bring me a dog so I can play with him whin I'm bored? How is Rudolph? Can you put one dollar in my stocking? Can you help the sick people in the world? Would you not just let my brother come on weekends? Santa Claus, help me do good in school.

Your friend, Matthew Hilario Good bye! 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, I want a baby tumbles. If you can find one bring it to me. I love you. Ok my brother wants a game named chic a boom. If you can find it bring it for him. How is Rudolph? Does his nose still shine bright? I wonder if it does. Gee Santa, I wish that there was no flys and mosquitoes. Can they die, I

wonder Santa? Your friend, Rosamaria Rodriguez bye, Santa! 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, Please bring me a remote control airplane, and a Dartbord. My MoM and dad wants a bike. I hope you have a good TIME. Let Roudof LEAD your way. The world needs food. Your friend,

Chance Cain 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa? Marry Christmas, How are your Reindeer?

I beleve in you! How is Mrs. Claus? How is your Elfs? Maby one day I can go to the North Pole.

Your friend, Raegan Ritchey. 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? How the Raindeers? How are the Elfs? How is the sleigh? Bring me some new shoes and some new clothes. Bring my family a special present. Let the whole world have a happy Chrismas Eve. Your friend.

John Franco 2nd grade, Bauer Mrs. Simmons

Dear Santa, I want a choo-choo train, a football like Joseph's, a flash light, and new cowboy boots and a cowboy hat. Merry X-mas

**Justin Yanez** Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa, I want a barbie car, pogs, cool tools in a big box and a blue ring.

Merry X-mas Mirella Torres Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa, I want a barbie doll, a ring and a barbie car **Merry X-mas** 



Dear Santa,

I want a football, cartoon movie tapes and a power ranger

Merry X-mas **Andrew Bailon** 

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a Mr. Bucket, Pooch the puppy, a lite brite and a barbie doll.

Merry X-mas Aleshia Hernandez

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a racing car, a street shark, a Santa, and Casper The Movie.

Merry X-mas **Seth Sellers** 

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want woody the cowboy, A Red Truck, a puppy and a motorcycle for my Dad. Merry X-mas

Rodrick Rodriguez

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a horse with a barbie doll, a baby that cries and has a pamper and a bottle. **Merry X-mas** 

Erika Hilario Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a Princess, a baby doll that cries and a play telephone. Merry X-mas Dyrahnecia Humphries

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie doll, a necklace, a ring, and a doll house. Merry X-mas Selena Hernandez

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa.

I want a helmet, a barbie doll, with a swimming pool, a barbie doll house and alot of pogs.

Merry X-mas Jacklyn Porras

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control racing car, a truck and The white power ranger. Merry X-mas

Santiago Reyes

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a bubble barbie, a spinning barbie, a wishing barbie, a jeep car, clothes and a Christmas picture. Merry X-mas



**Tia Bailey** 

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 jeep and a tall doll. Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa.

I want a race car, a motocycle and a ball for Christmas. . Merry X-mas

**Brandon Thacker** Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie doll with a car, a princess and a daughter with a mom doll.

Merry X-mas Severa Rocha

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa,

I want a Jeep, a real dirt bike, a football and a Christmas tree. **Merry Christmas** Jay McCurtain

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie House, a play car for my barbie, and a barbie that has a baby.

Merry X-mas Rachelle Barber

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa,

I want a Spider man Head quarters, a X-man collection, and a kit to make bugs and spi-Merry X-mas

Jesus Barrientos "J.J."

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gon-

Dear Santa.

I want The movie Lion King, a Mickey Mouse toy, The Pink Ranger, and the Red Power Ranger.

Merry X-mas Crystal Woodson

Lakeview Headstart Room 110 Ms. Gutierrez and Mrs. Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I would like to have stretching toy and a sword power ranger. Love Andrew Isham Lakeview Headstart Room 111

Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers Dear Santa.

I would like to have a vcr and

a pocahontas conforter. Love Ashley Castillo Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have barbie jeep and a barbie doll Love TeAnna Addesso Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a dinosauser and a power ranger Love Damian Bailey Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dera Santa,

I would like to have a barbie

Love, Paula Brown Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pooch puppy and a pocahontas doll. Love Heather Coyle

Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa, I would like to have a duck

game and a dog. Love Brittany Escanuela Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a barbie and a barbie car. **Love Guadalupe Gonzales** Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a motocycle police and a police car. Love, Justin Gonzales

Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

I would like to have a power ranger green and white. Love, Fabian Hilario Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a fire gun and a power ranger (green). Love, Anthony Solis Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa, I would like to have a piano

and a computer. Love, Natasha Vanderbilt Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa, I would like to have a barbie

jeep and a skating barbie. Love, Turquoise White Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa, I would like to have a barbie jeep and a barbie.

Love, Monica Garza Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa, I would like to have a doll

house and a barbie jeep. Love, Annalisa Levario Lakeview Headstart Room 111 Mrs. Flores and Mrs. Rogers

Dear Santa,

My name is Caitlin and I have been a very good girl. I would like you to bring me some Cinderella shoes, a toy that you push tiny buttons, and a baby that cries for Christmas.

Also, a Shark game and a big hammock for our backyard. How are the reindeer doing? I hope fine. I can't wait for Christ-

For my baby I want a food baby and some coloring book.

I love you! Caitlin Mantooth Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

I have been a real good girl. I would like a break doll. And a barbie doll. Also a Red purse and a pretty dress.

I will Leave you some cookies And milk. What is your favorite

I would like a real small christmas tree wiht real candy canes on it. So, I can eat them.

Love, Mone Mindling Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

My name is Joshua. I would like some different kind of games. And also some Roller blades. How is Rudolph and the other Reindeer's?

Would you bring Reagan a toy?

Love Joshua McMurray Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

I am Issac. I would like a Red truck with a window on it. And a Cowboy hat and a gun. So I can play cowboy's.

How is Mrs. Claus. I went to see Rudolph but he wan't there. Because he was on Santa Sleigh. Love

Issac King Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

I would like to ask for Tumble baby and castle, Tea party. I have been a real good girl.

And a butterfly thing. I would like a pretty red dress. A sleeping gown. Be careful out on the

Love Krista Lyons Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

My name is Mitch Cornutt and I want a motorcycle, a fishin' pole, a truck, and a car for Christmas.

Love, Mitch Cornutt Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie Boat, a Pochanatas Book, a Waterfall, a Pink Kite and play lipstick.

How are the Reindeer adn Mrs. Claus doing? I can't wait til Christmas so I can see you.

Love, Megan Parrish Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa. I want you to bring me a Power Ranger Red Guy. How are the Reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope everyone is

Love **Mathew Mitchell** Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

fine.

My name is J.P. Barber and I have been very good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a Power Ranger toy, a Power Ranger Game, and a Power Ranger Mask.

Love, J.P. Barber Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger Gun, a Power Ranger Knife and some Power Ranger Gloves.

Also, I would like a Power Ranger Mask, a Power Ranger suit and Power Ranger Shoes. I have been a very good boy

this year. How are all the Reindeer doing? Love, **Evan Burton** 

Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa,

I want a Winnie the Pooh watch, a Tigger watch, too! Also I want a Chicken Limbo game.

I have been a very good girl this year. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus are fine this year. Love,

**Emily Kosh** Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa, My name is Chaeley and I have been very good this year. I



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Chaeley Barber Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Tumble, Pohcohatas Barbie and a Barbie Car

that my Barbies can use. How are the Reindeer doing? I hope fine so they can make it to my house Christmas. I have been very good this year.

Love, **Kelly Sage** Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year and would like you to bring me Mego stuff and lots of

Love, **Jacob Hasty** Children's Day Out, FUMC

toys. Thank you.

Dear Santa, My name is Gerald and I want you to bring me a dump truck and that's all. I have been a good

boy. Love, **Gerald Harris** Children's Day Out, FUMC

My name is Adrianna and I have been very good this year. I would like you to bring me Winnie the Pooh dishes, so I can eat

on them. Pooh shoes, a Candy Land Game and a Peanut Game. I would like a jumping ball too. Thank you!

Love, Adrianna Robertsch Children's Day Out, FUMC

Dear Santa, I want a choo-choo train for Christmas. I've been good. Love,

Lorenzo H. **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Is it cold on the North Pole this year? What kind of cookies motorcycle, Mr. S tape, Mr. S, a do you likd best? I really want a batman bike and a power car, a reindeer picture, and a ranger bike for Justin. Tell picture of you. Kendall wants a radio.

Love, Wint B. Garden City Elementary **M**rs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, lin. My sister Colleen wants a some reindeer. I've been really doll and my brother Dylan good this year. wants a tractor. Love,

Wade J. **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I was wondering, do reindeer eat hay? I want a bicycle for Christmas.

Your pal, Spencer P. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Please bring me a barbie, clothes, and a doll. My little sister wants some clothes, too.

Your friend, Analisa G. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a bicycle, power ranger, and a football. I've been good this year.

Love, Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a barbie and a stuffed animal (cat). My brother, Bret, wants a stuffed animal (dog). We've both been good this year.

Brittney C. **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a bike, a telephone, and Also, I want some Winnie the clothes. Please bring a doll for my sister, Andrea, and a new bottle for my brother, Matthew. Love,

> Genaro C. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Please bring me some little barbies and a teddy bear. I promise that I've been good. Your friend,

Whitney K. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

I want a highway patrol Rudolf that I'd like to play with

Your pal, Ridge S. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a I want a drum and a play vio- waterbed, skates, a bicycle, and

Love, Jesus A. **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a bear, a race car, a computer, and a truck. I've een good all year.

Your friend, Peter R. **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Please bring me a tape player and a barbie. By the way, what are your favorite cookies? Your friend,

Alison W. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Pooch Puppy, some earrings, makeup, and a bubble barbie. What do you do the rest of the year besides Christmas?

Love. Samantha D. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a desk, Fantastic Fingernails, Fraidy Cats, a tent and a bean bag. I know that you like cookies, but what do vour reindeer eat?

Your best friend, Mikela B. **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a car, a ball, and a power ranger toy. I've been real

Love. David F. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

good this year.

I really wanted four Barbie dolls and I want that pink teddybear that is at Walmart, and some dress up clothes, and I want a kitchen set. I want some of my own sunglasses and a tea party set and I want a real phone to class my friends like Raysha. I want a heart for a piggybank and thats it. I have been good most of the time.

Love, **Brittany** Dalton Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

new one. I want a keyboard and my two front teeth. I want a calendar like at school. I want a computer. I want a phone of my own and a puppy that is brown. I want a Mama cat. I want a clock and that's all. I have been

green a lot.

From Raysha Dawn Vandever **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a football, a remote controlled car, a dump truck, a loader, and a piggy bank. I have been good.

Love, Peter Wiebe **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a radio, a green ranger sword, a thing that causes Zord out of the water, a new bike, a raider helmet, a new box, a big one from home, a new flashlight for my Dad cause all our flashlights are broken, a clock, and a big computer and that's all.

From, Jeffery Pierson Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want slammers and pogs, clothes, shoes with lights, and nothing else. I have been good. Love,

Lyza-Ann Lopez Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a babysitting doll, and I want cut and style Barbie, a puppy that is real like Lassie, a kit that has babies in it that I saw in a magazine, Doodle Bear, Dancing Barbie, and I guess thats all. Allie has been good.

Love, Allie Spivey Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

You get presents and put them under my Christmas tree. I want a Godzilla walking warrior, a Power Ranger escape ward, a Dallas Cowboy beanbag, Toss Cross, new clothes, and thats all. I have been good and I sleep in my room by myself. From,

Eric Hirt Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a ball, a bike that is hot pink. I want a new pet that is a My radio is broke, I want a good most of the time. Love.

> Ryan Alvarado **Garden City Elementary** Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want a table to color and a

computer and a motocycle and a water gun, and play house, been good boy.

From,

Juan Francisco Zuniga Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I love you because your nice and because you give presents. You are nice to everybody. Will you buy me a Sega with Sonic the Hedgehog and a gun like Jeffery's and a toy that you push something and it opens the door and trolls come out of it. I have been good.

Love, Nick Sanchez

Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a phones, and a jacket baby doll and ribbon dancers. I have been good all year. Love.

**Amy Multer** Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a Huey Louie, a Sega game, and a new big race car.

To Santa, from, Kevin Hillger Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want sand jewelry, a baby doll, makeup, a different colored bike, a new tape-Free Willy 2, and that's all I want. I have been

good. My family have been good

too. Santa, this is from Halie

Dawn Schaefer. Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I want skates, I want a barbie big one, Cinderella book, Barney book, Free Willy 2, a telephone to play, colors, markers, a little house, a board to write,

From, Elia Briseno Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

some toys and a bed.

Dear Santa,

I want a toy. I want a bear. I dog. I want a balloon. I've been want you to pick something, I want a candy cane and a typecome to the house. I can play with my baby. I want some colors. I've been good. Love,

Victor Nino Garden City Elementary Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Dear Santa.

For Christmas a bat man that Santa Claus toy, rabbit toy, a has airplane, a Power Ranger, bat toy, and a glasses toy. I have white, with a white lion that can turn into that big thing. I want a policeman that has a remote control tha moves it around. I have been good.

Love, OJ Trevino Garden City Elementary

Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Love.

I want toys (9), maintainer, dump trucks, toes truck, fire truck, race car, excavator. A have been good.

Billy Joe Schroyer

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want a Mighty Morphin Power Ranger Movie, a bean bag chair, a Spiderman pillow, Bugs Bunny ear

Randy

Dears Santa Claus Please bring me My Siz Princess Barbie Doll Pocahontas Tent Pocahontas Movie Rollard Blaces Clothes Jacket

Kathryn Krager Happy Christmas Help grandpa

Dear Santa, I would like this stuff Skates Trampoline Dollhouse CareBear Dolly BanBee car Bar

bee Blushart I Want You to Pick Me Some things Pretty Please

I want a criss-cross crash and a sinba's dad and a sinba's mom and a toy snake adn the new power-ranger movie and I want the red ranger wiht the motorcycle.

Love. Benjamin Mancha 4 yrs. old.

Dear Santa,

I want an arrel set, a baby Sinba, and some kids makeup, and a stretch doll, and a horse with a pink trailer and a merry Christmas

1016 Meagan Mancha 6 yrs. old

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl, and I want to paly with toys. I want to writer and then a house; a little, house. I miss you.

Love, Stacev Hernandez Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa,

May the peace and joy of

the first Christmas be



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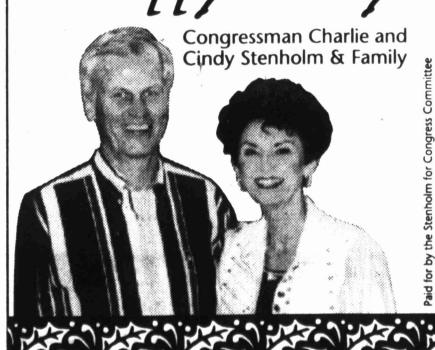
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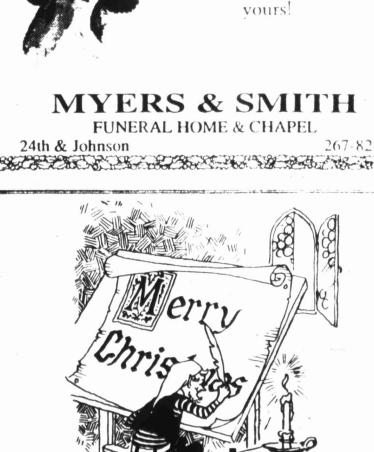
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I want a Pocahontas thing, a pet that you can braid their hair, and a boat.

Love, Shawny Richter Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten

Coahoma

Dear Santa, I want marbles, books and stickers. I love you and you love

Love, Janice Gonzales Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa,

I want some Pocahontas tennis shoes in a size 13, and a Pocahontas bean bag, and a Barbie house.

Love, Kaleigh Sevey Fitzgibbons' Kinder-Miss garten Coahoma

Dear Santa, I want Cool Tools, Biker Mice

and a Nintendo. Love, Jacob Holguin Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa,

I want a Santa Clause that you put his clothes on, a play reindeer, and I want a little bear wiht a collar. Have a nice Christmas.

Love, Dillon Phernetton Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa.

good.

For Christmas I want a Ninzor like my friend Billy, and a puppet of Santa Claus, and that pencil that changes colors when you take it apart. I love you. Love, Terry Schaefer

Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa, I want a Baby Sip and Slurp, a Barbie car with a telephone in it, and a dress. I have been

Love, Carissa Jensen

garten Coahoma

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa, I want a Bubble Gum Barbie, skates, and Super Jenny Gymnast. I am good.

Love, KaySea Spiller Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa,

I want a remote controlled car, a play truck, and a new yellow bike. My old bike got broken. I've been good.

Love, Casey Stanley Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa. I want a Wishing Star doll, clothes for my babies, and I want a real baby. Merry Christ-

Love Sydne Flohr Miss Fitzgibbons' Kidner-

Dear Santa, I want a Howdy Doody puppet because Mikey has one, some stop signs, and Slobbery Sam, a dog who licks bones. I like your sled and Rudolph. I like the

Rudolph song, too. Love, Kayley Granger Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I want a play dog, a play horse, and skates. That's all.

Love, Rusty Hart Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa, I want a red bike, a B.B. gun, and some clothes. I'm glad it's Christmas time.

Love, Kyle Brownfield Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten Coahoma

Dear Santa, I want that Barbie, a dress Miss Fitzgibbons' Kinder- that is just my size, and a baby.

I've been good. Love. Shelby Rose Miss Fitzgibbons' Kinder-

garten Coahoma

Dear Santa Clause, and Rudolph

How are you and Rudolph (and the other reindeer)? I have been pretty good this year. Did you see "ToyStory"?

I want a "Toy Story" toy and Creepy Crawlers and a little toy for my baby brother Reagan. Also, I want Mouse Trap and that ship I've been wanting and Bubble Up Pup and my own art center with markers and my own computer with some games and Rock Jocks and football for my big brother Baxton. Help Chisum (my cousin) to be good.

from your friend. Joshua McMurray age 4 (almost)

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want I want a bike and, a jump rope, and a fire truck, and a Nintendo.

Thank you, **Ted Martinez Moss Second Grade** 

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want, a toy jeep, and a remote control car.

Thank you Frank Rodriguez Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa.

I want the world to be better adn the boys at day car to leave me alone. I want 5 grand. I have ben wanting a B.B. gun. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

I love you. **Bubba** Tate Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa, for Christmas I like a kitten, a baby sister, and it to snow, a trampolne, a jump rope, cloths, typewirter, school to be over. mony, sakts, cousins, boombox, rollerblades, mous, flowers, Nintendo, toy jeep, video Game, bike, computer, Barbie, car, basket Ball, Imosin, firetruck, saga Genesis, christmas tree, Ante, self, my techer, firinds, my principal, a book, paint, a cake,

Thank you Brandi Lee Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want jump rope, money, snow, clothes, bike, Barbies, trampoline, baby dolls, flowers, toy's, car, a new house, ring,.

Thank you, **Brandi Morris** Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa, For Christmas I wont to have a good Christmas and please don't let my dad to drink beer, a little doll for my little dog but it is for my dog so I can play with him.

Thant you Erica Gutierrez Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a jump rope, trampoline, bike, flowers, snow

Thank you **Kasey Pointon Moss Second Grade** 

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a bike with a boombox on it, I want a Sega Genesis, I want a Barbie toy jeep, I want a typewriter.

Thank you, Elizabeth Cervantes Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I want a puppy, a computer, some flower, I want some shoes, I want school out.

Thank you Summer Baltchford **Moss Second Grade** 

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a computer like at school.

Thank you **Brandon Sandridge** Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want sega genesis, boombox, million dollars, video games, trampoline,

toy jeep, rollerblades, computer. fire truck, BB gun, jump rope, puzzels, Christmas tree, limosine for mom and dad, football, puppy.

Thank you Jonathan Smith Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa. For Chrisimas I want remote

contral fire truck, toy jeep, a car, school to be out, clothes, Thank you

**Nick Denton Moss Second Grade** Dear Santa,

For Chistmas I want, for it to snow, trampoline, Thank you, **Emily Fore** 

**Moss Second Grade** Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a bike with a boombox, a baby sister,

my cousin Sally to live with my aunt Judy and it to snow. Thank you,

Stacie Rios **Moss Second Grade** 

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want, roller blades, Barbie, bike, snow, jump rope, Sega.

Thank you, Valerie Garcia Moss Second Grade

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want a puppy, a computer with a printer, million dallors, boombox, video games, super nintendo, roller blades.

Thank you, Clayton Jordan **Moss Second Grade** 

Dear Santa, For Chrismas I want Garden, Basketball

Thank you your friend Stephan Johnson **Moss Second Grade** 

Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want a bike, and a toyjeep, and a boombox, School to be over, snow, video game, kittin, house.

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Thank you Richard Carson **Moss Second Grade** 

**Dear Santa Claus** 

My family doesn't have are list ready. So I am going to Tell You What I Want for Christmas in MY letter. I Want a New doll. And jump rope. And Som clay. And some New blocks.

Love Angela Banks Mrs. Smithie

Kentwood 1st grade Dear Santa

I wunt a bike and I wunt puzzle and I wunt kite and I wunt sum clay and i wunt sum blocks Luv Andy.

Andy Whittenburg Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa My Nam is Michael C I wot computer games and dlocks and puzzle

Love Michael Castro Mrs. Smithie

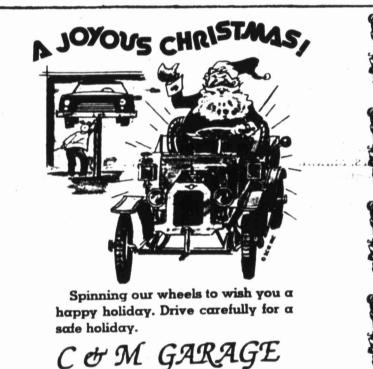
Kentwood 1st grade Dear Santa

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**Ariel Rawls** Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

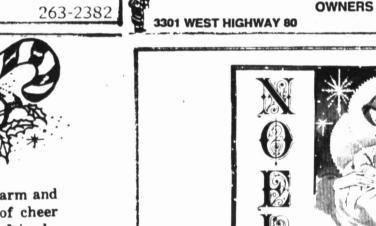
I want a Doctor LeD Fool LaB ANd I want A Ride to The zoo. Louie Flores Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa Merry christmas I want a



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remote control car I have Been a Good Boy **Brandon Stowers** Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

**Dear Santa** my name is Ashlee Atwood I want a computer game I want some Paint set and I want a Puzzle and a doll and some clay Love Ashlee Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

**Dear Santa** my name is Richard. Anderson I want a computer games. and I want a yoyo and I want a puzzle. and I want a Kite and I want a paint set. and I want a blocks and I want a clay.

Love Richard Anderson Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

**Dear Santa** my name is Reinhilde Robinson. I would like my christmas tree beautiful. I hop you have a merry christmas.

love Reinhilde Robinson Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

dear santa i Binn ver good. Can i hav a computer games. Can i hav a ball. Can i hav a paint set. Love

Mark McKiski Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade Santa thax for the bicycle love

**Dear Santa Claus** my Name Christen Harkins I what a motorcle and a car. and a van and a boat and a jump rop. scabord and shavucren.

will you get me them yes or no **Christen Harkins** Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

Der Sant I Lik To hav Bat Man Cor AND A Chork U Tak Cor AND A RiDe On Yor Mrs. Smithie

Kentwood 1st grade Dear Santa claus Borbwoce Ken doll Leah Hughes Mrs. Smithie Rentwood 1st grade

**Dear Santaclaus** I wont a noo bice for christmas and snow aaot sider and go to the zoo money-and a rabbit

for christmas Meagan Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

**Dear Santa Clause** my name is Alyssa Mattson I would like a doll and a puzzle. and a yo-yo and a new crayons. and clay and paint and papre. and a pupets and a junp rope.

Alyssa Mattson and Thack and a merry Cristmas and

your elfs. Mrs. Smithie Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa Clause, Hi I want a cordless C.d. player and some rockanroll C.d.s and I want a real dirt bike.

Love. David Hughes Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, My sister wan'ts a romote-controller car. Rest befar you go to evrybodys house. Don't let Miss Santa stuff you to much. I have been good!

Your friend. **April Allison** Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade Dear Santa Clause,

I did a good job I want a baby born, new roller blads, my size barbey pizza party and piccnic party radeyo tv, compuetrs, school suply, and who ever is poor give them food.

Love Keri Silen Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause. My name is Jacob Nichols and I've been good this year. Get a lots of rest. Eat enough so you won't be hungry. I am 8 years

Sincerely, **Jacob Nichols** Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, What I want for Chrismase is a real puppy and a romte-crontrolled car. Then I want earth worm Jim 2 and is for Sega Genisis. And I want Free Willy

Love Tyler Dunn Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, My name is Kacy Smith. One thing I want for Christmas is more love. I'm glad your real.

You are nice. I have one more thing I want you to do. Give homeless people food and a home. Can I tell you something? My real name is Katherine. Love.

Kacy Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, Hi all I want is love and joy and love to the ones who need it. and one or two thing for my family. I am seven years old. I hope you will do this. have a Merry Christmas.

Love. **Amy Grant** Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, My name is John Hamilton I am seven years old. I want a bear an a horse an a Dinasaurs and a elephant an zebra and a girrgarf. 🦡

Love John Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, My name is Kelci McAdams. I want you to do this for me for Christmas. Give food and homes and school to poor people. Santa will you please try to get these things for me. Binjey the dog. or a dog. Batoven the 1st. Misti Bowden to come home to me. To get all the pencle marks of the Library boxes and books.

Love, Kelci Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, I have dunn a good job. I want for Christmas baby born, rolerblades, mi-size-barby, pizza party, picknick party, tea party, radeyo, tv, conputers, School saplizzy and to be a good girl.

Love **Courtney Hecker** Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, How are you doing I'am doing

It's going to be a big day on December 25th. I am in secind grade. My sisters name is Ashley and

she is very nise. love Dusty Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, Your Friendship Suits Us Fine! Wishing you all some good clean fun and a very, merry holiday season. Thanks! ACRI'S **GREGG STREET CLEANERS AND** SHIRT LAUNDRY 1700 GREGG MARY ACRI

Have a nice Christmas! Will you do somthing for me? If you do there are two things. Please help the poor. And please help the orphins.

Love. Logan Moore Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause. My name is Hailey Yeilding I am seven years old. I want to give the homeless homes and a very Merry Christmas. I want a Dance and Move Barbie.

Love Hailey Yeilding Mrs. Hendrickson Kentwwod 2nd grade

Dear Santa, Will you bring me toys? I love you santa. Is the elves working on toys? Hav a Merry Christmas Santa. Is Rudolph ther? How is Mrs. Claus We love you.

Love **Eden Stanford** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I hope Rudolph is doing good for you. Does his nose still shine? I hope it still shines? Give him a hug for me and I will be happey? I wish I could see Rudoph Santa.

Love **Haley Adams** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

Are you working on Christmas? How is Rudolph's nose bright and red? How is Mrs. Clause? Are all your reindeer helthey this year? Please come to my house. I want a Pooch, a computer, and some clothes.

Love DeAnna Carlisle Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I want new clothes and a doll house too. Will you give Rudolph a hug for me. Are you still working on your job? Say helo to Mrs. Claus for me. And other toys to.

Love, Mallory Dunn Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa;

How is Rudolph Santa and the elves? Santa cum to my house. Put sumthing in my stoking and my bruthers stoking to. Put a toy under my Cristmis tree. My cusin gave me a woch and my bruther got wun to.

**Christopher Franco** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas, Santa. I want a CD player. I also want a babe puppy. Is Rudolph fine? How is Mrs Claus? How is the elves?

Love, Lita Green Kentwood 1st grade Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph and Comit and the uther reindeer doing? My bruthur wants a toy car, and a hanger horse. I want a Barbe and sum shooz, and cup holders for my room. I will sher with my bruthur.

Love Kristal Hatter Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

Are the elves doing fine? I have been good this year. Is Rudolph's red nose shining like it's always doing?

Love **Brittany Sherre Hodnett** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa, I want you to choose for me. Could you say hi to everybody. Rudolph and Mrs. Claus.

Love **Brady King** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

Are you bisy Santa? How are you doing? Remember in Italy you gave me a Barby Aladdin? I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa? I wold like a birthday Barby

Lindsey Marcellino Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus this year Santa? Is Rudolph doing good this year? Are the elves doing good this year to? Are the reindeer doing good this year to. Santa?

Love, Megan McCormick Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

Your elves work hord. I want a drum for Chrismas. I love you Santa. I want a horn, and a hat and a water bottle. I love Mrs. Claus. I love the elves too. How is Rudolph?

Love **Brady Phillips** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

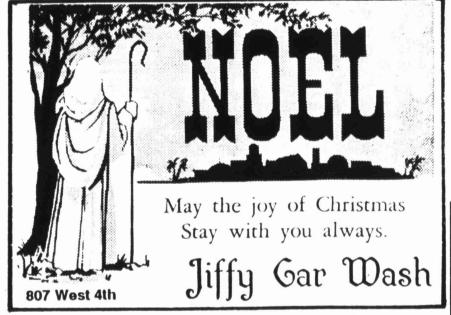
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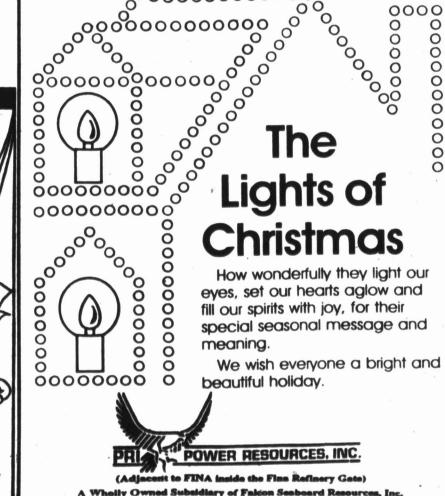
Love Brinnan Kaye Pierce Kentwood 1st grade

Daer Santa, I hope Rudolph is oor. I love you Santa. I'd like a pooch, Doodle Bear. Is there lots of present? I gave the children's present to the pepl that don't have presit. Santa ples stop hir.

Love **Bayley Schretlen** Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,





Will you bring me toys? Joshua Sigmod Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa, Are you working on Christmas surprises with your elves? How are you?

I would like a new bicycle, a Doodle Bear, a new horse book. can you bring me my two front teeth.

Love

Meagan Smith Kentwood 1st grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wate intel Chrismis can you? Are you going to like my sintunsi?s I hope so. How is Rudalph? Luve

Trey Tipton Kentwood 1st grade I luve you Santa.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like: an F-4 Phantom model, a toy electric guitar, a flying Buzz Light year and a Transwing Super Glider. Well any way, hows Rudolf doing? Is his nose still shining? Well I've

got an apple for him. And milk

an cookies for you. Your friend, Jonathan McGregor Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus

I wish Chritmas was tomorrow. Do you know what I want from you? I want a Molly doll. I do not know what else I want.

Love. Whitney Weir Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want a Dalmation watch. The kind that has numbers not hands. I wish I could see all the reindee and all

the elves. I would like a

stokking full of toys. Your friend, **Amanda Lucas** Mrs. Woodall

Kentwood 2nd grade Dear Santa Claus, This year your elves are going

to be working hard. Make shore

they do not harm them selves. Your friend James Dunn Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you would give every poor person some money and ecleste five presents for the kid's. I don't now what I want so choose for me what you think is

Your friend, Amber Nicole Nichols Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

best.

How much do you eat a day? How big is your sleigh? How many toys? How big of bag do you have? What do you give too the bad kids for Christmas? I left you some cookies, and milk, and a note that says have a merry, merry, Christmas. I will tell you a few things I want. I want a tape player.-guitar, and a super game boy, and one more thing a ride on your sleigh. I have read books about you. I have heard about you too. I hae heard good things about you. I have heard that you can travil a round the world in one nite.

You freind Mitchell Lowery Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa, I want a glass angel, gliss king, clothes, beingbag chiar, and a doll.

Your friend, Sarah Wilkinson Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade



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Dear Santa,

I want a dog, cars, joke books, and three I spy books. Thers just one thang and thats how is Rubolph dowing?

Your friend, Michael Hasty Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa,

·I went a real Dalmation. I wish all chirldren have money. I went money too. I went pretty close. I went some dolls. I went warm food.

Your friend, Krista Chesworth Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Sana,

I wish you cood come to my house first but I want preasuns so I want The Loin King bed. clock and palamas; poly packis; and my own puppy and skatebord and triesicle bike and scooter fixt and Brade's bike fixt Bobby's to.

Yor freind, Amber Bair Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa, I only want a little this Christ-

mas. The things I want for Christmas are a pinchingbag that you can kick or hit. Next I want a drum set. I want a bike crismas to. I want the bike to have nothing on it. Your friend.

Kyle Piercefield Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a bunch of pillos. I would like alot of fruit with no sugar. How are you and your wife? How are the Raindeer and elvs? I would like lots of stuft animals. I want a pet monky. I want glases. I want a computer.

Dara Kremsky Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa, What I whold wont for Christmas a bike a police car a pare of

handcufs. Your friend, Chris Castro Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa Clause, I want a puppy and a doctor dredful drink lab eat lab fruit lab a glass snake a glass elephennt glass shark a glass dog a glass tiger and lion glass bear

and glass Brian Hale Mrs. Woodall Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa, The ole thing I what is a bike and a motorcycle if you do not haef a motorcycle just sand me a bike if you do not haef a bike them just sand me a motorcycle.

Your friend, John Perez Mrs. Woodall Kentwood-2nd grade

Dear Santa, I would like a bike and a C.D. player and a comepewter and book's and a phone. Johnny Williams

dear santa, Can you get me computer, a move, games,

Dear santa claus,

Love, Lisa

king, pocahontas, snow white, A roller blades. record player, A radeo, tapes, A radeo, A cd player, A computer, 2nd grade disk, A desk, school love, rosie

Dear Santa,

I want green bear and a shirt saying hi teacher your nice too me. And black shorts and bears coat too. And A red hat with green eyes too. And A A move name the toy story with it. And A green hat with white eyes too. Santa and A black toy dog with it A move name the berenstain bears go too camp with father bear.

Roxane Trevino

Dear Santa I WANT A new bike and Babt so real and a bigball and a saga geniss a new little jewry box with lots of jewry Love Amber Levario

Dear Santa, I want a T.V. a v.c.r. and a doll. Thanks Maleah Wendland

Dear Santa I want a bike. A sega games. money LOVE TRACE MOODY

Dear Santa, I want a new bike and puppy for my dog to play with.

Thankyou Santa, Raquel Rascon

Dear Santa Clause,

I want a Sega game and a walkman I also want a bike! I really want an X-men toy. But I really want is some La-aTropa F CDs, Selena CDs.

Love, Gabriel Ortiż

Dear santa would you get me a walkmen and a cheken lible and muney and chock boud and a free willy part 2 tape and a key boud and a computers and a sega jenes and a bike and a movie and a skooder and a cd player and a cd of seiena.

by Tina Yanez

Dear Santa would you get me a free willy toy and a doll and a free will y movie 2.

Vanessa Basurto

Dear Santa,

I want lights off, steel tec, playstation, virtual boy, panic bomer.

love, Oscar Natividad

Dear Santa I wont A tape of selea naomi

dear santa i want a bike for crismas and i want sum toysfor

love isreal

DEAR SANTA I want a sega satturn and I want mardo kobat 2 and 3 and 1

THANK YOU SANTA Love Abdi Perez

Dear SANTA,

I want a eighteen speed and saga games and saga satern and a walkman Love Jonathan

Dear Santa,

I want a pink and a purple brush and two christmas books. katie

dear santa i want a pair of skates and some more nintendo games if you can please bring me them

love camron

Dear Santa, I Want a new bike and a new c.d. player and I want a new sterole and a new play

Emilia Alvarez

Berringer 2nd Grade Marcy

Dear Santa Claus Hi How are you Doing I am doing fine. Merry Christmas Santa Claus I wan't Back pac Kppurs. Whit I willItwensagun I want. I mynow cholkbord.

Your friend Princess

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi. How are you doing? I am doing fine. What do you what for Christmas. I what a walkietalkie, sum skatmas, sum clothes. Your friend Brittany Hartman Second Grade 2th.

Dear Santa Claus

Hi How are you doing I am doin find. I wate a ya yo, skates, telephone, clothes, walkie talkie, purse, Bi Santa Claus love, desiree second grade

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi How are you doing? I am doing fine. Merry Christmas I want a Yo, bike, computer, a I want A bike, suits, like lion telephone, a walkietalkie and a, Your Friend crystal williams,

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing Santa I am doing fine Megan good, I am Happy I am Happy to Merry Christmas, Santa are you going to give me Chrismas pre Your friend princess

Megan Calloway

Dear Santa Claus, how are you doing? I am doing fine. I would like to have a slepping Barbie, a new Purse. Your friend

Jecics Smalley 2nd grade

Der Santa Claus

Hi How are you doing I am fine. I wunt a walkie talkie, and remote control car, clothes shoes Sega, Bat man forever yor friend

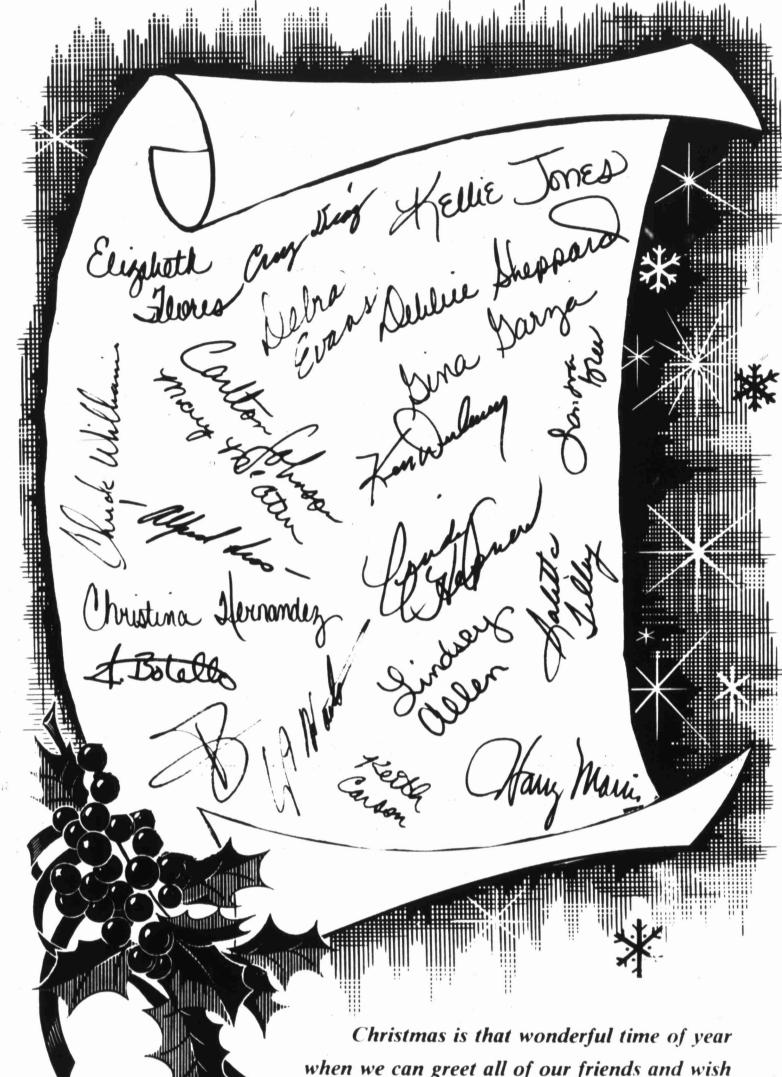
Gabriel Second grade

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi, How are uoy doing? I am doing fine. I wot a Buckweth lots of theing enit and the a por of roller blades.

to Santa Love **Mathew Rodriguez** 

Dear Santa Claus. Hi How are you doing I am



when we can greet all of our friends and wish them the best of the season. We are fortunate in having so many great friends and patrons and we hope that

we can continue to do business with you. Have a happy holiday.

doing fine I wont a woter gun Billy Tra

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Dear Sar Hi. How dine fine. blades, see telephone Santa, h

mas Your Fri Rene Va Second (

Dear San Hi how doing fine want some Sega. I wa want a wa vcr. I wan purse. I v mas. Your fri second gra

Dear Sar Hi. How doing fine T.V., Tele T.V. stan purse, clot other then your Frie Kim Bur 2nd Grad Dear San

doig fine. trol car, ro prenss, seg Your Sec Eric Her Dear San Hi. How doing fine.

Hi, How

I won't s teady bear Backpack read to, wa Love Vanessa rodrigue

secondgr Dear San Hi. How doing fine cars, sega close, bacl box, ska remote co

christmas

Love Ji

**School Sec** Dear San Hi. How doin fine. christmas. skates and your frie matthew

Hi My na you doing do you w want a seg o.k. Jacob I love you I love you Merry Ch I am seco

Jacob He

Dear San

Dear San I wont Q I want a I ples caron Claus I wa wont a nes a rig for m Love Name Mrs Corr

**McRoy** 

Dear San Please br blue back good. Bring sents and r I will lea deers. Love, Vanessa

Mrs. Car Marcy Dear San .I been go Well you a bike fo skateboard

my mom and some some milk Love Mich Marcy Dear San I ben goo mas I want pogo stick, computer,

clothes sh wants clotl Love Stacy Loz Mrs. Car Marcy. I cookies a

mom want

Dear San good the t thes thank bord, and a gun. My n

doing fine.

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I wont a gamgir, a superntido, woter gun and Big hous. **Billy Traldridse** 

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi. How are you doing? I am dine fine. I hope i get roller blades, sega, remote control car, telephone and two walkietalkie Santa, have a Merry Christmas

Your Friend Rene Vasquez **Second Grade** 

Dear Santa Claus.

Hi how are you dong? I am doing fine. I want a clothes. I want some rollerblades. I want a Sega. I want a remote control. I want a walkie talkie. I wnat a vcr. I want a telephone. I want a purse. I want a merry christmas.

Your friend Lacretia Taylor second grade

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi. How are you doing? I am doing fine. Can you bring me a T.V., Telephone, sega, V.C.R. T.V. stand, modercicle bike, purse, clothes, roller blades, and other thengs.

your Friend **Kim Burgess** 2nd Grade

Dear Santa, Hi, How are you doing? I am doig fine. I want a remote control car, rollerblades, ice skates,

prenss, sega, clothes. Your Second grade friend Eric Herrera

**Dear Santa Claus** Hi. How are you doing? I am doing fine. Merrychristmas

I won't skates, Barbiey, dolls, teady bear, sega, vcr, telephone, Backpack purse, close, Yo-Ho, read to, walkie talkie.

Love Vanessa rodriguez secondgrade

**Dear Santa Claus** 

Hi. How are you doing I am doing fine may I have a set of cars, sega, walkie talkie, new close, backpack, a new school box, skates, roller blades, remote control cars, merry christmas Santa.

Love Jimi Paredez Marcy School Secont grade

Dear Santa, Hi. How are you doing? I am doin fine. What I want for christmas. Is roller blades,

skates and a sega. your friend matthew Benavidez

Dear Sant Claus, Hi My name is Jacob How are you doing I am doing fine. What do you want for Chrismas. I want a sega when its Chrismas

o.k. Jacob I love you Sant Claus I love you to Jacob **Merry Chrismas Sant** I am second Grad Jacob Hernandez

**Dear Santa Claus** I wont Q sagtenisfour crismis I want a Basboll bat I waht a ples carondo-van ples and sant Claus I was good Sant Claus I wont a nesls for my mom I want

a rig for my dad. Love Name **Mrs Corrolls Class** McRoy

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a purse and a blue backpack. I have been good. Bring my sister some presents and my brothers, too.

I will leave bread for the reindeers.

Love, Vanessa Alvarez Mrs. Carroll's class Marcy

Dear Santa Claus,

.I been good this year Well you breag me a sega and a bike for christmas and a skateboard, and please breag my mom a ring for christmas and some pirfol and oall Leve some milk and some cookies Love Michael Mrs. Carroll Class Marcy

Dear Santa Claus, I ben good all year faor christmas I want Nintendo, walkman, pogo stick, skate board, clothes, computer, big skren TV, and my mom wants 100 kg ring me to clothes shose met. My sister wants clothes, shose and a sega.

Stacy Lozandno Mrs. Carroll's class Marcy. I will have cookies and milk.

Dear Santa Claus. I have ben good the uer ples can I have thes thanks I wood like a skatebord, and a pogostick and aplay gun. My mom wants a dimen

reing. My Dad wants a new truk. My brother wants a new bike. My sister wood like a Barbie and I wood like a 40 doller rase car and a yak bake and a now bat weth a glov and new hard toob I wood like a christmas book and a walkman and a floot and sum roler blads I wood like a sega and a b ig skirn tv and I wood like to no wie rodolfs nose is red.

Thank yoiu Love I well leve you cody sum milk and cookes. Mrs. Carrolls class.

**Dear Santa Claus** I want a sega and a wonderful gifts my sister wants barbie. My borther wants a Nintendo. My mom wants ring Thank you I was good.

Love **Rudy Avalos** Mrs. Carroll class

Dear Santa Claus,

Bring me some toys, I want and Barbie roller blades and clothes, pogostick walkman bike. Rollerblades for my sister My mom wants a christmas book, thank you Santa hows the reindeer I will save some cookies and milk.

Love Monica Garza Mrs. Carrolls class Marcy

Dear Santa Claus

I have been good all week sometimes I ben bad. But now I promis I will be good next time. And when you come to my house me and my brother will have cookies and milk for you. and Santa would you please give my mom a neckoles that says Merry Christmas. And please give my dad a new car. And please Santa Claus would you get me skates and and a diary? Thank you.

Love KC Rodriguez **Merry Christmas** 

**Dear Santa Claus** 

Please I want a Nintendo and walkman and a bike and my Mom want a car my Dad want a tool box. I wil have cookies and milk for you I am good thank

Love Anthony Acosta Mrs. Carroll

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good this year. Please bring me a Sega and the Power Rangers video. My brother. Carlos, wants a computer. Bring Mom a bell and Dad a flag. How is Rudolph?

Thank you, **Ricky Martinez** Mrs. Carroll's class **Marcy School** 

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a yoyo and please bring me some toy and a bike. I want Mrs carroll to hav a dog and a puppy. Momy wants a ring. Dy and tristin wonnts a power rangers. I have trid to be good. I wont to leev cookies and milk. Love

Jamere Johnson Mrs Carrolls class Marcy

Dear Santa Claus

Please bring me some presents a computers and a peritte ring and checkers and krayola a paint and clothes and books and a Vcr. My mom wans a neckless and my Dad wans tools and My Brother wans a power ranger. I will leve cookies an milk. Love Vanessa Sanchez thank you. Mrs. Carroll classs Marcy

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my and my mom and dad and my brother thesthings I have been gode. My and my brother want a pogostick and my mom wants a ring and my dad wants a radio and I wants a new sago 222. I will leve you some cook les and milk. Love Shawn Lawson and Mrs. Carrolls class.

**Dear Santa Claus** 

I want a Barbie please and my brother wans roller blades and I ben good today, and I will leave you cookies-milk.

Love, Raylie Sexton Mrs. Carroll's room Macy thankyou

Dear Santa Claus Please bring me some toys lik a walkman and sega and roller blades and pogostick and I will have you some milk-cook.

Dear Santa, I woule like a computer and a Jenny Gym doll and a rug for my Momma, Love, Stephanie Ramirez.

Dear Santa, I would like some girls' make-up and some toys for me and my brother and some clothes for me and my brother, and some more shoes for me and my brother. Love, Shannette Walker.

Dear Santa, I want a Power jeep, and a thing that you write on that writes like magic that's blue and orange with two erasers. I'll take a water slide. Love, Jacob Garza

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie car and a "My Size Barbie" and a doll that laughs and cries and a big tent and my own little manger scene. That's all. Love, Tamara Wallace.

Dear Santa, I want some roller blades and a big Poco hontas doll and a little Pocahontas doll. I want a Fairy Winkle doll that gots a dress that I can wear and that's all.

Love, Stephanie Vanderslice

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a bike, a "Baby So Real," a doll house. That's all. Love, Michelle Gonzales.

Dear Santa, I want some video tree. games, Thank you. Love, Philip Anderson.

Dear Santa, I want Barbie and a big car that I can ride in when grow up, and a toy horse. Love, Elizabeth Martinez.

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo and a bike and a remote control car and a "go car" and a chalkboard and some books. Taht's all. Love Matthew Castanada.

Dear Santa, I want some toys, a bike, a motorcycle, a tractor, some candies for the Christmas tree, a book and some dog food for my dog. Love, Toni Johnson.

Dear Santa, I want a Walkie Talkie and a Sega and I want the game of "Street Fighter." Love, Jordan Simpson

Dear Santa, I want a racing car with a remote control. I want a robot toy with batteries and I want a bike. Love, Justin

Dear Santa, I want a "My Size Barbie" and a jeep and a new Barbie doll and some stuff to go with my Easy Bake Oven. I love you. Love, Mary Peters

Dear Santa, I want a \*Batman Forever' game. Love, Bobby



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Dear Santa, I want a kid bike, not a teenager bike, onewith training wheels, a 'Power Ranger" toy, and a play motorcycle that's little. Love, Lupe

Dear Santa I want a bike and a Barbie and a tent. That's all. Love, Ashley Carrillo

Dear Santa, I want a game and I want a Little bicycle. I want a little house that you play with that has little kids and moms and dads driving a car. I want a tractor I want a little motorcycle that you push a button and it goes around. I want some blocks. I want markers that you push on that makes marks. I want a bus that you open the doors and it turns into a house. That's all. Love, Nick Romero.

Dear Santa, I want a rocking horse for my brother. I want a teddy bear for my sister, I want two coloring books for me and my brother. That's all. Love, Rebekah Brooks.

Dear Santa, I want a baby doll and a Barbie and Mary and Joseph and a baby Jesus too. Love, Emelia Merrick.

Dear Santa, I want a rare car anda "mote control" car.I hope I see you soon cause I am celebrating Christmas. I want a bike. Love, Andrew Brown.

Dear Santa, I want a Santa Claus book anda Spiderman toy and a basket ball and pogs and a Batman toy. Love, Daniel Munoz.

Dear Santa,

I think I've been a good little girl this year. I'm writing to tell you all I want for Christmas is Rasie doll, Cabbage Patch doll doll house kitchen set Cindella tape clothes two barbie dolls, and please bring my baby sister Brittinie toys and clothes and Daddy a bunch of tools and Beatles stuff and mommy clothes and that's all for this Christmas your friend

Lauren M. Ruiz 3 years old

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ers for school and tweettee bird. By Laura Linville

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll and a bike and a hugle Lovelle friends. And I want a drive and a Barbie car for the Barbies. I want a lot of a books and a Ken Barbie doll and a car for Kent to go and pick up the girls, and that is all. Susan Overton

Dear Santa,

I wont a remote control car and a book about Fraidy cats. **Bobby Shubert** 

Dear Santa, this is what i want for Christmas. Some books to read, and a new Christmas tree. Some dresses clothes and shoes. A bike, five presents for me and my sister. A doll to sleep with, and a dog. from: Jessica to Santa. I love you.

Dear Santa, I want a train set and a bunch of car's and a remote control car. and a big troll and a wallet and a taz gum machine and a computer.

Dear Santa, I want a teddybear for christmas. And a bike, some rollerblades. A gocart.A game gear.

Your girl, Chrystal Adams.

Dear Santa, a doll Stephanie Dawn Baker

Dear Santa,

I won't a doll for christmas. And a big dog. I hope you are doing ok. I love you.I want new clothes. And new shoes. I want a new puppy.

I love you Santa. Jennifer Ann Garza

Dear Santa, this is wat i wan for christmas. some rollerbladdes. Some slippers that have ribbons in her ears and the puppys tail, and a big swimming pool. and a Hollday Barbie. And a babby that moovs her eyes by her self and fells like a rell babby, and a bath babby **BrittanyLandis** 

Dear Santa, I want a phone and a puppy, and some shoes and some clothes.

Dear Santa clause, i want a bike and a t.v. and a foot ball and twenty games and a set of Dear Santa. I want a Brush books and food and a power

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Dear Santa,

I want a 49ers jacket and a Dallas cowboys wed suite and a stocking full. Have a merry christmas. From Paul C. Wylie

Dear Santa, I wwant a com-

2. Santa this is what I want I want a bike.

3. I want a new shoes.

4. I want a cowboys shirt.

5. I want some markers.

Christmas List to Santa. What I want for christmasis a Goofy golf machine and a Bike and a cross fire game and five boy's necklaces and a ya k back, too and some pencils

from Bill Gomez

Cristmas list to Santa 1. power Ranger cooks 2. power Panger clothes









3. The gamegeangametaz 4. A power ranger game Jamie Lee Jordan

Dear Santa What would like for Christmas is a Kool Tools Toll truck. Joshua Olivas

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is a barbie doll. from Melissa Guzman

Dear Santa.

What I would like for christmas iscarwash from Dumas Valles

Dear Santa,

What I would like for christmas is a Baby doll. from Kayla McBride

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is a barbie car. from Elsa Mier

Dear Santa,

What I would like for christmas is a truck.

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas, is a Big Barbie car. from Claudia Martienz

Dear Santa, what I would like for Christmas is a Bike and I would like a barbie from Lisa Maxwell

Dear Santa what I would like for christmas is a bike with just two wheels. from Adriana Enriquez

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is a power rangers weapons from Michael Rivera

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas is a motorcycle bike. Jaffice Harris

Dear Santa.

What I would like for christsmas is a bar bie car and abarbie and a teddy bear Cherish

Dear Santa,

please bring me a Dallas cow. Dallas jersey oy football, and Dallas cowboy hat, and Dallas cowboy jacket and Dallas cowboy shoes, and

Dallas cowboy socks. and Dallas cowboy pants, and Dallas cowboy helmet, and power rangers I love santa

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Dear Santa.

I hope to get to my Grandma's house safe and make mom well. I love you Santa, I love mom Love, Amanda How are your reindeer?

Dear Sata,

I would like a forty niners jacket and a football shoes and football pants and football socks and football shirts and football helmet

Love Michael

Dear Santa, I wold like a power rangers Love Robert

Dear Santa, I would like a chihuahua. Love, Stefanie

Dear Santa,

I would please like a Dallas Cowboy jersey and helmet Love,

Dear Santa, I would like a football and a waterbed Love Julia

Dear Santa, I would like a polly packet

Love Tiffany Dear Santa Please bring me a cat and dog

Love Luciann Dear Santa I would like a football jersey.

Love David Dear Santa, I want a swing set

please. Love, Marcy

Dear Santa, please brinig my family to my uncles house safe-

Love Natalie

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll please.

Love Corina I Love Mom

LLove God

Dear God, I want a numbe 21

I want a NFL fooball Love Justin.

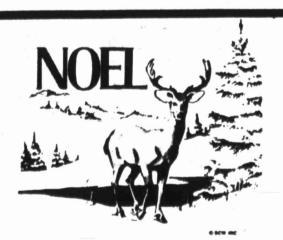


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# **Problem** Gift List:

What to give Aunt Elsie, the puzzle-lover? What to give Uncle Ed, the sports-nut? What to give Cousin Fred, the movie-goer? What to give Brother John, the travel-bug? What to give Sister Sheila, the fashion-plate? What to give Cousin Helen, the financial wizard? What to give Father, the businessman? What to give Mother, the recipe-collector? What to give Little Joe, the cartoon-watcher?





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