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## Saddam Hussein 'Caught Like a Rat,' U.S. Commander Says

by Kathleen T. Rhem

**American Forces Press Service**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2003 - Saddam Hussein was "caught like a rat" and offered no resistance when U.S. soldiers captured him near Tikrit Dec. 13, the U.S. general in charge of the operation said today.

Saddam was found hiding at the bottom of a hole hidden on a farm near his hometown. Roughly 600 U.S. soldiers were involved in the operation, but no shots were fired. Two other men were captured in the compound, Maj. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, said during a press briefing in Iraq. The 4th Infantry Division is responsible for coalition operations in the Tikrit area.

Odierno surmised the pressure on Saddam had become so tight that he couldn't risk traveling with a large entourage, and therefore had no bodyguards with him. "It was him and just a couple other people with him, so he really didn't have much of a security force," the general said. "And he was in the bottom

of a hole, so there was no way he could fight back, so he was just caught like a rat."

The 4th Infantry Division has been in Iraq since April, and Odierno said he believes Saddam largely had been in the Tikrit area since then. So there was "some satisfaction" in capturing the Iraqi dictator. However, he stressed, "there's still a lot of work that we have to do, and we're still focused on our tasks of defeating any regime elements who might be remaining who want to conduct attacks against coalition forces and more importantly try to stop most Iraqis from moving forward."

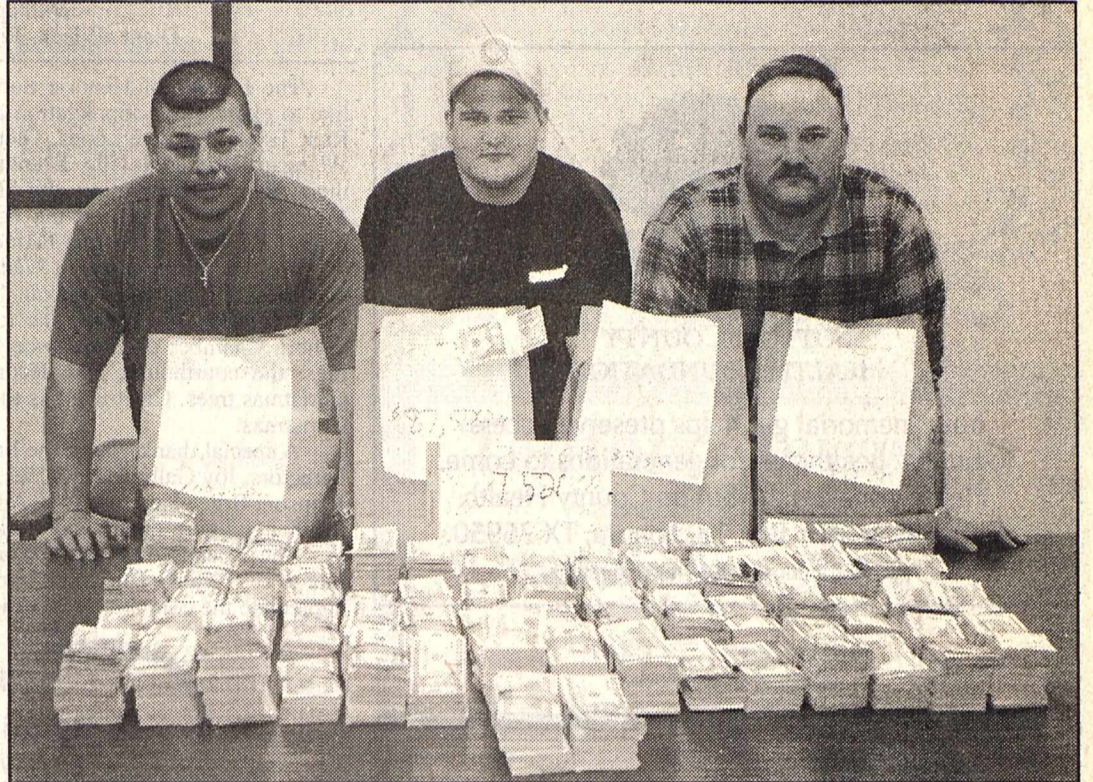
The most important thing for the Iraqi people now, he said, is for them to continue to move forward in their efforts to control their own country. "We continue to help the Iraqis take charge of their country, and we continue to help build the infrastructure so that they can take charge of their country," Odierno said.

In his opening statement, the general called Saddam's

capture "a significant event for the Iraqi people." He said he believes most Iraqi people are relieved that Saddam has been captured. "I think there was always a (fear) that he might return, and now that he's in coalition custody there is no doubt that he will never return to power in this country," Odierno said.

"The intimidation and fear this man generated for over 30 years are now gone. Many will rest much better tonight knowing Iraq is moving forward to a more secure environment," he said. "A significant blow has been dealt to the former regime elements still trying to hamper progress in Iraq."

He also had high praise for the American soldiers who conducted the raid, as well as all U.S. service members. "I want everyone to know how proud I am of the great soldiers of the task force and the division and all the great soldiers, sailors and airmen in our armed forces," Odierno said. "They perform superbly each and every day."



Eric Zuniga, Brandon Farris and Jody Harris complete the counting of four bags of money.

Sutton County Sheriff, Joe Fincher reported that Sutton County Deputy, Jody Harris was on routine patrol on Thursday, December 11, 2003 when he stopped a vehicle on Interstate 10 for traffic violations. After making initial contact with the occupants, Deputy Harris contacted Drug Task Force Officer Eric Zuniga to assist in the stop.

Sutton County Dispatcher, Brandon Farris, of Eldorado,

was riding with Deputy Harris and also assisted at the scene.

A search of the vehicle resulted in the officer uncovering large bundles of U.S. currency, in the amount of \$627,520.00

Among the currency, that took over three hours to count, several counterfeit bills were found.

Javier Osvaldo Sillas Cruz, 27, of Mexico and Francisco

Montoya Contreras, 43, also of Mexico were both charged with First Degree Felony Money Laundering.

If seized, the money will be split 80/20 between Sutton County and the 112th District Attorney's Office. Under the current seizure law, money obtained from such arrests can be used for any law enforcement purpose, including the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies.

## Chamber of Commerce gets ready for a busy new year

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce held the monthly Board of Directors business meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2003.

Board of directors present were Keith Butler, President, Sue Moore, Oscar Marshall, Juanita Estrada, Marla Percifull, Mike Samuels, and Lisa Seaton and Storie Sharp. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ruthie Bounds, Administrative Assistant, Donna Garrett and Sharon Holman were also present.

Holman began the meeting by explaining that in the last weekend in April she would be having a full blood goat show at the Civic Center. The event will be for two days, bringing in out of town competitors and participants for the weekend. A judge from South Africa is being brought in to judge and to conduct a seminar. Holman requested that the Chamber of Commerce assist with advertising expenses for the event. After discussing how the event will help to bring in visitors to local hotels, restaurants and businesses, the Board voted to sponsor the event and take care of all advertising costs. Holman expressed her appreciation and said that she plans on making the event annual and to expect a class act.

In committee reports, Bounds said that Flowers by Irene had renewed her membership with the Chamber, and had her grand opening in her new location on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. Business After Hours for the fourth quarter had to be cancelled due to the busy holiday season.

Bounds reported on the "Holiday Weekend", including the "More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar and the Christmas Fair on Main Street. She said that the "More the Merrier" was very successful, with the majority of the vendors reporting great sales. The Christmas Fair on Saturday was not as successful and several ideas were discussed to change the holiday plans for next year. Several suggestions were made for improving the "More the Merrier" to make it even bigger next year.

Bounds reported 39 visitors that signed the log in November, with 107 calls requesting information about Sonora (Game Dinner, Cavens, hunting, hotels, relocations and local events). There were 733 hits on the web site last month, and five relocation packets had been sent out by request.

Financial statements were reviewed and approved and a budget workshop was set for January 7, 2004.

A bid was opened and declined, for the building on Crockett Street. It was decided to contact local real estate agents to get a true value of the building and make a decision at the next meeting.

A commitment letter was given to all Board members, calling for a re-commitment of their support and efforts on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the community. With ever changing schedules and lives, it is understood that some board members may become unable to serve to the fullest of their capacity. The commitment letter allows for them to decide to remain on the board or to step down, with the understanding of such changes.

In new business, Bounds informed the Board that she would need assistance in setting up chairs at the Civic Center for the Santa Bucks auction on Thursday, December 18. All members present agreed to be at the Civic Center around 3:00 p.m. to help set up. Bounds also reported that the scheduled auctioneer had to cancel, and she was looking for a new one to help call the Santa Bucks auction. It was also agreed to have some refreshments for auction.

The committee for the Daddy/Daughter date night on February 10, 2004 was set, with Butler agreeing to handle the D.J. and the photographer for the event. The committee will be checking with local restaurants on running specials for the evening and The Devil's River News agreed to run the ads at a discounted rate. The dance will again be open to young ladies in grades Kindergarten - 8th, and their "dates" of Daddys, Grandfathers, or guardians. More details will be set at January's meeting.

Butler asked Bounds to come up with a list of necessary committees for the Devil's River Trail Ride in February and the board would assign those in February. The trail ride will be in Sonora from February 17 - 18, before heading out to San Angelo for the Stock show and Rodeo. The new event will bring many visitors to town and much assistance will be needed to host a successful event. Bounds said that other organizations were getting involved and more details would be available next month.

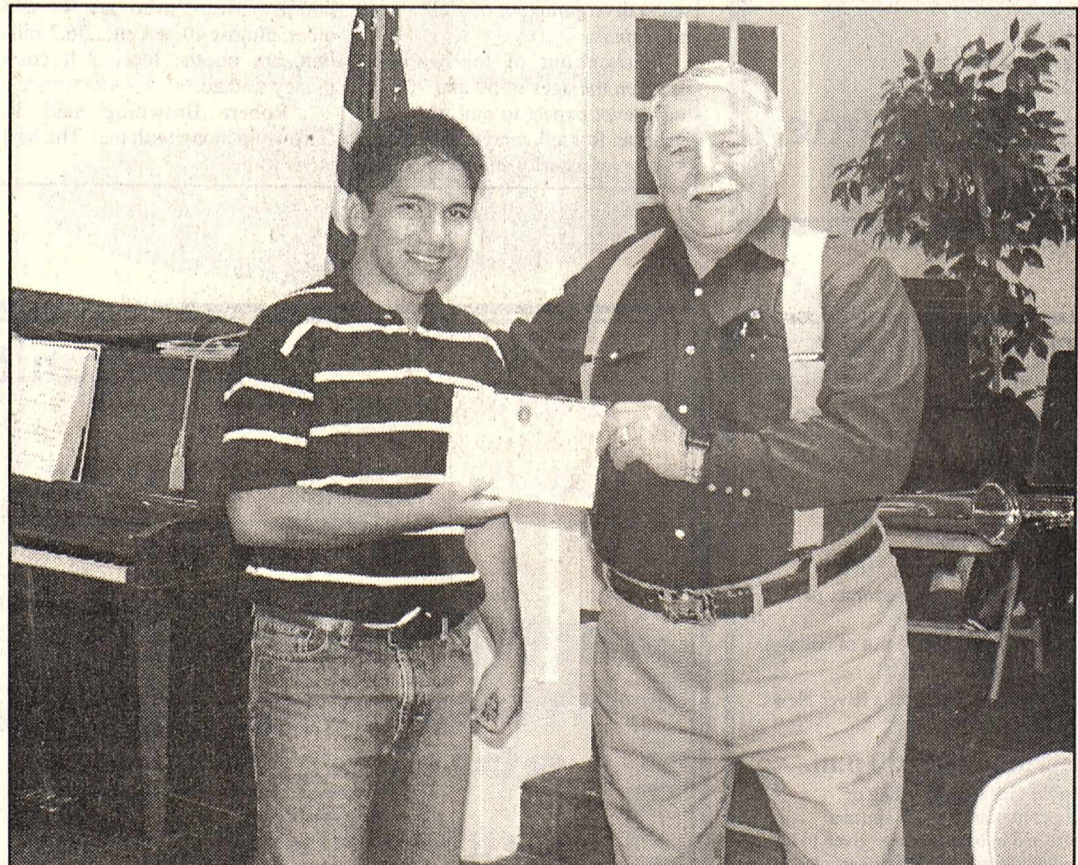
In this busy season of giving, it is a good time to remember the many charitable organizations around town that give to so many in our community. If you're looking for a different gift to give a loved one this year, consider a donation in their name to one of the many deserving charitable organizations in Sonora, including some, but not all, Sutton Co. EMS, Sutton Co. Health Foundation, Sutton Unit of the American Cancer Society, Sonora Volunteer Fire Department, Sonora Downtown Lions Club, Westside Lions Club, Sutton Co. Community Trust "Old Glory Fund", Sutton Unit of the Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ministerial Alliance, Child Welfare Board - (Angel Tree Project), Knights of Columbus, Dee Ora Masonic Lodge



## Back in business, Flowers by Irene opens in new location

After dealing with some trials and tribulations in the last few years, Irene Friess is back in business, just in time to help decorate your home for the holidays. Irene has moved her flower shop to the shopping strip on Hwy. 277 N. and is snuggled between Pizza Hut and Gifts Galore and More. With handmade wreaths, bouquets and much more in floral decoration Irene is anxious to see you. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed Irene back with a red ribbon ceremony on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, followed by some great snacks and Christmas shopping. Take time to 'stop and smell the roses' or daisies or violets, etc., and visit *Flowers by Irene* today.

## Downtown Lions Club chooses December Student of the Month



Jose Casillas was chosen as the December Student of the Month at the Tuesday, December 9, 2003 meeting of the Sonora Downtown Lions Club. Jose was chosen by the faculty of the Sonora High School for his continued academic and athletic excellence. He is active in Junior Varsity Football, the Mighty Bronco Band, where he plays the tuba, Basketball, Baseball, Golf and is on the Honor Roll. Jose was awarded a certificate from Lion Frank Wamble, who also extended a month-long invitation for lunch on Tuesday's. After the presentation, Jose joined the other members of the Brass Section of the Mighty Bronco Band that were present, and performed Christmas music for the Lions.

## Hospital Board calls special meeting to open construction bids

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, December 8, 2003, in the Annex at the Hospital. The following directors were present: Lewis Allen, President; Sherrill Dannheim, Vice President; Preston Faris, Mike Healy, Maria Carrasco, and Virginia Epps. Also present were Rex Ann Friess, Chief Appraiser, Sutton County Appraisal District; Keith Butler, Administrator/CEO, Ben Epps, Mickey Schaefer, and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After being called to order and the regular business of approving prior meeting minutes, Friess advised the Board that the 2003 tax levy was \$1,051,505.84. She reported that as of the end of November, 9% has been collected, as compared to the 4% collected at this time last year.

A called meeting was set for Tuesday, December 23, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. to open the bids for the construction of the hospital and the wellness center. Butler advised the board that he had visited with Angela Williams with O'Connell Robertson & Associates and there have been a number of calls from all over the state showing interest in bidding on the project. Butler said that the District had been rejected on five of the grants he had applied for, but he was waiting to hear from three other organizations.

Virginia Epps made the motion to confirm Michelle Schaefer as Chief Financial Officer beginning January 1, 2004. Mike Healy seconded the motion and the motion carried.

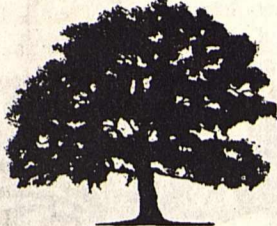
The board approved adding Michelle Schaefer to the signature card for the Hospital District bank accounts.

Butler reported on the Quarterly Evaluation of Services for the hospital and represented the Life Safety and Facility Operations Manual for the annual review and approval of any changes. There were minor changes in injury reporting, and the manual was approved with the change.

See Hospital board page 8



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Community Church**  
"Where Community is our Middle Name"  
**Sunday Services**  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.  
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**Card of Thanks**

I am never surprised but always amazed at the way God loves his children., but now I must confess my surprise and amazement at the way God loves me through his children.

Thank you Lighthouse from the bottom of our hearts,  
Pastor Don and Family

The family of Virginia Valera would like to thank all our friends and family who honored Virginia's memory with love, support and generous compassion.

A very special thank you to Dr. and Becky Johnson, Don Longoria and the caring staff of Hudspeith Hospital for going above and beyond. Martha, Beverlee, Mary Beth and Keith, you are the meaning of friendship.

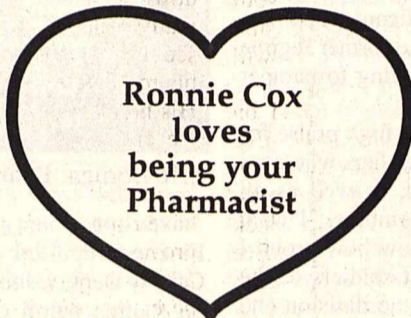
With appreciation,  
Diane, Eileen, Joe, Sara, Shay & Cruz

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to Johnny Solis, Carlos Gallegos, Rick Taylor, Enrique Lopez, Glenda Lowe, Alicia Lowe, Michelle Weingart, Wanda Neville, Brenda Bryant and Maura Weingart for their help in decorating the Bank Vault Park (pocket park), Mercantile Building, and the corner of Hwy. 277 and Crockett Street "Welcome to Sonora Planter Box".

We would like to say a kind word of "thanks" for everything that TX-DOT has done for our "Welcome to Sonora Planter Box Project". Also, we would like to express our appreciation to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for lighting the downtown buildings, the courthouse, and decorating the courthouse lawn with Christmas trees. Our town has the touch of magic and the spirit of Christmas.

A special thank you to the Friends of historic Sonora Board of Directors, Joy Galbreath, Rachel Duran, Maura Weingart, Roy Jean Johnson, Bruce Kerbow, Tony Adkins, and Tabby Sanchez-Abrego, for their support, talent, and work they do for our community.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to all, and we appreciate the community in which we live.



**Texas Tales Told By  
TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

**Seniors keep the Economy Running Smoothly**

*Tumbleweed Smith*



It's the older generation that spends money. People sixty, seventy and eighty are healthy, active, have good minds and shell out money for vacations, concerts, plays and movies. In any upscale restaurant, most of the diners have white hair. In short, they're building memories.

In this generation, many are still working way past retirement age. They have organized their jobs and lives so they can still work and have time to do the things they want to do. This is the generation that has saved money for most of their working lives. They aren't necessarily thinking about themselves, either. They are thinking about their children and grandchildren. Many of this group think the best thing they can do is be with their families. So they take cruises and rent vacation homes so everybody can be together for a week or so every year.

Sixty used to be the age when people slowed down. Not anymore. Sixty seems to be what forty used to be years ago. Grandparents don't look like the grandparents they had. Their grandparents looked and acted old at fifty. They seemed to come from an ancient culture. Today's grandparents might be jet pilots or CEO's with no thoughts of slowing down. They ski, bicycle, dog sled, scuba dive, jump out of planes and ride rapids.

Seven out of ten workers between the ages of 50 and 70 say they never expect to quit working. Deborah Russell, who writes about economic security and works for

the American Association of Retired People says, "A lot of us feel that work is part of what defines us. We want to stay connected, and we plan to live a long time, so why quit working? It's not just about needing a paycheck." We've heard about Grandma Moses or Colonel Sanders who didn't start building their empires until they were over sixty. There are more and more people doing just that. I interviewed a woman the other day who writes and sings parodies at cabarets in Dallas. She looks 50. She is 79. Her office and studio are in her house. The walls are filled with her art work. She talked about her kids and her boyfriend. It's the older folks who are living life to its fullest.

Lauren Hutton, who has been called the world's most enduringly beautiful model, has just turned sixty and recently started a new makeup line for older women. Tim Conway is in his 70's. Bob Barker is 80. I interviewed a man who had just graduated from college. He is 82. Dating is a big thing for people over sixty who suddenly find themselves single. They place personal ads in magazines, they read and meet dates in coffee shops, and develop relationships. One man said dating has never been so interesting, mainly because there are so many players.

Higher divorce rates, longer life spans and a greater tendency never to marry mean there are more single Americans than at any time in the nation's history. The U.S. Census Bureau says of the 97 million Americans who are 45 and older, almost 40 percent...36.2 million...are on the loose. It costs money to date.

Robert Browning said it: "Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be."

**Obituaries**

**H. R. McDaniel**

Hulan Ruford "Mac" McDaniel, 79, of Ballinger, passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2003, in Shannon Hospital after a brief illness.

A memorial service was at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 13, in Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Hulan was born May 25, 1924, in Crews, Texas, to David Jefferson and Minnie Lee Williams McDaniel. He married Marie Holman on March 6, 1947.

He entered into the Army Air Force on February 16, 1943, and served in France, Adrennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was honorably discharged from the Army Air Force at the conclusion of World War II in 1945. He was an auto body mechanic in Ballinger until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Barbara Harrison; his son, David McDaniel; his brother, Ocie Green, Edward Merle McDaniel, Leland McDaniel, Z.L. McDaniel, Thomas Buford

McDaniel, and Billy Ray McDaniel, and his sister, Mary Alvinia "Sis" Whitlock.

He is survived by his loving wife, Lelia Marie McDaniel of Ballinger; his son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Judy McDaniel of Sonora; Jesse Phillips of Mineral Wells; and a daughter-in-law, Karen McDaniel of Ballinger. He also is survived by a sister-in-law, Virginia McDaniel of Ballinger; grandchildren, Gail Phillips of San Antonio, Scott Phillips of Austin, Lance Phillips of Weatherford, Lisa Caveness of Krum, Danna Boykin of Plano, Lee McDaniel of San Angelo, Julie McAfee of Ballinger, Bryan McDaniel of Burleson, Brandon McDaniel of Palm City, Florida, Bradley McDaniel of Lubbock, and Brett McDaniel of Sonora. He also is survived by his grandchildren's spouses, six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Winfred H. Atwood**

Winfred H. Atwood, age 69, died Sunday, December 7, 2003, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born December 8, 1933, in Concho County to Harvey Jefferson Atwood and Nell Pentecost Atwood. Winfred was a 1952 Graduate of Eden High School and attended the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science. He was also a veteran of the United States Army.


Winfred married Elaine Ward of Melvin, Texas, on May 11, 1957, in Austin. He was a long time resident of Mason County. Along with his wife, he owned and operated Mason Funeral Home from 1970 to

2000, was engaged in ranching and was part owner of Hill Country Inn in Mason from 1976 to 1997.

Winfred is survived by his wife Elaine, a daughter De De Kruse and husband Mark, and twin grandchildren Mason and Madison Kruse, all of Abilene. He is also survived by a sister Oleta Duckworth, two nieces and one great-nephew, all of Sonora and many friends. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Randy Laverne.

As a devoted member of The Church of Christ he loved his church; he loved his family and friends; he loved living in the Hill Country; and his Brangus Cattle.

**Saint Ann Catholic Church  
Holiday Schedule**



**Dec. 20**  
Confessions - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

**Dec. 21**  
Sunday Mass - 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

**Dec. 24**  
Confessions - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.  
Midnight Mass - 12:00 a.m.

**Dec. 25**  
Christmas Day Mass - 10:00 a.m.

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**Senior Center News**

**Dec. 22** - Bingo!  
**Dec. 23** - Christmas Meal. Everyone welcome. Sign up for holiday meals.  
**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve! Center Closed!  
**Dec. 25** - Center Closed! Merry Christmas!

**Senior Center Menu**

**Dec. 22** - Hamburgers on bun, oven French fries, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, carrot salad, fruit cocktail.  
**Dec. 23** - Turkey & dressing, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, roll, coleslaw, peach cobbler.  
**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve...Sr. Center closed!  
**Dec. 25** - Merry Christmas! Sr. Center Closed!  
**Dec. 26** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, potatoes,beets, roll, fresh orange, milk.

**Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.**  
**\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. \*Menu is subject to change.\***  
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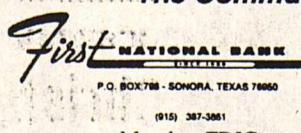

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**Community Calendar**

**Dec. 18**  
Santa Bucks Auction  
4-H Civic Center • 6:00 p.m.

**Dec. 19 - Jan. 4**  
SISD Christmas Holidays

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### Ask the Historical Society

By Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

**Q.** How do we get tickets to the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra's performance here in Sonora on March 19, 2004?

**A.** Reservations and pre-orders for tickets may be made by calling me at 387-5084 Monday or Friday morning. The 19th I will be in the office in the afternoon. Price lists are available upon request for the dinner/advertising packages. Cost of tickets to the concert only will be decided in a few weeks. We are accepting donations to offset the cost of the orchestra and will use that money to reduce the cost of general admission tickets. We hope to keep the price for general admission down to approx. \$25 so that all the people of Sonora can afford to attend.

**Q.** Why are you picking up nuts all over Sonora?

**A.** I'm not NUTS! I am picking up nuts everywhere I find them on the road, and in a few wonderful people's yards, cracking them by hand, packing them up and mailing them off to the USCGC Gallatin. The ship set out to sea in September and won't be back in port until next year. The crew have missed Halloween, Thanksgiving and will miss Christmas and New Year's with their families. I know several of them are missing their children's birthdays and their anniversaries.

These wonderful young men and women are helping to defend our seas, catch drug smugglers, stop illegal cargoes with dangerous material from reaching our shores and help stop the flow of illegal aliens to our country. They work very hard and are away from home for long periods of time. My daughter, OSC Tina Viglietta is stationed on the Gallatin. We can't send them chocolate; it melts and most hard candies stick to the wrappings in the climate they are patrolling. The one thing I found that wouldn't go bad in their climate was nuts. Therefore I am prowling the roads and spending my nights cracking nuts.

A special thanks to every-

one in Sonora who has helped make the holidays a little merrier for the crew of the Gallatin.

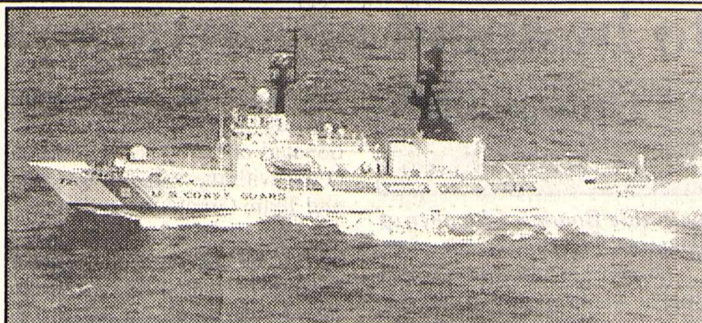
**Q.** Why do people have Christmas trees? They have nothing to do with Christ.

**A.** Yes they do! There is an English legend about the early days of Christianity in the British Isles. A monk named Wilfred, later to be called St. Wilfred, was trying to spread Christianity to the Druids. The oak tree was considered an object of worship in the Druid religion. One day, surrounded by a group of his converts, Wilfred took a great axe and struck down an oak tree. It split in four pieces and from the hollow center there grew a young fir tree, pointing a green spire toward the sky. The crowd was amazed to see the young tree growing inside the oak.

Wilfred dropped his axe and turned to the people saying "This little tree shall be your Holy Tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points toward the heavens. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wilderness as the Druids worship the oak, but in your homes. There it will be surrounded with loving gifts and rights of kindness."

The earliest mention of Christmas, in the existing issues of the Devil's River News, tells that there was a grand dance held in Sonora the nights of December 24 and 31, 1891. The Christmas Eve dance was held immediately following a celebration around a Christmas tree in the old wooden school house. The decorating committee were E. C. Saunders, L. L. Russell, Geo. Traweck, G. L. Moore, J. M. Bell, Mrs. & Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Baugh, Misses May Callahan, Mary Rudicil, Agnes Murchison, Ollie Cusenbary, Susie Martin and Lucille Adams. Evergreen collectors were Geo. Traweck, Dave Dunagan, G. Huber and P. Hurst, Jr.

In 1920 a celebration was held in the School Auditorium with a Christmas tree decorated for children under 15 years of age. All these children were



The USCGC Gallatin crew goes "nuts" for Texas pecans. Merry Christmas Tina and all the crew of the USCGC Gallatin!

given a remembrance from the tree to help keep alive the Christmas spirit. The tree was decorated in the old time way, and Santa Claus gave presents to all the little ones. Music was provided by the Texas Red Devil Orchestra from Ft. Worth.

Old time Christmas superstitions of the South: Don't wash and press a Christmas present before giving it, or you will wash out the good luck and press in the bad.

Make a start on your year's work between Christmas and January 5th—a bit of ditching, a little plowing—to "show your intentions". But never fix your roof between Christmas and New Year's or the holes will come right back.

Leave a loaf of bread on the table after Christmas Eve supper and you will have a full supply until the next Christmas.

Eat an apple as the clock strikes twelve on Christmas Eve and you will have good health throughout the coming year.

If you let a fire go out on Christmas morning, spirits will come to you then and later in the season.

To improve your luck, wear something new on Christmas Day. But not new shoes. They will hurt and may even walk you into a catastrophe.

We hope you enjoy all the decorations on the office, Miers Home Museum and John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building. A special thank you to all the little elves who helped this year.

Finally we will tell you about a Christmas Day wedding in 1919. Mr. Wayne West and Miss May North were united in marriage by Rev. A. J. Carson, at the home of the bride in Ozona. Very few were present

at the ceremony except the immediate families of the parties. Following the ceremony the young couple took a wedding trip in the beautiful new car that was a present from the groom's father. Wayne West was one of the leading young stockmen of Crockett County. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. West.

**Q.** Where does Santa Claus live?

**A.** When I was little, my parents told me Santa Claus lived at the North Pole. Since the temperatures there drop down to under 40 below 0, not many people have been there to see his natural runway where his reindeer and sleigh take off. His home is well hidden by the ice and snow and most people have never been able to find it. I know that, even at my age, I still haven't tried to go there to disprove their statement. I'll just take them at their word and stay here in Texas. The last few weeks it has gotten more than cold enough right here in Sonora for this lady. Besides, I have developed an aversion to snow in my old age.

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may reach us at 387-5084 on Monday and Friday mornings or stop by and see us at the old ice house on Saturday. You may call me at home at 387-2855 or at the office to rent the Old Depot or make reservations for the symphony. We wish you the happiest and healthiest of holiday seasons!

## Texas Tech health center to become medical school

### State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox  
AUSTIN - What parents haven't fantasized about their child becoming a doctor when they grow up?

The federal Council on Graduate Medical Education estimates that the U.S. will need between 1.09 million and 1.17 million physicians by 2020. Unfortunately for anyone who may need medical care then, current projections are that only 971,000 to 1.08 million doctors will write prescriptions that year.

Texas certainly will be doing its part to overcome that anticipated shortage of M.D.s.

The state currently has eight medical schools, but during the special session in October, lawmakers approved a ninth school.

House Bill 28, which received little fanfare except in and around El Paso, authorizes Texas Tech University to sell \$45 million in tuition revenue bonds to fund construction of a four-year medical school for Tech's Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Currently, the El Paso center trains only third- and fourth-year medical students.

Though Texas Tech must still come up with funds to service the bonds, with \$2.6 million in seed money for the next biennium, construction could begin late next year or early in 2005.

When Perry signed HB 28 into law, El Paso leaders said it was the most significant legislation affecting that city in a half century. The new school will nearly double the number of medical students, and with additional faculty and staff, it will amount to a needed economic shot in the arm for the biggest city on the left side of Texas.

**Public Safety official leaves...**

James B. Francis Jr., a member of the Public Safety Commission, the policy body that oversees the Department of

Public Safety, has stepped down from the panel after eight years.

No word yet on who the governor will appoint to replace him on the three-member commission.

The Transportation Commission, which oversees the Texas Department of Transportation, also still has three members, but legislators in the last session passed a bill expanding that commission to five members.

The two new members have yet to be appointed, though there has been some buzz that at least one of the appointments is coming soon.

**Remember, Santa wears one...**

Everyone in law enforcement or other safety-related fields says it all the time, as if they were reading from a script: Wear your safety belt.

The DPS says that if someone is thrown from their vehicle during a crash, the likelihood of death or injury increases 70 percent. The place to be when metal meets metal is snugly behind the wheel, and an air bag.

Though some Texans still resist using seat belts, surveys continue to show more and more are wising up. A decade ago, seat belt usage was estimated at 69.1 percent. In 2002, the level was 81.1 percent and still inching upward.

More startling news: Extensive research also shows you are far less likely to need a safety belt if you abide by the speed limit and don't drink and drive.

**State sales tax up again**

State sales tax revenue is up for the third month in a row.

"The last time state sales tax revenue increased three months in a row was July-September 2001, before 9-11," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said.

"November sales tax revenue is up 4.3 percent compared to November 2002. This is the largest growth since August 2001."

The state received \$1.36 billion in sales tax revenue in November.

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

About a month ago I wrote a letter about the lights on Main Street. Well, I just wanted to say, job well done!

Yesterday, I went to Sonora School Christmas, the 6th, 7th and 8th grade, and the high school bands were really wonderful! The topper on the tree was when Mr. Baldwin asked the audience to sing Christmas Carols with the Sonora Mighty Bronco Band, and everyone stood and sang.

I would like to thank you, Mr. Baldwin, for a job well done! I left the school thinking how wonderful it was, that a newcomer to Sonora has made the Christmas spirit come alive.

Thank you, Sonora Chamber of Commerce, The Friends of Historic Main Street Program, the Sonora School Bands, and Mr. Baldwin for the look and feeling of Christmas.

Glenda Lowe



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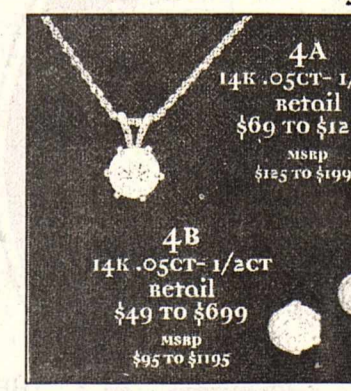


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**Millions of Santa Bucks to be spent at auction**

**Chamber Chatter**

by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Are you ready for the Santa Bucks Auction this Thursday December 18th at the Sutton County Civic Center? We hope you will all be there to take part in the live auction, children's auction and silent auction. The over \$2,000.00 worth of items donated by local merchants and businesses will be set up for you to browse through at 5:00 p.m. The silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the item going to last high bidder. The live auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. and there will be items for the children to bid on.

In addition to all the items listed in last week's Devil's River News, we have received even more items. Stagecoach BBQ & Catering has donated three certificates, each for two daily specials valued at \$15.00. Moore's Oil & Lube has donated three standard oil changes valued at \$26.00 each. Image donated three items: a cross valued at \$18.00, a wallet valued at \$35.00 and a golf plaque valued at \$12.00. Best Western Sonora Inn has donated two certificates for complimentary one night stays at their motel, valued at \$80.00 each. Red Horse Feeds donated four items: a sport bucket stool valued at \$18.00, two certificates each for five bags of corn valued at \$22.00 each and a beautiful bronze sculpture that we featured in the newspaper last month valued at \$65.00. Dairy Queen of Sonora has donated

four meal certificates each valued at \$25.00. K.D.'s has donated one free car wash and detail with the value of \$35.00, and Team Graphics has donated six Santa wind flags each valued at \$12.00, and a beautiful birdhouse shaped like a church that has a value of \$60.00, a Christmas advent calendar valued at \$18.00, and a Christmas card holder valued at \$15.00. Sonic Drive-In donated 3 brown-bag specials each valued at \$7.00 and two burger deals each with a value of \$4.00. Tedford Jewelry donated a fanciful little shelf perfect for any little princess with a value of \$37.00 and Tedford Radio Shack has given a portable CD player that any little prince (or princess) would love to have, valued at \$50.00. Mindy Castaneda of Mindy's Creations made a beautiful Christmas wreath valued at \$30.00. Parker Lumber donated a Black & Decker cordless screwdriver valued at \$19.00. We have also had some Barbie accessories donated for all the little girls, some toy trucks and tractors donated for all the little boys and some books donated for all the children to bid on. In all we estimate that we have had approximately \$2,255.00 worth of items donated by local businesses and merchants. All the merchants want to say thank you to their customers by giving you a chance to bid on and possibly purchase these donated items with the Santa Bucks they have all been handing out to you for the last several weeks. Don't miss a great opportunity to cash in on the generosity of our local merchants, they give so much to our community.



**What a deer..**

Dinney's Child Care enjoy a special visit with Cha-Cha, a baby mule deer being raised by one of the children's grandparents.

The group fed and played with the fawn, observing her tiny teeth and hooves, no toes or paws!! Everyone agreed that Cha-Cha was soft and playful and they all had a good time.

**Sutton County Health Foundation ends year with presentation of new officers at dinner party**

submitted

Board President, Jim Stephen, called the meeting of the Sutton County Health Foundation to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2003.

Betty Stephen, Joe David Ross, Susan Bloodworth, Pascal Allison, Glen and Linda Fisher, Cleve T. and Lolabeth Jones, Carla Garner, Ben and Lenora Pool, Carl and Melissa Teaff, Alvis and Patricia Johnson, Keith and Rosie Butler, Curry and Bonnie Lou Campbell, Rodney and Kathy Knight, Rande Fawcett, Bobby Doran and Sharon Holman were present.

After enjoying dinner with family as special guests, President Jim Stephen started the meeting by presenting Alvis Johnson with a gift of appreciation on behalf of the Association, for his dedication to the foundation.

In regular business, prior minutes from the November meeting were approved as presented and Treasurer, Sharon Holman gave the current balance sheet which showed cash in First National Bank at \$4,303.87. Investment assets are at \$37,048.50, and cash in the SCHF Endowment Fund are \$197,000. There is a net income for the year to date, of \$238,352.37.

Rande Fawcett presented the slate of officers and directors as: President - Ben Pool, Vice President - Rande Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer - Sharon Holman, Directors - Lolabeth Jones, Alvis Johnson, and Pascal Allison. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was approved as presented.

It was approved to cash in

**DPS issues Christmas wish list**

The Department of Public Safety has composed a wish list for the holiday season. DPS is asking travelers for the following gifts:

\* Slow down - speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.

\* Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.

\* Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.

\* Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.

\* Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.

\* Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

"Following these tips will keep your family and everyone on Texas roads safer, and that will mean a merrier Christmas for all of us," said DPS Director Thomas Davis Jr.

"The sad truth is that most fatal traffic crashes don't have to happen."

DPS will have all available troopers patrolling Texas roadways from Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, December 28. DPS is once again participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)-a nationwide effort maximizing enforcement on major interstate highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends.

Alcohol is always a concern during the holidays, and DPS is supporting the statewide drunk driving campaign.

"We would prefer voluntary compliance with traffic laws," said Davis.

"However, if you choose to drive without regard for the safety of others, increased enforcement means you are three times more likely to get a traffic citation or be arrested for DWI during the Christmas weekend."

**Sonora Girl Scouts meet goals, visit San Antonio Riverwalk**



submitted

As most of Sonora knows, the Girls Scouts recently sold nuts as their annual fund raiser. The girls did quite well and appreciate everyone that helped support them this year, and every year.

Troop #104 met their Troop Goal, and on Saturday, November 15, they were treated to a field trip to San Antonio.

Mrs. Tammy Favila, Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Faz and Mrs. Mary Humphrey shuttled the girls to the San Antonio Riverwalk for a ride on the riverboats. The girls then toured the river and walked to the Towers of America. A long elevator ride up to the Observatory Level, and treated the girls to a spectacular view. The girls could see for miles, something they won't soon forget. The trip ended with a late lunch at the Magic Time Machine.

Special thanks to the drivers, Evangelina Martinez and Nicky Samanigo.

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## Bronco Basketball begins at Ozona Tournament

by Maray Cearley

Bronco Basketball got underway this weekend, participating in the 73rd Annual Ozona Invitational Tournament.

On Thursday, the Broncos beat the McCamey Badgers with a nail biter, 55 to 53. The Broncos had three in double figures, led by Trapper Valliant with 15 points, 17 rebounds and a whopping 8 blocked shots.

Clint Cearley had 14 points and 4 steals, and Chris Martin added 11 points.

Rounding out the scoring was Brett McDaniel with 9, Austin Wagoner 4 and Steven

Duhon 2.

Sonora's next opponent was the Sweetwater Mustangs. The Broncos were sluggish and found themselves playing catch-up the entire game.

Scoring for the Broncos was Valliant 17, Martin 9, Cearley 5, Wagoner 3, McDaniel and Duhon each with 2. The final score was Sweetwater 49, Sonora 38.

On Saturday, the Broncos were playing for third place, facing the Brownfield Cubs.

Sonora jumped to an early 9-0 lead with excellent hustle from the entire team. Once again

there were three in double figures. Valliant led with 21 points, 16 rebounds and 3 blocks. Cearley and Martin each had 14 points, with Cearley sinking four 3-pointers. Duhon added 5, and Wagoner had 4.

The Broncos brought home the third place trophy, winning 58 to 51.

Trapper Valliant received a well-deserved All-Tourney Medal.

Congratulations to the Broncos and their continued success in their upcoming season.

## Basketball Results

by Larry Jennings

The 7th grade Lady Colts played Grape Creek at home on Monday, December 15, 2003. It was a close game all the way through, with Sonora winning on a free throw shot. The final score was Sonora-22, Grape Creek-21. Scoring for Sonora were Savannah Leonard- 11, Loren Isenhour- 4, Azeneth Villanueva- 3, Steely Ingham- 2 and Senida Martinez- 2. The girls made 6 of 30 attempted free throws.

## Sonora 8th Lady Colts Beat Grape Creek 30-23

December 15, 2003, Sonora 8th Grade Girls played Grape Creek. The eighth grade girls started out with a full court press which dominated the entire game. The girls played very aggressively on both ends of the court. Sonora held them to 0 field goals the first quarter while Sonora scored 9 points. By the half, Grape Creek had scored 1 field goal and 7 free throws to Sonora's 16 points. The charge was led by Emily Earwood, Kelsey Watkins, Kimble Luna, Kayla Garcia, & Heather Hughes. Kimble Luna and Heather Hughes scored 9 points the first quarter. Coming off the bench to continue the rhythm that was set the first quarter was Chelsea Martinez, Katrina Ramos, Laura Martin, Kyla Turney and Elbe Samaniego. Kyla Turney scored 2 points, Heather Hughes 2 points, Kayla Garcia, 2 points, and Katrina Ramos 1 point. In the second half, the girls continued their march to victory with tough defense, allowing only 2 field goals for Grape Creek the remainder of the game. Sonora exhibited a total team effort. Sonora had 3 girls foul out, without jeopardizing the victory. Grape Creek shot 41 free throws, completing 17. Sonora shot 16 free throws, completing 6. The 8th grade girls showed leadership, hustle, and the desire. GREAT GAME GIRLS; let's continue on.

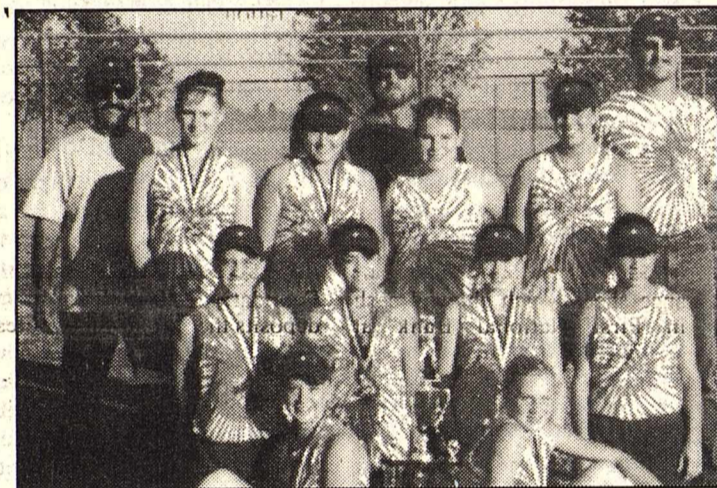
Top Scorers: Kimble Luna 13, Heather Hughes 6, Kelsey Watkins 4, Kayla Garcia 2, Kyla Turney 2, Chelsea Martinez 2, Katrina Ramos 1.



## Feliz Navidad from Spiller's fourth grade Spanish Class

Mrs. Anita Spiller's fourth grade Spanish class has been busy preparing for the Christmas season. The students were allowed to choose an element of the Christmas Nativity Scene to prepare and make the figures out of salt dough. Everyone enjoyed making the Marys, Josephs, the three wisemen, shepherds, sheep, several Baby Jesus' and even a rattlesnake on the ground. The project allows the students to use their creativity, while learning about the real reason for the season.

## West Texas Shock wins second in Midland



The West Texas Shock, girls competitive softball team won 2nd place in the Midland Fall Tournament - 2003. Pictured above are: 1st row: Heather Hughes (Sonora) & Berkley Iden (Coahoma); 2nd row: Krista Kirby (Coahoma), Kimble Luna (Sonora), Jetton Fontenot (San Angelo), Azeneth "Azzie" Villanueva (Sonora); 3rd row: Brandy Simpson (Miles), Victoria Dominguez (San Angelo), Ashley Gesch (Wall), Heather Mase (San Angelo); back row: Coaches- Joe Dominguez (San Angelo), Sam Hughes (Sonora), and Frank Simpson (Miles)

## Decisions, Decisions

It happens about this time of year. Trying to decide what gifts I will give my friends and loved ones. I usually put a lot of thought into the gift I am going to give. This causes a problem in that I want to give them what they wish for; but, on the other hand, I try to give them something they need very much. My little dilemma could be like a problem God faced many years ago. It was after God created man and woman and they disobeyed and were separated from Him (Genesis 3:9-11, Isaiah 59:2). God had to decide if he wanted that broken relationship to mankind restored and how would He do it. God decided to

give us the gift we needed the most, not just the things we wished for. He gave or sent us His only begotten son, Christ Jesus (Matthew 2:1&2, John 3:16-18), something very precious to Him so our relationship to Him could be restored (Romans 5:19). As we are thinking of our love ones and thinking of giving them special gifts, remember God loves us very much and has given us a precious, special gift. Receive it with gladness (John 1:12). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

## Cooler weather? Important tips for your child's car seat safety...

When the weather turns cooler, we all get our jackets and coats out of the closet. Did you know that putting your infant or child in their coat or blanket before putting them in their car seat can greatly affect the way the car seat is designed to work?

The harness straps in car seats are designed to lie flat and snug against your child. When they are adjusted properly, there should be no slack in the harness system. If you wrap your baby in a blanket before placing him in the car seat, and loosen the harness straps to accommodate the extra cloth...you have put slack into the system. The same thing happens if you put a coat on your toddler and loosen the straps before buckling him in his seat.

In a collision, this extra fabric and padding will compress and create slack in the harness system, which will allow your child to move further forward during a crash before being stopped by the harness straps--increasing the injuries they will suffer.

So what should you do? First, always keep your child in the clothes they will be wearing when they are indoors. Place the child in the infant seat or car seat, making sure the harness straps are snug over the shoulders and that they lie straight and flat down to the buckle.

Buckle the child in and THEN put the coat or blanket OVER them--on TOP of the harness system. You can even turn the coat around and put his arms through the sleeves after he is buckled into his car seat... BUCKLE THEM, THEN BUNDLE THEM.

This will ensure your kids are kept snug in their seat, the harness system is able to do its job in the event of a crash, and that the kids stay warm.

Remember to check your safety seats often and look for stress marks or hairline cracks on the shell, frayed harness straps, torn padding, etc. You can contact the manufacturer for replacement parts.

For more detailed information on car seats and car seat safety, please see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/>.

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**Sutton County 4-H members succeed in Bandera**

submitted  
Two Sutton County 4-Hers traveled to Bandera Saturday, December 13, to participate in the Angora Goat Jackpot Show. Hunter Jennings and Laura Martin represented Sutton County well as Hunter exhibited six goats and Laura exhibited three goats. Sky Jennings also made her debut as she held one of Hunter's goats in the doe kid class. Hunter was awarded the Junior Showmanship award. Laura's doe kids placed 1st and 2nd in their class while her yearling doe was named champion doe of the show and reserve champion goat of the show. These girls enjoyed sharing the day with other exhibitors and are looking forward to the show circuit, which begins January 9, 2004, with the Sutton County 4-H show. Many hours of hard work go into these projects and the 4-H members would like to invite everyone to see them exhibit their animals next month.



Hunter Jennings, Laura Martin, and Sky Jennings pose with the judge in Bandera.

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**- Congress Approves Bonilla's Country of Origin Labeling Provision -**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla has halted a provision included in the 2002 Farm Bill that could have been disastrous to the nation's agriculture industry. A grateful industry is applauding and thanking Bonilla for his steadfast support. "We thank Chairman Bonilla for his leadership in addressing a law that has caused frustration and controversy throughout the beef cattle industry," stated the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Cattle Feeders Association in a recent news release. "We commend you for your leadership to address this challenging issue. You have struck the right balance on this issue and well served U.S. consumers, U.S. agriculture and U.S. businesses throughout the food dis-

tribution chain. Thank you," wrote the United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Association in a letter to Bonilla. The U.S. Congress today approved a provision introduced by Bonilla that will delay implementing a potentially onerous system of Country of Origin Labeling (COOL). Country of Origin Labeling for all commodities will now be put on hold for two years, with the exception of farm-raised and wild caught fish. Bonilla believes the delay is essential so that Congress may commit further time to researching the costs and benefits of the system. The complete bill will now move to the Senate for a final vote and then on to the president for his signature. "Country of Origin Labeling could be disastrous to our meat industry. We owe it to our nation's meat producers, processors, retailers and consumers to investigate before acting," said Rep. Henry Bonilla, Chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is estimating the implementation costs of COOL record keeping at close to \$2 billion -- some industry experts calculate the total reaching close to \$10 billion. Another study conducted by Texas A&M University stated that the changes brought-on by COOL would cost nearly 2000 jobs and almost three quarters of a billion dollars for beef regulations in South Texas alone. The USDA estimates that the cost of COOL on every head of cattle will be \$10.00, with the cost per head of sheep being \$4.50. "If you were going to start your own business wouldn't you do all the research, check the facts and talk to people who know and understand the industry? Or would you jump blindly into the business and hold your breath hoping for success? I know I would choose research and education, and that's exactly what my provision allows for Country of Origin Labeling," said Bonilla. "We must provide Congress time to adequately address Country of Origin Labeling before we evoke potentially devastating consequences on our rural economy." Industry organizations that applauded Bonilla's work include: National Cattleman's Beef Association, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raiser's Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas Produce Association, United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Texas Pork Producers, and National Pork Producer Council. Congressman Henry Bonilla was named Chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in January of 2001. This is the third spending bill Bonilla has overseen. Bonilla is dedicated to keeping the agriculture industry strong and healthy, and remains committed to reducing wasteful spending and unnecessary projects. In addition to chairing the Agriculture Subcommittee, Bonilla is a senior member of the Defense and Foreign Operations Subcommittees.

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**Rangeland restoration, Prescribed burn workshops to be offered**

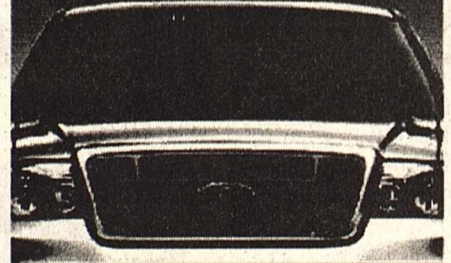
by Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu  
SONORA - A rangeland restoration and management workshop is scheduled for Jan. 8-10 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Sonora. Basic information on rangeland ecology, plant identification, grazing strategies and other topics will be covered. The workshop will provide information to help participants develop strategies and meet resource goals. Participants will tour the Experiment Station to observe the effects of grazing and burning treatments first hand. A rangeland burning basic class will be Feb. 19-21. Fire characteristics, dangers, benefits and burn planning will be part of the educational program. Habitat manipulation with burning will be discussed. Participants will develop a burning plan and participate in different duties during practice burns. All the workshops will be held at the Sonora Station. Participants will observe a wide

variety of rangelands either depleted or covered by unwanted brush, areas that are in the process of being restored, and rangeland that has been restored by fire and management. Most of the workshops will be spent in the field learning and observing in small groups. The cost for each three-day workshop is \$395. Lodging and meals will be provided. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Separate sleeping arrangements will be available for men and women, with limited space available for couples. Instructors for the Academy are Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, director of the Sonora Station; Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor at Texas A&M University; Ray Hinnant, senior research associate at Texas A&M; and Kent Mills, manager and consultant with Ezell Key Grain Co. Inc. in Snyder. For more information, go to the Web at <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm> or phone (979) 845-5580.

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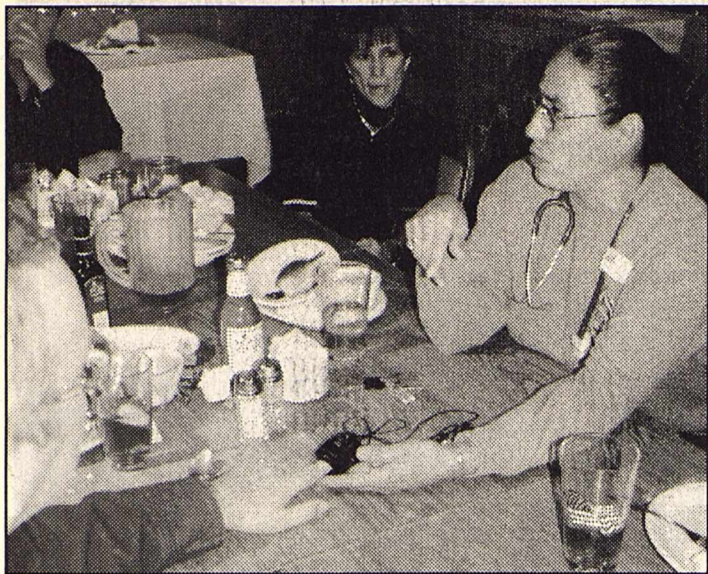
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## Hospice nurse given new equipment to better serve

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Veronica Fierro of Ozona is the proud recipient of a pulse oximeter, a device which measures the amount of oxygen in the blood, for use with her hospice patients. The oximeter was donated to Veronica by Ozona Lions Club, DeerFest, Freddy Funeral Home and Kerbow Funeral Home of Sonora.

"This will be a very handy piece of equipment," said Veronica. She serves an average of 15 patients in four towns: Sonora, Big Lake, Ozona and Eldorado.

She began her medical career as a nurse's aide at Crockett County Care Center and became an LVN in 1987. She has worked as staff nurse for Hospice of San Angelo for 11 years. Hospice provides pulse oximeters to be shared among their nurses, but Veronica is thrilled to have her very own provided by the four donors.

More time will be devoted to nursing and less to paperwork with the new laptop computers HSA will soon provide for its nurses. "The laptop will expedite reports," said Veronica.

The Ozona native is the daughter of Desidero and Olivia Tijerina.

## Last minute tax tips can save money before December 31

by Linda Anderson

Santa Claus may be coming to town, but shortly afterward, so is the tax man. Dr. Joyce Cavanagh, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, said taxpayers still have time to give themselves a last-minute tax break before the end of the year.

Here are some of her suggestions:

- Zero out flexible spending accounts for health care that are based on the calendar year. "If people have a flexible spending account for health care, they need to spend any money left in that account or they are going to lose it," Cavanagh said.

While it may be too late to make appointments with the doctor or dentist before the end of the year, taxpayers can still use those funds for such items as new eyeglasses or contact lenses, prescription refills or other regular medical expenses.

In some cases, Cavanagh said, even over-the-counter drugs can be purchased using these funds; however, before making these purchases, taxpayers should visit the Internal Revenue Service Web site (<http://www.irs.gov>) or their employers' human resources department to find out which of these medications are eligible and which are not.

- Check financial records to determine which will be more practical for tax year 2003, itemizing deductions or taking the standard deduction. "The standard deduction for a married couple filing jointly this year will be \$9,500," Cavanagh said.

"That's a sizable increase over past years. The standard deduction for singles is half that," she added. "Check the amount of your itemized deductions. If it's close to that \$9,500 threshold, look at what deductible expenses will put you over that threshold."

Remember, miscellaneous expenses are only deductible to the extent they exceed 2 percent of adjusted gross income, she added. For example, if professional fees are due the first part of the year, pay them early before the end of the year instead. Or consider pre-paying property tax or increasing charitable contributions. That way money that would ordinarily be spent the first part of next year can be spent the last part of this year instead and help lower total tax paid.

- Teachers may be able to deduct up to \$250 spent for classroom supplies, Cavanagh said, but "that's just for the 2003 tax year. If you know you're going to need things at the first of the year, buy them before Dec. 31. But don't spend just to save money on taxes; spend money you were going to spend later anyway."

This Educator Expenses Deduction is taken as an adjustment to income, she said, "so it

is available whether or not you itemize deductions." More information can be found on the IRS Web site (<http://www.irs.gov>).

- Check with an accountant or tax professional on the advisability of making extra contributions to retirement accounts such as 401(k), 403(b) or deferred compensation plans, Cavanagh said.

"You could make additional contributions before the end of the year, up to the maximum allowed," and lower tax liability for 2003. "If you're making contributions to an IRA or a Roth IRA, you have until April 15 to make contributions for the 2003 tax year, but the earlier you make the contributions, the better off you'll be, because interest will have more time to increase."

- Single people earning no more than \$25,000 and married couples earning no more than \$50,000 each year are advised to check into their eligibility for the savings tax credit, Cavanagh said. "It's a way for lower-income individuals and families to make contributions to a retirement plan, such as a 401(k) and receive a tax credit, up to a specific maximum amount. Some taxpayers, especially married ones filing jointly, might want to consider bundling their deductible expenses into one tax year to be itemized and then using the standard deduction the next year," Cavanagh advised.

And small business owners - especially those who are the sole owner - might want to consider deferring some expenses until 2004, or establishing a retirement account before the end of the year. But, Cavanagh advised, check with their accountant and/or financial advisor first.

## How to help when grief comes home for the holidays

Holidays are traditionally times to gather together with family and friends. They can also be an all too painful reminder of someone who isn't with you anymore. If someone you love is experiencing grief this holiday season, here's what you can do to offer them comfort.

Recognize that everyone grieves at their own pace. Some progress rather quickly, some move very slowly. No one ever moves at the speed that others think they should. Help them take one day at a time.

Keep them company and be there for them. You don't need to say anything profound or do anything earthshaking. Often, your greatest help is your quiet presence and simplest deeds.

Make suggestions and initiate contact and activities. It is important for you to respect their privacy and give them some time alone, but they also may not have the energy to structure their lives right after a traumatic loss. They may have to rely on others to think of things that they don't know to ask for.

Provide a safe environment for them to show strong emotions. It may be very painful, but it can be of enormous help.

Help them remember good things. Tell them your memories of their loved one as you listen to them tell you theirs. If they begin to show their emotions outwardly, you have not upset them, you have simply enabled them to be a bit more open in your presence.

Be there after the first wave is over. Make the effort to call, to come by, to help them out six months and even a year down the road. Crowds may be difficult for them. Shopping and holidays will be overwhelming. Offer your help. If they're not up to a visit they'll let you know, but let them know you remember and are there for them.

## RRC points out safety tips for propane space heaters

AUSTIN, Texas -- The Texas Railroad Commission encourages consumers to observe the following safety practices with their propane space heaters as cold winter weather looms in Texas.

"Gas-fired heaters are a popular choice in Texas, both as the main source of heat and for those areas where the furnace doesn't quite reach," Railroad Commission Chairman Victor Carrillo said. "It's important to choose a space heater that is designed for indoor use. Outdoor patio heaters do not have proper venting for indoor use and could lead to a buildup of carbon monoxide inside the house."

"Vented gas space heaters should be inspected every year to ensure the vent is free of debris and the heater is in good condition," said Commissioner Charles R. Matthews. "If the heater is not vented properly, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO) can enter the house."

"Consumers should be aware that older space heaters might not meet the newer safety standards," said Commissioner Michael L. Williams. "For

Listen to them. They need to tell their story over and over in order to process their grief. They may even say outrageous things. Don't judge them by what they say or how they feel. They have a lot to work through, and in time, they will come to the answers that are right for them.

Be careful of clichés, religious platitudes, or easy answers. You may not be able to help them with certain issues right now, so don't be too quick to share your opinions if they say something you don't agree with. They need time to work things out on their own.

Be sensitive to their needs, be patient, have confidence and believe in them. They will get better; they will experience healing; but it will take some time, and it can be rough going for much of the way, especially the holidays.

Be on the look-out for destructive behaviors. Traumatic loss can lead some people into depression, alcohol or drug abuse. A friend or loved one may need you to keep an eye on them while things are especially tough.

Help them find humorous diversion. Laughter is good medicine.

Help them find ways to bring good things out of the bad. It is important that their loved one be remembered and memorialized.

Make new traditions. This new phase in their lives deserves some new traditions. Let them hold onto the traditions that still offer comfort, but help create new traditions as well.

Loved ones that are grieving have to go through a valley in order to get to the other side. Dealing with grief cannot be avoided. Help them get through this time as well as they are able. Your true friendship and companionship, your kindness and patience can help them.

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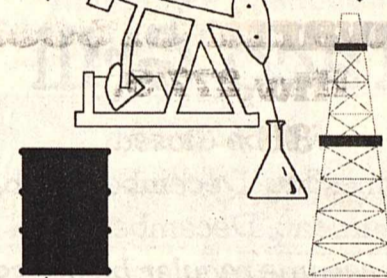
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**Don't let foodborne 'Bug' spoil holiday festivities**

COLLEGE STATION — Unexpected guests can ruin holiday festivities — especially when those "guests" are preventable foodborne illnesses. Good food safety practices, from storage to cleanup, are the best way to keep these 'bugs' at bay, said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Cooperative Extension nutrition specialist.

Harmful bacteria, which cause foodborne illnesses, grow best in moist, protein-based food, such as meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, dressing, gravy and dairy products. These bacteria also thrive at temperatures between 40° F and 140° F, which is designated as the "danger zone," she said.

Unfortunately many favorite holiday foods are exactly the ones most likely to contain foodborne illness-causing bacteria. That's why perishable foods should be kept in this danger zone for no longer than two hours. To keep meals safer during the holidays, or any other time, Van Laanen said:

- Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator. Food thawed in a microwave should be cooked immediately. Do not interrupt the cooking process, and never thaw food on the counter.
- Keep hands and preparation areas, such as counter tops and stoves, clean when preparing food.
- Make sure foods are

cooked to the proper internal temperature. For whole chicken and turkey, that's an internal temperature of 180° F and 170° F for poultry breasts; ground poultry and stuffings, 165° F; beef, veal or lamb, 170° F for well done; ground beef or pork dishes, 160° F; egg casseroles, 160° F; and leftovers, 165° F or boiling hot. Seafood should become opaque. - Do not serve egg dishes — such as eggnog — made with undercooked or raw eggs, which may contain the harmful bacteria Salmonella.

- Don't transfer bacteria from raw meats to cooked foods or food that will be eaten fresh.

- If cooking large amounts of food ahead, make sure it is cooled quickly by dividing large portions into smaller ones and storing in shallow containers (less than 3 inches deep) at temperatures of 40° F or below.

- Serve hot foods at or above 140° F, and cold foods at below 40° F. Make sure foods served on a buffet are at room temperature for no more than two hours.

- If serving buffet style, put out small quantities of food and replace often. If a serving dish empties, replace it with a fresh one.

- Discard any foods that have been at room temperature for more than two hours; don't keep them as leftovers. Use refrigerated or frozen foods within recommended storage times.

If food items are received as gifts:

- Make sure food, such as meat or poultry, is still cold or frozen and has been packed with a cold source. The food item should also be packed in a foam container or heavy corrugated cardboard box.

- Check the postage date. Perishable food should be delivered quickly, ideally overnight. The outer package of the food should be clearly labeled "Keep Refrigerated."

- Immediately open any package marked "Keep Refrigerated." Check the temperature of the food items inside. Perishable items should arrive partially frozen with visible ice crystals and still be frozen in the middle. Baked or canned hams and other smoked, cured, or fully cooked perishable items should arrive cold.

- If the perishable food is warm, do not consume or taste it. Alert the company immediately if the food is warm.

Although mail-order shopping is easy and convenient, Van Laanen advised against sending perishable foods through the mail.

But, she added, some gift food items are safer than others. "Gift food items that do not need refrigeration include canned meats, dry sausages (pepperoni, hard salamis), fruits, crackers or other dried food items."



Joal Harper from Round Rock, TX with his deer killed on Marvin F. Shurley's Los Cuernos Ranch.

**Hospital board from page 1**

Butler advised the board that the Dietary Manual had to go to the Quality Assurance Committee and would not be presented at that time.

Giving the Accounts Receivable report, Butler said that with the increase in revenue for November, and the delay from Medicare in payment, the A/R had increased from October.

Butler reported that the expansion of the Clinic was progressing. He advised that they were working on the roof. The exterior brick has been completed. They are also working on the wall between the new part and the old part.

Butler said they could possibly be finished with the new part by the end of the month.

The Auxiliary Bake Sale that was held on Friday, at "The More The Merrier", was reported as being very successful.

Butler advised that he would be receiving a contract for a portable building soon and he advised that Material Management would move into the building until the new hospital was ready.

The board approved the November expenditures and recognized Keith and his staff for a very good year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Space heater safety from page 7**

example, new vent-free gas heaters are equipped with an oxygen depletion sensor to shut off the heater if the oxygen level drops too low."

Safety tips for buying and using propane space heaters:

- CHOOSE A SPACE HEATER THAT IS DESIGNED FOR INDOOR USE. Outdoor patio heaters do not have proper venting for indoor use and could lead to a buildup of carbon monoxide inside the house.
- NEVER LEAVE A SPACE HEATER ON WHILE SLEEPING. Gas space heaters are prohibited in sleeping areas unless they conform to specific installation requirements.
- NEVER ATTEMPT TO MODIFY OR REPAIR THE GAS CONTROL VALVES OR ANY OTHER COMPONENT OF A GAS APPLIANCE. Call your propane marketer if you have difficulty lighting your pilot.
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Major Special Revenue Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,151,872	\$ -	\$ 90,134	\$ 947,035	\$ 9,189,041
5800 State Program Revenues	1,106,449	-	-	276,639	1,383,088
5900 Federal Program Revenues	7,469	192,874	-	332,335	532,678
5020 Total Revenues	9,265,790	192,874	90,134	1,556,009	11,104,807
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
0011 Instruction	4,320,947	152,386	-	326,342	4,799,675
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	102,095	29,604	-	8,271	139,970
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	22,521	10,884	-	385	33,790
0021 Instructional Leadership	64,748	-	-	1,000	65,748
0023 School Leadership	288,705	-	-	6,078	294,783
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	259,417	-	-	6,629	266,046
0033 Health Services	47,579	-	-	1,011	48,590
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	281,430	-	-	4,354	285,784
0035 Food Services	15,804	-	-	282,866	298,670
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	325,683	-	-	-	325,683
0041 General Administration	434,403	-	-	4,024	438,427
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	970,268	-	-	10,547	980,815
0053 Data Processing Services	180,776	-	-	5,620	186,396
<b>Debt Service:</b>					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	600,000	600,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	198,422	198,422
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	-	-	159	159
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	333,302	-	686,019	34,505	1,053,826
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>					
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	-	38,276	38,276
6030 Total Expenditures	7,647,678	192,874	686,019	1,528,489	10,055,060
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,618,112	-	(595,885)	27,520	1,049,747
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>					
7911 Capital-related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	-	7,500,000	-	7,500,000
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	10,447	-	-	-	10,447
7914 Non-Current Loan Proceeds	139,838	-	-	-	139,838
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	31,682	31,682
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	-	-	4,089	4,089
7949 Other Resources	320,093	-	-	-	320,093
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(31,682)	-	-	-	(31,682)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	438,696	-	7,500,000	35,771	7,974,467
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	2,056,808	-	6,904,115	63,291	9,024,214
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,021,137	-	-	-	4,021,137
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(3,591)	-	-	-	(3,591)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 6,074,354	\$ -	\$ 6,904,115	\$ 63,291	\$ 13,041,760

**A little Christmas cheer (or jeers?)**

What do elves learn in school? *The Elf-abet!*  
How many reindeer does Santa Have??? *11 - Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen Rudolph (the one with the red nose), Olive (Olive the other reindeer [all off]) and Al (Then Al the reindeer loved him [all]) - Ho! Ho! Ho!*

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**Public Notices**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: San Angelo  
 Contract 0907-00-062 for THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKINGS in TOM GREEN County, etc. will be opened on January 09, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

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Constr./Maint. Division  
 200 E. Riverside Dr.  
 Austin, Texas 78704  
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**Dist/Div Office(s)**

San Angelo District  
 District Engineer  
 4502 Knickerbocker Rd  
 San Angelo, Texas 76904  
 Phone: 325-944-1501

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

**Sonora ISD** will accept sealed bids for the purchase of one 2004, 48 passenger school bus. Sealed bids will be accepted at the Admin. Office at 807 S. Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 until Dec. 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at which time said bids will be opened and presented to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting of the Board at the above location. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**CONVENIENCE STATION OPERATIONAL HOURS**

At the November 18th, 2003, City Council meeting, the governing board changed the operational hours for the convenience station located at the old landfill site. Hours of operation will be on an "On-Call" basis. Persons wanting to use the convenience station will need to call City Hall at 387-2558, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For access to the site on Saturdays, call 387-3888 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Rates remain the same at \$.05 per lb. with a \$5.00 minimum charge.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Sutton County Hospital District will receive bids for depository of the District's funds for the period commencing February 1, 2004, and ending January 31, 2006. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas as a depository of municipal funds, may submit a written application, sealed and marked on the outside "Depository Bid". Such applications shall be received in the office of the Hospital District. Attention: Lewis Allen, President of the Board, P.O. box 455, 308 Hudspeth Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 3:30 p.m. on January 7, 2004. Applications will be opened and reviewed at this time. The Board of Directors will review and take action on the bids on January 12, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. The Directors reserve the right to accept the bid that offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of the Hospital District funds and shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

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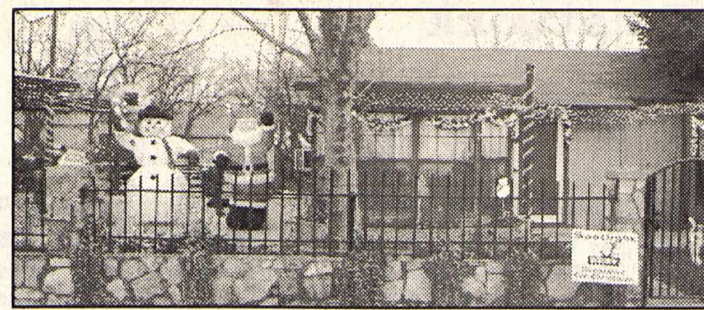


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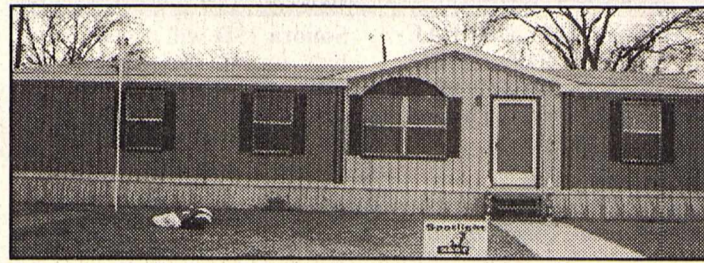
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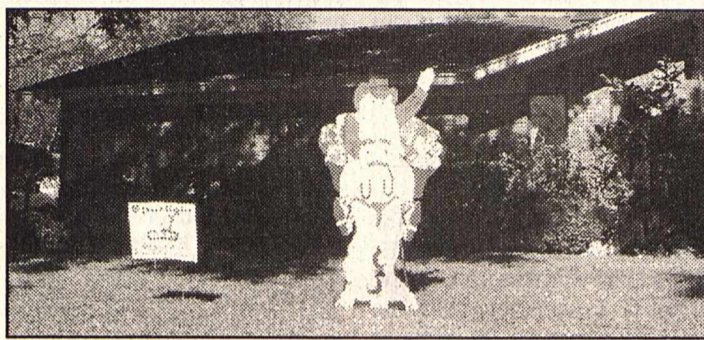
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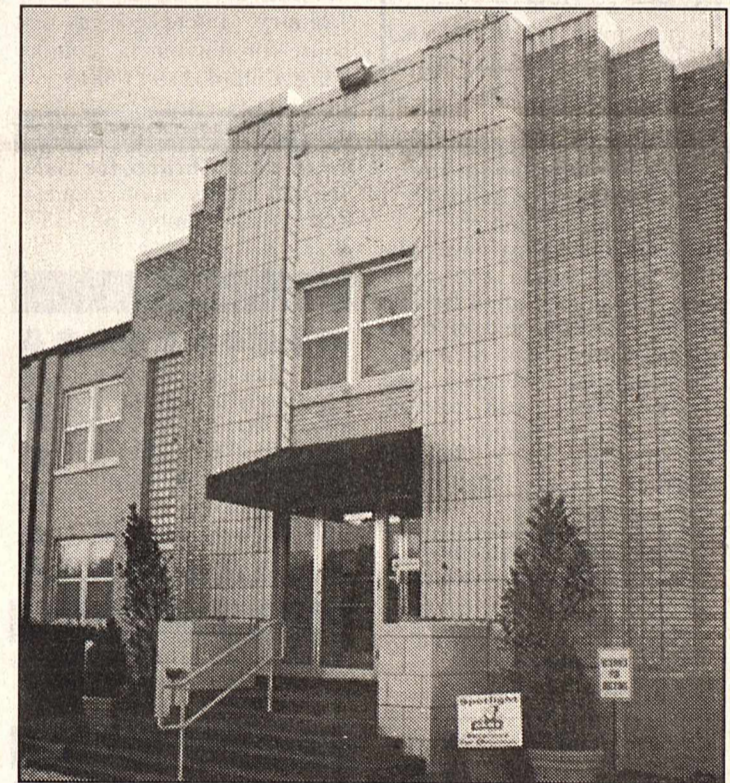
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## Christmas spirit shines on

by: Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Main Street Manager

The Streets of Sonora are alive with Christmas spirit. As the judges drove around to see all the work that the community has done during the last week, they were amazed at the creativity and the magic of Christmas. We would like to take a moment to say a "Big Thank You" for decorating your home and sharing the blessings that God has given us.

If you have not received the Spotlight "Best Decorated for Christmas" Award, have your yard and home ready for Sunday's judging. Due to the wonderful response this week we had to use 2 older signs from last year, but all were winners.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program will award the winners with a 2003 Windmill Christmas Ornament.

We would like to express our appreciation to all that decorated for Christmas.

We would like to also express our appreciation to KHOS Radio & Devil's River News for helping to sponsor the Spotlight for Best Decorate Christmas Promotion.

The Judges will be back to town and judging on Sunday night - So show your Christmas Spirit off!

## F.Y.I.

The Sonora Post Office will be open on Saturday 19, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join St. Ann's Catholic Church for a drawing that will be held on Sunday, December 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Santa will be there and hamburgers will be for sale.

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387-3401
- Pizza Hut  
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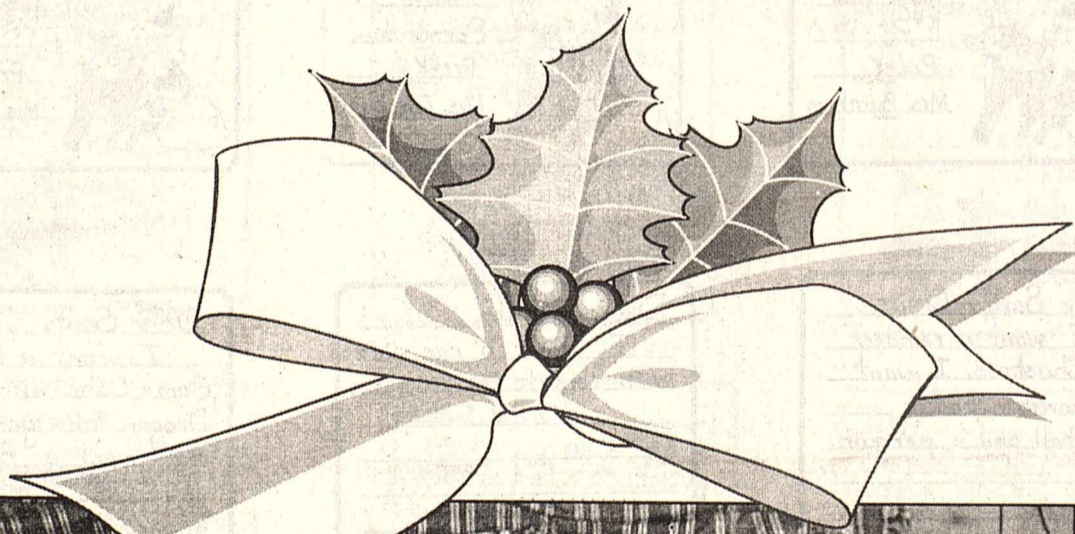
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# 2003

# Santa Letters

*As the Devil's River News,  
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and Sonora Office Supply  
families grow,  
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appreciation for our patrons.  
May your Christmas and New Year  
be as full of treasures and joy  
as these gifts bring us!*





Dear Santa,  
Hello! I want Hulk Hands,  
Bat-A-Ball, and I want another  
gameboy because something  
happened to my other one. I  
want a Hot Wheels video game.  
I'm going to leave you some cookies  
and milk! Thank you!

Love,  
Kobie Herring  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I want a skateboard,  
a Transformer, and The Cat in  
the Hat game. Santa, why do you  
live in the North Pole? And how  
do reindeer fly?

Thank you,  
Wyatt Watkins  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hello! Will you please  
bring me presents like  
a Transformer, and a  
'playgate' and a 'play barn'?

Thank you.

Love,  
Jordan Bon  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Howdy! Would you  
please bring me a  
choo-choo train, a new  
doll, and a dog—a real  
one? Thank you.

Love,  
Tanya Bond  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hello! Howdy! Please  
bring me toy.

Thank you,  
Tina McAfee  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hi! Will you please bring  
me a toy? I want a Transformer  
and a skateboard, and a  
Power Ranger. Thank you.

Thank you,  
Pablo Zamora  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hello! How do reindeer  
fly? I want an Easy Bake  
Oven and a magic wand and  
some dress-up clothes. I'll  
get out cookies for you.

Love,  
Felicia Farby  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Santa! Santa! Santa!  
I play! Play! Toys!

Love,  
Ernesto Vasquez  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
¡Hola! ¿Como estas? Yo  
quiero una bicicleta y un  
casco para no pegarme  
en la cabeza, y tambien unas  
madilleras.

Gracias,  
Dairen Lopez  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hi! Would you please bring  
me a Barbie, and a Barbie  
Jeep. Gracias.

Love,  
Daniela Lopez  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Howdy! I want presents,  
big presents. I want the Barbie  
cars that you push. I want books.  
I want Barbie stuff like boots,  
and the rollerskates.

Thank you,  
Sydney Ribbes  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hello! I want a blue teddy bear and  
a red Ninja Starfire Ranger with a  
motorcycle. And I want two gloves for my  
hands so that my hands don't get cold.  
And I want boots on Army-man but like  
my Dad, and a big coat!

Thank you!  
Ariana Valdez  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
Hi! I want cars—like Hot  
Wheels—two cars. And, my  
mom said and my dad said we're  
getting another trailer! I  
have one bike, but I want another  
one because my brother wants my bike.

Thank you,  
JD Ozuna  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa,  
What's up? I want a Ninja  
Turtle Car, and a Ninja Turtle.  
I want remote control Ninja  
Turtle. I want a bull rider  
with a bull. I want a toy reindeer  
with a red nose—that Rudolph one.

Thank you,  
Robert Zapata  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie  
Jeep and a Barbie  
game.

Love,  
Catherine  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want another  
Barbie for Christmas. I  
want a deer for me to  
ride. I want two horses  
to ride. I want a snake.

Love,  
Jena  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a fire go-cart.  
I want a motorscooter  
and a bird. I like  
presents! I want a  
reindeer to play with. He  
would try to catch me with  
his horns!

Love,  
Isaiah  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want Teddy Bear  
Singer. I want a baby  
and a big teddy bear. I  
want a little bitty teddy  
bear. I want a deer  
singer.

Love,  
Alexis  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a toy  
skateboard for the  
snow in winter. I want  
a toy kitchen to play with.  
I want a puzzle. I  
want some toy cars.

Love,  
Caleb  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,  
I want you and your  
reindeer to come to my  
house. I want a lot of  
books.

Love,  
Cory  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please give me a  
present. I want a  
Nintendo Game Cube.  
I want a racecar and  
a diamond to give to  
my mom.

Love,  
Michael  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy car.  
I want a toy dragon and  
I want a toy truck.  
I want a toy scarecrow.  
I want a real camera  
for me. I want a toy van.

Thank you,  
KUST in  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring presents.  
I want a fire engine  
and cars.

Love,  
Fernando  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Sponge  
Bob book. I want a  
snow bear. I want you  
to bring presents.

Love,  
Angel  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Barbie  
bike to ride. I want a  
toy Barbie and a truck  
for her to drive. I want  
a Barbie book and a  
Barbie playdough game.

Love,  
Present a  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a teddy  
bear for Christmas. I  
want a bike. I want  
a snowcone stand. I  
want a bed to sleep in.  
I want a swimming pool.

Love,  
Noah  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a reindeer  
for Christmas. I want  
a snowman and a  
snowball and a penguin.

Love,  
Marisol  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,  
I want a car slide  
with cars to it.

Love,  
Cristian  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Nintendo  
Game Cube with a  
Dragon Tales game. I  
also want a Bugs Bunny  
game with a mean, old,  
grumpy man.

Love,  
James  
Pre-K  
Mrs. Burnham

Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you  
doing? I want a black chevy  
truck and a snake race car  
thing.

Love,  
Carter  
Pre-K  
Glidewell

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be with you in this Holy Season and  
throughout the New Year!




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Dear Santa,  
Hello, how are you doing? I want blocks, glasses and a dinosaur toy. Also, I want a teddy bear.

Love,  
MR HANIBEL  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Hi. How are you doing? I want a barbie and a barbie styling house. Also, I want a toy box.

Love,  
SANA HA  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
I want to see you. I want a sponge bob square pant toy.

Love,  
Abby Lopez  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
I want a black car to ride in.

Love,  
Erica Byrne  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Hi, what are you doing? I want the Hulk hands and a motorcycle toy with a boy on it.

Love,  
John DeLeon  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you doing? I want a transformer with heat. Also, I want a red, xmas train power ranger nypa storm.

Love,  
Dakota Castro  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you doing? I want a baby and a thesaurus bear. I also want some make-up with nail polish. I want a puzzle.

Love,  
Bethany  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control truck and a big truck.

Love,  
M. R. Lopez  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
I want the Hulk hands.

Love,  
Noe Estrada  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and baby doll.

Love,  
Amber Freeman  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Hi, how are you doing? I want a drum and a scrobby dog car. Have a happy Christmas.

Love,  
Victoria  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Hi, I want the Spiderman web shooters and the hulk hands. I also want one potato head.

Love,  
A. Lopez  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Howdy, I want to see you. I want a spiderman toy and a t-rex.

Love,  
Judy  
Pre-K  
GlideWell




Dear Santa,  
Mr I please have a Nintendo basketball game and a Fixins object?

Thank You,  
Michelle  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
Mr I please have a remote control Bigfoot, a game boy, and a power Ranger motorcycle?

Thank You,  
Jerrad  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a video game and a car?

Thank You,  
Judy  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
Mr I please have Rescue Heroes, drums and a pirate ship?

Thank You,  
Judy  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a remote control car, a bike, and a response Bob bounce around.

Thank You,  
Michelle  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Pirate Raider, Neo Pets, and a Ninja Turtle?

Thank You,  
Gage  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have Ya-Gituh cards, Batmeible vehicle and McDonald play set. Thank You,

Ha Rob Luna  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a little ninja turtle, a Mr Cubes, Rescue Heroe, Mr. Power, Major Power, and a Major Power for my Major Power?

Thank You,  
Shirley  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Leap Frog and a Leap Frog, a data story, a pad, a soft, a would, I would like a sponge Bob CD player.

Thank You,  
Michelle  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a PS2 Game System, a Spiderman response Bob, and a Tylor and Tim Verigoo?

Thank You,  
Julian  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a my little pony castle, a Master Chef, a light, and a car.

Thank You,  
Alex  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a pushy car, a sponge Bob, a power Ranger, and a Spiderman?

Thank You,  
Michelle  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Xbox, a video game, and a Spiderman? Thank You?

Thank You,  
William  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Kodak Neo pets, and a Bey blade?

Thank You,  
Cipriana  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Barbie bed, a CD player, and a van, and a gogo my walking puppy?

Thank You,  
Caitlyn  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a May station, a dirt bike, and a race car?

Thank You,  
Alina  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade

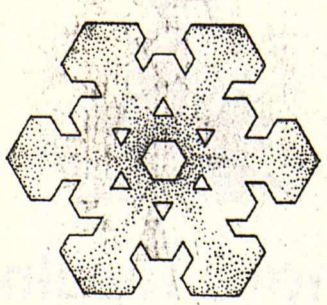


Dear Santa,  
May I please have a Spiderman Action, spy U:son Goggles, Spiderman, Spiderman Blaster, BSA of B.V.

Thank You,  
Shirley  
Kinder  
Mrs Wade

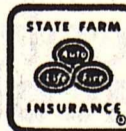


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Dear Santa,  
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good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a CD player, camera  
and Finding Nemo video




Sydney Buchanan  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a portable copier  
and a laugh koala




Love  
Lauryn Sanchez  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you  
been. Please bring  
me a bike and Rome  
and spongers blump




Love,  
J. Barran  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a remote control truck  
and a set




Love  
James Brown  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a truck and a remote  
control car.




Love  
Eli Guerra  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this  
year. How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a yugion spider,  
Monster set and DUE  
DISK launch




Mauro Santano  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me a deep  
V wangler GLOW  
to my baseball and a




Gameboy  
Diego Baez  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a cat seat, My Little Pony  
and a Philips.




Kayla Kalka  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a Philips  
and a Philips.




Shirley Buehly  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a Hummer guitar  
and a CD player.




Tent Harris  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a Barbie, Barbie and a cat  
seat.




Marlene  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a battle game  
Leap Pad and a  
basketball.




Love  
Ronald Pincus  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good  
this year. How  
have you been?  
Please bring me  
Lego Car Games,  
Pac-Man




Devin Feltre  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a remote control truck  
and a set




Love  
James Brown  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
Dora the Explorer, a set  
of chilies and a set  
of resaca




Resaca  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
I have been  
good this year.  
How have you been?  
Please bring me  
a set of rollers




Sandra De Luna  
K  
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a Radio Control  
Ford F150 the  
Silverado.




Love  
David Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a set of rollers  
and a motor.




Love  
Jay Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a portable  
Player Step 2  
Barbie chat with  
me.




Love  
Sasha Miller  
K  
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing this  
year? I have been good.  
For Christmas I would  
like a Barbie Computer,  
a Barbie Camera, and  
a Barbie Education Center.  
Thank You!




Mayra  
Kinder  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a McFlurry  
Stuffed Koda,  
and a sketch.



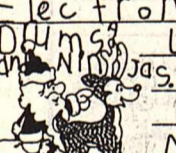
Love  
Kelisha  
K  
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a set of rollers  
and a Barbie camera.




Love  
Alyssa  
K  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a sponge,  
Bob Dwayne,  
Electronic  
Dynamis.




Love  
Jonathan  
K  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a set of rollers  
and a Barbie camera.




Love  
Mica  
K  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a Barbie,  
Nerf, S, Disco  
Ball.




Love  
Darby  
K  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a Sponge Bob,  
Bounce Room, a Wheel,  
and Hulk Hands.




Love  
Ryan  
K  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a set of rollers  
and a Barbie camera.




Love  
Alex  
K  
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a Jeep a Barbie  
Book and a Barbie  
sing with me CD  
Player.




Love  
Janelle  
K  
Mrs. Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a set of rollers  
and a Barbie camera.



Love  
Daniel  
K  
Miller

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would like  
a set of rollers  
and a Barbie camera.




Love  
Joseph  
K  
Mrs. Miller

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with good cheer that carries on  
throughout the New Year!




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stronger, its  
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of Christmas be with you  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Ninja Turtle.

Love,  
Catie and  
K  
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Ninja Turtle  
and a remote control  
car.

Love  
Dylan Baker  
K  
Mrs Miller




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Power Wheels Truck  
and a motorcycle?

Garrett Jagger  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Easy Bake Oven  
and a Bratz Fashion  
Head? Thank you.

Kaylin  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
bicycle and a  
basketball hoop?

Brian  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
yoshi trading  
cards and a remote control  
car?  
Thank you. Have a safe trip.  
Love

Joey Myers  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Yu-Gi-oh cards and  
Lego Bionicle?  
I thank you

Sergio  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Lego Bionicle  
McDonald's cash  
register?

Sisana Robles  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
motorcycle and a  
I-re x playset?

Jay Telles  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Bratz Fashion  
Head and some micropets?  
Thank you.

Cassidy Amaro  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Barbie Video Cam  
and a Swan Lake  
Carriage?

Thank You  
Eliza Beth  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Easy Bake Oven  
and a so Real  
Puppy? Thank You

Jillian  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Thin  
set and a RC car?

Drew Dutton  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Yu-Gi-oh cards  
and a Ninja  
Turtles Game?

Thank You  
Adrian Garcia  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Power Rangers  
Truck?

Thank  
EMT  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Barbie Laptop  
and an Easy Bake  
Oven?

Thank You  
Lisa Garza  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Bulls Eye Ball  
and a RC car?

Edgar  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good.  
I would like a  
Barbie Laptop  
and an Easy Bake  
Oven?  
Thank you!  
Have a safe trip! Love,

Mickela Hernandez  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been  
good. I would  
like a Regeerator  
and a Zoids model?

Thank you  
Jesus Huerta  
K  
Mrs Dutton




Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a  
See D and a baby Jeep  
and a Computer.  
Dear Santa I have binged

Love  
Anastacia  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa, I would like  
a moche to Picky  
and a computer?  
I want a car for my  
mom and my dog.

Love  
Zachary  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa,  
I was good is this  
may I have a  
Plas kasa 2. I want  
a Gabox.

Love  
Mike Lopez  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa,  
I was good.  
I would like a  
video  
game I want  
Congo Car  
I was good.

Love  
Jose Robles  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa, how are  
you? I have been good this  
year. May I have a  
C. a play and a cow girl  
and a computer and  
a cow girl blanket and a  
Bratz doll and a cow girl doll.

Love  
Maria Gaspar  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring  
me a car wheel  
moor. I want a POS.  
I was good.

Love  
Bella Lopez  
K  
Mrs Jones



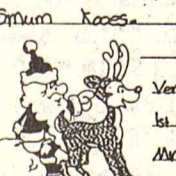
Dear Santa,  
May I please have a  
Score and a ball. Thank  
you for what you have  
gave me. I will give you  
cocoa and milk. I was  
belle this year. I hope

Love  
Alex Sykes  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa,  
May I please have a  
Seed player. I want Vickie  
a kumpade game. I  
Din god this year.  
I will love you  
Snum koes.

Love  
Veronica Gaytan  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa, will you  
bring me a Stare eye  
And a t.e.t. beer And  
a-x box And Game  
boy And a C. boy and  
And a t. West And  
a modr siera And a rabbit

Love  
Isaac Fraire  
K  
Mrs Jones




Dear Santa, I want a  
chocolate and a pos. Cod  
or Si And a pos. Ber big Ship.  
I bing gud

Love  
Jesulan  
K  
Mrs Jones



Dear Santa,  
Please bring a red motor skid.  
I like god and my mom and dad.  
Please Santa bring a science book  
and a big toy horse.

Love  
Juliana  
K  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a Drum Set.  
I want a Bike.  
I want a Books.  
I want a Scooter.  
I want a Sumering




McKayla Hertzog  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
I ben god.  
I want a xbox.  
I want a dog.  
I want a motocar




Alanzalina  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa?  
are you feeling well Santa?  
I would love to have a play  
Station two and a cool game  
Vicinity and a puppy dog and a  
four wheeler. I Love one more




thing a Hummer. It  
I red not coming  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year.  
How is your reindeer?  
I would like a new car. I would like  
a high heel shoe chair, My Baby Bear  
and Baby Annabell.




Kelsey Morris  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa  
How is it at the North  
pole? I want a motor scooter.  
I want a new car and a cool  
esket. I want a guitar. I want  
a cool clock in.




Sia Anderson  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer  
at the North Pole?  
I would like to have a puppy dog.  
I really like to have a horse and  
and I want a motor scooter  
for Christmas. I want Christmas




Moives Love,  
Halle Samiego  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse,  
a big Dora, a Snowflake and  
a Unicorn.  
Barbie and a slip.




Victoria Reyna  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your  
reindeer doing? I would love  
to have a motor scooter.  
I would love to have a leoprog  
I would love to have a  
Marsala and a blue moon. I would




love to have a horse.  
Madison Wolfe  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog  
and a sum  
eigh balls.  
I want a speaker for




Destany Velasco  
First  
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus  
Thank you for all the  
presente to the kids.  
I wish for a new bike  
and a new hat  
wheels and I  
wish for a new bicycle.




Love  
Darnia  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus  
doing? I have been very  
good. I want for  
Christmas is a  
game boy, and  
a Great holiday  
I love you




Leslie Levari  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa, How  
are you and roadoff doing?  
Santa I would like a  
casshow please. Santa  
thank you for the stuff  
that you gave me last year.  
o Santa you and roadoff  
are so nice.




Garrett Sharp  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
You are nice to bring to  
like Christmas.  
I would like a baby  
puppy and a play  
Station 2.



Love  
Ethon Patton  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa Claus?  
I would like a Barbie doll and  
a doll and a Barbie dollhouse  
and a clothes.  
I love you Santa Claus.  
and you love me Santa Claus




By Rikki  
Rikki  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been good but I  
please a 4-wheeler and  
a B-B gun.  
Thank you!




Daniela Colorado  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like Christmas I love  
you. How are you and  
Mrs. Claus doing? I  
have been good. Please  
bring me a Kelly doll  
and a power girl blanket  
and a Barbie of a  
Mrs. Lang




Kali Mendez  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

I like Christmas!  
I would like a Dmax,  
a 4-wheeler, a  
Go-Go My Walking Pup  
a baby kitten and  
a Barbie Swan Lake




Love  
Kaci Lewis  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
I love you I have  
been good Mrs. Lang's  
I am good I want a  
Star Wars Star Wars Power  
Rangers Mega 7 and a book  
and the power of Judy




Love  
Anastah Perez  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing?  
I have been very good this year.  
For Christmas I want a new car,  
a puppy, a diamond ring, new clothes, and  
a digital camera.  
Thank you Santa!




Catherine Herrera  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa?  
I would like a walking  
poodle and a Swan Lake  
Barbie.




Love  
Anastah Villanueva  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
How do you get down  
The chimney? I have  
been very good and  
So has my sister. I  
want a new Scooter.  
How are you and Mrs. Claus?




Love  
AJ Alvarado  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
How are you  
doing? I have  
been good. I want  
a mp for scooter and  
a big bike for my  
dad. How are you  
and roadoff?




Love  
Timmy  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus  
doing? I have been very  
good. I would like a robot,  
and a belt.




Love  
brathon Sutton  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing?  
I want a horse blanket for  
Firecracker, a P.P. Maxanda  
Go-Go, Bye-Bye My Walking  
Pup. I love you!




Meghan Howard  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus  
doing?  
May I please have a talking  
pumba and a talking Santa?  
I have been good this year.  
Thank you! I love you!




Lisette  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my  
metal detector. This  
year I will have a shot  
gun. I will have a  
Peebe & Toy. How are  
you and Mrs. Claus?




Love  
Shawn Harris  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa!  
How are you doing?  
I want some  
Cheetah Girl  
Clothes and some  
cats and a baby  
PUP. I Love You!




Love  
Santa  
Miranda  
Rachael  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,  
Santa is nice. I like  
him. Christmas is fun.  
I like to open presents.  
Can I please have Go-Go  
my walking P.P. Panda  
motor scooter?




Love  
Faith Perkins  
1st  
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a cross  
necklace with diamonds in it.  
I would like a dirt bike,  
and I would like a 50 seat,  
and I would like the little man



Love  
Kylie Love  
Sageard  
Mrs. Bloodworth

Dear Santa Claus 12-9-03  
I hope you are having  
a good evening? Can I have  
a guitar, and a pocket  
ye-g. and a CD. I want  
and a box



Love  
Shirley  
Mrs. Bloodworth

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Dear Santa,  
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are doing good. Great! You're kinder than I like last year. Please stop making for Christmas. I want more stuff and a special blanket.




Love,  
Tyler Smith  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph and all the reindeer? Dear Santa, may you bring me good toys play Station 2 and a bike ramp.




Love,  
Hector Ortiz  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you're doing good. I want a NFL blanket.




Love, Emma  
Emma Equilbe  
2nd  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great Christmas. Can you please bring me a puppy, bike ramp, and a motor. How is Mrs. Claus?




Love, Emily  
Emily C. Fry  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great Christmas. Can you please bring me a puppy, bike ramp, and a motor. How is Mrs. Claus?




Love, Dawn  
Dawn Nier  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Santa can I have a pair skates? Can I have a 1-batter? Can I have a new present? I want a new sled please.




Love,  
Andy  
2nd Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring a SunEd animal house and a map to please? I want a surprise or make this. I want a map. I want a map.




Love, Annie  
Annie Perez  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I want a box of Macys. Can you bring a box of Macys? I want a box of Macys.




Love, Chelsea  
Chelsea Lopez  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I want a new sled please. I want a new sled please. I want a new sled please.




Love, Emma  
Emma Lopez  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a happy Christmas this year. I hope you have a happy Christmas this year. I hope you have a happy Christmas this year.




Love, Dawn  
Dawn Nier  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa, December 12, 2003  
Can you give me a rabbit and can you give me anything you want? How is Rudolph doing? Merry Christmas!




Love,  
Chelsea  
Chelsea Lopez  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
A case can I like a play station 2 with a car games, a motor scooter, skates, a remote control car, eighteen wheeler. Also you can bring me a bicycle.




Love,  
Dredz Shadel  
2nd  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.




Love,  
Jonathan  
Jonathan Lopez  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I want a new sled please. I want a new sled please. I want a new sled please.




Love,  
Emma  
Emma Lopez  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a happy Christmas this year. I hope you have a happy Christmas this year. I hope you have a happy Christmas this year.




Love,  
Dawn  
Dawn Nier  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you will have a good Christmas Eve. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? Can you please bring me a toy helicopter, Hot wheels, cars, Hummer, etc.




Love,  
Will Denton  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.




Love,  
Kandice Rodriguez  
Second Grade  
Mrs. York

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I want a truck, monster truck.




Merry Christmas,  
Trinidad  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

Der Santa,  
how are you doing? I can't wait for Christmas. I want a racing car, a scooter, and a game. I want a remote control car. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.




Sincerely,  
Alex  
Second  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa Claus,  
Santa my favorite reindeer Rudolph. How are you? I want a motor scooter, a remote control car, a game, a scooter, a remote control car. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.




Love,  
Michelle  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I hope your reindeer are feeling good. I would like an electric scooter, personal CD player, gambay advance.




Sincerely,  
Cody  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? I wish to help you Santa when I grow up.




Love,  
Janie  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I can't wait for Christmas. I want a miniature girl toy, Dadsund, and a red leash for her and a red bow for her neck.




Sincerely,  
Kessie  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? I am fine. I would like a motor scooter, puppy, a bike for Christmas. Have a safe trip.




Your friend,  
Ray Guantak  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How is the reindeer? I would like Mrs. Claus. I would like twisted skates, easy box, bike talking, train, have a merry Christmas.




Love,  
Kassana  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Santa I would like a motor scooter, jump and shoes for Christmas. We'll have fun Santa.




Merry Christmas,  
Lagan  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. How are the reindeer? I want a bike, game, boots, and a cap. Merry Christmas. Have a safe trip.




Your Friend,  
Kessie  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? This is what I want for Christmas: a musical ferris wheel, a guitar, a Salsa sea. How is comet doing? Have a good trip.




Merry Christmas,  
Kessie  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I am very fine. I want a gas scooter and a CD player, cell phone and lots of CDs.



Merry Christmas,  
Talesa  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

December 9, 2003  
Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I want a dog house. What I want for Christmas is a game, a scooter, a bike, a remote control car, a game, a scooter, a bike, a remote control car.




Merry Christmas,  
Lagan  
2nd  
Mrs. Womers

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December 9, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 Are you and the reindeer ready? I would like a bright blue Reindeer, Brides, and a leather saddle. I hope you give a nice flight with the reindeer.  
 Merry Christmas,  
 Maddie  
 2nd  
 Mrs. Williams

December 9, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 I hope I get to play you how are you doing how are your reindeer?  
 I want Rudolph and I want to go with the reindeer.  
 Love,  
 Hayla Baker  
 2nd  
 Mrs. Williams

December 9, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled and a new pair of skis. I want a new sled and a new pair of skis. I want a new sled and a new pair of skis.  
 Love,  
 Your friend,  
 Gallen  
 2nd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How is Mrs. Jones?  
 I want for Christmas a hot wheels truck, also a goldfish for my dirt tank. Last a puppy.  
 Love,  
 Conley  
 2nd  
 Mrs. Williams

December 9, 2003  
 Dear Santa,  
 How are the reindeer?  
 Rudolph, all missious?  
 For Christmas I want a Robot, a baseball, and some clothes.  
 Love,  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing in the North pole and how is Mrs. Claus doing? Oh yes! I want the Christmas tree, a new sled, a new pair of skis, a new sled, a new pair of skis, a new sled, a new pair of skis.  
 Love,  
 Ryan  
 3rd grade  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you?  
 For Christmas I would like a bike and a bird please. Have a Merry Christmas.  
 Love,  
 Katie Barnes  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you make it through the snow. I would like a go-cart, an xbox and a motor scooter.  
 Love,  
 Leonard  
 3  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 Is Frosty doing good today? Can you bring me a little kitten? I might want a pally pakit or snowgloves. Have a Merry Merry Christmas!  
 Love,  
 Marci Parks  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? This is what I want a motor scooter and a Karoke machine and a Bratz cover and a pillow bratz.  
 Love,  
 Brianna  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I'm doing good! What would like for Christmas is a shiny pink sled, a shiny sled, a shiny sled, a shiny sled, a shiny sled, a shiny sled.  
 Love,  
 Aliana Fox  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are the reindeer? Have a good Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a bike, 2 arime men, a bak yard casting.  
 Love,  
 Tanson McBride  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are all the reindeer doing? I want a motor scooter, a jery, a game. A ctually it is called smax pawn. Hear come the pain.  
 Love,  
 John Lopez  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I don't want wait for Christmas. I know I can't speak of Christmas here is what I would like for Christmas I would like a pink bear and an ant farm.  
 Love,  
 Paige Sykes  
 3rd grade  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you make it through the snow. I want a few things. These are some things I want the sack 11 game, toy Lenna, Broken Da Ruls, and eye toy.  
 Love,  
 Kevin A. Britton  
 3rd grade  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Othello Luckwick  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like Need for Speed and wheels. For fun for Play Station 2. Spy Gear Eye-link communication. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
 Love,  
 Phillip Onofre  
 3rd grade  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing how is prancer? So any way I want a scutter and a dvd.  
 Love,  
 Sam  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I hope the reindeer don't get stuck with the flu. How is Mrs. Jones and rough. I loved the presents you gave me last year. This year I want a video camera.  
 Love,  
 Stephen  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I want my mom baby to spend the night at my house. I also want love from all of my family. I want to wish everyone, and my teacher a merry Christmas.  
 Love,  
 Anne Collette  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you can make it through the winter. All I want for Christmas is a motor scooter and a hot air balloon and a hot air balloon and a hot air balloon.  
 Love,  
 Laramie Hayes  
 3rd grade  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Megan Kelly  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Alyssa Hernandez  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Kelly

Dear Santa,  
 How is Mrs. Jones?  
 For Christmas I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Megan Kelly  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Megan Kelly  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Williams

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Melissa Johnson  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Kelly

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Ricardo Regiro  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Kelly

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Shamin R.D.  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Hayes

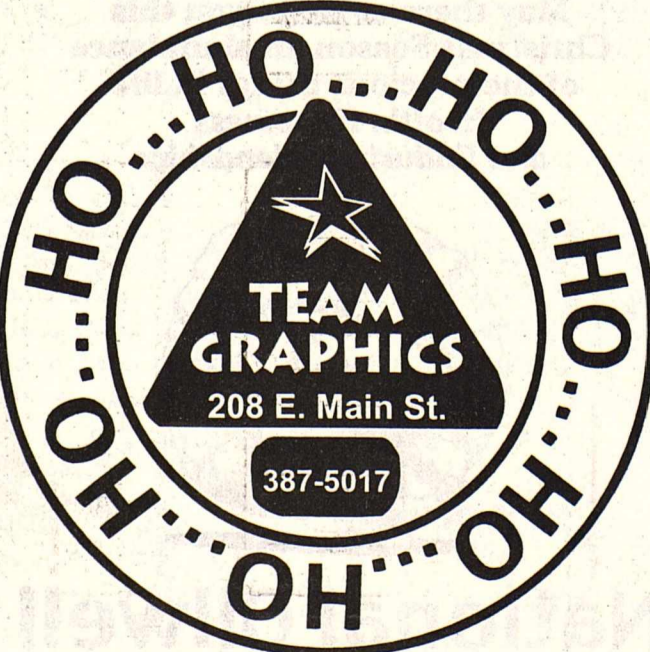
Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Megan Kelly  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Kelly

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? I want a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled, a new sled.  
 Love,  
 Megan Kelly  
 3rd  
 Mrs. Kelly

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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? For Christmas I would like a motorcycle with pigtails or I can ride with a car and for my gift, I would like a book about Ronald Reagan.  
Love,  
Dean Kinder  
3rd  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Jana Vasquez  
3rd  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
This is my favorite book. I would like a new book. I would like a new book. I would like a new book.  
Love,  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe. I would like a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Healy

Dear Santa I want a toy, new bike, motor scooter and I would like a new body to be happy. I also want a good all thanks you for making all the people happy.  
Love,  
Rachel  
3rd  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa I want a go cart, fancy odd pants, a long da nicks and a motor scooter and a motor bike.  
Love,  
Lino  
3rd  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a go cart, three DVDs and two CDs.  
Love,  
Michael  
3rd  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa, I want a gift for my son and a play house. I want a play house very serious books.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa,  
I want a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe. I want a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa I want a bike, a new bike, motor scooter and I would like a new body to be happy. I also want a good all thanks you for making all the people happy.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa, I want a go cart, fancy odd pants, a long da nicks and a motor scooter and a motor bike.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa I want a motor scooter and a book for Christmas. I hope you make it here on time. I have to go and have a safe Christmas.  
Love,  
Alfred  
3rd  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa, I would like some fancy things for my horse. I would like some fancy things for my horse. I would like some fancy things for my horse. I would like some fancy things for my horse.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa I don't really want a lot for Christmas just a motor scooter and an American girl doll. I want a doll. I want a doll. I want a doll. I want a doll.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa, I want a coloring book and a CD player. I want another thing, like a doll. Thanks Santa.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa I want a Barbie and a house for the Barbie, a car and a car for the Barbie. Thanks Santa. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

What I want for Christmas is a game called monster soccer and a game called ya-qi-oh. I want a game called ya-qi-oh. I want a game called ya-qi-oh.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa, I want a gift for my son and a play house. I want a play house very serious books.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

Dear Santa I want a motor scooter, a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe. I want a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe, a new snow globe.  
Love,  
Mrs. Parks

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# Happy Holidays

## All I Want For Christmas...

Everybody stops  
and stares at me  
These two teeth are  
gone as you can see  
I don't know just who  
to blame for this catastrophe!  
But my one wish on Christmas Eve  
is as plain as it can be!

All I want for Christmas  
is my two front teeth,  
my two front teeth,  
see my two front teeth!

Gee, if I could only  
have my two front teeth,  
then I could be with you  
"Merry Christmas."  
It seems so long since I could say,  
"Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!"

Gosh oh gee, how happy I'd be,  
if I could only whistle (thhhh)

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## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen,  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen.,  
But do you recall  
The most famous reindeer of all?

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer  
Had a very shiny nose,  
And if you ever saw it,  
You could even say it glows.  
All of the other reindeer  
Used to laugh and call him names;  
They never let poor Rudolph  
Join in any reindeer games.  
Then one foggy Christmas Eve,  
Santa came to say:  
Rudolph with your nose so bright,  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"  
Then how the reindeer loved him  
As they shouted out with glee,  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,  
You'll go down in history."

## Jingle Bells

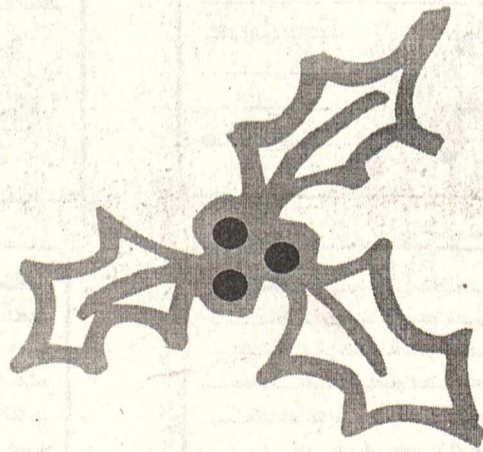
Dashing through the snow  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
Through the fields we go  
Laughing all the way.  
Bells on bob-tail ring  
Making spirits bright  
What fun it is to ride and sing  
A sleighing song tonight.

cho: Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh, O  
Jingle bells, jingle bells  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh what fun it is to ride  
In a one-horse open sleigh.

A day or two ago  
I thought I'd take a ride  
And soon Miss Fanny Bright  
Was seated by my side;  
The horse was lean and lank  
Misfortune seemed his lot,  
We ran into a drifted bank  
And there we got upstot.

A day or two ago  
The story I must tell  
I went out on the snow  
And on my back I fell;  
A gent was riding by  
In a one-horse open sleigh  
He laughed at me as  
I there sprawling laid  
But quickly drove away.

Now the ground is white,  
Go it while you're young,  
Take the girls along  
And sing this sleighing song.  
Just bet a bob-tailed bay,  
Two-forty as his speed,  
Hitch him to an open sleigh  
and crack! You'll take the lead.



## Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list  
And checking it twice;  
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!  
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## Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Wishing you a season of Happiness,  
Good Health and Good Friends  
by your side.  
Happy Holidays!



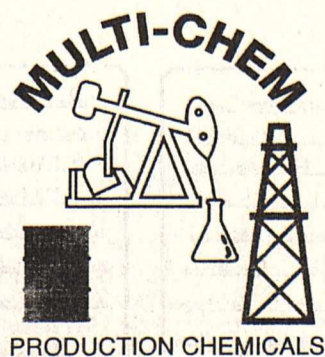
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