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Teens Help Food Basket Ministry



Photo by Bonnie Lou Campbell

Youth from various church youth groups and the Sutton County 4-H Club boxed canned goods for local families in need. Food was gathered by Cub Scout Troop #19, Sutton County 4-H Club, Sonora Middle School and the adult probation office along with several churches in the community. Food boxes are delivered by youth of St. Ann's Catholic Church. Sonora High School student council also gathers cans and delivers boxes in conjunction with the drive.

Tourism and Historic Preservation Programs Share Income

Council Upholds Funding Decision

by Becky McAngus

The Sonora City Council held firm on a previous decision and on Monday evening voted 3-1 to confirm their directive to fund the Sutton County Historical Society's Ice House Museum by reassigning hotel/motel tax (HOTS) income presently earmarked for the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The hotel/motel tax is paid by travelers who stay overnight in motels in Sonora, and nets an average \$250,000 per year.

The action came after council members addressed an agenda item for cancellation of the publicity and tourism agreement with the Chamber. City Attorney Beth Wallace advised the council that in order to change the appropriation of the tax funds, they must give the Chamber a 30-day

notice and change the contracts for disbursement of the funds.

The Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Historic Sonora, Main Street Program currently share the 7% HOTS income, with the Chamber receiving 4% and Friends of Historic Sonora receiving 3%. One percent of the income, according to Chamber Director Becky Covington, equals \$38,000. Councilmember Smith Neal proposed, at the November 19th meeting, that the one percent difference between the Chamber and FOHS be assigned to the Historical Society's Ice House Museum. That motion was passed unanimously by council members in attendance.

Covington told the council that she was present to request that they "make a U-turn on the

decision. I support the Ice House Museum project 100%," she told the council. "I just think it would be fair for funding to be taken from both existing programs. If we shared the cost, the loss of funding for both the Chamber and Friends of Historic Sonora would be \$17,000 each."

Councilman Virgil Polocek, who was not present at the November 19th meeting, said he also felt the issue should be reconsidered. "We are spending a lot of money on historic preservation in this town, but the museums are not open when people are there to see them," he said. Polocek commented that he saw two cars parked at the Miers Home Museum over the weekend with visitors walking around the building, peeking in the windows. "We need to have these (museums) open," he remarked, noting that the public restrooms at the Cauthorn Memorial Building are also locked and not available to the public.

Lengthy discussions on the matter ensued, focusing on the funding of tourism and historic preservation programs in Sonora and the use of the hotel/motel tax. Paul Ramsdell, with the Tourism Steering Committee of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, suggested that the council rescind their earlier vote and take the one percent from both existing programs, a suggestion endorsed by SIDC president Max Howorth. Both directors of the Chamber and the Friends of Historic Sonora, Main Street program are members of the steering committee. The motion to uphold the earlier action was made by Councilman Thomas Adkins, seconded by Jana Dover. Councilman Polocek voted against the motion.

Marvin Shurley, with the Sutton County Historical Society, told the council that the society's goal is to start a docent program which will conduct walking tours

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Santa Letters Inside This Issue

Santa Claus, the jolly guy in the red suit, was spotted last week at the North Pole making his list and checking it twice in preparation for his whirlwind flight around the world.

The postmaster at the North Pole reported that the volume of personal letters to the address of Mr. Claus has dramatically increased as Christmas nears.

We, at The Devil's River News, have been entrusted by Santa with the handwritten letters of boys and girls from Sonora, which we have published in this issue.

Santa has noticed that, each year, there are a few really popular requests from Sonora's children. This year, the boys are asking for skateboards, Game Boys, pocket knives, and guns. One fearless young man has asked Santa for a snake.

The hot picks for little girls this year are pink computers, Barbie dolls, red motorcycles, and "High School Musical II" video game.

About 400 in all, each child's wishes are in their own handwriting. We have grouped them by grade level and teacher. We hope you enjoy these Christmas greetings.



Photo by Nadine Eby

Alicia Lowe and Ashley Brown are two of the Sonora High School students who, under the direction of art teacher Nadine Eby, are participants in The Memory Project.

"The Memory Project" is Art From the Heart

Submitted

Ten portraits of children living in an orphanage in Honduras have been painted by Sonora High School art students under the direction of art teacher Nadine Eby. The portraits will be on display in Sonora Wednesday, December 19th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the First National Bank of Sonora.

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Pecos Trails Board To Meet in Sonora

Submitted

Friends of Historic Sonora, Main Street Program will host the first meeting of 2008 for the Texas Pecos Trail Region (TPTR) in downtown Sonora on January 15th. A VIP tour of the historic Sutton County Courthouse, conducted by FOHS Main Street director, Mary Ann Kay, will begin at 10:30 a.m. The popular networking luncheon will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall and will be catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse. Reservations are required by January 8, 2008 for the luncheon only.

The Pecos Trail Region's management office is located in Sonora and the region coordinator, Keith Godwin, encourages preservationists, tourism managers, and community leaders to attend the networking luncheon and meet the new board of directors that were elected for 2008. "Our first year was a truly successful one for the Pecos Trail and 2008 should prove to be quite noteworthy for all of our partners," Godwin stated. "Sutton County and the City of Sonora are major stakeholders in the TPTR and we would par-

ticularly enjoy the opportunity for our board, partners, and leaders in this community to get to know one another better." TPTR promotes preservation, protection, and promotion of historic, cultural, and environmental heritage in the 22-county Pecos Trails region.

The 2008 directors and executive committee for TPTR, and the counties where they live, are: Betty Cash, Chairman, Pecos County; Ann Schneemann, Vice chairman, Reagan County; Brenda Kissko, Secretary, Martin County; Bill Oglesby, Treasurer, Reeves County; Shanon Biggerstaff, immediate past chairman, Crockett County; Nancy Jenkins, Edwards County; Linda Jordan, Ward County; Mary Ann Kay, Sutton County; Sherry Phillips, Upton County; Debbie Vickers, Ector County; and Burr Williams, Midland County.

For more information on the Texas Pecos Trail region programs and to make reservations for the luncheon, contact the region coordinator, Keith Godwin, at (325) 387-2927, or visit the website at www.texaspecostrail.com.

Carolers Visit Main Street Businesses



Photo by Juanita Gomez

Sonora Elementary's Fourth Grade Choir visited numerous businesses, including The Devil's River News, on Monday to share the Christmas spirit in song.

Obituaries

Jesse Mario Gutierrez

Jesse Mario Gutierrez, infant son of Jason D. Gutierrez and Jennifer M. Ferreira, passed away Dec. 10, 2007 in Fort Worth. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 15th, at Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Sonora Cemetery.

"Our sweet baby boy Jesse has returned home to be with our Heavenly Father. He traded his little heart in for his angel wings. His life was short lived,

but we will cherish every moment we had with him. He will always be alive in our hearts, and in our minds. We love him very much and will miss him forever more."

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jesse C. Gutierrez; his paternal great-grandparents, Jose and Lupe Gutierrez; and great-grandmother Lala Duran.

Survivors include parents Jason D.

Gutierrez and Jennifer M. Ferreira; sisters Alexia C. Ferreira, Lexi M. Gutierrez and Sophia N. Gutierrez; brother William Ferreira Jr.; paternal grandmother Priscilla Gutierrez; maternal grandparents Fred and Theresa Beristain; maternal great-grandparents Oscar and Sophia Nuncio; paternal great-grandfather Mario Duran, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Henry Earl Turk

Henry Earl Turk, 77, passed away Monday, December 10, 2007, at the Crockett County Care Center after an extended bout with cancer. He was born April 24, 1931 in Del Rio, TX, to longtime Val Verde County ranchers, Tom A. and Leah M. Turk. Henry grew up in Quemado, TX, farming and ranching. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950 and served as a forward observer with the 1st Field Artillery Battalion during

the Korean War. He moved to Sonora when he married his late wife, Mandy Wall Turk, in 1970.

Henry was preceded in death by wife, Mandy, in 1999, two brothers and one sister. He is survived by his long-time companion, Betty Elledge of Sonora; John Simmons and family of Bakersfield, CA; Calvin Sanders and family of Sonora; David and Martha Haygood and family of San Angelo; niece, Judy

Goodson of Sonora, as well as numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Henry's unique sense of humor will be greatly missed by all those who knew him well.

Funeral services were held December 15th at the Kerbow Funeral Home Chapel. Many thanks are extended to the San Angelo Hospice volunteers and staff as well as numerous friends who stopped by the house to visit during his illness.

Safe Place
Narcotics Anonymous
Lighthouse Community Church
Tuesday 7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Lighthouse Community Church
Church
CAN A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
Be Real, Personal & Practical?
THE ANSWER IS YES!
1705 N. Crockett

Senior Center Activities

- Fri. Dec. 21 - Christmas Meal - Join us for Turkey & Dressing!
- Mon. Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - Center Closed
- Tues. Dec. 25 - Christmas - Center Closed
Happy Birthday Jesus Hernandez
- Wed. Dec. 26 - Happy Birthday Linda Cumpian and Hortencia Castillo
- Thurs. Dec. 27 - Bingo

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. Dec. 21 - Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Pumpkin Pie, Roll, and Milk.
- Mon. Dec. 24 - CENTER CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS.
- Tues. Dec. 25 - CENTER CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS.
- Wed. Dec. 26 - Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Roll, Green Salad, Coconut Cake, and Milk.
- Thurs. Dec. 27 - Beef Tacos, Taco Shells, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Apple Cobbler, and Milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



Sonora Church Directory

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| Primera Iglesia Bautista
504 Santa Clara
387-2035 | Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
11E. Oak
387-3190 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W 4th St
387-5713 |
| Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St
387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd. St
387-5366 |

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Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

The family of Max Perez, who is the grandson of Sam and Fela Perez and Elaine Adams and the son of Peter and



Max Perez

Michele Perez, would like to thank the generous people of Sonora for the wonderful charitable donations of money, time, and prayers in the effort to raise funds for Max's autism service dog. Max's dog is being trained at United States K-9 Academy in California. We have high hopes that "Jack-Jack" (Max's dog) will help make life safer, happier, and more stress-free for Max. The kindness and compassion that has been shown on Max's behalf has been overwhelming. Thanks again to all for your kindness and support.

The Family of Max Perez
Pete, Michele, Sam, Fela,
and Elaine
God Bless
each and everyone.

Thank you to my friends for your prayers, cards, food, and flowers I received during the time that I was in the hospital. Harold and I appreciate your concern and your thoughtfulness.

Thank you
Benita Martinez

Please Join Us
For Our
Christmas Eve Service
6:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Corner of Oak and Water

Ethan Thomas Kaufman
Born December 17th at 9:35 p.m.

Ethan was 21 and 1/2 inches long
and weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz.

The proud parents are
Sam and Kristen Kaufman

Grandparents are:
Gary and Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora

Joe and Deanna Kienast of Southlake

Lynn and Mary Kaufman
of Mason City, Iowa

Happy Birthday

December 20

Dave Love, Damian Garza, Landon Castro, Tom Wilson, Swade Draper, Eddie S. Hernandez, Amelia Butler, Daniel Gutierrez

December 21

Harvey Villanueva, Luke Sanchez, Gabriel Perez, Cody Bush, Sandra Fuentes

December 22

Matthew Fay, Judith Law, Nette Lopez, P.J. Fuentes Cardona, Wesley Lipham

December 23

Mindy Hurt, Melissa Surber, Carlos Ramirez, Sr., Victor Hernandez

December 24

Marco Jimenez, Delia Samaniego, Lilia Samaniego, Holly Trevino,

December 25

Chris Vyvlecka, Cynthia Perez, Berry Longoria, David Aycock

December 26

Lucy McGuffin, Claire Jones, Lisa Galindo, Rafael Alvizo, Cami Gonzalez, Valerie Villanueva, Celia Smith

The Blue Christmas

by Dr. Don Newberry

They called it "Blue Christmas" at Arborlawn United Methodist Church in Fort Worth the other night. Narrator/soloist Deb Sewell organized the mostly-musical program, offered for the community's "whosoovers"--the ones keenly feeling the loss of loved ones, or other cuts from life's jagged edges.

More than 100 people gathered for the balm of song and Christian testimony, the latter provided by Yvonne Harpole, who was widowed in the fall of 2006. That's when James Harpole, who had held emphysema at bay for six years, succumbed, ending a marriage of 51 years....

At the lectern, Yvonne exercised her right to claim "selective memories."

And why not? In the great sea of memories, the precious ones serve us best, even when we have to reach for them.

Several in the audience remembered her husband well. The "te-nacious tenor" had inspired fellow choir members by the spirited way he kept pace--sometimes even running ahead--despite the encumbrance of oxygen tanks....

Two of Yvonne's most precious memories center on her husband's renditions of "The Lord's Prayer." Both were sung to her exactly 50 years apart--the first time at their wedding in Gainesville, their hometown--and the next time in Fort Worth.

She planned the wedding, but it was James who insisted on the vows renewal ceremony on August 5, 2005.

About 300 friends gathered for the ceremony; all were touched, particularly by "The Lord's Prayer." It was sung far differently this time. As James proceeded, he sang faster and faster. Organist Jerry Westenkuehler could hardly keep up....

It was an emotional time, causing above average oxygen consumption. "I'm the one who knew how much oxygen I had left, so I sang fast," James laughed.

So did the on-lookers, each of whom had special memories of the veteran choir member. At one time, the choir had just seven members, including James on oxygen and another member on a cane. "Excuses others might have made came across as pretty lame," Director Tom Stoker recalls....

James wanted no special treatment, at work, at home or at church. He had breathing contraptions under his desk at Bell Helicopter Textron, a portable unit for his van and another at home.

For walking, he had a tank on rollers. That's the one he pulled behind him as they marched down the aisle to take their places in the choir loft. He never missed rehearsals or any choir presentations. And when they were on tour, he and Yvonne were in a van behind the bus. Safety precautions precluded compressed oxygen on the bus....

"He just never went half-speed," Stoker said. "James was the 'life of the party,' always pushing tempos, giving the rest of us plenty of reasons to laugh. He made choir fun," the director added, "And when others saw the way he handled adversity, the choir started growing. Now there are about 70 members."

In everything, the plucky tenor persevered. One day, Stoker saw Harpole laboriously mounting a stairwell, taking a step, then lifting the tank. He raced over to help, but James objected.

"Look, I have a selfish interest," Stoker said. "I'm counting on you having enough breath to sing when we get to the next floor!"

In the early days of 2006, things got tough. Four days into the year, James could no longer work. A few months later, this man of music made one of his toughest decisions: to drop out of choir. James, a member of the One O'Clock Lab band while in college at North Texas State, made great claims on music. Rich with a wife, three children and seven grandchildren, he crowded much into 73 years, depending on love and laughter for the harmony of life. He died on September 17, 2006, fully expecting Yvonne and others who loved him most to continue claims on smile-inducing memories.

True, congregants had gathered for a "Blue Christmas" program. But, touching remarks enhanced by beautiful music celebrating our Savior's birth greatly "whitened" Christmas.

May yours be merry and bright. Claim the best of your memories, and make some more good ones for the new year....

You are invited to a
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION SERVICE

Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
Pastor, Lewis Allen

December 24th at 6:00 p.m.

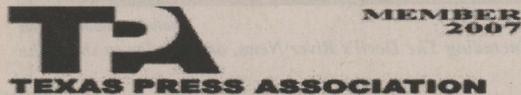


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Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. How do you know who owned your property back through the years?

A. Deed Records would be my first try. A Deed Record at the Sutton County Courthouse Annex will tell you when the person who transferred the property to you bought the property, and from whom. You then must trace it back. I recommend that people buying property have a title search done by the Sonora Abstract Office at the time of purchase. This will give you all the owners, back to when the title was first transferred. This saves a lot of time and research.

Speaking of land transfers, here is one article we found in "The Devil's River News" of December 10, 1937: New Owners of Land and Two Residences. W.S. Evans place and that of Mrs. Rose Thorp sold. Deed recordings in the office of J.D. Lowrey, county clerk, have told recently of the transfer of two acres of land by Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Eaton, purchase of a residence by Mr. and Mrs. W.E. James, and the buying of a house by Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Alfrey.

The Eaton transfer was of property one-half mile east of Sonora. Buyer was Central West Water & Power Co., former owner of the water system serving Sonora.

The James purchase was of a four-room house on a 100 x 200-foot lot about one-half block east of the J.D. Lowrey residence. The property, which extends back to a tract owned by Mr. Lowrey, is to be remodeled in the next thirty days and after that time will be occupied by the James family.

W.S. Evans, San Angelo, former Sonora resident, has sold the residence across from the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co., to Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Alfrey, formerly of Eldorado. Mr. Alfrey succeeded W.C. Warren as manager of Wm. Cameron & Co., Inc. Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond and son, Tommie, have been living in the house.

Another article regarding property matters tells readers that the frame house next to the Baptist minister's residence is being torn down, and the site cleared. The house was owned by Bob Cauthorn, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Cauthorn, who is to make a barn on his ranch from the lumber. The house has not been lived in for several years.

Clemencia's Beauty Shop had a Christmas Special, Duart \$3.95 permanent wave for \$1.95 and Duart Oil \$5 permanent wave for \$3.00. Ideal gifts for a girl or woman.

The biggest stories of 1937 were 1. The war in the Orient, 2. Civil War in Spain, 3. New London School Disaster in New London, Texas on March 18, 1937 killed 293 students and faculty, 4. English Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, 5. C.I.O.-A.F.L. Struggle, 6. Proposed Supreme Court Change, 7. Crash of the "Hindenburg," 8. Disappearance of Amelia Earhart, 9. Ohio Valley Flood,

10. Death of John D. Rockefeller.

The coronation rated so highly because of the abdication that made it possible. The Civil War in Spain reminded many of our own struggle of brother against brother in war. Most of us have seen stories about the Hindenburg and Amelia Earhart and seem to remember these two stories best.

Another article of interest was Miss Joe Nell Miers, student at Miss Hockaday's School, Dallas, has been named "Aggie Sweetheart," representing Sonora, at the annual Christmas dance in San Angelo. Announcement of Miss Miers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Miers, was made by Joe R. Barton, Jr., president of the San Angelo A and M Club. Miss Miers' escort at the dance will be Lem Eriel Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Johnson.

Now for your favorite, Piggly Wiggly prices in December of 1937: Imperial Sugar 10 lb. bag for 49 cents, dates, pitted, 2 lb. bag 29 cents, pineapple juice Dole 3 cans for 25 cents, popcorn 2 cans for 25 cents, tomato juice Campbells 2-14 oz. cans for 15 cents, corn 2 #2 cans for 17 cents, Picnic asparagus all green in can 18 cents, Monarch sweet cider quart bottle 27 cents, Crisco Shortening 6 lbs. \$1.05, 10 lbs. of spuds 15 cents, Lettuce 2 heads for 9 cents, Imperor grapes 2 lbs. 15 cents, Texas oranges 15 cents a dozen, white and yellow squash 7 cents a pound, Winesap apples 15 cents a dozen, seedless grapefruit 2 for 5 cents, Swift Branded Beef roast chuck 16 cents a lb., pork chops 25 cents a lb., sugar cured breakfast bacon sliced 36 cents a lb. and Schilling 2-oz bottle of vanilla extract 23 cents.

Now remember, a hired hand only made between \$25 to \$40 a month at this time. The country was in a recession, and many people couldn't afford hired hands. Some people survived on as little as \$10 to \$15 a week on what they could hunt, and beans and greens they could grow. These were hard times, and things were beginning to get brighter with the war manufacturing companies hiring people to make items to send overseas. Just think how much of the steel rails from old railroads was shipped to Japan at this time, for their war with China, and wound up made into bullets that were fired at our own men at Pearl Harbor. Metal scrap, hides of animals for shoes and coats, wool and cotton for uniforms, beef, lamb, pork, etc. were starting to bring top dollar because of the war. The economy was just starting to pick up, and drilling for oil was becoming popular in Sutton County.

At the Sonora Elementary School, Miss Jamie Gardner presented the sixth grade pupils in an assembly program Wednesday morning at the elementary school.

Three of the dance pupils of Mrs. H.F. Gilley gave tap numbers. They were: John Stanley Hamby, a guest, Marjorie Nisbet and Elizabeth Taylor. Bessie Ray Kiser and Kathleen Brinkley played piano numbers.

A playlet, "The Tragedy



Theodore Jackson Savell and his wife, Alma Nancy (Miers) Savell are pictured above with their children, Velma Victoria, later Mrs. Bryan Hunt, and Miers. Also pictured is Mrs. Trainer, mother of George, Joe and Fred Trainer.

of Bargain Day," was given by Roy Cooper, Betty Lou Shoemaker, Edith May Babcock, Louie Andrews and Nancy Christy. A vocal number was given by Billy Lee Ross. Twelve other students sang two songs, but their names were not listed.

Mrs. A. W. Awalt suffered a fall Saturday morning and had to have two stitches taken in her leg.

Here is the 1937 High School Honor Roll, Seniors: Kathryn Brown, Web Elliott, Mattie Mae Friess, Wynona Hutcherson, Frances Kirkland, Lois Merck, Jack Shurley, Rena Glen Shurley, Robert Simmons, Garland Slaughter, Cathryn Trainer, Serena Trainer, and Jim Taylor.

Juniors: Louise Briscoe, C.T. Driskell, Elizabeth Elliott, Daphne Jungk, Jimmie Langford, J.C. Norris, Noble Poindexter, Wanda B. Rape, Margaret Sandherr, Margaret Faye Smith, S.H. Stokes and Robby Jo Wyatt.

Sophomores: Juanita Cartwright, Dorothy Henderson, Lillie Owens, Myron Morris, Dock Simmons, Mildred Trainer, Esther Virgen and Libby Jo Wallace.

Freshmen: Leon Mucklehroy, Mary Jo Rape and Betty Grace Vehle.

If you have any questions please send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net You may call the office at 325-387-5084 on Tuesday, Thursday from 9-12 and Saturdays from 8-12 with your questions or just stop by the office for a visit or to peruse the old papers. We are always happy to help anyone trying to work on their family tree.

ITS ALL ABOUT HIM



JESUS



Three physicians to serve Sonora Medical Clinic

Reflecting its commitment to provide a continuity of quality medical care to Sonora and Sutton County, the Sonora Medical Clinic is pleased to announce it has secured the services of three physicians.

Bradly Bundrant, M.D. began practice at the Sonora Medical Clinic in November. Dr. Bundrant earned his medical degree at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and served his family practice residency at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

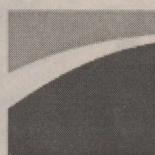
Dr. Bundrant will staff the Sonora Medical Clinic through May, 2008, when the clinic will welcome Doctors Mark and Kristy Edwards. Both physicians earned their medical degrees at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and did their family practice residencies at the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

In addition to family medicine, Dr. Mark Edwards will offer colonoscopies and Dr. Kristy Edwards will provide wound care and a variety of women's services.



Dr. Bradly Bundrant
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Preventing and Overcoming Pneumonia



Kelly's KOPREP

Submitted By:
Kelly L Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent
FCS, Texas Cooperative
Extension-Sutton County

Every year, more than 60,000 Americans die from pneumonia - an inflammation of the lungs that is usually caused by infection with bacteria, viruses or other organisms. Pneumonia is a particular concern for older adults, people with chronic illnesses or impaired immune systems, but it can also strike young, healthy people.

There are many kinds of

pneumonia ranging in seriousness from mild to life-threatening. Infection often follows a cold or the flu, but it can also be associated with other illnesses or occur on its own. Symptoms of pneumonia caused by bacteria usually come on quickly, including but not limited to:

Cough, sometimes producing rusty, green or blood-tinged mucus; Fever; Fast breathing, heart rate and/or shortness of breath; Shaking and chills; Chest pain that often feels worse when you cough or breathe in; Feeling very tired and/or weak; Nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Symptoms caused by viruses are usually the same as those caused by bacteria, but they may come on slowly and often are not as obvious or as bad. Ironically, high-risk groups such as older adults may have fewer or milder symptoms than less vulnerable people do. And instead of the high fever that often characterizes pneumonia, older adults may even have a lower than normal temperature, or they may have a cough but not bring up mucus. The main sign of pneumonia in older adults may be a change in how well they think - confusion is common.

If you think you may have pneumonia, do not hesitate to get medical care. See your health provider right away if you have a persistent cough, shortness of breath, chest pain that fluctuates

with your breathing, an unexplained fever or if you suddenly feel worse after a cold or the flu.

Your health provider will ask you about your symptoms and do a physical exam. He or she may order a chest X-ray and blood tests. This is usually enough for him to know if you have pneumonia. You may need more tests if you have bad symptoms, are an older adult, or have other health problems. Your health provider may also test mucus from your lungs to find out what germ is causing your pneumonia.

Your health provider may give you antibiotics to treat bacterial pneumonia - these are almost always effective against bacteria. Do not stop taking them because you feel better - take them exactly as prescribed. Call your health provider if you do not start to feel better after 2 to 3 days of antibiotics or if you feel worse.

Antibiotics are usually not effective against viral forms of pneumonia.

Although a few viral pneumonias may be treated with antiviral medications, the recommended treatment is generally the same as for the flu - rest and plenty of fluids. If you have severe pneumonia, you may be hospitalized. Sometimes you may spend three or four days in the hospital receiving intravenous antibiotics and then continue to recover at home with oral medication.

You usually do not "catch"

pneumonia from someone else. Instead, you develop the disease because your immune system is temporarily weakened. The following suggestions can help keep you healthy:

Get vaccinated. Because pneumonia can be a complication of the flu, getting a yearly flu shot is a good way to prevent viral influenza pneumonia, which can lead to bacterial pneumonia. In addition, get a vaccination against pneumonia at least once after age 55. Medicare may pay for this if you are a Medicare beneficiary with Part "B" coverage.

Wash your hands. Your hands are in almost constant contact with germs that can cause pneumonia. Washing your hands thoroughly and often can help reduce your risk.

Don't smoke. Smoking damages your lungs' natural defenses against respiratory infections.

Take care of yourself. Plenty of rest and a healthy diet, along with moderate exercise, can help keep you healthy.

Protect others from infection. If you have pneumonia, try to stay away from anyone with a compromised immune system. If you have pneumonia, the following measures can help you recover more quickly and decrease your risk of complications:

Get plenty of rest.
Drink lots of fluids: especially water. Liquids keep you from

becoming dehydrated and help loosen mucus in your lungs.

Take the entire course of any prescribed medications. Stopping medication too soon can cause your pneumonia to come back and contributes to the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Keep all of your follow-up appointments. Even though you

feel better, your lungs may still be infected.

You may also find information from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, a division of the National Institutes of Health: <http://www.niaid.nih.gov/> Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health.

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F.Y.I.
The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a **Burn Ban** and a **Fireworks Ban**, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

Sutton County EMS will hold an **EMT class** beginning **January 7th** and concluding **April 16th, 2008**. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the EMS training facility. The cost for the class will be \$125 and includes the textbook. Deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2007. For more information contact the Sutton County EMS office at 387-5132 or stop by 211 E. 3rd Street, Sonora.

Please join the **5th Annual Jingle Bell Parade** in downtown Roosevelt, Texas on Sunday, December 23, 2007. Everyone is invited to participate or just come watch the festivities. Put jingle bells on your horse, bike, tractor, truck or 4-wheeler and line up at the Roosevelt Community Center at 1:30 p.m. The parade begins at 2:00 and Santa will visit the children at Simon Brothers Mercantile immediately afterward. For more information please call 325/446-8032.

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Sanchez Graduates From UT



Amanda Sanchez

Amanda Marie Sanchez received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication Studies from The University of Texas at Austin. Commencement Exercises were held on Saturday, December 8th at 12:00 noon, at the Frank Erwin Center. Amanda, daughter of David & Mari Sanchez, is a 2003 Graduate of Sonora High School. Amanda was a 4 year member of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority. She was also a member of the University's Latino Leadership Council and Texas Advertising Group.

Mayfield Receives Bachelor's Degree



Shalayne Mayfield

Shalayne Mayfield, daughter of Mike and Debra Hobbs of Sonora, received a bachelor's degree in Exercise Sports Medicine Saturday, December 15th, in commencement ceremonies at Texas Tech University. Shalayne is married to Ed Mayfield of Sonora.

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Nursing class students at Sonora High School celebrated Christmas with participants at the Sonora Senior Center and crowned Mrs. Ysidra Castro as queen of the month for December. The Christmas party at the Senior center included a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The Memory Project ----- Continued from Page 1

Following their exhibition, the portraits will be delivered to the children as special mementos of their childhood, as part of "The Memory Project". The nationwide initiative in which advanced high school art students create original portraits for children has, as its main purpose, to provide these children with a positive self-image. The portraits honor the children's heritage and identity. Sonora's teen artists have discovered an opportunity to

open their hearts to children who have endured many hardships.

Included in the exhibit will be portraits by Casandra Contreras, Ross Crites, Ricky Lozano, Alicia Lowe, Mik Samaniego, Ashley Brown, Yazmin Hernandez, Heather Smith, Felipe Silva and Rachel Lozano. Everyone is invited to attend the display.

City Council Upholds ----- Continued from Page 1

under the coordination of both the Chamber and FOHS. Rosie Whitehead Jones, president of the historical society, said the Ice House Museum will be a community based museum. "We are planning to have facilities available for meetings and parties in the building," she said. "We feel the museum will have something for every age group and will offer tourists a nice rest stop." Ms. Jones said the society's goal is to operate a community-based museum, reflecting the historic and cultural diversity of Sutton County, much like the Whitehead Museum in Del Rio.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a request by Manuel Arredondo to tap into existing water and sewer lines for a shop on his property;
- Approved an estimate for the cost of repair to Thompson Hill Road, in the amount of \$2,332.00;
- Approved reimbursement to Sutton County for the cost of water line repair at the Sutton County Jail;
- Held a public meeting to discuss the proposed SIDC project to assist the Mercantile Garden, Inc., a new business specializing

in antiques and showcasing local artisans by offering consignment opportunities;

- Approved a request from Alex and Norma Gonzalez to build a porch with roof and steps 18 feet from the street;
- Approved the donation of a fire truck from the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department to the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association, located at the Experiment Station, south of Sonora; and
- Discussed, in executive session, an evaluation of the performance of the city manager and his request for a raise in pay. The council tabled action on the request.

Sonora PD Dispatch Log

Incidents:

December 10, 2007

- 4:20 AM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
- 5:10 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 10:24 AM: Caller reported a stray cat. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 4:19 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

December 11, 2007

- 4:30 PM: Caller reported a burglary. Officer responded.
- 9:00 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.

December 12, 2007

- 9:00 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:15 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.
- 9:55 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 10:30 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:30 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:38 PM: Caller reported a vehicle roll over. Officers responded.
- 2:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 4:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:30 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.

December 13, 2007

- 8:15 AM: Caller reported an injured deer. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 10:11 AM: Caller reported a dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
- 4:45 PM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.
- 11:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

December 15, 2007

- 10:50 PM: Caller reported two dogs on roadway. Officer responded.

December 16, 2007

- 1:00 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 1:10 AM: Caller reported two suspicious subjects. Officer responded.
- 6:20 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

tance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 • 11:00 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.
 • 6:35 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

Dad and the Toy Train

While working as a mall Santa, I had many children ask for electric trains. "If you get a train," I would tell each one, "you know your dad is going to want to play with it too. Is that okay?"

The usual answer was a quick yes, but after I asked one boy this question, he became very quiet. Trying to move the conversation along, I asked what else he would like Santa to bring him. He promptly replied, "Another train."

Three Wise Firemen

In a small town in Texas there was a "Nativity Scene" that showed great skill and talent had gone into creating it. One small feature bothered me, however. The three wise men were wearing firemen's helmets. Totally unable to come up with a reason or explanation, I left. At a "Quik Stop" on the edge of town, I asked the lady behind the counter about the helmets.

Exasperated, she exclaimed, "You darn Yankees never do read the Bible!" I assured her that I did, but simply couldn't recall anything about firemen in the Bible. She jerked her Bible from behind the counter and ruffled through some pages, and finally jabbed her finger at a passage. Sticking it in my face she said "See, it says right here, 'The three wise men came from afar.'" ~Author Unknown~

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JAN-8
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 5:00 6:30 8:00

JAN-11
 JUNCTION* AWAY
 5:00 6:30 8:00

JAN-15
 MASON* HOME
 5:00 6:30 8:00

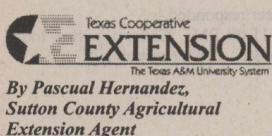
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Doe Management Affects Buck Population



By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent

Doe harvest should be one of the most important components of a deer management plan. While most hunters realize the importance of managing bucks on the property, some fail to realize the importance of managing does as well. Many things can be accomplished with an adequate

harvest, all of which ultimately affect the buck population. A balanced sex ratio, shorter and earlier breeding season, increased reproduction and recruitment, and improved herd health are a few of the objectives that can be met with proper antlerless harvest.

One population characteristic that is greatly affected by antlerless harvest is the adult sex ratio. Why is a balanced sex ratio important? If there are a disproportionate number of does in a deer herd, it is reasonable to assume all will not be bred in a timely manner. Many does will

not breed and conceive on their first estrous cycle because there are not enough adult bucks in the population. These does may not be bred until their second, third or later estrus. The result is a long breeding season and does that will give birth later in the year. These late-born fawns typically encounter vegetation that is generally poorer in quality and quantity. Late-born fawns come out of their first winter in poorer condition than early-born fawns. In addition, many late-born bucks will have poorer antler development as 1 1/2 year olds than fawns born earlier in the year. With an extremely unbalanced sex ratio, some does may not breed at all.

A given habitat can only support a certain number of deer in healthy condition. If the number of deer exceeds this level, habitat degradation and poorer herd health result. Annual harvest should strive to maintain

the population at a stable level. If the sex ratio is balanced, doe harvest should make up at least 40 percent of the overall harvest to maintain this healthy balance.

Fawn production and recruitment typically increase as a result of doe management. Normally, sexual maturity is not reached in females until the second year, but if healthy, they will reproduce each year until they die. Fifty does in good condition can produce more fawns than 100 unhealthy does. Additionally, fawns produced by healthy does tend to have higher survival rates than fawns born to does in poor condition.

Managing antlerless deer harvest is just as important as managing buck harvest. As a matter of fact, a good deer management plan will always place equal importance on managing bucks and does.

TDA Market Recap

For the week ending December 15, 2007, cash feeder steer prices at Texas auctions were down sharply as buyers scaled-back purchases ahead of the holidays and wintry weather in the Panhandle cut into demand from feedlots. Higher feed grain costs also pressured the market. Fed cattle cash prices were also lower amid lighter demand from packers and steady to lower beef prices. Texas cotton and grain markets finished the week higher. Strong export sales and anticipated higher demand for ethanol boosted corn and grain sorghum markets. Wheat prices received an additional boost from ongoing concerns about global supplies. As for futures markets, feeder cattle and fed cattle futures closed the week lower, while cotton, wheat and corn finished higher. Agricultural weather and crop progress information were not available for this week's report.

----- Week Ending -----
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12/15/2007 12/08/2007
12/16/2006

Feeder Steers (\$/cwt) 108.62 112.03
Fed Cattle 106.82

(\$/cwt) 93.16 94.01 85.22
Slaughter Lambs (\$/cwt) 115.00 113.50 107.50
Slaughter Goats (\$/cwt) 114.00 114.00 107.50
Cotton (¢/lb) 59.75 58.75 50.38
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- 3 Highmount E&P/hdq 8975' Mayfield -32- #21 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 12/07/07 8 Drlg Ahead
- 4 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8700' Mayer Ranch -36- #3 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 12/08/07 7 Drlg Ahead
- 5 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8650' Hudspeth -2- #1 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 39 12/08/07 7 Drlg Ahead
- 6 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8550' Mayer Ranch -40- #4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 302 12/20/07 Assigned
- 7 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8300' Simmons -72- #8 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 303 12/15/07 Moving On
- 8 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 8250' Simmons -71- #13 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 301 12/20/07 Assigned
- 9 Highmount E&P/hdq 7350' R H Mittel #10 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 105 12/12/07 3 Drlg Ahead
- 10 Highmount E&P/hdq 7175' Shurley -139- #5 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 40 12/09/07 6 Drlg Ahead
- 11 Highmount E&P/hdq 7000' Canyon Ranch -114- #6s Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 305 12/13/07 2 Drlg Ahead
- 12 Dominion Ok Tx E&P 5550' Stewart -36- #4 Dw Helmerich & Payne/s 304 12/09/07 6 Drlg Ahead

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- New 3 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey Estate -b- #1905 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 710 12/09/07 6 Drlg Ahead
- New 4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 6800' Henderson -c- (Bbb6) #4 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 38 12/09/07 6 Drlg Ahead
- New 5 Fiml Natural Res 6200' Sudderth #2-14b Dw Patterson Drilling/a 721 12/12/07 3 Drlg Ahead
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That's why it's important for everyone who receives a Census questionnaire to complete it and mail it in by the Feb. 4, 2008, deadline. Taking time to complete the questionnaire not only gives you the opportunity to provide a complete picture of Texas agriculture, but also to help shape the way agricultural policies can meet your changing needs. The Census is your voice in Texas, and you need to be heard.

Federal lawmakers use Census data when developing agricultural and rural programs, and community planners rely on the information to determine local programs and services. Private companies also use Census data to decide where to locate operations.

The Texas Field Office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts the Census in the Lone Star State every five years. Questionnaires will be mailed the last week in December and should be returned in the envelope provided. You also will be able to complete the questionnaire online through a secure Web site.

U.S. law requires a response from all producers who receive a Census questionnaire, even if you did not operate a farm or ranch in 2007. This same law also guarantees strict confidentiality of your information, which is not shared with any other state or federal agency.

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Santa Letters 2007

Dear Santa and Reindeer,
I want a Suby out and a real cat. I have been behave I love you! And I love your reindeers.
I like your shirt it is nice.
Ivory Luna
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus,
I like your reindeer. I want Hulk and Spiderman, the black one. And I want the green Spiderman from the video game I saw. I will leave cookies and milk.
Genaro JR. Perez
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa and Reindeer,
I will leave ABC cookies for you. I would like presents for all my family and friends. They will be waiting at my house. I want books and pink horses.
Sky Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school. I would like an awesome toy from you. I like you and I like you giving me presents.
Preston Gonzalez
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa,
I want Spider webs like Spiderman. I want a bicycle too. I am going to make you a cake. And I want a skateboard. Thank you.
Alan Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus,
I am going to give you chocolate cookies. I want some toys. Thank you and I love you.
Kristina Zabacki
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus and Reindeer,
I want Spiderman webs. I want a Ghost Rider costume and a big bike. Two bikes. Thank you for my bike.
Angelo Aguilar
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus, Reindeer, Mrs. Claus,
I want a pink gameboy, a teddy bear, and a baby doll. I will give you cookies, milk, hot chocolate and cake. Love you, Santa Claus.
Kenzio Sykes
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa and Frosty,
The reindeers are nice. I want an iPod for Christmas. I want all the frogs, blue, green, and red ones, the tree popo off the frogs.
Kalin Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for the present you are going to bring. I want a new picture of me when I was a baby and a bucket of snow for digging.
Dreanna Kuykendall
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus and Snowdeer,
I like my tree, and I hammered it. I want spiderman gloves and a hat. I like your bell. I like Christmas and Snowdeer.
Aidan Mirelez
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa,
I want to come to the North Pole. I want to ride in your sleigh, and I want to pet Rudolph's nose.
James Fiveash
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Rudolph and Santa Claus
I want a gun, a paracchuts, and small scissors. I want more cookies. Yum! I want Rudolph to come to my house.
Hoson Hagen Zook
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa Claus,
I like you. I miss you. Thank you for bringing me presents. I want a Bratz car and a princess car too.
Rashel De Luna
Pre-K
Mrs. Bage and Ms. Castañeda

Dear Santa,
I would like the High School Musical II DVD, the Cinderella DVD, and the Bratz movie.
Abigail Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want some presents and toys. I need the Spiderman movie and some new books.
Damian Martinez
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a Jeep, a baby, and two computers. I want a watch and some markers.
Jacqueline Torres
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a pink present. I want a Spongebob and a Patrick. I want a tree with lights.
Catarina Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want babies, a crib for my babies, and a toy Christmas tree. I want a Christmas toy Santa.
Ariana Arispe
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want Hot Wheels and a little puppy. I want a costume of a lion and a costume for my mom to be a princess. Also, a bird costume for Dad.
Jose Alfredo Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a doll, and something else.
Jarisa Deluna
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want toys and a Christmas tree. I want a car and a penguin. Also, a cowboy.
Abigail Mendoza
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a small toy and a little car. I want the movie Cars and a watergun. I want candy, too.
Wices Ozuna
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a necklace. I also want a doll. I want a pizza. I want a movie.
Monerat De la Fuente
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a toy. I want a play horse. I want a Dora toy. I want Princess Doll. I also want a Snow White toy and a Barbie.
Jasmin Frausto
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want clothes. I want toys. I want scissors. I want a Christmas Cow.
Riddhi Patel
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a Princess ball. I want new boots. I want new clothes. I want a new jacket too. Thank You!
Jessica Campa
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
I want a chainsaw, a little book, and a little house. Thank you Santa!
Nicolas Gonzales
Pre-K
Mrs. Epperson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a talking bird that... um... it talks to you. He says scratch, scratch, and whatever the people say. That's all.
Elijah Floyd
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hola Santa!
Por favor me puedes traer un regalo de una pelota y un guante de beisbol. Tambien un bus y un carro de Lightning McQueen.
JUAN RUIZ
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hola Santa!
Por favor me puedes traer un regalo de una pelota y un guante de beisbol. Tambien un bus y un carro de Lightning McQueen.
JUAN RUIZ
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hello Santa!
Would you please bring me a Dora Kitchen? That's all.
Thank You, Vicki Salazar
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hi Santa,
I like France. How is he? May I please have a doctors kit? Thank you very much.
Kathy Daniels
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my gifts. I love my gifts. All I want for Christmas is a doll with a "getting married" dress on it.
Trinity Woodall
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hola Santa!
Por favor, me puedes traer una "pizza", y un juguete de Spiderman. Me gusta el que tira la tierra, el "Sandman". Gracias.
Dawid Limon
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hello Santa!
Could I please have a Batman toy and a Spongebob toy and maybe a Superman toy? Thanks.
Adrián Dominguez
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

How you doing, Santa? Can your reindeer fly for real? Please bring me a Spiderman controller? And a Spiderman Bend-em action figure? And a Green Goblin? Thank you.
Cottin House
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a new Transformer toy that has Power Rangers in it like in Operation Overdrive? Thank you.
Michael Morales
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hola Santa!
Por favor me puedes traer una camuneta de juguete, pero que sea buena en las montañas? Y una barca que flote. Gracias.
Enrique Mata
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Hi Santa!
Say hi to your reindeer, too! May I please have a little bike? That's all.
Thank you, Brjida Garza
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Dear Santa,
Hello! Could you please bring me a present, like a toy. I want to say "dolly".
Thank you, Blanca Portillo
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

Whats going on Santa?
Would you please bring me those Cross that have the fuzz on top? And a surprise Christmas Tree Present? Thank You.
Kodi Davis
PK
Mrs. Jimenez and Mrs. Garman

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Hello Santa!
Please could you bring me
a pan set so I can pretend
cooking and stuff?
Thank you,
Hilmony Ramirez
PK
Mrs Jimenez & Mrs Gomez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
conveyor belt and a
Santa. Thank you.
Bill Johnson
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an ipod,
a Christmas tree, a telephone
a brat doll, a computer and
some clothes.
Daniela Ornelas
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie
house with dolls, abell, a
pogo stick and wrapping
paper for gifts.
Skylar Magford
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would
like toys for my doll, some
Christmas tree cookies, purple
letters and some food.
Hazel Guerra
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
baby crib, a pacifier and
bottle. I also want some
games.
Kira Fuson
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Quiero un cara blanco con
amarillo, un sombrero, y unas
luces de navidad, Santa, te
quiero mucho.
Miguel Martinez
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike,
a horse, a nice bubba and
a dollie.
Sydney Flores
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like
a pink flashlight with
batteries. Bring my mom
and dad some pink games.
Abby Duncan
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring
me a power ranger, a hannah
Montana hair spray and brush,
a motorcycle for mom and dad.
Sergio Davila
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
go cart, a four wheeler, Jay
a monster truck and lots
of presents.
Hayden Bowenport
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
I would like a train and
some toys. Please bring me
Frosty and some fishes and
a coloring book.
Cesal Deluna
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle,
a dirt bike, an Xbox III, a
mirror and a t.v.
Ricky Castilleja
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some
toys, a car, a computer, and
bring my mom a barbie and
a golf cart for my dad.
Adrian Longoria
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some books,
a car and for my mom I
want a necklace, a truck, and
a house. A hat for my dad.
Ricardo Ramirez
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a trampoline,
a red four wheeler, and a
Spiderman outfit, I want a
pink bed for my mom.
Kevin Flores
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a
doll, some dishes, a computer,
and a kitchen. My mom wants
a ring and my dad wants a watch.
Victoria Regino
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a batman
motorcycle and a belt buckle.
My mom wants a bracelet.
My brother wants a belt buckle.
Lane Taylor
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a
lap top, a cash register,
and a tea set.
Tatiana Delgado
PK
Stracher

Dear Santa,
I WANT 1 TRASH FORMERS
HOT WHEEL MASTERMIX
and WHE ELIM
CHALLENGE. Thank you!!
Ariel Salazar
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
Can I have a
guitar, a laptop
and a laptop
careful roads in
Gabb Zapata
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want an air
blades, shoes, MP3
Player, and an airplane
I hope you have a
Good by
Livi Garcia
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
video game, a
kite, and a
skateboard. You!
Eliaz Perez
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I want a
video game and
a ball. Thank you
Jesus Sanchez
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a desk,
a motorcycle, and
a drum set.
Thank you.
Daisy Fuentes
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
ball a bear
and a telephone
How are you doing?
Deborah Hernandez
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want school
supplies and
a desk. Thank
you.
Christian D
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I would like a
trampoline, princess
Barbie, and a Hannah
Montana doll. Have a
Happy Christmas!
Chloe Boxell
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I would like a
video game, doll,
case, and a bean bag
chain. Please send me a
doll Phil, too. Thank you!
Haley Dalton
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a M3
Player, pocket
cleaning system,
Hello, Santa
Liliana Ramirez
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
XBOX 360, a
play station 2 and
a buggy car video.
Thank you!
Ki Nier
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
What I want
for Christmas is a
skateboard, ramp, robot,
big game hunter, and
NBA hand
Muntamed.
Slade Dermody
FRIESS - K

Dear Santa,
I want a
motorcycle, a
video game and
a drum set. Thank
you.
Christian D
Kindergarten
FRIESS

DEAR SANTA
I WANT A HIGH
SCHOOL MUSICAL
SWYFEUT VID
AND DRAGON
REMI Sanchez
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I wish I
could have
dancing dog
a baby doll. Thank
you!
De Hoke
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
skateboard, play station
and trash formers.
Thank you!
Judith Limon
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
video game a
Nubik's Revolution.
Nubik's Revolution.
Kase Perry
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
drum set a
skateboard and a
bullet. Thank you.
Bryce Bishoo
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
I want a
toy car,
and a motorcycle.
Thank you!
Joseph Parra
Kindergarten
FRIESS

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Please bring me
Hannah Montana
stuff - I love you
Traci Vickers
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Please bring me a
silver necklace for
Christmas. Love,
Shanice Gomez
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Please bring me
a tea party
for Christmas.
Yezenia Briss
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

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Dear Santa
I want jewelry.

Niners Martinez
1st
Mrs. Surber

Dear Santa
What I want for
Christmas is a teddy bear
stuffr. could I
please have that for
Christmas.
Dalylah
1st
Mrs. Surber

Der santu
I want a dttbic
and a stop for
christmas.

AJ Lopez
1st
Mrs. Surber

Dear Santa
For christm
I want like
a Tedy
Bare stufur
Avery Leamon
1st
Mrs. Surber

Der Santa Clause
can you get me
a Bin tin wash.

Austin Hulse
1st
Mrs. Surber

Dear Santa
I want a
yourplez bring me a
durt bik and
a dir With a
hutz Kabin
Jamie Hernandez
1st
Mrs. Surber

Der Santu Ulos
for Christmas I want
to be older sow
I can hav a baby
Pahl and a Phon
Trista Bush
1st
Mrs. Surber

Dear Santa Clause and Mr. Clause
I want a Pute and
a Hoat and a
and a cad and a siffon
Fish and a P.B.
Anastasia
1st
Mrs. Surber

Der Santa, I would
like a laptop,
cinpuoter, swimim
pool. War id you
find Rudolph?
Evan Shannon
1st
Mrs. Surber

I want
or for wiuh
and or
dttbic and
or coh and
or dttbic
Daniel Gonzales
1st
Mrs. Surber

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want
moohsoes, Xbox 360 Game
Cubes and Games
Se N5erly
Nicholas and Thomas
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I
Want some Tech Dees or
a Startboos
Lore
Juno + Jackson
second grade
Miss. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want for Christmas I want
a motor and a siffon and a siffon
Lore Santa
Orion
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa,
what I like for Christmas
is... High School Musical T-Shirt
Sweetie and siffon Sam!
Sunserly,
Elyssa
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a skuteboos
and a ps2 game.
Love
Adriant
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas,
I want a pair
of Heekes and
a two-wheeled scooter
Felicia Parker
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
I want a PSP
and an XBOX 360.
Love
Joe Hidalgo
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a dirt
bike and a pet puppy
Bye
Omar Sabar
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas I
want a Tech Dees
and a pet sate.
Got to run.
Mark
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
for Christmas, I want
a hapsit for Christmas I
want a Phon, for Christmas I
want all of the Brats checks
Jenna
2nd
Miss. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas I
want a laptop and
a baby dog.
Love
Kaylae
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a new
a new bed and a
new dress. Love
Sierra
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa
For Christmas, I want
the Ultimate Nail Studio,
High School Musical hair
and High School Musical T-shirt
and High School Musical T-shirt
and High School Musical T-shirt
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa, For
Christmas I want
Barbie Dolls, Be Brats song,
And Also I want The
Brats sleep over Movie,
Melanie Peede.
2nd
Mrs. Beyers.

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a
Skateboard and
a siffon. Love
Brianna
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a
computer for Christmas and
siffon for Christmas.
Love
Hailey Garcia
2nd
Mrs. Beyers

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a intendo,
a thalformer and a P
Have a Merry Christmas!
Love, Maria Palas
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I like an
I pod, a Goact, and a
Nintendo DS. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love, Esteban Garcia
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a ipod, a laptop, and
a pair of shoes. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Anber Vazquez
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a Wii, a PSP, a iPod.
Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Bailey Pearce
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would like an
ipod, a phone, and a PSP.
Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Mercede Lee
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I
would like a gameboy,
big brats, and Lepplos.
Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Skylar Strasser
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like an iPod, Hees, and
a doll. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Haylee
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a PSP, a I Pod,
and a Skateboard.
Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Esteban Garcia
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a ipod, a laptop, and
a PSP. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Leandra Lopez
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a bike, a barbie,
and some clothes. Have a
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Megan Butler
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I
would like a siffon, and
some Pomes. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Mercede Lee
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas
I would like a car, a motor
cycle, and an intendo.
Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Geovanny Govea
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a psp, Wii, and an
eyepot. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Fernanda
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would like
an I pod, a Mongoose, and
a mp3 player. Have a Merry
Christmas!
Love,
Jena Telles
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like Super Shopping cart,
50 piece play food, and a motor
cycle. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Abel Ramirez
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

Dear Santa,
How are you? For
Christmas I would
like a dog, a snow cone
maker, and a guitar. Have
a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Anna Arred
2nd
Mrs. Ramon

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Christmas,
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Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a PlayStation
 3 and a kitchen
 set? Thank you,
 Jade Bean
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a real kitten
 couch for my kitten
 Harley Daniel
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a PlayStation
 3 and a kitchen
 set? Thank you,
 Felipe Estrella
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a iPod and
 a bed?
 Thank you,
 Dylan Hazelton
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a computer?
 And a abbie
 Thank you,
 David Delgado
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a Transformer
 and some lifesaver
 candy? Thank you,
 Darrin Castro
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a Nintendo DS and
 a four-wheeler?
 Thank you,
 Dakota Love
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a Nintendo DS and
 a Play Station 2?
 Thank you,
 Gabriel
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please have
 a new dress and a new
 book to read?
 Thank you,
 Carolina Hernandez
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a pony and a wing?
 Thank you,
 Arianna
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a car and a bed
 and a bed?
 Thank you,
 Brianna
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a Transformer
 and an airplane?
 Thank you,
 Bronneth Hooks
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a little doll
 and some boots?
 Thank you,
 Analay Palacios
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a puppy diary
 and a scooter?
 Thank you,
 Alannah Hernandez
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a Transformer and a
 phone? Thank you,
 Aeneas Smith
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Ho-ho! May I please
 have a Barbie and a
 real white kitten?
 Thank you,
 Sarah Kanada
 Kinder,
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 I want a BB
 hot wheel car
 I want a puppet.
 Thank you,
 Anthony Vela
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa,
 I want a Barbie
 car. I want a dog.
 I want a cat.
 I am good.
 Adriana Gomez
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
 What is your
 reindeer's name?
 What does your
 machine do?
 Keely Moore
 First Grade
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa, How
 are you doing?
 How are your
 reindeer? I want
 a monster truck.
 Dylan Taylor
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
 How you make toys?
 Santa Claus makes toys
 out of machine. Santa
 Claus is a great person.
 Manuel Montoya
 First grade
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa,
 I want a toy
 and I want
 a Xbox 360.
 I want a
 Playstation 3.
 Michael Johnson
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you? I am being
 a good girl for Christmas. I
 want a bike. How are you?
 How is Mrs. Claus?
 Mariah Bueno
 First grade
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a toy.
 A teddy bear and a
 kite with a flag.
 On it and a compass.
 Jacqueline Perez
 First grade
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa, I am a good
 boy and I was thinking
 can you bring me
 a present like an
 present diary, red mountain,
 Juan Baez
 First Grade
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa,
 I want a pink
 video camera. How
 are your reindeer?
 I hope they
 are good.
 Steve J. Die
 Smith
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you doing?
 I want something
 for Christmas. I want
 a game for me to play.
 Steven
 Carlos Mendonza
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa,
 How is the North Pole?
 How is the reindeer?
 How is your wife?
 How is your elves?
 Wailey Lankford
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa Claus, what
 are you doing at the
 North Pole? Are you doing
 fine? For Christmas I want
 a dog and a doll and a Pez dispenser.
 Rella Salazar
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa, how are you doing? Is it
 colder in the north pole? I am doing
 great! Can't wait to see you!
 I have been so good this year!
 How are your reindeer? How is your elf?
 My elf is doing good.
 Danyel Ramirez
 First Grade
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa,
 I want a toy
 I want a monster
 truck. I want a
 hot wheel car.
 Gabriela Limon
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Santa,
 I want a toy
 I want a Xbox 360
 I have Ben
 Good.
 Aidan Costello
 First
 Mrs. Benson

Dear Mr. Claus,
 How is Rudolf?
 How are you? I want
 a tractor and
 a cool box. Thank you
 Cody Collins
 First & Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 Hall is Mrs. G's? What I
 want for Christmas a new jacket
 and a lot of toys like a
 toys and a Jet and a Barbie
 America Peck
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 How are you? How is
 Mrs. Claus?
 I want a hot wheel car
 and a monster truck
 Brian VanVleet
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 Is it cold there?
 Well what I want
 for Christmas I want a
 red nail polish, pink lip gloss
 Cara Hernandez
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 How are you?
 I want for Christmas
 a selfies and
 a ipod and a Wii.
 Jordan Parks
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is Rudolf?
 Santa I want
 a twintail
 crismias
 Martin Alvarez
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is Rudolf? Is it
 cold in the north pole?
 Can I have Gabrealla
 and a toy camera.
 Araceli
 Araceli
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 I had a good Santa.
 Cook you give me a
 skateboard and a pop,
 a like game Smackdown
 Noe Estrada
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 How is it going?
 I would like to
 have a bike. I
 could ride it when
 I'm in the gym.
 Katizma Gonzalez
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 How are you?
 Please bring
 me some power
 rangers for Christmas.
 Darian Kujawa
 First Grade
 Mrs. Creek

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Dear Santa,
How is the rain?
I want a motor
truck and a air
plane.
Wesley Dutton
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
I want a box 360.
I want Legos four
Christmas.
Willie A. Munoz
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa?
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer?
May I please have a pony, doll?
and may I please have some silk
and can I please have a surprise?
Mary Kelle Johnson
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How are the
elf's? Can you
get me a
Bild a bet.
Emily Hernandez
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How are you? I
would like to have
a red country guitar
and a barbie barbie house by
Kodee Smith
first
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Santa?
Please can you bring
me a helicopter
and show
car that goes in water
Antony J.R.
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa, I want a skateboard
and a pair of shoes. How old is it in the
with pole? Please give
a present please. I want
a coloring book. Who are you?
Wholesome Liphart
First Grade
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa
How are you? I
want a Nintendo
DS, Moon sand and
the game I can play
with Wesley Wilson
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa, I have
win go. How are
yr reindeer doing?
Please give me a 22 to
and a skateboard.
Hudson Wheeler
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa Claus How
have you ben? How has
Mrs. Claus ben? Can I
have a wintendo DS
and son games.
Alex Torres
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa
How are you? For
Christmas I want
a cell phone please.
I have bin vere good.
Jacklyn Sykes
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa How is
Rudolf? Is he gud?
I want a fish game
and a futbol
and a futbol game.
Baileys Sykes
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa
How are the reindeer?
I have ben real good.
May I please have a twin
doll. I am going to Lev cookies
Sterling Smith
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa I was
a good boy today. I will
put cookies on the
table for you Santa
is a good boy. I want
Sabian
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa Claus
How is Mrs. Claus
and Rudolf is beautiful.
and please can you give me
a bike so I can ride it
Chaeta Ramirez
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa I want
a Pasfitree and
a big toy car to play
with it. How is
Mrs. Claus and Rudolf?
Ty Perez
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa Claus, How is
Mrs. Claus and yr reindeer?
I am good and I help
my mom to do the shopping
Can you bring me Hannah Montana
and a Barbie?
Zayla Gutierrez
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa
How is Rudolf?
I hope he's doing
good. I have
Ben good. May
I have a bagun.
Mikayla Galindo
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa
I want to have
a horse and pony. I have
toy cars. I want a
pool.
April
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa How
are you? Can you
give me a PSP and
a cot and a
skateboard?
Joshua Davila
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa How are
you and Mrs. Claus? I
have ben seeing my prers.
Please may I have a
little pet shop and two elctric
helicopters for me and my
brother. Mattye Davanport.
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa Claus how doo yr
reindeer doo and Mrs. Claus?
I will lev coocoo. Lev me
presents like things in the store.
I want a new remote control
Landon Castro
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa Claus, How
have you ben?
I have ben good
too. Can I have
PSP and son games?
Mimile Morales
1st
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa
How has Mrs. Claus ben?
I would like a Playstation game
I would like it on the one
how to ride a reindeer.
David L. Sanchez
First
Mrs. Elliott

Dear Santa,
I been good this year.
How are you? I would like
a chalkboard and
a doll.
Yesenia Pinos
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
How are you and the
reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I would want
a doll.
Maria Marquez
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would
like a nativity set and a doll and
high school musical 2 game. I hope
I see you and Mrs. Claus.
Valerie Gonzalez
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like if you would bring me
I would like if you would bring me a doll.
I would like if you would bring me a Barbie.
I would like if you would bring me a Barbie.
Brendon Martinez
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll
and a BRATZ doll and
a WALL MOUNT Toy and
I am going to give
you some cookies.
Rajya Ben
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus?
I would like for you to
bring me a X box.
Damian Ozuera
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll
and a Barbie house and some
and some love. I would like
a Barbie house and some
Love Cabell
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
How has Mrs. Claus been
feeling? I would like
a Vicesitty game
please.
Alex Castilleja
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus
I would like a
dirt bike.
Seth Fuser
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus?
I would like a Barbie
and Mrs. Claus to bring me
bring me a Barbie, high school
musical 2 and a Barbie that is really
Sara Rodriguez
1st
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I would like for you
to bring me a doll
I would like for you
to bring some cookies
Halle Wilson
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa?
Can you make me
a shadow machine?
that comes with two Barbie
Aiden Robert Teaff
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
How are you Mrs. Claus?
I would like a iPad
and a doll. I will love some cookies for
Mrs. Claus.
1st
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa,
I been good this year.
I would like a
chalkboard and a
doll.
Darion Yallico
First
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus
Thank you for the
FOWIL Thank you
for the Presents
I LOVE
YOU
Lesli Ramirez
1st
Mrs. Surber

Dear Santa can you
please give me a Bebe
on Christmas and a list
please and thank you.
Dana Daniel
1st
Mrs. Surber

I would like a
truck and
Trailer.
Logan Hernandez
1st
Mrs. Surber

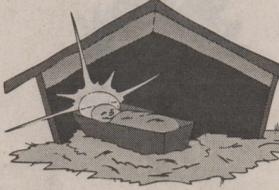
Dear Santa
I want a pair
of Heelys. Also
I want a Spurs Jersey
Alicia Mata
1st
Mrs. Surber

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Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me
new baby
Melina
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
spr gear for
for Christmas.
Pafel
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
I want a box
Please
and a monster
game
Richard
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Please bring me
Dear Santa
How are you?
Pocket + hats
love
Clinton
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
Hannah Montana
stuff for Christmas
Angela
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
eye bag for Christmas
Love,
Jalen
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
sword for
new for Christmas
Mason
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
Ben 10 toys
for Christmas
Cason
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
Transformer toy
Christmas
Leandro Alvis
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
pake? suit?
Shelton
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
Just 10 for
Christmas Love
Bade
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
batters with pony
for Christmas
Kathryn
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me
a machine
Love
BRINA
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
crib for Christmas
Love
ALEXIS
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

DEAR SANTA
HOW ARE YOU?
PLEASE BRING ME A
POWER RANGER
FOR CHRISTMAS LOVE,
JULIA
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
I want a Dallas cowboy
to play for Santa
Transformers and a dog
Love
Jalen Lopez
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
How are you?
Please bring me a
Tea party
Christmas
Giselle
Kindergarten
Ms. Henson

Dear Santa
This year
I would like
a robot
Thank you
Felipe
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a
taking terror
a no candy thank you
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a Big Ball
African Statuette
Thank you
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a BABY
BAPZ
Thank you
Abigail
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a lit
pet shop
Thank you
Esmeralda
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a
and a cap
Thank you
Jesus
K
Swindall

DEAR SANTA
THIS YEAR I WOULD
LIKE A
LAPTOP
Thank you
Shawn
K
Swindall

DEAR SANTA
THIS YEAR I WOULD
LIKE A LAPTOP
AND AN I MENE
THANK YOU
ISABEL
K
Swindall

DEAR SANTA
THIS YEAR I
WOULD LIKE A HORSE
AND PUPPY PURSE
THANK YOU
JUSTINA
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a
air holke
Thank you
TAVIS
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I
would like a
of incess story
I KILLER
child
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I
would like a
TKT chob
Thank you
CHRISTINA
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a rock
roll bowl
Thank you
#100
K
Swindall

DEAR SANTA
THIS YEAR I WOULD
LIKE A
TEA CATE
DANICA
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I
would like a
line a vide
game
MIEGE
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a Microphone
my Cinderella and
Teaset. Thank you
Alana
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a
GUITAR
Thank you
Kevin
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I
would like a
BRIBBLE
Thank you
JOVIAH
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a
PKY road, and a base
Thank you
AMARIANA
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a
BBGUN
Thank you
JOSEPH
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
This year I would
like a Peter Bell from
& it's drum set and
a Wii Thank you
Wilson
K
Swindall

Dear Santa
How may I please
have a High School
Musical VHS video game
and a letter box?
Thank you
KINDER
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa
How may I please
have
an iPad and some books?
Thank you
KARISA
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa
How may I please
have some
and a toy truck?
Thank you
KINDER
Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa
How may I please
have a motorcycle
and a box?
Thank you
DONATION ZARON
KINDER
Mrs. Wade

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<p>Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like an iPod, scooter, and a gaze. Have a Merry Christmas! Adina Sanchez 2nd Mrs. Ramon</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like xbox 360 a bike, and a wii. Have a Merry Christmas! Love, Hector Montez 2nd Mrs. Ramon</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like a wii, merrys, and an iPod. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Caleb Ritchey 2nd Mrs. Ramon</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like a PSP, a bike, and some helis. Have a Merry Christmas! Love, Mate DeAlto 2nd Mrs. Ramon</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? For Christmas I would like an iPod, more stamps and ink pads and more. Have a Merry Christmas! Love, Grace DuLop 2nd grade Mrs. Ramon</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a littest pet. Shop pairs off, notebook, abba DS, air freshener for my locker. Iris Meate 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>
<p>Dear Santa, How are your raindeer? I would like a house with a hot tub, swimming pool, laptop aty sance that talks and a ms clause that talks. Roba Muffin 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? Do you want to know what I want for christmas, laptop, cell phone, nintendo ds, love jant. Jant Baez 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a skateboard, a dirt bike, a 2 set for a weler a computer a xbox 360. Love, Roberto Cardona 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I want a Pet and a cooking stove and a fish. Trinity Zoop 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a bike, books and a piano. Piscilla Cruz 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I would like a skateboard I would like a PS2 and 4 games. John DeLeon 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>
<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a bike, computer, skateboard and a pump. Roba Muffin 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a laptop and game boy. Sierra Herrada 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? He want a 9.99 for Mrs. Word, a watch and a nintendo ds for m. abita a bike for me. Shalov Franklin 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I want a Robot Dinosaur and a Spider-man vs. Lisard and Spider-man vs. Rhino. Sean Brown 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, how are your raindeer? I would like an american girl doll, Black and white puppy in my purse and planet earth. Melany Ramsdell 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I want a Playstation 3 I want a PSP. I want a Wii I want a DS. Carlos Regino 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>
<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a littest pet shop pairs off, and I would like a Noela Tojar. Noela Tojar 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a iPod, playstation PSP, and a dirt bike. Isaiah Villanueva 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a ripstick, ps3, psp, and a crane and a game will. James Wilson 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are your deer? I wood want a robot and a psp and a crane and a game. Ghea 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? For christmas I want little Katherine and Kagan with blonde hair. I also want a puppy. Bailey Gonzalez 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are your raindeer? I'd like a puppy, pet ferret or a giant stuffed horse. Jon, Hazel Kent 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>
<p>Dear Santa Claus, How is everybody doing? I would like a new scooter and a thank Motana wig. This year Tell Rudolph that I say hi! Love, Sabrina Soriano 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, Are you ready for Christmas? I would like a psp game and a Xbox 360. have a safe trip! Love, Christian Ray Ramon 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, Are you ready for Christmas? I would like an i-pod and a ps. psp this year. Thanks! Love, Mirella Ornelas 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are the raindeer? I would like a dirt bike and a Avel marix pant ball gun. Tell Rudolph hi! Love, Skyler Morris 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a new tv and a eye dog for christmas. Can you tell Mrs. Claus hi? Love, Daniela Lopez 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a IPode and a Nintendo DS. Have a Safe Trip! Love, Sabas Tlan Lendone 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>
<p>Dear Santa, I want a game A Play Station 3 and an X-box. Love, Jesus Herrera 2nd Mrs. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, How is everybody doing? I would like a electric guitar and a rip stick this year. Tell everybody hi. Bryan Hughes 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, I want a game A Play Station 3 and an X-box. Love, Jesus Herrera 2nd Mrs. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a ipod cover and a adam clock. Have a safe trip! Love, Summer Hill 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, How are the raindeer? I would like a new skateboard and a new bible. Have a safe trip! Love, Isaiah Gonzalez 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, How is everybody doing? I would like a night doll and gloves this year. Tell the elves hi! Love, Kristin Garret 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>
<p>Dear Santa, How are you? I will like to have a rabbit and a baby brother. Love, Amber Freeman 2nd Grade Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, How are the raindeer? I would like new socks and shoes this year. Tell everybody hi! I wish I can see Mrs. Claus. Love, Angelica Franklin 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, How is everybody doing? Can you try to bring me an i-pod and a laptop this year? Have a very very safe trip! Love, Damaris Castro 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, How are the raindeer? I would like a nintendo DS and The Littest pet shop. Drive this year. Tell Rudolph hi! Love, Marisol Capuchin 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa Claus, How are you? I would like a barbie doll and a melody ATM. Tell Rudolph hi! Stephanie Bezo 2nd Ms. Wiemers</p>	<p>Dear Santa, Hi Santa how are the raindeer? I would like a skateboard and a ipod. This year tell a safe trip. Love, Hanky Jay Young 2nd Mrs. Simon / Mrs. Word</p>

Holiday Greetings and best wishes for a new year of happiness in a world of peace



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Concho Valley COG Offers Help to Homebuyers

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First-time homebuyers can get a 4% down payment assistance grant and a very low 5.99% mortgage rate through a bond program issued by the Concho Valley Housing Finance Corporation. With a 5.99% 30-year fixed rate mortgage, there is over \$6 million in funds remaining in the program to help borrowers purchase their first home. Homebuyers have access to mortgage loans (FHA, VA, RHS, and Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae eligible conventional) that also provide a grant for down payment and closing cost assistance equal to 4% of the original loan amount through the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green, (including the City of San Angelo).

"This program provides mortgage loans at a very attractive interest rate with a down

payment assistance grant to families who might otherwise be unable to afford a home," said Albert Rodriguez of the Concho Valley Council of Governments and secretary of the HFC. "For example, a first-time buyer who received a \$100,000 loan would receive an additional \$4,000 grant which could be used for down payment and closing costs."

"The largest barrier to home ownership many families face is a lack of a downpayment," said Mr. Rodriguez. "We want to continue our long-standing support and encouragement of home ownership by providing a way for families to achieve and afford the American dream of owning their own home."

Income limitations for the program include annual family income not to exceed \$52,600 for families of two or fewer persons and \$60,490 for families of three or more.

The maximum home cost under the program is \$237,031. Eligible prospective homebuyers cannot have owned a home in the last three years, except for qualified Veterans and those purchasing a home in certain targeted areas. Higher income and purchase price limits are also available in those targeted areas. Interested potential homebuyers may contact any of the three participating mortgage lenders under the program: Countrywide Home Loans, Dona Paul (325) 223-5101; Crockett National Bank/Premier Nationwide Lending, Valerie Allison, (325) 658-6714; or San Angelo National bank, Wes Masters, (325) 659-5850.

The Day After Christmas

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the lawn when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures.

He hurried outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get your passenger, my fine friend?"

The little boy replied, "I got Him at church."

"And why did you take Him?"

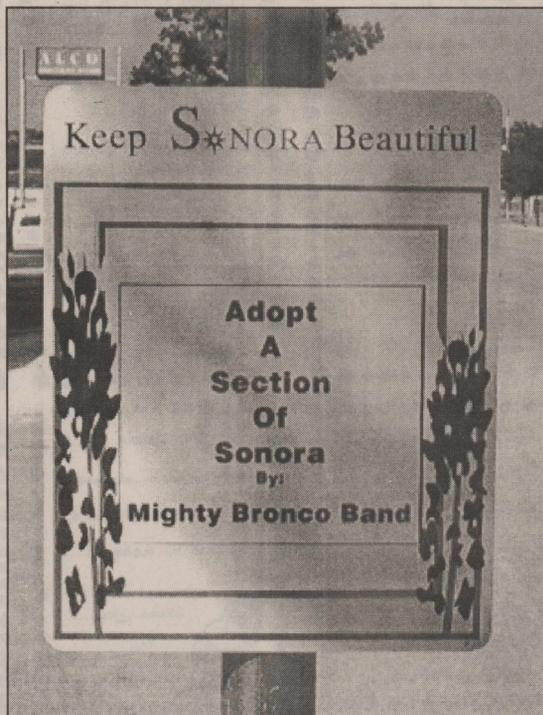
The boy explained, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus, and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it."

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Submitted by Susan Hall

Brady Johnson, Curry Campbell, Carol Leonard, Louise Moore, Norm Rousselot and Sam Kent (to name a few) were all spotted recently picking up litter. No, they were not doing "Community Service!" They were helping clean up the sections of town that their church or organization has adopted. Adopt-A-Section of Sonora signs have recently been posted throughout Sonora. So far thirteen churches, schools, and clubs have adopted a section. These past few weekends, many students and adults have been out picking up large quantities of litter and working to clean up their section. Keep Sonora Beautiful has gloves, trash bags, and vests available for anyone who would like to participate in this endeavor. These efforts are making a difference in Sonora's appearance; one piece of litter at a time. Thank you to these community organizations and churches. They are giving our town an invaluable service. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed and are very appreciated.



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Judge Encourages Sonora Students to Learn and Know Rights

by Becky McAngus

"I was never the biggest guy in my class," the Honorable Pete Gomez, 112th Judicial District Judge, told Sonora's eighth graders last week, "I just always knew what I wanted to

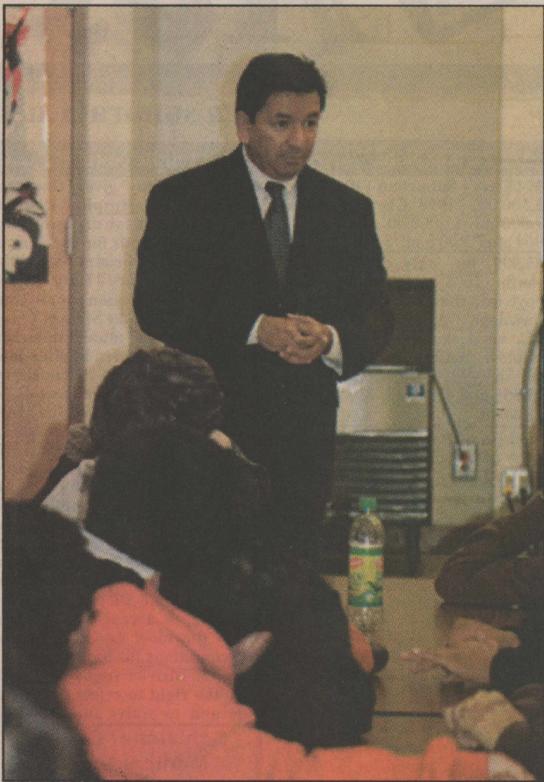


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The Honorable Pete Gomez, 112th Judicial District Judge, discusses the importance of a fair and impartial judicial system and his role as a judge with the eighth grade class at Sonora Middle School.

Everything I've Learned About Life From Santa

Encourage people to believe in you.
Always remember who's naughty and who's nice.
Don't pout.
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Some days it's ok to feel a little chubby.
Make your presents known.
Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
Bright red can make anyone look good.
Wear a wide belt and no-one will notice how many pounds you've gained.
If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you're very important.
Whenever you're at a loss for words, say:
"HO, HO, HO!"

do with my life; I knew that I wanted to be a lawyer." Judge Gomez, who graduated from Sonora High School, told the students that knowledge is their greatest asset. "Knowledge of your constitutional rights protects all citizens in this country," Gomez said. "This is a country of laws. The Bill of Rights was developed by people who chose to create laws for their new country that were far different from those in the countries they had left."

The judge recounted some of his experiences as a law student and as a criminal defense attorney and compared those experiences with his duty as a state judge. He discussed the importance of an impartial jurist and the traditions of "the bar" with students, who asked questions about the traditions of the practice of law in the United States.

Several students voiced the desire to become attorneys and Judge Gomez told the gathering that a Sonora attorney helped him get his start. He also said he would be happy to help any of the assembled students if they choose to go to law school.

Judge Gomez was elected in 2006 to the 112th district bench to replace Brock Jones, who retired from that seat after nearly 30 years. The 112th District is a huge geographic area of West Texas. His district covers 11,500 square miles and extends from Sonora in the east, through Ozona, Big Lake, Rankin and Fort Stockton on its western edge. "Any felony that happens in this area of Texas is dealt with in my court," he told the students.

Popcorn Fund Benefit



Photo by Sofia DeLuna

Katrina Fiveash of First National Bank of Sonora presents Carl Johnson, president of the Sutton County Game Dinner Association with funds raised through the sale of popcorn at the bank during the month of November. First National Bank of Sonora, each month, donates money raised through its sales of popcorn to different civic and service organizations in the Sonora community.



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Participants in Sonora and Sutton County Senior Citizen programs enjoyed a delicious meal that included ham, turkey, roast beef and lots of fixings at their Christmas party.

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