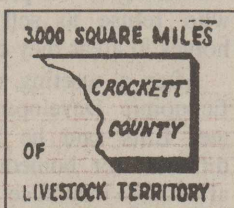
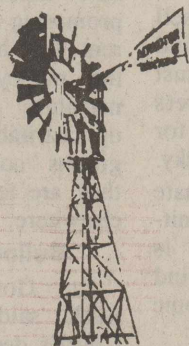


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Lions and Ladies Champs

Lions snatch Ozona championship

By David Screws
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Call it destiny! Call it fate! Call it wild! Call it crazy! Call it whatever you like. For eleven consecutive years the Brownfield Cubs left town with the championship trophy from the Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament. Not in 1997!

Everybody expected the Lady Lions to repeat as champions and they did just that, but it was the Ozona Lions who brought the house down with clutch baskets and mean defense. With rabid fans in the bleachers heralding the return of 'The Beef', and trailing Brownfield in the title match by 59-58, the Lions put the Cubs at the

line with 7.77 seconds to play. When the shot failed Armando Flores rebounded the loose ball and passed up the floor to Brian Badillo who turned and quickly dribbled across the time line. Badillo found Bobby Cervantez standing alone at the edge of the paint and lofted the ball into his out-stretched hands. Cervantez turned and put the ball of the glass and into the hoop as the buzzer sounded and chaos erupted throughout Davidson Gym.

This year the Lions will keep the big trophy. Peter Rodriguez copped the Most Valuable Player honor. In the title game he scored 17 points. He hit one in the third quarter to bring the Lions to within one point of the Cubs and another to put the Lions on top by

one. In the fourth the Lions dropped back by 7 but Rodriguez hit 3 more shots to bring them back to within 3, then Dustin Faight and Steven 'The Beef' Martinez each connected, setting the stage for the spectacular finish.

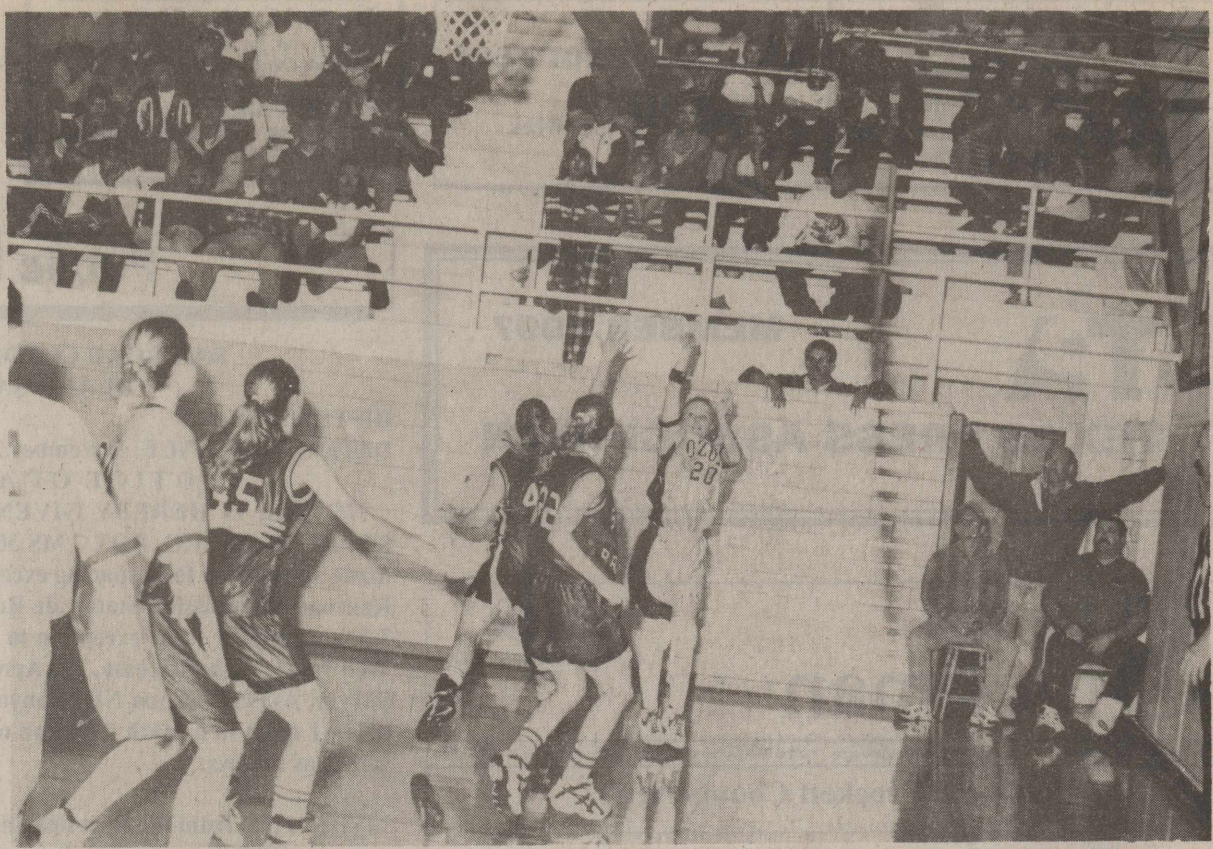
Martinez was awarded the coveted Sterling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy. Justin Browne was also selected for the All-Tournament team. In second round action, another thrilling one point win over Iraan, Browne had five 3-pointers and a game high 23 as the Lions beat the Braves, 72-71.

In the opening round on Thurs-

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BOBBY CERVANTEZ (#42) takes to the air in the Lions conquest of Brownfield last weekend in the Ozona Basketball Tournament. Armando Flores (32) and Brian Badillo (far left) are poised for defensive action. The Lions smashed the Cubs championship hopes with a last second bucket by Cervantez. Photo by David Screws



AMBER MCWILLIAMS lets one loose for two of the 43 points she scored in the Ozona Basketball Tournament last weekend. McWilliams was selected to the All-Tournament Team. Photo by David Screws

Ladies win four straight trophies

By David Screws
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Sonora Lady Broncos put forth a strong challenge for the Lady

Lions in the championship game of the Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament, but the Lady Lions of Ozona were not to be denied, winning the title for the fourth year in a row and ruling the floor throughout the tournament.

The Lady Broncos hung tough for three quarters, but the Lady Lions were even more persistent, playing strong defense and scoring when needed. Amber McWilliams hit a three in the first quarter to preserve a narrow lead, then Leslie Avila hit a three at the 6:30 mark of the second, and Juli Hall stepped off the bench to net a pair of baskets to keep the Lady Lions up by four at the half. Amber Tarr, the Most Valuable Player selection for the fourth year, went 6 of 7 at the free throw line, including two technical shots granted by the Sonora bench, and Diana Ellison added a three in the final stanza as the Lady Lions pulled away for the 42-29 win. Tarr was high for the evening with 10 points.

Tarr had a tournament total of 62 points, leading her team to victory over four opponents. Leslie Avila was awarded the Sterling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship trophy for 1997 and Amber McWilliams was also an All-Tournament selection. McWilliams knocked down three big 3-pointers in the Ladies' semifinal win over Menard. Her third score gave the Lady Lions a six point lead in the fourth period before the Ladies walked away from the Lady Jackets, 53-38. Amber McWilliams also had 14 points in a 64-39 pasting of the Miles Lady Bulldogs and 13 points, including three 3-pointers, in the first round win over Robert Lee, for a tournament total of 43 points.

In the Robert Lee game four Ladies hit in double figures: Diana Ellison led with 18, Tarr had 14, Amber McWilliams had 13, and Juli Hall had 11 as the Ladies crushed the Lady Steers, 91-41. Miles held the Lady Lions close for about one and one-half quarters before Kristin Kasberg

opened things up with a couple of back-to-back baskets and the defense took over, with Kasberg and Tarr ripping away with all the rebounds. Leslie Avila had 11 points in that game. To go with McWilliams' threes against Menard, Tarr had a tournament high of 21 points, 8 of those from the line, and Kasberg added 13, with 5 from the free shot marker.

Third place in the Ladies' brackets went to Menard, and Brookesmith nudged Brownfield for the Consolation prize. Other All-Tourney selections were Kelli Ann Goble of Comstock, Kami Jo Williams from Menard, Camille Marshall of Sonora and Sara Dodds from Brookesmith.

The Lady Lions remain perfect for the season at 13-0 as they prepare for district action in Eldorado on the 15th and Roscoe in town on the 19th.

Lady Lions vs. Robert Lee

Score by quarters:
Ozona 21 21 24 25-91
Robert Lee 5 13 13 10-41

Scoring: Amber Tarr (14), Leslie Avila (9), Amber McWilliams (13), Diana Ellison (18), Stephanie Franco (3), Kristin Kasberg (9), Kayla Turland (1), Angela Branch (2), Juli Hall (11), Autumn McWilliams (5), Donika Martinez (6).

3-point goals: Amber McWilliams (3), Franco (1), Autumn McWilliams (1).

Lady Lions vs Miles

Score by quarters:
Ozona 12 20 20 12-64
Miles 11 6 9 13-39

Scoring: Amber McWilliams (14), Amber Tarr (17), Leslie Avila (11), Kristin Kasberg (8), Juli Hall (6), Kayla Turland (1), Diana Ellison (7).

3-point goals: Amber McWilliams (2), Hall (1), Ellison (1).

Lady Lions vs Menard

Score by quarters:
Ozona 19 7 13 14-53
Menard 9 12 15 2-38

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The Weather



Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Dec. 8	75	32	-0-
Dec. 9	63	28	-0-
Dec. 10	48	25	-0-
Dec. 11	35	26	-0-
Dec. 12	41	14	-0-
Dec. 13	61	20	-0-
Dec. 14	64	20	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

Reported by Ozona Butane Co for the National Weather Service

4-Day Forecast

Wed.	Thur.
hi 65	hi 64
lo 32	lo 35
Sunny	partly cloudy
Fri.	Sat.
hi 64	hi 56
lo 43	lo 39
Showers	Showers

Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday

Ozona's annual Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by Friends of the Library will be held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, from 2-5 p.m. The \$5 admission ticket is good for all homes. Tickets are available at the public library or at the individual homes.

Proceeds from the tour benefit the Friends of the Library expansion fundraising campaign. Helping you keep in mind the reason for the tour is the library itself, decorated for the holiday and waiting with refreshments after you've visited the homes on the list.

This year's tour takes holiday-minded visitors to the homes of Wilma and Oscar Vargas at 1208 Pecan, Mary Lou and Jamie Knox at 203 Ave. I, Tina and Douglas Bean at 1106 Ave. A and Helen and Bill Maness at 112 Yucca Lane. The home of Lynn and Frank Galan had been previously announced as part of the tour, but it will not be included this year.

Santa Claus is coming Friday

Santa Claus is coming to Ozona Dec. 19 for a pre-Christmas visit with all the little boys and girls. The jolly old fellow will fly into Ozona Municipal Airport and come directly to the fire station at 3:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come see St. Nick on Friday.



Bond election fails

The \$3,850,000 school bond election was defeated Tuesday, Dec. 16.

For: 190 Against: 228

The bond was to fund construction of a new middle school at the present location. The proposed structure was to have additional classrooms, computer and science labs, storage areas, a cafeteria/common area for approximately 300 students and a band hall. The gym was also to be renovated with new bleachers to seat 250.

There were 2,713 eligible voters with 418 voting for a 15% turnout.



Karen Huffman--Cook-of-the-Week

"The first thing I remember about cooking is sitting on Gammmer's cabinet making brownies, lemonade and cornbread," said Cook of the Week Karen Huffman. The late Audra Moore, Karen's great-aunt, was known as Gammmer to most of Ozona.

"I like to bake. If I could, I'd bake everything," said Karen. One of the baked items Karen's family and friends ask for time and again is cheesecake. They're easy, they just take awhile to cook, she says.

"It's always fun to try something new," says Karen. She likes to pick up cookbooks as mementos from everywhere.

Daughter Hilary and Karen like to cook, and her husband, Vince, is a great cleaner-upper, Karen says. One of the family's traditions is Hilary's Blueberry-Oat Muffins, a recipe she won the county and district food shows with her first year in 4-H cooking.

A registered nurse and senior staff nurse for the Texas Tech Clinic in Ozona, Karen adjusts recipes for healthy eating by substituting skim or low-fat milk. "For cheesecake you just have to use the real thing," she said. She doesn't believe in skipping on ingredients for desserts. "You might as well enjoy them to the fullest." The Huffman family eats a lot of fresh vegetables in the summer.

Karen is a member of Ozona Woman's League and cooks for the annual bazaar. The family enjoys activities such as snow and water skiing and going to the river. Karen and Vince, who is part owner of Crockett Automotive, also stay busy following 11-year-old Hilary and her activities. She is busy with piano and dance lessons, lots of 4-H projects, Little Dribblers and U.I.L. literary events. The Huffmans attend Ozona United Methodist Church.

Karen's Chicken and Rice Casserole

1/4 c. butter
1/4 c. flour
3 chicken bouillon cubes
2 c. milk
1 can Rotel, chopped
3 c. cooked, cubed chicken (about 4 chicken breast halves)
1 c. uncooked rice
1 c. cheddar cheese, grated
Cook rice according to directions. Melt butter in 3 qt. saucepan. Blend in flour and chicken bouillon cubes until dissolved. Gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until it thickens. Remove from heat and add Rotel and chicken. Spread cooked rice in greased 8 inch square baking dish; spoon chicken mixture over rice. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until casserole is hot and bubbly.

Skillet Zucchini Combo

3 med. ears corn
1 med. onion, quartered
1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch squares

1/2 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
1 c. quick-cooking oats, uncooked
3/4 c. sugar
2 large eggs
1 c. buttermilk
1/4 c. vegetable oil
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. butter flavoring
1 1/2 c. fresh or frozen blueberries rinsed well

Combine first seven ingredients in large bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Combine eggs and next four ingredients; add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Fold blueberries into mixture. Spoon into greased muffin pans, filling three-fourths full. Bake at 400 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from pans immediately.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society

Bill Melton in memory of Sue Meinecke Melton
Eileen and John Childress in memory of D. E. Jackson, Gregory C. Jackson, Bitsy Langdon, L.B.T. Sikes
Ozona Women's League in memory of Maridel Dudley, Bettye Hoover, Katrina Pullen
Jim and Wanda Watts in memory of Lucille Barr, Howard Davee
Amos and Jean Owens in memory of Lucille Barr, Howard Davee
Mrs. L. A. McCaleb in memory of L.B.T. Sikes
Luetta and Oscar Kost in memory of L.B.T. Sikes, Carl Malone
Mary A. Ward in memory of Sandra Ray Smith
Georgia Kirby in memory of Midge McCrary
J. Cleo Thompson Employees in memory of R. J. "Bob" Spence of Odessa
Mr. and Mrs. James Dalby in memory of R. J. "Bob" Spence
Jane Black
Memorials Chairperson

You Can Rest Assured

By Linda Casey

Twisting the truth around to suit you could come back to trip you up someday.

Life would be much more pleasant if we all looked for the good points in others, instead of nit picking at their faults.

Don't sit around and wait for things to happen in your life. Get up and make them happen.

If you're blaming all your problems on everyone else, maybe you should check one more place to fix the trouble. Yourself.

For a woman, getting married means a life commitment of cleaning up after two instead of one.

Alpha Alpha Mu celebrates new members and Christmas

The Alpha Alpha Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Nov. 17, 1997, in the home of chapter president, Tonya Poindexter. The Ritual of Jewels ceremony was held by candlelight to induct new members into the sorority. New members are Shelly Childress, Melissa Morris, Sandi Screws, Suzanne Whitley, Debbi Gaskill, Donna Wiley and Sharon Middleton.

During the ceremony, Tonya Poindexter read a story about the rose, which is a symbol of Beta Sigma Phi. She toasted the new members and friendship.

The Executive Board then served dinner. In attendance were Tonya Bullard, Robin Byrne, Adrienne Cook, Dana Cowen, Shawna Hopper, Tonya Poindexter, Rhonda Shaw, Patricia Sutton, Sandi Screws, Suzanne Whitley, Donna Wiley and Debbi Gaskill.

The chapter also met Dec. 8, 1997, at the home of Jana Wilson for the Christmas party. Jana Wilson and Laurie Hale hosted the festivities and served smoked pork tenderloin, salad, rolls, green bean and corn casserole, sweet potato casserole and cranberry sauce. Cherry cheesecake and pecan bars were served for dessert.

After the wonderful meal, secret sisters were revealed and Christmas presents were exchanged. Each member brought a gift to be given to the "Toys for Tots" program.

Members in attendance were Robin Byrne, Tonya Poindexter, Tonya Bullard, Melissa Morris, Debbi Gaskill, Sandi Screws, Shelly Childress, Shawna Hopper, Suzanne Whitley, Jana Wilson, Prissy Cook, Donna Wiley, Laurie Hale, Adrienne Cook, Rhonda Shaw and Kristi Ellis. Rhonda Shaw reporting

Crockett County Museum News

By Charlotte Harrell

Santa arrived at the newly repainted and Christmas-decorated Emerald House Saturday to greet children, hear their Christmas wishes and to have their photos taken with him. A steady stream of children, their parents, and even a schnauzer paraded through the house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members of the Crockett County Historical, Scientific and Museum Society board hosted the event.

A special thanks goes to Bob Falkner and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, who arranged for our two Santas, David Alaman and Perry Hubbard. Jeannie and Gary Thompson from Cameras Two did a splendid job on the photography. The following people contributed and deserve special thanks for refreshments, decora-

tions and even plumbing services to make the event a success: Crystelle Childress, Geniece Childress, Beverly Evans, Marie Gerlach, Charlotte Harrell, Len Hillman (plumber) Mary Hillman (Mrs. Santa), Lucy Humphrey, Benny Gail Hunnicutt, Barbara Malone, Carol Richie and Mack Richie. Several members of the 4-H Club contributed cookies to receive credit for community service, thanks to Peggy Dickerson's appeal: Grant Hodges, Ty Porter, Megan Riddle and Ashlee Worley. This event was conceived as a fund-raiser for the museum as well as a community service to help parents who might not find it convenient to take children to far-away destinations for pictures with Santa. The Historical Society appreciates all the kind comments made on Saturday.

Ozona Community Calendar

Sponsored by The Ozona Chamber of Commerce

Dec. 18 - Commissioners' Court, 6 p.m. District Courtroom
Dec. 19 - Commissioners' Court, Noon, District Courtroom
Dec. 21 - Methodist Church Cantata, 11 a.m.
Dec. 21 - Christmas Tour of Homes, 2-5 p.m.
Dec. 21-22 - Live Nativity, Methodist Church, 6-8 p.m.
Jan. 16-18 - Texas Sheep Dog Trials Winter Olympics.
Jan. 8-10 - Crockett County Stock Show.

To add your event to The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551, or contact Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737

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Dec. 18 - Ross Crawford, Jason Montgomery
Dec. 19 - Vonda Flanagan, Jose Rodriguez, Chapo Rodriguez
Dec. 20 - C. O. Walker, Robert Wantland, Jessica Kay Galan
Dec. 21 - Tommie Flores, Robin Conner, Vivian Hughes, J. B. Parker, Hiram Carrizales, Rhonda Lee Borrego, Billie Jean Baggett, Dorothy Friend, Yvonne Fay
Dec. 22 - Catherine Coates, Janes Black, Juan Jose Flores, Yolanda Martinez, Brock Jones, Shelley Conner, Cyndie Jane Worley
Dec. 23 - Hilary Huffman

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Mrs. Matthew Harrison, née Julie Ann Childress
Mrs. Todd Jones, née Keesha Gillard
Mrs. Bobby Maness, née Paula Westmoreland
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Church

Flemings receive a gift of love

"This is the season for miraculous things to happen," says Rev. Dan Fleming, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. The Flemings, Dan and Debbie, were touched with a miracle recently, just when it was needed most.

While Dan was away on a church retreat two weekends ago, Debbie received word that a 1996 Ford Windstar LX was sitting at a dealership waiting for them to pick it up with no financial obligations attached. It was Monday, Dec. 8, before they could go get the van; both had to sign for it.

Along with the vehicle came a letter.

"Dan and Debbie:
"Please understand that this is a gift from the Lord - I am merely a

channel He has used to bless you. The only condition that goes with this van is to give all the glory to Him and to consider it, as all our possessions are, as belonging to Him. We are only stewards of the possessions He places in our care. Use it to serve Him, to bring Him glory, and enjoy it!!! Please respect my desire to remain unknown."

Brother Dan says "I do know exactly who gave it to me. His name is Jeohovah-jireh, The Lord provides."

The van was dedicated back to the Lord at the next church service. This blessing couldn't have come at a more appropriate time, Fleming said. "I had asked the Lord to give me a sign. I needed something to hold on to, and Monday, there it was. I was so

burned out I already had my resignation in the computer."

Pastors do get weary and burned out, too, just like regular folks.

"God really knows what he's doing. Everything comes in His time. The engine on our other car blew up Friday," said Fleming.

The grateful pastor and his wife say they are looking for wonderful things to happen in Ozona and at Calvary Baptist.



THE LORD PROVIDES, SAYS REV. DAN FLEMING of the new van he and wife Debbie received last week.

Live nativity at Methodist Church

The Methodist Youth Fellowship and Chancel Choir members will present a live nativity in front of the Methodist Church on Sunday and Monday, Dec. 21 and 22. The scene may be viewed from 6 to 8 p.m. on their respective nights. The public is cordially invited to come by and see the holiday scene.

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T & C Village Market has been selected as the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Member of the Week

Previously known as Thornton's Thriftway, the T & C Village Market was purchased by Town & Country Food Stores January 4, 1992.

T & C Village Market, which has the slogan "We Serve You Better" is located at 305 Ave. E in Ozona and is a full service supermarket, featuring a full line of groceries, dairy products, fresh produce and a fully staffed meat market. Other services offered by T & C Village Market include: money orders, Western Union, Texas Lottery, hunting and fishing licenses, ammunition and postage stamps. The store accepts Mastercard, Visa and Discover as well as the Lone Star Card and W.I.C. vouchers.

T & C Village Market's store manager is Johnny Acuff, who is ably assisted by assistant managers Bonnie Hohertz and Reuben Tambunga. Other department managers include Cruz Garza, meat market manager and Ofelia Harris, produce manager. The store has 30 employees.

Store hours for T & C Village Market are Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information on how you or your business can become a member of Ozona Chamber of Commerce, call 392-3737 & talk to executive director Shelly Childress.

Obituaries

Tuesday service for Mrs. Gutierrez

Soledad Gutierrez, age 98, of Ozona died Saturday, Dec. 13, 1997, at her residence.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gutierrez was born Dec. 18, 1898, in Zaragoza, Mexico. She was a member of the Catholic Church and had lived in Ozona for 41 years.

Survivors include: three daughters,

Armandina Maldonado and Eustolia Villarreal, both of Ozona, and Etelvina Villarreal of Baytown; four sons, Matias Gutierrez, Heriberto Gutierrez and Hector Gutierrez, all of Ozona, and Pedro Gutierrez of Baytown; one sister, Rosita Rodriguez of Houston; one brother, Conrado Garcia of Baytown; 29 grandchildren and 50 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Matt Gutierrez, Pete Maldonado, Hector Gutierrez Jr., Jose Luis Gutierrez, Ramon Maldonado and Alberto Gutierrez.

Methodist Church presents Sunday Christmas Cantata

The Ozona United Methodist Church will present its annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 21, during the 11 a.m. worship service. *Night of Wonder* written by Jay Althouse and Sally K. Albrecht is the title of the cantata which will be performed by the Chancel Choir. Narrators will be Johnny Childress and Carolyn Tennyson. Organist is Sara Hignight, and the choir is directed by Norman Carroll.

Filing for Silver Haired Legislature begins Jan. 1

The filing period for Texans 60 years of age and older who want to run for the Seventh Texas Silver Haired Legislature begins Jan. 1, 1998. Silver Haired legislators work with the Texas Legislature and state officials addressing issues that affect older Texans.

If you are a person 60 or older and a registered voter, you may file as a candidate for election to the TSHL during the period Jan. 1 through Feb. 27, 1998. Terms are for two years. TSHL members must pay all of their own expenses.

Filing forms may be obtained from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments located at 4850 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904, or by calling 915-944-9666 or 1-800-728-2592.

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:28

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A Star Shall Rise

BY DENNIS J. PRUTOW

Over three millennia ago, King Balak asked the prophet Balaam to curse Israel. However, when Balaam saw those people, he uttered this amazing prophecy: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; a star shall come forth from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel" (Numbers 24:17).

Amazingly enough, this prophecy is about Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself tells us He is the star. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star" (Revelation 22:16). The scepter also refers to Christ. God the Father testifies to this. "Of the Son He says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of Your kingdom'" (Hebrews 1:8). Balaam saw Christ from afar. He predicted His coming. Now Christ has come.

Now you are also told to pay attention to this prophecy "as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your heart" (2 Peter 1:19). When this happens, the prophecy becomes personal. This is what Christmas is about. It is the prophecy of Christ's coming. It is the story of prophecy fulfilled. It is the reality of Christ shining in human hearts. Is Christ shining in your heart?

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

LORDY, LORDY LOOK WHO'S 40!

From Debbie & the Boys

Happy 18th Birthday

to Robin on Dec. 21!

from Mother, Dad, & Tommy

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. James Carter Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cenisa St. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 526 Santa Rosa St. - Rev. Sergio Arrellano Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Tues. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Pastor Miguel Arjon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Lupe Domoniquez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs.: 6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Rev. Henry Laenen Sun Mass: 11:00 a.m. Sat.: 7:00 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida 601 Ave. I Pastor Francisco Rojas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. service: 7:00 p.m.	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
Harvest Time Christian Center 604 11th St. Rev. Mike Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed.: Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run. St. Manuel Suchil Sunday Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Wed.: Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.	Attend The Church Of Your Choice This Sunday

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Permain Basin Weekly Rig & Drilling Summary (Districts 7C, 8, 8A & New Mexico)

Weekly Rig Count

Dec. 12, 1997

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DIST. #7C	DIST. #8	DIST. #8A			
Coke	2	Andrews	3	Bailey	0
Concho	0	Brewster	0	Borden	1
Crockett	16	Crane	2	Cochran	2
Irion	1	Culberson	0	Cottle	0
Kimble	0	Ector	3	Crosby	0
McCullough	0	El Paso	0	Dawson	2
Menard	0	Glasscock	7	Dickens	0
Reagan	5	Howard	1	Floyd	0
Runnels	0	Hudspeth	0	Gaines	5
Schliecher	1	Jeff Davis	0	Garza	1
Sutton	2	Loving	2	Hale	0
Terrell	5	Martin	4	Hockley	2
Tom Green	0	Midland	19	Kent	1
Upton	4	Mitchell	0	King	1
		Pecos	5	Lamb	0
NEW MEXICO		Presidio	0	Lubbock	0
Chaves	0	Reeves	5	Lynn	0
Eddy	21	Sterling	1	Motley	0
Lea	31	Ward	6	Scurry	1
Roosevelt	0	Winkler	2	Terry	0
				Yoakum	3

Total rotary rig count (P.B.-Texas) this date: 167

Ozona, Big Lake exhibitors top winners in prospect show

The West Texas Prospect Show hosted Dec. 13 by Crockett County 4-H Club drew exhibitors from Reagan, Val Verde, Tom Green, Irion, Upton and Crockett counties. The 95 market lambs and 82 meat goats entered were judged by Preston Faris, County Extension Agent-Ag from Sutton County. Buckle winners were: Mason Wilkins, Ozona, champion finewool market lamb; Colby Schneemann, Big Lake, champion finewool cross market lamb; Lana Stewart, Ozona, champion meat goat; Colby Schneemann, Ozona, champion senior lamb showman; Clint Hale, Ozona, champions junior lamb showman; Justin Avery, Big Lake, champion senior goat showman; and Lana Stewart, Ozona, champion junior goat showman. Receiving plaques as reserve champions were: Whitney Schneemann, Big Lake, finewool market lamb; Bryan Skehan, Ozona, finewool cross market lamb; Jessica Herring, Ozona, meat goat; Trey Hale, Ozona, senior lamb showman; Corie Davidson, Big Lake, junior lamb showman; Jessica Herring, Ozona, senior goat showman; Zack Hofacket, Mertzon, junior goat showman.

Class results follow. Lt. Wt. Finewools - 1 Clint Hale, Ozona; 2 Clay Hale, Ozona; 3 Britany Edmiston, McCamey. Middle Lt. Wt. Finewools - 1 Whitney Schneemann, Big Lake; 2 Chase McPhaul, Big Lake; 3 Ross Parker, Big Lake. Hvy. Wt. Finewools - 1 Colby Schneemann, Big Lake; 2 Mason Wilkins, Ozona; 3 Ross Parker, Big Lake. Lt. Wt. Finewool Cross - 1 Mason Wilkins, Ozona; 2 Calen McPhaul, Big Lake; 3 Trey Hale, Ozona. Middle Wt. Finewool Cross - 1 Clint Hale, Ozona; 2 Colby Schneemann, Big Lake; 3 Whitney Schneemann, Big Lake. Hvy. Wt. Finewool Cross - 1

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Middle Lt. Wt. Meat Goats - 1 Jessica Herring, Ozona; 2 Jake Stewart, Ozona; 3 Brittany Edmiston, McCamey. Middle Hvy. Wt. Meat Goats - 1 Lana Stewart, Ozona; 2 Marie Pierce, Ozona; 3 Quay Oglesby, Ozona. Hvy. Wt. Meat Goats - 1 Lana Stewart, Ozona; 2 Quay Oglesby, Ozona; 3 Jessica Herring, Ozona.

Crockett County 4-Hers who participated were: Mason Wilkins, Jessica Herring, Jake and Lana Stewart, Marie and Laura Pierce, Quay Oglesby, Rachel Murr, Clint, Clay and Trey Hale, Allison and Bryan Skehan, Ashlee Worley, Dustin, Andrew and Jared Shaffer, Ty Allen, Cody Hunnicutt, Dean Wadsworth, Gage and Lyndsie Crawford, Chas Rutherford, Jenna Henderson, Jed Roane, Jessica Bragg, Christopher Ferrero, Stephen Humphrey, Colby and Brad Mayfield, Alexandra Bean and Peyton and Koby Fenton.

Report forms for the 1997 Census of Agriculture will soon begin appearing in the mailboxes of farmers and ranchers across the nation. For the 25th time since the first Ag Census in 1840, farmers and ranchers will play the key role in providing the country with a statistical picture of U.S. agriculture at county, state and national levels. The 1997 Census will provide a detailed picture of the changes in agriculture since the last Census, in 1992.

1997 Census of Agriculture ready to count

The focus of the current Census includes number of farms, farm size, operator characteristics, crop and livestock production, agricultural product sales, and production expenses of farmers and ranchers. Report forms will be mailed late in December to collect data for the 1997 calendar year. Farmers will be asked to return their forms by February 2, 1998. Census of Agriculture statistics make up the only national, state and local-level agricultural information database available. These statistics are used by many different organizations and individuals for a myriad of purposes, including: •Farm machinery manufacturers use Ag Census statistics to locate the industries where they are needed by using county and state statistics, resulting in economic benefit to farm operators. •Researchers and legislators can use county-level data to define problem areas and help farmers recover from outbreaks of disease and pests. •The agricultural community as a whole uses Census information for evaluating programs affecting agricultural production. •Farm organizations, Congress, and state and local governments use Ag Census Statistics to plan programs to help farm operators get the most for their investments. •Seed and fertilizer producers use Ag Census statistics to compare yields and other information to help operators do the most effective job. •Irrigation specialists, water resource developers, and irrigation equipment manufacturers use Ag Census information to formulate practical advice for farm operators. •State and national lawmakers can determine where to allocate funds that will benefit agricultural producers. •Farm broadcasters and agricultural editors can convey census results to their audiences, and use the data to help focus their stories on important areas of agriculture.

Many of the questions asked in the 1997 Census will be similar to those asked in 1992. Data will be collected from all farmers and ranchers on land use and ownership, crop acreage and quantities harvested, numbers of livestock and poultry, value of crops and livestock sold, and operator characteristics. New items include area and value of cut Christmas trees harvested. One of every four farms and ranches will receive a report form that includes additional questions on production expenses, fertilizer and chemicals, machinery and equipment, market value of land and buildings, and income from farm-related sources. All report forms are tailored by region to make them less burdensome to respondents. Anyone who receives a census form should complete and return it. Individuals who don't operate a farm or ranch could possibly receive census questionnaires. In this situation, recipients should return the form with a note stating that the person to whom it was addressed is not involved with a farm or ranch. The cost of conducting the census can be kept down if questionnaire recipients return their completed forms promptly, so additional mailings can be avoided. Farmers, farm organizations, agricultural universities, members of the Census Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, and state and federal agencies were asked for input and advice concerning the content and development of the report forms. Farmers and ranchers represent a major sector of the U. S. economy.

Junction Stockyards Report

Junction Stockyards sold 171 head of cattle Dec. 12. The market was very active on calves and yearlings. Steers sold steady and heifers were steady to \$3 higher. Packer cows and bulls and stocker cows were steady. Choice Lt. Steer Calves 90-1.05# 1.00# Choice Med. Steer Calves 85-88# 98.00# Choice Hvy. Steer Calves 78-90# 78.00# Choice Spring Lambs 93.00-98.00# Hvy. Lambs 85-91# Fat Ewes 45-53# Thin Ewes 37-43# Bucks 34-42# Choice Young Angoras 45.00-59.00# Med. Angoras 40-47# Angora Kids (choice) 68.00-76.50# (med.) 65-68# Weighing Angoras shorn (thin) 38.00-44.00# (fat) Mt. 45.00-54.00# Nannies 46.00-47.50# Big Fat Spanish Muttons and Billies 65.00-80.00# Fat Yearlings 73.00-90.00# Big Fat Spanish Nannies 53.00-59.00# Stocker Nannies 40.00-45.00 hd.; Nannies & Kids 28.00-32.00 hd.; 12 Boer Nanny Kid 100.00-250.00 Fat Kids 75.00-83.00# Small Kids 70.00-78.00# The Stockyards sold 6,057 head

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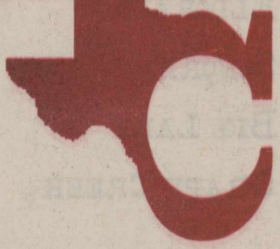
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, Shannon Estate "B" Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 11 miles Southeast of Iraan, in the Shannon (San Andres) Field, in Crockett County. The horizontal segment will extend 1541 feet in a 43° West of South direction. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1686 to 2234 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). 1c45

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Love,
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Dear Santa,
Do you know how Rudolph's nose glows and how do reindeer fly? Do you know if I am on the bad list or the good list? I want toy cars.

Your second grade friend,
Justin Maldonado

Dear Santa,
Hello, my name is Allisha. I am 7 years old. I am a good girl. I go to primary school. May I please have Twin Sisters Doll and bike too. Stay bundled up and don't catch cold. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Allisha Vargas

Dear Santa,
I wish all the needy had everything they want. Can I have a Gigapet? I think I heard you last year. I want to meet you in person.

Love,
Marianne Maskill

Dear Santa,
May I have a bike? We are going to the Care Center on Friday to sing carols. Are you OK Santa? My Mimi says that she heard you and your reindeer last year. May I have a doll, a tea set, and a nail painter? Pretty please.

Love,
Morgan Capps

Dear Santa,
My name is Vanessa. I am an 8 year old girl. May I have a gray kitten with a green collar? And I will leave a plate of cookies and milk.

Love,
Vanessa Tobar

Dear Santa,
We are going to the care center to give fruit away and sing Christmas carols. We are giving away stuff to the needy children for Christmas. Can you give me a purse for Christmas? And by the way, how is Rudolph?

Love,
Kyann Kothman

Dear Santa,
Please Santa Claus help the people in the Care Center and will you give me a bike for Christmas?

Love,
Eva Vasquez

Dear Santa, I am going to the Care Center next week and sing to the old people. I am going to Colorado for Christmas and see my grandpa and grandma. They are nice every time I go there. They give me something I want Giga Pet for Christmas.

Love,
James Dickinson

Dear Santa,
I want a Giga Pet, and a bat, a glove, a kitty, and a watergun. I want the people in the care center to get well.

Love,
Emmanuel Gonzales

Dear Santa,
My name is Jonathan Flores. I wish for a BB Gun, Gocart, a flash light, a new shirt, the movie "Men in Black", and a chocolate covered donut.

Your friend,
Jonathan Flores

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Does he still have a shiny nose? I wish it would snow this Christmas. Can I have a new Saga Saturn, and a microscope, and a pair of roller blades?

Your friend,
Carlos Ochoa

Dear Santa,
I want a gold car and I'd like to have a real rattle snake. My Mom wants a brand new dress. My sister wants a dress too. My little sister would like a Barbie Doll.

Love,
Westly Smith

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Can you give the town snow, please? Can you give me a cheerleading outfit, please?

Love,
Lori Villarreal

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? Are the Elves making a lot of toys? I wish it would snow.

Love,
Morgan Glosson

Dear Santa,
Hello, my name is Angelica. I am an 8 year old girl. I live in Ozona, Texas. May I please have a Beach Barbie. Would you please bring me clothes, too. Thank you and I will leave a plate of cookies for you on Christmas.

Love,
Angelica Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I've been very good. Really. My name is Joshua. How are you? I am a nine year old boy. I go to Ozona Primary School. I live in Ozona, Texas. May I please have a Spider Man toy? Stay bundled up and don't catch a cold. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Joshua Avila

Dear Santa,
I want swimming Ariel, a Walkman, radio, Ariel pillow, a Ariel doll, princess Ariel, a bike, a chalk board, chalk, skates, 5 dollars, Beauty and the Beast the Enchanted Christmas, but most of all I want Christie back. And I want clothes, books, trampoline. Please let me get a kitty, a puppy for Christmas. I hope it's the best Christmas ever.

Love,
Jessica Simmons

Dear Santa,
I want a Barby doll, a desk, and I want a bike, I want a little puppy, some toys, a computer, a typewriter, A Selen Collection. I want a fake Rudoff deer. Let me and my brother be tall on the Rudolff deer. A two story house and a play room.

Love,
Alexa Porras

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? So I'm doing just work, want a trampaling, car, basketball, sled, book, radio, phone, dog, gun, uno game, tree house, baseball, baseball bat.

Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me some new skates and a swimming pool and a baby dog, nintendo-64 and a typewriter and the Selen Collection and a E-Z baker and a rudoff deer that is soft and you can ride on it, but it is fake and it comes with batteries and a two story house and with a play room and a horse and a computer and the other thing that goes with it.

Love, Stephanie Rico

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and want a new computer and I want a puppy. I promise I will take care of it. I want a new stereo. How are things going on the North Pole? How are the Elfs doing? How are you doing. How is roodoff doing. Good I hope because he is your reindeer. I have been good since December started and it is almost Christmas and Thomas doesn't get Christmas.

Love,
Kasey

Dear Santa,
I want an Nintendo-64. I want a bike. I want a robot, I want a TV, I want a computer. I want toys. Hows your reindeer?

Love,
Ray

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car. I want a computer and a bee bee gun and some roller skates, and a bird and a bike and a rabbit and a puppy also 200\$ and a pool and a clubhouse and a swing set and a desk and a airplane and a stereo and a car and a bunk bed.

Love,
A.J.

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Veronica. I am a seven year old girl. I go to Ozona Primary School. I live in Ozona, Texas. May I please have a Giga pet. Stay bundled up and don't catch cold. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Veronica

Dear Santa,
On Christmas I want a bike for Christmas and I want a Nintendo 64 game and I want a 007 game for Christmas. And I want perment markers and I want a trampaling for Christmas. I want 300\$ for Christmas. I want a pet chimuk and I want a desk and I want a pet cat and I want a pet dog.

Love,
Mike

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? Have you been looking for some people that are playing? Can you bring me a Nintendo 64 for Christmas and for my sister. get her a bike and a doll house. Can you come to our house? Can you bring me a movie of Mortal Kombat and a game of Star Wars Game? Bring my sister a trampoline, for my dad a pair of boots and a car and a movie for my dad and, for me a Talking Tommy and a game for my sister and a Talking Tommy for my sister.

Love,
Jorge

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a trampoline. I want Nike clothes and football, a Hot Wheels, Oclly glasses, a pair of roller blades, a sedy player. How is Mrs. Claus, Rudolf and the other randires doing?

Love,
Rylea

Dear Santa,
I want a Barby tent, Barby bag, a dog, new skates, a new toy, new books, a dog house, a new game, a new bookself, Payday the game, a new swimming pool, a new swing set, but most of all how is Miss Claus and Rudolf?

Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a puppy, Giga Pet, marker board, Nintendo, lot of presents, eraser, my very one Vanity, new book, whistles and drums, book, computer, printer, movie of Mickl Jackson, marker, BeeBee gun, stuffed turkey, pair of roller skats, fish, Arthur doll, Arnold doll, Helga doll, bunny rabbit toy, erings, \$200 dollers, swimming pool, stereo, Mountain laguage, apple, desk, clubhouse.

Love,
Celia

Dear Santa,
I want a new ap, Saga CDS, NFL game day 98, Nintendo 64, socker ball, Emmitt Smith jersey, drawing desk, Nike shoes, bike, computer, football player.

Love,
Hector

Dear Santa,
I want a lamb, a pretty doodle bear, a wagon, two cats, 1 dog. I want snow to fall and a kitten, kid's Monopoly, school stuff to play with.

Love,
Libby

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas book and a video game and a Christmas video tape and a coat and Saga system and games and a chalk board and a video player and tapes and a candy cane and 5 dollers, a watch, most of all I want the best Christmas ever.

Love,
Aaron Pearl

Dear Santa,
How are the randeer and how is Rudolph? Santa, I want a trampoling and a 8 speed bike and markers and some new Christmas shorts.

Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart. I want people that don't have houses to find some. Santa can you give me a box of Cool Trucks?

Your friend,
Michael Quiroz

Dear Santa,
I want a my size Barbie, a computer, a wedding Barbie, Barbie disk, easy bake oven, the stuff that comes with it too. Lisa would like Rudolph with a glowing nose.

Love,
Sara

A CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU

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Thanks for a wonderful year!
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Dear Santa Claus
How is it in the north pole, Santa?
May I have these three things. First, I want the CD of the Backstreet boys. Second, I want a Game boy. Third, I would like a computer.
Your friend,
Rebecca Enriquez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing good. These are the things I want for Christmas. First I want a Nintendo 64. Second, I want a trampoline. Third, I want a giga pet.
Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa Claus,
How is it at the North Pole? Here are three things I would like for Christmas. First, I would like a trampoline. Second, I would like a basketball goal. Third, I would like 007 James Bond Nintendo 64 game. Last, I would like a watch like the watch I got last year.
Your friend,
Barrett Richie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I want all 12 Rugrats and a mini motorcycle. Also a cellular phone and my own

activated beeper. I want WCW VSNWO world tour and a trip to Disney world with my favret cousins, JL and Levi and Josh. Good bye Santa.
Your friend,
Alfredo Tobar

Dear Santa,
How is it at the north pole? for Christmas I want a computer. Second I want a book. Third I want a little stuffed animal. Tell your reindeer not to brake my roof.
Sincerely
Josh

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Dalmation or Santa or Snowman giga pet. Also a watch that has Santa in it that sing. I also want some clothes, a computer, and a big Teddy Bear. I love jewelry and would like a stereo. Also some color books. Also a binder. Also stereo and walkman. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Marivel Jimenez

Dear Santa,
How is it at the north Pole this is the stouf I want for Cristmas. First, I want a playstasion for Cristmas. Sec-

ond, I want game boy. third, and I want a wring of WCWV's NWO. fourth, I want a se-de player for Cristmas. And a puppy.
My best frend Santa.
Love oni Longoria

Dear Santa,
How is it up ther at the north pol. Hire is miy thengs i wont I wont a nano and a tetchrum ras car and a nito 64 and a game boy?
Your frend
Cody?

Dear Santa Claus
How are you and your wife? There are six things I would like. First, I would like a mountain Bike black and white. Second, stuffed brownpuppy that I saw at Beall's. Third, I would like to see my horse that I had and was sold. Fourth, a Cabbage Patch Doll that can swim. Also a Cabbage Patch Doll that I can brush her teeth. Last a NaNo puppy.
Merry Chrimas.
Love,
Rachel Byrne

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been and how is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I would like a computer if you can bring it and a biki and a Minny Mouse Doll Set Oh, and if you can bring the 111 Dalmation Escape from Deville Manor.
Hope you have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Danielle Cook

Dear Saint Nick, How are you doing? I'm fine. How are the reindeer? For Cristmas I want a minmotorcycle. Second, I want a cat. I have one, but I want a baby cat. One more thing I want is all the Rug Rats. Life is fun, but in the summer it is boaring.
Love,
Levi Vargas

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? And how are the Reindeer? Thank for the Saddle last year. This year I would like theses three things. First, I would like a ten speed bike. Second, I would like the music tape Fly. It is by the Suger Ray team. Third I would like a silk night gown and a robe. Merry Christmas Sana!
Love,
Sarah Hixon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a puppy for Cristmas, a seag game and some new shoes how is the wether. I wold like for sleigh oh and another. I am sorry for all the bad thigs I did.
Your frind
Josh

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you are not sick. I'll leave you some milk to drink. I'm so glad your here. I would love Christmas if you get me six things. They are a Nintendo 64 with 2 controllers, Mario 64 and Mario Cart 64. Also, Star fox 64 with Rumble Pack. I totally want you to get it or my heart will be broken! I believe in you!
Love,
Luis

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi How are you and Mrs. Claus? Fine I hope you are. These are the things I want for this year. I want a computer, roller blades, and a Nail

designer. Please get my two sisters, Daizy and Elisa, some clothes and toys. and also my cousins, Rebecca Lynn Mata, wants some clothes and toys. This is her first Christmas.
Thank you,
Amy Trujillo
P.S. We love you.

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Please bring me Nintendo 64.
Love,
Matthew Garza

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me a computer.
Love,
Deiree Galan

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Please bring me a computer.
Love,
Heather Thompson

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Plese bring me a train.
Love,
Fabian Onate

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me a go-cart.
Love,
Lasey Posey

Der Santa,
I have been so good this year! Plese a seesbr fa bobl.
Love,
Mandy

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me puppy.
Love,
Leah Petty

Dear Santa,
I love you. How is Rudolph. Can i pleses hav a Horse.
Love,
Whitney

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? I wood like a new pare of shoes.
Love,
Seth

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? Rugas setup
Love,
Bethany

Dear Santa,
How are you. Haf you Bin Working/
Fis you Haf a Rudolph.
Love you,
Cheyenne Coy

Dear Santa,
How are you? Merry Christmas Rudoolph!
I Have Ben good.
Love,
Nathan

Dear Santa,
Rudolph red pes Gim pue sre habad scibrd cedr rolbes.
How are you?
Luv,
James Caldera

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo for Christmas and a Nintendo 64 and a bike. I also want a pair of Nike shoes for Christmas. I want some Nike clothes and a B.B. gun and a 22 magnum for Christmas.
Love,
Justin Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
I have been good. If it isn't too much trouble, I would like a wishing star to wish on. Oh, and Merry Christmas!
Love,
Brennan McFarlane

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, some Nike clothes and Nike shoes. I would also like a swimming pool and roller blades. Please bring me a dog, some windsuits and a Tyco Rebound.
Love,
Rocky Munoz

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas I would like a puppy and also I would like a necklace with my name on it.
Love,
Park Preddy

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am a 7 year old girl. I go to Ozona Primary School. I live in Ozona, Texas. May I please have a Gigapet? Would you please bring me a computer and clothes? Thank you and I will leave a plate of cookies for you on Christmas.
Your friend,
Victoria Treto

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Heidi. I am a 7 year old girl. I go to Ozona Primary school. Would you please bring me a computer. Thank you and I will leave a plate of cookies for you on Christmas.
Your friend,
Heidi

Dear Santa,
I want a dog. I want a horse. I want a cat. I want a cow. I want a purse. I want a hat. I want a doll.
Love,
Wendy

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Game Boy, a Nintendo 64, and a water gun.
Love,
Ely Silva

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like a flower tea set and a spy kit, a teddy bear and a Raggedy Ann doll.
Love,
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Nintendo 64, a swimming pool, a cat, a hat and a dog.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
I want a Tyco Rebound Daytona 500 some Nike shoes and Nike clothes. I also want some Hot Wheels cars. I want some rollerblades, too.
Love,
Mark Tambunga

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! a go-cart en a Nintendo 64.
Love,
Rocky Ray

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! please bring me basketball club.
Love,
Lucio

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year. Please ar Pelkershot
Love,
Joshua Tebbetts

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me dog.
Love,
George

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Plea bring me a doll.
Love,
April

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me bike.
Love,
Matias

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me a computer.
Love,
Victoria

Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! Please bring me a hopp hop.
Love,
Ashley Daniel

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves. Please bring me a tickosrer, minibrak muve for Christmas.
Your friend,
Josh

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a game boy pockit for Christmas.
Your friend,
Freddy

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me sumring for Christmas.
Your friend,
Wilson

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a BLsB for Christmas.
Your friend,
Benny

Dear Santa,
I hav bin gud. Ma I hav Sumtingen? You cud pick u toys. the Bear Lucpon.
Love,
Ben

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? Leetlidl Setee for Merry Christmas.
Rudolph.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? I wood like a Santa dol.
Love,
Rebecca Byrne

Dear Santa,
How are you? Hi Rudolph. I wod like inee toys.
Love,
T.M.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How are you? I wood lice a scatbord and a wid yo game.
Love,
Preston

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? Love,
Devon

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? I wood like a doll has and a three tawy bears.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Cristina

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? I wood like a tran.
Love,
Eduardo

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves busy? Has is Rudolph.
Love,
Chelsey

Glitter, Glow, Gifts And Snow.



Our best to you and those you know!

The Cactus Patch

May Your Christmas Dreams Come True

You deserve all the best, this holiday season and beyond. Thanks so much for making our dreams come true, this past year!


Happy Hollow



Happy Holidays

Bright holiday wishes from our staff

Ozona Wool & Mohair



Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a pair of rollerblades and a bike. I also want a Nintendo sixtyfour and a stereo.
Love,
Gary Bartley

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a remote control truck, a new bike and a Tax watch, a Hot Wheels set, a new B.B. gun and some Hot Wheels cars.
Love,
Ramon

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas, a Giga Pet, a computer, a trampoline, a T.V. with a VCR, some roller blades, a stereo, a pool, a black dog and a doll.
Love, Anna

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. and a video game. I want a Volcano Blowout.
Love,
Matt

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a purse and a movie. Also I want a dog and a bike, a teddy bear and a skirt. Also I want a crown. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Abbey

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good boy all year long. Here is the list of toys I would like to have for Christmas. 1. The Lost World Jurassic Park movie. 2. Remote control dinosaur van. 3. Rugrats the Santa Experience movie. 4. Super Nintendo tapes Speedy Gonzales, Top Gear, Taz-mania, Aladdin.
Love,
Anthony Villarreal

Dear Santa,
Please bring dollhouse and stove and magic stroller, for my brother big bike and for my baby sister musical chair.
Thank you,
Jazveth Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Monica Fernandez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Casey Cartwheel Doll, Roller Skating Doll or a Barbie Jeep. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Tara Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a bat of the movie Anastasia, and I want some kitchen stuff, barbie clothes, and a computer, and a Barbie My Size, and a castle a big one, and a puzzle that's a fish. A tape that's toy story, and new shoes, and kitchen stuff, a barbie van; and book flubber and toy flubber. A flubber tape, flubber the music, and a radio for flubber the tape and no more flubber. And just one more thing, Scream #2 the movie. More barbies.
Love,
Sofie Fierro Matthews

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie tape, a convertible car that is purple and gold and a talking Barbie, crawling baby, mermaid barbie.
Thank you,
Jolissa Payne
P.S. Mima will bake chocolate chip cookies and make chocolate milk

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year I would like a bike for Christmas I need one with training wheels so don't wreck and get roadrash.
I also want a swimming Arie mermaid doll to play with in the bath tub.

My bubba wants a new picku truck to drive and my sister wants computer. They haven't been as goo as me, but that's okay.
Thank you,
Blair Chandler

Dear Santa,
Santa, te escriou esta carta. par salvaulte y des puese este cortos ludote-dia lo sieuiente en mi case Solmas cinco mi papa. mi mama - mis dos hermanas yo quiero que mi traiga una bicicleta y mis hermana quieren una bicicleta y la otra est: chiquita ella no sabe todabia es tod: Santa.
Diana Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and another kind of Nintendo - it's called Nintendo 64. And I guess I want a computer. that's all.
Love,
Jordan Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like 2 regular Nintendos and a Ninteondo 64. And one of those jeeps that you ride like Joe Patrick's.
From Jay Villarreal

Dear Santa,
How are you this year. Well for me I'm doing fine. I would like for Christmas some new clothes and a hockey table and for everybody to be nice with each other.
Love,
Angelic Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
My name is Alonzo Quiroz Jr. I want a pony that's real. I want a puppy that's real and a Scubba's.
I love you, Santa.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. May I please have a T-Rex, a Hammer Head, a TeRadactal and a Remote Contorl Car with a Spitter dinosaur on the back.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thanks,
Corey Kelley

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I want a baby doll. I want a Selena barbie and a puppy.
Vanessa Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rapunzal Doll, a Walking Barbie, a Lickity Treat Doll and a Talking Tommy.
Alex Macias
The end.

Dear Santa,
I want a Magna Doodle School bus, a Tweety Shirt and Four m family game.
Love you!
Shelbie Fierro

Dear Santa,
Zach wants Cool Tools motorcycle and fire truck, Hot Wheels race-track and racecars, Rugrat Tommy doll, big white teddy bear, Remote control car, Star War figures, Digital pet, Laser Challenger team force set, baseball cards, football cards, army figurines/vehicle toys, Jurassic Park dinosaurs/figurines/vehicles, comic book, books, crayons, markers, Phonic books, activities books, coloring book, watercolor paint, Junior Compidee Plus, play money for counting and money safe.
Zach's favorite wish is for it to snow on Christmas!
Love,
Zachary Leach-Aawyk

Dear Santa,
I want a kitten like Max. I also want a Baby Tumble Surprise and a new Barbie Jeep. I really need a saddle for my horses Mary Legs and Smooth. I would also like just a Santa toy, you pick it out. The last thing I need is a smaller basketball goal.
Love,
Jayci Miler
P.S. What kind of bit do you use on Prancer to make him prance. Try a snaffle bit!!

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Jeep and Rings for my fingers. Also a computer and games. I want a Pocahontas ring and a Pocahontas comforter.
Love,
Brandi Glosson

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Bubba.
Love,
Briley Bannert

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a train and a little pony.
Thanks
Love,
Luis Angeles

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nintendo.
Love,
Caludio Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Crashback car, Hot Wheel Run and bunk beds. Please bring my sister Chrissy a telephone and her own phone line and me one to.
K.C. Carson

Dear Santa,
I want Beanie Babies for Christmas. I would also like some new clothes, a Barbie with a dress, and a new N64 game. I will leave you some candy by my stocking.
Love,
Taylor Thompson

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a skateboard and roller skates. I want Dad to get a motorcycle.
Love,
Jonathan Bartley


Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a bike, a ball and a dinner set, I also want a bike for my older sister, a play house for my little sister, a new suit for my dad and a necklace for my mom.
Love,
Vanessa Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen center, clothes, farm set and a car set with a garage.
Love,
Matthew Longoria

Dear Santa,
My Name is Aaron and I want a soccer bopper, bouncy ball, a computer and a skate board.
Love,
Aaron Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car and Gator Golf. I also want a ball.
Love,
Lauren Najar

Dear Santa,
I want a computer game and Soccer Poppers, and a big doll, and a little doll. I would also like a real puppy.
Love,
Ariana Huerta



A Sack Full Of Wishes

Have a happy holiday season.

Preddy's Chevron



TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS

WE'RE PLEASED AND PROUD TO SERVE FINE FOLK LIKE YOU AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT. WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS AND EVERY HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD. NOEL!

**Leo Cervantez
Texaco**



'Tis The Season



May your holidays be full of happy surprises!

**Dana's
Homemade
Bread & Stuff**

Not A Creature Was Stirring...



Everyone agrees, we can't open our presents 'til we wish you a very happy holiday season!

**Komechak
Kritter
Sitter
Service**



Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Thank you for your business during the past year and in the year to come!

**Komechak
Well
Service**



Rejoice In The Splendor Of His Many Creations

From the tiniest field mouse to the mightiest whale, every single living creature is a reflection of God's love and reminds us to give our thanks for the many fine gifts He has put on this earth.

Merry Christmas!

**Circle Bar Cable T.V.
and
Circle Bar Motel and R.V. Park**

Hope Your Holidays Are
Bright
West Texas
Utilites

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a motorcycle, a T.V. with a VCR, a dog and a cat, a Talk to Me Barbie, a My Newborn Diaper Surprise, a Baby Swiggles and Giggles, a Rapunzel Barbie.
Love,
Sarah Hernandez

Dear Santa,
My class has been very good this year. They have been working very hard. Please bring them something wonderful.
Love,
Mrs. Reavis

Dear Santa,
I want a toy and a Christmas tree for Mama and Daddy and Grandma. And I want a Barbie with a man and a crown and hair.
Love,
Cynthia

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarai and I want a Barbie doll, a bouncy ball and a magic stroller baby.
Love,
Saria Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie van and a watch for Christmas. But what I really want is for my Dad to be home for Christmas.
Love,
Clarissa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Fire truck, a Football, a Toy box, a new bed and a Rugrats Christmas movie, a soccer ball and a train, new close, a bike and a water gun, sunglasses and a present for my Teacher.
Love,
Jose Aguilar

Dear Santa,
My name is Mark Anthony. I am always a good boy. For Christmas I want a B.B. gun.
Love,
Mark Anthony

Dear Santa,
I love you and my family very much. I want a bicycle, mega blocks and a doll.
Thank you.
Love,
Johnna Lombrana

Dear Santa,
I want a Nike jacket, Nike cap and barbie doll.
Thank you.
Love,
Tamara Fay

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a batman car, a Bubba Bear, and batman and Robin. And please bring my little brother some toys.
Love,
Dakota Cox
P.S. Milk and Cookies will be by the tree.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy motorcycle and some skates. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I love you.
Love,
Kyle

Dear Santa,
Lo que quiero para Christmas es un jeep y nintendo 64. Para mi hermanita un osito de peluche. Es todo por este año.
Love,
Jose Carlos Lozano Jr.

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a barbie car and a bike and a baby doll. Thank you, Santa. I love you. I'm leaving you milk and cookies by my bed.
Love,
Lindsey Townsend

Dear Santa,
Hi! Christmas Eve is coming soon! I been a good girl this year. Santa, I want a Barbie Dolly, Play house and Bike. Also, don't forget to get my grandfather (Wello) a bag of socks and T-shirts.
Love,
Irene

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How do you deliver all the gifts in one night? How many elves do you have? I been pretty good this year. Please bring me: roller blades, Dancing Barbe doll, computer and a Giga pet.
Love,
Jennifer Cantu

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? How do you fly? How is Mrs. Claus? I've been pette good.
Please bring me crash-back dodge-viper, Michael-Machine town.
Love,
Parrish Aiguier

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephanie. I love you. Please bring me a doll with clothes. I also want a bicycle. Thank you.
Stephanie Lombrano

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want toys for me and my brother. They are little.
Thank you, Santa.
Jesse Badillo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a puppy and a video game. Thank you. Oh, yea, and a computer.
Love,
Matthew John Fay

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little girl and I would like you to bring me a Barbie House, three Barbies and a bicycle and that's all.
I love you, Santa. I hope that you could come!!!
Love,
Alejandra Cruz

Dear Santa,
Jimmy wants a guitar and some clothes and also some bows and arrows.
Thank you, Santa.
Jimmy Longoria

Dear Santa,
I want - Gig-Pet also a Dallas Cowboys jacket, robot from turboman, men in black video.
Love,
Gus

Dear Santa,
I want the school stuff and office stuff from the toy magazine. I also want the cars from Charles Preddy Chevron Station. My whole family have been good. Trooper, Whitesocks, Tiger, Fluffball and Two Tone have been good, too, so please give them a present. See you soon.
Love,
Lane Albert White

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and Barbie doll house. I want the princess Barbie. I hope you get it pretty. And I won't mess it up like I did the others. I will be here and this is my first time being in this school. I'm making 100's. My birthday is after Christmas. I hope you visit. I'll be turning to 6.
Signed
Lillishia Walker

Dear Santa,
I want these things please, puppy, Nintendo 64, bike, pedal cart and a bike for my brother Brett.
Thank you,
Dyan

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll with a doll-house. I would also like a Barbie car, rocking horse and some new clothes.
Kayla

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me a rescue turbobord, a Dallas Cowboy uniform, a giga pet puppy, a basketball uniform, Rugrat Tommy that talks, Mr. Potato Head, turbo Power Rangers and computer games. I also want some shelves for my room and a white Ranger on a cycle. I want a striped tie for my Dad, a Mickey Mouse purse for my sister.
Hello to all your reindeer!
Love,
Taylor Newton

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer, doll Barbie house and a hat.
Thank you.
Samantha Lara

Dear Santa,
I would like a monster truck, a go-cart, a motorcycle, goose bumps games, clock, race car and a turbo toy.
Kurtlan Reyes

Dear Santa,
Hi. All I want for Christmas is a Supernail Creation.
Adrianna Tijerina

Dear Santa,
I have been a good, good girl. I want a horse and some toys.
Love,
Katie Villarreal

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
Our thanks and best wishes go out to everyone in the community during the holiday season.
Mike's Auto Parts



BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON
When a blanket of snow embraces the land, The beauty we see is the work of God's hand. Each snowflake unique in its own special way. Reminds us that soon it will be Christmas day. So give thanks to the Lord for the birth of the Savior. May you always enjoy both His love and good favor.
Fenton's Water Transport

Christmas Thanks
We wish you the best this season and throughout the year.
Ozona Chamber of Commerce

Merry Christmas!
We've gathered round to thank you for your valued patronage. Have a joyous holiday season!
Crockett County Water Control & I.D. #1 Board of Directors & Employees

Froliche Winachten und ein Gluckliches Neues Jahr
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
The Jamie Knox Family

Christ Is Born!
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11
Our Christmas greetings to you and yours.
Honey's Impressions



Dear Santa,
I want Talking Bubba, the game Hi Ho Cherrio. I would also like the movie George of the Jungle. I also want a motorcycle.
Love,
Joe Patrick

Dear Santa,
I been good girl. I want a Barbie car for Christmas and a barbie doll, a Mickey Mouse bed.
Love,
Alma Elizondo

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl for Christmas. I want a Barbie and a Barbie car. There will be some cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Meiron

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck and a police car and a fire truck.
Love,
Eduardo

Dear Santa,
Primera mente le doy gracias a Dios por haberme permitido uste año mas de vida estoy Feliz por que este año lo pase muy bien y yo se que me quieres mucho eso as me mayor Felicidad y si en esa día de regalo no tienes dinero no te pongas triste lo que si le pido a Dios es que me siga dando vida y salud y tambien lo que te pido es que me sigas queriendo como me quieres esa es me mayo Alegria, Santa.
Sergio

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a barbie, barbie car, balls and a puppy so I could play with. Since I have been a nice girl all this year.
Love,
Sylvia Uñate

Dear Santa,
I want a truck (red). And a new car - car. Merry Christmas to you and Rudolph.
Love,
Duncan Knox

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me a go cart and a horse for Christmas.
Your friend,
Jackie Pollard

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me a giga for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kendra Pratt

Dear Santa,
I want a real puppy, a spotted one. I also want a big doll, and a Christmas tree for my mommy.
Love,
Karina Quiroz

Dear Santa,
How are you and Roudough? Is it ever going to be summer there? I am okay, but am I on the good list or bad list?

Please stop wars and fighting for fun. Let's have no more killing in the world. Please cure the sick people.

I want big trucks and cars, pocket size Game Boy and games. I want six eighteen wheelers and trailers, 3 big, 3 small. I want super Van City with cars. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Chance LeCroy
P.S. I want Tonka dump truck trucks

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am 9 years old and my name is Catlin Sessom. I have a brother and a sister. Their names are Kenny and Diree. Can you stop wars and help sick people please? I only want two gifts, WeWVSNWD: World Tour and a remote car.
Love your firend,
Catlin Sessom.
P.S. I'll leave a snack for you.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I was wondering why your reindeer never eat my sister's reindeer hay she puts out for them? Santa could you help make this world better by letting everybody win all the time when they wished, so no one would be sad then. Oh, by the way Santa, this is what I want for Christmas. The first thing I would like this Christmas is a Samantha doll and one accessories please. The next thing I would like is a new pair of overalls and the hat that comes with it. The third thing I would like, please, is a new pair of shoes. The fourth thing I would like to have is a new red go-cart, please. The last thing I would like for Christmas is a Nail Designer. I hope you will read this letter.
Love,
Kaleigh Wiley

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me a lux snowtrooper for Christmas.
Your friend Danny

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me a cat for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kara B.

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please your for me Christmas.
Your friend,
Jordan

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me a 1970 Cornet Super-bee for Christmas.
Your friend,
Ethan

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elvs? Please bring me a rotublaing Girl that rotublaing bi itself for Christmas.
Your friend,
Kelsie

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me the plusou the bol for Christmas.
Your friend,
Victoria

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me toystore for Christmas.
Your friend,
George

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please gring me a wocetoce for Christmas.
Your friend,
Ruby

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me dog Love for Christmas.
Your friend,
Stacy

**Time Out To Pause And Say,
"Have A Merry Holiday!"**

Lone Star Video

**All The Best
To You!**

Hope you have a joy-filled season with friends and family. We appreciate your support!

DAYSTOP

JOY

to you and your family this holiday season.

The Footnote

WARM HOLIDAY WISHES

May your stockings be stuffed with everything you've wished for and more.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in 1997 and look forward to doing so next year.

Ozona's Dry Clean



With tidings of comfort and joy, we extend our heartfelt wishes to all.

May your holiday season be filled with happiness and good cheer.

Take time to consider your blessings and remember those less fortunate.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

All Ozona banking facilities will close at noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, for the Christmas holiday. Regular banking hours will resume on Friday, December 26.

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Ozona, TX 76943
915/392-3745

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San Angelo, TX 76903
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NOEL

When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop

Happy Holidays

Extending our wishes for the happiest of holidays and warm thanks to our customers.

Kwik Mart, Inc.

Seasonings Greetings



Our special of the day is to wish you a very special holiday season. Hope you enjoy being at our place, as much as we enjoy serving you!

Bryan's Poco Taco

God Bless You!

Deck The Halls!



May the beauty of the season surround you, and may your holiday contain all the trimmings of love, health, wealth and success. Merry Christmas and many thanks for making our year sparkle.

Your friends at Crockett Co. Abstract

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
How are yall doing. I'm doing fine except one problem, my sister gets me in trouble for no reason.

For the world, I wish no cancer or diseases, no more drugs and no more killing. I wish for no more lives torn apart. I wish everybody would be happy and everybody would have a friend. I wish no more wars, no more poisonous candy, and no poor kids.

What I want for Christmas is a huge stuffed Tweety Bird, a sled, a horse, a Monk, and a Giga Pet.

Love,
Melissa Morris

Dear Santa,
How are you? Me, I'm fine. Where's your reindeer? Rudolf's nose is red because it is so cold up there. I bet you need five blankets to keep warm. I wonder why the other reindeer noses are not red?

Santa, I don't want any more pollution. If you ignore this letter people will die. Santa I want to free slavery so people can celebrate the holidays together.

Santa one more thing before you leave. I want a six wheel car-remote control. Second, I want some shoes. Third, I want some clothes. Fourth, I want a TV, please. If you don't fit in my chimney, leave it at the door.

Love,
Stevie Vargas

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus OK? Are the elves helping you? I can't wait until Christmas.

Santa, I want no more drugs and most of all no more sick people, but if it doesn't come true, it's OK.

Santa, I want a Viper game with the play station. The second thing is a Mustang GT car. The last thing is a Game Boy Pocket.

Love,
Jacob Moran

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves? Santa, stop wars and fights. Next, I want a race car and a new gun. With babes. I want some action figures. Then a Nerf Gun and more Gigi Pets. Next I want a bike and new shoes. Then I want a Tonka truck. Next I want a big computer. That is all I want for this Christmas.

Love,
John Tom Tijerinia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I hope you are fine too, and your elves are fine. Santa could you make our world nicer? Santa could you make people get rid of drugs! I want a Giga Pet for Christmas and I also want a computer for Christmas. I also want some glitter pens. Thank you.

Love,
Yuri Rios

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine. I hope you give our world no more wars, and no more lies, and no more drugs, and no more bad words. That is all I want you to give our world. The first thing I want for Christmas is a bike. The second thing I want is a Barbe Jeep. The third thing I want is a baby doll. That is all I want to get from you. Thank you Santa Claus.

Love, your friend,
Blanca Garza

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a go cart for Christmas.

Your friend,
Jesse Ramos

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a race car for Christmas.

Your friend,
Bionicio

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a giga pet for Christmas.

Your friend is Iris

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a Ninja for Christmas. Rolundo your friend

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me A merisun doll for Christmas.

Your friend,
Keelin

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a wadbed. UR fren is Jimmy

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Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves? Please bring me a gigpet for Christmas.

Your friend,
Alysha

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I miss you. I don't have a chimney. Why won't you come open our door. What I want for the world is peace and no more lies. What I want for Christmas is a real ring and a necklas and a bracelet and I want a little bike for my sister. Dear Santa, I hope I have fun at my cousin's house. I want to visit all my cousins because I love them. Sometimes. I want another Giga Pet. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Margie Arrellano

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is it cold at the North Pole? I bet it is freezing. Do you have me on the good list or bad list? Will you give the parents what they want for Christmas? Will you give the children what they want, like a computer and an 8 feet trampoline and an 8 feet pool and for the little little babies may they have a little Jeep?

Love,
Jasmine Lara

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope fine. Santa do you remember me? I sat on your knee when I was five, but now I am ten. Santa how old are you? Santa say hi for me to Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. Santa this is what I want for the world. Santa please help to stop wars and fights. Santa please help stop pollution, and love to never end. Santa this is what I want for me. I want a bike. I want shoes. I want a computer. I want a trampoline, and Santa the last thing I want is rollerblades.

Your freind,
Crystal Rivero

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? I hope you don't get sick.

This is what I want for the world. No more child labor and no more wars.

By the way, I want a doll and a Giga Pet.

Love,
Farran Wilson

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Diana Hernandez. How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she okay? Is Rudoph's nose still red and is he okay? How are the reindeers? Are they okay?

Here are somethings I want for the world, my friends, and family. I want friendship for everybody! I want love for everyone. Then I want everyone to be healthy!

Here are the things I want. Santa, I want a Talk With Me Barbe. Santa, I want a new angel for my collection. Santa, I want a computer game for my computer.

Thank you Santa,
Diana Hernandez
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves? I wish no more wars and please no more killing. I want no more drugs in the world. I wish no more cancer. I want no heart attacks in the world. Santa can you please bring me something. I want a basketball, and pair of skates, some slippers, and a doll.

Love, your friend,
Patty Ortiz

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I am fine. How are the deers? Is it true it is snowing up there? I would like peace and no cancer. I hope there's no more pollution and no drugs. I would like a bike, a computer and a metal maker. Would you bring me a Nail Designer? I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,
Leandra Benson
P.S. Thank you.

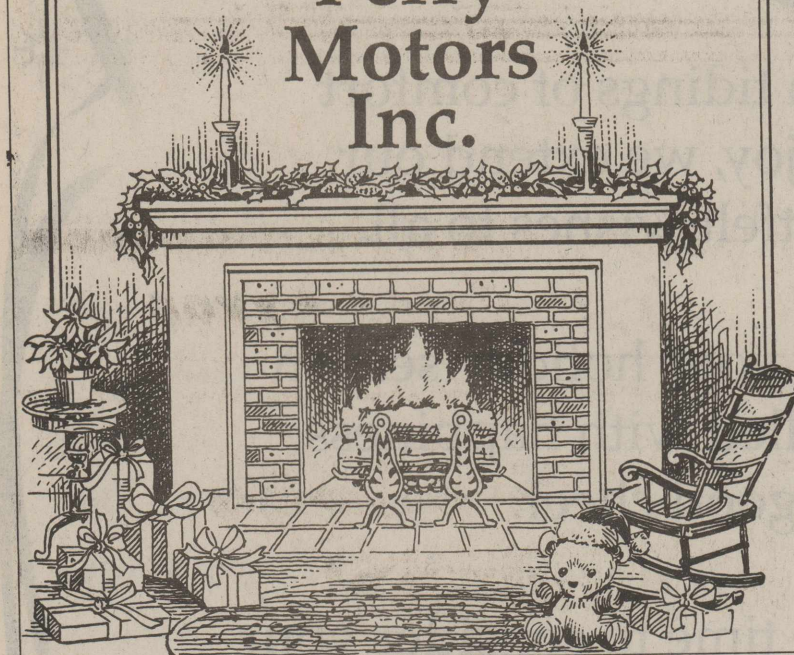
Dear Santa,
How are you I hope you're not sick and tired. If you're feelin fine then good for you. How is work for you? Is it doing great and very jolly. I would like for you to bring no more slavery and no more fights. Bring no more torn apart lives and no more wars. I would like some Banjo Minnows, Power Zone Hockey, nine Gamboy games, 5 Superness games, a trampoline, a four foot pool, computer, bike, banjo minnow rubberband, banjo minnow rattler and weight, a left ahnd fishing rod and an electric guitar. Thank you.

Love,
Roman Tambunga

Home For The Holidays

May all the blessings of the season visit yours this Christmas. Merry Christmas and many thanks.

Perry Motors Inc.




Season's Greetings

Here's hoping that your holiday brings loads of contentment and many good things. Thank you for your valued support.

Wool Growers Central Storage

Warm Wishes For Chilly Days

As the days become colder, may the spirit of the holidays fill your heart with joy and warmth.



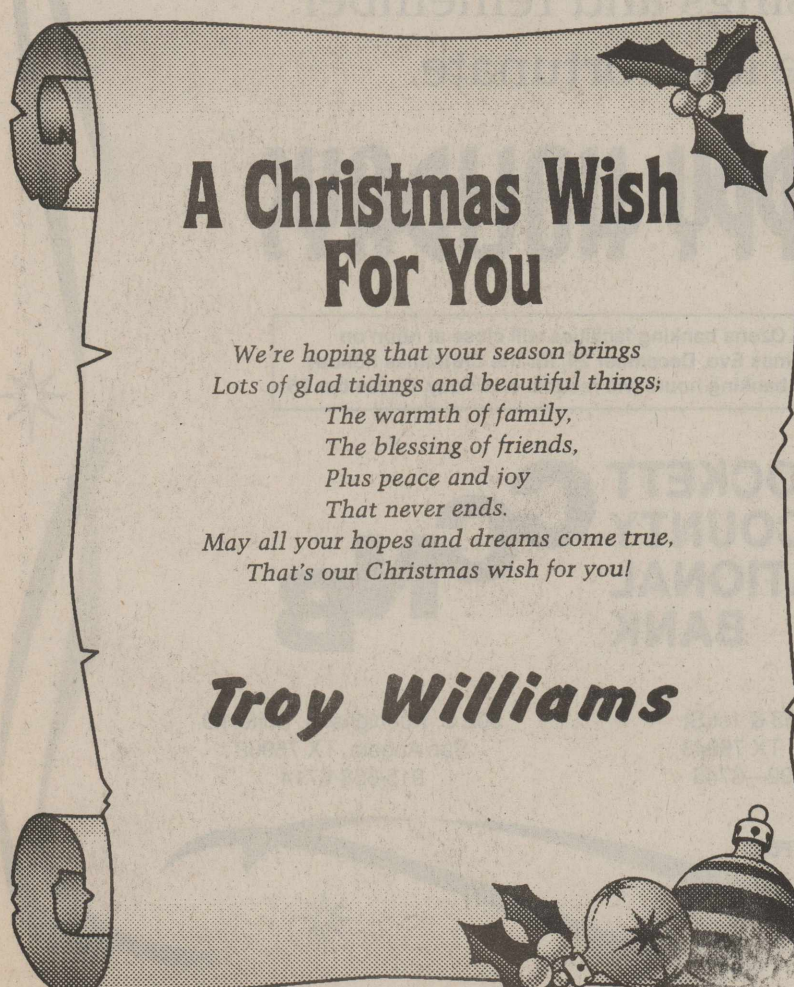
THE ICE HOUSE

P'Nut & Donna Sanders

A Christmas Wish For You

We're hoping that your season brings
Lots of glad tidings and beautiful things;
The warmth of family,
The blessing of friends,
Plus peace and joy
That never ends.
May all your hopes and dreams come true,
That's our Christmas wish for you!

Troy Williams



MERRY CHRISTMAS



... And thank you for a wonderful year!

Village Drug

SING WE ALL NOEL!



In the spirit of Christmas, we'd like to offer a chorus of thanks and good wishes to our kind friends and neighbors.



Dear Santa,
How do you go around the world in one night? What kind of cookies do you like? I'll leave you some.
How do you get so much money to buy so much toys? I been pretty good this year. Please bring me: 1. a cocker spaniel puppy that is a girl. 2. and go cart, a horse for the rodeo and 3. a seedy plaer.
Love,
Julia Henderson

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer to? I have been very good this year. Please bring me: 1. c.d. player, 2. Selena c.d., 3. Free Willy 3, 4. Giga Pet, 5. Angle Barbie or 6. dentist Barbie.
Love,
Brooke Kelly

Dear Santa,
How do you fly. Who make presents. How is your wife? Pleas bring me: 1. crash-back, 2. tico rebound, 3. go-kart, 4. puppy, 5. boat, 6. toy truck, 7. airplane.
Love,
Joshua Mey

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? How do you give all those toys in one night? Do your raindeers get tired?
I have been pretty good this year. Please bring me: 1. a giga pet, 2. the movie casper, 3. a Christmas coloring book, 4. markers for a marker board.
Your friend,
Puja Bhakta

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? What kind of cookies do you like? Is it cold at the North Pole? I've been pretty good.
Please bring me: 1. Prowler remote Prowler, 2. Newverses NWO, 3. gameboy, 4. remote corvet, 5. remote robot.
Your friend (Love)
Ruben Reyes

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver all the gifts in one night? How many elves do you have? What kind of cookies do you like? Is it cold at the North Pole? I have been very good this year.
1. truck with boat, 2. Rugrat video game, 3. go-cart, 4. dirtbike.
Your friend,
Abel Villarral

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? What kind of kooies do you lik? been preatty good this year. Please bring me: A game boy, crashback, michael-machine town, truck with about, go-cart, jersey-any color, intendo 64, robot, WCW verses, NWO game, dirt bike and a motorcycle.
Love,
Luis Perez

Dear Santa,
How do you deliver all the gifts in one night? What kind of cookies do you like? I'll leave you some. How do you go around the world in one night? I've been pretty good this year. Pleas bring me: intendo 64, sony playstation, Giga pet, dirt bike, go-cart. Air Jordans, robot, Michael-machine town, smash-back, Men in black, dodg viper, 4 wheeler, 3 wheeler, C.d. player.
Love,
Josh Smith

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I wish I could see him. Is it cold at the North Pole?
I've been pretty good this year. Please bring me: 1. Niki Shoes, giga pet, 2. jersey-any color, sega-Satum, 3. Clothes, puppy, 4. Sony play station C.D. player, 5. intendo 64, movie-men in black, 6. Gameboys.
Your friend,
Gilbert Gomez

Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? I'll leave you some. How do you deliver all the gifts in one night? I've been pretty good this eyar. Please bring me: 1. rollar skates giga pet, 2 Air Jordan Selena C.D., 3. I'am a Barbe doll tape.
Your friend,
Keshia Dean

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? Is it cold at the North Pole? How do you go around the world in one night? How many elves do you have? What kind of cookies do you like?
Please bring me: 1. Giga pat, 2. Dancing Barbe, 3. rollar skates, 4. Talking Buba and 5. dress.
Love,
Brandi Trevino

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How do you go around the world? I have been good this year.
Please bring me: 1. chiuawa, 2. poodle, 3 rollblades, 4. go cart, 5. cd player.
Love,
Tausha Molinare

Dear Santa,
How do you go around the world in one night? I have been so good this year!
Please bring me: 1. Michael-Machtown, 2. robo, 3. remote contro airplane, 4. remote con boat, 5. me-gricks vokit, 6. intendo 64, 7. truck with a boat.
Love,
Bill Ten Eyck

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie with a leather jacket, a new Nike cap, some new shoes and a basketball goal. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Lover,
Hailey Thompson

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a remote control motorcycle.
Love,
Joshua Ramos

Dear Santa,
I want a tantrum toy, Power Ranger, Nintendo 64.
Love,
Bailey Badillo

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Ninteindo 64 and a metal detector.
Thank you,
Kyle Sewell

Dear Santa,
I want a football helmet, football pads, softball, sweaters, a bike with training wheels, vcr, t.v., jeans and toys.
Thank you,
Markaus Galindo

Dear Santa,
I want a toy kitty. I want a Barbie Folding House. I want a bopper. I want Cool Tools. I want a Barbie van and gingerdog. I want a Barbie Tent and Sleeping bag. How are you doing? Can't wait to see you!
Love,
Brandyn Shae Tebbetts



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."
-- Luke 2:14

Christmas blessings to all.

Brown Furniture

GREETINGS!

We wish you all a Christmas of wall-to-wall wonder and joy. Thanks for your patronage!

Knox Floor Covering

Season's Greetings

Bright paper and bows cover thoughts from the heart. All the best in the next year, right from the start!

Comfort Inn

Good Tidings

Celebrate a safe and warm holiday season with family and friends. Many thanks for your valued patronage.

Baskets & More

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

May your Christmas be everything you hope for and more.

With warm wishes and sincere thanks to all our valued customers, friends and staff.

J.J. Sales Exxon

A WARM "HALO"

To All Our Friends And Patrons!

Hope the holidays are awash with blessings and joy.

Thorp's Laun-dry

Hope Christmas Brings Loads of Happiness!

May you rein in the love and laughter of those you hold "deer" all through the holiday season. We'd like to deliver our heartfelt appreciation to our loyal customers for bringing us so much joy!

Ozona Butane Halbert LPG

Greetings!

May the spirit of Christmas be always at your door, just as you are always welcome at ours.

Happy holidays, everyone. We look forward to serving you again in the year to come.

Ozona Insurance

Bob, Marisa, Deborah, & Sheba

Dear Santa,
quiero de sirte que por favor me
tragas un carro de rimol control y una
medalia grande. gracias, Santa.

Love,
Alejandro Mendez

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a real
rabbit. I also want a reindeer, a Star
Wars Stormtrooper, a kite, and last a
primal rage toy.

Jaron D. Vasquez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the
North Pole? I've been pretty good this
year.

Please bring me: My Size Barbie,
a giga pet, competper, book, c.d. player,
Spice Girls c.d., clothes.

Your friend,
Love,
Abby Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is it cold at the
North Pole? I've been pretty good this
year. Please bring me: giga pet, Bar-
bie, bike, clothes, shoes, doll and
computer.

Your friend,
Blanca Dominguez

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me giga pet for Christ-
mas.

Your friend,
Jake

Dear Santa, How are you and
your elves? Please bring me a ninja, a
giga pet, and a go cart for Christmas.

Your friend,
Kaleb Bannert

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me a giga pet, go cort,
skateboard and bike.

Your friend,
Mason Ellis

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me Turbos for Christ-
mas.

Your friend,
Nick

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me bouncy baby, gig pet.

Your friend,
Bianca Lopez

Dear Santa,
How are you and your elves?
Please bring me Ninja.

Louis Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves? Please
bring me giga pet for Christmas.

Your friend,
Karly

Dear Santa,
I want a big fire truck and a
monster truck, and a big present under
the Christmas tree. Park you sleigh in
the front porch and use the ladder to
climb up to the chimney. Please don't
fall off the roof, and bring Chas a
present, too.

Love,
Caden Taylor Rutherford

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a little bike and a big
bike. I like Barbies, too.

Love,
Camille C.

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a race car,
chicken timbo game, beast war, a doll
for my sister, a little t.v. for Roy. Say
hi to Rudolf and to Mrs. Clause.

Love,
Erik

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I want
a Buzz Lightyear, a radio, Jurassic
Park toys, cars and a Talking Tommy
Doll.

Love,
John Simmons



Have A Very Merry!

You deserve the merry best.

La Unica Tortilla Factory

A Special Christmas Wish



Here's hoping you enjoy generous portions of love
and laughter with family and friends for the
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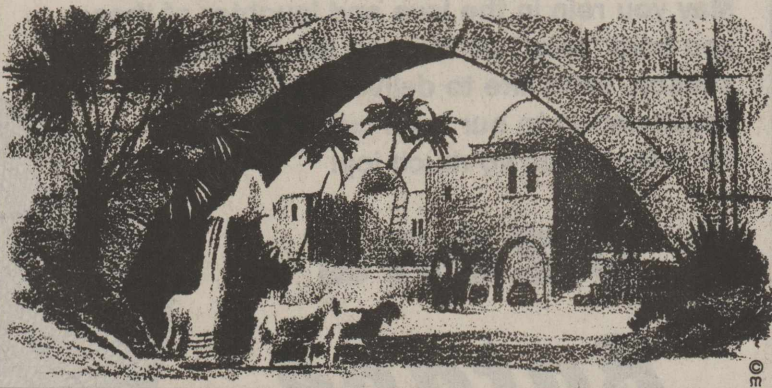
**Circle Bar 76
Restaurant**

*O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem*

— 18th Century Hymn

Peace to you on the Miracle of Christmas.

South Texas Lumber



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WITH LOVE**

Before you wrap up all your
Christmas preparations,
please accept our
sincere appreciation for
your loyal support.

All the best to our friends
all over town!

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To thank you for our pleasant association
throughout the year

And to wish you a holiday season
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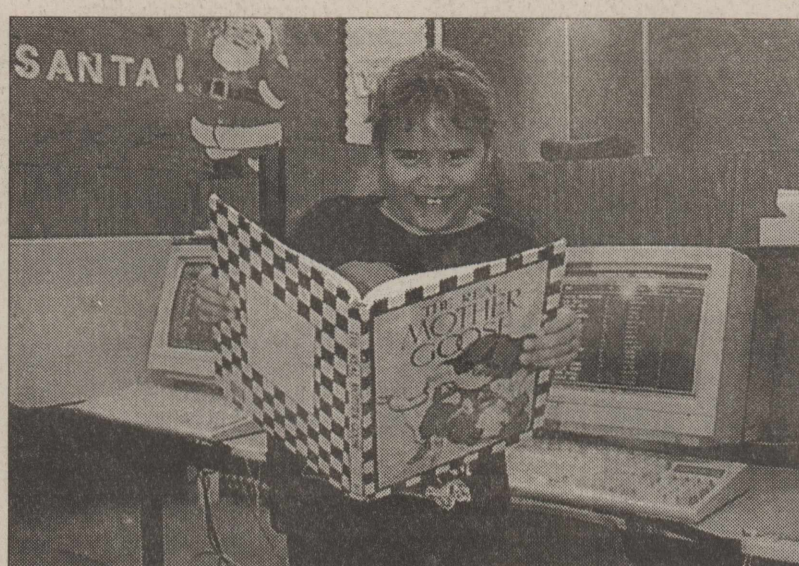
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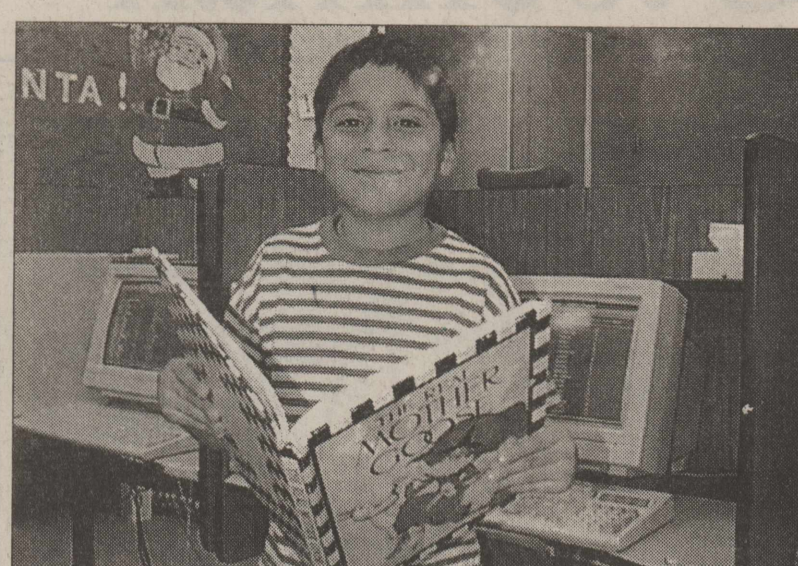
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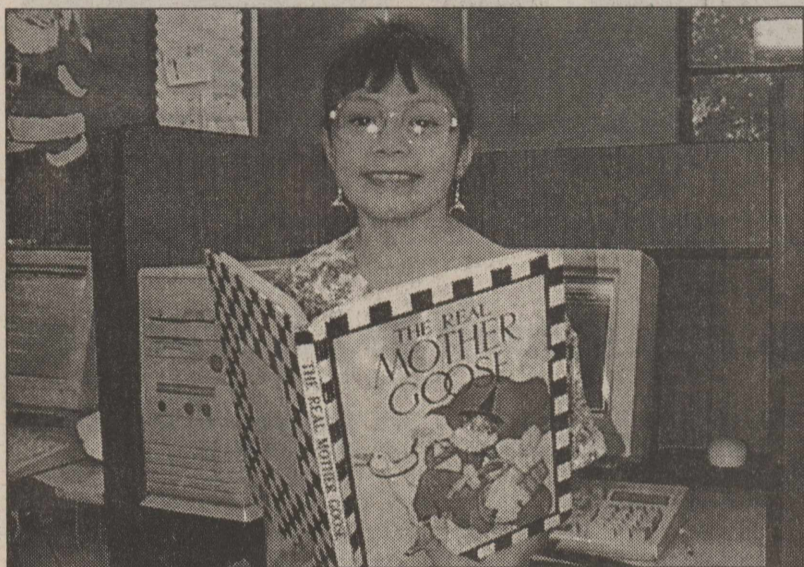
KYANN KOTHMAN has read and been tested on over 200 books. She has earned 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program at Ozona Primary School. Congratulations, Kyann!
DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway



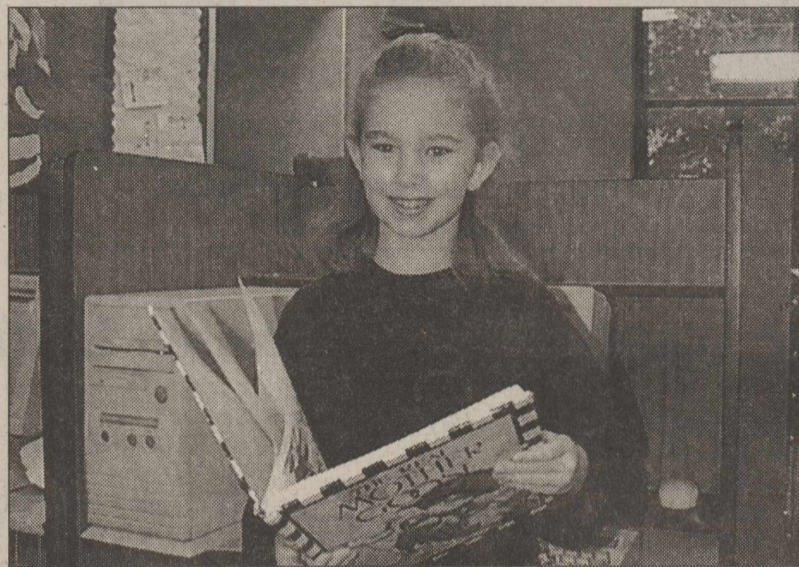
MORGAN CAPPS has read and been tested on over 200 books. She has earned 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program at Ozona Primary School. Congratulations, Morgan!
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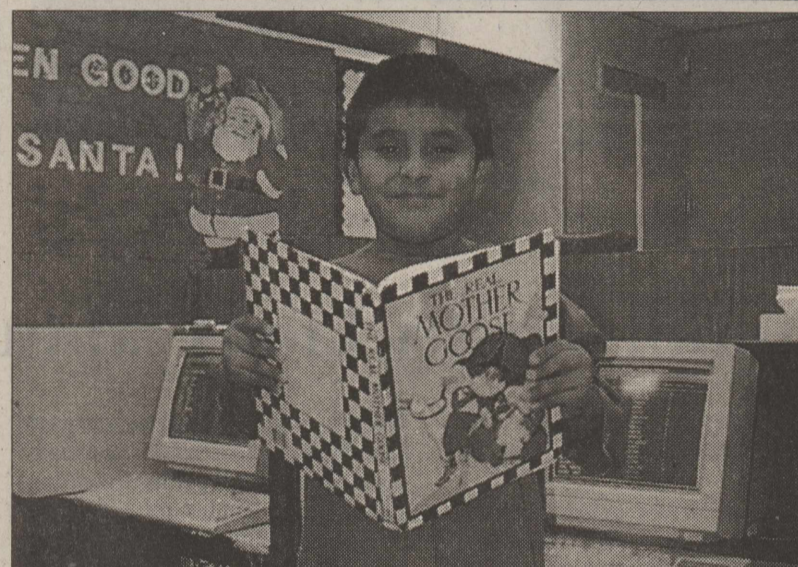
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CELIA RIVERA has read and been tested on over 200 books. She has earned 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program at Ozona Primary School. Congratulations, Celia!
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ELIZABETH FARLEY has read and been tested on over 200 books. She has earned 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program at Ozona Primary School. Congratulations, Elizabeth!
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EMMANUEL GONZALES has read and been tested on over 200 books. He has earned 100 points in the Accelerated Reader program at Ozona Primary School. Congratulations, Emmanuel!
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CHRISTMAS HOURS:
Video will be open on Christmas Eve from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and will be closed on Christmas Day
PIZZA WILL BE CLOSED BOTH DAYS

JV Ladies outpace Lady Owls

By David Screws
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

In last Tuesday's action in Davidson Gym Michelle Gann led the Junior Varsity Lady Lions to a convincing win over the Lady Owls of Reagan County High. Gann was four of seven at the free shot line and hit nine buckets for a team high of 22 in the game.

The Lady Lions led throughout the contest but used a big second

quarter 19-6 run to take complete control. Millie Wadsworth added 9 points and led the team in rebounding in the 51-28 victory. The junior Varsity Ladies are 4-5 for the year.

Score by quarters:
Ozona 10 19 11 11-51
Reagan Co. 8 6 8 6-28
Scoring: Codi Richardson (6), Michelle Gann (22), Kristie Avila (5), Millie Wadsworth (9), Chris Carter (5), Kayla Shurley (4).

Shannon plans scholarships

Shannon Health System will award two \$500 scholarships annually beginning in 1998.

Jo Vaughan, marketing director, said a scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester and another for the fall. "These scholarships are designed to provide educational funding for students pursuing careers in health care. They honor our benefactor, Margaret Shannon, who, with her husband, J. M., were ardent supporters of higher education and who were committed to providing health care for the citizens of this area," she said.

To qualify, students will be enrolled in one of the following educational efforts:

- as juniors or seniors in a college-level allied health science degree such as a bachelor of science in nursing or

- in an accredited technical or vocational school leading to certification in an allied health field such as LVN, medical records, radiography or respiratory therapy

- in graduate studies such as medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or health administration.

Students also need to be enrolled for at least nine semester hours, be residents of Shannon's 19-county service area (Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Howard, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde), maintain a 2.5 grade point average overall and 3.0 in major courses. Additionally, applicants will be required to provide a college or technical school transcript and write an essay describing their perceived role in the medical field, why they chose such training and other pertinent information.

"The Shannons were a conservative pioneer family who believed in helping their neighbors," Vaughan said. "These scholarships are another way the Shannons' legacy continues to assist the citizens of our area in achieving goals and better lives."

Deadline for entry is Feb. 14, 1998. The scholarship winner will be named March 7. For more information or an application, call Shannon Marketing at 915 657-5064.

Hello, my name is Ron...I am the new Schwan's route manager in this area. If you need service or know of someone who needs service, please call my pager at 444-7355. This is a local call.

Thank you very much!
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Ron

Notice of REWARD I AM OFFERING \$500 REWARD

for apprehension and conviction of guilty parties to every theft of livestock in Crockett County - except that no officer of Crockett County may claim the reward.

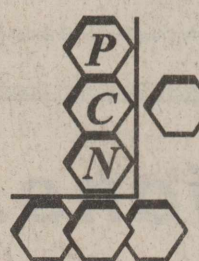
Shane Fenton
SHERIFF, CROCKETT CO

Santa Really Knows What Everyone Wants For Christmas

What everyone wants this Christmas is the advantage of cellular communications from Plateau Cellular Network. And to make Santa's job easier, we're giving all new subscribers half off the normal rates for the first full three months of service*. Plus, there is no \$25.00 activation fee*. Give into your Christmas wish list this year and get the security of cellular service from Plateau Cellular Network.

*Offer valid November 15, 1997 to December 31, 1997 with approved new service. Certain other restrictions apply.

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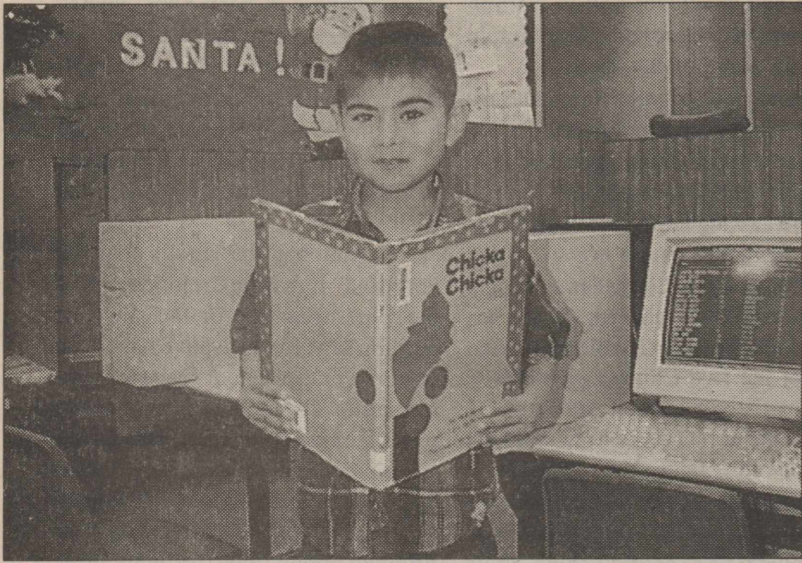
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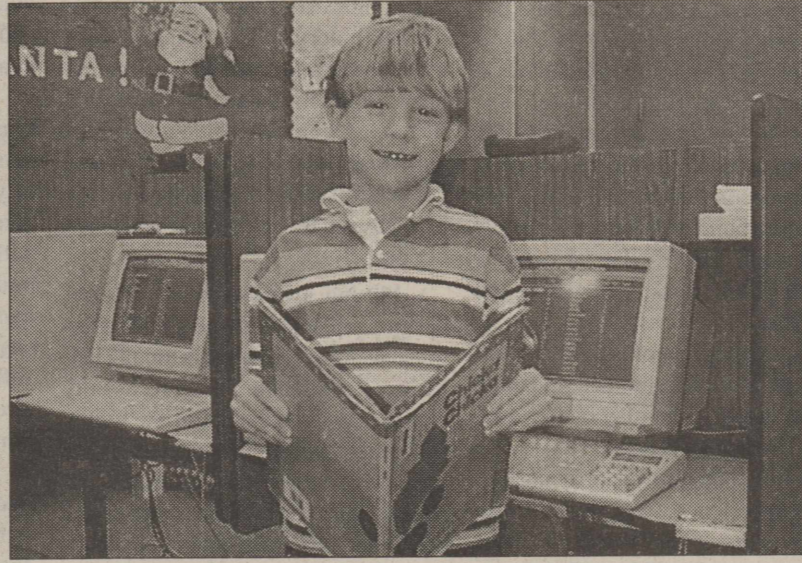
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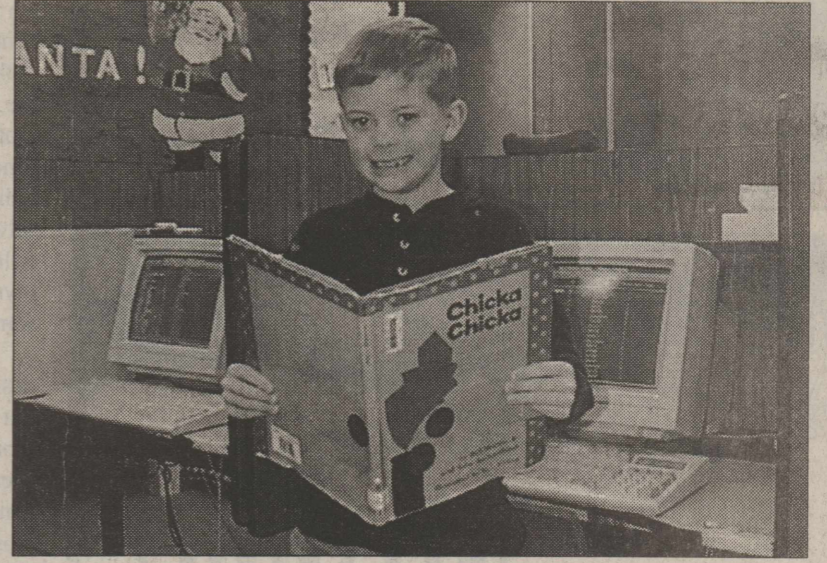
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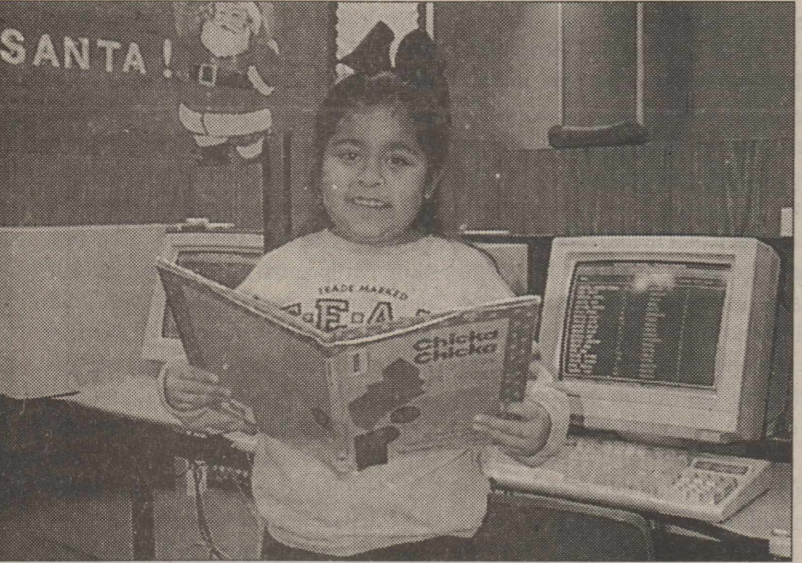
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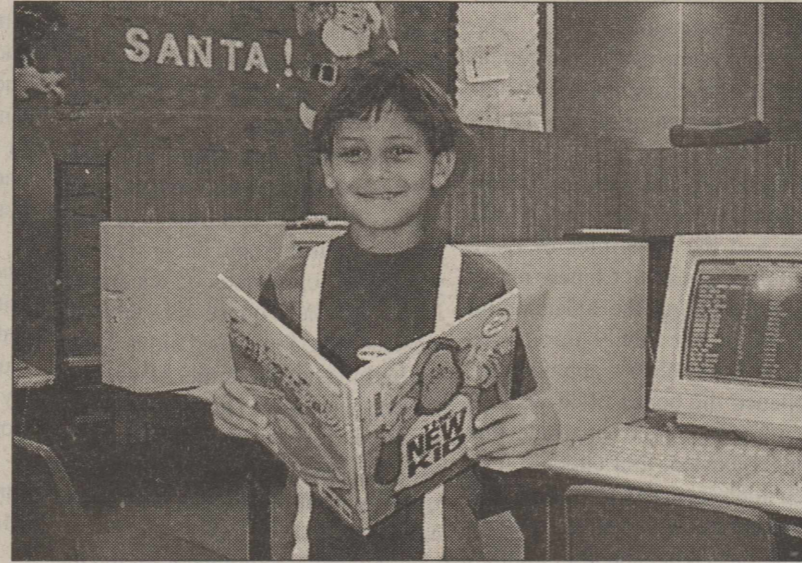
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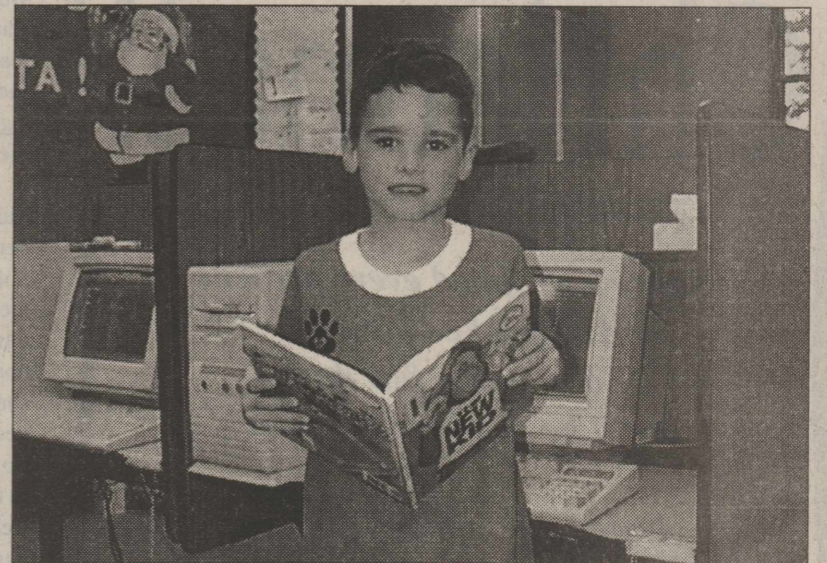
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Christmas reborn relieving stress, renewing faith Is it the flu or some other "bug"?

Despite the many pleasures of the Christmas season, many people are often overwhelmed by the pressures of the holidays. Those pressures are often so stressful that Christmas is no season of joy and goodwill.

While fighting the crowds at the malls, work deadlines and bickering families, the real meaning of Christmas is lost. But this Christmas, recapture the true meaning of Christmas by relieving the stress and renewing your faith.

Start within your own family, suggested Dr. Wade Wahl, clinical family psychologist and professor of psychology at Northwestern College in Saint Paul, Minn. "As a nuclear family, look for and focus on the healthy ingredients. Prioritize family needs and goals."

1) Don't expect too much of extended family gatherings. "Typical families are not a Norman Rockwell painting or a Waltons' family reunion," Wahl said. If you have a big family - siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins - the atmosphere can be chaotic, superficial, even competitive. "Meaningful conversations are hard to come by in big family gatherings, so set aside time for each other through walks, going out for coffee, chats on the front porch, etc."

2) Adopt a list exchange to ease the financial crunch and shopping strain. "Draw one name per family member and get to know that person, so the gift and the shopping experience is meaningful to both," Wahl said. Make plans to shop during the fall, even summer, to free up valuable time for special holiday events with family and at church, school and other places.

3) Anticipate the stress of the holidays. "Talk with your children about the holidays and how things might get hectic. Let them know you are there to talk to or comfort if things get out of control," Wahl said. "Most importantly, make yourself available when they need to talk and be sure to listen."

4) Don't try to cram too much into the holidays. Both children and parents get tired and cranky if too much activity is jammed into too short a period of time. "Be selective. Go for quality, not quantity," Wahl advised.

Once the day to day pressures are under control, renewing your faith and relationship with God is the next logical step to a meaningful Christmas. Dr. J. E. Harvey Martin, professor of Christian education at Northwestern College, suggested this daring holiday idea. "Agree as a family to not exchange gifts, but use the money to benefit a less fortunate family," he proposed. "By giving something of yourself to someone else, the focus is taken off self. This helps children and

adults experience the wonder of God and His ultimate gift — His Son. He gave His best on Christmas; shouldn't we give our best at Christmas?"

Other ideas to help your family experience spiritual renewal this Christmas include:

1) Help your family enjoy who God is, Martin suggested. "Ask your children why we shouldn't steal, lie or cheat. Those are not part of God's character. What is God's character? Patience, selflessness, compassion, forgiveness," Martin said. "Explore the Bible, going beyond the Christmas Story, to find out who God really is and how we can enjoy Him everyday, not just at Christmas."

2) Help children focus on their family instead of material things. Why do they enjoy being with their parents? What do they appreciate about being a family? "After they shift their focus onto family, they begin to appreciate what God has done for them, how He has blessed them," Martin said.

3) Develop a new Christmas tradition that is meaningful and echoes the personality of the family. For example, the Martin family developed a family crest. "We talked about the in-

terests of members in our family and came up with symbols that represent those interests," he explained. Interests can range from music, ballet and computers to sports, gardening and reading, etc. Be sure to include a cross or Bible to represent God in your crest!

4) To reach out to your extended family, set a time of sharing when you get together. "It's like going around the table at Thanksgiving and sharing what you are thankful for. But this time, tell someone in your family what you appreciate about them; give positive reinforcement," Martin suggested.

Easing the holiday pressures and renewing your faith naturally go hand in hand, Wahl and Martin point out. Without stress weighing you down, you are free to look up to God. While looking towards God, the materialism and subsequent chaos of the holidays becomes smaller and more insignificant. Then the true meaning of Christmas emerges: "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NAS). (ARA)

With all the "bugs" going around during winter, many sick people mistakenly think they have influenza. That may lead them to think the flu shots they got are not working.

"Lots of people get colds in the winter and mistakenly think they have influenza," said Dr. Wendy Keitel of the Influenza Research Center at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine.

Cold-like symptoms can be produced by many viruses circulating this time of year, such as rhino-, corona-, parainfluenza-, respiratory syncytial-, adeno- and other viruses.

Any of these can cause typical upper-respiratory symptoms such as runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, watery eyes and nasal obstruction, Keitel said. In fact, a mild case of influenza can also produce such symptoms.

Although other infections can be associated with flu-like illness, few if any have the same impact in the community as influenza. Not only can symptoms of influenza be severe, making you feel much worse than a cold ever could, but influenza complications can lead to death. As many as 20,000 people, most of them elderly,

die each year in the U.S. from flu complications, chiefly pneumonia.

"Sometimes people will avoid getting flu shots," Keitel said, "because they are convinced that they caught influenza from the shot last year."

Actually, they are likely associating the flu shot with a coincidental illness caused by some other infection.

"The danger in such thinking is

that people who really need flu shots will not get them," Keitel said. "The elderly and people with heart and lung disease, in particular, should get flu shots annually because they are among the people most at risk for possibly deadly complications."

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Designing out of the box: decorating your home for the holidays

Remember that holiday centerpiece given to you by your neighbors ten years ago? The one that has become a symbol of holiday tradition without your having intended it to? Or the latch hook rug from your ex-mother-in-law that no longer holds fond memories? In the tradition of holiday decorating, we often find ourselves surrounded by boxes—boxes filled with “stuff” that stirs up a myriad of emotions, some good and some bad.

According to professional interior designer Mari Jo Mundahl, cleaning out the boxes of holiday clutter does more than clean out our closets. “I speak from both professional and personal experience...cleaning out our closets frees up our space for those things we need in life, and removes the clutter of those things that are weighing our life down,” states Mundahl, owner of Mari Jo & Associates in Minneapolis, MN. “The space in our home can be our retreat and our safe haven, or without intending to, it can become our stale mate in life.”

Practicing what she preaches, Mundahl used her interior design expertise and the principles of Feng Shui, the ancient art of Chinese placement, for creating the balance and harmony in her newly purchased home. With the holidays approaching, she opened the boxes filled with 20 years of tradition from a marriage that no longer existed, four children now in their adolescent and teen years, and a childhood that was blessed with high expectations. What she didn't anticipate in the process of clearing out the boxes of clutter, was the grieving that came along with throwing out the old, even though she was clear that the discards were no longer aiding in the healthy harmony of her home.

Mundahl asserts that throwing out the old does not mean throwing away tradition, but rather taking as-

essment of what is needed and what is contributing to a happy, harmonious holiday. And the message in her personal story? The holidays now hold new traditions that reflect the most important values in Mundahl's life mixed with old traditions that support those values, and her family reaps the benefits of a holiday of harmony. The icing on the cake: her friends love her decor!

Mixing award-winning interior design concepts with personal, emotional needs seems like a difficult challenge: a challenge we don't usually consider when we think of the highly acclaimed picture-perfect homes we see in magazines. But, Mundahl has shown that creating a home space based on your emotional needs reaps rewards both professionally and personally. Mundahl has broken the rules with her cutting-edge insight in the industry. She steps out of the box, honing her artistry not only with the elements and principles of design but also on the physical and emotional needs of the client.

She offers this advice in beginning your holiday home design. “Step one is taking an assessment of your holiday traditions and decor. Then as you open your boxes of decorative items, ask these questions: One, do we need this, and does it aid in creating harmony in our family? Two, does it bring emotional baggage that may not be in my best interest to hold on to? And three, is it what we need, or is it only what was expected by someone else?”

Mundahl recommends taking the time to clean out the clutter. Identify pieces that are weighing you down or making you feel burdened. Holidays have become hell-a-days for many in our chaotic society. Those who have captured the true essence of their holiday season seem to be blessed with a peace and harmony that money can't buy. “Look at the holiday season as an opportunity to organize your head and your heart, to make order out of chaos,” she advises, adding:

- If our boxes hold too much clutter, figure out ways to get rid of it.
 - If it's broken, throw it away.
 - If it's in good condition but just not needed in your life, consider enhancing your environment by recycling, giving it away to a shelter for battered women, hospital, etc. or let your children dismantle it and create a new design of treasured memories.
 - If you love it, keep it.
- Removing clutter not only creates space for love and light in your life, but the process allows you to share your treasures of the past with others. With the clutter gone, you can now begin to decorate!

Winston Churchill's words of wisdom continue to ring true: “Take care of your space and your space will take care of you.” Take a moment to remember your favorite smells, the

sounds of happiness, the tastes that bring satisfaction to your body, and the touch that envelopes you in warmth and comfort. Recreate those simple treats in your holiday decor.

Look around your home and rethink color. If the traditional Christmas colors of red and green are dear to your heart and create the warmth you are looking for in your home, stick with them. You can, however, create tradition and a holiday theme using a myriad of color schemes. In the ancient art of Feng Shui, color is used to reflect the five Chinese elements of fire, earth, metal, water, and wood. In simplistic terms, if you need more fire in your life, feng shui recommends adding red in the room—a red candle perhaps. If your home is filled with too much fire (energy) think about adding the water color of black.

“Living Color”, a book by Sarah Rossback and Lin Yun (Kodansha America, Inc.), walks through the impact of color on our lives. Rossback and Lin Yun bring to light the importance traditional Chinese doctors place in reading the color of one's face or energy to treat physical and emotional health.

Living Color helps readers to gain knowledge of color in our lives and ways to “increase happiness, enhance wealth, and foster marital harmony.” You need not limit your environment by placing restriction on the colors you choose, Mundahl notes.

As for treating your senses through the holiday decor you create, Mundahl offers these ideas:

Candles shine on the Jewish Menorah and atop the Christian Advent wreath. For your home, keep your own light lit. You may prefer placing candles throughout your home, or instead, lighting a single red or green candle every night—a simple symbolic act of creating light and warmth in your home.

The sound of chimes or bells can

bring balance to your decor. As one of the basic tools promoted for health and happiness in Feng Shui, chimes and bells are known for awakening the mind and calling for clarity. A traditional Scandinavian decoration combines the glow of candles with the sound of angel chimes. Reflect on sounds that create the atmosphere you desire.

Remember the smells that fill your soul? It may be the pine smell of the Christmas tree or the smell of burning sage for the Native American custom of clearing out space and lifting spirits. The aromas of fresh baked pies and breads, or the scents of hot apple cider conjure up different emotions for different people. If limited time makes it difficult to recreate these original smells, look for potpourri, incense, candles, and pictures to create a similar atmosphere.

During the holiday season, the sense of touch can be a grounding force. If you don't want to spend extra money on the store designed pillows, tree skirts, and other accessories, go to a fabric remnant store. Remnant fabric can be cut in squares and thrown over pillows tucked into sofa corners. Use the remnants as a tree skirt, wrap gifts in them, or cut out new napkins and tie them with gold thread to dress up your table. The feel of the fabric and the eye-catching appeal of the colors can put a uniquely personal finishing touch on the holiday design you create.

Holiday decorating is not about the “department store picture-perfect tree” but rather about shedding the do's and don'ts and letting your creativity and natural inspirations come to life, says Mundahl. Surround yourself with the sounds, sights, touch and smells that create an environment of balance and harmony. You, your family, and your friends will delight in the welcoming space so meticulously designed by you, for you. (ARA)

Kicking your holiday stress habits

The holiday season approaches. You may be excited and enthusiastic, or you may already be anxious and exhausted.

Your schedule brims with events you should attend and events you'd like to attend. Magazines challenge you to decorate with style and prepare gourmet meals. Your gift list seems overwhelming, and a tower of cards must be addressed. When you're faced with fitting these annual obligations into your already busy life, you may be tempted to leapfrog the last few months of the year and move right on to January.

Whether you celebrate Thanksgiving, St. Nicholas Eve, Kwanza, Winter Solstice, Navidades, Hanukkah, Christmas, St. Lucia Day, Boxing Day or New Year's, holidays

are occasions for celebration, but they are also stressful.

Holidays offer opportunities for gathering with family, connecting with friends and participating in tradition—all potential sources of joy and satisfaction. However, family tensions, overcrowded schedules, an endless list of tasks, and unfulfilled expectations can leave you feeling depressed.

After experiencing the stress brought on by too little time and too much to do, Donald and Nancy Tubesing, co-authors of “Kicking Your Holiday Stress Habits” (Whole Person Associates, 1996), sought ways to turn the holiday traps that were making them miserable into holiday treasures.

They began by asking themselves several questions:

- Which holiday traditions were truly meaningful to them and which were merely habitual?
- Which social activities were pleasurable events and which were just obligations?
- Which gifts did they love to select and present and which did they hate shopping for and feel required to give?

“To make your holidays less stressful and more enjoyable, ask yourself these three questions,” suggests Nancy. “From your answers, make a list of ‘shoulds’ and another list of ‘wants’. The ‘shoulds’ can easily gobble all your limited time and energy, stealing from activities you truly enjoy. The answer? Reduce or eliminate the activities you believe you should do.”

If your list of holiday activities is still too long, Nancy notes, “You have to recognize that you can't do everything, do it well, and enjoy doing it. You have to make choices. Baking cookies can be fun, but baking 20 varieties at the last minute can be exhausting. A month of shopping followed by a week of wrapping will take all the joy out of giving.”

To encourage others to share the burden (and benefit) or preparing for the holidays, the Tubesings suggest that you assemble the clan and poll members about what they really treasure about the holidays. Then, make a plan that includes everyone. You'll treat yourself to a more relaxed and more meaningful holiday.

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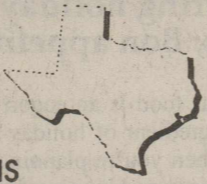
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Getting the facts straight on global warming

The United Nations could soon hand Texans a big surprise - a steep hike in the price of a gallon of gasoline. A global antipollution treaty being negotiated this week (week of Dec. 8) in Japan could shoot the cost of driving your car and heating or cooling your house sky high. This treaty could have far-reaching consequences for America's economy, energy use and national security.

This week in Kyoto, Japan, leaders of more than 150 nations are wrestling with the question of what to do about "global warming". Global warming is the term scientists use to describe when carbon dioxide and other so-called "greenhouse" gases trap heat, raising the Earth's air and ocean temperatures. What's the real story about global warming? Well, nobody knows for sure, that's the problem. The folks meeting in Kyoto believe that pollution caused by burning oil, gas and coal is the main culprit causing global warming. They are ready to force countries to limit gases produced by burning oil, gas and coal. The problem is that scientists disagree whether these man-made emissions are to blame for the Earth's climate change. Scientists do know that the Earth undergoes normal cycles of warming and cooling. Whether the

current warming trend is due to nature or something else is not clear yet.

The current proposal virtually singles out the United States to reduce pollution. That's right. While we would get hit with the toughest restrictions, Third World nations including China, Mexico and India would be exempt. American companies could be forced to choose between making unnecessary and costly expenses or moving their operations - and American jobs - to unrestricted countries. Until we know the facts about global warming, we should not be risking our economy just to make the U.N. happy.

You may be wondering what a treaty in Japan means to you in Texas. Well, it could mean a \$.50 hike in the price of a gallon of gas. Everyone from a farmer or rancher to a member of our armed services is hurt by higher energy costs. With our wide-open spaces, we Texans depend on our cars to get us where we need to go. Farmers and ranchers could see their livelihoods dwindle away because of higher gas, electricity, fertilizer and chemical expenses. Hikes in energy costs limit our military's training and support operations. This could translate into poorly trained personnel and in-

creased risks to our national security.

You get the picture. A global warming treaty is not about who is for or against a clean environment. It is about making sure we have our facts straight before going forward with a plan that could devastate our economy. We must have a goal based on fact, not speculation, if we're truly going to protect our environment.

Turkey trivia, tidbits and teasers

Yep, it's everything you ever wanted to know about our favorite fowl but were afraid to ask. Did you know:

•Why is turkey called "turkey"? There are several possible explanations:

-Columbus thought that the land he discovered was connected to India, where peacocks are found in considerable number. And he believed turkeys were a type of peacock (they're actually a type of pheasant). So he named them tuka, which is "peacock" in the Tamil language of India.

-Another explanation is that firkee (sounds like turkey) was the Native American name for the bird.

-When the turkey is scared it makes a noise that sounds like "turk, turk, turk".

-Turkeys could be named after the country of Turkey.

-The heaviest turkey ever raised may have been the 75-pound turkey raised by a turkey farming company in 1967.

-Turkey meat from wild or domesticated birds was a staple in the diet of many Indian tribes:

-The Cheyennes feared it would make them cowardly

-The Apache considered the turkey to be timid and wouldn't eat it or use its feathers on their arrows

-In the southwest, Indians revered the turkey

-Northern tribes felt the turkey was a friend of man and could battle evil spirits

-In Mexico, the turkey was a sacrificial bird

•Until 1863, Thanksgiving Day had not been celebrated annually since the first feast in 1621. This changed in 1863 when Sarah Josepha Hale encouraged Abraham Lincoln to set aside the last Thursday in November "as a day for national thanksgiving, praise and prayer".

•In the last 20 years, Americans' love of turkey has soared, with per capita consumption up from 8.3 pounds in 1975 to 18.5 pounds in 1995*

*courtesy of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

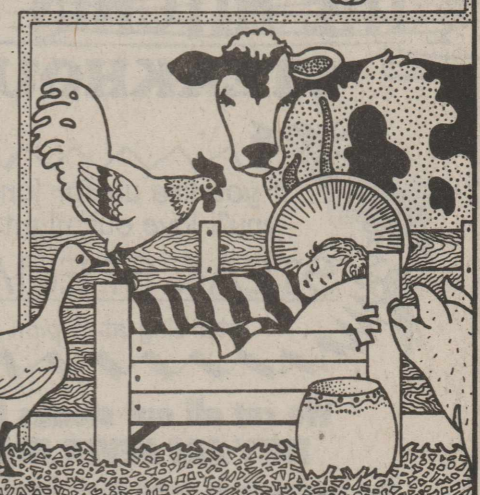
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Safety comes first when preparing holiday meals; Bon appetit!

Great food is an eagerly anticipated ingredient of holiday celebrations. When you're planning a spectacular menu and inviting friends and relatives to partake, you want to be certain that the food is safe as well as delicious.

Just keep in mind the three P's—processing, packaging and preparation. With ninety percent of American homes feasting on turkey for Thanksgiving (and 50 percent doing it again at Christmas), there is a natural desire to avoid harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E coli.

Safety actually begins with processing. The USDA requires a comprehensive poultry inspection system, which relies heavily on chlorine to assure a safe and clean processing environment. In fact, all poultry processing equipment must be cleaned with chlorine and all birds must receive a disinfecting bath before they may appear on your holiday table.

Plastic is the packaging of choice for the poultry industry, primarily because it keeps the product fresh and safe. You can do your part to keep it safe by freezing uncooked birds in a plastic bag and storing poultry leftovers in tightly sealed plastic containers.

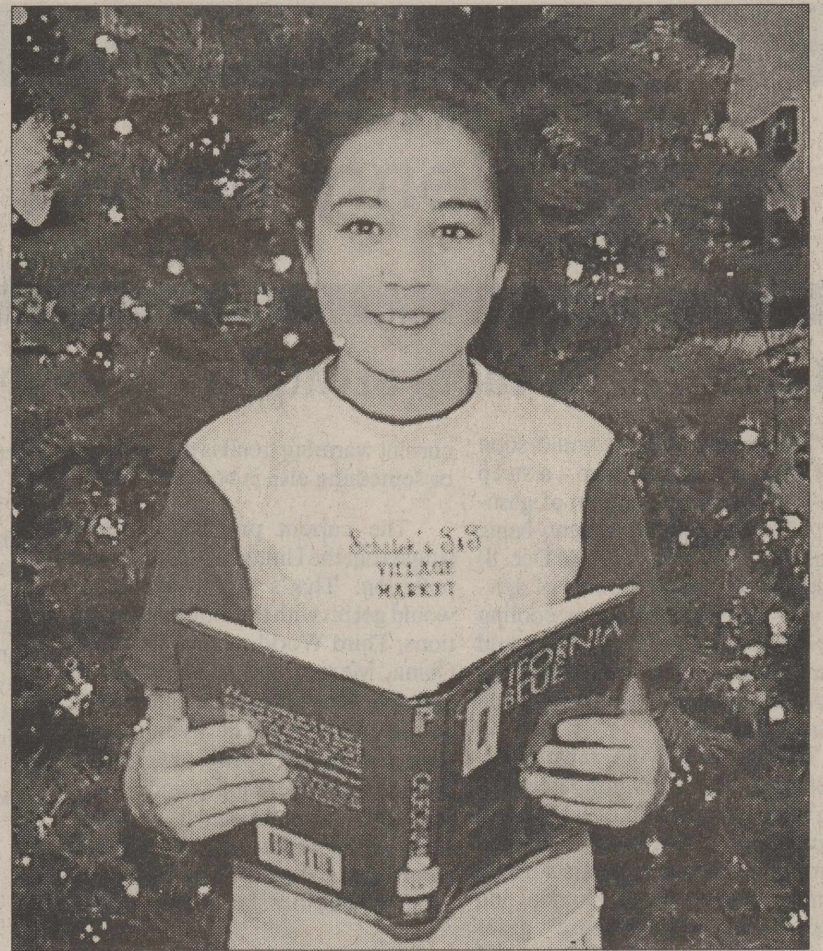
Even with the safest processing and packaging, poultry and other foods can be exposed to bacteria in your own home. "If consumers prepare and handle their food safely, 85 percent of all foodborne illness can be avoided," notes Sylvia Rowe, president of the International Food Information Council.

Here are some tips on keeping food safe:

* The USDA recommends cooking poultry until the meat reaches 180 degrees Fahrenheit, and don't let it sit at room temperature for more than an hour or two. If your guests are going to be late, carve the bird, refrigerate it and reheat it when they arrive. Be sure to remove the stuffing and refrigerate it separately. (Note: Health care experts do recommend cooking stuffing in a pot rather than in the bird.)

* Always wash raw fruit and vegetables thoroughly before serving. Disinfect all countertops, cutting surfaces, sponges, dish rags and utensils with a disinfecting soap or chlorine bleach solution (3/4 cup of chlorine bleach per gallon of water). Do not use cooking utensils for serving unless they have been cleaned in between.

* Make sure the cook and all his/her helpers wash their hands well before and after handling food, infants or animals. (ARA)



ERICA SCHALEK has earned 150 points in the Accelerated Reader program at Ozona Intermediate School. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

Ozona schools host Christmas lunch for parents

Friday, Dec. 12, Ozona Primary and Intermediate schools hosted Christmas lunch for parents, the Primary school held a Household Item Drive. The drive began on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and ended on Friday, Dec. 12. Each grade level was asked to bring certain items used in the kitchen and bathroom. Some of the items collected consisted of toilet paper, paper towels, wash clothes, dish soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, lotion and deodorant. The items were placed in laundry baskets and given to needy families in the community.

Donna Wiley graduates from Eastern New Mexico University

One student from Ozona is among the 227 fall graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University-Portales, with 14 students receiving associate degrees, 179 receiving bachelor's degrees and 34 receiving master's degrees.

The Ozona student is Donna Wiley, who will receive a master of education in education administration.



OZONA PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS worked very hard in their household item drive for needy families.

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Be sure to spend your coupons from the "Shop Ozona First for Christmas" coupon book by Friday. All drawing boxes will be picked up at participating merchants on Friday afternoon.

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The DeerFest Association would like to thank the following for making this Deerfest the best ever.

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If we have failed to mention your name, please accept our apology. Thanks again, we are looking forward to 98'. May you and yours have a joyous holiday season and prosperous New Year.

The DeerFest Association

Holiday Sweets

These two recipes are holiday traditions at the home of Carolyn and Bob Harris. The were given the taste test at The Stockman and pronounced excellent.

Whiskey Fruitcake Cookies

1 c. brown sugar
2 eggs
1 1/2 c. flour
1/8 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 lb. candied cherries
1 lb. dates
1 stick butter
1/3 c. whiskey
1 1/2 tsp. soda
1/4 tsp. cloves
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 lb. candied pineapple
1 lb. pecans
Cream brown sugar and butter. Add eggs. Mix well. Mix in dry ingredients then whiskey, candied fruit and pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls on greased cookie sheet. Cook about 10-12 minutes in 350 degree oven and do not brown.

Million Dollar Fudge

5 c. sugar
2 sticks butter
1 can milk
Cook until reaches hard ball stage. Remove from stove. Add 2 pkg. chocolate chips, 1 qt. pecans, 1 pt. marshmallow cream
Mix well and drop by teaspoonsful on waxed paper.

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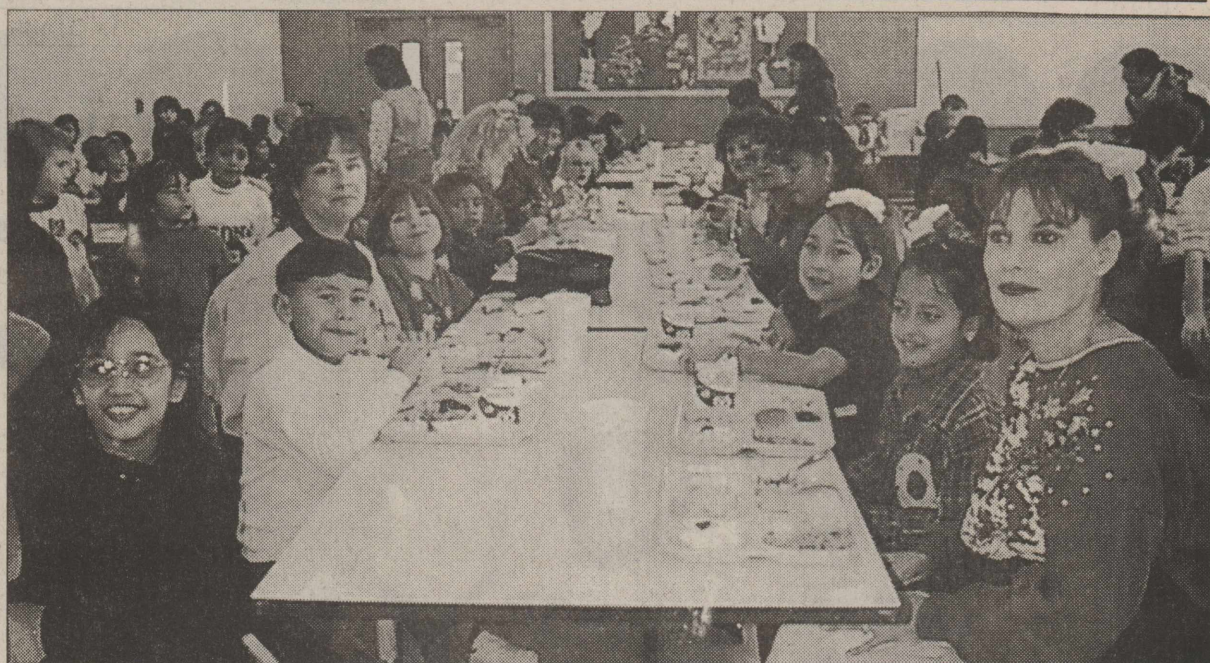
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SARAH AND KEITH ADAMS (right) join Martha and Nathan Weant (left) along with all the other parents who attended the Christmas dinner held at Ozona Intermediate School last Friday.



THESE HAPPY STUDENTS and their parents enjoyed the Christmas feast prepared by the Ozona schools cafeteria workers last Friday at Ozona Primary School.



JODIE CHILDRESS' third grade class at Ozona Intermediate School enjoyed a pizza party last week. Each student earned 10 points in the Accelerated Reader program to receive the treat. The students are: Ashley Anderson, Matthew Bullard, Rachel Byrne, Danielle Cook, Sean DeFelicis, Rebecca Enriquez, Federico Fierro, Joe Garanzuay, Cody Gotcher, Sarah Hixon, Marivel Jimenez, Onesimo Longoira, Joshua Maples, William Richie, Daniel Roman, Luis Ruiz, Alfredo Tobar, Jr., Amy Trujillo, Levi Vargas and Vicky Yruegas.

A picture is worth a thousand words

Are your drawers overflowing with double prints?

A myriad of marketing ploys have successfully encouraged us to photograph every occasion, whether momentous or mundane. Cameras are smaller, cheaper, easier to use, and technologically superior to the photographic equipment of previous decades. There are even single use disposable cameras for those who do not want to make an equipment investment. The results, for even the most average home photographer, are satisfying — clear, well focused and properly exposed photos.

As if this is not incentive enough, the cost of film and photo processing declines every year. Photo finishing has never been more convenient. There is a one hour photo lab in every shopping mall, as well as a photo finishing counter in every grocery, drug or discount store. If you don't plan to shop on the way home from work, there is probably a photo finisher in your office lobby or a drive-through kiosk on your way home.

Yet this picture-taking fervor creates an unexpected dilemma. What can we do with all the photo prints we accumulate? The closet shelves are taken over with photo-filled shoe boxes. The bookshelves are stuffed with picture albums. Every horizontal surface in the house displays a grouping of photo-filled frames. And the packets of photos continue to arrive within a few days of every photo worthy event.

What is it that motivates us to take pictures? Isn't it the desire to freeze a moment in time and create a visual memory to be enjoyed over and over again? And don't we want to show these memories to others, to share our memories with friends and family?

A Minneapolis, Minn. company

is providing amateur photographers with a clever way to share their work and stem the tide of pictures filling their closets and drawers!

Collector's Gallery makes photo folder cards which provide an easy and attractive way to send photos by mail. The photographic print slips into a die-cut pocket which surrounds it with a decorative frame. A simple picture instantly becomes a creative, small gift for no more than the cost of a greeting card and stamp. The cards hold a standard 3-1/2 x 5 print or a jumbo 4 x 6 print. Most of the frame graphics allow for vertical or horizontal orientation.

There are designs for significant events such as birthday, graduation, wedding and new baby. Holiday graphics include the New Year, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July, Halloween, and of course, Hanukkah and Christmas. Additionally, there are

cards for golf, vacations, camp, back to school, plus many generic designs for young and old.

Birth announcements also are available with space for announcement particulars inside or with a blank space for a personal message.

In addition to cards, Collector's Gallery makes laminated cardboard frames with fold out easels. They include a broad choice of size, color, and design, from black and gold to pastel flowers.

As you peruse your local photo finisher for magnetic frames, key chains, photo T-shirts, and even photo computer mouse pads, look for the card rack and stock up on photo cards. Those double print offers will finally pay off!

If your favorite photo finisher doesn't carry photo cards, ask him/her to call Collector's Gallery at 800-346-3063 to request a catalog. (ARA)

Oh, Christmas tree! Tips on selection and care

For many families, selecting and decorating the Christmas tree marks the true beginning of the holiday season. Choosing the right tree and providing it with the proper care can add to the festive atmosphere you create. Several species are grown and sold across the United States. Some of the more popular ones include:

Douglas Fir: Especially popular in the Pacific Northwest, this tree is full, light weight, green in color and features 3/4 to 1-1/2-inch soft needles. It's known to have good needle retention and is good for warm environments (e.g. rooms with a fireplace).

Balsam Fir: With needles 1/2 to 1-inch long, this tree is known for its attractive color, form, fragrance and good needle retention.

Scotch Pine: A very popular Christmas tree, the scotch pine has very long needles (1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inches) and good needle retention.

Eastern Red Cedar: More plentiful in the southern states, this tree tends to be dark in color, and dense with a strong aroma. However, you may have to deal with sticky needles and a short housetime.

Blue Spruce: Spruce needles are short (1/2 to 1-inch long) and stiff. The trees are usually bluish-gray and dense with a nice aroma and symmetrical form, but they tend to lose their needles quickly in warm rooms and cost a bit more.

Arizona Cypress: A steeple

shaped, the Arizona Cypress is pale-green to gray-green in color. The needles are extremely tiny and quite plentiful.

Before You Buy

Before heading out to your local Christmas tree lot or farm, decide where you will place your tree. Measure the area for height and width to be sure you select an appropriately-sized tree.

If you're purchasing a pre-cut tree, gently pull on the needles. If the tree is fresh, very few will come off. Next, shake the tree vigorously. If green needles fall off, look for another tree. (It is common for brown needles to fall when a tree is shaken; this is NOT an indication that the tree is too dry.) Try breaking a few needles. They should be flexible, fragrant and sticky if the tree is fresh.

Display and Care

If there is a lag time between purchase and set up, store your Christmas tree in a sheltered, shady and unheated area. Make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk and place the tree in a bucket of water.

When you're ready to place your tree in a stand, make another straight fresh cut across the base of the trunk. Your stand should hold at least one gallon of water. (A fresh cut tree will absorb as much as one gallon of water within the first 24 hours, and can use one or more quarts a day thereafter.)

Keep your tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, TV's and radiators. Check electric lights and connections — do not use worn, frayed wires or cord, and always unplug your tree lights when no one is home. Never place open flames or near your Christmas tree. (ARA)

Thank You Thank You

The OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE regretfully did not thank Circle Bar Cable TV for putting up Christmas lights around town. We apologize for the error, we appreciate you!

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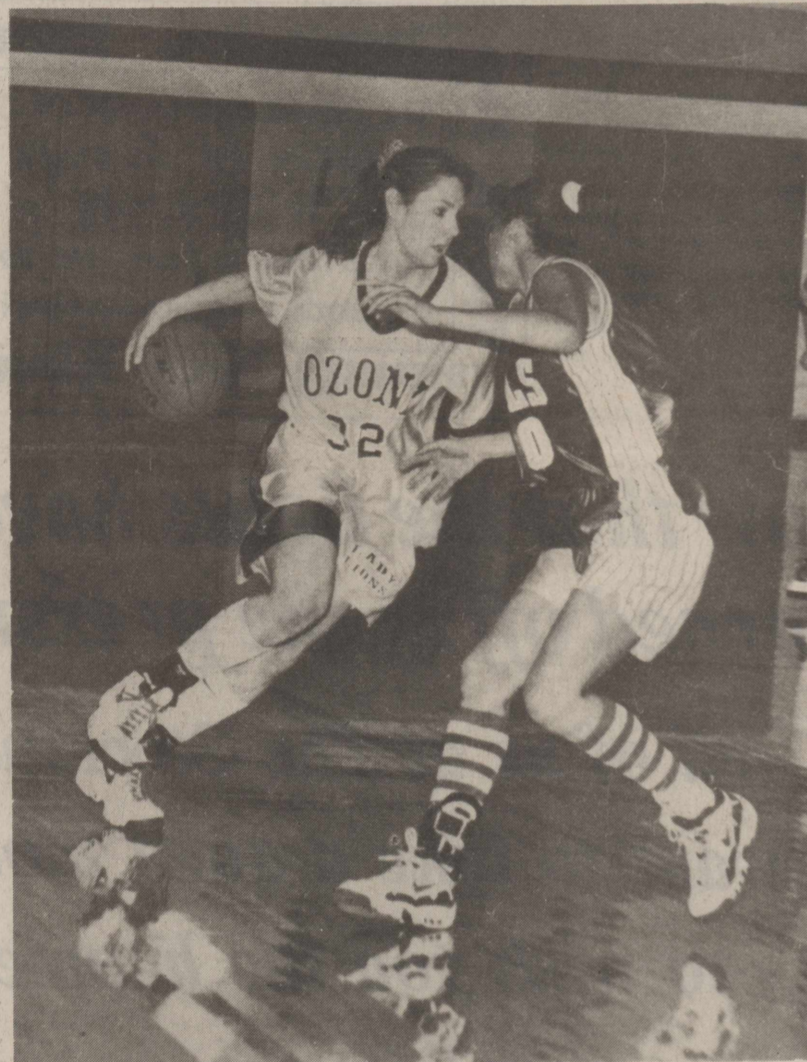
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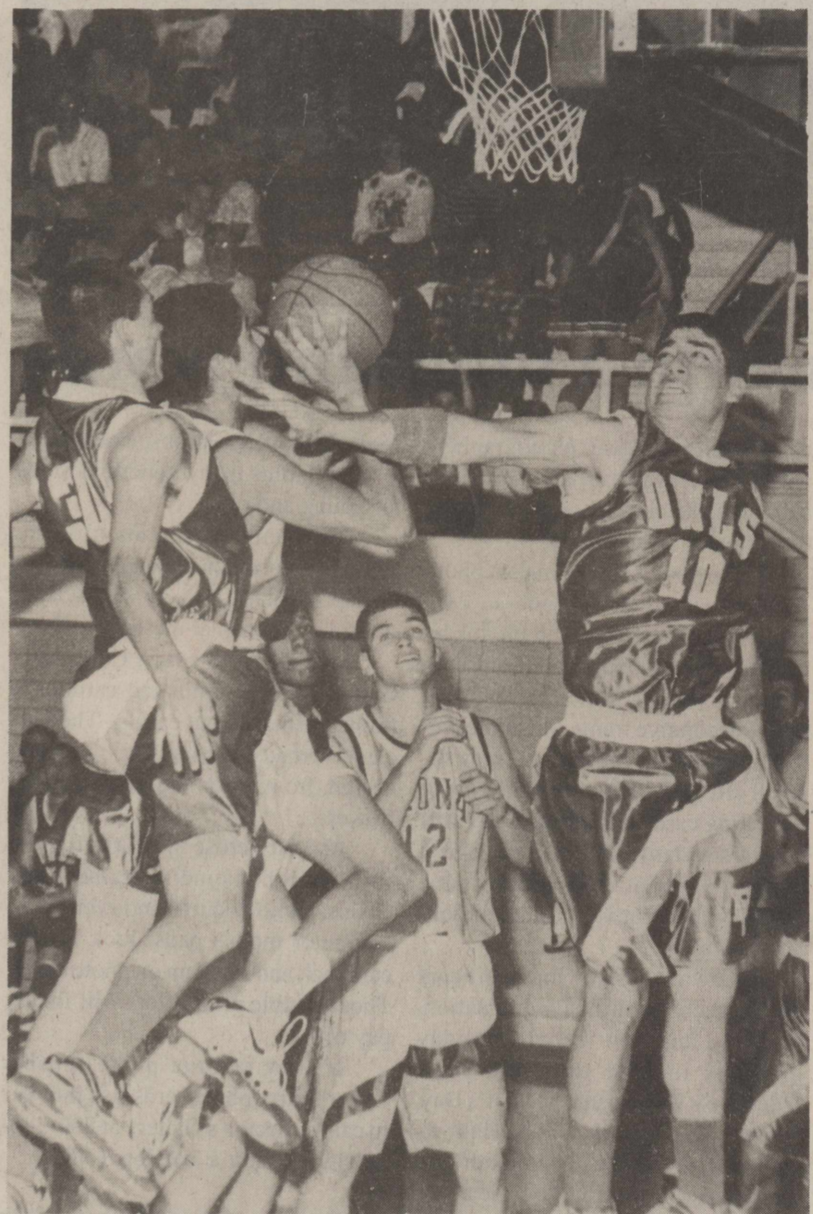


LESLIE AVILA racked up 30 points to aid the Lady Lions to their Ozona Basketball Tournament Championship last weekend. Avila received the Sterling Lay Sportsmanship Award during the tourney. Photo by Susan Calloway



AMBER TARR is one step ahead of this Lady Owl in the December 9 game held in Davidson Gym. Tarr scored 22 points in the Lady Lions 49-29 victory and was selected for the fourth year in a row as the Most Valuable Player in the Ozona Basketball Tournament held this past weekend. Photo by David Screws

HOT HOOPS



ARMANDO FLORES gets some "in your face" basketball action against the Big Lake Owls Dec. 9. Justin Browne, Ozona All-Tournament team selection, is in position for a rebound. Photo by David Screws

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