

I love where I live I love living in a small town. That's certainly not a secret. That doesn't mean I don't see the advantages to living in the city, I just prefer where I am

Why is that? Well, I was greeting Terry, a local nursing home resident the other day, and watching his big smile and it occurred to me how happy he was. He has a great life in spite of a speech impediment.. He comes downtown and everyone tells him hello. Dozens of people save aluminum cans for him, and he gets a little money that he "earns himself".

He is delighted when people call him by name, and loves to sit on the sidewalk with the patient guys from McMikel's Cabinet shop, watching the world go by. Have you ever known of a small town that did not have one or more person who had some sort of disability who made regular visits downtown? I go! from town to town, and everywhere business owners save bottle caps, or have a treat waiting for these people. they are watched over and watched after and bring a great deal of joy to the people they visit.

This week's paper has a story about "Red Dog", a town dog in Blossom who has recently died after years of wandering up and down Front Street, getting tidbits and scraps. People saw that he had his shots and medical care, good food and lots of love.

That's just not possible in a high traffic, busy city.

Detroit had a much beloved dog several years ago, and Bogata has several "homeless" cats that are properly cared for by business owners.

When Grace Hearron was

91st YEAR, No. 31

GOD BLESS AMERICA-is the name of this Santa, After Sept. 11 this Santa was released by Possible Dreams. It is absolutely perfect for this year, since it shows the classic American Santa Claus holding the U.S. Flag. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Paper will not publish next week

So that all of us here at Thunder Prairie Publishing can celebrate the holiday with family and friends next week, there will be ing in this matter. no paper published.

Letters

We will resume publication the first week of January, 2002. We appreciate your understand-

First Place Christmas Memories ly memorable Christma

Thursday, December 20, 2001

I was raising my son on a secretary's salary, working in Dallas full time and The Colony part time

Serving Local Businesses and Local People

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BOGATA, RED RIVER COUNTY, TEXAS

I got notice at Thanksgiving that the landlord wanted to raise my rent, yet again, so I had to move. My co-workers told me that a man in the installation department had a pickup and would probably help me move the heavier things.

my son what Santa was going to something inside. He said it was bring him and his mother for Christmas. Scott told him what he wanted but said that Santa didn't bring his mother anything for James. Who could resist some-Christmas. This man told Scott, one with a heart that big! "everyone should get something

While moving, this man asked furry Christmas stocking with for me and that I was not to look inside until Christmas

That man is now my husband, Sunny Whitney





GINGERBREAD HUNT-The Kindergarten classes at Rivercrest Elementary celebrated Christmas by having a Gingerbread Hunt. The students hunted around the school to find the gingerbread men and ate them. Mrs. Huddleston's, Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Wright's classes had a wonderful time. Members of each class are pictured following the fun hunt.



Postmaster at Talco, she heard a strange noise coming out of the outside mail box. Someone had dumped a little puppy in there. Did someone call Animal Control? No, the puppy was removed, named Zippy (short for Zip Code, I'm sure) and given a home.

Every town has it's people and animals that need a little personal, extra care.

It may be someone who is not quite up to the task of dealing with the day to day world, or some creature that has been dumped off. But, in a small town, we can watch over them, help them and see that they have a great life. It's one of the joys that having a small population makes possible.

Look around, is there someone or something you can make extra happy this holiday by showing them some patience and attention? I guarantee it'll make you as happy as them!



No notices to be sent in December

Just a reminder, during December there are so many renewals that post cards telling people their paper is due will not be sent.

If you think your paper is due this month, just call 652-4205 or 632-5322 and ask, or renew now while they are on sale.

Bogata News

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to Editor | Worship

Dear Editor:

To the person or persons that took some of our Christmas lights out of our yard at 320 N. Bryson in Bogata, we put the lights up for friends and neighbors to enjoy.

So the lights that were taken left vacant spots in the ball of Christmas light. If the lights meant that much to you, all you had to do was ask and we would have given them to you, rather than your just taking them. Ima J. Martin

Dear Editor:

Christmas time is here again and we all think about giving. Giving is a joyful thing but giving to those less fortunate is a blessing.

I work at the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center in Red River of Clarksville and I am blessed every day to see the client's next door in the Vocational Program for the Mentally Challenged. They are strong, capable individuals who hold down jobs just like you and me.

One individual, who I won't mention his name, has just gotten his first apartment and into his own freedom. He is a wonderful person, he has a job, works hard and loves people. Unfortunately, in his one bedroom apartment, he only has a mattress to lay on.

I'm asking you to please make this a Chistmas he will remember and a place to call "home". For any donations, please contact me at 427-2226 anytime Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Merry Christmas,

Melanie Strawn

ECA classes to be offered

In January, the Bogata Voluntendant) class in the city of Bogata, two nights a week.

The group are looking for people in the city or community that would like to join the Volunteer Fire Department and 1st Responders and class so sign up early. help out the community.

set in Bogata

Candlelight

Everyone is invited to the First United Methodist Church of Bogata's Candlelight and Communion service at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Christmas carols will be sung, along with hearing the story of the angel's visit with the shepherds keeping watch over their flocks.

Luminaries will surround the church on Christmas Eve as God's love is celebrated. Candlelighting will take place as everyone sings "Silent Night".

Everyone is also invited to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for a time of fellowship, hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Worship is a special part of the most special time of the year. All are welcome.

First United Methodist Church is located on the corner of North main and Second Streets. For information, call 632-5610.

Christmas basket donations needed

The Bogata Lions Club is now accepting donations of money and toys for the annual Christmas Basket drive.

The baskets are given each year to help out families in the area during the holidays. Your help is badly needed. Please share your blessings and help all of Bogata and the surrounding area have a Happy Holiday season. To make a donation contact Shirley Vickers-632-5447; Linda Eilers-632-4530 or Barbara White-632-5827.

STEEL MAGNOLIA'S-Cast members of the play "Steel Magnolia's" presented at Rivercrest High School last week are: (from the left) Annelle: Melissa Waller; Truvy: Kendall Stansell; M'Lynn: Cassie Perry; Shelby: Candace Davis; Clairee: Michelle Bryant and **Ouiser: Kissryn Munns. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)**



ROAD BLOCKS-were set up on Monday and Tuesday of this week on Hwy. 271 in Talco and Bogata to halt traffic going north of Talco and south of Bogata. Sulphur River overflowed it's banks sometime Sunday night and at print time was expected to drop off the highway by Wednesday morning. Hwy 37 between Hagansport and Bogata was also closed due to Sulphur's escape from its banks. On Tuesday Hwy. 37 was opened to traffic. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

There will be no charge for the teer Fire and Rescue will be host- class, only your time. If you would ing an ECA (emergency care at- like to sign up for this class and be

of assistance to your community contact Angie Burgess at the Bogata City Hall, 632-5315. There will only be a limited number of students allowed for the Page 2



Our cook this week has sent us some great sounding recipes and tells us this is some they will prepare to celebrate Christmas "Louisiana style". She is Emma Vancoevering of the Deport area and states that she comes from the "cornbread and chicken and backporch swinging, deep southern/Cajun area and do does her cooking"!

She comes from a small town called Bastrop, Louisiana and it is just a little bigger than Deport. She keeps in touch with news from the Deport Times and Paris News.....did I just print that! Oh well...tis the season! She has a daughter Michelle who is in the 4th grade at Blossom and thinks she has the greatest teacher alive...that would be Anna Beth Allen...she is kind of special! Also a son Joshua who played on the 8th grade football team and these two are two very good reasons she moved to Deport. She states that she was told that Deport was a very good one and coming from some of the schools that she is familiar with in Louisiana, she feels that we should feel truly blessed! She also has two older daughters Crystal Jade and Teri Kay. Emma has been blessed with one grandson and one more grandchild to be here by Christmas ... she hopes! As for her hobbies, she has spent most of her life raising her kids and several others and has not had a lot of time for herself. She does enjoy swimming, fishing, deer hunting, church socials, movies, volleyball and barbecue. She enjoys cooking and seeing people eat along with camping out roast-

ing marshmallows and hotdogs. One day she would like to write a book. She has been a Girl Scout leader (I can relate to that), house mover,

done light plumbing, drive trucks (very big trucks) and tractors, sales person, has ran a small business, roofer and has never came us against anything she wouldn't

Emma likes change and constant learning and believe that God has certainly provided her with many opportunities of that nature and blessed her with her wonderful children. Her very good friend Loretta McClendon (who is also from Bastrop, Louisiana) of Deport introduced her to this area and urged her to move up this way since they both have no relatives here.

If she cooks as well as she does everything else, I believe we have a winner....hope you enjoy her recipes and we wish each and everyone one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you in the kitchen!

Louisiana Maque Choux-best served right off of the stove, piping hot!

Louisiana Sshrimp and Ham Jambalaya-serve from casserole dish or in heated bowl and they enjoy with a glass of wine! Emma's Louisiana Sausage Cornbread Stuffing-serve this with the Honey Glazed Ham with Bourbon Gravy recipe below!

Louisana Honey Glazed Ham with Bourbon Gravy-this makes about 12 servings and also has an added surprise in the recipe.

Thursday, December 20

Maque Choux 1/4 pound bacon-4 to 6 slices l large onion-or 1-1/2 cups 2 cloves garlic-minced 2 cups corn kernels 2 med. tomatoes-chopped or 2 cups l large green bell pepper-chopped or V 1/2 cups 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream teaspoon sugar

/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

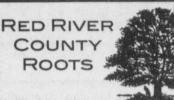
In dutch oven or falme-proof casserole, cook bacon until crisp; remove and leave drippings in pan. Cook onion and garlic in drippings about 10 minutes or untill onion is transparent. Stir in corn,

l small red bell pepper-chopped 6 tablespoons butter-melted 1/4 cup chopped parsley l egg-slightly beaten l teaspoon crumbled sage l teaspoon crumbled thyme leaves teaspoon salt V2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Butter an 8-inch square baking dish. To make combread-mix in flour, commeal, brown sugar and baking powder in deep bowl and make well in center. Stir in buttermilk, melted butter and egg together and pour liquid ingredients into dry ingredients. Gradually stir them ether until blended. Do not mix too much! Spread batter evenly in pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool cornbread completely. Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Cut cornbread into 3/4 inch cubes. Put a single layer on a baking sheet and bake about I hour until they are dry and crisp. To make stuffing cook sausage in skillet over medium heat for 5-10 minutes or until no longer pink inside. Stir in butter, leeks, celery and garlic; cook about 5 minutes or until leeks are softened. Increase heat to medium-hugh and add bell peppers and cook three minutes. Stir in dried cornbread cubes, parsley, sage, thyme, salt and pepper. Cool slightly before using. Makes about 10 cups of stuffing. Serve with turkey below. Louisiana Honey Glazed Turkey with **Bourbon** Gravy 12 pound turkey sausage combread stuffing l tablespoons salt l teaspoon pepper 1/2 cup honey l tablespoon soy sauce 3 cups bourbon l tablespoon butter 3 tablespoons flour Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Stuff turkey loosley with sausage combread stuffing and truss it. Rub outside of turkey with salt and pepper and then put turkey breast side up in a roasting pan. Mix honey and soy sauce together and drizzle over turkey to coat it completely. Pour 2 cups of bourbon into bottom of pan and cover pan tightly. Take 3rd cup of bourbon and pour over a glass of ice and sip on it as the Cajuns always do! Bake turkey for 2-1/2 hours keeping covered. Baste with pan juices and roast it uncovered for 20-30 minutes or until internal temperature of bird of the thickest part of the leg (not your leg, the turkey's leg) is 170 degrees. Baste turkey once or twice and cover parts that are browning too fast with foil. Let turkey rest for 15 minutes and you too, while sipping on that bourbon before carving! Meanwhile, pour pan juices into a bowl. This should be about 3 cups of juices. Cook until mixture is smooth and brown. Gradually whisk in remaining pan juices and cook until it is thickened. Spoon stuffing into serving dish. Carve turkey and serve with gravy.



EMMA VANCOUVERING is this week's cook, sharing Louisiana-style recipes with readers.



This week's query is from Jesse L. Walker, 4301 W. 49th St., Apt. 206, Amarillo, TX 79109.

He is researching his great great great grandfather, Harrison Russell. He would like to know who Mr. Russell received his land from in Red River County. It was on Shawnee Prairie, near Boxelder on the Wagley survey.

If you have a query you would like to have placed in this column, please send it to the Red River County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 516, Clarksville, Texas 75426



* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 12:00 noon until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

urged to attend.

month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

Card of Thanks

The family of Henry your kind words, beautiful flow-



Thursday, December 20, 2001

Clarence D. Blalock, Sr. Robert Edward King dies November 27

Clarence D. "Yogi" Blalock, Sr., died November 27 in Flint, TX. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 29 at Grace Chapel Assembly of God with the Revs. Tom Maddux and Kalyn Brassfield and Monsignor Joe Strickland officiating.

Military graveside services provided by USAF Honor Guard were in Tyler Memorial Park under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home.

He was born November 22, 1929 in Talco, and lived in Flint for 22 years. He retired after 20 years with the Air Force and 20 years with Civil Service. He was a member of Grace Chapel Assembly of God where he was responsible for the Marquee Ministry. He was past lieutenant governor of Optimist International, past president of Tyler Optimist Club and past chairman of March of Dimes. He was a member of Talco Ex-Students Association and a member of the class of 1947.He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Berta Blalock f Flint; a son and daughter-in-law, Clarence and Kathryn Blalock of Flint; *The Ladies Auxiliary will daughters and son-in-law, Susan meet the 2nd Monday of each Hill of Flint, Sondra and Kenneth month at 7:00 p.m. Members are Jackson of Duncanville; a brother, E.E. Blalock of North Richland * The VFW men will meet the Hills; a sister, Rose Riddle of Mt. 2nd and 4th Monday of each Pleasant; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were provided by * Merry Christmas and Happy Naval Reserve Center of Tyler. New Year from everyone at Post Honorary bearers were men of Grace Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Grace Chapel Assembly of God Missions Department, 17269 Highway 69S, Tyler, 75703; or



Robert Edward King dies December 14

Robert Edward "Ed" King, age 79 of Bogata died Friday, December 14 at his residence after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Bogata First Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Holeman officiating. Interment followed in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. King was born April 6, 1922 in Bogata, the son of Walter and Nora Sloan King. He married the former Novell Dodd in 1943 in Rockwall. He was a graduate of Bogata High School in the class of 1940. He enrolled at Paris Junior College and in 1942 he joined the military to serve during World War II in the Army Air Corps 9th Air Force division. He received a Masters Degree in Education from East Texas State Teachers College in 1951 and became principal of Central Elementary School in Sonora. In 1978 he was asked to open the new Hutsell Elementary School in Katy. Mr. King retired in 1982 and moved back to Bogata. Robert E. King Elementary School was later named after him in tribute of his love and dedication to education in the Katy School District. He was a member of the Bogata First Baptist Church.

Mr. King is survived by his wife, Novell of Bogata; three sons, James King and his wife Janet of Overton, Harold King and his wife Shantai of Denton and Richard King and his wife Debi of Katy; one sister, Martha Seitz of Dallas; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Zoe Nicole King on November 30, 2001.

James Boyd Kerbow dies December 13

James Boyd Kerbow was born



Don Earl Davis Don Earl Davis dies December 6

Don Earl Davis, 58, of Blossom, died Thursday, December 6. 2001, in Houston at which time Bright-Holland Funeral Home received him into their care.

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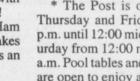
Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9 at the neral home chapel with the Re Henry Blackmon and the Rev. Billy Daniels officiating. Burial was at the East Post Oak Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Mr. Davis was born on August 5, 1943, in Floydada to Hubert Earl and Ruby Smith Davis. He married Glenda Giles on September 12, 1963, in Floydada. He was a member of the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church and was a mechanic at Campbell Soup Company.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Guy Davis and with Tonya of Henderson, Ladd Davis and his wife Beverly of Cedar Park and Gary Don Davis and wife Randi of Henderson, Glynese McNabb and husband Michael of Paris; one sister, Gwen Holladay and husband, Donnie of Clarendon; six grandchildren; and numerous neices and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers the family requested memorials be sent to the East Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church Building Fund, Rt.1-Box 265, Detroit, Texas 75436.





Barton would like to say thank you to each and everyone who Hospice of East Texas, 4111 Unimade this time easier for us with versity Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

tomatoes, bell pepper, cream, sugar, salt and cayenne pepper. Bring to boil and lower heat; simmer, partially covered for about 10 minutes or until corn is tender. Crumble bacon and sprinkle over corn mixture and serve at once. Shrimp and Ham Jambalaya

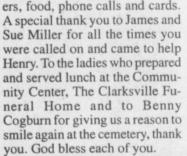
l cup white rice-cooked pounds uncooked medium shrimpshell & de-vein 6 tablespoons butter 1-1/2 cups minced onion 2 tablespoons minced garlic l can whole tomatoes-chop finely and reserve liquid 3 tablespoons tomato paste 1/2 cup minced celery 1/4 cup minced green bell pepper l tablespoon minced fresh Italian pars-3 whole cloves-ground

l teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon thyme leaf 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black peppound cooked lean smoked ham cut into 1/2" cubes

jalapenos to your taste

Cook shrimp in boiling salted water for 4-6 minutes or until they are pink and firm; set aside. In heavy 5-6 quart casserole, melt butter and add onion and garlic; cook til translucent. Stir in the tomatoes with the liquid and the tomato paste and cook for 5 minutes. Stir in celery, bell pepper, parsley, cloves, salt, thyme, cayenne pepper and black pepper and simmer. Stir frequently until the vegetables are tender and the mixture is thick enough to hold its shape lightly in the spoon. Add ham and cook 5 more minutes. Keep stirring. Stir in shrimp and heat them through. Stir in the cooked rice and cook until the rice has absorbed all the liquid and the mixture is hot. Adjust seasonings by adding jalapenos and serve from heated casserole dish to remain warm. 6-8 servings.

Sausage Cornbread Stuffing 1/2 pound spicy bulk sausag 1-1/2 cups flour 2 tablespoons butter 1/2 cup yellow commeal l cup chopped onion or leeks 2 stalks celery-chopped I clove garlic-minced 1/3 cup dark brown sugar 2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder cup buttermilk



Magical Christmas

Greetings

May your holiday come alive with beautiful

moments and memories.

Red River County

Treasurer

Glenda Garrison

& Family

Evelyn R. Greger dies December 14 Evelyn R. Greger, age 75, for-

merly of Bogata, died in Paris Healthcare Center on Friday, December 14. Funeral services were Monday, December 17 in the First Baptist Church of Bogata at 11 a.m. Burial was in Bogata Cemetery under the direction of Wood Funeral Home.

She was born June 3, 1928 in Sweetwater, the daughter of E.L. Williams, Sr., and Betty Valera Roddy Williams. She married Joe Greger on April 26, 1964. She and her husband owned and operated Bogata Furniture for a number of Professional Business Women's Association. Her husband preceded her in death June 4, 1981; her daughter, Cora King in 1995; and two brothers, Charles and E.L. Williams, Jr.

Surviving are her children; daughters Harolyn Gentry of El Prado, NM and Wynnona Gail Lyerla of Dallas; sons, Michael Wayne Gregor of Paris, James E. Davlin of Paris and Larry Joe Gregor of Dallas; one brother, Eugene Williams of Greenville; sisters, Louise Clement of Clardy, Mildred Humphries of Houston, Cora Lee Crow of Mineola and Faye Joyce Mallory of Paris; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

to Sanita Claus

FromBobby

January 6, 1932 in Fulbright, Texas and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, December 13, 2001 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jonnie James Kerbow and mother, Essie Mae Clarkson Kerbow, and is survived by his John Tate Davis wife of 47 years, Katie Naomi Pace Kerbow; his children and their spouses, Michael and Diane Kerbow of Longview; Russell and Becky Kerbow of Lewisville, Gary and Teresa Kerbow of Colleyville, Lisa Webster of Lewisville; eight grandchildren, Christina Kerbow of Dallas, Sherra Kerbow of Longview, Katie Kerbow of Dallas, Adam Webster of Wichita years and she was a member of the Falls, James Kerbow of Lewisville and Jaclyn Kerbow of Lewisville, Vanessa Farquar of Colleyville and Mitchell Kerbow of Colleyville; a brother, J.W. "Dub" and Ruth Kerbow of Pinegrove, CA and a sister, Nell and Lester Fosen of Morris, IL; several nieces ents and a son, Stanley Tate Davis. and nephews; and countless friends in the community.

A Texas native, Boyd graduated Fulbright High School in 1949 and moved to Dallas in 1950. Af-Clarksville in 1954, Boyd and Katie moved to Lewisville in 1967. Boyd continued to work in Dallas where he retired from Affiliated Food Stores warehouse in 1984 after 27 years of faithful service. Boyd completed the Dale Carnegie Effective Speaking and Human Relations course in 1981. Although semi-retired, Boyd remained active by working part time jobs and eventually went to work for the City of Lewisville at the Lake Park Toolbooth. Boyd enjoyed the fellowship of co-workers, swapping stories with local others. park users and spending time with grandchildren. Like ripples from touched lives in the Lewisville community.

Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville.

Services were held at 10 a.m. came to "Tex" Monday, December 17 at Lakeland Baptist Church in Lewisville with Dr. Ben Smith officiating. Interment followed in Old Hall Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ann's Haven Hospice of Denton or the Vista Ridge Oncology Center in Lewisville.

John Tate Davis

dies November 12

John Tate Davis of New Market, TN died Monday, November 12, 2001 after a 10-year courageous battle with cancer. He was buried in Camden, TN.

He was born July 8, 1931 in Talco to Pat and Jessie Tate Davis, He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Reva Presson Davis; sons Steven and Stuart Davis; sisters Verbeth Davis Coe of Tuckerman, AR, Lavonne Davis Kershner of Houston and Patricia Davis Loftin of Salem, Utah; and a brother, Quinnon Davis of Houston. He was preceded in death by his par-

Tate came to Bogata from Talco in 1942. He was a 1949 graduate of Bogata High School. He attended Paris Junior College in 1949-50 and entered the football ter marriage to Katie Pace of program as a walk-on. He was a unanimous selection on the 1950 All American First Team.

He was a charter member of PJC's Dragon Athletic Hall of Fame, having been individually inducted in the hall's inaugural year of 1990. In 1999, he was inducted into PJC's Hall of Honor. He served his country as a young lieutenant in the Army infantry.

He believed in giving back. Always grateful for the scholarship support given him by PJC and the University of Tennessee, he established scholarships to help

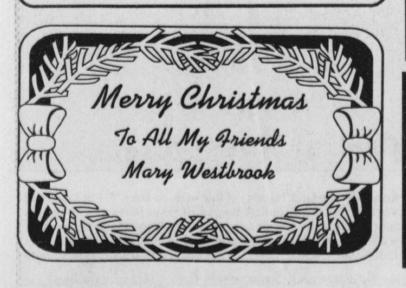
He was a master storyteller who could draw a crowd, whether on a a pebble in a pond, Boyd and Katie cruise ship at the captain's table on

The family received visitors in an athletic locker room. When Sunday, December 16 at Mulkey- Tennessee sports scribes wanted a colorful story about the Vols 1951 National Champions, they usually

He always felt privileged to have been "one of the Bogata boys who grew up in Mr. Bill Wilkinson's front yard" and cotton patch.

When it comes time to leave this world for a better place some day, the only thing you get to keep is what you gave away.

Rest in peace, Tate. See you later.



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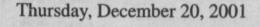
Mr. and Mrs Paul Wood, married 50 years

Woods to celebrate golden anniversary

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In addition to their children, they have six grandchildren and

They have lived in ilving for 48 years and are members of the St.





Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, celebrating 65 years

Lee's to be honored

The Red River County Genealogical Society met at the historic Lennox House in Clarksville, Texas December 10, 2001. Mary Hausler spoke about the furnishings in the house and the restoration of the building.

Coats for Kids

If your child has outgrown a

January 2002 meeting will be held a 7:30 p.m. at the Red River County Public Library. The society has enjoyed a large attendance at each meeting during the entire year. Members and visitors are

Kristina Cotten

attended UT of Tyler graduation ceremonies on Saturday. Theirr granddaughter, Kristina Cotten received her diploma. Other family members attending were Larry and Carolyn Cotten of Bonham. Ryan, Krissy and Candyce Cotten of Canyon City, Amanda Cotten and David Galloway of College



Janice Bivins Gentry

Restland Cemetery receives donations

Cunningham Restland Cem. etery has received the following donations:

Apple and a Apple

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In memory of JoDell Cooper from Rickey and Linda Anderson, Velmla Cox, The Baker Family, Bobby and Shelby Kennedy and Taylor Ladd, Canard and Deloris Norwood.

Donation to Restland Cemetery by Donnie Lewis and Charlie Baker.

Janice Gentry announces for District Clerk

nouncing her candidacy for Red River County District Clerk.

Mrs. Gentry is a life-long resident of Red River County, residing in the Maple community with her husband, Tim, and their two children, Faith and Samuel. She is the daughter of Pop Bivins and the late Bonnie Bivins.

Mrs. Gentry is a graduate of Rivercrest High School and is currently employed by the Lamar County District Clerk's office. She

Janice Bivins Gentry is an- has worked in that office for 10 years. Previously she worked in the Red River County District Clerk's office for seven years. She feels that with 17 years experience working with the Clerk's offices, that she is very qualified to be the next District Clerk.

Mrs. Gentry urges everyone to participate in the election, to take time out of their busy schedules to go and vote and would appreciate everyone's consideration in electing her as District Clerk.









And the happiest of holidays to you and yours. We so greatly appreciate having good friends

Merry Christmas

John & Shirley Cliff & Dee Dee, Cigie & Callie Darrin & Monica Chandler, Trent & Madeline Rebecca Gifford

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RIVERCREST PIPS-made their first appearance this year at the new gym at Rivercrest last week. The children did a great job in their first performance of the year. Sponsor, Lori Franks stated she was very proud of the group since they have few older members and a lot of young or first year members. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Beating the holiday blues

"Tis it really the season to be horrific terrorist attacks on Sepjolly?" According to mental health experts, you are one of the fortunate ones if it is.

The holidays, in fact, are a time when many people feel lonely and sad instead of warm, fuzzy and joyful. Those who feel down around the Yuletide season have what is often known as holiday depression, which is a pop culture term rather than a clinical one, according to Dr. Sally Stabb, associate professor of psychology at Texas Woman's University.

The mere expectation that people are supposed to feel blissful around the holidays is a major trigger for the onset of the holiday blues, she says. There is a lot of pressure for everyone to get along and to be happy. This is exacerbated by media portrayals of unrealistically happy families, surround by wealth and good cheer.

Realistically, families have all kinds of ongoing conflicts. Pressure to buy gifts, especially on a limited budget, can also make the holidays a stressful time.

People can feel obligated to buy things they really can't afford. The financial stress may be alleviated by talking to family members before the gift-buying season begins and being honest. Setting a per-gift spending limit-\$10, for instance- can be an effective method of spending control. This year, in the wake of the tember 11, the holidays may be especially difficult. Anxieties about traveling are likely to be heightened, as are frustrating, long delays for airport security. All of these factors can add to the stress many will feel.

Although holiday blues don't always amount to clinical depressions, people should seek help from a mental health professional when a depressed feeling lasts for more than a couple of weeks and impairs daily functioning.

The best prevention, however, is pretty simple; plan ahead., be aware of the expectations and make arrangements with family members you'll be spending the holiday with and express any concerns or needs.

Get some time alone every day during family gatherings, such as by taking a walk. Regular exercise is always a good depression fighter. Holidays can be especially lonely when a person is unable to spend it with family. Spend more time with friends and stay busy, possibly with volunteer work or take people a vacation, one you've always wanted. Remind yourself that it is a passing event and don't buy into society's false notion that being alone on the holidays makes someone less of a person or a failure. Just because other people say it, it doesn't mean it's true. umnal feature stories, sports, school ne





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In looking back over the years, hood. The neighbors were like us. can remember many Christ- They were all trying to make I can remember many Christmases, some happy and some sad. But one stands out in my memory as very special.

It started out like it would be a sad holiday, as we were locked in the depths of the Great Depression. I was the youngest child in a family of six children. We mostly lived off what we raised on the farm. But there had been a terrible hail storm that year. It had ruined almost everything we had. I was about six or seven years old.

I started thinking about what Santa would bring me that Christmas. My older sisters and brothers told me that Santa wouldn't bring anything because there was no money. I wondered why. I thought Santa was supposed to bring toys to poor people, just like he did everyone else. But it still worried me a lot.

I think there was a party every night that week in the neighbor-

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Christmas a happy time. There were parties where the young folks could play games and the older folks could sit and talk.

When we came home from a party on Christmas Eve night, my mother went into the house first to light the lamp. Then she called back to us that Santa had already been there.

I ran in and I saw a big rag doll with a pretty dress on. And a doll bed that was painted red, all for me. The bed had a pretty little patchwork quilt on it. It was made out of scraps from our dresses. So was the doll's dress. I picked up my doll. And I embraced it,] looked up at my mother. There were big tears in her eyes. It didn't take me long to figure out that my mother had made me the doll and the bed things and my father had built the bed and painted it. I



named my doll Dinah. But when I said it, it came out "Diner". I loved the rag doll, I played with it more than I did any of my other dolls.

My mother had the doll pattern. When that doll got worn or dirty, she would make me another one. The neighbor's children came to play dolls with me. They liked the rag doll best, too. That was my most memorable Christmas because I realized just how much my parents loved me. There are a few of my friends still around that played dolls with me and my "Diner". One girl is living in Bogata now.

Lucille Preston Knowles

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Public Notices

CITY OF DETROIT SEEKING BIDS FOR A STANDARD EQUIPPED LOADER/BACKHOE

The City of Detroit will received SEALED bids at City Hall, 190 E. Garner, P.O. Box 180, Detroit, Texas 75436 for the following equipment: The loader/backhoe shall be between 70-80 horse power, with a 18" to 24" rear bucket, 82" wide front bucket, 2 wheel drive, 4 post Props Cab, wobble Stick backhoe control, with the longest finance period, lowest fixed rate, with nothing to low down payment. The loader/backhoe shall meet all OSHA and EPA requirements in effect on the date of bid opening and shall be furnished with

lead free paint. SEALEd bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2002. The bids will be formally opened at 6:30 p.m. at the City Council meeting, City Hall, 190 E. Garner, Detroit, Texas, the same day and will be considered at that

time The SEALED bid envelope should be marked on the outside "Loader/Backhoe"

The City of Detroit reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any information in bidding, and to reward as may be advantageous to the City. 12-20

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION AND SERVICE EXTENSION POLICY OF MJC WATER SUPPLY

CORPORATION/SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10497 in Lamar County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connec-

tions on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with { title of subdivision service extension policy stated in the tariff/policy } (the "Sub-division Policy") contained in MJC Water Supply Corporation's tariff Special Utility District's policy. MJC Water Supply Corporation

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Special Utility District is not required to extend retail water or sewer utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy

Applicable elements of the Sub-division Policy include: Evaluation by MJC Water Supply Corporation Special Utility District of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's water supply/sewer ser-vice system and payment of the costs for the evaluation;

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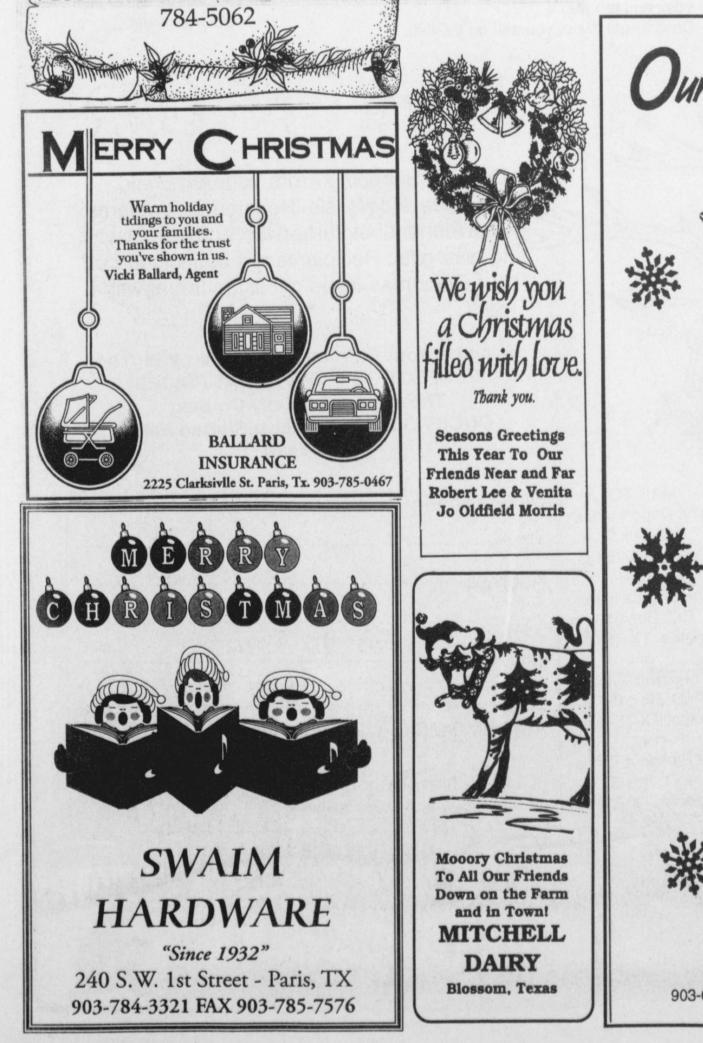
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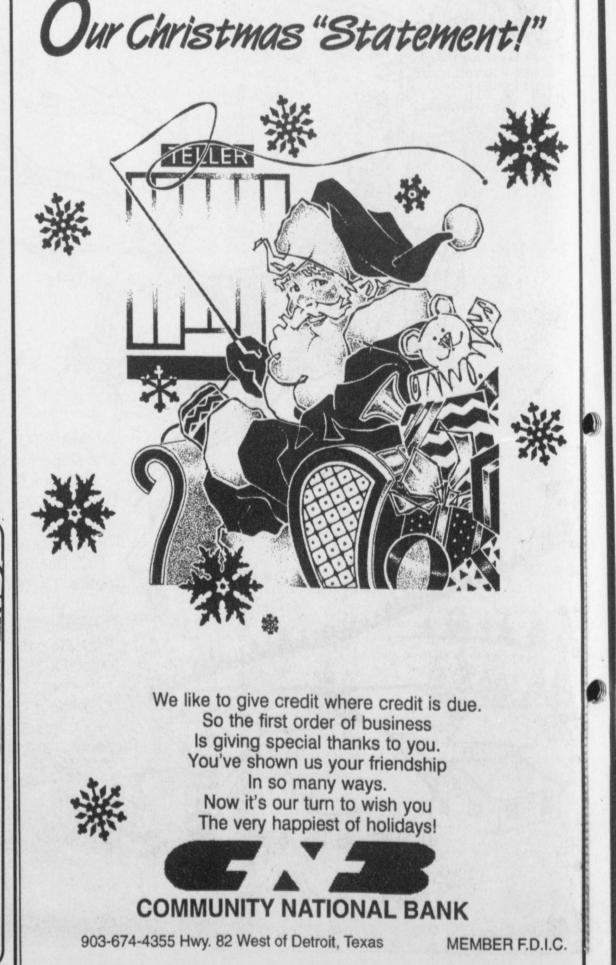
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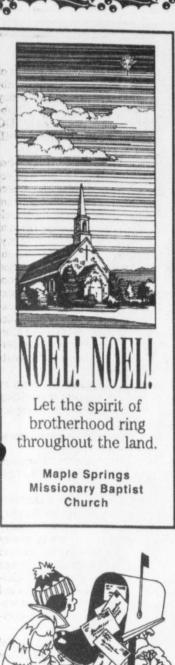
Construction according to design approved by MJC Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District and dedication by the developer of water/sewer facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

MJC Water Supply Corporation's/ Special Utility District's tariff/policy and a map showing MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's service area may be re-viewed at MJC Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's offices, at P.O. Box 6008, Paris, TX 75461, or phone 903-784-3576 for more information; the tariff/policy and service area map also are filed on record at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TNRCC, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.













"LAST CHRISTMAS AT RIVERCREST"-entered by the Rivercrest 2001-2002 seniors won 1st place in the float division at the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday on a cold and rainy day. On Wednesday, the float won 2nd place in the Bogata Christmas parade. Congratulations students! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown) a bins be aged find a tread going and begin to be lyaber another and the state of the state



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Jim Whitledge stands beside the marker he made for "Red Dog" Red rests in peace

By Thomas Nichols

Although Red Dog is gone, his hand outs. memory lives on in Blossom.

community of Blossom back in treats, from dog food to nice meat 1991 after catching a ride into scrapes and bones from the town with Loyd Sessums. Loyd Superette meat market. had gone out on the Prairie to check on his cows when he saw Red wandering the country side. After a brief introduction, Loyd decided he would go back to town and leave his new acquaintance to roam. After a glance in his friend racing down the road in an the disease. Fittingly, it was at attempt to catch up.

Loyd just couldn't leave the dog behind in that state, so he stopped and called out

want to!

Well, come on and ride if you

the Sessums local gas station, the cross with the simple words "Red, newcomer soon gained the name We Love You" of just plain old "Red Dog".

streets of Blossom every day and

soon people started to give Red

The Blossom Superette and Red Dog came to adopt the Blossom Feed Store found him

> Red Dog was much more fortunate than most dogs. He had total freedom, and yet the love of everyone he knew in town.

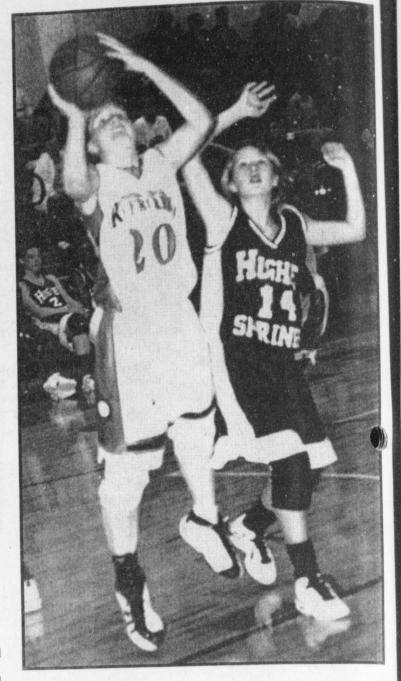
Recently, though, Red developed cancer in a front foot, and even though his friends doctored mirror he noticed his new found and cared for him he succumbed to home of his old friend, Loyd Sessums that he died.

His friends dug him a grave and laid him to rest within sight of the Sessums home.

Another friend, Jim Whitledge, Once in town and settled in at carved his name on a redwood

It's a fitting marker for a simple He visited up and down the creature that brought joy to many. nests





E IS FOR ERICA- and Erica Williams is a force for the La Rebels of Rivercrest under the goal. She is pictured taking short jumper as the Lady Rebels met Fruitvale recently. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some Dear Santa, camollage clothes and a hamster cage, a Game Boy Color with a game called Pokemon and I want a wind up toy fire truck and some long sleeve shirts. Your friend, friend, Shyrale Bivins Wesley Davidson

Dear Santa,

My name is Aaron. Please bring me a Pokemon Crystal game, a new bike, a wack the gopher game, a remote control motorcycle. My brother wants a remote control motorcycle too. Your friend,

I want a cattle truck, cattle, horses and a dog. Please bring me some clothes and boots. I will leave you a Dr. Pepper and cheese. Your

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control drag racer and a 4 x 4 truck that has real shocks. I want a baby and a baseball, a blanket, hunting jacket, dirt bike and 94+4 four wheeler. Your friend, Kellen Stringfellow



Aaron Eudy

Best Wishes From Our Staff Ed and Lee Lindeman, James Brown, Charles Malone, Jeff Nichols, Billie Taylor and Virginia Atkins.

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Blossom's Red Dog

Christmas drama set at Lake Chapel

Lake Chapel House of Prayer will present "Behold the Lamb", a Christmas drama, on Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Free admission and everyone is

Lake Chapel is located six miles north of Mt. Vernon on Highway 37.



Warm wishes for a bright holiday season.

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Dear Santa,

I want a collar for my puppy and I will leave some cookies for you. Your friend, Emily Hale Dear Santa,

Please bring me a mock control car, legos and a computer and Game Boy and a hachit and a my fish. Your friend, Hope Bivins telephone and a lot more. Love, Your friend, Eli Hale Dear Santa,

Love, Your friend, Chrissy Hume Stole Christmas the movie, Beanie

Dear Santa,

I want a 22 rifle and a knife and her high chair. Your friend, Allix a bow and a slingshot, a 4 wheeler Brunson and bow gun and a horse. Your friend, Rob Ward

Please bring me a doll and a baby doll and a TV. Your friend, Nida Alvarado

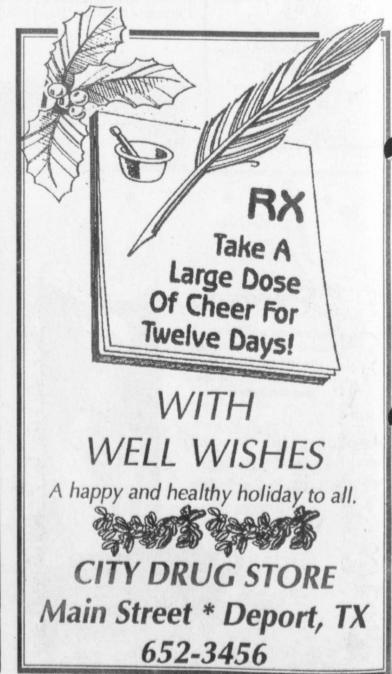
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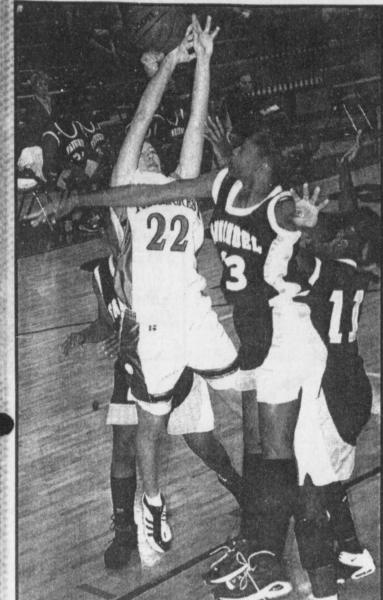
Dear Santa,

I would like a new VCR, How the Grinch Stole Christmas and stuff for my horse and aplant for

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a trampoline, I want a kitten and Barbie doll. barbie house, How the Grinch Babies, 6 of them, flip flop mat, Barbie cash register and Kelly with





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Thursday, December 20, 2001

"Dear Santa,

I wish for my uncle get his seventy percent of his heart back and for me and my sister to get along good and help my Grandma and Grandpa through the winter. Also help me and my family through the winter. Please bless the people on the street and bring joy to the world. Caleb Carroll"





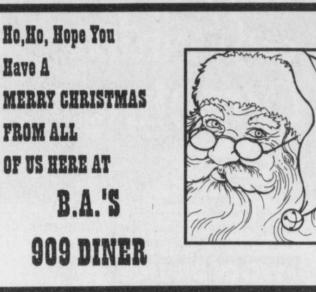


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Our Christmas Wish List ... For All You Have A Happy

Holiday! charles § Maxine Foster

Thursday, December 20, 2001 Bogata gift subscriptions

To Todd & Deb Williams from Mary Ann Williams. To Jan Hurst and Sam Speir

from Willie Mae Speir. To Sue Grubb from Emma Harrison.

To Annette Swaim, Kenneth and Mandi Kelley from the Ois Swaims.

To Kevin Binion from Wayne and Jelu Binion.

To Ginger Foster and Melanie Klein from Sam McConnell.

To Jarrod and LaTonya Miller

from Ragan and Rueanna Bell. To Rhonda Modesitt, Scott Branch and Brad Branch and Rita Reed from Jim and Barbara

Branch. To Carol L. Sessums from Lizzie Lee Legate

Jackie Clark.

To: Melissa Mettlen and J.C. Warren From: Mary Ann Warren From: Harvey Hays To: Mark and Carol dogget and

Jim and Cathy Smyth From: Jim and Dorothy Smyth

To: Monte Smith and Bruce Knowles From Floy L. Smith

To: Jimmy Stringfellow and Wayne Stringfellow From: Dixie Stringfellow

To: Michael Murphy From: Gail McKinney

To: Bill Eudy From: Shelia Howison

To: Janie Ballard From: Mary Jane Lowry

To: Imogene Hutson, Bill and Linda Bryson, Scott and Denise Huddleston From: Bonnie Hud-Bryson and Richard and Michelle Smith From: Maggie H. Lee

To: Brian and Becky Hurst From: Glen and Alice White To: Ross and Linda Bond From:

Jettie Bond To: Kathy Miller From: Billie

Pirtle

To Pam and James Vaughan From: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barnard To: Donald and Suzette Allums From: Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Pierce To: Brent Bryson and Duanna

Ewell From: Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bryson

for a great season!

Here's hoping your holiday is loaded

with good times.

Christmas & Many Thanks!

Merry

To:Tracie Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Davenport, Stephanie Blair and Jace Jeffery From Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jeffery

To:Cody and Susan Guest From: Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Guest To: Patricia Cruise and Marcelle

Simmonds From: Ruth King To: James Cox and Bennie

Alsobrook From: Dorothy Mitchell To: Dean Freeman From: Mr.

and Mrs. Nolan Belcher To: Dorothy Benson, Hahn Knutsen and Paul Parker From:

Bobbie S. Grubb To: Mr. and Mrs. Benny Mays From: Richard and Evelyn Eudy To: Judy Wantland From:

To: Robert and Cathy Hays and

Michael and Christine Howard

To: Tommy and Glenda Corbell, Nina and Doyle Smith, Billie Welch, Bo and Peggy Yale and Carol and Bill Baker From: Chrystine Baker

To: Ken Thornton and Martha Thornton From: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornton

To: Dee Richardson and Velma Hill From: Dan and Vicki Tabb

To: James O. Siddens From: Mrs. W.H. Schwartz

To: Mary Joplin From: Elaine Morgan

To: Rex Huddleston and Bernie dleston

To: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Knowles and Mr. and Mrs. George Dusenbury From: Lucille Knowles

To: Liz Jones, Linda Dain and JoAnn Poole From: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stubblefield

To: Leah Bull From: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis

PIPS

The following is the practice schedule for the Rivercrest PIPS (Players in Progress). Sponsors urge each member to attend as often as possible and to remember no shoes worn from outside may be worn on the gym floor. Each practice will be important as the group will be working on their performance routine. Members who can not be at a practice must call Lori Franks at 379-9430 ahead of time. If a member misses 3 or

To: Connie Fincher From: Mary T.Smith

To: Karen Cooper, Laura Ween, Brendia Garrido, Barbara Branch and Ricky Baird From: Mr. and Mrs. Truman Baird.

To: Linda Williams From:

Willie M. Topping To: Monica and Ben Townes, Tim and Doris Belcher, Randy and Sandy Belcher, Eddie Belcher and Valree and Charles Guest From: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Belcher To: Lee Lynn and Jeannie Wil-

liams From: Kay B. Henry To: Eula Faye Burke From: B.B.

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beth E. Ramsey To: Dorothy Morton From: B.B.

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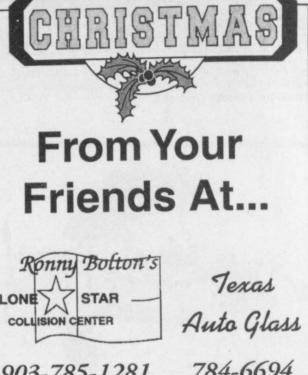
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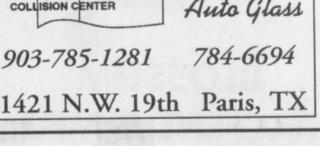
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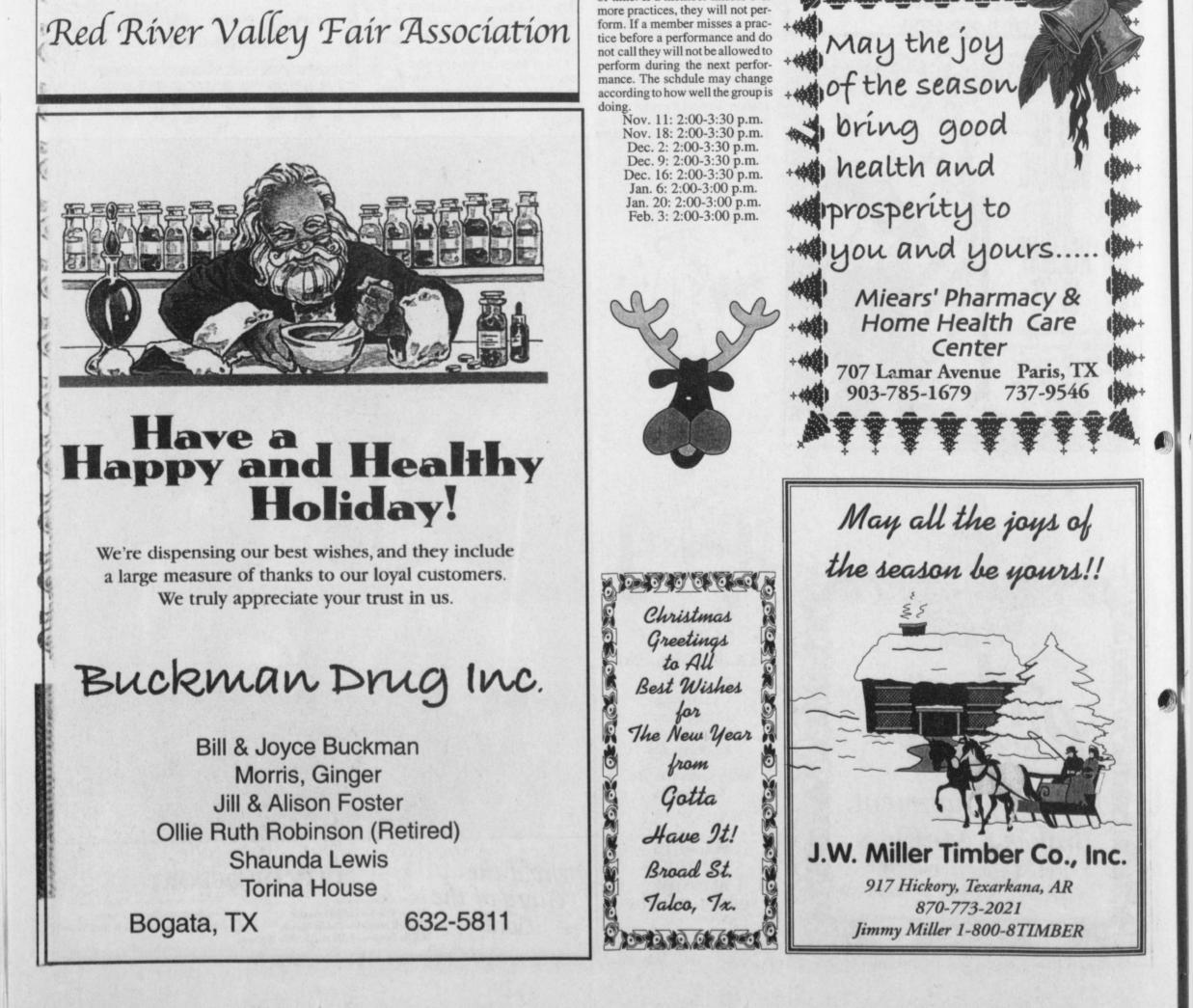


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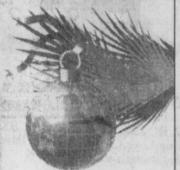






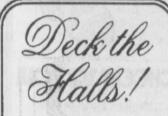






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May it be a beautiful scason for all our friends and neighbors. Thank you for stopping by!

Detroit Middle And High School Students, Faculty & Staff



Thursday, December 20, 2001 Winners in Christmas Memories

Contest announced

The winners in the Thunder Prairie Publishing Christmas Memories contest have been selected by an judge who did not know the names of the entrants. First Place went to Sunny

Whitney . Second Place went to Janie Lowry Ballard, Third Place went to Lucille Preston Knowles. Honorable Mentions were given

to Pat Reger, Renate McCoin and Jean Wilkinson.

The First Place winner will receive a certificate of award and a photograph album. The other will receive certificates. As many of the entries as possible are being run as well. Enjoy!



Of Comfort & Joy

Buddy & Sue Malone Tony, Debra & Matthew Malone Tommy & Micah

Malone

Merry Christmas To All Our Friends who are so kind. God Bless You, Ed & Loyce Huddleston

To Our Loyal Patrons

At this special time of year, we'd like to take a moment to wish our special friends and neighbors a beautiful holiday season and a happy new year. We're truly grateful for your trust and support.



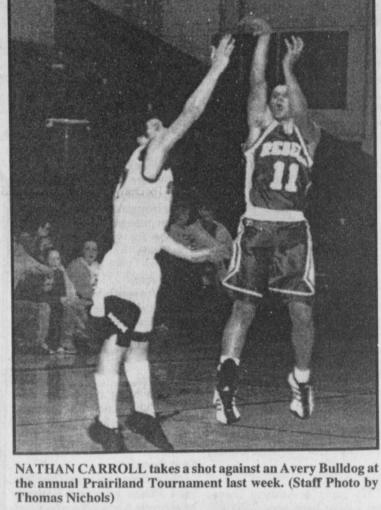
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Like a candle burning brightly, God leads us in the right direction. May you enjoy a blessed holiday. Many thanks for your support and friendship

City of Detroit

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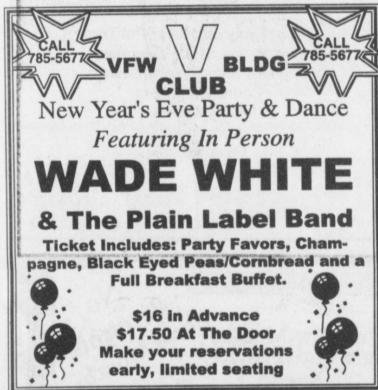
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Santa's Rolling **Down The Rows** With Lots Of Good Wishes And "Ho Ho Ho's" MERRY CHRISTMAS And HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Allen's John, Phebe, Zachary, Dustin and Hollie





Dear Santa,

I've been pretty good this year. I hope you can come to see me on been a good girl this year so I think Christmas. Please bring me a new bicycle, clothes, cool toys and movies. Please bring my cousin Gradyn some cool toys too! And year old sister named Brooklyn also my tow brothers, too. They've been pretty nice this year. I will leave milk and cookies for you at could you bring her a cadillac ter Loren a snowman. We'll leave my animals a treat. my Grandma's house. Thank you! escalade (white tipped in gold) Mason Haynes

Dear Santa,

I've been a very good girl this Dear Santa, year this is what I want. Baby-go-Boom, Barbie, clothes, gituar, sunny PJ and sunny house shoes. That's all I want this year. Love, **Regan Anderson**

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a football, a basketball, rubber boots (to walk through mud puddles), a new coat, markers and two coloring books and some new pants. Also please bring me some new socks. Love, cash register. Could you also bring mas. Love, Chloe Hodge Christopher Hall

Dear Santa,

My name is Chris Kennedy. I have been a good boy. I want a huge bean bag, a telephone for my new room. Lots of Army stuff. I want some pajamas and a fish aquarium with lots of fish. A desk with a light, some karate stuff and lots of toys. Love, Chris

Dear Santa,

I been trying to be as good as I can, but I kind of got in trouble at school. Would you please bring me a 4 wheeler for Christmas and one for my brother. Please make sure all of the other children in the world have a Merry Christmas. Thanks Santa. I love you, Axel

Dear Santa,

I would like a big lie down Dear Santa, Clifford. Also I want a haircutting baby doll and a chicken book. I want you to know I think your reindeer are pretty. I love you, Shelby Lyn Fletcher P.S. Please dump truck. A barn and animals Dear Santa, leave Kolby a toy horse.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me makeup with lipstick, fingernail polish, a new bike. lots of clothes, a Barbie telephone, a little computer, a pen holder, a desk, hair bands and new

Dear Santa.

Thursday, December 20, 2001

My name is Bianca and I've I deserve what I'm asking for. First on my list I want a bicycle, Easy Bake Oven and clothes. I have a 1 could you please bring her a dress and a pair of shoes. For my mom and for my dad, bring him a dog. Love, Bianca

so I can practice telling time. Please

bring mea new skateboard, a 4

mas Santa. Love, Brianna Ramsey

I would like an alarm clock,

Scooby Doo tape, Scooby Doo

dog that talks, Scooby Doo shoes.

I have been a very good boy.

Please bring mea Christmas col-

I would like a bucket loader and a

would be fun. I need a camo shirt

tennis shoes. I want an ove to cook

Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa, How are you doing? Please I would like these gifts for Christmas. A Barbie doll, Barbie bring me Dragon Ball Z toys or Game Boy games and Disney park, care and Barbie house. Melinda hopper tickets. Cookies will be waiting for you. Love, Jordan My name is Brianna Ramsey Thompson

and I am six years old. I have been apretty good girl this year. For Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Taylor Moles

Christmas, Austin

Dear Santa,

I would like Barbie Grand Ho-

Please bring me a Game Boy

you milk and cookies. Merry

tel, Barbie car, Barbie cash regis-

I want a new bike, a good birth-Christmas I would really like it if you could bring me a Game Boy day party, two new birds, good and a Barbie kareokie tape polayer. grades in school and what I really I would also like to have a Barbie want is a safe and merry Christmea new Backstreet Boy's CC. I

also want a really good new watch Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Nintendo Game Cube, a new TV and S.S. wheeler and I want my very own Gogeta 4. I'll leave you some Rudolph. Have a Merry Christ- Hersheykisses. Your friend, Blake

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this My name is Ashlynn Owens year. Please bring me Extreme and I have been very good this motorcycle, a new bike, a bow and year. Please bring me a Barbie arrow, free style game boy game, doll and playhouse. I would also motorcycle goggles, Texas Longlike the Amazing Alley Sister with horn clothes, jack knife diesel, a her cat and an ironing board with clock and toy motorcycle. Love, Jacob Harville

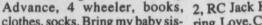
Dear Santa,

My name is Brooklyn. Please bring me a cheetah purse, new clothes, makeup, games. Aaron Carter CD and jewelry. Most of all, I would like a 4 wheeler. Please don't forget my little sister Jaden. We will leave you milk and cookies. With lots of love, Brooklyn oring book and Game Boy Color. Bishop

My name is Brittany. I wan a and pants and some good warm new Back Street Boys CD. I want gloves. I also want some white the Down on Dream Street CD and I want a new Britney Spears real food for my brother and sister CD and the new Christina Aguilera to share. I will be a good boy next and a little CD player and head set year too. Thank you, Kendall and age cart and a new bike and a new three wheeler and a bb gun and a new long fish pole and a

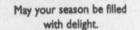
ter and Barbie telephone. Love, Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Play Station 2, RC Jack Knife car and a CBK clothes, socks. Bring my baby sis- ring. Love, Carter P.S. Please leave









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earrings. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Kristen Harville Dear Santa, age 5

tackle box. Love, Brittany

What I want for Christmas is Summer and a new Barbie car and a computer and new clothes, new soes, a new Barbie, new baby doll. This one is my sisters. She wants power puff girls and Woody stuff. My other sister wants a new bike. Your friend, Raven

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo Game Boy Advance, Zelde game, remote control snake, creepy crawlers sock. We will leave milk and cookies for you. Merry Christmas, Tyler

Dear Santa,

I would like these things, interactive twins, Kelly doll, mini clips music, kitchen set, miracle move baby, Barbie ATM set, doctor set. Thank you, Lauren Healy

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would lie a Brittany Spear CD. I would like a CD player, a lot of CD's and CD player head phones. Love, Marissa White

Dear Santa,

I would like a dirt bike, basketball goal, a gun, 4 wheeler, big bag of candy, a bike, a hot bunch of cars, a monster truck. Your friend, Edward

Dear Santa,

I would like a very special gift form Santa, I would like a Barbie doll and new bike. So please Santa bring me these special gifts. Love, Breanna

Dear Santa,

My name is Darian. I want a Barbie, a tea set, and my hole family to be happy. Dear Santa,

How are you? I tried to be good this year. All I want is a earpack and nsync chip. I also would like a bean bag chair. May I have a baby born too. And I really need a bible cover. This is the last thing I want, houseshoes. Have a safe trip Santa. We love you. Love, Samantha

Dear Santa,

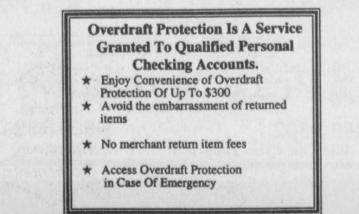
I want a lava lamp and computer and the movie Shrek and a 100 of candles and a Gam Boy with games, lipstick and a lot of money and overalls. Your friend, Haley

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Dear Santa,

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I hope your are staying warm and well this Christmas. Thank you, Santa for my gifts last year. This year, I hope I'm surprised to see a 4 wheeler, lots of stuffed animals, a singing machine with a microphone, some CDs and a holder for them. Lots of Love, Kacie Branch P.S. Please be kind to all the girls and boys this year.

Dear Santa.

My name is Luke. Please bring mea red rumble robot, 2 armours, 12 packs of power cards, 4 traps and 3 robo riders, Jacob some power cards. Bring Robert Caul some Power cards and a Rumble Robot. Logan some traps. My sister wants a DVD player. My daddy some tools. My mommy some dianond rings. Alex some CDs, Zeke ome Pokemon cards. Love, Luke

Dear Santa,

My name is Jordon. I have been good this year. Please bring me some chaps and a cowboy hat and some wranglers and new boots. Love, Jordon Smith

Dear Santa,

I was a good boy this year. Please bring me a Game Boy Advanced, Nintendo 64 with Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2 and book for Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2. Your Dear Santa, friend, Jed Burge

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a go cart and a puppy. And I want all my family to be together. And I want it to snow. And I want osme toys and clothes. And I want a good Christmas for everybody in the world. And bring me lots of toys. Love, Angela

Dear Santa,

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I want a scooter, a pen camera, a play cell phone and a new thing for my bike tire, a pony, a pair of ice skates, a teddy bear and a chalk board. Love, Zia

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I would like to have the car eating robot and the fire ball race track and a monster truck and a CD player and 4 Play Station games, monster ink and Harry Potter and need for speed. Your friend, Joey

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I would like Easy Bake Oven, Barbie doll, Riding Kelly, Barbie doll house, horse, robot dog, new books, more clothes and shoes, Monster's Inc. doll, Power Puff girls blanket, pillow and curtains, bicycle, crayon box, vacuum cleaner and Angel doll. by Kierra Pogue

Dear Santa,

I would lie a toy dog, firetruck, clothes, toy watch and shoes. by Austin Brooks

Dear Santa,

I would like a Easy Bake Oven, camera, CD player, coat, bed in a bag set, pet rat, Barbie Brittany Spears, 4 wheeler, Baby Born, cat and dog. Savanna

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy battery motorcycle, a toy jeep with batteries and remote control with it, new boots, a toy singer with a tape, a toy book and play money. Love, Jacob Thompson

Dear Santa,

I would like a chair, Barbie house and car, bird house, monster truck and firetruck. Ashton Sellers

I hope you enjoyed the milk and cookies I left for you last year, because I sure enjoyed the presents you left for me. I hope the toys I am requesting this year are not too much to ask for. I would like a Game Boy Color and a game. Also a CD player for my room I really like the Scooter doll I've seen on TV. I 've got a great idea for my stocking, the new Brittany Spears CD. Since my sisters, Marli and Brylee won't get to send in a letter they asked me to tell you a few things they want this year. Marli wants a Scooter and some camo, she says Blitzin's a nice ten point. Just kidding. You might want to go ahead and bring her one of those Scooter dolls also. Brylee is just learning to walk so anything that would help her master her task would be great. You'd better come to our house first, I don't know how long those cookies and milk will last with Brylee around. Be careful on your trip this year. I'll be looking

forward to your visit. Love,

Dear Santa,

My name is Lexi Earley. I live in Rosalie, Texas. I am five years old. I've tried to be good this year but sometimes its very hard with a brother like Landon and my sister Layna. I am trying very hard but still working on my behavior. I am hoping for a new Barbie or two to play with. A trunk of dress up clothes, Easy Bake Oven with mixes, a Leapfrog imagination desk and I really need a pair of pretty rubber boots to play outside in. New blue jeans, dresses and other clothes for I have grown a lot this year. Don't forget to bring me the Nutcracker Barbie series for my collection. Please bring my sister Layna a Barbie 4 wheeler, a new Barbie, pretty rubber boots, a magna doodle and new clothes. She likes to play with me so it's best we each have our own. You will find us at several families homes so just leave a little here and save some for the other houses. Thank you Santa, we love you very much. We will leave your special snack and we won't forget your reindeer either. Lexi Earley

Dear Santa,

I want braces, a BB gun, a mitt, a toy and a brother. Your friend, Dear Santa, Colton Weatherall

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Nintendo 64 friend, Cody Williams and the game Zelda. Also rescue heroes and legos, Jack Stone, power rangers and Time Force. Your friend Chase Wilson

Dear Santa.

friend, Bailey

Dear Santa,

Internet, a baby horse, a computer boots to ride the Barbie four game, Extreme rodeo and a puppy. wheeler. A Maga Doodle would Your friend, Sammy Reeves

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

hope you bring m a blow pen. I Bogata, Roslaie and New Boston. will leave you milk and cookies. Your friend, Morgan Cox

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. Can I have a Mary Kate and Ashley, Barbie and a Ken doll. Love, Your friend,

I want some food for my Barbie

and a radio and some boots too.

Some money and I want to be

magic. Your friend, Hannah

Dear Santa, I want a pellet gun and walkie talkie and a Game Boy. Your Friend, Nathan

Dear Santa, I have benn very good this year. I help my mom with my baby sister. I study hard and make good me a Game Boy Advance with cars, basketball and new basket- Love, Travis Antone some games, Easy Bake Oven, ball shoes, Leap pad computer, skates and teddy bear. I will leave jump start kids, man 2001 and Dear Santa, milk and cookies for you. Your 2002, Pokemon movies, Digemon friend, Emily Ward

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a present that is Barbie and some vitimins and Game Boy and a Leap Frog and a pack of gum. Your friend, Dyna Williams

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me some rings, a George Strait CD, a Shane Minor CD. I would like aBilly Gilman CD, some sneakers, some stuffed animals, themovie Shrek and the Grinch movie and lots of love. Love Camen

I would like a dragline and backhoe, a racing 4 wheeler. I have been a good boy. Thank you, your

Belcher. I am 2 years old. I've

Dear Santa,

I would like pajamas, Nintendo games to 64, race cars, jacket, Nintendo game Q, clothes, TV, movies, bath rug, Flintstone bath



My name is Travis. I have no chimney but have a hole in the wall behind the big picture for you computer games, baseball game to come in. I would like a Game grades. Could you please bring on Play Station, remote control Boy. I want Leap Frog books.

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I wouldlike a radio, Game Boy tape, clothes, boots, books, candy, towel and Mario Golf. Jamal Curtis Barbie and Christy dolls. Ashton Smith

> It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best ... along with our thanks.

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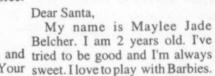
In this holiest of times, we are again warmed by His gifts of love and hope.

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I would like some skates and tried to be good and I'm always paints and a Nintendo 64. Your sweet. I love to play with Barbies. Please bring mea new Barbie to play with, a baby doll and Barbie four wheeler. I would like new I want a Scooby Doo video, the clothes and a pair of pretty rubber be nice I like to write my name. Maybe some books or a movei or tow. I really like to be read to and I hope you bring me a scooter. I watch movies. You will find me at

> for your reindeer. Maylee Jade Belcher

Merry Christmas. There will be

milk and snacks for you and feed

Please bring me a trampoline, a diamond ring, Princess Barbie, a Nintendo 64, a horse and a Dear Santa, dalmation puppy. Your friend, Misty

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you are doing good. Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie phone I would like Leap Pad, Sulley and a Choo Choo doll. I would and nike, stretch screamers, Just really like a bike with sparkles. Born doll and a Lava Lamp. Don't forget to eat the milk and Shayclie Austin cookies we left for you. Be carefu. Love, Carrie Facente

Dear Santa,

My name is Landon Earley. Ia m 6 years old. I attend Rivercrest Elementary and am in Mrs. Wright's Kindergarten class. I try very hard to do my best and to get as many check marks as I possibly can. I hope you will understand I do have bad moments sometimes. But, whi I do it make Mrs. Wright and my family very unhappy and disappointed in me. So, I do manage to get a lot more checks, than I do x's. I would really like a red dirt bike (with fire decals on it) and a helmet to match. I really need anew pair of lace up boots, wrangler jeans, a cmaouflage outfit for hunting and a footballhelmet, shoulder pads for me to play football with my cousins. A hot wheels fireball racetrack to play with when I ahve tos tay inside and play. i know this is a lot but I have more than one house for you to visit me at, so just spread it around and surprise me. Please don't forget my sisters even if it is hard for me to be nice to them all the time. Have a safe trip and I'll leave you some special treats, I know you have a lot of childen to visit and to try to please. I love you, Landon Earley

Dear Santa,

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I would like Pooh Bear Book, Pooh Bear movie, Singing thing that I saw on TV, Barbie Book, Barbie movie, new shoes, new clothes, Easter Eggs, Easter bunny, snow, Santa Claus, to see my grandmama and papa, to see God and the angels. Thank you Santa. Love Brooke Barrett

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I want a Play Station and some toys. Nikki Norman

Ashton McGee

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Michael Lewis

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

cracker. Meagah

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Cole Strickland

I would like bullets, 22 gun, toy dirt bike, baseball, phone, Army jeep and a back pack. Paden

My name is Kayla Brown. I am

three years old. I have been a good

girl except when me and my sister

Carli fight. I want a drum set and

dress up clothes for Christmas this

year. Please bring Carli a sewing

machine. With love, Kayla Brown

bring me two horses and some

new cars. I also want a Play Sta-

tion with a bunch of games. I also

need anew race track for my cars

and a train set. I would also really

like a new stereo for my room.

Thank you very much. I love you,

I would like to have Shark Park

by hot wheels, Harry Potters, a

skateboard and some games: per-

could I also want a toy train. Also would you please bring my brother

Batman. I have been good this

year so please look at my list care-

cycle, big big swimming pool, new

roller skates, Rudolph's New

Barbie doll, Mermaid, clothes and

I want a dirt bike and Play Sta

I would like a dirt bike and TV,

sled, lawn mower. Thank you,

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fully. Love, Trevor Ellison

Dear Santa,

Rhodes

I want a boy motorcycle, little men that come in a big box, Leap Frog learning books, GI Joe, remote control jeep, clothes and Cowboy boots. Your Friend, Jaden Duck

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a go cart. Bring Kayla a doll, a baby toy and MaMa a comb, Dad his mail. Santa for you is milk and cookies. Love, Your friend, Russell Jimenez

I have been very good. Please Dear Santa,

My name is Jonathon Kay. I live in Sugar Hill. I want a Nintendo, trick bike, come cars, new boots and some warm clothes. A rock n roll truck and I will leave you some cookie. Your friend, Jonathon Kay

Dear Santa,

My name is Tiffany. I would like to have a computer, Dancin Debbie, clothes, CD player, CD's, sing doll. I will leave you some fection, Hungry Hippos and if you cookies and milk. Your friend, **Tiffany Moore**

Trenton some toys. He likes Dear Santa,

I love you! Please bring me my trampline. My dad said it has to have a net. A baby that talks. Please make sure the soldiers have a good Christmas. Your friend, Dakota I would like a horse, motor- Parrott

stereo, lots of snow, a dalmatian, Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a 4 Christmas, princess and nut- wheeler, clothes, tractors and trailers. Have a safe trip and stay warm. Your Friend, D.J. Phipps

I would like a Barbie phone. Dear Santa,

I would like a CD player and a teddy bear and a pretty lamp and a new tea set. Your friend, Valerie Rhoades

Dear Santa,

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My nane is Candace. Please bring me a CD player, a new bike, a Barbie telephone and Barbie computer. Your friend, Candace Stansell

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Visiting Chrystine Baker Fri- visiting recently were Jimmy They enjoyed traveling to Clarksville to shop.

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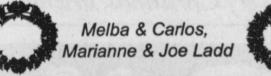
Janelle, Jessica and Noah, Vicki Zelma Mauldin and Kenneth and Tabb and Maggie Richardson. Also Phyllis Duffer.

Friday visitors of Dixie String- Judi Maddox and Michael Tabb. fellow were Buddy Stringfellow, Susie Fowler of Blevins, Ar-Paula Hibbard and children, kansas visited last weekend with

Message To The Many Who Love & Respect Thelma Ladd Warren Currently "Miss Thelma" is in **Deport Nursing Home** She is recovering from recent problems with her health. She remembers all of you fondly and regrets that she will be unable to send greetings to you during the holiday season. Please accept this message

as her best wishes to all of you.

We treasure and appreciate your love and concern for this special lady.



Dixie Stringfellow, Lucille day was Billie Welch of Blossom. Stringfellow, Felina and Jerica Childers, Edna Earl Dodd, Ken-White, Billy, Kathy, Kaley and neth York and Betty Joy Puckett Kellen Stringfellow, Danny Tabb, met Thursday Dec. 13 in the home of Jan McCuller in Mt. Pleasant for their Christmas party and lunch. Also there for a short time were Melanie Combest, Robbie Mc-Culler, Doug Hawkins and John McCuller.

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Happy December Birthday to: Scott Davidson, Jaelee Ward, Sherry Rolen, Nita Golightly, James Duffee, Alexandrea Killian, Alice Martin, Cylena Holeman, Lawrence Bell, Chris Clark, Garrett Haynes, Jeremy Mankins, Kathy Stringfellow, Bow Willis, Joann Sherman, Samuel Gentry, Hana Hawkins, Larry Wayne Neeley, Jim Bill Chaloner, Linda Gray, Tracy Denny, Paige Provence, Paula Speir, Carolyn Miller, William Morris, Franky Bush, Maxine Scott, Doris Belcher, Clayton Huddleston, Jerad Guest, Nettie Moore, David Stansell, James A. Freelen, Molee Huddleston, Mary Ann Williams. Patricia S. Taylor, Cassandra Stringer, Brian Hurst, Wyatt Tabb,

Larry Evans, Cristy Kennedy, Charity Huddleston and Pam Hays.

Happy December Anniversary to: Hoyt and Jean Taylor; Leon and Molee Huddleston; Denny and Regina Whitley and Harold and Kathryn Verner.



I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS-The Red River Healthcare float took 3rd place in the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday and 3rd place in the Bogata Christmas parade held Wednesday. The truly patriotic float honored each branch of the U.S. Military. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

Vicki accompanied by Dixie Stringfellow drove Maggie to Sherman where they met her dad, Bob Richardson and she returned home with him to Muenster. Danny Tabb and Judi Maddox also visited with Dan and Vicki during the weekend

The Sunday School classes of First Baptist Church of Bogata taught by Cleavie Coffin, Linda Gray and Johnny Ragsdill celebrated Christmas at the Fish Fry in Paris on Monday, Dec. 10. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill White, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams, Mrs. Wanda Ragsdill, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coffin, Mrs. Mary Ellen Kain, Mrs. Elvis Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Rick Holeman and McCartney and Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Gray.



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Thursday, D Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa....

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I would like a few gifts for Christmas. I want a lava lamp, Madden 2002 video game, stereo. 3 CD's, Creed, Now 8 and Brittney Speirs, sports cards and a TV. Merry Christmas, Ryan Kennedy.

Dear Santa,

I have been sort of good. Can I please have these things for Christmas, a puppy, a pair of gloves, a toboggan and new clothes. Thank you, Heather Story

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. These are the gifts I would like this year. I want all the Dragon Ball Z movies. Robert Tully

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. This is what I want for this year. I want a dirt bike, gloves, bike helmet, ear muffs. Well, Santa have a nice Christmas. Thank you Santa, Troy Brooks

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I want a Monster Inc. movie, some clothes. I also want a go-cart so I can ride in my back yard and a TV. Valerie Vaughan

Dr. Caroline

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Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. Here are some things I would like for Christmas, a lava lamp, a movie of how the Grinch stole Christmas, a Monster Inc. movie and a blue skateboard. Lacey Bryan

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a small soldier game, a bike, a scooter, a Dragon Ball Z toy, a Harry Potter game, a gun, a telescope, a Dr. Doolittle 2 video. I have been a very good boy and nice to my sisters. Love, Michael Jones

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a girl motorcycle, Barbie, Barbie movie, Princess doll, angel dress, Monster Inc. toys, hair bows, earrings, jewelry box, Barbie answering machine, play kitty, phone and crown. Alex Duck

Dear Santa,

Please bring a trampoline, a motor skooter, a toy rabbit and for Christmas to come so we get lots of toys. Will you please give me a raindeer. I will even give you me J.C. Penny book to see, and lots of trucks too. Thank You Santa Claus, I love you, Croix Parrott

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Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a VCR, new TV, a new fan, microphone, a My Size Barbie, a Ken and Barbie playset, a clock, shoes, socks and a bag full of money. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you to enjoy on this Christmas Eve night. Thanks A Lot, Nicole Norman

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is Ashlee Wright. I am 4 years old and I am in Pre-K. My special toys that I want are a baby doll with a bottle. I also want a Mircle Baby and don't forget my big brother Jestin. Please bring him a race car and boat. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I also want a fever baby and a Barbie doll with a baby. That's all I want. Love you, Ashlee Wright

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a toy gun, alligator, monster truck, Indian, little dog, baseball hat, dump truck, dinosaurs. Love, Marty Fields

Dear Santa,

My name is Dez'rae Nickerson. I have been a good little girl. This year I would like a camera, a bicycle, a Game Boy. I will leave you cookies this year. Thanks Santa for everything. Love, Dez'rae

Dear Santa,

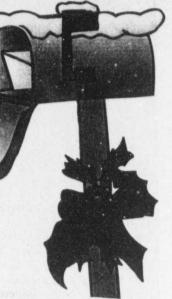
My name is Layton Wright and I am 2 years old. I sat in your lap at the Tyler Mall, but I was too scared to tell you what I wanted. Please bring me a 4 wheeler like my Dad's but small enough for me. I also want a Barney Computer, a talking train and some more goodies. I have tried to be good, but it's hard when you are spoiled rotten! Love, Layton Wright

Dear Santa,

I would like a bow and arrow and some bombs (real ones). I would also like a remote control truck and a remote control boat, with a trailer. I would like a pair of roller skates, tennis shoes and a toy robot. Heath and I want paint ball guns. Love, Riley

Dear Santa,

I would like candy for Christmas. I would also like some toys



Dear Santa,

I think I have been real good. And what I want is Fib Finder, Mystery Date, Nsync Celebrity, levetation, a Play Station 2 and a trip to the hogwarts Castle Adventure. And what I am going to leave for you is cheese and red koolade. And Thank you for all of my other presents that you got me. Brittany Littrell

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy this year so this is what I want for Christmas, I want a X Box motorcycle, Play Station 2 game, lava lamp, Game Boy and new bike. I'm going to leave you cookies and milk. Thank you for the gifts last year to. Josh Moore

Dear Santa,

I think I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me a few things. I would like some books, a CD player and some CD's. I want some Game Boy games, some Nintendo games and some Play Station games. I will leave you some cookies to eat and I will leave your reindeer some oats. Thank you for the stuff you got me last year. Jerica White



season filled with all the trimmings and hopes of a prosperous new year. Thank you for your kind patronage. Your friendship really makes us feel like celebrating. DEPORT FLORIST

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"thanks" for calling on us this past year. We appreciate your kind patronage.





CATCHING SOME ZZZs this little Santa Claus is all worn out from making all those toys, and catching a little rest before the upcoming big night. (Staff Photo by nanalee Nichols)





Childbirth Education Classes" (Classes begin January 3. You must register for Childbirth Education Classes at least a week in advance at 577-6400.) Thursdays, beginning January 3, 7 p.m.- 9:30 p.m, TRMC Board Room

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ELEANOR FOXWORTH -is pictured with her 90th birthday cake and children (from the left) Russell Foxworthy, Alma Jane **Davis and Martha Frazier.**

Eleanor Foxworthy celebrates 90th birthday

Eleanor Foxworthy celebraed her 90th birthday with a party at Red River Healthcare in Bogata with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren on December 10, 2001. Eleanor was born December 13, 1911. She is the mother of Mary Schoknecht of Yoder, Colorado, who was unable to attend, Alma Jane Davis of Avery, Martha Frazier of Brighton, Colorado and Russell Foxworthy of Talco.

Also attending to help her celebrate were; daughter-in-law, Betty Foxworthy, grandchidren, Kristi Clemmons and fiance Guy McKnight of Roxton, Nicki and husband Shawn Roberts of Mt.Pleasant, theresa and husband Rocy Pierce of Shreveport, LA., Linda Cowley of Avery and great grandchildren; Kayla and Keyle Clemmons, Shelby and Hunter Roberts and Darren and James Cowley.

Rivercrest Youth Basketball

Association to meet January 6 The Talco-Bogata Little Drib- to Harts Bluff, Winfield and blers Association has become one Chapel Hill for play. 1st and 2nd organization, the Rivercrest Youth grade teams will play locally. Basketball Association.

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signing up will be drafted to a year. team. 3-6th grade teams will travel

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A final sign up will be held on Tryouts/drafts are necessary to romote unity and keep competion 3:30 p.m. at Rivercrest High School. Fees will be due at this After tryouts, teams will be time. A meeting will follow to drafted by coaches. All children finalize plans for the upcoming Dear Santa.

> My name is Haley Bivins and I have been good. This year I would



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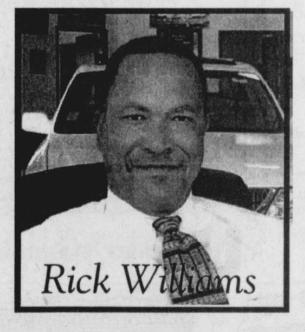
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Dear Santa,



TOYOTA OF PARIS JEEP Salesman of the Year!!!

Toyota of Paris Jeep congratulates **Rick Williams** for achieving this award so many times! Rick would like to thank God. his wife, family and of course all his loyal customers for helping him achieve these accomplishments.

Navy Petty **Officer 3rd Class McKinney Plays** Vital Role In "Silent Service"



Joseph L. McKinney

Deep below the ocean's surface, quiet and undetectable to the world outside, American submarines are on patrol, waiting for a call to action. Sailors like Grand Prairie's Joseph L. McKinney help Navy submarines to maintain the level of readiness necessary to carry out their missions as directed by the president.

Today's submarines are still used for sea lane protection, but they are also capable of conducting intelligence gathering operations, inserting special forces units in areas where surprise and secrecy is essential, and launching precision strikes against land-based targets hundreds of miles inland.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class McKinney, the 22-year-old son of Doug and Donna McKinney of Grand Prairie and the nephew of Richard Parrish of Talco, is an electronics technician on board the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Columbus (SSN 762), homeported in Pearl harbor, Hawaii.

Ofc. McKinney graduated from Charles Page high School in 1998 and then while he was working at Washington Inventory Service in Tulsa, he graduated from American Broadcasting School. Shortly after graduation he moved to Grand Prairie and enlisted in the Navy.

Being on board a nuclear submarine has given submariners a chance to be part of something special. Each job is vital to the success of the submarine's missions.

"If I didn't do my job, we would all suffocate", McKinney said.

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Throughout the year, Los Angeles-class submarines like Columbus are forward deployed with aircraft carrier battle groups or they operate independently in the most unstable regions of the world.

The Columbus, which is capable of speeds in excess of 25 knots (29 miles per hour), is armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles and MK-48 torpedoes. These tools give the Columbus the ability to combat virtually any threat.

Columbus and her crew understand that they are an important part in supporting deployments overseas.

"It's important for the Navy to defend democracy because it's our way of life," said McKinney, a two year Navy veteran.

The submarine community is considered by many to be a very challenging community in the Navy's fleet, and McKinney and his fellow submariners' experience and skills will be heavily relied on to keep the Navy's submarine force prepared to protect America's interests. They have demonstrated in the past they a re up to the challenge, and they will continue to do so as Sailors of the U.S. Navy.



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How are you doing? It is almost time for Christmas so here is couple of things I might want. I want a board game, a watch, a Barbie and my mother to get well. And my brother wants a radio, ome toy action figures and a Ken oll My sister wants a baby doll. My mom wants a diamond ring ind earrings and Lady Stetsen. lere's what my friends want, they ant us to be best friends forever! essica Smith

ear Santa,

I wood like a Cyber race track fire ball race track and some eats for Jazz with a dog house, lintendo games and a little bit of verything. Kevin

Dear Santa,

I have been a really good girl his year. I would like a hitclip of rittney Spears the song is I'm a Slave 4 you. And I would like ome new clothes and some shoes, bike like Jessica's that's dark ue, a clear blue game boy color, acell phone, a new house, a heavy at, my own computer, my own air clips, some fingernail polish, nakeup kit. I would like a bunch, nch, bunch of money and play ts to put on my mom. And I would like to know who the real Santa is? Amber Whitney

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a house, my mother would like everyone to have a safe and good holiday, my sister would like a portable CD player. I want a book, a VCR, a TV, a CD, a coat, a sweater, a Pooche cat and dog and bird, a rabbit, a , a cap, a picture of my fama tape of Brittany Spears and sync. My dad would like Harely Davidson pictures and a Harley Davidson and we want to have a py holiday and the others to. Happy Christmas, Becky

Dear Santa,

How are things up there? How are your reindeer? For Christmas I want a couple of bottles of nail polish a amazing baby doll. We ht leave you some cookies. For Halloween I got a bunch of candy. Your friend, Mary Beth Henley

Dear Santa,

My name is Ashlyn Kennedy. I am 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll that matches me. I also want a Barbie microphone so I can sing with Brittany Spears. I hope you bring me other things too. Look for my lights on my house. Say hi to Rudolph and the other reindeer. I'll leave milk and cookies for you. Ashlyn

Dear Santa,

I am two years old and have been very good this year! Please bring me some Dr. Pepper, a new Barbie, a baby doll like my cousin Heather's and a playhouse. I have been asking Mommy and Daddy for "two big blue ones" but you may have to help them out, they don't seem to know what I'm talking about! I will leave cookies and milk by Granny and Papa's fireplace for you and some special reindeer food outside. Love, Marli Hines

Dear Santa,

My name is Bowdy Guest and I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me Jake the Cobra Snake, a brand new fishing pole, some new cowboy boots and a flashlight with a dinosaur on it. Thank you Santa, Bowdy Guest

Dear Santa,

My name is Carmen LeOllie Allen and I'm in third grade. Santa how's your work shop and your deer? Santa I wish for a GAP shirt and some GAP sunglasses. Santa I wish for my mom to have a new dress and a new shirt to wear. Santa I wish for my dad to have a new truck. Santa I wish for my brother Marcus to have a brand new car to drive. Santa I wish for my other brother Michael to have a new house. Santa my little brother wants a little toy truck. Carmen Allen

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

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Dear Santa,

cat. Love, Lori

Dear Santa,

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Faith

Dear Santa,

Love, Lucchese

My name is Haley Bivins and I have been good. This year I would like horse things. Please help all the children who lost their parents in New York. Haley Bivins

Thursday, December 20, 2001 Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa...

I have been very good. Bring me something for Christmas and then make it snow 10 inches deep. Jarid Lyles

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I love you. I hope everyone gets a present. I think you are very nice. I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas. For Christmas want a scooter, hat, shoes and clothes. I love you, Colton Phipps

Dear Santa,

My name is Shala. I'm in third grade and I want to tell about my cats. First one of them is a boy but it looks like a girl cat. He's brown on his face and a coco color that's light and he has blue eyes it is a pretty sight. Now for my other cat is black with tan spots with green eyes and it is very skinny and well you could say I'm lucky because I can have two cats at the same time. Shala Ridens

Dear Santa,

My name is Haley Steen. I am in third grade. I hope you can bring these things on my list. A new pair of Nikes, a lava lamp, a CD and a porcelain doll. Haley Steen

Dear Santa,

I am doing good at school. I want a dodge radio control truck. **David Stringer**

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year and I only want a few things and here they are, a hoola hoop and the new Brittnay Spears CD and that is about it. Ashley Thurreson

Dear Santa,

I wish you a good Christmas and I wish we have a good one too. I hope we will move after Christmas. I wish we can have a horse for my birthday. I wish I can have a glass horse. Kerrie Wright

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I am in third grade. I wish for the people in Afghanistan to be free and have a good home, food and also for the people in Afganistan not to be under control of Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban. T.J. Stahley

This year it was kind of hard to

think of something, but I finally

did, so her it goes. May i have the

remote control car dragon Fly

please and may I have the car

launcher Super Launcher and may

I have a new video game and the

movie Monsters Inc. and for the

final thing a remote control car

that can flip off walls. Jesse Ward

Dear Santa,

I would like a Play Station 2 that I ask for and I know I have now. Kolton Benson

Dear Santa,

I wish for a Play Station 2, a Dear Santa, Nintendo 64 game called madden 2001, boxing gloves, new shoes, new clothes, new bike, a mongoose remote control car, a basketball, a quarterback throw thing, a 4 wheeler and all the gear for football. Thank you Santa, Brandon

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station 2 with a controller and a game and a soccer ball, a basketball, a movie of Monster Inc. and a scooter and a helmet for my bike. Jordan

Dear Santa.

I want a soccer ball for Christmas. I also wan a robot and a pair of gloves and a pair of golf ball gloves for Christmas. I also want a pair of Levis and I also want a twenty three nineteen and I also want a pair of 4 wheelers and I also want a skate board and a surfboard for Christmas. Sammy Newsom

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like Little toe socks, Heads up House, shoes, girl zone, robo baby and hit clips, too cute twins, Shrek, computer games, Play Station, pajamas and Diva Stars. Kelsi Thompson

Dear Santa,

I only want these things for Christmas. I want a Play Station and Mary Kate and Ashley crush course game and folder and I want a green new pooch and Smithsoian and open the door to learning with Leap Frog Leap Pad books, desk and Brittney Spears back pack, personal player, Glamour boutique and pastel butterfly and skating shoes. Miranda

Dear Santa,

I would like to go to Arkansas for Christmas and see my cousin Audra. I want a big fish tank with

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a and I would like two controllers pair of shoes. What I also want is and I would like some games to some brand new clothes. Another go with it and I would like a go- thing I want is a viser. I want a cart and I hope I get all the things kitten for Christmas and I also want lots of toys to. And the last been bad but I will do very good thing I want is a very happy Christmas. That's what I want for Christmas. Kari Taylor

I would like a go-cart and a Play Station 2 and control. I hope I get both of these things I ask for. I know I've been bad a little so I hope I get these two things I ask for. Ryan Walker

Dear Santa,

I love to write this letter for you. I will like to have three things. First I will like to have clothes. Next I will like to have anew bike. Last I will like to have Easy Bake Oven. Please Santa Claus I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas. Thank you, Love, Sarai Martinez

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a CD player and some CD's and I would like to have the Back Street Boys movie and their new CD and a real computer and a sugar plum princess and a hit clip and a phone with my own number. I have been very good this year. Thank you, Tamara Moore

Dear Santa, Santa Claus come soon to me and bring a football with you, Thank you, John

Dear Santa,

My name is Gabby Maria Torres and I'm 5 years old. Would you please bring me a doctor Barbie, Barbie jeep, wedding Barbie and two baby dolls. A Barbie house would be nice too. Can you please bring me a Barbie fair and a Barbie airplane. I know I'm on your list cause I've been good. I love you Santa, Gabby

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. I am six now. I hope you are doing fine. For Christmas, I would like a Game Boy Advanced, Harry Potter spell casting game, reindeer stickers, new clothes, computer games. Thank you very much, Love, Sam

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie car for little girls, Barbie dolls and Barbie stamps. Britney Childers

Dear Santa,

My name is Jestin Wright. I am six years old and I am in Kindergarten. The special toys that I want are a dirt bike man, a remote control monster truck, a race car, a slittering Jake snake, some new CD's for my radio that I go for my birthday. I also want a little 50cc dirt bike in the color blue and don't forget my sister Ashlee. Please bring her a baby doll. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love you, Jestin Wright



Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me a k tumbler and rolling runners. Thank you for the computer you e me last year. Thank you, **Dillon** Cortez

Dear Santa,

Please bring me 2 dogs and a farm. Love, Joshua

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bicycle, a robot and play bull. I have been a good boy. Aaron

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a guitar and a farm set and a dirt bike. Love, Matt

Dear Santa, Please bring mea trap, a bike and a tent. Love, Logan

Dear Santa, Please bring me a gun, a knife and a cowboy hat. Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a computer, othes and skooterr. I have beena good girl. Love, Carli

ear Santa,

Please bring me some clothes d a ball and anything. I am a good girl. Love, Tiffany Black

ar Santa,

Please bring me a X Box and a ke and a gun. Have a nice trip. ove, Jonathan

ar Santa,

Please bring me a bike and a cat d a dog. I have been a good girl. Love, Monica

ear Santa,

Please bring me a bike, a guitar d a cat. I will have cookies out you. Love, Dustin

ear Santa,

Please bring me a radio, a guiand a horse and Santa I have en a good girl. Love, Destini

ar Santa,

It's me, Hailey Brown. I want a oll and a beanie baby cat and a w bike and a coat hanger. Love, ailey

Dear Santa,

I know I have not been good this year and please forgive me for not getting good grades at school and not being good. I promise to do better in school and I want to tell you something else. I want a computer for Christmas and that's all I want because I think it will help me in school. **Taylor Landreth**

Please bring me a bike, a sling

Please bring me a big girl toy.

Please bring me a hamster and

Please bring me a Fever Baby

My name is Quinton Anderson

and I am 2 years old. I would like

any kind of tractor, trucks or farm

equipment and cows, horses,

sheep or any other type of play

animal. Most of all I want to go to

the barn with Sherry and Randy

Hollis and play with Robyn and

Shelly, who are my baby-sitters,

to drive my Paw's truck and to

play in my Nana and Pa Pa

Anderson's yard. I will leave

Goldfish crackers and pepsi for

you if I don't eat and drink it all

myself. Please leave presents for

me at my house, my Nana and

Paw Brown's, my Nana and PaPa

Anderson's and my Aunt Barbara

and Uncle Carl Smith's. Love,

and a Miracle Baby and a play

a piggy bank and a violin. Love,

shot and guitar. Love, Kevon-

Dear Santa,

Ross

My name is Jaden Brown and I I would like a teddy bear, some will be one year old in February. baby stuff for my babies, a beanie I would like any toy that makes baby, the elephant peanut game noise. Please bring me some and a big girl bicycle. And Santa, drums. My parents will love that. if you really can see me at daycare, Please leave presents for me at I'm sorry for all of those days in my Nana and Paw Brown's, my time out. Love, Kaitlyn Brown Aunt Barbara and Uncle Carl Smith's, my Nana and Pa Pa Allmon's, my granny and grandpa

Dear Santa, Please bring me a picture of Please bring me a bike and a you, a skooterr and a car. Love,

doll and a elf. Love, Tiffany

Cox's and my house. Love, Jaden



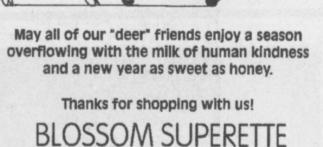
moments and memories.

Red River County Treasurer **Glenda Garrison** & Family

lots of fish in it. I want a Smiley face pillow and a heart shaped pillow. But most of all I would like a lot of love. Oh Yeah, I would like a yellow lab puppy too. I would like a Tweety bird lamp. Alison

Dear Santa,

I want creepe crawlers zoids, energy paintball, scan command, silly 6 jeans, Land Before Time 7, a stocking full of candy, apples and nuts. Love, Davey



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Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, Are you doing ok in the north pole? Santa if you can I would like makeup. I would like skates, boots, clothes, socks and jewelry. Love, Loren

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace Isiah 9.6

Bless you for your kindness throughout this past year. It has meant a lot to us. Merry Christmas to all.

Detroit 7 to 11 Tom & Bonnie, Stephanie & Heather Green Jeff, Kim & Judy

Dear Santa,

How is your year going? These are some of the things I would like. I would like a Play Station 2 and RC car it is called Jackknife. If I don't get a Play Station 2 I want some more Nintendo games and anything else you would like to give me. I hope you have a good year. Brady Kennedy

Dear Santa,

I've been a very good boy. I really want a black mountain bike, DVD player, driver's license, a Harry Potter levetation kit, Harry Potter's potion class, Harry Potter miniature Hogwarts school, Harry Potter casting stones and Harry Potter against Draco Malfoy casting spells. Oh! Don't forget I left some cheese. Alan Smith

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the bike last year. It was helpful and the other stuff. I just want a couple of things a scooter and some stuff in my stocking. And I am going to leave cookies and milk and a picture of you. Alec Moreno

Dear Santa,

I've been a good boy. I want a big remote control truck, a bike and a 4 x 4 four wheeler, my birth stone, a Play Station and a Play Station 2, a gun, a remote control boat. I'm going to leave you cheese and milk. Thank you for all of the presents you've got me. Thank you, Brandon Taylor

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would like a Hi-Tech remote control truck, a Nintendo, Play Station and some games. I want some DVD, videos and some Hot Wheels cars. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you for the presents. Garrett Carroll

Dear Santa,

I really think you are nice. For Christmas I want some camouflage clothes and a Yamaha keyboard. I even want the N sync CD Celebrity because i really love the son Pop. I really, really want a TV that has a really big screen. I really want to say thank you for all the stuff you gave me. For you Christmas snack I am leaving a whole lot of cheese and pepsi. Kassie Anderson

Hi Santa,

Please bring me toys. Please

bring me Baylee toys. Love, Emalee Freelen, age 2.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob Roach. I am two years old, but I will be three very soon. I have tried to be a really good boy this year, but my Mommy says the terrible two's caused me to be a little bit bad at times. I promise I am really a good boy most of the time. Please bring me some play horses and a new Blue's Clues movie. I also really want a big Woody and Buzz Lightyear because they are my favorite toys. My Daddy has a horse named Little Bit that I love to ride, but I want one of my own. Please bring me a real horse or tell my Pop to get me one if you can't fit it in your sleigh. Please bring my sissy Sherea lots of stuff, she's been really good too, (but make it cool stuff because she is 13 now). My Daddy needs a new rope to go roping with my uncle Ike. My Mommy says all she wants is for me and sissy to have a good Christmas, but please bring her something nice too. I love you Santa, Jacob Don Roach

Dear Santa,

I have tried so hard to be good this year, but, that can be harder than it sounds. If you can find in your big loving heart to overlook some minor things please bring me a baby doll with a bed and baby stuff, a block table, a shopping cart and an Angel Barbie to add to my collection. I'll leave lots of cookies and milk out for you. Thank You, Sarah Ward.

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl. Please bring me some really tiny babies. I also would like some cloths for them. I also would like clothes for my other babies. I would like some cups and bottles for them. I want some black shoes. Any other little girls toys would be fun. Thank You, Kamron Kelley

Dear Santa,

My name is Dustin Gentry and calves. I will leave you some milk

Dear Santa.

My name is Mark Gable Jr. Daddy said that I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas I would like you to bring me any toy that has to do with fire trucks (so that my daddy can play with them), a set of the jumbo lego building blocks and a little red wagon. I promise to leave some cookies and milk by the tree for you. Love, Mark Gable Jr., age 1 year

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I would like 2 movies called the Grinch and the Emporer's New Groove, a blue mountain bike, Frogger Game Boy advanced game, an Nintendo game and a \$50 gift certificate to Wal-Mart. Love, Kaley Stringfellow, age 9

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo game (Monster Truck), a remote control hotrod truck that is 4 x 4 with flames on the sides, Hot Wheel cars, Hot Wheel track and the last thing is a remote control tractor that is John Deere. Thanks, Kellen Stringfellow, age 6

Dear Santa,

My name is Heather Holt. I have been so good this year. I have been learning a lot. Please bring me a crochet kit, a sewing machine, a CD player, an alarm clock for my room, a Barbie doll, another baby doll, a some pretty jewelry, some new games, and of course some more shoes, I only have 25 pair left !!! Please be careful when you come because our deer down here are really big and they will run right out in front of you!!, Your friend, Heather

Dear Santa,

My name is Heath Holt. I am 6 years old. I have tried to be really good this year. My Dad and I would like for you to bring us a paintball gun, a camouflage gun, a shot gun, a bow and arrow, fake bombs, 2 scopes for our guns and 2 deer targets to practice our shooting. Please keep these thing a secret, because my Mom says I antical of sall can't have them. The rest of my

work and the set of th hat, new cowboy clothes, new cowboy boots and some new baby

I am always nice, so would you and cookies to eat. Please be extra

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like you to bring my brother Asa a pari of Superman gloves, Jordon cowboy clothes and Garrett a radio. I would like you to bring me a Barbie, a Barbie chair with hearts on it, a dress and some makeup. Also I would like for you to bring a computer for all of us. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you. Bailey Tiffie

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Dear Santa,

I would like a new big boy bike, a Hot Wheels car hawler, a toy weed eater and lots of candy in my stocking. I have been a good boy this year and when you stop at my house you can have some delicouse Christmas cookies and a big glass of cold milk refresh you for the rest of your long trip. Love, Richard Forsyth

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and a gray truck. I have been good. Bring. Hunter a basketball. I want a basketball and a brown football. Bring Jace some dinosours cause he likes dinosoars. Daddy, a chainsaw, Joey a dog. Cookies and milk will be on the big table where the chairs are. I love you dear Santa Claus, Jacob Birchfield P.S. I want a dog and a kitty cat.

Dear Santa,

I wish I could play with you and Mrs. Claus. Please bring me a Barbie Nutcracker horse and sleigh. Also a baby doll and a real baby brother. Please bring Marley a baby doll dresser and a reindeer CD. Thank You, Caitlin Tidwell.

Dear Santa,

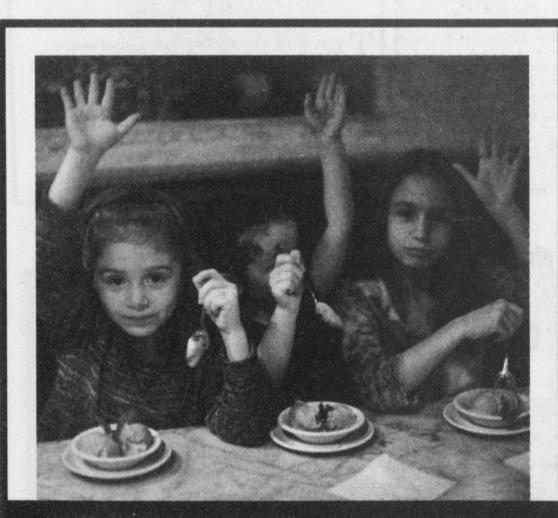
I will leave you some cookies and milk by the tree. I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Leap Frog Learning Pad, a Easy Bake Oven and a doll that has a highchair that changes into a desk. Thank You, Breanna Nikole Bryson, age 4

Dear Santa,

My name is Andrew Munoz and I would really love to have a motorcycle under my tree! I also hope for peace and happiness. I love you Santa, Andrew

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, Power



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lease bring me a CD player and quite when you come cause my a bicycle plus a couple of CD's. Dad does not like it when he gets P.S. Please remember my brother, woke up! Your friend, Heath D.J. and my nephew Dakota and niece Kinsley. Thanks, I love you, **Dustin Gentry**

Dear Santa,

This is Travis. I have been a pretty good boy this year. This is what that I am hoping for. I would like to have a remote control car, a bicycle, clothes and a fishing pole. I would like the fishing pole because I love to go fishing with my Daddy. Please bring my brothers some toys too. They have been good to. I wish for everyone to have a very Merry Christmas. There will be cookies and milk on the table at my house. Travis Emeyabbi

Dear Santa,

I want a 20 gage, some dragon ball Z cards, some ammo for the 20 gage, head phones with CD and dragon ball Z toys plus one movie. Michael Strunc

Dear Santa,

I love you. I'm good. I like snow, please send some but not so much that the electricity goes off again. I want a trampoline, the game Perfection and Shrek the movie. My brother, Evan, needs a toybox, a baby crawlin gym and a stickhorse. We'll leave you some Big Red and pecan brittle. Thank you, your friend, Mayzie Purviance age 4

Dear Santa,

I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. Well first I want to tell you that I want 17-18 toys. First I want five new Dragon BallZ toys, Tapion, Brally, Super Saiyon 4 Gatu, Super Saiyon 4 Vegata, Super Saiyon Gokn, Five burdon wind toys 1 model kit of 001, 1 model of 005, 1 model of 0019,002 and 0B3, a portable CD player, three more Dragon Ball Z toys. Well that's all I want for my presents. Hope you give them to me while I'm in bed. Oh, and there is one more thing I want is a energy paintball gun. Aaron Matthew Burns Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. I would like it if you would bring me a rocket. Miquel Alvarado

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. Well, here are somethings I would like, a bubbles pillow, some earrings, and for my cat and kittens to get a great home. Oh, and for my mommy to get out of the hospital. I want my Aunt Jemae to make a safe trip home. Thank you, Amanda Lee

Dear Santa,

I would like a sewing kit and a sewing machine. Also, I would like some fabric to go with it and I want a go-cart but, that does not matter, I really want my cousin to survive the war. Taylor Stafford

Rangers, Spiderman and Batman. Thank you, Dylan Combs

Dear Santa,

How are you? Hopefully good. wrote this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a Pooh Bear blanket, Barbie cash register, a Barbie cordless phone. Pooh doll playset, a play kitchen and shopping cart, a vanity and stool and a rainbow art. Love. Minnieda

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car and a bike, a new basketball, a new mmd sponser and I have been good this year and a pair of shoes that are blue and one of my brothers want a getter and the other wants a bike that is blue and red. Jerry

The Rest of the Christmas Memories Will Appear in the January 3rd Paper



Thursday, December 20, 2001 Bogata & Talco Letters to Santa.

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gifts last year. I have really enjoyed them. I think I've been pretty good this year so would you please bring me some Game Boy games, a new bedspread with moons and stars, some movies, and some new CD's. Some clothes, a hair braider, a really cute puppy dog wrapped in a bow, and a white Christmas. Have a very safe trip. Your friend. Kelsey Franks

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a pair of Skechers. If I can have them. And may I have a lava lamp. I would like to have a blue lava lamp if you would. I would like to have a Password Journal 2. I would like a chain for my bike. I would like to have a Harley clock for my Dad for the house. And that's all we want. Ashley Stinson

A Tittle Holiday Cheer Goes a Long Way!

In the spirit of giving, we want to extend to you, our very best holiday wishes and heartfelt thanks for your loyal support this pas year. Noel!





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Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year and these are a few things I want. I want a remote control car that takes fuel and a Play Station game and a walkmon CD player and Shaggy the CD. Lance Henley

Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want some gifts this year. I want a Play Station game called Nascar 2002, X Box, Play Station 2, dirt bike, 4 wheeler, go-cart. That's all the gifts I want. I hope I get these. ton Hawkins. Aaron Haley

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I will like to have a Nsync hotline, a phone and a Play Station 2. Can I please get a stereo for my mom, a pair of shoes for my stepdad, some earrings and a ring. Thank you, Ashley Savage

Dear Santa,

I want clothes, Nintendo game, a new gun barrel, CD's, this basketball dill that you can put in your house, my driver license and a DVD player and some movies and I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you, James White Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I have been kind of good. I want a Play Station 2 and a bike and a Mystery Date. I also want a CD called Oh Avron. I also want a new go cart because mine is broken. I want some roller shoes. I want the game from Harry Potter called Levetation and I hope you give the poor people something. Thank you for all that you got me and there will be some Thank you Santa, Amber Via

I have been very good this year and I hope you will bring me something good this year. And just to help you this is what I want for Christmas, I want a Mystery Date game, drumsticks, Now 8, my birthstone ring, the Harry Potter movie, some computer games, the Nsync telephone, some more clothes, some new shoes. I would to leave you cheeze. Hailey Screws

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. want a dirt bike, a little one thousand. I want Nike shoes and Nike shirt and a rill cowboy hat. Thank you, David Waymire

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I want a dirt bike, Play Station 2, electric wash burn guitar. I hope you can get these three things that I want very bad. Thank you, Se-

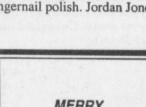
Dear Santa,

I've been good this year. I'd like a trampoline and a Nintendo game cube. Garrett Sheffield

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year and this is what I wish for on Christmas...portable CD player, Now CD, Shrek, Holiday in the Sun, TV (color), Game Boy Color, Game Boy games, cup holder for my bike, computer (lap top), Aggie shirt (Go Aggies!), rubber boats, Play Station 2 or Nintendo, Creed CD, clothes and that's about all. Jessica Jessee

Hope everything is alright around your workshop. I'm going to tell you what I would like for Christmas: I would like some CD's , a CD player, some clothes, a new pair of roller blades, my own phone, hair clips, a new homework folder (plastic) movies and fingernail polish. Jordan Jones





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A hush fell over the world that night, and our Savior was born. In celebration of His coming, we wish you all a Christmas of peace and happiness.

L.C. & Jerry Nell Stout





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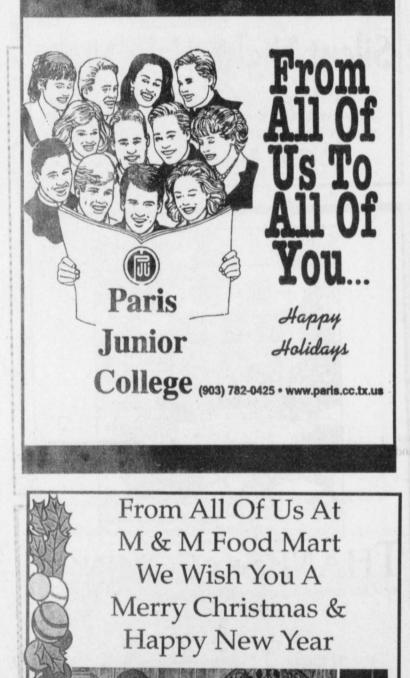
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Charles & Annette Skaggs,

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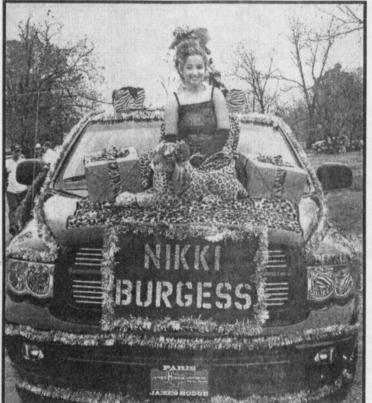
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NEW POSITION-for an old member of the Rivercrest ISD staff. Coach Gary Schultz has been named Head Football Coach at Rivercrest High School following the resignation of Coach Keith Brown. Coach Schultz came to the district as a first year coach and began with junior high boys and taught on the Talco campus. After 5 years in the system and the original Kansas boy turning Texan, Coach Schultz left for his home state of Kansas and to a head coaching job. He quickly realized he had become a Texan and loved the Rivercrest School District. When an opening was available, Coach Schultz applied and the system was happy to have him come home. And home is where he has been ever since. He has been assistant football coach, coached baseball, basletball and field events and his success has come through his weight lifting program just started at Rivercrest the past two years. Coach Schultzz enjoys fishing and hunting and a good meal. He is still single ladies and waiting on the right person. Coach Schultz has many changes planned for the Rebel team and is excited and ready to begin the season even though it is a year away. Congratulations, Coach Schultz!! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)





RIVERCREST ISD PHONE NUMBERS

Phone numbers for the three campuses of Rivercrest ISD are: Talco School Rivercrest Junior High campus- 903-379-3841. Rivercrest Elementary campus-

903-632-5214.

Rivercrest High School cam-pus-903632-5204. **December 20**

The annual Rivercrest Elementary Christmas program will be presented under the direction of Mrs. Neva Oats at the elementary school on Dec. 20,2001 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parents, grandparents, family members and friends are invited to come and enjoy the children's program.

Mary Kain host 84 Club

Mary Ellen Kain was hostess to the 84 Club Christmas covered dish luncheon at her home Thursday. Beautiful Christmas decoration were carried out through the house

Three tables were arranged for the games. Place favors were Christmas tree ornaments. The door prize was a beautiful doll made from a song book by he hostess. Donnie Smith was the lucky winner. Attending and enjoying the games, lunch and party were: Ethel Epps, Willie Clark, Maurine Mankins, Molee Huddleston, Shirley Allums, Bonnie Smith, Wootie Harville, Beth Ruthdart, Maggie Lee, Bertha McCall, Helen Williams, Jimmie Kin and the hostess

Bogata 1949 class reunion planned

The Bogata High School graduating class of 1949 is planning a reunion at the April 13, 2002 homecoming.

A committee met for a planning session recently. All graduates, students that attended at any given year and teachers of this class will be sent an information sheet to complete. The sheet will be used to compile a booklet to be ven at the class reunion. All attending the homecoming are reminded that a 12:00 noon catered luncheon will be held and all activities are held during the day. Please make plans to attend and spend a wonderful day of good food and fellowship.



We Celebrate That Most Holy Night And to all of you we offer our sincere thanks for making this past uear so rewarding.

> **Red River** County Clerk Lorie Moose & Staff



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Back: Linda Milton, Betty Lester, Brandy Smith & Sissy Nations. Front: Jennifer Brown, Chastiti Weaks, Greta Hunt M & M FOOD MART

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RIVERCREST SOPHOMORE-Christmas Queen, Nikki Burgess won 1st place in the car division at the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday afternoon in the cold and rain. On Wednesday the "Sophomore Safari" won 1st place again in the Bogata Christmas parade. Congratulations Nikki and the sophomore class! (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

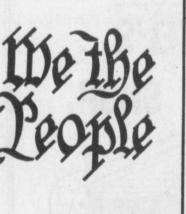
Bogata Book Club holiday meeting held Dec. 13

The Bogata Book Club met for a covered dish dinner December 13, 2001 at the beautifully decorated home of Zona Parrish with Juanita Sparks serving as co-hostess. Sixteen members answered roll call with a Christmas Tradition.

Gayle Hervey conducted a Christmas name that tune,

Marjorie Myers gave holiday tips and Mary Vaughan presented history of gingerbread.

Gifts were exchanged and secret pals were revealed. The next meeting will be held January 10, 2002 with Eleanor McCluer and Mary Vaughan serving as hostesses.



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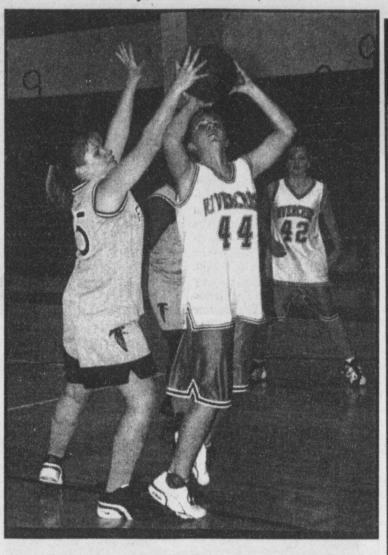


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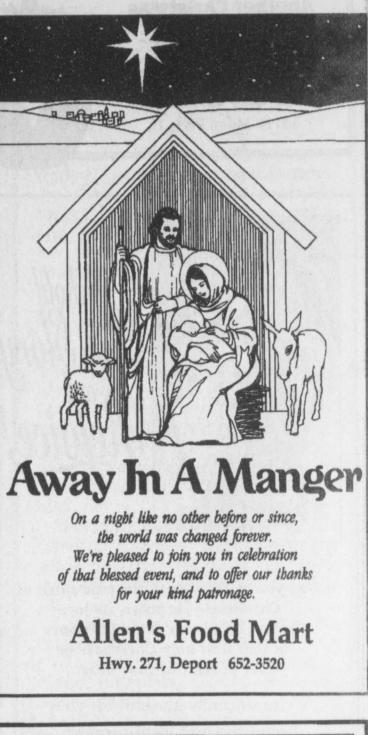
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Wishing you peace and joy at this



JV LADY REBEL-Cassie McCuller is undaunted by the Fannidel gnuard as she goes to the hoop. The Lady Rebels took an easy win over Fannindel in action last week. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)





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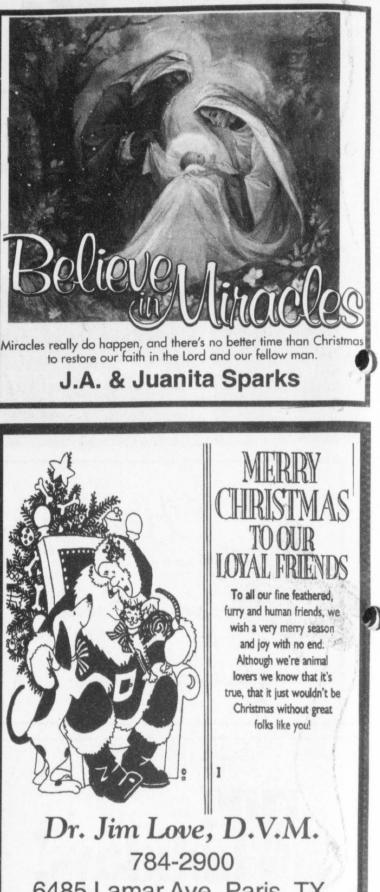
posed as Santa riding a mo- Photo Nancy Brown)

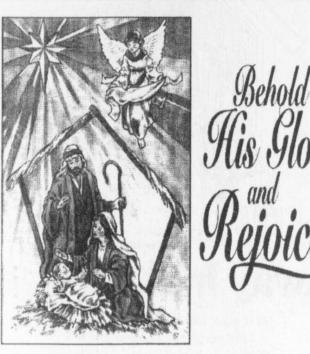
SANTA ON A CYCLE-Talco torcycle in Tuesday's annual Post Master, Ron Sansom Christmas parade. (Staff



THERE IS SNOW PLACE LIKE THE USA was the theme for the second place winner in the car division of the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday. The truck was entered by Rivercrest Junior High seventh grade King and Queen, Destry Nolen and Alex Wright. (Staff Photo by Nancy Brown)





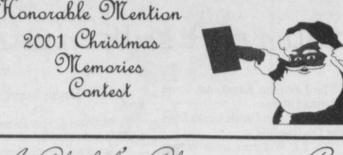


May you be filled with the true spirit of Christmas-its peace, its joy, its love-and may the significance of that first holy Christmas be ever present in your heart.

We're sincerely grateful for your friendship and loyal support. Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace, Lamar County **Don Denison and Family**







Like It Used To Be By Nanalee Nichols

I was looking through some old issues of the newspapers the other day. As I came to the Christmas issues, I was astonished by the number of strictly local stores that existed. There were advertisements for dry goods stores, hardware stores, gift shops and print shops, appliance stores and more. There were homey stories, a few jokes, no photos, and long lists of people who had subscribed to the paper for friends and relatives as a Christmas

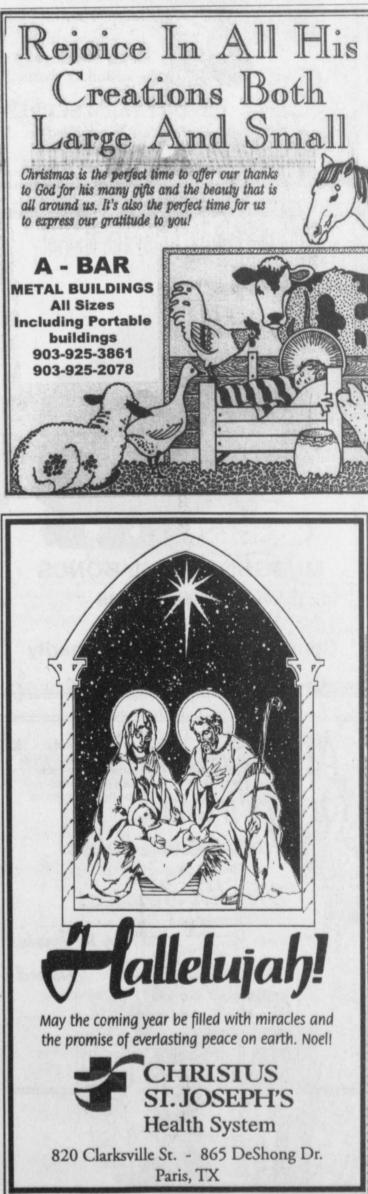
Thinking about the fearsome challenges our nation faces right now, I thought "wouldn't it be nice to go back to that idyllic time?" Well, that's not possible. But it is possible to return to some of those familyoriented, this-is-my-home-town values.

This Christmas, shop at home. Don't drive to Dallas to the malls, utilize the wonderful selection available right in this

This Christmas, make the season about gathering family and friends together and counting our blessings, not about who gets the most expensive or most fashionable

Long-ago was not an idyllic time. No

But we can return to the things that matter most..family...friends...community and country!



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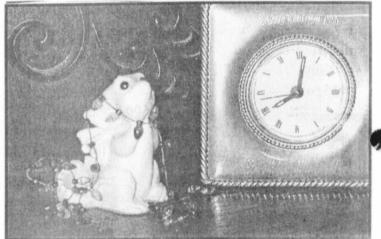




was stirring?



RIVERCREST ELEMENTARY-Second grade class favorites, Camen Calvin and Jacob Harville took 3rd place in the car division of the Talco Christmas parade held Tuesday in the rain and cold. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)



TANGLED CHRISTMAS DRAGON-this little fellow seems to have had a run-in with a string of miniature Christmas lights. He's just one of thousands of tiny Christmas decorations to be found right now inside and outside of homes. (Staff photo by Nanalee Nichols)



Talco gift subscriptions.

To Lavonne Kershener from Martha Gibson. To Dean and Carole Leake from

the Ois Swaims. To T.J. Williams from Wayne

and Jelu Binion. To Joy Easley from Judy Eas-

ley To Rural and Pearl Rothwell

from Ricky and Lori Franks

To Mike Henley from Carolyn Watts To Michael T. Hall From Steve

To Ricky Franks From Shirley

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SUBSTITUTE REINDEER-The children of Mr. and Mrs. Pookie Smith took a ride in the Bogata Christmas parade held Wednesday in a sleigh pulled by a substitute reindeer. The children enjoyed the ride and the crowd enjoyed the children and their red nosed substitute. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

ECA classes to be offered

In January, the Bogata Volunteer Fire and Rescue will be host- class, only your time. If you would ing an ECA (emergency care at- like to sign up for this class and be tendant) class in the city of Bogata, of assistance to your community two nights a week.

The group are looking for people in the city or community that would like to join the Volunteer Fire Dehelp out the community.

contact Angie Burgess at the Bogata City Hall, 632-5315. There will only be a limited number of students allowed for the

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To Jerry Hearron From Helen

LADY LIBERTY makes a glorious Christmas ornament this year, as Americans turn to a more patriotic theme this season. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)



All The Best To You and Yours We'd like to extend our warm wishes and gratitude to all our kind neighbors this holiday season. It's been a

privilege and a pleasure serving you.



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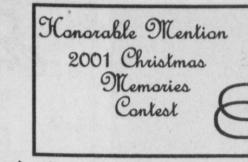
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My Christmas memory.

It was the undulating wail of the air raid siren that intruded into my sleep. By now it was a common occurrence. It had sounded so many times before it almost seemed like a regular part of life. Just as I came fully awake the last note of it faded away. I lay in bed, the one I shared with my mother and my brother, waiting for my mother's reaction. None came. Timidly I shook her shoulder. 'Mutti, the siren went off". Coming awake she listened and then gently shushed me. "Little one, you just dreamed it. Go back to sleep." Reassured I settled back down. Shortly after that the air raid warden hammered on the door of the apartment rousing us all from sleep to let us know we needed to go down to the basement. Now! Immediately! We were the only ones not there. Another bombing attack was on it's way.

Mutti got dressed as did my brother Peter. Then he helped me. Brigitte was just a baby. A little over a year old. Mutti took care of her. Peter grabbed the locomo-

handkerchiefs or pieces of blanket and wet them under the tap. "That's to help against the smoke and the gas and the dust," they said. I thought they looked like Tom Mix with a bandana tied around his face. We moved with the oth-

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ers. We had no choice. They moved us and it was difficult not to lose Mutti.

names. That helped a little bit. But we were scared. So we moved. Mutti, Baby, Peter and me. We went from house to house through the basements because the firewalls between the houses had all been removed.

This way the basements made block-long tunnels. At the end of the block we emerged into the street, above ground. Or into hell. There was fire and destruction and smoke and dust and more noise.

We started walking. It seemed to me that we were walking for hours and hours and ages and ages. Forever. Through the night.



still see my Mamma there as she looked that night. She was sitting at the table with a low lamp on that made a small pool of light around her. Her hair was neatly combed back into a bun and the silver streak gleamed in the lamp light. She was writ-

ing in her midwifery journal. She glanced up and over her shoulder in our direction and said:"I'll be with you in a minute".

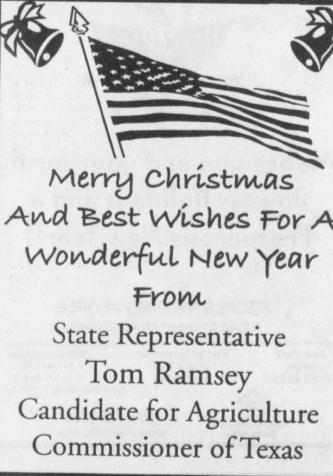


Triple C Gas & Grill Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From Skipper, Amy & Trystan Chapman & All The Gang!





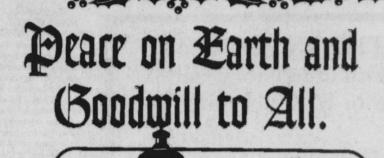








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Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas that glows with good cheer.

We value your patronage and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Lamar County Commissioner, Pct. 1 Mike Blackburn and Employees

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Talco Locals

Happy December Birthday to: Jerrry Pittman and David Stansell. Sunday visitors and lunch guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Brown were Jack, Jennifer and Jaden Brown of Powderly and Paul, Kim and Quinton Anderson

Happy December Anniversary to Hoyt and Jean Taylor.

Celebrating an early Christmas dinner at the home of Jerry and Joyce Franks Sunday Dec. 16 were the following: Clint and Melanie Tidwell, Marley and of the calendar. Caitlin, Brantin and Amanda Carr and Trevor, Carol Laing, Bill Newman, Josh and Connie Abshier and Hanna, Ray and Pam Kirkwood, Michael and Rhonda Kirkwood, Rick and Krista Nordin and Chrristopher and Brittany, Kimberly Rector and Timothy, Mary Lemon and Joel Clay.



MEMBERS of The Bogata area Birthday/Anniversary Calendar 2002 committee are pictured presenting the Bogata VFD and 1st Responders with a check for \$3, 325.00 raised through the sales

Bogata area special date calendar drive completed

Monday, December 17, Kathy Williams, Rue Anna Bell, Linda Eilers and Bettye Williams made an appearance at the VFD meeting to report results of the calendar drive. The ladies reported \$3,325.00 was profited for the 1st Responders and VFD from the 2002 Birthday/Anniversary Calendars.

On August 26 a meeting was held at the home of Kathy Williams to organize a calendar committee. Duties were assigned and the sales began the following week. Committee leaders included: Rue Anna Bell, Linda Eilers, Bettye Williams, Mary Ellen Kain, Kathy Williams and Donnie Lewis. Others volunteering assistance to the committee dur-

Merry Christmas

From Everyone At

ing the drive were Patricia Freelen, Vickie Bryant, LaTonya Miller and Crystal Davidson.

The committee sold 400 Calendars with 20 ads, 58 phone listings and 1779 individual listings. The drive ended the last week of September. Calendars were completed and back to Bogata the fourth week of November.

Linda Eilers and Rue Anna Bell were Top Sales ladies on calendars and birthday and anniversary listings. They each sold over 100 calendars and over 500 listings. Great job ladies!! Advertisement was sold by Kathy Williams and Rue Anna Bell. Bettye Williams and Kathy Williams organized, typed and put the calendar on disc to be submitted for

printing. Bogata News and Nang Brown made communicating everyone in town possible. The calendar was a joint effort by several people willing to volunteer time and efforts. Plans are being made to make this a yearly project.

The committee hopes everyone enjoys the calendars as much. as they did putting them together. They would like to thank the members of the 1st Responders and Volunteer Fire Department for their 24 hr./7 day wk. emergency stand by assistance. You are appreciated!

If a mistake was made on your listing please accept the committee's apology. A special effort will be made to make right next year.

\$50 in Groceries

