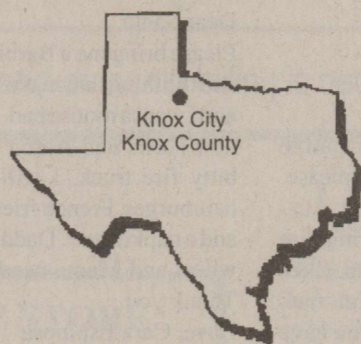


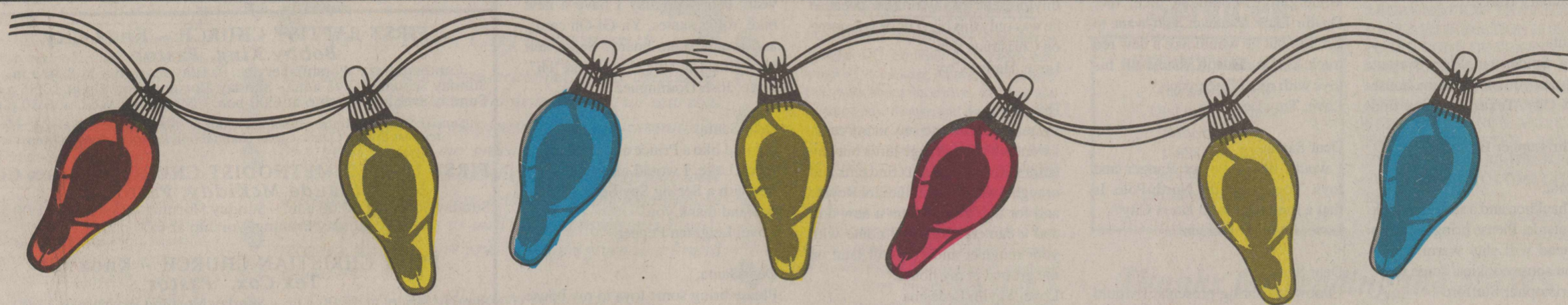
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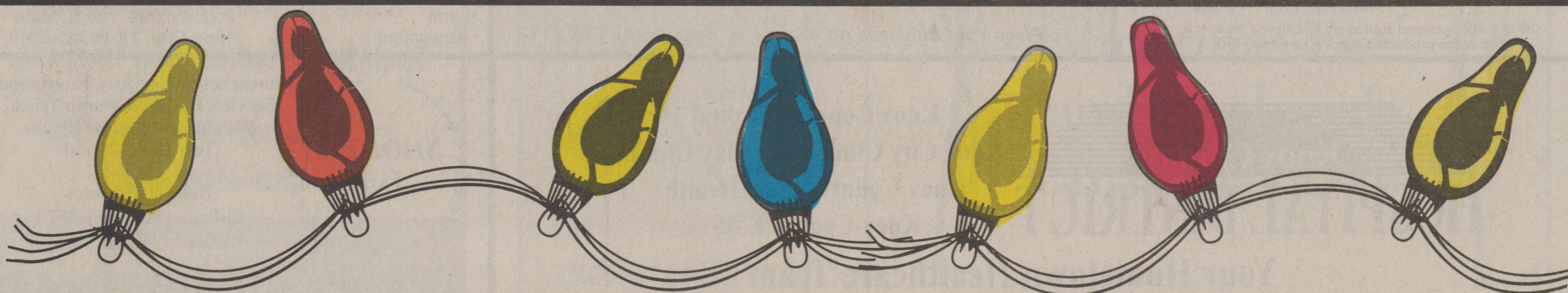
We've always  
believed in  
Santa Claus.

This year,  
we believe  
in flying  
reindeer, too!



Wishing you and yours a  
**'DEER-LIGHTFUL' CHRISTMAS!**

*Stacy, Dave, Scooter, Billye*





# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring a Mongoose Bike. I think it would be fun to ride. I would also like to have a Play Station 2 with a racing game to go with it. I hope you can make your trip this year. I will see you! Thank you!  
I love you, Zachary Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I'd like a Go-Go Dog, please. I saw you at church and I sat in your lap. Mama took our picture. Do you remember?  
Love, Amy Harrington

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike and a go-cart. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love, Zachary Burt

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman Web Blaster, please. I saw you on TV at my house in Knox City, Texas. Can you find it?  
Love, Christopher Espinosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a backhoe and a shovel to pick up dirt outside. Please bring me a cap so my head will stay warm. I will leave you some cookies, some tea.  
Love, Kristopher Stafford

Dear Santa,  
I would like a choo choo train, please. Faedre would like a stuffed animal. We will leave you some gingerbread cookies and some apple juice. Thank

will make you happy.  
Love, Willow Lee

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie notebook, a Barbie computer, and a Barbie desk, please. Don't forget Austin and Shawn. Austin likes to drive so please bring him something to drive. Shawn likes phones so please bring him one. Thank you for the presents you have us last year.  
Love, Elissa Hacker

Dear Santa,  
I want an action figure, a robot action figure. New crayons for when I get in kindergarten would be nice, too. Dustin likes whatever you want to get him but he would like a new red truck. Santa, Dustin shares all his toys with me. I'll see you.  
Love, Trey Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Power Ranger and toys. You live at the North Pole. Is that a long way from Knox City?  
Love, Jaylon Roberson

Dear Santa,  
I know you bring presents. I would like for you to bring me twister shoes and boots. I live in a brown house. There is a stop sign on the corner. It is a different house from the one I lived in last year. Please look for it.  
Love, Christian Abila

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie Cruise Ship and the thing that makes cotton candy and I want a mouse pad. Ashley wants new socks and Aaron wants a little bitty fire truck. I will leave you a hamburger, French fries, and a Sprite and a napkin, too. Daddy needs a new wheel and Mama needs some pans. Thank you.  
Love, Cara Espinosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Cruise Ship, a Cheerleader Barbie, and candy for my stocking. I will save it for Halloween. One time, we went to your house and we made an angel and you gave my sister and me a present and a little teeny tiny present for my brother because he was only this big. I hope you come on Christmas Eve.  
Love, Hailee Cox

Dear Santa,  
I want some birds to stay in my cage. I want pink and orange birds but any color will do if you can't find pink and orange. I want new clothes for Reylee and for me. Then I want a new doll and a camera. You will come with your reindeer and you will land on the ground at my house.  
Love, Skylin Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the toys from last year. I loved them very much. Will you please bring me a little dirt bike, Pro and College Football 2004 games and a tackling dummy?  
Love, Ty McLemore

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you got me last year. How are you? I am fine. Would you please bring me a go cart, a new bike, a swimming pool for my family, and a race car track?  
Have a Merry Christmas,  
Travis Self

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents last year. This year may I have a new bike, roller skates, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, and a new skate board? Santa, tell Mrs. Claus and the elves I said "Hi".  
Love, Josh Dominguez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Prince and Princess of Swan Lake. I would also like a Spy Set with a Seeing Spy Scope. I love you and thank you!  
Love, Leighton Pepper

Dear Santa,  
Please bring some toys to my house for me this year. I would like a Tonka truck and some other toys that you'd like me to have. A computer would be nice, Santa.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Craig Thompson



greetings at  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 6:30 p.m.  
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**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Claude McKiddy, Pastor*  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Tex Cox, Pastor*  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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*Paul Chambers, Pastor*  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. ~ Mid Week, Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

**SANTA ROSA CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Knox City**  
*Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez*  
Sunday Bilingual Mass at 11:00 a.m.

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ Rhineland**  
*Father Leo Schloemer ~ Deacon Ben Vasquez*  
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Saturday Mass at 7:00 p.m. ~ Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

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*John Gillispie, Pastor*  
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of Benjamin**  
*Claude McKiddy, Pastor*  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

**GILLESPIE BAPTIST CHURCH ~ Gillespie**  
*Matt Harrington, Pastor*  
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Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 p.m. Mid Week, Wed. at 6:00 p.m.

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FOR US TO SING.

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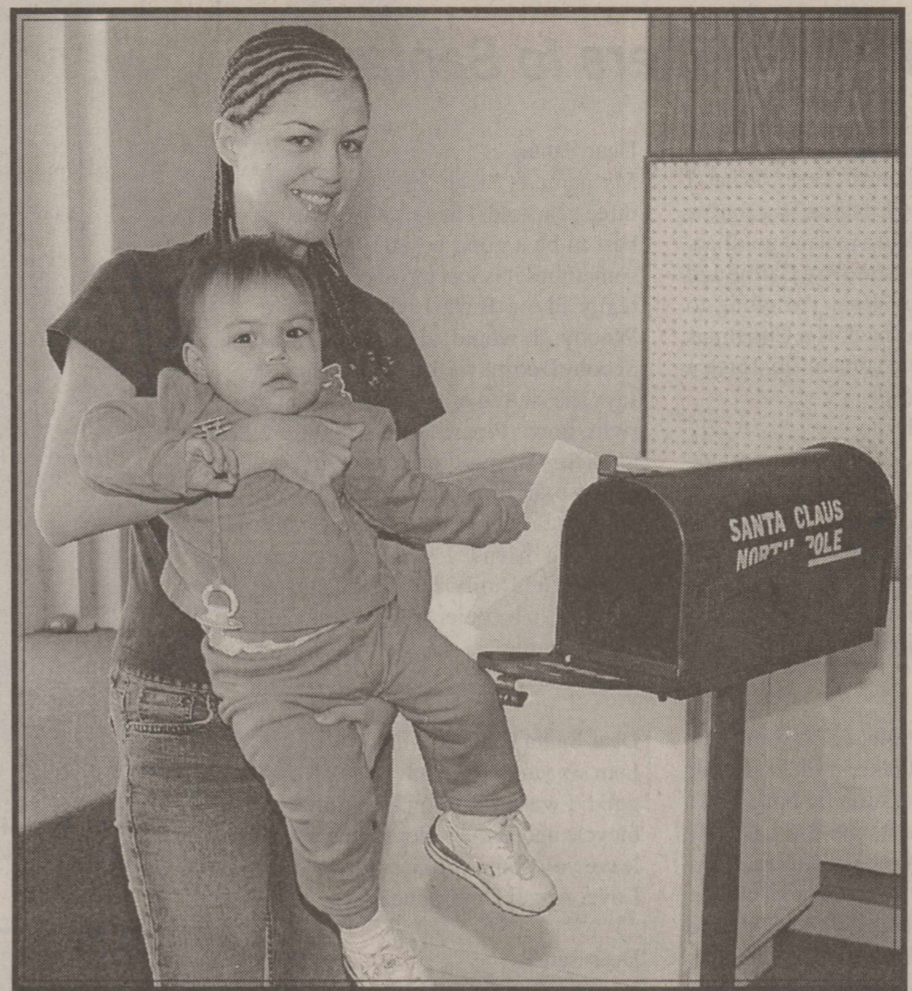
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## Max's First Christmas Letter



MAILING HIS FIRST LETTEER TO SANTA, Maxamillion Powdrill is shown here earlier this week as his mother lifts him up to the mailbox. Max is the son of Sara Rocha and Maxamillion Powdrill Sr.

Dear Santa,  
My name is baby Maxamillion. I am very excited about Christmas this year. I have already tried to raid the tree many times, but my mommy says no, no! I have been a very good boy all year. I would like to have the following... a Hokey Pokey Elmo, some new outfits, a baby keyboard, some new blocks and a My Scene boy doll.  
Thank you Santa,  
Love, Maxamillion Powdrill Jr.

P.S. Please do not forget my new baby cousin Kendal, she lives in Munday!

## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I sure would like a Nintendo with some tapes to play on it. Please bring me a Spiderman sweater and an Incredible Hulk shirt. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Alfredo Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a makeup kit to play dress up. Please may I also have one of those Walkman radio with headphones. Santa, I would like you to come to my house and visit me.  
Love, Lacy

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas this year I would like to get a skateboard. My brother had one and I really did like it and would like one. I would also like a soccer ball to play soccer with my brothers. A bike would also be nice, Santa! Thank you for my gifts. I will try to be good. Please bring my baby brother a walker for when he gets a little bigger.  
Thanks, Santa,  
De'Andre Hughey

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a Barbie Talking Town House and Barbie Cruise Ship. I'd also like a Barbie Cheerleader to play with at my hosue. Thank you, Santa!  
Love, Kinslee Cox

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have some Barbies and other dolls to play with when I am at home. Santa, please bring me some new clothes. My favorite color is blue. Thank you for the gifts you brought me last year.  
Love, Alana Montez

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me some toys. I'd like a bikescooter, skates, and a motorcycle with two wheels. I will be fun to ride.  
Thank you, E.J. Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old. I would like a robot, some ice skates and a bicycle. Thank you. I will leave you a little puppy.  
Love, Justin Thomas

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real crown so I can play kings and castles. I would also like a little puppy to play with when I go home from school. I would like to have a puppet. I will try to keep its strings straight. I will leave you some cookies and milk for a snack.  
Thank you and love,  
Adrian Silva

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a Incredible Hulk video game. It would be a lot of fun to play. I want a bunkbed for my room. I'd also like some toy cars to play with at my house. Thank you for my gifts last year. I enjoyed them.  
Thank you, Santa,  
Nicholas Short

Dear Santa,  
Are you doing all right? Will you bring me a Playstation 2 with a Madden 2004 College Football game, a camouflage wallet, and "Finding Nemo" on DVD?  
Have a Holly Jolly Christmas.  
Gus West

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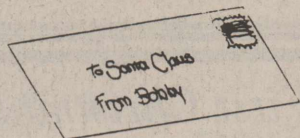


May your home be blessed by the glory of His love this holy season, and may His good graces follow you wherever you go.  
Merry Christmas and many thanks.

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mailing letters to Santa**



Dear Santa,  
Christmas is almost here! What I would like for Christmas is a Barbie Fountain Pool and a real pet goldfish. I would like to also have a Barbie and Kelly Sea Doo. What I'm going to leave you for a snack is a Christmas tree brownie and some milk. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love, Andrea Lynn

Dear Santa,  
This year may I have a helicopter. I would also like a car hauler with some cars for it.  
Thank you, Santa  
Michael Overmyer

Dear Santa,  
I want a black train. I also want a lot of trailers like tanker trailers and car trailers. A new combine but I don't want the payments my dad has. I will be at my house at Kiowa, Kansas. Chocolate cookies and orange juice will be waiting on you. Please remember my friends at the Edmonds house in the country.  
I love you, Santa!  
Peyten Girty - age 3

Dear Santa,  
I want a cowboy hat. I also want my own combine and truck to play with by myself, I get tired of always sharing with Peyton.  
My baby brother Gavin will be happy with anything you bring.  
I hope you can find us - we will be back home in Kiowa, Kansas.  
Love, Hadley Girty, age 1 1/2

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the fireball you gave me last year. How are you doing? I am doing fine. Would you bring me a bike, a TV, all the Mario games for Game Cube and Nintendo, and a foosball machine? Tell the reindeer, elves and Mrs. Claus I said "Hi".  
Have a Merry Christmas,  
Zach Carter

Dear Santa,  
I would like a little, fluffy, fake, black cat. DCould you please bring me a tractor pocket watch? I would also love a fake doll with yellow hair. Could you please come to my house to visit sometime? I will have milk and tree cookies for you.  
Love, Ariel Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old. I live in Knox City. My brother, Lyndon and I would like a new guitar and two stuffed animals. Will you please bring Chance a stuffed animal kitty. He loves those. We will bake you some cookies.  
Love, Sheldon Baty

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sloan Speck, and I am three years old. I have really tried my best to be a good boy this year, but sometimes it is just too hard. I would really like a Buzz Lightyear and a Woody. I would also like a new Scooby Doo movie, because Mommie says she is tired of all the ones I have right now. Please whisper to my Grandma what you are bringing me because she may accidentally get me the same thing you do. I know y'all are good friends. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Tell the reindeer to be quiet and not wake up my Mommie!  
Love, Sloan

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am six years old. I have been pretty good. I want a Scooby Doo movie, a bicycle and some roller skates. I will leave you some cookies. I love you.  
Love, Angel Dominguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll, a mermaid suit and a swing. Have a happy Christmas. I will leave you a note.  
Love, Ladeja Horton

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll house, a Barbie swing set and a basketball court. I will make some cookies for you.  
Love, Laken England

Dear Santa,  
I saw you in Knox City one night. I want Barbie dolls, a necklace, a new red dress and a Barbie dollhouse. I will leave you some cookies and some chocolate milk.  
Love, Katelyn Carrizales

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I want a Roller Skate Barbie, Barbie house shoes, Hot Wheels truck and a Barbie playground. I will leave you popcorn balls and meatballs and cookies.  
Love, Ana Araiza

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am five years old. I live in Knox City. I would like a dump truck, a race car and a stereo. I will leave you some cookies. I love you.  
Love, Michael Toliver

Dear Santa,  
I want a Playstation 2, a CD player, a table and some new shoes. I am five years old.  
Love, Ligon West

Dear Santa,  
I want some wind for the geese and that's all.  
Love, Payne Stanfield

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I want a Playstation and some toys. Could you bring some presents for my whole family.  
Love, A.J. Rubio



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*In The Spirit Of The Season*

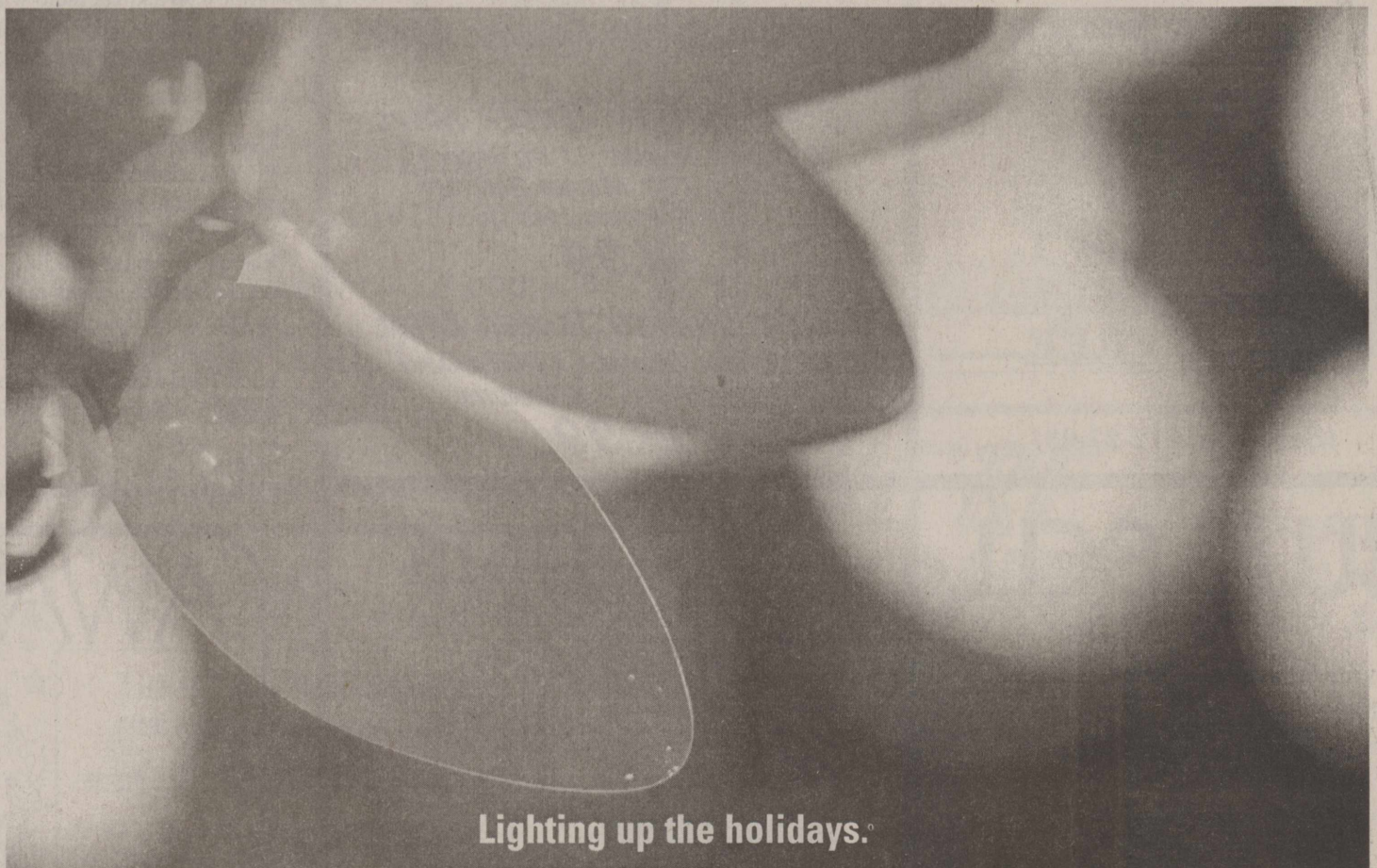


*God bless you and yours at this holy time of year.*

FROM THE STAFF AND RESIDENTS OF

# BRAZOS VALLEY CARE HOME

5:35 p.m. Thursday



Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP, please, enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. AEP is there, always working for you.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Letters to the Editor are encouraged. They must be signed by the author and include the telephone number for verification purposes. Only the writer's name will appear in print. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length, are subject to be edited for clarity, liable and for the purpose of only conveying a single point. Every attempt will be made not to change the meaning of letters. All letters are run "space available". Each letter is accepted on that basis.

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Unsolicited photographs will be considered at a charge that will be determined after the picture is viewed. At this time, we do not accept photos by e-mail or on computer disk. We will accept actual photographs or 35mm negatives only.

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Closed Saturday-Sunday

Note: Since we are a small business with a full time staff of two, these times may vary as we are out of the office to cover news & sports stories, attend school events, take pictures, conduct business or handle family matters.

**At CHRISTMAS...  
May Your Field Of Dreams  
Be Ever Green...**

To all our cherished friends,  
a very merry Christmas!

*Wishing you  
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and peace  
this Christmas  
and  
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**Letters  
To  
Santa**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I saw you in the parade inside of a tent. I am five years old. I want a Barbie video camera, a Barbie computer, a Leappad and a Strawberry Shortcake camera. I will leave you some cookies. I love you.  
Love, Brylee White

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old. I live in Knox City. I want a playhouse, new clothes and some new shoes. I will leave you a note.  
Love, Jordyn Eaton

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old. I saw you in the parade in Munday. I want a Barbie doll, a Barbie play set and some brand new shoes. Will you please bring my new baby brother, Justin a blue jacket. We will leave some cookies.  
Love, Grace Tidwell

Dear Santa,  
I am looking fored to you coming to my house. I loved the presents you gave me in the past. But these are different. You don't have to make them all because other kids are depending on you. I would like a button blaster? a little oven for boys and girls, and and expirement kit. Thanks for your friendliness.  
Your's truly, Blayne Bradley



ENJOYING CHRISTMAS ATMOSPHERE Friday at Knox City Florist was Judy Perdue, center of photo. Owner Barbara Barnard, at left, assisted by Sequoyah Reynolds served a delicious assortment of soups and finger foods to a beautiful Christmas backdrop. (NEWS digital photo)

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**Letters  
To Santa**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dog and a princess doll. Mrs. Bowen thinks I am as sweet as a princess.  
Love, Genesis Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I need a baby bathtub and a bottle for my baby and that's it. I live in O'Brien in a brick house. I will leave the door unlocked for you.  
Love, Hannah Munoz

Dear Santa,  
Me get Remote Control cars and trucks and working stuff. I saw you when we made angels, 'member? Thank you for the presents you brought last year.  
Love, Zackery Overmyer

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a present, anything you want will be fine. Could you please bring me some candy, too? For a snack, I will leave you pie. I have milk for you, too.  
Love, Jacoby Thomas

Dear Santa,  
Love, Cameron Short

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Dora doll that dances and friends, too. I will share my Dancing Dora with my brothers and sisters. My granny will make you some cookies. My papa will pour you some milk.  
Love, Tori Scott

Dear Santa,  
Did you know that I started school this year? I am having fun with my friends. Please bring me a doll.  
Love, Gabby Muehle

Dear Santa,  
My teachers think I have been a good girl this year. I love balls and playing with blocks. If you have enough, please bring them to me.  
Love, Maria Araiza

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my toys last year. Now I need a new bike and a toy car my little bother wants a big toy car too. I want you to have a good christmas Santa you have a good time ok. So back to me I want a good christmas I need a new football and a baksetball.  
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We now have a young woman, Christina Tidrow, who came to live in Knox City with her husband and two children as a new funeral director with us. We hope you meet her and know her young, sweet spirit.

Then . . . thank you, Lord, we have folks who are always here to help and serve you . . . like Margaurite Guantt, Ada Pope, Joe Robison, Bud and Sequoyah Reynolds, Margaurite Guantt, Ada Pope, Katrina Adams, Joe Robison and Marc Robison.

We just thank our Lord for keeping our families together over the miles and years . . . you are so much of that "thanks".

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us . . ." 1 John 3:1

Sue Clayton McCurley, Christina Tidrow, Bud Reynolds, Sequoyah Reynolds, Margaurite Guantt, Ada Pope, Katrina Adams, Joe Robison and Marc Robison

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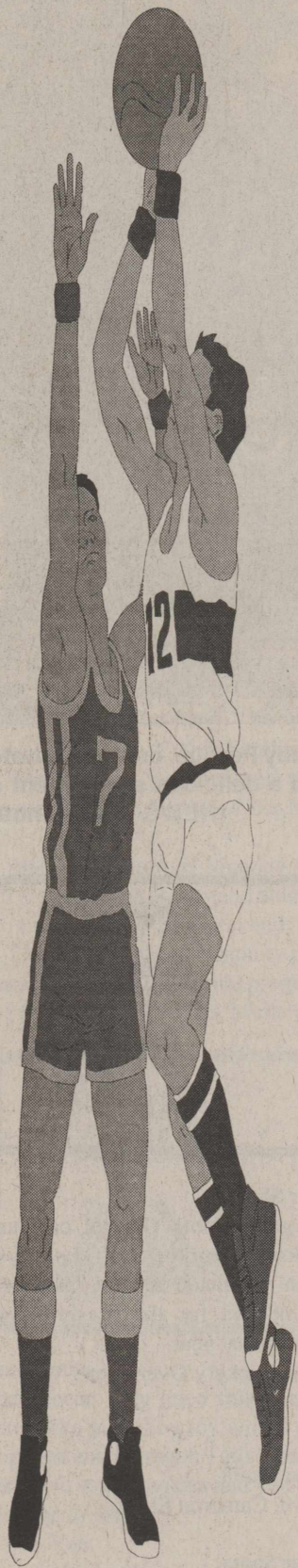


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## 2003-2004 Knox City High Girls Basketball Team

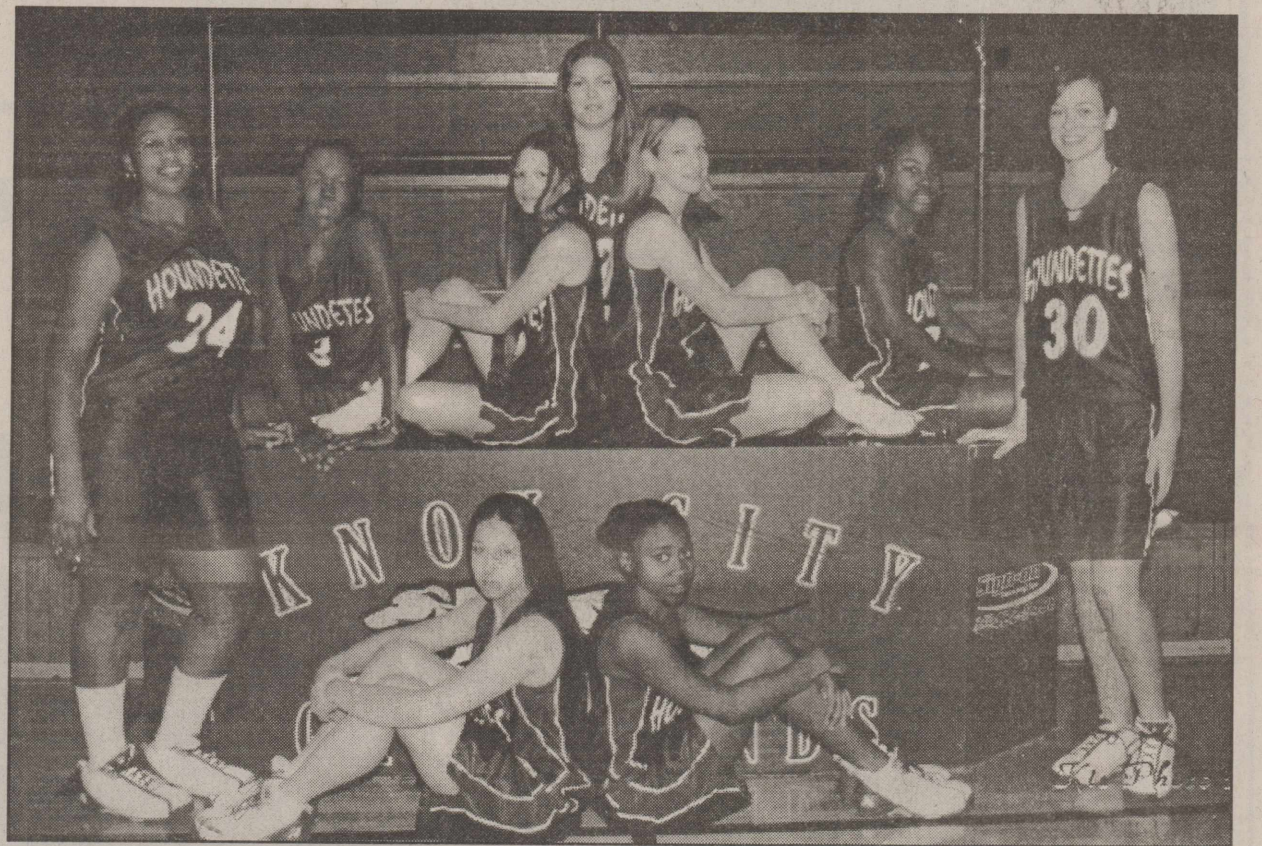


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Dear Santa,  
 I won't thank you for all the things you have gave me. I think you are a great guy. You are the best guy in the world. I would like to ask you for some stuf and I have been a good girl. I would like a viedo now, a bratz doll head? Real meal it is cool, but Santa I rily won't a DVD player and six DVDs I won't finding nemo, Holes, bringing down the house, What a girl wants, Buce almighty, Santa Calus 2, and Santa I won't a bratz F. M. Iimo. Your truly, Selena Benavides

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me Bratz (Sasha, Dana, Jade, and Nevra,) a Bratz phone, PS2 girl games, Tony Hawk underground PS2 game, stickers, a Fuzzy lime green chair, skate board, and a drum set. Oh, tell Mrs. Claus and the reindeer hi, for me, please.  
 Youys truly, Reagan Clark

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents you brought last year. How is your family? I've been good this year. I would like a Happy Family Barbie House with all the Barbies, a Bratz-Girl, a boy doll, a video camera, a Seeing and Hearing Spy set, dress up stuff, Karate stuff, and a Little Mermaid swimming suit.  
 I hope you have a good Christmas.  
 Love, Tayler Pepper

Dear Santa,  
 This is all I want for Christmas. Last time I left some cookies on the table. I now they were good. Because you ate them all. And I left some more on the table for you. And a nufe for the elfs. I wood like to have a moter scooter. Whith blikers. A set of horses. A video now. And a CD.  
 Yours truly, Chasity Garcia

Dear Santa,  
 I can't wait to give you some cookies and milk. Can you please bring me a game boy advance with pokemon Ruby and Sapphire, and some Yu-gi-oh cards. Will you please bring me the things that I ask for?  
 Very truly yours, Ryan Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
 Would you please give me a karaoke machine, a parachute, a Diva doll with a motorcycle and a Barbie talking house?  
 Thank you, Santa! Taylor Bohannon

Dear Santa,  
 I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want you to please let me see my Daddy. I want a Zelda game. Game Cube, and a Crash Bandacoot Back in Style game.  
 Stran Jackson

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to have a white baby and a white Barbie girl. Santa, please bring me some black makeup for my eyes and brown makeup for my lips. Maybe you could also bring me an orange dress. Please don't forget my Mama, Daddy and sisters.  
 Love, Essence Ward

Dear Santa,  
 I want another pair of shoes that you and turn into a pair of skates, yu-gi oh cards, a jacket, all 5 pieces of Exodia. A lap top and lap top games. You have a Christmas present waiting for you in my Christmas tree.  
 From, Cley Plume

Dear Santa,  
 Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. Please bring me a purple bike, a Bratz Head, music CDs, a computer and some makeup. Thank you, Santa.  
 Love, Laquita Roberson

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ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE was celebrated to the fullest Friday at Citizens Bank N.A. Enjoying refreshments from left were Citizens Bank employees Billie McAuley and Faby Vasquez, shown with Bud Reynolds and June Moss, along with Leona Burkham, who once again coordinated the 'yuletide feast'. (NEWS digital photo)

### Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a four wheeler, a bike, a TV and a Nintendo.  
Love, Cheve Hernandez

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Thank you for your support and patronage during the last 1 1/2 years.

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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

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### Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait till you visit me! But something I'd like to mention is that I respect you very much! I'm even going to be you in our Christmas play! Now, I m not trying to be greedy or anything, but could you try giving me a game called Sly Cooper? Its for PlayStation 2. Well, that's really all I want for Christmas. Oh, and one more thing, could you come two days early? Thanks!  
Love, Jarek Wilde

Dear Santa, I can't wait till Christmas, Jesus's birthday. I want a game boy advanced for Christmas and a game called Drangonball Z the Legace of Goku 2. Playstations are nice so please get me one. If there are more things I would like get them to. Bye Santa, I love you.  
Your friend, Anthony Toliver

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control pickup. I want some Yu-gi-oh cards and a socket set. I also need a mouth piece so I can play pee-wee football next year. I also want a double barrel toy rifle and a football. I love you, Santa Claus.  
Your best friend, Ty Baker

Dear Santa  
Thank you for the gifts that you game me. This year I want a light house door nobbs for my sister. Oh! And please make my daddy better. Angel for my mom. A baby toy for Tristan. And for me a cheetah jacket and a game boy  
Love, Jasmine Lerma  
P.S. I'll leave some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait till Christmas it's so much fun. Here are a few things I want. First, I want all the Bratz their names are Sasha Jade, Cloe, Nevra, Dana, Meggan, and Yasmin. Last I want the Tony Hawk Underground game.  
Your friend, Destini Billington

Dear Santa,  
I thank you very much for last years present. I hope you come. This is what I want. I want a new working cd player. I also want a doll. I might want a new stulfed cat. I also want a little christmas tree for my room. What about you. Don t forget to give me a big hug. Oh yah. I some new pajamas. I hope you come. I also want to help you and keep Mrs. Clause some company why you deliver present. I leave you some milk and cookies. That's what I want for Christmas. Get some sleep.  
Love, Emily Espinosa.

Dear Santa,  
It's Christmas time agin. Could you manege to get me a new basketball because mines getting old and is falling apart. I would also like a pick a pitch its this thing were you put baseballs in a pouch and it comes out a tube. I kind of need a bat to go with it can you do that or me. Can I have a remot controle motercicel too because I have a broken one.  
Yours truly, Hagen Hutchinson  
P. S. Thank you for all the things in the past.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the bible last year. This year I would like a bed spread that has dolfins on it and some cristen C. D. A bratz cellphone, and a big kid bible that has a cover. One more is a video now. p. s. Christmas is my favorite holiday.  
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**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

*In this celebration without stop, we'd like to start... by saying thanks for all your kindness and support.*

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# Letters To Santa



Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you! I want a toy robot for Ninja Turtles and you can open it and they get in and they blast away and fight the bad guys. It turns into a 4-wheeler by itself. Then it turns into a space ship.  
I love Santa, Casey Stiewert

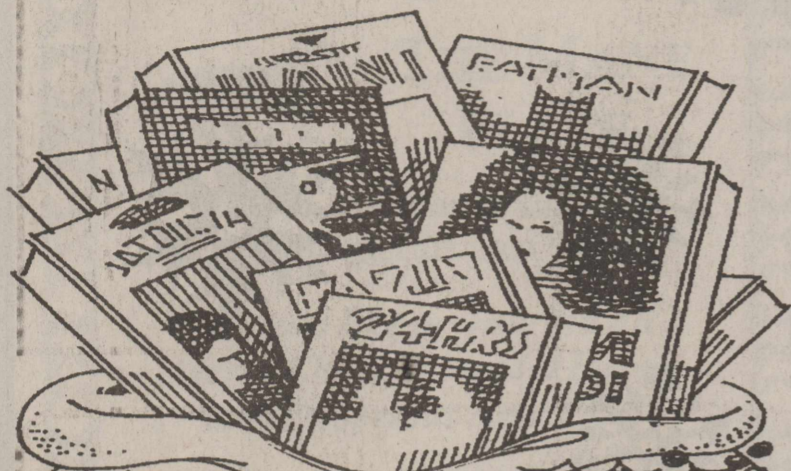
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want Spiderman, Ninjas, GiJoe's, a four wheeler with gas so it can go out in the country, a helmet with flames and a red fourwheeler suit and boots. I also want Hulk hands because mine are torn up. Don't forget my brother, bring him some toys.  
Love, Carson Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy today. And no bad boy.  
I want some lots of toys and presents today.  
And today is not my birthday.  
Give Mommy a new box of butterflies.  
Please bring me some new games - some Mario, Pokemon and Frogger with Crocodiles.  
See you later, Santa.  
I've gonna see you today now!  
That's all I said!  
Devin Harris, age 4

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## Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,  
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Love, Allison Lynn

Dear Santa,  
Please Santa may I have a Ninja Turtle SUV toy, a HotWheels race track and a Hot Wheels lap top computer for learning. That is all.  
I love you Santa,  
Casey Stiewert, age 5

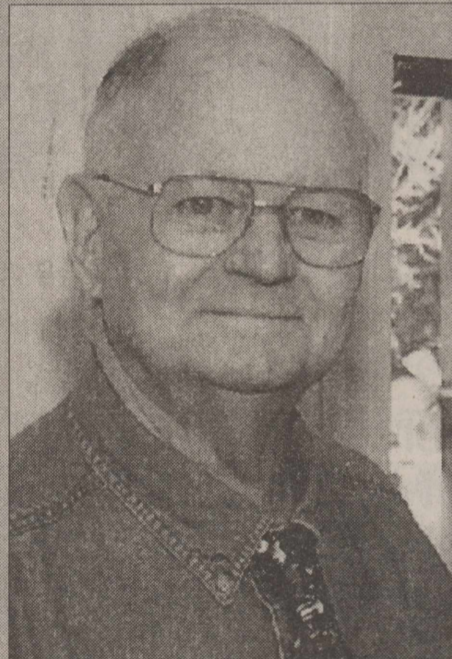
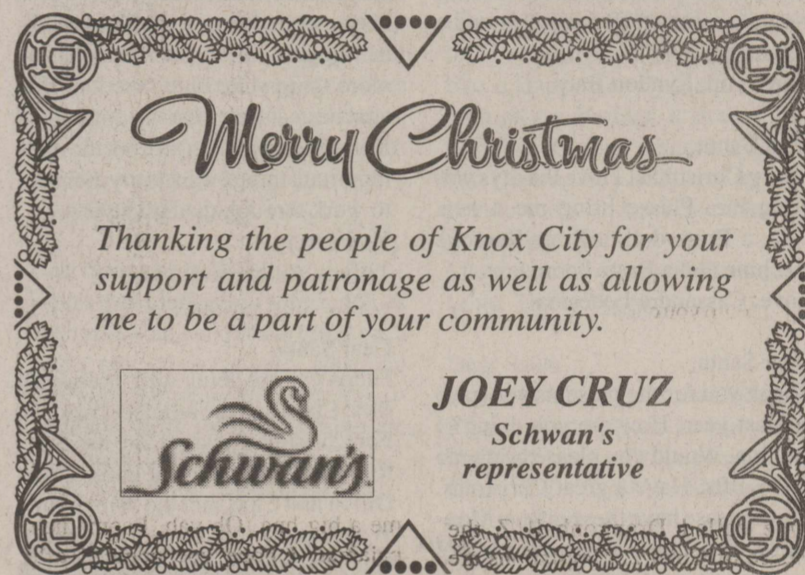
Dear Santa,  
I want all the toys. I want to tell you Merry Christmas!  
I love you, Santa!  
Lane Byers, age 3 1/2

Merry Christmas

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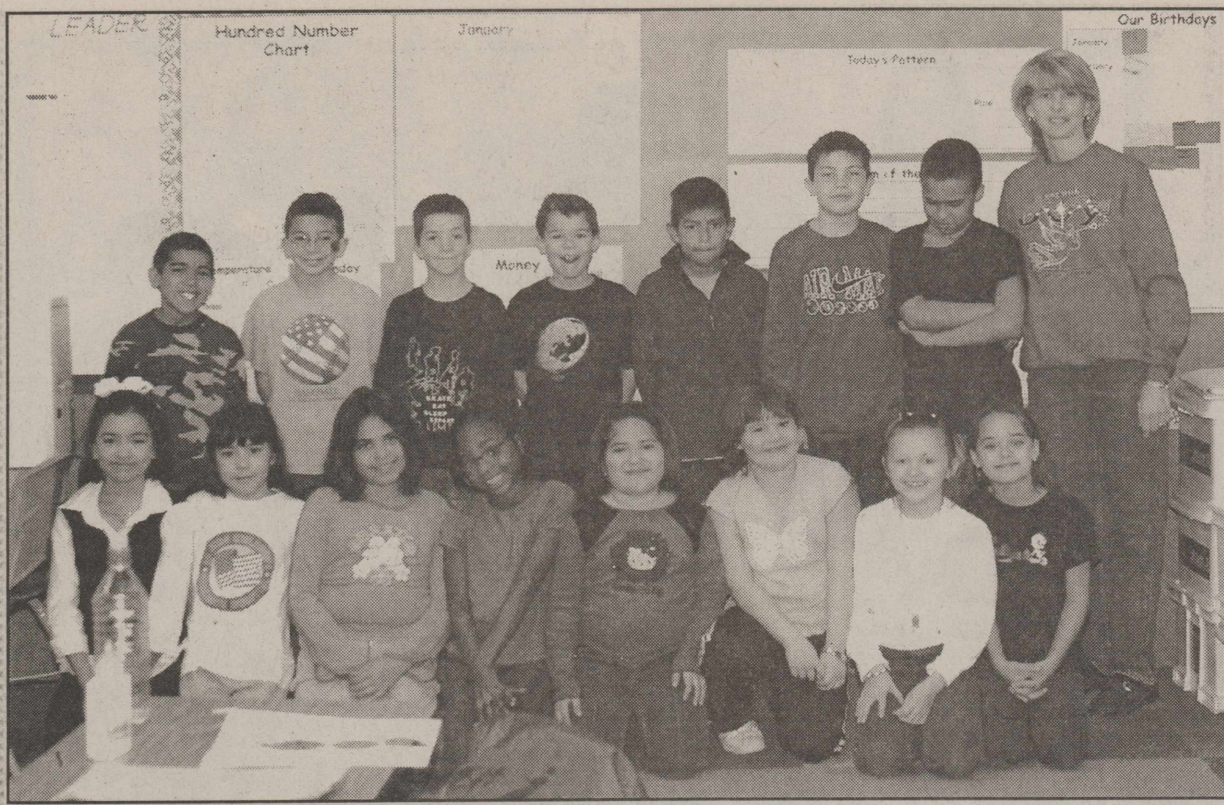
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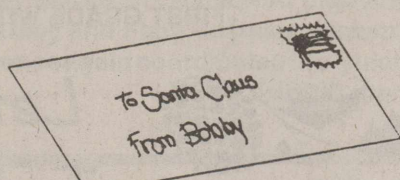
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## mailing letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
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I love you, Lyndon Baty

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I love the toys you bring me. Please bring me a new bike, a Bratz doll, a Brats Karaoke machine and a Bratz boom box.  
Love, Cassandra Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. How are you doing? I am fine. Would you please bring me some gifts. Have a great Christmas. May I please have these gifts: a Mongoose dirt bike, a remote control motorcycle, a safety helmet and more shoes.  
Love, Jerico

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the gifts from last year. May I please get a Playstation 2, a video game "Hot Wheels World Race", a remote control Helicopter named XFO and a steering wheel and foot pedal for the Playstation 2. Have a Holly Jolly Christmas.  
Stratton Edmonds

Dear Santa,  
I want a Hot Wheels Video Camera. Can you give me spark plugs, a cricket gun for me, a "Top Gun" DVD, and a Zelda video game for my Gameboy?  
Merry Christmas!  
Love, Schelby Houck

Dear Santa,  
I cant wate for you to come to my house. On christmas eve I get to open one present. I am going to open the one you got me this is what I want a c.d player? close, poley car, a vodoo now, a baskett ball gaol and a baskettball  
Love, Rosie Woods

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait for you to come! I would like to have a walkie-talkie watch or one that looks like a cellphone, a professional make up set with nail polish, lipglos, and lipstick. And a few more things like blue fake hair that attaches, a ring that is dimond, a Kobe Bryant jersey (#8), but the most important thing I want is my mom not to work through the holidays.  
Yours truly,  
Tiffany Amber Esquivel

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing well. Please tell Mrs. Claus and the reindeer I said Hi. For Christmas I would like the Bratz Runway Disco, Formal Funk Bratz-Dillon and Cloe, and the Winter time Wonderland doll Dana. I would also enjoy a camoflauge sleeping bag from Limeted Too, a bag for my skates, and a camera. Have a safe trip.  
Your friend, Cassidy Carter

Dear Santa,  
I can't wait till Christmas so I can open my presents. I want a warm furry cheeta jacket with pockets on the inside. I also want a DVD player to watch DVDs on. And I want a basketball with a basketball goal. I also want a Game Boy Advance with games. I want all the Little Brats Dolls. I also want a Play Station 2 to play if it gets to cold. I think that's enough presents for this year.  
Your friend, Nicole Diaz

Dear Santa,  
Could you please get me the things that I listed below, and don't worry, theres just a few. I would like to have Dragon ball Z boudikia 2 and Grabbed by the Ghoulies, both for X box. And I would also like Transformers Armada Optimus Prime. That's all for this year. I hope that the elves, family, and reindeer are doing fine. Milk and cookies will be waiting for you.  
Love, Kyle Harrington  
P. S. I'll be in Houston this year.

Dear Santa  
All I want is 6 things. They are very speicel. I hope you can give me a Game boy Advanced SP with games and playstation with games. I also want the card of yugiho that's the best and a whol lot of pokemon games. Please give me a few games for my game cube, one more thing it is rubber bike tiers and that's it.  
Love, Brandon York  
P. S. You're the best guy that I ever known.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Can I please have a bike? Can I please have army guys? I am six years old and go to Kindergarten.  
Your friend, Mati Ledesma

Dear Santa,  
Can I please get a toy puppy and a new baby sister? I want to go live with you at the North Pole and pet Rudolf. Remember my friends Calista, Catelyn, Katelyn and Mati.  
Your friend, Michaela Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like the presentes you gave me last year. I am five and I go to school. I live in an apartment. I want a Rock Star Barbie and a Hello Kitty ring, necklace and watch set.  
I love you, Calista

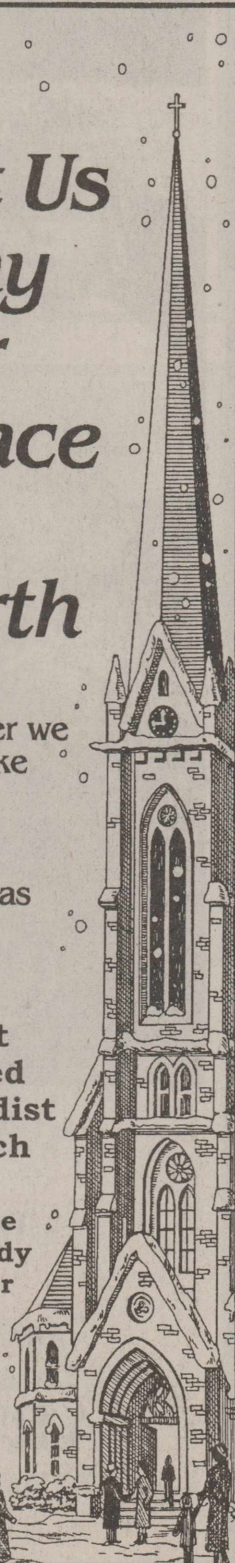
### Let Us Pray For Peace On Earth

Together we can make it work.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

First United Methodist Church

Claude McKiddy Pastor



# Our Christmas "Statement!"



We like to give credit where credit is due. So the first order of business is giving special thanks to you. You've shown us your friendship in so many ways. Now it's our turn to wish you The very happiest of holidays!

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May the true message of Christmas be heard by all in this and every season.

God bless you all.

**First Christian Church**

Tex Cox, Pastor





KINDERGARTEN WITH MRS. URBANCZYK

# Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents last year and the car's to. This year I want a game cube, Playstasion 2, I spi on gpasp and a big screen T.V.  
Yours truly,  
Jonathan Ray Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I can not believe christmas is just around the coner. And can you also pleas. Bring me a bratz doll and a new bick and a polly doll. I will leave you some milk and cookies and I will try to leave you some brownes.  
Love, Megan Martinez

Dear Santa,  
How are you? This year I want a dirt bike at the most. And a few ather things. I can't wait till Christmas all the toys, food, and Happiness. Stay warm.  
Your friend, Quinten Burt

Dear Santa,  
Thank you, Santa, for the gifts from Christmas last year. How are the Reindeer? Would you please bring me a Bratz Karaoke machine? Would you please bring me an icy maker? And would you please give me some make-up?  
Love, Courtney Taylor

Dear Santa  
Its that time of year again I hope you have had a good year Mine has been great. Christmas is my favorite time, because of the giving and receiving. Santa this year for Christmas I want a remote control car a stick horse, clothes, shoes and go-cart and bicycle and a game boy. That is all that I want and also bring my family the things that they need. Hope to see milk and cookies out for you on Christmas eve.  
Your friend, Jose Espinal

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the presents last year. Things I would like this year are "Brother Bear" the movie, a BB pistol, a sling shot, and a remote control car. Say hello to the elves and Mrs. claus. Give the reindeer a hug.  
See you next year, Trey Tidwell

Dear Santa,  
I hope I've been a good boy. Well, this is what I wrote on my wish list. Okay? I want a remote control monster truck, a Tak, the poer of JuJu for Playstation 2, an electric scooter and some more Yu-Gi-Oh cards.  
Happy Christmas, Chris Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. I am 1 1/2 years old. I would like for youw to being, me a Strawberry Shortcake doll and movie. I also want a Strawberry Shortcake cell phone and suitcase. My sister Abby wants everything Dora, and Shailee wants everything Sponge Bob. Don't forget my puppy Chloe, she needs some doggy toys because she likes to chew on all of mine. Maybe I won't be so aftaid of you next year and not cry when I sit in your lap. Shailee says we will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk if we can keep Chloe out of it. Don't forget my good friends at Daycare, they have been very good too this year.  
Love, Ainsley Manning

Dear Santa,  
I like you! I want a Megazoid and a hot wheel bike. Thank you fro the GI Joe Army guys last year.  
I love you, Baylee

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want to give you a kiss. I want an Xbox for Christmas. And I want a "Rudolf" DVD.  
I love you, Aaron

## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a toy horse and a toy unicorn. I am in Kindergarten. My dog died and I miss Blue. I will leave you cookies and cupcakes.  
Love, Caitlyn Summer Baxter

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a purple horse toy for Christmas. I want a doll with wings, and a prince and a castle. Can you bring your reindeer to my house? We have a fireplace for you to come down if you are not too big. Please bring Josh and Jeffrey boys toys, they have been good. Ok, and I want a flute and Rachel wants moroccas like on Dora the Explorer. She has been good too. That's all I want to say.  
Thank you, Rebecca Rodriguez

**FIELDS OF CHRISTMAS**  
**D•R•E•A•M•S**  
Hope the season brings a bumper crop of dreams come true!

**Johnson Melon Corp.**  
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Dwayne, Lorie  
Brad, Dustin  
& employees

## Celebrate the Christmas Spirit

The word of God became flesh...  
The Son of God became man...  
The Lord of All became a servant...  
The Righteous One now lives in men...  
The Seated One is coming again!

Hallelujah to the only One who is worthy of all that we have... of all that we are!

*Citizens Insurance Services*  
Judy, Jennifer and Shavonne

# JOY TO THE WORLD

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Matthew Sr., Estella,  
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and the crew Lawrence Collier, Dwayne Vasquez, Sergio Monez

**Happy Holidays**  
to our many new friends  
and neighbors in Knox City!

We appreciate the tremendous response you have shown us!

**Wishing you Happy Holidays!**

Your friends at  
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## Benjamin news

By Gladene Green, Benjamin Correspondent

No real excuse for missing last week's deadline except I just didn't get it in. And this time of the year, there's really not just a lot going on. Everyone is busy with all those Christmas preparations and don't have time to bother with "newspaper people"! But there is a little newsworthy happenings that you may be interested in.

School dismissed last Friday, the 12th, till "next year". The basketball boys and girls were in a tournament in Rochester Friday and Saturday. The girls won second after defeating Moran and Hermligh, they were defeated in the championship game by Rochester. The boys won all their games thus bringing home the first place trophy - again! Tyler Collins was selected MVP of the tournament. We congratulate these young folks.

Here 'N There - Cathie Tomlinson of Denton spent last weekend with her mom, Gloria West and her husband, Leroy.

Pressley Melton of Munday visited grandparents, Penny and Stanton Brown and Shari, last weekend.

The youth of the community presented the annual Christmas program last Sunday night at the Methodist

Church. The title of the program was "The Surprising Christmas Pageant" - depicting the birth of Christ with a modern day "twist". It was good and the kids all did a very good job with their parts. There was lots of singing, dialogue and some acting which had taken quite a bit of time to get down just right. Pam Duke and Nancy McGreger directed it. Students with leading parts on the program were Karla Benson, Teri Miller, Raquel Acevedo, Leah Vanderpool, Jacob Siemens, Becky Baldwin, Jonathan Rainwater, Julia Acevedo, Will Moorhouse, Roberto Acevedo, Jessi Vanderpool, Dylan Benson, Mitchell Ham and Judit Acevedo. Tibb Burnett played the harmonica and several other students sang. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served following the presentation.

Bud Conner received word last week that he has been given a "spot" on the Johnny High Country Show in Arlington on January 23, 2004. Lots of well-knowns got their start on this show and the Bud doesn't expect to be another Gary Morris or Lee Ann Rimes, he does consider it quite a compliment to be asked to appear there. And even tho it's quite a drive to the Metroplex, he does invite any-

one who would like to go to make the trip as there will be lots of good music on the show and an evening you would really enjoy.

Debbie Stephenson of Clyde was a recent visitor with the Roger Bohannons. Saturday, she, Betty and Jamie Brumley attending the wedding of Betty's nephew in Canyon.

Steve Conner of Colorado City visited homefolks last Saturday.

Friends of former resident James Klutts, now of Knox City, I know will be interested to know that he had gallbladder surgery Monday in Abilene. Was able to come home that afternoon - (in that horrible dust storm) but has had a pretty rough week. Has run fever all week and at press time, Friday afternoon, is a patient in Knox County Hospital. Please remember James and Jimmie in your prayers.

Now - My Christmas wish for you all is good health and happiness and a time of joy with your loved ones. As the time will be busy with all kinds of fun things, let's pause to remember why we celebrate this time. The time of our dear Savior's birth and be doubly thankful for all we have and willingly share with others.

Merry Christmas



**RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS of service to the Knox City-O'Brien CISD was Joanna Delgado, who was honored Saturday morning with a Retirement Coffee in the elementary school library. Mrs. Delgado began teaching third grade in the Knox City school system and has been the longtime elementary special education teacher. She will be missed.**

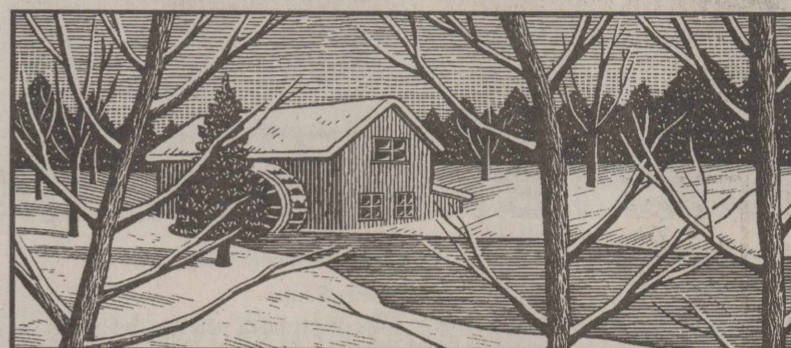
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## have yourself a merry little christmas!

To all of you who visited us this past year, go our very best wishes for lots of good cheer.

# CITY MOTEL

Bip & Anita



## BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

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

### Rolling Plains Well Service

658-3990

## Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I would like a Caillou toy with a microphone and a Dragon Tails video. I made you some cookies and you can give one to Rudolph.

Love You, Clayton Richardson

Dear Santa, My name is Shailee. I am 5 1/2 years old and a good girl - most of the time. Please bring me a Sponge-Bob suitcase, movie, and book. I also would like some play money and a check-book. Don't for my little sisters Abby and Ainsley. We will leave you some cold milk and chocolate chip cookies on the table.

Love, Shailee  
Watch out for Chloe, she will bark at you.

Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good girl this year. I am three years old. I want you to bring me everything Dora, a Dora suitcase, a Dora bag, a Dora chair, a tiny Dora backpack, a new Dora movie (I already have two), a Dora book, and Dora pajamas. My big sister Shailee wants everything Sponge Bob and my little sister Ainsley wants Strawberry Shortcake. I liked sitting on your lap at Geoffrey's but Ainsley didn't and she cried. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and cold milk.

Love, Abby Manning

Dear Santa, I'm happy your coming. Will you please bring me a baby doll, stroller, a Cinderella doll and something to eat for my babies and a baby bed. I want to meet Rudolph. I will leave you a note and candy.

I love you! Peyton Shipp, age 3

Dear Santa Claus, Will you be my love? I want a bike and a Playstation for Christmas. I am 6 years old and go to school. I love you! To'Keba Hughey

Dear Santa Claus, Santa Claus, I've got a big tree and a rectangle present. I have a square one, too. Please bring me a present. I am in Kindergarten.

Your friend, Allen Self

Dear Santa Claus, I want lip stick. I want to see you, my daddy's going to take me. I will leave ice cream for you.

Your friend, Renea De La Cruz

Dear Santa, Can I have a talking Strawberry Shortcake doll, Barbies, and a bicycle. I have been a good girl!

Love you Santa,  
Jordan Paige Stiewert, age 2

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a little 4-wheeler that jumps for Christmas. Please bring me a drink, too.

I will leave you a Christmas tree brownie and some milk for your snack.

Thank you very much!

Love, Preston Lynn

Dear Santa, I want a dinosaur. Let's go to the North Pole. I want another tricycle, please.

I love you! Mason Shipp, age 2

Wishing you . . .



. . . and a prosperous, healthy and safe New Year !

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### To all the people of Knox County

May the feelings of peace among all mankind be with you during this holiday season and throughout the years to come.

From everyone at the

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Dean Homstad, Sheriff  
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Jan Carver • Chris Wallace  
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Dec. 29th thru Jan. 2nd

**Monday, December 29** - Chicken strips with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, biscuits, brownies.

**Tuesday, December 30** - Salmon croquettes, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, hush puppies, pudding.

**Wednesday, December 31** - Bar-b-q on a bun, French fries, lettuce and tomato salad, dessert.

**Thursday, January 1** - Closed - Happy New Year.

**Friday, January 2** - Beef stew, ramien salad, cheese sticks, cornbread, cookies.

(All menus subject to change without notification. It is important to contact the site manager in order that meals can be prepared.)



Letters  
To  
Santa

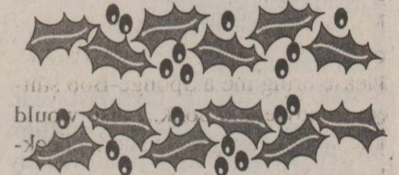


Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the bike you got me last year. It is at my dad's house. Please bring me new pencils, a coloring book, crayons and a coloring box. Santa, how are the reindeer. Santa, you are a friend to me. You are the best ever.  
Love, Jody Montez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the bop-it. Will you please give me a 22 rifle, X-men 2 and Ghost Shop movies, and a take-a-part laser gun? Santa, I love everything you give me for Christmas, I love you Santa.  
Love, Tylynn Bernal

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brogan White and I am 2 years old. I can do lots of things 'all by myself' and have been very good. I would like a Strawberry Shortcake doll that talks and Strawberry Shortcake movie. Also, please bring my older sister Brylee a Barbie computer. She is nice to me most of the time and I love her very much. Thanks Santa, Love, Brogan P.S. Give Rudolph a kiss for me.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelton and I am 8 months old. I have been a pretty good boy even though I am having a hard time staying out of the Christmas tree and all of my presents. For my first Christmas I would like a wagon, rocking horse, a see-n-say and a few clothes. Santa, please also remember all of my cousins and all of my friends at day care in Munday. I will leave you milk and cookies and a special snack for all of your reindeer.  
Love, Kelton Carver



**"Behold, the Lamb of God."**  
John 1:29

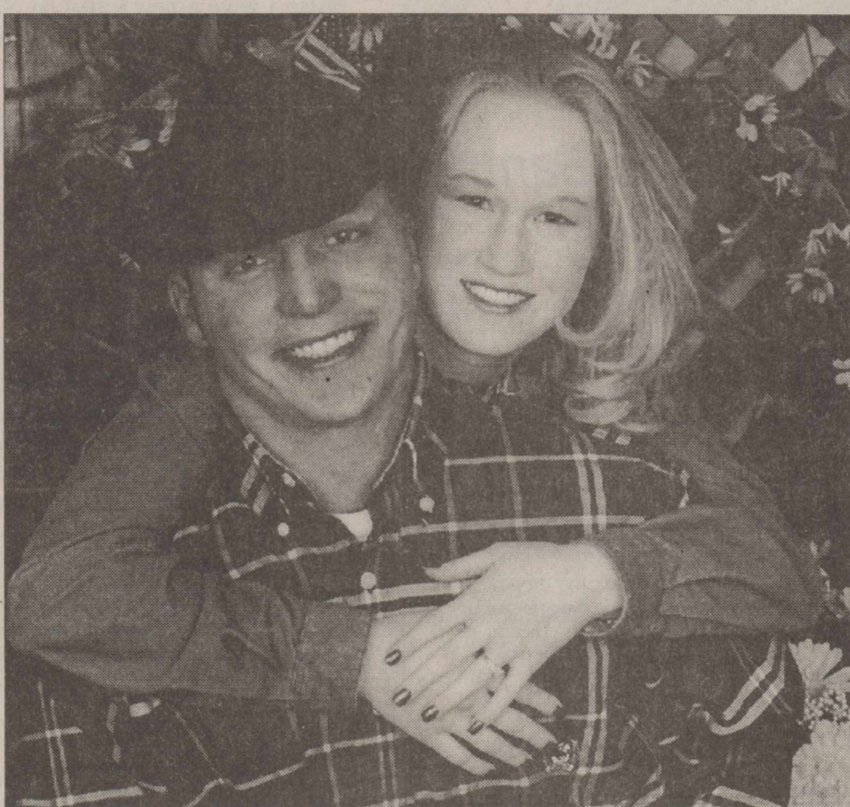
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**Knox County Hospital Auxiliary**



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March 13, 2004**



JOSHUA WILLIAM RODRIQUEZ and NATALIE PAIGE BLOXHAM

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The bride-elect is the daughter of Dale and Pam Bloxham of Knox City.

Frankie and Danielle Rodriquez of Rochester and Jeff and Reva York of Hico are parents of the prospective bridegroom.

The couple plan a Saturday, March 13, 2004, wedding at the First Baptist Church of Munday.

*Seasonings  
Greetings*

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**A TERRIFIC  
CHRISTMAS  
ALL AROUND**

*Wishing a wonderful Christmas,  
To all of you good folks from us,  
With lots of love and laughter,  
This season and forever after!  
Thanks for coming 'round this year!*



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PRE-K WITH MRS. BOWEN

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I want a remote control dirt bike and race car. I also want a fake alligator to scare my mom. I don't want anything else. Thank you. I will leave some milk and cookies.  
Love, Wes Hutchinson

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a Wizzard of Oz tape and a Sleeping Beauty tape. I want to kiss you on the cheek.  
I love Santa Claus,  
Sherree Hulme

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'd like to have roller skates and a skateboard, please. Thank you for the presents last year. I am five. I'd like my daddy to stay in Knox City.  
Your friend,  
Cassidy Gayle Correll

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys last year. Please bring me a Dodge Ram, a Powerwheels and some small Woody toys.  
Your friend, Spencer

Dear Santa,  
I have only been alive for half of 2003. I have been really good for a whole six months. I don't really need anything, except maybe some diapers (size 2). I just wanted to say Merry Christmas.  
Love, Gracie Howeth, 6 months

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the presents you gave me last year. For Christmas I want a bike, a computer, a Video Now, and new clothes. I would also like a Bratz camera, the game Uno, a Gameboy Advance with the games "Finding Nemo" and "Brother Bear" and the movie "Brother Bear".  
I hope you have a good Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus I said "Hi".  
Love, Kelsey Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Silverado Chevrolet Power Wheels. I am good, except for when I am bad. Remember my whole family. I will leave you and your reindeer a yummy snack.  
I Love You!  
Stuart Day Edmonds, 4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I think you are my sister! I want a Barbie. I also like clothes that say and make me feel like a "princess". My daddy says, "I am his princess." I really believe I am.  
We will all be waiting on you. I love my brothers very much - don't forget about them.  
I love you!  
Saylor Maree' Edmonds, 2 years old

## Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,  
My name is Laken and I am 5 years old. I have been pretty good as long as you do not ask my Mommy. She might tell you a little different since I do not like to help her much at home. I want a Barbie house and Barbie for Christmas. I also want some new clothes for Christmas.

I have a little sister that is 2 years old and her name is Madison. She has not been very good but please bring her some toys so she will leave my things alone.

I also have a big brother named Andrew. He is 13 years old. Sometimes he is not very nice to me, but I still love him. He wants a new video game and some DVD movies. I do not know what else he wants but I am sure he will be happy with what you bring him.

Please bring my Mommy and Daddy something too. They have been good. My Grandma and Grandpa have been good so please leave them a few presents.

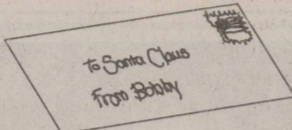
Also I have a new kitten so please leave her a new toy and some cat food.

I love you Santa,  
Laken Inghland, age 5

Dear Santa,  
My name is Madison and I am 2 years old. I have been a very good girl this year so my Mommy and Grandma say. All I want for Christmas is a rocking horse to ride and a baby doll to play with. I have a big brother and sister that have been pretty good. My sister likes to pick on me but please bring her a Barbie house and a Barbie doll. She promises to let me play with her and not fight with me anymore if she can have it. My Bubba wants a video game and lots of other things I cannot even pronounce yet. Please bring him some of what he wanted. I will leave you some cookies and milk to eat so you will not get hungry on your trip.

Tell Rudolph hello and that I love him,  
I love you Santa,  
Madison Inghland Strickland, age 2

## Happiness is ... mailing letters to Santa



**Joy TO THE World!**

May your dreams take wing and may your joy know no boundaries this holiday season.

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

**Knox City Foursquare Church**

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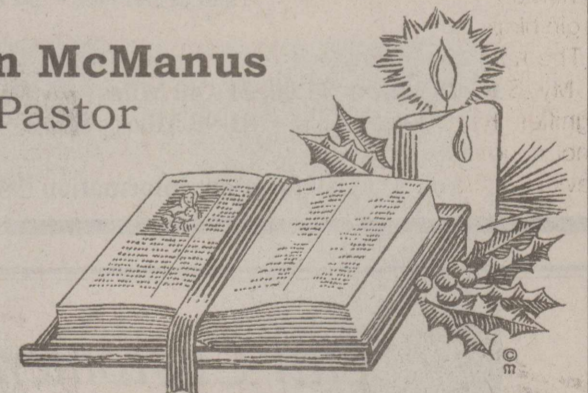
## HOLY NIGHT WISH

"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all."  
— John 1:5

Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.

**O'Brien Baptist Church**

Milton McManus  
Pastor



## 'TIS THE SEASON FOR US TO SING.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Wishing you the happiest of holidays!

David Neal, DDS  
and Staff  
Munday, Texas

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Hope your holiday forecast calls for a heavy accumulation of goodwill, along with a blizzard of merriment!

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Happy holidays to everyone!

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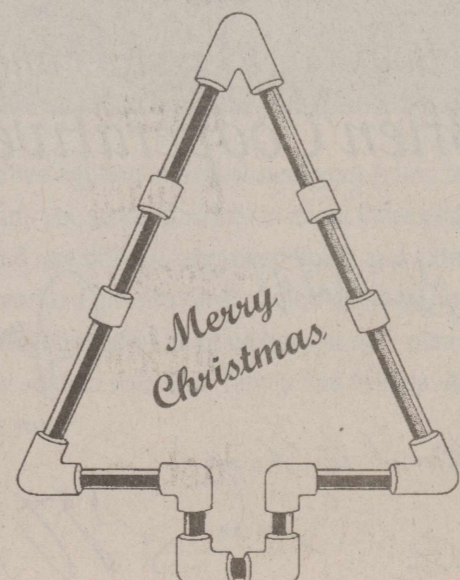
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**APPLICATIONS ARE BEING** accepted until January 12, 2004 for temporary fulltime positions with USDA - Farm Service agency. These GIS Field Technician positions will be located throughout Texas. Salary ranges from \$11.04 to \$12.35 per hour. Successful applicants will be proficient as a PC User with the ability to navigate within Windows. Experience with GIS and familiarity with ortho maps is preferable. Position will require travel 90% of the time with applicant providing their own reliable transportation. Application form FSA-675 can be obtained from USDA-FSA at (Knox County FSA, PO Box 758, Knox City, TX 79529, 940-658-3537). Completed application forms must be returned to the (Knox County FSA) and must arrive by January 12, 2004 to be considered. Faxed Applications will not be accepted. USDA is an EEO employer. 12-25 2tc 157

## Political Calendar

The following have authorized The Knox County News to announce their candidacy for public office.

50th Judicial District Judge  
**PAUL SCOTT**

Knox County Tax Assessor/Collector  
**KAY SHEEDY**

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The Above Named Candidates

## Public Notice

I WILL NOT be responsible for any debts other than my own.

Bill Groves

*To the Knox City Community:*

*When we moved here, you welcomed us with open arms. Following the fire at our home in March, we saw that love extended by an outpouring from this community helping us through our ordeal. To the firefighters, the Stanfields, to all of you who were there that day of the fire, and to everyone who showed their support for us as well as the prayers our family received, we say thank you - you have given us a brand new start.*

*Knox City will always be family to us. We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Jeremy, Sonia and the boys*

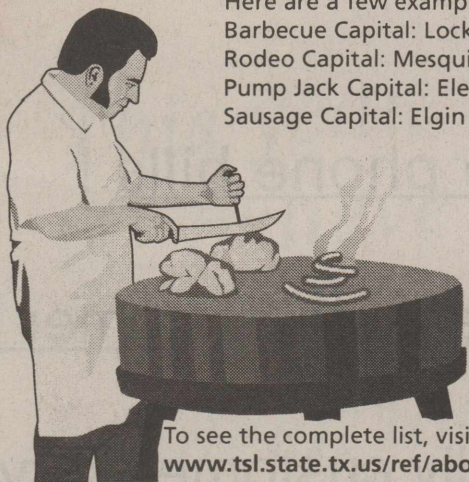
*Merry Christmas*

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Official Capital Designations

The Texas Legislature has designated many symbolic capitals all over the state.

Here are a few examples:  
Barbecue Capital: Lockhart  
Rodeo Capital: Mesquite  
Pump Jack Capital: Electra  
Sausage Capital: Elgin



To see the complete list, visit  
[www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/capitals.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/capitals.html)

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller ([www.windowstate.tx.us](http://www.windowstate.tx.us)) and the Texas State Library.

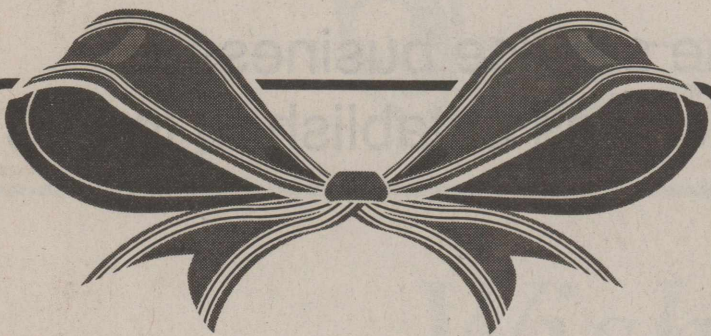
**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

Everything about the Babe of Bethlehem amazes me.

No other person lived before he was born. But Jesus was the Son of God before he became the Son of Man, so that the sons of man may, by the grace of God, become sons of God.

No other person chose to be born without a father or chose his own mother. It was the only way in which the Holy One could take on a human body. That was the virgin birth.

The name Jesus means "God is My Savior." The title Christ signifies "King." Happy is the one who chooses Jesus to be his Savior and King.



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- e. Rely on over 52 years of telephone service business (Santa Rosa Telephone Coop., Inc. was established in 1951)
- f. Make use of the "One Bill" option. You can have local service, long distance service and Internet (dial up or a DSL) all on one bill.
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We will be in the Knox City office, 207 North East Second,  
Tuesday, December 30 and Wednesday, December 31  
from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Call 889-1125 and let us tell you more,  
*and . . . switch you over.*

