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Armstrong files on Republican ticket

Ernie Armstrong, appointed by the governor in mid-June to serve as 132nd District Court judge, has switched political parties to seek his first full term on the bench.

Armstrong, who as a Democrat was serving his third term as district attorney when he received the appointment from Gov. George Bush, has filed for district judge as a Republican.

Gov. Bush is also a Republican.

Officials at his office on Friday afternoon said Armstrong was out of town for the holidays and unavailable for comment.

Armstrong received his law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1971. He spent the next four years as a criminal prosecutor, working in the county attorney's office in Odessa and serving as first assistant county attorney in Bell County.

He moved to Snyder in 1975 and joined in private practice with James Rosser. He continued a private practice until his appointment as district judge.

Armstrong is a member of the Lions Club and the Goldcoat organization. He is a former president of the chamber and director of the Industrial Foundation and the Industrial Development Corporation. He has also served on the chamber's Economic Development Committee.

He is a deacon with the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

He and his wife, Betsy, have two children, Amy and Jeffrey.

Currently, Armstrong is one of six candidates who are unopposed for offices in Scurry County. Of the nine offices up for election, two still don't have a candidate and only one is contested.

The filing period ends Jan. 3, or just about a week from now, considering holidays and weekends.

The only office to draw much attention has been sheriff. Three men have responded to the announcement that longtime sheriff Keith Collier will not seek re-election. Kerry Fritz currently stands alone on the Republican ticket while Darren Jackson and Joe Cheyne will appear on the Democratic ticket. All three men are sheriff's deputies.

C.D. Gray Jr. and Ralph Trevey, a pair of Democrats, have each filed for another term as county commissioner. Gray represents Precinct 3; Trevey represents Precinct 1. Both men are unopposed at this time.

Also running unopposed are Rona Sikes for tax collector; Dana Cooley for district attorney; and Michael W. Hartman for county attorney. Sikes, an incumbent, is a Democrat. Cooley, who was appointed DA in July to replace Armstrong, is a Republican. Hartman is also a Republican.

No one has yet filed for the Precinct 1 and 2 constable positions.

The party primary elections are scheduled for March 12.

Ernie Armstrong

FIRST PLACE WINNER - The home of Frank Ortegon, 1203 Ave. O, was selected as the first place winner in the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats' Christmas lighting contest. Second place went to the Jim Richardson home at 5402 Cedar Creek and third place was a tie between the Joe Arnold home at 4501 Galveston and the James Wenetschlaeger home at 5502 Cedar Creek. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cookin' up lots of food at Daniel

Inmates, officers and employees at the Price Daniel Unit will enjoy their traditional Christmas dinner Monday but due to budgetary cutbacks, one favorite portion won't be served.

"We will not be serving ham this year as we have in the past," said Virginia Darden, food service director.

Darden said the allocation of meat at the unit and throughout the system has been cut, so the main course will be turkey.

"We've cooked 78 turkeys and some 280 pounds of chicken for the Monday meal," said Darden.

Darden said the turkeys will serve the 1,325 inmates and the 100 employees who will be working Christmas day.

"This meal is a pretty big task," said Darden, adding that the cooking of the turkeys has already taken place. They were de-boned and will remain frozen until sometime Sunday.

At the present time, Darden, her staff and the inmates who work in the kitchen are getting all the trimmings ready for the meal.

Six hundred pounds of mashed potatoes will be prepared. Other items on the menu include cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, sweet potato pie and cake.

Inmates at the unit raised a bumper crop of potatoes this summer but they have all been used.

"So we had to buy these from outside sources," said Darden.

Each inmate will also receive an apple and an orange.

The first meal will be served around 9 a.m. and the last one around 1 p.m., said Darden.

Besides serving traditional Christmas fare, the portions will also be a little bigger, added Darden.

"We'll serve everything we have cooked and nothing will be held back," she added.

Asked if she thought everything would be eaten, she responded with a definite "yes."

"This is really a special time for all of us, food service employees and inmates," said Darden.

"Our inmates do a great job year-round in the kitchen but I think they really enjoy putting out a special meal like this," Darden said.

"Just like we do at home, they put out a special effort for a special time of the year."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Merry Christmas."

Everybody's got 'em...you know those gifts in top of the closet left over from last year that didn't fit, were the wrong color, or just weren't you.

An economics professor, likely bored with visiting relatives, has done some calculation and says that under-appreciated gifts undermine the national economy.

The professor based his study on "economic efficiency" by calculating each gift's yield — the ratio between how much the giver pays for the gift and how much the receiver values it.

Based on the good doctor's study, gift-givers overall do pretty well. Recipients value their gifts at 94.1 cents on the dollar.

However, certain groups don't do as well. Gifts by aunts, uncles and grandparents have a yield of only 79.1 percent. These relatives, he says, do particularly badly when they try to select socks, cosmetics or books. Even grandparents who pick a compact disk may pick some group like The Smothers Brothers.

Overall, undervalued gifts cost the U.S. economy $13 billion, or "deadweight loss of Christmas. He defines deadweight loss as an economic term that describes what happens when a loss to one party isn't balanced by a gain to another.

The professor found that parents, siblings, friends and significant others are much more efficient gift givers. For those who are at-risk, the professor suggests that they be coached a little on their selections.

Ole what's-her-name must subscribe to this theory. Subtle suggestions and months of hints, we figure, are designed to prevent another inefficient mistake. In other words — no more kitchen utensils.

Just in case you open a package that does irreparable damage to the national economy — just smile and say "oohh." And remember, it's the thought that counts.

Whitewater...

GOP hopes notes give probe momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican lawmakers hope 12 pages of notes taken by a former aide to President Clinton will give the Whitewater controversy new momentum.

The White House says notes by William Kennedy, disclosed Friday to avoid a potentially embarrassing court battle with the Senate, prove what President Clinton said all along: He had nothing to hide.

But GOP lawmakers pointed to several titillating Kennedy entries that are insidious or innocuous — depending on the interpretation.

"Vacuum Rose Law files," read one entry by Kennedy, a former colleague of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Ark. "Documents.— Never know go out ... Quietly."

Republicans seized on the notation, speculating that "vacuum" was a euphemism for eliminating the files and "never know" was a prediction that a coverup would not be discovered. They have suggested that law firm files were destroyed to suppress damaging Whitewater information, a charge the Clintons flatly deny.

"This gives evidence, this points in the direction for the first time, that people may have obstructed justice by the deliberate removal, destruction or — as they call it — the vacuuming of the Rose Law files," Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Whitewater Committee, said in a telephone interview.

"It's nothing," White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said of the matter. "But they'll try to make something of it."

The notes were taken in a Nov. 5, 1993, meeting between several White House attorneys and Clinton's new personal lawyer, David Kendall. The White House says the gathering was designed to bring Kendall up to speed on the growing controversy.

Senate officials said Kennedy and other White House aides at the meeting can expect to be subpoenaed to testify about the notes and that Kendall may be summoned as well.

Several entries discussed information from a criminal referral, meaning that Kendall was given a substantial briefing on the contents of a confidential document.

Firm's boss isn't Scrooge

GLENS FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — Saying he missed the place, a newly retired company founder went to the office and presented every worker with a check for $1,000, drawn out of his personal bank account.

Philip H. Morse spent more than three-quarters of a million dollars of his own money on the gifts to employees of NAMIC U.S.A., the catheter-making company he founded in 1969.

"I have missed the responsibility and the challenges that came with each day," Morse wrote in a letter accompanying each gift.

"But above all," Morse wrote, "I miss the relationships. For those of you that touched my life deeply ... Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

NAMIC has plants in Ireland and Mexico as well as Glens Falls, 46 miles north of Albany. Pfizer Inc. bought NAMIC last year. Morse retired in March.

Most every employee was visibly moved Wednesday by the former chairman's generosity, said Jeanne Wehnau, administrative assistant to the president.

"We had some that wept, some that shrieked with total joy, some that were stunned," she said.

ASK US

Q—When is Santa Claus expected to deliver gifts to homes in Scurry County?

A—According to an elf (who requested anonymity), Santa's sleigh should arrive in Scurry County about 2:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 35 degrees; low 19; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 24; no precipitation; total precipitation for year, 19.22 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 20. Sunday and Christmas Day, partly cloudy. High near 50. Southwest winds 5-15 mph. Lows 20-25.

Sunset: 5:46 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.

Of 356 days in 1995, the sun has shone 340 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him.

Proverbs 14:31

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Benefit checks promised...

Congress home for holidays

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress headed home for the Christmas holiday, putting negotiations over the federal budget impasse on hold for a week, but not before assuring benefit checks for 3.3 million veterans and dependents and 4.7 million welfare families.

President Clinton late Friday signed a measure, given final approval by the Senate hours earlier, to authorize distribution of the payments.

And in a voice vote that followed brief discussion, the Senate also approved a proposal by Majority Leader Bob Dole to declare the 260,000 federal workers who have been furloughed for a week essential and allow them to return to work on the promise they would be paid later.

"We're going to pay the federal employees," Dole, R-Kan., said. "It's no fault of their own they're not working."

The same promise of eventual pay went to 500,000 other workers in nine Cabinet departments and other agencies who were declared exempt from layoff and have remained on the job even though their organizations have no budgets in place.

The House could vote on the measure as soon it returns from its holiday recess Wednesday.

Dole's proposal was designed to address a legal roadblock that forbids furloughed workers from returning to their jobs even on a voluntary basis. But the workers' agencies would remain unable to spend money for other purposes, such as providing aid to state and local governments for various programs.

Earlier Friday, President Clinton and Congress' Republican leaders discussed their budget clash and reported making progress. But all they could agree on was to meet again next Friday, and no new offers were presented.

Staff aides were told to list options for finding savings in Medicare, Medicaid and other major programs that negotiators could consider next week.

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TOYS FOR TOTS DONATIONS - Wal-Mart manager, Mark Henson, hands over a check for $1,510.85 to support manager Debra Perez for Snyder's Toys for Tot program. The money was raised from the concession stand the employees operated on Dec. 2. Earlier, Debbie Word had accepted a check from Henson for $576 for the program with the funds representing a percentage of sales at the store between 7 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Nov. 25. (SDN Staff Photo)

Airliners' flight recorder is found

BUGA, Colombia (AP) — On a mountain ridge strewn with bodies, rescuers packed victims of an American Airlines crash into bags and found a flight data recorder that may explain the tragedy that killed 160 people.

Helicopters ferried the dead to the town of Buga on Friday, where relatives waved snapshots of their loved ones and pleaded to get into a makeshift morgue in a local sports center.

"Let in the grievers!" shouted Orlando Lozado, whose brother was one of 164 people on the flight Wednesday night from Miami. Four people, all U.S. citizens or residents, survived the crash 40 miles from Cali, Colombia's second-largest city.

A morgue sign asked relatives to fill out forms listing physical characteristics of victims: moles, scars, tattoos.

Some relatives joined Red Cross teams at the crash site in southwestern Colombia, sifting through a sprawl of jagged aircraft parts and personal possessions — toothbrushes, baby dolls, address books, a diving mask. Torn suitcases and clothing dangled from trees.

Bodies were scattered in the muddy undergrowth, a few still strapped into their seats. Near a pile of corpses, one rescue worker nonchalantly swigged from a whiskey bottle found at the scene.

At one point, crews ran out of black body bags.

The flight recorder, which indicates the plane's airspeed, altitude and direction at the time of the crash, could explain why Flight 965 from Miami hit the mountainside short of its Cali destination. An American Airlines investigator hoisted the metal box onto his shoulder and carted it down the hill.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said at least 48 of the people on the flight were U.S. citizens, but determining the precise number was difficult because many passengers were dual nationals.

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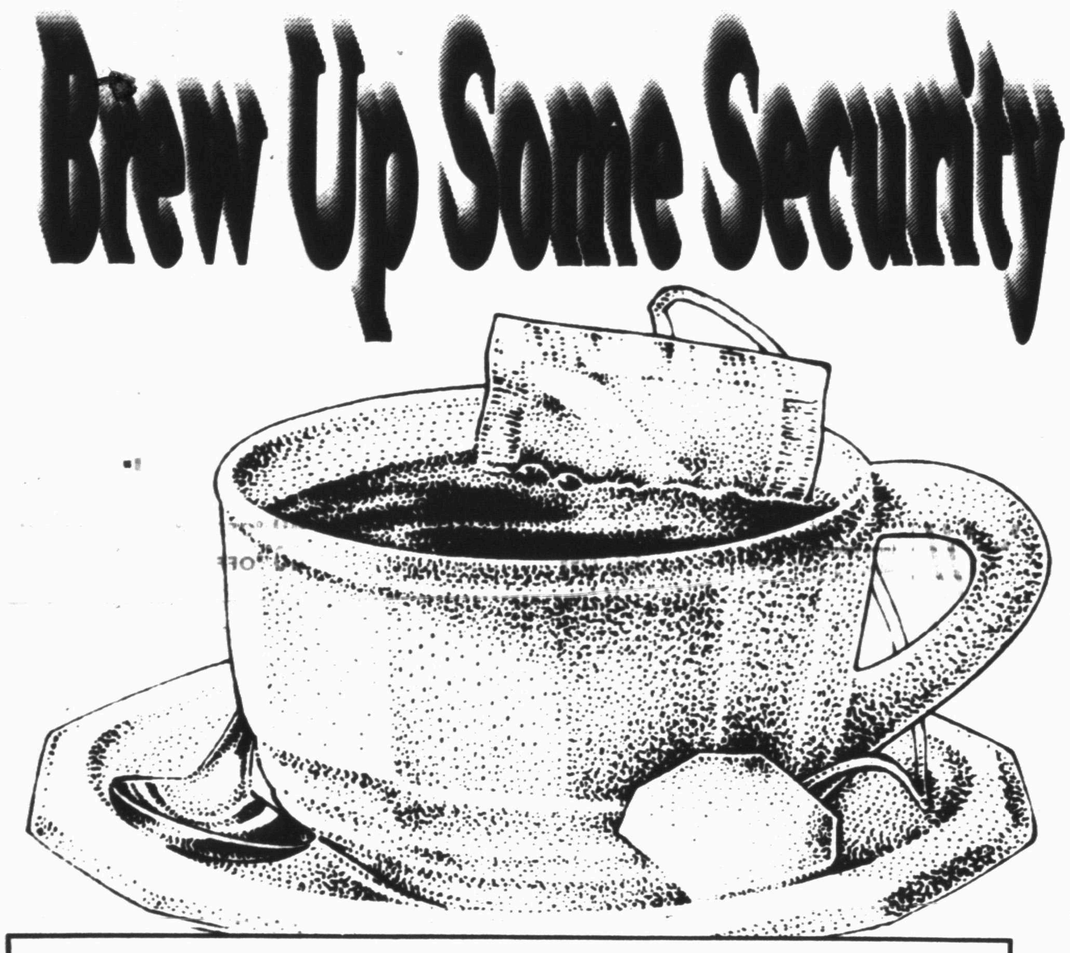

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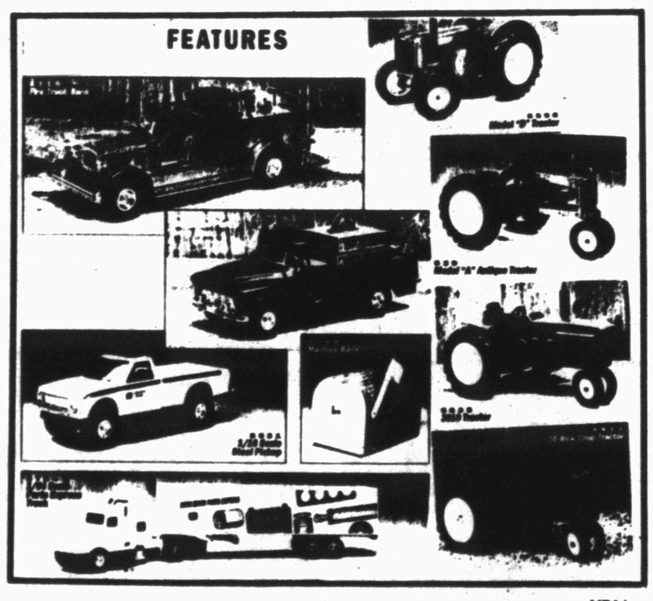

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But family and ... nel said Jasmine ... fighter, bouncin... several respirator... adjusting to the...

Baby goes home as 10 pounder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Little Jasmine Claudio, who weighed only 1½ pounds at birth in February, headed home for Christmas in a tiny Santa outfit Friday as a "pudgy and roly-poly" 10-pounder.

"This is the greatest present I could ever receive," said Morena Claudio, the infant's mother. "I've been waiting for this day for so long."

Jasmine's father, Juan, who works in the meat department at a local supermarket, celebrated his daughter's release on his 30th birthday.

Jasmine was born three months early on Feb. 21 at Centinela Hospital Medical Center in Inglewood, after her 31-year-old mother developed toxemia, a life-threatening blood disorder.

From the start, doctors said the child's chances for survival were marginal.

Like most premature babies, Jasmine had underdeveloped lungs that required her to be placed on a ventilator. She also had a heart murmur and a difficult time fighting off infections.

Her breathing was made difficult by a narrow trachea, which doctors remedied by putting in a trachea tube. The murmur was surgically corrected in May.

"She had a lot of complications," said Alice Goree, a registered nurse who cared for Jasmine in Centinela's neonatal intensive care unit. "I've done this kind of nursing for 15 years and I've only seen three trachs."

But family and hospital personnel said Jasmine proved to be a fighter, bouncing back from several respiratory infections and adjusting to the trachea tube.

Snow sent to Alabama

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. (AP) — It was a simple matter of supply and demand. Michigan and Illinois had the supply of snow; Alabama had the demand.

So the owner of a McDonald's in Birmingham, Ala., paid $4,000 to have two truckloads of the white stuff hauled south from Sault Ste. Marie, 940 miles away, and Effingham, Ill.

"We had about 50 children out here at 6 a.m.," said McDonald's spokeswoman Marianne Sharbel. "They're lining up and everyone's really excited about it.

Sharbel said one of the truckers was surprised to see how excited folks in Birmingham were at the sight of snow.

With temperatures in the 40s during the day and the 20s at night in Birmingham, the restaurant plans to pile the snow up, hoping it lasts through Christmas Day.

Gingrich probe...

Special counsel appointed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Ethics Committee pushed its protracted probe of House Speaker Newt Gingrich to a new level Friday, naming a former Justice Department prosecutor as special counsel.

James M. Cole, whose 13 years at Justice included successful prosecution of a congressman, will lead the investigation into allegations that Gingrich, R-Ga., improperly used a college course for political purposes. Cole, now a partner in a Washington law firm, will assist the ethics panel's investigative subcommittee in examining the Gingrich case.

If evidence warrants, Cole will have the authority to broaden the probe beyond the narrow issue of whether Gingrich improperly used the college course's tax-exempt status to fund political activity.

"The committee believes Mr. Cole has the experience and integrity to serve the committee and the House well," said Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., the committee chairwoman.

Johnson announced the appointment after emerging from a closed-door ethics committee meeting in the basement of the Capitol. She declined to comment further.

Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., the panel's vice chairman, said only that he agreed with the decision.

Cole had no comment Friday on the appointment, said Daniel Schwartz, manager of the Washington office of Cole's law firm, Bryan, Cave, McPheeters and McRoberts.

"We welcome the appointment of a qualified attorney," Gingrich spokesman Tony Blankley said Friday in a statement. He said Gingrich is confident that Cole will find that IRS requirements were satisfied.

At the core of the investigation is the course, "Renewing American Civilization," that Gingrich taught at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga., beginning in 1993. Gingrich continued giving lectures every Saturday, even after becoming speaker last January, but announced later in the year that he would not participate in the fall semester.

Georgia Democrat Ben Jones, who ran against Gingrich last year, filed the ethics complaint asserting that the course was a thinly disguised political recruitment program that was improperly benefiting from federal tax-exempt status extended to education programs.

The course is available not only to Reinhardt students but, via television, to about a dozen other colleges. It also is distributed via satellite to 26 million cable subscribers on the Mind Extension University and 10 million on National Empowerment Network.

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SDN SPORTS WEEK

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TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor Sports Editor

It is only fitting since this is the Christmas season to give you my sports, Christmas wish list.

I wish Snyder High School basketball would move their games back to the Scurry County Coliseum.

I wish the Tigers' basketball team would go back to the state tournament and win it all. I'm getting tired of saying my team was the only basketball team from Snyder to make it to the state tournament and that was 15 years ago.

I wish Tom Landry would buy the Dallas Cowboys and hire Dan Reeves as the head coach.

I wish arrangements would be worked out so that Snyder High School basketball games would be played in the coliseum.

I wish Texas Tech would win the first football title in the new Big 12. (I said it was a wish list)

I wish the Lady Raiders would win another women's NCAA basketball title.

I wish the Scurry County Coliseum would be used for Snyder High School basketball games.

I wish the Texas Rangers would not falter after the all-star break.

I wish all the NFL owners would agree on something.

I wish the Canyon Reef basketball tournament would be revived and played at the Scurry County Coliseum.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Packers and Steelers compete with division title on the line

By The Associated Press

The site is Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis., and a division title is on the line. The date is Dec. 24. The question is, what year is this?

The Packers are 10-5 and haven't won 11 games in a season since they were 12-2 under Vince Lombardi in 1966, but this isn't the '60s anymore. This is the 1995 Packers, and they face Pittsburgh Sunday with a lot riding on their season finale.

"I'm glad this game means something," said Packers coach Mike Holmgren, whose team clinched its third straight playoff berth with a victory at New Orleans last week.

Now, the NFC Central Division title is at stake for Green Bay, while Pittsburgh (11-4) could earn the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs with a victory.

"I don't think we'll rest any of our players," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said.

The Packers haven't won the NFC Central outright since 1972, and Lambeau Field would be a likely place for Pittsburgh's eight-game winning streak to end. The Packers have won 16 of their last 17 at Lambeau, including a victory over Detroit in the playoffs last season.

The NFL schedule has three games on Saturday — San Diego at the New York Giants, Detroit at Tampa Bay and New England at Indianapolis.

Sunday's schedule has Houston at Buffalo, Seattle at Kansas City, Cleveland at Jacksonville, San Francisco at Atlanta, Philadelphia at Chicago, New Orleans at the New York Jets, Minnesota at Cincinnati, Carolina at Washington, Denver at Oakland and Miami at St. Louis.

Dallas is at Arizona in the season finale Monday night.

Pittsburgh already has earned a first-round bye in the playoffs, but because the Chiefs kick off at the same time Sunday, the Steelers won't know if Kansas City is willing to hand them home-field advantage until they're both done playing.

Despite the loss of Rod Woodson and the offseason departure of tight end Eric Green, the Steelers have the NFL's second-ranked defense and the seventh-rated offense.

Carnell Lake shifted from strong safety to cornerback after Woodson went down and joined linebacker Greg Lloyd, center Dermontti Dawson and Yancey Thigpen as Pro Bowl players. Linebacker Kevin Greene and tackle Leon Searcy are alternates.

If Green Bay loses, and Detroit beats Tampa Bay on Saturday, the Lions and Packers wind up tied at 10-6. Detroit wins the division tiebreaker and the division in that case. The Buccaneers were eliminated from playoff contention last week.

Detroit has won six in a row since owner William Clay Ford handed coach Wayne Fontes his "playoffs-or-else" ultimatum.

The Bucs are the lowest scoring team in the NFL and are 27th in total offense despite coach Sam Wyche's reputation as an offensive innovator and developer of young quarterbacks.

Second-year pro Trent Dilfer has thrown only four touchdown passes this season.

The Chiefs (12-3), meanwhile, stand in Pittsburgh's way to the home-field advantage, but they face a red-hot team on Sunday, namely the Seahawks (8-7). Seattle, meanwhile, could go to the playoffs with a win.

Seattle is 6-1 in its last seven games, and Kansas City has noticed.

"People would have thought I was nuts, but the way they're playing, the Seattle Seahawks are a lot like the Dallas Cowboys," Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas said.

Kansas City is unbeaten at home this year.

Fortunately for Atlanta, the Falcons are still in the playoff chase. Unfortunately, they need to beat San Francisco to get in. And even more unfortunately, the 49ers have something at stake, too.

Both San Francisco and Dallas have 11-4 records going into their season finales and are fighting for the home-field advantage in the NFC.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	20	6	.769	—
NewYork	18	7	.720	1½
Miami	13	11	.542	6
Boston	12	12	.500	7
Washington	12	12	.500	7
NewJersey	9	14	.391	9½
Philadelphia	5	18	.217	14
Central Division				
Chicago	22	2	.917	—
Indiana	13	10	.565	8½
Atlanta	12	12	.500	10
Cleveland	12	12	.500	10
Detroit	12	13	.480	10½
Charlotte	12	14	.462	11
Milwaukee	8	15	.348	13½
Toronto	8	19	.296	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	19	6	.760	—
SanAntonio	15	7	.682	2½
Utah	17	8	.680	2
Denver	11	13	.458	7½
Dallas	7	16	.304	11
Minnesota	6	17	.273	12
Vancouver	4	23	.148	16
Pacific Division				
Seattle	16	8	.666	—
Sacramento	15	9	.625	1
L.A.Lakers	14	13	.519	3½
Phoenix	11	12	.478	4½
Portland	11	13	.458	5
GoldenState	10	15	.400	6½
L.A.Clippers	9	16	.360	7½

Friday's Games
Indiana 90, Dallas 79
Boston 114, Minnesota 113
Milwaukee 99, Philadelphia 94
Detroit 84, Miami 75
Atlanta 94, New Jersey 91
Orlando 111, New York 90
Chicago 113, Toronto 104
Phoenix 101, Vancouver 80
L.A. Lakers 116, Sacramento 83
Golden State 132, Washington 117

Saturday's Games
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
San Antonio at Phoenix, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 6 p.m.

NFL AT A GLANCE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	10	5	0	.667	333	307
Indianapolis	8	7	0	.533	321	309
Miami	8	7	0	.533	357	310
NewEngland	6	9	0	.400	287	367
N.Y.Jets	3	12	0	.200	233	372
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	388	303
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	322	350
Houston	6	9	0	.400	320	307
Cleveland	5	10	0	.333	268	332
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	251	383
West						
x-KansasCity	12	3	0	.800	332	238
Oakland	8	7	0	.533	320	301
SanDiego	8	7	0	.533	294	306
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	360	340
Denver	7	8	0	.467	357	317

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	398	278
y-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	304	318
N.Y.Giants	5	10	0	.333	273	313
Washington	5	10	0	.333	306	342
Arizona	4	11	0	.267	262	385
Central						
y-GreenBay	10	5	0	.667	380	295
y-Detroit	9	6	0	.600	399	326
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	372	346
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	388	358
TampaBay	7	8	0	.467	228	298
West						
x-SanFrancisco	11	4	0	.733	430	230
Atlanta	8	7	0	.533	334	322
St.Louis	7	8	0	.467	287	377
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	272	305
NewOrleans	6	9	0	.400	307	348

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday, Dec. 23
San Diego at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 4 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4 p.m.
Miami at St. Louis, 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25
Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.

End Regular Season

Problems continue to plague A&M

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer

If any team needs a victory during bowl season, it's the Texas A&M Aggies.

The team's high points came before the season's opening kickoff. The Aggies were ranked No. 3 and junior running back Leeland McElroy appeared poised to make a run for the Heisman Trophy.

At the end of the regular season, the Aggies had settled for No. 19, McElroy was capping an injury-plagued season and the team had lost to the Longhorns 16-6.

Since then, three A&M players have been suspended and McElroy has aggravated his ankle injury. It's not exactly the best way to kick off preparations for Thursday's Alamo Bowl in San Antonio against No. 14 Michigan.

McElroy's Heisman hopes were dashed when he badly sprained his left ankle in a 14-7 loss to Texas Tech on Oct. 7. He missed the following week's game, which A&M barely won at home against Southern Methodist.

McElroy, a junior, was injured again Monday when a teammate rolled over his tender left ankle during a workout in full pads.

The good news for A&M seems to be that as McElroy's prospects fell in 1995, the likelihood improved that he would return for his senior year rather than declare for the NFL draft.

"Leeland has not had the kind of year that would warrant him coming out now," coach R.C. Slocum said. "My recommendation is for him to come back. I'd hate to see him leave after what has, without a doubt, been a disappointing season."

An X-ray detected no break and McElroy's brother, Lee McElroy, said Leeland will be ready to go against the Wolverines. However, his troubled teammates, who probably wouldn't have been a factor against Michigan, won't be making the trip.

Golfer aces, then exits

HEMET, Calif. (AP) — Using a driver, Peter Sedore got a hole-in-one at the Panorama Village Golf Course. Then, he died.

Sedore, 83, got his 18th career hole-in-one on the 129-yard fourth hole at Panorama Village on Wednesday. A hole later, he collapsed, and was pronounced dead at Hemet Valley Medical Center, apparently from an aneurysm.

"There was no other way he would have wanted it," said Sedore's son, Dennis, who lives in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. "Maybe God wanted him to do it one more time before taking him."

The elder Sedore could be found on the links nearly every day.

It was fitting that he died while playing the game he loved, his son said. And the happiness that came from the hole-in-one made it easier for his family and fellow golfers to accept his death, he added.

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After Jan. 4th, you will need to take your tree to the landfill. If placed in the area for brush & tree limbs, there will be no charge.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Beans had more than 'pop'

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Thomas Lewis Lavy says he tried to carry one of the world's most potent plant toxins across the Canadian border to kill coyotes that threatened his chickens.

Federal authorities weren't buying it.

"It would be tantamount to saying you can use a thermonuclear device to protect your property from break-in or burglary," said prosecutor Robert Govar.

Lavy was arrested Thursday at his farm in the Ozarks of northern Arkansas and charged with possession of a toxic substance with intent to use it as a weapon. He was ordered detained on Friday.

In April 1993, Lavy tried to cross the border into Canada from Alaska carrying about 130 grams of ricin, a powerful poison extracted from castor beans.

The FBI says ricin ranks third in toxicity only to plutonium and the botulism toxin. One or two chewed castor beans can be deadly to humans. It has no known antidote and is virtually impossible to detect in the body after death.

Canadian customs agents searched Lavy's car and also found $89,000 in cash, four guns, more than 20,000 rounds of ammunition, a belt buckle knife and a quantity of white powder, FBI Agent Thomas Lynch said. Subsequent analysis of the powder showed it to be ricin.

Lavy was sent back to the American customs office in Alaska because he was trying to cross the border with more than $10,000 in cash.

He was charged under the Biological Weapons Anti-Terrorism Act of 1989. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life in prison.

Ricin was identified as the poison that killed Bulgarian defector Georgi Markov in London in 1978. Investigators said he was stabbed in the leg with an umbrella tipped with a pellet dipped in the poison.

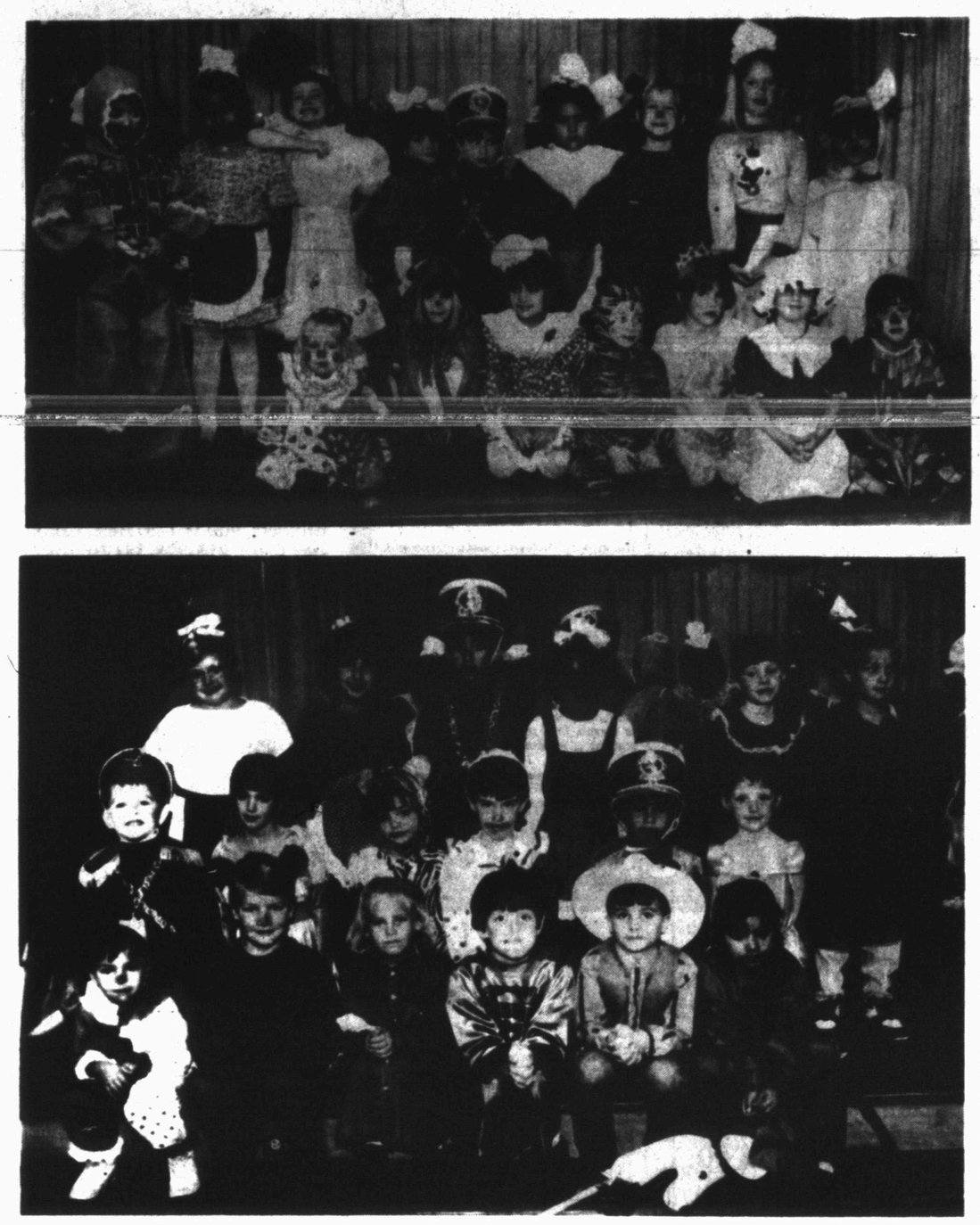
U.S. Magistrate Jerry W. Cavaneau ordered Lavy detained pending a hearing in Anchorage, Alaska, next month. Lavy plans to appeal the magistrate's ruling at a hearing on Tuesday. Cavaneau did note that the government hadn't produced any evidence that Lavy used or intended to use ricin for criminal activity.

Canadian officials only recently notified the FBI about finding the ricin on Lavy, prompting FBI agents and biological weapons-handling specialists from the Army to raid his farm on Wednesday. They did not find any ricin, only castor beans.

Authorities also found three books on poison during the raid, including "Silent Death," whose author was listed as Uncle Fester.

In February, two members of a paramilitary group in Minnesota were the first people convicted in the United States under the anti-terrorism act.

Douglas Baker and Leroy Wheeler were found guilty of possessing 0.7 grams of ricin. They both belonged to a tax protest group called the Patriots Council.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE — Stanfield first graders presented "A Gingerbread Christmas" Wednesday morning. Jean Baugh's students in the top photo are Nash Baldwin, Steph Castaneda, Monte Crooks, Chelsey Drummond, Aspen Mann, Michael Mann, Christina Martinez, Vanessa Martinez, Ashley Matthews, Eldon Morris, Kelbi Pitner, Wesley Price, Amanda Rivera, Brandon Robbins, Amy Sauceda, Corbin Smith, Kaitlyn Terrell, Vivi Weaver and Lupe Zuniga. Linda Cozart's students in the middle photo are first row, from left, Michael Alaniz, Casey Arnold, Alex Crawford, Malcolm Devers, William Greenwood and Tiffany Gutierrez; second row, Bradly Henderson, Amber Hildreth, Kristi Jones, Jonathon Lowery, Joshua Martinez and Claire Morris; third row, Tara Robertson, Cheyene Roemisch, Roman Romero, Lacree Tippens, Bryce Westmoreland and Sydney Wright. Carole Haynes' students in the bottom photo are front row, from left, Jamie Arnold, Brett Bowlin, Brent Burleson, Kelton Clayton, Jessica Drury, Starla Early, Chelsea Hackfield, Joseph Hefner and Kaylee Lacik; back row, Sesalie Martinez, Erica Munoz, Joshua Ornelas, Terann Ragland, Kyle Sanchez, Casey Smith, Ross Taylor and Chelsea Bengal. (SDN Staff Photos)

New auto tag marks statehood

AUSTIN (AP) — Motorists proud of the Lone Star State soon will have a new way to show their feelings.

The Texas Department of Transportation is issuing a license plate commemorating Texas' 150th anniversary of statehood that will be available beginning Dec. 29, 1995, the actual anniversary date.

The plate will be available through March 1, 1996, or until all supplies are exhausted.

The special-edition plates temporarily will replace the standard Lone Star State design during those months.

The plates feature a shooting star logo and the words, "150 Years of Statehood." They will be available to motorists who buy a new car and those who require a replacement due to loss or damage, or because their current plates are more than five years old at the time of registration renewal.

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Most major securities firms discourage their customers from investing in penny stocks. Some prohibit the recommendation of any penny stock not followed and rated by their firm's analysts. Others simply don't pay their investment representatives for any order of a stock selling for less than $5 a share.

Why do many investment firms avoid penny stocks? According to the North American Securities Administrators Association, those who speculate in penny stocks lose money 70 percent of the time. That's the good news. When fraud is involved, the odds of a loss rise to 90 percent.

Generally, limited information is available on penny stocks. Stocks listed on the New York and American stock exchanges, as well as the NASDAQ over-the-counter market, must meet certain financial standards regarding pre-tax income, assets, distribution of common stock, and more. Penny stocks have few, if any, of these requirements. Most information on penny stocks comes directly from the issuing company, and this information is seldom verified by financial analysts.

In spite of the limited information that is provided and the odds against making money, investors continue to buy penny stocks. If you are one of these people, be aware of the risks of your investment. Penny stocks are appropriate only for money that you can afford to lose. They are not a good way to invest for long-term needs like retirement.

If you're going to buy penny stocks, it's vital to do your homework. Look for companies with new or innovative products that have strong potential. Stay away from start-up companies in highly technical fields that you know nothing about. Call the company, and ask direct questions. Ask for printed information such as a recent prospectus or annual report. Expect to spend the equivalent of one or two working days investigating any penny stock that you plan to buy.

Finally, diversify. This is good advice with any investment, and it makes especially good sense when buying low-priced stocks of small companies that often go bankrupt.

Take a good look at a penny. See the profile of honest Abe Lincoln? Remember, this is not a logo for penny stocks.

Drive boss bounces checks

MILES CITY, Mont. (AP) — The organizer of this summer's Great American Cattle Drive has allegedly bounced another check and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

James "Bud" McCasland allegedly issued a $1,250 check to the Wolfe Concho Co. for silver jewelry on Sept. 3. Owners Jim and Susan Wolfe said the check was returned from the Citizens National Bank in Fort Worth for non-sufficient funds.

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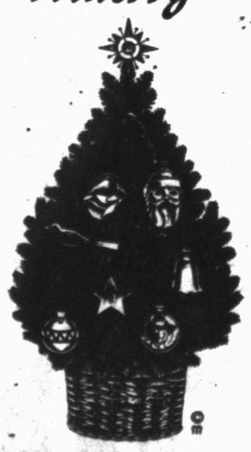

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Civil rights chief sues state agency

AUSTIN (AP) — The former director of the Texas Department of Transportation's civil rights division is suing the agency for more than $2.2 million, saying his firing violated his rights.

Besides the millions in punitive damages, Charles Bailey is seeking reinstatement to an "appropriate position" with the state agency and back pay since his June 1994 firing.

"I've been hurt significantly, but I think in the larger sense, the greatest damage that's been done has been done to the employees in (the agency)," said Bailey, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel who was chief officer of equal employment opportunity at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission before going to the Transportation Department.

"Several (Transportation Department) employees called me in essence and said, 'If this can happen to the director of civil rights, what does that say about me and my civil rights?'" he said Friday.

Transportation Department spokesman Alan King said the agency had no comment on the matter because it involves pending litigation. Bailey's lawsuit was filed this week in state district court in Travis County.

King also said the officials named in Bailey's suit declined comment. They are Commissioner David Bernsen, who was chairman when Bailey was fired; Executive Director Bill Burnett; and Daffney Henry, assistant executive director for human resources management, who fired Bailey.

Ron Dusek, spokesman for the attorney general's office, also had no comment on the pending lawsuit. The attorney general represents state agencies in court.

According to a report by a Transportation Department hearing examiner who looked into the case, Ms. Daffney said she fired Bailey for reasons involving his management of the division and instances of insubordination.

Bailey, who said he had been hired to create the division in February 1992, said he was wrongly fired and that officials used improper procedures in terminating him.

He said his firing came two days after he filed a complaint against Ms. Henry with Burnett.

Bailey said in his lawsuit that he received "favorable and congratulatory" performance evaluations before Ms. Henry became his supervisor in October 1993.

His lawsuit says he was fired "in retaliation for exercising his right and duty to defend the civil rights program," which Bailey says Ms. Henry and Burnett tried to dismantle; that the two interfered with his contract with the agency; and that Bailey was subjected to emotional distress.

Among other claims, he says his right to due course of law was violated because proper procedures weren't used after it was decided he would be fired; and that he was denied his right to have his case aired publicly at a Texas Transportation Commission meeting.

The Transportation Department hearing examiner who looked into the case, Heidi Jackson, said in her report that some conduct Ms. Henry considered insubordinate was not.

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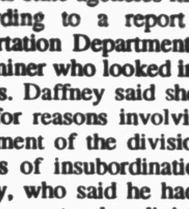
By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995

Your chart indicates that you might improve or change your residence in the year ahead. Happy times with your family and new friends are also in store for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will have the ability today to take promising situations and develop them significantly. They could be very grand by the time you finish your work. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not be deceived by outward appearances today. Even though something may not look too nifty at first glance, it could contain hidden surprises.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The best way to achieve personal gratification will be to try to appease others today. The road to happiness will depend on your ability to help friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have a marvelous opportunity to do something nice for a person who has been consistently kind to you recently. Do not let it slip past you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Luck will enable good things to happen to you in diverse ways. Friends who have your best interests at heart may be pawns in this game.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Joint endeavors could work out far better than usual at this time in this cycle, especially if you team up with people as bright and sincere as you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The opinions you voice today will be taken to heart by your audience. Your comments will guide the thoughts of others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A friend who provided you with confidential information previously might come to you again today with something of considerable value.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When dealing with youngsters today, avoid authoritarian teaching methods. Let children discover for themselves that following rules enhances fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A family member who has been trying to deal with a vexing problem might come to you for advice today. You can show him or her how to find peace of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might have to discuss a serious material matter with a business associate today. If you meet in a casual setting, the issue can be resolved quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Eveh though your mind will be focused on social activities today, keep an eye peeled for a person who might want to talk to you about business.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Dec. 25, 1995

The year ahead may hold greater career opportunities than in the past. If you hope to make your mark in the world, it will be important to get an early start.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A chain of unusual developments today may cause a negative condition to shift suddenly into something that offers unique advantages for yourself and others. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Luck may favor you today in group situations. At the least, you will have good fortune when you work with friends who share a common interest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you try to promote something significant today, devote as much time as possible to this task. Fortune will favor you when the stakes are impressive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may hear from several more long-lost friends or relatives today than you have in holidays past. Both you and the callers will welcome the contact.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Old-fashioned traditions may have less punch today than some of the newer traditions you're hoping to establish. Try to incorporate both.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A joint endeavor will have an excellent chance for success today, provided you and your ally are equally enthusiastic. This could be exciting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions will change today and a situation you felt was a liability might become something beneficial. Keep hoping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A friend you haven't seen for quite some time might suddenly pop back into your life today. However, he or she may not hang around for long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you have been searching for a unique but useful item for your home, it may be presented to you today. This item could help make your Christmas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be luckier than usual today in situations that contain elements of chance. However, this will not give you the green light to take foolish gambles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Financial conditions will continue to look encouraging at this time. Put your ingenuity to work in ways that can add to your financial holdings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A good attitude will be of paramount importance to you today. If you can envision yourself in a positive light, you can amaze everyone with your feats.

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Six Philly cops cited in probe

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Six officers involved in the 1994 arrest of a drug-crazed man who later died in custody should be suspended for using excessive force and lying to investigators, a citizens panel said Friday.

The Police Advisory Commission found that officers clubbed Moises DeJesus after he was handcuffed, dragged him through the shattered window of a patrol car and ripped off his clothes. When the 30-year-old man slipped into a coma and died three days later, officers lied to investigators to cover up their actions.

The panel recommended the maximum suspension of 30 days for Officer Donna Young for excessive force and 15-day suspensions for lying for Officers William Suarez, Raul Malviero, Michael Paige, and Nicholas and Chris DiPasquale, who are brothers.

The commission asked that the ranking supervisor during the arrest, Lt. Robert Sharkus, be reprimanded for failing to take control of the situation.

"Oh, thank God for justice," said DeJesus' mother, Rosa, standing teary-eyed before a shrine of flowers and religious tokens dedicated to the eldest of her seven children. "Now the police will see that beating people is not a party."

Mayor Edward G. Rendell and Police Commissioner Richard Neal can either accept or reject the panel's recommendations, which are just the latest embarrassment for a department already shaken by a federal corruption investigation. The commission was convened by Rendell in 1993 in response to complaints of police abuse.

Police went to DeJesus' poor neighborhood in north Philadelphia on Aug. 24, 1994, after receiving reports that the epileptic, 260-pound man had taken drugs and was violent.

When the first officer arrived on the scene, DeJesus had been quieted by a friend and he willingly entered the back seat of a squad car, the panel said.

After police transferred him into a second squad car because it was equipped with a screen between the front and back seat, DeJesus became agitated and started beating on the rear passenger window, shattering it with a kick.

DeJesus was clubbed while sitting in the back seat, then dragged through the shattered opening of the window, the panel said.

Nine officers wrestled DeJesus to the ground, ripping off his clothes, then handcuffed him and dragged him into a police van. Three days later he died in a hospital, prompting an internal affairs investigation. All officers swore under oath that they didn't see anyone strike DeJesus' head.

The commission said it was not the beating, but an "excited delirium" caused by drugs and the wild scuffle that killed DeJesus.

Homeless advocate, 15, finds his grandfather

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A teen-age boy's effort to supply the homeless with thousands of pairs of socks each winter has reunited him with one special homeless man — his grandfather.

Ryan Rigney, a Manchester, Tenn., boy who made headlines when he launched his project at the age of 11, is getting to know a man who had lost touch with his family years ago. And it's all because of the socks, and his mother's efforts to help her son out.

Three years ago, Virginia Rigney was making a sock delivery at a Salvation Army shelter in Nashville and heard the name of her long-lost father, Richard Stitt, announced on a paging system. He was living there, and she quickly tracked him down.

"I knew it was her as soon as I first saw her," said Stitt, 62. "I'm just glad to see them. I can't tell you how good it feels.

Ryan's parents have been visiting Stitt at the shelter ever since. Finally, last month, everyone agreed it was time for grandfather and grandson to meet.

"He was in a homeless shelter, and he didn't want me to know," said Ryan, now 15. "He was embarrassed."

The teen-ager said he got the idea to supply socks to the homeless from his mother, who had been a volunteer worker before a car accident sidelined her in 1989.

"I went to my mother and asked if we could buy sports coats," Ryan said. "That's so expensive that you couldn't please many people."

"But socks we could get a lot and please many people." He estimates he hands out at least 3,000 pairs a year.

The family is working to get Stitt on Social Security and into an apartment in Manchester, Ryan said.

Stitt told The Tennessean newspaper that he is now sober. "I was drinking too much alcohol and I lost myself. I've been dry for quite a while now, and this makes for a mighty good Christmas."

School teacher thinks Barbie poor example

NEW YORK (AP) — There are rules for the pre-kindergartners in Jeannette Williams' class at Convent of the Sacred Heart school: no yelling, no messes, no Barbie.

"She's a poor role model for children," said Williams, who has taught at the school for seven years. "As an educator of girls, I find her personally distasteful."

While Barbie sales continue to grow — topping $1.2 billion in 1994, compared with about $1 million when the doll debuted in 1959 — some parents and educators are trying to teach kids that the buxom bombshell isn't the only doll around.

"There is a lot of feelings out there that Barbie is not politically correct," said Joanne Oppenheim, co-author of "The Best Toys, Books & Videos for Kids."

"She's still a symbol of the anorexic bombshell that few grow up to be. That's what makes it attractive to kids and a nightmare to parents."

Kids as young as 3 now choose Barbie over "baby" dolls. Mattel Inc. even acknowledges that it's marketing Barbie to a wider audience than the 7-to-9-year-old range it originally targeted.

Mattel spokeswoman Lisa McKendall said it was important to preserve the doll's features in order for the clothing and accessories to fit properly. She also said adult concerns about Barbie's influence on young girls are unfounded.

"Barbie's look isn't relevant to a child when they're playing with Barbie," McKendall said. "I think adults bring a whole set of values and expectations to toys that children don't."

In 1994, 1.5 million Barbies were sold per week. They cost as little as $5. This Christmas, there was a shortage of the white Happy Holidays Barbie.

"I know all my daughter wants is Barbie this and Barbie that," said Jess Schneider, who took her 5½-year-old daughter on a pre-Christmas visit to New York's FAO Schwarz toy store, which devotes sections of two floors to Barbie and Barbie accessories. "But I'm trying to get her to think beyond Barbie by encouraging her to play with other dolls."

Schneider said she has stopped buying outfits for her daughter's one Barbie — which was given to her as a birthday gift from a neighbor.

Some psychologists say that parents must take an active role in how their kids play and what they play with.

"Too many kids are left on their own when they play," said Alan Hack, a clinical psychologist at Downtown Professional Consultants in New York. "But if the child is playing with Barbie and does something stereotypically female, the parent can use the playtime to show a more balanced view."

Oppenheim, who has written 40 books for and about children, suggests that parents broaden their children's array of toys.

"Forbidding your child to play with Barbie is making her more desirable," she said. "But limiting the amount of paraphernalia — you don't need the stretch limo and the yacht — and reminding the kids about other playthings, creates a much healthier play environment."

Lydia Schmidt has tried just that with her 6-year-old daughter. Legos, the Baby Sitter Club dolls and books offset the hours spent with Barbie.

"My mom said no to Barbie 25 years ago with me and I'm trying that with my own daughter," the New York resident said. "You can change her career and her race, but she's still beautiful and thin, and I don't want my kid thinking that's the way it should be."

Veto expected...

Welfare bill now goes to Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved a wide-ranging Republican plan to overhaul the nation's welfare system Friday, but the bill went to President Clinton without enough votes to override his threatened veto.

"This version of the welfare bill will not see the light of day," Rahm Emanuel, White House director of special projects, said after the 52-47 vote.

The bill would replace federal guarantees to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program with block grants that states could use to fashion their own welfare plans. It also would cap the amount of federal funding over the next seven years.

Programs that would be cut include food stamps and aid to immigrants, disabled children, drug addicts and alcoholics.

The plan includes an experimental change in the federal school lunch program that would allow seven states to try other ways to provide nutrition to school children.

Overall savings have been estimated at $58 billion over seven years.

Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kansas, urged senators to "try to persuade the president this is a bill he should sign."

The vote was far short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a veto. The House, which made welfare reform part of its "Contract with America," approved the bill 245-178 on Thursday. That vote was also short of the support needed to override a veto.

House defies ethics panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defying its ethics committee, the House voted Friday to let lawmakers receive unlimited book royalties as long as they have their book contracts cleared by the ethics panel and do not accept advances.

By 259-128, the members rejected a strict curb on income they can earn from books — a proposal that could have cost House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., handsomely in connection with his book, "To Renew America."

The rule adopted Friday applies to book contracts signed after Jan. 1, 1996, so that Gingrich's deal would not be affected. The issue of book sales, which felled a Democratic House speaker in the late 1980s, has bedeviled Gingrich this year.

In Friday's vote, 46 Democrats sided with the majority Republicans. Five Republicans voted against the rule, which covers only House members.

Democrats accused the Republicans of pushing through the rule to shelter Gingrich's royalties.

Three freight trains collide

EFFINGHAM, Ill. (AP) — Flames from the crash of three freight trains near here could be seen a quarter mile away. One tanker car was burning hours later, and four others were threatened.

"You heard a rumble, then there was a second ka-boom. There was a flash, then it lit up the sky," said Mike Wilson, who lives nearby.

One railroad worker was killed, a second was injured, and a crew of two on one of the trains had been not accounted for, authorities said.

When it was found that one of the trains might have been carrying hazardous materials, homes for three miles around, about 100 people, were evacuated.

It is believed two of the trains on the Conrail tracks were westbound when one of them rear-ended the other. The rear-most cars of the first train fell onto an eastbound track, where an eastbound train ran into them.

The crash occurred one mile west of Effingham at about 9:20 p.m. Friday.

Dark Ages

The "Dark Ages" is the term used to describe the period between the fifth and 11th century. "Dark" refers to the supposed lack of learning and the decay of culture during that period.

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'Knock it off...'

NATO commander warns

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The commander of NATO forces in Bosnia said Saturday he was disappointed by attacks on American and British relief flights in Sarajevo and warned the country's warring factions "to knock that stuff off."

A U.S. relief flight and a British helicopter flying two sick infants and their mothers were shot at in Sarajevo on Friday. It was unclear who fired, and no one was hurt.

U.S. Navy Adm. Leighton Smith called the attacks "very disappointing."

"I hold all parties responsible for making sure their people know this is a peace mission," Smith told reporters during an inspection of the U.S. military headquarters at Tuzla air base. "I'm going to put the onus on the leaders of the parties ... to knock that stuff off."

One small arms round hit the C-130 U.S. transport plane, which was bringing humanitarian aid to the Bosnian capital. The bullet entered under the navigator's bulletproof seat and ricocheted in the cargo bay, said NATO force spokesman Lt. Col. Mark Rayner.

A British Sea King helicopter flying two sick infants and their mothers from Tuzla to Sarajevo came under small arms fire 2.5 miles north of the capital. It was fired on again on the return flight, but was not hit either time.

"Either side could have fired at the plane; we don't know at the moment," Rayner said.

Rayner quoted Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, NATO"s field commander in Bosnia, as calling the attacks "callous, cynical and ill-disciplined."

Tensions are high in Serb-held districts of Sarajevo that oppose the peace accord's plan to reunify the city under control of the Muslim-Croat federation that will run half of Bosnia.

NATO formally took over the Bosnia peacekeeping mission from the United Nations on Wednesday and immediately set to its task of separating forces, bulldozing checkpoints of rival sides, clearing mines and moving deep into Serb-held territory.

Carl Bildt, the top civilian in charge of implementing the peace accord, said Saturday that the withdrawal of rival forces from front lines was going smoothly and "even somewhat faster than we expected."

"It clearly shows that there is a willingness to comply on all sides" with the peace accord, he said after arriving in Tuzla, the industrial city in northern Bosnia where the U.S. contingent is based.

On Friday, Bildt met with Serb officials at their headquarters in Pale outside Sarajevo. He said they assured him "that they are committed to the full implementation of the Dayton agreement."

But he cautioned that the concern of Serbs who hold parts of Sarajevo was a sensitive issue that could upset the peace process if it is not resolved.

Thousands of Sarajevo's approximately 70,000 Serbs have already fled Sarajevo, fearing for their future in a city united under their enemies.

Some are even taking their dead with them.

On Friday, dozens of families in one Serb neighborhood packed their belongings onto tractors and trucks, their final destination apparently being Serb-held Bosnia.

Jadranko Milinic, a Serb soldier, said he was removing the coffin of a cousin, killed in February 1993.

"I have to remove his remains to prevent the Muslim-Croat coalition from desecrating them," he said.

Referring to President Alija Izetbegovic, he said: "If he stays here, Alija will plow him over."

Former state senator dies

TYLER (AP) — Peyton McKnight, a former state legislator and oilman, died Thursday. He was 71.

He served in the Texas Senate from 1972 to 1983, and earlier served one term in the Texas House.

While in the House, McKnight authored a landmark bill establishing what is now the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

McKnight was chairman of the board of Tyler Environmental Technologies.

Tom Pettit, NBC reporter is dead

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Pettit, an award-winning TV reporter best known for his exclusive live coverage of Lee Harvey Oswald's murder in Dallas, died Friday following complications after surgery. He was 64.

Pettit, who retired from NBC News earlier this year, captured three Emmys, a Peabody Award and the Polk Memorial Award during a career that stretched from the Eisenhower era to the Clinton administration.

Those reports included interviews with every American president since Harry S. Truman; political conventions in seven different years; and George Bush's 1988 presidential campaign.

But his most famous report came from outside the Dallas City Jail, where Pettit alone was providing live commentary as police led John F. Kennedy's assassin Oswald out for transfer to the county lockup. He was just six feet away and watching as Jack Ruby opened fire.

He was also executive vice president of NBC News between March 1982 and October 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and four children from a previous marriage.

Butterfly McQueen, Winds' actress, dies

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Butterfly McQueen, who played Scarlett O'Hara's young, scatterbrained slave Prissy in "Gone With The Wind," died Friday after suffering critical burns when a kerosene heater caught fire. She was 84.

McQueen told firefighters her clothes caught fire when she was trying to light one of two kerosene heaters in her one-bedroom cottage.

Her career spanned Broadway, the movies and television. But her immortality rested on her small role in 1939's "Gone With The Wind."

Born Thelma McQueen, she got the nickname Butterfly early in her career after dancing the Butterfly Ballet in a production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

She couldn't attend the 1939 premiere of "GWTW" because it was held in a whites-only theater, but was one of the honored guests at the 50th anniversary premiere.

More recently, she had small roles in Broadway productions and in films such as "The Mosquito Coast" in 1986, and a public television production of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," also 1986.

Four persons arrested here

Three people were arrested Friday and one person was taken into custody early today by local law enforcement agencies.

Officers arrested a 28-year-old female at 2:10 p.m. in the 500 block of 28th Street for outstanding warrants for theft of service and driving while license suspended.

At 5:32 p.m., officers arrested a 28-year-old male for driving while license suspended in the 4600 block of College Avenue.

At 10:02 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 37-year-old female in the 500 block of 29th Street for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 33-year-old male at 1:38 Saturday morning at the Eastridge Apartments for public intoxication.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 2:06 p.m. Friday in reference to someone breaking out the back glass of a vehicle owned by Christopher Mills of 1354 N. Avenue R.

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Suspect arrested Friday in ASB robbery in Lubbock

LUBBOCK - A 33-year-old man was arrested without incident Friday afternoon just south of Lubbock and charged with Thursday's American State Bank robbery at 66th Street and Indiana Ave.

John Edgar McWilliams was taken into custody as he drove the same 1975 blue Dodge Comet that witnesses had seen leaving the area after the robbery.

A search of his mobile home near Woodrow recovered the majority of the cash taken in the robbery. Lubbock police also found the clothes that he was wearing during the robbery, the envelope on which he had written directions for the teller and what police described as "a black-powder pipe bomb."

Officers in Lubbock said the money in the suspect's mobile home had itself been booby-trapped.

Another suspect in the robbery, a 48-year-old male was arrested on unrelated charges but is thought to have been the driver of the get-away car.

The investigation was aided by an anonymous telephone tip received early Friday morning.

American State Bank operates a branch bank in Snyder.

News Briefs

Scrooge-like behavior

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, accusing federal elected officials in Washington of Scrooge-like behavior, says the best Christmas gift they could give Americans would be to stop partisan scrapping and work together.

Bullock held up Texas as an example, noting cooperation among himself, fellow Democrat and House Speaker Pete Laney, and Republican Gov. George W. Bush.

"The time is at hand for Washington lawmakers to sit up and take notice. Party politics and bureaucratic bickering have no place in the debate when it comes to doing what is best for our nation and her people," Bullock said.

New agency director

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Protective and Regulatory Services has named as its executive director longtime state employment administrator James Hine of Austin.

He has been deputy administrator since 1984 at the Texas Employment Commission, where he has worked for 25 years.

Hine in 1995 was named administrator of the year by the Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association. He was responsible for TEC's financial and information systems, along with its fiscal, controller and personnel divisions.

More than 200 people applied for the position, which Hine was picked for Friday. His appointment is subject to approval by Gov. George W. Bush.

AG's office recognized

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has announced that his child support division has received federal recognition for surpassing performance goals in collections and paternity establishment.

Performance goals for fiscal year 1995 were set by the federal government at $402.4 million for distributed child support collections and 33,800 for established paternities.

The division collected $514 million and established paternity in 39,799 cases.

Parents should also buy helment

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas physicians have some advice for parents giving their children bicycles and tricycles for Christmas: Remember the helmet.

"Giving your child a helmet and seeing that it is worn correctly and consistently will help prevent serious head injury and maybe even save a life," said Dr. Larry C. Driver of the Texas Medical Association's Hard Hats for Little Heads helmet distribution and education program.

Head injury is the most common cause of death and serious disability in bicycle crashes.

The Hard Hats for little Heads program has distributed nearly 4,000 children's helmets purchased by TMA, the TMA Foundation and 24 county medical societies.

What's Up?

SDN will not publish Monday

There will be no Monday edition of the Snyder Daily News, due to the Christmas holiday. The regular SDN publication schedule will resume Tuesday.

Library to be closed

Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday through Tuesday.

Landfill to be closed

The city landfill will be closed Saturday through Monday.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The fifth tape, "Speeding Up The Return of Jesus," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Student, ISD report cards

Snyder ISD will distribute individual report cards Jan. 4. Included will be the 1994-95 School Report Card from the Texas Education Agency for the campus the student attends.

The School Report Card is a report required by the Texas Legislature to be sent to the parent of every child enrolled in public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance, expenditures and student-teacher ratios.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1996 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550.

Applications are due by Jan. 15, 1996. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Communion service set

Colonial Hill Baptist Church, 37th Street and El Paso, will hold a candlelight communion service Sunday at 6 p.m.

Retirement reception set

A retirement reception for Martin Brooks will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at West Texas State Bank.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-9-8

(seven, nine, eight)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

6-36-7-11-12

(six, thirty-six, seven, eleven, twelve)

Customs Service inspector indicted

EL PASO (AP) — An inspector who has worked for the U.S. Customs Service for more than 20 years was released on bond after she was charged with allegedly disclosing confidential border crossing information.

Estela Aguilar was arrested Thursday by Customs agents, then released Friday. U.S. Magistrate Janet Ruesch set a $20,000 personal recognizance bond for the senior inspector. She is the also assistant to the port director in El Paso.

Investigators said that Ms. Aguilar, 49, told an unnamed person on July 21 that someone "driving a white Mercedes" crossed one of the ports of entry in El Paso and gave the person license plate information, the El Paso Times reported in Saturday's editions.

The investigation also showed that Ms. Aguilar allegedly revealed that an individual known as "Woolworth" was an undercover federal immigration agent.

Customs officials also allege that Ms. Aguilar told an unnamed person on Aug. 18 that "a certain family from Juarez" was under investigation for drug trafficking.

A federal indictment Wednesday charged Ms. Aguilar with five counts of unlawful disclosure of confidential information. It also charged Ms. Aguilar with one count of tampering with a witness.

The four-page indictment accuses Ms. Aguilar of telling an unnamed person on July 15 that a "certain person" had been detained at one of the El Paso ports of entry.

The indictment also alleged Ms. Aguilar, a 25-year agency veteran, threatened Alvaro Echeverri with exposure as a confidential informant around Aug. 18-20.

All the offenses allegedly occurred between June 22, 1994, and Aug. 20, 1995.

If convicted, Ms. Aguilar could be sentenced to one year in prison on each count, the magistrate said. Ms. Aguilar could be imprisoned for as long as 10 years if convicted of witness tampering, she said.

Ms. Aguilar is on paid non-duty status until federal officials decide what action, if any, to take against her, said U.S. Customs spokesman Roger Maier.

Tom Stanton, Ms. Aguilar's lawyer, said his client will fight the accusations.

"She's innocent," Stanton said. "She is going to want a trial. It's unfortunate that ... she has to defend herself against these types of charges."

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Margarita Fuentes, 3801 W. 23rd; Evelyn Thomas, 2905 Denison; H.L. Thompson, 8098 W. Hwy. 180; Melvin Smith, Colorado City.

DISMISSALS: Ylia Pavlovsky, Angela Steelman, Alec Rodriguez, Edurado Arellano, Frances Black, Corey Jaramillo, Donald Lawler, Humberto Lolina, Dean Robertson.

CENSUS: 53 (Med., Surg.-10, Long-term Care-39, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

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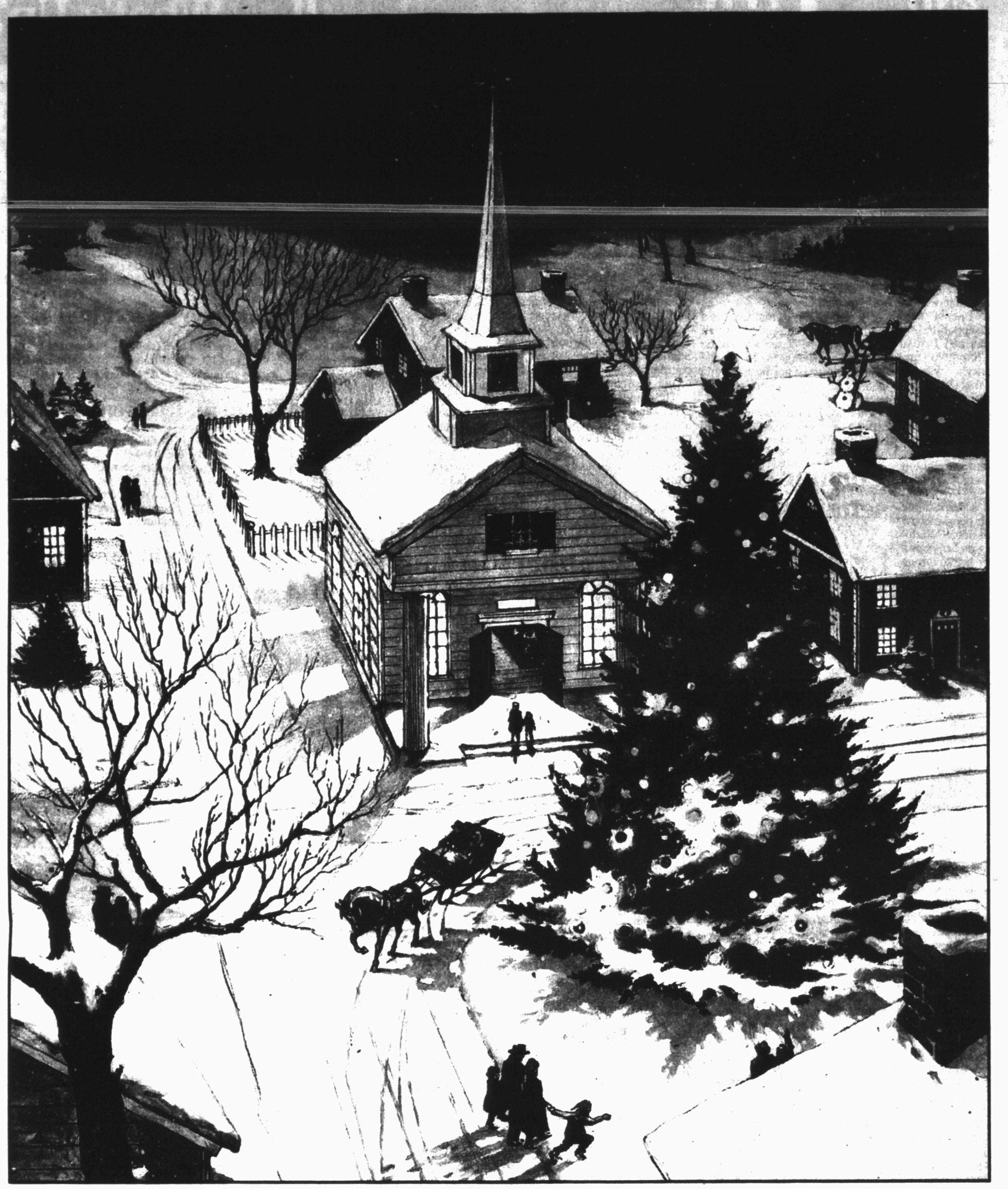

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Man sent to prison by lie is released

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A young man who spent 15 months in prison for a break-in because of a lie told by two neighbor girls was pardoned by the governor Thursday and released into the arms of his parents.

"I'm going home to do my Christmas shopping," 19-year-old Christopher Prince said before leaving the Staunton Correctional Center.

Prince, whose IQ of 75 is considered borderline retarded by many doctors, was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading no contest, on the advice of his lawyer, to breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony.

A 13-year-old girl had picked Prince out of a lineup and said he entered her bedroom and told her he intended to have sex with her. Her 12-year-old friend also said she saw Prince in the house that night in 1994.

In October, both girls admitted that they had lied. They have not said why.

Gov. George Allen said the results of a lie detector test administered by the state police indicated the 12-year-old girl falsely accused Prince. The older girl did not take a lie detector test.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's clear Christopher Prince is innocent," Allen said in announcing the pardon.

Prince was freed hours later from the prison in Staunton, about 100 miles northwest of Richmond.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Ray Hill, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Randall Seaton, 1995 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Lucille B. Eades, 1995 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Lariot Oil and Gas, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James Stewart, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Edgar F. Carter, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Jack Brewster Jr., 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Kelly Dee Hart, 1996 GMC Jimmy from Big Country Autoland.

Marcus Phillips, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Steve Townsend, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

GELCo Corp./Centerlift, 1996 Dodge pickup from Brookdale Dodge.

Benjamin R. Smith, 1996 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Kenneth Gard and Vicki L. Copeland, 1995 Chevrfolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Joe G. Carter, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kathy L. Cowen, 1996 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

D.L. Peterson Trust, two 1996 Chevrolet pickups from Edenton Motors Inc.

Marriage License

James Ervin Lionberger of Snyder and Joyce Ann Buchanan of Hermleigh.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Abalina Gomez, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Rickie Dean Johnson, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. R.K. Sheppard, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. William H. Powell, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Jesse Batchelor, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Dionicio Ubando, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. East Texas Motor Freight Lines Inc., et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Jackie Lee Head, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of James David Rollins and Kimberly Jo Rollins, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Robert Vela, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. David G. Lunsford, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Michael Ray Tovar, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Petra Jaso, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Alexander Payne LeFeuvre, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. W.E. Cox, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. ANSCO-Chaparral Answering Service, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Jesse Salinas, et al, delinquent tax judgment for plaintiff.

Deed Records

K.W. Brackeen, Harold G. Brackeen and Travis E. Brackeen, to Feliciano and Anita R. Rodriguez, all of the south 100 feet of Lot 3 in Block 14 of the Town of Hermleigh.

TNG Associates to Samuel G. Barrientez, all of Lot 9 in Block 3 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Samuel G. Barrientez to Margaret Barrientez, all of Lot 9 in Block 3 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Liberty Savings Bank, F.S.B., to Lawrence L. and Patricia J. Outlaw, tract one being the north 52 feet of Lot 31 and the south 23 feet of Lot 32, all in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition, Section 2; tract two being the north five feet of Lot 29, all of Lot 30 and the south 9 feet of Lot 31, all in Block 8 of the Parkway Addition, Section 2.

Chemical Bank, Trustee for GCC Home Equity Trust, to Keith L. and Temi T. Matthies, all of Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Highland Terrace Addition.

Sundowners Riding Club to Wanda York, 4.72 acres in Section 155, Block 3, H&GN survey.

West Texas State Bank to Lane L. Bowers, the south 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 45 of the Blankenship Addition.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Sang and Marilyn Lam, all of Lot 17 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71, Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

OTR to United Supermarkets Inc., 5.06 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Kimberly Jo Rollins to James David Rollins, the north 63 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3 and the north 138 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4, all in Block 8 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Richard Clark Reed to John E. and Carol Sue Reed, the south 60 feet of Lot 16 and the north 15 feet of Lot 17 in Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Ivy Gray Sturdivant, acting through attorney-in-fact, to Brenda Kay Burney, 5.75 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 74, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Billy W. and Nola Kay Krop to Midwest Electric Cooperative Inc., 2.56 acres out of the southeast part of the east three-quarters of the northeast one-quarter of Section 205, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Darlene Bollinger to Lowell Halkowitz, the north one-half of the east 125 feet of Lot 4 in Block 51 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Richard B. Saxe, trustee of the Deborah Denise Dyer Trust, to Deborah Denise Dyer, tract one being all of Section 439, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the southeast one-quarter of Section 537, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the west 83 acres of the south one-half of Section 251, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being all of Section 111 and the west one-half of Section 112 in Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 541, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being the west two-thirds of the west one-half of Section 169, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Norman W. and Ora W. Bigalk to Trent M. and Dedra R. Driggers, all of Lot 23 in Block 3 of the Parkview Addition.

Sandra Graves, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Milton L. and Byron Dean Comer, to Maloof Interests Inc., 1.815 acres in Section 182, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Allen and Vickie Kelley to Arrow Construction Co. Inc., all of Lot 5 in Block 4 of the North Towle Place Addition.

Mavis Logan to Cynthia Kay Willis, tract one being the north one-half of Section 69, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the east one-half of Section 93, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being the northeast one-quarter of Section 94, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Charlotte Garrett and Thad Springer to Jackie Nail, all of Lot 5 and the south four feet of Lots 3 and 4, all in Block 4 of the A.D. Dodson's Addition.

Randy D. and Kitty Angela Reeves to Roger L. and Doris J. Lollar, all of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Jo Frances Horner to Douglas May, tract one being the east one-half of Section 88, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being the east one-half of Section 95, Block 3, H&GN survey except for 3.18 acres and 8.9 acres; tract three being 320 acres out of Section 89, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract four being two acres in Section 39, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

Generally speaking, the culture of the less spiny epiphytic cacti-Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter Cacti, rhipals, chiapora cryptocerus, nopaixochia bloom during the spring. Rhipsal bloom off and on throughout the year.

Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti will bloom during the holiday season if raised where the amount of light they receive corresponds to actual daylight hours during each season of the year. That is, they will bloom on schedule and of their own accord if raised outdoors or in a greenhouse.

But if they are raised indoors where they receive additional artificial light at night in your living room, you must take appropriate measures to insure that they bloom. It is partcularly important for Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti to experience a rest period at the appropriate time in order to come into flower during the holiday season.

Starting around Labor Day, situate your Thanksgiving-Christmas cacti in an evenly cool place where they will receive a minimum of 12 hours of darkness out of every 24 hours. Reduce the amount of water given during this time, but don't allow the plants to dry out completely and withhold the fertilizer during this period of time.

After the plants finish blooming, increase the amount of light given to 16 hours. Continue to water lightly until their spring growth commences at which time their fertilization schedule can be also resumed.

The spinier epiphytic cacti deamia, harrisia, heliocereus and selenicereus bloom during the spring and up into early summer. Add one-third volume of washed builders sand to either commercially packaged mix or basic epiphyllum mix.

They prefer stronger light than epiphyllums. Their other cultural requirements are basically the same as for the flowering jungle cacti epiphyllums.

There are several plant organizations such as Hoya Society International, Cactus and Succulent of America and Epiphyllum Society of America that can be of tremendous help for those interested in learning more about Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti as well as other cacti.

Those interested in more information about these organizations may get more details from The Garden Editor by contacting the Snyder Daily News, Lifestyles.

Let me leave you with this thought, "God does not deduct from man's alloted time those hours spent gardening. Good gardening until next time," from Dr. Ted Brice, The Garden Editor.

Actor to be released after bumping head

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — James Stewart will probably go home today after spending the night at a hospital for a minor head injury, a spokesman for the actor said.

"He fell down and hit his head against the chair," longtime publicist John Strauss said early today. "There might have been a tiny bit of blood from a gash, and everyone got scared. It turned out to be a trivial matter."

The actor was held overnight for observation, Strauss said.

Stewart, 87, was rushed by ambulance from his Beverly Hills home to a hospital Thursday night with his head bandaged, a witness said. Strauss said he did not know which hospital Stewart had gone to.

"We decided to go out and look at Christmas lights, and we also thought it would be a kick to go to Jimmy Stewart's house and stand on the porch and sing a Christmas carol and see if he would come out," Jerry Holderman told KCAL-TV.

"Well, when we arrived at his house, there were two fire department trucks and they were wheeling him out," Holderman said.

A local fire dispatcher said an ambulance sent to Stewart's home went to Century City Hospital. Emergency room and admittance nurses denied that the actor was treated there.

Stewart made more than 75 films, starring in such classics as "Harvey" and the Christmastime perennial "It's a Wonderful Life." He was nominated for an Oscar five times and won once, for "The Philadelphia Story."

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Couple wed in 37th St. Church of Christ

Toni Jo Evans of Snyder became the bride of James H. Hall of Plevna, Kan., in a double-ring ceremony in the 37th St. Church of Christ on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. Roy Rosson officiated.

Billy Keith and Wenona Evans of Snyder are the bride's parents. Her grandparents are Bill and Merle Evans of Snyder, and the late Willard H. and Lottie Jones. The groom is the son of John and Ramona Hall of Plevna and he is the grandson of Madge Hall of Sylvia, Kan.

The church was decorated in a western theme. The registry table was draped with a white lace cloth. Pictures of the couple, candles and a flower arrangement, made by the bride's mother, added a romantic touch.

Straw bows with fall colored flowers and sunflowers, made by the bride's mother, marked the pews. A wooden backdrop, borrowed from Karen Wadleigh, with straw hearts and sunflower garland completed the setting. Sunflowers plants, made by the bride's special friend, Ellen Hataway of Roby, were placed on each side of the backdrop. A wooden box was used to hold a horseshoe candelabrum, which also belonged to Mrs. Hataway. A round table, belonging to Dolores Jones, with a white lace cloth, was centered against the backdrop to hold the unity candle.

Guests were seated to selections by His Image Singers in a cappella, including "I Pledge My Love," "The Hawaiian Wedding Song," "Always," "Surround Me With Love," "More," "I Love You Truly," and "I Will Be Here." Sally Dobson was the music attendant.

Grandparents and the groom's parents were seated to "Sunrise, Sunset."

Todd Dobson of Snyder and Jason Tavarez, cousin of the bride from Robert Lee, served as ushers. They were attired in black jeans, a white shirt, a hunter green paisley vest and matching bow tie.

"When We Get Married" was played next, followed by "Doubly Good to You" when the groom and groomsmen entered.

Bridesmaids were Laura Alexander of Snyder, Nikke Digby, cousin of the bride from Yigo, Guam, Shannon Hataway of Snyder Cindy Posey of Rotan, Mandy Hess, cousin of the bride from Snyder, and Jennifer Spence of Pecos. Bridesmaids and the matron of honor, the bride's mother, entered to "The Wedding Song." They were attired in hunter green knee-length satin dresses with a lace overlay, a fitted bodice and long lace sleeves with a layered skirt. The matron of honor wore a hunter green tea-length sequined dress. Attendants carried sunflower bouquets, made by the bride's mother.

Flower girls Alayna Alexander of Snyder and Audra Hall, niece of the groom from Plevna, Kan., wore hunter green velvet dresses made with an overall style with a white lace top beneath and matching hunter green tights. They carried white baskets, accented with hunter green velvet bows, full of sunflowers.

Ryanna Alexander of Snyder, ring bearer, wore a green velvet dress with pearls and rosebud accents. In her hair she wore a bridal veil, pearl headband and carried a white satin heart-shaped pillow with a miniature cowboy hat, a rope and a gold good luck charm.

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her father, was given in marriage by her mother and father. She wore a satin gown, designed by Bonny, with a fitted bodice and a high collar. An explosion of iridescent sequins and pearls decorated the bodice that was accented by a large opening below the collar in back with descending strands of pearls. At the waistline, a big bow started the trail of layered ruffles on the train, where it was shortened for the reception. She wore white satin boots.

In keeping with tradition, the bride carried an old handkerchief that belongs to Janet Spence, her wedding attire was something new, she borrowed a blue sapphire ring from Sally Dobson, and her garter was blue. She also had a penny in each boot minted in the year of their births.

The bride carried a teardrop bouquet of poinsettias with iridescent glitter, made by Sue Travis.

Father of the bride wore black jeans, a white shirt, hunter green paisley vest and bow tie, and black boots to match the ushers' and groomsmen's.

Best man was Chad Humphrey of Abbyville, Kan. Groomsmen were Brody Benson of Parthridge, Kan.; Wesley Evans, brother of the bride from Snyder; Doug Hall, brother of the groom from Plevna; Kelly Hoss, cousin of the groom from Plevna; Mike Van Buren of Plevna; and Jason Tavarez, who also served as usher.

They wore sunflower boutonnieres made by Jo Ann Prince, who also made sunflower corsages for the mother of the groom, grandmothers and those serving.

After vows were exchanged, "A Whole New World," performed a cappella, was played while the couple lighted the unity candle. Rings were exchanged and a prayer was said for the couple. "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" followed the prayer and the couple was introduced, and then exited to "O Perfect Love."

The reception was held in the Family Center where the bride's table, covered with a white linen embroidered cloth, held a "floating" heart-shape cake. The cake topping was a heart lace backdrop with a cowboy and his bride standing on a bridge holding hands. It was decorated with rope, gold horseshoes and baby's breath. The cake was created by Tori Lyons of Snyder.

Mints in shapes of hearts, cowboy hats, horseshoes and boots, made by Trudie Garcia of Snyder, lime sherbet punch and mixed nuts in a sunflower glass bowl completed the setting. The bride's bouquet and throw-away bouquet were used as decorations with "just married" balloons that matched the invitations and napkins of a cowgirl roping her cowboy. Serving at the bride's table were Sally Dobson of Snyder and Dayna Broker of Ira.

The groom's table was covered with a hunter green cloth. The groom's chocolate cake in a horseshoe-shaped was a pair of boots displaying the couple's names and wedding date. Tori Lyons also made this cake. Coffee was also served. Decorations included a sign reading "Happy Trails" and miniature hay bales with cows and sunflowers to add a country touch. Serving were Tiffany Trimble of Stephenville and Miranda Wojtek of Robert Lee.

Out-of-town guests came from Midland, Lubbock, McCamey, Rotan, Roby, Robert Lee, Plevna, Kansas, Yigo, Guam, Oklahoma and Iowa.

A rehearsal dinner was held in the Family Center the night prior to the wedding, hosted by the bride's parents and Emmitt and Lana Hataway, and catered by Frank and Trudie Garcia. A bridal luncheon was held Saturday at the Spanish Inn.

Following a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, the couple will reside in Snyder. The bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1990 and Western Texas College in 1994. She is employed by Stephens Office Supply, where she has worked for 5½ years. The groom graduated from Fairfield High School in 1990 and is employed by Pool Well Servicing.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hall
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
TUESDAY
Christmas Holidays
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Patty
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Spinach
Pineapple/Cheese Salad
Coconut Pudding
THURSDAY
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Whole Kernel Corn
Green Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Toasted Garlic Bread
White Cake, Chocolate Icing

FRIDAY
New Year/Texas Sesquicentennial Party
Fried Fish
Potato Salad
Black-eyed Peas
Carrot Cabbage Slaw
Hushpuppies
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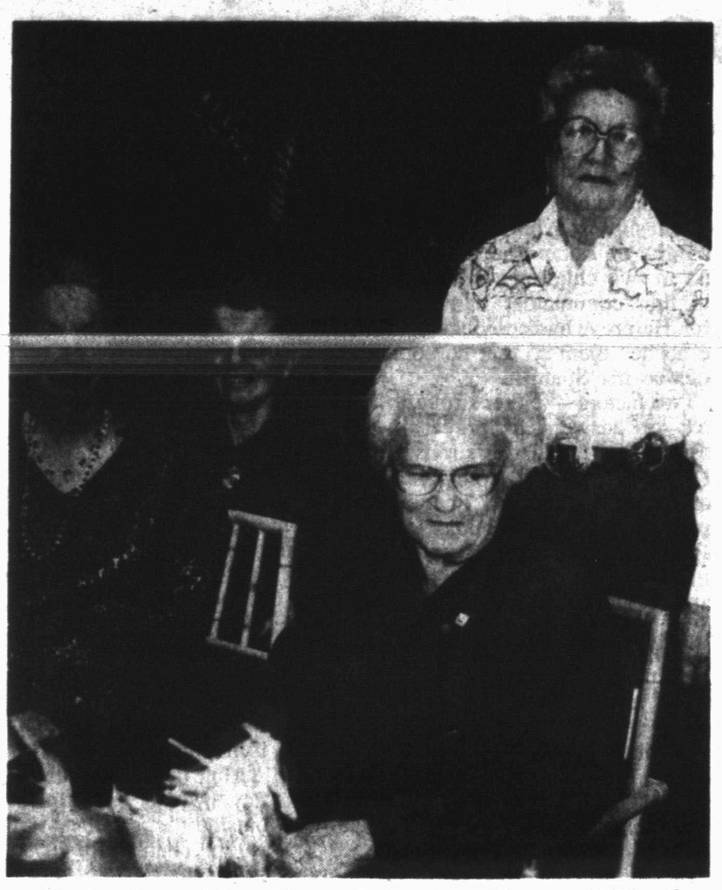

PENWOMEN MEETING — Helen Tutt, Frances Billingsley, Vaudaline Thomas and Jean Everett, from left, participated in the recent Penwomen meeting held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. See related story. (SDN Staff Photo)

Holiday poems read at party

Scurry County Penwomen met for its Christmas meeting in the Martha Ann Woman's Club where gifts were exchanged and holiday readings were recited.

After lunch and gift exchange, Jean Everett told of the origin of the candy cane and read her poem, "Merry Christmas."

Yvonne Nunn read her poem, "Christmas Eve on Deep Creek," dedicated to her late mother and father. Marge Smith read her story, "Christmas and the Wetback;" Garnet Quiett read two poems, "In Such a Lowly Place" and "The Star That Shone in Bethlehem;" Thomas read her poem, "I Am the Christmas Spirit;" and Bertha Warren read her two poems, "Early Visit From Santa" and "Christmas Eve Flight.;"

In addition, Helene Tutt read her article, "Crystal Globe;" Westmoreland read, "Christmas Wouldn't Be the Same," expressing her thoughts about Christmas; and Bryant read her two poems, "Winter Nocturn" and "The Shadow of The Cross."

Sherry Bryant presided and welcomed guests Frances Billingsley and Vaudaline Thomas. Thomas, a retired school teacher from Sweetwater, joined Penwomen. Jean Everett was hostess and was presented a gift by Mary Westmoreland.

Following the meeting, several members visited Dorothy Cox in Cogdell Memorial Hospital and gave her a gift from the club.

Penwomen's next meeting will be Feb. 15 in the home of Yvonne Nunn.

FINANACE COMPANY DONATES — Sylvia Torres, manager of Security Finance Corp., announced that its affiliate company established a Security's Lending Hand Foundation, to allow each of its offices to give something back to the local community. The amount of this contribution is based on the number of new customers who chose to do business with Security Finance. The local branch is one of Continental Credit Corporation's and Security Finance Corp.'s over 500 consumer loan offices which operate in 12 states. Torres presents a monetary gift to the Snyder Neighbors Sharing, accepted by SNS president Thomas Fogleman, left. Also pictured is Paul DeLeon of Sweetwater, SFC senior assistant manager. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Moore gives up

NEW YORK (AP) — Mary Tyler Moore says she's ready to give up on having another TV series after the demise of "New York News."

"It would have to be a very strong project to lure me back," Moore is quoted as saying in the Dec. 30 issue of TV Guide. "Too much of your total artistic contribution is left in other people's hands."

Moore, who played the dragon lady editor of a New York tabloid, says CBS signed the show's "death warrant" by putting it in the suicide slot opposite NBC's "Seinfeld" on Thursdays. The network canceled the show early this month.

Moore also complained about the show's writing.

"I felt my character was becoming a caricature," she said.

But the actress hasn't abandoned the small screen completely. She stars in the movie "Stolen Memories: Secrets from the Rose Garden" Jan. 7 on The Family Channel.

SPRING MARRIAGE SET — Mr. and Mrs. Redgie Friday of Midland and Ms. Teena Friday, formally of Snyder, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Cher, to Christopher Scott McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald of Midland, formerly of Snyder. Tiffany and Christopher, both Snyder High School graduates, attended WTC. McDonald is employed by Evans Ranch and Miss Friday is employed by Kinko's Graphics Corp. as an area trainer. The couple will reside in Midland after their April wedding. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Patchwork club has Christmas dinner

Patchwork Squares Members' Night Out dinner was held recently at Rudy's Restaurant highlighted with a gift exchange and members telling what their family's plans are for the holidays.

The meeting was presided by Terri Williams and homemade treasurers and shapshots were shared by Cleo Clare.

Others attending were Sherry Clayton, Mary Terras, Sharon Wempken, Peggy Fowler, Freida Dever, Dorothy Campbell, Ruby Clark, Vivian Cochran and Dycie Kemp.

Singers held until they pay $4,000 taxes

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — The Drifters want to go home. The tax man wants them to stay.

The singers have been stranded in Guyana for a week, barred from leaving the country until they pay nearly $4,000 in entertainment taxes on several shows performed here since Nov. 25.

The group — a reconfigured version of the one that had hits in the 1950s with "Up on the Roof" and "Under the Boardwalk" — walked the streets Wednesday asking passersby for money.

Four of the group's first seven shows here were flops, and attempts to stage additional shows failed.

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Fisher County native glad to be free again

By ROY A. JONES II
Abilene Reporter-News

ABILENE — The blood drained from Tom Hargrove's dirt-encrusted face as one of his Colombian kidnappers reloaded an Israeli automatic assault rifle and put the muzzle to the back of his head.

Stoned on a deadly combination of cocaine and cheap brandy, the teen-age guerrilla commander had already fired several bursts into the air, and the muzzle was hot. He continued to curse insanely and blame Hargrove for the fact that he was having to hide out high in the cold, wet Colombian Andes mountains and endure such miserable hardships.

"You're miserable?" Hargrove thought to himself. "I'm the one you kidnapped and brought up here! At least you have a warm, dry bed and plenty to eat! I'm the one you're freezing and starving, and for no earthly reason."

Wisely, the 50-year-old Rotan native and former Abilene Reporter-News farm editor kept his thoughts to himself. Why infuriate his captor more? A single word might just push him over the edge, Hargrove reasoned.

Still, Hargrove said, "I feared I was about to be executed."

Later on in his captivity- he wouldn't have cared. But 28 days into the ordeal, Hargrove wasn't ready to die.

He closed his eyes and breathed a prayer to a God he hadn't been particularly close to for years.

Suddenly, another rifle burst split the air. Hargrove flinched, his ears rang and his hunger-weakened legs crumpled beneath him. Within seconds, however, he realized he'd not been shot — only cruelly, mentally tortured once again.

"At the last moment he pulled the muzzle up and shot over my head through the roof," Hargrove explained.

The captive never knew why he was spared, however. Less than two hours later, Hargrove said, the 16-year-old commander "put the muzzle of the Galil under his chin, turned it to full automatic and pressed the trigger with his thumb. It got off three rounds through the top of his head. He was dead before he hit the ground."

Hargrove dubbed the guerrilla camp, "The Valley of the Shadow of Death."

While it may have been his closest call with death, Hargrove was to experience much worse mental torture over the next 10 months — so much so that, at times, death would have been a welcome relief.

Hargrove, a 1962 graduate of Rotan High School who was working as an agricultural scientist in Colombia, was eventually released after his family had paid not one, but two ransoms.

His life, and those of his family members, will never be the same.

Now Hargrove is letting those outside his immediate family know what he went through. The diary that he kept so meticulously throughout his captivity has been published in book form by The Ballantine Publishing Group, a division of Random House.

Released earlier this month, it is titled "Long March to Freedom: Tom Hargrove's Own Story of His Kidnapping by Colombian Narco-Guerrillas."

Now that he's had nearly four months to reflect on his ordeal, Hargrove says, "I wish I had named (the book) 'The Valley of the Shadow of Death' instead.

"People ask me how I managed to write a book in such a short time (it was published within three months of his release)," Hargrove said from his home in Granbury. "I tell them I worked on it for a year.

"Really, it's not much writing for a year because I had to conserve paper and I didn't know when I'd have a pen or pencil."

Essentially, it is a diary, rather than a book. The 334 pages (coincidentally, the same number of days he was held hostage) are actually the lightly-edited transcripts of the voluminous notes Hargrove made and hid on his body throughout his captivity.

"I was obsessed with the diary. That's about the only thing that kept me going at times," Hargrove said.

"The only thing selfish that I prayed for, other than to get out alive, was to get out alive with the diary. It was the only thing that made any sense to me out of the whole experience."

He scribbled the notes on what he happened to have in his pockets when he was jerked from his car at gunpoint on Sept. 23, 1994, near Cali, Colombia — checks and deposit slips from his First National Bank of Rotan checkbook — and in two children's notebooks his first commander had given him. Hargrove had convinced him he needed them so that he could practice his Spanish.

Two factors — either strokes of luck or answers to prayer — ensured that the diaries survived: (1) When the first commander committed suicide, no one else knew he had the notebooks, and (2) his teen-age captors never once did a body search after the initial capture, although they frequently went through his meager, scrounged belongings in his cell. Often they stole items just to add to the mental torture, Hargrove said.

"If they had ever gotten my diaries, I think that would have been it, the last straw," said Hargrove, who often considered suicide in his despair.

He was so concerned he made back-up copies of many journal entries just in case the guerrillas ever found one.

He learned later that the hundreds of letters he wrote to his family and friends — which the guerrillas had promised to mail — were actually burned. Copies of some unsent letters are in the book.

Christmas as a free man

Tom Hargrove can remember some great Christmases growing up in Rotan, and with his family in other interesting places where his jobs have taken him.

But nothing will ever compare with this Christmas, he said. Below his signature on his Christmas cards he adds, "Christmas 1995, as a free man!"

Last Christmas season he was held in solitary confinement in a four-by-six-foot, windowless, bamboo cell for up to 48 hours at a time. The final humiliation was a 15-foot chain around his ankle that kept him from going to a stream to wash up during the two or three hours a day he was sometimes allowed outside.

"I was in chains for 2½ months," he said.

He never knew for certain

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Merry & A Happy

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Heather McFatridge

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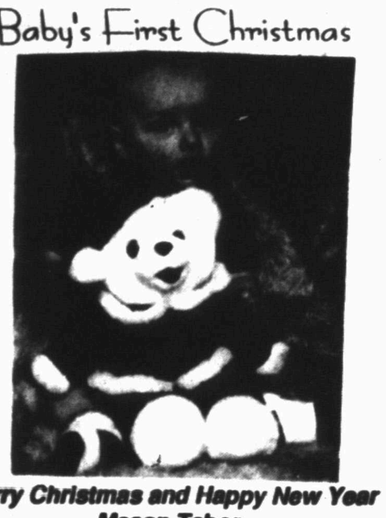


Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Mason Tabor

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas
Robyn Thompson

Baby's First Christmas

Corilyn Polley born in Dallas Aug. 4, Will spend her first Christmas with her parents, Doug & Tiffany, sister Logan, Grandparents, Buddy & Michelle Rose as well as other family members of Dallas & Great-Grandmother, Wanda Bennett & Great-Great Uncle Larry Hooper of Snyder.

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Cerise Black

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas to the Best Daddy,
Grandma & Grandpa Loyola
Me & Pa Tate
Your Little Angel ,Love, Aaron Nicole Tate

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas Nanna, Papa,
Meema & Peepaw. I Love You
Brady Ledbetter

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas
Terra De'Ann Gilbreth

Baby's First Christmas

Heather Mariah Medrano, 6 months
We Love You
Grandparents Eddie & Elida Medrano

Baby's First Christmas

"I'm finally here, just in time for Christmas!
Merry Christmas to my big brother, Robbie,
and to my Mommy and Daddy!"
Love, Leslie Logan Rinehart"

Baby's First Christmas

Dear Elizabeth,
We thank God every day for you.
Merry Christmas, Daddy & Mammy

Baby's First Christmas

Santa,
Don't forget this new girl on the block
Merry Xmas, Kaitlynn Blake Bethel

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas
Mom & Dad
Ethan Head

Fisher native Continued from page 4D

whether it was orchestrated mental torture or just a basic, cultural lack of compassion, but his teen-age guards might be friendly and helpful one day, menacing and vindictive the next.

During the early days of his captivity, he was allowed to exercise by playing soccer with the guards, and sometimes they even let him fish for trout in a mountain stream. Later on the captors might dine on trout and give him only the meatless head, if anything at all. Sometimes he had only the bones to eat.

Early on he was allowed to bathe in the stream every week or so. But after he was falsely accused of being a colonel in the U.S. Army and a counterintelligence officer (he'd actually been a lieutenant in Vietnam and had been discharged from the Army 25 years before) he was not allowed to bathe for up to 4½ months at a time.

If the guerrillas butchered a cow they might give him more steak than he could eat, but then would steal and throw away anything he tried to hide and save for the days they didn't feed him. When he was released, his gray hair and beard had turned orange due to malnutrition and vitamin deficiency.

Hargrove made it a point of never crying in front of his captors, but he admits sobbing many times privately in his despair.

What will he enjoy most about Christmas this year?

"Just being a free man without being surrounded by illiterate 14-year-olds stoned on cocaine and with AK-47s (automatic rifles) pointed at you," he said.

He speaks haltingly, choosing his words carefully, almost as if he were still at the mercy of those he is discussing. Several times he hesitated when talking about "the ... the ... 'people' " rather than call them what he really felt like.

"I made it a point to never, EVER identify with my captors," he said.

At the same time he had to frequently tell himself not to hate them because he was only hurting himself.

Hargrove had mentally steeled himself to make it to Christmas, optimistically thinking "that's when kidnappers release their victims." But Christmas and other target dates for his release would come and go.

His family eventually paid two ransoms of undisclosed amounts. The kidnappers had demanded an unrealistic $6 million.

"When they paid the first ransom, they were told the money had been used to buy me better food and medicine," Hargrove said.

The food didn't improve, and he was given only a few vials of drugs, most of them worthless.

Consequently he stayed sick much of the time. Since his release he's undergone surgery once and has lost several teeth because of his poor diet and hygiene. Still he is in remarkably good medical shape considering his lack of hygiene and poor treatment.

Owes his life to his family

Tom Hargrove said he owes his life to his wife, Susan; sons, Miles and Geddie, both of whom dropped out of college to become hostage negotiators; his brother, Raford Hargrove, who still lives in Rotan; and to the Uli Greiner family, their German next-door neighbors in Cali.

"The whole thing was a group effort," he said, suggesting that "the best book to come out of this experience isn't my diary, but 'the other side,' the family's side of what was going on.

"In many, many ways, my family had it much rougher than I did," he said. "My life was fairly simple; all I had to do was survive, and survival is the most basic of human instincts. I never had to make any decisions that, if I made the wrong decision, would get anyone killed except me; but Raford and Susan had to make plenty of those decisions, and mistakes would mean my death."

He said Susan is talking to Random House about writing a book from the family's perspective. She is the former Susan Sheldon, whose mother, Empress Day, was a longtime Rotan teacher.

"I'd like for it to be authored by Susan, Raford and Tom Hargrove, in that order," he said.

Feared long captivity

The longer his captivity lasted, Hargrove's worst fears were not death at the hands of his captors, but that nothing would be done and he would languish for years in captivity. He also faced the distinct possibility he would be killed during a firefight if the Colombian army ever found the rebels and came in with guns blazing.

For the latter reason the family resorted to scrambled telephone and radio messages so the Colombian army would not know what they knew and what was going on.

"We had 29 contacts with the guerrillas," Raford said. "But their demands were exorbitant."

Fortunately, Tom said, the guerrillas negotiate on ransoms.

"But it is tricky business. When my family made its first offer, the response was: 'For that amount we won't even inform you where we leave his cadaver.' We have that on tape," he said.

He said his sons "spent the year doing things most college students do not do — like negotiating with guerrillas, picking up dead drops — messages that the guerrillas had left in bathrooms or restaurants and bars; using scrambled telephones and two-way radios; and bringing bags of money into the house."

Raford Hargrove said his brother "isn't a particularly religious person, but he got a lot closer to God."

In the book he mentions prayer several times, but Day 113 he wrote, "My greatest solace is easily fire, not prayer."

He probably would have died of exposure if he had not been allowed a fire in his cell on some of the coldest nights. He wrote of spending countless hours warming his frozen hands over a single, stolen candle or tending an authorized fire — depending on the whims of the guards.

"Fire is getting me through today, will get me through night," he continued, a third of the way into his ordeal. "Sometimes I wonder, is it possible that God is answering my prayers, is sending solace ... through fire?"

In the interview, and on an e-mail message he sent to hundreds of people who had formed a computer-based support group for the family, Hargrove said: " 'You don't know how many prayers were said for you, Tom,' I've heard again and again, since returning to Texas."

Hargrove eventually learned he wasn't personally targeted for kidnapping, but just happened to be in the wrong place at the right time. He was nabbed at a roadblock near Cali at which guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia were simply stealing cars and robbing people to support their cause.

Hargrove worked for the International Center for Tropical Agriculture, known by its acronym in Spanish, CIAT. When the young, illiterate guerrillas saw his CIAT identification card they thought he was a CIA agent who would bring a healthy ransom from the United States government.

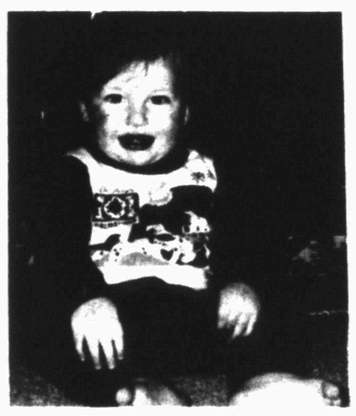
Christmas New Year 1995

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Samatha Bloom

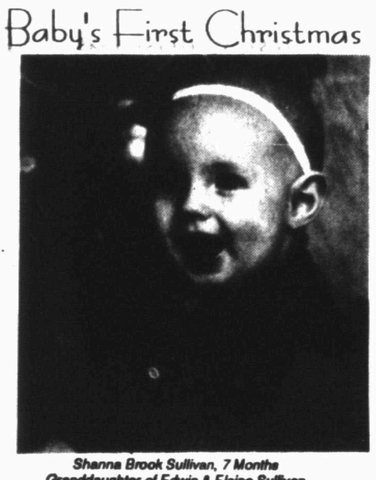
Baby's First Christmas

Kelsey Lynn Miller, June 13, 1995
You are our Heavenly Gift
Merry First Christmas
Love, Grandma & Grandpa Williamson
Grannie & Gramps Miller



Baby's First Christmas

David Wooldridge
Happy Birthday, Jesus
& Merry Christmas to All



Baby's First Christmas

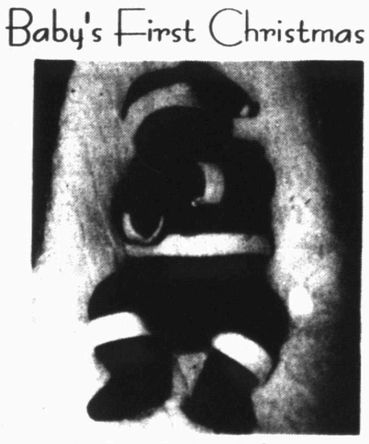
Shanna Brook Sullivan, 7 Months
Granddaughter of Edwin & Elaine Sullivan
Daughter of Bradley & Dee Dee Sullivan
Even though we are far apart you are still close to our hearts.
We Love You, Merry Christmas
Shanna, Paw Paw & Nanna

Baby's First Christmas

Savannah Marricle
Merry Christmas
Love, Mom, Dad, Amanda and Kassidy

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas
Jeremy Ryan Garza



Baby's First Christmas

Madison Leigh Schroeder
Born 9-11-95 in Corpus Christi
We thank God for you, Madison!
Love, Gran and Gramps

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Xmas
Granny Joyce & Mamaw Hatter
From Reanna Boone

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas
Mommy, Daddy, Grandpa Lawrence
Jaramillo, Grandma Juana Jaramillo
Grandparents Shorty & Janie Salinas
with Love Sabrina Marie Salinas

Baby's First Christmas

Kaleb Wade Derryberry
Momma & Daddy, Ma Ma & Pa Pa
Nana & Papa Denson

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Xmas Mom & Dad
Kate Elizabeth Helms

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas to All!
Allison Downing

Baby's First Christmas

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Kylie Ann Bell

DEC 23 1995

48 Americans aboard flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 48 U.S. citizens were aboard the American Airlines flight that crashed into a mountainside in Colombia, the State Department said Friday.

Two of them were among at least four known survivors of Wednesday night's crash and explosion that destroyed the Boeing 757 jetliner, spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

A task force of 20 U.S. officials is on the ground in Colombia to search for survivors, identify victims and help determine the accident's cause, he said.

The group comprises representatives of the State Department, the National Transportation Safety Board — which is taking the lead in the U.S. part of the investigation — the Federal Aviation Administration, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol and Tobacco and Firearms.

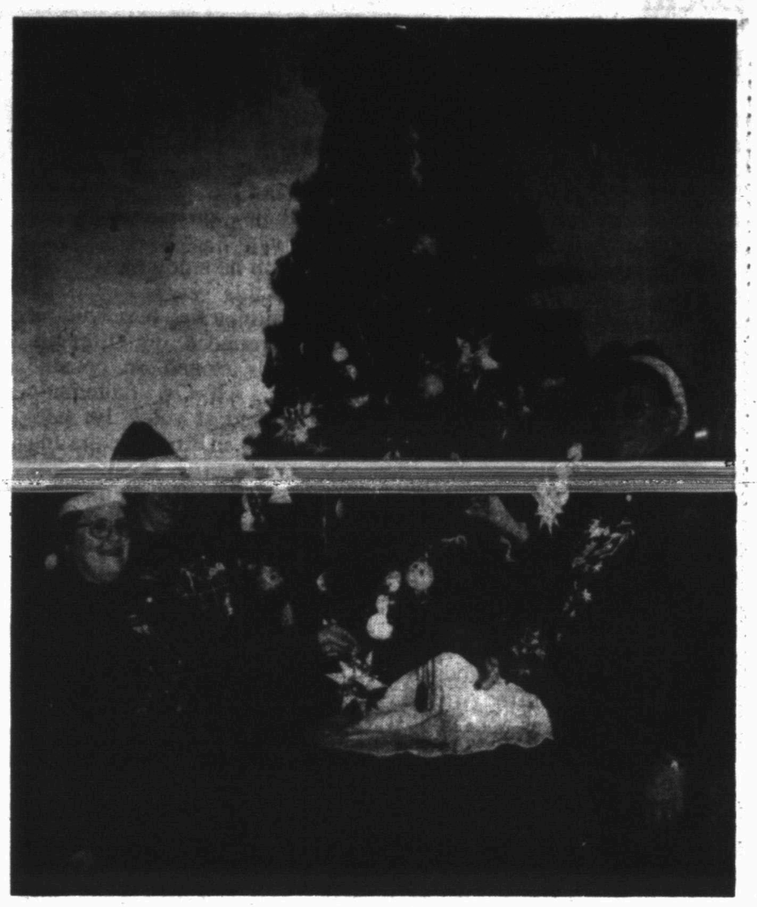
Preliminary figures show that 164 passengers and crew were aboard the jet that struck rising ground after veering 13 miles off course on its approach to the airport in the Andean city of Cali. The flight originated in Miami.

Colombian authorities have located one of the plane's two flight recorders, and Burns said the "black box" would be handed over to the FAA to decode its contents for clues to what happened.

"After detailed conversations with American Airlines, we now believe that 48 American citizens were on board," Burns said. He stressed this was not a definite figure and that the final count could be higher.

"The problem we have in determining an exact number of Americans is that many of the people on the flight were dual nationals," Burns said. "They could have been presenting Colombian passports to American Airlines at Miami."

Acting Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, Undersecretary Dick Moose and Mary Ryan, assistant secretary for consular affairs, were coordinating efforts in Washington to help U.S. citizens involved in the crash, Burns said.



HOLIDAY SPIRIT — Cafeteria workers at Hermleigh School dressed for the season as they decorated the Christmas tree. From left, Paula Jones, Brenda Molina and Dellene Leatherwood. (SDN Staff Photo)

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DATE BOOK

Dec. 24, 1995

Today is the 358th day of 1995 and the third day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, the Ku Klux Klan was founded in Tennessee.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kit Carson (1809-1868), U.S. frontiersman-soldier; Howard Hughes (1905-1976), industrialist; I.F. Stone (1907-1989), journalist; Ava Gardner (1922-1990), actress; Robert Joffrey (1930-1988), choreographer.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, the Cleveland Browns defeated the Los Angeles Rams 30-28 in the NFL championship game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The arms race is based on an optimistic view of technology and a pessimistic view of man. It assumes there is no limit to the ingenuity of science and no limit to the deviltry of human beings." — I.F. Stone, 1969

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, snow blanketed Denver's Stapleton International Airport, leading to a 33-hour shutdown.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 22) and first quarter (Dec. 28).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Where does it stop?! My wife and I have always given our nieces and nephews nice presents for their weddings. Now we are getting announcements when they become parents, and even announcements when their children graduate from high school and college. Are we supposed to respond to all these announcements with gifts?

My wife and I are in our late 70s, retired for many years, and by no means rich; but even if we had money to burn, I'm not sure I would want to buy presents for persons I've never met and will probably never see.

PERPLEXED IN PETALUMA, CALIF.

DEAR PERPLEXED: Letitia Baldrige, etiquette expert, has something to say on the subject that should solve your dilemma. Regarding birth announcements, she says that when you receive one, respond immediately with a telephone call, letter, Mailgram *or* a gift. Such happy news should not go unacknowledged — particularly if it's a couple's first baby.

Letitia has this to say about wedding announcements: "Recipients of wedding announcements are not expected to send a gift (as recipients of invitations who accept are)." However, those who feel close to the bride or groom may send a lovely card or gift to show their pleasure about the news.

The key phrase is "who feel close to the bride or groom." If you are not close to the couple, you are not obligated to send a gift. The same principle would apply to graduation announcements.

Announcements are intended to share good news, so your family may simply mean to advise you of the milestones in their lives.

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DEAR ABBY: In response to the problem of the new stepmother who was left out of her stepdaughter's wedding pictures, there is another point of view.

From the standpoint of posterity, the bloodlines are what's important. The family did not need to be "re-created" — it was already created before this stepmother entered the family. Actually, she had no business expecting to be in a "family" picture.

When my older son was married, there wasn't one wedding picture that didn't have my ex-husband's new wife in it. I had raised this child to adulthood before this woman came into the picture.

My second son knew how much pain this had caused me, so he made sure his wedding photographer took a variety of combinations of family members. Some with — and some without — his stepmother.

Abby, in the case of a second marriage, it is important that the new wife separate the role of "mother" from that of "wife" and get on with her life.

Although I am no longer married to my sons' father, I will always be their mother.

You goofed big time, Abby. You are usually smarter than this.

GEORGINA IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR GEORGINA: Thanks, I needed that. I'll take my lumps.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "CONFIDENTIALLY": Your daughter is over 21 and shouldn't need parental consent to go on a skiing trip with a group of her friends. Don't assume that everyone who goes skiing is necessarily "he-ing" and "she-ing."

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TEAMMEMBER ...of the Year...

IGA Teammember of the Year, Joey Rodriguez, was presented $200 cash award at the annual Christmas Party, December 7th by Sammy Hancock.

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El dinero es un factor preponderante de nuestra vida, resuelve muchas situaciones, pero no siempre permite comprar aquello que en oportunidades constituye nuestro mas profundo deseo.

Se puede comprar, por ejemplo: La cama pero no el sueno. La comida, pero no el apetito. El libro, pero no la inteligencia. El lujo, pero no la belleza. Una casa, pero no un hogar. El remedio, pero no la salud. La convivencia, pero no el ardor. La deversion, pero no la felicidad. El crucifijo, pero no la fe...

Y usted mas que nadie sabe que el dinero puede comprar su arbol de Navidad, todos los obsequios del mundo, la fiesta mas regalado...pero nunca, nunca podra comprar la Navidad y ese sentimiento que nace solo de adentro.

Feliz Navidad y Venturoso 1996 le desean.

Money is a preponderous factor in our life. It resolves many things, but it won't always buy from all the opportunities that which constitutes our greatest desire.

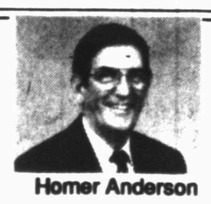
It can buy, for example, the bed, but not the dream; food, but not the appetite; the book, but not the intelligence; luxury, but not beauty; a house, but not a home; the remedy, but not health; entertainment, but not happiness; the crucifix, but not the faith...

And you more than anyone else know that money can pay for your Christmas tree, all the gifts in the world, the best party given...

But never, never will it be able to buy Christmas and that feeling that is born only from within.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a happiness-filled 1996.

(Presented by the Purple Sage Motel and Trinity United Methodist Church.)



Homer Anderson

"WHAT IS THE CHURCH"

The Lord did not promise nor did He build a meetinghouse. The church He promised was not made of brick and mortar but of human beings. The word "church" refers properly to the people rather than to the place where they meet. The Bible nowhere speaks of a meetinghouse as a church, although we sometimes do by accommodation. We also speak of school buildings as a school yet, strictly speaking, "school" refers to people---teacher and pupils. There could be a school in an open field without buildings. Strictly speaking, the word "church" refers to people rather than to the place where they meet.

How did men become members of the New Testament church? When they learned they were lost they asked what they must do. Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). This they did and upon obtaining remission of sins, the Lord added them to His body of saved people the church (Acts 2:47). He counted them as His. He made them a part of His family. This family is none other than His church.

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It was about time for Christmas

By Bill McClellan

It was about time for Christmas, and all through the house
A creature was stirring, but it wasn't a mouse;

I knew right away it was my wife's little pup,
She thought we were asleep, and so she was up.

The dog was a gift; it was coercion, really,
A woman can pout, 'til a man gets downright silly.

And now the wife was snoozing; she was really sacked out.
She wouldn't have awoke from less than a shout.

Yes, her in her nightgown, I in my BVDs,
We had finally settled down to catch some Zs;

When off in the kitchen there arose such a clatter,
I rolled from our bed to see what was the matter.

Away down the hall, my head still in a muddle,
I reached the kitchen... and stepped in a puddle.

The glow from a nightlight, illuminated the room,
So how come I stumbled right over the broom?

I fell in a sprawl, my legs were not stable,
On the way down, my nose hit the table.

My head was a spinnin,' and when I came to rest
Four miniature dog feet, stood on my chest.

With a lick and a bark, she bounded away,
Into the living room, she ran to play.

More rapid than mouses, that rat terrier ran,
Me on the follow, rolled newspaper in hand.

"Stop, Chase! (That's her name.) Stop, Dog! Stop, Pup!
Halt, Pooch! Halt, Girl! Oh, come 'ere you mutt!

Get off the new couch! Now let go of that, er
Ohhh...if I ever catch you, you're gonna' be hurtin.'"

As winds of a Texas tornado do fly,
She spun round the room, down low and up high.

Then up on the countertop, that puppy went,
She stopped for a second. I thought she was spent.

I made a quick lunge, she ducked me and then
Yawned as I dove through the flour bin.

As I drew out my head, and was turning around,
She made for the presents, in a single bound.

I was covered with flour, from my head to my toes,
My robe in tatters, and blood on my nose.

A bag full of toys, she grabbed with glee,
I nabbed her, I thought, but instead got the tree.

The ornaments, they broke, as they began to fall,
The lights how they fizzled - but wait! - that's not all;

When I reached for the plug, to turn the bulbs out,
What flowed through my body, but electricity, so stout!

As smoke encircled my head like a wreath,
That dog held my big toe, tight in her teeth,

"Chase," I moaned, "I give up. Oh Chase, I give in."
So she bit my swollen nose, and nipped at my chin.

She spoke not a word, but went back to work,
Down came the stockings; it took just a jerk.

Then up from the hall, came the sound of feet,
Momma, it seemed, was awake from her sleep.

"Now you'll get it, pup," I announced with glee.
Then Chase walked over and put her little head on my knee.

She looked up at momma - so innocent - and at me, so, so sad.
And it didn't take long, to know I'd been had.

Then came the wife's voice, so strong and so clear,
"Bill, you leave that puppy alone! You hear!"

And I exclaimed to myself, as they walked out with a strut,
"Don't leave any gifts, Santa; just PICK UP THE MUTT!"

Letters

Spirit of giving

Dear Editor,

When people learn that I teach junior high students, they often ask if I'm crazy. I suppose that's because we hear so many negative comments about the behavior of junior high kids. When they do well on the TAAS, they are praised, but the criticism often outlasts that short-lived praise.

I'd like to give some well-deserved recognition to our junior high kids.

Like all Snyder schools, during the past few weeks we conducted seasonal contests to help with the Toys for Tots and the Goodfellows Food Drive. We are proud of our students for contributing over $500 and more than 1,100 pounds of food to help make a happier Christmas for many people in our community. It is true that the competitive spirit is very strong in seventh and eighth graders, and, apparently, so is the spirit of giving.

When those junior high students start to drive us all crazy next May, I hope we can all remember how special they were in December.

Sincerely
Margaret Corkran
Snyder

Christmas Witness

Dear Editor:

How better to express our feelings about the birth and life of the Christ child than through poetry and song.

Recently, when I came home from work, my husband, J.O., presented this original poem to me. Now, I would like to share its theme of hope and joy with your readers.

Nona Morrison
Snyder

Our Christmas Witness
(To Nona)
By J.O. Morrison

We saw a star,
And heard a babe.

We saw a dove,
And heard a voice.

We saw a work,
And heard a praise.

We saw a tear,
And heard a prayer.

We saw a tree,
And heard a mob.

We saw a flow,
And heard a groan.

We saw a cloud,
And heard a roar.

We saw a tomb,
And heard a ring.

We saw a door,
And heard a knock.

We saw a hand,
And heard a plea.

We saw a love,
And heard a truth.

We see a crown,
And hear a song.

Special town

Dear Editor,

What a special community we live in! There is a warmness in Snyder and Scurry County that is felt in very few towns today.

The lighted parade was wonderful and such a wonderful celebration of the holidays. So many of you went to such efforts to have a beautiful float and so very many of you participated by coming and standing in the cold to appreciate all the work and wonder of Christmas.

Our family would like to thank the chamber of commerce and Pat Cunnington for honoring our Husband, Daddy and Paw-Paw by dedicating the parade to him. We thank you so much for the special tribute. We are so blessed by so many friends such as you.

Snyder-Scurry County, you are the best!

Mrs. Franklin Pruitt
and Family

Thank you

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the board of directors of Historic Scurry County, Inc., I would like to express heartfelt thanks to the citizens of Scurry County who responded so generously to our annual membership drive.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Rick and Jana Martin, Danny and Linda McCormack, Junior and Barbara McCormick, Mark and Janie McCormick, and Marshall and Sue Parham, who so graciously opened their homes for our Christmas Heritage Home Tour this year; to the businesses who provided table decorations for the Cornelius-Dodson House; and to the shops who opened their places of business during the Tour hours.

We would also like to thank the "Local Yokels" for providing entertainment in the Dermott Schoolhouse and the students of Barbara Tune for the entertainment they provided in the Dodson House during the Open House.

Because of the efforts and generosity of all these great people, our annual membership drive and Home Tour were very successful, which will enable Historic Scurry County, Inc. to maintain the Cornelius-Dodson House, the old Dermott School and the "Hermleigh Calaboose," and to place another important structure in the Heritage Village during the next year.

Yours truly,
Marvin Sentell
President, Historic
Scurry County, Inc.

Best rum cake ever

DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

Since this column will appear in the Christmas Eve edition of the SDN, I just had to share with you this hysterical recipe for rum cake which was sent to me by a great cyber-buddy of mine, Linda Lalmond of St. Petersburg, Fla.

BEST RUM CAKE EVER
1 or 2 quarts rum
1 cup butter
1 tsp. sugar
2 large eggs
1 cup dried fruit
1 tsp. soda
Baking powder

Before you start, SAMPLE THE RUM to check for quality. Good, isn't it?

Now, go ahead. Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. CHECK THE RUM AGAIN. To be sure Rum is of the highest quality, pour one level cup of RUM into a glass and DRINK it as fast as you can. REPEAT.

With an electric mixer beat 1 cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add 1 seaspoon of thugar and beat again. Meanwhile, make sure that the Rum is of the finest quality. TRY ANOTHER CUP.

Open second quart if necessary. Add 2 arge leggs, 2 cups fried druit and beat till high. If druit gets stuck in beaters, just pry it loose with a drewscriver.

SAMPLE THE RUM AGAIN, checking for tonscisticity. Next sift 3 cups of pepper or salt (it really doesn't matter).

SAMPLE THE RUM AGAIN. Sift 1/2 pint of lemon juice. Fold in chopped butter and strained nuts. Add 1 babblespoon of brown thugar, or whatever color you find. Wix mel. Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 gredes. Now pour the whole mess into the coven and ake. CHECK THE RUM AGAIN, and bo to ged.

Merry Christmas!

Editorial Comment

On proposed Texas GOP 'contract'

The (McAllen) Monitor

State Republican leaders say they want to prepare a "Compact with Texas," much like the national GOP's "Contract with America" presented to all Americans last year.

The state party's executive committee prepared a draft version of the "compact." The document, offered at a meeting earlier this month, includes the following promises:

— Freeze state spending, and dedicate any new revenue to education;
— Local option elections on tuition vouchers to private schools;
— Capping welfare benefits and requiring recipients to work in public service jobs;
— Requiring convicted criminals to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences;
— Deregulation of the insurance industry and other such "consumer markets";
— Term limits for state offices;
— Initiative and referendum, which would allow voters to bypass the Legislature and place measures on ballots.

As with the party's national contract, the state body can only pledge that they will offer bills on the listed measures. They can't promise passage of any of them.

In fact, the national "Contract with America" has had mixed success. Some of its measures have been passed — congressional reform, for instance. Others, such as term limits, have been rejected outright, and others remain unresolved as Congress spends most of its time dealing with the federal budget.

But by promising to place specific issues on the legislative agenda, lawmakers give voters a chance to muster support for the issues and lobby their representatives. The "compact" is a good idea. The GOP's success in the 1994 elections was in part due to the contract, which set in writing goals for the 104th Congress.

Voters are tired of politicians' hollow promises that are conveniently forgotten after election time. A written set of goals not only helps lawmakers focus their attention on the most important issues they will face, but it shows a commitment by which citizens can monitor their actions of lawmakers during the next legislative session.

Candidates representing political parties across the spectrum would do well to offer their own list of specific issues. Such lists would serve the public much better than the sweeping, voluminous and cumbersome ideological platforms that currently come out of party conventions.

Concise, direct lists would enable voters to quickly compare the proposed agendas of the various parties and their candidates. That might motivate more people to take the time to inform themselves and make better choices.

Don't skimp on literacy

The San Antonio Express-News

Texas cannot afford to skimp on literacy.

According to the state comptroller's office, adults' inability to read costs Texas $17 billion a year in lost income and taxes; welfare, unemployment, job training, and crime and incarceration.

Yet, Texas — which ranks No. 2 in the United States in the number of undereducated adults — spends considerably less than other states for adult education and literacy services, a point Board [illegible] has overlooked.

New York, for example, ranks behind Texas in the number of under-educated adults, but spends $50 million. Fourth-ranked Florida spends $250 million.

Texas policy makers could learn a lot from San Antonio, where residents and civic leaders alike understand that illiteracy is not just an education problem. It's a community problem, too, and one that the city is committed to resolving.

Shed no tears for Rep. Waldholtz

The Austin American-Statesman

It didn't begin with TV evangelists trying to wriggle out of trouble by going on soul-baring crying jags in public, begging forgiveness, but the act caught on with some public figures, and now threatens to become a fad.

The way to nip the fad in mid-weep is for the public not to give the practitioners what they want — instant forgiveness and sympathy.

A case in point is that of Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz, R-Utah, one of the crop of new House Republican true believers who are all for family values and personal and federal fiscal responsibility.

Waldholtz narrowly won her first term in Congress last year with the last-minute help of an infusion of large sums of money into her campaign chest. She thought, she says, the money was hers, part of a wedding gift from her husband of two years, Joe, who was also her campaign treasurer. ...

A month ago, he left his wife at the National Airport, whereupon a lot of peculiar fiscal stuff started turning up. ...

Rather than accept personal responsibility, Waldholtz said she wouldn't resign and did a Tammy Fae Bakker, hoping that by proclaiming herself a victim the public would believe she was one.

There are victims here: those who voted for her and those who had to put up with her marathon weep-in. If Waldholtz has no sense of shame, her constituents should provide her with one by demanding that she resign or be removed at the next opportunity.

LOBBYING REFORM EXPLAINED

Letters policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length. The newspaper reserves the right to refuse letters if they contain libelous material or information deemed in poor taste.

Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Friday.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently learned that the boy my daughter is dating has a chemical imbalance due to food allergies. His mother says he must avoid foods with preservatives in them. My mother, on the other hand, feels he is mentally ill. He is very moody, short-tempered and difficult to get along with. Could such a chemical imbalance cause symptoms of emotional instability?

DEAR READER: I don't want to get in the middle of the inter-generational shouting match about whether your daughter's boyfriend's behavior is or is not governed by food additives.

I tend to think not, but some food allergies, notably those involving monosodium glutamate, can cause people to become ill with headaches, weakness, sweating, palpitations, and other symptoms. I suppose you could call this a chemical imbalance, but this is different from the chemical imbalances often associated with depression and related conditions. In all fairness, I doubt that a food reaction would explain away really bizarre behavior.

I think that your daughter ought to proceed with great caution. Food sensitivity or not, her boyfriend is responsible for his own behavior and, perhaps, should be tested by an allergist. If his behavior remains inappropriate and he appears unstable, she'd do better playing the field and leaving him to another woman who doesn't mind putting up with his shenanigans.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss lichen planus. Is there any medication to hasten its demise?

DEAR READER: This recurring, itchy skin disease, of unknown cause, rarely affects children. The initial attack consists of discrete lesions that eventually coalesce into larger, rough, inflamed patches that may last weeks or months, disappear and recur without warning.

The condition, which is harmless, is diagnosed by its appearance — and by biopsy.

Mild cases require no therapy. For more troublesome lichen planus, cortisone cream is beneficial.

In advanced cases the presence of severe itching may necessitate cortisone by mouth.

In my opinion, patients with lichen planus should be examined and treated by dermatologists.

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Helped by prosecutor...

Grandmother stole avocados

INDEPENDENCE, Ore. (AP) — When the prosecutor found out why Maria Sofia Barajas stole two avocados from a grocery store, she not only dropped the charges — she helped Barajas raise money to pay off a debt.

Barajas and her husband, Juan, both migrant workers, have been struggling to pay for the funeral of their son, who died in July of heart disease at age 42, and to raise his 6-year-old boy.

The funeral bill left the Barajases with almost no money for food, and when the grandson begged Barajas for avocados at the store Oct. 4, she shoplifted them.

Daina Vitolins, Polk County deputy district attorney, learned of the problem when Barajas appeared in court Dec. 4. Vitolins dismissed the theft charges and started a trust fund 10 days ago to raise the $2,097 still owed for the funeral.

On Wednesday, Vitolins delivered a "paid-in-full" receipt to Barajas with $1,638 still left in the trust account.

Holly Abell joins navy

SAN ANTONIO — Holly M. Abell of Snyder, daughter of Earl and Billie Abell, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Mess Management Specialist program.

Holly enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill., in July 1996 for active duty, where she will undergo basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, Abell will begin 7 weeks of schooling at San Diego, Calif., in the Mess Management Specialist field. Mess Management Specialists operate and manage Navy dining facilities and bachelor enlisted quarters. They are cooks and bakers in Navy dining facilities ashore and afloat, and order, inspect and stow food. They maintain food preparation spaces and equipment, and keep records of transactions and budgets for the food service in living quarters ashore. After successfully completing school, she could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

Abell is a 1995 graduate of Snyder High School.

Bickel wins 'senior' quilt

Mrs. Charlene Bickel of Ballinger won the Senior Center's quilt raffle, held during the Center's Christmas dinner.

The quilt was constructed and donated by Jack and Thadene Harless. The raffle brought in $1,928.

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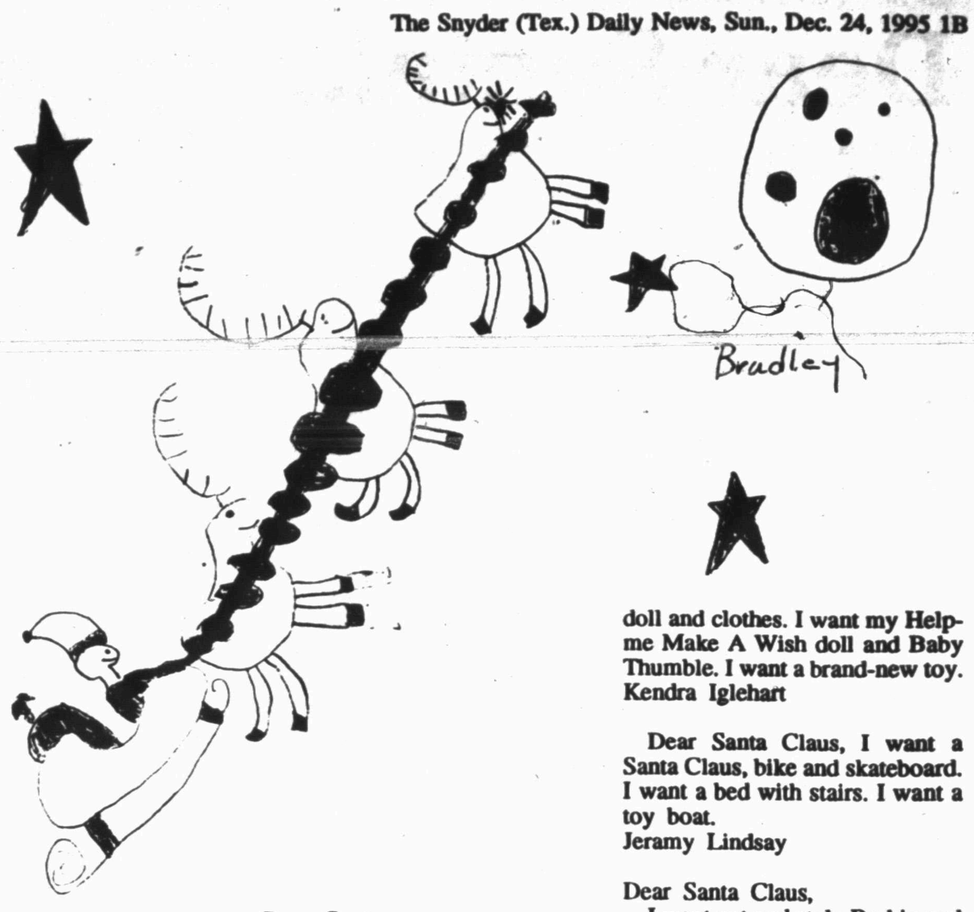


Dear Santa,
My Jo Mom says I'm a good boy. Remember I'm two and I need lots of toys. I want a Woody Doll and a train. I like trucks and cars and lots of toys. Remember my brother T.J. and my cousin Sarh Cearly and my friends Hannah and Leah and Rachael. I watch your movie everyday.
I love you,
Troy Joe

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle with training wheels, an airplane and a big truck. Be sure and remember my brothers, Justin and Dustin. Dustin would like a bicycle and Justin wants a CD player. I would also like a new book. I love you.
I love you,
Casey Williamson

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a new Disney tape, light-up shoes, a new book, a watch, a toy saw and a trampoline. Please bring Mommy a Barbie Doll, Daddy a telescope. Grandpa a bicycle, and Grandma a new bowl and a picture. Give Rudolph something for his nose so it won't shine so bright.
I love you,
Jordan Williamson
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I want a Misroscope from the Nature Store in Lubbock, and I want a High tech pen with a built in recorder that really writes. I also want a little Fench with food, and a pretty cage to put it in. PLease get a food and water holder with the cage (A Fench is a little bird.)
No name given

Dear Santa,
I am waiting for Christmas. Soon it will be Christmas. I want a bike for Christmas and also I want a GI Joe. I want peace on Earth also. I dod not want any more killing in our world.
Love,
Hector Campos

Dear Santa,
I hope that asll the children in the world get a present, And I want a bike for Christmas and I want a princess wishing, star Barbie for Christmas Eve.
I love youm
Gena Dooley

Dear Santa,
I am ready for Chistmas to come. I still miss you. I wish I could see you. I promise I will never take drugs when I grow up. And a want a bike and A C.D. player. How are your reindeer doing? I hope they are fine.
Love,
Monica Capetillo

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me a present. I hope I get a Nintendo and Walkie-Talkie and a pooltable and a cowboy hat. I hope all the children get a present abd I hope the poor people get food.
Love,
Nicholas Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a Talk Girl game and a puppy. How are reindeers doing, Santa? And Merry Christmas, Santa.
I love you,
Amanda Orosco

Dear Santa,
I want a gun and a book about Hockey.
Love,
Curtis Holser

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a Princess Wishing Star and some girl and boys Barbies for Christmas. Mrs. Clause, will you make a hat and stockings for us?
Merry Christmas
Tina Speedon

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a kitten and a Talk Girl game. Also I want something I always wanted — some drums!! My wish four our world is for there to be no more drugs.
Merry Christmas,
Ginelda Lopez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me a clock for Christmas. I also would like for you to bring me a Baby Born and Bundle of Babies. I would really like for the world to have peace.
Love,
Lauren Turley

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I would like a go-cart and a drum for Cristmas. This is what I would like for the world — Peace and Love. And I would like for every person to have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Tye Stone

Dear Santa,
I would like a Super Nintendo and a new com pound bow. How are the reindeer doing? And how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you will have a good Christmas. I would like for everyone in the world to have a home.
I love,
Johnathon McClure

Dear Santa,
I wished in the whole world that everyone would have a Merry Christmas. I would like teddy bears for Christmas. I think I was good.
I love your,
Stephanie Grant

Dear Santa,
I wish you could give the world peace and joy. I wish there was no more or drugs. I know you are working hard. What I want for Chrismas is a new Bible. And I want a Pink-n-Pretty House and I want a Sky Dancer. Merry Christmas.
I love you
Veronica Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a trampoline and a doll. I wish there would be no more robbers or killers of children.
Yours truly,
Kirsten Courtney

Dear Santa,
My wishes are that the kids around the world that have been good get the best toys in the world. I want to get a piano and a new stereo with a CD player and with speaker phones.
Love
Jessica Calvert

Dear Santa,
I was waiting for Christmas to come soon. Our class is learning about the children around the world this week. I would like the whole world to have peace this Christmas. For me, I really want some new jewelry for Chsirtmas, and also clothes to wear to school. And a Barbie will do.
Love,
Kiki

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts that you gave me last Christmas. I want to buy the poor people a gift. How are the reindeers? Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Toni Townsend

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline for Christmas. I will share it with my little brother, Brad. My wish for the world is for there to be food for everyone.
Merry Christrmas,
Chase Ashworth

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Gargoyle, skateboard, green Power Ranger, and rollerblades. I want a dinosaur and monster.
Khristophor Alarcon

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie and bicycle and doll.
Raven Gist

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a drum, Barbie, and I want a toy story puppet. And I want a dolly and angel Barbie. I want something for my brother, a little baby music deal.
Taylor Gibbs.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ring-Around-Rosie doll and clothes. I want my Help-me Make A Wish doll and Baby Thumble. I want a brand-new toy.
Kendra Iglehart

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Santa Claus, bike and skateboard. I want a bed with stairs. I want a toy boat.
Jeramy Lindsay

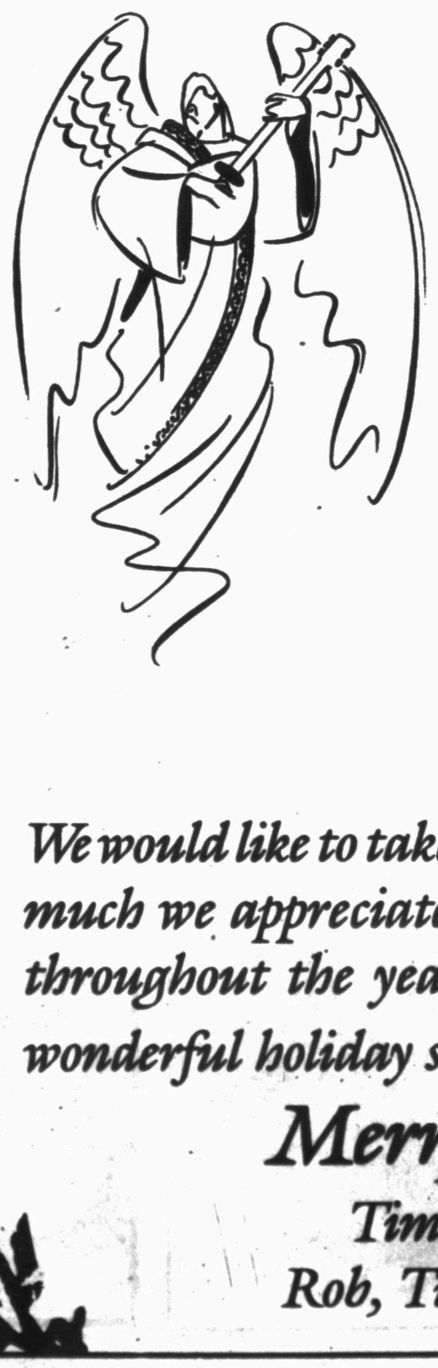
Dear Santa Claus,
I want cut and style Barbie and rollerblades.
Victoria Martinez

Dear Santa Claus
I want a skateboard and red Power Ranger. I want a truck with black and a car. I want a bike that is big with training wheels.
Aharon Minyard

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Batman watergun that glows in the dark. I want a candy cane. I want a boat and a Christmas tree.
Stephen Luna

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want lots of babies that can fit in a big stroller. I want a baby and a Santa Claus piano.
Dessie Gaddis

Dear Santa,
1. I want a rubber chicken, and 2. I want a Vx Tech, 3. I want a quilt.
See you
your friend, Tish Day



And the angel said unto them, Fear not,: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Luke 2: 10-11, 14)

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie and Baby chick-up and Pocohantas ring and Pink Power Ranger and Mermaid.
Kimberly Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus, I want some presents and dirt bike. I want a real dirt bike. I want a play race car.
Randy Lovall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Baby Sip'n'Slurp and Pocohantas braclet. I want an elf.
Kalyn Hildreth

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie Doll, Barney and 2 Barbie dolls.
Kendra Pace

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a skateboard thaf talks and a dirt bike.
Anthony Cody

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Barbie rollerblades with knee and elbow things. And I want a cut and style Barbie.
Richi Laurens

Dear Santa,
I like you and I want a drum set and a guitar and a magic set and a police suit and a computer and cool tools and lego set.
Brett Bowlin

Dear Santa, I would like the movie of toy story and toy story for my sega and rollerblades and a Lego set and a computer and a Santa Claus doll and a new bike and remote control car and a skate board.
Love, Barrett Bowlin

Dear Santa Claus i want a sega and a cd player and toby terrier movies and cd-s like greenday and boyto-men and selena cd-s.
Love Davis Martinez
im 8 in 2 grade

Dear Santa,
What I whant for Christmas is an blak skirt. And a dancing barbie. And a big bike.
Love your frend
Laura Zamora

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is Black High-tops, and some clothes for Christmas. That's all I want for Christmas. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Sanecia Zamora

Dear Santa,
My name is Lance Turner and I'm 8 years old and I have been a pretty good boy all year and if you can send me some of this stuff on my list I would like it. A T.V., a Sega, Power Ranger The Move for N.E.S. and for Sega and for a game boy and for a game gear, a game gear, a V.C.R., Batman for Ever for Super NES, Batman Forever for Sega, A trampline, A Ninja Megazord, A Falconzord, Titanus-Two, Power Ranger The Fighting E Dition, DeLuxe Ninjar.
I will leave cookies and milk again this year.
Thank you,
Lance

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Berry Good X-mas. And I hope you get a bunch of presents too. I've been a good boy this year. I am 5 years old and I'm in Kindergarten. This year for x-mas I would like to have a B-B Gun, a radio, cool tools power set and a race car set.
I love you Santa,
B.J. Thomas

Dear Santa,
Welcome to the family of joy. Hope your doing well. I've been good this year. Please bring me for Christmas a Dallas Cowboy Foot-ball and uniform, a Karate Fighter game, a Remote control truck, a Razorbeast Blaster nerf gun. Also bring a checker board game for me and my dad to ply. Be careful on your trip.
Love,
Ryan Claxton, age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Micky Mouse watch and a new dress, a desk with peaclls and paper and markers and makeup and a cup with a straw. I want a teddy bear to and some books and some shoes.
Mariah Robbins

My name is Jami Robbins and I have been a good little girl. Will you bring me a Jack-in-the box. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Jamie Robbins

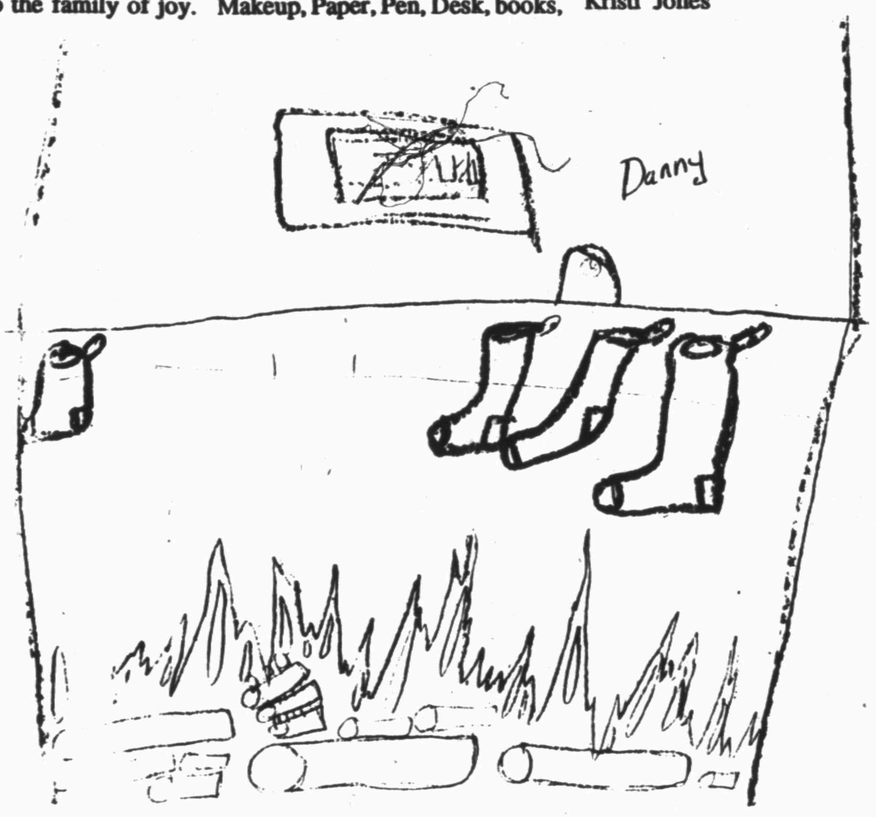
Dear Santa,
I would like a dresser, my Size Barbie, T.V. with remote 1000, Rollerblades Protective gear, Makeup, Paper, Pen, Desk, books, Clothes, Markers, Crayons and toys and food kids that don't have any.
Love, Jessica Robbins
P.S. I'm going to leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I will like to have a barbedoll-house a my size barbie and a watch and a art desk and a bike tire for my old bike. I will leave you a chake and milke.
Love Ashley and
Taylor Barrera

Dear Santa,
All I want for Chrimas is a trampoline.
Chase Ashworth

Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a trampoline.
Brad Ashworth

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl I want for Christmas a doll, watch and some pretty clothes and I would like a skateboard and Barbie and some S kates.
Thank you
Kristi Jones



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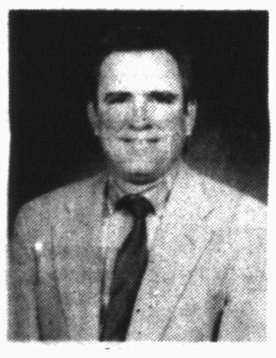
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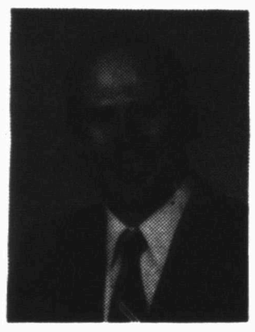
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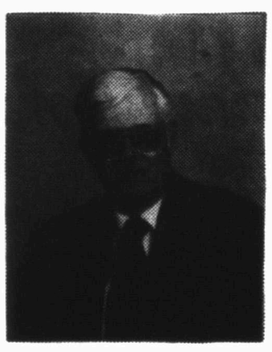
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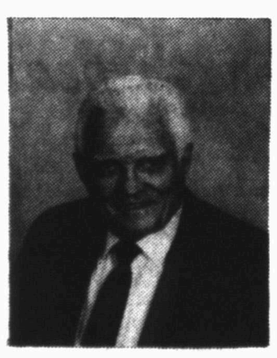
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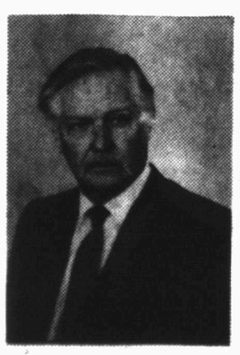
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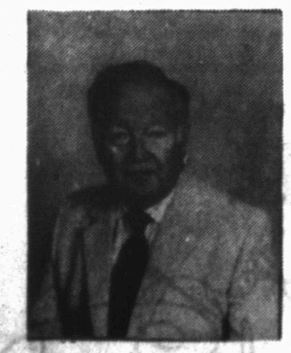
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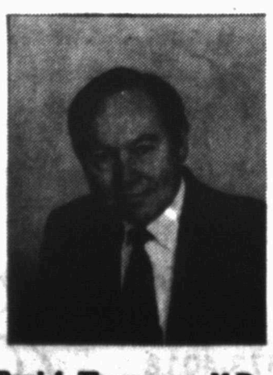
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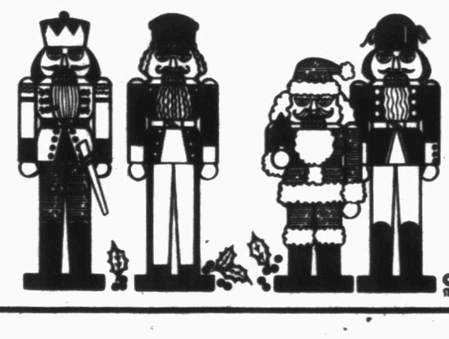

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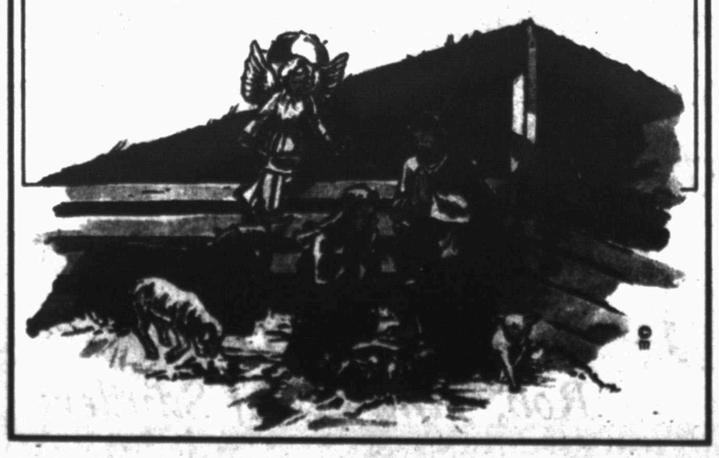

season's greetings
Warm holiday wishes to all our friends!
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Dear Santa....

Dear Santa.
I have been a real good girl this year! I want a Barbie house and some Barbie Dolls. I also want some New Books. and a tape player.
Thank you
Kaylee Campbell, age 4

Dear Santa Claus,
Hoe are you . My name is Kassidy Kate. I am 3 years old. I would like to have some Barbi dolls and a Babysitter Kelly. I have a new little sister Savannah Lee. She is only a month old. Would you please bring her something too.
Thank you and have a safe trip
Love Kassidy Kate
P.S.: I'll leave you a treat out to eat.

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a car, Gargoyle, and snowman toy and robot.
Devon Stansell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Spiderman veriom and motorcycle.
Joseph Garza

Dear Santa Clause,
I want criss-cross crash, a yellow, black, pink, and blue Power Rangers, snowman toy, monster truck, and plastic combine.
James Jarnagin

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to play bike and a motorcycle, not a big one. I want a baseball bat and ball.
Ted Cerda

Dear Santa Claus
I want a dump truck, gloves and hindcather hat.
Ruben Molinar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want two Choo-Choo trains, one for me and one for the baby. I want a toy snake.
Christopher Witte

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Baby Tumble, Surprise, Baby Check-up, and a Bundle-a-Baby.
Rebekah Turley

Dearn Santa Claus,
I want a tiger toy, stairs, door, big bed, pick-up, and picture of me.
Michael Nutt

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Poconhantas earrings, Baby Check-up and Baby Tumble. I want a Barbie.
Kayla Liccardi

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a table and chairs and Santa Claus.
Nicholas Lentz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Cut'n'Style Barbie, radio, skateboard that talks and carpet. I want a table, bed with stairs, and dirt car.
Lareshia Carey

Dear Santa,
I want a Free Willy bicycle, a toy tonka truck, a White Power Ranger, and a big giant Lego set. I am four years old and go to Northeast.
Love,
Ben Gonzales

Dear Santa,
My name in Brandon. I am four years old. I want Power Ranger toy. I was very good this year. My school is Northeast. And some playing card.
Love,
Brandon Porter

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex. I go to Northeast. I want a toy truck and a little toy motorcycle. Then I want the Power Ranger toy named Tommy and Sega Genises.
Love
Alex Escobedo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a stuffed Santa and a toy monster. I am 4 years old and go to North East Elem Pre-K.
Love
Wolfie Garcia

Dear Santa,
My name is Miguel. I am five. I go to Northeast PreK. I want a bike, Robin, Superman, motorcycle, Batman, boots, clothes, book, ball.
Love,
Miguel Martinez

Dear Santa,
My name is Tony. I am five years old. I go to Northeast. I am in PreK. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want Sega, Big truck, Bike, Nikes. That's all.
Love,
Tony Perales

Dear Santa,
My name is Erica. I am four years old. I go to Northeast Pre-K. I want a bike, skates, Barbie, and a brown puppy dog. I also want new clothes.
Love,
Erica Maldonado

Dear Santa,
I am four years old. I go to school at Northeast. I want a little car, bike, football, cotton Mickey Mouse doll, and a map.
Love,
Lorenza Regalado

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley. I am four years old and I go to Northeast. I want a little dog, a play car, a Barbie doll, and a pair of shoes.
Love,
Ashley Trotter

Dear Santa,
I am five years old. I go to Northeast Pre-K. This year for Christmas I want a Barbie and roller skates with four wheels.
Love,
Gina Hermosillo

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacquelyn Taylor. I'm five years old. I go to Northeast Elem. I want a baby doll. I also want a trampoline. I also want a teddy bear. And a bike.
Love,
Jacquelyn Taylor

Dear Santa,
My name is Kristi. I want a pink Power Ranger. I want a Barbie. I want an ABC I want a Barbie car. I'm four yeas old. My school is Northeast PreK.
Love,
Kristi Massey

Dear Santa,
My name is Julian. I am in Mrs. Jones pre-k. I am four years old. I want a real motorcycle bike.
Love,
Julian Doninguez

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabriel. I'm four years old. I would like a Power Ranger toy and a Ninja turtle toy too. I would also like a dinosaur doll. I go to Northeast. I would like a teddy bear.
Love,
Gabriel Acosta

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With warmest regards this holiday season.

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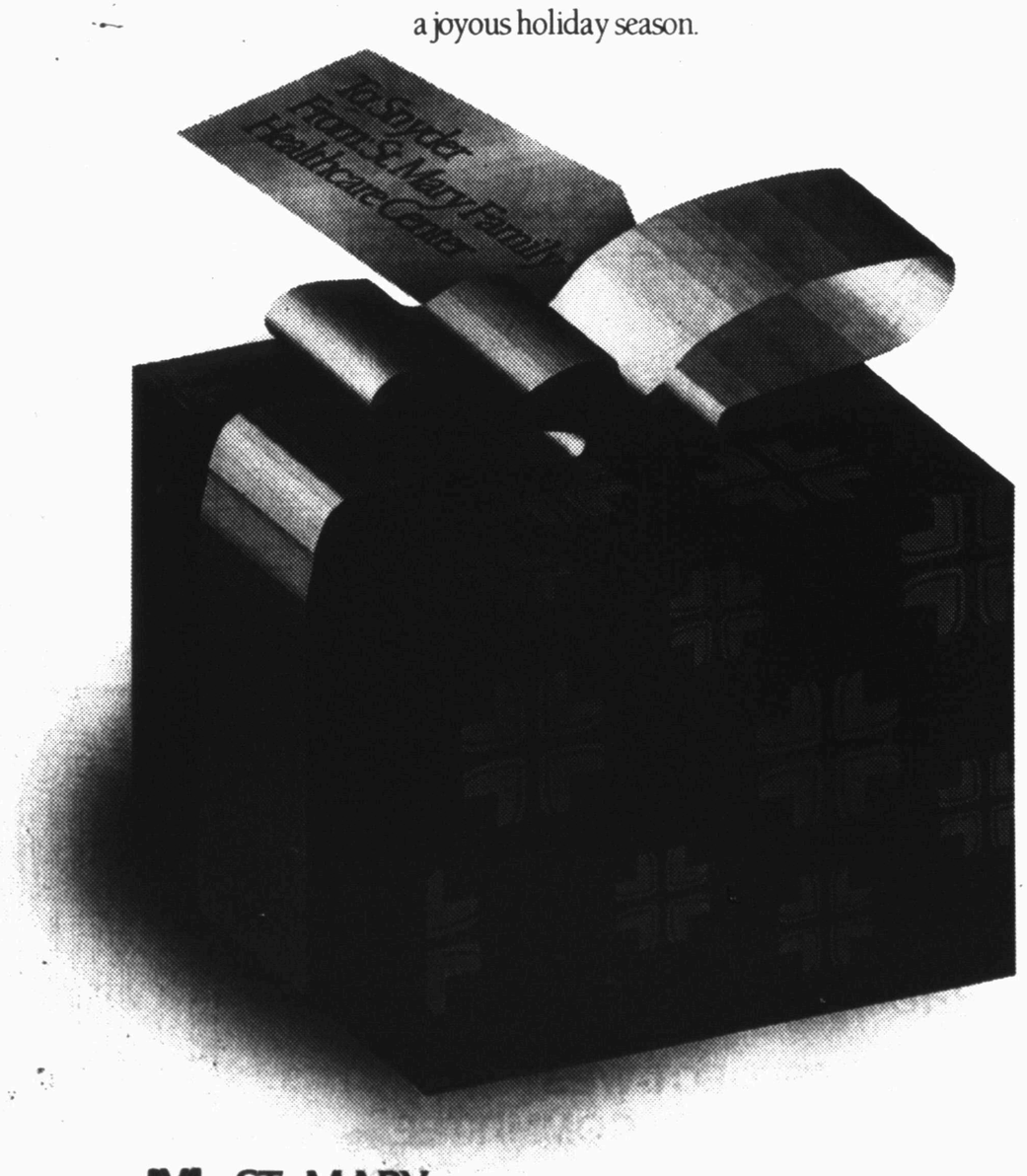

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Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. I go to Northeast Pre-K. I want a Batman toy all the Ninja turtle toys, and a sword. I also want another toy.
Love
Gus Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am 5. I am in NorthEast Pre. K. I want a Power Ranger movie and a play white gun. I want a red truck that has black bottoms on the side. I want some blocks and I want a train with numbers on the side. I want a bike. I want a toy jeep a Power Ranger wheel. I want a tractor. I want some toy shapes. I want a play toy barn house that has animals in it.
Love
Joe Lara

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. I go to Northeast Pre-K. I want a doll, a bike and a dollhouse. I would also like Polly Pocket Barbie, hair bows, rings, a watch and play monkeys.
Love,
Lolita Ramos

Dear Santa,
My age 4. My school is Northeast Pre-K. I wnat for Christmas is a bike, Barbie, baby doll, Polly Pocket, neckless, ring, shoes, clothes, earrings.
Love,
Mikki Hair

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old and I want a dumnp truck. I go oto North East Pre K.
Love,
Noe Pena

Dear Santa,
I am four years old. I want a doll, a bike, a Barney doll, a barbie. I go to NorthEast.
Love
Krystal Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Doll, bicycle, doll house, Barney Doll, and some blocks. I am four years old. I go to N.E. Prek.
Love
Veronica Alvarado

Dear Santa,
My name is Tabatha. I want a bike color pink, and I amd five years old. I go to Northeast. I want a basket with a heart, and two barbies, puzzles.
Love,
Tabatha Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. I want a Mash Bugs, camera and a bike. I go to Northeast.
Love,
Matthew Sosa

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. I want a barbie doll, books, Cristmas tree, clothes, videos, playhouse, blankets.
Love,
Monica Rivera
Northeast Elee,
Pre K

Dear Santa,
I am four years old. I want a couch and a barney and a doll. I want money and horse that is all.
Love
Cami Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I'm four years old and go to school at N.E. Here are some things I want for Christmas: doll, Barney, blocks, paints, money, rings, horse and that is all.
Love
Bianca Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I want a dumptruck. my sister wants a Barnie book. I also want a Christmas tree. How are you? I am four years old and go to the Northeast Elementary Prekindergarten. Well bye bye!
Love,
Robert Albarez

Dear Santa,
I'm 4 years old and I'm at Northeast. I want drums, doll, guitar, Barbie doll, car, toy bus, Barney doll, toy dog, computer, book with toys, real dog, Santa Claus shoes, watch, Baney chair, toy play house, desk toy frog.
Love,Rebecca Morin

Dear Santa,
I want a Butterfly Barbie and Baby Slurp. I go to Northeast and I am 4 years old.
Love
Sabrina Fuentez

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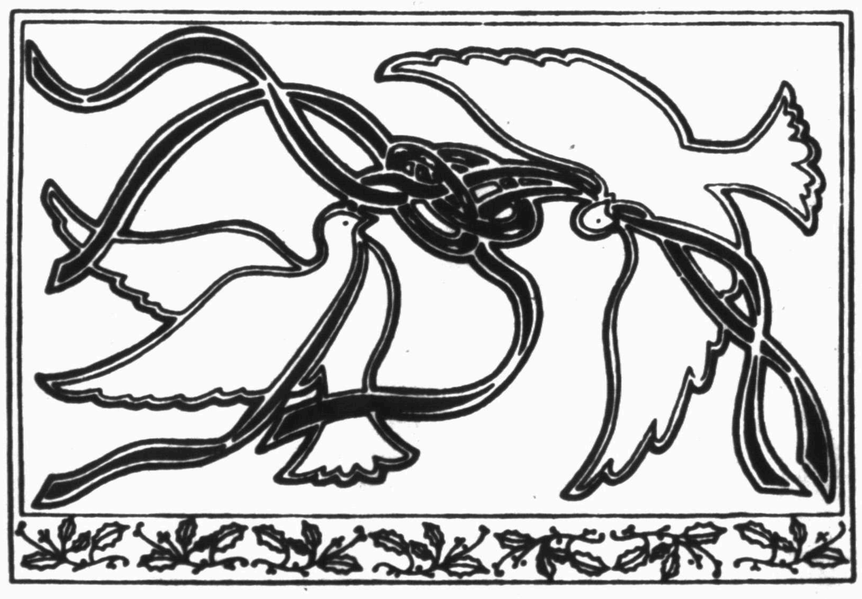

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Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
I want a litle motorcycle, Nintendo, Power Rangers, Monsters,
A small big truck and blocks. I'm four years old and go to Northeast Elem.
Love,
Zachary Rivera

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, Barbie and a toy horse. I am 4 years old and go to N.E. Elem.
Love,
Jessie Kenly

Dear Santa,
I am 5 yers old. My name is Fabian Gutierrez. I want a Mighty Morphin Power Rangers and Ninjas, Mutant Ninja, Turtles, Bobb's Worl, Sonic the Hedgehod, Motorcycles, Ber Batman and Robin.
Love,
Fabian Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
My name is Vinnie Pino. I am four. I am in pre-K at Northeast. Please give me a toy gun, a dinosaur, a toy computer, some marbles, some toy Power Rangers, a watch and a ninja turtle.
Love,
Vinnie Pino

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I want a TV, a batman suit and the mask. A toy gun, a truck and a boat, a gun for Batman, tricicle, a blue car. Batman car. I go to North East Elem. I am 4 yers old.
Love,
Abraham Arizmendi

Dear Santa,
I want a motor cycle and a yak Back 2. I will leave you icecram.
Love,
Tyler Thompson
P.S. Leave mom something

Dear Santa,
I would like a stereo and earrings and a ring and a necklance and a jeulery kit.
Love
Kelsea
Merry Christmas Santa Clause

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like a bar-b-q cooker dilly thing, a batman tent and lots of toys.
Love,
Joshua Taylor
Age 3

Dear Santa,
here is my list of things that I would like to have this year. A ten speed bycycle, a super ninteno, games for my game boy, some remote control cars or trucks, a remote control air plane, baseball cards, some country music cassate tapes, some movies, and some nice earrings and some nice clothes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Sincerely,
Valerie West
Age 9

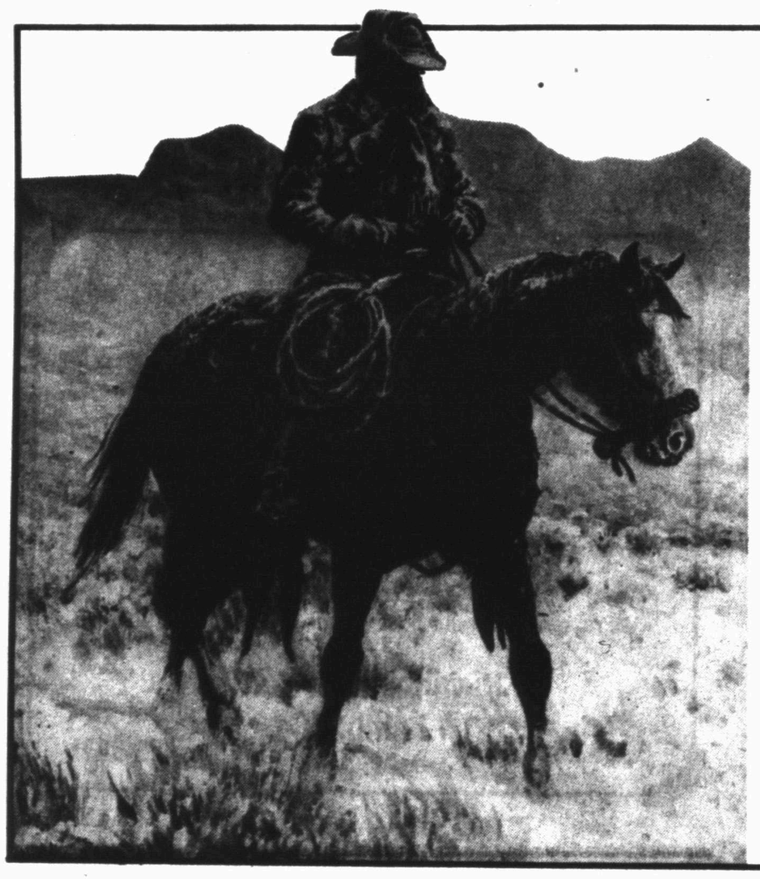
Dear Santa,
You are the nicest Santa Clause in the world. Santa did you sleep well? Santa you are the best friend for me. I like Santa because he gives me presents. I want princess wishing star for Christmas and a power wheel, a big bike for my brother, a ring for my mom and a t.v. for my dad.
Your friend,
Yuliana Arellano

Dear Santa,
Do you still have presents? Are you coming to my house? Are youer rendear ready? Are you ready Santa? I want some skates. I want some cars. I want some Xmans. I want a costume.
Your friend,
Juan Martinez
2nd grade
Rm 23

Dear Santa,
Santa is so nice. Santa gives ma a los of presents. Santa is the best friend for me. I like your snow Santa Claus. Did you sleep well in the north pole. Santa you are so nice. Santa you got red cheeks. I like Santa Claus. I want a firend for me. I want to be a princess. I want a Power wheel. I want a little baby cat. I want a little baby dog. Are you comeing to my house. i well make a big cake for us.
Your firend,
Vanessa Chavez
Stanfield Room 23

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a baby dog for Christmas and I wont to have a mom and dad dog.
Your friend,
Isreal Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a new toy rifle, a Dr. Dreadful, Tape Player, some Street Shark Action Figures, A TV Teddy, a basketball goal, a pin ball machine, talking Mickey Mouse, Talking Alphabet Soup, Talking Robot, a Timmy the Tooth Movie, a K-nex Building set, a Big Bull Doze & a Loader & a Sonic the Hedge Hog & his brother Tatis.
Brance Scott, 4 years old



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Dear Santa...

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I don't want anything for Christmas. Please give the presents to other boys and girls.
Your friend,
Richie Rodriguez
Room 23

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are your deers ready? Your cheeks are red like cherries. I want a ring for my mom. I want a remote control car. I want a car for my brother. I want a ring for my sisters. I want a jacket for my dad.
Your friend,
Chris Vera

Dear Santa,
Are you ready Santa? Are your deers ready? Give every boy and girl a present. Did you sleep well?
Your friend,
Noe Ruiz
Room 23 Stanfield

Estimado Santa Claus,
¿Come estan susvenados? ¿Como estasu es posa? Quiero un carro, yPara mi hermano un payaso para mis padres quiero unos regalos.
Tu amigo,
Pedro Perezo

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a bike. Are your reindeers ready?
Your friend
B.J. Alonzo

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want some new clotnes. I would like a little car that I can drive.
Your friend,
Delfino Hill
Stanfield Room 23

Estimado Santa Clause.
¿Como estah tus venados? Tu cqchetes son come fresas. Yo quiero gattos Y perros. Quiero una cosou para mi ma mq Y papk. Quiero una corba ta para, pqpq y una rosa parq ma md.
Tu Amiga,
Haifa Barriento
Stanfield

Santa,
Please bring me a Jewel Rider.
Thnak you
Tanisha Bush
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I love you! I've been in between real good and bad, but I am trying to be good. I'm not saying I am being mean just not real good. But I hope you still come by my house. I would like to have a baby born, sky dancers and some pretty clothes. You can bring anything else you think I might like.
Love
Chelsey Drummond
P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus I love her too!

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan and sister name is Brenna. I want a another fish and a ramot control car. Brenna wants a tumbling baby and a teacher barbee.
Love,
Megan & Brenna Fletcher

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year, I really wish you would bring me a Big Jake tractor, some cool tools and for my baby sister Hayley she wants a baby doll but most of all she wants her 2 front teeth because she's only 6 mo. old and doesn't have any. Thank you Santa for whatever you bring me. I love my Mom and Dad and sister Hayley very much and I hope you have a safe trip delivering toys on Christmas Eve.
Love
Anthony Taylor
Age 3

Dear Santa Claus,
I want for Christmas a rocket that flys up in the sky, next I want Dr. Dreadful and a pellet gun with a scope and for my dog a year's supply of dog food and for my sister Texas Tech ear rings and for my big dog a big bone.
Love,

Cale Lancaster
P.S. Thank you for the things you broght me last year.

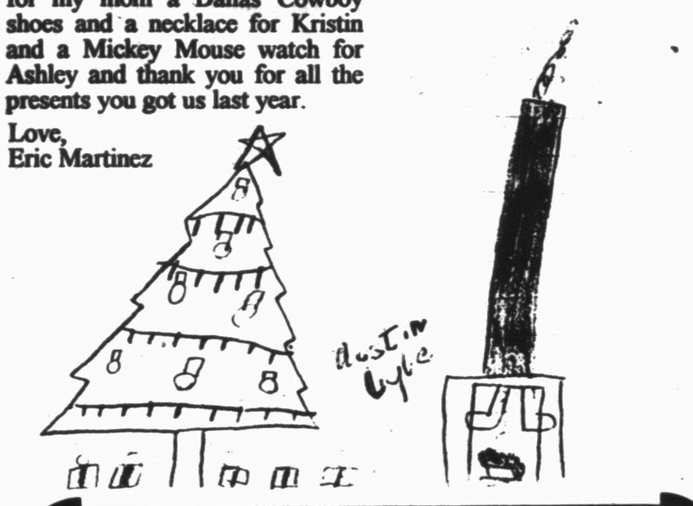
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a CD player and tow CDs and a computer and a new tv and vcr and a new ♥ neckless and foritto snow and a littly baby puppy, little Christmas tree to put it in my room as and you bring a bone for my dog Ginger and some presents. Thank you for the presents last year so very much.
Love
Amanda Murray

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big dollhouse and a tree if you can bring a Dr. Dreadful and a Mrs. Claus doll and a Mr. Claus doll and a reindeer doll. A star for the tree and two dolls and if you can bring me a cow I would be so happy and I would like a pair of skates and I would like a pair of roller blades. I would like some dog food for my dog.
I would like new cat. P.S. thank you for the presents.
Love
Dalesa Traytor

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope I am a good boy so you will bring me some presents and presents for my mom and dad and my sisters and I hope you bring me a remote control car and a ring for my mom a Dallas Cowboy shoes and a necklace for Kristin and a Mickey Mouse watch for Ashley and thank you for all the presents you got us last year.
Love,
Eric Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish that I had a nerf gun. It is called Secret Shot. Shoes and a remote control car, a few movies and baseball cards. That is all P.S. thank you for the presents you brought me last year.
Love
Dustyn Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a play set. And a computer. My sister wants a Barbie. And I want a TV set and a remote that goes with it. And I want a skateboard. And my mom and my dad want a back massager. I want a new bike that is purple. I want a pair of roller blades. P.S. thank you for everything.
Love
Breanna Talavera



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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dimend ring. I just want to thank you for the presents that you gave me P.S. I want some rart hand cufs whith a kee P.S please wake me up when you get ther because i want to see all of the rain deers and take a ride.
Love,
Lindsey Kay Jarnagin

Dear Santa Claus,
Dr. Dreadful lute Dredffule. And my brother a cuch of presents. And my mom buch of angels. And my brother remote conrol car. Thank you for the presents
Love,
Jeremy Torress

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Mysize Barbie. My brother wants a computer and my mom wants a new pair of shoes and my grandmom wants a new house. My sister wants a ball and thank you for all the toys you got me last year santa clause. I will send you a card.
Love
Katrina Machett

Dear Santa Claus,
I want for christmas a watch, a Dr. Dreadful, computer basket, Mrs. Santa doll Mary and Joseph and bady Jessus, and sheeps, three wisemen, a cow, the stabul, an angels. Skates, rollerblades.
Thank you for last christmas.
Love
Betty Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus,
Dear Santa can you buy me a remote control car and my mom will love a pair of glasses and my dad will like a pair of boots.
Love
Jonathan Vasquez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some new black roller blades and a zega and the sonic 2 and sonic 1 and Power Rangers oh and wake me up!
Shawn Kincaid

Dear Santa,
I would like a Midnight Gala Barbie, close, Busy Gal Barbie, cunputer games, Super Nintendo games, Story of Babie Book, Barbie as Rupuazel, polynesian Barbie, Native American III Barbie, Barbie as Scarlett, Barbie as Margi? Ken as Rhett, Barbie as Dorothy, Pilgrim Barbie, Colonial Barbie, Pioneer Barbie, Barbie Bubble Gum Shop, Barbie Post Office, Boy watch Barbie for Cassie, poly pockets, scrush puppies purple Bulldog, dogman falco zord, Titanus, baseball cards, creepycrawlers workshop, Power Rangers the movie.
Shae Rinehart

Dear Santa,
I want a Microscope, and a High tech pen with a built in recorder that really writes. I also want a Parkeet with a pretty cage, and some food. Please get me a food, and water deal to put in My Parkeet cage. I'm sorry I changed my mind. I will leave you some milk in cookies for when you come.
Love,
Kamie Drain

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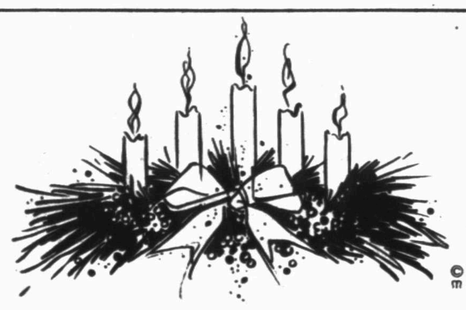

BRIGHT WISHES
Sam Robertson
General Agent
1926 26th Street
573-4053
The Franklin Life Insurance Company

Merry Christmas
Happy Holidays
Season's Greetings
Joyous Noel
THE HAIR STATION
573-0885
2005 26th Street

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201 31ST STREET

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Wishing a very merry season to all of our friends.
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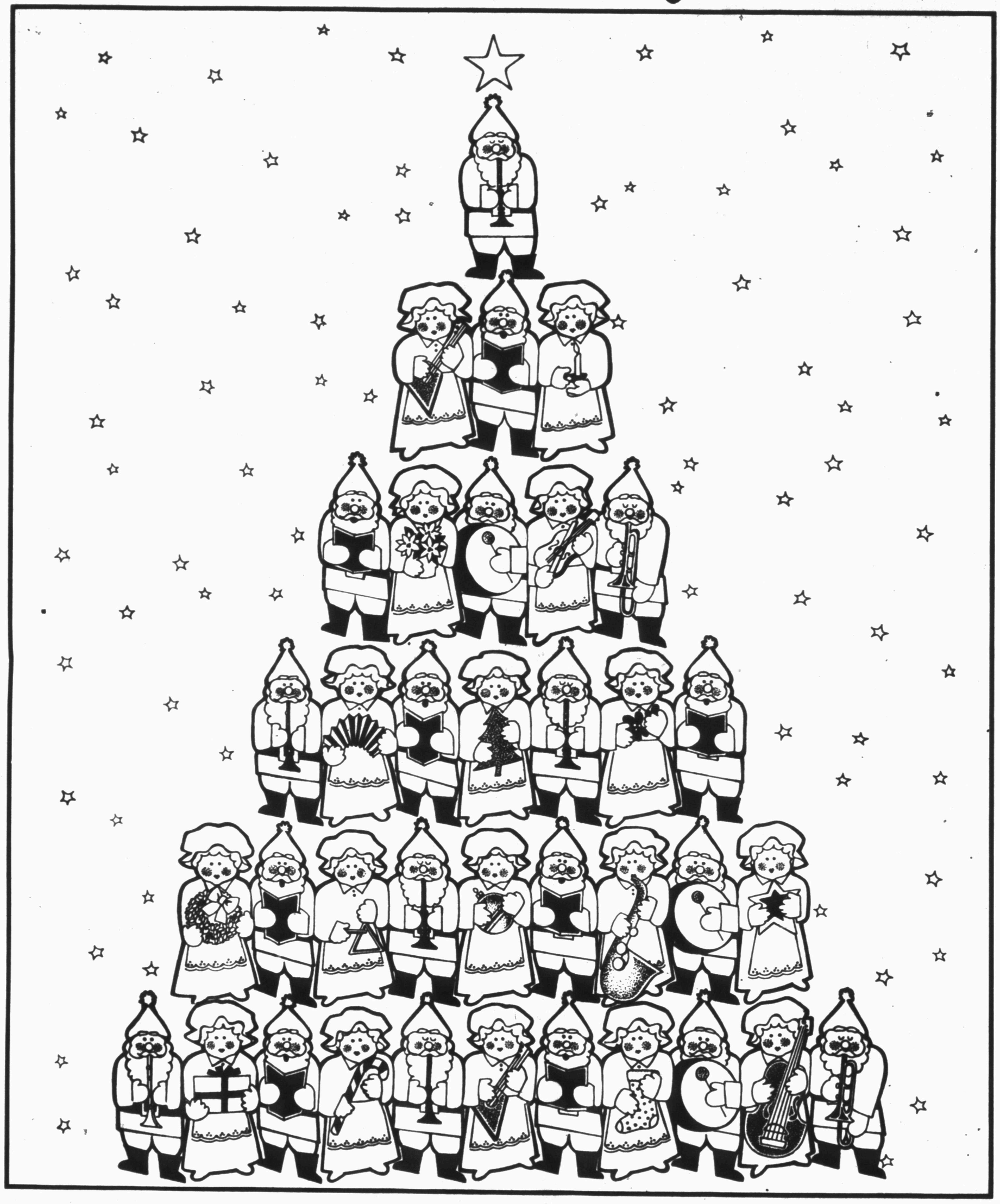

From every branch of our family tree,
Go our very best wishes to all of thee.
We hope it's a season of merriment and mirth;
Of good tidings to all and peace on earth.
Thank you for putting your trust in us.

the officers, directors and staff of

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We take Snyder to Heart!

Joy, beauty, inspiration, renewal in the hearts of men. This is the everlasting heritage of the Christmas Season. Our sincere best wishes to one and all.

From The Directors, Officers & Staff

West Texas State Bank

Your Hometown Bank

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Santa Letters.....

Dear Santa,
I want a deluxe teatherball and a hand cupture and a Baby check up doll. I have been pretty good.
Thanks
Mattie Smith

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. I am 8 years old. I go to school at Central and I am in third grade. I would like to have a zooge it set and a soccer ball and clothes.
Your friend,
Kim Cooper

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. So I wonder if you could get me these things. a Sega enteractor, Mortan Combat the movie, a new bike and a pet heghog, Mortal Combat & for Sega enteractor. Toy Story the movie, Viper the car. Well I have to go bi!
your friend,
Kelly Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a Go cart and a printer than will come with a computer. I whant a Sega to and a bike, radio, Game Boy, new clothes, C-D player and a Super Nintendo.
merry christmas love
Crystal Villasana

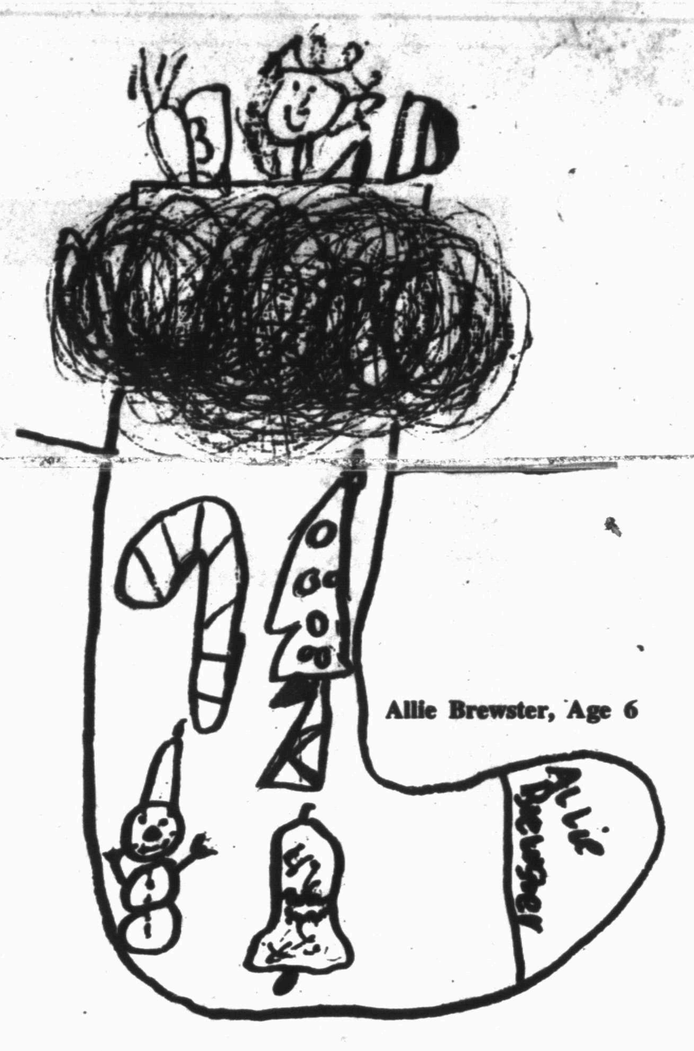
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year.
I am 10 yrs old.
i go to school at Central and I ma in the third grade. I would like a barbie doll, Mickey Mouse book and new clothes.
merry Christmas,
Debia Alvarez

Dear Kris Kringle,
I would like a C-D and keyboard stand. Maybe a Sega game. I have ben a good girl this year. My little sister Morgan wants a pony too.
your
friend
Sarah
Carpenter
PS And a Talk girl.

Dear Santa,
I have beem good this year. I am 8 yrs old i go to school at central.
I want a bb gun Nintendo.
Merry
Christmas
Abel
Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a baseball bat for Christmas and a club to and a Sega for gameboy a motorcycle and a C-D player trampoline Mortal Combat the movie.
Love
Damian Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a ramg rector set and a dog and a cat and a rabbit and a now kimis tree and a nou hals and a grby and a tri and a gcrt i me p.
luv
Brandon Treat



Allie Brewster, Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer. I would like a Sega, Mortal Combat 3 Movie, a bike, a radio, a Game-boy. I have been good this year. I would like a baby so real, a doll, a bike, C-D, soccer ball, Super Nintendo. I am eight year old I go to third grade . I want a Game boy for my brother, for my sister I would give her bike. For my other Brother is a Mortal Combat 3 Movie. For my Mom and Dad is money.
Love, Annie Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I would like a B-B Gun, Batmobile, Batairplane, and tool belt and tools. I am 8 years old. I live on 3601 Irving. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Bradley Barry

Dear Santa,
I wont a nice gocort and a cedey player for christmas. i wotcht you moves i licht your move thay are nete i love you Santa.
love,
Danny White

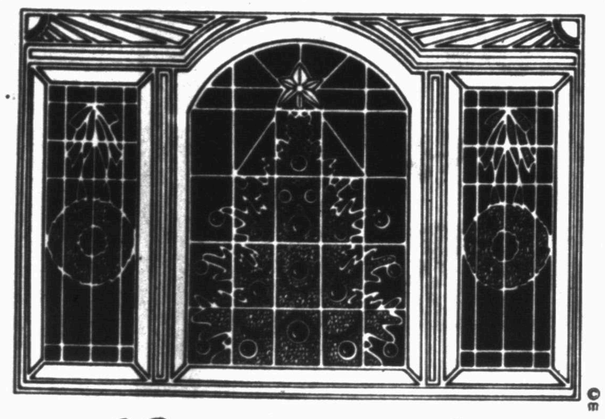
Dear Santa,
I want a bike, C-D air, hockey, rector set, money, Mortal Combat, Sega cd, dogm Battle Dome, foot-ball, b.b. gun, Deylord, ramp, cat, a motorcycle.
Love,
Dee Ostrander

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a b b gun.
frm
Joel Delgado

Dear Santa,
I would like to have Battle Dome, Air Hockey, and some clothes to wwhere. oh! and some jewelry for my teacher which is Mrs. Smith.
Love,
Phil

Dear Santa,
I am 9 years old. My name is Luis. I like to build a lot so I want a rector. My friend came to play football so I can give me one. If your can me me those i will be happy.

Merry Christmas
Luis Silva



Christmas Is Almost Here...

And we'd like to wish your whole family tree a wonderful celebration!

American State Bank
"Right Size To Be Friendly"

Celebrate the Christmas Spirit

May you always be blessed with His light and love.

Virginia Bloom & Monica Morales

The Pleasure's Mine
2502 Ave. R
573-6536

May the story of Christmas bring joy to all.

The Place for the Custom Face®
MERLE NORMAN
Personalized Skin Care and Makeup
May God's Love Be Reflected in Your Face

All We Want For Christmas Is To Thank Our Many Wonderful Friends!

The list may be long, but so is our gratitude for the great bunch of folk we've had the pleasure to know this past year.

To all of you go our very best wishes for a season that delivers everything you've ever wanted.

Hair Haven
Susan Grimmett, Jackie Nail, Betty Hilbreth, Jean Howell, Barbara Newman & Frankie Estep

Christmas is just Around the Corner

All over town, people are enjoying the beauty of the season with their near and dear ones.
We'd like to send our best wishes
for wonderful holidays to our friends everywhere!

GM Parts
Bill Wilson's Big Country Chevrolet Geo
Snyder Texas
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Traffic Circle
915-573-5456

Dear Santa.....

Dear Santa,
I have been good This year and I would like a printer for my computer and I have a bike and I need a tube for my bike and I would like a C-D and a new dog And that is all.
Love,
Sharonda Emeronda
Age 9

Dear Santa,
I want a dog
and a cat
11.00 dollars
my dad to stop drinking
watergun
bike
sofball
Love,
Brooke Pinkert

Dear Kris Kringle,
I would like my jewelry.
I would like a girl talk.
Love,
Natasha Ann Evans

Dear Santa,
I want Sleeping Beauty, Sally Secret, make-up beauty, roller blades, Baby Simp, elbow-knee pads.
Love,
Erica Lee, Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please being me a Country Kitchen, Ring around the Roses Doll, an Indian Barbie and a Barbie Talkin' Cellular Flip Phone.
I have been real good in school and home. Please come see me!
I love you and Mrs. Claus very much! Thanks.
Love,
Angela Almanzo, 5

Dear Santa,
I want some Roller blades, bArbie doll, doll, Helmet, Sleeping Beauty, new clothes.
Brittany Fisk, age 5

Dear Santa,
I want sleeping baby, roller blades, Barbie Pocahontas, John Smith, new shoes.
Love,
Cassie Cazarez, age 5

Dear Santa,
My name is MaKenna Raiin Scott and I am 2 years old. This will be my first Christmas in America and I want it to be very special. My mommy lives at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and my daddy lives at Ft. Knox, KY. I would like for them to come spend Christmas with me in Texas.
The only thing I want you to bring is a "bikecycle."
Your friend and admirer,
Kenna
P.S. Please bring candy, too. Ma hid my Halloween candy. Thanks!

Dear Santa;
I would like a T.V. with Remote. My niece Mariah would lkike a barbie car. Merry Christmas to all oof the Soldiers that are away from home.
Love,
Jessica Robbins

Dear Santa,
I want a doll an a barbie doll house and barbie jeep and a watch. Please help the kids that don-t have food or toys for Christmas.
Love,
Ashley Barrera

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car My brothers wants a computer and I hope every country has a joyful and peaceful Christmas.
Love,
Barrett Bowlin

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike. My dad wants some smelling good stuff. I want peace around the world, too.
Love
Curtis Mason

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of roller skates. My little brother wants some too. I hope people around the world have a Merry Christmas. And I hope you do too. I hope we will get peacxe.
Love,
Tyler Zalman

Dear Santa,
I hope that everyone has a good Christmas and that people have wars live in peace. I hope that My cousins and brother and sister and Me have fun on Christmas.

Love,
Natasha Schwoerer

Dear Santa,
I would like a stereao. Please bring peace to the world, and a good place to live for people that don't have one.
Love
Blake Seale

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a baseball and a baseball bat and a glove. My mom would like a vaccum. My dad would like a horn and let the world have a good peaceful day.
Love,
Benji Rodger

Dear Santa,
I want a doll. Will you bring my sister a toy. Please get special presents for my family. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Krystal Burleson

Dear Santa,
I want a car for Christmas. My brother wants a bike. I want the world to have a merry Christmas.
Love
Dakota Whiteley

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some toys. My brother would like a fishing pole. We like to fosh every year. my mom wants a car and dad needs new tools to work on the car.
Love,
Dezo Delgado

Dear Santa,
I want to have a C.D. player. My sister Robbin needs her C.D. to get fix. I hope the world has a merry Christmas.

Love,
Rocky Treat

Dear Santa,
I hope my family and I stay well for Christmas. Would you please send me a 10 speed Bike. I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love
Logan Loyd

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. My mom wants a new house. My brother wants a new pickup. I wish the teachers at my school i have a good Christmas.
Love,
Steven Wright

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a 10 speed bike for Christmas. Please bring some toys to all my brothers. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.
Love
Caleb Gutierrez

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a Looney Tunes Watch or musical pendant watches and a musical instrument watches: for my mom! and Betty-boop doll with 3 outfits. and silver streak lava lite a red one.
And a Fashion mansion barbie house and my best think I whanted sence I was in the second or 3rd grade A Vtech I.Q. unlimted computer or a Epson and A Barbie dancer
And for my mom I want you to give her a Emerald (a ring) and a butiful watche to my mom.
And Sata I hope that we put are Christmas tree up
I want a Super Whiz I will cut out a paper and show you Santa, or Master Video Painter or Kenner blaster Milton Bradley Lite Brite, Super Show Beam Projector and the game I want is mouse trap. Don't wake daddy. taboo twister gymnast Barbie doll, a high stepper horse, Barbee dance
I love you Santa, Merry Christmas
From Jessica Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle a Remote Control Truck and Racing Cars.
Jonathan Hernandez
Hermleigh

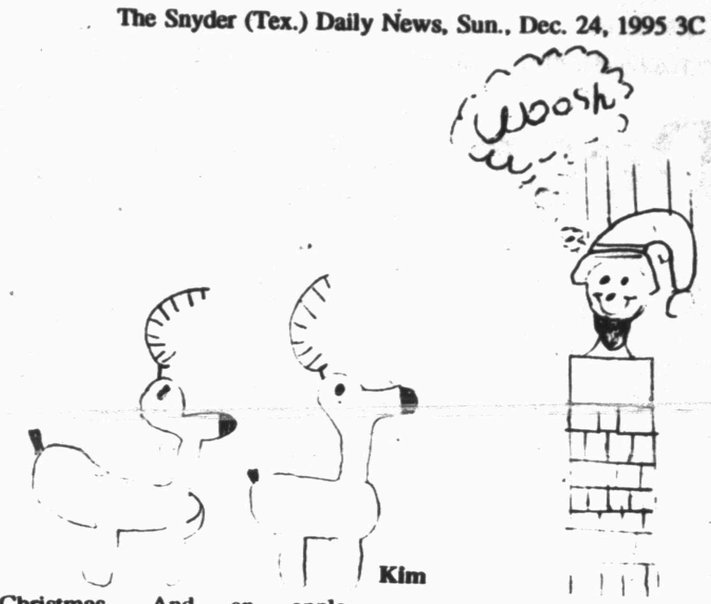
To Mr. Claus
Well what are you doing is there a Rudolf? —— chec yes or no here. Can I come to your workshop ——Chek yes or no?
here is a pecher uv you.
Can I have a sorwd please sir.
no name

Dear Santa Claus
What is your address! Here is what I want for Christmas A Sega CD with games, A&M jacket, CD player CD's T.V., V.C.R. and clothes I hope this is not to much to ask for.
Love
Tass Baze

Dear Santa,
I really really wont a power will pincr Gepp
From Jaedi

Dear Santa
I being a good boy so far. I am twelve years old. And I want GT Vertigo
Batman Forever
Shoes
Clothes
Boom Box
49er Jackie and cap
From
Tim Wallace

Dear Santa Clause,
Theses are the things I want for Christmas these are the things my sister wants for Christmas Barbie sleeping bag, Lucky Ducks, Mini Super Market, Doodle Bear, Sparkle party, Dress and Dream vanity that is all my sister wanted.
Now it is my turn I want game gear sonic 2 system, are you afraid of the dark game grave danger, I'm dreaming of a wight ranger, creative craft center, glittvitor maker, easy bake and oven, baby so real, fantasy bride, sky dancer the wight one, starcastle tea party, teacher lalie. Well that is all we want. Oh! my sister wanted eufum. Oh! you are the best Santa I know I love you and Britt does too.
Love Krista, Brittni Chaidez
One more thing I want wild and whacky painty. Oh! have a merry Christmas. And an apple computer.



Kim

Dear Santa
I being a good boy so far. I am six years old. And I want a Vertego, Batman Forever, clothes and AM&FM Cassettes Walkman
From Guy

Dear Santa,
I am Joshua Blackwell. I am 7 years old. I want skates, radio. Skateboard, punching bag. Boy barbie doll, clothes, puppy bear fire truck.
Joshua Blackwell
Age 7

'TWAS RIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...

And we always make it our policy to thank everyone for making our year such a good one. We hope all your dreams come true, this holiday season!

Hugh Boren & Son Insurance
Don West & Cliff Smith
2501 College Ave. 573-3555

Merry Christmas
from Mary Garcia, Debra Davis, Rachael Chaidez, Laura Benitez, Kathy Murdock & Norma Kile

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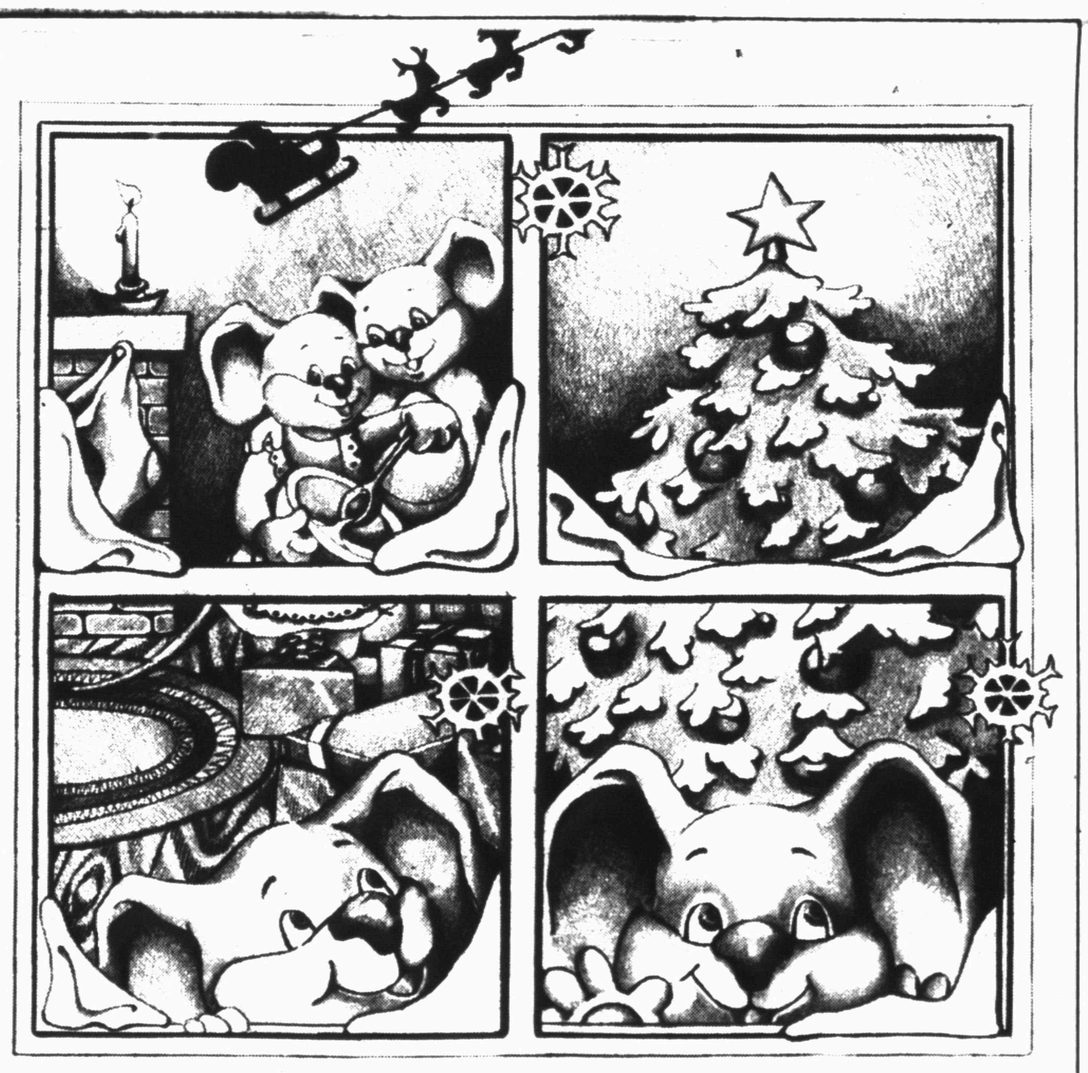
2417 College Ave. 573-0189



Hallelujah!
May your heart be filled with joy!
Lang Tire Company
1701 25th
573-4031

ALL THE BEST!
We're sending out our best wishes to all you wonderful people who visited us this year.
Brenda's
Nothing sews like a Bernina Nothing
BERNINA
Sales & Service
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HAPPY HOLIDAY
Bundles of presents, sweet aromas of festive treats, the sight of the glowing tree, the sparkle in their eyes on Christmas morning... it's Christmas time. May all the world be at peace.
Gary, Kathy, Ryan, Nicholas, Margaret, Nita, Janice, Amy, LeRoy, Ray & Jake
Landes
Home Furnishings, Inc.
2112 25th Street
573-2141

Dear Santa....

Dear Santa
i being a good girl so far i am seven years old and i want Dremephon Walkmen, Chik Munks tape in Low Places Barbe Bubl Gum Shop Fashion Macr Ice crem macr snow cone macr real teluphon a goofe movie and uj relu move godry move baby so real hot star blck fru rash and if you can giv me ol ov this stuf plese giv it to me and oen more thing scats.
Lisa Baldwin

Dear Santa,
I am Bonita Blackwell I am 10 years old. I want a Barbie doll and some skats and a steryow and a bean bag and a stofed anamal that's a bear and the movie Mortol Kombat. Not the antamashon.

Dear Santa,
I want some colone and boots and a bean bag and a game called Moral Combat 3 and a funching-bag and thats all I want. I am 8 and my name is Casey Newby.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Melissa Newby. I am 7 years old. I want for Christmas Barbie dolls pochantos. Baby doll. skates. TV. bean bag.
Thats all I want
Melissa Newby
Age 7

Dear Santa,
We have ben good this year. For Christmas my brother wold like baseball training center. My sister wold like a princess wishing star or baby check up. I wold like a baby born or bundle of babys.
Get lots of sleep and fly safely
Lauren Turley
P.S. We don't have a chimney so use the door.

Dear Santa
I have been good this year.
Please bring me toys like a radio controlled racer, a doctor's kit, a Bopping Bee, a Skye Friend Doll, My Friend Nuzzle the Dog, a Fisher Price Baseball Training Center a Perfect Shot camera and a Triple Arcade.
Thank You! Merry Christmas.
I love You!
Jamie Armold

Hi Santa,
I have been good this year, and thanks for these presents that you are making some people.
Please bring me a Chicken Limbo, a doctor's kit, a Perfect Shot Camera, a Big Jake Dump Truck, some books, some Christmas books and a Jennie Gymnast.
thank you. Merry Christmas.
I Love You!
Casey Arnold

Dear Santa,
1. Game boy,
2. Free Willy 1 and 2
3. Steel Tek
4. Lincoln Logs
5. Gordy Movie
6. McDonald Shop
7. G.I. Joe
8. Cars and Trucks
9. Frankenstein
10. Indians and Teepee
11. X Min Space Ship
Dalton Cole

Dear Santa,
I would like a Game Boy, P Cade Drum and TV. I would like to hug you.
Your friend,
Mitchell Cole

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me for Xmas a bike and a Baby Tumbler and pocahontas boots and the movie of Casper and Power Rangers. And for my little sister a Baby tumbler who I love very much and for my mommy a big hug we love you mommy.

Thank you Santa
Guadalupe Zuniga
Age 6 yrs. old

Dear Santa,
I have been a bood boy I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary.
For Christmas I would like
1. Nintendo
2. football
Love,
Willie Berkley

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me for Xmas a Baby Tumbler and a Bike for me. And Barbie dolls and for my sister I love a lot a movie of Casper and for my mommy perfum. Weved been good girls this year Santa.
Thank You Santa
Erika Michelle Flores
Age 2 years old

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary.
For Chirstmas I would like.
1 hamster
2 creepy crawlers
Sega
Love
Brian Villareal

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like!
1. dog
2. rabbit
3. cat
Love,
Candice Todd

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. dog
2. silver surfer
3 Joker
Love,
Trent Early

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. Barbi
2. Cat Woman
Love
Kriston Alarcon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years olf. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. computer
2. helmet
3. pom poms
Love
Tana Sullenger

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. roller blades
2. dog
3. rabbit
Love,
Yolanda Valencia

Dear Santa,
I ahve been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade to East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a computer.
Love,
Jessica Yanez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. dirt bike
2. talk boy
3. basketball goal
Love,
Stetson Kincheloe

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. cat
2. cap
3. Batman
Love
Levi Stahl

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. am y years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. roller blades
2. basketball
3. pedro
Love, Ryna Alaniz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like
1. talk boy
2. toy story cowboy
3. bat man
Love
Willy Bob Greene

Dear Snta,
I have been a good girl I am 8 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Chraistmas I would like
1. pom poms
2. cat
3. cards
Love,
Stacey Carrodegua

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. dog
2. Sega
3. cat
Love
Joe Garza

Dear Santa,
I have been a god boy I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary For Christmas I would like:
1. gargoyle
2. Bat man
3. Joker
Love
Sean Velasquez

Dear Santa
I have been a good boy. I am 6 yeas old I am in girst grade at East Elementary for Christmas I would like
1 shoes
2 Bunny
3 clothes
Love,
Michael Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. water whistle
2. trigger gun
3. dirt bike
Love
Joey Groce

Dear Santa,
I'm thankful that I have a family to celebrate Christmas with. My dad really wants a snakelight for Christmas. My mom wants Christmas earing, and my brother wants an Aggie Starter jacket. So, could you, please bring them these things? I have been very good this year. I've visited old people, and I have been obeying my parents.
What I want for Christmas is a Reggie Miller jersy. I promise to try to be good and visit old people more in '96.
Your friend,
Jed Martin

Brandon Hagins
Santa and his presents

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary For Christmas I would like:
1. dog
2. cat
Love, Pete Castro

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. dirt bike
2. water gun
3. talk boy
Love,
James Cody

Here's hoping your holidays bring the best of everything, all the way around!

BEST HOLIDAY WISHES

Key Bros. Lawn & Leisure
600 E. 37th 573-3201

Best Wishes at Holiday Time

'Tis the time of year,
To get in high gear,
To spend with those dear,
To be of good cheer,
And express our appreciation,
Before starting the celebration!

Many thanks and merry Christmas from our family to yours!

Clark Lumber & Supply
1706 25th Street 573-6347

PEACE & JOY
Rev. Rusty Dickerson, Staff & Members
Trinity United Methodist Church
5200 Trinity Blvd. 573-3988

All The Best To You!
Hope you have a joy-filled season with friends and family. We appreciate your support!
McDonald's Welding Supply
1110 College 573-5329

YOU'RE ON OUR
GIFT LIST
May the gifts of love and happiness be bestowed upon you this holiday season.
Anita's Family Hair Center
Anita Rios, Anita Hernandez,
100 E. Hwy. 573-2281

Dear Santa....

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the presents you give me. My favorite show with you in it is The Santa Claus, Please help my Grany get well, and my mom to pass her college test, also help my sister get her American Girl toys. I've been great!!! I helped my mom with her class and I will help more often. Please give me an electric guitar like Billie Joe's or Billie Corgan's. Also Virtual Boy and MK III. I would liek Speed and other movies. Next year I'll be great.
Sincerely,
Rankin Hardin
P.S. Bring me an amplaphier.

Dear Santa Claus,
I'm very thankful for you. You've always given me presents. I really like your movies "The Santa Claus" and "Miracle on 34th Street." They were wonderful. Please get my brother a Cowboy Deion Sanders jersey. I've been good this year. I unload the dishwasher, put the clothes in the dryer. I want this year two Baby-Sitter Club dolls, a Cut'n Style Barbie, a Betty Boop Clock with numbers and finally a tape of Mariah Carey and Boys II Men singing "One Sweet Day." I will be very good in the next year '96.
Thanks!
Love,
Sara Danae Thronhill

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the neat things that you have given me over the past years. The best thing that I've ever goten is a B.G. gun. Please bring a seed planter for my dad's tractor, jewelry for my mom, and a tall CD holder for my brother.
I've been pretty good this year and I would like a bow and arrow for Christmas. I promise not to do as many bad things in 1996.
Sincerely,
Clint Mayo

Dear Santa,
I'm thank ful for the movie "Santa Claus. I would like my brother to have the video game "Yoshi's Island."
I think I have been very good this year. This year I would like you to bring me a new bass and a new amplifier, Chris Webber's new shoes, Mortal Kombat 3, and Killer instinct and any kind of soccer game. I will be the nicest kid in '96.
Sincerely,
Justin Stoker

Dear Santa,
I'm very thankful for you giving gifts to kids all over world. Us kids really appreciate you giving us toys and other things. You were awsome in the movie "The Santa Claus."
My brother wants Power Wheels Bigfoot. I want a K-nex Big Ball FActory, Goofy Golf Machine and Chairley Bolden Blue Space Jumpsuit.
I've been very good this year and I didn't hit my brother int he head with a hard baseball this year eather.
Sincerely,
Josh Kemp

Dear Santa,
I'm thankful that my brother plays swords with me I'm thankful that we have the best army. A gift for my cousin is a stereo system. And his name is Raymond Floyd. A gift for me is a Light Attack, Richotet, Mortal Kombat 3, Donkey Kong Country two and a pack of Star Wars draids. I have been pretty good this year.
Your Elf,
Clayton Floyd

Dear Santa,
My favorite present was my 15 speed SLS bike. Could you get my mom and John a new T.V. for their room. Lauren a clip and a new No Fear shirt, my dad and Cindy a couch, Keagan an electric Batman car. Brady a big green dinosuor and Sloan a baby play mat. I have been in between. But the good thing is I raked somebody yard! I would like a Tech Starter jacket, a word processer and apuppy dog. Thanks, I will be good in 96.
Love,
Jordan Renee Donelson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents you have brought me in the past. I love them all. My favorite present was my doll Samantha. I love her. For Christmas would you please bring my mom a new blow dryer, my dad loves computer stuff, please bring my sister some fire-fighter things. Would you please bring my family a computer. By the way I have been very good this year. Would you please being me a rock tumbler the game, "13 Dead End Drive," and I would like the game ARch Rival. I will be wonderful in 96.
Love,
Sarah Crawford

Dear Santa,
I have believed in you for ten whole years. I really enjoyed your movie The Santa Claus.
If you have the time,would you please give my mom some dishes.
I have been fantastic. So would you plesae give me shoes, clothes, air swoops, cds, SEga cd game, but you don't have to get me all those things and Santa one more thing would give ma git to the troops going to Bosinia. Thanks!
Love,
Erin Burleson

Dear Santa,
I have always believed in you. I want to thank you for always bringing me toys. I want you to give my mom a new dimond ring, my brother a toy sleigh, my brother Michael a new fishing rod. Matthew needs some socks. My daddy a new hacksaw. I want a new watch, a double barrol bb gun, and a work shop like my dad's. I will be very good in '96 to do that I'll do all my work.
Sincerely,
Thomas Baldwin

Dear Santa,
I have always believed in you. I have since I was little. I really enjoyed your movie the Santa Clause. Will you please get my grandma a new car. I have been very good this year. I've minded my parents and I have done very well in school. Would you please give me a telescope and a voice actavated squirt gun and some other surprises. I will be very good in the year 1996.
Sincerely,
Andra Dunham

Dear Santa,
I ahve believed in you for 10 years, and I plan on beliveing in you for anther 10 years. I'm very thankful for the computer you gave me two years ago. My grandmother got me a CD-ROM for my birthday to go with it. Please give my teacher, Mrs. Early a new stereo for Christmas. I have been very good this year. My friend and I raked yards for people. This year I would like a bike and a Game Gear. I will try to be very nice to others in '96.
Yours truly,
Bethany Clements

Dear Santa,
I have believed in you all my life. I am thankful for all the things you have given me before, like the Sega and everything else. This past year my my mom has been very good and she's been wanting a new leather wallet because hers is all torn up so can you get her one. I've been very, very, very, very, very good this year. This summer I helped my dad. This year for Christmas all I want are new roler blade wheels. Next year I promise to be beter than I was this year.
Sincerly,
Lee Poluchavicz

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa, I have belived in you all of my life, and thank you for the gifts. I', thankful for you, God, Jesus, my mother, my father, my sister, my grandparents, and my aunts and uncles.
I will get my mother a Sapphirering, I will get my father a T-Shirt. I will get my sister a purfume set.
I've been very good this year.
I would like a 747 pure diamond shirt pen.
I will be good in '96.
Your biggest fan,
Kyle Dortch

Dear Santa,
Here is my list for Christmas. There is a small letter at the bottom. I want a Clay Walker tape a teather ball set, a computer and some cds for a cd rom which I don't have. Taz goes to Space, and a Nike shirt. Will you please give my mom a nativity scene, and my brother Nike shoes, and my dad some new reading glasses, and my cat a cat door. I'll be really good next year. Thank you for all the toys you have given me in the past.
Your pal,
Paula Fritz

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for all the presents you've given me in the past. Thank you again. Santa please bring my sister a bike, my mom and dad want a regular size TV, and my grandparents a new trailer house. All I want is a baby doll and a Barbie doll. I will be good in 1996 because I will help my mom. I will not fight with my sister and I will read to my sister. I will also help my grandparents.
Sincerely,
Sara Rebecca Pavlovsky

Dear Santa Close
This year I would like to hav a walkman that onaly plas CDs, and a secret diare that has badares, a baby that looks real and crys, Magic ink that is blue, real cruches my size, some cds that have songs like FM103.7. I forgot some clear paper please. Please I hope I get what I wanted.
Love,
Megan McCormick

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like to have some Oklays and a Ken Griffey Jr. jersey. Also a marble chess set. A Jamal Mashburn jersey and poster. Some Ken Griffey Jr. baseball cards. A Tyco Rebound remote control car. A Nike hat, and for Super Nintendo, Yoshi Island.
Love,
Matt McCormick

Dear Santa,
Well, I want a train, a sleeping bag and some ice skates. Gramma wants to hang her tree up so it can look pretty. Pop's gonna hang him tree up. Gran needs to hang her stockings up. Pop wants toys. And I don't need no new clothes. Um, I think that's all.
I Love You,
Sarah Davis
Age 3

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Amanda and I'm 4 years old. I have been pretty good this year. Will you please bring me a Baby Tumbles Surprise, a Barbie doll, Barbie car, dishes for my kitchen and Baby Cootchie Coo. Please bring some toys to my cousin Lauren. She has been a good girl too. I will leave milk and chocolate chip cookies for you. I love you, Santa.
Love,
Amanda Nicole Browning

Dear Santa,
I want baby born and skates for Christmas. I want a doll that walks and talks and wts her diaper. I want a Power Wheels Four Wheeler and a purse. And nothing else. I love you.
Aryn K. May

Dear Santa,
Instad of a tramopline I wold like a Sega Genus and some video game Also dictionary I wold also like a brown dog that can bark and walk.
Love,
Gabrille

Dear Santa,
I want 1. a new born baby doll. 2. Casper movie 3. pochahantas movie
4. Barbie Jeep 5. new bike 6. new tape player 7. a Teddy Bear that you can write on 8. a TV and 9. VCR I know you can't bring me all of this these are just some ideas my sister, Kendall wants new rollerblades! a porcelain Indian doll, a Tech jacket.
I love you Santa have a nice night
Love Allie Brewster

Dear Santa,
I have been a big girl. I would like a computer, bear baby doll, painting books, play rion, pretty dress, new tennis shoes, Andra (the movie), new tea pot, big castle, a Santa Clause
Destinee Naegele
Age 6

Dear Santa,
Do you like Christmas Eve?
Is it fun or hard? My brother says you are magic. Would you make it snow on Christmas Eve? I love the snow? It would make your sled land better!
I know youa re going to bring me, and my brother and my baby sister everything we want! I Love You!
Lane

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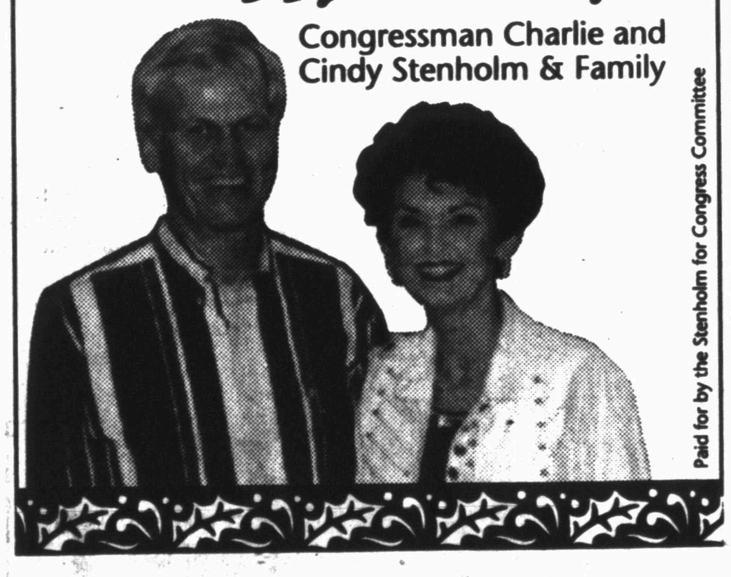

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"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." — John 1:5

Wishing a bright and merry Christmas to all.

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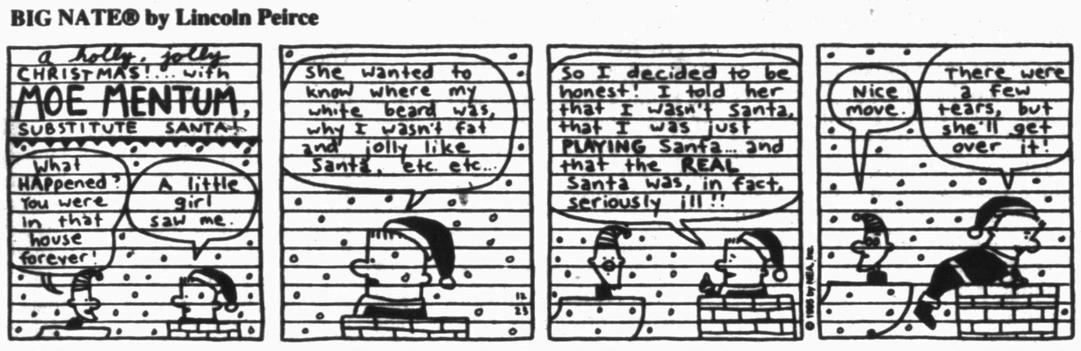

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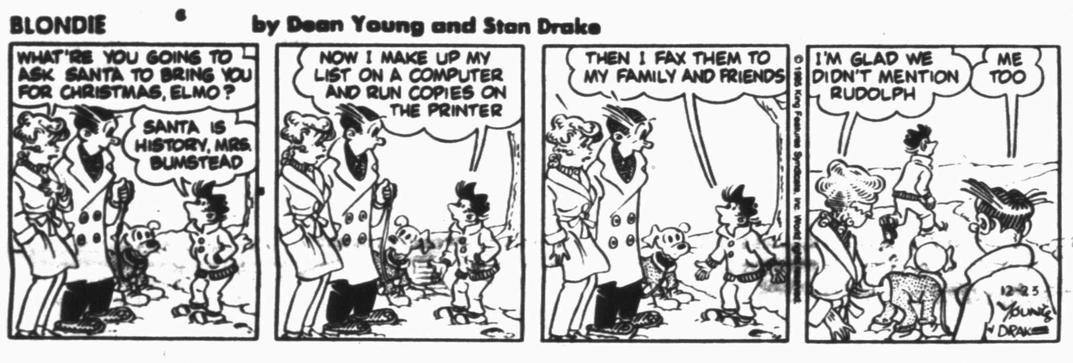

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Not at sea
7 Fishing net
12 Sci-fi writer Isaac —
13 Director's order
14 King of the Huns
15 Cook slowly
16 Sen. Kennedy
17 Occupied a bench
18 Roman 3,000
21 Organization
23 Roman 1,051
26 Author Jean M. —
28 Arid
29 Roman bronze
30 Wound covering
31 — glands
33 Diplomats
36 Wine
37 Yes, in Paris
38 Necessity
40 Bar brews
41 Mao — tung
42 Plant part
44 Skill
45 Bottle cap
46 Ship-shaped clock
48 Busy
51 Vivid
55 Porcelain clay
56 Scanty
57 Potter's clay
58 — rating (of gasoline)

DOWN

1 Drivers' org.
2 JFK sight
3 Strike
4 Fail to mention
5 Actors' quests
6 Escapes
7 Kitchen tool
8 Coup d' —
9 Roman 3
10 Denials
11 Chemical suffix
13 Farcical
18 Good luck symbol
19 Slimy
20 Cruel person (sl.)
22 Prickly herb
23 Type of envelope
24 Less fatty
25 He who hesitates — —
27 Many oz.
32 Zsa Zsa's sister
34 Discourteous
35 Very heavy
39 Forceful person
43 Sailing ship
45 Leslie Caron role
47 Even
48 Alias (abbr.)
49 Auto
50 Dress up
52 Eastern title
53 Buddhism. type
54 Poetic preposition

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	J	O		Z	U	N	I		U	M	B	O
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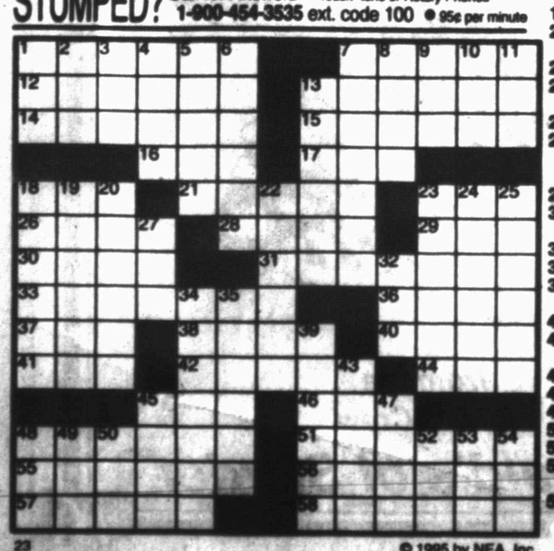

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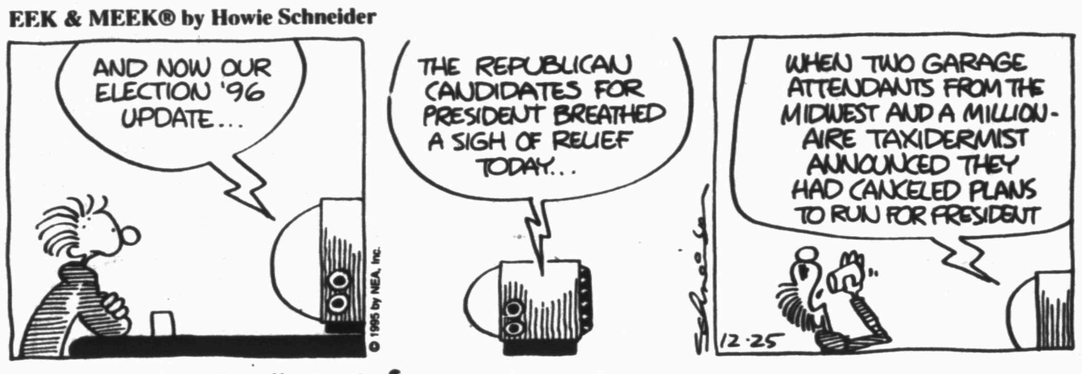

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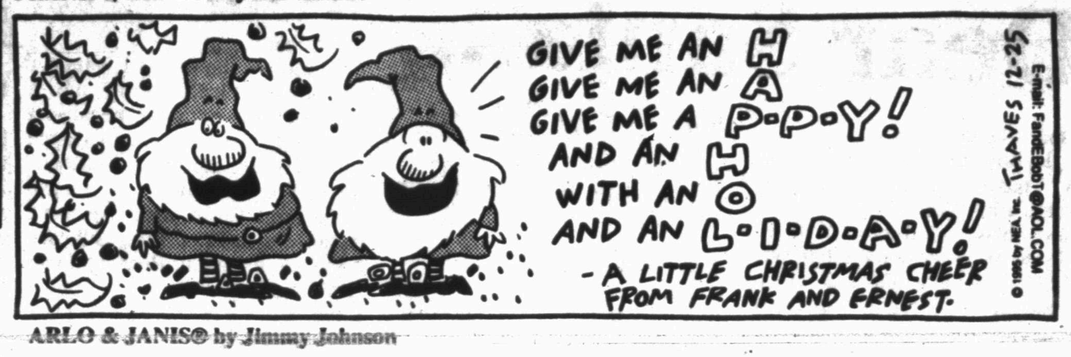

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ACROSS

1 I beg — pardon!
5 Calif. airline destination
8 Exercise system
12 Do — others ...
13 Clerical vestment
14 Southwestern Indians
15 Boast
16 — Canals
17 Geological division
18 Mug
19 Bird sound
21 Unrefined metal
22 Actor's speech for the audience only
24 Clock button
26 Visit frequently
28 Lubricated
29 Depot (abbr.)
30 Turf
31 Cowboy's nickname
32 Exist
33 French term of endearment
35 Relaxes
38 Task
39 Surgical compress
41 Goal
42 Has a meal
46 Mrs. in Madrid
47 Mormon State
49 Caspian or Adriatic
50 Employs
51 Theater box
52 18th letters
53 Wings
54 Type of jerk?
55 Negative word
56 Marries

DOWN

1 Desert plant
2 Forward dash
3 Ideal place
4 Line
5 Cloth belt
6 Ice mass
7 Wind instrument
8 Actor Brynner
9 Idle
10 — down (shifted to first)
11 Resource
19 Focused (on)
20 Clerical title
23 Robe
25 Earliest born
27 Cab
28 Gravel ridges
33 Shellfish
34 Obeisance
36 Scuffle
37 Open out
38 Make tight (against leakage)
40 Ameliorates
43 No man — — island
44 Roman tyrant
45 Sunrise direction
48 Tee- —
50 Labor org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	S	H	O	R	E			S	E	I	N	E
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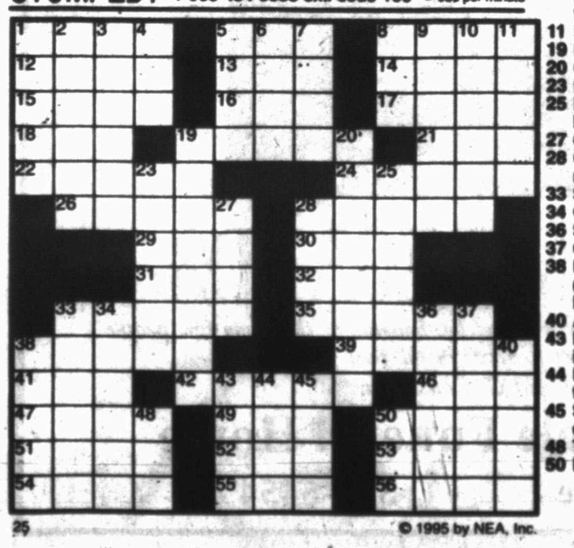

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Dear Santa....

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi how are you and Mrs. Santa? My name is Paul David I'am 9 years old I'am on third grade I have been good boy. Will you please bring me something I want like a hand game and creepy crawl, and 5-Knights game boys ring and boys necles and pants size 12, and shirts size 14 and socks size 9-11, and please bring something for my sister Rosalinda and something for my other sister Mary Ann and her kid and something for my God Father Cecilio and for my mom and dad, and Please bring some candys too. Santa Claus I will have some cookies and coffee and some hot tameles for you so please help your slef. I love you and Mrs. Santa. Oh Santa please bring something for my grandmother and to Dora. Don't forget to bring me something you want to bring me.
Always your friend
Paul David Romero
I will be good always.

Dear Santa
I want a bike all the powr Rangers sets and some new clothes and a slay and a gowcart and the power blaster and the nija megea zord.
Thank you.
PS I hope you get my cookes and milk
Your best friend and Moma June and James

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. Dirt bike parts and a dirt bike unfiform with a dirt bike helmet. I will also need some dirt bike boots and tree hiker boots.
Love,
Josh Baldwin
P.S. I would like some hunting stuff too.

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. I would like a toy jeep with a helmet so I can drive around my house. I would like the red and black power Ranger figures. Please bring me a Dr. Dreadful game and some walkie-talkies. And my dad and I would like a new house.
Love,
Scotty Arellano
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. I would like a dirt bike to ride around town. A toy jeep for my brother J.P. because he likes to play it with his friends. I want a Pocahontas book because I like to color in it and a clock because I need it in my bedroom to tell time. I need a back pack for school and two books, Clifford and a rabbit book.
Your pal,
George Smith

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie Post Office because she is neat, a Sky Dancer Doodle Bear, a new Bike and some Barbie Walkie Talkies so I can share them with my friends. I would also like a Teacher Barbie, a Lil' Miss Exewcutive Set, Dance Moves Barbie, and a Feed and Cear Set so I can Feed my dolls with it. And a Princess Wishing Star and Baby Layette. And Real Gem Stones and Grow your own Crystals and a Bikini.
Love,
Crystal Bridges

Dear Santa,
These are the things I want for Christmas. Please bring me a Batman For ever movie, because it is cool. Please bring me a Dance Moves Barbie, because she dances when you rock her arm. Please bring me a Little Miss Executive because it has real things. Please bring me a Doodle Bear, so I can Draw on her.
Love,
Dannie Webb

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas.
I would like Flower Magic Mary because she's pretty. And I would like Baby Giggles and Go because eh laughs a lot. And I would like a Feed and care set because I think its cool. And I want the movie Batman Forever because my sister thinks Batman's cute. And I want the doodle Bear because I think it would be neat to write on. And I also would like a miss executive set. And Barbie Post office and a Teacher Barbie.
Your pal,
Samantha Jo Berry

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. A toy jeep because I like to ride in them. And a football helmet because I like to play football. Zack the Power Ranger to play with and Blue ranger. This is all I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Frank Smith

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. A Dr. Dreadful labratory, Sky Dancer dolls, and a pink Ranger doll. I would like for you to give my brother a toy jeep and a yellow helmet. He needs this helmet because he falls off his bike a lot.
Love,
Alasha Arrendale

Dear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. Plese send me a toy jeep, a transforming mega Zord, and a rifle pop gun. I want these things, because they are cool.
Love,
Robert Lane

Dear Santa,
These are some things I want for Christmas. I want the Falcon Zord because it flys. Please send me the Shogenzords and a transforming Mega Zord so I can play with them.
Your budy,
Robby Anderson

DDear Santa,
These are the things I would like for Christmas. Can you please send me some jewelry and a barbie stickers? Can you please send me a coloring book and some makeup. I would also like a trapoline and a skirt. Can you send me a tank top and a bikini. I also want a Dr. Dreadful lab and a Princess Wishing Star.
Love,
Erica Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike, Power Rangers, roller skates, light-up shoes, a go-kart, a remote control car, a puppy, and new tools and a tool box for my Dad.
Your friend,
Ismael Berrones, age 8

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a remote control car, a swimming pool, a Sega GAme Gear and bring my brother, Ben, a Super Nintendo.
Your friend,
Mike Barrera, age 7

Dear Santa,
Please bring me light-up shoes, roller skates and a play stove. Please bring a new car for my Mom and Dad and a jambox for Julie.
Your friend,
Cesilie Torres, age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me roller bladeds, a Sega Game Gear, Yoshie's Island game and a go-kart. Please bring my Mom a new car and a ring.
Your friend,
Robert Ritch, age 7

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a swimming pool, a remote control car, a VCR and a four wheeler. Please bring a TV for my Mom, new tools and a tool box for my Dad, and a new couch for my Grandma.
Your friend,,
Nickolas Eaton, age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a My Size Barbie Princess, a three wheeler, roller blades, a paint brush, a puppy, a ring, Sega Game Gear, and a swimming pool. Please bring my Dad some new tools and a tool box.
Your friend,
Megan Kariainen, age 7

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Jasmine Barbie and a VCR. Please bring my Grandma a TV.
Your friend,
Erissa Sanchez, age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real kitten, a Barbie car and a swimming ppol. For my Mom please bring a necklace and a ring. Bring a go-kart for my brother and new tools and a tool bocx for my Dad.
Your friend,
Brittany Kelley, age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring a new car for my Mom. I want a puppy, roller blades, light-up shoes and a VCR.
Your friend,
Kelvin Doggett, age 6

Kelly Moore

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At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year...
— Thomas Tusser 1524 - 1580

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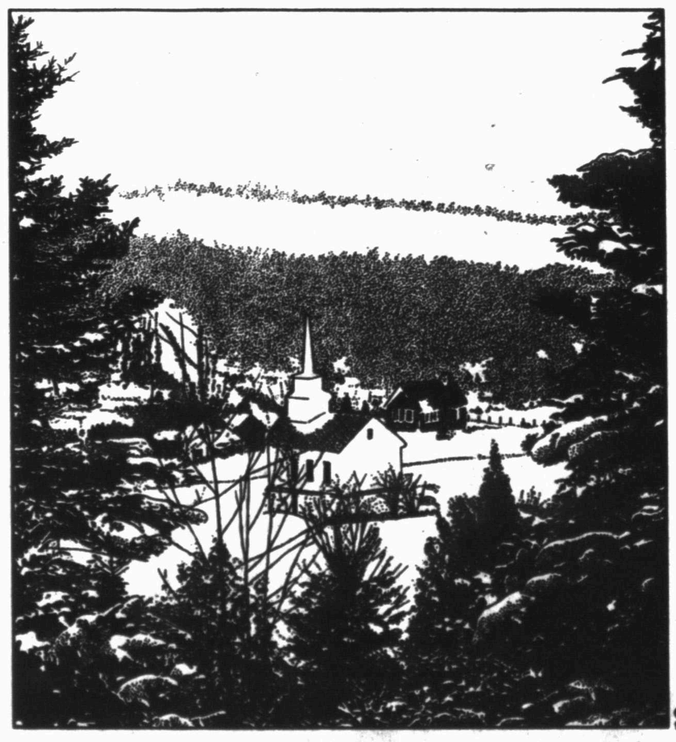

WITH WARM REGARDS
As snow and frost blanket the land, we're warmed by thoughts of the many fine people we have had the pleasure to serve in the past year.
Merry Christmas and God bless you.
Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home
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Dear Santa....

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie Boat, a model motorcycle, a Barbie Pool and a ring.
Your friend,
K'Leigh Jackson, age 6

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real rabbit and a Sega Game Gear. Please bring my Mom a new Electric Blanket.
Your friend,
Brian Molina, age 7

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jeremy Ruiz. I am seven years old. And I would like most of all a bike, clothes, remote control car, Nintendo game (Mortal Kombat) and toys.
I have been a good boy.
P.S. Please bring some things to my big sister, Jennifer.
Jeremy Ruiz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new Teddy Bear, some new hockey stuff, a TV and VCR, cool tools, a checkerboard, a Lion King picture, a belt, some puzzles, a new bank and a Teddy Bear for my new brother, Kegan.
Your friend,
Jacob Scifres

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a doll, a dress and a toy cat.
Love,
Jada Bilano

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a bike, a doll and a ring.
Love,
April Beth Boyd

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a motorcycle and a motorcycle suit. I want a white Power Ranger suit.
Love,
Miguel (Junior) Alarcon

Dear Santa,
I ahve been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a bed, a cat and a water gun.
Love,
Andy Garvin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I want a baby doll, I wat a Barbie doll, I wat a Barbie jeep.
Love,
Sarah Covington

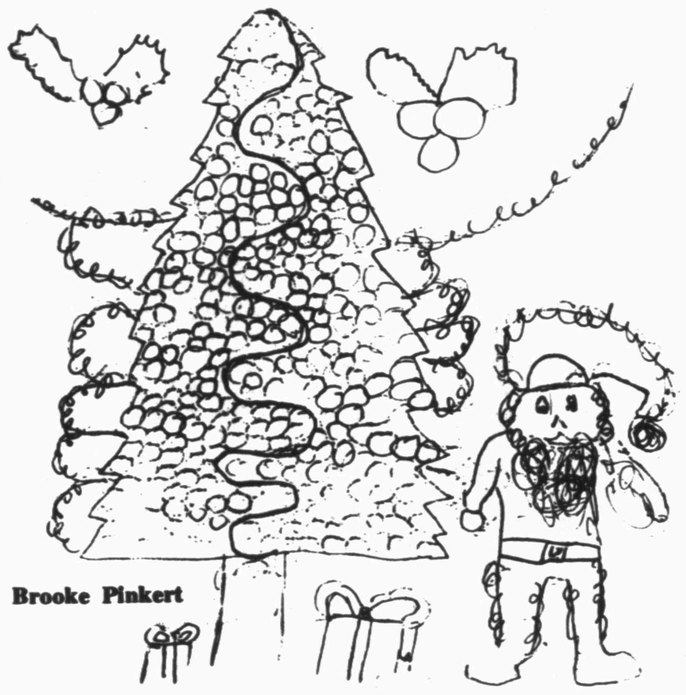
Dear Santa,
I haver been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like roller blades, light shoes and a rope.
Love
Candy Chandler

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I an 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like Kitty Kitty Kittens, a Pocahontas Body Suit and a brand new wallet.
Love,
Jodi Ascol

Dear Santa,
I ahve been a good girl. I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Barbie Jeep
2. Kitty Kitty Kittens
3. Pink Power Ranger night gown

Love,
Christina Guzman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. I want a race track, roller blade and some new clothes!
Love,
Steven Hubanks



Brooke Pinkert

Dear Santa,
I have been good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like Batman, Teddy Bear and a Robin suit.
Love,
Buddy Perry

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elethentary. For Christmas I woule like a Doodle Bear and Princess Bride.
Love,
Felicia Guzman

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I want a motorcycle and a Karate fighter.
Love,
Chris Gaddis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am seven years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I want Ninja Fighter a video game and Super Nintendo.
Love,
Joseph A. McGough

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I am 6 years old I an in first grade at East Elementary for Christmas I wouuld like a motorcycle a pellet gun and a remote control motorcycle.
Love,
Colton West

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a Power Ranger Movie and a guiter. I would like a Karate fighter.
Love,
William Brasher

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a jeep, a train and a race track.
Love,
Jordan Ortegon

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like an army jeep and an ariplane. I would like a tractor.
Love,
Casey Long

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like a Red Ranger Suit.
Love,
Steve Hembree

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christas I would like a Harley Davidson Suit, a book and a Race Motorcycle bike.
Love,
Michael Valadez

Dear Santa,
Hi. My is Corey Longorio. I am in Mrs. Morton's fourth grade clas at East Elementary.
I would like a four wheeler, three wheeler, and a dirt bike. A remote controle car, 3 in 1 pool table and a Virtualboy, a new bike, and a new dog.

Your friend,
Corey Longorio

Dear Santa
Hi, my name is Aaron Lindsey. I am in the 4th grade at East Elementary. I want a 10 speed and a Simon game. I want a Doctor Dreadful lunch lab.
Your fbiend,
Aaron Lindsey

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Justin Boyd and I am in the fourth grade at Easta Elementary.
I want a go cart, dirt bike, and a Nike baseball and a Maximizer, the game of Risk, plus a three in one pool table, a pair of roller blades, Most of all, a 1000.00 bucks.
Your friend, Justin Boyd.

Dear Santa,
My name is Whitney Stewart. I have been good this year so hear is what I want. I want a computer and internet to go with it, and a new Nintendo because myn is broken. This is what I waht. I'm in Mrs. Morton's 4th grade class. I don't now what my brother wants buy im shure he wants a wagen. My mom wants a ring that costs $99 plus tax. My dad doesn't want anything but im shure you will bring him something.
Your friend,
Whitney Stewart.

Dear Santa,
Hi, My name is Kerissa Kay Simmone. I am in Mrs. Morton's forth grade classroom. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Jenie Jymyst, a my size Barbie and a chicken limbo. I will have your cookies and milk. I have been very good.
Your Friend, Kenissa.

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Justin Cox, and this is what I want for Christmas this year.
I want a Microchim set and a microscope. This is all I want for Christmas. But my sisters list is a different story all tho she hasn't been good at all. But please give her one more chance.
Your friend,
Justin Cox

Dear Santa,
Yo, my name is Lacie Thompson. I am in the fourth grade at East Elementary. Santa, my man. I have lots of Christmas presents for you to get me. So get out a piece of paper and a pencil and get ready, Santa, my man. Here they are Santa Manna. I would like to have a bb gun, and Doctor Dreadfuls food lab, a macthintos computer, a cd player and a cd rom for the computer. I would also like a game boy. Now get this Santa Claus, this is the one I want a lot - a black and white cocker spaniel. I want a trampoline too. And a basketbasll hoop. And brayer horses.
Your friend,
Lacie Thompson.

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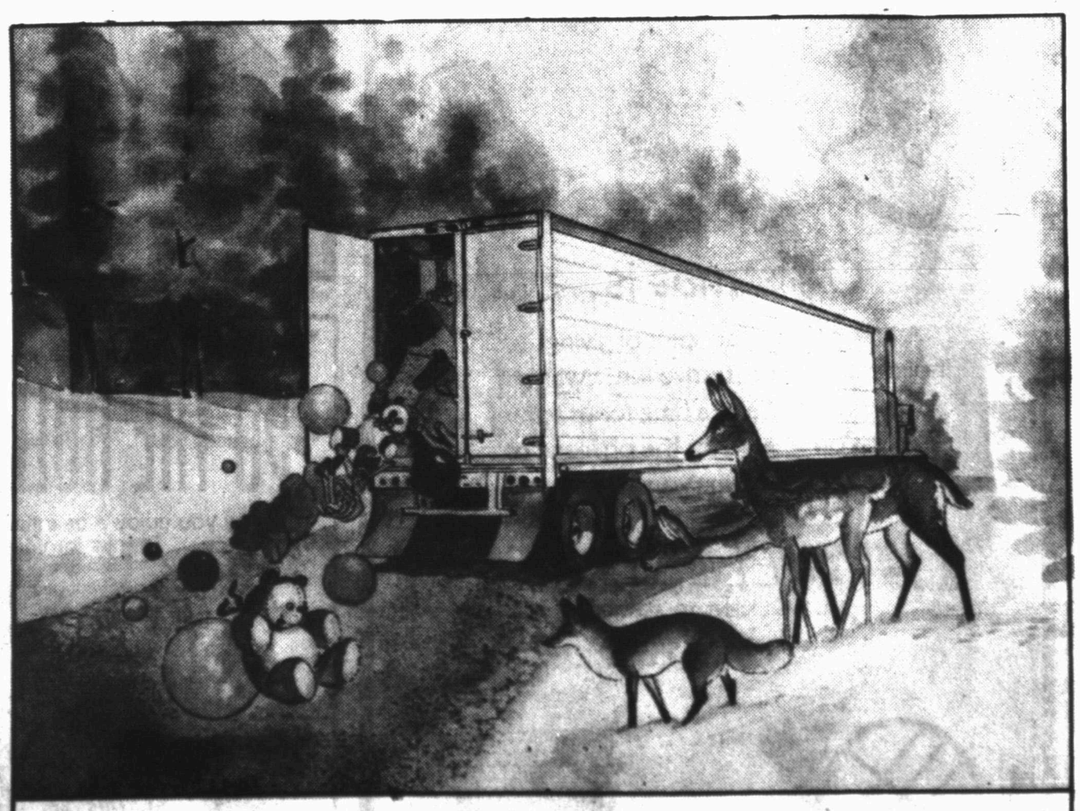
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Dear Santa....

Dear Santa,
I would like a couple of the following things. I want a doll house, hot skatin' Barbie and Ken. A new bike, some clothers, lace up ropers and hair barrets. I would also like to see peace on earth and no one to be hungry. I want Life, Channel Surfing and Jenga.
Sincerely.
Leeann Shankles

Dear Santa,
How are you this Christmas? I am eight years old and in the 3rd grade and would like a bb gun, a race car, some headphones, the tape Gangsters Paradise and Kriss Kross totally Krossed Out. That's all this year and a cd player.
Chadd O'Dell
Thank-ya.

Dear Santa, I wish I could have a set of baby doll food and dishes. I also would like some real china dishes. I wish people would stop stealing.
Love, Carolyn Shaw

Dear Santa,
My name is Kimberli Rivera and I am in the Fourth grade at East Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Morton. I would like to have a radio, tv, a computer, and a new jacket. Oh. By the way, how are Dasher, Prancer, Comed, Dixon, Cupid, Doner, Blitzen, Dancer and Rudolph doing? Do you know what my little sister Brittany wants. She wants a Magna-Doodle and she has been begging and begging for one.
So can you please get her one so she'll stop begging for one. Oh. My other little sister Amanda, wants a barbie called Teacher Barbie. My little brother Alex, wants a toy truck my mom wants a ring. My other mom, Yolanda wants a ring to. My dad Sebastion wants a Dallas Cowboy picture of Emitt Smith. My sister Cassie wants a new wadch. Well, that all I got to say. See you next Christmas.
Your friend, Kimberli Rivera.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a nintindo tape for a super nintindo, a Sega Saturn, and a race car. Could you help the poor people?
Love,
Austin Lyle

Dear Santa,
I want new rollerblades. I want a new baseball and bat, too. I want new games to my game boy. I want new games to my super nintendo. I wish you a Merry Christmas. And I wish people would stop polluting.
Love,
Dondi Brock

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a new bike. I would like a swimming pool. I would like a Nintendo. For the world I would like everyone to be well.
P.S. Santa I will set you out some cookies and milk.
Love,
Mark Keller

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a doll and I want a Merry Christmas. And for the world I want the people to not leave trash.
Love,
Erica Little

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a skate bord and roller blades. For the world, I wish there was no pollution. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Steven Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like Santa to bring a little play gun and a remote control car & a watch.
Robert Anthony Martinez
Age 6 yrs old

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard and a sega and a batman alarm clock. For the world I wish the world will stay clean.
Love,
John Liccardi

Dear Santa,
I would like a gocart and a limo and the whole Baseball Cards collection.
P.S. I would like to wish the whole universe a Merry Christmas.
Love,
K.D. Morrell

Dear Santa,
I wish I would get a barbie jeep. I wish I had a barbie, I wish Selina was alive. I wish everybody was nice to everybody.
Love,
Elizabeth Dominguez

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a bike. I wish I could have a Christmas tree in my room. I wish I would have new shoes. I wish people would stop fighting.
Love,
Khristian Torres

Merissa Pierson
Age 8

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a corvet, limo and a picture of Clay Walker. I would like for the environment to be clean.
P.S. Could you help the sick people get well?
Love,
Alyshia Fletcher

Dear Santa,
I would like a dinosaur robot, a siberian tiger, robot, a motocycle For the world I would like to have peace.
Love,
Joey Mendonca

Dear Santa,
I would like a game gear and a game boy and a go cart and a lema. For the whole world I hope everybody have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Chris Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a football jersey, and I want to have a bike, and I want to have a four wheeler. I hope people get well.
Love,
Keith Smith

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a nintendo and a pet snake or a pet monkey and smud, also a remote control car and a computer. On Christmas eve I will leave some cookies out for you to eat.
Jesus

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have bike and a football.
I need a new pair of shoes, a new baseball bat, and ball to.
I would like to have a car and a cat please and a radio and a B.B. gun.
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I wold like to have sonic 2 system, apple computer, baby so real, monopoly game, thin ice, some new clothes, treasure rocks, glitter maker, smud, foam that will come with chpper thing, new bike. You are the best Santa I know. Thank you.
love
Krista Chaidez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is fish, some games, Cd's of Clay Walker, Alan Jackson and Brooks and Dunn. I would also like movies, computer of my own and some games for the computer.
P.S. Don't forget to eat your cookies.
Courtney Fox

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me some Hot rollers? Will you bring me an Elf suit and a swimming suit too. Will you bring some roller blades? Will you bring me a bunch of bows and bring my dad a treadmill? Please bring me some doggy house shoes. Please bring some christmas dresses too. Please bring me a CD player and please bring my brother a Feliz Navidad tape. Will you bring my mom a ring? Please bring me some loony tune watches and a new back pack.
Casey Crain

Dear Santa,
This is what I hope you will bring for Christmas. I want a new roping dummy made of metal. This is what it looks like., I want a CD and cassette of John Michael Montrogery. A new pair of spurs with my name on them with buckoroo spur straps. One more thing. I want a Herbert Terrio belt. Oh and a go cart.
Hadley

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want new roller blades a watch and NIKE shoes.
I would also like that game twister.
That's all
Kala Elkins

Dear Santa,
This is what I hope you can get me: a bike, V.C.R., a video game, looks, Selena tapes, C.D. player, paint, beanbag, computer, and disks. Thank you Santa.
Jerrica Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North Pole? I hope your ready, I want criss cross crash, dome zone, ten speed bike, phone, triple trouble (sega game), alarm clock, pinball machine, and most of all I want a dog and a merry Christmas. Please let the African kids have a good christmas.
p.s. don't forget to drink the milk and eat the cookies.
Paul Jackson

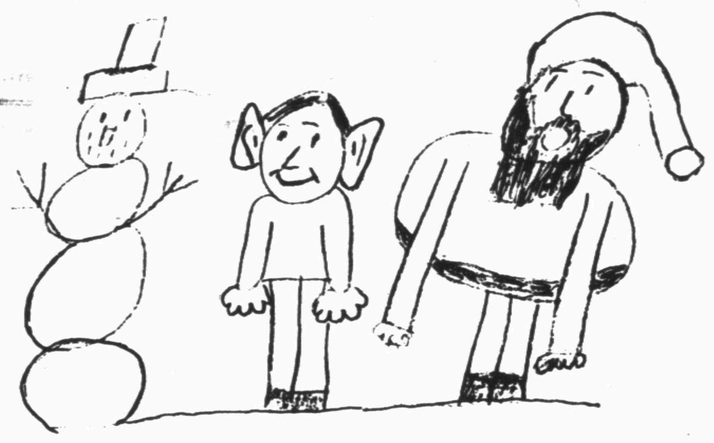
Dear Santa,
Will you bring me an Elf suit, will and a helmet, and some doggy bones for my dog. My mom and dad want a Tredmill. My grandmother wants a new couch and a new rug. I want a new computer like Mrs. Moss. And speaking of Mrs. Moss she wants a new cowboy hat. I also want a trampeline and - a swimming pool. Thank you, Santa Claus.
Leslie Nesmith

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa, if you can, I would like a gameboy, a remote control car and a lot of snow. If you cannot bring that, it is ok.
Cody Lee Pechacek

Dear Santa,
I want a gold pair of earrings and a pair of shoes, clock, lots of clothes, toys and a computer, boots and batteries and a Merry Christmas.
Love, Heather Thomas

Dear Santa,
I've been good this year. My sister has been good too and my mom and dad have been good and my brother has too. I please want the new toy story video game and buzzlight year and a cd player and the Power Rangers the movie and the Power Rangers the movie video game.
Thank you
Adam Sauceda

Dear Santa,
Have I been good cause I would like a sega a TV a skatboard and a computer.
Thanks Santa
Love D'Angelo Davis



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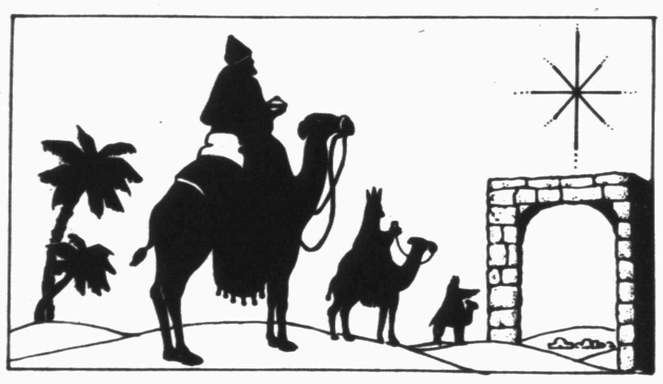

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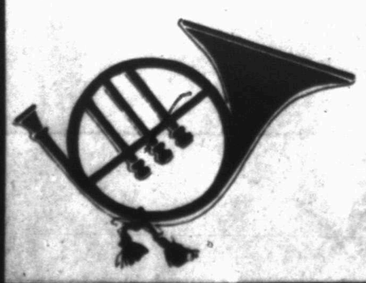

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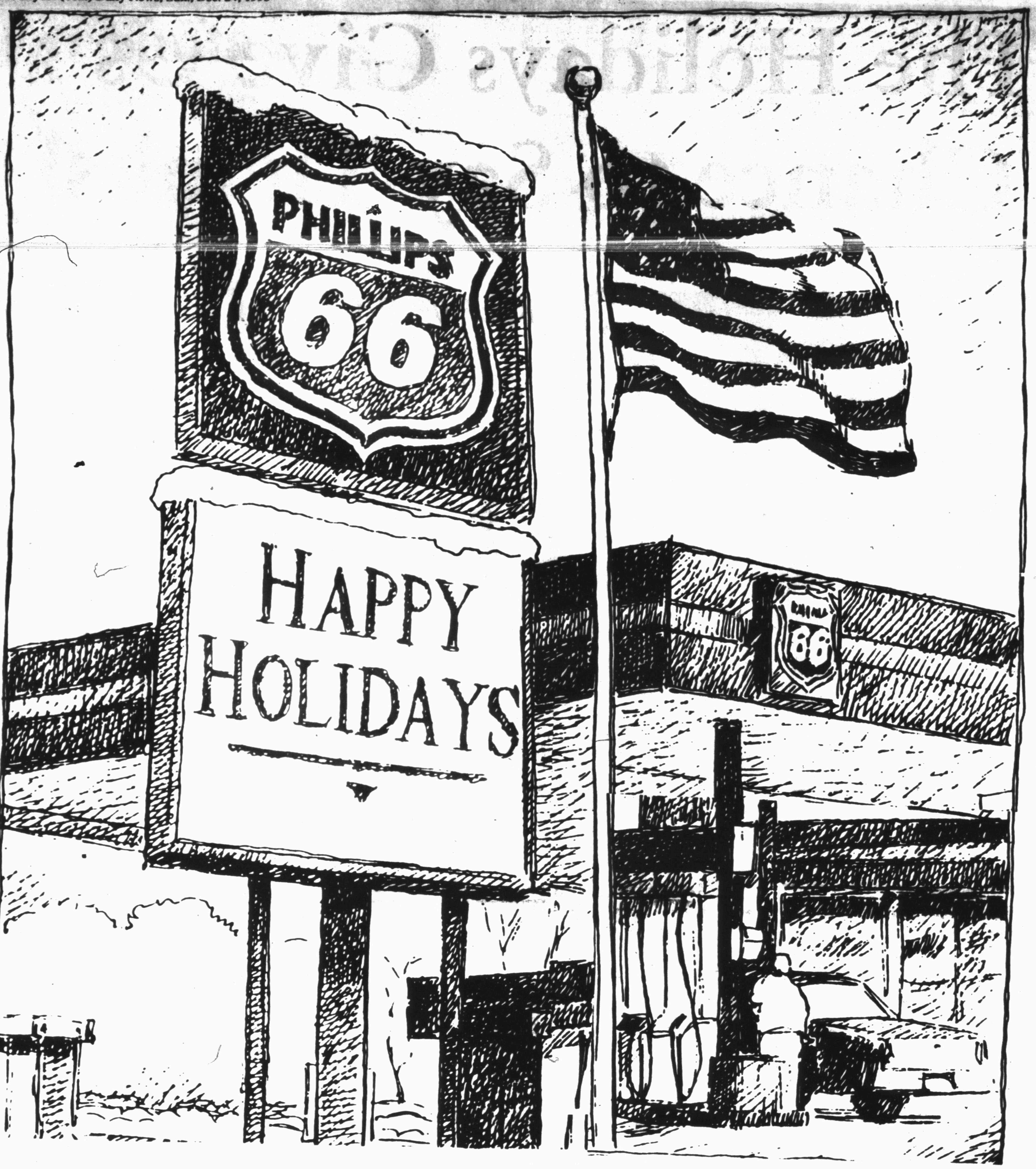

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