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2011 Sonora Broncos Make History

By Ray Glasscock

I want to make sure the people of Sonora truly appreciate the accomplishments of the 2011 Sonora Broncos. The cliché that best and most accurately describes this year's Broncos is this: "The team's accomplishments was greater than the sum of the players' individual accomplishments."

The Broncos finished with a 12 and 1 record. The only teams that won twelve games in a row are the 1966, 1971, 1999, and 2000 teams. The 1968, 1969, 1970, and 2001 teams all won twelve or more with some losses breaking the consecutive string.

The 2011 Broncos scored 538 points for a 41.4 point per game average which is the highest all time. The 2000 Broncos averaged 39.5 for second place. The 455 points field goals which is the most that the Broncos scored in the regular season is the all time

regular season scoring record. They passed for 250.7 yards per game, rushed for 134.7 yards per game, made 101.5 tackles, and sacked the opposing quarterback 1.9 times per game.

Several Broncos did set some all time Bronco records.

Clayton Parks set the all time season passing yardage record with 3015 yards. He threw for 29 touchdowns which is two short of Bryce Williams' record of 31 in the 2000 season.

Word Hudson is Sonora's all time leading receiver with 2215 yards on 141 receptions. Noe Chavez is the all time single season receiver with 1233 yards on 58 catches. Noe played on the 1966 state champions.

Kade Wimberley kicked four field goals in the past ten years and is possibly an all time re-

cord. He finished with 67 kicking points which is one point short of Javier Gaytan's all time record of 68.

Edward Garza was the rushing leader this year with 705 yards on 102 carries for a 6.91 yard per carry average.

Imoni Cross, Zach Badeaux, Cadesman Pope caught 30, 40, and 40 passes respectively.

Dallas Payne led all tacklers with 139 followed by Damon Evans with 130, and Cross with 119.

Sam Powers was the sack leader with six.

Cross was the interception leader with six picks.

Badeaux led all scorers with 114 points and 19 touchdowns.

All of Sonora thanks Coach Sirie and his coaching staff for leading our Broncos to an amazing season!

Congressman Canseco to Hold Town Hall in Sonora Tuesday, December 20th, 2011

Washington, DC – Congressman Francisco "Quico" Canseco (TX-23), a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility in the U.S. House of Representatives, will be holding a town hall meeting on Tuesday, December 20th. This town hall will give constituents of the 23rd District an opportunity to meet Congressman Canseco and express their views.

"I hope my constituents will take advantage of this opportunity to visit with me about the issues that are important to them firsthand," said Congressman Canseco. "I am humbled to represent my constituents in the U.S. House of Representatives, and opportunities to listen to their concerns, like town halls ensure that I remain accountable to them," Congressman Canseco concluded.

WHAT: Town Hall

WHEN: Tuesday, December 20th, 6:00 PM

WHO: Congressman Canseco

WHERE: Sonora City Council Chamber

ADDRESS: 201 E. Main St., Sonora, TX 76950



A Military Christmas

By Dusyt Padilla

"Twas a night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nickolas soon would be there." We have all heard this story many times growing up. I'm sure some of us can even recite it precisely. I would like to tell you a different version of that story. As we get ready to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends; there are some that will not get that chance this year. While we are out shopping for gifts and stressing about what to get people we love; there are some that don't have that luxury. It's no secret who I'm talking about. It's the men and women of our Armed Forces. It's hard to forget amongst the bustle of the Holiday season that there are some American's who don't get to enjoy what we are about to. While we worry about gifts and making sure everyone gets what they want; they worry about one thing only. If they are in one of our many combat zones they worry about the person next to them. If they are not deployed, well, they only worry about the person next to them. We are one of the few countries that are lucky enough to have brave men and women who unselfishly volunteer their lives for our freedoms.

I know it's hard to stop and think about it but not every family will be complete this Christmas. Disturbing as it may be, in some cases, both parents are deployed and the kids are left with relatives. The holidays for our military members are the hardest. I know firsthand the effects it can have. It's different when your kids are away at college or have moved to another part of the country due to work. The constant contact with family is so important this time of year. I will say that technology does help a lot of our military keep in touch with their families. However it's not always the same for others. If you have family deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan then you know that sometimes days go by before you hear from them. Morale is what makes our men and women get through each day. Whether it comes from the people they trust the most or family; it fuels them. It doesn't take much to boost it either. A simple letter from a stranger is suitable. I remember when I was deployed; just getting a letter or package from someone I knew or didn't know made me feel important. It's important that the people who defend us know how much we care about them. Without them we wouldn't be able to enjoy lots of the things we do.

If you find yourself wanting to provide a care package to any of our troops I will have some of the organizations that help our troops listed below. As always if you have any more questions you can contact me at The Devil's River News office. I will do my best to help you with any questions concerning our military. To all the troops that are deployed or safe at home and to all the Veterans; may you all have a Merry Christmas! Semper Fi

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Nature's Palette Floral Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



On Tuesday, December 13, Nature's Palette Floral, owned by Karen Wilson, held their ribbon cutting ceremony.

Railroad Commissioners Adopt One Of Nation's Most Comprehensive Hydraulic Fracturing Disclosure Requirements

AUSTIN -Texas Railroad Commissioners today adopted one of the nation's most comprehensive chemical disclosure rules for hydraulic fracturing fluids. The rule will require Texas oil and gas operators to disclose on a national public website chemical ingredients and water volumes used to hydraulically fracture wells in Texas.

The Hydraulic Fracturing Chemical Disclosure rule will be required for wells that the Railroad Commission has issued an initial drilling permit on or after Feb. 1, 2012. Before the rule passed, Texas operators conducting hydra-

lic fracturing were voluntarily entering chemical data into the public website FracFocus (fracfocus.org) for about half of all wells in Texas undergoing hydraulic fracturing.

Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones said, "Once again the Railroad Commission is taking a lead in helping the public understand the safety of hydraulic fracturing with this rule's adoption. In fact, with this new rule, Texans will know more about what is going in the ground for energy production than about the ingredients that go into their sodas."

Commissioner David Porter said, "Hydraulic fracturing

has been occurring safely in Texas for 60 years, and this new rule provides a balance between protecting legitimate business information and the public's right to know."

Commissioner Barry T. Smitherman said, "This rule-making will increase transparency about the safety of the hydraulic fracturing process. I thank Rep. Keffer, Sen. Fraser, the Texas Oil and Gas Association, and all of the stakeholders who worked to make this law the new national benchmark for disclosure."

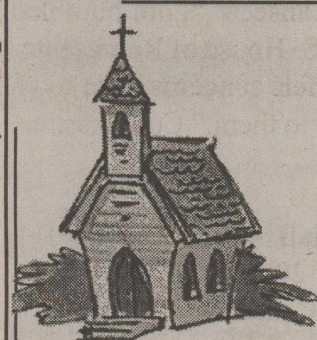
Senior Center Activities

Thurs. December 15 - Happy Birthday *Carol Ann Adkins*
 Fri. December 16 - Happy Birthday *Bernice Hearn*
Jane Archer
 Mon. December 19 - Happy Birthday *Teresa Vasquez*
 Tues. December 20 - Work on Puzzle
 Wed. December 21 - Van to San Angelo

Senior Center Menu

Thurs. December 15 - Roast turkey, bread dressing, milk
 broccoli, Waldorf salad, cranberry square
 Fri. December 16 - Chicken salad sandwich, tomatoes, milk
 pickles, lettuce, carrot sticks, mac salad
 Mon. December 19 - Hot dog on a bun, seasoned broccoli
 baked potato w/sour cream, pineapple gelatin
 Tues. December 20 - Oven fried chicken, bowtie pasta, milk
 broccoli raisin salad, fruit cocktail
 Wed. December 21 - Beef taco bake, Spanish rice, milk
 cauliflower, tossed salad, apple crisp

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
 Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted
 (suggested donation for Seniors is \$2.00;
 \$5.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go).



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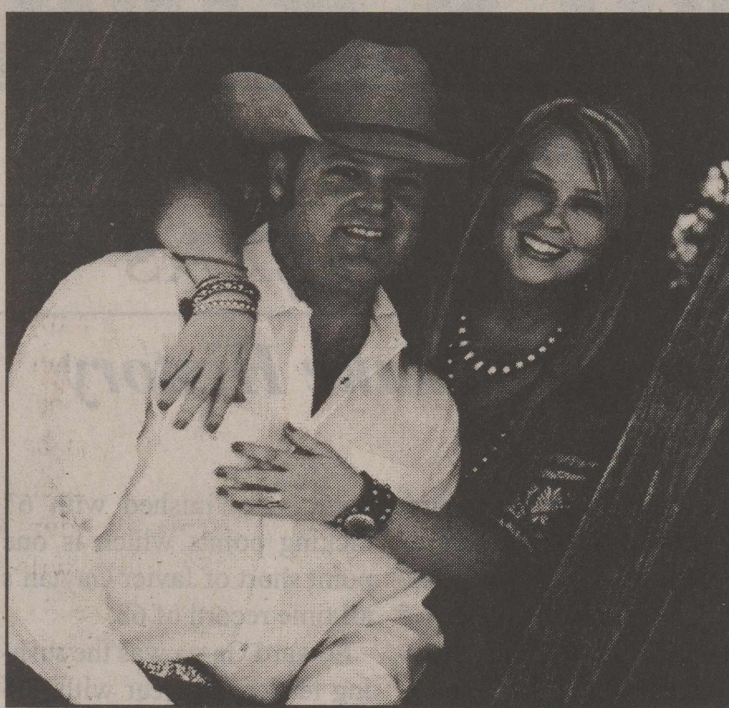


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Engagement Announcement

Kearney ~ Lee Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Kent Kearney are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kasey Melyn Kearney, formerly of Sonora, Texas to Mr. Benjamin Turner Lee formerly of of Refugio, Texas. Benjamin is the son of Mrs. Lauri Stroebel of New Braunfels, Texas and the late Mike Lee of Rufugio, Texas.

Kasey is a 2002 graduate of Sonora High School and also graduated in 2006 from Lubbock Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Visual Communications. Kasey is currently the Sales Manager for Creative Graphic Solutions in Abilene, Texas.

Benjamin graduated from Refugio High School in 1994 and then graduated in 2001 from Texas A & M University in Kingsville, Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. Benjamin currently works as the cutting horse trainer for W.H. Green Ranch in Albany, Texas. The wedding date is set for June 2, 2012 in Spring Branch, Texas.

Warren~Jennings Engagement

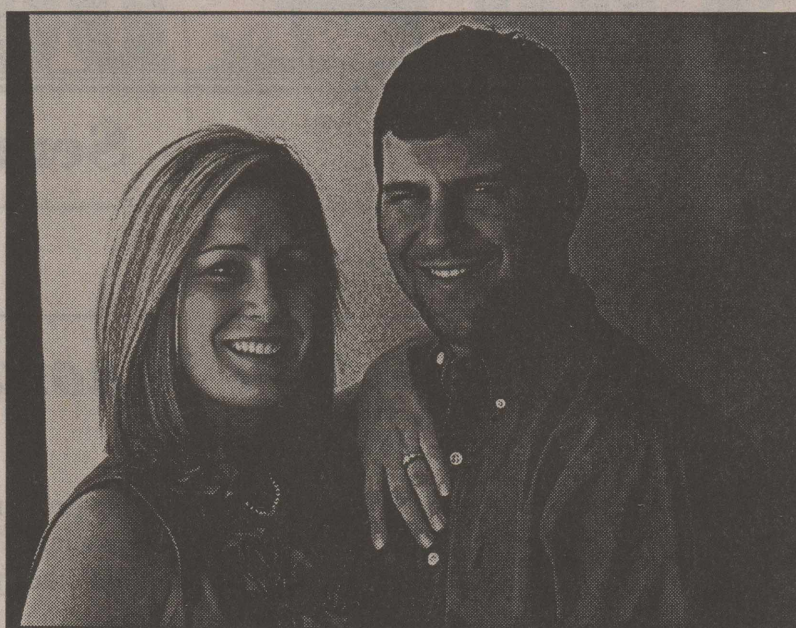
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Warren of Midland, Texas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Catherine to Cash Wilson Jennings, son of Larry and Kate Jennings of Sonora, Texas.

Ms. Warren graduated from Midland Lee High School and is a junior at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor where she is an Visual and Performing Arts major.

Mr. Jennings graduated from Sonora High School and is also a junior at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor where he is an Exercise and Sports Science major. A January wedding is planned.

Engagement Announcement

Kearney ~ Macon Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Kent Kearney are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Megan Kearney, formerly of Sonora, Texas to Mr. Robin Scott Macon of Flower Mound, Texas. Robin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Macon of Flower Mound, Texas.

Kelly is a 2004 graduate of Sonora High School. She, also, graduated in 2009 from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Media. Kelly is currently a Project Manager for RM Elite Construction.

Robin graduated from Flower Mound High School in 2001. He graduated in 2006 from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology. Robin owns and operates RM Elite Construction. The wedding date is set for February 25, 2012 in San Angelo, Texas.

Stringfield ~ Brundige Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Downing of Sonora, TX would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Treva Stringfield to Cody Brundige, son of Denise Brundige and Cathy Wimberly.

Treva is a graduate of Sonora High School and currently self employed.

Cody is a graduate of Quanah High School and served in the US Army as an Army Ranger. He is currently employed at The Glover Company in Ozona, TX. The wedding will be December 17, 2011 at Lighthouse Community Church.

Thank You Note

I would like to say thank you to the hosts and hostesses for the wonderful celebration given for my birthday.

Thanks also to all the guests both near and far for attending and the many cards with sweet messages, phone calls and hugs.

No where but Sonora could it have been such a memorable occasion.

Thank You,
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 Mattie

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Holiday Schedule
 Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 18 @ 10:55 am
 Christmas Eve Service Sat., Dec. 24 @ 6:00 pm
 Christmas Worship Sunday, Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am

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December 17 & 18

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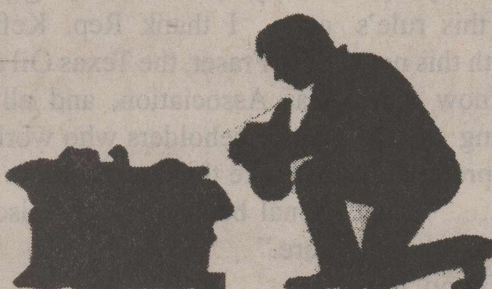
There will be:

*Live Music and Singing

*The Christmas Story

*Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Cookies

*Live Animals



Death Notice

Edwina Friess

Sonora- Edwina Friess ,71, of Sonora died Tues. Dec.6 in Sonora. Funeral services were Friday, Dec.9 at the First United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Survivors include daughter Fran Pennington of Sonora, son Mike Friess of Sonora, and sisters Nancy Holloway of San Angelo and Mary Ciel Miller of San Antonio.

Keep SONORA Beautiful



Keep Sonora Beautiful has chosen the home of Norm and Doris Rousselot for Landscape of the Month. The Rousselot's utilized a landscaping technique called xeriscaping. This type of landscaping reduces the need for supplemental watering of the plants, and it also utilizes "un-thirsty" native plants that are drought tolerant. Their yard is a beautiful sight and it definitely is pleasing for their neighborhood. They have helped Keep Sonora Beautiful!

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Bridal Selections

Treva Stringfield ~ Cody Brundige

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Letter to the Editor

Sutton County Residents,

I, Earlie Williams IV am announcing my candidacy for the office of Sutton County Sheriff. I believe I can protect you and your family from harm due to a changing world. I believe I owe it to each and every one of you. We are living in challenging times where public safety is critical. Times where the criminal element amongst us is consistently trying to beat us at every turn. I know and believe Sutton County needs a tough-cop as a leader and also one tough staff that is based upon leadership, hard work, and a no nonsense approach to enforcing the law and protecting the folks. "I believe I am your tough cop." I will go to be thinking about ways to better protect you and your family and I will wake up in the morning with you on my mind. I know I have

entered a tough campaign and I believe it will spark a firestorm. "I get it!" I am ready and able to serve. I can stand in the ring of fire and come out victorious for the residence and those who travel throughout Sutton County.

I can and I will trade my life for your child's when he or she is in danger because that is who I am as a person and as a leader. Please know and understand that if elected I will put my life on the line for you and your family. I will see to it that I have an intelligent and competent staff around me to complete the job. If elected my job will be very hard, there is an over whelming amount of work that has to be done. I realize that my personal and family life is not perfect and it has been in the public forum due to my popularity or lack thereof as a Texas State Trooper. Folks, I believe I can get this one right.

I have no other choice, our lives and or safety are on the line. I know that if I am elected my staff and I can outsmart and outwork the criminal minds throughout the county. While attending the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy in 2001 my physical training instructor stated, "Law enforcement agencies don't get worse, they get better". My PT instructor got it right and I am running for office to make it better for all of us.

I have watched my opponent and watched him well over the past 10 years. I know how agencies are supposed to work. I have worked towards this since I was a child and joined the police explorers at age 13 in Kerrville, TX.

I am calling for his retirement or resignation. If my

opponent does not resign I will try to put him in retirement by beating him in this election. If my opponent runs I challenge him to at least 15 debates on the big stage. We both need to stand in front of the community and answer the tough questions about the safety and security of our community. Over the days and weeks ahead my campaign will be inviting the public to a series of town hall meetings. At these meetings you may ask me any question your heart desires. I am personally asking each and every one of you to remember that every vote counts toward the safety and security of our community. SO...Vote EARLIE and Vote often. Thank you, Earlie Williams IV

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F.Y.I.

Viva Sonora will be selling bricks to made into a sidewalk around the new city park located on Deerwood Drive. The money that is raised will be rotated back into community projects. If you would like to reserve a permanent brick you pick up a form at the Bank and Trust or call Juanita Gomez 206-2698 or JoAnn Hernandez 206-0366.

Are you interested in praying for our country, our city, our loved ones? You are most welcome to meet in the Prayer Garden every Tuesday morning at 10:00AM. Bring a chair please. All are welcome. FMI call 325-387-3246.

Rent the Depot or Icehouse Ranch Museum for your special party or event. Call 325-387-5084 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

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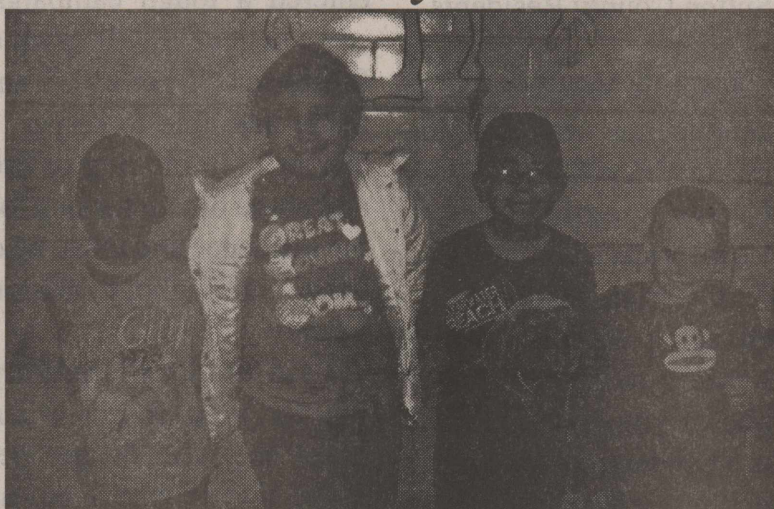
The Lions were made aware of the Special Thanks for their participation in the Mother's Nite Out for football games, and also their participation in the recent Game Dinner. Lion Pete Bradley was awarded a special pen from Lion's International for the promotional of excellence in Lionism. Lions had birthday cake and ice cream in honor of those having birthdays in December. The meeting ended with Grandpa Wamble story. Program:

Mrs. Creek brought Second and Third Graders who will be participating in the UIL Story Telling. The students demonstrated their abilities for the Lions. Mr. Gibson reminded the Lions that teachers and students involved in UIL activities do so after school hours. It is a sacrifice of time on the part of teachers and students both.

Next week's program will be caroling by students.

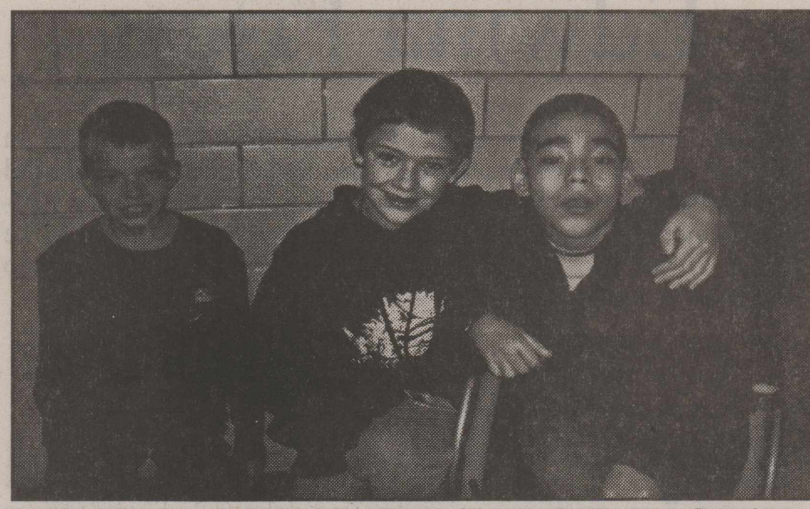
Students of the Week

Elementary School



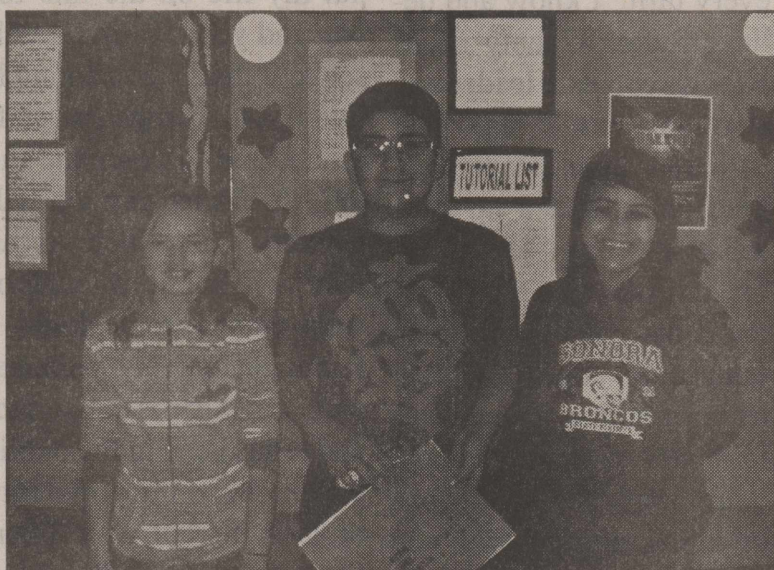
L to R: Edgar DeLuan, Abby Gaytan, Christopher Martinez, Hayden Hilliard

Intermediate School



L to R: Brady Vyllecka, Evan Shannon, Bryan Garcia

High School



Freshman Kali Mendez is the daughter of Hector and Rita Mendez. Kali's favorite teacher is Mrs. Julie Martin and her favorite class is English. She likes to hang out with her friends and dislikes walking up stairs. Kali is involved in the youth group at her church. She also participates in community service. She has lived in Sonora all her life and her favorite thing about Sonora high school is getting to attend all the pep rallies. After graduation Kali plans to go to college.

Junior Avery Nolen is the daughter of Kathleen and Craig Nolen. Her favorite teacher is Coach Dukes and her favorite class is debate. Avery's likes are sports, athletics, and chocolate. She dislikes English and feet. She is involved with NHS, UIL, 4H, Student Council and Youth Group. She plays basketball, runs track, and is a cheerleader.



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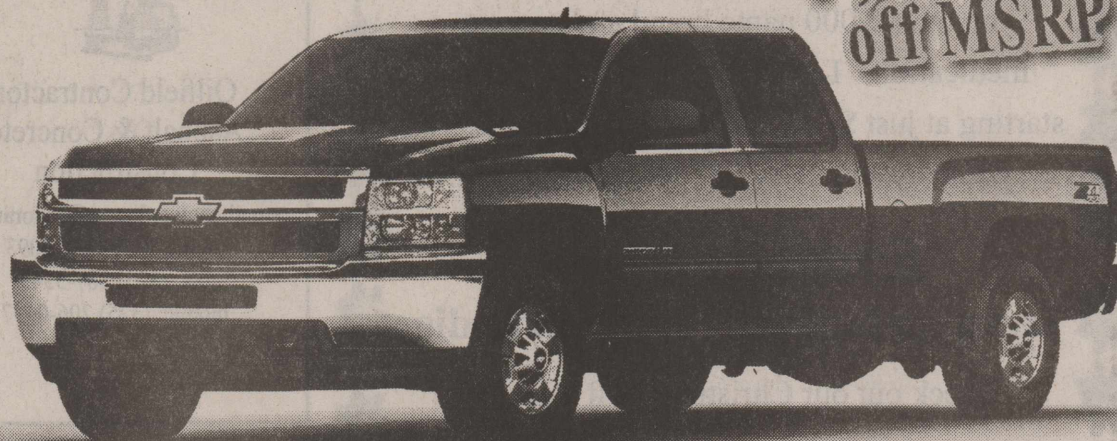
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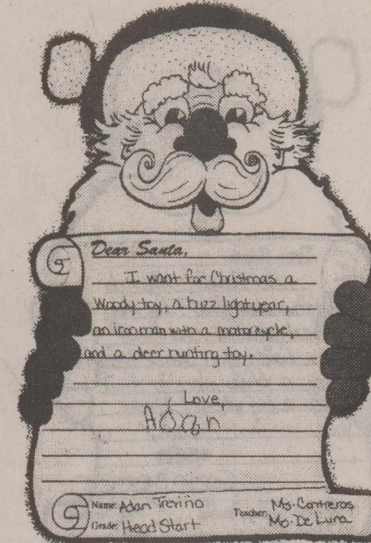
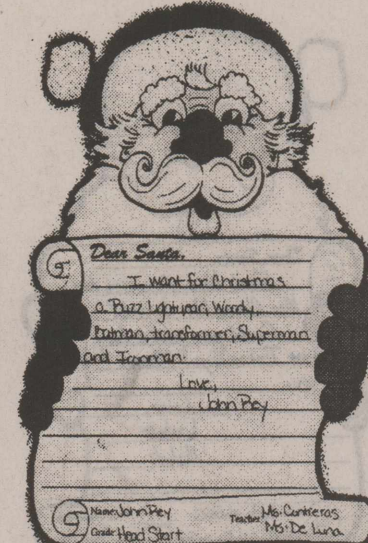
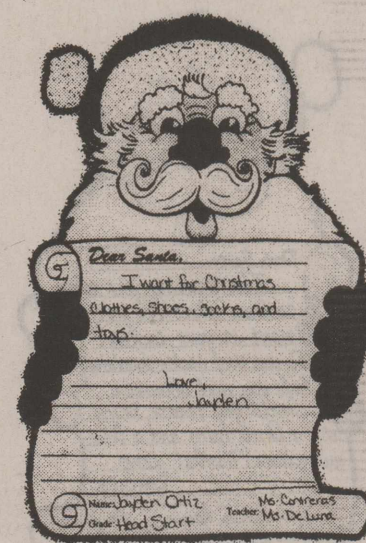
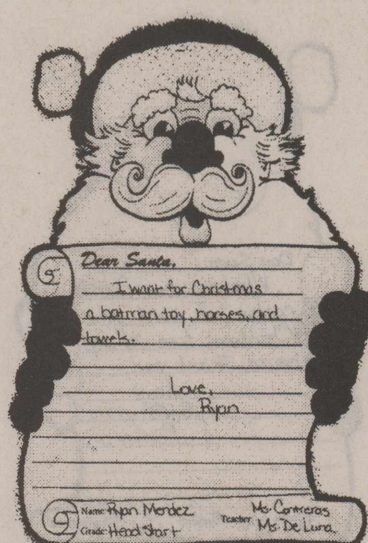
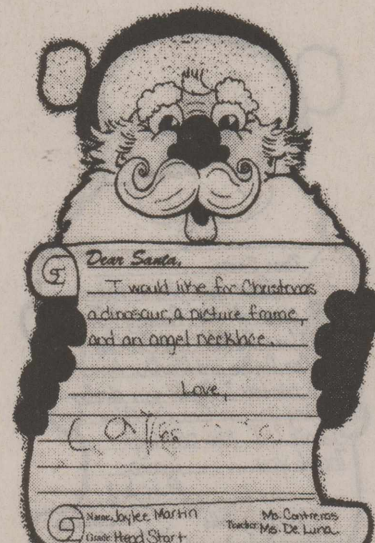
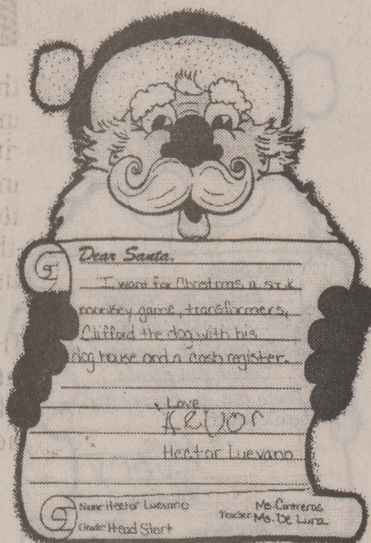
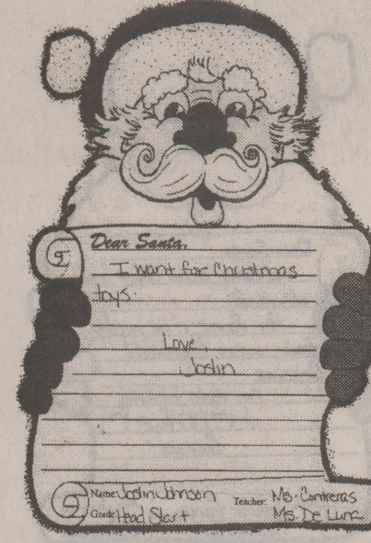
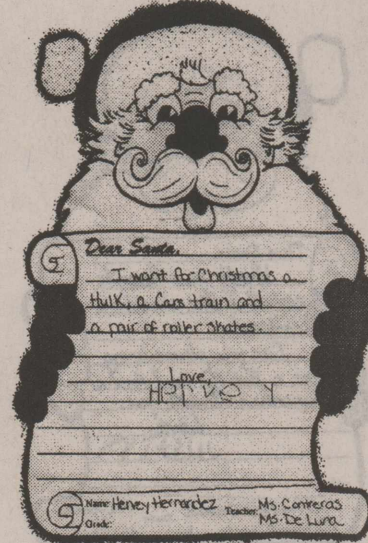
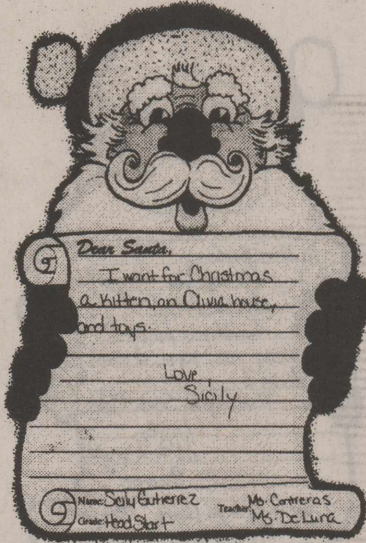
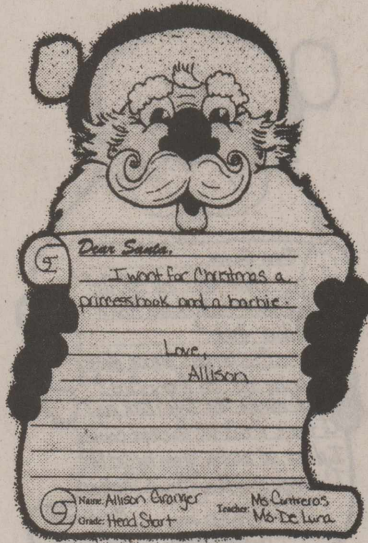
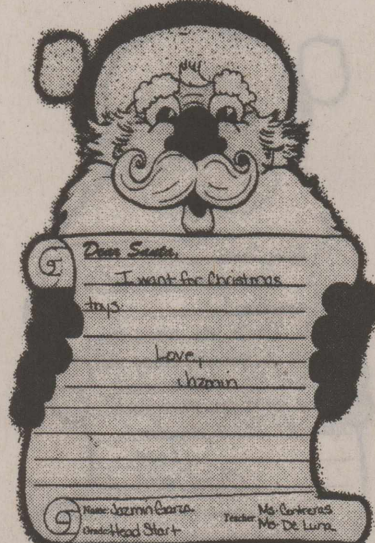
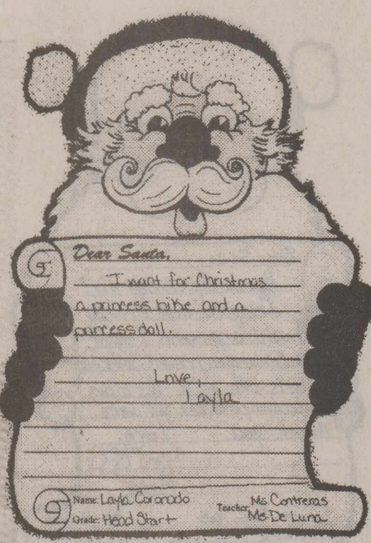
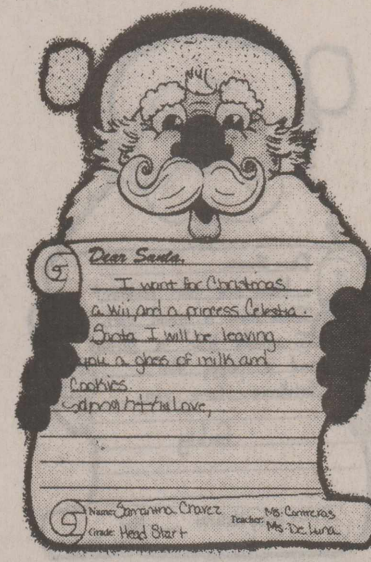
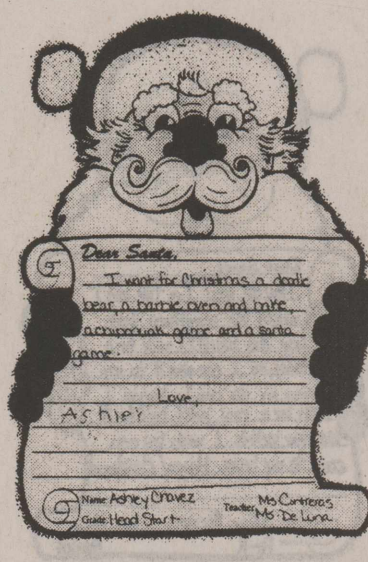
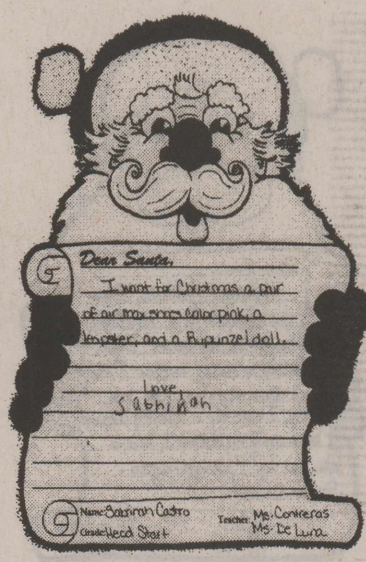
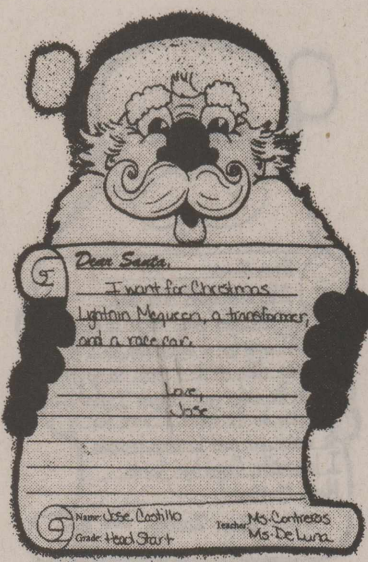
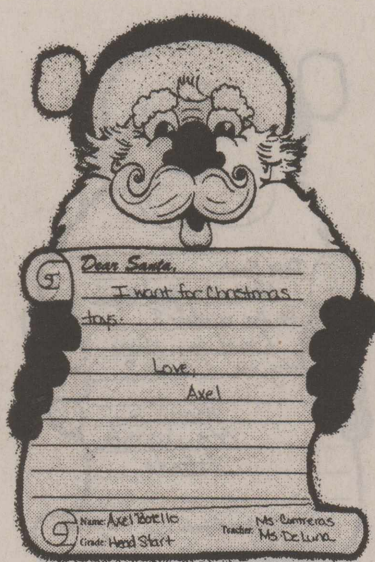
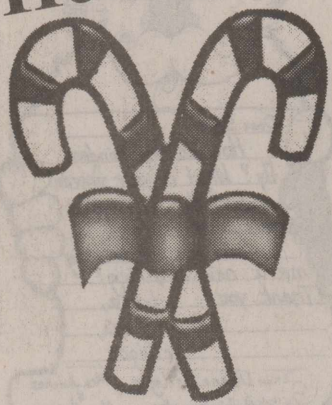
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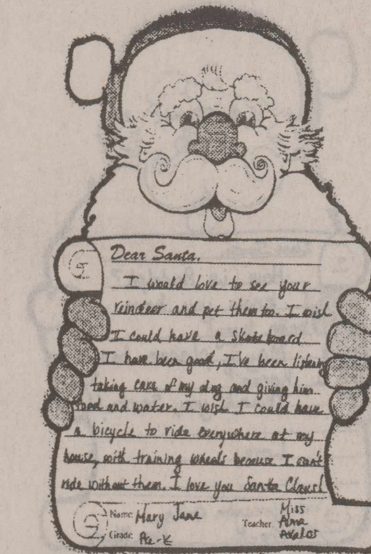
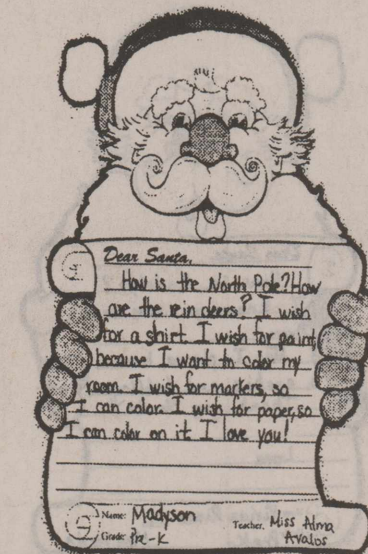
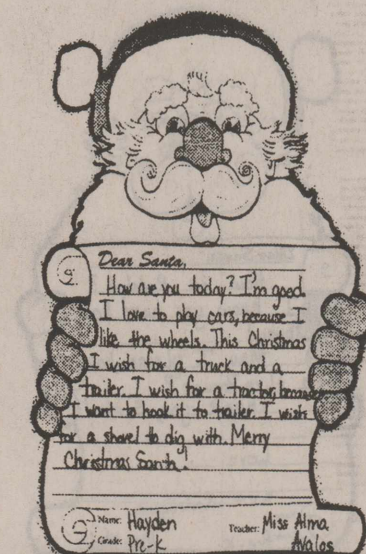
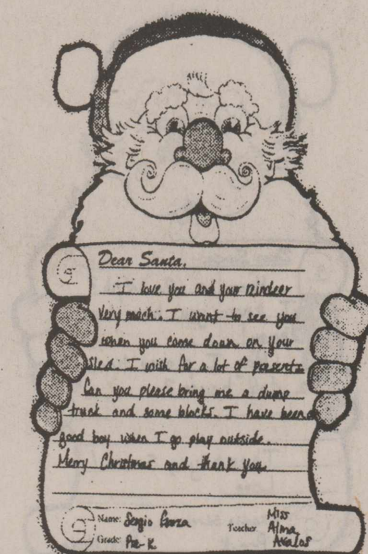
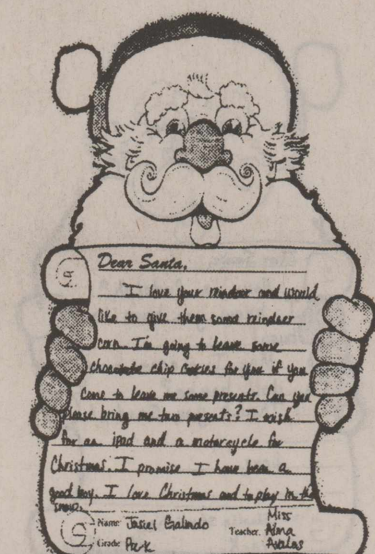
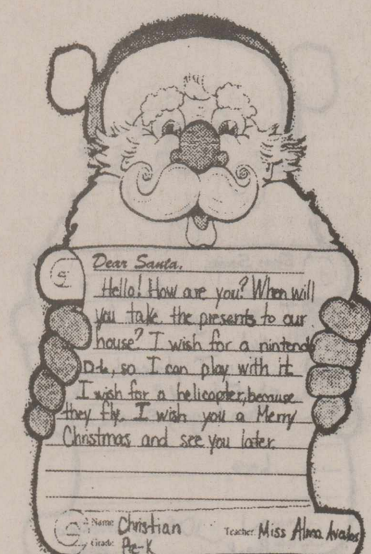
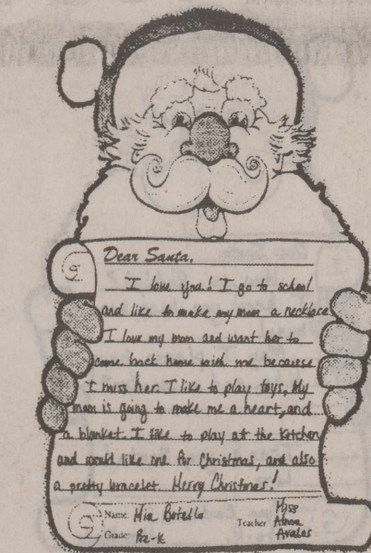
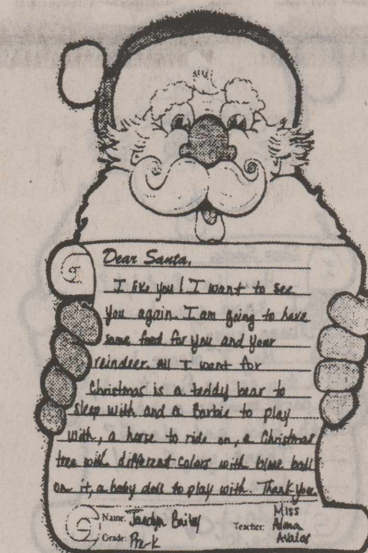
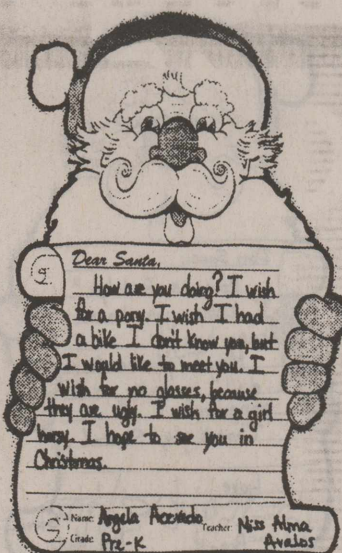
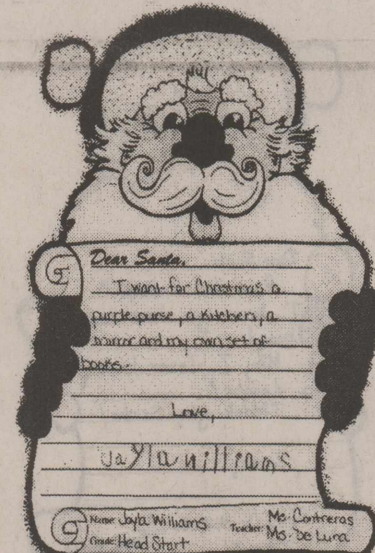
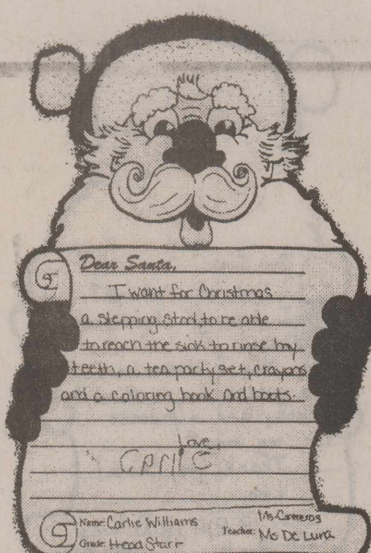


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Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? I have been a good girl. I would like a Barbie and a puppy for Christmas. Love you, Gabby Name: Gabby Morales Teacher: Mrs. Pina Pineda Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How are you? I'm fine and I would like something for my dog would you be a help? I can give it to my dog so she can be happy. I wish for a new jacket. I wish you can come to my house. Happy Christmas! Julian Ramirez Teacher: Mrs. Anna Morales Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, Hi happy Christmas I love you I wish for a girl bunny because I like bunnies I wish for sticky candy because I can eat them on my face and look really I wish for a healthy because I like a cookie on it. Can I have a little dog too? I love you again Santa Claus! Kylie Teacher: Miss Nora Avalos Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, The best good this year I like to play video games I wish for a water slide so I can slide on it I wish to go to the water park because I want to play in the water I wish for a water gun and balloons because I like water. Good bye Santa Merry Christmas! Julian Zangue Teacher: Miss Nora Avalos Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, What is a good snack for the reindeer? Could you please bring me a bear? Thank you, Naylana Estrada Name: Naylana Estrada Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? What is your favorite cookie? How do the elves make all those toys? Would you please bring me a new Leap Frog? Thank you, Lilliana Gallegos Name: Lilliana Gallegos Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna
Dear Santa, ¿Cómo están los reinos? Por favor ¿me puedes traer unas Barbies? En todo corazón, Jennifer Garcia Name: Jennifer Garcia Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, What's your favorite candy? I like chocolate cookies! Can you please bring me a Barbie too? I And a Superman! Thank you, Love, JUSTIN Name: Justin Garcia Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, Do you like cheese? I like cookies! Could you please bring me some drumsticks? Thank you, Santa Claus Love, JOE Yrigel Guerra Name: Joe Yrigel Guerra Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, How does my elf fly? I don't really know how it does that. Could you please bring me an Angry Bird? And maybe the Angry Bird pig? I think that's all. In case could I please get another green toy dirt bike? I lost mine at my Neighbors. Thank you! Love, Owen Jones Name: Owen Jones Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, Does your sled stick to everything? Could you please bring me a spinning thing that flies? Mrs. Jimenez calls it a hand propeller. Yeah! That's it! It's a propeller! Love, Michael Hughes Name: Michael Hughes Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? I'm good, and I really want a present. I want a Spiderman present. Spiderman starts with an 'S'. He's a big Spiderman, and he's got webs. Thank you, Love, Sergio Mota Name: Sergio Mota Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna
Dear Santa, Hi! Howdy! What do the deer eat? Do they eat vegetables and food? Could you please bring me a blue monster truck with a big wheel? Thank you, Love, Evelyn Name: Evelyn Morales Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, What kind of cookies does Mrs. Claus like to eat? Could you please bring me Nutter Butters? Thank you, Love, Luke Nichols Name: Luke Nichols Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, I'm making you some cookies. What do you want in your cookies? Do you want chocolate? Yeah you want chocolate. Could you please bring me a Dora fairy and a lava microphone? Thanks! Love, CARISSA Name: Carissa Ramirez Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, What is your favorite cookie? I want a Christmas tree of my house. Thank you, Love, Evelyn Romero Name: Evelyn Romero Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, Can you please take care of my family? I love Donita and Charlene Can Donita and Charlene have a reindeer? Could you please bring me a Crayola Glow Dome? I like coloring! Thank you, Love, Ricky Name: Ricky Solis Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna	Dear Santa, How do the reindeer get into sky? Do you like reindeer cookies? Could you please bring me a horse toy? Thank you, Love, Avery Wardlaw Name: Avery Wardlaw Teacher: Mrs. Jimenez Grade: Kindergarten Mrs. Deluna
Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a bike, and a scooter? Thank you, Santa! Love, Ryan Castaneda Name: Ryan Castaneda Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a toy car, a fire truck, a park scooter, a hula hoop with hula and slinky? Thank you, Santa! Love, Monica Fisher Name: Monica Fisher Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a doll, a cake, and a penguin? Thank you, Santa! Love, ADRIANA Gonzalez Name: Adriana Gonzalez Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a cookie cutter, a flower, and a heart? Thank you, Santa! Love, ADRIANA Gonzalez Name: Adriana Gonzalez Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a doggie? Thank you, Santa! Love, Ilia Madros Name: Ilia Madros Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a police car, a fire truck, and a present for my mom? Thank you, Santa! Love, Evelyn Perez Name: Evelyn Perez Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K
Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a horse? Thank you, Santa! Love, Alexandra Quila Name: Alexandra Quila Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a cookie and bubble gum? Thank you, Santa! Love, Vivian Rivas Name: Vivian Rivas Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a fire truck? Thank you, Santa! Love, NB Rodriguez Name: NB Rodriguez Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a doll house? Thank you, Santa! Love, Kylie Streicher Name: Kylie Streicher Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a doll house? Thank you, Santa! Love, Shayla Streicher Name: Shayla Streicher Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K	Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know you have been busy! May I please have a skateboard? Thank you, Santa! Love, Doyle Morgan Name: Doyle Morgan Teacher: Mrs. Wade Grade: Pre-K

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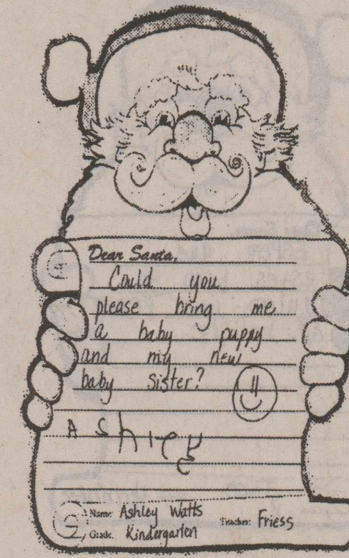
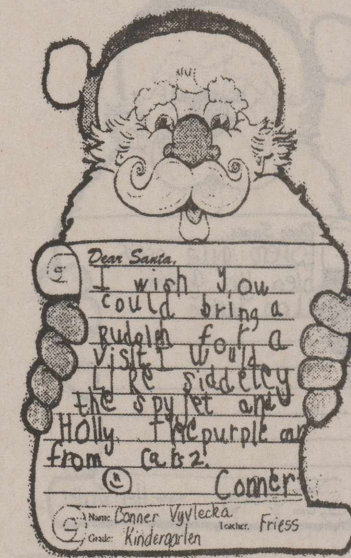
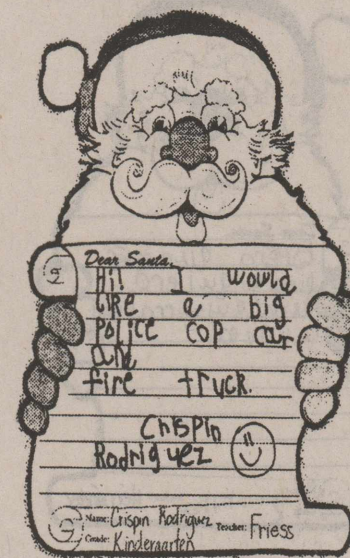
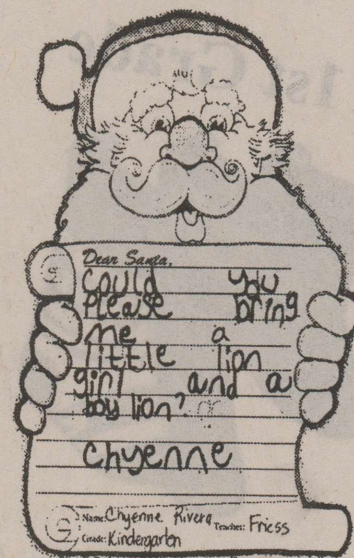
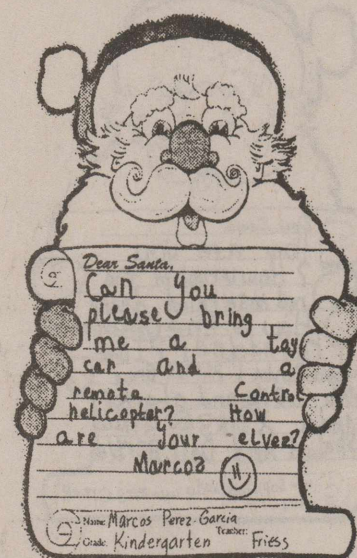
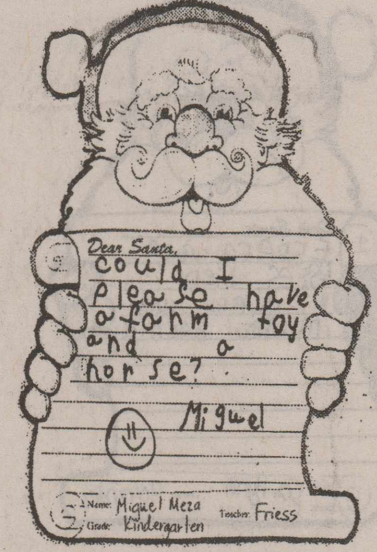
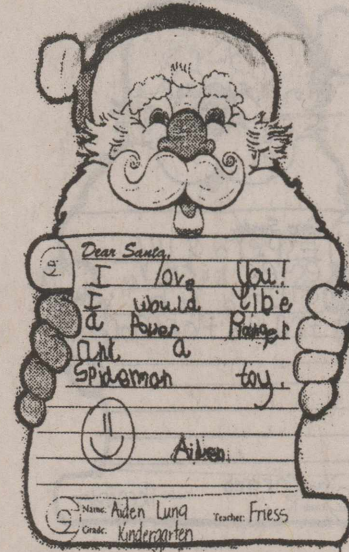
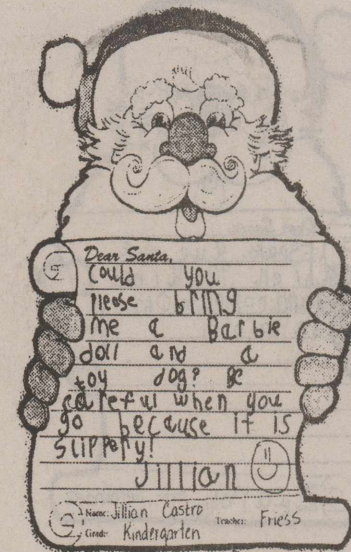
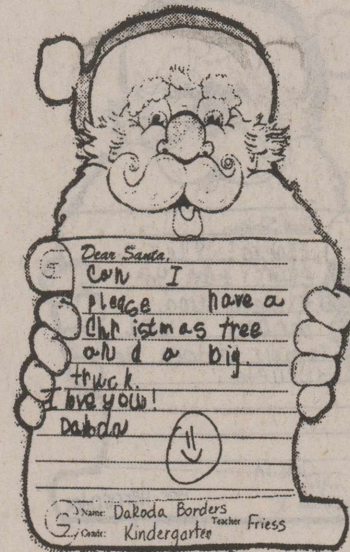
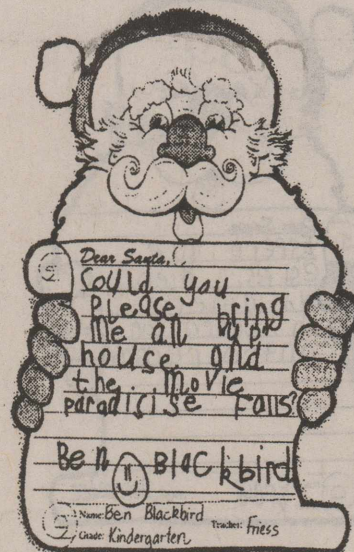
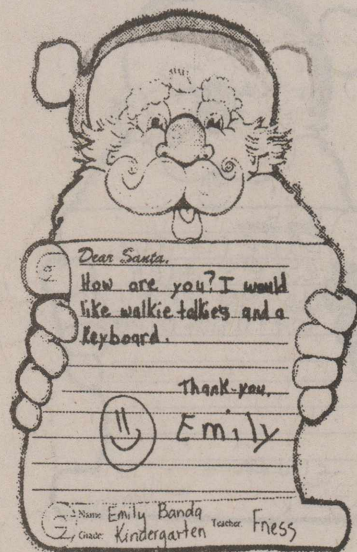
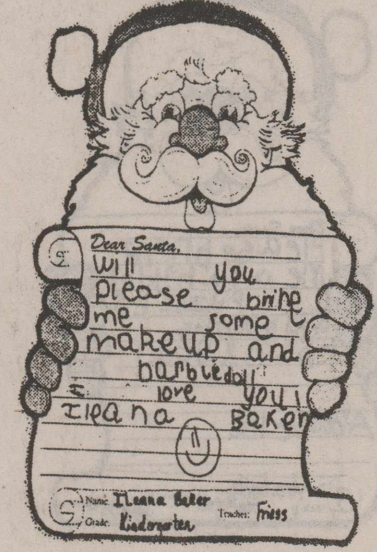
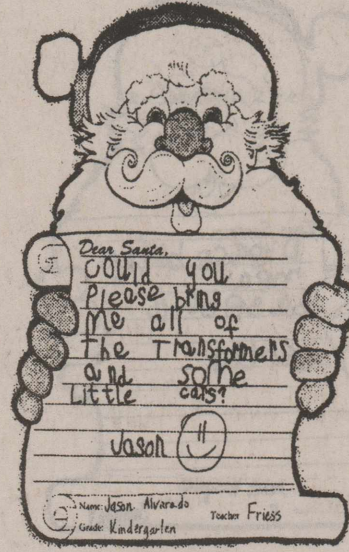
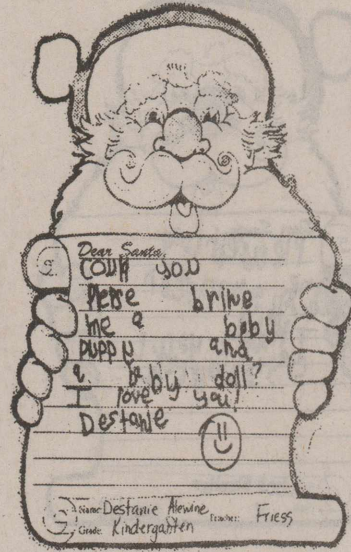
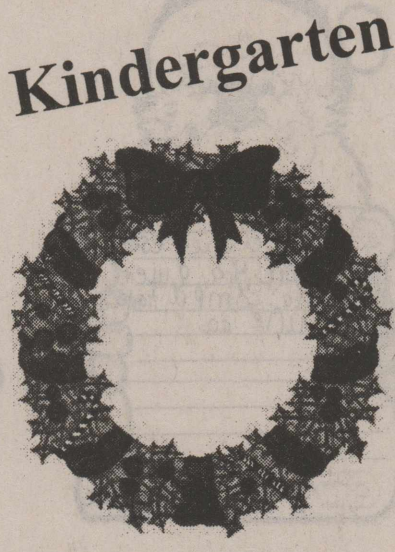
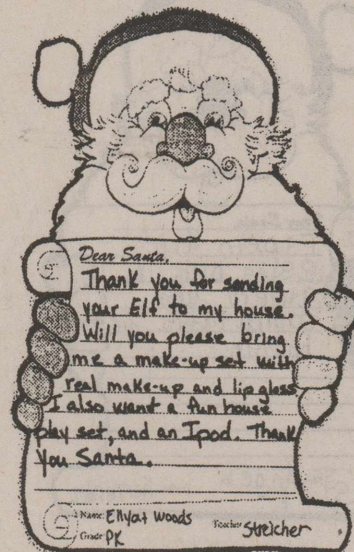
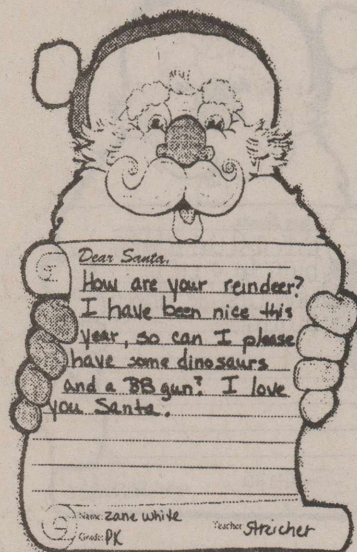
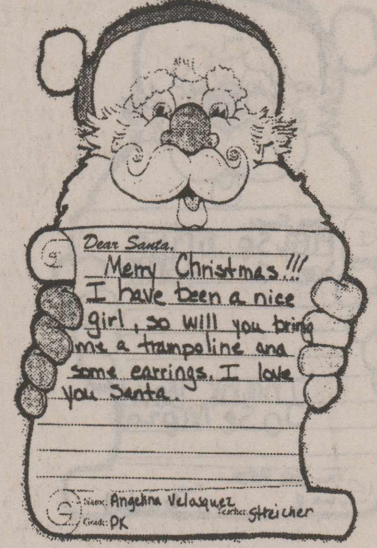
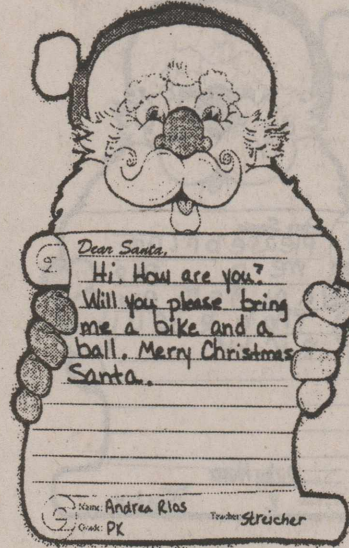
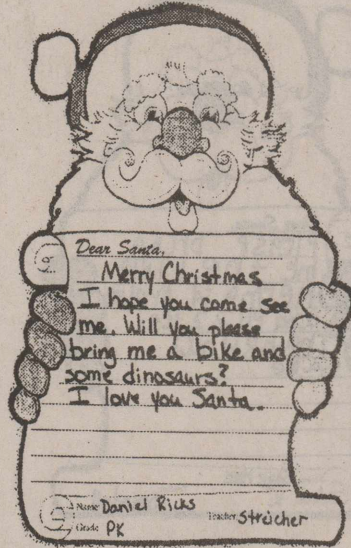
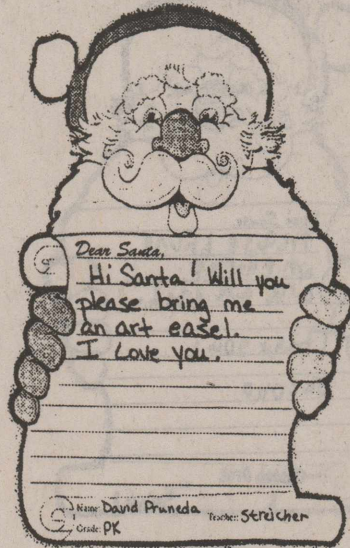
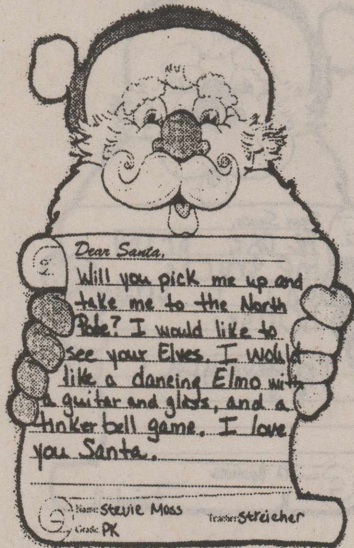
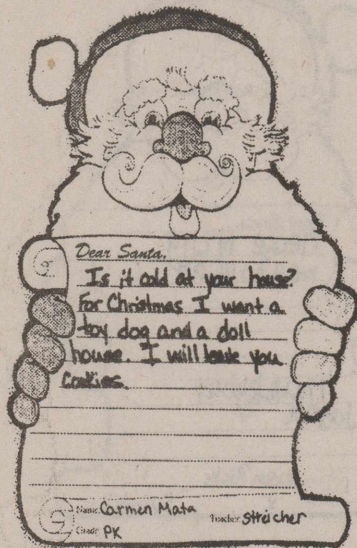
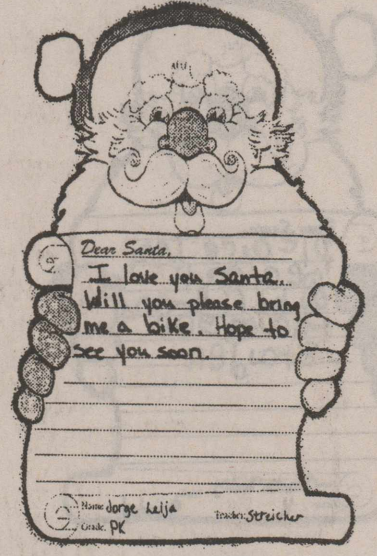
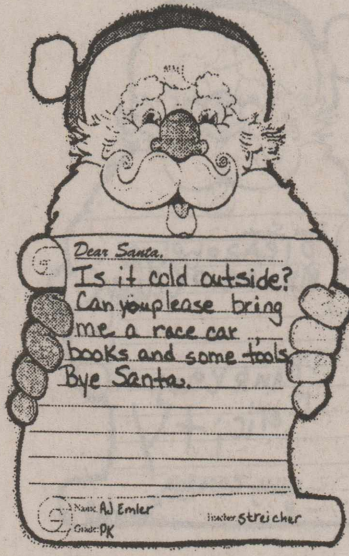
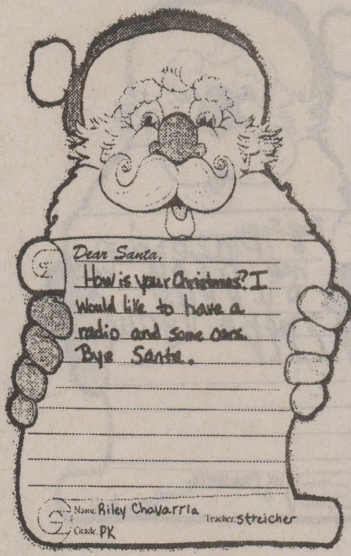
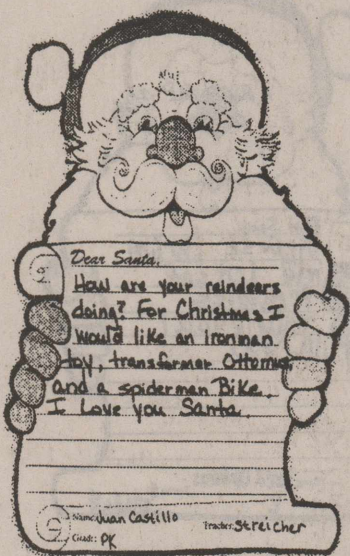
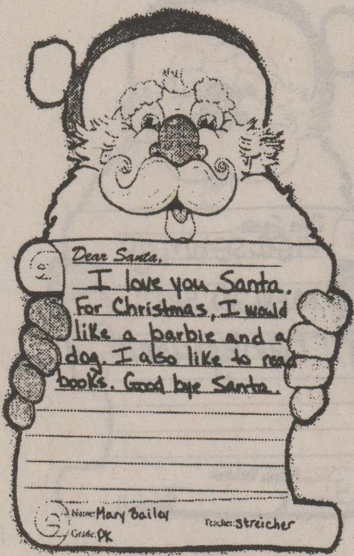
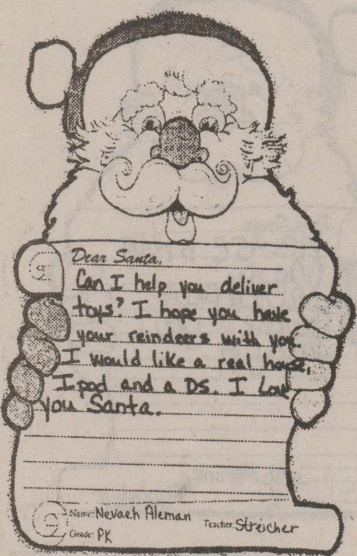


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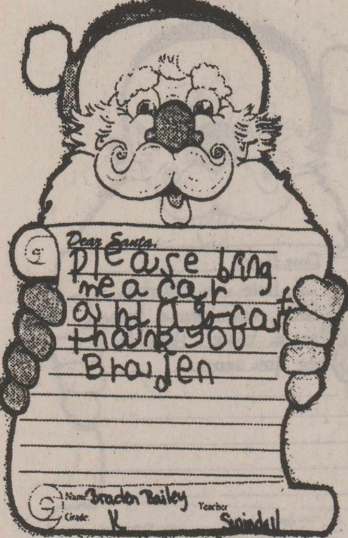
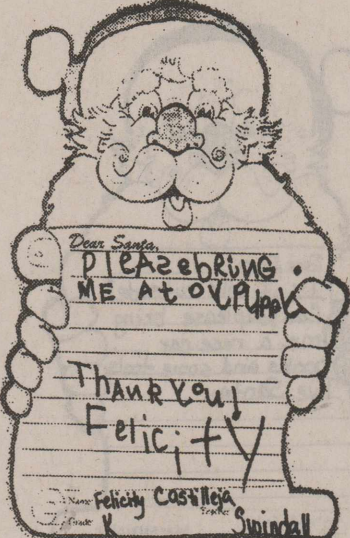
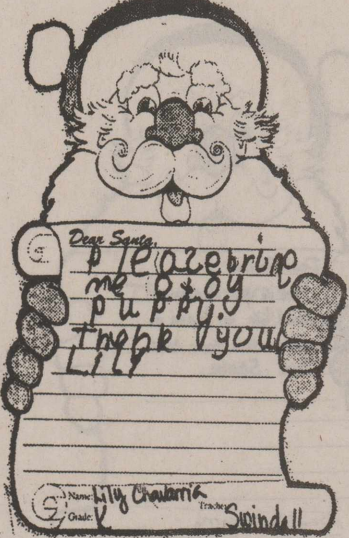
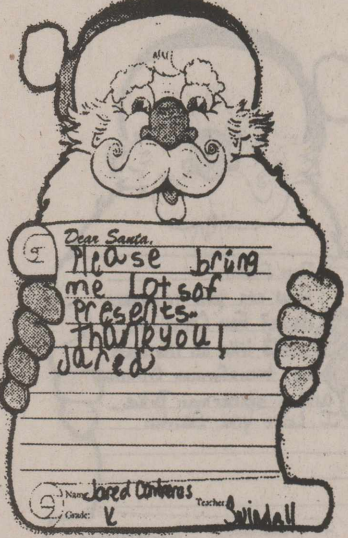
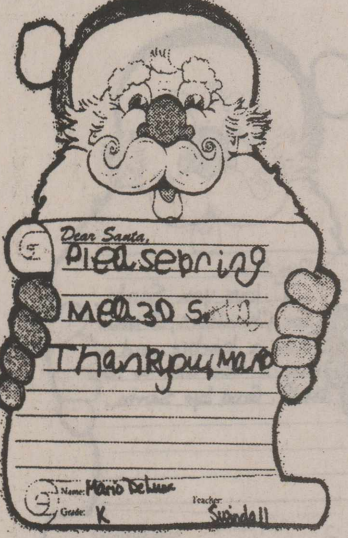
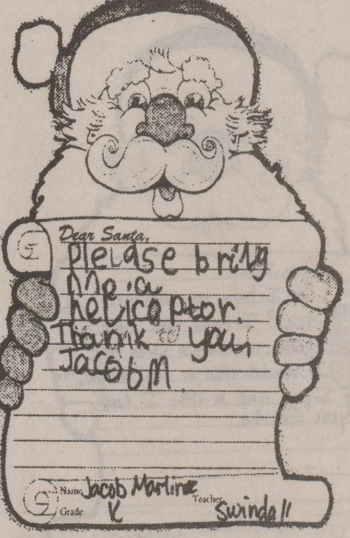
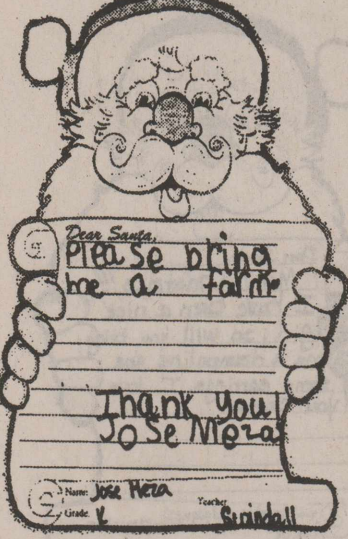
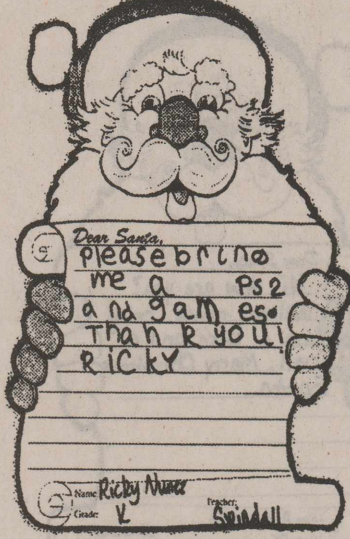
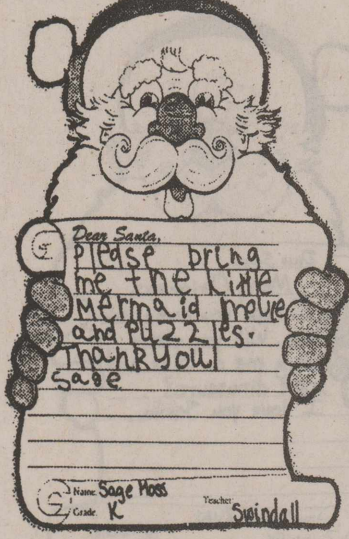
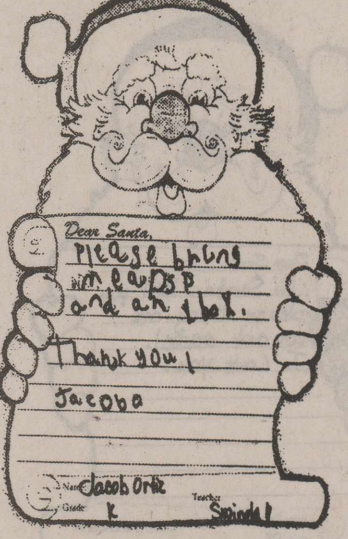
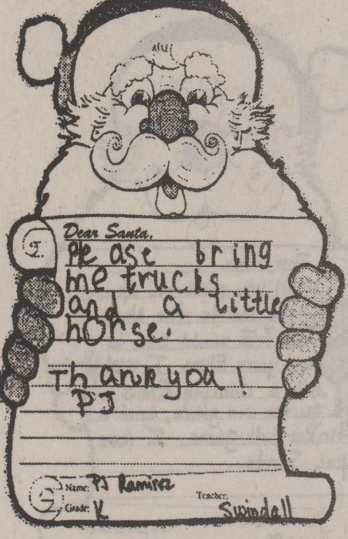
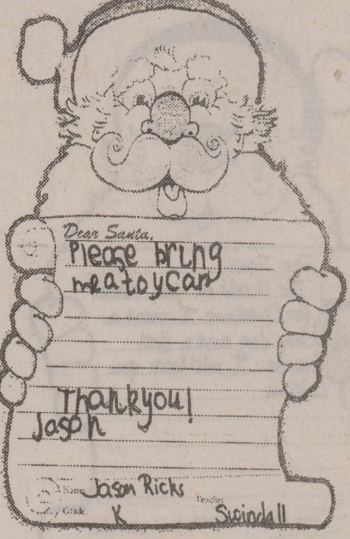
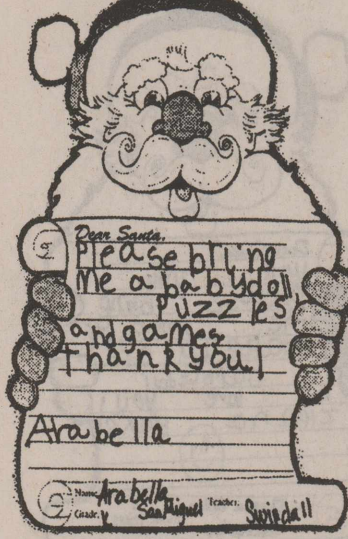
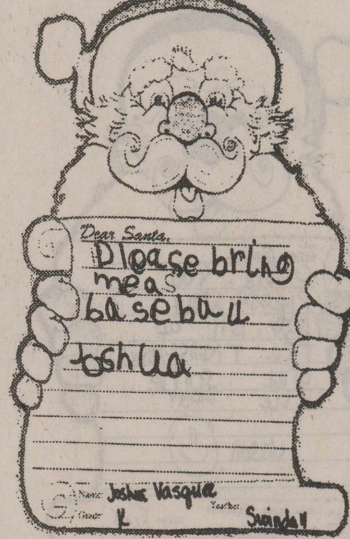
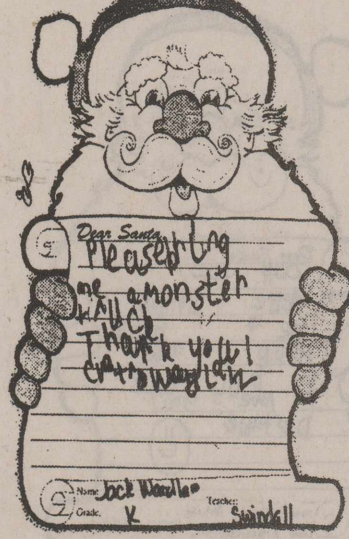
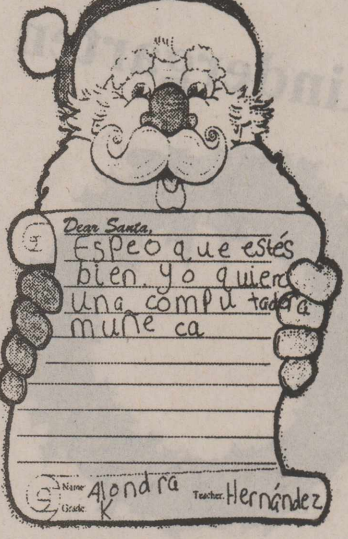
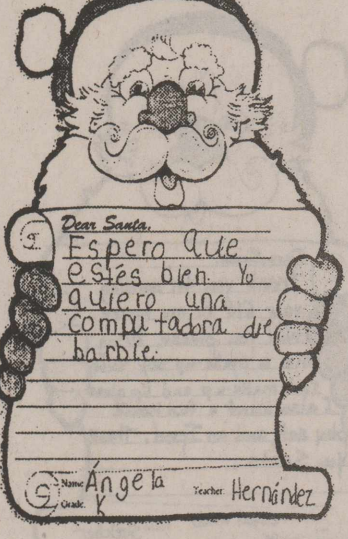
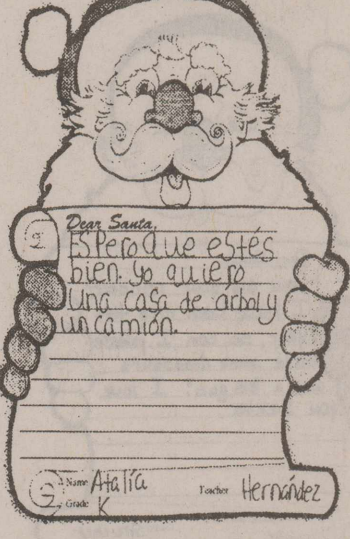
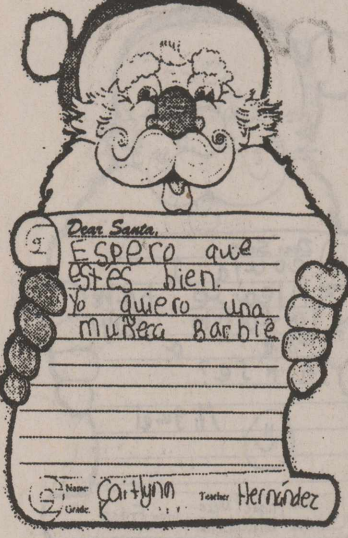
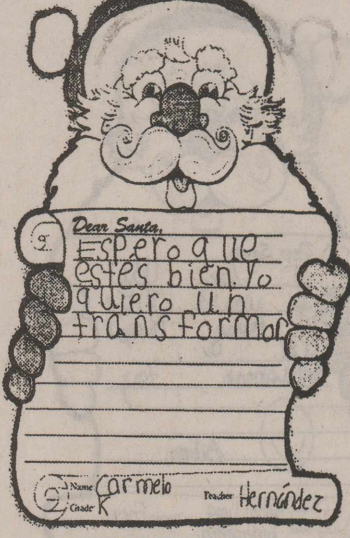
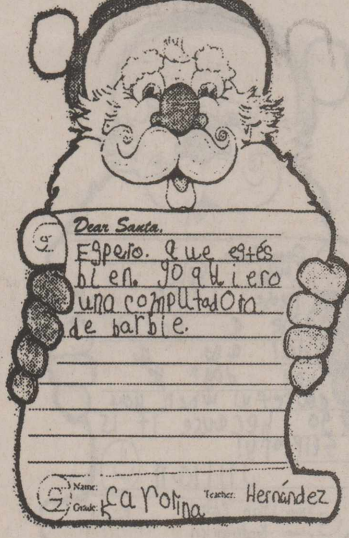
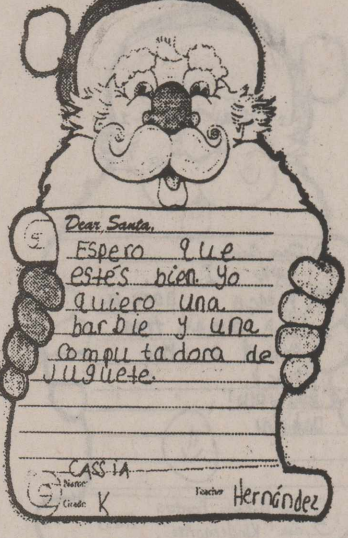
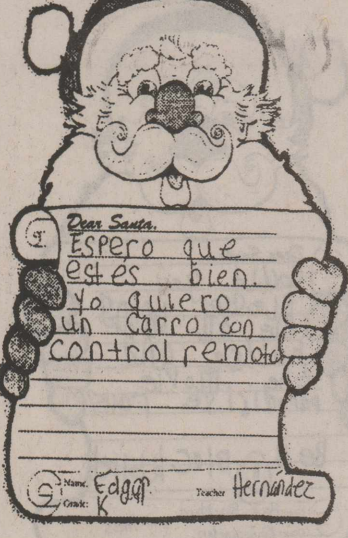
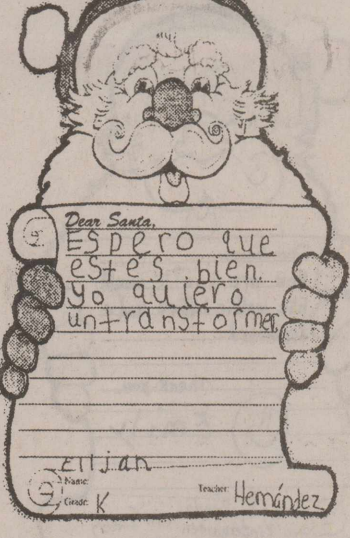
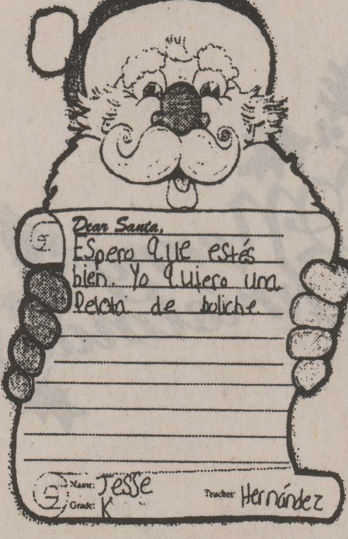
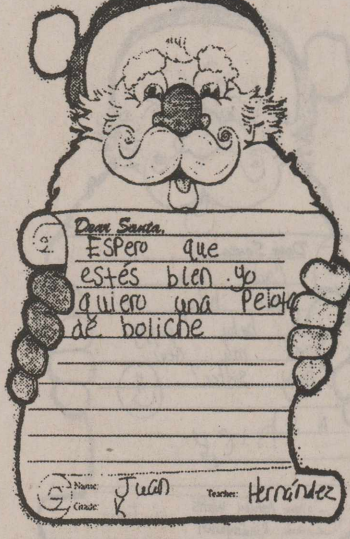
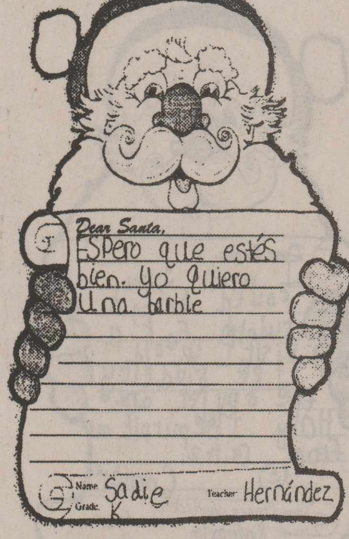
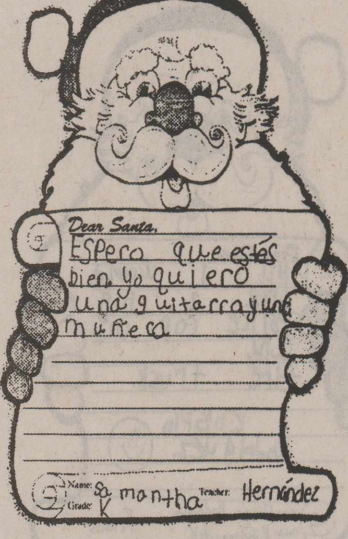
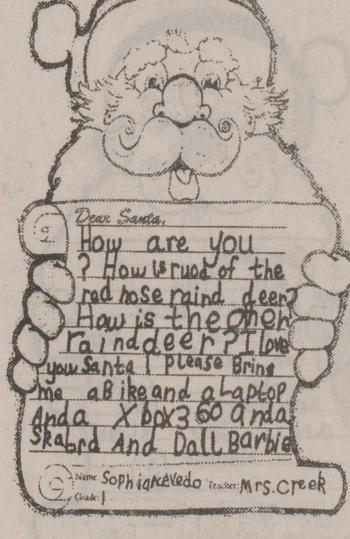
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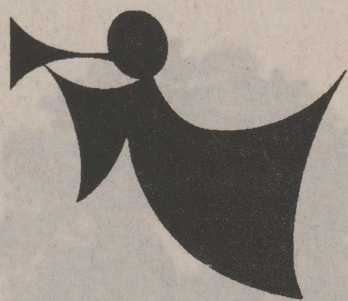
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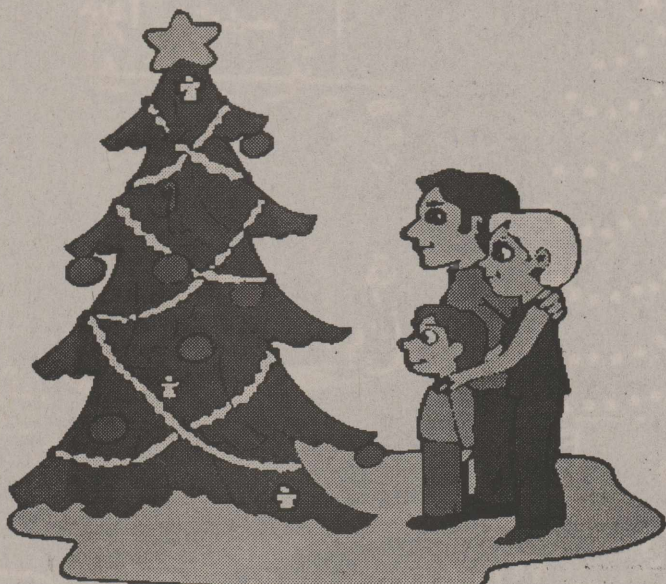
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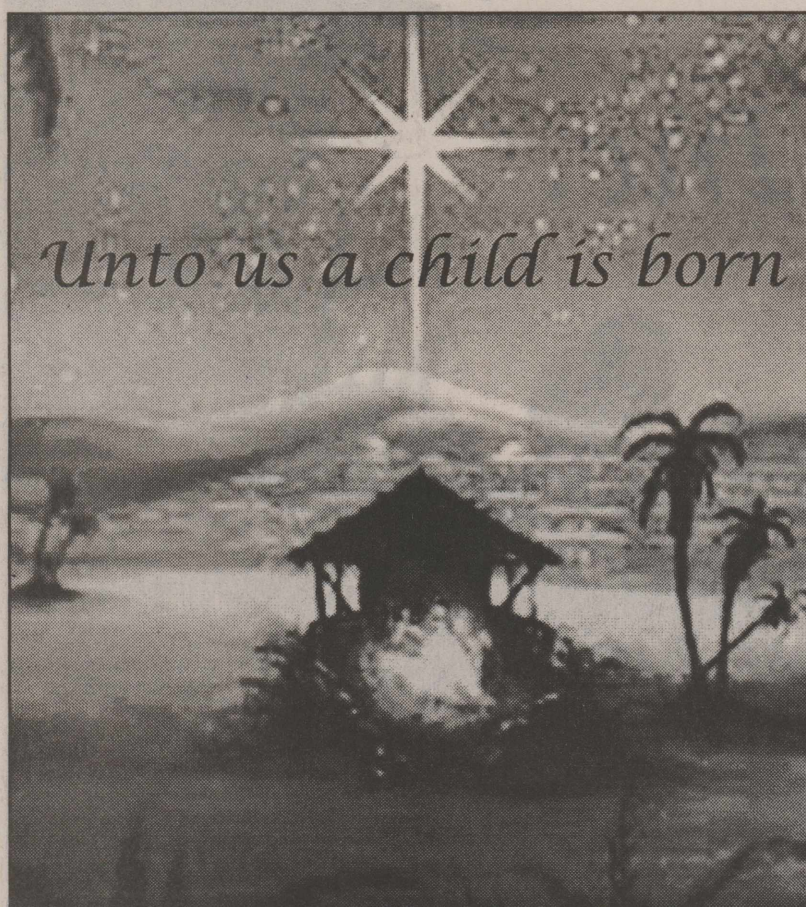
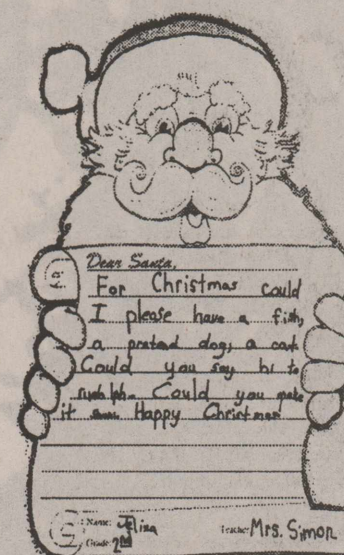
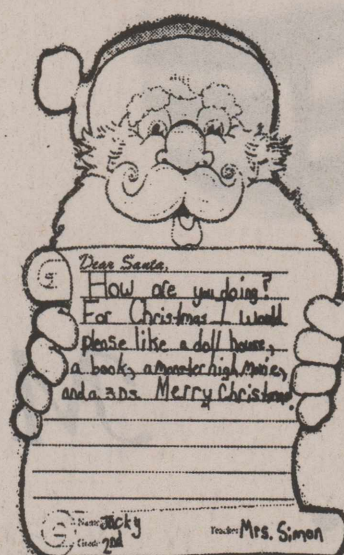
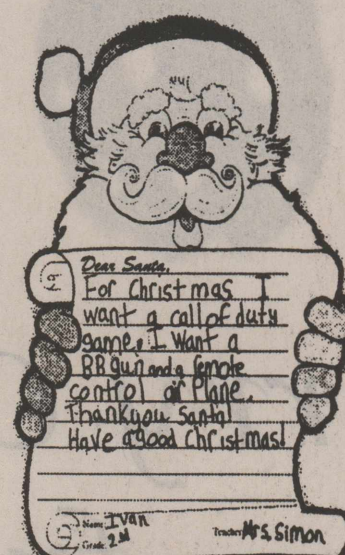
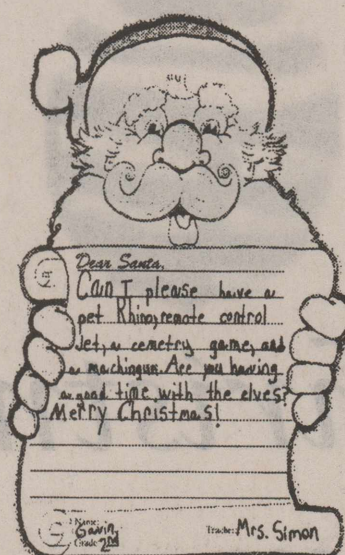
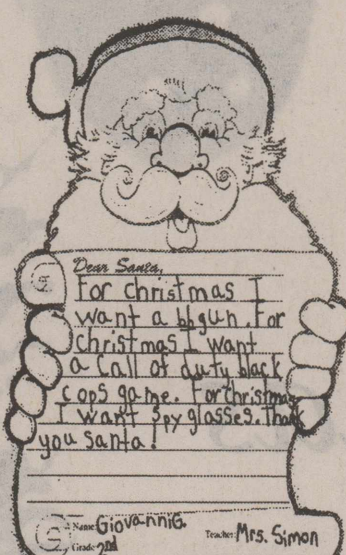
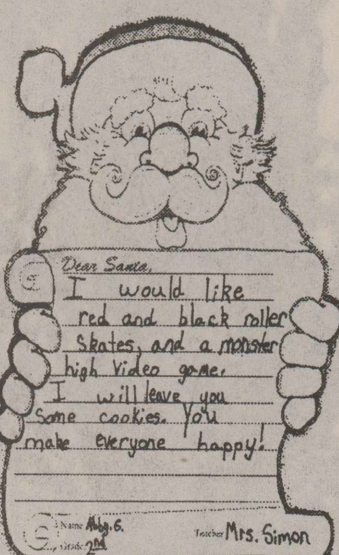
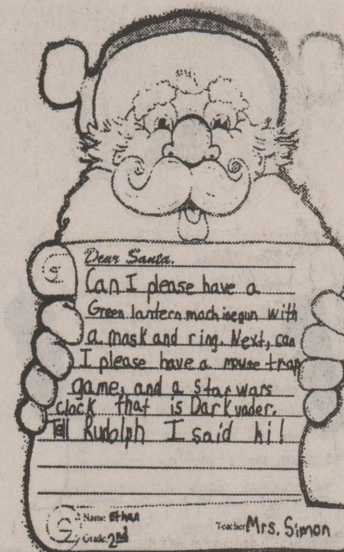
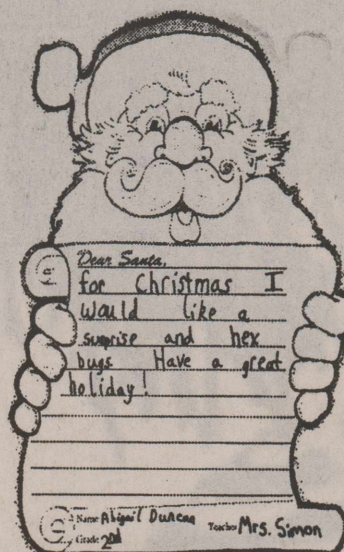
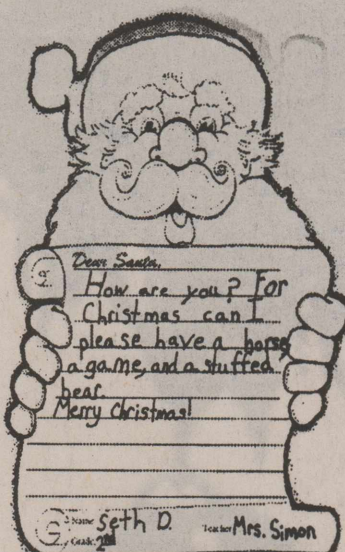
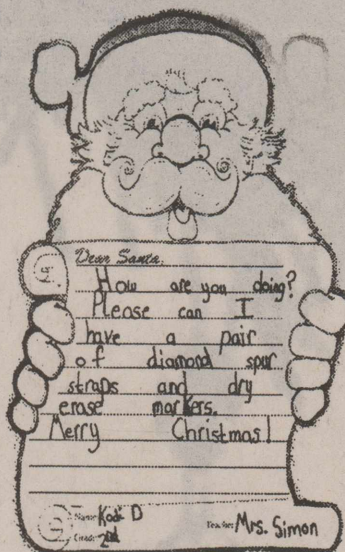
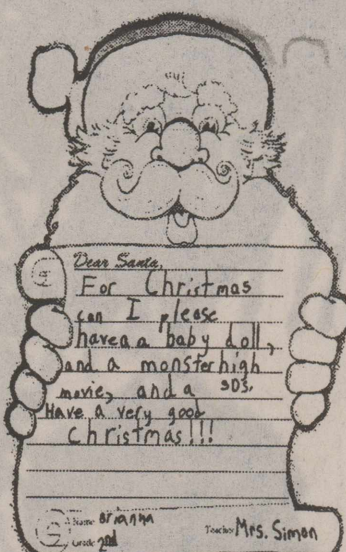
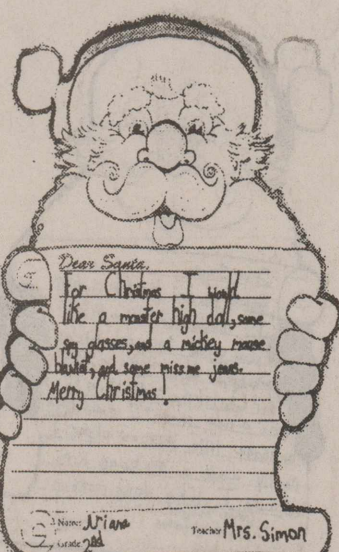
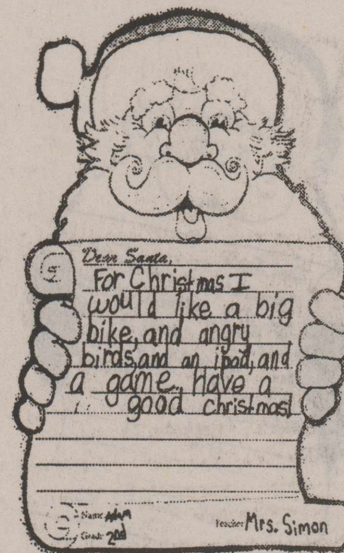
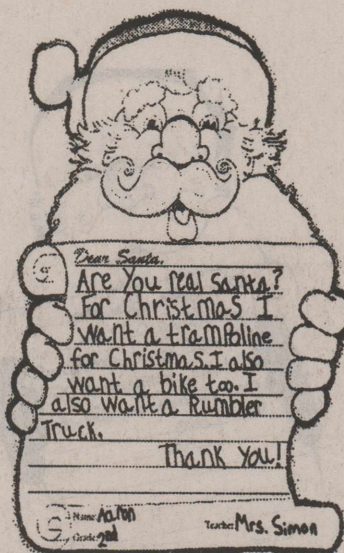
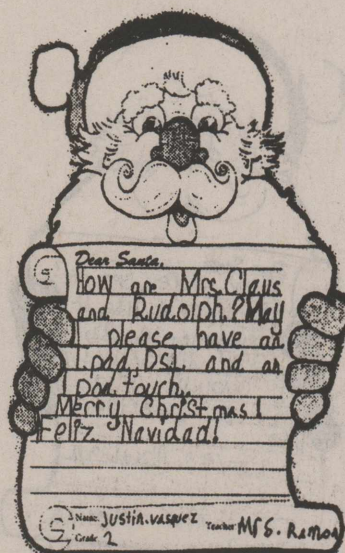
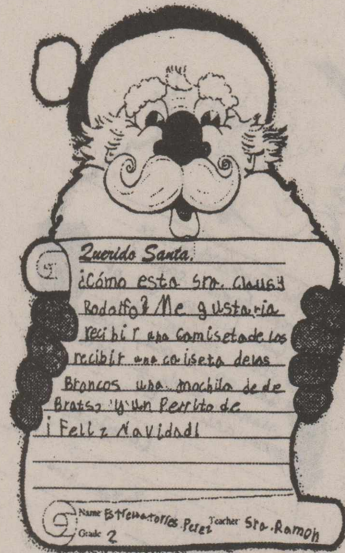
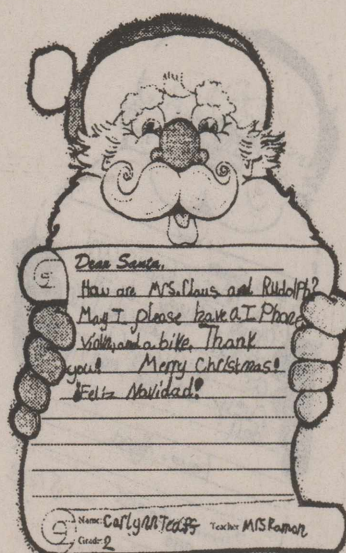
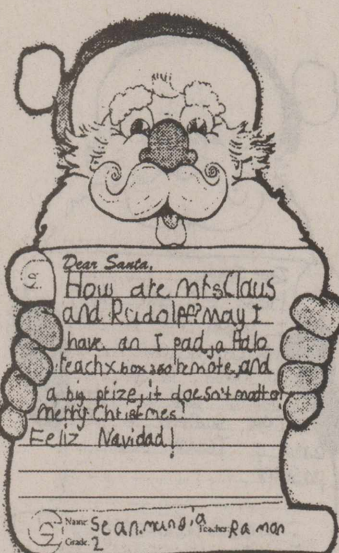
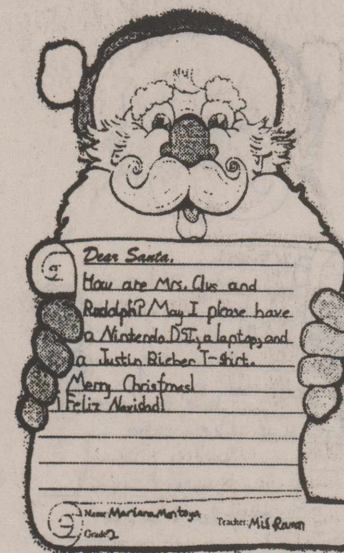
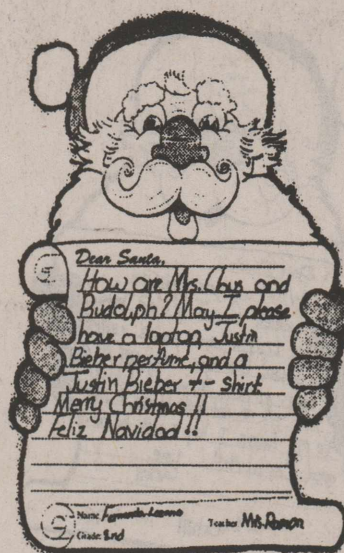
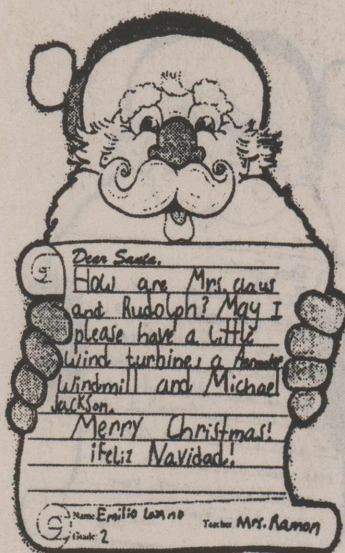
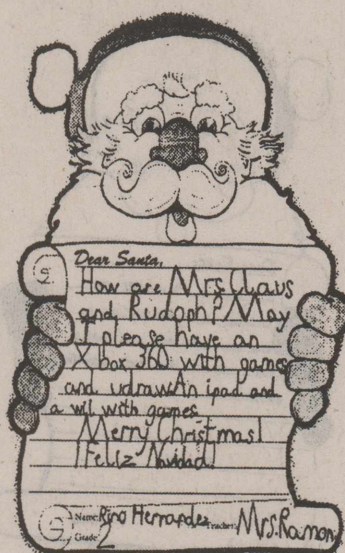
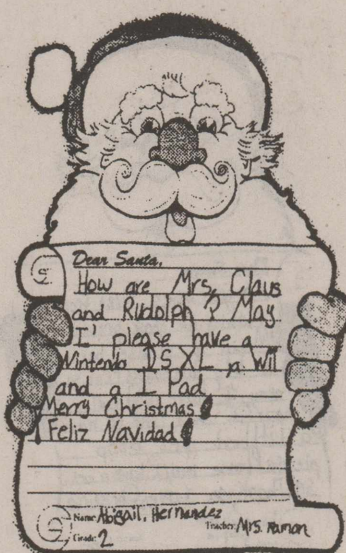
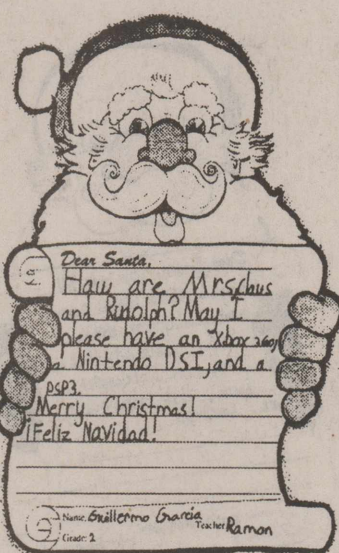
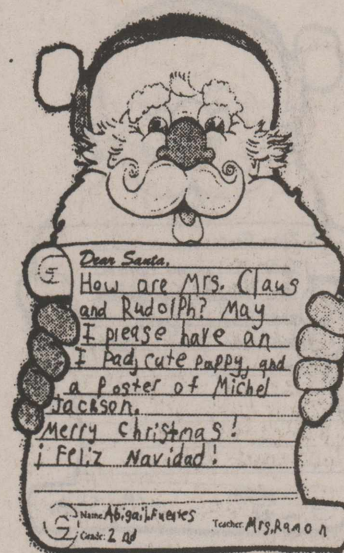
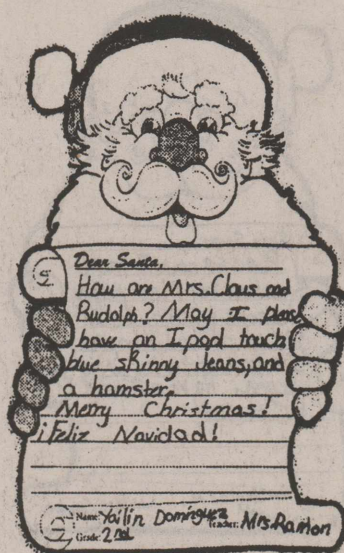
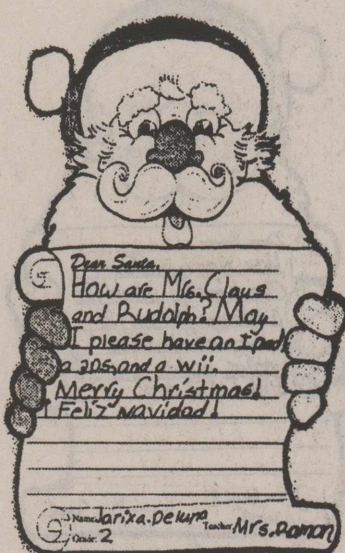
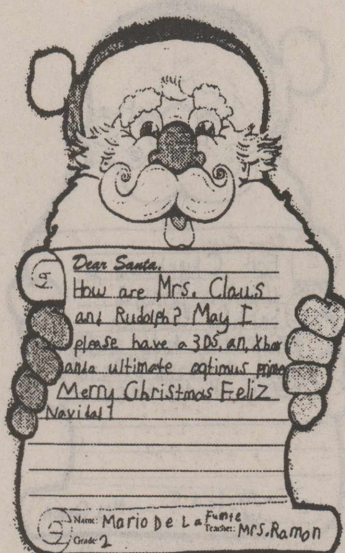
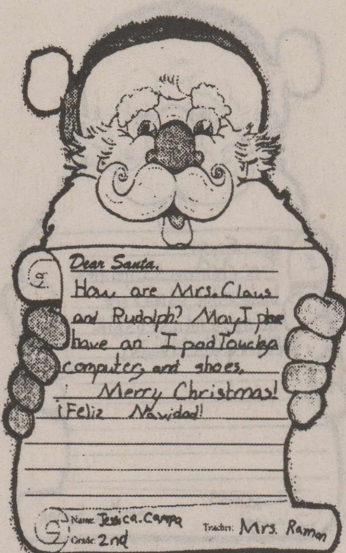
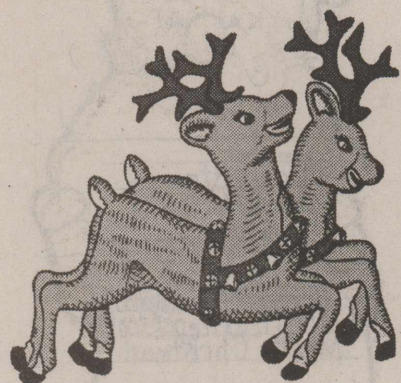
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Preliminary Results From Sutton County Drought Surveys

By Pascual Hernandez,
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In an effort to assess the impact that the 2011 drought has had on Sutton County ranchers, we asked those on our agriculture mailing list to answer a drought survey. A good number responded. Here are some preliminary results:

Cattle. Though cattle raisers reported an 87% calf crop for the year, the average weight of calves at sale time was 529 lbs. Results show that 70% of the cattle that were here in the fall of 2010 have been de-stocked, as of last month.

Sheep. Sheep ranchers reported a lamb crop in the normal range, and the average weight of lambs to be 75 lbs. at sale time. According to surveys, 50% of the sheep that were here in the fall of 2010 have been de-stocked.

Goats. Meat goat raisers turned in kid crop reports of 78% for the year. The average weight of kids at sale time was 40 lbs. Based on responses, it seems that 42% of the goats that were here in the fall of 2010 have been removed off rangeland. We didn't receive any response from Angora goat raisers.

Rainfall. Surveys showed an annual average on 6.21 inches of rainfall (through end of November). The high report was 9 inches, while the low was 2 inches. Be aware that the Sutton Underground Water District compiles rainfall data, and more accurate figures might be found there. Most ranchers reported their rangeland production as 51-75% less than normal.

Keep in mind that these figures represent only the sampling from those folks who responded. To have more accurate and representative data, we are still encouraging others to respond. If you did not respond and wish to do so, visit <http://sutton.agrilife.org/> and click on "Sutton County Drought Management Surveys". The survey will be kept open until December 31.

Oil & Agribusiness Fewer Cows And Calves Will Lead To Strong Cattle Market In 2012



BRYAN – A classic case of supply and demand is predicted for the cattle market in 2012, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service economist.

Dr. David Anderson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service livestock economist, forecasts strong cattle prices for 2012. The historic drought in Texas has caused a decline of more than 600,000 cows, which will lead to fewer calves marketed next year. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

"I think we will continue to maintain historically high prices," Anderson said recently at the Brock Faulkner-Brazos Valley Fall Cattleman's Clinic in Bryan.

Anderson said his 2012 target prices for 600 pound steers are \$131-\$138 per hundredweight during the first quarter, \$136-\$144 in the second quarter, \$137-\$147 in the third quarter and \$133-\$143 in the fourth quarter.

The historic drought this year marked the biggest one-year decline in Texas cow numbers ever with more than 600,000 sold by cattle producers, Anderson said.

"What does this mean? We've got fewer cows and calves, which means higher prices," Anderson said.

Cattle on feed numbers are high, which is consistent with a drought, Anderson said. Feedlots have been "staying current," he said, selling animals to packing operations at a steady clip.

Meanwhile, slaughter steer prices hit a high of \$125 per hundredweight in April and a low of \$105 in June, Anderson said.

"They went back up to \$119 per hundredweight in October," he said.

That's likely the result of buyers making sure enough beef is in grocery stores to satisfy first-of-the-month specials, Anderson said. "Prices shoot forward, then back off as grocery outlets buy what they need, then pull back due to the economy."

Nationally, a 12 percent decline in 2011 in beef cow inventory is the second largest decline in history since 1934-1935 (18 percent), as 550,000 head of cows were sold off during that time. In 1996, a decline of approximately 400,000 cows was recorded during that drought year, Anderson said.

"In 2012, beef production is predicted to be down 4 percent," he said.

The choice-select spread has choice beef selling for "huge amounts" more than select because exports are booming, Anderson said.

"We have growing demand for choice beef," he said. Wal-Mart, the largest grocery retail outlet in the U.S., is also selling more choice beef, Anderson added.

Trends of consumer buying patterns indicate during the beginning of the recession in 2008 consumers were trying to "stretch their dollar by buying more hamburger," he said. "As a result, hamburger, chuck and rounds have reached record prices."

However, there's been growing demand for steaks, Anderson said, so "perhaps the economy is not as bad as some might think since there is some willingness to buy more steaks."

Holiday Safety for You Home



Adapted By: Kelly L Thorp
County Extension Agent -FCS
Texas AgriLife Extension-
Sutton County

The holiday season is here! If you are like me, you are excited about the holidays and have already started or maybe even finished decorating the house and yard.

Many of you put your Christmas tree up right after Thanksgiving. This year you may have decided to have a real tree. Be sure to select a fresh tree. If you cut the tree yourself you know the tree is fresh. But if you do not cut your own tree, be sure to ask when the tree was cut and check it closely for drying needles. Dry greenery and Christmas trees can be a fire hazard this time of year in your home.

The stump of your Christmas tree should be cut fresh before placing the tree in the tree stand. Keep an adequate supply of fresh water covering this fresh cut at all times. Check the water level daily, and refill when needed. The cooler you can keep the room where you have the Christmas tree, the longer it will stay fresh and green. Do not place the tree near a heat vent, wood stove or fireplace.

At the first sign of needle drop and drying you should dispose of the Christmas tree. A single spark can ignite a dry tree. Use some of the discarded tree material as a mulch over dormant perennials or as a haven for wildlife in a nature area.

Holiday greenery used for decoration should be watched very carefully for signs of drying. Evergreen boughs and wreaths can dry in just a few days. A cigarette ash or match could easily start a fire in one of these center pieces. Never leave an unattended candle burning. Blow out candles in these center pieces after the meal is over.

When decorating landscape trees and the exterior of the house, be careful. Make sure you have a sturdy ladder and someone to help hold the ladder when you are stringing lights in high places. When you are on a ladder, do not lean out or reach. Climb down and move the ladder to a better location. Please have a safe holiday season.

Source: by Mary Jane Frogge, Extension Associate, and University of Nebraska-Extension

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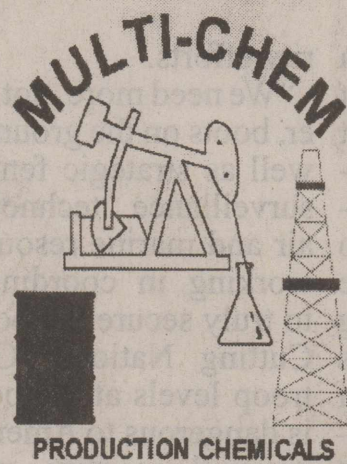
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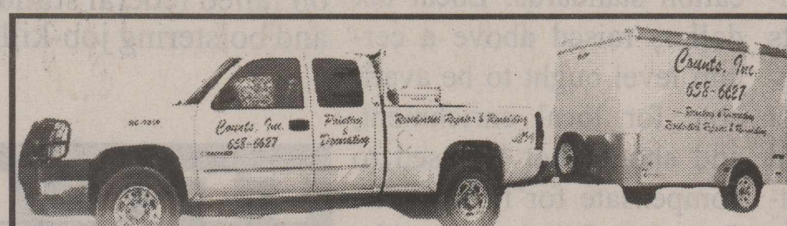
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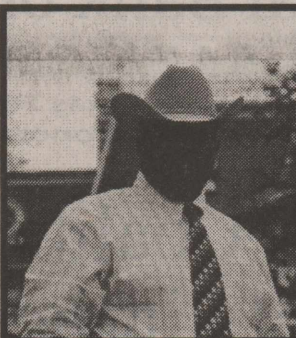


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BRONCO SPORTS

7th Grade Girls Play Aggressive

The first basketball game of the season the Lady Colts traveled to Ballinger and lost 12-28 (Black) and 12-38 (Red) after only two weeks of practice. A month later the two teams meet again and this time the Lady Colts were looking for revenge.

The Black team started off strong by winning the tip and driving hard to the basket. They were VERY aggressive all night which led to 19 steals as a team; Samantha Castro, Bianca Fay and Sky Jennings all had 4 steals apiece. After

trailing at halftime 9-12 the Lady Colts took the third quarter into their own hands. As they held Ballinger scoreless they were able to take the lead with a 14-12 score as they entered the fourth quarter. They held Ballinger's leading scorer to 0 points in the second HALF, but Ballinger was able to score 4 points at the end of the fourth quarter bumping them into a 14-16 lead. The Lady Colts got the ball with 3 seconds left and were able to get a shot off however it didn't go through. They

accounted for 16 rebounds as a team; 6 of those came from April Fraire while Bethany Aguero added another 4 in their 14-16 loss against Ballinger.

April Fraire 6pts
(shot 50% from the FT line: 2 for 4)
Samantha Castro 4pts
Bianca Fay 2pts
Bethany Aguero 2pts

The Red team was just as aggressive and fun to watch. The entire game the girls were running up and down the court. Blanca Mata added to the aggressiveness as she led the

team with 4 steals and 3 rebounds. Even though they were trailing 2-8 at halftime they were still very much in the game. They were able to hold Ballinger to 2 points in the fourth quarter but it wasn't enough to pull out a win as they lost 8-16.

Blanca Mata 4pts
Holly Sparks 4pts

Considering the last time the Lady Colts played Ballinger they were beat by a total of 42 points in two games and this time they were only beat by 10 points, I think it is safe to

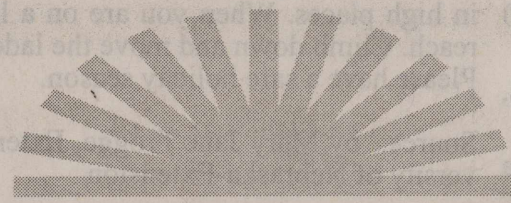
say that the Lady Colts are working hard and improving every week. The Ballinger Coach came up to me afterward and said, "Man, they have improved!", which I believe is a HUGE compliment to these young ladies and they need to know that it is very noticeable. I am very proud of them and blessed to be able to work with such beautiful, hard-working young ladies.

Their tournament scheduled for this weekend (Dec 17) and the game next Monday (Dec 19) have been cancelled

so the next time these girls will see the court for a game will be January 9 at Wall. Thank you for all of your support! Go Big Red!



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Texas School Coalition Members File School Finance Lawsuit

AUSTIN — Members of the Texas School Coalition, made up of revenue-contributing schools, were among six school districts which today filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Texas school finance system. The lawsuit claims that the State fails to provide schools with sufficient funding to meet state educational standards and that the system has become a statewide property tax.

Mark Trachtenberg and John Turner of Haynes and Boone, LLP filed Calhoun County ISD et al vs. Robert Scott et al in state district court in Austin on behalf of six school districts. In addition to the six plaintiffs, another 54 school districts are represented by the law firm in connection with the case. Most of the participating districts are members of the Texas School Coalition, which is made up of revenue-contributing schools. These districts have paid almost \$15 billion in local taxes to the state finance system since 1993 and are projected to pay more than \$1 billion this school year.

"The Texas school finance system is in crisis again. The current system does not meet the constitutional

definition of adequacy and denies local districts the ability to address that inadequacy," said Trachtenberg.

"This lawsuit will demonstrate that school districts are not being provided with the resources needed to meet the standards the State of Texas itself has identified as the measure of a constitutionally adequate education. And, the State's actions have left school districts without meaningful discretion to control their local property tax rates, which violates the constitutional prohibition against a statewide property tax," Trachtenberg said.

With Texas schools adding about 80,000 students annually, the Texas Legislature failed for the first time in 60 years to fund enrollment growth by cutting \$5.4 billion from public education for the coming two-year budget cycle. This has forced districts to eliminate thousands of positions for teachers and other support staff.

"These severe funding reductions come at a time when Texas is requiring school districts to implement a new and more rigorous testing and accountability regime. The State's

school finance system is no longer merely drifting toward constitutional inadequacy. It has arrived," Turner said.

Also, previous court rulings, including the successful West Orange-Cove II case in 2006 brought by Coalition districts, have made it clear that school districts must have a meaningful ability to use local property tax funds for local enrichment.

"The level of state funding has fallen to such a point that many, or even most, school districts must effectively use all of the local funds they can raise just to meet basic education standards. Local tax dollars raised above a certain level ought to be available for local enrichment, and should not be used to compensate for funding the State has failed to provide. We will argue that the State has effectively co-opted the taxing capacity of districts, resulting in a de facto state property tax, which is prohibited by the Texas Constitution," Turner said.

D.C. Decides to Cut Number of National Guard Troops on Texas/Mexico Border

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry today issued the following statement regarding the Obama Administration's decision to cut the number of National Guard troops at the U.S.-Mexico border:

"President Obama's decision to slash the number of National Guard troops patrolling and securing our southern border is proof that this administration has no intention to truly secure the border or listen to the American citizens, communities and law enforcement who care about border security and public safety.

"After spending billions on failed federal stimulus and bolstering job-killing

regulatory agencies in Washington, President Obama now says he can't find the funds to maintain even current National Guard troop levels to protect us against crime at the border. Cutting border troop levels adds insult to the injury of the Obama Administration attacking states that have been forced to take immigration matters into their own hands.

"This decision is all the more appalling given the actions of Attorney General Eric Holder, who let thousands of guns fall into the hands of Mexican drug cartels through the botched Fast and Furious program. Now is not the time to cut secu-

rity efforts.

"We need more, not fewer, boots on the ground, as well as strategic fencing, surveillance technology, air and marine resources, working in coordination to truly secure the border. Cutting National Guard troop levels at the border is dangerous to America's national security, and I urge President Obama to reconsider this ill-advised decision."

Gov. Perry has had a long-standing request for 1,000 Title 32 National Guard Troops to be deployed to the Texas-Mexico border until adequate Border Patrol staffing levels are achieved.

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Christmas Party at the Senior Center

The Sonora Senior Center will be having a Christmas party on December 16 beginning at 5:00PM at the Senior Center located at 102 Wilson Ave. Please join us for a great time, great food, yummy desserts, Christmas carols, dancing and few extra surprises. Santa will also be there! Everyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful evening of fun!

Comptroller Susan Combs Distributes \$478 Million in Monthly Sales Tax Revenue to Local Governments

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.07 billion, up 12.2 percent compared to November 2010. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 20 consecutive months.

"Sales tax revenue in all major economic sectors improved over a year ago," Combs said. "While sales tax receipts associated with oil and natural gas production remains the strongest source of growth, there were strong increases from the consumer-driven sectors of retail trade and restaurants."

Combs will send December sales tax allocations totaling \$478.3 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.7 percent compared to December 2010.

Chairman Jones adopts Hydraulic Frac Fluid Disclosure Rule

Austin, Texas—Today, Chairman Elizabeth Ames Jones and her fellow commissioners adopted one of the nation's most comprehensive chemical disclosure rules for hydraulic fracturing chemicals. The rule will require Texas oil and gas operators to disclose on a national public website all the ingredients and water volumes used to hydraulically fracture wells in Texas.

Jones stated, "With the passage of this mandatory Hydraulic Fracturing Fluid Disclosure Rule, Texans can be assured they will know more about what is going into the ground for fracturing than what goes into a can of soda."

At the Commission's public hearing on Octo-

ber 5, Dr. Andrew Barron, the Welch Chair of Chemistry at Rice University, testified that, "Such a rule [like the adopted frac fluid disclosure rule] is not required for our foods...it is my belief that the proposed rule offers significantly greater information and hence better protection to the public than the FDA [Food and Drug Administration] provides with the labeling of common food and drink."

The Hydraulic Frac Fluid Disclosure Rule will be required for wells that the Railroad Commission has issued an initial drilling permit on or after February 1, 2012. Before the rule passed, Texas operators conduct-

ing hydraulic fracturing were voluntarily entering chemical data into the public website FracFocus (fracfocus.org) for about half of all wells in Texas undergoing hydraulic fracturing.

Jones stated, "With support from Governor Perry, House Energy Resources Chairman Jim Keffer, the industry and environmental groups like the Environmental Defense Fund and the Sierra Club, we have successfully fulfilled our commitment from earlier this year to ensure that Texans know every single ingredient used in the hydraulic fracturing process. The Railroad Commission continues to require best practices for

responsible energy exploration and production while protecting the environment and the public's health and safety."

Chairman Jones made implementation of the rule a top priority after testifying to Congress and the Secretary of Energy's Advisory Board last spring on the same issue. Hydraulic fracturing has been an environmentally safe process used for more than 60 years in Texas. The rule will enhance the transparency of hydraulic fracturing, a technique pioneered in Texas to increase shale gas and oil production, that has helped Texas remain the nation's top energy producer.

Rep. Canseco Cosponsors Bill to Stop Bailout of Europe, Urges Passage

Dec. 12, 2011, Fairfax, VA—Americans for Limited Government President Bill Wilson today praised Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco for cosponsoring legislation by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers that would bring an end to any U.S. involvement via the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to bail out European banks that bet poorly on sovereign debt:

"All indications coming out of the recent European summit are that the IMF will play a leading role in bailing out European financial institutions that bet poorly on sovereign debt through some \$200 billion house of cards scheme. This would include regional European central banks would 'lend' money to the Fund only to be funneled back into European bond mar-

kets, all in violation of the Article VII of the IMF's Articles of Agreement, and the Lisbon Treaty's Article 123 prohibition on monetizing the debt.

"This means U.S. taxpayers, who have already poured at least \$20 billion into propping up Portugal, Greece, and Ireland through the IMF, will again be on the hook when the European governments default on their debt. For

cosponsoring this legislation, Rep. Canseco deserves the thanks of American taxpayers, who don't want to have anything to do with bailing out the bad decisions of foreign banks and European socialist governments.

"HR 2313 should be passed immediately, so that whatever remains of the nation's \$100 billion credit line to the IMF is

pulled back before it is wasted on a costly bailout that will not work. Now is the time for the House to draw a line in the sand."

"Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people talking."

Clement Attlee



... And to those who await a safe return home, our best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

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