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Kenny Warren - Player Of The Year Award

Rotan Players Claim 6 Spots On All-South Plains Football Squad

By: Don Williams
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Rotan's Kenny Warren stands as proof that the path to glory isn't always sprinkled with glamour or glitter or any of that stuff that the more stylish runners are known for.

This season, Warren left behind a trail of trampled turf, jersey fragments and - more than anything — strewn tacklers.

"He's that old slugger. He sort of reminded me a lot of the old Green Bay Packers, a Jim Taylor-type runner," said Rotan head coach Weldon Nelms. "He was just so tough; he didn't go down with one tackler.

"A lot of times, early in the game they (opposing defenses) would stay with him, but late in the game he would wear them down. It seemed like he would get stronger and stronger and they would get weaker."

Warren, a 5-foot-11, 205-pound senior, earned The Avalanche-Journal's All-South Plains Class 1A Player of the Year award for his prowess as both a fullback and a linebacker.

The Coach of the Year is Whiteface's Terry Kinard, who turned around a program that went 1-8 overall in 1987 and 0-6 in district games. This season, the Antelopes improved to 5-4 and made a run at a playoff berth before late-season losses to District 4-1A foes O'Donnell, Plains and Petersburg.

As the battering-ram fullback, Warren rushed for 1,127 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also won all-district honors as a linebacker for the third year in a row and was named the District 13-1A defensive most valuable player.

Warren was in on 123 tackles, including 14 for losses, caused two fumbles, recovered three fumbles, knocked down two passes and blocked a kick.

The Yellowhammers were a lackluster 5-5 last season but advanced all the way to the Region 2-1A finals this year before being banished by Lindsay 31-28.

Rotan players claimed six of the 24 spots on the dream team — including Lance Ragan's double achievement at offensive and defensive tackle — but no one meant more to the 10-3-1 Yellowhammers than Warren.

"The way he played, the team played," said Nelms, a former head coach at Springlake-Earth and assistant at Estacado. "He's not the rah-rah type or rowdy type, but he's very keyed up. You could tell he came to play every night. He didn't leave his uniform at home."

During the last two seasons, however, Nelms probably wasn't any prouder of a player than one he had to talk into coming out for the team.

Ragan, a 6-6, 245-pound senior, did not even play football until Nelms persuaded him to give it a try just before the start of the 1987 campaign. Some 16 months later, Ragan joins Sudan quarterback-safety Kyle Maxfield as the only players to claim All-South Plains accolades both ways.

Rotan coaches credited Ragan with 14 blocks that led to touchdowns, 13 "knockout" blocks and 95 "excellent" blocks. He paved the way not only for Warren but for halfback Joe Huitt and wingback Willard Roddy, who rambled for 955 and 719 yards, respectively, during the regular season.

Ragan the defensive tackle impressed Nelms with his great lateral quickness and pursuit. The results: 53 solo tackles, 52 assists, four tackles for losses, five blocked passes and a blocked kick.

Ragan's phenomenal progress — this was his first year to play in the offensive line — was beyond Nelms' wildest dreams for a youngster who had been insecure and unsure of himself.

"When I first came here, I was told that we weren't going to get him to come out, but fortunately I was able to talk to him," Nelms said. "He didn't have the confidence in himself, but once we got him out there and he did such a great job, he gained a lot of respect from the kids.

"You saw a kid who really made a turnaround and felt good about himself."

Rotan's other honorees were center Brian Sheehan, Roddy at defensive back, and punter Billy Speck, who dropped seven coffin-corner kicks inside the 10 yard line.

Warren narrowly missed making the team at running back. The two spots were claimed by speedy O'Donnell halfback Jessie Perez and Springlake Earth's Donald Spencer. During the regular season, Perez rolled up 1,234 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns, while Spencer scampered for 1,398 yards and 10 scores.

Maxfield, Sudan's junior quarterback, threw for 723 yards and nine touchdowns, but more impressive were his rushing numbers: 812 yards and 15 TDs.

The All-South Plains receivers are wideouts Jerry Roberts of Spur and Jeff Ashburn of Plains and Roscoe tight end Todd Snyder. Roberts was by far the area's leading 1A receiver with 48 catches for 843 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Ashburn caught 33 passes during the regular season, while Snyder had 27 catches and seven touchdowns.

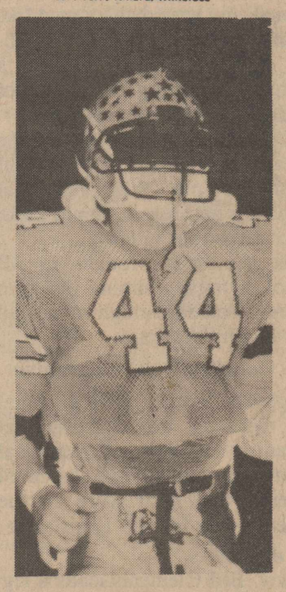
Alongside Ragan and Sheehan in the line are Sudan tackle Chris Harper, Motley County guard Jarrett Jameson and Plains guard Lebert Powell. Despite his 165-pound frame, Harper showed the way for what was easily the area's most productive offense. Sudan averaged 377.5 yards per outing, and most of that came behind Jameson.

In the defensive front are Ragan, quick O'Donnell noseguard Ricky Gloria, Spur's Cody White and Whiteface's Joe Joiner.

Class 1A All-South Plains

OFFENSE
QB: Kyle Maxfield, 6-1, 165, Jr., Sudan
RB: Jessie Perez, 5-11, 169, Sr., O'Donnell
RB: Donald Spencer, 5-9, 140, Springlake-Earth
WR: Jerry Roberts, 5-11, 155, Sr., Spur
WR: Jeff Ashburn, 6-0, 150, Sr., Plains
TE: Todd Snyder, 6-3, 175, Sr., Roscoe
T: Lance Ragan, 6-6, 245, Sr., Rotan
T: Chris Harper, 6-0, 165, Sr., Sudan
G: Jarrett Jameson, 5-10, 185, Jr., Motley County
G: Lebert Powell, 6-0, 175, Sr., Plains
C: Brian Sheehan, 6-1, 195, Sr., Rotan
K: Joe Gonzales, 5-7, 170, Jr., Sudan

DEFENSE
L: Lance Ragan, 6-6, 245, Sr., Rotan
L: Ricky Gloria, 5-10, 162, Sr., O'Donnell
L: Cody White, 6-0, 200, Sr., Spur
L: Joe Joiner, 6-3½, 215, Sr., Whiteface
LB: Kenny Warren, 5-11, 205, Sr., Rotan
LB: Rodney Terry, 5-10, 170, Sr., Meadow
LB: Richard Ramirez, 5-8, 187, Sr., O'Donnell
B: Roland Cantu, 5-9, 160, Sr., Anton
B: Michael Smith, 5-11, 165, Sr., Petersburg
B: Kyle Maxfield, 6-1, 165, Jr., Sudan
B: Willard Roddy, 5-9, 150, Sr., Rotan
P: Billy Speck, 6-0, 175, Sr., Rotan
Player of the Year: Kenny Warren, Rotan
Coach of the Year: Terry Kinard, Whiteface



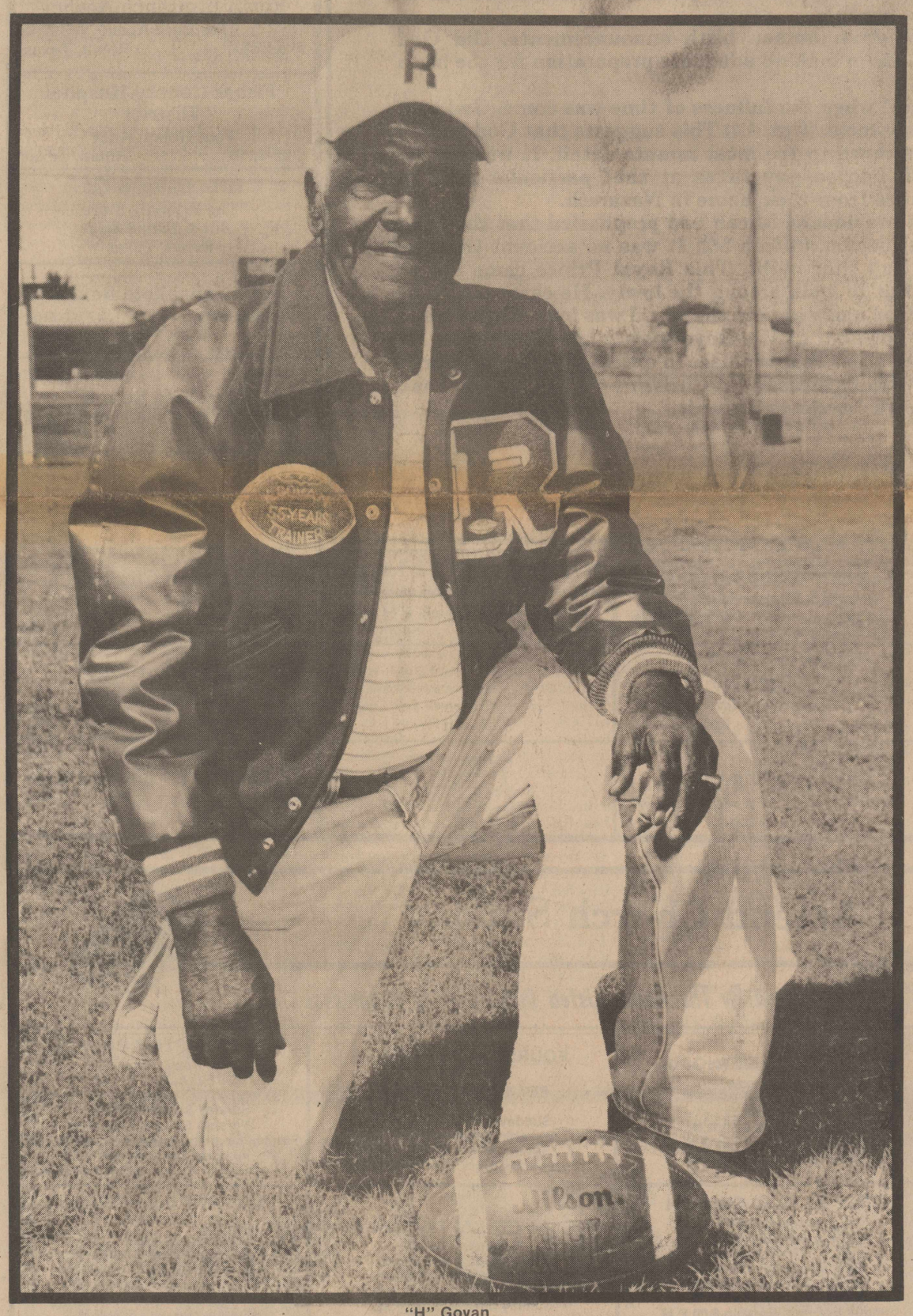
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"H" Govan

Friends Huddle Around 'Mr. H' As They Pay Final Tribute To Beloved Trainer

The residents of Rotan, Texas paid final tribute to William Henry Govan last Saturday, as the 91 year old legend was laid to rest. He passed from this life on December 15, 1988 at the Fisher County Hospital after a brief illness.

The beloved trainer for the Rotan Yellowhammer football team for 66 years, "Mr. H" was born on November 27, 1897 at Crockett, Texas. He was the first of seven children of Dave and Carrie (Jackson) Govan. He attended Prairie View A & M in 1916 and moved to Fisher County in 1918. He married Teresa King, November 27, 1919 at Crockett. She died October 13, 1982. He was a member of Little Zion Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. When he first came to Rotan, he was employed by the Rotan Cotton Oil Mill. Although he worked at several other jobs, at the time of his retirement he was engaged in farming. He was known best for his work as trainer of the Rotan High School "Yellowhammer" football team, a volunteer job he did from 1923 until his death.

He is survived by: one daughter: Birdia Hendley of Odessa; two brothers: D.D. Govan of Minot, North Dakota, and O.T. Govan of Chicago, Illinois; two sisters: Cloteal Lee of Palestine and Q.V. Warner of Houston; one grandson: William Hendley of Odessa; one granddaughter: Viola Johnson of Odessa; three great grandchildren: Venesa Johnson of Odessa; Raphaelle Johnson of Odessa; and William Clyde Hendley II of Odessa.

Funeral services were held at 2 PM, Saturday, December 17th, at First Baptist Church in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Byron Weathersbee and Rev. Henry Lovelady. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Casket bearers were: Willard Roddy, Jodie Powell, Ted Posey, Bill Day, David Carrion, Jeff Posey, Columbus Carr, Jr. and Horace Carter.

Honorary Pallbearers: The 1988 Rotan Yellowhammer Football team.

Numbers To Be Posted In $800 Rotan Gift Give-Away On Friday

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce Directors will be drawing the winning ticket stubs for the Christmas Drawing on Friday, December 23rd. Local merchants will post their winning numbers in their business from 3 to 7 on Friday evening. Shoppers with tickets are advised to drop by the following businesses to match up their numbers for the possible winning of a prize or prizes.

The businesses and prizes are as follows: First National Bank -$50.00 savings bond; West Texas Utilities - Heat log; Dairy Queen -$15.00 gift certificate; Nowlin Farm Supply - $50.00 gift certificate; H.L. Davis - $50.00 gift certificate; Landes Furniture -Decorative touch control lamp; Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. - Sanding disk kit; The Newspaper Office - (5) $10.00 gift certificates; Southern Styling - Free haircut; Rumors Boutique - Sweatshirt; Summers Pharmacy - (3) $10.00 gift certificates; Whites True Value - $50.00 gift certificate; Farm Tractor and Service, Co. -$25.00 gift certificate; Gray Fuel & Chemical - Case of motor oil; Clinic Pharmacy - $50.00 gift certificate; S & L Shamrock - Case of motor oil; Winn's - Girls Bicycle; Better Than Life Bookstore -Metal framed poster and a children's video; Rotan Flower Shop - Poinsettia; F & M Chevrolet-Buick - Oil and Filter Change; Video Village - "E.T." tape; City Auto - $25.00 gift certificate; Martin's Feed and Garden - $25.00 gift certificate; NuTone Cleaners - $25.00 dry cleaning; Casa Morales - $25.00 gift certificate; and Glen's Thriftway - $50.00 gift certificate.

"All ticket stubs from all the participating businesses will be put together and then the winning numbers will be drawn, therefore your ticket could win at any of the 26 participating businesses," said Don Dawes, Chamber of Commerce President.

Most County Churches Adjusting Christmas Service Schedules

Most Fisher County churches will conduct special services on Sunday morning Christmas Day and most are cancelling Sunday School and evening worship services.

The churches holding 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning services are: First United Methodist in Roby; First Baptist in Rotan; Calvary Baptist in Rotan; Cross Roads Baptist and First United Methodist in Rotan.

The Church of Christ in Roby will have morning worship services at 10:45, with Sunday School at 10:00 while the Church of Christ in Rotan will have morning worship services only at 10:45 a.m.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will hold a midnight mass at 12:00 midnight Christmas Eve and will hold Sunday Mass at 9:00 a.m., according to Father Austin Kittredge.

Services at the First Baptist Church in Roby and the Foursquare Church in Rotan have been cancelled for Christmas Day.

Tony Gruben Will Fill Pulpit At Cross Roads On Christmas Morning

Tony Gruben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gruben of Rotan, will be speaking at the morning worship service at the Cross Roads Baptist Church on Christmas morning.

Gruben is a senior at Texas Tech and plans on attending the Baptist seminary after graduation and continuing his studies.

Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

A FINAL COMMENT: The old man is gone. He touched our lives and reems have been written on his contributions to young athletes in Rotan sports programs. It is wonderful that Rotan folks saw fit to shower him with gifts, special events and plaques while he was alive. He was certainly shown appreciation in an overwhelming manner the past few decades. H. Govan appreciated the letter jackets, dedications, plaques, gifts, trips, naming of the field and granite monument for his service - but his reason for serving was not for the "glitter," it was for the kids.

We're going to miss the old man. We're going to miss him slowly making his way across the field at the beginning of the game shaking hands with his boys. He was special, one in a million, and aren't we lucky that we had the chance to touch his life on this earth.

-KK-

NEW COUNTY BUSINESSES: Jack Allen's Service Station, of Rotan has been re-opened after being closed for several months. Bobby Gallagher has leased the business. Emma Denton is in the process of opening a new beauty shop in the building at the far west end of Snyder Avenue. Glenda and Noel Field have formed a partnership and purchased Henry's Quick Stop and re-named it K & K (K & K for Noel's two girls Kelli and Kayla) - the newly organized Roby convenience store is now open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Also Good Stuff Video has opened on the West side of the square in Roby. Keith Carmichael and Michael Pangle have opened the Western Outlet in Rotan in the old Woody's Bar-B-Que Building. These folks need our local support, just as the other Fisher County businesses this Christmas season.

-KK-

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek called to give us this information.

Jokes- A good wife laughs at her husband's jokes, not because they are clever, but because she is.

Prayer- Some people pray for a bushel, but carry a cup.

Salesmanship- More sales have been started when the salesman's mouth was closed than when it was open.

Children- Maybe children could keep in the straight and narrow path if they could get information from someone who's been over the route.

Drunken Driving- Cars and bars mean stars and scars.

Envy- Don't envy anybody. Every person has something no other person has. Develop that one thing and make it outstanding.

State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN–Days before the Legislature is to convene, the explosive issue of equitable school funding has been defused by a state appeals court.

Legislators are still determined to address fair funding this session while the lawsuit is appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

But the specter of expensive court-ordered reforms will not interfere with lawmakers while they work on the problem.

Ever since State District Judge Harley Clark of Austin ruled the present funding system unconstitutional, the issue has loomed like a dark cloud, promising to absorb surplus dollars and force a tax hike, hastening the advent of the dreaded state income tax.

In overturning that ruling, the appeals court said the current system is not fair, but that lawmakers and voters should make the changes, not judges.

The suit was brought by 12 school districts claiming the state doesn't provide enough money to fund quality programs.

No Constitutional Guarantee

Appeals court judges ruled 2-1 there is no constitutional guarantee of equal educational opportunity for all public school students, and until there is, the matter is one for the Legislature, not the courts.

Gov. Bill Clements leads a legislative team determined to propose a constitutional amendment which will render court-ordered reform unnecessary.

But another faction, believing in the judiciousness of the lawsuit, claims it can block that amendment.

Clayton Named Regent

Adding a footnote to a Texas Capitol legend, former House Speaker Billy Clayton, the only man to wield that gavel four terms, has been named to the Texas A&M University Board of Regents.

This makes the second time Clayton has been appointed to the job by Clements. His first appointment was in 1982 at the end of the Republican governor's first term, but he never served a single day.

The Legislature had just ended a bloody reapportionment war which saw Clayton, then a conservative Democrat, stand by a minority band of GOP lawmakers against a new wave of liberalism.

By the time Clayton faced Senate approval, the Democrats had swept the '82 elections and Gov. Mark White had taken office.

The highly partisan White convinced several Democratic senators to pull down 102 of Clements' pending appointees in favor of his own. Clayton's redistricting plan had angered the wave of liberals who swept into office with White, and he fell victim to the partisan feuding frenzy.

Six-Year Wait Ends

Clayton took it all in stride. Shortly thereafter, he quietly switched parties and remained a force.

His redistricting plan positioned Texas Republicans and rural conservatives to survive during White's anti-conservative term, and it anchored the '80s voter realignment which saw Texas emerge as a two-party state.

Clayton's loyalty to friends, conservatives and liberals, is steadfast, and it's fitting that now, six years later, Clements would come full circle with a new honor.

Fightin' Texas Aggies are delighted with the appointment. Clayton, class of '50, is president of TAMU Former Students Association, and regarded by them as maroon-blooded.

Lewis Poised for Four

Speaker Gib Lewis is poised to match Clayton's record of serving four terms. He is basically unchallenged for the post and his re-election opening week is unquestioned.

Ironically, Lewis will name a committee this session to lay the groundwork for redistricting the state following the '90 census, and Republicans have played key roles on his team.

Whether Lewis will be as helpful as Clayton remains to be seen. It's no secret that House Republicans would like to win enough seats next decade to elect the first Republican speaker in Texas history.

Short Takes

• Former GOP state chairman George Strake has written President Reagan supporting a pardon for controversial Lt. Col. Oliver North of the Iran Contra scandal.

Strake compared North's illegal funding of Contra rebels to former Pres. John F. Kennedy's defense of civil disobedience to stop racism.

• State Sen. Bill Sarpalius, who will soon go to Washington to serve in Congress, urged the no-pass no-play rule be altered to allow students to make up class work for up to 15 unexcused absences.

Sarpalius' interim panel on juvenile justice seeks to keep kids out of trouble by keeping them in school. He defended barring students from extracurricular activities after five unexcused absences.

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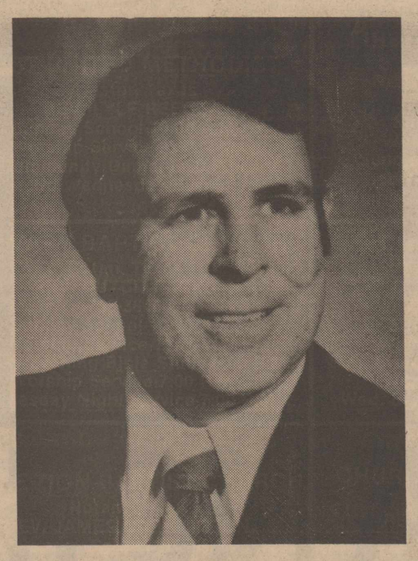
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Pastor's Column
By Rev. Pat Anderson
Cross Roads Baptist Church

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Luke 2:7:"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

How different this from human birth announcements. Did God make a mistake and fail in making adequate preparation for the birth of His Son? Hardly.

Scripture says, that "when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son into the world. (Gal. 4:4) This suggests that God had all things prepared even down to the most minute detail. It was not incidental that Joseph had to pay taxes at that particular time in Bethlehem eighty miles from their home in Nazareth.

Hundreds of years previously, Micah had prophesied that the King would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2) It was no accident that the Bethlehem Inn was full that night. This Royal Prince came not to reign from a palace but to walk among the lowly. He came not to be served but to serve. God's message to the world was love. Christ could have come in all the splendor of His Royal power but He did not. He was born in a manger rather than a palace in order to say to the world, "I am one with you." God's message of Christmas is "I love you" and He sent His son into the world to prove it.

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Wednesday Night Service-7:00 P.M.



Hammer Happenings



By Donna Turnbow

Well, not too much going on due to the upcoming holiday. Tuesday the varsity girls and boys basketball teams had the home advantage when they played Rochester. HAMMER PRIDE! December 30, the junior varsity and varsity girls and boys basketball teams will travel to Coahoma to play. Good luck!

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TIS THE SEASON!! Monday the FHA (Future Homemakers of America) had their yearly Christmas party. "Oh What Fun It Is"!!!!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Wednesday the 21st school will let out for the holidays. January 3, everyone will return to break in the new year. Soon after everyone returns it will be time for six weeks and semester exams.

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I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Don't forget to be careful during the holidays. Keep looking for more Hammer Happenings!

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Rotan Varsity Girls In Tourney

The Rotan varsity girls basketball squad got in a few good games last week at the Aspermont tournament.

The girls lost the opening game of the tournament to Aspermont by the score of 57-55 then came back the following night to defeat the Anson girls 57-34.

The Rotan squad was scheduled to take part in the consolation game on Saturday but the starting time conflicted with the players attending the H. Govan funeral, so the contest was forfeited by Rotan.

In the opening game loss to Aspermont, Rotan's Terri Johnson scored 16 points to capture high point individual honors in the scoring department. Others scoring were: Shanna Bennett 14; Sherri Conner 6; Lucy Stinson 6; Lynette McQueen 5 and Denise Powell 8. Other team members are Debra Martinez and Vanessa Peek.

In the Aspermont game, "we didn't have a good third quarter but we came back strong in the final period to come within 2 points of Aspermont," said Coach Danny Diggs.

Rotan and Aspermont were tied 12 - 12 at the end of the first period. At halftime Aspermont jumped out to a 29 - 24 lead. At the end of the third period Aspermont sported a 47 to 36 lead but Rotan scored 19 points in the final period to only 10 by Aspermont to come within 2 points of the game winners.

"We played very well as a team and we showed a lot of character by making a run during the final period," said Diggs.

In the 57-34 win against Anson, Sherri Conner had a "cake walk" in the second-half scoring 23 of her 27 points for the night. She was the high point individual scorer.

Others scoring were Shanna Bennett 2; Shannon Boone 4; Terri Johnson 2; Lucy Stinson 4; Lynette McQueen 6 and Denise Powell 12.

Rotan's girls play on Friday, December 30th at Coahoma. Junior varsity girls play at 4:30 and varsity girls play at the conclusion of the junior varsity game.

City Secretary, Kenneth Vann Recovering Well

City Secretary, Kenneth Vann has returned home after suffering a light stroke on November 18th. Vann was released from Hendrick Medical Center on December 13th. "I am feeling real good and hope to be back at work sometime soon after the holidays," said Vann.

County Over Spends Budget In 1987 By $44,317

In 1987 Fisher County took in $79,304 more than they budgeted they would but on the expenditure side of the ledger they spent approximately $45,000 more than they budgeted. For the year 1987 the Fisher County books showed an actual revenues less expenditures deficit of $23,787.00

Actual revenues from taxes were $655,696; intergovernmental revenues amounted to $108,577; charges for services were $65,379; fines and forfeitures were $71,105 and other revenues were $150,723. Total revenues (Actual) from the five revenue producting categories amounted to $1,051,480.00.

Actual expenditures for the 1987 year were $1,075,267.00.

The top ten expenditure areas for Fisher County during 1987 were (1) The Sheriff's Department with total actual expenses of $250,537.00, (2) Non-Departmental expenditures of $139,347.00, (3) maintenance of buildings at $82,503, (4) County Clerk's office expenditures of $75,212.00, (5) 32nd Judicial District expenditures of $67,316.00, (6) Senior Citizen Program expenditures of $65,844.00, (7) extension service - $58,323.00, (8) Fisher County Tax Collector expenditures of $44,627.00, (9) County Judge expenditures of $44,483.00 and (10) County Attorney office expenditures of $44,172.00.

Total expenditures of $1,075,267.00 were $44,317.00 over the budget figure of $1,030,950.00.

FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES WITH BUDGET COMPARISON
Year Ended December 31, 1987

	Actual	Budget	Actual Over (Under) Budget
Revenues:			
Taxes	$ 655,696	$ 684,776	$ (29,080)
Intergovernmental Revenues	108,577	90,141	18,436
Charges for services	65,379	70,909	(5,530)
Fines and forfeitures	71,105	66,000	5,105
Other revenue	150,723	60,350	90,373
Total Revenues	1,051,480	972,176	79,304
Expenditures:			
32nd Judicial District	67,316	56,454	10,862
District Clerk	33,102	26,416	6,686
County Attorney	44,172	43,751	421
Court Reporter	10,703	9,938	765
District Court	10,866	18,239	(7,373)
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1	39,582	39,317	265
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3	9,195	8,526	669
County Judge	44,483	43,464	1,019
Commissioners' Court	5,306	5,700	(394)
County Clerk	75,212	76,916	(1,704)
County Auditor	41,630	43,922	(2,292)
County Treasurer	28,462	30,468	(2,006)
County Tax Collector	44,627	49,776	(5,149)
County Sheriff	250,537	221,464	29,073
Senior Citizens Program	65,844	39,700	26,144
Human Resources Program	8,467	9,241	(774)
Indigent Welfare	383	5,300	(4,917)
Maintenance of Buildings	82,503	89,957	(7,454)
Community Building	3,208	6,195	(2,987)
Extension Service	58,323	55,608	2,715
Veterans Service Officer	10,655	9,798	857
Non-departmental	139,347	140,800	(1,453)
Constable	1,344	-	1,344
Total Expenditures	1,075,267	1,030,950	44,317
Revenues over (under) expenditures	$ (23,787)	$ (58,774)	$ 34,987

Home Economist's Report By Beth Dannheim

ODE TO CHRISTMAS DINNER!

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the kitchen, Mrs. Claus was up late, cooking turkey and fixins. The meal was all planned with thought and great care, for tomorrow's first light brings her family there.

The table was draped with her best cloth of linen.

The candles were placed, and that's just the beginning.

Her sterling shone bright as a star in the night.

Spoon to the left, now is that wrong or right?

The meal in itself was a sight to behold.

Mixed textures, mixed flavors, and foods hot and cold.

Minerals like calcium were evidently seen,

In rich sauces and gravies, puddings fit for a queen.

Vitamin B was there also, he was not to be outdone.

There he is, see him interwined in pretzel-shaped hot buns.

Ambrosia heaped high just like snow on a sunset.

Was oozing with vitamin C, is there more yet?

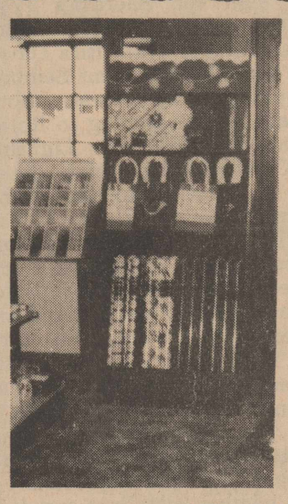
Tom Turkey, quite grand, sat resplendent in protein. His robe, corn bread dressing, was the best ever seen. Cranberry Salad, round in its wreath mold, Gave a dash to the table like Rudolph's famed nose.

Not to be forgotten was Vitamin A, Which we need to partake, in fact, most every day. Vitamin A rates an "A" in the glorious way, That he dressed himself up for the coming Christmas Day.

Mountains of sweet potatoes, candied yams, if you please, Just waiting to be tasted, and look, english peas, Oh, my, what a menu, nutrient - bound to be sure. And if eaten, well balanced, many ills it may cure.

How can I remember just how much to eat? Here's the clue! 4-4-3-2. Now that's hard to beat. The time is approaching, everyone take a seat.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all BON APETIT!

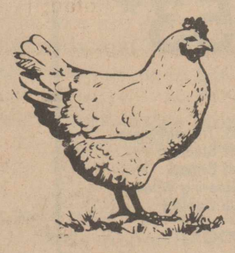


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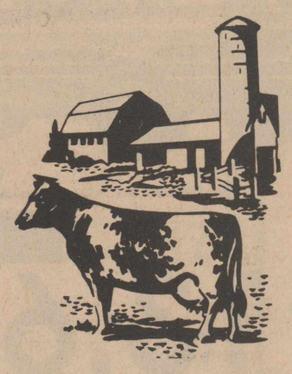
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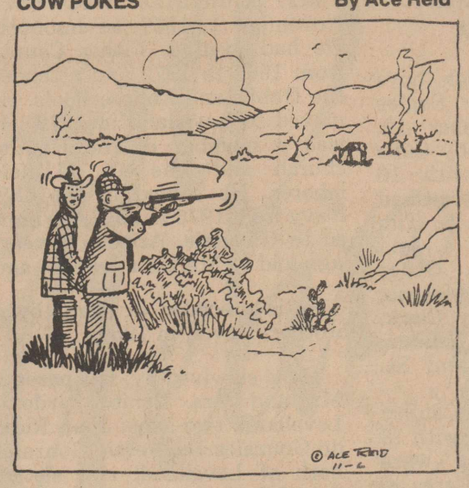
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Several Out-Of-Towners Attend Sylvester Homecoming Fete

The Sylvester Homecoming was held at the Sylvester Community Center on November 5, 1988.

There were over 300 registered and 225 meal tickets were sold for the noon meal which was catered by The Country Bar-B-Que Place of Roby.

The President, Mrs. Florine Stuart of Roby, reserved the Roby Annex Building for the Friday night before the homecoming for class reunion groups. Between 50 and 60 people enjoyed this "first time" event.

The Homecoming activities for Saturday started at 9:30 a.m. and lasted until about 3:30 p.m.

The class of 1944 had the most present with 8 there this year out of a class of 14.

All officers and helpers were re-elected again for the Homecoming to be held the first Saturday in November of 1990.

The business and memorial service was started about 1:00 p.m. The memorial service was led by Kenneth McCain. The names of our loved ones whom we have lost in the last two years were read.

The President called the meeting to order and the minutes of the last Homecoming were read by the vice-president, Mrs. Winnie Jean Grisham.

There were several gifts given out. The gift for the one who came the farthest was given to Racheal Kiser Comas from Kentucky. There were some registered from California, Illinois, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas, Louisiana, but some of these had left before the business meeting. There were three football players from the classes of 1942, 1943 and 1944 present who played on the last Sylvester team to win district. They were: Freddie Kiser (1942), J.F. Dozier (1943), and Clayton Eoff (1944). They all received red cardinal birds made by Evagene Wilson. The four oldest present were: A.F. Dozier of Sylvester, Finis Sexton of Slaton, Mrs. Grace Brewer Snow of Abilene and Mrs. Addie Maberry of McCaulley who had gone to take Mrs. Dosie McCain her lunch. These received gifts also.

Gifts were also given to all who helped with the Homecoming in any way.

Evagene Wilson read the names from the classes from 1915 to 1949. Names from each class were placed in nomination for King and Queen. Names were drawn and Mrs. Florine Stuart of the class of "33" was crowned Queen. Florine was also presented a Red Cardinal.

There is a book being written about Sylvester. If anyone has anything they would like to have to be put in the book or any good jokes, please send it to Kathryn Duff, 750 Grove, Abilene, Texas 79605. She would like anything about Sylvester to be in the book.

Officers elected to serve till "1990" are: Pres. - Mrs. Florine Stuart, Roby; Vice Pres. - Winnie Jean Grissham, Abilene; Sec. -Wanda Leigh Smith Weir, Hamlin; Treasurer - Mrs. Gloria Lee Kiser Ferguson, McCaulley; Correspondence - Mrs. Evagene Wilson, Sunray.

To all of the helpers who helped in anyway, moving tables and chairs, cleaning the grounds, or cleaning the building, or whatever, we offer a very special thank you.

The building was decorated with school colors, pictures of school kids, teachers and of the school were displayed.

Many people brought clippings from papers, and books to add to the memories of the Sylvester school days. Trophies, footballs, basketballs and baseballs were also used to decorate the building. Red and white flowers were used as center pieces for the tables.

For the next Homecoming, please bring anything you have from the Sylvester school or from Sylvester itself. The more things they have the more it will remind them of a school they used to have and still love.

The Homecoming was enjoyed by all as they got to see and visit with old friends.

The next Homecoming will be in 1990.

Rotan Chamber Wraps Up An Active Year Of Activities

Throughout the 1988 calendar year the Rotan Chamber of Commerce has initiated and participated in numerous projects and activities for the community. The projects and activities are as follows:

Voter registration drive; purchase and placement of oak trees for Lions Club lot; Chamber of Commerce Banquet; 3 community awards — Student Award, Business Award and Service Award; Partial purchase of National Domino Association trophy; maintenance of downtown activities sign; May Fair Celebration; continued participation in 'Keep Texas Beautiful' contest; Yard of the Month; established scholarship fund for a Rotan graduate; bleachers established at the tennis courts; Tennis Tournament; new sign for Sherifff's Posse Rodeo Arena; AJRA Rodeo; Rotan Fitness Trail; Rita Davenport Time Management Seminar; pumpkin carving contest; support of Santa Claus coming to Rotan; downtown Christmas Lighting; the Christmas decoration contest and a donation to the Fisher County Livestock Show.

"The Rotan Chamber of Commerce has just completed a very successful year. We have initiated a number of new projects and continued many projects that carry-over from prior years. With the community working together, Rotan is truly a better place to live. The officers and directors of the Rotan Chamber appreciate the hard work and involvement of the Chamber members and look forward to a successful 1989," said Don Dawes, Chamber President.

Former County Resident, Joe Gonzales, Passes Away At Age 31

Mr. Joe Gonzales Jr., 31, died at his home in Mertzon Friday afternoon. Funeral services were at 2 PM, Tuesday, December 20th, at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan. Officiating was Rev. Felix Silva, the pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery.

Mr. Gonzales was born November 1, 1957, at Lubbock. He had lived in Fisher County from 1967 to 1972 and attended the Hobbs and Roby schools. He moved to Levelland in 1972. He was a member of the Baptist church and was an oil field laborer. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1975 to 1977. He moved to Glendale, Arizona 2 years ago and to Mertzon 3 weeks ago.

He is preceded in death by a brother, David, in 1959.

He is survived by: His parents: Mr. and Mrs. Benito Pardo of Levelland; two sons: Juan Ricardo Gonzales and Jessie Gonzales, both of Levelland; two sisters: Rachael Pardo and Olga Pardo, both of Mertzon; one brother: Raul Gonzales of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Roby Jr. High Downs McCaulley By Four, Final Score 38-34

The Roby Junior High boys defeated the McCaulley Eagles 38-34, Monday, December 12. High pointer for the Roby Cubs was Buster Frierson with 16 points. Others scoring were Chad Lindsey 5, Elliot Mize 5, Tim Hohon 4, Joel Collier 4, and Robert Valenkamp 4. Other members include Ruben Moreno, Blake Stephens, Zachary Clark, Alfred Rivas, Jason Gruben, Heath Taylor and Jeriami St. Clair.

High pointer for the McCaulley Eagles was Brian Hunter with 13 points. Others scoring were David Scott 12, Chris Estes 4, Esteban Espinoza 4, and Jason Kiser 1. Defensive standouts were Tim Bob Smith, Doug Decker, and Joey Smart.

R&R Acrostars Attend First Meet In Amarillo

The advanced group of the R & R Acrostars gymnastic club traveled to Amarillo Dec. 17th for their first meet of the year. The results of the floor tumbling were: Tracy Posey -1st, Lorin Clem -1st, Julie Grisham -2nd, Katy Cade -2nd, Heather Brown - 2nd, Brandi Murphree - 5th and Amy Blackwelder - 6th. Julie Grisham also received a 6th place in trampoline competition. The R & R acrostars are coached by Larry and Jill Robards of Rotan.

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From Fisher County's Past

From The Newspapers - 1977, 1982 & 1987

"1977"

Four new businesses have been added to the 32 that are taking part in the "Christmas Gift Certificate Give Away," according to Larry Landes, Rotan Chamber of Commerce president.

The Roby Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary had their annual Awards and Christmas Banquet at the Fire Hall last Saturday night. The Fireman of the Year Award for 1977 was presented to J.N. McGinnis. He has been a member of Roby Volunteer Fire Department for the past 25 years.

The Silver Spur Restaurant in Roby is now open. The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kafer from Gatesville. The restaurant will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily and closed on Mondays.

The Rotan Junior Livestock Show, involving youth from the Rotan FFA and 4-H organizations will begin the 1977-78 show circuit this Saturday. The 4th annual Rotan Junior Livestock Show will get underway at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 17.

"1982"

A total of five Fisher County basketball players were honored last Saturday night by being named to the Roby Tournament team. The five were: Greg Gruben, Elisa Carrillo, and Dana Nowlin of Rotan and Robby King of Roby. Jerry Wallace was named Most Valuable Player.

Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett made the announcement last Monday of a $10,000 grant from the Council of Governments for the construction of a 40 by 40 addition on the Fisher County Senior Citizens Center next to the Fisher County Hospital. The building is expected to cost between $18,000 and $20,000. The Fisher County Senior Citizens have raised $3,000 through various fund projects with an additional $4,000 to $5,000 needed in order to assure the project's completion.

Calvary Baptist Church will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary, Sunday December 19, 1982. Rev. Carl Underhill a former pastor, now residing in Mize, Miss., will preach the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

"1987"

The cast for the annual performance of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan "Live Nativity Scene" is in the process of being selected, according to Rev. Terry Lowe, Pastor.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Garry Wester were among 30 people named missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board December 8, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Santa Claus will make his annual stop in Roby at the Courthouse square on December 24th at 3:00 p.m.

Santa's Toy Store in Roby will open on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Santa will be at the store from 1:00 to 2:00 both days. Toys available at low cost.

The members of the Rotan Independent School Board met last Monday night and took action on three specific areas. First they reaffirmed their earlier decision to take bids on the placement of all school insurance, second - they agreed to study for at least a month the decision to bring the drug detection dogs to Rotan and finally the tabled discussion on implementing the write-to-read program due to lack of space in the primary building.

Rotan Jr. High Girls Lose Contest To Teams From Ira

Rotan Junior High 7th and 8th grade girls suffered another crushing defeat at the Rotan-Ira basketball game last Monday night at the Rotan High School gym. The 7th and 8th played separate games.

Starting with the 7th grade the overall stats were great. Jenni Burns had a total of 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Janet Martin also had a total of 5 rebounds. Melissa Martinez our "star stat" for 7th grade with a total of 8 rebounds and 3 steals. Shana Schooly, 1 rebound. Elisha White 3 rebounds. Elaine Soliz 1 steal. Karen Dickenson with 5 rebounds. Points were made by Karen Dickenson 1 basket and 1 freethrow, and Elisha White with 1 basket for a total of 5 points. Final score Rotan 5, Ira 11. Great job 7th grade.

The 8th grade girls also lost to Ira. Ira beat the Hammers, Rotan 12, Ira 28. The 8th grade girls played a great game as well. Angela Peace, with 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals. Jessica Yanez 3 rebounds. Traci Hull, 8th grade "Star Stat" with 4 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals. Rachel Dawes with 7 rebounds. Chrystal Garcia 2 rebounds. Linda Hernandez 2 rebounds. Missy McKinney 4 rebounds. Heather Lackey 3 rebounds. Heather Randolph 2 rebounds. Amber Martin 1 rebound 1 steal. Kelli Weaver 5 rebounds. Points were made by Traci Hull 3 baskets, Angela Peace 2 baskets, Rachel Dawes 1 freethrow, Chrystal Garcia 1 freethrow. The overall stats were great for 8th grade too! Thirty eight overall rebounds, 2 assists, and 7 steals. Great job 8th grade.

Come on Hammers, Let's fight for a victory next week!!

By: Missy McKinney and Heather Randolph

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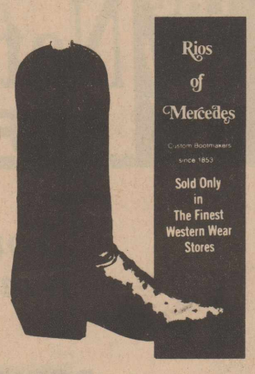
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TAX PLANNING



Written By
Richard E. Rodgers, CPA

IRS PUBLISHES TAX TIMES

The 1986 tax law required the Internal Revenue Service to publish the estimated time necessary to prepare each tax form.

According to the IRS estimates, an individual filing the regular Form 1040 without any schedules will spend an average of just over nine hours to maintain records, complete the form, and send it to the IRS. Adding Schedule A for itemized deductions and Schedule B for interest and dividend income increases total preparation time to almost 15 hours.

The IRS estimates are the findings of a study conducted for the Service by Arthur D. Little, Inc. The required times turned out to be about twice as long as the IRS had previously indicated. The IRS will be soliciting public comment on these time estimates and will also ask for suggestions on how to simplify the tax forms.

Average times for some of the more common tax forms as revealed by the study are as follows:

Form	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing the form	Copying, assembling, and sending the form to IRS	Total Time
1040	187 min	142 min	181 min	35 min	9 hrs, 5 min
Sch. A	167 min	26 min	61 min	20 min	4 hrs, 34 min
Sch. B	33 min	8 min	16 min	20 min	1 hr, 17 min
Sch. C	424 min	71 min	129 min	25 min	10 hrs, 49 min
Sch. D	62 min	45 min	54 min	35 min	3 hrs, 16 min
Sch. E	192 min	62 min	82 min	35 min	6 hrs, 11 min
Sch. F	653 min	122 min	250 min	35 min	17 hrs, 40 min
Sch. R	20 min	16 min	22 min	35 min	1 hr, 33 min
Sch. SE					
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Long	26 min	22 min	37 min	20 min	1 hr, 45 min

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Yellowhammers Fall To Aspermont In Foul-Plagued Tournament Contest

Rotan's boys lost the opening contest of the Aspermont tournament 105 to 71 to the Aspermont Hornets and Coach Bruce Merrell selected his words carefully in commenting on the loss. "I felt we played well against Aspermont, they had a good team, but I feel the officials took us out in the foul department," said Merrell.

Rotan's players were called for 30 fouls for the night to 10 for the Aspermont Hornets. "We never did get into a 1-1 shooting situation and Aspermont was in the 1-1 early," said Merrell.

In that Aspermont game Jorge Montoya captured high point honors for Rotan with 20 points. Joe Huitt had 18 points in the game and Billy Speck and Willard Roddy tied with 13 points each. Others scoring were: Lane Landes 4; and Brian Sheehan 3. Other team members are Aaron Porter, Chris Kennedy and Mike Garcia.

In the second game of the tournament Rotan outscored Rochester 103-62. Jorge Montoya scored 32, Lane Landes had 23 while Joe Huitt hit for 16 and Willard Roddy for 11. Others scoring were Billy Speck 6; Aaron Porter 1; Chris Kennedy 4; Mike Garcia 4 and Brian Sheehan 4.

"Everything that went wrong in the Aspermont loss, went right in the Rochester win - we hit on everything we threw at the basket," said Coach Merrell.

"We need to play better on defense, but our offense is better than I ever dreamed it would be," he said.

Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker

If you like windy weather, you are probably enjoying today (Monday) and the wind has been blowing for several days now. It really got cold Wednesday night and I think the wind blew almost all night that night. Thursday morning was real cold and the wind was still blowing, I sure hate having to feed the horses when it's that cold, but they have to eat too.

J.C. Cave was admitted to the Fisher County hospital late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, he hasn't really been feeling very good for several weeks now and so they are going to keep him for a while. We hope that he will soon begin to feel very much better.

Buddy Burnett is now home from the hospital in Snyder and has been staying with his daughter, AnnaBeth Martin. We hope he will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. Frank Boydstun and Mrs. Sam Etheredge went to Roby Sunday morning and attended the Cantata at the First Baptist Church. Thelma and Frank Burk (Mary's sister) and Velma Thomson, Mary's sister-in-law were all in the Cantata. They enjoyed seeing it so much.

Mrs. Bea Hardin attended the Home Demonstration Club's Christmas party at Mrs. Marguerite Nettletons on Thursday. Bea went to Snyder with Opal Phillips and Louise Lemons on Saturday. Morris Hardin from Lubbock spent the day Sunday with Bea and Lisa Nowlin and Priscilla Smith and two girls from Corpus Christi spent part of the day with Bea. Then Morris took Bea to Lisa's and she visited with all of them that night.

Mrs. Opal Phillips is feeling pretty good, and she attended the Home Demonstration Club's Christmas party on Thursday. I have really been on the go, too much eating goes along with the visiting. Wednesday night I went to the Progressive Supper which was held at Crossroads Church. I went with Carol and Wilber Gruben and sure had a good time. We ate and ate, starting at Janie and Odell Rains with all the appetizers, then on to Shirley and Walter Byrds for soup and salad, then back to the church for Smoked Turkey and all the trimmings.

Then on to Bobby and Ellen Grubens for the opening of the gifts, and all the most wonderful, delicious, and not fattening desserts. We all ate way too much but it was all so good and we had a big crowd. Sure did enjoy all that good food and the fellowship.

Thursday night I attended the Hospital Christmas party. Patti and Monte Morrow came by after me and brought me home. We really had a good time and such good food, turkey and dressing again with all the trimmings and then we played Dumb Bunny bridge. Sure had a good time.

Saturday evening I went to Abilene with Kim and Janeece Pease and Bro. Don and Melody Dawes. Kim took all the folks who work for the newspaper to Zetners and we ate so much and it was sure good and we had the best time. From there we all went to the Paramount Theatre and saw Judy Garland in "Meet Me in St. Louis" and it was so good, such a change from all the violence, sex and bad language you see on the shows they put on for you to see at the regular picture show. If you haven't been to the Paramount, you have missed a treat as they have refurbished the theater and it's just beautiful. The evening was so nice and I had such a good time. Sunday night I attended the Christmas program at Crossroads, and the little ones were adorable. Then we ate again, I am going to have to go on a strict diet, but not until after Christmas.

H. Govan, Mr. H. as we all called him, passed away December 15th and he will be sadly missed by his many friends. He was a trainer for 66 years for the Rotan High School Yellowhammer football team, and we are going to miss seeing him at all the games. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his daughter and the remainder of his family.

Have a wonderful holiday, and we'll see you next week.

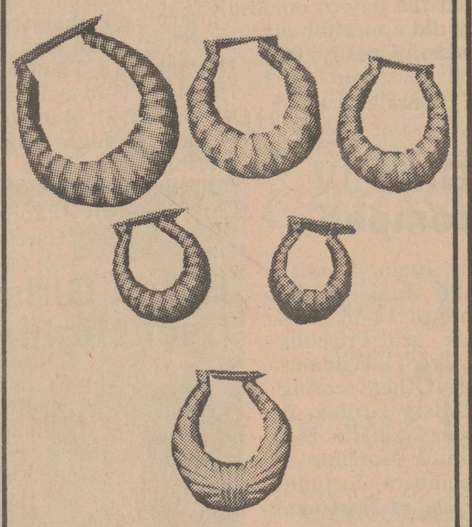
Harold Patterson Buried In New Mexico

Harold Patterson, 56, of Roby died at his home Sunday morning. Graveside services were at 1 PM Wednesday in the South Park Cemetery in Roswell, N.M. under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Roswell. Mr. Patterson was born May 12, 1932 in Roswell. He married Barbara Ann Corn June 3, 1952 in Carlsbad, N.M. He was a Registered Nurse and was employed by the Fisher County Hospital. He had lived in Roby the past year. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Survivors include: Wife: Barbara Ann Corn Patterson, Roby; 3 sons: Ernest Harold Patterson, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Kenneth Irwin Patterson, Gray, La., Jim Lee Patterson, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.; 1 daughter: Carolyn Ann Sidd, Roswell, N.M.; 1 sister: Janet Sue Greer, Ruidoso, N.M.; 6 grandchildren.

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Everyone in the home enjoyed the Christmas party. Dick and Opal Miller and Mary Singley sang for the residents and guests before Santa arrived to hand out gifts to the residents. After the program and Santa we had refreshments in the dining room. Several of the resident's families had brought cookies and everyone enjoyed cookies and punch.

The C.Y.O. youth of the Catholic church came Friday night and brought a lot of fruit to the residents. Sunday night a group from the First Methodist came and sang several carols for the residents. Several people from the Church of Christ also came by this week to sing carols for us. Tuesday the 13th, Carola Seaton and Aneta Yates of the First Baptist Church served cake and punch to our residents for the December birthday party.

Bobbie Barker, Bobbie McKimmey and Terry Cleveland helped with our Christmas party and the girls that worked the day of our Christmas party did a nice job of getting the residents ready for the party.

Lora Cleveland

Rotan Girls JV Gets Stomped

The Rotan Girls Junior Varsity lost to Highland Junior High with a final score of 14-48. Tied for high pointer are Priscillia Gonzalez and Tracy Williams each with 4 points. Others scoring are as follows: Misty Gruben 2, Sharlyn Murdoch 2, Jodie McClain 1, and Jennifer Martinez 1. Other team members include: Stephanie Long, Debra Martinez, Leticia Martinez, Julie Parr, Vanessa Peek and Czrena West.

Two Area Youth Get WTC Honors

Jody Mauldin of Roby and Dawn Darcelle Pack of Rotan are among the students included on honors list for the 1988 fall semester at Western Texas College.

Mauldin was named to the Dean's List while Pack is on the Merit List. The Dean's List includes students who are enrolled for at least 15 semester hours of work and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or more. Merit List students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 while enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 15.

News From South Fisher County

by Bertha Warren

Just two more nights till Santa Claus comes down the chimney with his bag of goodies. So we must remember to be good.

Leo and Liz Blythe of Odessa came to Sweetwater to visit his mother Alma Blythe and they all went Christmas shopping while here.

I spoke with Betty (Polnack) Fry today and she said Beaulah (Walton) Polnack is going to have surgery on her arm Tuesday in Sweetwater. We hope she recovers soon and can be home for the holidays.

Damon, Shelba and Sunni Shipp have been transferred from the Spade ranch at Chonos Dam N.M. to the ranch 20 miles south of Colorado City. We welcome them back to Texas.

Glenn Webb became ill Friday and was taken to the Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater then was moved to the Humana hospital in Abilene and underwent a three bypass heart surgery Monday. Our last report today (19), was that he was resting well and doing as well as could be expected. Hope he continues to improve and will be home soon.

Ollie Ogden was one of many who attended the Senior Citizen Christmas party Saturday night. They had lots of goodies and exchanged gifts and sang lots of Christmas songs and each senior citizen was given a sack of goodies to take home. They met Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and will not meet again until Tuesday the 27th.

Jimmie Lou McWright broke her hip Thursday and was taken to Abilene for surgery. She was doing fine from my last report but haven't heard from her today. Bessie Palmer was in the Fisher County Hospital but was taken to Lubbock by plane Thursday. We hope these ladies will be back home soon.

Erna Lee Jones and Boomer Hartgraves attended the 87th birthday party for Ray Hartgraves at the home of his daughter Leola Clark. Others attending were Bob and Mayra Fisher of Tulsa, Okla., Keith, Jackie and Jason Hill of Sweetwater. Happy Birthday Ray.

Erna Lee was hostess for the adult Sunday school class held at her home. They had dinner and exchanged gifts and each lady brought a gift for the needy in the rest homes. They also made up a food box for Brenda and Ila Bently. Mrs. Bently has just been released from the hospital. Georgia Ratliff has been sick and is still not feeling well at all. Sure hope she gets to feeling better soon.

Christmas is always a special time of the year unless of course you are ill or alone. Then it can be a very sad and depressing time so try to keep these folks in mind and help them get through the holidays. Christmas has changed so much (gift wise). Mom said one of her most remembered Christmas's was when all of the children got a nickel to spend as they pleased. I remember wishing for and getting a doll with a real glass face and hands and another time wanting a truck so I could play outside with my (then) four brothers. Sure enough I got one and it would really dump the dirt out if you pushed a little lever on the side. Prettiest red and blue truck I had ever seen. Now the children have all electric toys that connect to the T.V. or a computer and that's great but I'll bet they don't have any more fun than we did rocking our baby dolls and building roads and dirt tanks.

We at our house wish you and yours good health, happiness and a blessed and meaningful Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Call and let us know what's going on in your world.

Rotan Varsity Downs Highland In Overtime

The Rotan Yellowhammer Boys Varsity basketball team recorded another win on Tuesday, December 13. The Hammers beat Highland in overtime with a final score of 62-61. With 16 points Joe Huitt was high pointer. Others scoring were: Lane Landes 15; Billy Speck 4; Willard Roddy 10; Chris Kennedy 1; Jorge Montoya 14; and Mike Garcia 2.

Rotan Girls Win Over Highland

The Rotan Girls Varsity brought home another victory, winning over Highland 30-28. The Yellowhammers traveled to Highland Tuesday December 13. High pointer for the Hammers was Lucy Stinson with a total of 8 points. Others scoring include: Shanna Bennett 4; Shannon Boone 6; Sherri Conner 4; Terri Johnson 2 and Denise Powell 6.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital are:

Beatrice Hayes: Rotan; Florence E. Peters: Roby; Barbara Penaluna: Roby; Pete Perales: Sylvester; Mary R. Hamlin: Rotan; DeLana Hinson: Rotan; Kristen Paige Hinson: Rotan; J.C. Cave: Hermleigh; Rubby Hubble: Roby; Sherry J. Copeland: Rotan; Jessica Calvert: Snyder; Bessie Palmer: Roby; Ruby Rodgers: Rotan; Foy Mitchell: Roby; Ruthie Spears: Rotan; Aaron Wylie: Rotan; Debbie Hull: Rotan.

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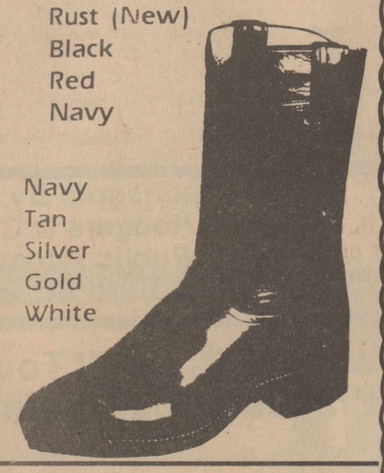


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Roby Lions Celebrating Number 10 Ranking

The Roby Lions celebrated their number 10 state ranking with an 87-60 drubbing of the Baird Bears Saturday to nab third place in the Roscoe Tournament.

Saturday's win improved the Lions' record to 11-2 on the year as they also defeated Colorado City and Winters, while losing to Hawley in a busy week of basketball.

The Hawley Bearcats, who defeated the Lions 75-72 in the semi-finals of the Roscoe Tournament Friday night, are the only team to have defeated the Lions this season.

Hawley is currently ranked sixth in the Class 2A polls. The Lions began the week with a hard fought 78-73 win over 3A Colorado City Tuesday on the Wolves home court.

Carter Edmondson and Jerry Carreon led the Lions with 27 points each in the win while Rick Onofre and Michael Carrion added nine and eight points respectively.

It appeared as if the Lions might win this one easily as they started to a 24-14 first-quarter lead, but the super-quick Wolves put together a rally of their own in the early going of the second period, scoring 10 straight points to even it up.

The half ended with the Lions holding on to a 38-34 advantage. The Lions held on to the lead throughout the third period, but couldn't shake the pesky Wolves. Colorado City finally overtook the Lions in the fourth period, outscoring them 7-2 in the early going to take a 66-60 lead.

The Lions then came roaring back on the strength of two three-point buckets by Carreon and Onofre to tie things back up at 66 and Edmondson scored four straight on a layup and two free throws to give the Lions a lead they would never relinquish.

Carreon and Edmondson again led the Lions as they took a 79-60 win over Winters in the opening game of the Roscoe Tournament Thursday.

Carreon pumped in 25 points and Edmondson 24 in the win while Carrion added 11. David Shipp contributed six points and Rick Onofre put in five.

The Winters game was much like a great many of the Lions victories this season with the Blizzards keeping it close early until the Roby press began to take its toll. By the time the two teams broke for halftime, the Lions were holding a 37-24 advantage.

The Thursday win put the Lions into the semi-finals for a rematch with the talented Hawley Bearcats.

This game was almost a mirror image of the earlier matchup between these two teams which saw the Bearcats tie it up on a desperation three-pointer at the final buzzer and go on to a double-overtime win.

This time it was Roby with the last-second three-point shot, but the result was not the same as Edmondson's long jumper hit the rim and bounced away, leaving the Bearcats to advance to the tournament final.

It was Rick Onofre's turn to shine in the Hawley game as he led the Lions with 29 points, hitting six three-pointers. Edmondson and Carreon each chipped in 16 while Carrion added four and Eddie Onofre three.

Cold first-half shooting by the Lions was one of the culprits in the loss as they spotted Hawley to a 43-35 halftime lead.

The lead remained constant until the final period, when the Lions finally heated up from long distance. Three three-pointers by Onofre and one each by Carreon and Eddie Onofre put the Lions up by one at 68-67 with just over four minutes left.

The Bearcats then retaliated with six straight points, four of them from the free throw line, to go back up by five.

An Edmondson free throw and an Onofre three-pointer brought the Lions back to within one, however, in the closing seconds. A pair of pressure free throws by Hawley's Ramon Campos increased the Bearcat advantage to three with only three seconds left to play and the Lions called time out to set up for one last attempt.

The Lions made the necessary passes, getting the ball to Edmondson at the top of the key, but the hurried shot missed.

The Lions then played the Baird Bears for third place and were simply too much for the Bears to handle.

Carter Edmondson led all scorers with 36 points, giving him 76 points for the three games and earnings him All-Tournament honors.

Carreon added 26 points, including seven from three-point distance while Carrion chipped in 11.

Also scoring for Roby were Shipp (4), Ronnie Rodriguez (3), Mike Reeves (3), Rick Onofre (2), and Jonathan Petty (2).

The Lions were simply too quick for the Bears in this one as the Baird players were often caught out of position, causing them to foul.

The great number of Baird fouls brought about an interesting situation in the final minutes of play as five Baird players fouled out, leaving them with only three on the floor for the final three minutes.

The Lions chose not to rub salt in the wound, however, and backed off, letting the final minutes wind peacefully down.

After a Tuesday game with Jayton at the Roby gym, the Lions will take a few days off for Christmas before returning to action December 29 at Roscoe against the Plowboys.



NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN ROTAN: Phil Springer presents Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gallagher with a Chamber of Commerce certificate as their new Gift Shop is opened recently. The name of the Shop is B&M Gift Shop and Fina Station and is located in the old Jack Allen Fina station.

Carter Edmondson Earns All Tournament Honors At Roscoe

Roby senior Carter Edmondson pumped in 76 points in three games in the Roscoe Tournament over the weekend and earned All-Tourney honors for his efforts.

It was the second such honor in as many weeks as he was chosen All-Tournament and Most Valuable Player in the Roby Tournament a week earlier.

Edmondson's 76 points helped to lead the Lions to a third-place finish in the Roscoe Tournament, with their only loss coming at the hands of the Hawley Bearcats, who are ranked sixth in the state Class 2A rankings.

Lions Only Out Ranked By Hawley

The Roby Lions were ranked tenth in the latest Class A state basketball poll.

The Lions are currently 11-2 on the season with their only two defeats coming at the hands of the Hawley Bearcats. Hawley is currently ranked sixth in Class 2A.

The Lions were ranked eighth in the pre-season poll, but had dropped out of the rankings after losing to Hawley for the first time November 28 in double-overtime.

The Lions again faced Hawley in the semifinals of the Roscoe Tournament last weekend, and again suffered a loss in a very close game.



NEW FAMILY INN: Larry Landes presents Reva and Tommy Harbin with a Chamber of Commerce certificate as the new owners of the Family Inn in Rotan.

First Baptist Church Of Rotan To Hold Christmas Eve Service

The First Baptist Church of Rotan will be having a Christmas Eve Candlelight Lord Supper on December 24, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held to celebrate the birth of Jesus and will be an open communion.

Descendants Of Virgil & Jewell Tankersley Hold Reunion

The descendants of Virgil and Jewell Tankersley met at the Catholic Parish Hall on Saturday, November 26, 1988.

Those attending were: June and Kathie Underwood of Blythe, California; Ted and Linda Burkhart of Carlsbad, N.M.; Wanda and Loyd McKennon, Brenda and Hector Olivas, Becky and Laryssa Martindale, Vickie, Jerry and Jamie Hall, all of San Angelo; Ronnie, Sue and Richanda Stringer, Jessica and Wanda Sue Hagan of Miles; Cecil and Margery Tankersley of Weatherford; Bill and Bernice Tankersley of Millsap; Al McKennon of Sweetwater; Warren, Diantha, Shanna and Danna Reynolds of Hamlin; Rodney and Laura and Andrea Tankersley, La Vera Burkhart, and Jewell Tankersley of Rotan.

Five of the six children were in attendance. The oldest attending was Jewell Tankersley, age 86 and the youngest was Richanda Stringer, age 2 of Miles, Texas.

Guest visiting during the day were Lucille and Glenn Gabel, Curtis, Neva and Stephen McQueen, and Father Austin Kittredge of Rotan and Chester Cooper of Huntington Beach, California.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to a comment reported in the Rotan Advance last week regarding the successful reduction of Rotan ISD's total insurance bill. The comment refers to the fact that as a result of advertising for bids there was a resulting significant improvement in the amount paid for the schools insurance. The comment also infers that there was a "pad" of several thousand dollars that was cut as a result of this due diligence. In this state, property insurance rates are set by the State Board of Insurance. No agent can, at his dicretion, increase nor decrease the rates as issued for the given piece of property. Indeed, each piece of commercial property in Texas has its own rate as set by the State Board of Insurance and this rate is non-negotiable.

There are several avenues in which to materially alter premium: (1) decrease coverage, (2) obtain coverage from a non-standard source ie, an association of like industries that pool their risk and whose rates and forms are not regulated by the State Board of Insurance, (3) a company may deviate (as approved by the State Board) from the set rates given the attractiveness of the risk to that particular insurance company ie, the company may decline or surcharge the client should there be a higher than normal risk of loss or if the business is or has a hazardous situation existing in the insureds business, (4) have the State Board of Insurance reduce the property rates. For 1988 the State Board completely overhauled the commercial insurance industry which resulted in decreases in premiums for certain classes of business. In our agency this year, of our biggest commercial clients of which Rotan ISD is one, in excess of 80% of these businesses realized a premium reduction. Rotan ISD and one other are the only ones that requested bids from other sources. In other words, Rotan ISD's insurance rates would have been reduced whether they had bids taken or not.

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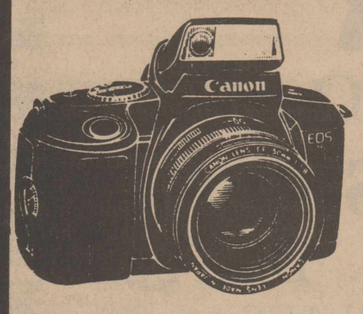


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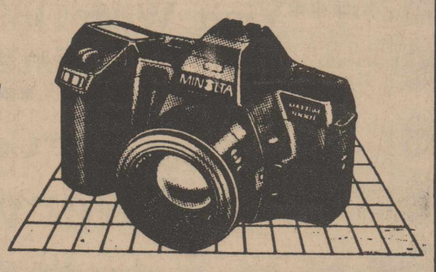
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Rotan Jr. Livestock Show Held

A total of 50 head of livestock were shown by Rotan members of the 4-H and Rotan FFA at the Rotan Jr. Livestock Show in Roby last Saturday.

Stephanie Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Roberts took the Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and Showmanship Awards for the lamb division.

In the Fine Wool Division -Stephanie Long took 1st, Stephanie Hunsaker 2nd, Brandy Long 3rd, Cassidy Early 4th, Melissa Burk 5th, and Kasey Green 6th.

Finewool Cross Division placings were: Jamie Grisham 1st, Cassidy Early 2nd, Kasey Green 3rd, and Stephanie Hunsaker 4th.

Lightweight Medium Wool placings were: Stephanie Long 1st, Danna Parr 2nd, Jamie Grisham 3rd, Melissa Burk 4th, and Brandy Long 5th.

In the Heavy Medium Wool Division Stephanie Hunsaker 1st, Christy Parr 2nd, Stephanie Hunsaker 3rd, Julie Parr 4th, and Cassidy Early 5th.

Michael Hull had the Grand Champion Pig. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hull. Brandon Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Weaver received the Grand Champion Pig Award and Mandy McKinney won the Showmanship Award for the Swine Division. Mandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monte McKinney.

In the Lightweight Pig Division Brandon Weaver took 1st, Mandy McKinney 2nd, Lane Green 3rd, Tracy Hull 4th, Phillip Hull 5th, Missy McKinney 6th, Katy Cade 7th and Katy Cade 8th.

Medium Weight Pig Division placings were: Michael Hull 1st, Shawna Speck 2nd, Phillip Hull 3rd, Billy Speck 4th, and Lane Green 5th, Caleb Goodwin 6th and Brandon Weaver 7th.

The Heavy Weight Swine Division placings were: Tracy Posey 1st, Caleb Goodwin 2nd, Rusty Goodwin 3rd, Steve McQueen 4th, Tracey Posey 5th, and Steve McQueen 6th.

The Grand Champion Steer, Reserve Grand Champion Steer and the Showmanship Awards were all awarded to Blake Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrow.

In the Lightweight Steer Division 1st place Blake Morrow, Lane Landes 2nd, and Scott Nowlin 3rd.

Heavyweight Steer division winners were: Blake Morrow 1st, Blake Morrow 2nd, and Lane Landes 3rd.

In the Heifer Division Scott Nowlin took the Grand Champion Award.

Placing in the Rabbit Division were as follows: Shelly Baker 1st, and Jake Baker 2nd.

Lady Lions In Good Shape Entering District

Roby Lady Lions head coach Jon Curry said last week that his girls would be in pretty good shape going into district play in January if they could win just 50 percent of the remaining games in a grueling December schedule.

The Lady Lions did just that last week, splitting four games as they experienced the highs and lows that come in a long basketball schedule.

Roby improved to 7-5 on the season with wins over Colorado City and Winters and losses to Hawley and the very same group from Colorado City.

The two Colorado City games symbolized the way the week went for the Lady Lions.

The Lady Lions began the week by travelling to Colorado City and handily defeating the 3A Lady Wolves 55-38 on their home court.

After suffering a heartbreaking overtime loss to Hawley, however, the Lady Lions went ice cold Saturday, dropping a 46-44 decision to the very same Lady Wolves in the third-place game of the Roscoe Tournament.

Carol Kirby and Shana Feagan led the Roby girls in the Tuesday win, scoring 19 and 16 points respectively while freshman Lorissa Edmondson chipped in 12.

The Lady Lions came out fast in Colorado City, taking a 15-7 lead in the first quarter and improving that to 25-12 by halftime. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, the Roby girls were up by 18, giving Curry an opportunity to give all of his players some action.

After the Tuesday win, the Lady Lions had only one day off before heading for Roscoe and the talent-laden Roscoe Tournament.

The Roscoe gyms were not a good place to be if you had a weak heart as the Lady Lions played in three consecutive nailbiters.

They began the tournament by defeating Winters 56-49 to move into the semi-finals. Kirby and Edmondson scored 17 each in the win while Feagan added 16 and Myra Hohon six.

Although Roby won by seven points, the game was much closer than the score would indicate.

The Lady Lions had several opportunities to put this one away with free throws late in the fourth quarter, but couldn't find the mark and saw the Lady Blizzards work to a 49-48 lead with just over a minute remaining.

Four straight pressure free throws, two by Kirby and two by Hohon, gave Roby all the points needed, however, as the defense held. Kirby added a pair of breakaway buckets in the closing seconds to seal the victory.

The win over Winters sent the Lady Lions to a semifinal matchup with tournament co-favorite Hawley Friday night.

The Lady Lions threw a balanced attack at the talented Lady Bearcats with five Roby players scoring in double figures. Kirby again led the Lady Lions with 15 points while Feagan, Edmondson, Shari Heflin, and Stephanee Frierson each chipped in 10 points. Hohon had four.

Roby had worked to a 52-48 lead late in the fourth quarter only to see the Lady Bearcats score the final four points of regulation to send the game into overtime.

Edmondson gave Roby the early overtime lead when she broke free for a layup, but the Lady Bearcats came roaring back, scoring nine straight points to take a 61-54 lead.

The Lady Lions were not ready to call it quits, however, as they answered with a three-point bucket by Frierson and a pair of Hohon free throws brought Roby to within two points with 26 seconds left to play. But that was as close as they would get as Hawley advanced to the finals.

The Lady Bearcats finally lost in the finals to the Roscoe Plowgirls in another thriller that featured two overtime periods.

After suffering the heartbreaking loss on Friday night, the Lady Lions came out cold in the third-place game, dropping a 46-44 decision to Colorado City.

The balanced scoring that had held the Roby team in such good stead in the Hawley game disappeared Saturday as only Kirby managed double figures, tossing in 28 points.

Feagan added eight while Edmondson chipped in four and Hohon added three.

The game was close throughout with the Lady Lions appearing to take command in the third quarter, pulling to a 35-28 lead. Five straight points by the Lady Wolves in the final minute of the quarter cut the lead to 35-33, however, and Colorado City scored the first three points of the fourth quarter to take a one-point lead.

The score was tied four times in the final quarter, but a pair of free throws by the Lady Wolves with 12 seconds left gave them the victory.

The fast pace will slow now as the Lady Lions take a few days off for the holidays, returning to play Roscoe December 29 in Roscoe.

Fisher County Gins Finishing Up Season

The six Fisher County gins are slowly finishing up the season with a season total of 27,988 as of last Tuesday.

In first place with a weekly total of 990 is the Rotan Gin. The Rotan Gin has a season total of 9,785 bales ginned.

Hobbs Gin takes second place for the week with 333 for a weekly total and 2,583 for a season total.

Finished for the season is Longworth Gin with a season total of 3,280 and weekly total of 305 bales ginned. Longworth placed third for the week.

With one more day the Terry Gin will be finished for the season and places fourth for the weekly total of 155 and a season total of 6,589 bales ginned.

Farmer's Gin comes in fifth place with a weekly total of 115 and a season total of 2,005 bales ginned.

Farmer's Union Coop has also finished up for the season with a season total of 3,746 and a weekly total of 39. Farmers Union takes sixth place for the week.

Immuniaztions Clinic To Be Held In Rotan

The Texas Department of Health will be providing their Comprehensive Clinic/Immunizations on Wednesday, January 4, 1989 at the Rotan Fisher County Hospital Clinic from 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Parents or legal guardian must accompany infants or children. A small fee will be charged for this service.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact them at 235-8368 or 735-2124.

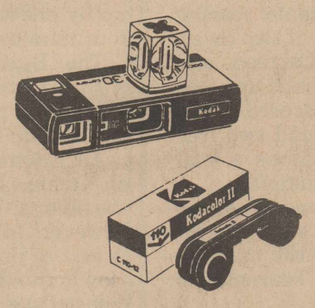
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Notice Of Sheriff's Sales

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 5th day of DECEMBER, 1988 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of
ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL VS. EMILIO DeLEON;

Cause 4199 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1989

which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain Lot 10 in Block 55 of the Original Town of Rotan, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 402, Page 117 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 5 day of DECEMBER, 1988 as the property of EMILIO DeLEON, if living;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to $1,022.39 with interest from the 28th day of October, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 5 day of DECEMBER, 1988

Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
44:3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of Fisher County, on the 5th day of DECEMBER, 1988 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. P.W. FRAZIER;

Cause 4098 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 A.M. on the 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said Fisher County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I. Being all those certain Lots 1 and 2 in Block 7 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 23, Page 89 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract II: Being all those certain Lots 8 and 9 in Block 7 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 367, Page 53 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract III: Being all those certain Lots 6, 7, 10, 15, 16, 17 and 18 in Block 7 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 44, Page 510 and Volume 23, Page 89 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract IV: Being all that certain Lot 1 in Block 21 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 66, Page 117 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Trace V: Being all those certain Lots 2, 3 and 21 in Block 21 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 23, Page 89, Volume 44, Page 510 and Volume 35, Page 359 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Trace VI: Being all those certain Lots 1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 in Block 22 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 23, Page 89, Volume 35, Page 167, Volume 44, Page 510 and Volume 25, Page 588 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract VII: Being all those certain Lots 1 and 2 in Block 36 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 61, Page 433 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract VIII: Being all those certain Lots 3 thru 21, both inclusive, in Block 36 of the Original Town of Longworth, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 23, Page 89, Volume 35, Page 167 and Volume 44, Page 510 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 5 day of DECEMBER, 1988 as the property of

C.C. MAGENHEIMER, AVA J. MAGENHEIMER, GAROLD C. MAGENHEIMER, MARY S. TOLER, NORMA SAMPLES, O.B. MARTIN, HARDY TOLER, RESSIE TURNBULL, LASTIE JOYCE, LELA CARPENTER, LENA BURROW, T.C. TOLER, A.L. GREGG, GROVER C. PAYNE, W.L. BATES and WALTER BATES, each if living; or in the event any or all be deceased then the unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of their respective Estates;

to satisfy a judgment amounting to $4,104.96 with interest from the 28th day of October, 1988 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 5 day of DECEMBER, 1988

Mickey A. Counts
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS
44:3tc

Paul Morales Is Certified As A Correctional Officer

Paul Angelo Morales of Jayton was among the 26 students receiving certification as correctional officers in ceremonies held Thursday (Dec. 15) in the Western College Fine Arts Theatre.

WTC is one of five colleges in Texas approved to offer the 120-hour correctional officer training course. The class receiving certificates on Dec. 15 was the first trained at WTC.

Steve Stephens of San Angelo, secretary of the Texas Department of Corrections board, was the featured speaker at the Dec. 15 program. Certificates were presented by Bill Wilson, president of the WTC board of trustees. Also attending were State Senator Steve Carriker of Roby and State Rep. David Counts of Knox City.

The newly certified officers are now eligible for employment with Texas Department of Corrections facilities such as the 1,000-bed minimum security prison set to open near Snyder next summer.

A second correctional officer training class will start at WTC on Feb. 11 and applications for that class are due by Jan. 10.

Persons interested in applying should contact the Adult Education office. The office will reopen on Jan. 3 after the Christmas-New Year holiday. The telephone number there is 573-8511, extension 240 or 390.

Farmers Insurance Group Will Be In Tournament Parade

Farmers Insurance Group of Companies float theme will be, "A Day To Remember," in the 100th Tournament of Roses Parade on January 2, 1989, according to Roby Farmers Agent Jeff McClure. Farmers 30th entry in the spectacular annual procession will feature a giant replica of that great American car classic-- the 1928 Model A Ford Phaeton. The year 1928 also marks the founding of the Farmers Organization.

As its salute to a bygone era as well as the Tournament's "Celebration 100," Farmers float will be vibrant with color stemming from 60,000 red American Beauty Roses, gerbera daisies, blue and yellow iris, orchids and a variety of other flowers.

Agent Jeff McClure said the float, measuring 55-ft. long, 18-ft. wide and 35-ft. high, was built by American Decorating Company from the classic car's original specifications.

Donna And James Hollowell Are Proud Parents Of A Daughter

Donna and James Hollowell of Abilene along with Magan wish to announce the birth of their daughter and sister Kasi Denae.

Kasi was born December 13 at Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hataway of Roby. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hollowell of Abilene.

Great grandmother is Mrs. Othell Hataway of Snyder.

Residents Asked To Dispose Of Christmas Trees Properly

Rotan City Clerk Sandra Underhill is asking cooperation from Rotan residents in disposing of live Christmas trees after the Christmas holiday.

According to Mrs. Underhill, Rotan City trash collection crews would appreciate residents not putting live Christmas trees in individual dumpsters in the alley. "The trees tend to get hung up and cause trouble," said Mrs. Underhill. She asked residents to place trees by the dumpsters and they would be picked-up by City of Rotan collection crews.

Roby City Manager Jimmy Price indicated that Roby city residents can place discarded live trees by trash cans for prompt pick-up by Roby city collection crews.

Legal Notice

LOTS FOR SALE

The City of Roby will accept seal bids for Lots 4, 5, 6, & 7, of Block 76 OT Roby. Bids will be accepted at Roby City Hall until 4:00 P.M. on the 3rd day of January, 1989, at which time bids will be opened and considered. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

City of Roby.
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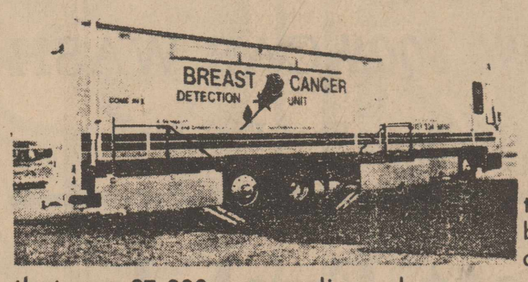
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Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-92, 628
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF TEXSTAR ENERGY OPERATORS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF THE SOUTH NEILL STRAWN (ODOM) UNIT-NORTH UNIT AGREEMENT AND FOR APPROVAL OF A SECONDARY RECOVERY PROGRAM IN THE NEILL S. (ODOM LIME) FIELD FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN To the public and all interested persons that under the authority of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C, Texas Natural Resources Code, and Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, the Railroad Commission of Texas will hold a hearing on JANUARY 5, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The hearing will be conducted in conformity with the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act, TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN. art. 6252-13a (Vernon Supp. 1988). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board located in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Texstar Energy Operators, Inc. to consider the approval of the Unit Agreement for the South Neill Strawn (Odom) Uhit-North and to approve a secondary recovery program in the Neill, S. (Odom Lime) Field in Fisher County, Texas. The proposed unit covers 3,287.23 acres and covers the following surveys in the Fisher County, Texas:

Thomas J. Morgan Survey 233
W.L. Coulson Survey 232
Section 17, Blk 20, T & P Ry Co. Survey
J. Vaughn Survey 231, A360
Section 16, Blk 20, T & P Ry Co. Survey
Survey 19, Blk 20, T & P Ry Co. Survey
Survey 24, Blk 20, T & P Ry Co. Survey
Thomas J. Morgan Survey 295
P. Gossett Survey 292
W.E. Vaughn Survey 293

A more particular specific description of the unit can be found in the Unit Agreement which is contained in the Commission's file. The proposed secondary recovery program shall consist of the injection of saltwater into the Odom Lime formation.

In excess of 65% of the royalty owner participation and 85% of the working interest participation have committed to the proposed unitization.

If a continuation is necessary, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

Any request for postponement of this hearing must be received no later than four (4) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR in support of or in opposition to this proceeding, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Legal Division, at least five (5) days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS CAUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE. DATA IN COMMISSION RECORDS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, BUT THE REFERENCE MUST BE SPECIFIC, AND IF IT INCLUDES EXHIBITS FILED IN PRIOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION, A COPY OF SUCH EXHIBIT PROPERLY IDENTIFIED SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR THIS RECORD.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Gaye Dennis
Secretary
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7B-92, 629
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

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G.W. Morgan Survey 295
J. Vaughn Survey 294
J. Vaughn Survey 194
Section 74, Blk 20, T & P Ry Co. Survey
W.E. Vaughn Survey 293
P. Gossett Survey 292
Stockman Survey 291

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David Yanez Completes Basic Training

Pvt. 1st Class David Yanez, son of Hortencia Yanez of Rotan, Texas, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He graduated in 1986 from Rotan High School, and received an associate degree in 1988 from Texas State Technical Institute, Sweetwater.

Secret Pal Club Annual Christmas Party Was Dec. 14

The Secret Pal Club met on the 14th of December at the Senior Citizen Building. The Secret Pal Club's Christmas Party was held and they played bingo. Each one brought a covered dish and had refreshments and received their gifts. Meeting then adjourned.

Members present were: Lillie Herron, Maggie Briggs, Roxie Haggard, Opal Burch, Tresa Dycus, Oma Long, Lenora Streetman, Dean Reaves, Christine Rackley, Gaynell Henry, Hazel Hudnall, Anna Knox, Bessie Eaton, Aurora Martinez, Gladys Farrar, Maude Anderson, Lorena Darden, Annie Lee Martin. Visitor was Gary Eaton.

Fisher County Nursing Home

The Catholic C.Y.O. visited our residents and brought fruit to all our residents. We really appreciate them thinking of us.

Al and Carola Seaton and Shea Seaton from Snyder brought each resident a sack of goodies and visited with them.

Our staff Christmas Party is Thursday at 7 p.m. Hope to see all the staff here!

Henry Williams is home for the holidays and stopped by to see everyone here. We are happy to see him looking great!

John and Joanne Young from Midland visited Juanita Young. Winnie Faye and Cecil Darden from Ft. Worth visited Mrs. Cross. Buzz Taggart still makes his daily visits to see Edna Taggart.

Mrs. Yanez's visitors were Thomas Yanez, Santos Yanez, Jr., Andrew Maldonado, Delores and Jobita Gauna, Lino, Lino and Carol Yanez, Terry, Adan, and Shelia Garza, Joseph E. Gauna and Blanch Gentry. Blanche also visited Bessie Boldin.

Mrs. Trejo's visitors were Alicia Garcia, Lisa Gauna, Delores Gauna, Joseph G. Gauna, Manuel Herrera, Dora Herrera, Eusebio and Carmen Miramontez. J.D. Kincaid's visitors were Clarence and June Anderson and Eunice Arp from Roby.

Alicia Garcia and Delores Gauna visited Roy Cummings. Jewel Branch's visitors were Doris, Terry Jane and Ryan Branch, Chris Bennett and Betty Jones.

The Methodist Church came "Christmas caroling" Sunday night. Not many people were up but they sang in the halls and the residents who were in their rooms enjoyed the singing. Thank you!

Reyna Garcia

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A special thanks to Bro. Steve Peace for the prayers and comforting service. Thanks to Mary Singley, James Carter and Carolyn Weathersbee for the beautiful music. A special thanks to Dr. LeBleu and Dr. C.M. Callan whose care enabled us to have Mother for 86 wonderful years.

Thanks to the entire staff at Rotan Nursing Center for your care of Mother for the last four years. Also thanks to the special ones who stayed with Mother during the last few weeks. We would never have made it without help.

Thanks to Mac and Doug Weathersbee for all the thoughtful deeds along with the special services they have provided through all the many years.

Thanks to the ones who prepared and served the food and to the First Baptist Church for the use of the Fellowship Hall to serve the lovely meal for all of the family.

Just Thanks isn't enough, but we do want each of you to know we sincerely appreciate each of you and MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU is our prayer.

Geraldine Brumfield & family, EulaVern Thornton & family, W.D. Rushing & family, Bob Rushing & family, Vernie Coan & family

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the wonderful people in Fisher County for their prayers, love and support during my stay in the hospital. Special thanks to Bro. Steve Peace for his loving concern. May God Bless each of you.

Kenneth Vann

THANK YOU

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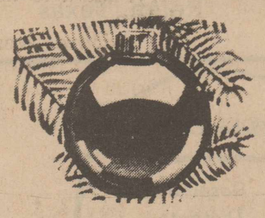
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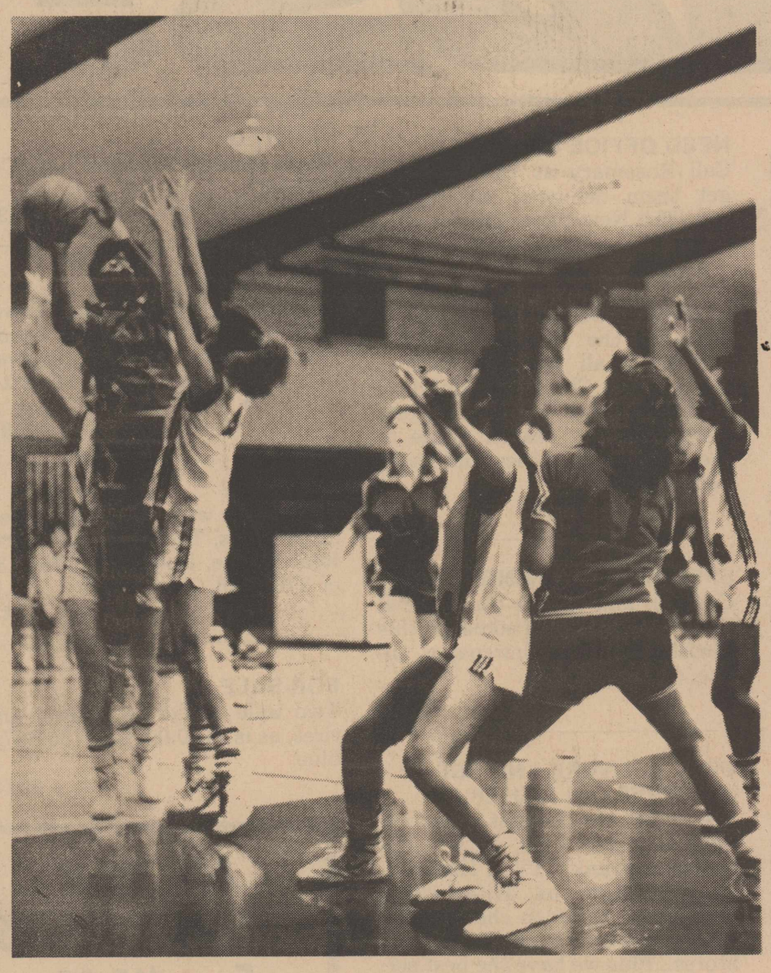


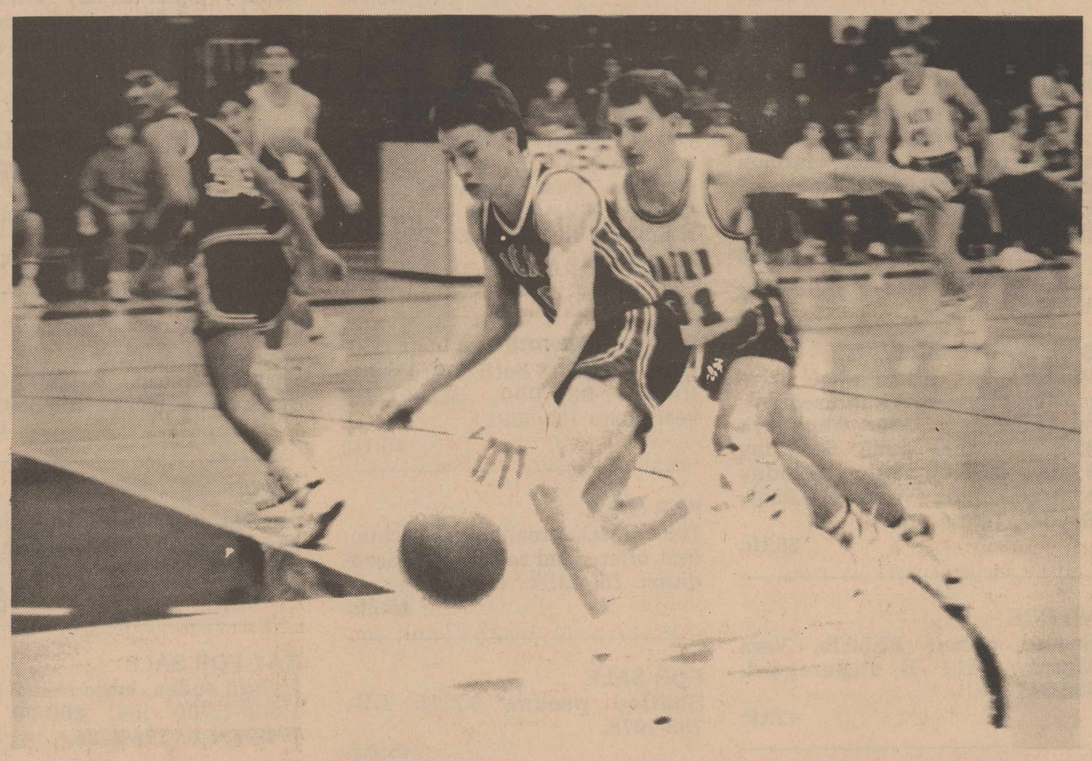
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Thank you Santa
Love,
Jeannie

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Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car with no cord, a ptich fork, a nowborn shirt and pants, a base ball mit and a sword, toy plain, stoft kitten, water gun, toy dinosaur, a coring book.
Love,
Wesley Arnold

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Dear Santa,
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Love,
Richard Matthew Gaona
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Dear Santa,
I have been good. Would you please bring me a trampoline and a Cowboy football suit. I need new boots and pants. I would also like G. I. Joe and Cops toys. And maybe a new football. and a Disney tape. Don't forget my little brother.
I love you,
Joshua Griffith

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Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. You are the second best! Jesus is the first one. Now what I want is a stuffed Santa just like you. You're the Best Sanata.
Love,
Autumn

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a real horse, a Barbie doll, a coloring book, some crayons, some jewelry, some cooking stuff, a playhouse, a play boat for the bathtub, a clock, a play puppy dog, a real cat and some play glasses.
Love,
Jennifer Grfiffith

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Dear Santa,
I love you. I might leave you some milk on Christmas Eve. I've been good. I want a kitchen set and a play horse and Miss Makeup, and for my brother a truck, a tractor. Bring my little brother some boots, and a rocking horse. We can take turns on the horse.
Love,
Teryn Terry

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Dear Santa,
Do you give presents to all the Moms and Dads? I love you Santa. I want a Megaphone, pom poms, a cheerleader suit, a baton and a twirler suit. Also I want a Fuzzy Bear and a real Kitty Cat in a box. Be sure and poke holes in the box so the cat can breathe.
Love,
Melissa Griffith

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Dear Santa,
Hi, How have you been? Hope to see you soon. I want some boots, house shoes, play make up. My brother wants a ghostbuster. My Dad wants a jacket and some boots. My mom wants a diamond ring. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Laura Melena

Dear Santa,
I would like a pickup, a truck, a car a tracter, a BB gun, a train, a baseball bat and ball, a little Santa Clause some new shirts, pants and a bike, and a snow man and some colors and coloring book. Hope you and Mrs. Santa are doing ok.
Love,
Eddie Ray Pippin
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Will you give me a four wheeler and a football suit with pads, and please give me a horse.
Love,
Shaun Chapman
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I would like a little car, an air plame, a little truck, a coloring book, a bag of penciles, a baby teddy bear, a radio, a stuffed moon, a little rocket, a bugs bunny, a box of colors and a bike. How is Mrs. Santa.
Love,
Johnny Rogers
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I want a play post, a chalkboard, a control car and a race car track. How are you doing? Thank you for getting me toys.
Love,
Curt Douglass

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Dear Santa,
I would like ghostbusters, G.I. joe tent, sleeping bag, water jug, and a flash light, bee bee gun or a 22, GIjoe army men, duster, bootjack with M on it, leather gloves, and some felt shirts, and shaps.
Love,
Kyle McWilliams

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Dear Santa,
I want a BMX, a Nentendo, and a real reindeer. How does your sleigh fly? How are your elves? I love Santa.
Love,
Arthur Castor
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an electric guitar, a new skatebord, and a dog (a little pup that is), one more thing a basketball. I want a white Christmas.
Your friend,
Travis

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Dear Santa,
I want a sega master system, a jambox and a turbo train set. I also want a few shirts and pants. Could you get me micro machines and the town? I wish I had a keyboard, an electric guitar, a drum set. Santa I want one more thing and it is a sticker proof basketball and goal.
Your friend,
Jacob Whitaker

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Dear Santa,
I don't want much at all. All I want is a play racecar and a bike. I want a dump truck and a puppy dog. Then I want a drum set and a keyboard and a tedybear. That is all I want for right now. I like you alot.
Your friend,
Jay Ben Alls



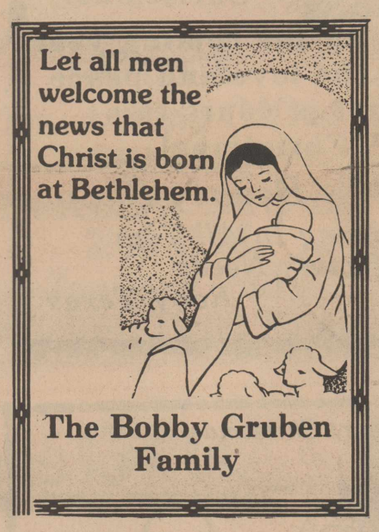
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Love,
Stetson Rasberry

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Dear Santa,
I would like a guitar so I can play with my daddy. I would like a wagon for when mommy takes me walking. But most of all I want everyone to have to health and happiness we have in our family.
Love,
Dakota Rasberry

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Could you please bring me a porcelain doll, a big doll case, nosie bear, a twister game, and some new clothes.
I will leave you some milk and kookies.
Love,
Sandy Lee Brown

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Dear Santa,
How are you? I love you very much. Would you please bring me a Texas Tech football suit, a Dynamite game, and a Race Car set for Christmas? I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Rode Morrow

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Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany Ann Morgan. I'm two years old. I have been told that I have been a very very good girl this year. I would appreciate a doll, cook stove, refrigerater and cat. If you have any extra's you can leave something for mom and dad.
Love,
Brittany Ann Morgan

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Dear Santa,
I want a toolbox, Houston Oilers football, two hammers, and some nails. I also want a four wheeler, basketball, pliers, screwdriver, and saw, and a chisel, also an electric screwdriver. I like Santa Best!
Love,
Lance Moore

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Dear Santa,
I hope you can come to Roby. The things I want for Christmas. I want a four wealer. The things I am going to give you to eat is some of my birthday cake. I want some more stuff for Christmas. I want a new hores. I sold my hores. I want a baby calf to give milk. The thing I want the most is a hamster. Have a Marry Christmas.
Your friend,
Ty West

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am 4 years old. I want Lego's the Castle Set and G.I. Joes. I want a scary monster costume for Christmas that I can use at Halloween. I want an Ultra Magnus transformer, some play cowboy guns and some play snowmans. I want a play rifle. Thats all I want. And I want a play sleigh and thats all. I've been a good boy.
Love,
Joshua Jones

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a singing dealie and another singing dealie for Josh and a singing dealie for Mama and a singing dealie for Daddy. I want a costume and some candy for the costume. I want a baby doll. I am 2 years old.
Love,
Jessica Jones

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Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Barbie doll and a teddy bear. I also want a rock and roll tape.
I will sit nicely at the ball game. I also want you to love Karen and Jake. Santa, please bring Jake a big football for his team. Karen wants a Barbie and the Sensations.
We'll have cookies and milk for you when you come. I'll give you some for your reindeer, too.
Love,
Your friend, Stephanie Carriker

Dear Santa,
Santa, you're a good man. Thank you for the toys you gave us. I like you Santa. I want some new play guns with play bullets, some more new G.I. Joe toys, some cop toys and a slip and slide.
I Love You Santa!
Love,
Jeremy Griffith

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Dear Santa,
My name is Christopher. I have been a pretty good boy. I would like to have a mini-bike, I would like some new clothes. some toys. I also want a real football. I will be waiting to hear from you soon.
Take Care, Love Always,
Christopher Alaniz

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Dear Santa,
I am 5 years old. Would you please bring me a my buddy doll, billfold for my pictures, a make-up set, and some knick-knacks for my shelf and a dress & dazzle.
Thank-you Santa.
Love,
Misty Caswell
P.S. Would you bring my sister some toys too! Her name is Krystal.

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Dear Santa,
This is what I would like for Christmas.
Turbo Bandit, talking baseball game, battleship game, pinball game, VCR quarterback, music synthesizer, drum set. Thank you very much.
Love,
Chance Fields

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Dear Santa,
I want a turbotrain and a remote control car, hot wheels cars with stop and go city. I have tried to be a good boy, but I'll try to be nicer next year.
Yours truely,
Desi Ray Vanderpool

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Dear Santa,
I want a talking doll, and a ball, a doll that you can put make up on. Please bring my brothers, and my sister some toys and candy. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
See you Christmas Time
Love,
Teri Valdez
P.S. I for got to tell you I want some books. Santa, I have been a good girl.

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me some candy, milk, and cookies. I want a baby girl doll, and bring my brother a car.
Bring my sisters a baby girl doll. I will leave you cookies and milk under the tree.
I love you, Santa
Love,
April Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Where do you live Santa. I want a Cabbage Patch Doll, a Barbie Doll, a Little Miss Makeup.
Love,
Nikki Whitaker

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Happy Holiday
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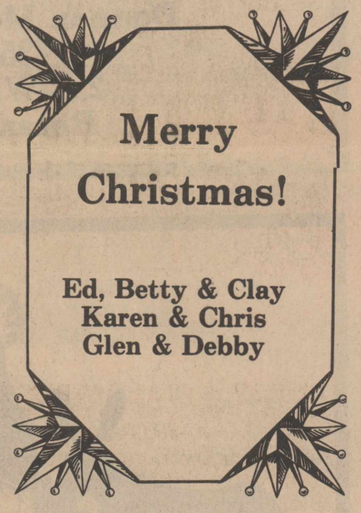


Merry Christmas
Garcia's House Of Flowers & Sweet Temptations
735-3449
Rotan, Texas

Peace, Love and Joy
Wishing all the best of the season to you and your family at Christmas and throughout the year.
Larry and Cindy Robertson

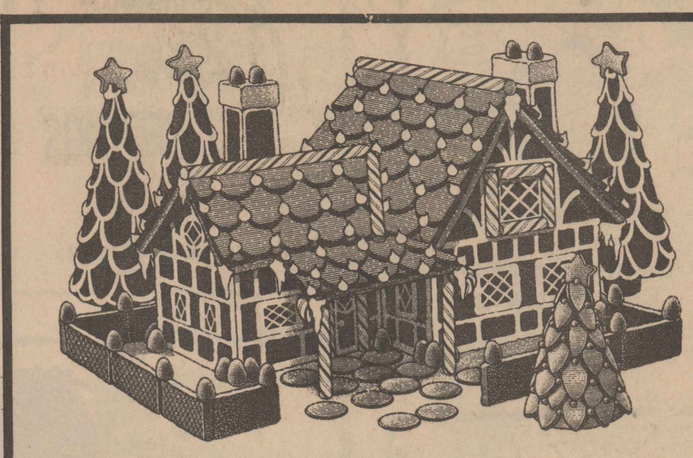

Merry Christmas!
Light up the coming year with the love and peace that is yours this Christmas!
Wynelle's Beauty Shop
Specializing In All Your Beauty Needs
776-2233
Roby, Texas


Happy Holiday
Pete & Barbara, Myra, Tim, David, & Elizabeth Hohon


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Karen & Chris
Glen & Debby

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Dr. Vick Burk
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915/776-2883


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Roby, Texas
Specializing In Hamburgers & Fast Foods



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Snyder, Texas
573-1508


Season's greetings
We wish everyone around your tree to share its special delights.
Summers Spraying Service
Neal, Kathy & Seth
735-3477
Rotan, Texas

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!
COX Jewelers
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Santa Letters





Dear Santa,
My name is Rudy Flores, Im 7 yrs. old. I think I've been pretty good this year. Well, to start off I would like a Color Racer Factory, Color Racers, BBgun, Clothes, Boots, Army Gear, and the Stealth Fighter. Well I hope that's not alot, but I really want it. Hope you enjoy your trip to Rotan, Texas. Say hello to Mrs. Santa and the elves.
Love you always,
Rudy Flores
P.S. Don't forget my sister Ashley, she wants a stove and sink and alot more.

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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I would like a Nintendo, guitar, and a Skateboard. I have been a good girl. Be sure and remember that I have moved to my new house east of Rotan.
I love you,
Tara Nowlin

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Nietendo, a medium size robot, a cross fire game, a color racer set, also bring me a new pair of wesstern boots. Mine are shot. I want to Thank you for the toys that you will bring for me. I Love You Santa.
Your Buddy,
Jason Stamm

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Dear Santa,
I would like Nintendo game set, a chin strap, and some hit sticks. Thank you, Santa.
I love you,
Shane Martin

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Dear Santa,
I would for you to bring me a bike and lots of more toys for me at Christmas and also bring my brother some toys to.
Love,
Norma Martinez

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a remote control plane and a little robot. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave your reindeer some hay. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Clay Cade

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a toy cash register, dresses, jeans, boots, reins, and a saddle blanket. Have a safe tip Christmas.
Love,
Lindy Kelley

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Dear Santa,
I want a cow boy hat A set of spurs and chaps and boots. Don't forget plese a saddle blanket.
Love,
Jacob Price

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want Baby Secret and a Baby Heather.
Love,
Laticia Flores

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Dear Santa,
I want a, Teddy Rockspin and a cap rabbit and a plant, and a bloks and a boll, scool box, bear elephant lion monkey tigrsre.
Love,
Rocky

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Dear Santa,
I would like a nentendo with the tapes and a bike a scottor and a race car set, a play big foot, a remote fire truck, a radio and a pet rabbit. I would like to no how Mrs. Santa is? I hope you are good.
Love,
Gabriel Juarez
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Will you bring me a radio, a little T.V. and a coloring book? Dear Santa how are you doing Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas.
Love,
Sylvester Ramon
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I like you. I have been good. I want a bike, a baby doll, and a watch.
I love you,
Cindy Marquez
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I like you. How is Mrs. Santa? How is Rudolf? I want a Crossfire, a new bike, and a remote cotrol boat. I also want an air hockey game. Thank you dear Santa.
Love,
Wesley Pullig
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a growable doll baby, a stroller. Cricket, bady set, makeua doll, and doll clothes. How is Mrs. Santa, and how are you?
Love,
Julie Terry
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Santa I love you. Can you bring me a doll, dishes, dress and a bow for my hair, a pair of pants and finger nail polish.
Thank you,
Love,
Bonnie
1st Grade

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Dear Sant,
I love you. I would like may be some games. I will promise to be good!
Love you,
Adam Current
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a four wheleer, a BB gun, some BB's, two bike tire's, a bear that talk's and a radio and a toy stove, a reindeer that walks and talks, and candy cane's, color's, shoe's boot's, santa bear. I like you and will leave you a snack.
Love,
James Wayne
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler, a ball, a bike, a car, and a van.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
How does a reindeer go fast? I've been a good little girl. i would like a ping pong game, back pack Miss Piggy, boots, perfumes, and other games.
Love,
Cherie Scott
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I hope your riendeer don't get sick. I want a bike for Christmas, and I want a horse for Christmas, and I want a baby doll for Christmas, and a sweater with Santa on it and a red sweater.
Love,
Leticia Leyva
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a stuffed Oliver, and a Tueek.
Love,
Abbye

We wish you the MERRIEST!
Roby Flower, Fabric & Gift Shop
Erwin, Maxine & Michelle
Roby, Texas
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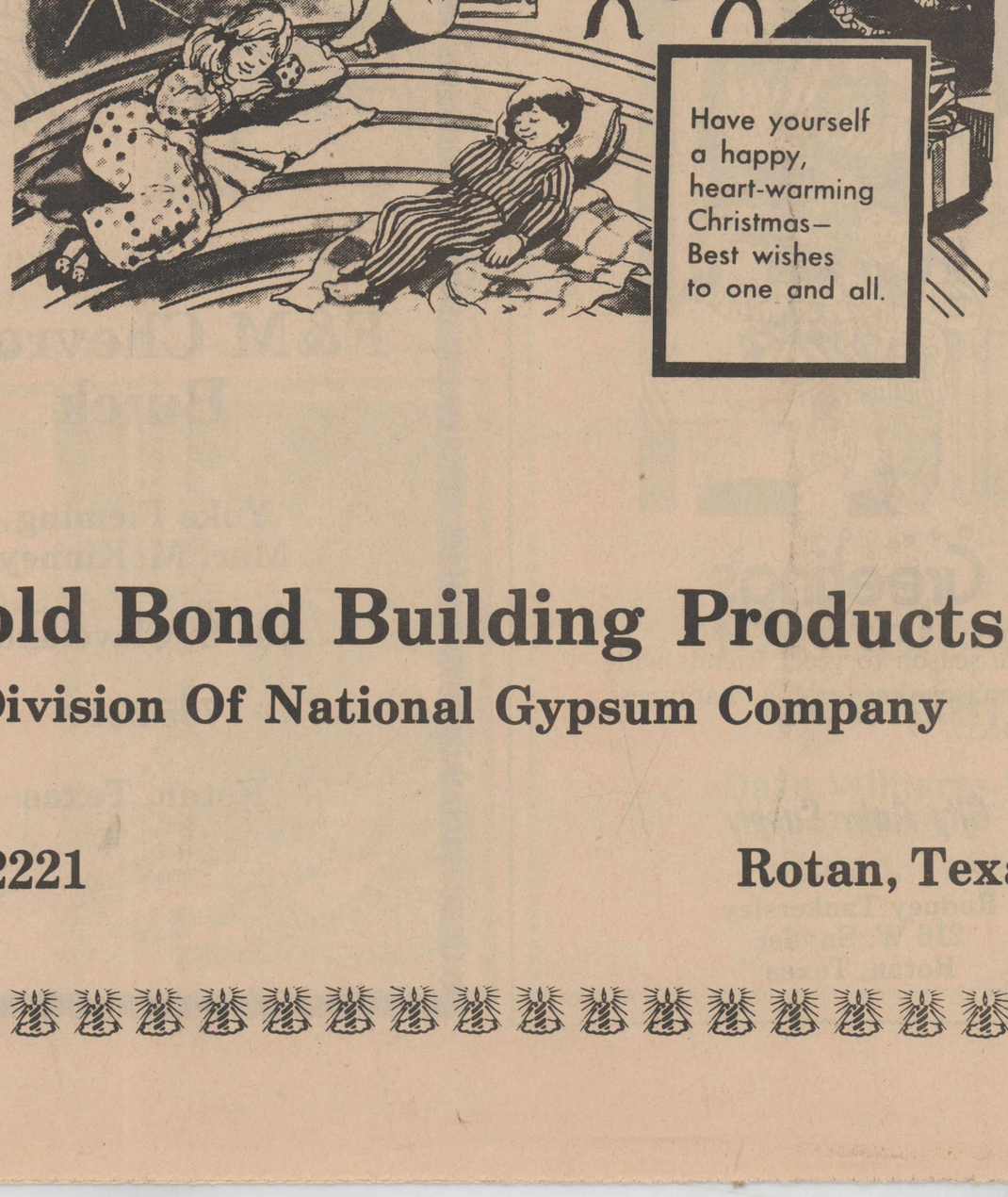




Holiday Blessings
Spirits are light, songs are bright as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

City Grocery & Deli

Keifer & Aubrey
Nell Cauble
735-2225
Roby, Texas





Gold Bond Building Products
Division Of National Gypsum Company
735-2221
Rotan, Texas



- Letters To Santa Claus -

Dear Santa,
I want and a sega and a big rectangle trampoline. I want a Sega game and 3 Sega game Gas Gun and a Container with it a puppy Telephone. I want a water bed. I want a.
*Love You Santa,
Friend,
Dustin Hargrove

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Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter and a Texas Tech shirt and cricket doll and telephone and dressing dazzle and ear muffs and operation the game and Jam box and some clothes and doll surprise and two cabbage patches a boy and girl with a pacifier and please his mouth open for you can put the pacifier in his mouth and hungry hippos and hot potato and star stage and Jean Jacket.
Love Your Friend,
Holly Lee Hunsaker

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike with some plates on it and a Texas A & M suit and a Ninetendo with a cartridge and some G. I. Joe mand and a V.C.R with some tapes.
Your Friend,
Brandon

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas this year please bring me a little miss makeup. Also I would like a special blessings doll, a keyboard, a diary, a baton and a blue jean jacket.
Love,
Katy
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want a stove and sink and clothes and boots and dress and dazzle.
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. I want a fish, a bear, and a Santa Claus doll.
I love you,
Molly

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Dear Santa,
I want a sink and a kitchen and a stove, clothes, skates, dress and a bear.
Love,
Amanda

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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a dump truck and a bicycle and a kitchen.
I love you,
Heather

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Dear Santa,
I want a xylophone and a baby doll and a bow and an ornament to put on the Christmas tree.
I love you,
Terry Jane

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Dear Santa,
This year I want for Christmas is a talking Cabbage Patch kid. Some tapes to go in my cassette. And a roller racer, bed bugs game. Will you bring my little sister a doll and stroller. If you can't bring all of it that's fine we will take what we get. We will leave snacks under the tree.
From:
Stefanie Merrell

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Dear Santa,
I want a gun. I want a bike. I want a dump truck.
Love,
Jeremy

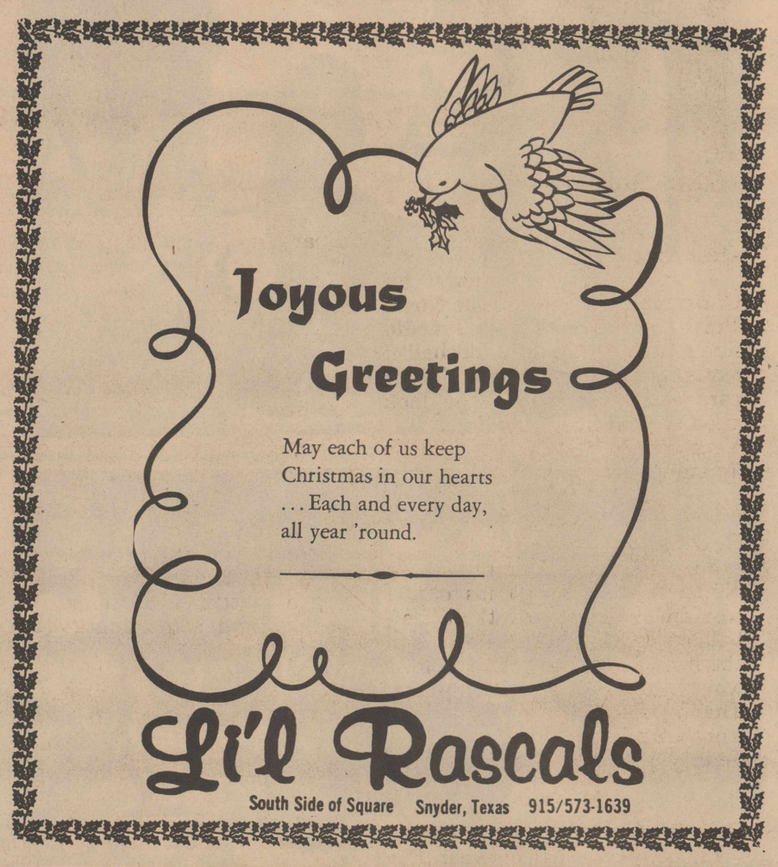
Dear Santa,
I am a two month old baby with the intelligence of a one year old. Generally for Christmas kids ask for their two front teeth. Well Santa, I don't mean to sound greedy but I need all of mine so I can eat some real food. Also mabey you could spare a little of your hair since I don't have much of that either. Other than that a pair of high-top wee bocks so I can look just like my daddy.
Thanks Santa,
Tyke Engel

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Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a stereo system, tapes, records and a big gum ball machine, with gumballs also some game like Pictionary junior and hot pata. Pleas bring mae and my brother a jacot some nitindo tapes.
Have a jolly christmas Santa Claus.
Love you,
Stephanie Yanez

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Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a popple, and paper to write.
I love you,
Emilia



Merry Christmas
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Martinez and Family


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Rotan Gin Company
Jim Gruben-Mgr.
Rotan, Texas



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Season's Best
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Have A Blessed Christmas
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Rotan, Texas



County Children Write Santa





Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is it very cold at the North Pole? I have been good this year. I want a football sweater, shoes, socks, pants with lots of pockets, a motor cycle, also, I want a tricycle my baby brother and a popcorn popper for my baby sister.
I love you,
J.M. Barrera
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a radio and a Little Miss Makeup. I would like a Wish World Kid and a Princess of Power?
Love,
Nikki Reed
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley Smith. How are you and Mrs. Santa? Do your reindeer wear shoes like horses? For Christmas I want a T.V. and a Rock n' Roll Barbie. I will leave a snack for you.
Your Friend,
Ashley Smith
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Do you have a red nose reindeer? I like you! I have been good. I want a four wheeler. and a waterbed. ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas to you! I love you and Mrs. Santa! I want earrings and a jam box.
Love,
Karen Carriker
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Santa Santa I like you! and Mrs. Santa! How fast does your reindeer go? I would like a bike and a little cat and a gold fish, and four games and a puppet fish, and a book.
Love,
Cassandra Griffith
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a nosy Bear and a mouse that squeeks and puzzles and Barbie for Christmas. My baby sister Kristen wants a baby kitten.
Love,
Krystle Ramirez
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
How fast do your Reindeer go? I would like a duster, a toy motorcycle, a remote control car, and a TV for Christmas. I have been almost good.
Love,
Karmine Caster
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
How is your Reindeer doing? Can you get a trampolene and a little Miss Make updoll for me. I love you Santa.
Love,
Keshia Stidham
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
Here I am writing you again. How are your reindeer? I would like a pair roller skates, little Miss Makeup Maxi, My little Pony and clothes. Hope you have a nice trip!

Thanks Santa,
Alicia Ortega
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a basketball set, and a football set. How is Mrs. Santa?
Love,
Arthur Aaron Cadena
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a TV, and a motor cycle. I want a Nentendo casset and a gun. I like you Santa.
Love,
Salvador Hernandez
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I have been good I would like a bike and boots and some new shoes, a remote car and a big foot some trucks, a radio and a air plane. How is Mrs. Santa?
Love,
Michael Lee Kirkland
1st Grade

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Dear Santa Clause,
I have been a good girl I would like for you to bring me Dolly Surprise. And a Dress and Dazzel and Barbie Ice Cream Shop.
Thank You,
Nikki Yanez

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Dear Santa,
This is what I want: a Turbo Hopper, a transformer, and a Ghost buster. I would like some surprises in my stockings. Thank you for last year.
Love,
Byron Kennedy

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want Shinobi, Crossfire, Afterburner, and Alf video games. I want an Aero-TurboHopper. And I want a computer to help me do Math and a talking Alf and tallking football. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and carrots for your reindeer.
Love,
Mark Denton

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good Boy. please Bring me a Battleship game and a moserip game and some more cloths. there will be some cooke'ys and some mike for you.
Love,
Steven Smallwood

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Dear Santa,
I want a football, scooter, and HitStix. Please, bring my brothers and me a television. And I also want my two front teeth!
I Love You,
Dayme Mullins

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Dear Santa,
I would like a nentendo, a color book and some colors, a fast race car set, for me and my brother a Holloween mask, and my sister a baby doll and for my dad, a new car and for my mom some dishes and my brother and I would like a set of boxing golves.
Love,
Leroy Rivas
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll? I would like a Horse. Santa how are you and how is Mrs. Clause doing? What does an Elf look like? I would like a Cricket and I would like a tree house. The end.
Love,
Sahala Freeman
1st Grade

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy I want from you a ghostblaster-gun a B.B. gun.
Thank You,
Daniel J. Alvarado Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie set and a Barbie and Barbie clothes and also a scooter and skirts and a Mario Brothers and a computer a big trampoline Ninetendo and a big chalk board and Mickey Video tape and book and monkey bars Microphone school desk and a big math book VCR with five tapes Cheerleader suit and a Telephone Robo Cop Care Bears Ponies Santa Claus Calling All Elves tapes to the VCR Scissors and Crayons also Spelling book hard words and puppet wally and a Remote Control to VCR and Water bed and sand box bright t.v. and a flag and a Music book and a bell and a swiming suit with Coke Coca Cola on it and stars around it and a crayon and pencil and Dolly Surprise and a Care Bear baby and a book called Superfudge and a Jam box and four goggles and a chart and two boys swiming suits and one gir swiming suit and five Cabbage Patches and some clothes for them and a little Christmas tree and two little fishing rod with snoopy and four jean skirts and jean shirts and a Cinderella doll.

A book called Charlotte's web and a ice-cream eraser and and a skirt that says coke coca cola and a shirt that says coke coca cola together and I also want a snoopy doll.
Love,
Andrea Miranda
Age 7

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a Dolls and a Lost of Apples & oranges and a toys pig.
Love,
Joanna

Dear Santa,
Cinderella vanity set. elegant cheval mirror. Disney Magic puff. Play-Doh Whoppe. California Palomino. Scooter.
Love,
Jennifer

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Dear Santa,
I would like a football and a bedroom of my own. There will be milk and cookies by the fireplace.
Best Wishes,
Ruth Ann

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Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a set of play guns, new clothes and a army set.
Love,
Anan Garza

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Dear Santa,
My name is Toby Terry. I am 4 years old and I have been a good boy. This is what I want. I want a watch, a toy dog, and a little trampoline. Thank you.
Love,
Toby Terry

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Dear Santa,
I want a Snak Shop with Playtoe, a thing you put in your hands, and a dinosaur watch. I have been a good boy!
Thank You,
Bryant Terry
Age 3

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Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a bicycle and a typewriter and a babydoll. Also a playhorse and a purse. Please fill my stocking. I also want a teddy bear and some dishes. Thank you Santa.
I Love You!!
Sandy Kiser

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11



...a Blessed Christmas
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Happy Holidays!



Louie & Esther
Hayes
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Season's Greetings
We hope this season of cheer holds lots of good times and happy surprises in store for you.

Merry
Christmas

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Happy
Holidays!



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Christmas Peace
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County Children Write Santa



Dear Santa
I want a Barbie set and a Barbie and Barbie clothes and I also want some clothes and real make-up and some skirts and leotard.
Love,
Andrea Miranda
Age 7

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Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I want a wagon. I want a Pee Wee Herman. I want a Road Champs.
Love,
John Rivera
Age 12

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Dear Santa,
May I please have: 4 Activity Bunny, fashion plates, My Lovely Girl Rag Doll, Melody Tanes Cassett, and Recorder.
Love,
Leslie Luera
2nd Grade

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Dear Santa,
Please: may I have been a lettle been a lettle good girl.
Love,
Katrina Romero

Dear Santa,
I want a pestol to go hunting. and a poney and a pupey and no stuft and a cracker-in-the-bed. and a telephone and a Awatch with a game and it with a TV.
Love,
Patrick

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Dear Santa,
I want a saga, I want like, I want a football, I want scooter, I want a trampoline, I want a nine etendo, I want a , threer wheeler, I want a Race Car, I want a, Micro Machines, I want a, footballsuit, I want a, skate board, I want, Boxing Gloves, I want a Baseball, I want a, jacket, I want a TV, I want a TV and VCR.
Love,
Keith Messick

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Dear Santa,
I want saga, and a bike, I want, Football and a scooter I want Ninetendo, I want trampoline, I want three wheelers I want Race Car, Micro Machines, and a skatebord, and a football suit, and a blaesball and a Boxing Gloves I want jacket, I want tv and vcr.
Love,

Dear Santa,
I want a bear, I want a tree wheeler, I want a sag.
Love Your Friend,
Jessica Jo Harrison

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Dear Santa,
I want a three wheeler and a trampoline and a suit and a scooter and a pony and a barbieboll and a telephone and a microphone and a B B gun and a cheerleader suit and a operation.
Love Your me Friend,
Belia
Age 7

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Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I want some toys. I want trampoline. I want a cabbage patch.
Love,
Lori Beth Tandy

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Dear Santa,
I want a praying baby doll I want two baby kittens.
Love,
Brandie McArthur

Dear Santa,
I want real make-up and Mario Brothers two and the Legend of Zeald two. And a trampline. And a stuffed bear. And four blue jean skirts. And a stuffed puppy and a pigg bank and a doll to, and dresses to and Mike Tyson Punch out. And Cheer Lender Suit. And a waterbed and a vcr and a tv, and some skirts.
Love,
Anneka

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Dear Santa,
I want a Computer and a Ffoot ball suit and a football and a Blocking Vest and five Ninetendo tapes there nams Mario Bros2 Top Gun Gun Smoke Contra and Commamdo and a bike and a Remote Control car and a scooter and a airplane and crackers in my bed and a sega and 4 sega tapes and a Garfield Telephone.
Love,
David

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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a truck.
Love,
Robert
Roland Flores

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Dear Santa,
I want a car, ball, and a gun.
Love,
Julie

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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle bike and a toy gun.
Love,
Randy

Dear Santa,
I want a carebear tape and some logoblocks and a Computer and a Transformor and a Walt Disney Home Video Tape and a bidbed and a Santa Claus sculpture and a Ninetendo Video game and a Crackers in my bed and I want a Pocycyle Eraser Pencil with Sant and Rudolph on it Telephone and Bert and wally water bed and a Sega and a Smelling Eraer and a Office set and a Mickey and the giat a Remote Control Car and a Top Gwn.
Love,
Ryan

Christmas



The Martinez Family
Rudy, Von, Jennifer,
Kimberly & Kristal

Hope this Christmas is your merriest one!

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Rotan, Texas



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Buddy and Bonnie Walden
Shelton, Joshua, and Chrissie

Merry Christmas!



Lawrence & Bobbie Dickson

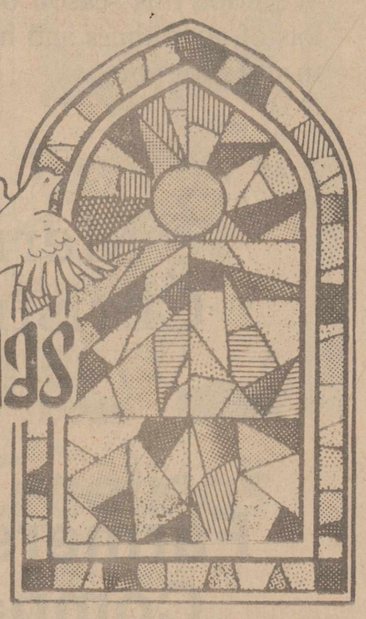
Greetings

Holiday wishes by the stockingful are coming your way.



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Santa Letters



Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy for Christmas. How is it at the North Pole? I would like a bike. I would like a basketball and a football. I would like a mote control race cars with race track. You look good in your suit.
Your friend,
Jeremy Alls

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Nintendo and some games for it. I would also like a basketball, football, soccer. I wonder how it is in the North Pole, its probly cold. I would also like a computer. Thank you!
Your friend,
Jeremy Valdez

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Dear Santa,
I hope you are ok this year. For Christmas I would like a pair of brown ropers and a baskentball a bear that sings and a Netindo. There is some more things. I want a puppy, romote race car, a their willer and every one to be happy.

And just one more thing, a white Christmas. Ho! ho! ho! Santa Marry Christmas Mrs. Clause and Mr. Clause.
Best Wishes,
Becky Dian Frierson

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Would you get me a minie mouse watch, bill fold, vcr, jr. pictionary, clothes, and a white Merry Christmas. I love you Santa. Have a Merry Christmas. Ho! Ho! Ho!
Your friend,
Sonya Gaona

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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you please bring me a bike, a cassette player, bouncing babies, a praying hands doll, a barbie doll, a miss make up doll, a dolly surprise doll, a stuffed animal. Thasts all I want for me. Could you please bring my nephews Jonathon and Jason a box of diapers. Thank You.
Love,
Laurie Montez

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Dear Santa,
My name is Mindy. I have been a good girl. My little nephew Presley wants a battery powered cycle. He has been a good boy. I want a Double Trouble, a Dolly Suprise, a Stinky, a Nurse Kit, a Little Miss Make-Up. For Cindy, Millie, Mom, Dad, and you A very Merry Christmas.
Love,
Mindy Ann Gaspar

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Dear Santa,
I would like a game named sorry and a porton pack. I hope you well have a good time that night and see you. I like you very much, your my friend. Santa you have a good Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Your friend,
Billy Joe Leal

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Dear Santa,
Would you bring me some blue ropers a trampoline, computer, orgen watch, a horse, goats, a monky and some goats. Marry Christmas.
Your friend,
Rusty Thompson

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Dear Santa,
I wish for a radio and a baton. I hope we have a nice Christmas. We got a snow man that gots laders. And a white Merry Christmas.
Best Wishes
Catherine Rogers

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Dear Santa,
I hope you and Mis. Santa are all rite. Can I have a keyboad for Christmas Santa? Marry Christmas to you and Mis. Santa.
Your friend,
Adrian Castor

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a purr-tenders and a Nosy bear and a sleeping bag. I would like a bike too. I will like if you brought me a Babydoll too. Merry Christmas Santa ho, ho, ho!!
Your friend,
Juanita Cadena

Dear Santa,
I would like three Angora goats and sugar Britches. She is a porcelain doll. Would you bring the dress that comes on her. My old radio is broken so I would like another one. There is a black hat I would like too. This year for your snack I will make you fudge. I hope you have a safe trip to my house. Please say hello to Mrs. Claus for me.
Your friend,
Makala Herron

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope fine. I want a new bike, remote control car that is cool, beebee gun and a skate board.
Your friend,
Andrew Castor

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Dear Santa,
I want a Sega and I want Starting lineup football men. I want some Hit Sticks and a football for Christmas. Then I want a set of drums and Electric Guitar.
Your friend,
Edward Marquez

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Dear Santa,
for Christmas I went Garfield and a Little Miss Makeup and My Little Pony and Noisy bear too. And I hope you come to my house and I want a pink raido too. Please bring my cats something and Mom and Dad too. this is my Kittins first Christmas. I want a hat like you. I am in 3rd grade.
Your friend,
Cathy Marquez

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Dear Santa,
I am in the third grade. How are you doing? I am doing fine. For Christmas I would like a bike, sterio, barbies, babydoll, horse, puppy and a basketball. The best thing of all I wish to have a white christmas.
Merry Christmas everyone,
Have all your wishes come true.
Your friend,
Brenda Kirkland

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a raido, and a vcr, tapes, white Christmas, and some cloes for me. And a Merry Christmas for you Santa and a happy new year of 1989.
Best wishes,
Erica Castor

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Dear Santa,
I want a stareo and a pair of shoes, and dont forget the shoes. I want a bike, and some books. I want you to have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Matt Harris

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Dear Santa,
Santa I've got some good report cards. I no I've been bad but I try to be good, but I just can't sometimes. I just want one thing, I want it to snow. One more thing I want everybody to be happy. Merry Christmas.
Best wishes,
Mandy Taylor

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have some barbie clothes, books. (I like scary ones best) and a cheerleader Skipper. I also want some clothes for me.
Santa what would you like me to leave you this Christmas? Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jaycee Carey

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a pellet gun, a Guns and Roses tape, a Wilson football, Micro Machines, baseball, Nerf indoor golf, a Remot Control car, a Jam box, a alarm clock, a color TV, a tent, a Map of the USA and a Jets Tape.
I would like to thank you for the toys last year. I liked them.
Your friend,
Billy Floyd

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Dear Santa,
How are you this year Santa? For Christmas I would like a cumpuiter. I would also like a blue bean bag to match my room. I wish for a white Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa and a Happy New Year.
Your friend,
Jenny Knox

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Dear Santa,
This year for christmas I would like to get some Nintendo Tapes, Teuu Sled, Bike, and a Turbo Hopper. Thank You!
Love,
Jeffery Knight

Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas. I also will like a book of Santa. Will you bring me a barbe doll with the clothes? And will you bring me a radio to.
Your friend,
Leticia Ramon
Ho Ho Merry Christmas Santa.

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a watch, earphone, raido, and a barbe and a barbehouse and barbeclothes to. I want a inttendo beasere my bother wont let me use his. I want a necklase. Merry Christmas Santa. I hope you come to my house.
Your friend,
Julie Jiminez

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From that first Holy Night may the joy of the season be yours today and always.

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- Letters To Santa Claus -

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy and I love you very much. I want a transformer, basketball, a new book, a soccer ball, a plastic watermelon for my sister. I also want a chalk board, and a new bookshelf, a swing set.
Love,
Tyson Terry
P.S. I also want a play ax.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jake Johnson. I am 6 years old and go to kindergarten. I have been good this year. I would like to have a basketball goal, remote control pistol grip car and tractor and a new bike for Christmas. I will leave you a snack in case you're hungry.
Love,
Jake Johnson
P.S. I also want a play ax.

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Dear Santa,
How are you, Santa? Do you have all the toys ready for the boys and girls? I want some army gear, a horse, a guitar, a football, a big tractor and a remote control truck.
I love you Santa,
Juan Leyva

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Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I want a Little Miss Makeup, a chalkboard, Little toy horse, a Mickey Mouse Watch, race car set, new basketball, and a Winnie the Pooh and Friends Train Set. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some hay for Rudolph.
Love,
Brittany Cary

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I want a play post, a chalkboard, a control car and a race car track. How are you doing? Thank you for getting me toys.
Love,
Ben Blaine

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? I hope they are fine. I want a perfume Barbie, a plain baby doll, a real piano. I want to be a singer so please bring me an organ and a guitar. I hope I see you in the store.
Love,
Crystal Templet

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Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. Thank you for all of the toys last year. I like my teacher. I guess I want a real piano, play pipe, play school, and a little Teddy bear for my sister. I like to go to school.
Love,
Josh Waldon

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I want a bike, new shoes, a doll that has a bottle, a Barbie doll and a new school box.
Thank you,
Misty Barrera

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Dear Santa,
I like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The one with the flashing nose. I like Santa Claus. I like the way you write. I like you flying up in the air singing Jingle Bells. When it's Christmas time I will give you some cookies. I want a toy piano, a bear, a toy school buinding, a new bike, and a rabbit. I like the reindeer on T.V.
Love,
Jimmie Baxter

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer men fine? I want some papers, a race car track, a control car, and a chalkboard. I love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Brent Douglass

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun, and my two sisters want a doll. My Daddy wants a real gun. Bring my Mom some earrings and make up. Santa, I will leave you some cookies and milk under the Christmas Tree.
Love you lots,
Nathan Ramon



May the meaning of Christmas enrich your lives with the spirit of peace on earth.

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Marshall
Jerilyn and Mark

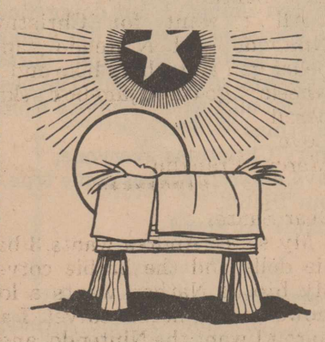
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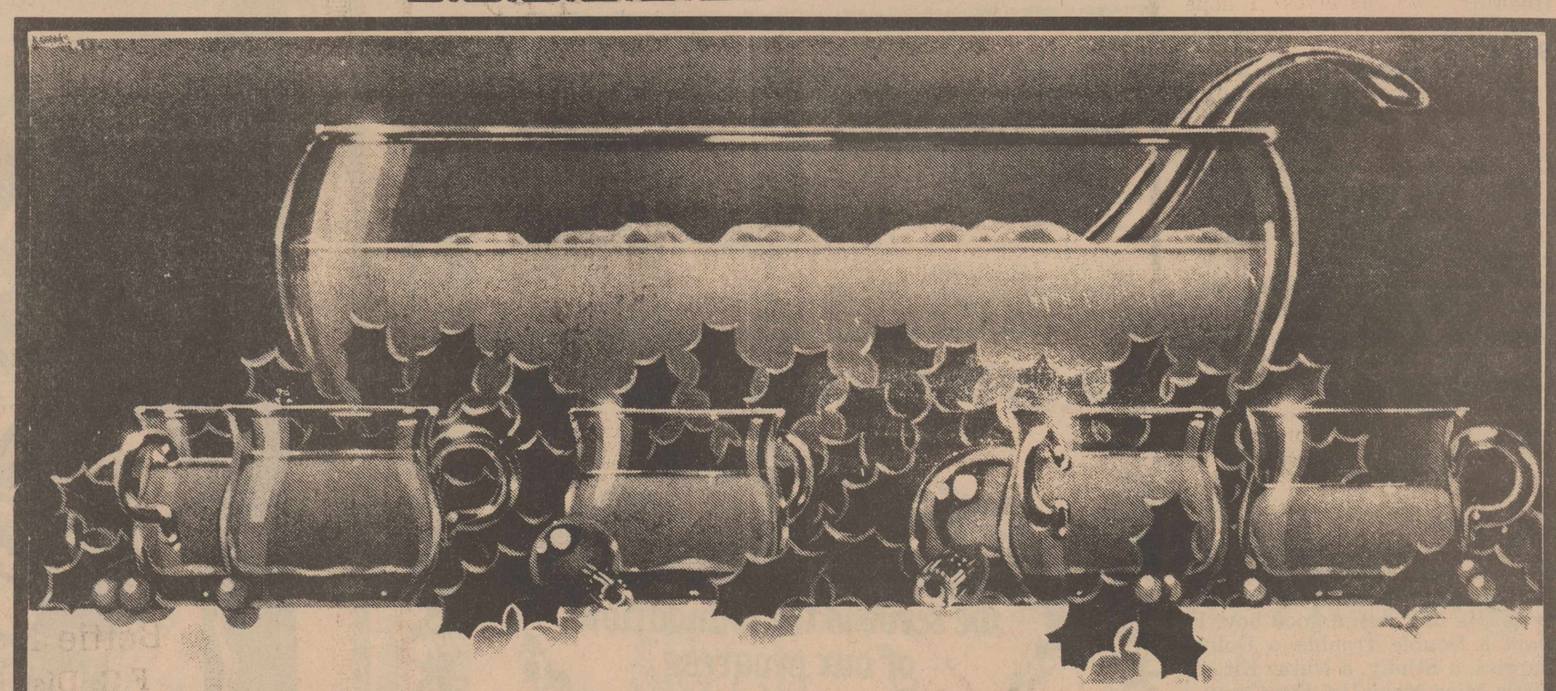
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- Letters To Santa Claus -



Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a nice trip to every house. For Christmas I want two of the big rubber wrestlers, they cannot move, and they are from the World Wrestling Federation, and the code is WWF. The wrestlers that I want from you are Hillbilly Jim and Andre the Giant, and if you cannot find them, please give me Big John Studdand Junk Yard Dog, but if you can find one of the first ones I named please give me that one, and give me one of the second ones I named and please if you find all the first ones I named, please give me them. I love you too.
Love,
Fabian Ramirez

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy this year and I would like for you to bring me a train set, and a fire truck. I would also like some candy and a flashlight and could you please bring me some Mickey Mouse underwear. Oh and please tell Rudolph hi.
Thank you,
Jacob Wayne Trejo

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Dear Santa,
I need a jeep car and a dump truck. I also need some blocks, a house coat a Barbie and Ken and some shoes. I also want a clown doll and wagon. Please bring my little brother some toys too!
I love you,
Heather Morgan

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Dear Santa,
I have been a real good boy this year. Please bring me some trucks and trailers, some riding toys and a construction set. Also I want some candy.
Love,
Randall Morgan

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a horse trailer with a pickup, a new bike and a gun and gun belt. Also bring my sister a barbie doll.
Your friend,
Zachary Greenlee, age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a fire truck.
Your friend,
Dray Ford, age 3

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me candy, a tractor, and a pickup.
Your friend,
Jake Redden age 2

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys, a tractor and a play Christmas tree.
Your friend,
David Mullins age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me two new tubes for my bike, a choo choo train that is wood and has a draw bridge. I also want an army gun and a gum that shoots toy bullets. I would like a train with controls called double jump. Please bring my sister some baby toys. Also I need a scooter.
Your friend,
Pete Clark, age 4

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun, chaps and a scalbert.
Your friend,
Klay McWilliams age 4

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a fiddle, a guitar for Dayme and a microphone for David. I would also like some color racers and a tractor.
Your friend,
Dane Mullins age 5

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a proton pack, a ghostbuster, color racers, a dump truck, a guitar and a gun.
Your friend,
Joel Redden age 4

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun, some cars, a pickup, hat, a fire truck and some cows and animals.
Your friend,
Colter Williams age 3

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dinosour, ghostbuster playdough, a fire truck, gadzilla, a dyno rider, and a ghost blaster.
Your friend,
Brock Denton age 5

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me some G.I. Joe blocks, guns, a army dinosaur with man, a scooter and a talking dinosaur that walks.
Your friend,
Josh Martinez age 3

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Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? How is Rudolf and the other reindeers? I wonder how Mrs. Claus is. I haven't been bad. All I've been doing is being good.
I want a car set that glows in the dark. I want some letter blocks, Lego building blocks with pieces that move, a bicycle, a tent, a toy reindeer and some new puzzles. I want a new radio too.
I will leave out some cookies and milk. Thats about it.
Thank you and bye,
David Collins

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Little Miss Makeup, a play Santa Claus and a play reindeer if you can find one. You need to know that my sister, Katie, is a tattle-tale.
Love,
Lauren Kennedy

Dear Mr & Mrs Santa Claus,
This year I have two brothers and Mario Jr. wants a hungry hungry hippo and a dissy Dinosour. And my brother Mattew wants a Biclycl and a talking Mickey.
Dear Santa Claus I want you to choose for me. I don't care what you bring for me. I just want you to pick for me. I think that it would be right. My brother want everything but I think you should choose this time. Santa tell Mrs Claus that to have a Merry Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And you to Santa.
Love,
Maria Gonzalez
Merry Christmas



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- Letters To Santa Claus -



Dear Santa,
I would like a BMX dirt Bike. Nintendo BB Gun TV Aerohopper.
Love,
Brandon

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Dear Santa,
I would like a soccer ball. I would like a Football. I would like a helmemt. I would like a santa hat. I would like a GI Joe.
Love,
Micah

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Dear Santa,
I want a train set, pants and a T shirt, a rece car track, a mistletoe, a watch, a dig foot, a sweater, a hanb grande, a game of trouble a big fire truck, turbo.
Love,
Chance

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Dear Santa Claus:
I don't have a big list but I been good. Here is what would like a art set, a Dinosaurs and games. And bring Brian my little brother who goes to the rehabilation in Abilene just to learn to talk.
Thank you!
Jamie Palmer
P.S. See you at Christmas!

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Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I wont a bike and a tow bigfoot and a rel football and a rel soccer Ball I ben a good boy and I wont some swinges and a swimming pole.
Love,
Paul Juarez

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Dear Santa,
Will you please get me a perfume Barbie and a dress 'n' Dazzle and some makeup and a backpack and some books and red ropers. Thank you. Please do not forget my little sitser Krystali. Pleaser do not go down my chimmy it is to dirty.
Love,
Denise

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Dear Sant,
Will you get me a bike and a football suit and pads. Don't forget my big brothers. And some clothes and shoes.
Your Friend,
Jason Amador
2nd Grade

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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Tanner Park. I am 3 years old. For Christmas I would like a cowboy hat, a road grader and a tow-truck. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Tanner

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Dear Santa,
My name is Amy. I'm 6 yrs. old. My little sister is Ana she's 9 mo. old. We have been good this year. I would like a bambi stuffed toy and some more "Land before Time Dinosaurs. I have "Cera", I need "Littlefoot", "Petrie", "Spike" and "Ducky". A "Dizzy Dizzy Dinosaur" game would be good too.
Ana needs a squeky clown toy and anything else you might want to bring her.
We will be at our Mema Stevens house this year, not at our house in Midland. Don't forget.
Love,
Amy E. & Ana F. Seaton

Dear Santa,
It snowed in Roby two days. How is Ms. Santa doing? I bet she is working hard. I will have hay out them and some water. I would like a racing hopper and a boy gold necklace. Please send Rudolph on your trip.
Your friend,
Justin Smith.

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This is what I want: a pocket rocker, a big wide keyboard, radio without a cord, and posters.
Please, please bring me a ten speed and a little toy. That's all I want and say "Hi", to Mrs. Claus. Bye, Bye.
Love,
Sascha M. Barrera

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Dear Santa,
I want a gun with a scope, a nintindo, a skate board, and a walkman.
Your friend,
Patrick Cortez

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Dear Santa,
I want games, pocket rocker, clothes, and more other things.
I will have something for you. I want a bike and a telephone. I want hit sticks, and I do not know what else I want but I will tell you later. I better let you go. Goodbye.
Your friend,
Tina Current

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Jem and the Holograms. I want my twin cabbage patch doll, some red boots, some swetters and pants, new bike that is red, playhouse for my Jem and the Holograms, and eletrec cash regester. I want either speak and spell, speak and math or a speak and read. Well that will be all for me this Christmas.
Your friend,
Erika Rae Ramirez

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Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. I would like a ghostbuster, a baseball and bat, army tank, toy car, basketball net, a great big box of candy, toy truck and toy tractor. For my mom get her a microwave. For dad get him a pair of boots. For my sister get her a doll.
Your friend,
Juan Melena Jr.

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Dear Santa,
I would like a radio controlled off road Turbo Panther, a scate board, a captain power, jet a photon, and a head set. I want some shoes.
Your friend,
Philip Goodwin

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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I would like any surprise.
Your friend,
Chris Gloyd

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintinido with games, Treestile Bike, three wheeler, some shirts, some shoes, some pants, soccer ball, football, radio with tapes, and a teloscope, or pocket rocker.
Your friend,
Donnie Barrera

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Dear Santa,
I want a keyboard and a bike but the thing I want most is a four wheeler.
Your friend,
Sammy Garcia

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Dear Santa,
I want a gun with a scope on it and I want a three wheeler that doesn't go slow, ok. Another thing I want is a new bike Santa. I would like a skateboard and knee pads. I guess I want a Nintendo and the Mario Brothers.
Your friend,
Shea Feagan

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a snack shoppe, a bouncing baby, and a toaster oven.
Love,
Meggan Herron

Dear Santa,
This year I don't want nuch. All I want is an alarn clock, nerf indoor golf, and a stocking full of candy.
Are you taking good care of Rudolph? Last winter my dad tied a rope to his truck to our sled and he dragged us down the road. By the way how is Mrs. Santa? We bought a tree on the sixth but we still have not put up our christmas lights.
Your friend,
Damon



We wish you loads of pleasures and the company of family and friends.

James and Dianne Ratliff



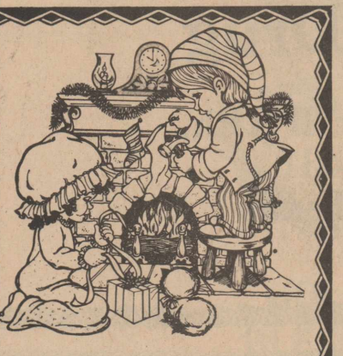
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From
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May life's good things be yours in full abundance.

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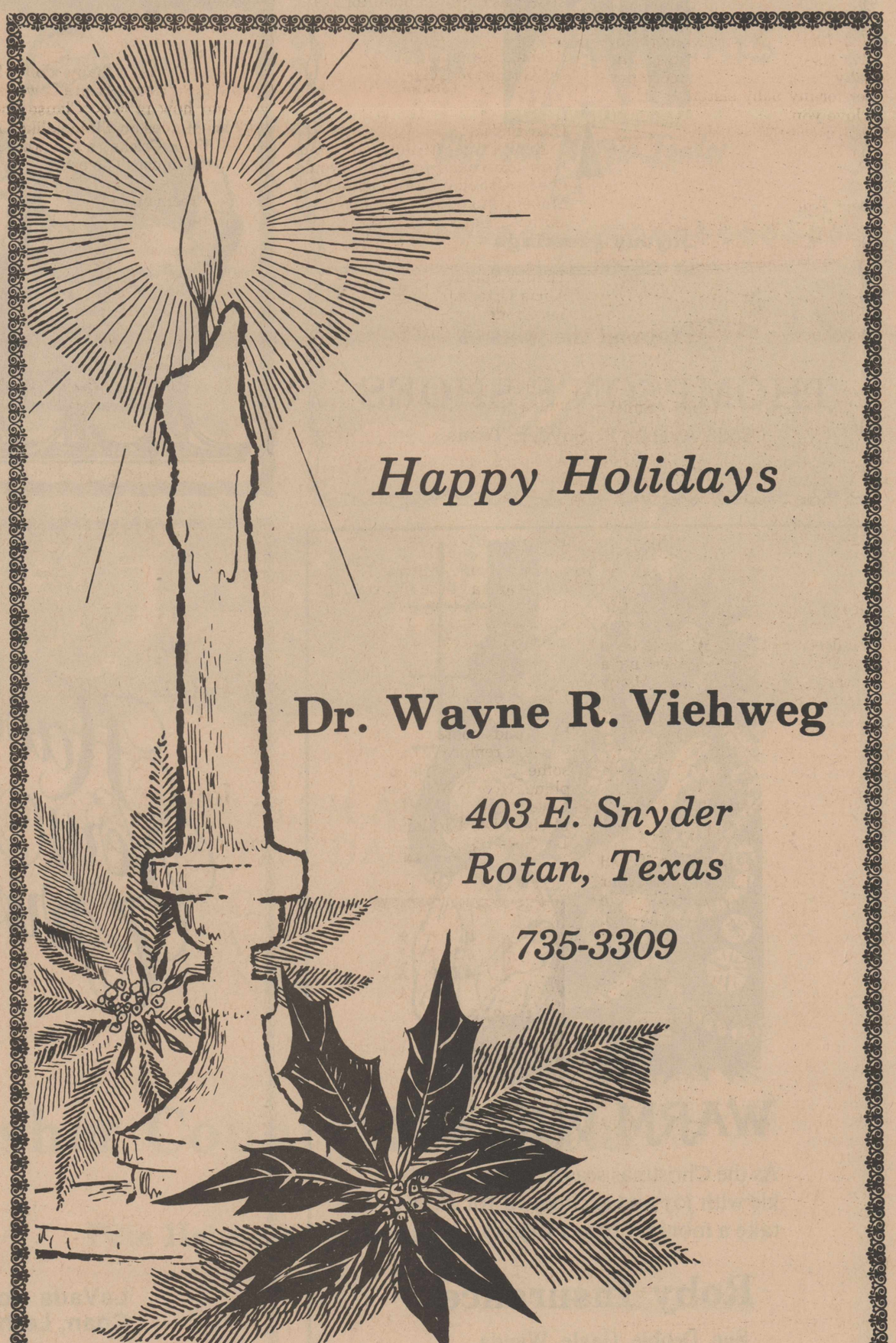
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Happy Holidays

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County Children Write Santa





Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard.
Love,
Inez Hernandez
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Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a Nintendo and a bb gun to notebook, and most of all i want a car and a horse.
Love,
Patrick Castillo
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Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year. I would like a calculator, Cabbage Patch with hair that grows, Nosy bear, Hit Stixs, Fun Factory, and Little Miss Makeup. Please remember Candi. I also want everyone to have a very Merry Christmas.
Love,
Amy Gruben
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Dear Santa,
I would lick a pixie and dixie camera, a cabbage patch, nosy bear, and a dressing up and dressing dazel.
Your friend,
Monica
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Dear Santa,
I would like a diary, a watch, a camera, a gymnastic suit, a barbie dress, and a new pair of shoes.
Your friend,
Mandy Dycus
PS. I have been a good girl and I will leave you cookies and milk.
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Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas Nintendo and Nintendo tapes, pellet gun and a bmx bike and a 3 wheeler go-cart jam-box skate borad.
Love,
Marcus Franklin
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Dear Santa,
My sister Andrea wants 3 barbie dolls and the barbie corvet. My brothe Nathan wants a lonmower, and a barbie corvet. I am Aaron I want the Nintendo, and 5 Cobras, and the Cobra Night Raven, The GI Joe Rolling thunder, the Cobra Fox, and 400 baseball cards.
Love,
Aaron Lee Williams

Dear Santa,
I would like a keyboard, baby tender-Love, sterio, boots, bookself, games. I will leave some cookies and coffee. P.S. Thanks for all the gifts last year.
I Love You,
Mikya Lyn Dickson
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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie Ice Cream Shop. If you bring me the set I'll make you some if you want some. Let me tell you I've been a good girl!
Your friend,
Adriana Velez
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Dear Santa,
I want a car set, a truck and a helicopter. I want some shoes. I want an airplane and some boots. Robert Jr. already got some presents. Bring Mama and Daddy some toys.
Bye,
Jeremy Martin
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Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a mini T.V., Barbie dolls, swimming pool, swings, fish, dog, cat, bunk beds, games, rabbit, a big picture of a snowman, my own school books that I never have to take to school and lots and lots of paper.
Love,
Lisa Wiedler
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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like to have a remote control car and a toy gun for Christmas. Is it cold at the North Pole? I wish I was at the North Pole. I go to school at Hobbs.
Love,
Fernando Palomo

Dear Santa,
How is everything doing in the North Pole? Everything in my town is doing ok. I really want for Christmas is a doll and a bike. But if you cannot get it, it's ok because my dad can get it for me. Have a Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Love,
Cynthia Palomo
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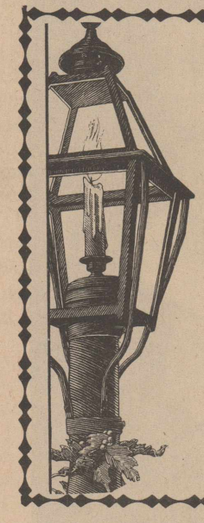
Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and the elves? I hope you had a good year. How do you make all of the toys?
I would like four kittens, a Barbie Ice Cream Shop, a little yellow kitten, jewelry, and a hot tub.
Love,
Emily Bavousett
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Dear Santa,
How are things up there at the North Pole? How are you and the reindeer? Are your elves busy working on toys? Are you getting ready to deliver some toys? Well, if you are would you bring me some shoes, a watch, a football, a basketball, some stonewashed jeans, a small basketball game, and a new baseball bat and glove.
Sincerely,
Robert Onofre

Dear Santa,
Bring me some toys. I want new boots Santa. Santa bring me some guns. Bring me a new hat. I have been a good boy. I love you Santa.
Kenny Cove

Dear Santa,
I won't a furcoat and a keyboard and a housecoat. I love you Santa.
Love,
Julie Grisham

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter. I want a computer and a kitchen set. I've been a nice good gir.
Thank You,
Theresa Soliz



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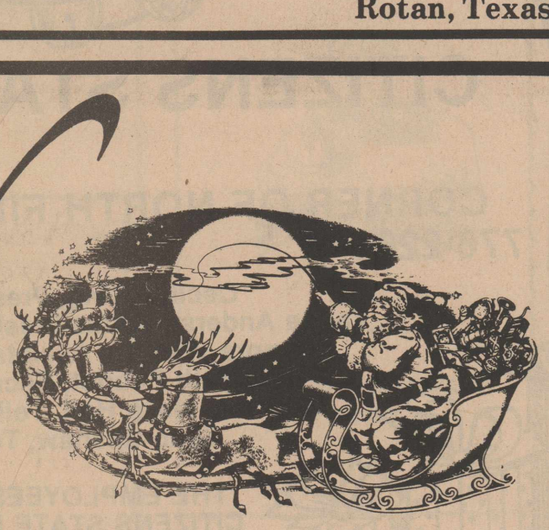
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- Letters To Santa Claus -



Dear Santa,
I want some Hit Sticks, and some Nintendo tapes like R.C. Prow, A.M., Rad Racer and Rushen Attack.
Your friend,
Rusty Goodwin

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want some legos and a go cart. Mario Bros, 2 Excit bike rad racer lazer tag and a expert bike and for my dad a new radio for my mom a dish washer for brother legos for my sister a 200 dollors.
Your friend,
Charlie

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Dear Santa,
I hope you can stop by I'll have some milk and cookies for you. I want a trampoleen, a caslevania, and an arielturbohopper. And a Ninga suit, and a black jet for my brother, and a barbie car.
Your friend,
Jason H.

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want Mrs. Burns to be a nice teacher like she has so far and Mr. Garcia the same. He has made me really work since I made the two bad grades since then I've made one hundred over one hundred. I like my teachers. Santa I want a Nintendo, a trampoline and a lot of lego's.
Your friend,
C.W. Robertson

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a biylce and a barrbie doll, and a bytom and some oranges and apples.
From,
Rosa

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Dear Mr & Mrs Santa Claus,
I want a toy robot with a play gun.
Love,
Henry

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Dear Santa,
I am 11 year old. I am in the 4 grade. I been good at school and at home. I want for christmas is a bike, skateboard, new shoes, a rock roll guitar, a club house for me and friends to party all night.
Your friend,
Joe Louis Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
I what a Sant suit and a talking robot. And a train set.
Love,
Lisa Daniel

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Dear Santa,
I would like a T.V. and a shirt. And some spurs and a little Miss Make-up. Thank you for the toys that you gave me last year.
Love,
Tracy Posey

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Dear Santa,
I hope you have been fine. As for me I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a keyboard, BB gun, hunting knife, jambox and neintendo game. Oh and reading glasses.
Love,
Phillip Yanez

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me watch, microscope, keyboard, and a guitar. And most of all a Larry Messick doll.
Love,
Kenneth

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Dear Santa,
I am 3 years old. I tried to be good for my mommy and daddy this year. All I want for Christmas this year is an Elwood Mize doll.
Love,
Kristopher O'Ryan Messick

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a tenspeed, a TV, a Telephone that is blue and that is all i want.
Love,
Tracillia

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Dear Santa,
I've been a preaty good girl this year. I want some clothes, a trampoline, a camera, a computer, some money, and a Pictionary game! Don't forget about my sister and brother Guy and Rebecca, they've been good to this year! I hope everybody has a Bearry Merry Christmas.
Ho!Ho!HO!
Love,
Deon

Dear Santa,
This year I want a bike, renote control truck and a skateborad and a sweater and a NFL football and a baseball glove for baseball and I want a radio and some cassettes and a 4.10 gun and a easton baseball bat. Thats all I want this year. Santa and I hope you give it to me. I will leave you some cookies by all you in Christmas.
Love,
James

Dear Santa,
I haven't been that good but I haven't been that bad. I am in the 4th grade, I'm hoping that you will still give get me some toys, just incase this is what I want, I want a Nintendo tape. I want a certin tape I want baseball. I also want a new goat cart. I want a whol bunch of money. One more thing a hand gun pellet gun. And the most thing I want is Basketball statuse.
From,
Kristopher Rogers



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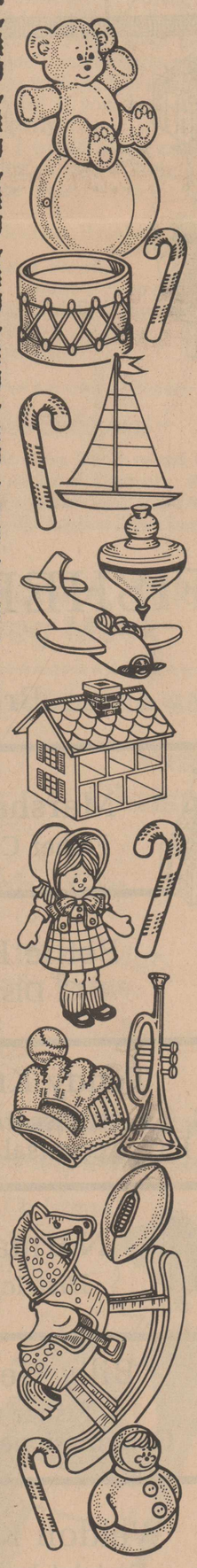
Warm Holiday

We join our good friends and neighbors in singing a carol of peace and good will.

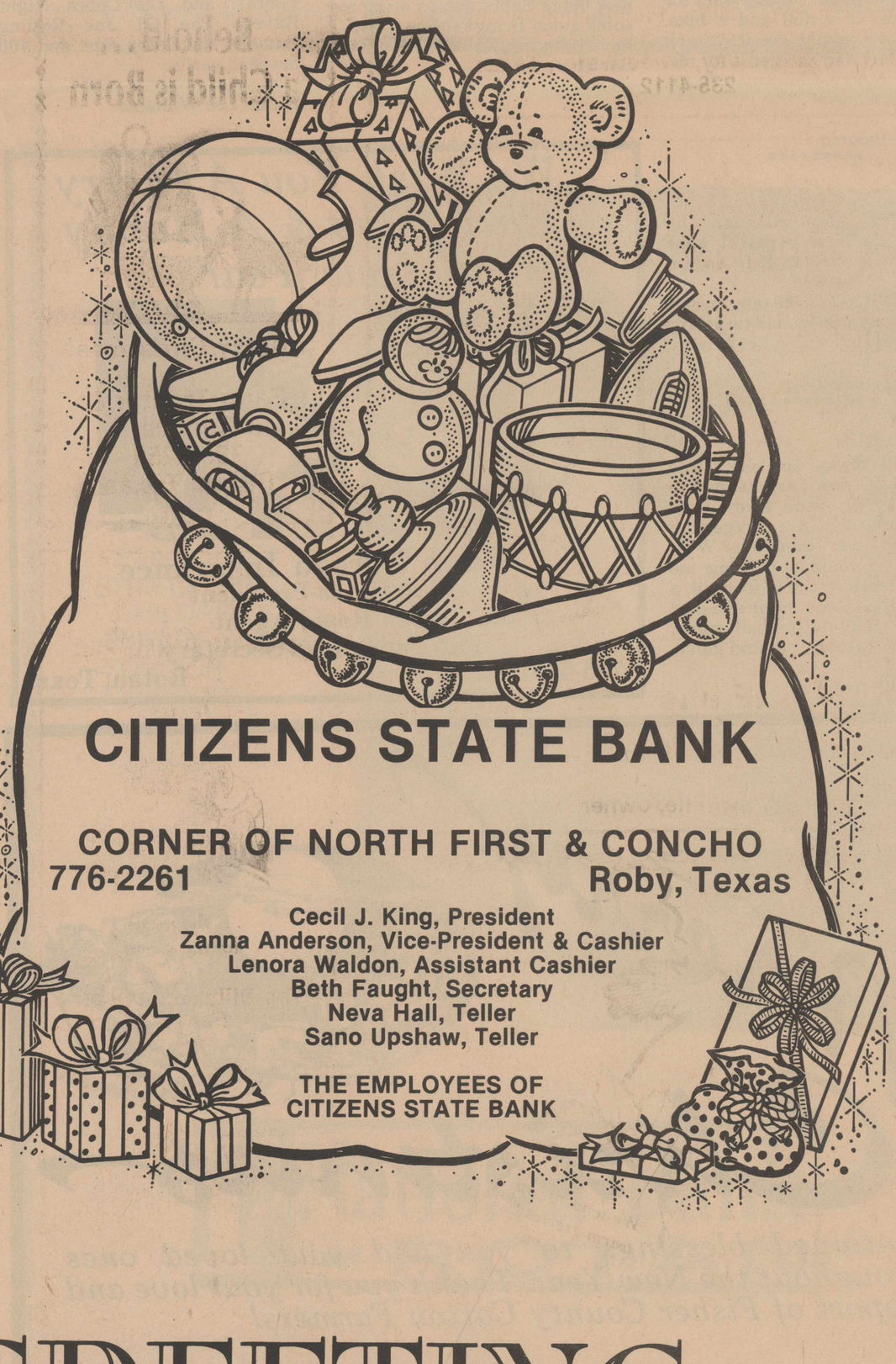
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GREETING

Santa Letters



Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a bike. I want a cassette player. I want a baby doll.
Love,
Laurie Montez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me so much last year. I would like a computer, a football suit, a talking teddy bear and a telephone.
Thank you,
Marcus

Dear Santa,
For my first Christmas I would like a rocking horse. I am 5 months old and have been a good boy so far. I would also like some toys and clothes, if you're not too busy. Thank you and Merry Christmas to everyone at the North Pole.
Love,
Monte B. Silvas

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like some dinosaurs, a slime pit, car racers and some new shoes. I would also like a car, Santa. Thank you very much. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Scott Tandy

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Dear Santa,
Hi! how are you? I am fine. This Christmas I would like to have a jamm box, games, clothes, jewelry, make-up, doll, and barbies. And don't forget my little sister Kayla, she wants everything.
Love,
Kelli Field

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Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? I have been pretty good. I would like you to bring me a few toys like remote control pickup, Dyamite game, oil truck, train set, BB gun and what ever else you think I might like. A Merry Christmas to everyone at the North Pole. Thank you for my presents from last year.
Love,
Monroe Moore

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Dear Santa,
I love you, Santa. For Christmas I want a keybard, a real football with a real kicking tee, and I want some real knee pads and real elbow pads, and some real football shoes that are my size. Please bring my brother and sister something too. thank you santa.
Love,
Shelton Waldon
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
I want some toys and a doll. I like Santa. Sometimes we play in the snow. ho ho ho merry christmas I was waiting for a cabbage patch. bring my sisers and brothers something too.
The End,
Love,
Stacy

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Dear Santa,
My name is Cassie Terry and I am 7 years old. I have been a good girl. Santa I would like 2 Barbies, a little doll, a game, and a trampline.
Thank you,
Love,
Cassie

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Dear Santa,
I want the whole football set of Cardinals. I want an Nitendo and games. I want a Ghost busturs set I want a set of toys I want a set of Ghost busturs mens I like you santa I want a football.
Love,
Ermando

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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Snack Shop. And I would like a cradle. And I will leave you some cookies.
Love you!
Ashley Douglass

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a good girl. I would like a Sweet Roses Barbie, a My First Barbie, a jungle gym, a Barbie Ferrari, a Looking Smart Maxie Barbie house, a Freckle Face Boy Cabbage Patch doll, a Maple Town school house, a Barbie swimming pool, a two door cat house, a dog house, a new dress, a dress for mommy, a dress suit for daddy, a cat sweater for Tiger Bob, a doggie sweater dress for Kandice, and a Santa Claus costume.
Thank you for now, I like you!
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Sarah Boyd
2nd Grade

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Dear Santa,
I want boots, gun, and a bicycle.
Love,
J.C.

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Happy Holidays!



The William Cleveland Family

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Merry Christmas
Jesus



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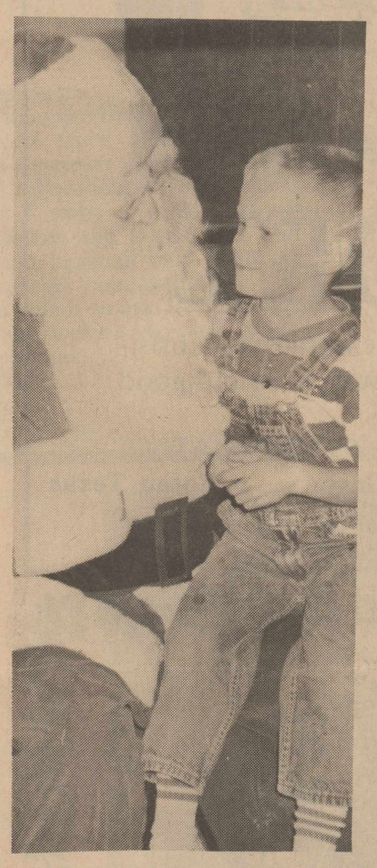
JOY



Mrs. Dollie Allen

County Children Write Santa





Dear Santa,
Please bring me a gun and some toys and a Attendo set please. I have been a little good.
Love,
Brandon Byerly

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Dear Santa,
Bring me some toys. Bring me a bike. Bring me a car for Barbies. Bring me a coloring book, and a kite, and some colors. Bring me a little doll. Bring me a Teddy Bear.
Love,
Marisella Patino

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me an easy bake-oven and a pair of shoes, and some clothes. I want a bike. How are you Santa Claus? I lov you.
Love,
Christopher Anthony Anderle

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Dear Santa,
I want a Pretender and new red boots. I want a 10 speed bike and a real rabbit. How have you been? I have not missed a day of school.
I Love you Santa,
Amanda Johnson

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Dear Santa,
How are you and how is Mrs. Claus? Will you please bring me a Barbie house and some gray boots. And I need some shoes and a computer and computer games.
Love,
Rosemary Rocha

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a house for my Barbie, and bring my dad some boots, and my Mom some dishes. My sister wants a car for her Barbie.
Love,
Carolyn Rocha

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Dear Santa,
How is everything at the North Pole? Will you let me go to the North Pole? How are the elves? Don't make them work so hard. Do you get the mail in the North Pole? If you do look for Heather Byerly.
I would like a crimping iron, a dog, a cat, a Jungle Barbie Set, Ice cream Shop for Christmas.
Your friend,
Heather Byerly

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Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo, music tape and a doll, a toy van.
Love,
Latisha

Dear Santa,
How are you? I'm fine. What I want for Christmas is a swimming pool, clothes, and Frosty the Snowman, and a White Christmas. What I really want is my family to be with me. I think you are doing a good job on the toys and the elves are too. Tell the reindeer and Mrs. Claus "Hi". I've been a good girl this year. Well, "Merry Christmas."
Sincerely,
Lesley Weidler

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Dear Santa,
How's everything at the North Pole? I hope you are doing fine at the North Pole. How are the reindeer doing? I hope they are doing fine. Can you fly by my house with all your reindeer? Santa, for Christmas I want a puppy, dolls, or what ever you want to give me is all right.
How is Mrs. Claus doing? And how are the elves at the North Pole? I wish I could sit on your lap and feel your beard. I wish I could fly with you up high in the sky. I love you Santa Claus no matter how old you are.
Love,
Sandra Palomo

Dear Santa,
I want real make-up. I want 4 real Horses. I want 8 red cows. I want 6 kittens. I want 8 puppys. I want 1 real Telephone. I want 1 real Jam box. I want 2 real Cabbage Patches boy and girl with Pacifier.
Love,
Randi

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Dear Santa,
My name is Stacia Rene. I am in the second grade an I'm trying real hard to be a good little girl. So since I'm trying so hard will you bring me a My Dolly Surprise, Pocket Rocker and a play stove.
Merry Christmas Santa
Love,
Stacia

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Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Ms. Claus doing? How are the reindeers? I would like a Rocket Rocker with some tapes, some pretty rings to wear, a Special Blessings doll and some new clothes. My brother and I want a Nintendo together. Remember my friends Sandy and Andrea, don't leave out my teacher Mrs. Nowlin, she's the sweetest.
Love,
Katrina Rains

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Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas dress n' dazzle a scooter a bike a Barbie doll house that is wood Dally Surprise little miss make-up a bed bugs footnotes a Beagle puppy mouse trap Operation the game Ninetendo power pad a swatch Telephone Cricket Doll a coctail tape and a Jean Jacket Bearenstein Bears Book ghost in the forest a Microphone Super Fudge Book a Nosey Bear clothes make-up a talking Cabbage Patch Purr-teders baby Cabbage Patch Hungry Hippos Quiz a bird Hot Potato star stage.
Love,
Shelley

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Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a bike, a scooter, Nentendo, and a gerbil.
Love,
Lacy Callan

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is: Dolly Surprise, Dress N' Dazzle, Fazz, Little Miss Make-up, Footnotes, Barbie ice cream shop, Fashion star filly, Jam Box, Star Stage and have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Nicki James

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Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a race car for Christmas. Also I wouldlike a small T.V. I have been a good boy this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Baldemar Frausto
PS and a doll for my baby sister

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Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. this is what I want for chistmas I want a lariat rope and a tractor with a plou. And that is all I want for chistmas, Santa. Merry christmas, Santa, see you next year.
Love,
Guy Duke

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jason Ryan Soliz. My mom says I have been good this year. I want a Speed hopper, a watch, Micro Machine city, and some video games for my Atari and a Zap-it. I will leave some milk and cookies.
I Love You, Santa,
Jason Ryan Soliz

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a camera for Christmas.
I Love You,
Candi Anderle

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Dear Santa,
I want baby Heather, Nosey Bear, and a Sensation Barbie. I am 6 years old. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Crystal Early



Donald and Connie McQueen
Julie and Lynnette

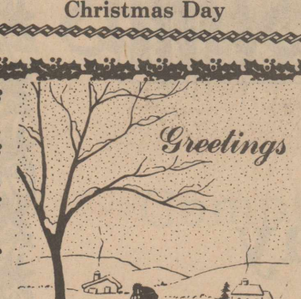
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The Dawes Family Wishes You And Yours The Best During The Holiday Season

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Merry Christmas!

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