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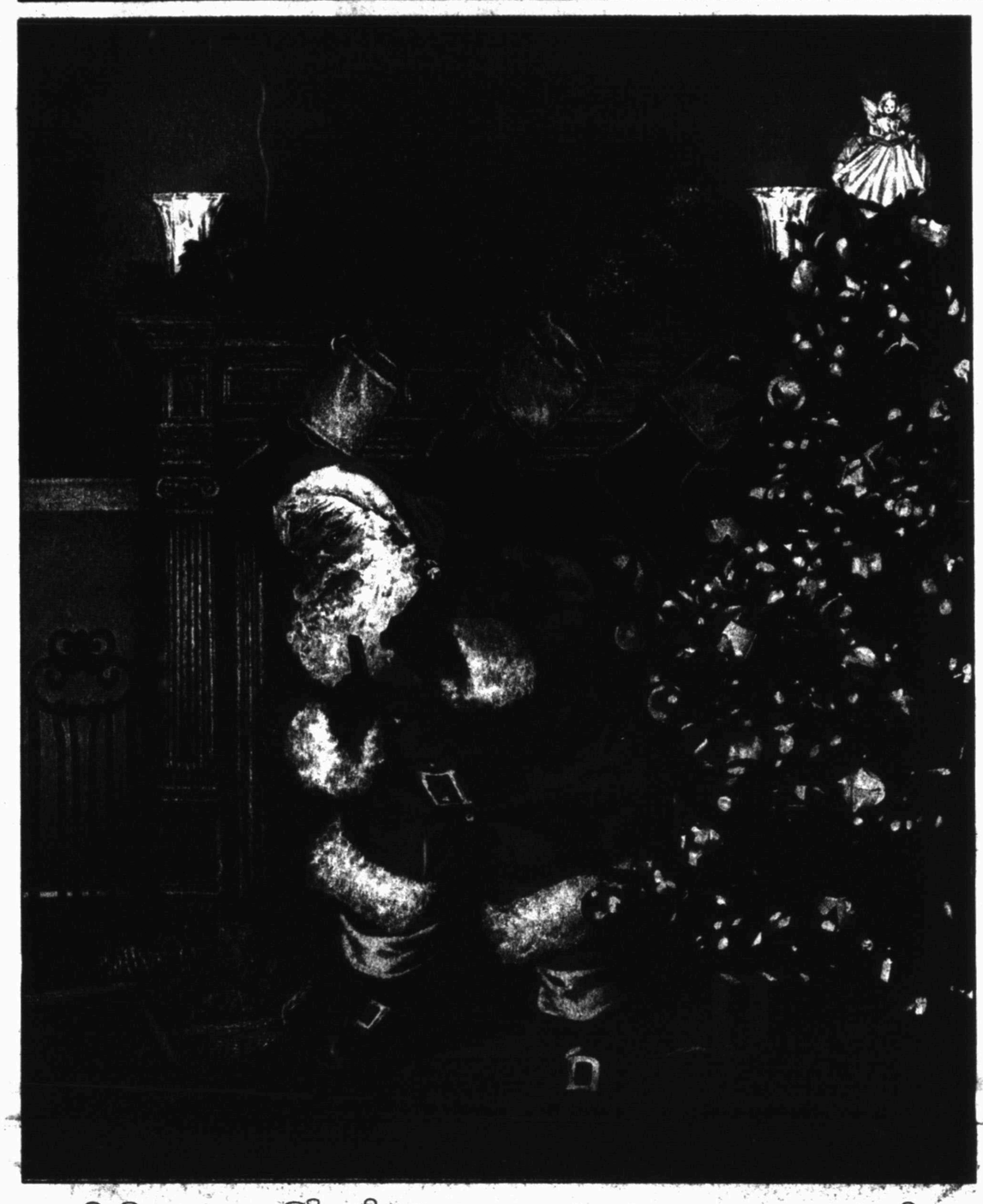
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Home of Santa Claus



Merry Christmas to everyone!

Three apply for sheriff

Scurry County commissioners have received three applications for the position of Scurry County sheriff, including those of the current sheriff and two of three men who ran as write-in candidates in the November election.

Sheriff Darren Jackson was the first to submit his application.

Cole Herring confirmed Friday morning that he too had submitted and application to the court.

Herring said he had no comments other than that he had the same desires as he did when he campaigned for sheriff.

Attempts to contact Joe Salinas were unsuccessful Friday, but both Sheriff Jackson and Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer said they had been told that he had applied.

Limmer added that the only application that he had seen was that of Jackson's.

In a split vote Dec. 4, commissioners agreed to accept applications for the position for a two-week period.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom opposed the action, saying that two weeks was not adequate time.

The office is vacant as Keith Collier submitted a letter last month declining to take the office to which he was elected on Nov. 7.

The Democratic Party appointed Collier as its candidate after Jackson was ruled ineligible to be on his party's ballot after voting in the Republican primary.

30th Street property sold

A development company out of Houston has purchased the property on the northwest corner of College Avenue and 30th Street, according to city officials.

Vic Chambers, of the planning and zoning office, said Friday that he would have more detailed information about the purchase the later part of next week as a representative is suppose to send him documents.

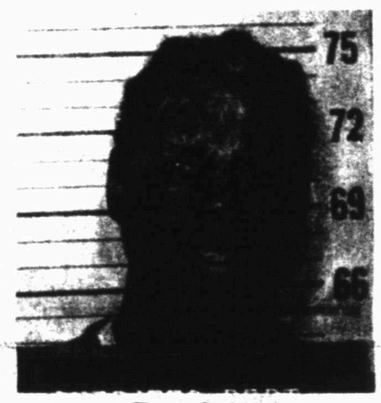
He did say that it was his understanding that the company's intentions were to develop the property and then sell it to a video store.

Chambers said the company is now working on the legal transfer on the property.

Still wanted...



Kevin Ward



Tony Cobb

Two persons indicted by the Scurry Grand jury Wednesday are still being sought by local law enforcement authorities. Kevin Ward was indicted on two counts of cocaine delivery, and Tony Cobb was indicted for possession of marijuana. In all, 29 persons had charges brought against them by the grand jury. One person, Michael Todd Jones, 205 35th St., was indicted for possession of marijuana, not possession of cocaine as previously published.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

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

You don't have to be a teen to bug your parents, or Santa, for a new car.

One of the luxury gifts, for kids, is a $20,000 Range Rover listed in the FAO Schwarz holiday gift catalog.

The car is the gas-powered toy model of the real thing for the "discriminating young driver."

Aimed for kids 8 and up, the toy car - a far cry from the pedal cars of yesteryears - has a fiberglass body and a top speed of 20 mph.

Standard equipment is automatic transmission, AM/FM radio with cassette and carpeting.

It reminds us of the story about Leroy who had sat on Santa's lap numerous times through the holiday.

Each time, he asked for his very own car.

He was first told to wait, that he was too young to drive.

On a second trip sitting on Jolly St. Nick's knee, the kid again requested his own wheels.

"But, sonny," replied Santa. "You don't have a driver's license.

Leroy believed that persistence would pay dividends. And on another visit with the round fellow from the North Pole, he again insisted that that the only thing he wanted for Christmas was a car.

Santa thought about the boy's safety, but that made no impression.

And on his fourth trip to visit with Santa, Leroy put his request in writing, even insisting that Santa read the letter before he would get down and make room for the next kid.

For a few moments, Santa was stumped. Then the red-suited feller decided to lay it on the line to Leroy.

"Son," Santa said. "There are more boys and girls in the world than ever before. Despite a good economy, there are more and more people wanting a piece of the pie. Therefore, the pieces must get smaller."

Leroy remained steadfast. "I still want a car."

"But they cost too much," Santa replied.

"Too bad," said Leroy. "Unless you bring me a car, you're in big trouble."

Leroy was playing hardball. "My dad has been telling me for years that Rudolph in the yard down the street comes to life and helps you make deliveries on Christmas Eve.

"If that's so," Leroy continued, "then you better cough up the car, 'cause I got Rudolph. If you want to see him again, make sure to send the car."

Thank goodness for starry-eyed kids like Kristen. She was in a store with her grandmother, Nancy Smith, when they spotted white-bearded Jack McGlaun.

The three-year-old wanted to know if that was Santa – in his everyday clothes.

It was!

Angel tree highlight of season

Angel: A spiritual being superior to man in power and intelligence. —*Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Angels are very special to Dorothy Lankford who has been collecting them for at least 30 years. She also has eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren who are "so sweet" that she calls them "angels" too. Yet angels mean more to the Snyder woman than collectibles or members of her extended family. Dorothy really and truly believes in the spiritual beings.

"You just can't see them," she explained. "But angels touch you in troubled times."

Angels also figure prominently in one of Dorothy's cherished Christmas traditions. She has a special tree, which she decorates with hanging angels, each with the name of a grandchild or great-grandchild on it. And she hangs each in the order they were born, starting close to the top. The very tip of the tree holds a special angel with wings that light up.

Dorothy began acquiring the tree angels with the birth of her first grandchild, Peyton Claxton, who now lives in Fort Worth. Seven more grandchildren and then 12 great-grandchildren followed. It's become such a tradition that Dorothy said she gets a new angel for a "new grand anything."

Peyton has two children, more "angels" for Dorothy's tree.

Dorothy said she found Peyton's angel "at some store somewhere. When I bought it I did not know that I would collect tree angels for the rest of my life," she laughed.

The next angel is for the second grandson, Todd Owens who lives in Snyder and also has two "angels" of his own, Dorothy said.

The third angel was acquired for grandson Jon Don Grimmett, who now lives in Granbury, The fourth tree angel represents B.J. Claxton who lives here and has four "angels," Dorothy said.

Granddaughters also have tree angels including Haily Grimmett of Snyder, Kristi of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Chassy who attends college.

The last tree angel for a grandchild represents Jeremy Lankford, 14.

The next 12 tree angels are for each of Dorothy's great-grandchildren. They are all alike except the last one. By the time the last great-grandchild was born, Dorothy said she could no longer find a tree angel exactly like the others.

Dorothy enjoys putting her angel tree up every year. She says it is a good way to remember family members who no longer live in Snyder.

Dorothy said she has been collecting angels for at least 30 years, maybe longer. The very first one she received was on a box of Valentine Day's candy and had the words "You're my angel" written on it. The words have long since faded, but Dorothy still has that angel.

Since then she has received an assortment of angels from friends and family. It's become a tradition. Her sister always puts angels on any package she gives Dorothy. One year, granddaughter Chassy also made her a red angel.

Dorothy also purchases angels at various stores, including craft stores. "Every time I see an angel, I say I need that," Dorothy laughed. She also chooses greeting cards that have angels on them.

Since Dorothy's husband, Cecil, sings a lot, she said she once gave him a drummer boy angel.

Dorothy also makes angels, which she gives away.

The angels in Dorothy's collection come in all shapes, sizes and

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Dorothy Lankford and her Angel tree

No paper Monday

Following a long-standing tradition, the Snyder Daily News will not publish a paper on Christmas Day.

Regular publication times will resume with the Tuesday edition.

ASK US

Q—What time is Santa Claus going to start delivering gifts on Christmas Day?

A—According to the latest information from the North Pole, he is expected to start his deliveries around 4 a.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Saturday, sunny, high upper 50s, SW wind 10-20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy, low mid 20s. Christmas Eve, partly cloudy, high mid 50s. Christmas Day, cloudy, lows mid 20s, highs lower 50s. Freezing rain or snow possible Tuesday and Wednesday.



Javiel Esparza
Colder

Sunset:
5:48 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:40 a.m.
Of 357 says in 2000, the sun has shone 350 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

—Luke 2:11



Man sends threatening e-mail

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A 25-year-old graphic designer has been arrested for e-mailing the White House and saying he wanted to kill President-elect George W. Bush.

Richard Dwight Porcher III sent the threatening message on Dec. 13 after watching Vice President Al Gore's concession speech, according to an arrest warrant.

The e-mail said Porcher and the American people wouldn't stand to see the election stolen.

"Therefore, I have concluded that the only option left to us, the only way we may serve Truth and Justice, is to kill George W. Bush. That is exactly what I intend to do. And I hereby challenge anyone to try to stop me," Porcher wrote.

U.S. Magistrate Robert Carr ordered Porcher under house arrest until his trial and told authorities they could take him back into custody if a security hazard, like a nearby Bush visit, should occur. He has to check in with the Secret Service three times a week and cannot use the Internet or send e-mails.

Secret Service agent John Kenney said he had reservations about allowing Porcher to be released because of the "catch-me-if-you-can" challenge in the note.

But Porcher has no prior criminal record and has been evaluated by a psychiatrist and an associate, defense attorney Lionel Lofton said.

"They do not believe he is any sort of risk to anyone," he said.

The e-mail to the White House came from Porcher's personal account and had his last name, initials and address, an affidavit said. Agents tracked the message back through Porcher's Internet provider to his home.

"We take every threat very seriously, whether it is an e-mail threat, a telephone threat or words just uttered," Kenney said.

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Scientist free man at age 61

FOSTER CITY, Calif. (AP) — A year after turning 60 in solitary confinement, Wen Ho Lee celebrated his 61st birthday basking in freedom and surrounded by those who supported him during his months in the vortex of a spy scandal.

"Today, I don't remember all the difficult time of the last year," a smiling Lee said Thursday in a brief statement to reporters.

His daughter Alberta sat beside him, her eyes welling with tears. Asked which moments had been hardest for her in the past 12 months, she paused for a while. "There were a lot of moments," she said finally. "Probably visiting him in jail was the hardest."

Lee, a former nuclear scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, was indicted Dec. 10, 1999, on 59 criminal counts that he mishandled nuclear weapons secrets. He spent nine months in solitary confinement in a New Mexico jail.

Lee was never charged with espionage, and he has sworn he never passed secrets to any unauthorized person.



Wil Hardin

Hardin enlists in U.S. Marine Corps

Wil C. Hardin, son of Richard and Rhonda Hardin, enlisted in the U.S. Marines in October and recently departed for Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif.

His grandparents are W. C. and Jimmie Whitlock of Lockney and W.P Holmes of Floydada.

Hardin, who was home schooled his last three years in high school, is a 2000 fall semester graduate of Christian Liberty Academy, headquartered in Arlington Heights, Ill.



Pvt. Kenneth W. Poland

Poland completes Marine boot camp

Pvt. Kenneth W. Poland, son of Max and Marlene Beasley of Snyder and Bill and Ruth Poland of Shreveport, La., completed the Marine Corps Boot Camp in San Diego, Calif. on Nov. 17.

He will now receive Marine Combat Training (MCT) at Camp Pendleton before attending Military Occupational Speciality School (MOS).

Poland's preferred job of choice in 1300 engineering, instruction and utilities. Upon completion, he will be sent to his first duty station.

Solstice greeting added to property of New York town

YORKTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — A fanciful picture of the sun with the message "American Athiests Wish You a Very Merry Winter Solstice" has joined a Christmas creche and a Hanukkah menorah on a slice of town property.

He misspelled "atheists," but Chris Morton made his point when he put up the sign Thursday, the first day of winter.

Morton won permission from Yorktown officials, who cited a freedom of speech clause in the town code. He erected the sign on a slice of lawn traditionally used for religious displays like the stable depicting Christ's birth and the Jewish menorah.

Morton has a second, similar sign in reserve in case the first is vandalized.

Winter solstice is the moment the sun appears at its southernmost point in the sky, giving the day the shortest period of daylight for people in the Northern Hemisphere. Ancient pagans celebrated the day with riotous festivals.



Andrea Falls Mason

Daughter of locals gets school grant

Andrea Falls Mason, daughter of Joe and Wanda Falls of Snyder, is a member of a group of teachers in the Andrews school system to receive grants this school year for innovative classroom programs.

In all, $37,000 in grants was awarded to 18 teachers in the school system by the Andrews Education Foundation. Some 35 teachers made applications for the grants.

Mason's grant was for the purpose of exposing San Andres Elementary first graders to new and different experiences by allowing them to take one field trip each six weeks of the school year.

The field trips were related to units of study in her classroom. Planned trips included those to the Sibley Science Center, Permian Playhouse, Andrews County Courthouse and the Kirby West manufacturing plant.

Andrea was the salutatorian of her 1973 graduating class at Snyder High School, and then pursued her education at Western Texas College, then graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

She has taught in several school districts besides Andrews - including Snyder, Coahoma, Colorado City, Stanton and Klondike.

She is married to Jim Mason from Ira who is production foreman for Pure Resources in Andrews. Their son, Corey, is working on his master's degree at Stephen F. Austin College.

Laura Bush's mother released from hospital

AUSTIN (AP) — Laura Bush's mother was released from a hospital Thursday after spending the night, an aide to President-elect George W. Bush said.

Jenna Welch, 81, felt ill Wednesday night and was taken to Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett said. He said he did not know the cause of Welch's "discomfort."

"She felt very lightheaded (Wednesday) night, and wasn't responding very well," he said. "They've run tests and everything has come back O.K. They didn't find anything."

Bartlett said Welch was "feeling great" Thursday afternoon and would spend Christmas with the family.

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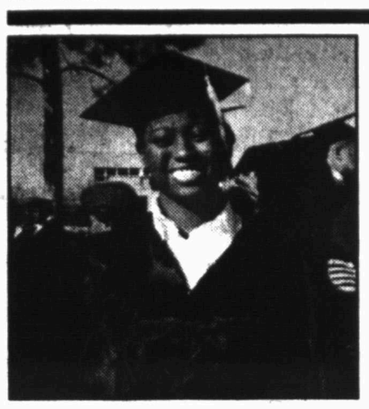
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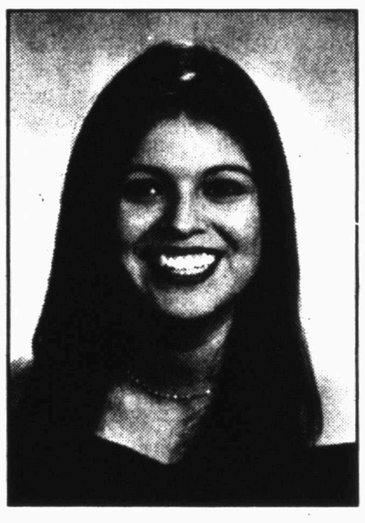
Edwina Brooks receives degree

Edwina Brooks of Snyder graduated from Prairie View A&M University on Dec. 16. She received a bachelor's of science degree in human performance from the College of Education.

This school year, Brooks' volleyball team won the national championship in Hawaii. She received the all-tournament plaque.

Brooks is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1998 graduate of Vernon Regional Junior College.

She is the daughter of Harriet and Robert Braziel Jr. of Snyder. Her grandparents are James E. and John A. Brooks of Andrews.



Melissa Martinez

Martinez graduates

Melissa Martinez graduated from Texas A&M at Corpus Christi on Dec. 15.

She was awarded a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology with a minor in sociology with honors.

She was a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and was named to the honor roll all four years.

Martinez is the daughter of Johnny and Anita Martinez of Fluvanna. Grandparents are Juan and Irene Martinez of Snyder, Inocencia Ynguanzo of Fluvanna and the late Alejo Ynguanzo.

Martinez graduated from Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi in 1996. After an internship in Corpus Christi, Martinez will begin post-graduate school.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000

Involvements or endeavors where you deal directly with the public in the year ahead should turn out quite fortunately for you. It won't matter if your produce is tangible or intangible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Relying upon your logic for direction is usually the way you like to run your show. However, today what will probable serve you better is following what comes instinctually to you. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Regardless if the signals you're receiving today appear to be negative, remain hopeful and expectant regarding the outcome of events. You're in a cycle in which expectations can be fulfilled.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let anything worry you today, because you'll perform very well under pressure should a problem pop up. Even challenging or competitive situations won't be able to trip you up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can turn most anything you want into a pleasurable experience simply by not taking life too seriously. Treat this special day philosophically and all that has been displeasing will disappear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There's a strong chance you could be luckier than usual today with your material endeavors. This includes not only what you'll receive, but what you're giving, as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your mate or companions have a better way of doing something today, back up a few steps and play a supportive role instead. Your role will actually turn out to be quite significant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Show your enthusiasm for the season as you go about performing your tasks today and it will be contagious within the entire work place and/or household. You can set the tone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's important today that you share time with kindred spirits who are in as sociable a mood as you are. Seek out people whose smiles come easier than frowns.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even if initially it should look like everything is going better for others than for you today, keep a good attitude. Before the day is out, you may come out the winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your mind is keen and quick today, enabling you to solve any last-minute problems that pop up or to come up with great ideas for fun activities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Material conditions look quite impressive for you today. It might mean a bonus is coming your way, an investment is paying off or Santa is bringing you something extra special.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You belong up front today, heading up the pack. Plan some extra-nice things to do ahead of time for those who'll be following your lead. They'll be looking for your direction.

Monday, Dec. 25, 2000

Chances are an establishment of major significance will be developed that could take your life in a new direction in the year ahead. Its benefits will spill over into other areas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Activities you personally direct today will more than fulfill your hopes and expectations. People may even look upon your plans with oohs and ahhs. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Happenings that start out behind the scenes today will prove to be very beneficial and add much to the festivities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A new wave of conditions could usher in a more promising beginning for you starting today. You're going to be disengaged from unproductive tethers that were holding you back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today marks the beginning of a new cycle that can elevate your sights and encourage you to establish some loftier objectives. You'll achieve that to which you aspire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Concentrate on your immediate needs where problem solving is required. You're especially creative today in coming up with fresh and clever ideas that'll really work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There are changes in the offing today that will work out to your ultimate good. These transformations will automatically carry you along on the crest of the wave.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Chances are you're going to meet someone new today who could become part of your future life. It will be a beneficial association.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep performing at your highest level today. What you produce will not go unnoticed and, in fact; there could be extra rewards coming your way because of your contributions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Look for some kind of change in your social affairs today, one that will open up new possibilities for exciting activities to be filling up your calendar for some time to come.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) One era might be coming to an end today, but is being replaced by a new one of greater significance. The cycle will usher in conditions for which you'll be grateful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not plan on others to set the activities for today. You're the best one to formulate what will prove to be the most enjoyable for all in attendance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This could be one of your better years for the kinds and amounts of Christmas gifts you'll receive. You must have been an awfully good person to be so rewarded by Santa.

Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000

There are indications that you might get the opportunity in the year ahead to journey to a place you've longed to visit. At the very least, more travel than usual is indicated for the months ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be alert and on your toes today so that you don't allow others to draw you into situations that are unproductive and restrictive. Cherish your independence and mobility. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be in for a pleasant surprise today in an involvement in

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College hotline set January 13 and 14

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) announces its 16th annual toll-free College Information Hotline (877-782-7322).

Hotline 2001 will be available on Jan. 13-14, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The College Information Hotline, which is the largest project of its type, provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and their families.

The College Information Hotline is available to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities, or special programs.

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Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000

Today is the 358th day of 2000 and the third day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1776, "Crisis," by Thomas Paine, was first published.

On this day in 1929, a teletype-writer system connecting the police departments of 95 cities and boroughs in Pennsylvania began to operate.

On this day in 1989, at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Voyager pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager completed their nine-day, nonstop flight around the world.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Smith (1805-1844), religious leader; James Stockdale (1923-), Naval hero-vice presidential candidate, is 77; Robert Bly (1926-), poet, is 74; Akihito (1933-), Japanese emperor, is 67; Paul Hornung (1935-), football player-announcer, is 65; Susan Lucci (1949-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, the Dallas Texans won the American Football League title by defeating the Houston Oilers 20-17.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Clutter is what happens to things when they become useless but friendly." — Russell Lynes

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 17) and new moon (Dec. 25).

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000

Today is the 359th day of 2000 and the fourth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent. The purpose of the treaty was to end the War of 1812, but word did not reach the forces in the field until after the Battle of New Orleans, which took place in the following January.

On this day in 1946, the first religious service in a church to be televised in the United States took place at Grace Church in New York City. The candlelit ceremony was broadcast by WABD, and was seen in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

On this day in 1961, The Tokens' version of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" became the No. 1 pop song in the United States.

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

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, Lou Groza kicked a 16-yard field goal for the Cleveland Browns with 20 seconds remaining in the game. The Browns defeated the Los Angeles Rams 30-28, winning the NFL title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." — John Milton

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Dec. 25).

Monday, Dec. 25, 2000

Today is **CHRISTMAS DAY**; it is the 360th day of 2000 and the fifth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

On this day in 1868, President Andrew Johnson pardoned all Confederate soldiers and granted them amnesty.

On this day in 1991, Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as president of the Soviet Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clara Barton (1821-1912), humanitarian; Robert Ripley (1893-1949), cartoonist; Cab Calloway (1907-1994), singer; Rod Serling (1924-1975), writer; Jimmy Buffett (1946-), singer, is 54; Sissy Spacek (1950-), actress, is 50; Rickey Henderson (1958-), baseball player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Miami Dolphins defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 27-24. It was the longest game to date in NFL history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Seeing is not always believing." — Rod Serling

TODAY'S MOON: New moon (Dec. 25).

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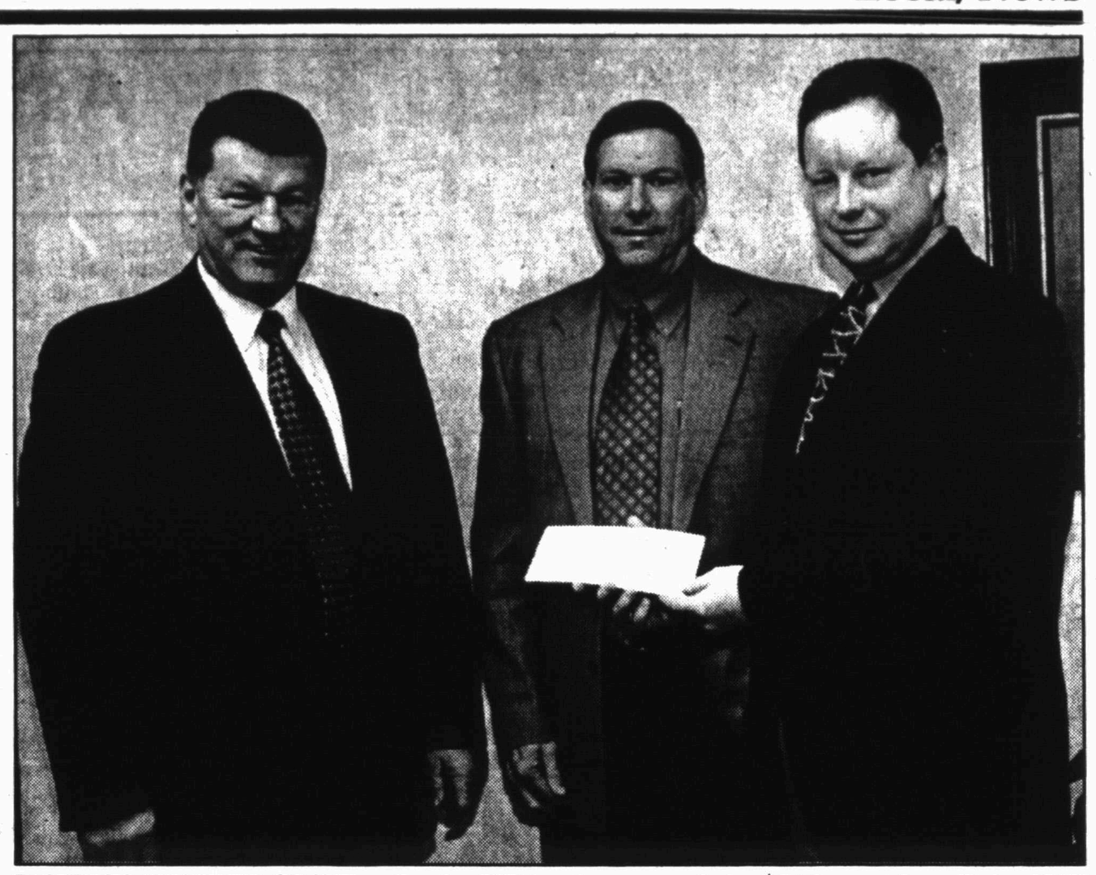
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DISTRICT AWARDED GRANT — Snyder ISD has been awarded a $510 grant from Dairy MAX Inc. From left are Supt. Gayle Lomax, assistant supt. Lee McNair and Ken Robinson, support service director for Aramark, the management company that oversees Snyder ISD's food service. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder School District gets 'expanding breakfast' grant

Ken Robinson, support service director for Aramark, the management company that oversees Snyder ISD's food service, announced that Snyder ISD has expanded the breakfast program at Stanfield, Northeast and East Elementary Schools. The district received a $510 grant from Dairy MAX Inc. to help implement the new program at Stanfield Elementary,

The improved program, which began Oct. 10, features "breakfast in the classroom." Students are served a free breakfast at the beginning of their first-period class. The program is referred to as "room service."

Robinson said that teachers have commented that students have been able to focus on their work rather than asking so many questions about when lunch will be and what is on the menu today.

"The grant from Dairy MAX allows us to buy some of the equipment necessary for the expansion at Stanfield Elementary," Robinson added." We are proud to provide a service that can have such a profound effect on those who participate."

Greta Heru, consultant for Dairy MAX, said that often the most practical time and place for the breakfast meal is at school and a number of studies have shown that students who have eaten breakfast score significantly higher on standardized achievement tests.

"In many classrooms, the more demanding subjects are taught in the morning," said Heru. "Students who skip breakfast may have headaches, be disruptive or stop paying attention to the lesson when they are hungry. The school breakfast program provides the nutrients necessary to ensure they are ready to learn every school day."

Heru also said that Dairy MAX's interest in seeing breakfast programs grow, with the milk that is provided through them, is rooted in a national "calcium crisis."

"It's a program for all age groups," she said, "But the decline in calcium intake begins early in a child's school years. The shortage is especially prevalent among teen-agers. Nine out of 10 teen-age girls are not getting the recommended 1,300 milligrams of calcium they need each day, and seven out of 10 teen-age boys are deficient.

Calcium is a primary bone-building ingredient, and strong bones — mostly attained during youth — are vital in combating osteoporosis. Recent research also links calcium to reducing high blood pressure, a contributor to the risk of heart disease and stroke, it appears to be an element in reducing the risk of colon cancer, recurrent premenstrual syndrome and kidney stones.

The most abundant source of calcium in the food supply is dairy products. Four servings of milk contain almost all the calcium needed daily by teens. It doesn't have to be all milk: cheese and yogurt are also good sources, as well as foods made with milk (such as puddings and soups.)

Dairy MAX oversees promotion programs in a four-state area that not only include aid for school food service, but nutrition education units for classroom teachers, advertising (got milk?), retail sales consultation and dairy food publicity. All activities are funded through an assortment of about a penny on each gallon of milk produced by dairy farmers.

Bank One to move to another location

DALLAS (AP) — Just days after a North Texas developer backed out of a deal to buy the tornado-gutted Bank One Tower in downtown Fort Worth, banking executives have decided to move out of their namesake building.

The decision leaves the 37-story tower, where thousands of windows were broken out during a spring tornado, with an uncertain future.

Until a new Bank One building is completed in 2002, company executives said Thursday that the nearby Tandy Center will be home to their main downtown operations.

The damaged tower was expected to require repairs equaling or exceeding the building's estimated value after the March 28 storms, which included multiple twisters,t killed five people and caused at least $450 million in damage.

After the storm, Bank One shifted some of its offices to temporary space but continued to operate its retail lobby on the landmark skyscraper's ground floor.

Moving to Tandy Center will give "our customers easy access to conduct their banking business for the interim while the Bank One Building is being built," said Danny Smith, president of Bank One's Fort Worth operations, in a written statement.

Earlier this month, Dallas-based Trammell Crow development company announced it could not close a deal with Loutex Fort Worth.

Financial Focus

Is It Time for a Bond Swap?

If you own bonds, then you know they can provide you with a regular source of income and a way to diversify your portfolio. You also can improve your tax situation or gain other financial advantages through bonds, using a strategy called a "swap."

What does it mean to swap bonds? Basically, when you make a bond swap, you sell a bond and simultaneously purchase another bond with the proceeds from the sale.

Depending on the type of bond swap you make, you can accomplish any of several different objectives, including the following.

Lower your taxes — Tax swapping is the most common of all swaps. Essentially, a tax swap allows you to use a capital loss — incurred by a bond that has lost value — to offset a capital gain you may have realized from selling an appreciated asset, such as stock. If you have no capital gains, you can use the capital loss to offset ordinary income.

In a traditional tax swap, you would sell a bond that is worth less than what you paid for it and then purchase a bond with similar, but not identical, characteristics. Your rate, maturity and quality of bond, will be the same as before — and you will have realized a loss that will save you money on taxes in the year of the bond sale.

Before making any tax swaps, consult with your tax adviser. You may want to avoid buying a new bond within 30 days of selling one that is substantially identical. The IRS will not recognize tax losses from these so-called "wash sales."

Increase your return — You may be able to improve the return of your bond portfolio by making a bone swap and extending the maturity of your bonds. That's because longer-maturing bonds generally pay a higher rate than short-term bonds. For example, you could sell a two-year bond with a 5.5 percent interest rate and purchase a 15-year bond that offers a 6 percent rate.

Improve your portfolio's quality — When you make a quality swap, you move from a bond with a lower credit quality rating to one with a higher rating — or vice versa. Independent rating agencies give bonds a "grade" ranging from AAA to C, or a similar scale. These grades reflect the agency's view of the bond issuer's ability to fully repay principal and make timely interest payments. Generally, the higher rated the bond, the lower the interest rate. The difference between the rates of bonds with different credit quality generally narrows during good economic times and widens when the economy weakens. So, if you expected the economy to slow significantly, you might swap from lower-quality to higher-quality bonds, with only a small loss in the rate you receive.

You may want to review your bond portfolio carefully with an investment expert. If you can identify areas in which you'd like to improve, the chances are pretty good that you can do it with a swap.

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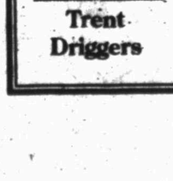
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Houseboat design linked to carbon monoxide deaths

PHOENIX (AP) — The Dixey brothers had been swimming under and around their family houseboat when 8-year-old Logan lost consciousness and 11-year-old Dillon went into convulsions. Both sank and died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

For emergency room physician Robert Baron, whose concerns about carbon monoxide poisonings around houseboats had been growing for six years, the deaths at Lake Powell proved too much to ignore.

"When the Dixeys died, I said, 'I don't care if this is the only lake in the world where this is happening, we've got to stop it," said Baron, medical director at the Glen Canyon Recreation Area, where the boys died.

The deaths drove Baron to conduct a formal study with the National Park Service and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Recently released findings suggested a growing problem, especially among houseboats using a popular hull design with a rear exhaust for gasoline-powered electric generators.

Nine people have died and 102 were sickened by carbon monoxide at Lake Powell in the past decade, according to the report. Of the deaths, seven involved houseboats with the rear exhaust design.

The potentially fatal hazard hasn't been limited to the Arizona-Utah border.

In August, 15 people were hospitalized in Lake Cumberland, Ky., for about a day after being overcome by carbon monoxide on two rented houseboats.

And, in June, four people died from exposure to the fumes from a houseboat in Missouri. The same month, carbon monoxide killed a 61-year-old woman.

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Q & A

Increasing threat of substance abuse

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

It's the time of year to enjoy the company of your family, friends, and coworkers. Whether you are planning a dinner, informal gathering, or holiday party, your job as host/hostess is a very important one. Hosts and hostesses are in charge of a myriad of responsibilities including planning the menu or catering, organizing entertainment and considering space arrangements. But some of the most crucial details can be overlooked in all the frenzy. Perhaps your most important responsibility as host/hostess for a party or gathering where alcohol is involved is to take steps to ensure your guests' safety both during and after the party.

Drinking and driving is an all too familiar tragic occurrence during the holiday season. The statistics remind us how important it is to plan an event where non-alcoholic beverages and alternative transportation options are available.

Party Planning Tips:

One out of three adults prefer a non-alcoholic beverage. Ensure that the choice is available at any holiday party. Offer alternatives such as sparkling water, fancy juice drinks, and soft drinks. Provide nutritious and appealing food to slow the effects of alcohol.

Avoid making alcohol the main focus of the social event. Entertain guests with music, dancing, games, food, and lively conversation.

Do not force non-drinkers to share the cost of alcoholic beverages. If you are having a corporate event, separate the price of admission or food from the cost of the drinks.

Require bartenders to measure the correct amount of liquor in drinks (no doubles) and instruct them to refuse service to minors or anyone who appears to be impaired.

Stop serving drinks at least 1 hour before the end of an event. Serve non-alcoholic beverages and desserts at that time.

When the Party is Over

Your responsibility as a host or hostess is even more important at this point. Should any of your guests be unable to drive due to alcohol impairment, be sure to provide several options. Below are a few suggestions:

Be prepared. If your event will be held in or near a hotel, encourage guests ahead of time to book rooms for the night. Keep the phone numbers of several cab companies handy. Know about any "safe ride" programs in your area.

Know who is driving. Ask each arriving group who their designated driver is and give that person a "No thanks, I'm driving" button or sticker. Collect car keys at the door.

All states now have 21-year-old minimum drinking age laws. Make sure you don't serve alcohol to anyone underage!

Provide drinkers with alternatives to driving. Offer your place to spend the night, call a taxi, or ask someone who was not drinking to drive your friend home.

Don't let someone who has been drinking drive. If the drinker insists, take the keys, ask for help from other guests, or temporarily disable the car. If necessary, say you will call the police (and do so) if all else fails.

Drinking and driving is an all too familiar tragic occurrence during the holiday season. More people are on the road to holiday destinations, and more people are consuming alcohol as a part of their holiday celebrations. Read about the facts, and know what you can do to make a difference.

Drinking and Driving: The Facts You Should Know

There is an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 33 minutes (NHTSA).

Most children who are killed in crashes where alcohol is involved, die at the hands of someone they know (CDC).

Two out of three children who die in these crashes are actually riding as passengers in a drunk driver's car when they are killed (CDC).

The average American has a 30 percent chance of being killed or injured by an impaired driver during their lifetime. And while the number of alcohol-related fatalities is at an all-time low, impaired driving is still a leading cause of death for people under the age of 30 (NHTSA).

Have a happy, safe, drug-free holiday season!

'Nick' to feature ex-resident's class

A Snyder High School graduate and her students will make an appearance on "Nick News" in early January. "Nick News" airs 8:30 p.m. Sundays on Nickelodeon.

The fifth grade teacher is Julie Zeck Smithey, a 1993 graduate of SHS, who now lives in Adrian, Mich., and teaches at Madison Elementary School.

Earlier this school year, Smithey's fifth grade students studied about the Kennewick Man, discovered in Washington state about four years ago. Carbon dating of the Kennewick Man's bones indicates that he is around 9,000 years old.

The skeletal structure suggests he may have been from Asia. But that seems unlikely because the land bridge from Siberia to Alaska did not exist 9,000 years ago.

The discovery of the skeleton sparked a conflict between two factions. To Native Americans, the Kennewick Man is one of their own, and they want to rebury him in accordance with their customs. But scientists want to study the skeleton to learn more about the man's life and how he got to this continent. Then they want to display him at a museum.

In October, Smithy's students wrote letters to President Clinton, newspaper editors, government agencies and "Nick News With Linda Ellerbee" explaining what they thought should be done with the skeleton.

One student suggested a compromise, while the others were almost evenly divided on what should be done with the skeleton.

After "Nick News" read the letters, it sent a crew to Madison Elementary, including a producer, cameraman and a sound technician.

For the "Nick News" feature, the students performed a "potlatch" ceremony during which they exchanged Native American-style arts and crafts they had made.

A potlatch is a ceremony performed by Native Americans in in the Pacific Northwest, where the man was found.

The cable TV crew also interviewed some of Smithey's students and filmed the students discussing the Kennewick Man with their teacher.

The students also discussed central democratic values, which are an important part of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test.

The Department of the Interior found in favor of the Native Americans, but scientists have appealed the decision.

At the beginning of the current school year, Smithey had heard about the Kennewick Man on National Public Radio.

Smithey is the daughter of former Snyder residents, Pam Patterson of Dallas and Paul Zeck of Houston. Grandparents are Pat and Faye Patterson and Bill and Martha Schiebel, all of Snyder.



TO BE ON NICK NEWS — Former Snyder resident Julie Zeck Smithey's fifth grade class will be featured on "Nick News" early in January. The other adults pictured are aides and sign language interpreters. (Contributed Photo)

Rockefeller Center is sold

NEW YORK (AP) — Rockefeller Center has been sold to two minority shareholders for $1.85 billion, severing the Rockefeller family's last remaining ties to the historic city landmark, the buyers announced Friday.

The pending deal would transfer full control of the complex to Tishman Speyer Properties and the Crown family of Chicago, who currently own 5 percent of the complex.

"Rockefeller Center is absolutely unique," said Jerry I. Speyer, president and CEO of Tishman Speyer Properties. "It is a world-renowned property that combines great architecture, great location and an address that is recognized throughout the world."

The sale price comes in well under what the owners reportedly had sought. Rockefeller Center Properties Inc. Trust, which paid $1.2 billion four years ago, had asked for as much as $2.5 billion after putting the center up for sale in May.

The official transfer of title was expected next spring. The minority owners made their first bid on the property Wednesday morning, and it was accepted within hours.

"To be perfectly candid, we thought the pricing was extremely attractive," Speyer said.

The deal comes atop a glitzy four-year refurbishment and a real estate boom after the property had sunk into bankruptcy when the former owner, Japan's Mitsubishi family, walked away from the property amid an economic downturn in the early 1990s.

The 22-acre office building complex was built during the heart of the Depression and has since anchored New York's midtown as an international symbol of commerce and capitalism.

The complex contains a skating rink and plaza whose annual Christmas tree draws hundreds of thousands of holiday tourists.

Structures at the center include the GE Building, home to NBC, and The Associated Press building, home to the world's largest news organization.

Speyer and Crown will purchase the interests of their partners: banker David Rockefeller; the Goldman Sachs Group; the Agnelli Family of Italy; and the estate of Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos.

According to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the complex earned $43.5 million in 1999 and office rents have tripled. Office vacancies are below 1 percent, down from 26 percent four years ago.

On the Net:
Rockefeller Center:
http://www.rockefellercenter.com/

Federal plan avoids breaching dam

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — A final federal plan to save endangered and threatened salmon species in the Columbia Basin will focus on restoring habitat in tributaries and estuaries but does not rule out breaching Snake River dams.

The final plan, which was released Thursday, calls for federally owned hydroelectric dams to be operated to minimize harm to salmon during migrations to the ocean and spawning beds, as well as habitat improvements, hatchery operations and fishing policy changes.

Removing four hydroelectric dams on the lower Snake River in eastern Washington has been a lightning-rod issue in Pacific Northwest and national politics.

President-elect Bush said during his campaign that the dams should not be breached. Vice President Al Gore had said the issue needed more scientific study.

Removing the dams, which were built in the 1970s, would cut federal hydroelectric production in the Northwest by 4 percent and wipe out barge service between the Columbia and Lewiston, Idaho. It also would lower reservoirs used for irrigation.

American Indian tribes and environmentalists want to remove the dams to return the river to a more natural condition. The federal plan calls for studies to evaluate the species' recovery before removal is reconsidered.

"Breaching those dams remains an option if the recovery efforts don't meet strict performance standards included in the strategy," Donna Darm, acting Northwest regional administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, said from Portland.

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Friday
Fried fish, fried okra, parslied potatoes, creamy coleslaw, bread pudding

Senior Center News

The Christmas dinner drew 198 people. Glenn Patterson won the quilt. Seniors raised $859 for the Senior Center.

The coffee-can fundraiser was also profitable. Besides baked goodies, Christmas dishtowels were also donated. Between the two events, $360 was raised for the center.

The two fundraisers and two dinners hosted this month would not have been possible without the support of volunteers.

Special entertainment this month was provided by the West Elementary Honor Choir, the Northeast Elementary Choir, the East Elementary Advanced Reading Choir, Barbara Tune, Cozy Jones, Emerson Armstrong, and the Sunshine Choir for the special program on Pearl Harbor.

Monday and Tuesday

The Senior Center will be closed. The staff wishes everyone a peaceful and joyous holiday season. The center will reopen on Wednesday.

Wednesday

Line dancing and clogging practices are canceled for the week.

Thursday

The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic, bridge and 88 begin at 9:30 a.m. The Kitchen Band will provide music for the New Year's party, which begins at 11 a.m. Music, snacks and New Year's resolutions will be part of the fun.

Attorney General Janet Reno takes Rio GrandeValley tour

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno visited a Border Patrol station and international bridges during a private tour of the Rio Grande Valley Thursday.

Reno gave no public appearances and did not speak with reporters during her trip. A spokeswoman for the Justice Department said she didn't know Reno was in Brownsville.

Reno's visit to the southern tip of Texas comes as the Immigration and Naturalization Service marks the third anniversary of Operation Rio Grande.


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Rail service to Dallas delayed

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP) — The planned opening of Meridian to Dallas-Fort Worth passenger railroad service has been delayed by a disagreement between Amtrak and Union Pacific.

Amtrak was to use the freight liner's tracks, and the line had been scheduled to be up and running by last month.

Meridian Mayor John Robert Smith, a member of Amtrak's board of directors, said because of negotiations problems the start date has been delayed until May.

The announcement came Wednesday at the mayor's regularly scheduled news conference.

Amtrak officials announced the new route in August. Amtrak must buy rights to use some freight liners tracks.

In addition, they will agree to help pay for upgrades and improvements needed because of the additional wear and tear on the tracks.

Smith said a dispute between Amtrak and the freight lines over how much money will be spent on structural improvements and upgrades has caused the delay.

The portion of the route in question is around Shreveport, La., he said.

The mayor said Amtrak's negotiations with Union Pacific have bogged down, and Amtrak officials are now focusing on a deal with the Kansas City Southern line.

The mayor said he is confident the final details for the service expansion will be worked out after the new year.

Public Records

Marriage License

Bobby Dean Jones and Lana Prewitt Hataway, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Samuel Hernandez and Jennifer Hernandez, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Lisa Ann Alonzo Hood and Steven Seth Hood, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Ernie Ray and Evelyn Elayne Hanson to Michael W. and Donna Hartman, Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Bassridge Addition, Section 2.

Nancy Sue Inman, Alex Cross and Fred Cross to Nancy Sue Inman, 3.5 acres in the south one-half of Section 229, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Nancy Sue Inman, Alex Cross and Fred Cross to Fred Cross, 5.0 acres in the southeast corner of Section 229, Block 2, H&TC survey.

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Mary Jane Hamlett to Joel H. Hamlett Jr., an undivided one-half interest in 3,717.70 acres being Sections 235-237 and Sections 262-266, all in Block 2, H&TC survey.

Elaine H. Wilson to Rickey T. and Paula S. Graham, all the southeast one-quarter of Section 192, Block 3, H&GN survey.

David E. Ohre, dba David E. Ohre Properties, to Double O Inc., 0.657-acre tract being Lot 1 of the Replat of Lot 2 of the Wal-Mart Subdivision.

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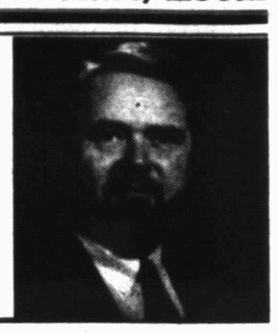
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Unlucky Jim: A Christmas Story of Unselfish Love

The story of Unlucky Jim is a Christmas tradition in this column and definitely worth sharing again. For the past 10 years, I've used it to share what I believe is the true meaning of Christmas.

Unlucky Jim is a sad little story my mother read to me when I was small. It is sad, but has a strong message and a happy ending. The story came from a book by Arthur S. Maxwell titled, "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories."

It's about a little boy named Jim whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope or joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jim would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jim knew he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jim received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jim a special gift. Jim grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jim saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jim's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jim reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jim there were only enough presents for one for each child.

Jim's Christmas Spirit

Jim looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blond hair just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jim clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jim began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jim didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jim sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave Jim a neatly wrapped package and explained to him that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jim had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring him a present. To Jim's delight, the package contained the most beautiful red fire engine he'd ever seen.

Jim's unselfishness should be our model all year long. Christians celebrate Christmas to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. Whether or not you're a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all men.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

First Firestone trial may be in the state

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Coastal Bend could be the venue for the first lawsuit to reach trial over fatal tire tread separations that have been linked nationwide to more than 200 accidents.

A lawsuit by attorneys for a paralyzed Portland woman is scheduled for trial on Jan. 8 in Corpus Christi over allegedly defective Bridgestone/Firestone tires on a Ford Explorer.

Donna Bailey was left paralyzed from the neck down after the Explorer in which she was a passenger crashed March 10 on U.S. Highway 181 near Poth. The case was scheduled to be heard by State District Judge Nanette Hasette in her 28th District Court.

Attorneys on both sides said that although similar cases have been settled out of court, none has proceeded to trial.

Paul LaValle, one of several attorneys representing Bailey and her family, said the case is being monitored by Ford, Firestone and dozens of plaintiffs around the country who have similar lawsuits pending against the companies.

"We have the full attention of the Ford board of directors and Firestone and all the attorneys" suing the companies, LaValle of Texas City told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times in Friday's editions.

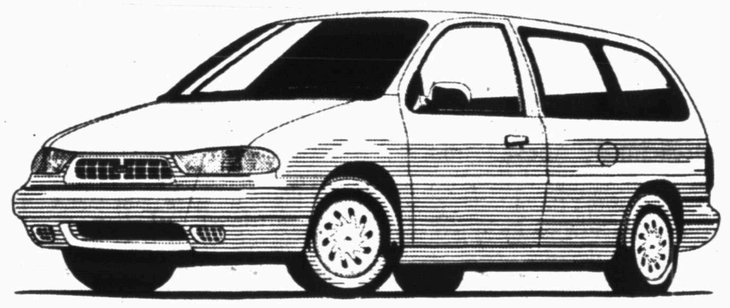
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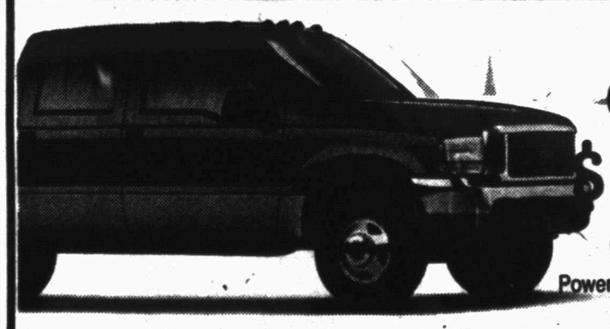
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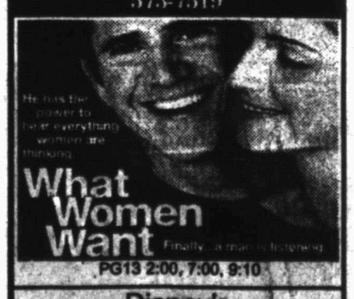

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Phone bill provides expensive education in computer access

DEAR ABBY: I almost had a heart attack when I opened my phone bill. It was more than $800. I called the phone company and told them it had to be a mistake. To make a long story short, it was because of our computer-access phone number.

We recently moved 60 miles away. We were supposed to change the access phone number to a local number, but we didn't because we don't know much about computers and didn't realize we should. After talking to the telephone company representative, we changed access numbers, but not before the next billing cycle — and we received a phone bill for another $800. This bill cannot be negotiated, so we are paying it in monthly installments.

Abby, please warn your readers to be sure they change their access phone numbers for their computers if they move. Otherwise, they will receive the shock we did. — **SORRY, WRONG NUMBER**

DEAR SORRY: Yours was an expensive lesson. I hope that readers will learn from your eye-opening experience, and not procrastinate about changing their access number when the need arises.

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DEAR ABBY: Could you please, please publish a letter in your column in which the age gap between a man and a woman is in the "other" direction, i.e., the wife is older than the husband? There are a lot more older women than men in the United States.

Thank you, thank you, Abby. — **SYLVIE IN PLANTATION, FLA.**

DEAR SYLVIE: I happen to have just the thing. It arrived in the same batch as your letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are celebrating our 21st wedding anniversary today. My wife is 72 and I am 43. I'm not going to claim it has always been a "bed of roses," but we are quite happy with our life.

We have no children together, but I have two wonderful stepdaughters and one fantastic 3-year-old grandson.

I believe that everyone who knows us — including the ones who doubted my intentions — will agree we are a very compatible couple. Most people thought I was marrying her for her money. That's a laugh, considering I had more than she did. — **A NOTE FROM THE "OTHER SIDE"**

DEAR "OTHER SIDE": Best wishes to you and your wife on your anniversary. Nowhere is it written that the husband "must" be older than the wife. In fact, my husband is six weeks younger than I am — and it hasn't bothered either of us a bit.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Ticked Off in Louisiana," who was concerned by the many thumbtack holes resulting from his stepdaughter's posters, brought back a fond memory.

When our teen-age daughter wanted to paint one wall of her bedroom black, I choked and sputtered, but I didn't criticize. My wife and daughter spent a memorable afternoon together painting and redoing the room. I was enlisted to remove the bed frame so she could have her mattress on the floor. She loved it. She was the envy of her friends, who chorused, "What cool parents!"

When our "baby" left home a few years later, I spent a bittersweet afternoon repainting her bedroom. It was a four-hour trade-off for a precious memory and an ongoing relationship with a daughter who is loving, respectful and cherished.

Someone once said about running a company, "Take care of the little problems, and the big ones will take care of themselves." It works in life as well. — **SAN DIEGO DAD**

DEAR DAD: I agree with that philosophy. Since the letter from "Ticked Off" appeared in my column, I have been inundated with mail. Readers inform me that there are now adhesive products that allow posters to be displayed without damaging walls. I received samples of two products offered by 3M that feature Command Adhesive, which the company claims will come off cleanly without damaging the surface of the wall.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 27 years old. When I was 18, I got married because my girlfriend was pregnant. We're now divorced, and my son lives with me because my ex refused to be responsible for him. She ran off with her new boyfriend.

I have just learned that my son isn't really my son after all. My ex finally admitted to me that she had always known he wasn't mine, and that his real father died of a drug overdose in 1996. A DNA test will prove it this week.

I'm extremely frustrated because I don't feel I should have to take care of a child who isn't even mine. I love the boy, but I don't feel he's my responsibility anymore. I was tricked into being his father. I wouldn't have taken the job had I known eight years ago that he was someone else's.

We have a very close relationship and I take good care of him, but I would like to live my life for myself and do what I want when I want — like his mother does. I can't do that because he's my responsibility.

I know he needs me and loves me, and I'm afraid of what it would do to him if I sent him to live with his mother so I could live my life. I'm so confused, Abby. Can you give me any advice so I can compromise my desires and his needs? — **USED IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR USED: The last thing you should do is send the boy to live with a woman who has already proven she's an unfit mother.

You are young, and you're feeling overwhelmed with responsibility. However, quitting is not an option, and I doubt you could live with yourself if you tried it.

You need time for yourself — every single parent does. If at all possible, arrange for relatives or close friends with children to invite your son to stay with them for an evening or a weekend once or twice a month.

Another alternative would be to find a single-parent support group in your area. Parents Without Partners is a good one. You can contact the organization by calling (800) 637-7974 or visiting the Web site: www.parentswithoutpartners.org.

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DEAR ABBY: When my beloved transferred pictures and cards to a new wallet, he found a clipping from an old Dear Abby column. He'd carried it for ages. Unfortunately, it is tattered, frayed and worn away around the folds.

Abby, please reprint it. We would like to share this philosophy with others in our crowd. We celebrated our 80th birthdays this year. Sign us ... **STILL IN LOVE IN TEXAS**

DEAR STILL: I've received several requests to reprint that letter. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Please explain the difference between "making love" and "having sex." A lot of people confuse these two very different acts. Will you please define each one? — **JUST PLAIN BILL**

DEAR BILL: In "having sex," the name of the game is sexual gratification. It's a selfish, physical exercise in which the partner can be a faceless object. (Anyone will do.)

In "making love," one is motivated by a desire to give pleasure, express deep affection and communicate one's feelings of caring. It's the ultimate in sharing. In "making love," the partner must be a very special person. (No one else will do.)

Love is a metropolis. Sex is a whistle-stop.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Have a Merry Christmas, but keep in mind: If you're drinking, don't drive; if you're driving, don't drink.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share an experience that proves the truth of two facts: 1. Don't judge a book by its cover. 2. Young people are great human beings.

Driving home from the hospital after undergoing several cardiovascular tests, I found myself on the freeway in the middle of rush hour. The traffic was terrible. A car in the next lane began honking its horn. I looked over and saw three young women pointing at me. They yelled that my right rear tire was flat. I was a bit suspicious because the girls were wearing earrings in all sorts of places where one doesn't normally wear them, and one girl had bleached "spiked" hair. They appeared rather unsavory.

With some apprehension, I moved to the right lane and exited the freeway. The young women followed me to a nearby gas station. Once I saw my tire was indeed flat, I knew I needed help. I looked around for a pay phone, but couldn't find one. The three young women checked my tire and determined that there were no obvious holes or punctures. They refilled it with air, tested it, and assured me it would probably be OK until I could get to the dealership where the tire had been purchased.

Throughout the entire scenario, they were friendly, courteous and extremely helpful. I was dumbfounded, feeling more than a little guilty for my preconceived ideas about them. They said they had followed me from the time I had gotten on the freeway, trying to catch up to me so they could warn me about my tire. I offered them money; they wouldn't hear of it.

We often hear about the misdeeds of a few disturbed young people. It's time more people spoke up about the good things young people do. — **BARBARA P., DANA POINT, CALIF.**

DEAR BARBARA: I agree. The majority of today's teens are intelligent, motivated to succeed and concerned about their future. Anyone who is tempted to put them down as a group should read the following quote, attributed to Socrates, from the fifth century B.C. It shows that complaining about the younger generation is nothing new:

"Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in places of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers."

It proves the truth of another saying: "The more things change, the more they remain the same."

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for two years. Prior to our marriage we both agreed not to have children. I have changed my mind and would like to have a child. However, my husband has not changed his mind and feels very strongly about his decision. He believes he would be a good father, but he does not want the stress of raising a child.

I feel that if I do not have a child because he doesn't want one, I'll always feel resentful. A friend of mine told me to go off birth control, get pregnant, and he would be fine once the baby was here. I feel that would be dishonest and unfair — but what about my feelings and needs? — **EXTREMELY CONFUSED, WHITEHALL, PA.**

DEAR CONFUSED: I couldn't disagree more strongly with your friend's advice. (And what would happen to your marriage if your husband wasn't "fine" once the baby was born?)

You and your husband are overdue for some serious marital counseling. If he refuses to come around, you may be married to the wrong man.

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DONATION — The Coca-Cola Company donated a check to United Supermarket to give to Snyder High School cheerleaders. The company gave the donation because United allowed the firm to build a football Friday display in the store, which the cheerleaders decorated. The funds will help purchase general supplies. From left are Rusty Carter, United store director; Rhonda Ward, SHS cheerleader sponsor; and Michael Burnett, account manager for Coca-Cola. (SDN Staff Photo)

High court rules in state's favor in battle with charitable group

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Thursday sided with the state in its battle with a charitable foundation over oil-producing land in the Laguna Madre.

The stakes were high: 35,000 acres along the Texas coast south of Corpus Christi. The state and the John G. and Maria Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation each wanted to control millions of dollars in oil money that potentially could be produced on the land, known as the mud flats of the Laguna Madre.

"We're disappointed," foundation attorney Richard Leshin after the decision was announced. "We're still analyzing the opinion before we determine the next step, if there is one."

The disputed land has an estimated value of $36 million and has generated more than $1.9 million in mineral royalties since the case first went to trial in 1995, according to the Texas General Land Office.

The money, which has been in an escrow account, is dedicated to the state's Permanent School Fund, which helps finance public schools.

Foundation officials have said they would have used the funds for charitable causes.

When the case was heard in March, the foundation and the Corpus Christi Diocese, owners of the adjacent land, argued the state should adhere to a 1958 court decision that determines the Laguna Madre boundary using certain high-tide calculations.

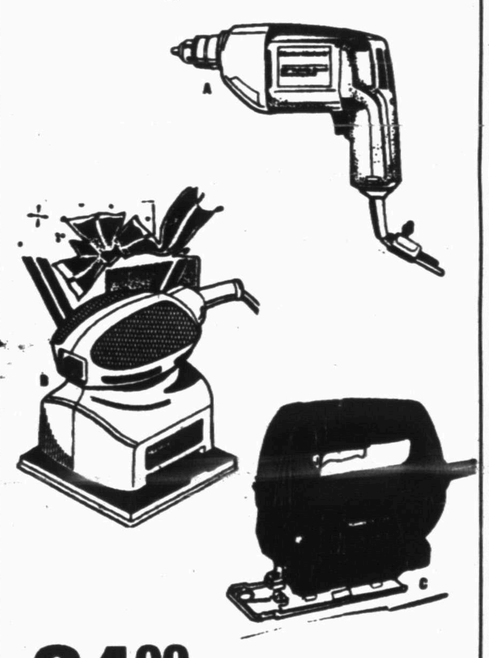
The method determines the shoreline for property originally conveyed by Spain and Mexico in civil law grants.

The state, however, wanted that boundary calculation rule set aside and contended the property line should be where vegetation begins at the end of the Laguna Madre mud flats.

The trial court and an appellate court in Travis County had already sided with the state.

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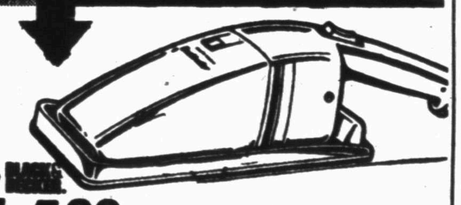
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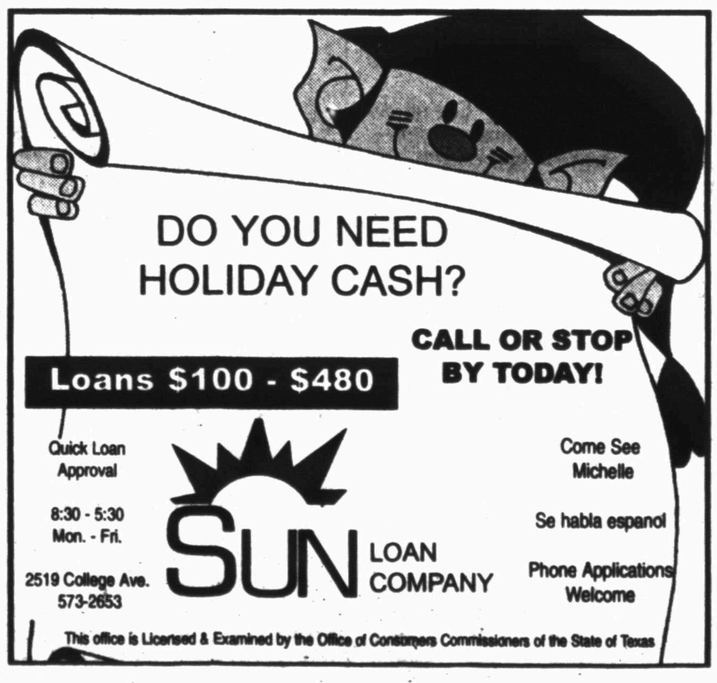
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Letters to the editor

Needs to reply

Dear Editor:

I too, would like to express my appreciation to The Snyder Daily News for printing this exchange between Dr. Gary Nussey and me over topics related to biological evolution. I again feel that I should reply to several of the issues raised in his most recent letter.

First, the claim that Adolf Hitler was a "Darwinist" should not be too much cause for alarm. I think we can all agree that Hitler was, first and foremost, a psychopath. He did buy into the German "eugenics' Movement, which selectively misapplied provable (or at least, falsifiable) biological findings which could test any of their theories they just decided that they were so. Hitler carried some of these ideas to monstrous extremes.

He seemed to have picked whatever ideas he encountered that he thought would further his plans: he believed in Atlantis, he had his troops wear belt buckles with "God With Us" inscribed around a swastika, and he had millions of Jews killed despite, by his own standards, being half Jewish himself. Biological evolution as a network of facts and theories has nothing to say about ethics, only about inheritance and change over time. As far as "rudeness, lying, cheating and violence," I'm afraid that our generation has no exception position. Our technology lets us be rude across continents, and kill masses of people at a distance, but the world's history is suffered full of inhumanity, much of it long before Mr. Darwin was born.

Now, from the philosophical to the more nearly concrete. With regard to Mt. St. Helens as an analogy to the Grand Canyon, I think that a careful study will show that the differences far outweigh any similarities. The ash deposits at Mt. St. Helens were very loosely packed when eroded by the flood from Spirit Lake. The great variety of rocks exposed by the Colorado River at the Grand Canyon were deposited, by their own internal fossil and radioisotope evidence, over millions of years, and range in hardness from tombstone quality granite to weak shales, which still likely have more strength than new-fallen volcanic ash. The fantastic architecture of the "temples," etc., within the Grand Canyon is most readily explained by the process known as "mass wasting," where a comparatively small stream cuts soft rock out from beneath harder layers. You can see some good examples of this process between Snyder and Post — it doesn't work quickly. Neither does the Grand Canyon have the gigantic deposits of rocks and boulders near its mouth that you would expect from one huge flood. The sediment carried out by the river is sand and silt formed by the continuous, slow erosion process. (The ash at Mt. St. Helens, of course, doesn't have boulders to wash out.)]

The "main tracks" at Glen Rose are one of the most thoroughly debunked fossil "evidences" around. Even "Answers in Genesis," one of the more visible "creation science" organizations in the country, has issued a release saying that the track at Glen Ros are certainly not human. For those not familiar with this area, I might explain that there is a state park on the Paluxy River that contains fossil imprints of dinosaur footprints. The prints are apparently from two species of dinosaurs, one that walked on its toes, like a modern chicken, and one that walked on the whole base of its foot. The latter sort left 16-inch long prints that some think resemble a giant (toeless) human footprint. Some of these tracks have been found which show traces of three claws at the front: not your typical people prints. Also at Glen Rose, the only mention of a "trilobite" that I have been able to find was a fossilized fish jawbone which an amateur rockhound had misidentified.

Next, back to Hyracotherium and the ancestors of horse and hyraxes. Richard Owen did indeed name this "hyrax-like best" in 1841, based on what he judged to be similarities between the fossil he examined and the bones of a hyrax. (The rules of species-naming say that the first valid name given to any organism living or fossilized, is the name that sticks. This is why the later name Eohippus, given to a different fossil of the same critter, isn't official.) I am not real knowledgeable about Sir Richard, but he was by all accounts one of the leading paleontologists of his day. However, remember the "of his day" part. This was 1841, before bacteria were known to cause disease. Back then, humors and bad air took he blame. Mr. Owen did an excellent job of describing his fossil, I'm sure, but he had to use the tools and knowledge available at that time. I would be surprised to find that the fossil study has progressed as much as medicine has in the last 160 year, but it too, has progressed a lot. Many, many new fossils discovered since Owen, and many, many studies of Hyracotherium, show quite clearly that it is near the trunk of the horse family tree. The hyrax may be some distant cousin — it does have hoof-like rather than claw-like toes — but my Internet searching has so far failed to turn up much about its ancestry. I would imagine that there are graduate students right now inspecti8ng hyrax, hyrax DNA, and fossils to throw some light on this small mystery. They are interested in the knowledge and the intellectual challenge (oh year — and the degree), not in trying to overthrow any part of society through their studies.

Finally, I will return for a moment to the starting point of this exchange of views — what needs to be the science textbooks our children study? My answer would be good science! By this I mean testable, falsifiable accounts of (near-) current best thinking on any issue claiming to be "science." Chemists no longer teach that earth, air, fire and water make up all matter; astronomers don't hold that the Earth sets on pillars in the middle of a bunch of crystal spheres. Biologists shouldn't be pressured to include non-scientific, "because-I-said-so" tales in textbooks. AS I said here in an earlier letter, the U.S. is already falling behind in many areas of education. We don't need to make our teachers' job any harder than it already is by loading their curriculum plans down with even more "alternatives."

Regards,
Ed Vinson, Ph.D.

Christmas Memories

Here is some Christmas memories from residents of Snyder's nursing homes.

Hello! My name is **Susie Wishert**. I remember looking through the Sears and Roebuck catalogue. I wanted a doll so much but didn't think my mother could get it for me. In those days, we didn't have wrapping paper. My mother would take her gifts to a relative's house to hide them. I liked to snoop and my Mother knew this. One day my mother said we were going to a relative's house. In order to get there we had to go under a fence and when my mother stooped to go under the fence I heard a cry. I knew then that she was hiding my doll under her coat. On Christmas day, we always had lots of fruit, nuts and candy. That was a real treat for us.

My name is **Lester Liggett**. I was born in Dodge City, Kansas. I have lived here in Snyder for 53 years. I worked for Gulf Oil for fifteen years. I also owned oil wells. My wife and I were married for fifty years. We have one son. His name is William Thomas Liggett and he lives in California. After retiring, I traveled all over the world and saw other countries. My favorite memory of Christmas as a child was when I was six years old when Santa Claus brought me a bicycle for Christmas.

My name is **D.L. Hammitt**. I suppose my favorite memory of Christmas was the last year my wife was with me for Christmas. We have three daughters and two sons. I worked at the cotton gin for 50 years. I was also a farmer. Christmas when I was a young boy was quiet different than today. My family didn't have a lot, but we always got something for Christmas. We made our own toys. We got clothes for Christmas. My mother made most of our clothes. We made Christmas decorations out of paper and we would string popcorn. I think we ate more popcorn than we put on the string. We didn't have a lot, but we were happy!

My name is **Lane Echols**. I was born in East Texas. I was married for 38 years. We had one son and three daughters. I think I looked for Santa until I was half-grown. Then it wasn't long till I was playing Santa. We had children singing Christmas carols for us today. I certainly enjoyed those little ones.

I am looking forward to spending the holiday with my daughter. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

My name is **A.U. White**. I have lived here in Snyder for 50 years. I worked in the oil fields for many years. I have a son who lives in South Texas and a daughter who lives here in Snyder. Christmas when I was a child was quite different than today as we did not buy our Christmas tree. We went out and cut our own Christmas tree. We didn't go out and buy decorations because we made our decorations at home. We never got a lot for Christmas, but mom and dad always managed to get us something. This was a real busy time for my mom. She would spend days cooking for our Christmas dinner.

Hello! My name is **John Covey**. I was born four miles from Crowley, Texas. My father was a teacher and principal of Snyder High School. Mrs. Covey and I have been married for over 60 years. We have three sons and nine grandchildren. One of our sons, Bill Covey, lives here in Snyder.

My favorite Christmas memory really takes some thinking, as there are many great memories of Christmas. I had an aunt and uncle who had no children, so they loved to play Santa for us at Christmas time. They would come to our house and scratch on the window screen saying Merry Christmas. One year they brought the boys all a BB gun and dolls for the girls. I suppose the best Christmas memory is seeing all nine grandchildren around the Christmas tree.

I am **Arma B. Watlington** and I was born in a log cabin in Colorado. We lived in a log cabin camp where my mother was a cook. I lived there until I was 10 years old. I have a large family of five sisters and four brothers. I married Mr. Watlington in 1922. I was a homemaker and a volunteer nurse. When anyone got sick they would send for me to help take care of them. My fondest memory of Christmas was when Santa came to our one-room schoolhouse. He had a large bag over his shoulder with gifts for every boy and girl. He gave me a doll. I am looking forward to spending Christmas day with my son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Marida Watlington. Merry Christmas to all.

My name is **Ruth Garner**. I was born in Indiana. I have three children and three grandchildren. I was a secretary for Continental Oil Corporation. Christmas when I was a child was very different than today. We were going through the depression. Times were really hard. We did not get much for Christmas but we always got something. I remember one Christmas that was special to me because my father got me a doll buggy. It wasn't really a surprise to me because I had already peeked through the curtain where my Father had hidden it. Merry Christmas.

My name is **Iva Lewis**. I was born in Scurry County and I was an only child, but not spoiled. I married Mr. Lewis in 1938. The one thing my parents taught me was to tell the truth and to always put God first in my life. The older I get the more I realize how blessed I am. We never got much for Christmas but we always had a stocking. I believed in Santa Claus until I was 12 years old. Christmas day was spent with family. We raised our own turkey and if not, we always had hens. I am now looking forward to the Christmas party at the nursing home. I always enjoy the children and churches that come and sing Christmas carols.

Other memories...

Wanda Norris

Snyder, Texas had a cosmetology school back in the seventies, where I was a student. A very nervous student, with no confidence at all. A lady was given to me, for a hair style. One of my first. When the ladies hair was complete, her hair looked like the first bail of hay before baled It was terrible. I was devastated and humiliated. She paid her bill and left.

Finally, I put the thought of that catastrophe in the back of my mind and went on with school. About a week before I was to graduate, the lady called and requested my service specifically. When I looked at her, I was surprised she would have me touch her hair ever again, but I started to style her hair. This time her hair was neat and in proportion.

As she was paying her bill, she made the statement I shall never forget. She said, "I made an appointment with you, because I wanted you to see and know how much you have improved."

Though I cannot remember her name, I want her to know, I have never forgotten her most kind and noble gesture. She could have said all manner hurtful things because of what I did to her hair. Instead, she taught me the true definition of, "Graciousness."

She is one of the people who inspired me to keep going, even in the midst of big mess-ups, in these 30 years. Her caring and unselfish attitude is a rare thing. Her few words and deeds did make a difference in a stranger's life.

I know she will remember, if she is still in the area, because a person cannot get disfigured as badly as I disfigured her and forget. I want to thank her for being a special kind of lady, one of a kind and a book to live by.

A true and fast friend, though I only had the honor of knowing her 3 or 4 hours of my life. I say a most sincere thank you for your kind and noble deed, to one scared young woman. I shall never forget you. (I did get my children through high school, in that profession). What I thought would fail, did succeed, because of you.

With gratitude and respect always,

Helene Tutt

Anticipation of Christmas was as wonderful as anticipation of inoculations was horrible for this child of the 30s.

As the days prior to Christmas crept by and the number of pretty gifts increased beneath the tree, my young imagination ran high in flights of fancy.

On December evenings, I'd lie in the floor, my head nestled between packages under the branches while gazing up at the brightly colored lights. The reds, greens, golds and blues shimmered, each mirrored a hundred times in the glass ornaments and the silver icicles.

Daydreams frolicked in my mind as I speculated on the contents of each.

The ground was covered in snow and it was a winter wonderland. I thought what a beautiful day for Christmas Eve. I did not know that December 24, 1962 would become a time I would always remember.

Betty Bynum Boyd

First of all, we had two girls visiting us from a children's home. They had their friends visiting throughout the day and it was filled with talk and laughter.

My husband, the late Glen Bynum, and I often had parties for various occasions, but we planned a really special Christmas Eve party for a large number of family members and that included out dear friends, Vestal and Kathryn Boothe. Kathryn helped me do the serving of food and Vestal played Santa, remaining with us until time for the gifts to be given out and then just having to leave to check something in his car.

NO, our four six-year-olds did not know that when Vestal came back, he was Santa. They looked so precious all dressed up in their red corduroy jumper dresses, Vestal got some big hugs from them. When Santa gave our six-year-old visitor from the home her large walking doll, she said, "I didn't think Santa would come, he never has before." Man people that attended that party are no longer with us. My good friends, the Boothes, have passed away. What I would give to see Vestal dressed up in a Santa Claus suit once again, hollering, "Ho, Ho, Ho."

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

The Supreme Court's wounds:

Al Gore has been left to lick his wounds and, perhaps, fight another day. George W. Bush is hurriedly putting together an administration by Inauguration Day. The principles in the bitter battle for the presidency, in short, are trying to find a way to move on. But what of the U.S. Supreme Court?

Of the many institutions that became casualties of the fight for Florida's 25 electoral votes, the nation's highest court may have the hardest time healing its internal wounds and closing its philosophical and legal fissures. Those divisions among the nine justices were clearly on display in the tortured and convoluted decision that emerged last Tuesday night, the ruling that prohibited further manual recounts (sort of) and thus handed the victory to Bush.

But however bruised it emerged and as tortured as its opinion was, the U.S. Supreme Court did its duty. The court upheld the principle that there should be equal protection for every vote, and "its fundamental nature lies in the equal weight accorded to each vote and the equal dignity owed to each voter," as the court's opinion said.

The alternative, it seems clear, would have been the Electoral College dooms-day scenario. The manual counting of disputed votes with no standard but the subjective eyes of partisan supporters might have produced one set of electors, with the Florida Legislature producing another set. The struggle would likely have proceeded on to Congress and a battle along strict party lines, and then, what? Interim President Strom Thurmond ?

To save the country from that runaway train, the court threw itself on the tracks. But to do that, the justices put their philosophy of federalism at risk, voting 5-4 for Bush, but splitting on a remedy.

The justices, in the opinion and dissents, competed to be top defenders of preserving the prerogatives of the states. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas said the majority was defending the rights of state legislatures by stopping the recounts ordered by the Florida Supreme Court.

Amarillo Globe-News

No need for Democrats in Cabinet:

The nation's next president is going to have his hands full trying to mend the breach between Republicans and Democrats.

One of the more interesting ideas being kicked around is that, for example, President-elect George W. Bush should name Democrats to key Cabinet positions.

Our own question is a simple one. Why?

Is Bush bound by some code of honor to name people of the other party just for appearances sake?

We think not.

Any president, no matter his party, deserves to surround himself with people who share his ideology and, presumably, the ideology of those who voted for him.

To be sure, Bush's naming of, say, Democratic U.S. Sen. John Breaux — a frequently mentioned name — isn't without some political calculation. Breaux's state, Louisiana, is governed by Republican Gov. Mike Foster, who presumably would select a Republican to replace Breaux, thus giving the Republicans a razor-thin majority in the Senate.

Presidents of one party have named Cabinet members of the other party before.

President Kennedy, a Democrat, selected Republicans Douglas Dillon (Treasury) and Robert McNamara (Defense) for his Cabinet.

Another Democrat, President Clinton, tapped Republican William Cohen as his defense secretary.

That was their prerogative.

But surely the next president can heal the great divide between the parties without sacrificing his own principles while surrounding himself with people more aligned with the other candidate.

Bush won this election, and he deserves to govern with the help of people with whom he shares a common ideology and philosophy.

Houston Chronicle

Asylum for domestic abuse victims:

Even kind people who believe in justice and encourage it at home often mistakenly believe that those who live abroad forfeit their human rights if a nation's cultural practices condone what is unlawful under the American legal system. Take domestic violence in foreign countries.

There are many places in the world where a woman beaten in her home will find no relief from the police where she lives because of an ingrained notion that what happens in intimate relationships is a private matter. Unlike people who suffer other sorts of state-sanctioned persecution, abused women were not permitted to obtain asylum in the United States.

That may soon change. The Immigration and Naturalization Service has proposed new rules that would make it easier for battered women to escape domestic violence in their homeland by seeking asylum in the United States. In addition, the proposed rules could keep abused immigrants already here from being deported along with a sponsoring spouse convicted of a domestic violence offense, deportation that current rules allow.

Critics maintain that asylum rules are becoming overly broad. But the door to safety already has been left ajar — for persecuted gays and potential victims of female genital mutilation — and the cause of liberty is better for it.

Loosening the regulations has not caused a deluge of new asylum claims, and a wave of battered asylum seekers is unlikely. Even in the United States, battered women find it difficult to leave their abuser. Unfortunately, in places where women's right to live free of violence is disregarded, only a few battered women are likely to escape to plead their case in the United States.

The proposal now undergoes a 45-day public comment period. Its final adoption would be another significant expression of this country's commitment to human rights.

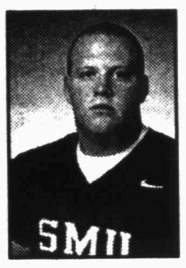
SPORTS

Post enjoys everything about college football

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editors

In the world of college football, Snyder native Chris Post has experienced his share of peaks and valleys. But despite the up-and-down nature of the game, Post is relishing every second he spends on the gridiron.

Post, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, recently wrapped up his junior season at Southern Methodist University, and has nothing but high praise for the sport he loves.



Chris Post

"It's everything I thought it would be and more," said the Mustangs' 6-3, 280-pound defensive tackle. "Nothing compares to running out onto the field in front of 50,000 fans.

"Then once the game starts, you're into the game and you forget that all of those people are watching you, until something big happens. Like at Arkansas this year, I had a sack, and then I looked up and there were 50,000 Arkansas fans who didn't like me right then. It was a great feeling."

Two reasons for Post's positive outlook are his past performance, and his expectations for next year.

Post is coming off his most productive season as a Mustang. He played in all 12 games, started five of them, and finished ninth on the team in tackles. The ex-Tiger registered 47 tackles, four of them losses. He also tallied a sack and five quarterback hurries, and he batted down six passes.

Post is expecting even better results next year, both individually and as a team, where the Mustangs will return all 11 starters on both sides of the ball.

"What I'm more focused on for next year is our chance to accomplish something great as a team," Post stated. "We're going to have all 22 guys back, and we're going to make a push to get to that seven-win mark and get a bowl berth. And I think we can do it.

"Individually, this year was great. I doubled my stats and started about half the games. We use a three-man rotation so whether you start or not, you get to see a lot of action. But I would like to start a few more games next year."

Post's success this season seemed even sweeter, following setbacks his first two years at SMU. After redshirting as a true freshman, Post suffered a season-ending knee injury during summer workouts the following year. He returned to the field as a sophomore, and carved his spot in the line-up this past season, as a junior.

"It was really disappointing when the injury occurred," Post remarked. "Most guys get four years to play, but I'm only going to get three. But in a way it helped me, because I used the rehabilitation to get stronger and acclimate myself to the college game. When I came back, it had been almost three years since I played in a game, but it felt like I hadn't missed a down."

The time spent rehabilitating his knee also proved that Post is willing to make the sacrifices necessary to excel at the college level.

"Playing college football is a big commitment," Post explained. "Between practice and studying, there's always so much work to do that you have to sacrifice some other things. I don't think that's a downside. That's just the way it goes.

"You put everything you have into it starting in the spring all the way through to the end of the season. Then when the season is over, you have a few months with some free time, and you wonder what it is that regular students do."

But all of the sacrifices are worth the joys of a sack or tackle for no gain, according to Post.

"It's a great feeling when it's just you and the quarterback in the backfield, and you have a chance for a sack," Post said. "But I get just as much satisfaction out of tackling great running backs.

"Take the TCU game, we didn't fare real well as a team, but I enjoyed competing against a Heisman Trophy candidate like (LaDainian) Tomlinson. I tackled him about four times for little or no gain, and it meant a lot to me. It's great to compete against great players, and see how you stack up."

Chris, the son of Mike and Kathy Post, and the grandson of Jack and Francis Denman, is both a finance and an economics major. He is scheduled to finish up one major in May, followed by the other one next December.

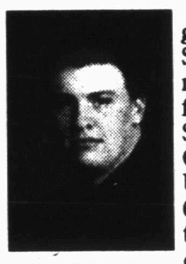

Dustin Fish

Post isn't the only local product playing at the collegiate level. Joining him in the college ranks are Snyder's Dustin Fish, Cory Mandrell and Sonny Cumbie, and Ira's Logan Daves.

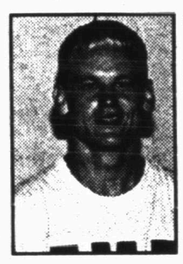
Fish, a 1998 SHS graduate, is a 6-6, 300-pound offensive tackle at Eastern New Mexico University, who played as a true freshman. Fish is a three-year letterman, and garnered honorable mention on the 1999 All-Lone Star Conference Team in the South Division.

"It's been a big surprise to me, because I only played football for one year in high school, and now I've started all 32 games that I've been in college," said Fish, who's on track to graduate with a degree in physical education.

"Being away from your family and friends, you and your teammates really learn to depend on each other, and the coaches. It's a lot of fun, and I'm looking forward to having another good season, next year."


Cory Mandrell

Mandrell graduated from SHS in 1999 and redshirted his first year at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. The 6-2, 232-pound tight end is expected to contribute next year as a sophomore.

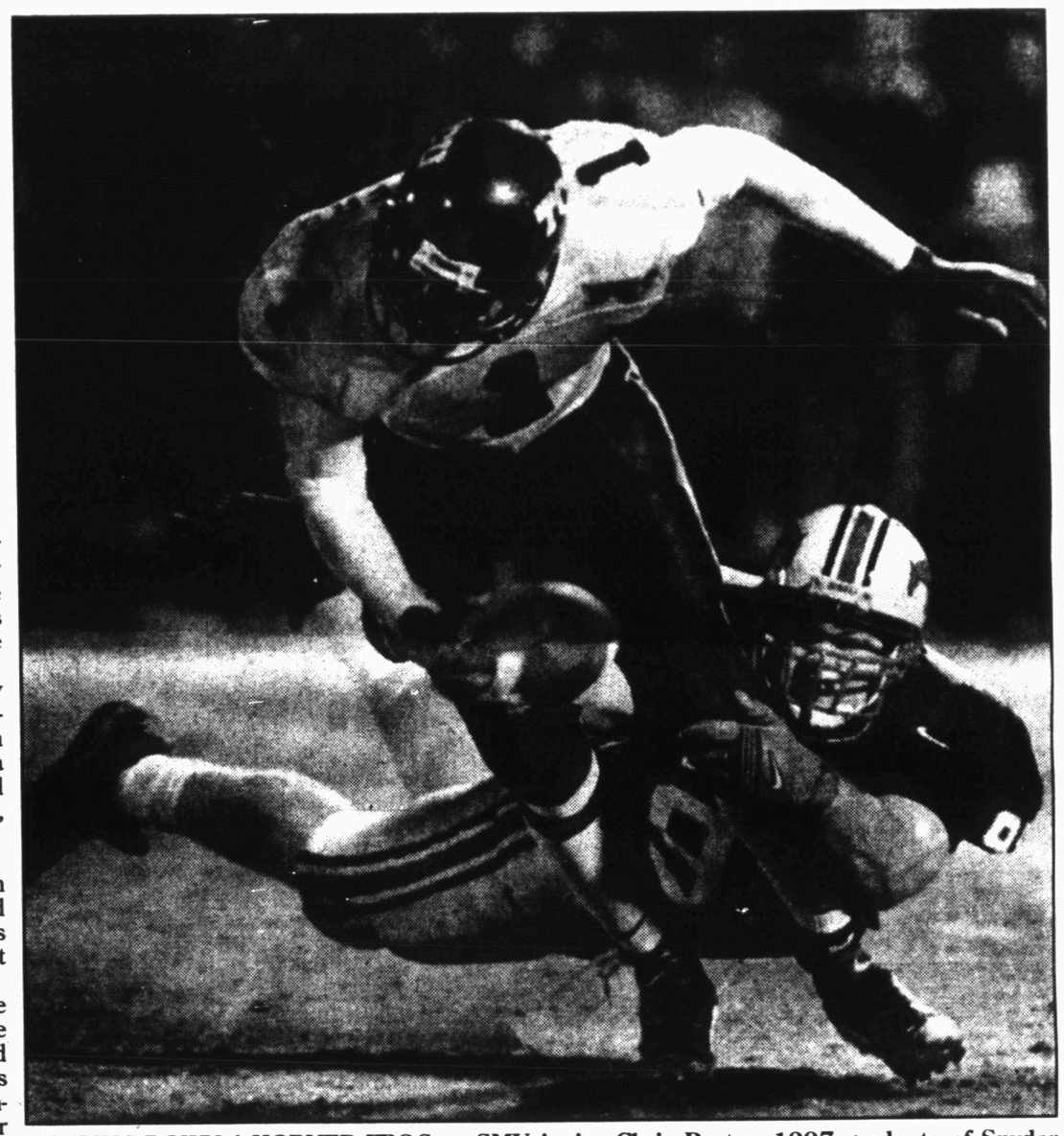

Sonny Cumbie

Cumbie and Daves are still in the midst of their redshirt seasons.

Cumbie, a 6-4, 205-pound quarterback at Texas Tech, has surprised Red Raiders coaches with his arm strength and accuracy.


Logan Daves

Daves, a 6-7, 250-pound end at West Texas A&M, made a smooth transfer from six-man football, and is figured into the Buffaloes' plans for next year.


HAULING DOWN A HORNED FROG — SMU junior Chris Post, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, brings down a Texas Christian ball carrier during action earlier this season.

College Bowl Game Glance

All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21
Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14
Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
Virginia (6-5) vs. Georgia (7-4), 8:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl
Boston College (6-5) vs. Arizona State (6-5), 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 4 p.m.
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 1:30 p.m.
Music City Bowl
West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 4 p.m.
Micronpc.com Bowl
Minnesota (6-5) vs. North Carolina State (7-4), 7 p.m.
Insight.com Bowl
Iowa State (8-3) vs. Pittsburgh (7-4), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 1:30 p.m.
Sun Bowl
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 2 p.m.
Peach Bowl
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 5 p.m.
Holiday Bowl
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m.
Independence Bowl
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m.
Cotton Bowl
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m.
Gator Bowl
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m.
Citrus Bowl
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m.
Rose Bowl
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m.
Fiesta Bowl
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m.

National Football League

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	10	5	0	.667	296	202
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	398	316
N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	.600	301	287
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	273	327
New England	5	10	0	.333	252	311
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Tennessee	12	3	0	.800	315	191
x-Baltimore	11	4	0	.733	299	145
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	287	234
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	342	299
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	178	343
Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	161	419
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Oakland	11	4	0	.733	427	290
x-Denver	10	5	0	.667	447	360
Kansas City	7	8	0	.467	342	325
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	297	363
San Diego	1	14	0	.067	248	406

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-N.Y. Giants	11	4	0	.733	300	221
x-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	335	238
Washington	7	8	0	.467	261	266
Dallas	5	10	0	.333	294	330
Arizona	3	12	0	.200	207	423
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
x-Minnesota	11	4	0	.733	387	340
x-Tampa Bay	10	5	0	.667	374	252
Detroit	9	6	0	.600	287	284
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533	336	309
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	193	335
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
y-New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	333	279
St. Louis	9	6	0	.600	514	450
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	301	258
San Francisco	6	9	0	.400	379	384
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	223	400

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 12:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Kansas City at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Open: Cleveland

Monday's Game
Dallas at Tennessee, 9 p.m.
End of regular season

Titans moved out of Cowboys' shadow into national spotlight

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When the Tennessee Titans called Houston home as the Oilers, they lived life in the long shadow cast by the Dallas Cowboys over Texas and the NFL.

No more.

The Cowboys will always be the Cowboys, but the Titans have made themselves at home in four seasons in Tennessee, where fans have gone crazy for the state's only NFL franchise.

"Some things do come full circle," Titans left tackle Brad Hopkins said. "I was in Houston when Dallas was winning championships and going to back-to-back Super Bowls. There were a lot of Dallas fans in Houston. It kind of made you mad.

"Look at the scenarios and situations now, they have a way of working themselves out."

When the Cowboys (5-10) visit the Titans (12-3) on Christmas night for the first time since they left Texas, Tennessee has a chance to show just how far its has come.

Dallas will be busy checking out Anthony Wright as a possible replacement to quarterback Troy Aikman. The defending AFC champions can finish with the NFL's best record, win their first AFC Central title since 1993 and get home-field advantage through the playoffs.

The Titans can clinch all that before kickoff if the Baltimore Ravens lose to the New York Jets on Sunday, but coach Jeff Fisher isn't letting his players consider that possibility.

"We're going to play this game to try to create a situation where the road to the Super Bowl in the AFC has to go through Nashville," he said.

If the Titans lose to Dallas, that would drop them from the AFC's top seed with a bye week to No. 4, possibly forcing them to play five days later. That's not acceptable to a team whose bye week came Sept. 17.

Plenty of Titans remain on the roster from Houston. They expect the Cowboys to play well. And linebacker Randall Godfrey, who left Dallas to sign with the Titans last February, can picture coach Dave Campo telling his Cowboys they have to pull the upset.

"They're capable of doing anything," Godfrey said. "You never know what's going to happen."

Maybe not, but this game shouldn't be close if the Titans are serious about fine-tuning themselves for the playoffs.

With Aikman out after suffering his second concussion this season, Wright will be making his second straight start. He was 12-of-25 for 119 yards passing in last week's 17-13 loss to the New York Giants, with most of his numbers coming before the defense started blitzing heavily.

That leaves the pressure on Emmitt Smith, who needs only 124 yards to pass Barry Sanders for No. 2 on the career rushing list, to provide much of the offense against the NFL's second-stingiest defense.

Tennessee is allowing only 247.9 yards overall and just 86.9 yards on the ground.

High School Football Playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division II Championship
Katy (15-0) vs. Tyler John Tyler (12-3), 12:07 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

CLASS 4A
Division II Championship
Ennis (13-2) vs. West Orange-Stark (15-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

CLASS 3A
Division II Championship
Forney (11-4) vs. La Grange (13-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving

CLASS 2A
Division II Championship
Celina (15-0) vs. Mart (15-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

CLASS 1A
Championship
Stratford (15-0) vs. Burkeville (10-4), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

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BOOK FEATURE

"Laughter: A Scientific Investigation," by Robert Provine.

Laughter is a fundamental part of the texture of everyday life. It is so fundamental, in fact, that we tend to forget how strange — and how important it is. It has, until recently, escaped the scientific scrutiny that has dissected every other aspect of our characters.

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Santa Letter

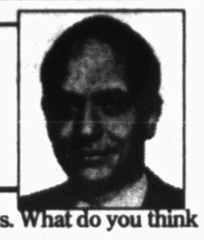
Dear Santa,

My name is Ashley Black and I am 6 years old. Please bring me a ballerina Barbie and a butterfly Barbie that are my size. I would like a dollhouse and a spelling computer. Please bring me a Barbie swimming pool like my mommy and my Aunt Holly had. Please bring my baby brother Joshua a swing and a teddy bear. Please bring him something else that you choose. I have been better at p.c. now. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you, Santa, Thank you for the presents last year. Please remember to bring other children presents for Christmas.

Love, Ashley Black

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North 12-23-00	
	♠ Q 5	
	♥ —	
	♦ Q J 10 9 8 2	
	♣ K 6 5 4 3	
West		**East**
♠ J 6 3		♠ 8 7 2
♥ K 6		♥ 9 8 2
♦ 5 4 3		♦ A K 7 6
♣ A Q J 9 7		♣ 10 8 2
	South	
	♠ A K 10 9 4	
	♥ A Q J 10 7 5 4 3	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ Q

Saturday, Dec. 23, 2000

What is standard to you?

By Phillip Alder

Last night, I had a couple of glasses of an Australian white wine. From the label, I learned that the bottle contained approximately 6.8 standard drinks. What do you think that means?

Despite appearances to the contrary, North and South weren't drunk during this deal. They were two Dutch internationals, playing against Ireland in the 1987 Common Market Championships. Still, what would your auction be with these two hands? And how should you play the spade suit for no losers?

Two diamonds showed any game-forcing two-suiter. Two hearts asked for, and three hearts announced, South's longer suit. Three spades requested the second suit, three no-trump confirming that it was spades. (One cannot help thinking that South should have continued with at least four spades.) Believing the deal to be a misfit, North bailed out.

West led the club queen, and South couldn't do better than cash his seven tricks for two down.

If this deal were played in a 13-table all-expert game, there would probably be 13 different auctions. But I think most Souths would eventually shut their eyes and bid six hearts.

The correct play in spades is to cash the three top honors, which brings in the suit for no losers 54 percent of the time. Here, that works, and six of either major is lay-down.

"Standard drinks" gives a guide for keeping within the drunk-driving laws. In general, a man stays legal by limiting himself to two standard drinks of wine in the first hour and one every subsequent hour. For women, it is one per hour.

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Dec. 15

North-South

A group

1. Johnye Van Dever, Mary Bast.
2. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
3. Bette Byrd, Coleen Palmer.
4. Linda West, Monte West.

B group

1. Dorothy Rosson, Durelle Gorman.
2. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.
3. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd.

East-West

A group

1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Louise Thompson, Jane Hinton.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
4. Shirley Stewart, Billie Marie Long.

B group

1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Shirley Stewart, Billie Marie Long.
3. Gracie Craig, Desa Lee-Liard.
4. Christine Stuard, Nona Morrison.

Sunday, Dec. 16

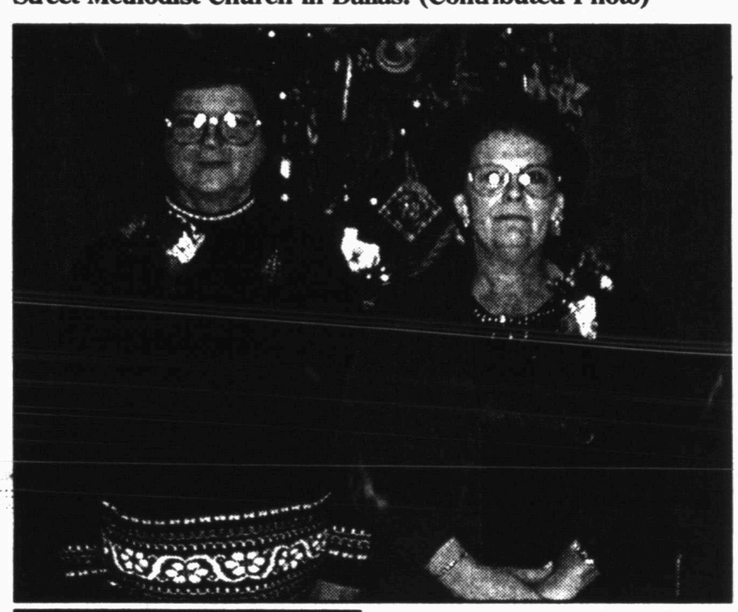
1. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
2. Nina Nesbit, Pat Floyd tied with Linda West, Monte West.
3. Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison.

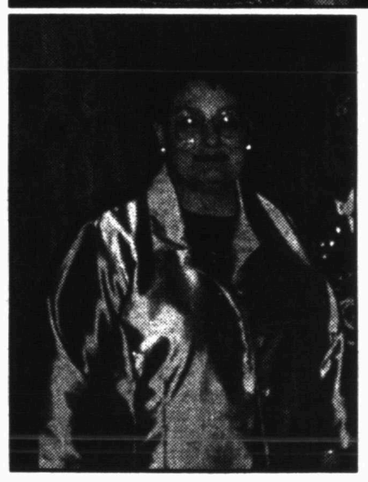
Tuesday, Dec. 19

1. Margaret Birdwell, Dot Casey.
2. Nina Nesbit, Shirley Stewart.
3. Monte West, Linda West.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Ray and Betty Atkinson of Snyder will be honored with a reception from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Their children and their spouses, Billy and Carol Atkinson of Roby and Kathy and Rickey Howell of Bronte, will host the occasion. They suggest the presence of friends and family be the only gift. The houseparty will include their grandchildren, Carolyn Grimmett, Brad Atkinson, Wesley Howell and Karley Howell, who will help serve. The couple were married Jan. 5, 1951 in the Tyler Street Methodist Church in Dallas. (Contributed Photo)





CMH SERVICE AWARDS — Bonnie Carroll, left, received her 20-year service award from Cogdell Memorial Hospital at the Christmas dinner at the Wagon Wheel. Receiving their 15-year awards were, from left, Nelda Baze and Iva Haywood, in photo above. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, for information call 574-1292 or 573-8018, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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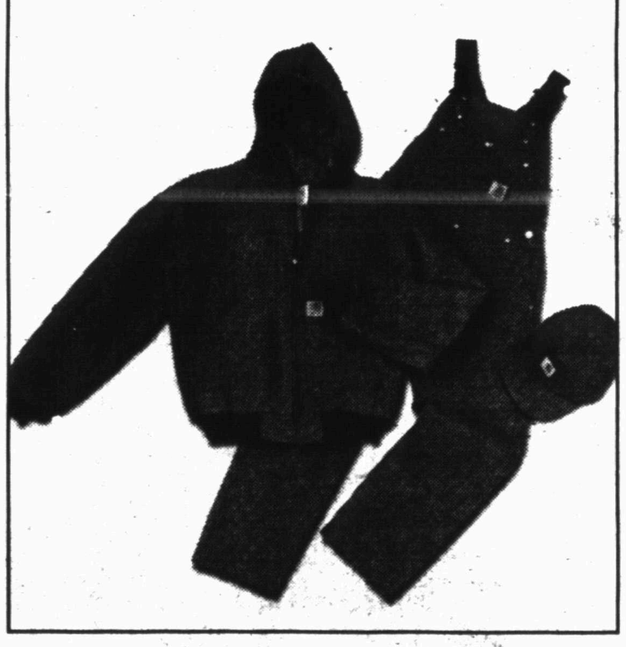


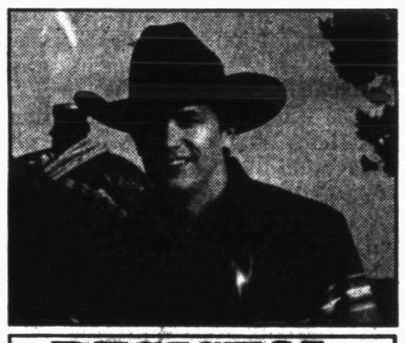
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No apology planned from U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration won't apologize to South Korea for the Army's role in the shooting of civilians at No Gun Ri early in the Korean War, senior administration officials say.

Nor will the government offer financial compensation to survivors or families of the victims.

The administration is considering more modest gestures, however, such as building a monument to honor all civilians killed in the 1950-53 war and establishing a scholarship fund in memory of the No Gun Ri victims, the officials said Thursday.

"While we have worked closely with the Korean government to investigate the circumstances surrounding No Gun Ri, we do not believe it is appropriate to issue an apology in this matter," one of the senior U.S. officials said.

Three officials, interviewed separately, spoke on condition they not be identified further.

After two days of talks at the Pentagon, U.S. and South Korean officials reached "broad agreement" Thursday on concluding the No Gun Ri matter with "follow-on measures" not to include compensation or an apology, one official said.

"We've agreed on a way ahead," the official said, adding that numerous uncontentious details remain to be resolved. The points of agreement include no U.S. apology and no U.S. financial compensation, the official said.

The findings of a lengthy Army investigation into No Gun Ri and the U.S. measures in response are likely to be announced in early January, he said.

A call to the South Korean Embassy on Thursday seeking comment on the administration position was not returned.

On Tuesday, No Gun Ri survivors and their lawyer held a news conference in Washington to state their belief that the Army investigation was a "whitewash." They also said they should be included in negotiations about financial compensation.

In a statement last Friday, after talks with a separate group of South Korean officials, the Pentagon cited the importance of the U.S.-South Korean military alliance and a desire to conclude the No Gun Ri matter quickly.

While not mentioning possible U.S. responses to the investigation's findings, the statement said both sides "emphasized that the dignity and sacrifices made by the Korean villagers and U.S. veterans should not be diminished."

In his first public comment on results of the investigation, Army Secretary Louis Caldera told reporters last week he no longer doubted "there was loss of life" at No Gun Ri. "That was very regrettable," he said, and added that President Clinton would decide "remedies" for the incident.

Caldera said it is clear there were many civilian casualties in the Korean War, and "some of those civilian casualties were at the hand of American soldiers."

"That conclusion is very different from the allegation that was made that this was a massacre in the classic sense that we lined up innocent people and gunned them down," he said.





Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000

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which you anticipate positive results. Our attitudes are like magnets drawing what we think to us.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An invitation to participate in an arrangement that has been producing unique benefits for others could be extended to you today by someone who feels you deserve the opportunity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even if you can't accomplish your objectives today, get working on them and you'll get an excellent start. Any inroads you make will make your tasks easier later on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something on which you didn't plan could pop up today, so try to keep your schedule as flexible as possible in order to make wanted adjustments as desired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Additional sources of income can be unearthed today. In fact, there's a good chance you might discover more than one. Think of ways you can take advantage of these new finds.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there is something confusing going on with an individual with whom you're involved in a partnership, have a frank discussion with him or her today. It'll be very revealing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Better ways can be found today for methods or procedures that haven't been producing the types of results you're desiring. The modification will prove productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are some indications that your popularity is ascending. Don't be surprised if your social calendar starts to get a bit crowded starting today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If there is something for which you need help or assistance today, try to find people who have proven know-how in solving your dilemma. Avoid the untested.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Because your powers of observation are exceptionally keen today, you can learn a lot by observing others closely. Pay particular attention to someone who possesses qualities you envy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Let all your pragmatic know-how guide you today. You will come out on the profit side of the ledger if you apply basic common sense in all your commercial affairs.

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Ship slams into bridge

HOUSTON (AP) — A crane atop an oceangoing freighter slammed into a bridge over the Houston Ship Channel, injuring at least three motorists who were driving across the waterway on the loop around the city.

The Ship Channel and northbound lanes of the Loop 610 bridge remained closed Friday morning.

The crane boom's impact with the underside of the bridge left a hole at its highest point, about 135 feet above the water, police said.

A compact pickup and a sport utility vehicle apparently smashed into debris, including concrete, that was thrust up from the northbound lanes, said Houston police Officer T.L. Burnett.

"(The ship) caused a huge hole, enough to swallow a vehicle," Burnett said.

One man and one woman were transported to Ben Taub Hospital but were later released.

Another woman was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where she was being evaluated, according to the Houston Chronicle's Friday editions.

No injuries were reported aboard the ship. But the vessel, the Rickmers Tianjin, was damaged by falling debris.

Investigators were inspecting the boat and interviewing the crew to help determine the cause of the accident.

The northbound lanes of the bridge were closed shortly after the accident. Burnett said it was uncertain when the lanes would reopen. The southbound lanes might also have to be closed while highway engineers inspect the bridge for safety purposes.

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Woman's Column

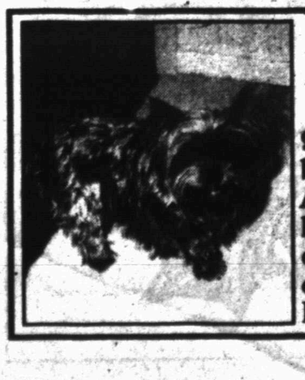
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Farmer's Column

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Can't Live Without Her!
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Farmer's Column

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573-2219

HOUSES FOR RENT
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2307 40th.....3-1.....$375
2204 43rd.....2-2.....$350
3212 42nd.....4-2.....$475
3902 Eastridge.....3-1-2.....$400
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Mobile Homes

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Real Estate

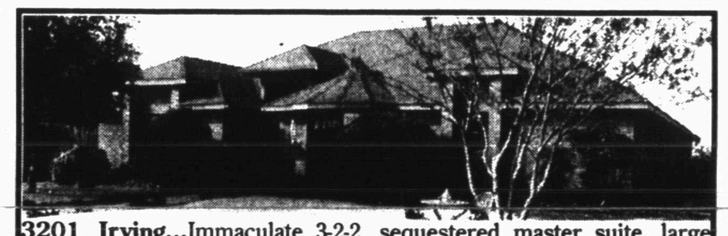
2803 34th, 3-2-2, 3324 total sq. ft., den w/fireplace, new roof, water softener, sprinkler system, cinder block fence cellar, storage bldg. & more!! $117.5T Call 573-0397.

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Farms & Ranches

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***40 acres,** Capitola area in Fisher County. 8 years remaining of CRP. Intersection of FM 419, FM 611 & CR 424. $425/per acre.
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Farms & Ranches

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Good Starter Home 211 34th 3-1³/₄ $27T
Reduced-LOVELY 4-2-2 3303 Irving $99.9T
ATTRACTIVE! 4-2-2 2211 27th St. $42T
Good Farm 3 miles out,...160 Acres 3-1³/₄+2
C. City 4+A's Lovely Home 3-2-2.....$60T
2 Acres 2-1³/₄ w/storage bldg. & shop $27T
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Nice Quiet Area 3-1³/₄+1 2205 44th.....$46T
Starter Home 2-1-1 707 27th St.....$20T
3-1-1 + Apartment 3300 Cherry.....$50T
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New Listing 2018 37th..... Call
2106 42nd 3-1-2 CH/RA.... $34.5T
3742 Avondale 3-1½ CH/A. $33.9T
2803 Ave. Y 2-1½-1 ..... $18.5T
New on Market 123 34th 3-2-1cp $59.5T
New Listing 2511 30th 3-2-3 with office, and RV Cover $96.5T
Quality Home, Cedar Creek, Custom Built, Call
3606 44th 3-2-2 Pretty Decor.....$73.5T
2608 47th 4-2-2 Reduced.. $124.9T
2705 35th 4-3-2 New Roof, office $119.5T
3310 Ave. V 3-2-2 Owner Says Sell. $62T
Reduced 3500 Ave. W 3-3-2... $85.9T
2700 46th 3-2½-2-2 LA's Nice Yard $119T
2907 33rd 3-3-cp + pool.... $117.5T
3503 Kerrville 3-2-2..... $54.9T
2701 34th 3-2 Nice tile $86T
FM 1607 3-2 cp w/5 Acres $69.5
3402 Irving Neat 3-1-1 LA+Den $39T
Hermleigh 3-2-2cp Lg. fam. rm. 5 A's $77.5T
2212 43rd 3-1 CH/A $39.5T
2411 28th 1-1 Dining.. Only $10T
3717 Avondale 3-1-1..... $35T
2266 Sunset 3-2-2cp Liv & Den. $33T
304 34th 2-1½ CH/RA .. $24.9T
2706 28th 3-2½-2..... $95.5T
279 CR 243 10 A's, Shop 3-2-2cp $69.5T
221 29th 3-2-cp Mobile Hm/RV cover $19.9T
409 20th 3-1 CH/A..... $15T
CR 3114 - SW - 3-2 w/116 A's.. $84.9
4110 Jacksboro 3-2-2 ..... $75.5
2810 El Paso 4 or 5 bd-3bth Red. $78.5T
1861 Tuscola 3-2-2.. Reduced $85.5T
Hermleigh 3-2 w/acreage Call for Details
3-2-2 brick w/2 LA's, nice shop & storage plus 3-2-2 rental home on 7.49 acres . $120T
College Ave. Large Office Bldg.. $48T
Commercial Bldgs N & W side of square
Farmland - 142 Acres and 243 Acres .. Call
146 Acres - South of Town... $46.5T
Hwy 180 - 80 Acres..... $42T
155 Acres, 116 in CRP.. Close in N.

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3509 40th Brick 3-2-1cp large utility & hobby room, large shop..... $55T
321 35th Corner 3-1-detached garage $27T
3505 Irving Cute 3-1³/₄-detached garage.....Assumbale Loan
New Listing 2110 42nd 3-1-rear garage, Creative Financing.....$30's
3100 El Paso Pretty as a Picture..$75T
Dine By Fireplace 3-2-2.....$110T
3-2-2 Beautiful Home & Yard.....$85T
Reduced 3-2-2 Den, Beautiful Kitchen, Landscaped
Country 3-2-2 rock fireplace, Wood Floors, Pool!
Close In 21 Acres, pond 2-2-office.... $100's
Brick 3-1³/₄-1cp 160 Acres.....$100's
2206 44th 3-1³/₄-1 Assumable Note...$40's
2902 34th Extra Nice 3-2-2-den-F.L... $90's
Ready for New Family 3-3-office, basement.....$100's
North - 4-1³/₄ 80 Acres.....$100's
2701 34th Updated! 3-1³/₄-2..... $86T
2907 33rd Spacious 4-3 Pool.....$100's
2205 44th 3-1³/₄-1..... $46T
Close In Pretty 3-2-w/cp 14 A's.....$95T
Hwy 84 3-2-2 Shop 10 Acres..... $100's
Victorian 2-1 w/wrap around porch $55T
E. 23rd 3-2-shop, covered patio, 9A's....$120T
3500 Ave W Great View 3-3-2...$85.9T
4110 Jacksboro Doll House 3-2-F.L.-2.... $70's
3303 Irving GREAT BUY 4-2-2...$99.9T
4107 Avondale Brick 3-1-1.....$38T
3409 Apple COZY 3-2-fireplace .....$40's
206 32nd Roomy 4-2-1.....Wants Offer
3605 Jacksboro Large Den 3-2-2...$60's
2609 37th Large, close to schools...$100's
New Listing 3-2³/₄-2 Den.....$118T
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1861 Tuscola 3-2-2 Sm. Acreage $89.9T
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COMMERCIAL 3 offices, shop, fenced 1 A
1310 25th $15T & **711 26th** $20T
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2501 48th.... Pool, Shop, RV Cover
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2233 Sunset 3-1-1 w/$1000 buyers Allowance
4014 Irving Great Buy! 3-2-2-Fpl Only $65T
Dunn 3-1½ Nice..... Only $35T
10.14 A's 5 BR Hm/Shop/Country/Pecan
1601 Ave. E 2-1-2cp CH/A $22T
Reduced ! 80 Acres, 4 bdr., Creeks/Pens
2266 Sunset 3-2-2Cp Spacious..... $33T
REDUCED! Near Schools 4-2-2 $99.9T
2907 33rd Colonial Hill 4-3-Pool.. Reduced!
3718 Sunset 3-1³/₄-1cp $48T
Lg. Metal Shop w/4 covered Parking spaces
211 34th 3-1³/₄-1 detached..... $27T
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585 Armadillo Dr. Brick Home.13 A's
2605 33rd Magnificent Custom Home
218 29th 2-1 Owner Finance–Call for Info
3011 40th 4-2-New siding, paint $24.9T
217 35th 3-1 with storage $25T
1209 Coliseum 3-2-2cp 3 A's Owner Finance
Edge of Town 3-2³/₄ $76.5T
Nice! Country Home. w/barns/ Acreage
2411 28th ..... ONLY $9,000
4509 Fredonia 3-2-2 Fpl - Ready for You!
4110 Jacksboro 3-2-2 F.P., Patio... $75.5T
2647 Pleasant Hill Rd 3-2-2-fpl 1 Acre
1861 Tuscola 3-2-2..... $85.5T
1801 22nd Reduced Comm., 7 offices/yd
2606 47th Lg lot Great Neighborhood $8T
2708 48th 4-2-2 Brick Call us Today $88.5T
Beautiful 2 Story on 37th ..... Call
1804 38th 3-1½-1cp Brick..... $52T
Approx. 7 Acres Roundtop..... Call
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Commercial Building . RENT OR SELL
IRA 3-2-2cp on ½ Acre Needs Work. $30T
134 20th 2-1 Owner Finance Starter Home
3015 38th 3-1-1 CH/A Wood Burning Stove
4304 Lubbock Ave. 3-2-1..... CALL!
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3500 Ave. W 3-3-2..... $85.9T
Cedar Creek 4-2³/₄-2 Nice..... Call
Rent or Sell 3724 Ave. U 3-1-Cp. $25.9T

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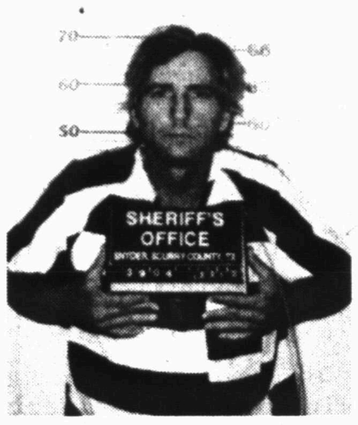
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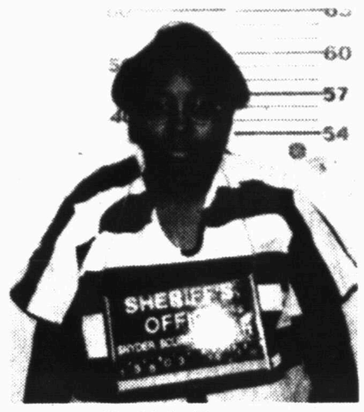
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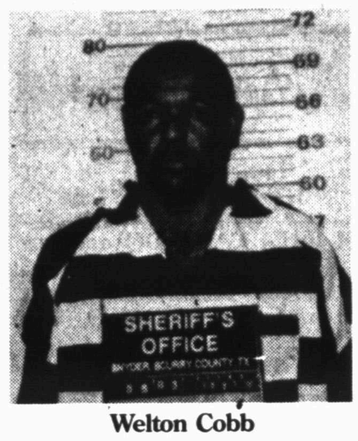
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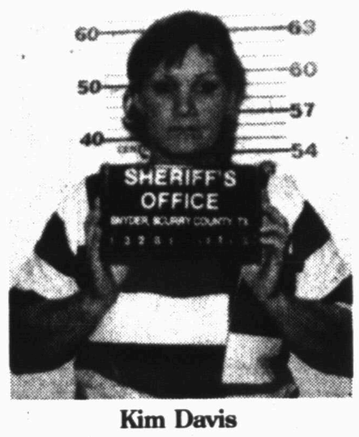
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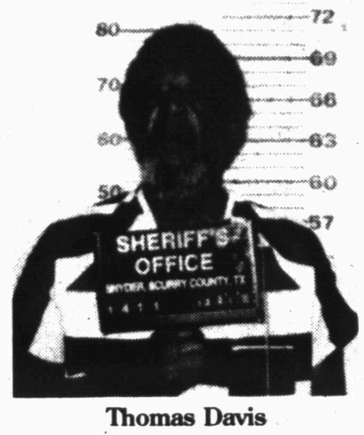
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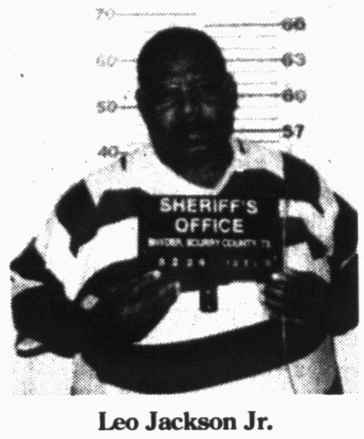

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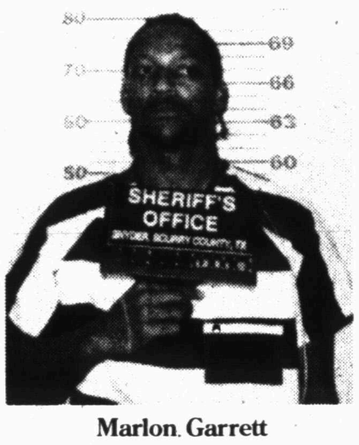

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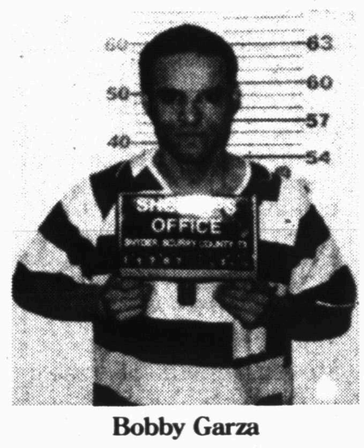

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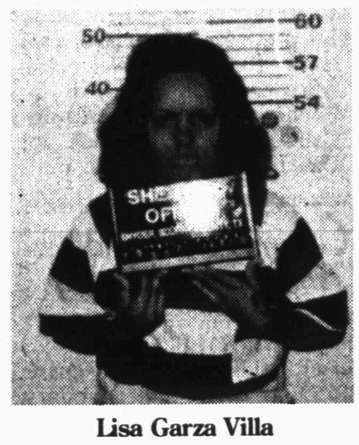

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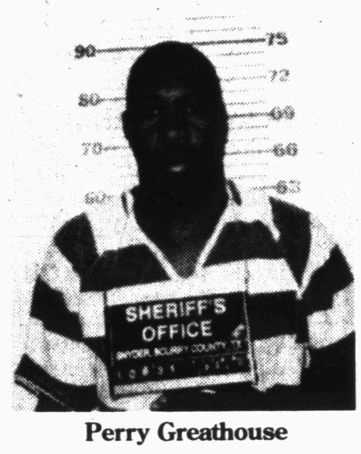

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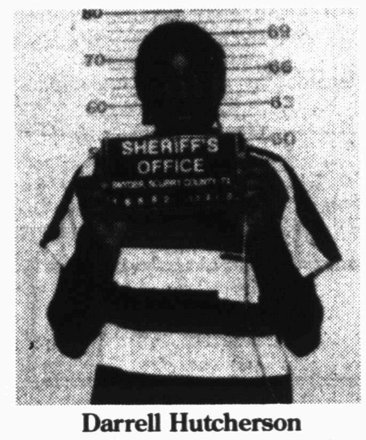

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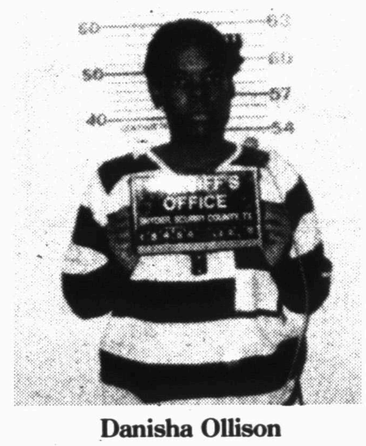

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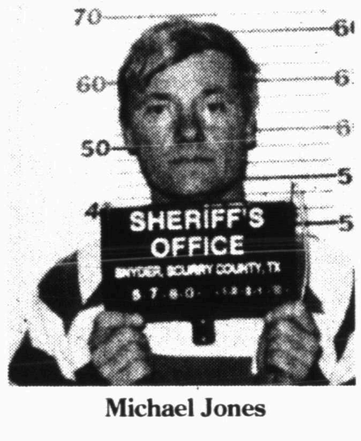

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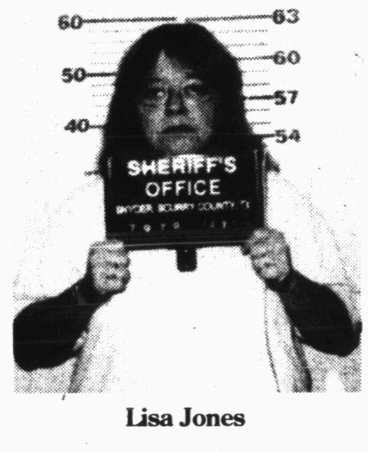

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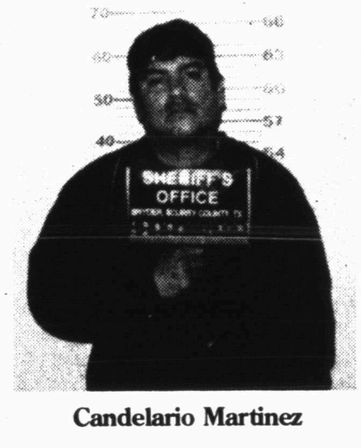

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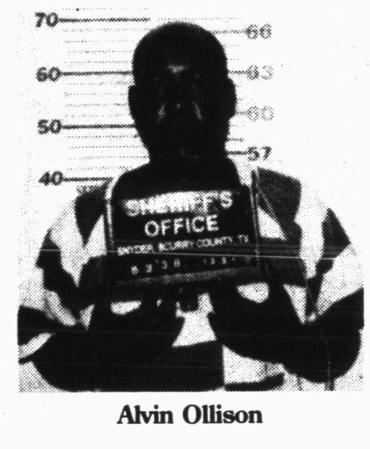

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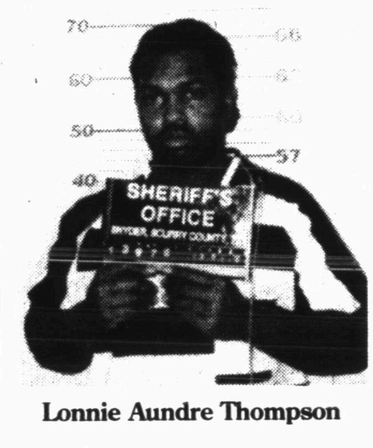

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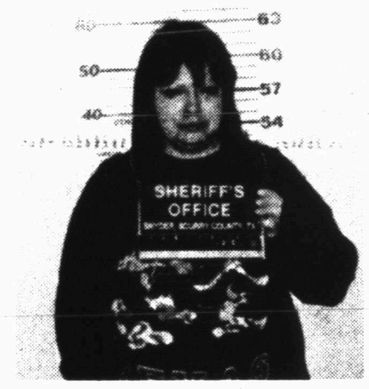

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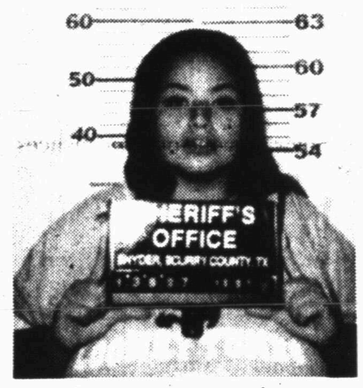

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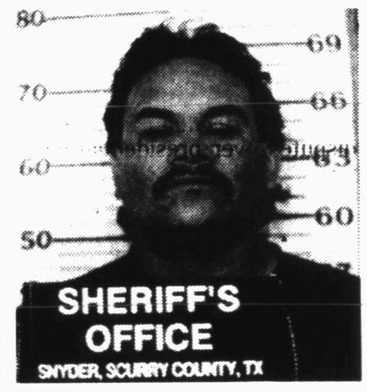

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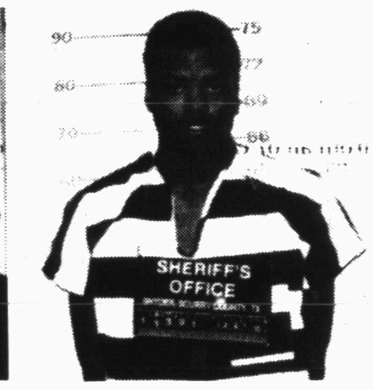

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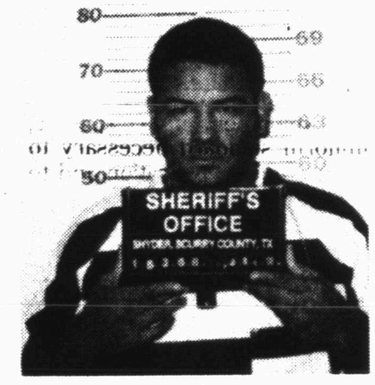

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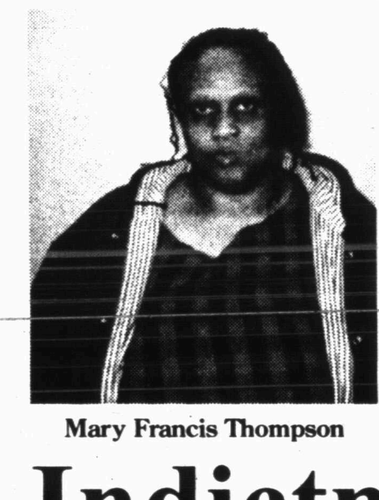

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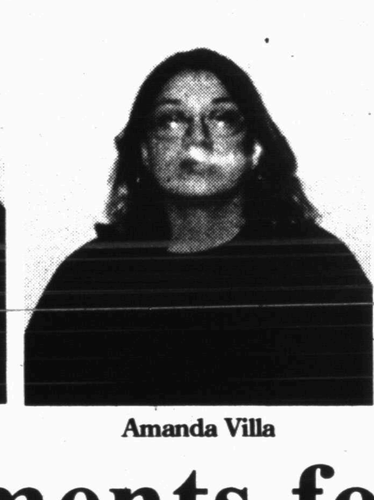


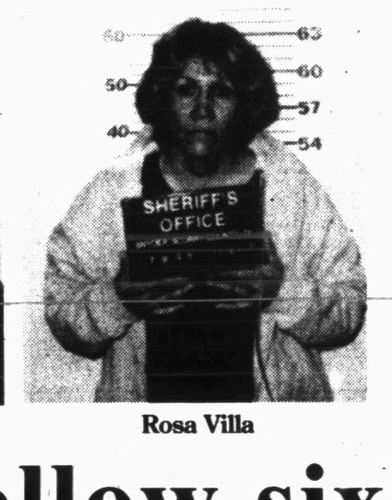
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Adrian Sneed


Colby Ward


Mary Francis Thompson


Amanda Villa


Rosa Villa

Some 30 law enforcement officers participated in a sweep that netted 27 suspects on drug charges. Two persons indicted by a Scurry County grand jury on Wednesday have not been arrested.

Indictments follow six-month investigation

Snyder residents arrested since the Scurry County grand jury met on Wednesday are:

-Alvin Leonard (Smokey) Ollison, 40, of 1007 29th St., on four counts of delivery of cocaine, and one count of delivery of methamphetamine.

-Danisha Venita Ollison, 23, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B1, four counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Darrell Eugene Hutcherson, 26, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B1, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Perry Ludon Greathouse, 30, 2607 Ave. I, one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Marlon Christopher Garrett, 30, 201 26th St., three counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Colby Shawn Ward, 18, 2811 Ave. X, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Debbie Faye Broom, 39, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 1A7, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Leo Jackson Jr., 48, 511 35th St., two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Terry Lynn Arnold, 47, 5863 W. Hwy. 180, one count of delivery of heroin.

-Welton Cobb, 44, 1201 29th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Michael Todd Jones, 41, 209 35th St., one count of possession of marijuana.

-Lisa Elayne Jones, 43, 209 35th St., one count of possession of marijuana.

-Amanda Villa, 25, 802 29th St., one count of possession of cocaine.

-Olga Jasso Rodriquez, 24, 317 30th St., one count of delivery of marijuana.

-Lonnie Aundre Thompson, 23, 3904 Eastridge, one count of delivery of marijuana and one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Bobby Garza, 29, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B11, engaging in organized criminal activity.

-Twana Lashon Pounds, 25, 603 29th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Lisa Kaye Villa, 33, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 2C7, one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Eddie Jene Moore, 47, 2705 Ave. Y, one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Linda Herminia Rodriguez, 37, 610 33rd St., one count possession of cocaine.

-Robert Longoria Rodriquez, 37, 500 31st St., one count of possession of cocaine.

-Thomas Davis, 58, 3789 Ave. V, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Candelario Martinez, 38, 605 30th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Rosa Martinez Villa, 45, 605 30th St., one count of delivery of cocaine.

-Adrian Jermaine Sneed, 24, 3307 Ave. M, two counts of delivery of cocaine.

-Kim Khoury Davis, 44, one count of possession of marijuana.

-Mary Francis Thompson, 46, 2843 Church Ave. one count of delivery of cocaine.

Two people indicted by the grand jury have not been arrested. These are Kevin Wayne Ward, 30, of 2811 Ave. X on two counts of delivery of cocaine, and Tony Eugene Cobb, 41, 3207 Ave. K, possession of marijuana.

Sheriff Jackson said if anyone knows the whereabouts of these individuals, to call the dispatcher's office at 573-3551.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Elian, election top stories in 2000

By The Associated Press

America's protracted election, the tug-of-war over Elian Gonzalez and the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole ranked as the top news stories of 2000, according to The Associated Press annual survey of its members.

No. 1 was no contest: George W. Bush's nail-biting triumph in Florida in an extraordinary presidential race resolved by the nation's highest court five weeks after Election Day. The story received a first-place ranking from 281 of the 312 AP newspaper and broadcast members who took part in the news cooperative's survey.

AP members also turned to Florida for the No. 2 story: The bitter custody battle with political overtones that centered on whether young Elian Gonzalez, rescued from the sea while fleeing Cuba with his mother, should stay with relatives in Miami or be returned to his father.

Following in the rankings were the attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors, soaring oil prices that sent prices at the pump sharply upward, and the recall of more than 6 million Firestone tires.

AP subscribers outside the United States offered a different take on the year's news.

Fifty overseas subscribers, in a separate poll, also chose the U.S. presidential battle as the top story. But they ranked the ouster of Yugoslavia's Slobodan Milosevic second, followed by Israeli-Palestinian violence. Next were the Aug. 12 disaster aboard the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and the historic summit between leaders of the two Koreas.

U.S. editors ranked Milosevic's toppling No. 9, the Middle East conflict No. 11, and the Russian sub tragedy No. 12. They did not place the Koreas summit among the top 20 stories — ranking it lower than the 2000 Olympic Games and Tiger Woods' three Grand Slam wins.

This was the 65th year that the AP polled its members. A first-place vote gave a story 10 points, a second-place vote nine points, and so on. The top story last year was President Clinton's impeachment trial.

Here are the top 10 stories of 2000 as ranked by AP members:

1) The presidential election: George W. Bush emerged the winner in an overtime election that took unprecedented legal and political twists.

2) Tug-of-war over Elian Gonzalez: After months of political and legal wrangling, armed federal agents seized the 6-year-old boy from his Miami relatives, and he was ultimately returned him to his father in Cuba.

3) USS Cole attack: Seventeen U.S. sailors died Oct. 12 when explosives transported in a small boat ripped open the hull of the 505-foot destroyer in Yemen.

4) Oil prices: Crude oil prices soared as OPEC curtailed production, leading to a worldwide outcry over higher fuel costs and prompting the United States to dip into its strategic reserves.

5) Firestone's troubles: The tire maker recalled more than 6 million tires after complaints of tread separations, blowouts and other problems that led to accidents. The federal government has linked 148 deaths and hundreds of injuries to the tires.

6) Microsoft breakup: A federal judge ordered Microsoft Corp. to split up in an antitrust case that, if upheld, could result in the largest government-ordered restructuring since AT&T's breakup in 1984.

7) Genetic code mapped: New medical frontiers opened when scientists announced that they had virtually deciphered the human genetic code.

8) The Year 2000: The new year arrived mostly glitch-free, with millennium celebrations drowning out doomsday predictions of Y2K computer problems.

9) Milosevic toppled: Following a disputed election, the 13-year rule of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic ended abruptly when thousands of people stormed parliament and forced him to hand power to rival Vojislav Kostunica.

10) Tobacco verdict: A jury ordered the tobacco industry to pay a record $145 billion in punitive damages to sick Florida smokers; tobacco lawyers warned that the verdict, if upheld, could bankrupt the industry.

Legislature should redesign ballots

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Developing a standard for hand recounts of ballots is a job for state lawmakers, the Florida Supreme Court said Friday in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended the marathon presidential election.

Development of a "specific, uniform standard necessary to ensure equal application and to secure the fundamental right to vote throughout the state of Florida should be left to the body we believe best equipped to study and address it, the Legislature," the court said in the unsigned opinion.

Two weeks ago, the court had given that job to a circuit judge ordered to oversee a hand recount of some 9,000 ballots from Miami-Dade County and the so-called "undervote" — ballots with choices that were not read by voting machines — from all 67 counties.

The only guidance given by the Florida Supreme Court in that 4-3 ruling was the "clear intent of the voter."

But 10 days ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ended the legal struggle between Al Gore and George W. Bush by reversing Florida's court-ordered recount of presidential ballots.

In Friday's opinion, the Florida court said a recount was impossible because of the federal court's demand for statewide standards and its recognition of a Dec. 12 deadline for settling disputes over presidential electors.

"I would think this is the last word from the court," Bush lawyer Barry Richard said.

Gore attorney Dexter Douglass agreed: "It's probably the last legal word."

"All the king's horses and all the king's men could not get a few thousand ballots counted," Justice Leander Shaw wrote Friday. "The explanation, however, is timeless. We are a nation of men and women, and although we aspire to lofty principles, our methods at times are imperfect."

Shaw was one of three justices who voted against a recount two weeks ago, a position upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

The nation has been through an ordeal, Shaw wrote, but has learned from the experience.

Court throws out Rideau's conviction

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court on Friday threw out the 1961 murder conviction of Wilbert Rideau, saying the celebrated prison journalist was the victim of racially biased selection of the grand jury that indicted him.

The court ordered that he be set free if the state does not quickly retry him.

The prosecutor plans to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rideau has been held at Louisiana State Prison at Angola for nearly 40 years. In 1976 he was named editor of The Angolite and transformed it from a mimeographed newsletter into a slick bimonthly magazine that has won a string of awards.

Rideau, 58, has never denied he killed a bank teller in 1961. The black inmate argued that blacks were excluded from the predominantly white grand jury that indicted him. On Friday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

Only one black was on the 20-member grand jury that indicted Rideau. The appeals court said blacks were excluded in violation of equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

"The state produced no evidence to rebut any portion of Rideau's prima facie case in either the two state evidentiary hearings or the federal district court proceedings," the appeals court said.

"Rideau's conviction must be reversed and his unconstitutionally obtained indictment quashed," it said.

Calcasieu Parish District Attorney F. Wayne Frey said he couldn't comment in detail because he didn't have a copy of the opinion, but he did say that his office would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. District Judge Frank Polozola had rejected Rideau's plea for freedom last year, saying that he had prejudiced the state's chances in any retrial by waiting so long to appeal. By now, most of the witnesses are dead, the judges are dead, the murder weapons cannot be found and grand jury records from the time have been discarded, Polozola said.

Polozola also said there was no evidence that the grand jury list was compiled to systematically exclude blacks. The Louisiana Supreme Court also ruled, twice, that there was no such evidence.

But now, the case goes back to Polozola with instructions that the state be given a reasonable time to reindict and retry Rideau, or he must be freed.

In 1961, when he was just 19, Rideau robbed a bank and took three hostages. While they begged for their lives, he shot them. One of the victims escaped. One, shot in the neck, feigned death. The third tried to crawl away and Rideau stabbed her and slashed her throat.

He was convicted and sentenced to death, but while waiting for his date in the electric chair, Rideau was reborn. He taught himself to read and began writing.

"I didn't want a criminal act to be the final definition of me," Rideau said in a 1999 Associated Press interview. "I picked up a pen and tried to do something good. It allowed me to weave meaning into what would have been a meaningless existence. It also gave me a chance to try to make amends."

In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Louisiana's death penalty and Rideau was resentenced to life.

Refused a job by the then all-white staff of the prison magazine, The Angolite, Rideau started his own publication,.

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Holiday closings are announced

Christmas Day on Monday prompts a number of closings around town.

City and county officers will be closed as will all local banks,

Snyder Chamber of Commerce is closed for the holidays, and the staff will not return until Jan. 2.

Scurry County Library will be closed Saturday through Tuesday, reopening as usual on Wednesday.

City offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday while the city landfill is closed Saturday and Monday.

The courthouse and other county offices will close Christmas Day only.

The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the Western Texas College campus, will close Monday and Tuesday for the holiday.

Students in Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh schools are out for the holidays and will not return until Jan. 3. However, teachers in all three schools return Jan. 2 for a staff development workday.

The spring semester at Western Texas College will start Jan. 17.

Angels

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materials. She even has angel wind chimes, a present from daughter Judy Pilot who lives in Carlsbad, and another angel made of cotton balls. She doesn't care what the angels are made of as long as each has wings.

She displays them in every room of her home, including the bathroom. Angels hang on walls, grace the fireplace mantel, occupy shelves, and fill the China closet as well as decorate the tree.

In fact, she said she has so many angels that she is running out of room to display them.

Dorothy does not know how many angels she has collected over the years. "I'm not sure I can count that high," she joked.

Man notifies police of broken window

• ***Broken window***

David Lyle requested an officer at Snyder Lanes bowling alley at 11:51 p.m. in reference to the back window of his vehicle being broken.

He told police that he was unsure if the damage was from natural causes or if it had been shot out, so he declined to file an offense report.

• ***Arrest***

A 17-year-old man was taken into custody at 1:33 p.m. on warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear.

• ***Accidents***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 10:57 a.m. Friday in the 1800 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1997 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Barbara Sharp Gray, 64, of Rotan and a 1999 Ford F-150 driven by James William Tatom, 21, of 1802 Scott.

At 12:41 p.m. Friday, officers were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident in the 3900 block of College. Involved were a 1968 Ford F-100 pickup driven by A.C. Thompson, 60, of 707 26th Street and a 2000 Dodge Dakota pickup driven by Wilmer Porter Richards, 75, of 1604 52nd Street Apt. #44.

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Knapp Baptist change

Knapp Baptist Church will have its regular church service at 10 a.m. this Sunday, rather than 11 a.m. Call pastor Leroy Ochoa at 573-6009 for more information.

Christmas Eve candlelight service

The Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold its Christmas Eve service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, located at 37th St. and El Paso.

First Christian Church services.

The First Christian Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, located at 2701 37th St.

The Christmas Story

Northside Missionary Baptist Church, 1909 16th St., will present "The Christmas Story" cantata at 11 a.m. Christmas Eve. The 45-minute program will also be signed for the hearing-impaired. For transportation, call 573-7105.

North College Ave. Baptist

North College Ave. Baptist Church will hold its Christmas Eve Candlelight and Lord's Supper service at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve.

Candlelight service

First Presbyterian Church, 2712 Ave. R, will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

Community candlelight service

A community celebration of carols, candlelight and Holy Communion will be held at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve at First United Methodist Church, 2700 College Ave.

FBC Christmas Eve services

First Baptist Church will have one worship service Sunday morning, at 10:15. There will be no Bible classes. The Sunday evening candlelight service and Lord's Supper begins at 6 o'clock.

Word Is Life Church

The Word is Life Church will present Keith Longbotham and his niece, Macy Hill, in ministry at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Longbotham travels the nation sharing the messsage of the power of God's love. Hill is a young recording artist. Everyone is invited.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. each Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Auditor reception

A retirement reception to honor County Auditor Eddie McHaney will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday in the county courtroom on the third floor.

Retirement honor

A retirement reception will be held from 10 until 11:30 a.m. Friday in the District Courtroom for John Cline who is retiring after 36 years as the court reporter.

Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA Booster Club members will have a Turkey Shoot next Sunday from noon until dark at the Canyon Gun Club Range. R.S.V.P. by calling Skip Craig at 573-7750 or 725-7027; or Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

New Year's service

Apostolic Faith Church, 25th Street and Ave. Z, will have a New Year's Service starting at 8 p.m. next Sunday. The service will include various speakers and music. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Raw peanuts for sale

The women of The Church of God in Ira are selling raw peanuts for holiday cooking. The cost is $10 for a five-pound bag. To order, call Sheila Alexander at 573-8148, or Juanita Hester at 728-3312.

Retirement reception

A come-and-go retirement reception in honor of Bob Martin, Windham School District deputy superintendent for Region 5, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the region office located on the south side of the Price Daniel unit.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 5. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 9 a.m. Jan. 17 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services (formerly Noah Project-West) will offer a Volunteer Training class from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Gateway Family Services. RSVP at 573-1822.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

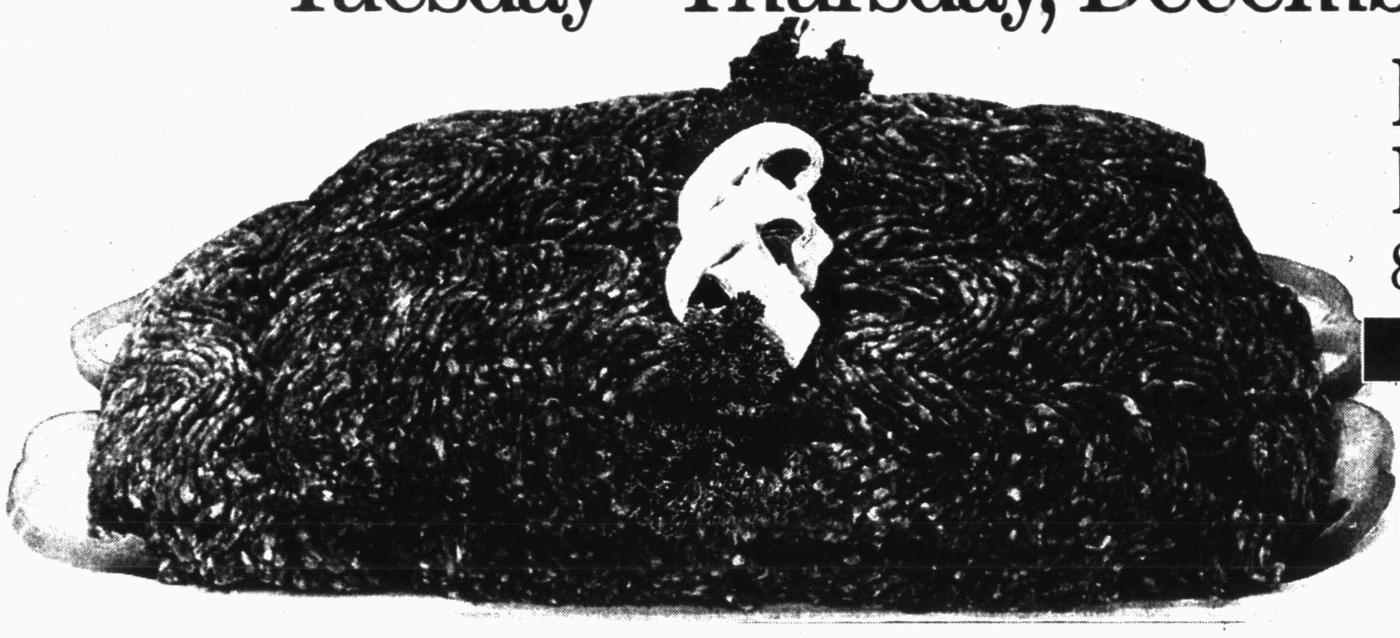
Cancer treatment transportation

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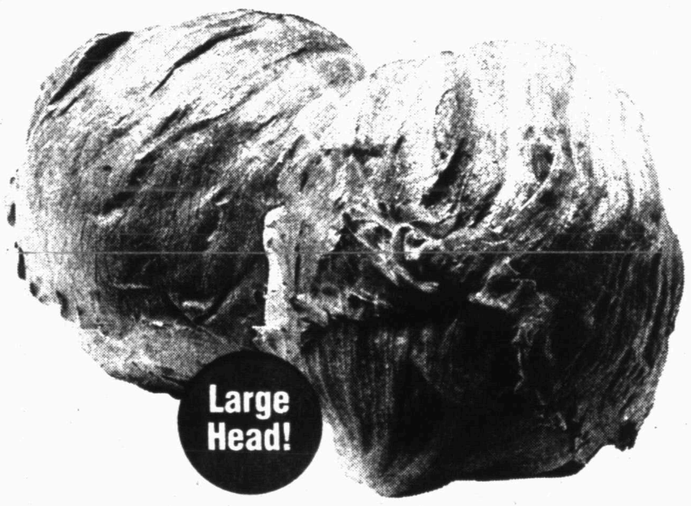


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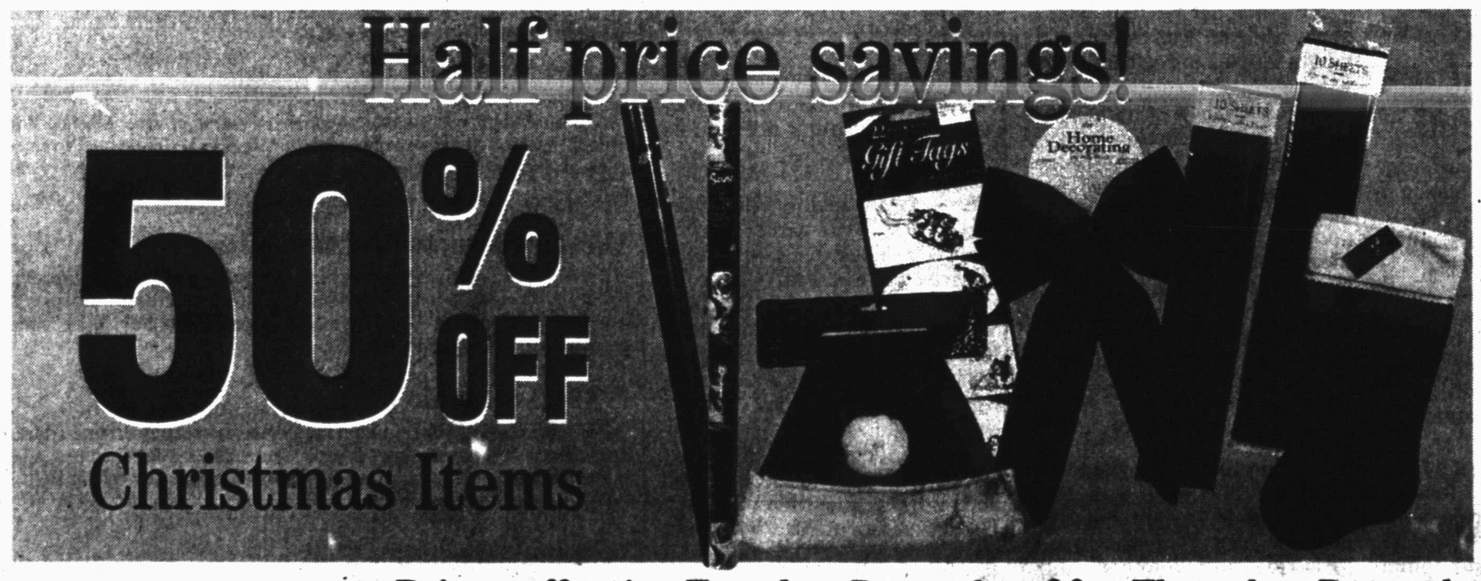
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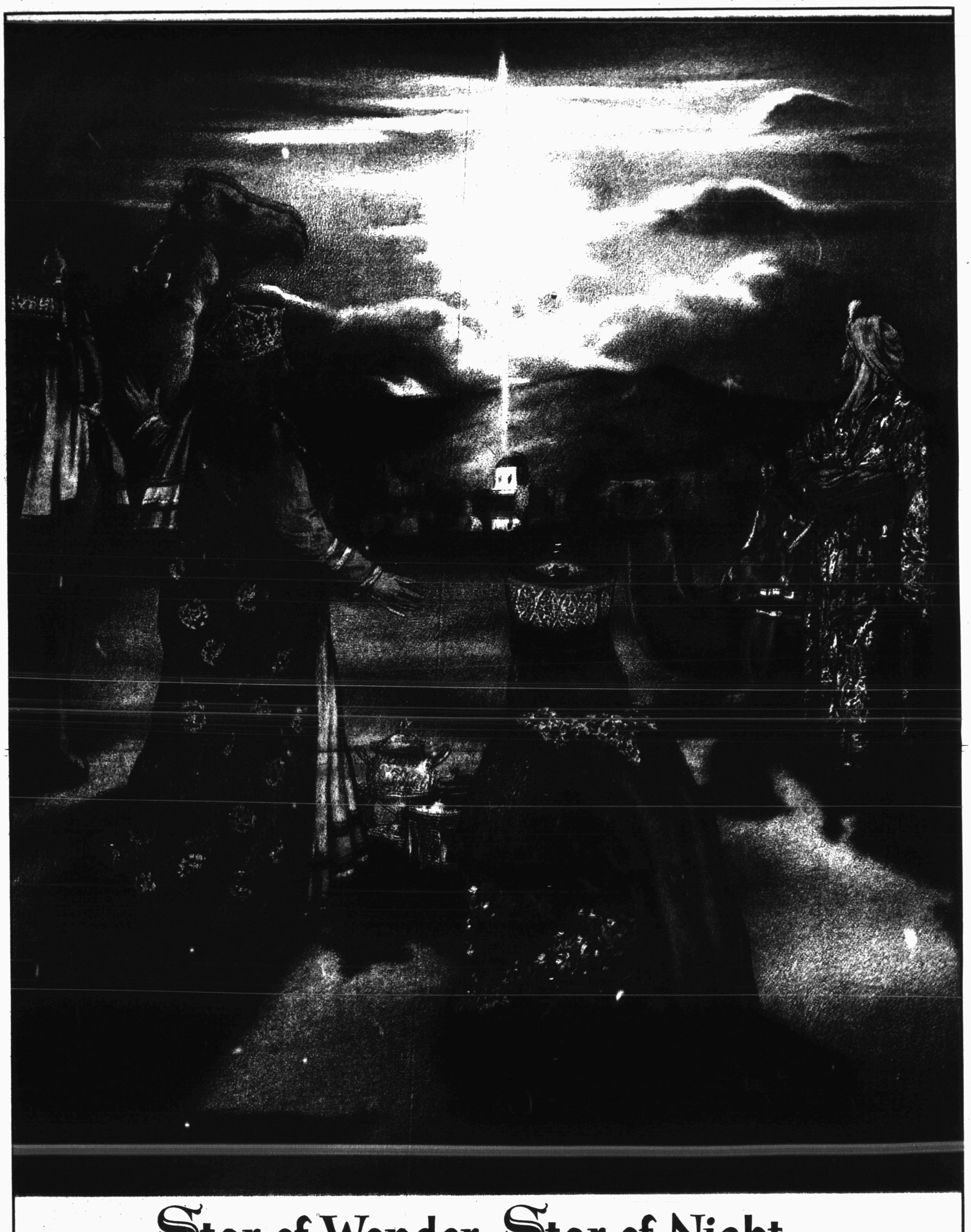
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Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a flower lamp, a Barbie that makes a cake, a new tent — a Barbie tent, and Penny. I want a swimming pool. I want a toy sheep and a carriage and a scooter. Make sure that all the boys and girls be very good. I love you.
Allison Downing

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good little girl. I love to get into my sister's things. I love to color and read books. I am 1 ½ years old. Please bring me some toys and books. I love you.
Hannah Downing

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Password Journal and a Password Scrapbook and automatic dog. I want a scooter and lava lamp and a glitter lamp. I also want crown that looks real. I want a horse, a fish, a swimming Pool, and a clubhouse. I hope you're having a Merry Christmas.
Love you,
Meagan Downing

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and a present with a bear. I want a play truck and a race car. I want a helmet.
Love you,
Blake Redman

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a car and a firetruck with a remote control and lights. I want lots of cars and a big car.
Love you,
Fabian Carrisalez

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jeep.
Love you,
Jacob Speed

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie.
Love you
Jakiya Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie car and a Barbie with it.
Love you,
Jeannie Dean

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a telescope and a pet.
Love you,
Leia Chester

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some pants, pencils, bubbles and shoes. I want toys. I want a computer and a dog. I want Winnie the Pooh.
Love you,
Priscilla DeLuna

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jeep and a robot. I want a playing game and a car.
Love you,
Timothy Sifuentes

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a scooter, a Barbie, a swimming pool, a Barbie car and a t.v.
Love you,
Tyson Hester

Dear Santa Claus
I want a Pokeman's trading cards, Pokeman's cards and bubbles.
Love you,
Ashlyn Rocha

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big baby and a Poochie. I want a Shadow puppy.
Love you,
Bethany Iglehart

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a present, doll, dress, blocks, a real pig, a little box, clothes, snow, dog and Barbie
Love you,
Chloe Parrish

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie microphone and I want a baby doll. I want a Barbie and Winnie the Pooh so I can push Winnie the Pooh's nose.
Love you,
Dakota Sawyer

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Santa Claus to bring a remote control car and a race car. I want a Power Ranger.
Love you,
J.J. Ludwig

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a robot puppy, a new skateboard, skates, and Power Ranger's rescue thing.
Love you,
Joey Alvarez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to choo-choo train and dinosaur toy and Buzz toy.
Love you,
Jonathan Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want Santa Claus to bring me a robot, robot dog, soldier's boat, twister car, money, and T-rex truck. I want a camera.
Love you,
Kristofer Wright

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a VCR and dishes.
Love you,
Latysha Richardson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want lipstick and snow so I can make a snowgirl.
Love you,
LeAnn Hall

Dear Santa Claus,
I want make-up, colors, and a doll.
Love you,
Maria Campos

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie doll, Barbie doll table, Barbie doll clothes, Barbie doll shoes, and Barbie doll pants and Barbie doll shirts. That is all I want.
Love you,
Miccah Wesley

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a jack-in-the-box and scooter. I want some bubbles and a baby doll and a computer. I eant a bag for my baby's diapers.
Love you,
Shawnee Williams

Dear Santa Claus,
I want make-up, a new Barbie, and 2 new playdough. I think that's it.
Love you,
Terra Gale

Dear Santa,
Please give me thes things wonders of spring, love stems from friendship, potti and spots, apple dumpling, time for bed Pooh, Let's read a bedtime story Pooh girl, birthstone dreamers, baby minnie sweet dreams, little all-star, end of a long day. Perfect hugs, Ally, her mother's voice, Claudia, Jesus Loves Me, Paula and Poky, Alyssa, vinyl Christy, big huge white bear with a scarf and a hat.
Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,
I whant a dog, bike, scooter, gold fish, cat, horse, baby bear.
Love
Benjamin Alfaro

Dear Santa,
I want a Divastar and some clothes for it and a barbie.
Kyra Lara

Dear Santa,
Santa Claus, I wish that I could have a remote control car and a snake in it. And Santa, I wish that you get me what I want for Christmas. What I want is what Jessica got it has 2 markers and you write on it. And I wish I could a big, big, stocking that is bigger than my house. I want a Santa hat.
Santa, have a nice Christmas Eve.
Love,
Kirsten Shankles
P.S. I also want mittens

Dear Santa,
I want a boxer toy and a new scooter. I want a Santa toy and a big remote control monster truck. I want my sister to have a Barbie. Thank you!
Love,
Felix Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a cotton-candy-maker and I need a new scarf and tobogan. I want a toy 4-wheeler and an army set and some army jeans and an army tent. And I want some of that goose stuff that goose stuff that was in my stocking last year. And I want a toy clown. Thank you very much. Have a good Christmas!
Love,
Karsten Morrell



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Dear Santa,
I want to have a Digimon and a Batman and I want a Pokemon and a playstaion with a wrestling game and a fighting game and a football game, I still want a remote control car and Santa I want you to have a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday.
Love,
Aaron Lane
P.S. I also want Dragonball Z

Dear Santa,
I would like a monster truck and a fire fighter truck and a Tyko RC and an Aaron Carter song.
Thank you!
Love,
Barney Ramirez
P.S. I want a Pokemon toy.

Dear Santa,
I want a Light-speed Rescue and X-men set. I want a Miami Dolphin helmet and the whole set of Miami Dolphin Dan Merrino stuff. Thank you!
Love,
Ricky Aaron Williams

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and I will try to keep my room cleaner next year.
I would like a skeeter scooter, a "Road to El Dorado" movie, Robot, Pochie Dog and Cat, A big doll that looks like Sarah.
Sarah Cearley

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause and the raindeer? For Christmas I would like a Barbie jeep, the Rocky and Bullwinkle pinball machine, Barbie raideo house, Rocky and Bullwinkle flying play set.
Senceraly,
Amanda Browning

Dear Santa,
How are you? You have been a good Santa. Do you think I have been good enough to get some toys this Christmas? Please bring me some.
Tayla Wesson

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and the efl's? I hope you get lots of res before Christmas. I want a bitty baby a telescope, and a bitty baby changing table. Hope you can do all that and that it won't be much trouble for the elf's too. Well get lots and lots of rest. BYE!
Love,
Meghan Cooley

Dear Santa,
I hope you don't have a hard day on Xmas eve. If you come to my house I will have cookies and milk. Please leave me a gift and my second note will be with the cookies and milk.
Your friend,
Nathan Manley

Dear Santa,
How is the weather up there? How are you doing at the North Pole are the rainder doing ok? Are the elves making gifts for everone? The biggest present I want this year is a trampoline.
Sincerely
Johnathan Tarter

Dear Santa,
How do you like living in the North Pole? What's the weather like up there" Have ya'll got much blizzards? How are all the reindeers and Mrs. Claus doing? Well, for Christmas I want a C.D. player.
Krystal Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is Blitzen? I wasn't to know how Blitzen doing now that you have him in the back. Santa, make them be in alphbetical order/ Please, and Santa don't try act like really please, you'll make Mrs. Claus faint!
Meranda Hernandez
Hi mom dad

Dear Santa,
With your beard so white, when you come tonight won't you bring me a girl computer, an amazing dolly doll, and anything else, I don't care.
Eleanor Ashley

Dear Santa,
I really try to be good most of the time. Oh I almost forgot to ask how it is up ther? I hope your elves know what I want this Christmas.
Sinserely,
Deanna Mills

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope you have a great Christmas! For Christmas I want a scooter (any color) a password Jornal, dimond earings, and a password scrapbook. I can't wait till Christmas! I love everything about it miseltoe, snow, snowman and candy canes! Hope you have a merry Christmas.
Love,
Meagan Downing
P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
How are you? Make sure Roodolf doesn't get a cold this Christmas. For Christmas I want a scooter and a cd player. Next for Christmas I want ever kid to get a present that will be big present. Now I want is a cd disk of backstreet boys and NSCY.
With Love and Care,
Amber Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
How is it up there? Are the rain dear ok I bet they are I think you're getting rest for your big trip How is Mrs. Claus. Is she proud of you for being Santa Claus? I bet she is. This is want for Christmas I want a little bear and a pokemom boy.
Kayelyn Benitez

Dear Ho Ho,
Please bring me a Barbie Doll, a bed for my babies and a kitchen. I have been a good girl. I'm sorry I wouldn't sit in your lap, but I'm scared of you! So please don't come in my room! I'm 3 years old and my Ganny is writing this letter for me.
Thank you,
Erin Taylor Hickman

Dear Santa,
I want a cereyoce mishin and close and shoes and a braslit.
Brittni Chaidez

Dear Santa,
I want a pokemon game boy game it says gold in the front of it.
From
Danny Clawson

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a Cabbage patchy doll, puppy, Barbie, trampoline. But what I really want for Christmas is my neise to get better.
Love,
Kristi Guerrero

Dear Santa,
I want: cell phone, a go cart.
Love,
Zack Ball

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I wont a cars and some cd and candy in my stocken and locke for a note.
Love,
Tanner Robertson

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy and I want a supper train megar and a scooter.
Cody Lee

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. I want a silver, gold, gold scooter with black wheels, a net for my trampoline, a plastation with games, games with my gameboy. I want a N64 NFL Blitz 2001-2002.
Love,
L.A. Jaramillo

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a TV a play station and some cds some videos, a overhead some posters a play station 2, some play station 2 cds.
Love,
Stephen Kelley

Dear Santa,
I want a barbies cash register and a pet poodle and cloes and a randoa and a swim pool and a tramplin and a tent with a sleeping bag and go cart and a art set and a scooter and a telphon and a new hous and fanucher.
Love,
Cassandra Benitez

Dear Samta,
I would like to have: a bike, a mongosse helmet (real) Nitowou game, niga tutle.
Tye Holley

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want some cds, a cd player, a big dog, and a big brother, please my cat new claws. I want stuff Winnie the pooh doll.
From,
Jessica Steelman

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a real puppy for Christmas. It is called a Yorcy. I had a Yorcy but it died. I like your reindeer, I will get them some water on the roof. I will get you some cookies, milk and cheese.
Thank you,
Love,
Kayli Brewster

Dear Santa,
I love you. For Critmas I would like a power scooter with laster lights, 3 pairs of pjs and some clicky pencils.
Love,
Tiffany Roemer

Dear Santa,
I want a cd, a play station 2, a trip to the North Pole, a rozor scooter colors. Dear Santa I will give up some of my toys to get a rozor scooter. I am kinda spoiled roten and stuf. I love you.
Justin Iglehart

Dear Santa,
I don't know if I've been good but I will tell you what I whant for Christmas. A dirtbike, computer, and Good luk on our way to Mexieo.
Eduardo Arellano

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want 3 wishes CDs, CD tape player hooked scooter, gameboy, swing sett, cool clothes, cool shoes, all the pets in the world. Tell Mrs. Claus hi and give rudoff a kiss for me.
Meagan Smith
P.S. hope you like the cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,
Get the carrots in the refrigertor and I want a Go Cart and a Playstation 2 and a 2001 Barbie for my sister.
Love,
Victor Chhuor

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I would want a basketball, bike, clothes, computer games, gloves, Nitendo, and some Nitendo games and PJ.'s and some C.D's and a toy car for my brother. For my sister some new ear phones. For my big brother a new blanket.
That's all
Larissa Arellano





"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

- Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit from St. Nicholas

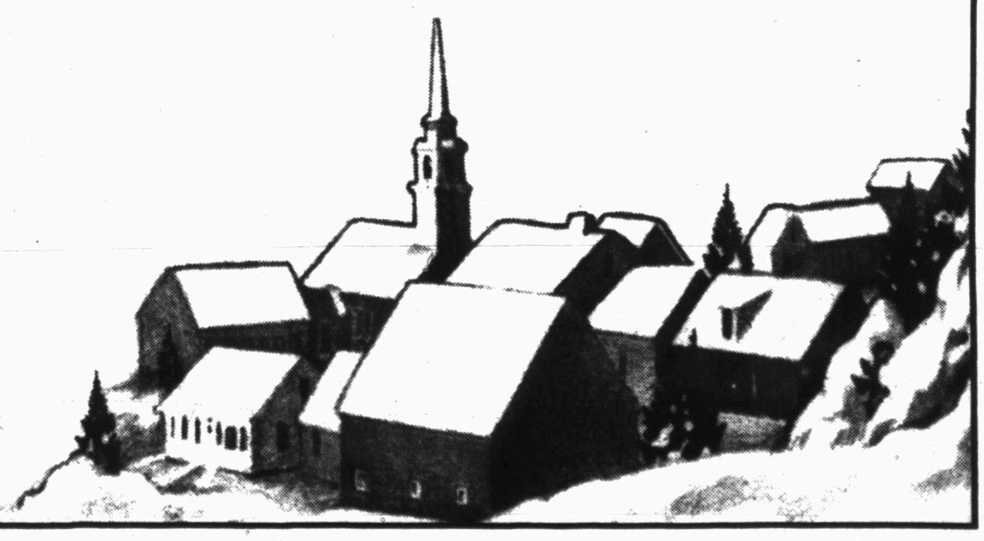
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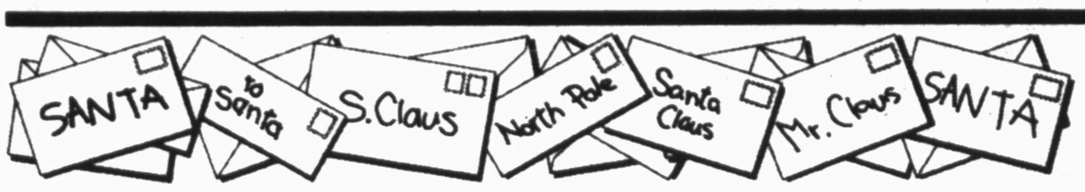
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Dear Santa,
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Can you bring me a red tricycle? I would also like some Wizard of Oz dolls and a spotted puppy — like Pongo.

Thank yo for bringing presents to all the good boys and girls.

Love,
Peyton Louise Holloway

Dear Santa,
I have been a good big brother most of the time. I help my dad do hard stuff that he can't do by himself. I help mom clean up the toys.

Thank you for the Volcano Blow Out and the baseball bat you brought last year. May I have a new bike this year? I would like a football helmet with Texas Longhorns on it and a football suit with Longhorns too. I am six years old.

Your friend,
Hunter Ray Holcomb

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Bow and Arrow and a Knife and a Surprise a pair of Binoculars.

Love,
Jake Strickland

Dear Santa,
I like to share with my big brother. I like to make my mother, daddy and brother happy. I am three years old.

I would like to have a bike and a new baseball glove.

Thank you for coming to see me every year.

Love,
Bryson Thomas Holcomb

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I'm just fine. What would I like for Christmas this year? Well, I've got mostly all I want this year, ya know except for the big stuff like a new car which I know your elves don't make. What I would like to happen is that my friends will get what they want and also much more. Well, I got to go now, so bye!

Sincerely,
Casandra Darlin

Dear Santa,
My name is Riley and I am four years old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas I would like anything and everything. Please bring my brothers some presents, too. Tell Mrs. Claus hello for me.

Love,
Riley Arnold

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I help my little brother read books and play the computer. I want a Magical Mermaid Barbie and a puppy like Tiger, my grandpa's puppy. My little brother has been good too. He wants a helicopter and presents.

How do your reindeer fly? I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies. Have a safe trip.

Love,
Kristine and Luke Kruger

Dear Sentuy clos,
I wood like a cergyokemishis for Christmas and sum boody fashion close and shoes to and a braslit like Mis. Smith.

Love,
Brittni

Dear Santa,
I clean my room and help clean the yard and house.

I want a laser and a race sword and armor and the move the Trip to Evorado and a play toy wolf and go cart with set belts and boom box.

John Wilson

Dear Santa,
I do great clean my room. What I want for Christmas is a Moblkontral cara and a scooter and for us to have a happy Christmas and for Jonnie to live happy.

Love,
Brandon Porter

Dear Santa,
I am hoping for lots of presents, because I have been a goof girl lately. I have done my corse. I clean my room. One day I helped clean my neighbors yard before. I have cleaned my sister room too! I have been a good girl.

I would like a bike, a Gameboy color, blue verzen Pokemon, Baby born, skates, a dog; candy, flowers, a puppy, a lot of book like a book about Mummy, a book about fossils, and about animals, I would like to have glasses, a book about babys, a piano, a flout, a drum set, a dogs bunk bed, crayons, a ruler, pencils, a crayons bag, notebooks, bookmarks, ten million dollars plus tax which is nindy-nine cence. A tetty bear, a stuffed eat, a bird, a butterfly coletion, and a street for Water roavers. I would please have all thos things.

Sincely,
Marissa Jackson
P.S. I will leave you cookeys and milk. Water for Rudolf.

Dear Santa,
I am hoping that you are planning to come see me this year because I have been a good girl. I have been listening to my teacher. I have been cleaning my room. I moped the floor for my mom. I do my chores like taking out the trash and picking up my toys.

Please being me a Barbie Studio Nail Salon, Barbie Studio Lip gloss Maker, Baby Doll Set, Clothes, Shoes, Blue Scooter, Blue Beanbag, Bacstreet Boys CD that's all.

Love,
Tosha McGlouthin

Dear Santa,
I am hoping that you can visit me because I been listening to my teacher and parents. Sometimes I babysit my neases and nefew. I clean the kitchen sometimes.

Please bring me a Barbie Cashriseger and a pair of shoes and a present for my teacher and a present for my family and CD player, Nsync Puppets Please.

Your friend,
Shelly Garza
P.S. I'll leave you milk and cookies.

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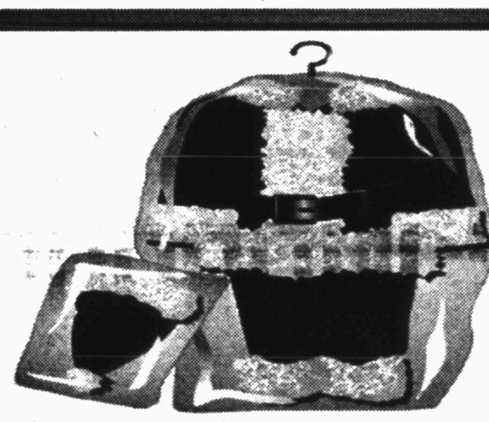
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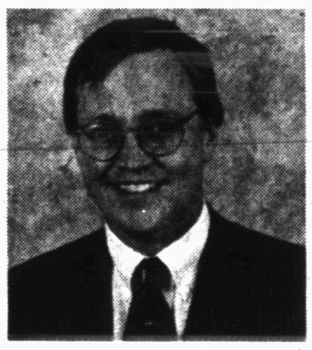


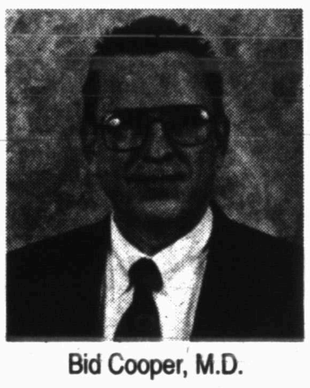
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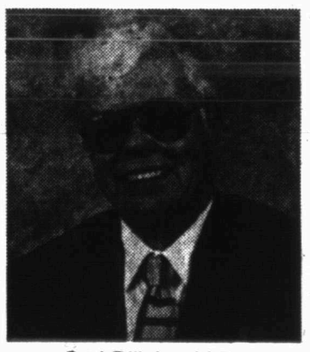
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Merry Christmas

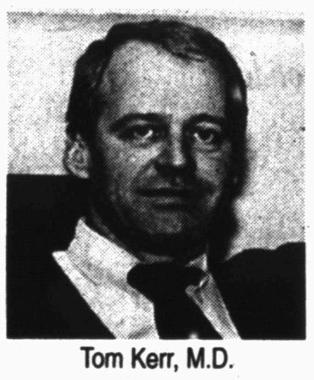
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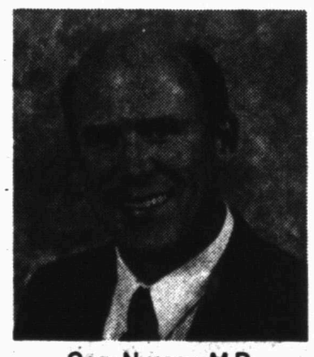

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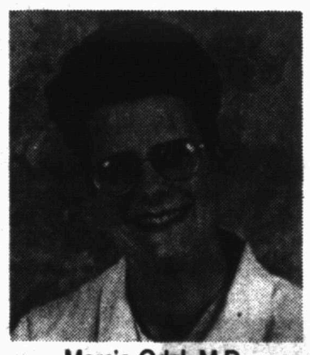

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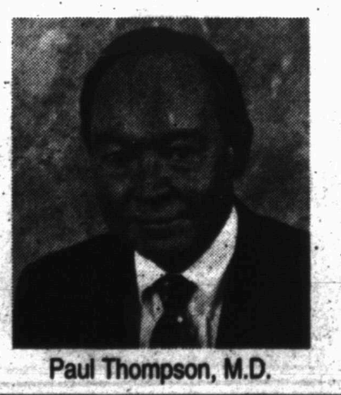

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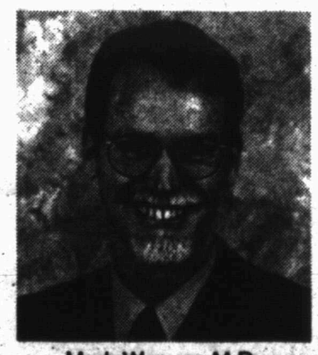

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Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping because I have help my friend Eiran with her bed I help my dad with the car.
Please bring me a gameboy and a game to go with it pleas I would like to see Nick.
Your friend,
Kelly Martinez
P.S. I hope to see you.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will bring me presents. I have been very good this year. I have done my homework and returned it. I have listened to my teachers at school and done my chores. I feed my dog, wash the dishes for my mom. I be polite to my friends a lot.
Please bring me a bike. I would love new clothes. It would be wonderful to have a cd of Britney Spears the new one. I would want the game Chickens. I would want a book about dogs and hair clips. Please bring me a pair of earrings. It would be wonderful to have a sweater and jeans. I want a book. I want a pair of braclets and roller bladedes.
Very truly yours,
Josie Ornelas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping your bring me some present this year because I clean my room I help my parents at home I help wash the dishes and listen to my parents. I would like a Backstreet Boys CD I would like to have a game boy coler little Mermaid two and a stairo a blue berrie one please prutty please whith cherrie on top.
Your friend,
Mallory Silva
P.S. I will leave milk and cookes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping that you bring me a present because I have been good this year. By helping wash dishes and baby sitting my cousin and listening to my mother and father and teacher doing my homework.
Please bring me a Nsync teashirt and a game boy and clothes and a Pokemon Yahtzee Jr and one more last thing a new computer.
Sincerely yours
Yvette Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will bring me gifts because I help feed chickens. I've helped carry in grocerys. And done nice handwriting (very nice) Please bring me a data card and a pocket calculator and I would like Super Mario 64. And Mario party 2.
Very Truly Yours,
Justin Knoche
P.S. I'll leave milk and cookies.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I'v fed my dog. I'v been good at school. I help clean up the house. And I'v cleaned my room.
Can I have a bike please!
Love Santa Claus,
Hayden Chandler
P.S. Can I have an elfe please

Dear Santa Claus,
I hoping you will bring me someing speshel. I have helped arond the house. I been helping with the baby. I have their the trash. I have got the mail ever day.
Please bring me a moe gameboy coler with gamse a redy and a bike with pegs please?
Very truly your.
Jonathan Verduzco
P.S. I will leve you some milk and cookes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you bring me gifts because I've been good this year. I mind my teacher a lots.
Please Santa bring my family to gether for Christmas. I want new tiers for my bike please?
Sincerely,
Toby Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will bring me presents this year. I have been very good this year. I have washed the dishes and clean my room and bathroom. I help my brother clean their room.
Please bring me a bike. Please bring me some clothes. Please bring me a Play station.
Your friend
Micayla Redman

P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am hoping that you come and visit me. I have been very good this year. I have been throwing the trash, clean my room and help my dad feed my cat.
Please being me a Gameboy, cd's, clothes, shoes and trumpet.
Sincerely,
Justin Rivera

Have a Joyous Season

We hope you make the most of the holidays with family, friends and festivities. May they bring you much happiness and contentment.

Thank you for allowing us to make the most of our business with your loyal support. We look forward to serving you in the new year.

Merry Christmas from
Larry & Brenda Lee
Steve, Melissa, Sterling & Colton Lee
LARRY'S TRUCKS & STUFF
300 Coliseum Dr.
573-3188



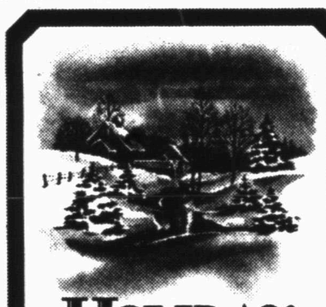
Wishing You An
Old-Fashioned Christmas
With warmth and good cheer from days of yore, we wish you a Merry Christmas and many more.
Trans Tex Tool
West of City 573-3776

CHRISTMAS BELLS A-RINGING
We hope you and your little helpers ring in the season with laughter, good tidings, and fun.
Thanks for helping make our year a happy and successful one.
SONIC
4100 College Ave.
573-7620

At This
WONDROUS *Time...*

When the newly fallen snow
Gives a shimmer to the ground
And covers the world in white,
The tranquil feeling inside says,
"It must be Christmas night!"

THE HAIR STATION
2005 26th 573-0885



HOLIDAY JOY
May your holiday be a great time to reflect and relax.
We appreciate your continued support.
Melton Plumbing
3405 Irving
573-4301



CHRISTMAS
Is In The Air!

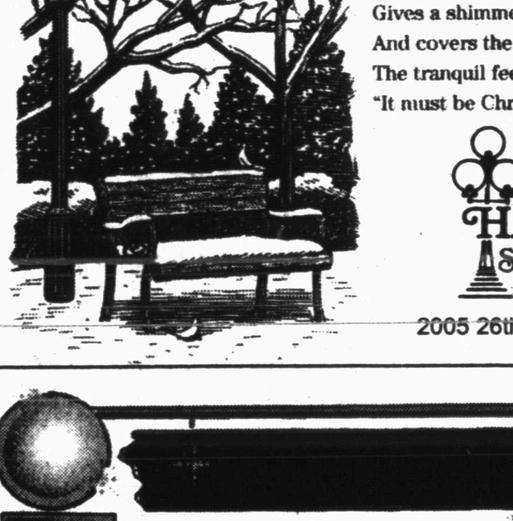
It's just days before Christmas and all through the town.
We see happy people; not even one frown.
It's great to see folks who show so much care
For their friends and their neighbors - today it's so rare.
So we'd like to thank you this time of the year
For all of the memories we hold so dear.
As customers, as neighbors, you all mean so much
To us, your community and all whom you touch.

Have a wonderful holiday!

TXU
TXU Electric & Gas

Santa's On His Way...

With gifts piled high atop his sleigh,
And every boy and girl will try
To fight off sleep and maybe spy
A glimpse of St. Nick as he flies into town
And finds a chimney to shimmy down.
And though soon they're asleep
Next morning will find
Some great surprises he left behind.



Roe's
4001 Highland
Shopping Center
573-3402
www.Roes. Home Appliances.com



Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping because I have help my friend Eiran with her bed I help my dad with the car.
Please bring me a gameboy and a game to go with it pleas I would like to see Nick.
Your friend,
Kelly Martinez
P.S. I hope to see you.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will bring me presents. I have been very good this year. I have done my homework and returned it. I have listened to my teachers at school and done my chores. I feed my dog, wash the dishes for my mom. I be polite to my friends a lot.
Please bring me a bike. I would love new clothes. It would be wonderful to have a cd of Britney Spears the new one. I would want the game Chickens. I would want a book about dogs and hair clips. Please bring me a pair of earrings. It would be wonderful to have a sweater and jeans. I want a book. I want a pair of braclets and roller bladedes.
Very truly yours,
Josie Ornelas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping your bring me some present this year because I clean my room I help my parents at home I help wash the dishes and listen to my parents. I would like a Backstreet Boys CD I would like to have a game boy coler little Mermaid two and a stairo a blue berrie one please prutty please whith cherrie on top.
Your friend,
Mallory Silva
P.S. I will leave milk and cookes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping that you bring me a present because I have been good this year. By helping wash dishes and baby sitting my cousin and listening to my mother and father and teacher doing my homework.
Please bring me a Nsync teashirt and a game boy and clothes and a Pokemon Yahtzee Jr and one more last thing a new computer.
Sincerely yours
Yvette Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will bring me gifts because I help feed chickens. I've helped carry in grocerys. And done nice handwriting (very nice) Please bring me a data card and a pocket calculator and I would like Super Mario 64. And Mario party 2.
Very Truly Yours,
Justin Knoche
P.S. I'll leave milk and cookies.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very good this year. I'v fed my dog. I'v been good at school. I help clean up the house. And I'v cleaned my room.
Can I have a bike please!
Love Santa Claus,
Hayden Chandler
P.S. Can I have an elfe please

Dear Santa Claus,
I hoping you will bring me someing speshel. I have helped arond the house. I been helping with the baby. I have their the trash. I have got the mail ever day.
Please bring me a moe gameboy coler with gamse a redy and a bike with pegs please?
Very truly your.
Jonathan Verduzco
P.S. I will leve you some milk and cookes

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you bring me gifts because I've been good this year. I mind my teacher a lots.
Please Santa bring my family to gether for Christmas. I want new tiers for my bike please?
Sincerely,
Toby Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will bring me presents this year. I have been very good this year. I have washed the dishes and clean my room and bathroom. I help my brother clean their room.
Please bring me a bike. Please bring me some clothes. Please bring me a Play station.
Your friend
Micayla Redman

P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa Claus,

I am hoping that you come and visit me. I have been very good this year. I have been throwing the trash, clean my room and help my dad feed my cat.
Please being me a Gameboy, cd's, clothes, shoes and trumpet.
Sincerely,
Justin Rivera

Dear Santy Claus,

I have been vary good this year. I haved help my mom. I wont two pirss uv shoos please. I wont Kloess please.
Your friend
Monica Escorenta
I am going to liv milk and cooks

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you are going to visit my house because I have done my chores. I was wondering if I was getting any presents this year. I hope you get this letter.
I would want a bike, a scooter, a game boy coler, a pair of shoes, and a Barbie, and a C.D. player and a necklace, please.

Sincerely
Avery Ware
P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been trining to be good. I have been doing dishes. Feding my pets. Clean my room.
I want that big remnkin trole car. That flash tron 2 car. Pant ball tun. That remocem trole moter sicill. Please
Love,
Colton Lane
P.S. I hope the elvs are worcing hard

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping I have been very good this year. I been help my mom an dad. I fed my dogs. I clen my room. I wont a games and cds and cars.
Your friend,
Juan Estrada
P.S. I leve some cookies

Dear Santa Claus,
I am hoping you will come to visit me. Because I have worked hard in school, I have also folded clothes and played the piano.
May I please bring me a laptop and a new Christmas dress and a new Milleneon Barbie please can I have a Amazing baby.
Love,
Cassie Cochran
P.S. I love you

Dear Santa,
I want some new shoes and clothes and some toys and a lot more and a bike and I really really want for my uncal to come home for Christmas.
Your friend,
Monique Torres

Dear Santa,
I thank you for all the things you have given me in the past. And thank you for all you will send.
Think of the sad families and send them clothes and food. Be with my sister Korby. I would like a scooter and army boots and army clothes,
Your friend
Brodie Calley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents you have give the world.
Give a special friend of mine and her family a Wonderful Christmas. Please give me a horse and Saddle.
Your friend,
Autumn Nicole Castillo

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me a scooter and a pair of roler blades? I keep trying to be good in school. I hope my dad gets his check I am eight years old.
I hope you go se Brodie he is a good friend I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Terrence Williams

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the things you have given. I will like the things you will give me this Christmas. I know.
Please give my dad a big present for me. I hope my family will be together. Can you try to give me a cd that is Now 5. I am 9 years old. I live in Snyder Texsa.
Your friend,
Chelcea Roemisch



A Child Is Born!

Rejoice and embrace the spirit of the first Christmas when our Saviour was born.

With deep appreciation for your loyal patronage and continued friendship.

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4604 College Ave Snyder, Texas 573-7455
5:30 a.m. - 8:00p.m. Mon. - Fri
7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sat. & Sun.

We would like to thank all of our customers and friends for a wonderful year. May each of you have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Lyn, Sally, Gay, Jo and Lupe

We will be closed from Saturday at 4:00 p.m., December 23 until Wednesday, January 3, 2001 so that we may enjoy the holidays with our families.

Classic Interiors

2520 Ave. R East Side of the Square
Snyder, Texas 573-1701

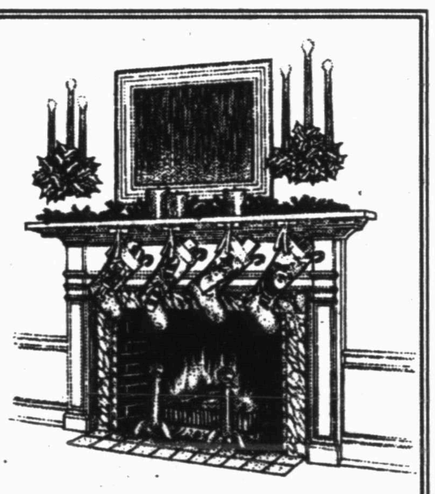
Glory to the Newborn King



"And the angels said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
Luke 2:10

Ezell-Key Feed & Seed
1615 26th Street
573-6691

DECK THE HALLS
With Love and Laughter!



Wishing you and your family every happiness this holiday season.
Thank you for your patronage.

Hillman & Company Flooring Center
1912 37th Street
573-4884

Expressly For You At Christmas

As Christmas draws near, we wish you a season filled with heartwarming memories as you celebrate with those near and dear to you.

We want you to know that your patronage means a lot to us, and we're proud to have you as our customer.
Thanks, folks!

Southern True Value

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

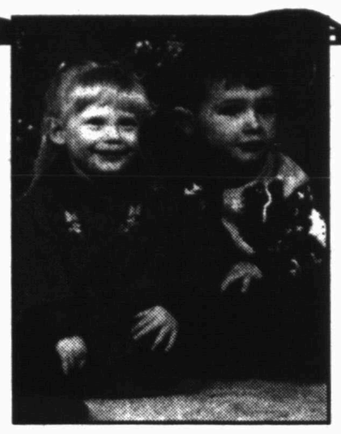
Wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas in the company of loved ones, good fortune and peace. Thanks for your support and friendship.

Wagon Wheel Ranch
RUSTY SPUR CAFE

CR 2128, Just Off Polar Road
573-2348, 573-5277 FAX
Snyder, Texas

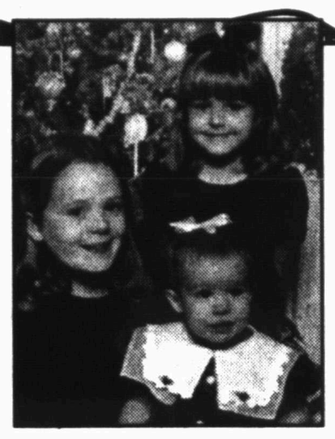
We will be closed December 24, 25 & 26 for the Christmas Holidays.

~Holiday Greetings~



We're celebrating the best Granny & Pops in Snyder.
Happy Holidays Everyone!

Love, Kaitlyn & Colton



To family & friends
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

The Downings
Meagan, Allison & Hannah



Happy Holidays to my Honey, Nana, Tia, Miti & Mommy

Love,
Reagan, Alyssa Perez

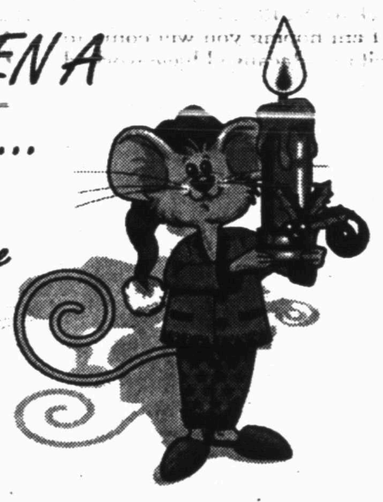
MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tina's Barber Shop
1908 25th Street
573-2110



NOT EVEN A MOUSE...

Can resist getting into the Christmas spirit!



We hope this holiday season is the brightest and merriest yet. Thank you for your valued business.

Martinez Plumbing Co.
2204 25th Street 573-6173



Have A Delightful Holiday!

May the season bring you all the comforts of home-warmth, laughter, family and good friends.

WAREHOUSE FURNITURE

VARSITY SQUARE NEXT TO ECKERD DRUG SNYDER, TEXAS
STORE HOURS 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. MON. - SAT.
STORES IN ABILENE, BROWNWOOD AND SAN ANGELO

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

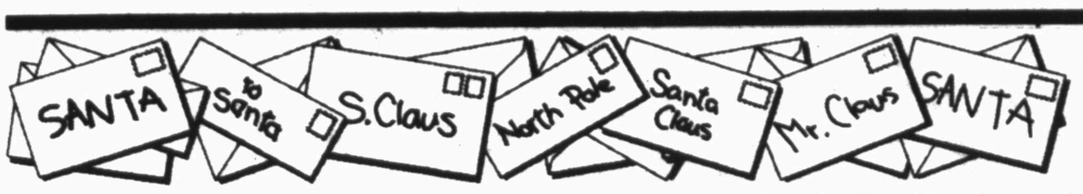
From All Of Us To All Of You!

We hope you have an extra special holiday, and that Santa delivers exactly what you've been hoping for. It's been our pleasure serving you, and we thank you for being such a loyal reader.

Erasmo Andrade ~ Fran Arbuckle ~ Johnathan Bell
Stephanie Bell ~ Rebecca Black
Donna Browning ~ Wayne Burney ~ Josh Burney
Lila Cantrell ~ Melvin Cobb ~ Shalawn Cobb
Casandra Darlin ~ Willie Davis ~ Eric Drennan
Debbie Early ~ Shirley A. Gorman ~ Miranda Hancock
James Lamb ~ Jacalyn Lowrance ~ Joyce May
Nancy McFatridge ~ Susie Mullen ~ Roy McQueen
Micaela Quiros ~ JoAnn Nunley ~ Adelpha Sauceda
Clarissa Sauceda ~ Joyce Smith ~ June Snyder
Cindy Terry ~ Sabrina Terry ~ Randy Underwood
Carolyn Warren ~ Wade Warren ~ Larry Williams

Snyder Daily News

3600 College Ave. 573-5486



Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for giving me a bike and give people food that need it.

I miss you, do you miss me and my brother? I hope you give my brother a scooter and me a scooter. I am 8 years old, I been good ol years, I am friendly.

Your friend,
Dilland Almanza

Dear Santa,
I hope you can get me a CD player. I hope you take care of the sad people. I hope you like the special spric I will give you and rodolf. I in 9 years old.

Your friend,
Kelcey Dinesa Ann Stafford

Dear Santa,
I would love a bike for Christmas and I hope that the other kids get one too. I think that my dad would love a watch for Christmas I would and my dad would love your gifts.

Your friend
Junior

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bike and the doll last Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a scooter, bike, kitten, trampoline, new shoes, new clothes, a lot of cds, some pencils, a wild colt that is very nice, another dog a teddy bear, a highlighter, some crayons, a red folder, a pencil sharpener, a ring, a see-thru TV, some red pencils a sharpie. Santa let everyone who is sad be happy a let everyone have a wonderful Christmas. I am 8 years old and live in Snyder, TX and I am good.

Your friend,
Erian Elle Olvera

Dear Santa,
Santa I like the suit you gave me last year. Santa can you please bring my little cousin something please I am nine years old I been good every day, Santa can you please give me a skooter, a bike, a suit, a remoken troll car, a package of cars.

I love you Santa,
Your friend,
Bradley Emerson

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a gameboy can you help people ho needs help and the sick people like me my nose is stoped up can I have a bike.I hope you have been pasing out presents to the kids.

Your friend,
Lee McGintry

Dear Santa,
Thank you for coming to my house last year. Go to other people's houses too. Thank you for the toys last year. Could you try to give me a Nintendo 64 this year? Could you try to get my sister something good this year?

Your pal
Seth Naizer

Dear Santa,
Thank you for not forgetting my family and I and thank you for not forgetting my friends.

Please help my aunt and uncle and cousins come celebrate.

I am 8 years old May I please have a scooter or bike and I would like some jeans and a shirt and Adidas shoes and a telescope and a 3 2 3 gun to go hunting with my dad and some creepy crollers.

Your friend,
Lindsey Uniras

Dear Santa Clause,
I thank you and your elfes for giving me things like toys.

I am thankful for other peple and I wish them a happy Christmas. I wish to have a scooter and a bike and lots and lots of toys.

Your friend
Latekka Richardson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the clothes. Thank you for not forgetting my grandma.

Santa I would really like a skooter, new clothes, shoes, overall, a puppy, radio, Nsync cd, 98 cd, new heard bands, Nintendo 64 and ty bine babies.

Your friend,
Brailee Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you gave me. My favorite holiday is Christmas hope you have a happy Christmas. Be with my family on Christmas and good sleep. What I want for Christmas is a puppy and a computer with games on it and a pair of pants a T-shirts and a cd player with cd's.

Your friend
Janie Ornelas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of our and now it is time for new toys. I want a dacin debbie and I want a dairy and I want a scooter and I want some pairs of knee pads and a helment and a Anglica sing Doll.

Love
Paige Tovar

Dear Santa,
I want a cd name Destiny's child and a toy. I would like for my dad to come and get me for Christmas.

Your friend,
Love, Nan'ka Davis

Dear Santa,
Thank you for going to my house last year. Please go to peoples house that doen have much. What I want is a playstation.

Your friend
Matthew Velasquez

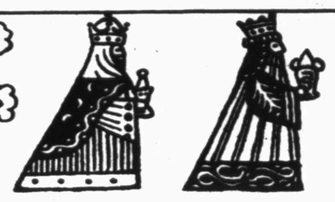
Dear Santa,
Thank you for my toys last year. Santa I want a scooter please give the people food who needs food.

Your friend,
Jose Lopez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I've been a good girl. What I would like to hav for Christmas is a Barbie suitcase for my Barbie, a poochie a Barbie head and thank you for the puppy I got early.

Love,
Sabrina Riley Castillo





...for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
Matthew 2:2

The three kings came in the spirit of peace and goodwill. We hope your holidays are celebrated in the same, old-fashioned spirit.

Our heartfelt wishes for a merry Christmas.

Snyder Insurance Agency
1824 26th Street
573-3163



In The Spirit of the Season

On this winter night, cold and dark.
There comes a light, warm and still.
Be it small, yet glowing bright
Upon a steepled, snowy hill.

This yonder candle burns with love
For all who know its wonderous rays.
Behold at this joyous time, this flame
Makes warm the nights
And merry the days.

Best wishes for a glowing season filled with miracles.

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712 Old Lubbock Hwy.
Snyder, TX 79549
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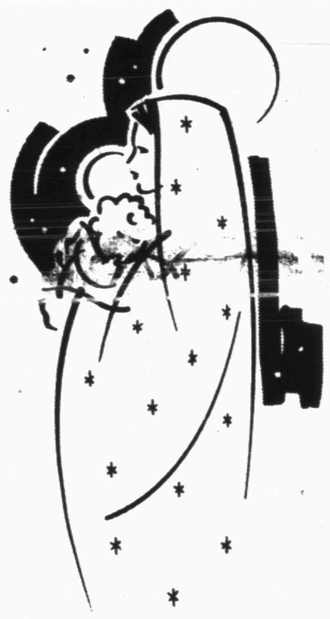
YULETIDE WISHES



WAL-MART
4515 College Ave. 573-1967

A Savior is Born

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in the manager."
-Luke 2:7



May you keep the spirit of Christmas in your heart all year round.

Cullifer's Colors
Mark, Peggy, Dillan & Austin
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To Our Many Best Friends

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Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

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"If I don't have it, I can find it for you."

Season's Greetings

The scents of evergreens and baking goodies are everywhere. May this Christmas be especially pleasant for you and your loved ones.

HOURS: Mon. - Thurs. 8:30-5:30 Fri. 8:30-6

TEXAS FINANCE

Ask For Shanon or Minnie

1400 25th Street
Phone Applications Welcome 573-7200
This Office is licensed & examined by the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioners of the State of Texas

Season's Greetings

"With a golden joy in a silver mirth, Thank God for life!"
-James Thomson; Life, Love and You

One of our greatest joys at Christmas is the opportunity to express our gratitude, appreciation and best wishes to friends like you. Many thanks for your invaluable support.

Sweet's Shop
2505 Ave. G
573-7452

ring in the holidays!

May the season bring you many messages of love, peace and goodwill.



PERMIAN COMMUNICATIONS
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NetWest ONLINE, INC.

Wishing You ...the Greatest Gifts!



Sam Robertson Insurance Agency
1926 26th Street
573-4053



A Christmas Wish

Bundles of HOLIDAY WISHES

Wishing you a bundle of holiday joy, tied up with a string of good tidings! Please know how much we appreciate your friendship and patronage.

Dea Heating & Air
2200 25th Street
573-4997

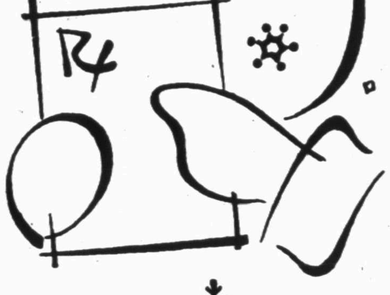
I wish all the following people a Merry Christmas or as we say in Germany "Froehliche Weihnachten"



Julie and Marvin Sentell
Steve, Kim, Luke and Kristin Krueger
Darrell, Jana, Jeff, Alex, Sara, and Danny Neal
Beth Bowen and her Family
Millie and Joe Sentell
Molly, Mike, Riley, and Chance Tatum
Mary Helen and her Family
Robert, Maria and Amy Patterson
John Gayle and his Family
The Best Family
Ruben, Tonie, and Lilly Valdez
The Scott Family
The Phillips Family
The Gorman Family
Coach Medley and his Family
Coach Granato and his Family
Mrs. Early and her Family
Mrs. Limmer and her Family
Mrs. Williams and her Family
Mrs. McCormack and her Family
Mary and her Family
George
Brad Vincent and his Family
Kelli and Haley Henderson and their Family
Josh Heaton and his Family
Josh Gonzales and his Family
Jon Hensley and his Family
Corey Knipe and his Family
Michael Gibson and his Family
Mark, Valerie, and Jesse Haines and their Family
Liz Brown and her Family
Buddy Whittenburg and his Family
Colby Stoiker and his Family
Austin Heire and his Family
Haley Elkins and her Family
Josh Ortegon and his Family
Zach Allred and his Family
Brandon McCraw and his Family
Chad Rice and his Family
Chris Shoemake and his Family
Sara Cantu and her Family
Randy Green and his Family
Amy Braziel and her Family
All the other Drama people
The whole SHS Faculty
The Snyder Rotary Club
And all the people I forgot and who are hopefully not mad at me for that.

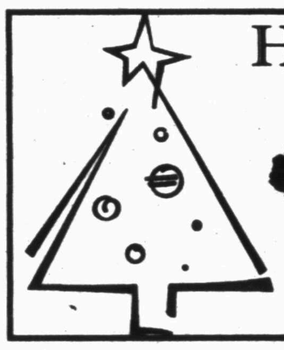
Love
Morten

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from all of us at
THE SHACK
1005 25th Street 573-4921



Enjoy a happy and health holiday. We appreciate your patronage.

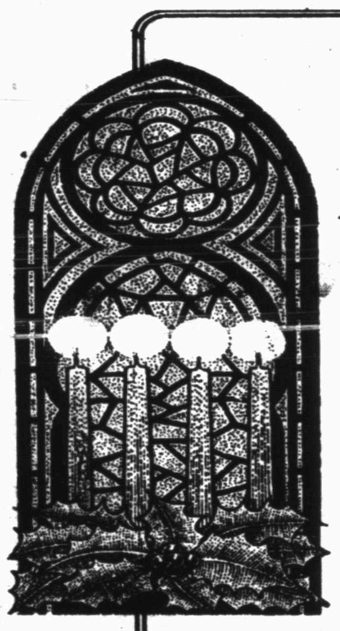
McWilliams Pharmacy
3706 College Ave.
573-7582



Happy Holidays!
SNYDER NURSERY
106 37th Street 573-0123
Scotty Prince & JoAnn Prince



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
LuLu's Beauty Shop
1909 23rd Street
573-4131



In This Season of Enlightenment

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

National Fuel & Lubricants
2208 Ave. R
573-4160



Merry Christmas!

Hoping the season brings you many gifts of joy, filled with love and wrapped with caring.

LOTA' BURGER
3900 College Ave. 573-2922

FESTIVE TIDINGS

We hope this holiday finds you enjoying the fruits of the season. We feel fortunate to have neighbors like you.



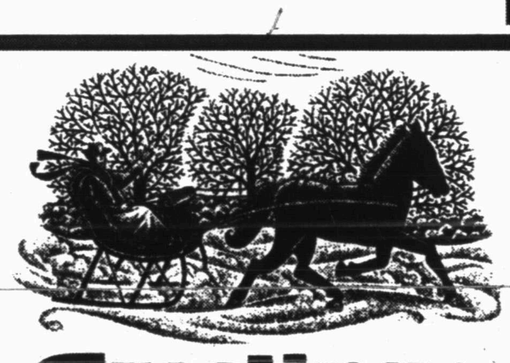
Denson's Used Cars
301 Coliseum Dr.
573-3912

Christmastime is Here!

The sound of sleigh bells ringing, you know he's on his way!
Our jolly man appears at last, it must be Christmas day!
Xalyn Palacios, Esme' Olvera, Vanessa Williams
Kim Knipe, Tara Trevey, Rhonda Sutter

CUTTING Edge HAIR SALON
2109 College Ave.
574-3343





greetings to All Our Friends

Our fondest holiday wishes and goodwill this coming year.

Security Finance
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Ask for Melissa or Rachael



Catch the Christmas Spirit!

Christmastime is coming fast
so hang a wreath upon your door,
We hope that our best wishes last
Throughout the season and forever more.

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At Christmastime...

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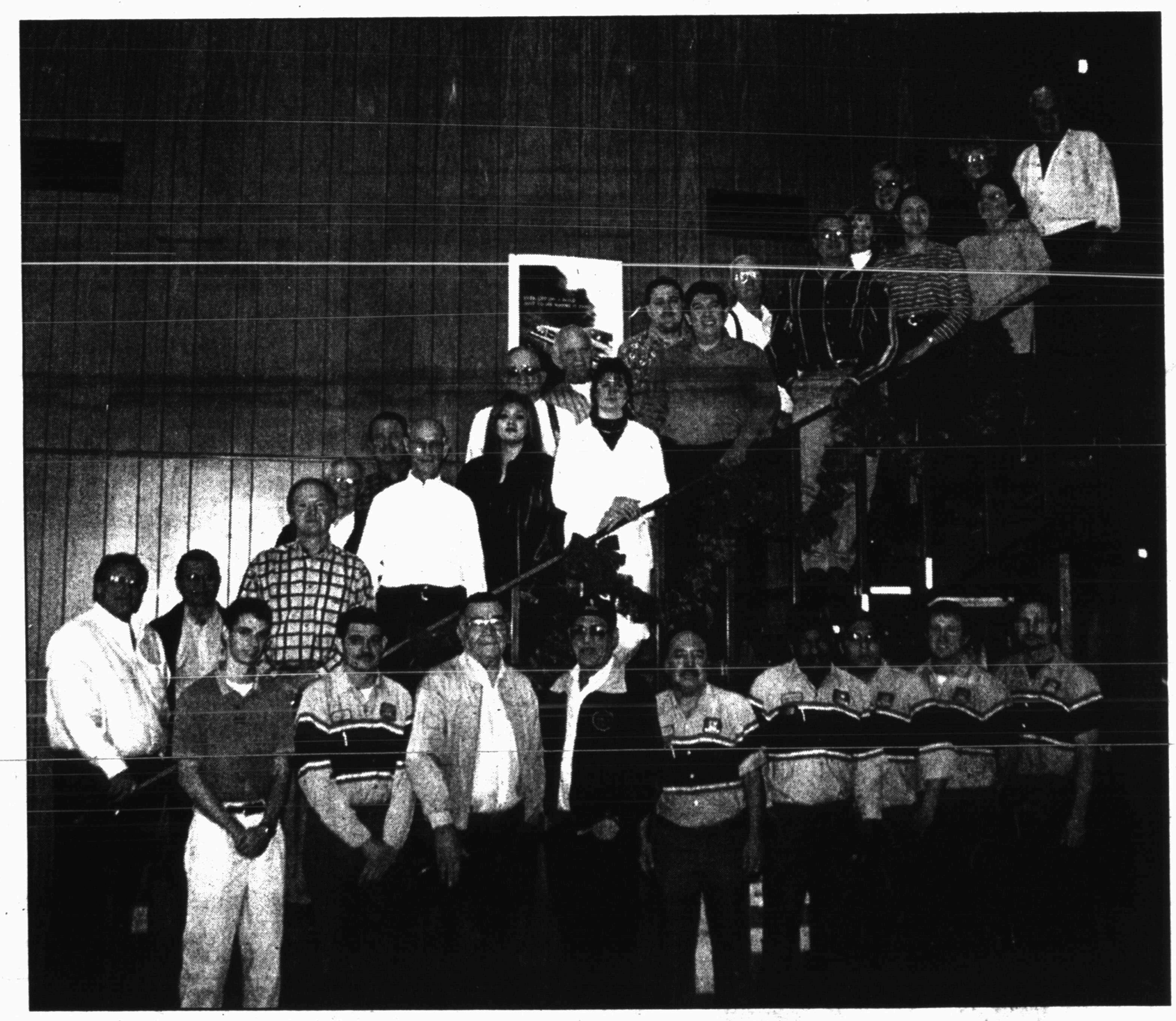


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Merry Christmas

From Our Family

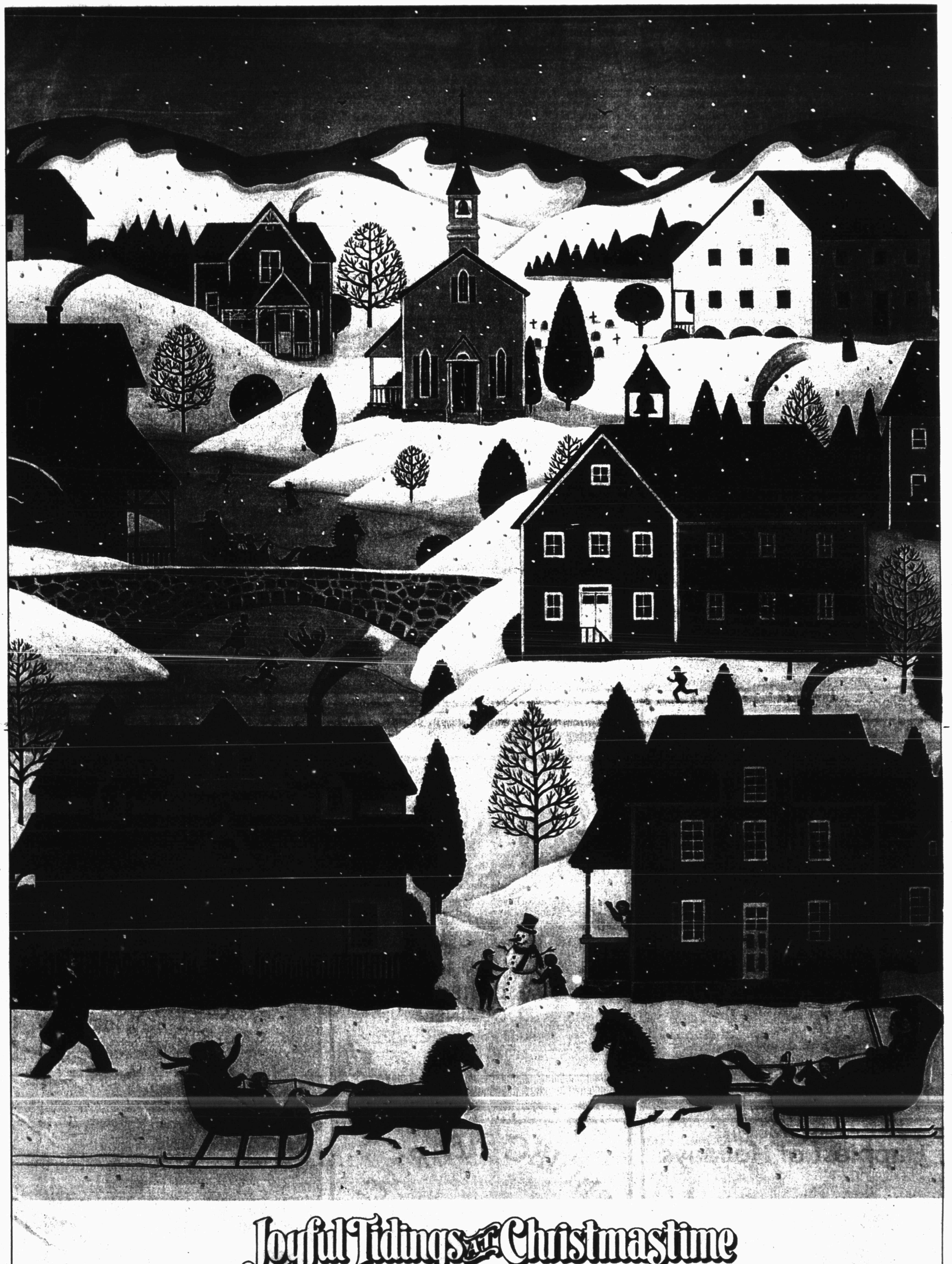
To Yours



Wishing a wonderful Christmas
To all of you good folks from us,
With lots of love and laughter,
This season and forever after!

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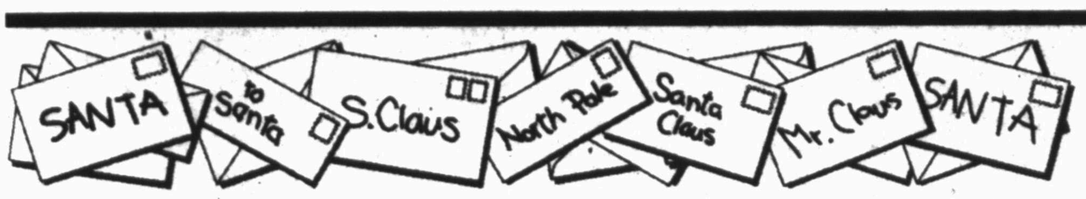


Joyful Tidings at Christmastime

From the officers, directors and employees of

WEST TEXAS STATE BANK

FDIC



Dear Santa,

Grocery store with a basket with food, gettir radio singing, fake racing cars, fake dogs, racing buddie, racing car. racecar track, football, gun around waist, tools, Computer, the little one, 5-speed bike no training wills please, a little drum set, train track, Scooby Doo! Pooh hoo, electric motasickle, bocing gluffles, and fake wates.

Senserley,
Tommy Stanley

Dear Santa,

I want a Christmas tree and ornaments for it.

What are the reindeer doing? Tell your elves if I am getting a go cart to put rocket boosters on it.

Love,
Jesse Herring

Dear Santa,

My name is Alicyn and I em six years old, and I am in 1 grade and I'm doing my best to be good. I have a baby brother. His name is Jacob, and Santa this is what we want for Christmas. I want a Barbi doll and a puppy and Santa thank you and for my brother a car and stuff bear.

Alicyn

Dear Santa,

My name is Gabriella Sanchez and I am 4 years old. For Christmas, I want mermaid Barbie and Krissy and Pilachus Christmas movie, a Nick Jr. computer with some games (like Barbie games), and the Barbie cash register. Plus I want some clothes and new boots. I want some stuff for my baby brother, Juan Diego, a talking Eyeore, the Kick and play toy and some baby clothes. Don't forget something for my mom and dad.

Merry Christmas.

Love,
Gabriella Sanchez

P.S. Don't forget my Barbie horse.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year I want:
1. A scooter
2. A stereo
3. Test Drive 6 and 5
4. N'snyc CD
5. Baha men CD
5. Neuy CD
7. Rugrats in Paris video
8. Harry Pottor books.

Thank you,
Eric Trammel

Dear Santa,

My name is Caroline Granados, I want a Barbie, paint, glitter, glue, baby doll with a bottle, Barbie car, toy phone, tweety watch, house for Barbie, 2 baby's for Barbie, mama horse, baby horse, chalk. I will leave you cake and milk.

I am 8 and I am going to be 9 years old before Christmas.

Your friend
Caroline Granados

P.S. I have a kiss for you!
I love you Santa Clause

Dear Santa,

My name is Ramona. I have been nice. I want a Barbie, toy elephant, poke'mon cards, Batman and Robin, a bat, paints, tea set, Tweety watch Elmo sing to me, toy cat, toy dog, gameboy, baby horse, and a mama horse that could fly and chalk. I am 3 years old and my big sister Caroline was nice enough to write this letter.

Your friend,
Ramona Rodriguez
and I love you Santa Clause
P.S. I have a kiss for you.

Dear Santa Clause,

My name is Brittany and I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a lots toys and lots of Barbies. I would also like a Brittney Spears doll so I can dance with her. Also a puppy. Thanks for everything.

Love Lots,
Brittany Rios, 3-1/2

Dear Santa,

My name is Vanessa. I am 7 years old. The things I want for Christmas are a poo-chi, a computer, a dancin Debbsiadl, a doll computer games, a new chic.

Love,
Vanessa Martinez

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like
1. Shoes
2. Scooter
3. drum set

Love,
Roman Charvea

Dear Santa,

Have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Sega
2. Game
3. Super Nintendo

Love,
Greg Ornelas

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. telephone
2. dirt bike
3. Grinch books

Love,
Ashton Messenger

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old I am in 1st. For Christmas I would like:
1. Scooter
2. doll

Love,
Katie Perales

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. skateboard
2. knee board
3. who let the Cogs Out CD

Love,
Kenner Escobedo

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. puppy
2. game
3. greydogs

Love,
Austin McNew

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like.
1. motorcycle
2. boat
3. fish

Love,
Adrian Segura

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. play motorcycle
2. Grinch Books
3. bells

Love,
Robby Luna

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. turtle
2. blue ring
3. baby I know

Love,
Courtney Henson

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I wold like:
1. blue ring
2. jewelry
3. Grinch books

Love,
Sabrina Edwards

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. a dancing Debby doll and a baby I know.

Love,
Macy Bilano

Dear Santa,

I have been a good. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. fish
2. bells.
3. Scooter

Love,
Alisha Guzman

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. scooter
2. bike
3. skates

Love,
Tyler Redman

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Grinch books
2. puppy
3. Dinosaur boys

Love,
James Eagan

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. kneeboard
2. dirt bike
3. drum set (red)

Love,
Tyson Sullenger

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like peace and joyful life and that we all get together and make friends.

David Knipe,
First Grade
Midland, Texas



May good cheer, love and good fortune make this a Christmas to remember.

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Good Tidings at Christmas

We wish you a beautiful Christmas with all the trimmings.
Many thanks for your valued patronage.

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With Our Gratitude

As we reflect on the year gone by,
We recall the many faces
Of all the folk we've come to know
From many different places.

And as each one's dear, it's become clear
That we've been blessed with treasure;
And thanks to you,
One thing is true –
It's always been a pleasure!

Happy Holidays!
MESQUITE OIL TOOLS INC.
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May a circle of family, friends and happiness surround you during this magical season.

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Happiest of Holidays



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Dear Santa,

How are you I was wondering if I will get any presents. I want a bike, a gameboy, 10 games, any kind, a skooter, a kids motorcycle, a movie, basketball, and a pairs of shoes, size 7½, a puppy.

Love,
Avery Ware

P.S. Have a great flight have a safe one. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus and the elfs. I love you Santa and Mrs. Claus and the elfs. I will try my very best. A dream cart, a boom box, I am staying at my grannys house on Highland Drive. And Amazing Alastic plastic.

Dear Santa,

My name is Heather Lynn Crawford. I am 7 years old and in the 2nd grade at Stanfield elementary. I have been a good girl this year. Here is what I would like for you to bring me this Christmas.

- Easy Bake Oven and Mix
- Easy Bake Blender
- Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Factory
- Playdoh and Playdoh tools
- Toy Story 2 Video
- Barbie from Nutcracker Suite

I live in Snyder Texas and will leave a plate of cookies and milk out for you.

Love,
Heather Crawford

Dear Santa,

Hello! My name is Sarah Spradlin I would like for you to bring me.

A new plastic vacum cleaner
A new Singin teddy
A new Shape fi her and in my stocking I would like to have
A Best sissy necklace, lots of suckers, green nail polish green lipstick.

Love,
Sarah Spradlin
Age 19 months baby scool

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Katy Spradlin.

I would like for u to bring me
A new scooter
A new Britany Spears doll and in my stocking I would like to have a Baby Sissy necklace. Lots of candy, blue nail polish and blue lipstick.

Love,
Katy Spradlin
P.S. I would like a stuffed elf.

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of roller blades.
Love Santa,
Blake Thompson

Dear Santa,

I what goose gum clothes sceeter Pokemon cards, computer, 32nd cotton candy maker. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Kendra Peterson

Dear Santa,

I would like 32nd cotton candy maker everything to have ghost cating team scutr.

Lov,
Jordan Williamson

Dear Santa,
I will like a rell and a Barbie Studio
Love
Gloria Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want me own snobrd, and a move cd Gozilla Prt 2. Hew are you.

I want a Wotr gun. Ind I want a Nike 54 a eel 58 make chr you get everything. Want it. Ind I love you in get me bodrs Suten in I want a fake beda oun and e 8

Timothy Arellano

Dear Santa,

Hy How is rufolphs is his nose still red?
Power reindeer
Reindeer movie
A 32nd Cotton Candy Maker
A BB gun
Green scooter
Police station
Fire station

Damon Sorrells

Dear Santa,

I want my own Labtop. My own building shed. A bugs bunny stuft animal as tall as me. A new back pack. A garden razer scooter. A fire that shoots cork's. How is rudolph how is Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and vixen Comet and Cupid and Blitszen.

By I love you.
Jacob Nachlinger

Dear Santa,
Pelice gun, a 32nd cotton candy maker
scooter
b-b gun
go cart
Battrez - Willre
Triple zoo play station
Love Matt Williams

Dear Santa,
I wish a merry Christmas I hope I get the game Shark Pro.
Jacob Tollison

Dear Santa,
Poke Mon tint and sleeping bag and gersgar pillau.
Unsigned

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and Pokemon gola version. I really want th scooter.

Unsigned

Dear Santa,
I only want one speacel thing. I want a golden retriever puppy. Pleas Santa bring me a golden retriever puppy I will leave you lots of cookies and milk.

Love,
Brenna Fletcher

Dear Santa,
My name is Caroline Granados. I am 8 years old. All I want for Christmas is 16 things. The 16 things are a Barbie, Barbie car, two babies for Barbie, bike, Bitany Spears poster and doll, gameboy, tweety watch, new shoes, tweety pillow, Santa T-shirt, Barbie horse, Barbie horse, N-Snyce CD, stuffed tweety, real horse in backyard and markers.

How are your reindeer doing? How old are you?

Your friend,
Caroline Granados

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I want 12 things for Christmas. I want a CDE, a game, a horse, a pig, a TV, and diamond ring. For my mom 1 million dollars, a car, and for my brother an Elf so it will make him toys.

Your friend,
Vincent

Dear Santa,
My name is Anthony Jones for a change I want two new microwaves for my mom and step mom. For my sister, Tibtha, please bring her a necklace and earrings. For my sister, Brittany please bring her a new jacket. For my dad I wish your would bring cable. I wish you would bring me a ver and a move.

Your friend,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie jeep, a tweety back pack, and AA batteries for my computer. Please Santa don't forget my two brothers. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Have a good trip and a very merry Christmas.

Love,
Shaye

Dear Santa,
My name is Shawn. I'm eight years old. All I want is seven things. My things are a go cart, intendo, football, basketball, fifty dollars, dirt bike and Brittany Spears poster.

Your friend,
Shawn
Is Rudolf back?

Dear Santa,
Santa do you still have Rudolph? Is the girl reindeer still there? Has Rudolph come back? Is Rudolph OK? Is Rudolph's family OK? I hope you are OK Santa, too I want a play Station for Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Jacob Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a telescope, a doll, Mary Kate, and Ashley game boy color game, key board, a soft elephant, a teddy bear, and a $100, and a bike. That is all I want for Christmas. Keep your reindeer warm! How is Mrs. Claus is doing? Have a Merry Christmas. Keep the elves warm and working!

Your friend,
Maline

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball, football, 50 dollars, some toy cars and and a lot of Cds. Please say hello to Comet and Cupid and all the other reindeer for me. Thank you.

Your good little boy.
Dustin

Dear Santa,
I would like a lot of stuff for Christmas. I would like a paint stander with 2 paint brushes, a telescope, a girl backpack, a big big suitcase of crayons, and some stuff for my sister. She would like, a stuffed person named Santa & Tigger. Do still have Rudolph?

Your friend,
Naomi Arellano

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a phone, a computer, a stereo, a new go-cart wheel, a playstation game called Action Man, and GI-Joes.

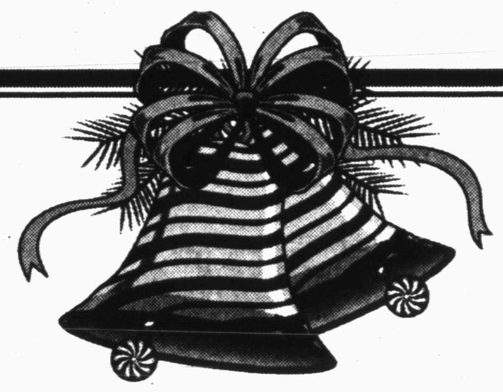
Taylor Carroll

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a gameboy color, a remote control motor boat, a remote control airplane, a basketball and a basketball goal. I would also like you to bring for my Nana a stove and a refrigerator.

Dakota Carroll

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a basketball, a baby doll, my own learning computer, and a swing set. Sometimes I have been good. I will leave you milk and cookies out Christmas morning.

Alexis Proulx



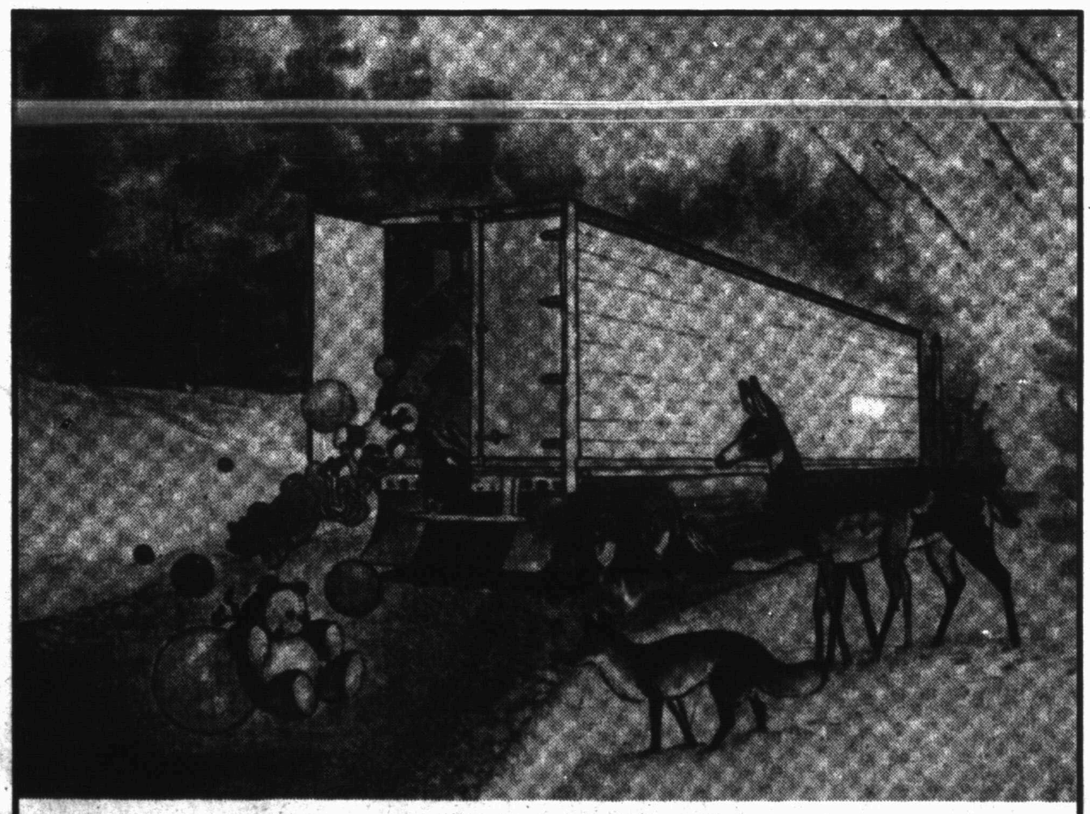
Christmas Wishes...

May the spirit of Christmas be in your hearts and echo throughout the new year. Please accept our best wishes at Christmastime and our sincere thanks.

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good cheer
all around at Christmas
May you be surrounded by glad tidings, family and good friends this holiday season.
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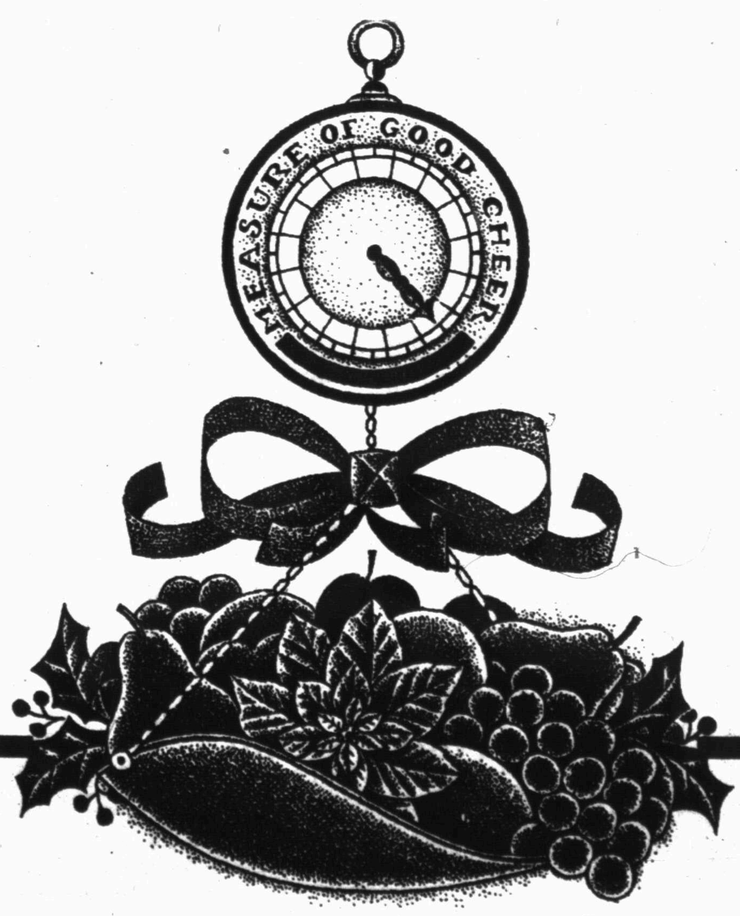


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To all our loyal customers, friends and neighbors, we'd like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and healthy holiday. May it be heavy with blessings and joy. Many thanks for your loyal support and friendship.

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Dear Santa,
I want a pupie for Christmas, a movie and peace in the world and a happy Christmas I hope it snows agin Merry Christmas to evrybody in the world.
Love,
Brittany Miller

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie from Nutcracker Sweet, D.Q. factory. I wish the world would stop fighting.
Love,
Heather Crawford

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy will you bring me a nitendo 64 and a white snowy Christmas.
Love,
Brenner Baze

Dear Santa,
I want a Game boy color, 29 dollars. I hope you bring it Santa. I want the world would be safe. I would like peace in the world. I hope there's snow. I hope theres a great Christmas Eve Santa,
Love,
Jonathon Casetaveda

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a skooter. And a dog. Santa please give, peace to all the world.
Love,
Jacob Ramirez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Angel doll, a kitten, a puppy, a doll, a picture of you, a picture of your elfs a chalk boad with chalk, 39 dollars, a Grinch doll, a another book, desing by God, a wonderful white Christmas.
Love,
Jacoree Bhatka

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a sockerball, a football, a basketball, a scooter, some Pokemon cards, a gold and silver, I want a new gouvner, a new sadalite for my dad, a new computer for my mom.
Love,
Jaran Clemmons

Dear Santa,
I want a big skateboard and a wotwiler pet and I hope we have a good Christmas.
Love,
Roman Rumero

Dear Santa,
I want a angel doll and 2 more doll. I want a new president.
Love,
Jami Robbins

Dear Santa,
I would like a robatac car or dog. I would like a skooter. I want a president for our country. I would like peace in the world. I love you Santa.
Love,
Rebecca Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a new Barbie doll for my sister and a another dog a boy dog.
Love,
Sabrina Moss

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a golden scooter and a cell phone I wish the world has a wonderful Christmas.
Love,
Briana Rose

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy and a pet rot wiler. Happy Christmas.
Love,
Daniel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy. I would like you to bring my brother some keys. I would like a computer I would like the world to have a good Christmas.
Love,
Alexia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like just one thing for Christmas I would like a new slimshaty CD for Christmas.
Love,
Gage Welsh

Dear Santa,
I want a cat and a lap top a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Love,
Macey Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy and a Play Station for Christmas.
Love,
Michael Garza

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me some Pokemon cards and a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Joe Morin

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer. I hope that the world will be safe.
Love,
Chris Ward

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me two bicycles. My bicycle is broken and my fathers is too. Will you bring me a action figure and make sure the world has a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Shawndon McVey

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl all year. I want a Dancing Debby, a Barbie Studio, Hungry Hungry Hippos, and a Barbie Ball with sparkles. Say Hi to Rudolph. I will leave you a cupcake and a coke.
Danielle Lambaren
Age 4

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I have been a good girl all year. I would like a Barbie Studio, Dancing Debby, Dorthy Doll, Hungry Hungry Hippos, and a baby doll. Say Hi to Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. I will leave you some juice and cookies.
Chelsea Lambaren

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Please bring me pajamas, baby dolls, ballerina dolls, money, earrings, a tap light, Barbie stuff, a necklace with my name, a stereo, and a TV with a VCR. I have been a very good girl this year! I love you, Santa!
Thanks,
Alyssa Brooke Doucette
Age 3

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I have been a good girl this year. Please Santa, bring me this for Christmas: New crayons, a new green ring, new watch, a Barbie Cash Register, a new clock, my own play computer, some new clothes, some new shoes, new coloring books, my own TV and CCR. I love you, Santa!
Thanks
Briana Elyse Doucette
Age 4

Dear Santa,
Here's my wish list. I want a scooter, Kelly Doll, Toy Story 2 movie, The Tigger movie, Computer Little Mermaid game and please bring my brothers what they wish for. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Ryanna Martinez

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary and I am 4 years old. I have been good and so has my sissy, Michayla and my new cousin, Hanna; she is a baby. I want a train and a power Ranger for Christmas. Michayla wants a Barbie and a Barbie Horsey. Hanna wants a puppy dog and some clothes. I will leave you some cookies and a of glass milk for when you rest and you can sit in my papaw's chair.
I love you Santa!
Zachary Haltom

Dear Santa,
I hope you don't cancel Christmas. Please bring Tahlia a Teddy Bear and give the poor food and bring my mom and dad something special. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jacob Cox

Dear Santa,
How is Blitzen? He is my favorite reindeer. I want a lot of stuff for Christmas.
Love,
Kylor Fine

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me a toy! Please bring my family something.
Love,
Alex Rivera

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph? How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? Am I on the good list or bad list? Please bring me a scooter and pottery set. Please bring me a new pair of roller skates. Please bring me a new pair of clothes. Please bring me a new pair of shoes. Please bring me a growing baby. Please make it snow.
Love,
Amber Baker
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies

Dear Santa,
Is Blitzen? I want a John Deere tractor, a Dodge truck and a gooseneck trailer, and a 22 that does not kick bad and a cow sale.
Love,
Kolton Stokes


Our warmest holiday wishes go out to you and yours during this special time of year.
McDonald Welding Supply Co.
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FELIZ NAVIDAD

Warm Christmas Greetings
At this magical time, we would like to thank you for making the past year so exciting for us.
We hope the holiday season is all that you anticipate.
Merry Christmas.

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3607 College 573-4991

Abundant Holiday Joy
Dashing through the snow this season has been much more enjoyable, thanks to your support.
Hope your holidays are filled with fun, family and friends.
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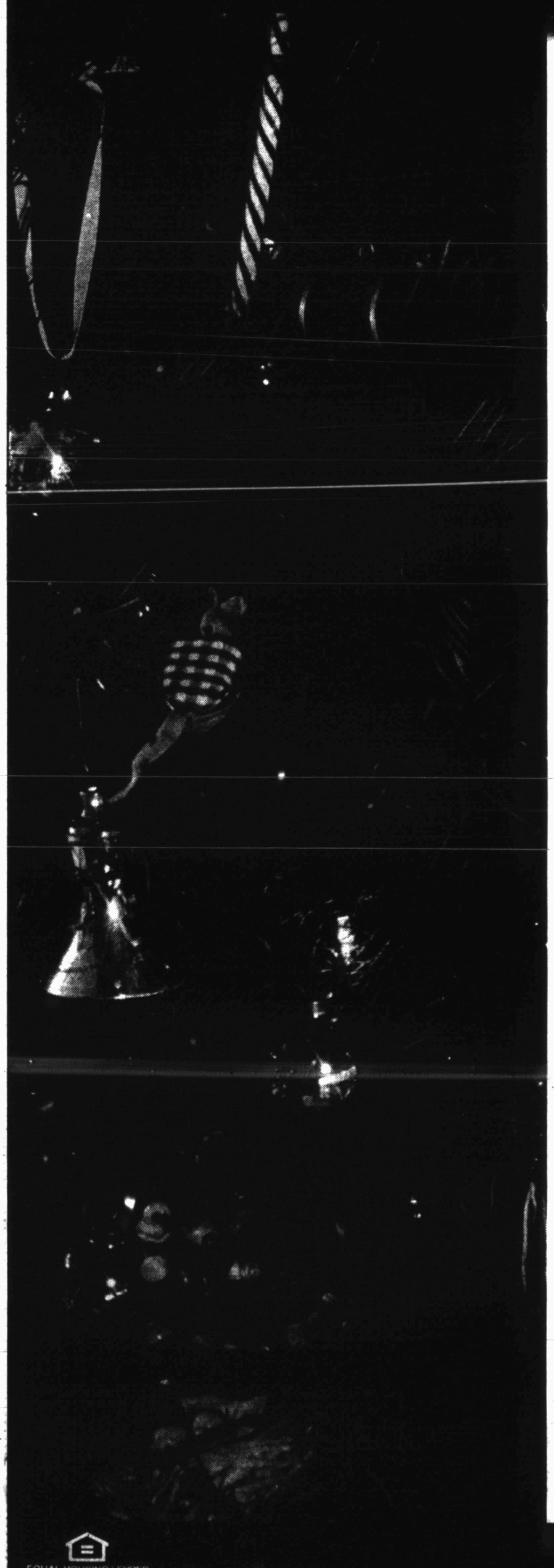

Sing Praises on High
Carols fill the air, lights and decorations twinkle brightly and the Christmas spirit abounds.
Calvary Baptist Church
2405 35th Street
573-2191


Merry Christmas!
Wherever you go this holiday season, our fond wishes are with you. All the best to our many friends throughout the area!
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Magical Christmas Greetings
May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories.
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Away In a Manger
Let each of us remember His message of peace, love and goodwill to all this Christmas season.
Have a holy and happy holiday.
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Merry Christmas!



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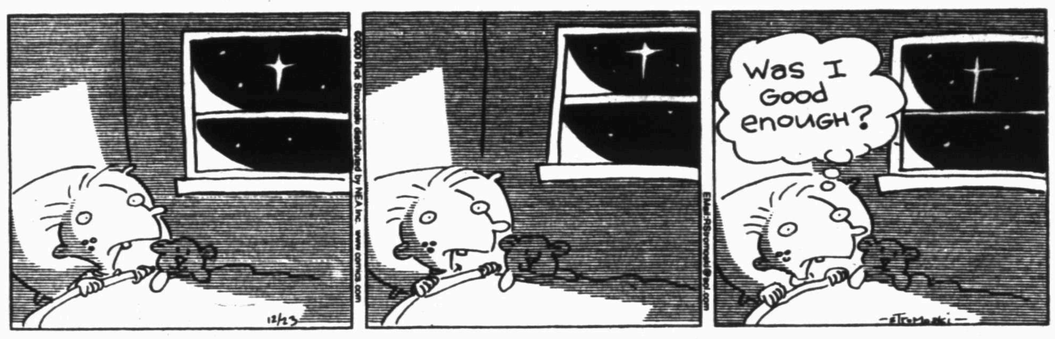
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ACROSS

1 Heavy woolen fabric
7 Academy Award
12 Ms. Mercouri
13 Chicken serving
14 Musical miscellany
15 Slip by
16 "— the season . . ."
17 Mal de —
18 UK broadcasters
21 Gymnast Comaneci
23 Lge. container
26 Finnish first name
28 Knitter's buy
29 Type of shadow
30 Charles Lamb, by another name
31 Communique
33 Stocking-cap ornaments
36 Lined up
37 Caustic stuff
38 Symbol of craziness
40 Singer Horne
41 Curvy letter
42 Boredom
44 "Curious George" author
45 Rotten
46 Youth org.
48 Type of sheep
51 Needs scratching
55 Sheepskin
56 Refer (to)
57 Go inside
58 Neither masculine nor feminine

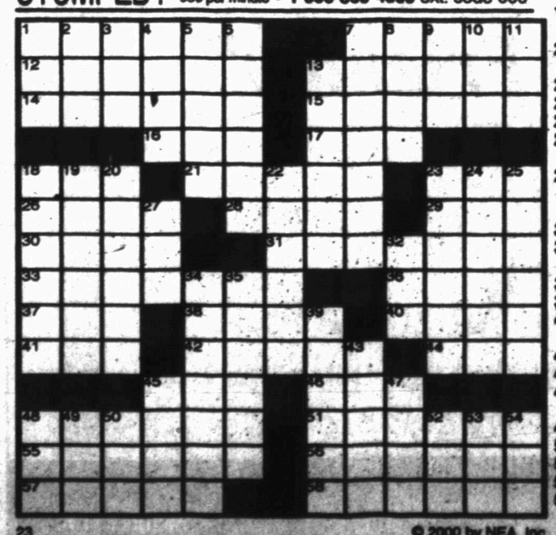
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1 Roman 3,000
2 Wide shoe size
3 Atty.'s deg.
4 Leah
5 — — a million
6 Deny
7 New —, La.
8 Scorch
9 Head covering
10 Ninny
11 Map abbr.
13 Make muddy
18 Volkswagen model
19 Secures (a rope)
20 Crucial times
22 Purple plum
23 Carrier
24 Of yore
25 Room to move
27 Western hemisphere assn.
32 Actor Mineo
34 Actress Parker
35 — broil
39 Type of goat
43 Tropical basket fiber
45 Snack
47 Legal-aid org.
48 Mother of Mlle.
49 Vast age
50 Dull routine
52 Small cabin
53 Dutch city
54 Sun. speech

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Table protector
7 Dress material
13 Antiseptic liquid
14 Crystalline gem
15 Sleeping-sickness fly
16 Part of the mouth
17 Greek peak
18 Witty saying
20 Shortly
21 Short sword
23 Outpouring
27 Pogo, for one
32 Labor organizer Chavez
33 Stop
34 Small antelope
35 Choose from the menu
36 Most nervous
39 Corpulent
40 Lacquer ingredient
42 Tears
46 Like beets
47 Actress Winslet
51 Take a breath
53 Sent away from one's native country
55 Operates a Ford
56 Sick
57 Quiet
58 Repetitive recital

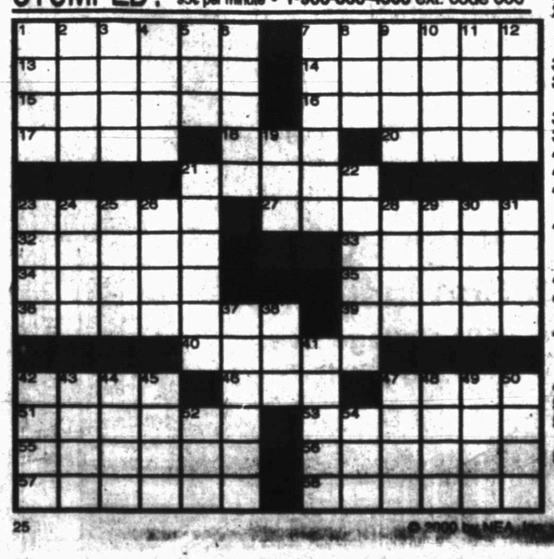
DOWN

1 Former Yugoslavian leader
2 Singer Diana —
3 — of March
4 Fellini's "La Dolce —"
5 Annapolis grad
6 Pours
7 Extremely good
8 Brown kiwi
9 Infirmities
10 Hi or bye
11 Actor Kruger
12 Adolescent
19 Ear (comb. form)
21 Weirder
22 Insect case
23 Highlander
24 Father, in Paris
25 "A" — — "apple"
26 Filer's aids
28 Slav
29 "Smooth Operator" singer
30 Puts to work
31 Mate of 24 Down
37 Driest
38 Mao — -tung
41 Perfect
42 Disencumbers
43 Letters on a cross
44 Hockey player Esposito
45 Rescue
47 Skirt worn by 23 Down
48 Inter — (among others)
49 Al Gore's st.
50 Nervous
52 Bernstein, for short
54 A dozen, for Caesar

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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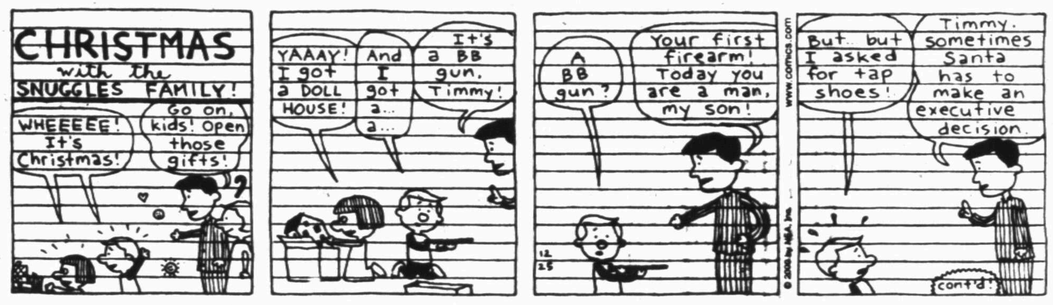
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"This your idea of a good old-fashioned Christmas – turkey pizza?"

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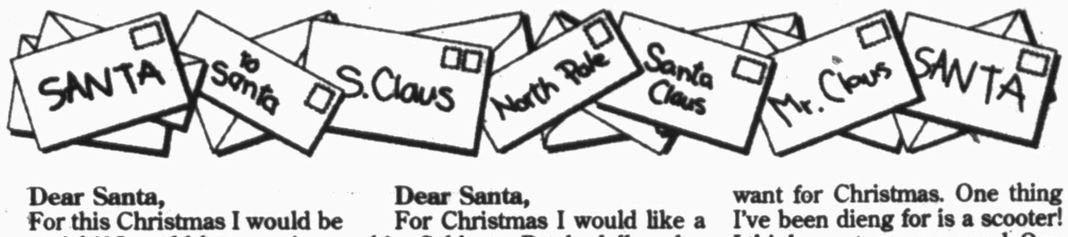


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DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham



"IT SURE PAYS TO BE GOOD AROUND HERE."



Dear Santa,
For this Christmas I would be grateful if I could have a piano. I've always wanted to have and learn how to play the piano. I also want to have a very happy and good new year and a very happy family. It would be great if my dad could have a long vacation from work, and if my mom could get a new washing machine, and if my brothers could get bunk beds, and most of all if my whole family could be very happy and very joyful.
Sincerely,
Rubi N. Jaimes

Dear Santa,
I am writing for my brother, Nathan, and me you know since it has not snowed on a Christmas. I was hoping you could make it snow if you can make it snow, I would like it to snow six feet. If possable I would like a play station 2, because I heard there are cool games for it.
Sincerely,
Wes von Roeder
P.S. You're the best

Dear Santa,
There a lot things I want for Christmas here the things I want. I want a car for my brother because they like to play with cars I want a Barbie for Chipper because I like to play with Barbies here. Some, more thing I want for Christmas is a book to read because I like to read that all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Crysti Flores

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a big Cabbage Patch doll and a Barbie Cash Register, I have tried very hard being nice to everyone and be a good girl too. I would like a message sender diary so I can send messages to my friends that have one. The reason I want one is because my mom said if I act good maybe Santa will get it for me. I would like you to get my brother Beto a gameboy because him and my brother always fight over the one they have right now.
Love,
Yaci Arellano

Dear Santa,
I would like a Play Station 2 because I think it would be cool to have. Can you try to get my brother a black clear Nintendo 64. My sister would like new shoes and clothes. My mom would like new blue slippers.
P.S. and I would like a gold scooter and a hot tub please.
From your friend,
Tony Adams

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want Gorge W. Bush to win the election, because I don't want to wear uniforms to school another reason I want Al gore to lose is because he keeps the election going like the Little Pink inergizer bunny
Love,
Corey

Dear Santa,
There are a couple of things I want for Christmas. One thing I've been dieng for is a scooter! I think scooters are so cool. One reason is you don't have to walk every where you can just ride. The last reason is there totally awesome! Another thing I want is a Pochi I like this because it's like a real dog! Another reason is there so cute! The last thing I want is a safe Christmas. People who are traveling one the icey rodes. And for people who are skiing not to get hurt. Santa if you can make these things possible than this would be the BEST Christmas every!

Love,
Britney Webb

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter with green wheels! The reason I want a scooter is because they're cool and fun. And I want a computer. The reason I want a computer is so I can get on the internet. Next I want a bike: the reason I want a bike is because the tires on my old bike popped.
From,
Karey Young

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas, I would like a pair of new ice skates because me and my family go ice skating a lot, and my other ice skates are too little. I would also like my own computer because I can get on the internet, and e-mail my friends. The last thing I would like to have is a cordless phone, so I can walk around with it when I'm on the phone. Thank you for everything that your brought me last year.
Love,
Brittany Scott

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a scooter? I need a scooter because everybody on my block has one and because if my mom needs me to take something to somebody, I'll get on my scooter and ride aways. Also I want a basketball because I don't have one and because if I go outside and play I have to go back in because my sister does not let me play with hers. That's all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Jordan Alayna Wright
P.S. and a dark blue bike.

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter for Christmas and I have some good reasons for you to get it for me. #1 I need some king of transportation because my tire is flat on my bike. #2 I have been very good this year.
Sincerely,
Tyler Porter

Dear Santa,
Hi. How are you and Mrs. Clause? Thank you for the presents last year. I really enjoy playing with them. The first thing I want for Christmas is for my family to be with me and enjoy my presents and feelings because I love my family and I enjoy them being with me. The second thing I want is for everyone to be happy and celebrate that the Christ was born on the same day but many years ago. Merry Christmas to you too.
Love,
Kari Lord

Dear Santa,
This year I want the log Cabin from Plamobile or the MTT Droid Transport, that is if I have been good this year. It is your choise witch one you think would sute me better. The reason I ask for the Log Cabin is my parents and I both like it better than anything from Playmobile and because I need more city stuff. The reasons I would like to have the MTT Droid Transport from Lego are it is one of the things I lack from the Lego Star Wars collection and I want to be able to act out that last seen in Episod I.
Your friend,
David Strayhorn

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus. I'm fine. For Christmas I would like a CD player. Because I to sing and dance. The second thing I want for Christmas is a I dore you game. Because I saw one at Wal-Mart and their cool. My third thing I want is a telephone. So I can talk to my friends.
Love,
Chasidy Sterling

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a playstation, a pochie, a game called guess who and the Barbie doll that dances. I would like to have the playstation because my sister would like to play with me and I can play on CD's on the playstation. Neat I would like to have a poochie because I think it would be fun to play with. Also I wanted the game that came out on TV and I wanted it so bad. The game is called guess who. Then I saw something else on TV. I saw the Barbie doll that dances. I want that because I always wanted it. Another thing I want to tell you is that I want you to let my sister have a computer because she wants it really bad for he homework.
Love,
Erica Maldonado
P.S. You're cool

Dear Santa,
I would like a laptop computer. I would like one because it would be helpful and portable too. I would also like a cable TV. I would like it because it would help my little brother stay in bed and it would give me something to do when I'm **Sincerely,**
Will Stewart

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter with colored wheels, because I have rode one before and they are really fun. I also want one because they are very cool. I would like a remote control car too, because I saw one at "Toys "R" Us' and because they look neat.
P.S. I would also like a CD maybe.
From,
Kailea Shaw

Dear Santa,
Hi here is a letter from me to you a bit of what I want for Christmas and this letter is from my brother to. I want a golden ranger scooter and my brother Brian wants a remote controller dirt bike and my other brother Adam wants a arrowhead necklace. I want a golden ranger scooter because I am striatening my attitude in school and why my brothers should get it is because I love them very much and some times they get out of hand.
Love Santa,
Your friend Dominic

Dear Santa,
I would like a gold scooter for Christmas cause I do not have a bike or scooter. The second thing I want is NFL Blitz 2001 for Playstation cause I do not any NFL games. The third thing I want for Christmas is a Playstation 2 cause I would like to have both Playstations. The last thing I want for Christmas is tetherball with a pole cause I don't have a tetherball and that would be nice of you if you got me one.
Love,
Khristophor Alarcon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motorcycle. My brother wants a trailer. My sister wants a playhouse.
Your friend,
Santos Renynoza

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a Brittany Speers Barbie, a Championship Barbie, a swimsuit Barbie. Boy Barbies and Barbie house. I also want some new shoes. Please bring my new baby some baby shoes and clothes. Bring my little sister some clothes and a baby doll. Bring my mom a ring that says MOM. Bring my dad a striped shirt. Bring Raymond some new shoes. Bring Rachel new clothes and shoes. Bring Randy cologne and Ramsey some cars.
Your friend,
Aleya Sharp

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some red and blue fingernail polish, a Teddy bear, some red shoes and a Brittany Speers Barbie. Bring my sister some red fingernail polish and a driver's license. Bring a belt for my dad. Bring Tyler a Buzz Lightyear, a Woody, and a Batman. Bring my mom red, blue and green clothes. Bring Debbie dog stuff.
Your friend,
Larissa Nachlinger

Dear Santa,
Want a silver remote control monster truck.
Your friend,
Junior Arellano

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a skateboard and a new tube for my bike. Bring Julain a Harry Potter book. Michael wants a football. Y.J. wants a driver's license. Mary Ann wants a Barbie house.
Your friend,
Fabian Fuentees

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie cash register, a Barbie house, lots of rings, necklaces and bracelets. Bring Dustin a Mustang.
Your friend,
Delinda Dacus





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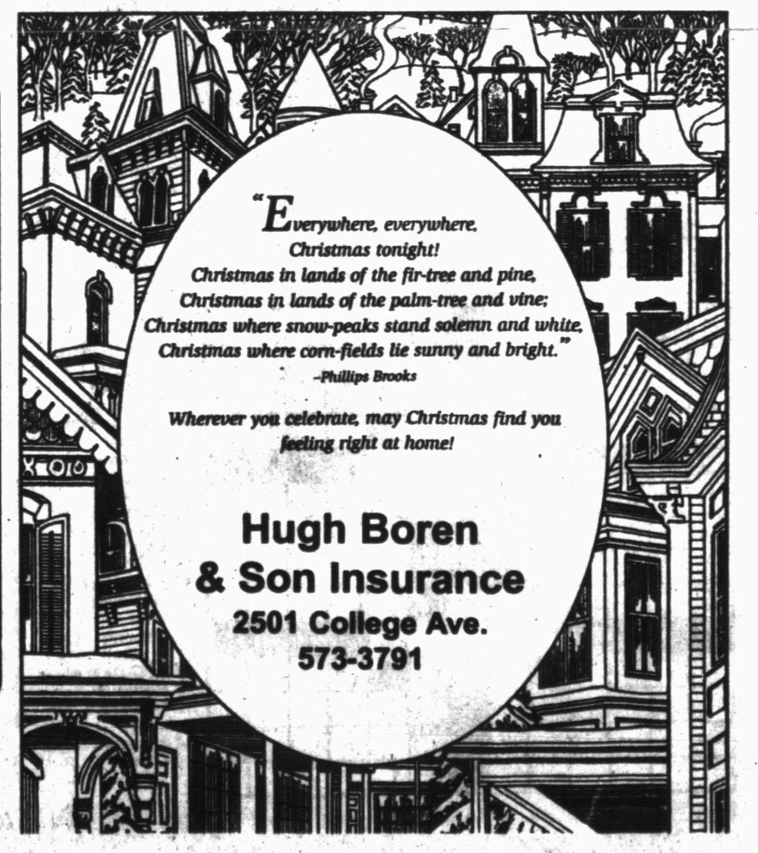
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Ring in Peace
We hope that this season resounds with much love, joy and peace for all.
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We hope you enjoy a happy and holy holiday.
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573-3583



Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Please bring me a shirt, a pair of pants, and some new shoes. Bring my sister's baby a tool set.
Your friend,
Carly Gill

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an Easy Bake oven so I can cook good things to eat. I also want a cotton candy maker. Bring Jordan a scooter and a cotton candy maker. Thank very much. See you on Christmas!
Your friend,
Aaron Williamson

Dear Santa,
My name is Geraldine Rub. I from Llano, Texas. I be at my PoPo's house for Christmas. Can you bring me a doll. O I want candy. God bless you.
Geraldine Rub
2 ½ years old
P.S. My PoPo lives at 800 27th

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashlee. I want a Barbie car with a doll. I want a horse. Come by my PoPo's house at 900 27th St.
Love You,
Ashlee Rub
4 years old
Llano

Dear Mr. Santa Clause,
What I want for Christmas is the Mary Kate & Ashley Barbie doll but the Mary Kate doll has to be the one whith the pajamas and the horse back ridding one. And the Ashley Barbie doll has to be the one whith the pajamas and her ballet clothes.
Thank you,
From
Samatha Alexis Medrano

Dear Santa,
I would like a...dirt bike
A 102 Dalmation play station game
A skate board
Archie and the Riverdale vampire movie, a dragon ball Z playstation game legend.
From,
Brance Scott

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. I would like you to bring me a remote control fire truck with lights, a truck, the game Candyland and a soccer ball. My little brother Landon would like a bunch of cars for Christmas. I also wanted to let you know that we will not be here Christmas morning, we will be staying with Grandma Dotty and Stephanie so if you can, deliver our presents there. We will be sure to leave you some yummy milk and cookies for a snack. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Britton Hill
Age 4

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob Barrera. I am 2 years old. My family tells me that I have been a very, very good boy. I was wondering if you could get me a Barney, Baby Bop, or B.J. character? I would also like anything that has to do with Disney's Mulcan. (That is one of my favorite movies). Dinally I would like a toy horse. Thank your for reading my letter. I love you.
Merry Christmas
Jacob T. Berrera

Dear Santa
My name is Christopher Gutierrez-Barrera. I am 5 years old. I have been a good boy. I love you Santa, Merry Christmas. Could you please bring me big Cheetor, an Action Man with the Wolf, some Pokeman and some X-man toys. Could you please bring my brother and I a goldfish? Thank you Santa!
Love you,
Christopher

Dear Santa,
I am five-years old and have been a petty good girl this year. For Christmas, could you please bring me a bike, a blue Barbie Clock, a Dancin Debbie, a Singing Angelica and a Bouncing Dill. My brother has been good to so could you bring him a new TV. I'll leave you a snack out.
Love,
Allison Claxton

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Martin and I am 6 years old. I love you very much and tell Mrs. Claus and the elves hello for me. Will your elves make me a toy goldfish? And will Mrs. Claus wrap it in paper? Will you tell the elves that I want a Magical Mermaid Barbie Doll with a Shell that glows in the dark and everything that her little sister needs, a Barbie steering wheel, a jeep for my Barbie, a guitar, a poodle toy dog that has little poodle pups and a bowl that has pretend water and a little bowl of pretend food.
I'll be asleep when you get here. I will leave six cookies and a glass of milk for you. I'll put a bow on your milk glass so you can put it on Rudolph.
Jessica Martin

Dear Santa,
Hello, my name is Jonathan Wallace I want a cd player of little Bow Wow the title Beware of Dog and Limp Bizkit. And Tyko RC Motarcross bike. And gameboy coler and Tony Hawk proskater 2 and the first Tony Hawk the regular one on gameboy corlor and Nintendo 64. N 64-RE-Volt and N 64 Excitebike 64. Trampoline guard fence and a Tech-deck meny. Most of all what I really wish for is all the kids that are sick to be healthy for Christmas.
Sincerely.
Jonathan Wallace

Dear Santa,
I want a pupie for Christmas, a movie and peace in the world and a happy Christmas. I hope it snows again merry christmas to everybody in the world
Love,
Brittany Miller

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie from nutcracker sweet., D.Q. factory. I wish the world would stop fighting.
Love,
Heather Crawford

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy will you bring me a nitendo 64 and a white snowy Christmas.
Love,
Brennen Baze

Dear Santa,
I want a Game boy color, 29 dollars I hope you bring it Santa. I want the world would be safe I would like peace in the world I hope there's snow. I hope there's a great Christmas Eve Santa.
Love,
Jonathan Castenada

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a skooter and a dog. Santa please give, peace to all the world.
Love,
Jacob Ramirez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Angel doll, a kitten, a puppy, a doll, a picture of you, a picture of your elf, a chalkboard with chalk, 39 dollars, a Grinch doll, another book, blesing by God, a wonderful white Christmas.
Love,
Jacoree

Dear Santa,
I would like a, bike, a sockerball, a football, a basketball, a scooter, some pokemon cards, a gold and silver, I want a new garvner, a new sadalite for my dad, a new computer for my mom.
Love,
Iaran Clemmons

Dear Santa,
]I want a big skateboard and a wotwiler pet and I hope we have a good Christmas.
Love,
Roman Rumero

Dear Santa,
I want a angel doll and 2 more doll. I want a new president.
Love,
Jami Robbins

Dear Santa,
I would like a robatic cat or dog. I would like a skooter. I want a president for our country. I would like peace in the world. I love you Santa.
Love,
Rebecca Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a new Barbie doll for my sister and another dog a boy dog.
Love,
Sabrina Moss

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a golden Scooter and a cell phone. I wish the world has a wonderful Christmas.
Love,
Briana Rose

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy a pet rotwiler. Happy Christmas.
Love,
Daniel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy. I would like you to bring my brother some keys. I would like the world to have a good Christmas.
Love,
Alexia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like just one thing for Christmas. I would like a new slimskaty CD for Christmas.
Love,
Gage Welsh

Dear Santa,
I want a cat and a laptop. A merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Love,
Macey Rodriguez

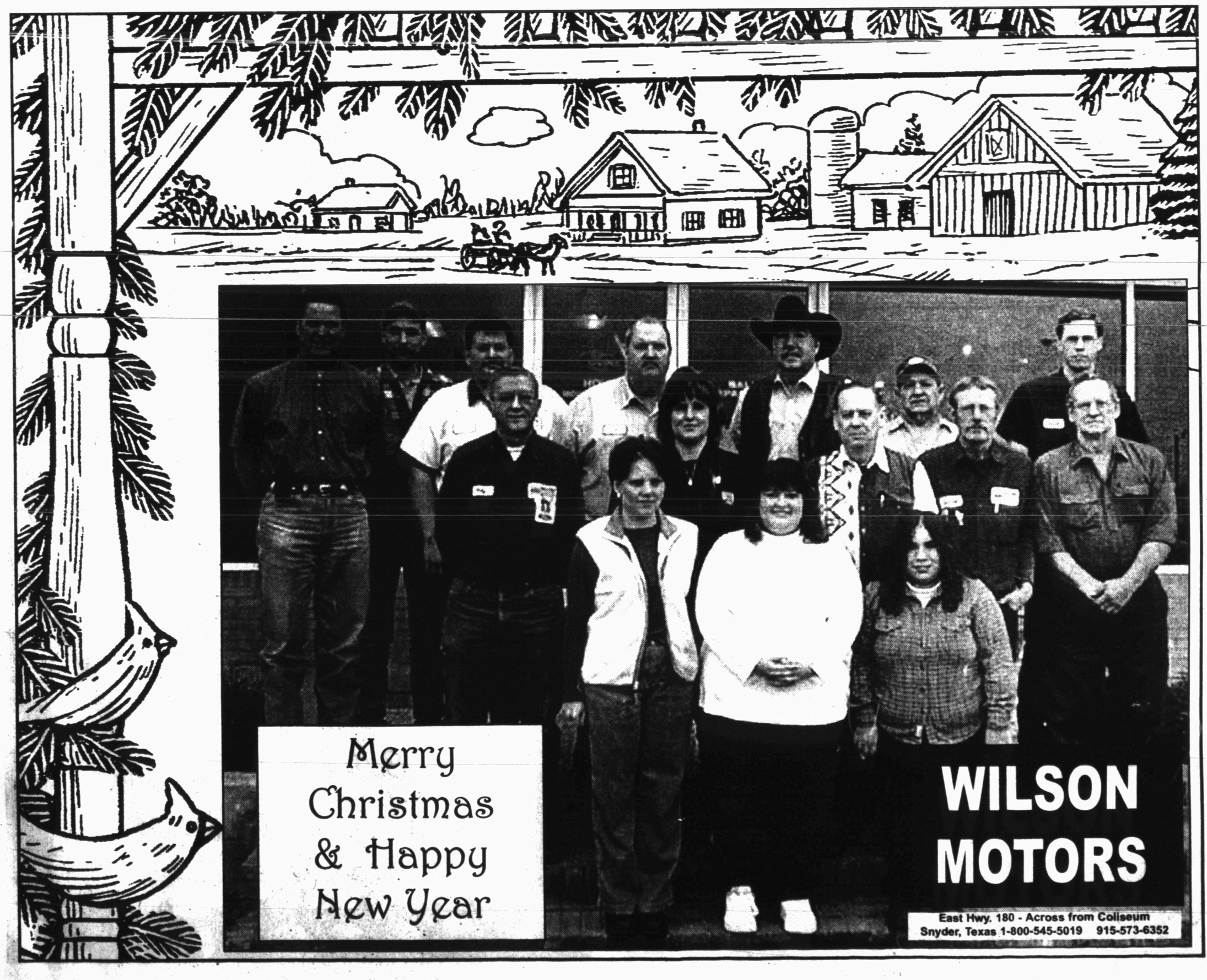
Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy and a Play Stashin for Christmas.
Love,
Micael Garza

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me some Pokemon cards and a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Joe Morin

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer I hope that the world will be safe.
Love,
Chris Ward

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me two bicycles. My bicycle is broken and so is my brothers. Will you bring me a action figure and make sure the world has a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Shawndon McVey

greetings of
joy
goodwill





Dear Santa,
I want a go cart and a jet fighter with bombs and a water gun with a back pack that holds the water.
Nelson Sears

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want 3 things. I want a gutar for Christmas. I want to learn to play the gutar. My 2 is I want some new rolor bladse. I never had rolerblase. My 3 thing is the celabration barbie. I need a new barbie. P.S. How's Rudolgh?
Makenna Scott

Dear Santa,
I want some tinker toys. I want a little scooter for Christmas. I also want a skate board and CD player. I want a vcr, t.v. and power rangers.
Juan Ruiz

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like to have a golf cart, a Ntendo, plastaston and 4 willer. And I hope you dres warmly so ur beard does not fres off. If that happened you would look funny.
Shelby Grice

Dear Santa,
My name is Kylie Bell, I have been a very good girl this year. If you could please bring me a doll house, a Frosty movie, pants with flowers on them, a poochie, a leap pad, a baby bed with a swing & high chair, a baby doll, new colors & markers, and dancin' debbie doll. Thank you and have a happy new year.
Love,
Kylie age 5,

Dear Santa,
Hello my name is Keenon Ward and this year for X-mas I would like a dream cast with football games, a scooter, and a robot dog. By the way I have been good all year.
Love you Santa,
Keenon Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
I please hope that you will bring me a scooter and a tire for my bike. I hope my little brothers lides my present I gave him.
I hop we oll have a good Cristmas.
Daniel Escobedo

Dear Santa Claus
This year I wan't for chrismas is some new cloth some shoes and a computer and pokeman cards wwf restlers, gidemon Action figer or a pokmon action figer a ring or a necles for my mom or sister I think you are a nice and neat guy to bring presents to childeran around the hole wold I think they all love you santa claus.
Gus Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus
I want a play station for chrimas and I om having a bad day and Samuel is having a good time in cass.
Samul Vasqez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a skooder and a telephone and my family is ok and my cousins are ok to and my mom dad is ok and I fill ok too but I fill sad and I just want to say I miss my family in heven and I mis my grat grandpa and I mis my friends that moved away and I love you Santa.
Love,
Cassie M. Benitez

Dear Santa Claus,
I wont a grat time on Chrismas and I hope that my famile comes for Chirsmas and I hope that I will get a cd player and a game boy and I hope I can get wat I poot on my Chrismas at home and I just hope that I will have a grat Chrismis. Ps I hope you have a grate Chrismis.
Roberto Aguirre

Dear Santa Claus,
I think this is the best time of the year. Hou are my best frand. May I please have a Skooter and pokemon gift box and a radramon toy and digevice and a giant candy bar and a
Kincaid Kenneth

Dear Santo Claus,
I want a Nintindo sixth four. And now about my family. I don't now wat I should get I want to give my mom and dad a computer but I relly want a action firgyer. That is wot I realy want. Ill get back to you.
Love,
Ty Burton

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a scooter and a puppy and a cat too and a ptostasin game froger 2 and some baby doll and barbye and a rel Rudolph and Masin alley and a majeic megin.
And I hope I git thim too,
Love,
Ashley browning

Dear Santa Claus,
I love Christmas and I want for Christmas is a scooter a to and my mom and dad have a grate Chirstmas. And A nother thingI want is a cat or a puppy. and cloths
Jodi Hamilton

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a noty boy this year and hears a litle bit of things I wanted for Christmas I wanted a go-cart and a scooter and a dirt bike which I won't get a go-cart or a dirt bike and I want a 22 rifle which I won't get it.
Love
Kolby Kubena

Dear Santa Claus,
I mis my sist very much. I wont a Babby doll, playhouse. I want a playschool.
Yourb friend,
Eva Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
For chirstmas in a my dream baby and one of those skoters and so does myy sister and me and my sister wants new barn baby and I want a lot of clothes and shoes and toys and I want my mom and dad wod get togther again.
Love,
Allison Surgert

Dear Santa Claus,
I wold like for Christmis is I wish to know where my cat B.B is becus I rely miss him. Computer, robot cat, robot dog, a pctcher of the rande and you and Miss. Claus, squsb ball.
Love Taylor Tyrrell

Dear Santa Clauw,
I want a few puzzels. And a few more things too. But I cant think of any more right now. But what I realy want is to you give some stuff to the Torres family. Thank you.
Love,

Laura Ortega
I want a horse. And a fish, pink the CD. A new pair of dark blue jeans. And Allowance the game. Something nice for my teacher.
Love,
Valeria Ann Guzman

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa Claus,
Santa I want a razer scouter and a macam rdle car and a 5 pak of pace cors for my birther. Let eleves have a good chimrs.
Jack lewis

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a skatebord of Hobey de cat where he is snow bording of a cliff and what I whollike for Chrismas is sone snow and a scooder and a good year.
Love
Jose Rodarte

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for Christmas a Bow and Arrow. And a pair of Binoculars and a surprise. And I also want a knife. I am going to leave some cookies and milk out for you.
Love Jake Strickland

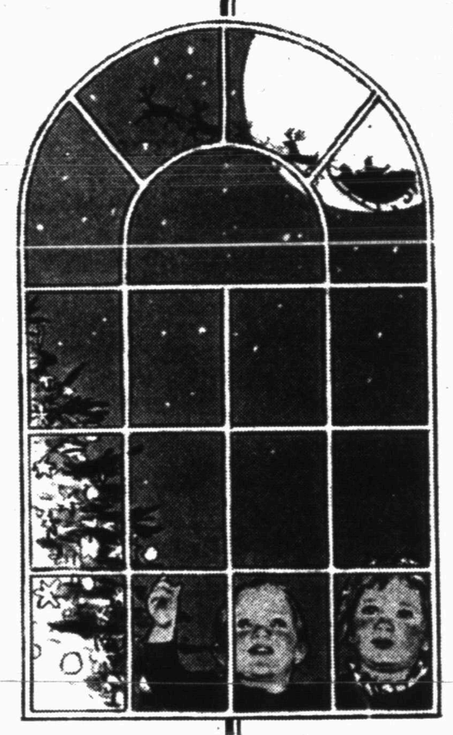
Dear Sant Claus,
I want for Chistmas a scooter and a pair of scates. And a good Chistmas for Eva and her family to have a good Christmas. And some other toys that I like and some for Eva some toys her family and mine.
Love. Ashley Ann Silva

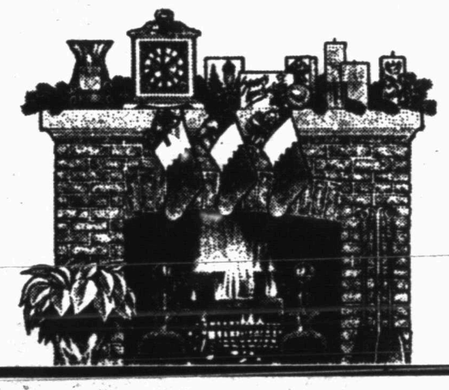
Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to please give the Torres family to have a great Christmas. I would also like to ask you to give them a house. Thay have had a bad year. I pray that thay have a great Cristmas.
Sincearly you friend
Annie Stribling
P.S I don't have any thing.

Dear Santa,
I am 9 year old. My name is Alexzadrea. I would like to have an Indiain doll, a yoyo, earring, dresses, and other clothes. Santa could you go to people houses that are sad and give them some food, toys, and make them happy.
I Hope you have a nice Christmas.
Your friend,
Alexzandrea Yruega




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Dear Santa,
How are you and your wife? I'm on the good list. If I am, please tell me, Santa. Please bring me a cat, as dog, a book, a pair of earrings, and a teddy bear.
Love,
Kassidy Henderson

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph okay? How are the elves? I hope you are fine, Santa. Can you bring me a scooter? I hope you bring my brother and sister a toy.
Love,
Lupe Ornales

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a scooter and a Lazer Challenge, and a dolly for my little sister, and a 4-wheeler, a cap for my dad and some lotion for my mom.
Love,
J.P. Wilson

Dear Santa,
Last year was a fun year. I hope it's as fun this year as it was last year. For Christmas I want a bike, bean bag, baby crib, a turtle, dog, gel, a sponge, lipgloss, mascara, and Britney Spears CD.
Love,
Laramie Gilbert

Dear Santa,
I would like to know how your reindeer are doing and is your sled ready? Oh, I almost forgot what I wanted. May I have a Game boy, a scooter, and a new Bible please? My name is Isaac and I won't put fire in the fireplace on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Isaac Martin

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and the elves and you and Mrs. Claus? Would you please bring me a crab with some shells. Please bring me a real horse and just it in that little pin. I want a real puppy and that big horse at Target and all the stuff that goes with it, and Now Five CD, and a CD player. Be ready for the cookies and just be careful. I guess that's all I want, but there is another, and it is for everyone to have a good Christmas.
Love,
Baily Nickerson

Dear Santa,
How are Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, Blitzen, and Rudolph? I've been good and bad. Please bring good things for my sister, my baby sister, and my dad and mom and me. I love you, Santa.
Love,
Steven Juarez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves at the North Pole? Are they making toys right now? I am thankful for my parents, my brothers, and you, Santa.
Love,
Seth Cotton

Dear Santa,
Tell Mrs. Clause she is beautiful. Last year I had fun. I laughed when Daddy put bows on Chase's head. Thank you for the presents. For Christmas I want a real puppy, two beanbags, a doll that grows, an ornament, a laptop, and a cross necklace.
Love,
Kyrstin Baker

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? What is your favorite color? Please bring me a Pikachu's winter vacation 2 and I want a toy that has a lef on her head and a Rudolph toy, the Grinch Movie, not the cartoon. Please bring me Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer CD.
Love,
Paul Martinez

Dear Santa
How are you and the reindeer? Praise you did such a good job I have been very good so I want a lot of toys. How are your elves and Mrs. Claus? What I want for Christmas is a growing baby, a Goofy dog, a toy horse.
Love,
Kellie Pilcher

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and everybody else? I have been good and bad. I sent you an e-mail, too. Is their going to be snow this year? Jessica wants a CD. I don't know what my mom wants, just bring her something good. I don't really know what I want. Please write me back. Bye.
Love,
Kell Odom

Dear Santa,
I am so excited about Christmas! How are your elves? How is Mrs. Claus and how is Dancer and Prancer? Are they biting Crumpet and Sparky?
Love,
Cody Chappell

Dear Santa,
I want some golden rings and five blue rings. I want a Barbie car that is blue and pink and a Barbie stand. I want to make sure Dancer is all right.
Love,
Amanda Elam

Dear Santa,
I am so excited about Christmas! I can hardly wait to see what you will bring this year. I've been real good this year and have tried to help my cousin be good. We are both 2 years old, and I try to help him stay in line. Please bring me a doll to take care of and some cars for my cousin. Thank you for the presents.
Love,
Kensey Henderson

Dear Santa,
I'm writing you again this year last year. I've tried real hard to be good this year, but it's not easy when my cousin tries to boss me. Please bring me some extra cars so I can share with my cousin? We are both 2 years old and learning to share. Thank you for everything.
Love,
Tyler Northcott

Dear Santa,
This Chrismas I would like three things. My first one is a colored Gameboy. My second thing is a go cart and a poochi. How are your reindeer?
Garrett Snyder

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a paintball gun. Another thing I want is a gameboy color. The last thing I want is a playstation 2. I want a paintball gun because I don't have a gun. I want a gameboy color because you can take it places. I want a playstation 2 because it has cool games.
Brandon Elam

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a phone because everyone is on the phone at my house. I would love to have a T.V. in my room because the boys at my house hog the T.V. And the last thing I want is my two front teeth because they have ben out for 8 months.
Blaire Toombs

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a stuffed dinosaur and I will buy you a present and a movie the Matrix and the Lost World. I wish my teeth to be out by Christmas.
Donnie Medrano

Dear Santa,
I would like a four-wheeler so I can ride with my neighber. When he goes by I can run outside and he and I can play together. I would like these Barbie dresses. One is pink with white fussy trim. The other is a pretty wedding dress and some tinker toys.
Sydney Glass

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart. A TV. VCR because those are special. So are you.
Meagen Robbins

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like three things. Those three things are a robot, a pokemon pikachu and a monkey game.
Brayden Culwell

Dear Santa,
I wish for a heart with you I love you by Michael. I will bee good for every day. Will you please give me a robot, a computer and a video game.
Michael David Brasher

Dear Santa,
I want 3 things. A dog, a doll and a computer. I love you Santa.
Maranda Guynes

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a computer game and some Christmas books and some Christmas music. Take care of your reindeer.
Chelsea Russell

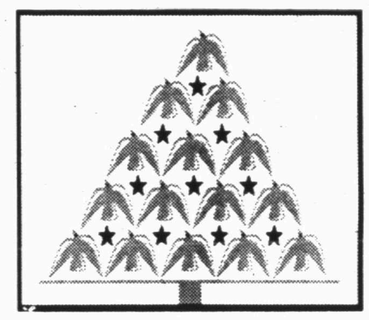
Dear Santa,
I want a doll for Christmas. I want a millyon dolars for Christmas and a dog for Christmas because Christmas Santa Clause I want a present.
Angelica Ramos



Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a new watch, an alarm clock and journal. I want a watch to tell time. I want an alarm clock to get to school on time and a journal to write what is going on. Have a safe trip, some yummy cookies, have a Merry Christmas and happy New Year, too. With a grinn on your face I see you looking down on me. Notty or bad just give me something this Christmas
Logan Tabor

Dear Santa,
I would like a go-cart please and I would like to get my famlay stuff because they get me stuff. They are special.
Madison Guzman

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like three things. Pokemon cards, a go cart and lego-set. P.S. Santa, how can you survive the coldness at the North pole?
Angel Guerrero



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- ❄ Enough failure to keep you humble
- ❄ Enough hope to keep you happy
- ❄ Enough success to keep you eager
- ❄ Enough friends to give you comfort
- ❄ Enough wealth to meet your needs
- ❄ Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- ❄ Enough faith to banish depression
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