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"THE VOICE OF ELDORADO AND SCHLEICHER COUNTY SINCE 1901"

Keate found guilty of sexual abuse of a child

A Schleicher County jury deliberated 90-minutes Tuesday before finding Allan Eugene Keate, 57, guilty of Sexual Abuse of a Child. He is the second YFZ Ranch defendant to be convicted on such a charge since the now famous raid on ranch in April of 2008.

The case revolved around DNA evidence which Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols used to prove Keate fathered a child with his under aged victim who was determined to be one of his polygamous wives. Meanwhile, documents seized during the raid were used to place Keate and the alleged victim at the YFZ Ranch when the child was conceived.

For their part, defense attorneys Randy Wilson and Don Payne offered the jury very little in the way of an alternate theory of the crime and called only two witnesses, John Walsh, an authority of the mainline Mormon church, and Sheriff David Doran. Neither of the men seemed to help Keate's case.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was present last week as the jury selection began. He previously visited Eldorado the year before when the first of the YFZ indictments were handed down, including that of Allan Keate.

It took two days, but the opposing legal teams settled Wednesday evening, December 9, 2009, on a nine-man, three woman jury with two female alternate jurors.

Keate formally entered a non-guilty plea moments after the jury was seated. The jury was sent home and defense attorney Don Payne then offered a motion to allow the jury to visit the YFZ Ranch, visit Keate's home and the "scene where the abuse occurred."

Prosecutor Eric Nichols jumped on that statement, seemingly pleased that the defense had acknowledged an abuse. He told the judge the state would like to visit the ranch first to make sure nothing has changed. Specifically, the state wanted to visit the home, the watch tower, temple annex

vault, doctor's office and birthing center.

Payne promptly dropped the motion but offered another to quash the third paragraph of the indictment. That motion was denied by Judge Walther. A motion to exempt expert witnesses from the "rule" was agreed to by the judge. The exemption allowed expert witnesses for both the prosecution and defense hear the testimony of other experts.

The prosecution got down to business on Thursday morning and began to systematically build its case, first by displaying a poster which bore the definition of Sexual Abuse of a Child and telling the jury that they will be taken on a virtual tour of the YFZ Ranch and showed photos of the places where evidence used in the trial was gathered.

For his part, defense attorney Randy Wilson explained that the burden of proof lies with the state who must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that their client is guilty, based only on evidence presented, not anything heard, believed or assumed about his client.

The state then called a series of witnesses to present and corroborate evidence in the case. First on the stand was Texas Ranger Danny Crawford who explained that he arrived at the YFZ Ranch in the early hours of Friday, April 4, 2008 and remained there for two days, sleeping only a few hours in the front seat of his car. Crawford said he was able to leave and get some rest on April 5th but returned on April 6th and stayed until the raid was over on April 9th.

Crawford said that evidence seized during the raid was secured in trailers and kept at the YFZ until the raid was complete. The evidence trailers were then taken to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office and then to the Texas Department of Public Safety office in San Angelo. He added that the evidence, 82 pieces in all, has been in the care, custody and control of law enforcement officials since it was seized.

Amy Smutts, a DNA expert from Fort Worth then testified that DNA collected from Allan Keate, the alleged victim and her child proves to a 99.999996 percent certainty that he fathered the child.

Thomas Jason Kinerd, who currently serves as a special federal agent with the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms) testified next. Kinerd said he was a Texas Ranger at the time of the raid when



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Chief Deputy George Arispe and Sheriff David Doran escort Allan Eugene Keate to the Schleicher County Jail on Tuesday shortly after he was found guilty of sexual abuse of a child in 51st District Court. Keate could be facing up to 99 years in prison. The penalty phase of the trial got underway Wednesday morning. Keate's sentence will be reported on THE SUCCESS website at www.myeldorado.net as soon as it is handed down. Complete details will follow in next week's edition.

Fire destroys Sonora Wool House Sonora Wool and Mohair Company remains open for business

by Ben D. Taylor
Devil's River News

The historic front office of the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company was destroyed by fire early Monday morning on December 14, 2009. Three other buildings associated with the company remained intact.

Sonora and Eldorado Fire Departments responded to the blaze and remained on scene well into the night. Seco Mayfield, general manager for the company, responded that, "The fire departments from Sonora and Eldorado did a great job. If they hadn't done what they did the fire might have taken all those buildings." Mayfield commented further on the fire's progression, "The main fire was in that front office, but they think that the connecting warehouse was pulling the fire in its direction. When we lost the roof [of the office] the fire pulled back and stayed in the front office area. Those guys in the fire department really did an awesome job."

The building had been used for wool and mohair storage in the past, but currently has been used to house Red

Hoss Feeds. No wool was lost during the blaze, but Red Hoss Feeds (housed in the building) lost all of its merchandise in the fire. Mayfield commented that the communities support has been very important to them in the aftermath of the fire, "everyone's been real good to us. They have offered us office space, equipment, and whatever we could need. The community has been great. The next step is to clean up all the buildings. Sonora Wool and Mohair is still up and running. We've got office space donated and will continue to operate as usual."

While it is business as usual for the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, the Fling Ding (local winter dance usually held in the buildings) has changed its 2010 event. Usually held on Super Bowl weekend, the dance has changed its date to March and is scheduled to be held at the Sutton County Civic Center.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation pending the arrival of a representative from the state fire marshals office. Local speculation places the cause of the fire on an electrical short.



PHOTO BY MIKE MCGUFFIN

Fire units from the Sonora and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Departments responded early Monday morning to a fire at the Sonora Wool House. The blaze claimed the historic front office portion of the building where Red Hoss Feed was housed.

NOTICE

The Eldorado Success will be closed the week after Christmas. There will be no paper on Thursday, December 31st. Publication will resume on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Thank You!

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Meador seeks re-election as County Commissioner in Pct. 2

I would like to announce my intention to run for re-election of County Commissioner of Precinct 2 of Schleicher County. It has been an honor for me to serve the people of this precinct the last three years.

There have been important issues facing our county government, and I believe that progress has been made on several items including county roads, fire and ambulance service, recreation, law enforcement and other rural county issues. Securing revenue generating industry, maintaining equitable taxes, dealing with state imposed mandates and the escalating costs of services will continue

to be critical to the well-being of our citizens as we look to the future. I would like to continue to be a part of that process.

I have truly enjoyed working with the county commissioners, the County Judge and other county officials as the representative of the citizens of Precinct 2 and of Schleicher County in general. I will continue to provide an honest, fair and objective viewpoint on the issues that come before the Commissioner's Court. I appreciate the consideration that the voters in Precinct 2 may give in affording me the opportunity to serve in their behalf again.

Governor blasts back at EPA health ruling on carbon dioxide

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 9 wrote to Lisa Jackson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency director, in hopes of having the agency withdraw a ruling that admits to the health danger of carbon dioxide in the air we all breathe.

The EPA announced Dec. 7 that greenhouse gases (water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and ozone) threaten the public health and welfare of the American people. EPA also cited evidence that "GHG" emissions from on-road vehicles contribute to that threat.

Perry, joined by state officials and industry chiefs, held a press conference in La Porte Dec. 9 to talk about the EPA ruling.

"The unelected bureaucrats at the EPA have effectively and unilaterally ended any honest debate on this vital

issue," Perry said. "A cap and tax system would force Texans to bear more than their share of negative effects, including an average increase in annual living costs of approximately \$1,200 per household and the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs. I'm a firm believer that Washington's one-size-fits-all approaches don't work, whether you're talking energy policies, health care reform or economic development," he said.

Perry refers above to "cap and trade," a federal plan to control air pollution by limiting the amount of pollutants a company may discharge. If a company uses all of its pollution "credits," it may buy credits from another company that has some to spare.

Cap and trade operates under the theory that companies will cut back or clean up their emissions, and

cumulatively, the less pollution, the cleaner and healthier the air.

Public Utility Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman said cap and trade "will cost trillions (of dollars) with no guarantee of results, except lost jobs and higher electricity prices."

Letters target uninsured motorists

The Texas Department of Insurance announced Dec. 8 that about 100,000 Texas drivers will receive a one-page letter because they could not be matched with an active auto insurance policy for a period of at least 60 days.

The letters come through TexasSure, a vehicle insurance verification program available to the state's 254 county tax assessor-collectors since June 2008 and state law enforcement since October 2008.

The goal of the program is to reduce the number of uninsured drivers. The presence of uninsured drivers on the road drives up auto insurance costs for insured drivers.

Appliance rebate program is set

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 11 announced the state will use about \$23 million in federal stimulus funds for a mail-in rebate program for consumers who purchase certain energy efficient household appliances between April 16 and April 25, 2010.

The rebates are for consumers who buy eligible Energy Star appliances and replace the same type of old appliance that is functional. Included are Energy Star certified refrigerators, freezers, room air conditioners, central air conditioners, heat pumps, water heaters, clothes washers and

dishwashers, Combs said.

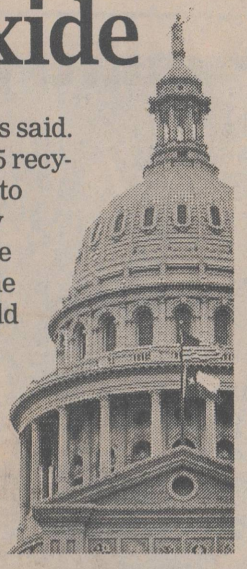
An additional \$75 recycling rebate will go to consumers who buy an eligible appliance and recycle the same type of functional old appliance.

The 10-day purchase period was set to coincide with Earth Day, April 22, 2010.

State sales tax intake declines

Comptroller Combs on Dec. 11 said the state collected \$1.7 billion in sales tax in November, down 14.4 percent compared to

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Climate coverup exposed

by Walter Williams

My column Dec. 24 started out: "Americans have been rope-a-doped into believing that global warming is going to destroy the planet. Scientists who have been skeptical about manmade global warming have been called traitors or handmaidens of big oil." New evidence proves that climatologists and environmental policy advocates have not only fed us lies, engaged in scientific and academic fraud but committed criminal acts as well.

Last month, Russian computer hackers obtained thousands of e-mails from the Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in England. CRU has the world's largest temperature data set. In collaboration with scientists around the world, including the U.S., its research and mathematical models form the basis of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's 2007 global warming report.

The e-mails involved communication among climate researchers and policy advocates around the world who brazenly discuss both the destruction and hiding of data that does not support their global-warming claims. They discuss criminally deleting data rather than comply with Freedom of Information Act requests. There's also discussion of faking data for journals such as Nature, conspiring to keep opposing science out of peer-reviewed journals (of which they controlled the editorial boards), and using statistical "tricks" to hide the cooling period of the past 10 years. One e-mail said, "The fact we can't account for the lack of warming at the moment and it is a travesty that we can't." Another said, "it would be nice to try to 'contain' the putative 'MWP,' even if we don't yet have a hemispheric mean reconstruction available that far back." MWP refers to the Medieval Warm Period (800 A.D. to 1300 A.D.) when the Earth was much warmer than it is now. This bothers the global warmers because they can't blame the temperature increase a thousand years ago on SUVs, coal-burning power plants and incandescent bulbs.

Editors of professional journals, who were willing to publish articles that disagreed with the warmers, were forced to resign - as in the cases of editors at Climate Research and Geophysical Research Letters.

The fact is an increasing amount of climate research suggests a possibility of global cooling. Geologist Dr. Don J. Easterbrook, emeritus professor at Western Washington University, says, "Recent solar changes suggest that it could be fairly severe, perhaps more like the 1880 to 1915 cool cycle than the more moderate 1945-1977 cool cycle. A more drastic cooling, similar to that during the Dalton and Maunder minimums, could plunge the Earth into another Little Ice Age, but only time will tell if that is likely."

Last year's column closed with my speculation that if ever "the permafrost returns to northern U.S., as far south as New Jersey as it once did, it's not inconceivable that Congress, caught in the grip of global warming zealots, would keep all the laws on the books they wrote in the name of fighting global warming. Personally, I would not put it past them to write more." This is confirmed by the Obama administration's climate czar, Carol Browner, who, despite dishonesty, fraud and criminality, says she considers the science on global warming settled.

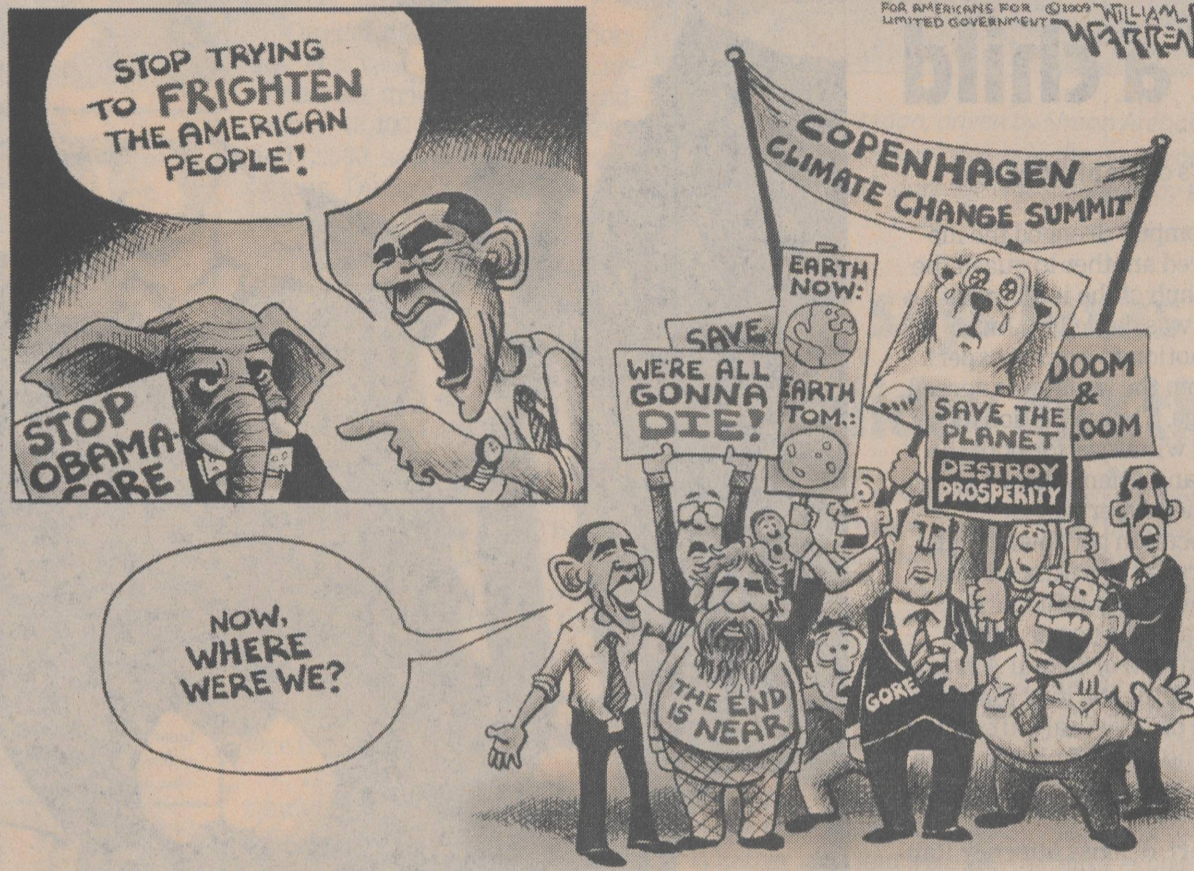
Write to Williams, a George Mason University economics professor and syndicated columnist, at wwilliam@gmu.edu.



IN MY OPINION

COMMENTARY

by Walter Williams



How 'Cap and Trade' will affect you

As the United Nations climate change summit continues in Copenhagen, the debate of global warming is being distorted by political hot air.

At issue is whether or not a mandate to cap greenhouse gases will somehow save the planet for generations to come. Last week, the EPA declared carbon dioxide a threat to public health and the environment, but failed to back it up with science. Let's be honest; this was a political decision, not a scientific breakthrough.

At risk are our jobs, food supply and economic stability. What should outrage Americans is the cost of such regulation will be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher grocery prices, fuel costs and utility bills. Think of it as one large energy tax that will put a freeze on our economy.

Proponents of cap and trade legislation and carbon dioxide regulation argue that aggressive global policing of greenhouse gases is needed as soon as possible to protect future generations of humankind from the increasing and imminent threat of climate change and global warming.

They also envision a harmonious model of fairness and cooperation among the world's industrialized powerhouses so that the burden of cap and trade implementation is shared equally across the board. But with developing nations continuing to press for exemptions to regulation and huge financial

IN MY OPINION



COMMENTARY

Todd Staples
Texas Agriculture Commissioner

payouts to mitigate the effects of global warming, the United States literally cannot afford to meet the goals the United Nations and EPA are pushing.

With the recent "Climategate" scandal showing science can be cooked, we must look at the facts surrounding climate change and CO2 regulation. Political agendas are driving the greenhouse gas regulations that will increase production costs, put sectors of our economy out of business and cripple the ability of the farmers and ranchers of our state and nation to continue producing the most reliable and safest food supply in the world.

I strongly support environmental stewardship based on clearly defined scientific principles - not pie-in-the-sky political idealism that has no real world connection to the struggles of hardworking American families.

I'm proud that Texas leads the

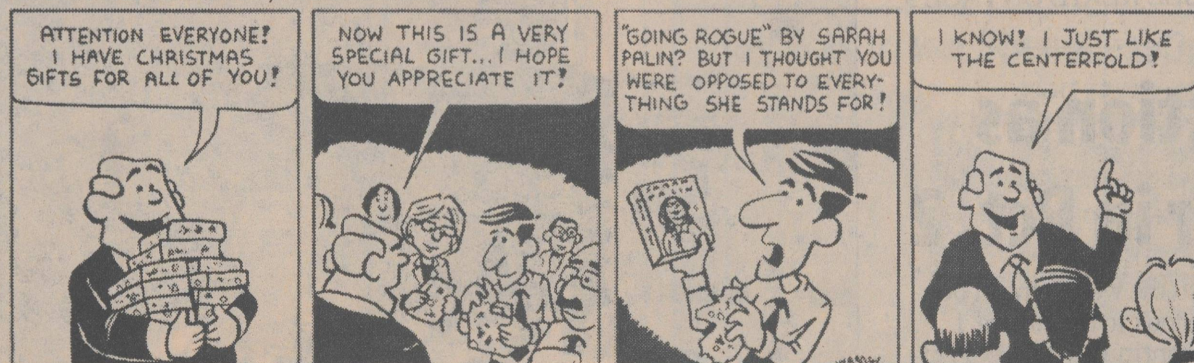
nation in the production of cattle, cotton, hay, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. Texas also is among the leading states in the production of citrus, vegetables, poultry products, sorghum, wheat and rice. Our \$103 billion agriculture economy feeds and clothes hundreds of millions of Texans, Americans and people around the globe. But if climate regulations are put into place, farmers and ranchers will be driven out of business due to increased energy, transportation and fertilizer prices; carbon offset practices will reduce food supply; and food expenses will consume a larger percentage of your budget.

Our nation is witnessing an insatiable, overreaching appetite of federal authority, and this threatens the very ideals that make our country great. America is built on a pioneer spirit where independence, self-preservation and competition are applauded and celebrated - not suppressed, stifled and sold out.

Have we become so consumed with change that we have allowed policy debates to be driven not by whether or not it will cost Americans, but by HOW MUCH that change will cost?

Now is the time for Americans to CAP our federal government from this perilous policy pathway. Otherwise, they will TRADE away our economic prosperity.

CAPITOL SOUTH by William Warren



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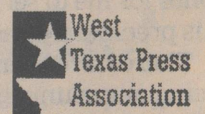
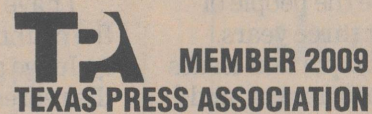
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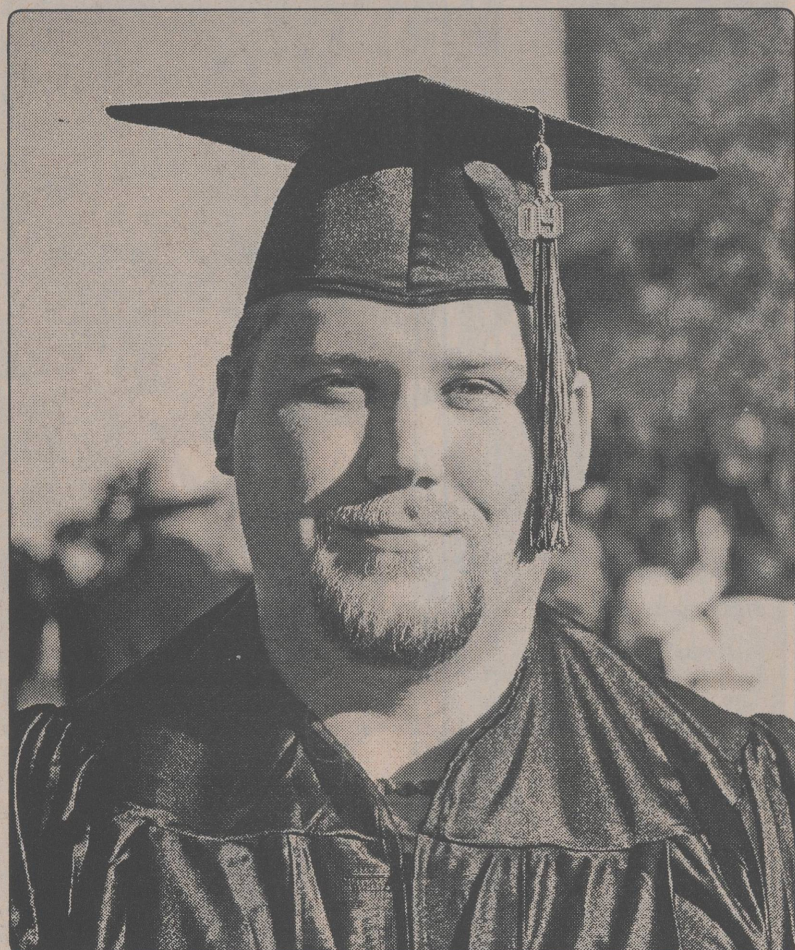
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J. L. Mankin

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Mankin graduates from ASU

J.L. Mankin graduated from Angelo State University on Saturday, December 12, 2009, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism.

He is a graduate of Eldorado High School and is the son of Randy and Kathy Mankin of Eldorado.

Mankin grew up working for his parents at The Eldorado Success. He will now be employed in Big Lake at the family's other newspaper, The Big Lake Wildcat, where he will work as a reporter and photographer.

Several family members

were on hand for the graduation ceremony, including his parents, sister Dr. Sarah Mankin of Lubbock, uncle and aunt, David and Vickie Marburger of Shallowater, and cousin Elizabeth Marburger of Lubbock. Marla Daugherty, editor of The Big Lake Wildcat, was also in attendance.

Other friends joined in to celebrate at a post-graduation dinner, held at Twin Mountain Steakhouse in San Angelo. Among those attending were Pat and Diane Ragsdale, Rev. Don and Kathy Inman and Danny and Paula Boyer, all of Eldorado



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

(L-R) Ashleigh Wright and Hunter Alvizo each brought home a gold medal in the Small School Division UIL Contest held at Texas Tech University recently.

EHS students win UIL medals at 'Christmas at Texas Tech'

Freshman Ashleigh Wright earned a Gold Medal for 1st place 9th grade Math in the Small Schools Division and a Bronze Medal for 3rd place 9th grade Number Sense Small Schools Division.

Senior Hunter Alvizo earned a Gold Medal for 1st place 12th

grade Science in the Small Schools Division and a Gold Medal for Top Chemistry, in the Small Schools Division. Also Alvizo won a Gold Medal for Top Physics Small Schools and a green ribbon for 6th place 12th grade Math Small Schools. Their sponsor is Angela Case.

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Capital Highlights...

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November 2008.

Collections were down in oil and natural gas production, construction, manufacturing and retail trade.

Language extends tolling ban

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, a member of the Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations subcommittee, on Dec. 11 announced that her language reinforcing a current ban on placing tolls on existing interstate highways in Texas through September 2010 was included in pending legislation she expects to be signed into law.

Bill contains Ike recovery money

The U.S. House on Dec. 10 and the U.S. Senate on Dec. 13 passed a \$1.1 trillion spending bill, which includes funds to help Galveston and other communities hit by Hurricane Ike in September 2008. The bill awaits President Obama's signature.

Language in the bill makes matching community

development block grant funding available for hurricane-damaged cities in Texas coastal areas still in need of recovery assistance. The language was inserted into the bill by U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco.

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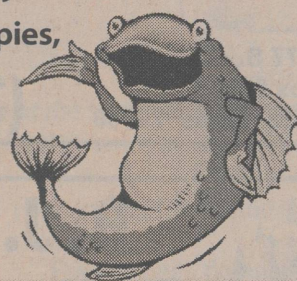
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Eldorado 8th Grade Eagle Bobby Martinez went for the point only to draw a foul. He scored 1 point from the free throw line. The Eagles beat the Irion County Hornets 36-21.

Eagles 8th boys win big over Hornets

The Eldorado 8th Grade Eagles preyed on the Irion County Hornets Monday evening in the Eagle gym. Bailey Espinosa scored 7 and Jose Aranda top game scorer placed 9 points on the board. Bobby Martinez and Michael Bilbrey each scored 4. Tyler Martinez made a 3 point goal in the fourth quarter and put two more points on the board for a total of 5 points. Justin Estrada scored 6. The Eagles scored 35 points total against Irion County 21.

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7th grade boys whip Hornets

The 7th grade Eldorado Eagles came away Monday night with a big win against the Irion County Hornets. Tres Whitten scored 16 points against the Hornets mostly in the first half. Gabriel Villareal scored 14 points. Dominic Ochoa and Julian Garcia each put 4 points on the board. Dalton Buchholz, Jacob Sanchez, and Garret Swinford each scored two points. Lucas Santellano scored 3. The Eagles final score was 47 to Irion County 13.

8th grade girls win 27-19 over I.C.

The 8th Grade Lady Eagles scored 27 points to Irion County's 19 points giving them the win on Monday night in the Eagle's gym. Valeria Ortiz, Lisa Olivares and Megan Reel each scored 2 points. Macy Mikeska, Adriana Rios and Eli Estrada each put one point towards the score. Kimberly Sanchez and Mikayla Ramon each placed 9 points toward their win against the Lady Hornets. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were Madison Albin, Lupe Pasillas, Amber Shipman, Maria Reyes and Jordan McCulloch. The Lady Eagles bounced ahead in the third quarter sealing their win against the Lady Hornets.



8th Grade Lady Eagle Jordan McCulloch goes up for a shot. The Lady Eagles beat the Lady Hornets 27 to 19, Monday, December 14.

VARSITY GIRLS

Crane Tournament
 December 3, 2009

Eldorado 11-16-12-12-05=56
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Playing for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 10, Miranda Arispe 3, Brianah Creek 12, Abby Fuentes 1, Ashley Paulsen 4, Audrey Martinez 18 and Kadie Niblett 8. 3 point goals: (2) Martinez

VARSITY GIRLS

December 12, 2009
 Water Valley Tournament

Eldorado 08-15-15-12=50
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Playing for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 11, Miranda Arispe 6, Brianah Creek, 2, Abby Fuentes 2, Ashley Paulson 4, Audrey Martinez 15, Kadie Niblett 8, Amy Alvizo 2, 3 Point Goal (1) Jarrett; (1) Martinez

December 8, 2009

Eldorado 08-15-12-18=53
 Rocksprings 16-09-17-15=57

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 11, Miranda Arispe 5, Brianah Creek 10, Abby Fuentes 6, Ashley Paulsen 8, Audrey Martinez 9, Audrey Rubio 2, Lauren Rubio 2. 3 point goals: (1) Jarrett, (1) Arispe

December 12, 2009
 Water Valley Tournament

Eldorado 16-14-11-15=56
 Westbrook 07-07-05-08=28

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 17, Miranda Arispe 13, Brianah Creek 6, Abby Fuentes 2, Audrey Martinez 10 and Lauren Rubio 6. Point Goals: (1) Jarrett, (1) Arispe (1) Martinez

December 10, 2009
 Water Valley Tournament

Eldorado 15-08-04-10=40
 Menard 16-09-17-15=57

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Allyson Jarrett 9, Miranda Arispe 2, Brianah Creek 7, Ashley Paulson 2, Audrey Martinez 6, Audrey Rubio 2, Kadie Niblett 8, Lauren Rubio 4. 3 Point Goals: (2) Jarrett, (1) Creek.

JV GIRLS

December 12, 2009

Eldorado 00-04-02-13=19
 Christoval 00-00-00-00=25

Scoring for the Eagles: M. Gonzalez 1, A. Guzman 10, Mary Lou Martinez 2, A. Galindo 6.

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Schleicher County Medical Center OFFERS SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The Christmas holiday is a time for celebration; which often means more cooking, home decorating and entertaining. However, with all of this activity comes an increased risk for injuries. Schleicher County Medical Center offers tips to help you and your family safe during this busy season.

Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 8,700 people for holiday-related injuries such as falls, cuts and illness from holiday décor, plants and trees, as well as shocks from holiday lights.

"The Christmas season is a great time to be with friends and family, not a time to be in the emergency room," said Vicki Farmer, RN, Director of Nursing with Schleicher County Medical Center hospital and emergency room. "I encourage everyone in our community to remember to be safe and always use common sense and caution when preparing for the holidays." To help keep people safe, this season Schleicher County Medical Center offers the following holiday tips:

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, the tree is more resistant to burning.
- While setting up a live tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Since heated rooms dry out live trees rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.
- Use only lights that have been tested for safety by a nationally-recognized testing laboratory, such as UL or ETL/ITS-NA for both indoor and outdoor decorations. Also, use only newer lights that have thicker wiring and are required to have safety fuses to prevent the wires from overheating.
- Be sure to turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.
- Although candles definitely add to the holiday feel, keep burning candles within sight and away from items that can catch fire and burn easily, such as trees, other evergreens, decorations, curtains and furniture. Be sure to extinguish all candles before leaving the house or going to sleep at night.
- Place a screen around your fireplace to prevent sparks from igniting nearby flammable materials.
- When displaying poinsettias, mistletoe and other potentially poisonous holiday plants, be sure to keep them out of the reach of small children and pets.

Christmas is an exciting and busy time, but by following Schleicher County Medical Center's safety tips, you can make sure your family stay safe during this holiday season. Remember to contact Schleicher County Medical Center by calling (325) 853-2507 if anyone in your holiday gatherings needs medical assistance.

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School board okays \$77,000 for sewage lift station at gym

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, December 14, 2009, and voted to spend \$77,892 for purchase and installation of a sewage lift station behind the high school gym. The project became necessary when it was learned that drain lines installed as part of the Middle School gym renovation project, would be too deep to connect to the city's sewer line, which is very shallow in that part of town.

Architect Larry Harvey explained that the lift station would collect sewage from the Middle School and High School gyms and pump it into the city's sewer main which crosses Fields Avenue before turning down the alley between Fields and Brooks Avenue.

Harvey will seek prices for connecting the field house to

the lift station as well and present that for consideration at a future board meeting.

The architect also described how wheel chair ramps will exit the Middle School gym in two places on the side facing the field house. He said a landing will be installed at each doorway with ramps running parallel to the sidewalk between the gym and field house.

In other business, the board learned that student enrollment remains steady at 633. Superintendent Billy Collins then reported that SCISD is 100 percent in compliance with federal requirements for highly qualified staffing. He provided a report to the trustees which showed that all of the district's teachers meet the highly qualified criteria as provided by the No Child Left Behind act.

The board also received

information concerning a legal seminar being held in Corpus Christi on Feb 11-13, 2010.

Finance director Ray Ballew then updated the board on the district's financial reports. He noted that as of November 30, 2009, the district had \$5,949,581.44 in a money market account with another \$27,598.05 in a certificate of deposit. There is a total of \$69,849.34 in bank accounts.

The school's reserves or "fund balance" stands at \$4,064,461.00 with \$2,100,000.00 of that having been designated for construction and capital improvements.

In other business, the trustees approved the minutes of their November 9, 2009 meeting. They also voted to cast their 3,093 votes for five candidates for the Schleicher County Appraisal District board of directors. Kurtis Homer, Kirk Jones and Phil McCormick received 619 votes each while John Nikolauk and Matt Brown each received 618 votes.

The trustees then reviewed the district's investment policy and issued a proclamation in which they named members of the district's Textbook Committee. Among those on the committee are: Robin Hutto, Branda Gray, Maggie Martinez, Lisa O'Harrow, Melissa Emmons, Darlene Edmiston, Lavonne Espinosa, Kay Creek, Traci Teaff, Katrina Gonzales, Jennifer Lilly, Sara Candela and Teresa Vasquez.

Next, the board approved a contract with Schleicher County election administrator Brenda Mayfield who will hold the district's annual trustee election in May.

Before adjourning, the board entered into an executive session for the discussion of a teaching position. When they returned to open session, the trustees voted to extend a teaching contract to Chris Carlisle

for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Carlisle will take over the Middle School science class left open by the retirement of Rick Singleton.

Monday night's meeting was conducted by board president Kurtis Homer with trustees Berta Nicholson, Kriss Griffin, Lupe Sanchez, Robert Jay and Kirk Jones in attendance. Trustee Leanne Higgins was absent. Also present were superintendent Billy Collins, high school principal Robert Gibson, elementary principal Chad Wright, finance director Ray Ballew, administrative assistant Sandra Robledo maintenance supervisor Oscar Martinez.

The next meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2010 in the high school library.



8th grader Tres Whitten scored 14 points against Irion County helping to seal the win Monday evening. The Eagles won 47 to Irion County 13.

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BIRTHDAY LIST DECEMBER

17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles, Chelci Rodriguez
18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer, Vickie Schwiening, Jennie Wipff, Tami Kohutek, Jimmy Q. Aguilar
19th Jay Ray Holley, Mario Avila, LaTasha Newton, Jill Preston, Beatrice Martinez, Tony Ray Martinez
20th Lanese Stewart, Stormi Sessom, David Overstreet, David Hernandez, Loida Almazan
21st Cody Bill Whitten, Edward Robinson, Ashley Mittel, Jesse Lynn Barajas, Angela Ballew, Ellia Barajas, LaDenna Wanoreck, Angela Smrkovsky, Ramiro Daniel Barajas, Sandra Fuentes
22nd Todd Overstreet, Holly Rae Romero, Julian Martinez, Myra Bustos, Azia Ruiz, P.J. Fuentes
23rd Marci Minor, Manuel Pina, Jacey Sellers, Josh Jones
24th Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Hope Barajas

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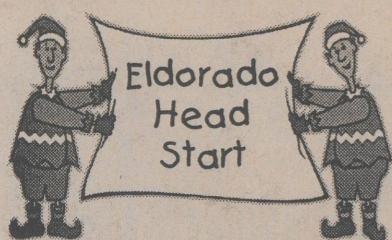
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I want a Barbie and a car like Nyomi's for Christmas.
Love
Angelica Aranda

Dear Santa
Can you bring me a pillow?
Love
Nyomi Aranda

Dear Santa
I want a monster truck, a bike with a car, with a trailer, two bikes.
Love
Ethan Buitron

Dear Santa
I want a phone and a toy. That's all.
Love
Jennifer Cadena

Dear Santa
I want a guitar and some new shoes. You already know cause I told you at the mall.
Love
Ashley Cadena

Dear Santa
I want a Bumblebee and that's all.
Love
Joseph Dumas

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a girl doll. I want a girl doggie for Savanna cause her old dog is gone and I don't know why. I want a girl unicorn too.
Love
Micala Esquivel

Dear Santa
I want Spongebob stuff and Handy Manny stuff for Christmas.
Love
Lester Galindo

Dear Santa
I want Mickey Mouse toys for Christmas and my sister wants a princess bag. Bring my mommy a big new purse.
Love
Maryssa Guerrero

Dear Santa
I want a truck. Bring my daddy a girl's toy and Bubba wants a boy toy. Thanks.
Love
Johnathan Gutierrez

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie and a princess doll. My mom wants some new perfume. My brother wants cologne and Kaytlyn wants cats. Jay wants new glasses for Christmas. And can you bring my daddy some cologne. Another rabbit for Christmas to go with Bunny would be fun. I want an apple for my Bunny, a toy one.
I love you
Michaela Holsey

Dear Santa
I want one toy. Bring Angela a toy too and a toy for my brother. My mom wants sugar and my dad wants some juice and tea with lemon. I want a new backpack, Jr. has one and I don't.
Love
Jose Ledezma

Dear Santa
I want everything cause I be good.
Love
Mariana Nicholson

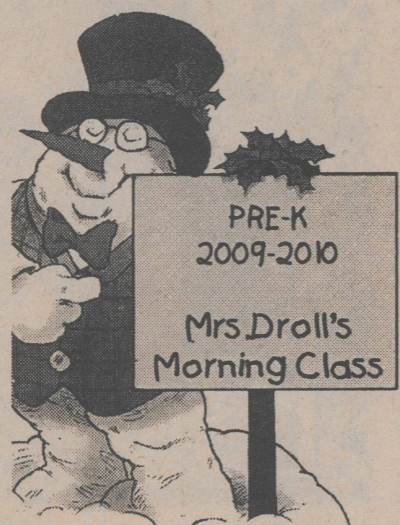
Dear Santa
I want a DSI. I've been really good. My mommy wants a movie and my daddy wants a movie too. Bring Nana a bike and a real motorcycle for Lexi.
Love
Trey Nicholson

Dear Santa
I want a motorcycle, Transformers, and a BB gun. Please bring my sister a toy, like a little one. Bring my mom a dress and a boy. My brothers and sisters want toys, a lot of them.
Love
Carlos Ayala

Dear Santa
I want a Batman car. My dad wants a Batman with a car and a name on it.
Love
Reynaldo Pasillas

Dear Santa
I want a BB gun. Jasmine wants some books and my brother wants a Mario Kart game. My dad wants everybody to be good and my mom wants a good big picture of my family.
Love
Andy Ruezga

Dear Santa
I want a guitar with Hannah Montana. Bring Betito a truck and Marcelita a stroller with a baby. My mom and dad aren't little but my mom wants lipstick and my dad wants a rope.
Love
Viviana Santos



Dear Santa,
I want a rocket pocket, a snow globe, a reindeer, a puppy, a real dinosaur, and a motor bike. I also want something for Rocky like a Christmas collar, a toy lizard and puppy candy.
Love,
Ty Politte

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me an action figure? I want a lot of toys like a Nutcracker and dinosaurs. Can you bring my brother a Spiderman and a Wolverine for me?
Love,
Seth Parker

Dear Santa,
I want a book, I want a Lego set, I want Potato Head sets, I want a dinosaur, I want a car, and I want a movie and a Leapfrog Alphabet Factory.
Love,
Jesus Huichapa

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl. Please bring me some horses, a Princess doll, two action figures for my brothers and a castle and a car for me.
Love,
Millette Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year so can you please bring me a car, a gun, a toy and a Bumble Bee Transformer? I am going to leave cookies out for you.
Love,
Ernesto Nava

Dear Santa,
My name is Robbi and I want a Barbie with a book, a Barbie with lipstick. I have been a good girl. I help mommy wash dishes and make things to drink. I also keep my room clean. Can you bring my sister a Barbie Princess?
Love,
Robbi Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want candy canes, a Christmas train to go with tracks. Can you please bring my brother, Mac, a farm? We have been really good boys and were not on the naughty list! Oh, one more thing, my brother is going to need animals for the farm. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you.
Love,
Sam Griffin

Dear Santa,
My name is Skylen. I have been a really good girl. I want you to bring me some play horses, black one if possible. I want a glow doodle with batteries. Will you please bring my brother Eric a shooting gun, he likes to go hunting. He has been really good to me.
Love,
Skylen Escarcega

Dear Santa,
I want a tree, circle, numbers, a car, ABC's, candies, books, toys, computer, a star and a stop sign. I have been very, very good.
Love,
Jose (Jr) Contreras

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike with a remote. I have been good. I want a book, Lego's and my own computer.
Love,
Mario Arispe

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. Please bring me a Barbie with clothes, a Princess book, a sticker book with Littlest Pet Shop stickers and papers. I would also like a toy castle for my friend and that is all.
Love,
Natalia Coronado



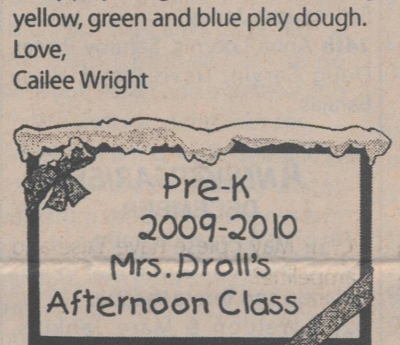
Dear Santa,
Yo quiero una bicicleta con una canastita, un perito chiquito, una mesita con cillitas para jugar, también quiero una muñeca chiquita y un osito de teddy.
Amor,
Jessica Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want some blocks, a train with traces, a kitchen, a showman, a store, a playhouse, a barn, my own Christmas tree, and a picture of me. That is all for now.
Love,
Garrett Porter

Dear Santa,
I want a doll house with dolls, pay dough and a doll named Sally. I like Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. I have been a good girl. I am going to give my parents a Christmas present.
Love,
Kassi Collins

Dear Santa,
I would like some crayons, a doll, some puzzles, some dishes, a box of Cheerio's, a Jo-Jo, a Barbie house and bring my mom a necklace, a unicorn for my sister and a Christmas tree for my dad. I am a very good girl.
Love,
Jessica Marie Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer toy, more play dough because the rest of my play dough is lost. I need orange, yellow, green and blue play dough.
Love,
Cailee Wright



Dear Santa,
I want a real guitar that is red with a skeleton on it, a red motorcycle with a skeleton on it. I also want a Transformer car, red Lego's, a sleeping Batman and a toy Batman. I have been good.
Love,
Seth Clifton

Dear Santa,
I want a sticky hand toy, a toy, a Yabba Gabbu guitar, and more toys. I have been very good in school and at home.
Love,
Aydin Adame

Dear Santa,
I want to robot, a car, a race car with remote control, an airplane with a remote control, a horse with a cowboy on it, a farm set, Lego's, puzzles and candy canes for treats so I can share with my friends at school. I want a Mickey Mouse cartoon phone. Bring my mommy a necklace. Also bring me a kitchen. I want my daddy to get a Jeep like my MeMaw has. I will get you cookies, candy canes and a Christmas tree.
Love,
Cameron Lloyd

Dear Santa,
I would like a kitchen, a T.V. in my room, a remote for my T.V. and a DVD player. I want the book, I Love You, Santa. I would like a little Christmas tree for my room and ornaments and a star and a snowflake and tiny Christmas lights. I also need a drawer set for my clothes and a new shirt with a colorful tie with a snowman with a hat and snowflake, and a brand new blanket with a lot of snowmen on it. I hope you have room for all of this in your sleigh!
Love you, Santa,
Austin Figueroa

Dear Santa,
I want a fishing pole for Christmas because I never had one. I also want an Ariel toy, a Batman toy and Superman toy and a Barbie doll, Barbie doll clothes and a horse toy and a tray like we use when we get food. I have been a good girl. I also want a tomato toy because I like tomato's because they are so healthy. I love you, Santa! I never saw your reindeer before!
Love,
Sadie Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. and a DVD player and a game with the DVD player. Then I want a remote control car, Lego's, and a Mario game for my DVD player. I also want a BIG Smiley Face sticker. I want dishes for my kitchen.
I love you, Santa,
Ashlee Flynn

Dear Santa,
I want the Indiana Jones Lego set, Lego City, Lego Batman, Lego Superman, Lego Star Wars, Lego Spiderman, and the regular Indiana Jones. Bring Ama a necklace, bring daddy a new car (you can just push it to my house), bring mommy something that smells good, bring my big sister make-up and Katya likes everything. Say "Hi" to Rudolph.
Love,
Jalen Valdez

Dear Santa,
I want a Mario and Sonic game, Hot Wheels, a guitar, the Monkey game like my grandma has, a toy dog, a gray toy dog, and an Optimus Prime toy and a Megatron and the Car's Lightening McQueen car and Hot Wheels car. Yes, I have been a good boy!
Love,
Braxton Elias

Dear Santa,
I want Rocky the Robot truck, Spiderman 2 (the movie), Big Ten, Optimus Prime and a bike.
Hi, Santa!
Jr Barker

Dear Santa,
Please give me presents. I want the Hungry Hippos game, Rocky the Robot game, Lego's, building blocks and play dough. I will have some reindeer food for your reindeer.
Love,
Trace Hans

Dear Santa,
I want a fast 4 wheeler, a motorcycle that does not go that fast and a Gator. My brother wants stuff too but do not get him fast stuff because he is only 3 years old. I want a rocket, airplane and jet. There will be muffins and cookies and milk waiting for you right by the door.
Love,
Tyler Lux

Dear Santa,
I want a big Astro Boy toy, a candy and a Buster toy and a quiet toy. I also like puzzles and Batman Lego's
Love,
Jaydyn Doran

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo DS, a Christmas book, a Santa Claus toy, puzzles, a baby doll and a baby stroller. I am a very good girl.
Love,
Priscilla Trevino

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie bike.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kali Soto

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dollhouse. Can I please have a doll to go in it? I want an Ariel Mermaid doll too.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kayty Espinosa

Dear Santa Claus,
I want my family to have a great Christmas. I want a girl dog that is big and brown. I will call her Vanilla. I want a dollhouse with furniture in it and a doll.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Yatzari Narvaez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an Optimus Prime with swords and a remote control car.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Sean Mungia

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a transformer. Why do you come by my house?
Merry Christmas!
Love, Wyatt Gaitan

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a purring kitty and a Snow White movie.
Merry Christmas!
Love, Kaegen James

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gun that shoots a light and the car follows it. I want a transformer kite.
Love,
Ethan Robledo

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a princess doll and castle. I want a black pony.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Myranda Guerrero

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a hamster. Make sure at the store it doesn't, doesn't, doesn't bite you. I know they have sharp teeth.
p.s. Please bring him a cage.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jordan Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motor scooter and safety equipment for Christmas. I want some water guns too.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Cooper Meador

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a pink bike.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Karen Esparza

Dear Santa Claus,
I will need some water and food for him and a girl saddle.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
LeeAnna Gandar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a brand new batman bike. I want a little baby dog and a paint ball gun. I won't hurt anyone.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Dominic Silva

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie doll.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kali Soto

Dear Santa Claus,
Well there is this Star Trek ship at Wal-Mart that I want. There is a transformer with destruction pieces that I want at Wal-Mart too.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Adrian Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a sled. And I want a truck that I can play with outside.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Junior Esquivel

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy tractor that is blue and green. I want a white toy truck that can go fast in my room.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Austin Kotsch



Dear Santa,
I want a picture frame for my mom. For my grandpa, I want a hat. And for my sister, I want a DS for her. For my other sister I want a new blanket that is a zebra. For my aunt, a picture frame for her too. And that's all. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Kinanna Arispe

Dear Santa,
I want a book, a Barbie and some puzzles and some colors. I have been really good. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Perla Contreras

Dear Santa,
Please bring me three books about Christmas. Can I have a Wii for my family? Could you bring some new pants and shirts for my dad? Can I have some new clothes for my mom too? Can I have some brand new clothes for my brother? Thank you for everything!
Love,
Korbin Covarrubiaz

Dear Santa,
How cold are your reindeers? We've got some cookies out for you. My brother wants one of those cars that drive under stuff. Please bring me a microphone. My mom wants some new pants. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Monica Cardona

Dear Santa,
I want a game and a motor and training wheels that make noise like James has. I that black one and Kiki wants a pink bike. She white Jordans and she wants a new basketball too. My mom wants a ring and a necklace too. And then my dad wants a thing for the black car. He needs one because he needs to fix it and he needs to paint it and he wants to paint it white right here and then right here on the side. Laura wants a Barbie and a purple car. Thank you sooooo much!
Love,
Daniel Guerra

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer? How are you? My sister she wants a puppy. Please leave presents under the Christmas tree Santa! I want a puppy like my sister's. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Annika Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a game for shooting. My baby brother wants a candy cane. My dad wants a ring. My mom wants a game like something. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Santiago Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? My mom needs a picture frame for my picture. We need one for my grandma too. I want crayons, drums, an Xbox, and that is all. Thank you, Santa!
Love,
James Kimble

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and my sister wants one too. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Emily Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Please bring me a football and a toy car. Thank you for everything!
Love, Ryllan Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? Could I have a time machine? Please get my big brother a time machine. Get my dad a new pack of M&Ms. Get my mom a pack of chocolate almonds. Thank you, Santa!
Love,
Jonathan McGee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a car and a reindeer. Thank you!
Love,
Hunter Meador

Dear Santa,
I would like an American Girl doll and a Wii. My sister would like an American Girl doll too. My mom would like a cooking pan. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Sofia Safont-Meador

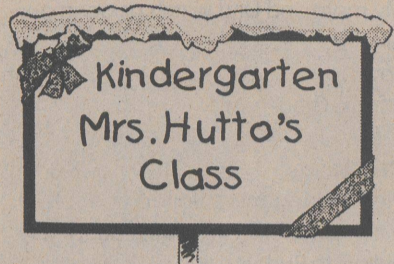
Dear Santa,
Please give me a Cup Cake Maker. I want a Barbie and a TV. I want a Barbie game and a Pooh Bear piggy bank and a little play kitchen. Thank you!
Love,
Yasmin Ramirez

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? What is the North Pole like? Please bring me some colors, some books about horses, and a computer for my brother because he wants one. I want a computer for me. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Trayton Snelson

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a princess doll and a princess dress for me and a Nintendo. My brother wants a football and a Nintendo and he wants a football guy. My mom wants brown boots and a belt. Thank you, Santa!
Love,
Teresa Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a football, a baseball bat, not ball because I already got one. Just a bat, that is all I need. I want a video game, the Pirate one. Could you bring me a killer whale pillow pet? That's for my brother, my little one. And maybe a calendar to get me to practice to 100 with Gage. Mom needs a back scratcher because her back hurts and I have to scratch her back a lot. And for my dad, a sack of bullets for his guns. He has a bunch. And that's it, thank you!
Love,
Austin Millican

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie dress, a Wii, a GameBoy and some books. My mom wants a pretty house because she loves Christmas stuff all around the house. My brother wants to play with soldiers. My sister wants Nintendo. My dad wants brand new shirts. Thank you for everything!
Love,
Kaytlin Holsey



Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a puppy for Christmas this year. Please make it a border collie. I like them because they are cute. Please bring my mom a camera. Tell Rudolph "hello" for me.
Love,
Cassidy Arendt

Dear Santa,
How are things at the North Pole? I would like a Barbie laptop, a microphone and a dog this year. I have been good all year. I will have milk and cookies waiting for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Andrea Cadena

Dear Santa,
I would like a real four-wheeler for Christmas and a real dirt bike too. I would also like an X-Box 360. My brother also would like the X-Box. Please bring my mom a pretty necklace. I have been good this year. I will stay up and wait for you.
Love,
Christopher DeLuna

Dear Santa,
I love your presents and how is your reindeers going? I want an X-Box and a scooter and a four-wheeler and that's all. Please bring my dad a lawn mower and my mom a new computer. I will leave you milk and cookies. Please drive safely.
Love,
Reese

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop for Christmas. I would also like a harmonica and a Barbie jeep. Please bring my sister a laptop and a PSP. I will leave you milk and cookies on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Mitzy Fernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me a guitar hero for my Play Station. I would like you to bring my mom a Christmas tree. Please tell Rudolph "hello" for me. See you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Kaden Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like you to bring me a toy car for Christmas. Please tell Rudolph "hi" for me.
Love,
Ivyn Medina

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink laptop for Christmas. I would also like an Ed Hardy shirt, pants and a Barbie doll. I have been good all year and I will leave milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Dasani Rios

Dear Santa,
I want a rock band thing. I don't know what you call it but it comes with a guitar, microphone and drums. It is for a Wii. I would also like a pocket rocket. I have been good all year. I will leave you milk and cookies. Have a safe trip!
Love,
Sebastian Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I will leave you cookies on the table. I would like you to leave me a four-wheeler, a real one. I would also like a skateboard and a Nintendo DSi black. Please bring my mom some new make-up.
Love,
Damian Romo

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers? I want a Barbie toy and a house to go with the Barbie.
Love,
Jasmine Ruezga

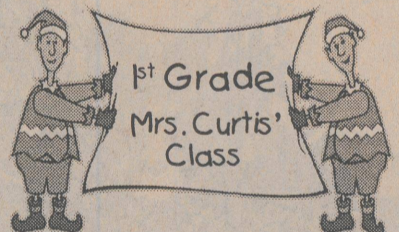
Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie for Christmas. I would also like some books. I have been a good girl this year.
Love,
Irene Suarez

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and some books for Christmas. I also want a bb gun. Have a safe trip and I will see you on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Sergio Ybarra

Dear Santa,
I just turned six last week and got a lot of neat stuff for my birthday, but I would still like some new shoes. Purple sandals would be nice. I would also like some new clothes and a doll. My brother wants wrestling toys. I have been good all year and can't wait for you to come to my house. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Ilaina Luna

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine and I have been a good girl all year long. I want a Nintendo DSi, please. They are the ones that have the camera. I also want a Barbie laptop. Please stop at my Aunt Mary's house in Grape Creek and bring me one of her little puppies. I hope you have a safe trip. I will leave you milk and cookies. If I hear you crunching the cookies I will wake up and say that I left you it.
Love,
Jessie Martinez

Dear Santa,
It has been cold here. Is it cold where you live? I have been good all year and I would like for you to bring me a bunch of cowboy stuff like a horse and stuff and I want the slip-in leggings and I want "em brown. I would also like a small truck that I can drive that will fit my size. I would also like a trailer to pull behind it. I would like two earrings, like a cross one, for my mom. I would like you to bring Peyton a knife like you skin animals with. He has a skinning knife for deer, but not other kinds of animals. I will leave out some hay for your reindeer and I will put cookies out for you too.
Love,
Houston Hayes



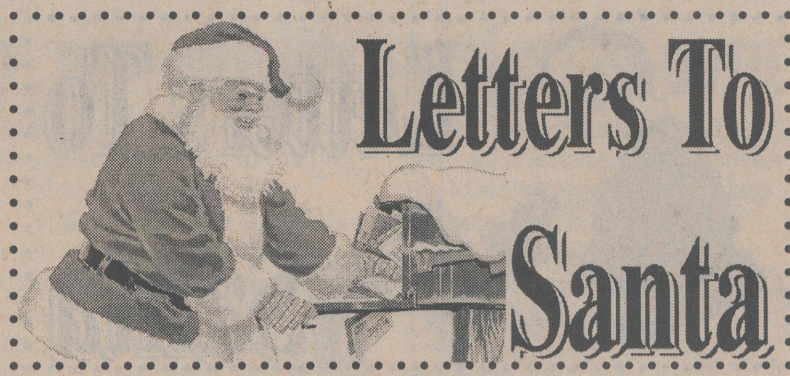
Dear Santa,
How is Dixon? I have been good. You should know I mind my mom. I hope I get a d.s. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Monica Torres

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? I've been taking good care of my little sister. I am doing good homework! I hope you give me a Pet. Have a great Merry Christmas.
Love,
Sebastian Shipman

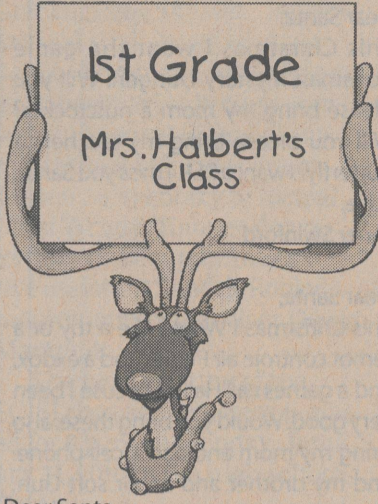
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have been a great boy. You should know I am working hard in school! I hope you get me a stuffed Rydolph.
Merry Christmas dear Santclos.
Love,
JR Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been good Student. You Should know I am doing good! I hope I get a dog. Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Kayden Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? You should know I play outside. I hope you give me a puppy. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love,
Marialuisa Ramirez



Letters To Santa



Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good girl. You should know I feed my Dog! I hope I get a DS.
Merry Christmas Santa.
Love,
Ashlyn Porter

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and Dixon? I have been well. I take care of my brother. I hope I get a dog.
Love,
Nautika Pina

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you good? I have been a good boy. You should know I make my moms bed for her! I hope you can bring me clothes and shoes.
Love,
Felxi Ochoa

Dear Santa,
How are you in the North Pole? I have been good. You should know I have been good at my home. I hope you give me what I want.
Love,
Braedon McCants

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I have been a good sister. I am good to my Mom and I am good to my family. and I hope you bring me a doll. and Merry Christmas.
Love,
Laney Martin

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have ben a good girl. You shuld know I was helping my Dad! I hope you give me a puppy. I hope you have a happy Christmas.
Love,
Leonela Leija

Dear Santa,
How are You? I have been good. You should know I am working hard in school. I hope I get a DS!
Love,
Mason Doan

Dear Santa,
How is Dixon? I have been a good brother. You shold know I've been a good boy. I hope you bring me a Santa suit. I would love to have a skateboard. I love you, a safe trip.
Love,
Michael Creek

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been a good boy! You should know my Grandma is nice to me! I hope you have a nice Christmas. I want Wii Motion Plus, Monopoly, NikeT-shirts, new books and Nike shoes.
Love,
Tanner Capps

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been helping by sister. I hope you give me a present. I hope you have a happy Merry Christmas.
Love,
Alexis Ayala

Dear Santa,
How is Dixon? I have been good for you Santa and I can give you a present. You should know me for Christmas. I hope you bring a present that is a kitten.
Love,
Leste Alegria

Dear Santa,
How is Dixon? I have been smart. You should know me. I hope you have a good time doing a job.
Merry Christmas to you.
Love,
Isaac Alvarez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and how are your reindeer? How is Dixon? I have been a good boy. You should know I am doing my work! I hope you give me a D.S. I hope you have a good Merry Christmas.
Love,
Hunter West



Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I please have a Santa toy and a real dog.
Thank you,
Love,
Reyna Ojeda

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus? Say hi to Rudolph for me. I want a computer and books on birds. I will have cookies waiting for you.
Love,
Perla Aranda

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a Wii Game and a PS2. Thank you and I will wait for you.
Love you
Robert Olivares

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus? I cam to see Rudolph. i have bee great! Please can I have a trampoline and a tras former? have a good trip,
Love
Raul Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clous? How are your reindeer? Are youf reindeer worm? May I please have Ytise and a trampoline? love Jozmin I have been good. and I wait to see you.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? May I please have a DS gam and a laptop. I would lkike a jeep too. I have been a good girl.
Jennifer Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are fine. please bring me a 4 wheeler. For my brothers, I would like a motorsconts.
love
Javier Dominguez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? We are doing to leve cookies for you, give to me to Roodoff and all the other raindeer. May I please have an i pod that can take pictures and videos? I would also like a x box 360? Please wake me up! so I can see Roodoff.
Love,
Alex Yant

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Have a good trip. How's Rudolph? May I please have a puzzle and a doll? Thank you.
Love
Angel Barker

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are you doing? How is Rudolph? May I please have a reindeer and a toy?
Phillip Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I've Been Good. How is Rudolph? May I have a wii and bakagon video game?
Thank you Santa.
Love,
Mario Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? May I please have a Wii gam and a toy Ds?
Dominic Ray Torres

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? We have cookies and Milk for you. Pleas say hi to Rudolph. Can i Pleas have kaya and her stuff and Baby alive and puppy alive sprus, chaps and a blackit for my hores and suhzy pets.
Love,
Logan Blain Moore

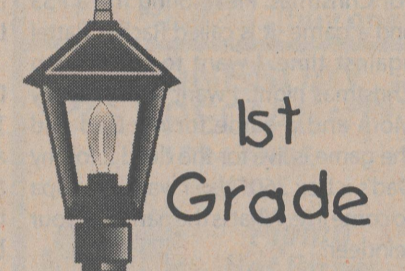
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doowing? Have a graet trip. I like you beacese you bring towes. May i please have a scate berd and a bike? I have bin good
Love,
Mason Hutto

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I will have cookies for you. My I have an I pod?
LOVE
Levi Sullivan

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I am fine. I relye want it to snow can you make it snow? I can make a snow man for you! I have ben good this year! May I have a Barbie doll and an Amarcan girl doll for Christmas?
Love,
Kelsey Stanford

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Can I ples have a Ntido D.S.I. game and a barbie game? I am goes to lev you a card. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love,
Jadyn Martinez

Dear Santa Clause,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I've been verry good. I will leave Rodoph oat bars to eat yum. Thank you Santa. May i please have a Cyber Rocket and a go cart?
Marshall Faull



Dear Santa,
I am 7 yers old and I am in frst grad. I want a American Girl Dolls and a bick for Christmas. Please bring my brother a pockit rockit please bring my other brother legos a jins.
Love
Kiely Johnson

Dear Santa,
Do you like your reindeer? I want a TV and drums. Please bring my little brother a tiny football and my other brother a nintendo D.S. 1.
Love
Jacob Politte

Dear santa,
Hi my name is Jose Figueroa. I want a psp for christmas. Please bring me lego indiaia Jones 2 the Adventure continues. Even i also want a real bb gun.
Love
Jose Figueroa

Dear Santa,
I am 8 yers old How does your slave fly? Pleas bring me a drt bickee for Chrismas? Pleas bring me a cat.
Live
Julian Goez

Dear Santa,
I have been good Santa. Please bring me a PSP game. Please bring me a brother a wii game. Please bring my mom a Christmas cup. I love you Santa. Please bring my Dad a new gun.
Kyson Snelson
I love you Santa

Dear Santa,
Is it clod in the North Pole? I wan a bike for Christmas. i wasn a American Gir doll for Christmas.
Love
Aislin Nixon

Dear Santa,
I ben good in school. Please bring me a Nintendo ds and PSP and bike and scooter. Please bring my mom a Christmas necklace. and dad a cowboyo hat and brother a play house.
Love
Juan Nava

Dear Santa,
Hooy are you? I wnat a game and a x-box 36 for Christmas. Please bring me a dirt bike.
David Torres

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa hoy are you? please bring me A gam for Christmas. ples come to my has.
GlaiCy Sierra

Deas Santa,
I can play with my friends. i want a PSP for Christmas. I want a Barbie. Please bring a dog a whistle. Merry Christmas.
Love
Kimberly Martinez

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I playsocr. I want little pet shop for Christmas. I want a doll for Christmas. Please bring my baby sister a rattle.
Jozee Lloyd

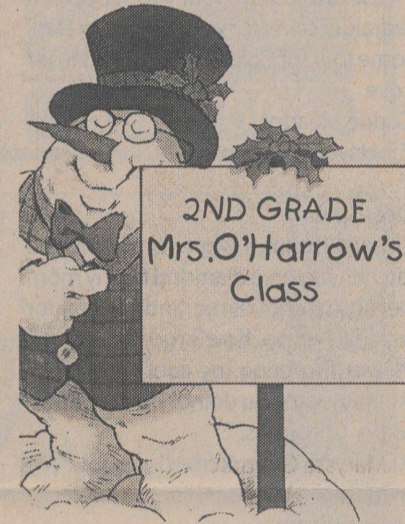
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I wanta PSP for christasa and my sister I wan tv set nineendo my mom wants a jeep. my want ts adsa.
laaias Vadvez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas? I want for Christmas a TV, rocket, bike. i have been a good boy this year. Hope to see you for Christmas.
Aiden Mcdina

Dear Santa,
I am Kayla I am 7, uers Old, i want Pink, house-shoes, for Christmas, and a, doll, house, Please, bring, my mom and, dad, a, cede.
Miss Kayla Kotsch

Dear Santa,
I Like to Lrn in sc hool. Please bring me a PSP for chrismas. and an Airhog. Mi brother want a Mickekey Mouse or.
David Barajas

Dear Santa,
I help my dad with thet horse. Please brir gme a Wii for Christmas and a motorcycle bike.
Eduardo Contreras



Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want roller scates for my cousin. I want toys. A diamand ring for my mom. I want toys for for my sister and I want a suit for my Dad. I want a little dog for me, Maria at Christmas. How are the Reinder? I'm going to leave you cookies with Milk.
Love,
Maria Gallegos

Dear Santa,
This Chistmas, Please bring me a naked mole rat, a catfish, and a wii game and modern warfare because I think two of them are cool, and one cleans my fish tank. Please bring my brother an air hog switch blade because I know he likes them. How is your head elf?
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Isaac Sorrells

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want an xbox E60 and a puppy. My mom want a Wii. I want a diamond ring for my mom and new car for my dad. My grandma wants a cross for her house, a four wheeler for my brother, and lipstick for my sisters. How do your elves make all the toys?
Merry Christmas!
Your Friend,
Marco Martinez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I been wanting to get a necklace Because I lik necklaceS and something for my Mom. Like a ring or a neckles jest something that She Likes because that will make her happy. She likes rings and neckles please bring my Dad boots because he rilly wants boots. Please bring Monica and Jennifer a Dora Doll. Pleasz bring Kraig the newe transformer moove. Please bring Ashley a princess doll and Andrea a Spongebob. How are your reindeer and elves doing?
Love,
Alya Cardona

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I want a dog for Christmas I want a necklace for my teacher. My brother, Byron wants to come home for Christmas. Santa how is Mrs. Clause?
Love,
Jessi Taylor

Dear Santa,
this Christmas, is fun. Can you bring my Mom and computer and I want for My Dad a belt for Christmas. Also I want for Christmas a bicycle, My sister wants for Christmas a toy called littest pet shop and My baby sister wants a toy kitchen.
It is cold in the North Poles?
Love,
Laura Suarez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a D.S. and a dog. My mom wants a Diamond ring for Christmas. My sister wants a computer. How is Rudolph?
Love,
Jaylynn Estep

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a B.B. gun because I don't have one with a scope. Another thing is A dog so I can have my own Dog. The last thin is a Ring for my mom because She loves Rings. How is Rudolf and Mrs. Clause? Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jaakan Jurecek

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a telescope, D.S. I. and a Phone. I also want a computer for my mom and dad. Please bring a 22 gun for my brother and a computer for my sister. How is Rudolf and the other Reindeer?
Love,
Frankie Villanueva

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like a motorscooter and jewelry. Some jewelry for my mom. A laket for Belle and some new t-shirts with a chew toy. Please also bring money for Cooper, a redraider cover for your phone for Dad, some toys for Cole. How is Mrs. Clause?
Love,
Codee Meador
P.S. Have a safe trip.

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want you to bring a kitchen for me, a diamond for my mom because she loves me, and a flower for my teacher. So, how's rudolph doing? Please also bring me cool sunglasses. And how are you doing? I want a good Merry Christmas.
P.S. please bring some clothes for my own dog.
I love Christmas.
Love,
Ariela Zamora

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a necklace for my mom because I Love her. I want bikes for my brother and sisters because I Love them. Next, I want a watch for my dad because I Love him. Please bring me a laptop and telephone. Also I want for my cousins a bracet because They Love me. How is Rudolph?
Love,
Savannah Maria Torres

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a computer for me and a xbox 360 for my brother. Please bring a swimming pool for my aunt and a Tv for my Grandma. Santa, how is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Natalie Castro

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like a Wii xbox, and a Play Station 3 for my sister and me. Santa how's Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Comit, Cupid, Doner, Blitzen, and Rudolph? My mom wants a flower, my sister wants a puppy and my Dad wants a S.U.V. I want a Merry Christmas.
Love
Robert David Perez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas can you bring my mom a diamond necklace, and can you bring Mrs. O'Harrow a diamond bracelet. May I have a skatebord, a D.S.I and a phone? Can you bring my dog a new toy? His name is Hondo! Can you tiell the elves, the raindeer, and Mrs. Clause hi for me.
Love,
Jackie Covarrubiaz

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a Train like the one with brakes like all Trains and when its going fast sparks come out when it stop. How are the reindeer? Please bring every thing because it will go nicely with our Chrismas tree and with the star that is called first frost.
Love,
Patrick Self



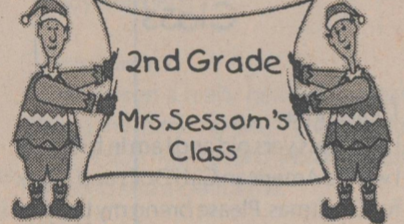
Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want you to bring my mom necklace because she has been a good Mom. Please bring for my dad thjose cymbols on the drums. Please bring my brothers the new spongbob square pants for my other brother a power ranger, and for me the new D.E.S. Hoe is Rudolph doing?
Your Friend,
Joseph Rodriguez

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I want a remote control car. I want a skateboard. I want a X box 360. I want some thing for my sister because my sister wants a D.S. Santa , how are your reindeer?
Your Friend,
Eric Reyes

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a puppy and my MoM wants one too. My Dad wants a tool box and tools. My brother wants a motorcycle. Santa, I want to see Rudolph This Year.
Love,
Esmeralda Hill

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want roller scates for my cousin. I want toys. A diamand ring for my mom. I want toys for my sister and I want a little dog for me. Maria at Christmas. How are the Reinder? I'm going to leave you cookies with Milk.
Love,
Maria Gallegos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, Pleae bring me a PS3 and a game it is called Racht Battel against time. I want to see you an Christmas night. I want a ring for my Mom and a game for my Dad and the game is live for the dead 2 for my Dad's x box 360. Also I want Grandpa to come live. What is the names of your reindeer?
Your friend,
Camron James Heard



Dear Santa,
This Christmas I've ben very good. Would you bring my family a Time Machine, Mario Cart for the Wii, and Pic Men for the Wii. If you bring it to my famly we will all share. Bring my teachers some duck tape to put on kids when they talk. Merry Crismtas!!
Love,
Benjamin McGee

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I've been good this year. Would you bring me a new bike. I want a new T.V. Would you bring chairs for my dad and jewelry for my mom. My sister also wants a bike. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Moises Hill

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a Bike. Would you bring something to my mom. and Would you bring something to my dad.
Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Mariana Romo

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a nintendo DS. Also, I want a GameBoy. And another nutcracker. Also, I want pink pajamas. How is Rudolph? Please give Mrs. Claus a hug.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Samantha Lozano

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I have been very good. Would you bring me a Wii and a game. Could you bring my parents a new car I will leave you out milk and cookies.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jose Trevino

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I've been very good would you bring me a D.S. game and a PSP can you bring my mom a necklece can you bring my dad a wallet I will leave you cookies.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Garrett Hariman

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a Wii game Another thing is a doll the last thing is a necklace for my mom. Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Lesette Escobar



Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
This Chirstmas I want the game pokeman Mystery Dungen. Will you please bring my mom a nutcrocker? Will you please bring my teachers a butterfly? I want a PSP. I miss you Santa.
Love,
Taner Swinford

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I Would like a toy or a remot controle air Planes and a exdoo, and a games call Hallo2 becuse I been very good. Would you bring these. also bring my mom and dad a cell phone. and my drother and an air soft Gun.
Merry Christmas!!
Loves,
Jesse Gonzales

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I've been very good would you bring me a Barbie Doll and I will want you to bring me a Nitedo DS and For my MoM a new car and I want you to bring my brothers a new Football. Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Lindy Sanchez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I would like some Under armor. The green one, yellow one, and the gray one. And also would you bring me a bike and would you please bring my dad a hammer. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Emiliano Hernandez

Dear Santa,
This Christ, I want a Wii game. It's name is NCAA Football. Can I please have a nutcracker and a dirtbike and a underr armor and the color for Underarmor is red, white and orange for my brother a Football signed by Wittin from the Dallas Cowboys and for my baby cousins Barbie. How is Ruelolph. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Slone Slutz

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I've been very good this year (most of the time). Can you bring me a American Girl Doll. I would a Bow and arrow set. And the last thing is a new collar for my dog, for my teacher I would like you to give her a fishing pole. Can you bring my dad tools? And for my mom I would like you to bring her tickets to go to see her niece in Spain. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Andrea Meador
P.S. Look beside your milk and cookies.

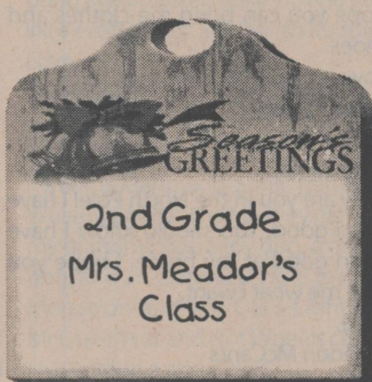
Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo DSI. This year I've been waiting for you. I have cookies and Milk for you. I want my baby brother back for Christmas because I miss him a lot I want my family to have the best Christmas ever. I hop you like my cookies. Say hi to Rodolph for me! Merry Christmas!!
Love,
Mikayla Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I want a heart neckales for my mom. I want a football signded by Payton Manning. Do not tell anyone that I want a Barbie doll for Chace. I be at Walburg.
Merry Christmas,
Love,
Dustin Shriver

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I've been very good. Would you bring a ring for my Mom and antoher ring for Mrs. Sessom and another ring is going to my sister and give my Dad a cool brand new truck that is sow clean. Santa Clause Tell Rudolph that I said Hi Santa Clause I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Michael Mata
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa, This Christmas can you please bring back my dog Beaaautiful because she ran away 2 months ago. I will cook you choclit chipcookies Don't worry I have carrots for your reindeeres, too.
Tomee Jo Figueroa

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would lik a few things. One is somthing for my dad. He is very, very sick. What I would like you to bring is a whole bunch of real tree hunting videos. Another thing is something for my mom. I was hoping you could bring her some really sparkly jewelry. I would really like them in diamonds. I was hoping they could be the colors of the rainbow. I don't really care what color they are, but if you could just bring her some that would be fine with me. And the last thing I want is a super big Wii for my sister.
Love,
Katryn Shipman



Dear Santa,
This Christmas please bring me a computer and a puppy and splashers. How is Mrs. Clase? How are the raindeer? How is Rudolf? My Mom wants new pants and a shirt. My Dad wants a watch, some pants with a shirt. My first sister wants a computer and my litte sister wants a Dora kitten. Thank you Santa for everything you do.
Love,
Angela

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a DSI. I also want an Xbox 360. How is the north pole? How is Mrs. Clause doing? What kind of cookies do you like? My family is doing great. My dad would like a wallet, My grandma would like a necklace. My mom would likesome sandals. Thank you
Love
Joe Alex

Dear Santa,
This Christmas pleas bring me a phone and a real laptop and a new Christmas tree. Santa how are you and Comet and Dancer. how is misses Claus. and for my family my moma tv and my dad a laptop, short and my brother xbox game.
Love
Kevan

Dear Santa,
This Christmas please bring me a nintendo DSI and a mp3 and I also want a laptop how is Mrs. Clause. How is rudolph doing are you haveing fun? My mom wants some earrings my Dad wants a cap my brothers wat a soccerball? and I hope you have a wonderful Merry Christmas? tell Mrs. Claus that I hope she haves fun.
Thank you Santa.
Love,
Esmerada

Dear Santa,
This Chrismas please bring me a bean bag and a pogo stick and purple roller blades. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you Santa? My mom will like a couple of shirts. My dad will like a new laptop. My four brothers will like a stuffed snowman. Have a good Christmas.
Love,
Naomi

Dear Santa,
My mom wants a swifer my dad wants a new pair of boots. My sister wants a P3P; my drother is in the army and I want a toy mostertruk. Hav a goo winter.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
This Chistmas please bring me DSI gameboy Johncena. How is Mrs. Clause. Is Rudolph beeing good. How many reindegr do you have. My mom would like a shirt. My Dad would like boots. My brother would like a PSP. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Cesar

Dear Santa,
I want a xbox 360 and i want a playstation and a PSD. 1. Hows Rudolph. 2 How are you. 3. Hows Mrs. Close. My mom lobs me really really much. my dad takes me to cowboy church. Thank you santa for all you do.
Love
Ethan

Dear Santa,
This Christmas please bring me some blue roller blades and I would even ask if you could give me a bunch of no school days. I would even enjoy a bean bag. How is Rudolf? How is Mrs. Santa? Are the reindeer flying good? My mom wants a bigger ring. My dada wants a saddle bag and my sister wants a purring kitty. Thanks Santa for everything you do.
Love,
Kreek

Dear Santa,
I want a DS And Wii, a red laptop Bring John a bebe gun. Bring My Brother a new bike. And my DaD Wants a Xbox 360. And my litte sister an Elлом toy. My Mom Wants a necklace That has a cross. And Bring My Granda Glass rose. Thank you Santa for what you do.
Love,
Gisselle

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a game named Smack down vs Raw, and a DSI, and a electric guitar. How are you How is Mrs. Clause. How is the raindeer for my dad would like the game fifa for my mom the game guitar for my brother a scooter red one. My family is graet my famly is fun.
Love,
Edgar

Dear Santa,
This Christmas please bing me a PSP and a DSI and a PS3. How are you and Mrs. Clouse and the others doing? How are you? How are the reindeer. My family is fun. My family takes me places. My family letws me got to my Nana's. Can you bring a bunch of hair stuf for my mom. Can you bring a bunch of tools for Wade and Daddy. Can you bring my siter a bunch of toys for her. Thank you for all you bo.
Love,
Kaden

Dear Santa,
This Christmas please bring me some boots that are giraffe print. Another thing is some chaps that are zeber print. The last think I would like is a pair of spurs. Is it cold in the nouth pole? How are the reindeer? How is Mr. Clause? My mom will like a shirt that says I'm a basketball mom or the sam but show mom. My Dad will like some jeans. My Brother will like a skateboard. My sister will like a cap acmaker. My family loves Christmas. My Broth and sister and I get ug early in the morning of Christmas. My mom and Dad watch us open our prezins.
Love,
Emmie Grace

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a laptop and a PSD a cell phone. How is Mrs. Santa Say hellow to Rudolph and all the raindeer. I love my family my mom my Dad brother and my sister. We are going to stay home for Christmas. for Christmas I would like a bike. My mom would like a new cell phone. Dad a new truck. My sisters and I would like a cell phone. My Brother a Mustand car.
Love,
Myra Sierra

Dear Santa,
I want a psp. I want a real baby husky puppy. I want a NCA college football game 20010. I want a momy hucky puppy for my mom. My gradma wants shoes. My grampa wants cloths. My sisier want a girl game. My uncel want a Wii. My uncle Frank wants a cage. My ant wants a blanket.
Love,
Malachi Vasquez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas bring me an Xbox 360 please and games with it please. And bring me a laptop with eneternet please and bring me a PSP with game's. how are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Clause? How are you?
My mom want's a mop. My dad want's a house. My brother want' a PSI.
Merrt Christmas
Love,
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YFZ defendant Keate found guilty of sexual abuse of a child

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he collected evidence, including a computer and a photo book from the Keate residence, on the second floor of Building 10. He said the photo book was important because of a large number of people lived in the apartment. He said the book helped establish exactly who they were.

DPS Investigator Todd Hester then testified that he also collected evidence, including a computer from the Keate apartment.

Ninfa Chavira, a CPS worker, then testified. She said she was called in to interview the alleged victim and her young son.

Texas Ranger Jesse Valdez took the stand next and explained that during the YFZ raid, ranch residents had refused to allow law enforcement officers access to a vault inside the temple annex. That led to jack hammers being brought in and a hole cut in the annex wall. He said his slight build made him the obvious choice to crawl through the hole and into the vault. Once inside he said he found 400 boxes and 44 safes.

Dr. Gregory Dunham of Shannon Clinic testified next. He is medical director of a 13-county sexual abuse unit headquartered at Shannon Hospital. Dunham testified about the length of a pregnancy before birth. He was then given the birth date of the alleged victim's child, December 30, 2006. Dr. Dunham used a "gestation wheel" to calculate the child's date of conception at April 7th or 8th of that year.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson noted that Dr. Dunham could tell when the child was conceived and asked if he could also tell where it was conceived. Dr. Dunham replied, "No."

Texas Ranger Don Williams testified next. He said he assisted with the search warrant during the YFZ Ranch raid and entered the vault located in the northwest corner of the YFZ Temple basement. A locksmith was called in to open the vault when the YFZ residents refused. Williams said the vault was thick like a bank vault.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson asked Williams if law enforcement used a sniper team and armored personnel carrier during the raid, to which Williams said, "Yes." Wilson then asked Williams if he was physically threatened by any of the YFZ residents. The Ranger replied that one man had brandished a knife but he put it away when Williams ordered him to do so.

Williams said a series of gun safes and cabinets were found in the temple vault but no guns were located there. He said guns were found in another location, however. Among those guns, Williams said he saw para-military semi-automatic weapon with a scope.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson asked Williams if it was the kind of gun used to hunt deer, to which Williams replied, "No."

Wilson then asked if there were other guns. "Yes, in a sea container," the Ranger replied.

Judge Walther sent the jurors home for the night and told them to return by 9 a.m. on Friday

morning. Lawyers for both sides stayed a few minutes to confer briefly with the judge about DNA testimony from the Raymond Jessop trial. At that time, prosecutor Eric Nichols noted an additional witness he planned to call and said he would file a supplemental witness list.

Testimony continued on Friday with Texas Ranger Aaron Grigsby on the stand. He described the interior of the YFZ Temple. He said the first level was earth-tone and the second level was white and sky blue with blue furniture. The third level was all white with white carpet and walls.

Grigsby also told about having to break into the temple doors because they were locked. He said no keys were provided to open the door so officers used a centrifugal hammer device to strike open the lock.

Ranger Grigsby also discussed the Temple annex and described boxes of evidence he collected there. There was also a discussion of the evidence trailers in which law enforcement officers secured the evidence collected during the raid.

Sergeant Les St. James, an investigator with the Attorney General's office, testified as a computer expert. He explained how deleted files can be recovered on a computer. James said he found two photos of Allan Keate on a computer. One was a photo of Keate by himself while the other was a photo of Keate with two babies.

Texas Ranger Michael Parker testified next about his specialty which is the preservation of evidence. He noted that a baptismal room was located in the school building. He said a garment room was also found in the building with numerous garment bags. He then identified a garment bag containing a white tuxedo outfit. The bag had Allan Keate's name and a tag labeled 44 Short.

Former FLDS member Rebecca Musser then describing for the jury her years inside the FLDS community. She said she was once married to former FLDS prophet Rulon Jeffs.

Musser told about church doctrine, priesthood records and dictations made by FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs outlining daily life inside the FLDS community. She also described records of births, baptism, blessings and the date, time and place when men were brought into the FLDS priesthood. She said that everything had to be recorded on Earth for it to be recorded in Heaven.

Musser also identified a "Book of Remembrance" containing family records. She then identified a photo of herself with the alleged victim in the Keate case, as well as a letter the alleged victim wrote to Musser.

The judge abruptly recessed the trial about 1:30 Friday afternoon and announced that she would be interviewing the jurors individually. She said trial would resume the following Monday.

And, the trial did resume Monday morning without a single mention of why the judge would interview the jurors. All 12 jurors and both alternate

jurors were in place as computer forensic examiner Lannie Hilboldt took the stand. Once Hilboldt described his specialty he told about examining a specific computer on which a photo of Allan Keate was found. In that photo he is shown with what was described as a young girl holding and infant and eight other children.

Former FLDS member Rebecca Musser then returned to the stand and described her plural marriage to former FLDS prophet Rulon Jeffs. She also explained that when the elderly prophet died in 2002 she refused to marry his son, the new prophet, Warren Steed Jeffs. Musser said that Warren Jeffs had severely reprimanded her on the occasions when she wasn't completely obedient to the former prophet.

Musser was challenged several times by defense attorney Randy Wilson, who asked about record keeping within the FLDS church.

Musser explained the importance of record keeping inside the group noting that accurate records tell the story of the power of God from the beginning until the present day. She said that in the FLDS faith, persons who are worthy and who have received specific blessings will be acknowledged in heaven and will receive eternal exaltation. If their actions and blessings are not recorded, however, the individual will not receive salvation.

Musser said that when she was married to the former prophet, families were given forms on which they record their activities. The forms were then given to a pair of women named Ora and Patricia who had been appointed by Rulon Jeffs to transcribe the forms and to set them down in record books.

Musser told of how she had studied the Mormon scriptures, including the Bible, the Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price and the Doctrine and Covenants as well as sermons of the prophets and pamphlets issued by the FLDS church.

The witness then testified that girls within the FLDS community may not date and may not select their own mate. The prophet chooses a man for a girl when he determines she is ready to marry and he assigns her to the man.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson asked if the prophet also assigns boys prompting Musser to reply that young men can ask the prophet for a wife, but the prophet makes all the decisions. She went on to say that Warren Jeffs had counseled her about being close to her husband when Rulon Jeffs was still alive. She said that "being close" meant living in the home and being sexually active with her husband.

The FLDS concept of heaven and hell were then explored with Musser explaining that only a priesthood man who has been exalted can reach the highest level of heaven called the celestial level and that he can bring his wife or wives with him.

Other levels of heaven include the terrestrial and telestial. Meanwhile hell consists of two levels, the first being hell-fire and brimstone and the second being a place for the sons of perdition, which she was the bottom of the barrel.

Monday's session continued with defense attorney Randy Wilson repeatedly objecting to the introduction of various FLDS priesthood and family records into evidence, but Judge Walther overruled him and allowed the documents in.

At one point, Wilson challenged evidence as being unfinished or incomplete. He was asked to read a reference from the evidence which seemed to indicate they were written by FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs and that he was indicating the record was unfinished.

Prosecutor Eric Nichols said he had no objection to the document since the defense was willing to acknowledge that it had been written by Warren Jeffs.

During the afternoon session

on Monday, Texas Ranger Danny Crawford testified concerning evidence that would seem to place Keate at the YFZ Ranch about the time the alleged victim's child was conceived.

Crawford also testified that Keate was legally married to a woman named Nancy Carol Bower and therefore could not have been married to the victim.

Letters written by Keate to FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs were introduced into evidence. The letters addressed to "My Dear Beloved Prophet Uncle Warren," asked for guidance on helping his young bride "get close" with Keate. Keate told Jeffs in the letters that the alleged victim was still a "silly child."

DPS trooper Tommy Matthews, a 25-year veteran of the Texas Highway Patrol, then testified concerning the guard house at the entrance of the YFZ Ranch.

Defense attorney Randy Wilson tried to have Matthews' testimony excluded since he had been working security at the trial and came into contact with some of the jurors outside the courtroom. Matthews noted that all he spoke with the jurors about was the weather and football.

Prosecutor Eric Nichols argued that Matthews has been in law enforcement long enough to know not to discuss a case with jurors. He also noted that once Matthews was subpoenaed to appear, his duty station was moved away from the entrance used by the jurors.

Judge Barbara Walther allowed Matthews to testify and the trooper went on to describe the facility as being under construction at the time of the raid. He said that from the upper room of the guard house one could get a good view of almost the entire YFZ Ranch, as well as road leading in from the county road. He also said there was a bundle of fiber optic cables entering the corner of the building that did not appear to be connected to anything.

Law professor John J. Sampson of the University of Texas then testified that the alleged victim was not married to Keate. Sampson said he is a tenured professor and that he operates a children's rights legal clinic where he and two other lawyers supervise law students that advocate on behalf of children.

Sampson then said that he had reviewed evidence in the case and expressed his opinion again that the alleged victim was absolutely not the legal wife of Allan Keate.

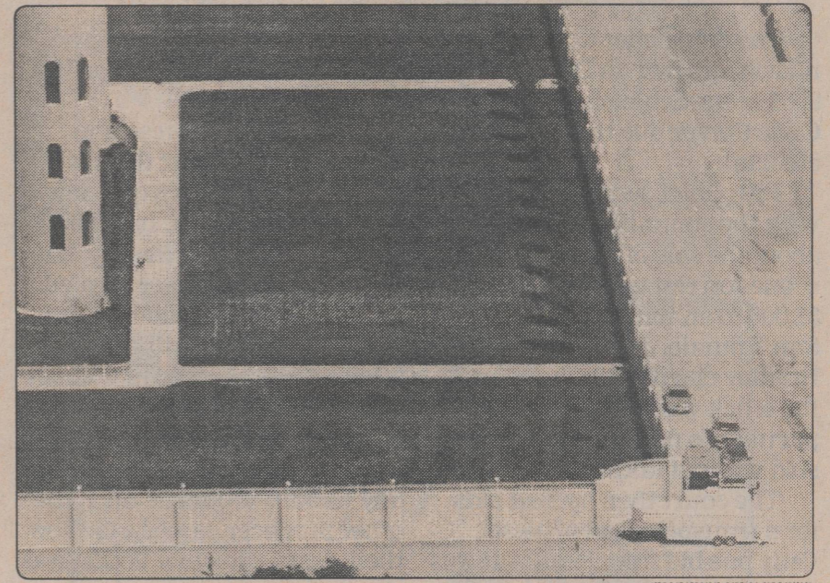
With that, the state rested its case and defense attorney Randy Wilson said that the state had not met its burden of proof and moved for the case to be dismissed.

Judge Walther denied the motion and recessed the trial until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

The final day of the trial began with defense attorney Don Payne questioning expert witness John Walsh of Missouri City, Texas, concerning FLDS culture. The defense also questioned Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran.

Doran testified that early on in the YFZ saga he went to the YFZ Ranch with a Texas Ranger and advised them of Texas law concerning bigamy, polygamy and underage marriages. He also testified that he did not prepare the search warrant documents for the YFZ raid. He said he spent most of his time during the raid at the command post where he tried to facilitate the needs of other law enforcement agencies.

The sheriff noted that he identified Merrill Jessop as the point of contact at the YFZ Ranch and said he assisted the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Schleicher County Appraisal District on previous occasions when they sought to enter the ranch but explained that neither of them was allowed entry



A DPS evidence trailer was stationed at the southwest corner of the YFZ temple grounds during the raid on the YFZ Ranch in April of 2008.

to the YFZ temple.

Walsh was identified as an expert on Mormonism and the mainline LDS church and the similarity of their doctrines to other sects. He noted that LDS and FLDS practices are 95 percent similar.

Walsh added that a proper marriage record should be signed by the person performing the marriage. Prosecutor Eric Nichols pointed out to Walsh that the marriage records presented by the state were found on a computer and argued that computer records are not signed.

With that, the defense rested its case and Judge Walther set closing arguments for 1 p.m.

In his closing arguments, Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols told the nine-man, three-woman jury to find YFZ defendant Allan Keate guilty of a charge of sexual abuse of a child and briefly went over the DNA evidence, birth and marriage records that he said proved Keate fathered a child with one of his underage polygamous wives. He also reminded the jury that circumstantial evidence can be enough to convict. He alluded to a snow storm.

He said he that a person can see the snow falling from the sky and know that it had snowed. Nichols added that someone who slept all night and awoke to see snow in the trees and on the ground would also know that it had snowed, without ever having seen it fall from the sky.

Nichols also reminded jurors of the testimony of expert witness Rebecca Musser

concerning life inside the FLDS community.

For his part, defense attorney Randy Wilson argued that Ms. Musser had not been a member of the FLDS faith for seven years and that she was unfamiliar with current FLDS records.

Wilson then urged the jury to look at the evidence and see the discrepancies in the dates. He also said that pictures of the birthing center did not mean the victim's child was born there. He said the pregnancy could have also been caused by invitro fertilization or artificial insemination. He called the state's prosecution a holy war against the FLDS.

The jury then left the room to deliberate and returned 90-minutes later with a guilty verdict.

Judge Walther ordered Keate to be taken into custody and he was led away in handcuffs to the Schleicher County Jail.

The judge then said the penalty phase of the trial would begin Wednesday morning at which time Keate could be facing five to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Keate is the second YFZ defendant to be convicted by a Schleicher County jurors on a charge of Sexual Abuse of a Child. Raymond Merrill Jessop was also sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$8,000 only last month.

The next YFZ defendant facing charges is Michael Emack who is charged with Sexual Abuse of a Child and Bigamy. His trial is slated for January 25, 2010.

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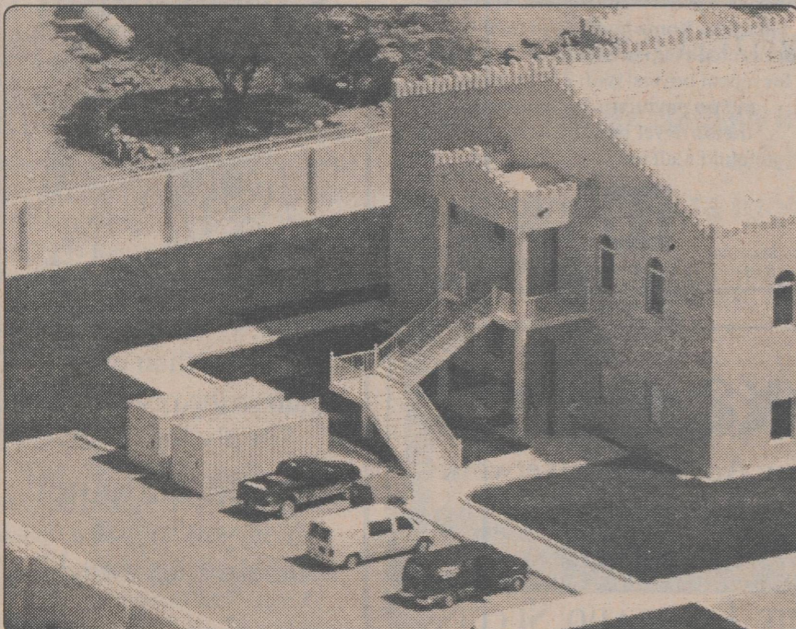
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The north side of the temple annex was where law enforcement officers gained access to the building during the raid on the YFZ Ranch in April, 2008. Authorities found offices and a print shop inside, as well as a vault that they gained access to by using a jackhammer to punch a hole through the thick concrete wall.

Commissioners meet again at Civic Center

The Schleicher County Commissioners met on December 14, 2009 at the Schleicher County Civic Center due the Allan Keate trial.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones met with the commissioners court about the sale of unit #43, a one-ton rescue truck, for a \$1,000 to an individual from San Antonio. Judge Charley Bradley clarified to the court the truck was in the Fire Department's name and could be sold without taking bids.

The court then opened bids for a transport load of diesel. Only one bid from Regal Oil was

submitted but was rejected because of miscalculations on the bid.

Kerry Joy was present to speak with the court the use of the Civic Center for a goat sale. Joy told the court he has the building rented for the day, but another goat promoter wanted to use the building later in the day. Joy was afraid to let the other producer come in without approval of the county. Judge Charley Bradley instructed Joy he has the building rented and any liability would be his if the other producer came in to show their goats. No other action was

taken by the court.

Road Superintendent Mark Graves said one of his crew is blading CR 109 and cutting down the grass. Graves then discussed future paying of county roads with the counties new equipment.

The court approved Judge Charley Bradley as the 2010 Agenda Officer and set 2nd and 4th Monday of the month as the designated days of the week for Commissioner Court in 2010.

The court voted to purchase 10 tables for the Schleicher County Civic Center.

Also, the county's 2010

holiday schedule was set for the up coming year.

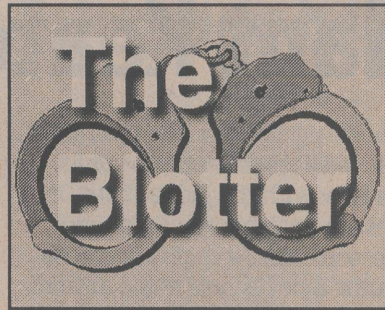
The court also approved the yearly salary adjustment for 2009 holiday pay.

One indigent care request in the amount of \$398.82 was approved.

The next Commissioner's Meeting will be December 23rd.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson informed the court the General Fund will end the year with a possible \$200,000 surplus and \$100,000 in the Farm to Market account.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo was absent.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

DECEMBER 13 - Sykes, Shiloh Slade, male age 30. Offense warrant assault family violence. Released 12/13/09 \$2,000. Surety bond.

DECEMBER 15 - Keate, Allan Eugene, male age 56. Convicted of Sexual assault of a child.

INCIDENTS

DECEMBER 8 - 6:00 PM - Unattended death reported by walk in. Officers and judge and justice of the peace responded.

7:45 PM - 911 call, older male with severe neck pain. EMS paged out and officers arrived at scene.

10:04 PM - Variety store requested extra patrols.

11:16 PM - Complainant reported a car that has been parked with its lights on, on the side of HWY 277 for more than an hour. Officer responded and found occupant had stopped to use cell phone.

DECEMBER 9 - 6:30 AM - Caller seeking information concerning her child at the YFZ.

7:23 AM - Caller requested help concerning a skunk in trap.

7:53 PM - Caller reported 2 vehicle wreck. No injuries. Officers responded.

7:04 PM - Caller reported they would be spotlighting.

DECEMBER 10 - 8:49 PM - Complainant reported vehicle rollover on CR 300. Vehicle occupants told concerned bystanders not to call police. Occupants broke and fled on foot into pasture through fence. One has possible broken ankle.

DECEMBER 11 - 5:57 AM - Tom Green County called and reported a person had struck a deer with their vehicle. They were not sure if the accident occurred in TG county or Schleicher County, because callers phone lost service. Officer dispatched to scene.

Persons involved in accident stated that the air bags had deployed and no one was injured, did not require

an ambulance or wrecker. Car rental establishment will send tow truck. **DECEMBER 11 - 8:04 AM** - Caller reported theft of 10 rolls of heavy duty fencing wire some time between Tuesday and Thursday totaling \$2,500. Officer responded.

7:16 PM - Caller reported reckless driver on HWY 277 in a green Ford pickup. Officer responded.

9:49 PM - Complainant reported a gas meter behind their house is leaking. City notified and responded to call.

11:37 PM - Caller stated she had been struck in the head by their companion and need ambulance and law. EMS and ambulance paged out.

DECEMBER 12 - 7:53 AM - Caller requested transfer to hospital.

10:24 AM - Caller reported backed up sewer. City notified.

12:07 PM - Caller requested a well fare check.

DECEMBER 13 - 11:58 AM - Complainant and relative came into S.O. requesting to speak to an officer.

2:24 PM - Complainant reported 2 big trucks traveling at excessive speeds down HWY 277 headed north. Officer notified as well as Tom Green county contacted.

6:42 PM - Caller requested an officer. Officer responded.

10:42 PM - Caller reported a large water leak in the north water tower. City employee contacted.

11:49 PM - Major water leak at north water tower. Caller advised that tank was overflowing and that the pumps had been stopped and it should correct itself shortly.

DECEMBER 14 - 2:25 AM - Sonora requested EVFD to come and assist with fire at wool storage facility. EVFD dispatched.

6:49 AM - White Dodge crew cab passed fire truck at a high rate of speed going toward Eldorado from Sonora on HWY 277. Officer unable to locate.

10:33 AM - Caller requested a criminal trespass. Officer responded.

3:54 PM - Caller asked for an officer for a civil standby. Officer responded.

6:04 PM - Caller reported they had found their lost bull.

6:46 PM - Caller stated spouse had suffered a diabetic episode and requested help. Ambulance and officer responded to scene. Patient treated at home.

7:56 PM - Caller reported a burglary at their residence on Cedarwood. Officer responded.

8:38 PM - Complainant reported someone knocking on door and then running away. Officer responded.

DECEMBER 15 - 7:41 AM - Caller reported light colored cow on 190 by Construction company.

12:42 PM - Caller requested escort from funeral home to cemetery.

Grand Opening slated for Wellness Center

The long awaited Schleicher County Wellness Center is nearing completion and a grand opening has been announced. The center will host grand opening on Sunday, January 17, from 2-5 p.m. and begin with regular hours the following day. Board Chairman Eddie Albin

noted there is still construction progress taking place inside the building. "We still have cabinets and plumbing fixtures that will need to be installed and some work yet to be completed on the parking lot. Equipment has been ordered and we are working towards opening as

quickly as possible."

The Schleicher County Wellness Center has been in the works for several years. Fundraising from the local community, organizations and area foundations has been an ongoing project. "Eldorado has been very supportive and we

appreciate everyone who has given to make this project become a reality," noted Albin.

The SCWF board of directors has also announced the center will be managed in cooperation with Shannon Medical Center, with the Wellness Foundation retaining ownership and close oversight. "We are excited to have a professional organization such as Shannon Medical, who is already operating three wellness facilities, helping us with the center's operation. They will be a huge asset to the programs and classes that will be available to the members of the center."

Membership drives and sales will begin in early January. For questions, please contact one of the board members. They are Eddie Albin, Christy Meador, Angie Redish, Ilse Williams, JD Doyle, Christy Brown, Randy Mitchel, Richard Mendez, and Mason Vaughan.



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BJ Wrecker Service was called out to 2500 block of County Road 300, Thursday evening, December 10, 2009 to check and see if a body was under this wrecked Suburban. A YFZ Ranch resident reported this accident around 8:43 p.m. The wreck occurred just southwest of the ranch gate. Authorities report the driver, 21 year old Emanuel Enrique "Chico" Rodriguez, and his 14 year old male passenger, left the scene of the accident and could not be found. According to the accident report the 1996 brown GMC Suburban flipped two times after a side spin, striking a big rock. The 14-year-old passenger was reportedly ejected from the vehicle which also landed on the boy's leg. The vehicle took out 50 ft of fencing on the south side of the roadway. The occupants told law enforcement later they tried to avoid several deer. The vehicle is registered to San Juanita Aranda. The accident is still under investigation.

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1. Bowler's pick up
6. Deposed Iranian leader
10. "That was close!"
14. Rap sheet name
15. Sunscreen letters
16. Post-peseta currency
17. Bow tie-sporting movie critic
19. Jason's ship
20. Was in session
21. Vouches for
23. Golf benchmark
25. Bath water tester
26. Pundit once known for sporting bow ties
33. Whacked, archaically
35. Lost in reverie
36. Cops' org.
37. Washington newspaper
38. Allied oneself
39. One in a will
40. Upper-left key
41. ___ out (declined)
42. Hot tea add-in
43. Bowtie - sporting commentator
46. Toothpaste tube letters

47. "Hogwash!"
48. Nixon's undoing
53. LAPD part
56. Pinup's legs
57. Bowtie- sporting game show host of early TV
60. Admiral Zumwalt
61. ___ no good
62. Postal scale unit

63. School on the Thames
64. Have to have
65. Great fear
DOWN
1. Becomes baggy
2. "Not guilty," e.g.
3. "...and that ___hay!"
4. Comic Charlotte
5. Snaky shape

6. Domestic squabble
7. Guard's cry
8. Irish Rose's love
9. Hall rack
10. Sneaky sort
11. On the DL
12. "Cogito, ___ sum"
13. Syllable from Curly
18. "Listen up!" of old
22. British conservative
23. Mini golf shot
24. Duffer's dream
26. Puccini opera
27. Sends out
28. Calf-roping event
29. Panty raid victims
30. Go shopping
31. Big Apple theater award
32. ___ a soul (no one)
33. On ___ (as a gamble)
34. Slam-dance
38. Diver's weapon
39. Heckler's call
41. Word after "ye"
42. Sobbing syllable
44. Points a finger at
45. Earl ___ tea
48. "Pogo" creator Kelly
49. Pies, in slapstick
50. Stare slack-jawed
51. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
52. Trampled
53. By oneself
54. Shamu of Sea World, e.g.
55. Sunflower edible
56. "Golly!"
58. Stylish, in the '60s
59. Wilder's "___Town"

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See solution on Page 10

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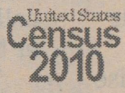
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Card of Thanks

Dear Faithful Community of Friends,
Though still riding the rollercoaster of the unknown regarding Benjamin's mysterious illness, we have been blessed time and again by your fervent prayers, kind and encouraging words and many acts of support. As we have had to consider again what it means not to "worry about tomorrow" and to pray for "our daily bread," we have been amazed at the ways God has been working in small details and through unlikely means. Thank you all for the parts you have played in this work, and for the love and concern you have shown to our family. Thank you again for your friendship, support, and continued prayer as we celebrate the well days and pray for a cure for the sick ones.
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Experience in long-term is a plus. Ask for an application at or bring resume' to: Schleicher County Medical Center, 400 W. Murchison, Eldorado, TX 76936 Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Schleicher County Medical Center is an equal opportunity employer.

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ELDORADO - HELP WANTED

- Schleicher County Wellness Center is seeking applications for Fitness Specialists. Responsibilities include conducting classes, presenting educational programs, designing exercise programs, and attending health fairs. Bachelor's degree preferred or three years experience in a fitness related field and/or certification. Must have or obtain CPR certification. Apply online at Shannonhealth.com - non clinical jobs. 51-52b

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Garage/Estate Sales

ELDORADO - GARAGE SALE - 309 E. Callendar, 8:00 am - ???; December 18, 2009. Winter Clothes, Bedding, Queen Mattresses and Christmas Items. Miscellaneous 51p

Del Rio Powersports advertisement featuring Mahindra tractors with image and text: 'We will be under sold by no one!'



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Schleicher County Listings

- 88.036 Acres - \$125,000 - Hwy 190 4 mi west of Eldorado
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721.96 Acres w/ Home - \$1450/acre 17 mi SE of Eldorado
5098 S Hwy 277 - \$169,500 - 4 BR/3BA home on 5 acres
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5N. Divide ~ Eldorado, Texas 76936 Lynn Meador, Broker 325-650-6324 Jo Ward, Agent/ 325-853-2339

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714 Lee Street - Large Brick home on spacious lot. 3 BR-3 Bath, unique floor plan includes split family room with fireplace, large kitchen, utility room and 2 car garage. Backyard with privacy fence and storage bldg. \$120,000.

104 Cedarwood Dr. - A very nice 3/BR-2 Bath brick home. An attractive open floor plan with large living, dining and kitchen area, utility and 2 car garage make this home very appealing. Large fenced yard with self contained 1 room w/bath efficiency apartment. \$147,000. PRICE REDUCED \$139,000.

105 W. Live Oak - Very attractive 3BR 2 1/2 Bath brick home. Living room, den, bedrooms and baths all completely repainted and updated. New back yard privacy fence, two car garage, storage bldg. Lots to offer on this fine property. \$175,000.

206 N. Divide - One and a half story frame with 4 BR -2 Bath. Two additional rooms for possible bedrooms, living room, kitchen/dining and utility. Central heat/air conditioning, new interior paint and carpet. \$54,000

800 N. Divide - Excellent commercial property with good exposure on US 277 (Divide St) formerly known as The Hitch'in Post. Metal building with drive-thru and doors has been upgraded and remodeled. Refrigeration units, attic storage. Other equipment available. A lot of commercial potential with this property. \$150,000

104 Old Mertzson Rd - 4BR-2 Bath home on 0.308 acre tract. In very good condition with spacious floor plan, attractive hard wood floors, plenty of storage, central ac/heat, new roof, metal privacy fence and all metal shop/storage. Over 2100 square feet of living area. \$92,000.

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DPS asks: Please drive safely during the holidays

The Christmas and New Year's holidays will see all available DPS troopers patrolling Texas roadways in an attempt to make travel safer for all Texans. Troopers will be focusing on locating drivers who may be intoxicated, but also will be looking for speeders and seatbelt violators.

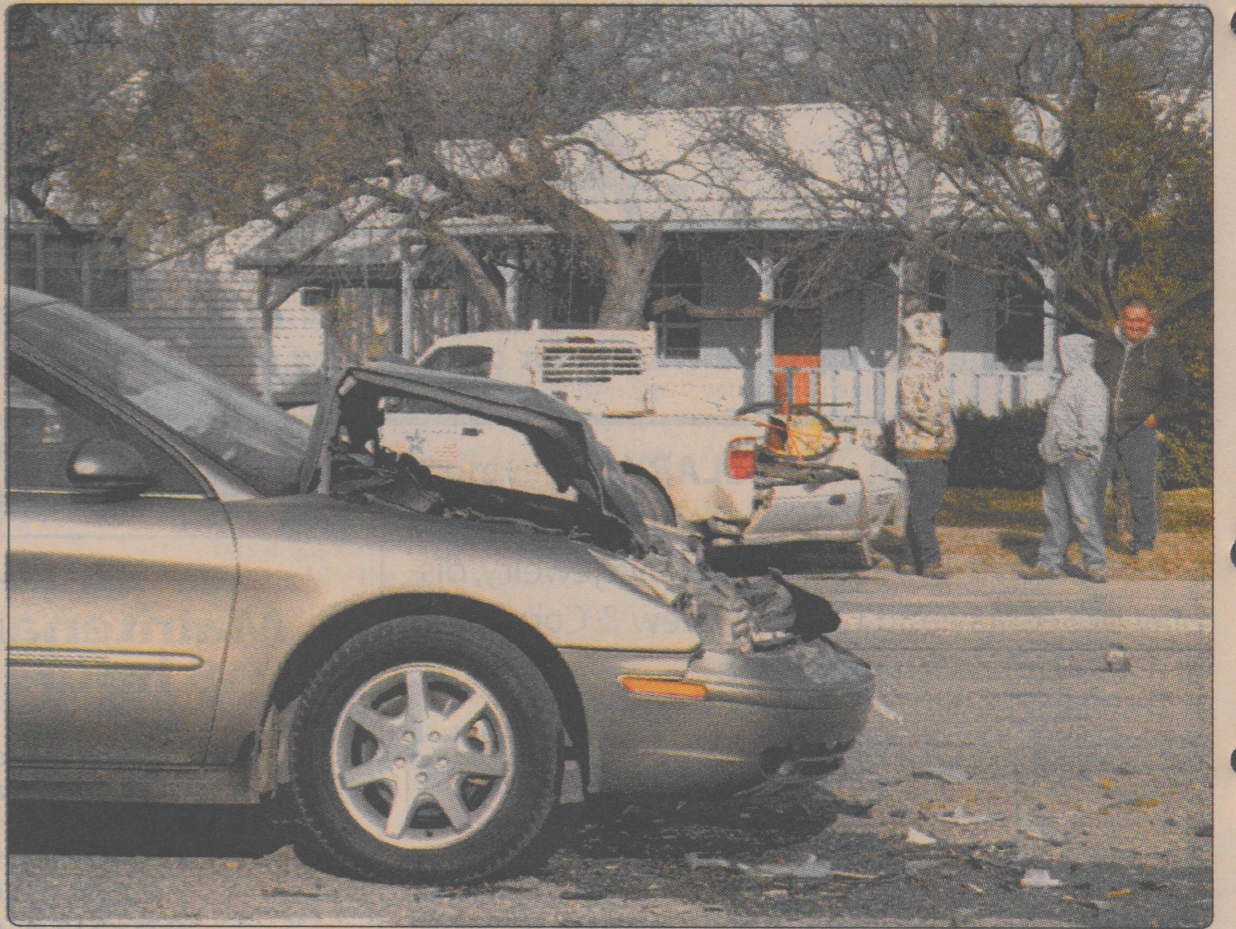
All available troopers will be on patrol from Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, December 27, and again on Thursday, December 31 through Sunday, January 3.

During the Christmas holiday last year, DPS troopers arrested 651 drivers for DWI and issued 15,400 speeding tickets and 2,580 safety restraint violations. During the New Year's holiday last year, DPS troopers arrested 304 drivers for DWI and issued 5,173 speeding tickets and 912 safety restraint violations.

"We want to do all we can to minimize the number of traffic crashes and fatalities during this holiday season. Texas drivers can do their part by designating a sober driver if they've consumed any alcohol. The holidays are no time to spend in jail, but we will arrest any driver who is impaired," said David Baker, assistant director for the Texas Highway Patrol.

DPS offers the following advice for holiday travel:

- Drive with courtesy; it's contagious. Remember, it's the holidays!!
- Slow down—especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.
- Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum, and avoid texting.
- Avoid drowsy driving.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.



This 2002 Mercury sedan, driven by Simon Arebalo, Jr. of Sonora, collided last Thursday with the rear of a City of Eldorado utility pickup, shown in the background. There were no serious injuries. The car was totaled. It is unknown how much damage was sustained by the pickup.

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December 25, 2009

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Meals for Friends Menu

- MONDAY December 21st**
Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potato, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orang Half, Milk.
- TUESDAY December 22nd**
Ground Beef with Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, flour Tortilla, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk.
- WEDNESDAY December 23rd**
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk.
- THURSDAY December 24th**
Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk.
- FRIDAY December 25th**

Combs says Texas Tuition Promise Fund is a holiday gift that will last a lifetime

AUSTIN — If you want to give a child a gift that will outlast this year's must-have toys or trendy clothes, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs suggests opening a Texas Tuition Promise Fund account or contributing to an existing account. The flexible, prepaid college tuition plan allows families to lock in tuition and required fees at current prices for the state's public colleges. "Whether it's a four-year degree or career training at a community college, higher education ensures the success of our children and the economic future of our state," Combs said. "Saving for college guarantees our children will gain the skills they need for good-paying jobs. With this plan, we're putting those goals within reach for all families."

If your holiday gift giving includes charitable donations, the Texas Match the Promise Foundation is a new statewide initiative to fund college scholarships for students who are enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund. Donations will be used to match families' contributions to their children's prepaid college tuition accounts, stretching college savings for eligible students.

Individuals and companies can make tax-deductible donations to the Texas Match the Promise Foundation. Visit www.MatchThePromise.org to learn more about the foundation and

the selection criteria for awarding matching funds to families committed to saving for their children's education.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund opened a new enrollment period in September, with new pricing for undergraduate tuition and required fees, based on 2009-10 academic year costs:

- Type I units, priced for tuition and required fees for the most expensive public four-year school in Texas, costs \$103.40 per unit.
- Type II units, sold at the weighted average of tuition and required fees across all Texas public four-year schools, costs \$71.75 per unit.
- Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost of tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools, costs \$17.78 per unit.

According to the plan, 100 units equal one year of tuition and required fees. Families can buy up to six years (600 units) worth of undergraduate education. There are several payment options, including lump-sum payments or installments with an annual interest rate.

"Families can prepay for a four-year degree, or prepay in small bites — for just a few classes or semesters," Combs said. "Parents of a newborn can pay as little as \$15.45 per month in monthly installments until high school graduation for a year of tuition and required fees at a community college. For parents of a 7-year old who want to prepay the average cost of one year at a Texas public university, the monthly installments are \$86.48 per month over 10 years. This plan is flexible enough to fit any family budget."

Accounts must be paid in full and open for at least three years before prepaid tuition benefits can be used. If a contract has unused units because a student attends a lower cost school, the

value of unused units can be refunded or transferred to a 529 college savings plan or to another beneficiary.

To help families sort out the many options to pay for college, Combs offers Every Chance, Every Texan, a Web portal with links to everything parents need to know about paying for college. Texas' state-sponsored college savings plans and other sources of funding such as scholarships and student loans. It also includes tools to help families calculate college costs and determine whether they are saving enough money to meet their goals. A section on tomorrow's careers shows the jobs that will be in demand in the future and the education requirements for various fields. Also, middle school students can also explore their career options and find resources to begin planning their future at the Comptroller's Get a Life Web site at www.getalife.tx.gov.

Visit Every Chance, Every Texan at www.EveryChanceEveryTexan.org or go directly to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund Web site at www.TexasTuitionPromiseFund.com for detailed information about the prepaid tuition program. Families may also call (800) 445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

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