

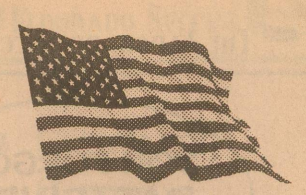
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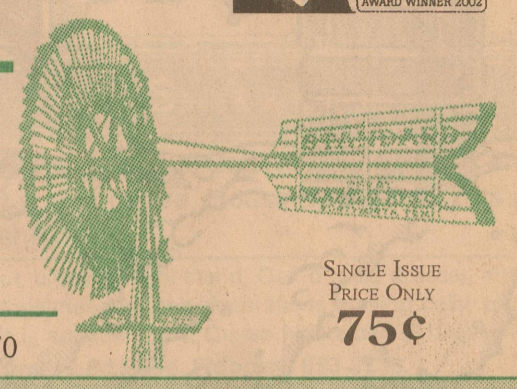


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Fire claims Guerrero home on Depot Street Investigation reveals faulty wiring

Firefighters arrived at the home of Lydia Guerrero at 701 Depot St. last Thursday morning only to find smoke billowing from the mobile home and flames leaping skyward from the windows. Guerrero's next-door neighbor, Antonio Esparza, spotted the fire and called 9-1-1 at 7:27 a.m. Several units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department responded to call.

As soon as firefighters could train their hoses on the mobile home and begin knocking down the flames, others donned face shields and air packs and fought their way inside the home looking for anyone who may have been trapped inside. Fortunately, no one was in the structure at the time of the fire. Mrs. Guerrero told the Success that she had left home moments before the blaze to take her grandchildren to school.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, but by that then Mrs. Guerrero's home was a total loss.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones returned to the

scene later in the day to investigate the cause of the fire and soon determined that the fire began in the ceiling above the living room. Closer inspection revealed that most of the wiring in that portion of the house was covered with melted plastic coating. However, a two-foot-long section in the area where the fire began showed no signs of the coating, leading Jones to surmise that an electrical short caused the fire. Jones told the Success that it was likely that an electrical short set fire to the paper backing on fiberglass insulation in the mobile home's roof.

The fire not only claimed Mrs. Guerrero's home, but almost all of her possessions. Her friends and family tell the Success that they are attempting to locate a place for her to live. They also say that a fund is being established to benefit Mrs. Guerrero at Agape Assembly of God. Persons wishing to contribute are encouraged to contact Rev. Walt Griggs at 325-853-3720.



In we go — Firefighter Michael Felver directs a stream of water through a window as Joey Jones and Gregory Fuentes attempt to enter a burning mobile home owned by Lydia Guerrero at 701 Depot Street. Fortunately, no one was home at the time of the fire. Mrs. Guerrero states that she left a few minutes earlier to take her grandchildren to school.



Jail inspection — Jail Administrator Lesa Martinez looks on as Jail Standards Inspector Russell Biehle sprays an aerosol mixture into a plumbing closet to test a smoke detector.

County Jail passes inspection

Jail Administrator Lesa Martinez was beaming last week after an inspector for the State Commission on Jail Standards found no deficiencies in the county lockup for the third straight year. Martinez, who oversees five jailer/dispatchers, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the jail. Her boss, Sheriff David Doran, was equally pleased with the inspection.

"Having been a jailer and a dispatcher, I know first hand how hard they work," Doran stated. "I'm very proud of Lesa and her staff. It's quite an accomplishment to get a zero-deficiency inspection. But to get one three years in a row is superb."

The five Jailer/Dispatchers include Farah Fennern, Stephen Whitten, Frank Estrada, Lupe Herrera and Anna Buitron.

Russell Biehle inspected the facility. He began his inspection with a walk through of the jail. He then checked out the life safety equipment and conducted an emergency drill followed by in-

terviews of the jail personnel.

Biehle also reviewed 25 inmate admission and release files, selected at random. He also reviewed the jail's policies and procedures documentation and checked the facility for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Other areas covered during the inspection included staff training, inmate health services, supervisor and staff qualifications, hygiene and sanitation, food service, disciplinary hearing records, grievance policies, exercise and education, inmate work assignments, inmate telephone and correspondence policies, commissary, visitation and religious practices.

Following his inspection, Biehle issued a report noting the jail had received no deficiencies and approving a certificate of compliance for the facility. Like all jails across the state, the Schleicher County Jail is subject to the regulation and oversight of the Commission on Jail Standards.

Mary Roden heads up local Rehab 2004 effort

Mary Roden of Eldorado takes over the local fundraising efforts this year for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center following the retirement of Mabel Freitag after several years on the job. Mrs. Roden notes that this year's telethon, Rehab 2004, will be bigger and better than ever and encourages everyone to get their advance donations in by mailing them to her at P.O. Box 381, Eldorado, TX 76936.

As in year's past, the local phone bank will be headquartered at offices of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Donations during the January 17 telethon may be made by phoning 853-2544.

The five-hour television special will be aired from 7 p.m. to midnight on ten Texas stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo.

Country music singer Joe Nichols, who was recently named Country Music Association's Horizon Award winner will be the telethon's featured entertainer.

Charlie Chase and Red Steagall will emcee the show, which also will include

entertainment by Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule, Anacani and ten-year-old Morgan Jones of Abilene who'll make her debut with the Rehab 2004 orchestra.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2004 comes from American Electric Power (AEP) and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon showcases the services of the Center which provides care annually to more than 22,000 children and adults with disabilities and communication disorders at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Also, the show includes an auction of more than 300 items donated by businesses and individuals ranging from agricultural products and autos to celebrity items and travel packages. Interested persons may bid on-line at www.WestTexasRehab.org beginning mid-December or by phone on January 17.

"The telethon is a critical fundraiser for Rehab because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of those we'll serve

in the next 12 months," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing phone banks... why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

Higgins runs for Tax Assessor

I am Leann Higgins and I am seeking election for the County Tax Assessor/Collector position in the March 2, 2004 Republican Primary. I have an Associates degree in Business and have worked with accountants for several years. I own and operate a bookkeeping service and have assisted individuals and local businesses with their personal, business and tax accounts. With my business background and accounting and tax related knowledge, I feel that I am qualified for the position of Tax Assessor/Collector. It would be an honor to serve as your next Tax Assessor/Collector.



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 Leann Higgins

Santa to visit Gazebo on Saturday morning

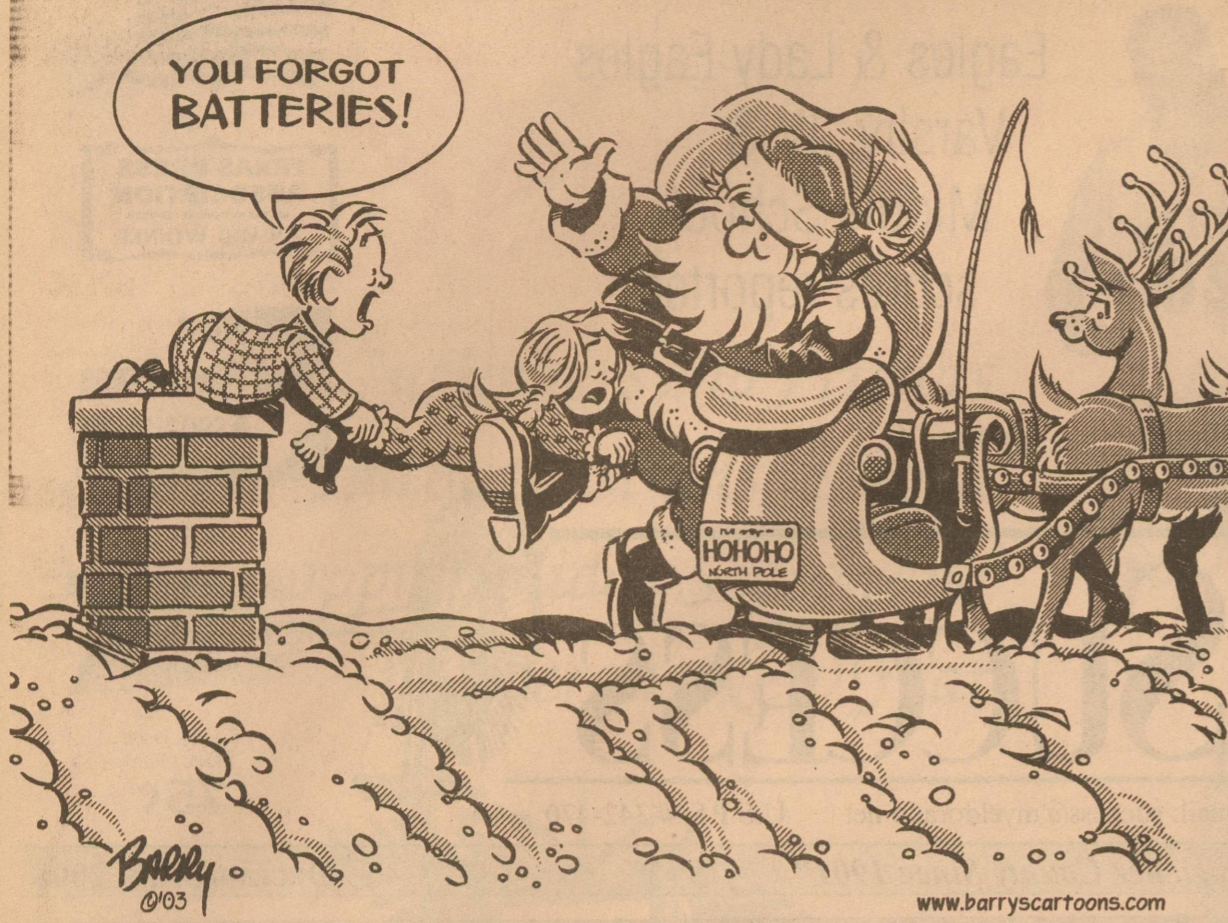
Santa Claus will stop by the Gazebo on Main Street this Saturday morning between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon to visit with local children and to hear their Christmas wishes.

The jolly old elf's appearance here in Eldorado is part of a his 50-state "All I Want for Christmas Tour" that began three weeks ago in Vermont. He will be escorted into town by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, whose members are already shining up their trucks in preparation for the visit.

While in town, Santa will also stop

by the local nursing home to visit with the residents and to find out what they want for Christmas. He also plans to check in with the local Sheriff's Dept. to see who in Eldorado has been naughty or nice.

Santa's trip to Eldorado is sponsored this year by The Eldorado Success. The newspaper each year hosts Santa's website at www.myeldorado.net and compiles and prints Santa letters from local children so that Santa Claus, who is the newspaper's oldest subscriber, may read them in time for Christmas.



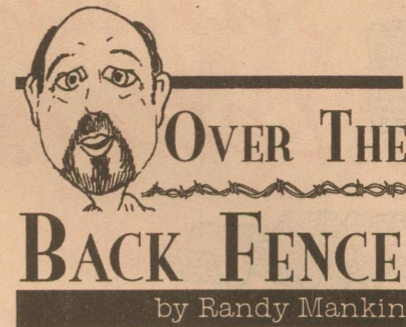
Political Correctness run amok

TO BE OR NOT TO BE A CHRISTMAS TREE

Oswego, NY — A Middle School in New York state has borrowed from the early 16th Century German custom of bringing a tree into a building and adorning it with decorations, according to an item in the Oswego Daily Herald. But it is *not* a Christmas tree, says teacher Debbie Smith. It is a "diversity tree" and is decorated with ornaments celebrating the world's cultural, ethnic, and religious differences. Repeat: it is *not* a Christmas tree.

PARADE REST

MOBILE, AL — Organizers of Mobile, Alabama's annual end-of-December parade have renamed the event "Mobile's Jolly Holiday Parade" in order to attract



a larger number of religious and cultural traditions, according to a report in the Mobile Register.

The Mobile city council isn't too happy about the switch, and has voted 5-0 in favor of a resolution asking the company that runs the parade to change the name back to the "Mobile Christmas Parade."

City officials have threatened to withhold financial backing for the event unless its organizers make the switch.

SO AS NOT TO OFFEND

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — A Minneapolis-based company named ProGroup, which consults with Fortune 500 companies on workplace diversity issues, counsels companies to cleanse their workplace of all Christmas displays this time of year because things like Santa Claus, evergreen trees and tiny stockings might make some people uncomfortable.

An article in the Salt Lake Tribune quotes ProGroup president Myrna Marofsky suggesting that companies play "seasonal" instead of Christmas music at year-end parties, make sure decorations around the office are winter, not holiday-related (no tiny stockings in cubicle-land) and to keep that Christian icon Santa Claus (St. Nick, and all) out of the mix entirely.

ProGroup will celebrate the end of the year with an Italian dinner.

MOLDING TOMORROW'S FINEST LEGAL MINDS

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — The IU-Purdue University Law School removed a Christmas tree from the school's lobby after some students complained that it made them feel excluded, that according to a report in the Indiana Daily Student.

Following the complaints, the tree was replaced with a neutral winter scene, inspired by Courier and Ives.

The removed tree had been decorated with folded fans made of maps of the world, lights and ornaments resembling world globes. The new display has two smaller trees, but they are unadorned.

A MEASURE OF SANITY FROM DOWN UNDER

Australia's Multicultural Affairs Minister Gary Hardgrave has gone on record as saying that schools and kindergartens should set up nativity scenes, throw Christmas parties and actually talk about the story behind the holiday.

Hardgrave said people should not have to concede traditions that have been important to them and their family generations just to appease a handful of people who might get offended.

"Our culture, our tradition are something that has attracted people from all around the world to come and live here and be part of," he said.

"We have an opportunity to learn from the cultures they brought to Australia," he said. "But we were here first, our framework was in place because of all the efforts of previous generations. Our framework is what made it possible for all those people to come, and we should never be afraid of it."

El Paso Texas Tech health center to become medical school

AUSTIN — What parents haven't fantasized about their child becoming a doctor when they grow up?

The federal Council on Graduate Medical Education estimates that the U.S. will need between 1.09 million and 1.17 million physicians by 2020. Unfortunately for anyone who may need medical care then, current projections are that only 971,000 to 1.08 million doctors will write prescriptions that year. Texas certainly will be doing its part to overcome that anticipated shortage of M.D.s.

The state currently has eight medical schools, but during the

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

special session in October, lawmakers approved a ninth school.

House Bill 28, which received little fanfare except in and around El Paso, authorizes Texas Tech University to sell \$45 million in tuition revenue bonds to fund construction of a four-year medical school for Tech's Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Currently, the El Paso center trains only third- and fourth-year medical students.

Though Texas Tech must still

come up with funds to service the bonds, with \$2.6 million in seed money for the next biennium, construction could begin late next year or early in 2005.

When Perry signed HB 28 into law, El Paso leaders said it was the most significant legislation affecting that city in a half century. The new school will nearly double the number of medical students, and with additional faculty and staff, it will amount to a needed economic shot in the arm for the biggest city on the left side of Texas.

Public Safety official leaves...

James B. Francis Jr., a member of the Public Safety Commission, the policy body that oversees the Department of Public Safety, has stepped down from the panel after eight years.

No word yet on who the governor will appoint to replace him on the three-member commission.

The Transportation Commission, which oversees the Texas Department of Transportation, also still has three members but legislators in the last session passed a bill expanding that commission to five members.

The two new members have yet to be appointed, though there has been some buzz that at least one of the appointments is coming soon.

Remember, Santa wears one...

Everyone in law enforcement or other safety-related fields says it all the time, as if they were reading from a script: Wear your safety belt.

The DPS says that if someone is thrown from their vehicle dur-

ing a crash, the likelihood of death or injury increases 70 percent. The place to be when metal meets metal is snugly behind the wheel, and an air bag.

Though some Texans still resist using seat belts, surveys continue to show more and more are wising up. A decade ago, seat belt usage was estimated at 69.1 percent. In 2002, the level was 81.1 percent and still inching upward.

More startling news: Extensive research also shows you are far less likely to need a safety belt if you abide by the speed limit and don't drink and drive.

State sales tax up again

State sales tax revenue is up for the third month in a row.

"The last time state sales tax revenue increased three months in a row was July-September 2001, before 9-11," Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said. "November sales tax revenue is up 4.3 percent compared to November 2002. This is the largest growth since August 2001."

The state received \$1.36 billion in sales tax revenue in November.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

West Texas Cruisers Build Bicycles at Christmas

West Texas Cruisers is the name of a classic car club in Midland. When the club was formed in 1991, members felt some portion of any profits the club made should go to charity. At the end of their first year, the club had one hundred dollars extra.

Jeff Brookings, one of the founding members. Went to a mall and asked the manager for suggestions as to what could be done with it. The manager suggested dressing a doll and giving it to a needy child.

As the years progressed, the club bought turkeys for veterans, gave \$500 to a cancer victim, donated funds for a family whose home had burned and paid expenses for a girl to compete in the tiqando world championships.

The club raises money by an annual car show, sponsors and donations. A few years ago the club had \$2500 to donate at the end of the year. Members decided to spend it all on toys for underprivileged kids.

"No toy could cost more than ten dollars," says Jeff. "It's hard to spend twenty-five hundred dollars ten dollars at a time."

A few years ago the club started buying bicycles and giving them to the Salvation Army to distribute to children in low income families.

The club has more than one hundred members now and has its own building in Midland's industrial district. Members are always shopping for bicycles. This year they bought 100 from a firm in Fort Worth.

They bought 150 more bikes

from Wal Mart. The Wal Mart bikes were already assembled. The others were not. Club members grabbed their tools and went to their building weekends in November to assemble the rest of the bikes. Members put on the handle bars, training wheels, pedals, and front forks.

"The good guys can do 5 in an hour and we have guys who can do one an hour. We've done a thousand bicycles in the last five years, so some of us have put together a hundred bicycles or more."

A Midland Television station, KWES, collects toys each Christmas time and displays them in front of the news set. Cruisers take about half the bikes to the station in a convoy of classic cars. Law enforcement officers stop traffic to let the West Texas Cruisers pass. Those bikes go to the Salvation Army in Odessa.

"The other half we carry in our Christmas Parade in Midland and deliver them to the Salvation Army distribution Center here in Midland."

Last year the club put together 220 bikes in two weekends. It has 250 this year, ranging in size from sidewalk bikes for little kids to 20 inch bikes for the bigger ones.

The club bought wagons one year and will never do that again. It took an average of an hour and a half to put together a wagon.

"At the Salvation Army, kids can choose 5 toys. The bikes are the favorites. We could give away 1600 bikes a year if we could get them."

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Raquel Robledo Martinez

ELDORADO — Raquel Robledo Martinez 75 passed away Sunday December 14, 2003 in a San Angelo Hospital. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at Agape Assembly of God Church with burial to follow in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She is survived by 4 sons Armando Martinez, Harvey Martinez, Albert Martinez, and Hector Martinez all of Eldorado; 2 brothers Rutilio Robledo of Eldorado, and Nicolas Robledo of Garden City, Kansas, and a sister Pauline Hill of Grand Prairie.

Marie Bryson

Marie Bryson, 88, a longtime resident of San Angelo went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2003.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1915, in Paint Rock, Texas, to parents, Tom and Tinnie Ray. She married James Thomas Bryson Sr. on Dec. 19, 1945. Marie had a real love for life and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church, a nurse and homemaker. She had a beautiful and giving spirit. She served as a volunteer for the Senior Center for many years where she received many awards. She was also active with the VFW and loved to play bingo.

She is reunited with her husband, her parents and several brothers and sisters who preceded her in death.

Marie is survived by her son, James Thomas Bryson and wife, Barbara; a daughter, Clarice Rebsch; a brother, A. T. Ray, all of San Angelo; four grandchildren, Tony and wife, Valerie Welker, of Brownwood, Angela Dee Knave of Tony, Ala., Jason and wife, Yvonne Rebsch, of Houston, Wendy Daniels and husband, Troy, of Eldorado; 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren as well as a host of friends and family.

Graveside service were at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Brother Roger Roenfeldt officiating.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to Meals for the Elderly.

Jane Frances Mullich

Jane Frances Mullich of Farmington passed away on December 12, 2003 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, at the age of 50 years. She died peacefully surrounded by her children, mother and sister after an incredibly courageous 8 month battle with leukemia. She became a source of inspiration and awe to all who were involved in her care. She was born on March 1, 1953, in St. Louis, Missouri, the daughter of Clementine and the late Edward H. Mullich, Jr.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Patrick E. Johnson, M.D., a son, Thomas Edward Johnson, two daughters, Christina Nicole Johnson and Katherine Alyce Johnson, all of

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, December 22**
Beef Stew, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Canned Peaches, Choc. Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday, December 23**
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange, Milk
- Wednesday, December 24**
Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potato, Corn, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar Cookie, Milk
- Thursday, December 25**
Closed for Christmas
Merry Christmas Everyone!
- Friday, December 26**
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Seasoned Spinach, Dinner Roll, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

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the home, two sisters, Patricia (Mrs. Michael) Pleimann and Karin (Mrs. Ronald) Hahn, all of Arnold, and a brother, Edward Mullich III and wife Diane of De Soto. Several nieces, nephews, a great-nephew, other relatives and many friends also survive.

Jane grew up in Arnold and was a 1971 graduate of St. Pius X High School. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, from Avila College in Kansas City. She was wed to Patrick E. Johnson, MD on April 19, 1980.

She attended church services at First Presbyterian Church and Memorial United Methodist Church in Farmington. Jane was a totally devoted mother to her three children placing their health and welfare above all else. She worked tirelessly as a volunteer in the Farmington R-7 School District and constantly strove to improve the academic standards at all Farmington schools. She launched a letter writing campaign that helped to pass the most recent school bond issue.

Jane's true love was photography and her memory will live on forever in the thousands of photographs that she took of area soccer, volleyball and basketball players. Jane was also a true animal lover and she surrounded herself constantly with horses, dogs, cats, rabbits and even several ferrets. This kind and beautiful soul will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A memorial service was held at the Memorial United Methodist Church at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2003 with Dr. David Webster officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Cozean Memorial Chapel.

J.H. "Skeet" Mace

ELDORADO — J. H. "Skeet" Mace, age 95, of Eldorado, Texas, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, in Midland.

Funeral service were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Eldorado First Baptist Church. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Skeet had two brothers, Paul and Atkins Mace, both deceased, and two sisters, Roxie Thornton, deceased, and Elsie Holloway of Fort Worth, now residing in Tulsa.

Born Joe Heron Mace in Matador, Texas, on April 18, 1908, to parents Elijah Benjamin Mace and Pernetta Ann Latta Mace, he married Faye Pauline Floyd in Clarendon, Texas, on March 5, 1932, who preceded him in death. They have two daughters, Iretta Faye Stanford of Midland, Texas, and Paula Jo Fisher of Lago Vista, Texas; and five grandchildren, Faye Marie Phillips of Haynesville, La., James Mace Stanford of Wichita,

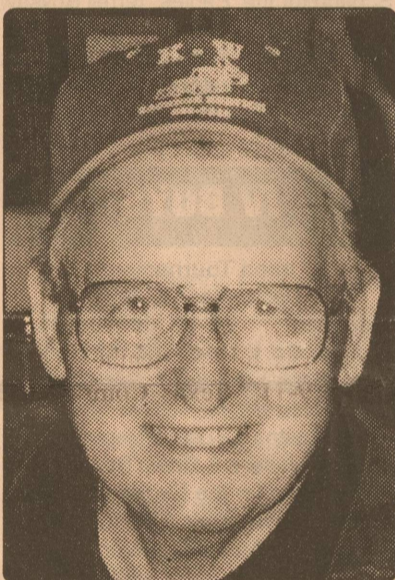
Kan., Michael Lowe Stanford of Midland, Texas, Paul Covington Stanford of Mesquite, Texas, and Cullen Michael Moeller of Wimberley, Texas; eight great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Mace began work at the General Office of Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Co. in Amarillo in 1930. He worked in eight of their yards, moving with his family to Eldorado in 1940, where he retired in 1975 after 35 years as manager.

He played basketball and football at Clarendon College and was an avid outdoorsman and hunter. He served on the Eldorado School Board, was a Master Mason of Eldorado Lodge No. 890 for more than 50 years, and was a charter member of the Suez Temple in San Angelo. He also served as fire chief of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and president of the Eldorado Lions Club. He was a member of the Eldorado Polo Club that won the World Western Polo Championship in Florida in 1957.

Pallbearers were Jim Stanford, Mike Stanford, Paul Stanford, Cullen Moeller, Brian Phillips, Brady Stanford, Geoffrey Stanford and Brad Phillips.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eldorado First Baptist Church.



James L. Crippin Sr.

PIEDMONT, SC — James L. "Jim" Crippin Sr. 68, of 1010 old Williamston Road, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 28, 2003.

He was born in Akron, Ohio, to the late W.G. Crippin Sr. and Ethel Gurney Crippin. He was raised in Memphis, Tenn. and was a resident of New Orleans, La. before moving to Greenville in 1976.

Jim served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was an employee of Bonitz Contracting Co. for 27 years. He was member of the Sam Poe Masonic Lodge No. 251, The Scottish Rites, and the Hejaz Shrine Temple. He was also a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post No. 9273 and the

Sportmans Club of Greenville.

Jim is survived by his wife, Pat Robertson Crippin; three daughters, Leslie Crippin Roques and her husband, John, Kelly McMillion Haskett and her husband, Rick, Tina Crippin Guste and her husband Wayne; four sons, Jimmy Crippin, Jr. and his wife, Dawn, Billy Crippin and his wife, Bonnie, Kerry McMillion and his wife, Dawn and David Crippin and his wife, Tammy; 22 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a brother, W.G. Crippin Jr.

Visitation was Monday, Dec. 1, 2003, at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at the funeral home, with burial in Greenville Memorial Gardens; following the graveside services, a memorial service was held at V.F.W. Post 9273, 112 Sterling Grove Road.

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| Thu 12/18 | Fri 12/19 | Sat 12/20 | Sun 12/21 | Mon 12/22 |
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| A mainly sunny sky. High near 65F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph. | Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s. | Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s. | Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 30s. | Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s. |

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VARSITY GIRLS

Mason Tournament December 11, 2003
Eldorado 07-17-15-07 = 46
Fabens 17-12-08-19 = 56
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 17, Courtney Whitten 3, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Clara Herrera 8, Jessica Robertson 5, Taylor Baker 4, Betsy Green 5. Also playing: Brittany Sellers, Maxie Holley. 3 Point Goal: Whitten (1), Herrera (1).

Mason Tournament December 12, 2003
Eldorado 13-12-08-14 = 47
Brady 16-18-10-14 = 58
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 22, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Clara Herrera 11, Taylor Baker 8, Maxie Holley 4. Also playing: Courtney Whitten, Jessica Robertson, Brittany Sellers, Betsy Green.

Mason Tournament December 13, 2003
Eldorado 08-09-04-09 = 30
Menard 08-10-07-11 = 36
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 2, Chandra Wanoreck 5, Clara Herrera 9, Taylor Baker 2, Jessica Robertson 5, Betsy Green 7. Also playing: Courtney Whitten, Brittany Sellers, Maxie Holley. 3 Point Goal: Herrera (1), Wanoreck (1), Green (1).

December 15, 2003
Eldorado 18-04-05-16 = 43
Christoval 06-07-07-20 = 40
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 11, Chandra Wanoreck 9, Clara Herrera 9, Taylor Baker 9, Jessica Robertson 2, Betsy Green 3. Also playing: Courtney Whitten, Brittany Sellers. 3 Point Goal: Herrera (1), Green (1).

VARSITY BOYS

13th Annual Hooptown Classic December 11, 2003
Eldorado 08-15-22-03 = 48
Wink 16-11-16-16 = 59
Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 20, John Fay 17, Trey Chavez 11. Also playing were: Micheal Ballew, Danny Sanchez, Josh Trejo, Ryan Cathey, Jared Grubbs, Kolby Dombroski, Frank Wpff. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (3), Fay (5), Chavez (1).

13th Annual Hooptown Classic December 12, 2003
Eldorado 14-19-13-15 = 61
Coahoma 11-17-13-26 = 67
Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 18, John Fay 24, Trey Chavez 11, Ryan Cathey 2, Frank Wipff 4, Josh Trejo 2. Also playing were: Micheal Ballew, Jared Grubbs, Kolby Dombroski, Danny Sanchez. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Fay (8), Chavez (1).

13th Annual Hooptown Classic December 13, 2003
Eldorado 24-16-14-18 = 72
Border Co. 09-13-14-11 = 52
Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 19, John Fay 22, Ryan Cathey 4, Trey Chavez 21, Frank Wipff 4, Josh Trejo 3. Also playing were: Micheal Ballew, Jared Grubbs, Kolby Dombroski, Danny Sanchez. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (3), Fay (5), Chavez (1).

December 15, 2003
Eldorado 21-13-20-20 = 74
Christoval 13-12-14-16 = 55
Scoring for the Eagles: Terrell Boysaw 22, Michael Ballew 6, John Fay 22, Ryan Cathey 4, Trey Chavez 12, Frank Wipff 4, Josh Trejo 4. 3 Point Goal: Boysaw (2), Fay (6), Chavez (2).

JV BOYS

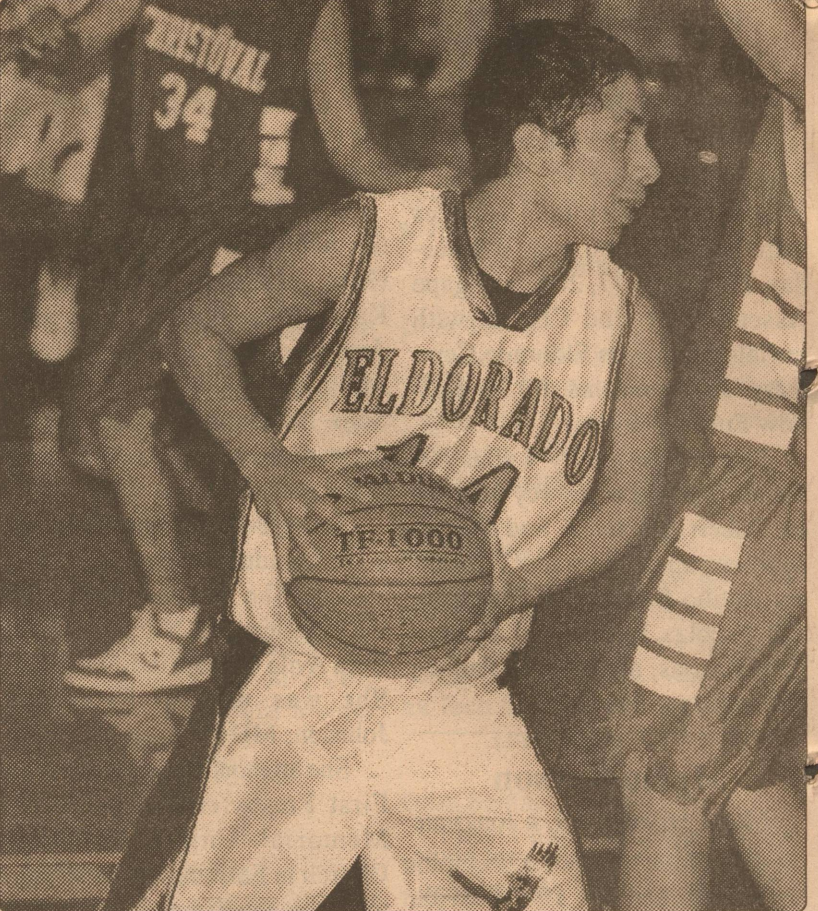
Iraan Tournament December 12, 2003
Eldorado 09-07-08-10 = 34
Reagan Co. 06-07-06-17 = 36
Scoring for the Eagles: Eric Garcia 4, Epola Herrera 6, Russell Cathey 3, Jorge Bustos 5, David Hernandez 2, Jeremy Ussery 8, Drew Bosmans 6. Also playing for the Eagles were: Abel Montalvo, Sammy Estrada, Adam Dominguez, Armando Moreno.

Iraan Tournament December 13, 2003
Eldorado 04-07-05-09 = 25
McCamey 14-06-08-08 = 36
Scoring for the Eagles: Eric Garcia 2, Russell Cathey 7, Jorge Bustos 4, David Herandez 4, Sammy Estrada 2, Jeremy Ussery 8. Also playing for the Eagles were: Epola Herrera, Adam Dominguez, Armando Moreno.

December 15, 2003
Eldorado 16-14-16-08 = 54
Christoval 03-04-10-24 = 41
Scoring for the Eagles: Eric Garcia 8, Russell Cathey 6, Jorge Bustos 10, David Herandez 10, Abel Montalvo 2, Sammy Estrada 5, Jeremy Ussery 2, Armando Moreno 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Epola Herrera, Adam Dominguez.

7th GRADE "B" BOYS

December 08, 2003
Eldorado 03-00-00-00=03
Wall 07-00-00-00=07
Scoring for the Eagles were: Chris Minor 1, Mark Rodriguez 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Mark Garcia, Jonathan Belman, Paul Martinez, Josh Taylor, Rolando Gonzalez, Uriel Barrientos.



Looking inside — John Fay worked the ball inside against the Christoval Cougars Monday night as the Eagles coasted to a 74-55 win. Fay counted for 22 points in the game, including 6 3-pointers.

8th GRADE BOYS

December 08, 2003
Eldorado 06-02-13-02=23
Wall 11-04-09-05=29
Scoring for the Eagles were: J.P. Joiner 7, Pedro Garcia 2, Lalo Sanchez 2, Manny Gonzales 3, Jorge Mata 4, Jordan Gesch 5. Also playing for the Eagles were: Tyler Dombroski, Clayton Sauer, Luis Huichapa, Richmond Adame.

8th GRADE GIRLS

December 08, 2003
Eldorado 00-02-06-00=08
Wall 14-08-21-00=43
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Deisy Rios 3, Kassi Tyker 2, Ashley Lozano 3. Also playing for the Eagles were: Blake Chatman, Amika Gonzales, Chelsey Hill.

7th GRADE GIRLS

December 08, 2003
Eldorado 08-01-01-05=15
Wall 04-05-10-06=25
Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Haley Higgins 2, Cassandra Burtron 2, Kristin Stubbs 9, Bridgette Mitchel 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Deyanira Cruz, Meg Griffin, Tracy Brenner, Jessica Valero.

7th GRADE BOYS

December 08, 2003
Eldorado 10-04-06-06=26
Wall 00-04-14-02=16
Scoring for the Eagles were: Rance Cathey 6, Austin Grubbs 11, Milo Vallejo 2, Dustin Gauna 2, Dustin Ramirez 3, Troy Russell 2. Also playing for the Eagles were: Timothy Maskill.



Moving on — Betsy Green drove down court during varsity girls action here Monday night as the Lady Eagles defeated the Christoval Lady Cougars by a 43-40 score.

J.V. GIRLS

Iraan Tournament December 11, 2003
Eldorado 09-06-03-05 = 23
Alpine 10-07-12-03 = 32
Scoring for the JV Lady Eagles: Karina Sanchez 3, Katey Blair 9, Josie Diaz 2, Mariana Guzman 3, Kimberly Samienego 2, Myra Robles 4. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes, Alicia Corrales, Chelsey Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Guzman, Tiffany Hernandez, Kristen Stubbs.

J.V. GIRLS

Iraan Tournament December 05, 2003
Eldorado 10-11-14-12 = 47
Monahans 09-12-07-11 = 37
Scoring for the JV Lady Eagles: Anna Fuentes 1, Karina Sanchez 4, Katey Blair 20, Josie Diaz 11, Marianna Guzman 1, Kristin Mittel 4, Myra Robles 6. Also playing for the Lady Eagles were: Alicia Corrales, Chelsey Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Marianna Guzman, Kimberly Samienego, Krista Troy.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Kappa Delta chapter of BSP met on a cold windy Tuesday, December 9, 2003. Five members braved the forty five degree weather to attend the first business meeting of the month.

Plans for the holiday season were completed with Mary Nolen volunteering to shop for an angel from one of the angel tree in Eldorado. Trees are set up in several businesses with cards listing the needs of special children. Citizens in Eldorado take a card from the trees, shop for the items listed on the card and return the gifts to the resource center in time for

Christmas.

Dorothy Dacy presented a very interesting program on "Christmas Around The World". She told us of different celebration that are different from our Celebration on December 25.

Flora Hubble opened her home to us in the absence of Laura McCutcheon who was out of town to attend to her ill daughter. Laura's husband Bill brought delicious refreshments to the meeting which were enjoyed by Barbara Jackson and Geneva Wade in addition to those already mentioned.

Flora Hubble won the sunshine gift.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Attorney at Law — Jesus Lopez is the newest attorney on staff at the law firm of Kosub and Griffin. He recently earned his law degree from Baylor Law School.

Jesus Lopez joins law firm of Kosub and Griffin

Kosub & Griffin is adding a new attorney to its law offices in Eldorado, Texas. Jesus Lopez, a bilingual native of Del Rio, Texas, joins the firm as an associate.

Mr. Lopez is a 1997 graduate of Del Rio High School. He earned his B.B.A in economics and international business in 2000 from Baylor University, and his law degree in 2003 from Baylor Law

School. Mr. Lopez looks forward to serving the legal needs of the community for years to come. Kosub & Griffin is a regional law firm of 4 attorneys with offices in Eldorado and Big Lake, Texas. The firm's attorneys offer a full range of legal and business services in diverse practice areas. The firm website is www.kosubandgriffin.com.



Santa Letters

Mrs. Droll's Pre-Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,

I would like a puzzle, a matching game, some clothes and a car. I am a good boy.

Mathias Buitron

Dear Santa,

I want some glow in the dark pajamas, a computer, a violin, some glow in the dark clothes, army pants, shirts, and shoes. Some play dough, a race car and a brand new bike. I have been a good boy.

Isaiah Olivian

Dear Santa,

I need new guns for the little soldiers, big guns for the big soldiers in a tank, a guy in a motorcycle, pop-up pirate, a bunch of cars and that is all. I will have some cookies and milk for you.

Ryan Farmer

Dear Santa,

I want some pretend food, some baby doll stuff, some clothes for my sisters, stickers for my star hangers on my door, my daddy needs some new boots, please bring mommy some new shirts. I have been a good girl.

Paige Corrales

Dear Santa,

I want a piggy bank, a Santa Claus hat, some new clothes, a little make-up box, some clothes for my little brother, a candle for my mom, some new jeans for my dad, a new horse for Avery to sleep with, Abby would like a bunny to sleep with. I will have some carrots and hay for Rudolph the Reindeer.

I love you,
Audry Nolen

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a penny bank, two robots that clean my room and fix breakfast for my mom and dad. If my dad forgets to dry me off after my bath, the robots will dry me off. The robots should do whatever I tell them to do. I have been a really, really good boy.

Love,
Kade Creek

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie, Barbie house with a family and a big castle to play in. I am a good girl. See you soon.

Makayla Trevino

Dear Santa,

I want a cash register and a typewriter. I also would like a rocking chair and a coloring book. I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a new jacket and some pillows.

Thank you,
Zelenia Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I want a game like Preston, a new doll house, a new Barbie and a boy doll. A book for my mom and a new TV for my dad. My brothers want a game like Preston too and a tent. I will have potatoes with eggs and tortillas like my mom makes for you to eat. Tell Rudolph "Hi".

Chelsea Walker

Dear Santa,

I need a Barbie Hotel, a robot and nothing else. I am a good girl.

Jordan Stanford

Dear Santa,

I want a CD, Barbie Hotel, Barbies and a puppet. That is all. I am always a good girl.

Whitney Sullivan

Dear Santa,

I want a candy cane, pretzels, purple toys, a chair and a bed. Give mom and dad a big bed and a big chair. I have been good.

Mercadez Ochoa

Dear Santa,

I want a Hummer, motorcycle, a hot wheels thing and a stick. Also a box, a GTX, a hood, shoes, a calendar, a dolphin and a heart. I also want a 4-wheeler and some whales. I have been good.

Preston Andrews

Dear Santa,

I want a puzzle, shoes and lots of toys. I am a really good boy.

Roman Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a little gun, a little car, a sword, some puzzles, play dough, trucks, a Dinosaur movie and a motorcycle.

I am a good boy.
Luis Miguel Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want Ugo cards, cars and a big truck. Bring a dollar, a big shark puzzle like Mrs. Droll has, new clothes and some candy. Please bring me some new crayons and a coloring book.

Bernard Cruz

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, an X Box, a pumpkin pie, a Christmas tree and a Santa like Mrs. Droll has and a big white pencil sharpener. Please bring me some new clothes, new shoes and bring my dad a new car and bring me a new bed, bring mom a new shirt and a Santa dress. I really was a good boy this year.

Victor Castro

Dear Santa,

I would like a little Christmas tree, a Barbie doll car, a baby doll, a live baby reindeer and his name will be Mr. Christmas Tree, a little rocker, dress-up clothes and that is all.

Riley Umphress

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy all year. Please bring me a wagon, a stroller, a robot and a Santa Claus toy. I also want a star for my tree, a motorcycle and a drum.

Eric Luna

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some make-up, a Barbie, babies, cars, new clothes, dishes and a cartoon movie.

Miriam Garcia



COURTESY PHOTO

Employee of the Year — Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz (L) presents a plaque to Anita Jones (R) recognizing her as Employee of the Year at Schleicher County Medical Center. The award was presented Friday evening during SMC's annual employee Christmas party. Anita Jones is the Director of Nursing in the facility's nursing home.

BIRTHDAY LIST

DECEMBER

18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer

19th Jay Ray Holley, Mario Avila, LaTasha Newton, Jill Preston, Mary Lozano

20th Lanese Stewart, Stormi Sessom, David Overstreet, Domingo Pina

21st Cody Bill Whitten, Edward Robinson, Ashley Mittel, Jesse Lynn Barajas, Angela Ballew

22nd Todd Overstreet, Holly Rae Romero, Julian Martinez

23rd Marci Minor, Manuel Pina, Jacey Sellers, Josh Jones

24th Joyce Whitten, Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Jennifer Cheatham

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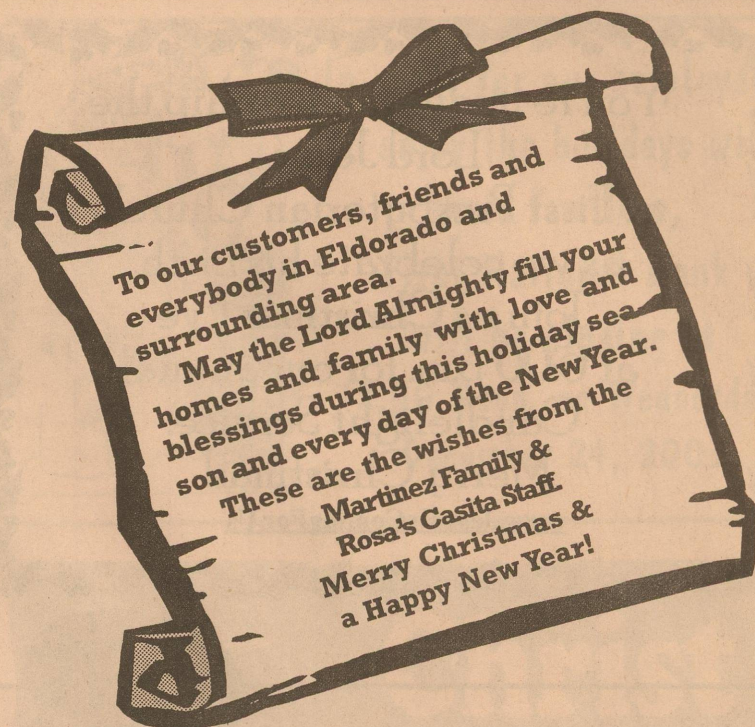
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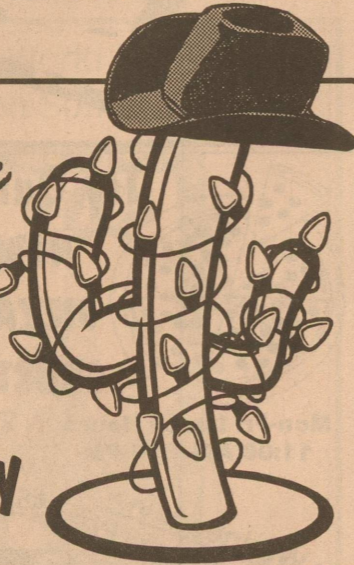
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Mrs. Droll's Pre-Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, a Barbie house and a Barbie car. I would like a cake with flowers on it. And a poinsettia flower that lights up like Mrs. Droll has in our classroom. Please bring me a Christmas tree with a Santa and Christmas lights. I would like a play kitchen too and a new blanket. I have been a very good girl. Jennifer Miller

Dear Santa, Please bring me the Barbie suitcase with the kitchen in it and a Barbie that talks. A new little trampoline, a little rocking chair so I can fit in it, Barbie house with a Barbie and a truck and I want a play house like Mrs. Droll's home center with a baby doll. And I want my own little Christmas tree. And that is all I want. Branda Minor

Dear Santa, I want a real snake, a happy face, a baby, a castle, a house, Barbies, a basket, a grocery cart, new clothes and a Christmas tree for my daddy. Bring my mommy a pretty necklace and bring my Baba some puppets. Valarie Geuea

Dear Santa, I want a BRATT doll, a toy puppy, a play cat, a reindeer puppet and a play grocery cart. I also want a picture of you, Santa. A new kitchen set would be good too. I will try to be a good girl. Katya Gonzalez

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, a Barbie car and two more Barbies. I want the Spy Kids movie and the Winnie the Pooh movie. I want to be a good girl. Monica Sanchez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Life-Size Barbie, a pink computer, a TV, make-up a mirror, a baby doll, a rocking chair and some dress-up clothes. I also want a real phone and baby doll bottle. I have been a good girl. Love, Elizabeth Griffin



Santa Letters

Dear Santa, I want a My-Size Barbie that talks - the Barbie should be tall, make-up, a Barbie bicycle and I want a baby doll like Mrs. Droll has that has purple clothes, purple hat and a purple pacifier and a purple bottle. I want a play dog that walks and a leash. And I want the doggie to follow me. I also want a play Rudolph toy and bring me a small Barbie, rings, snap-on earrings and a bracelet. I love you, Santa, Chase Mertz

Dear Santa, I want a little car for me, a Barbie for me and the little Barbie girls. A little house you can put in the water, a trampoline and some shape cards to study. A phone for the little house and drinks for the little house. Also, I need chairs and table for the little house. A door for the little house and some books. And a swimming pool. That is all. Kiki Guerra

Dear Santa, Please bring Mrs. Rojas extra special gifts for Christmas. She deserves the best because she is our aide and works so hard and is loved by all of us in Pre-K. My boys and girls have been working hard on learning letters, numbers, writing their names and so much more.

They are a blessing and really brighten my day. I hope you are able to bring what they want for Christmas. The Pre-K parents are so supportive and wonderful, so bring them some treats too. I also need you to add something special in the stockings of Mr. Wanoreck and all the teachers, aides, secretary, nurse, housekeeping and lunchroom ladies. They are the best to work and help me so much when I am not feeling well. And please bring them lots of chocolate.....they love that stuff! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Claudia Droll

Dear Santa, Please help Marcos Ramon and his big brother West feel better really soon. They both had their tonsils taken out. You know what they want and they are both really great boys. They work hard and are nice to everyone. Bring them lots of presents and lots of healthy days in the future. Thank you Santa. Mrs. Droll

Dear Santa, I want Barbie presents, a phone Barbie present and Barbie doll. I have a new baby sister Caitlin Rachel she cries a lot Santa Claus.

My mom feeds her. My daddy loves me bring him a present. Give Sasha a Barbie present. I like to open my presents. Bailey is at school get him a spiderman present. Johnathon is at school too get him a spiderman present to. Thats all see you later. Remember to bring lots of presents. Ms. Courtney Espinosa

Dear Santa Claus, I want some Ice cream and a Corn dog with no mustard and candies. Santa I'm going to put my bed in another house. Doing good Santa. Santa please bring me a Batman toy a big toy. My daddy doesn't need toys he needs a brown belt. My mommy broke her leg and my daddy took her to the doctor. Junior needs a toy. Gilbert needs a toy too. Bye Santa Micheal Parks

Dear Santa, I want toys. A choo choo train. Bring a fire truck for my mommy. Efran Mariquez

Santa bring me presents. Hi Santa! Arianna is behaving so she needs presents. She wants barbie toys. My brother Marcus and me want truck presents. My mama does not want presents. My mama wants barbie toys. My real daddy wants presents. He wants truck presents. Grandma Lisa wants truck toys. Bye Jucel Martinez

Dear Santa, I want toys for my baby. Something for me too. I want a necklace. I want a key chain that hangs around my neck to hold my keys. I want a toy box for my toys. I want a Blues Clues toy. Bola and Angelita need a new car. A toy for VeVo. A Blues Clues doll. I want toys. I want shoes like Courtneys. I need a crib for my babies. I want a bottle like Christophers for my baby. Some pens that will be mine and that VeVo can not take away from me. Some sandals. My mom wants some milk because Christopher drank all the milk. I want a Blues Clues game. My daddy wants a watch and a pinata. Marisol DeLuna

Dear Santa, Santa I Love You. I want dress up clothes. A new car for my sister. I want some bratz dolls. A huge car. Some floaties so I can stay up in the deep. A brand new slide. Grandma Lizzy needs a new purse, some new flower because hers died. My dad wants a new motorcycles that goes really fast. My dad wants a black cat and want a white and orange one. A brand new cross for my mother so she can pray at night. Alexandra Alvarez

Dear Santa, Bring me a bracelet and a watch, football, football shirt. I want batman shoes. I want socks. Hulk socks, a red shirt, and a hulk blanket. A pen and some paper. A batman back pack. Gabriel wants a batman back pack. Just give Micheal water because he is not a good listener. Mom and dad need food. My Christmas tree needs water. Dad needs a blanket. Mom needs a blanket too. My mom needs a new tooth. Thats it! William Parks

Bring me presents. My daddy scared me with the Santa Monster. Bring my mom a present. My mom says she wants a make up present. Bring my dad a monster present. Bring my sister a present. Monique wants a spiderman toy like C.J.'s Bring my brother a present. Bring Aubrey and Sammy a present because they are my friends. They want the Scooby Doo Van that makes noise. Bring my other brother that goes to Moniques school a present, he wears spiderman shoes like mine. That is it. Bye, Amalio Vallanueva

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Feliz Navidad — EHS student Javier Sanchez (R) serenaded a room full of students and Senior Citizens in the school's cafeteria with his own style of Christmas music. Student Armando Guzman (L) held the sheet music for his friend as he strummed his guitar and sang. The senior citizens who were in attendance were treated to a delicious meal of Turkey and Dressing. The event was hosted by Eldorado High School on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003.



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Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Word Search grid with words: SANER, ADMAN, WOO, ALONE, SEATO, HAH, WITCHE, SBREW, ASA, ERASE, HATER, TWEETY, DEVISE, AWHILE, FLARES, HAJRS, GLARE, IDO, SITE, WAIVE, STEW, ONE, SABRE, NANCE, ARTIST, SALOON, ASSORT, SCREWY, PASTE, SPEAR, SUN, WHEELBARROW, EGO, EAGLE, TEENY, SEW, DRATS, ELATE

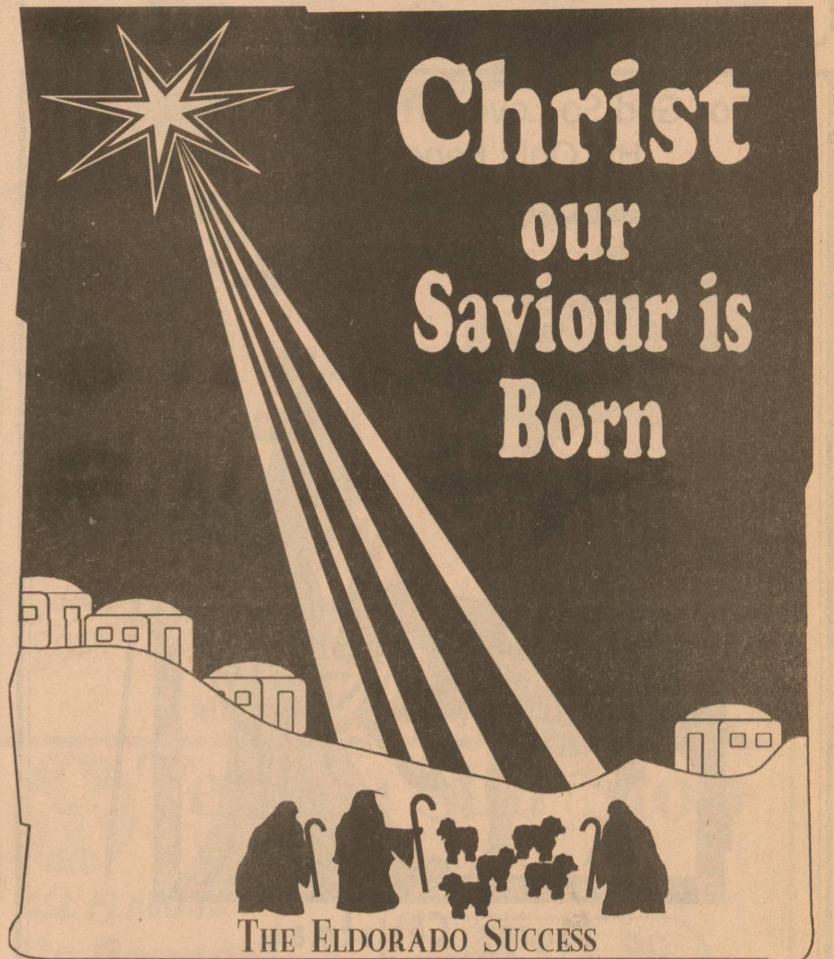


Retirement Party — Faye Gibson and Ronnie Sauer posed for the camera last Thursday during a retirement party at Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Gibson is retiring after 22 years of service with the Coop. Sauer worked for SWTEC for 40 years.

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In order for our employees to enjoy the holidays with their families, **First National Bank** will be closing at **12:00 Noon on Wednesday December 24, 2003**



THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

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Susie Ramirez's Headstart Class

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo and a Scooby and a Barbie. A dark blue baby. Kandace Aguilar

I want Santa at my house. I have a Christmas tree in my house. I am going to leave you milk and juice, and ketchup. I want red toys. I want a jacket. I want milk and ketchup. Sammy wants toys. Timmy wants toys. Mommy will get toys. Daddy gets toys. Timmy wants milk and ketchup. I have a barbie at my house.
Jacquelynn Lozano

I want a terminator toy and a terminator movie. I want a spiderman toy and a spiderman costume. I want a spiderman helmet. I want a door for my room. I want a window on my door. I want a truck. I want a dumpster truck. I want a little chair for my sister Caitlin. I want a flash light for little Caitlin. That all I want. Brandon wants a camera. My mom wants some tape so she can fix her door because it is all broken. Thats all I want.
Jay Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa Claus. I want you to bring me a Barbie house please. My sister Nancy is nice to me. Bring her a dress and a teddy bear. Have a good time. Bring new plates for my mom and my dad a teddy bear.
Love you Gisselle Hernandez

I want to tell you thank you for giving me presents. I want to see you Santa. I want you to call me. Send me presents. Promise to give me presents. Promise to give me a sponge bob watch. Promise to give me another Christmas tree so I can have two, a little one and a big one. Promise to give me a birthday. Take care of my daddy. Take care of my puppy don't let him die. Send me some drums. Take care of my mama and my granny. Give me a new house. Tell Jesus to take care of me and everyone. Santa I hope you read this. Santa give us water. I want a new tree with leaves. I want a flag too. Bring me toys. Is it snowing and cold in the north pole. My Wuellie will be calling you. I am going to get bigger when my birthday starts and send me some new shoes. Promise to give me a jumping rope. You won't believe me but I saw a real reindeer with Santa. I saw them at my house and the reindeer did his magic and he flew up to the sky. Send me a barbie computer. Send me a little horsey for my little baby sister, her name is Niomi. I want you to buy you a reindeer movie. Come see me. Say bye to your reindeers.
Alyssa Reza

I want a spiderman danger light, it glows in the dark. A spiderman game. I want a Hulk game. A green goblin game. A hulk shirt. The vacuum that I saw at Duck-wall's. A big spiderman, I lost mine Jackie likes barbie. Sydney likes barbie too. I want a buzz lightyear game. David needs games for his play station. My dad likes spiderman, he is Joaquin. My mom wants new earrings. Granny wants more earrings too.
Caitlin Covarrubiaz



Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I want a new TV because our other one burned up. Santa our house burned down. My grandma wasn't in the house she o.k. We are at grandma Lisa's house. I was at school. We made snowmen and reindeers and a tree. The electricity wnet off. Santa can you bring me a computer, like the one at my school. I want some new paper and colors and paint and paint brush.
Bye, Nicolas Flores

Hi Santa!
I want a diva starz head that you can put make up on. I want a barbie head too. Jackie want a little elmo. C.J. wants spiderman hands. Santa, David likes his classes now.
Bye Santa
Sydney Covarrubiaz

Dear Santa,
I want barbies, scooby doo, chucky and a dress. I want play doh, and a snowman, Dora the explorer. I want a blue chair. I want swings big ones. I want lipstick. Bring Lucas x-men toys. Mom wants barbie stuff too. Daddy wants x-men toys too. I want a grey barbie house. I want water and juice. Santa I know my ABC's. Bring me a pink trash can. Bring me a lot of stuff.
Erica Santellano

Dear Santa,
I want a swing set and a barbie. I want a baby doll and a TV. I want sponge bob clothes and a water baby Jaylynn does not need one because she already has one. Jaylynn can get a little chair. Jaylynn needs barbies because we do not have any at our grandma's house. She also needs an animal book because she likes the animals on grama's calendar. Grandma Vanda can get a jewelry box also because I don't think she has one. Tia Viki need pajamas and house shoes. Kayla needs a water baby. Grandpa Mark can have pajamas. Tim needs work clothes and pajamas. My mom needs a jewelry box and night clothes. I will leave you some cookies Santa.
Michelle Martinez

Mrs. Griffin's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
I want a water Barbie for Christmas.
Thank you,
Mariah Aguilar

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Care Bear just like Emme's, but it's purple and has a heart on it and it has the little thing that twirls around on its back. And I want a Dora that says "Vomonos" and I want a skate board that is little just for me. Merry Christmas Santa Claus and the reindeer.
Love,
Brandia Gail Arispe

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a hunting game for Christmas. I have been good.
Thank you,
Jaime Chancellor

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Barbie doll house and I want a pair of slippers like Cinderella and a white diamond dress like Cinderella. Why is Rudolph's nose so bright? Why does he guide your sleigh tonight?
Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas,
Kelly Jo Davis

Dear Santa,
I want a new Intendo.
Thank you,
Artie Escobar

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a kite for Christmas and a Ninja Turtle.
Thank you,
Lonnice Estrada

Dear Santa,
Give me a football and my little brother wants a football and my mommy wants a pretty necklace cross. I want a Ninja Turtle, too. Give me a little horse thing for my brother.
Merry Christmas,
Rachelle Garcia

Merry Christmas,
I want a choo choo train, dear Santa. I want to fix my little car. How you been? I want a little race car.
Thank you,
Jeremiah Geuea

Dear Santa,
I want Leonardo the Ninja Turtle and I also want the rat and I also want the red rubber band Ninja Turtle. I want all the bad guys, too and I want the Ninja Turtles with the hats and the sun glasses. I want a snowboard Nintendo. I'm gonna give you some cookies that are really good with milk. I'll see you at church.
I love you and your reindeer too.
Jess Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a kite, a Zoid, and a Game Boy for Christmas.
Love,
Cade Ledbetter

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Mrs. Griffin's
 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
 I have been good today. How are you doing with your reindeer? Are ya feeling well today? I always wanted a giant tent with three bedrooms.
 Merry Christmas to you, Santa.
 Jimmy Miller

Dear Santa,
 I want a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle and two Transformers, Unicorn and Optimus Prime, and another Transformer to go with it, Jet Fire. I want one more Transformer, Star Scream.

Thank you,
 Dalton Morris
 Dear Santa,
 I want a bicycle with training wheels on it and a scooter and I want a little teddy bear. I want my little sister some clothes. My brother wants a motor cycle. I don't know what else he wants, but I think that's all he might want.
 Merry Christmas,
 Abigail Narvaez

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a bicycle and a computer. My brother, he want a big bicycle.
 Merry Christmas,
 Crystal Nava

Dear Santa,
 I want a Transformer and a Ninja Turtle. A teddy bear for my baby brother and a Ninja Power Ranger, too. Elizabeth needs a Barbie. Tony wants a Transformer. I don't know what else he likes.
 Thank you,
 Jose Luis Olivares



Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
 I want a Ninja Turtle and a I want a motorcycle. I want a scooter, too. And I want a Transformer. For my sister, I want to give her a shaker that you shake and then it makes noises. For my mom, I want to give her a necklace that has a heart. And I want a Power Ranger helmet. Probably my dad wants a new glove because he lost his last one that he had for his baseball game. I want a Power Ranger gun that turns into a sword, a Light Speed one.
 Merry Christmas Santa,
 Michael Rios

Dear Santa,
 I want a new bicycle and a Swan Lake Barbie house. That's all. My momma wants a new necklace. My brother wants a new Transformer.
 Merry Christmas,
 Megan Powell

Dear Santa,
 I want some batteries for my Game Boy and one big game to play on my Game Boy. And a choo choo train. That's all.
 Love,
 Tito Rios

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a robot and some shoes, some shirts. My brother wants a cd player. I would like a necklace for my mom.
 Thank you,
 Leroy Torres

Dear Santa,
 I want a cd player and a robot Transformer. Tres wants a Transformer. Peyton wants a Barbie.
 Ho, Ho, Ho!
 Justin Whitten

Mrs. Homer's
 Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a pony castle, Barbie Swan Lake, a baby doll with a castle, a baby with a diaper bag you can carry around, a coloring book, a heart diaper bag, a shiny apple, a bracelet, and a deer mask.
 Hope you have a good day.
 Love, Marinda

Dear Santa Claus,
 Thank you for bringing me presents. I want a wagon, flag, and a lion.
 Merry Christmas, Keanu

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a football and a ball for my brother. I want a baby for my baby.
 I love you.
 Love, Joey

Dear Santa Claus,
 I miss you. I want you to buy me a present like a Barbie house, an ABC Book, a Barbie car, Barbie Repunzel, a kite, an umbrella, pens, colors, a game, a play station, a Barbie book, Barbie stickers, and boots. I miss you Santa and I love you.
 Have a good
 Christmas Day, Alyia

Dear Santa Claus,
 I love you. I like you to give me presents. I want a monster truck, helicopter, soldiers, a car that turns to a monster truck, a ball, and a motorcycle.
 Merry Christmas, Justin

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a basketball.
 I love You, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want new dinosaurs and a new Spiderman. I want a new batman car.
 Thank You, Hudson

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want to decorate on the tree. I want toys, clouds, and a fun Woody. I went to a party.
 Thank you for
 Christmas, Canyon

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want two little soft puppies and a motorcycle.
 Thank you, Strait

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a big doll like the big Barbie I saw. I also want a big shape heart. You are my friend.
 I love you, Rebecca

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a Barbie, a bike, a Barbie bike, a big Barbie doll, another Barbie, a flower, and a puzzle. I want a coloring book and crayons. I love you a lot. I want you to take care.
 Merry Christmas,
 and Thank You, Crystal

Dear Santa Claus,
 Will you bring my Mom a present. She likes girl stuff. I want a motorcycle. I want my brother to get a rock for Christmas and my Dad. I want you to get my cat and dog a bone and a mice toy. I want my the white coy to get a cage for Christmas because he was mean to my dad. I want you to get Mac and Valentine frogs for them to chase. I want my roosters to get baby chicks so they can all be moms.
 Thank you for everything
 for Christmas, Uber

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a motorcycle. I want a backpack with a race car like Skyler's. I want new tennis shoes, a camera, a car, markers, a robot, a book, play dough, a plane, a ball, a desk, a hole punch, a flashlight, rope, and music instrument for me.
 Merry Christmas, Jesus

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want some leather gloves, a little umbrella, a yo-yo, a xylophone, a violin, a train, a little zebra, a little toy gun, markers, some books, a cowboy rope, and a plug in TV. I am happy you can give me toys.
 Merry Christmas, Byron

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a race car for me. And my little sister I want her to get a doll. I want my mom to get new clothes. I want my dad to get a jacket.
 Have a good Christmas, Jose

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want a doll, clothes, and a ring for my mom. I want a house for my doll and clothes for my doll. I want a blanket. Bring tools for my dad. Thank you for giving people presents. Let this day be good again.
 Merry Christmas, Julie

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want an airplane that can fly faster than no other airplanes can catch up to it. Trisha wanted a nice painting. I don't know what my mom wants but bring her something.
 Thank You, Christian



Holiday Smiles — SCISD cafeteria workers were decked out in their holiday finery for the annual Sr. Citizens Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2003. They include (Front L-R) Maria Aguilar, Maria Fuentes, Food Service Director Ima Bruce, Santa Hernandez, Marie Romo, (Back L-R) Lydla Barajas, Connie Martinez, Marie Hernandez and Ca-tina Whiddon.

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**Mrs. Gray's
Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
I want movies and a dirt bike and a low rider. I want Mario party 5 and a Plat Station 2 and a Tyco that dirt bike one and jewelry for my mom and Lego's and toy cars and a moderiz scooder?
Love Carlos

Dear Santa,
I need a gameboy, a, newcap. And I need a new football bacuse my dog chewed it. I need a cd player, and bwon arrow to go hunting. I need a Hummer to drive.
Bailey Espinosa

Dear Santa,
I want a new, barby house, and kereg and a horse, and a airplan too, and a barby car, and a papy, and barby boat too, and a rill horse.
Love Caitlyn Grubbs

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a CD player a game for my x box.
Love Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox, and a trampo-line, roler skate, play stasn 2, close, and shoe's, an bike, foot ball, and baskit balle, telufone, pent mol ball gume, game boy.
By Juan Carlos

Dear Santa,
I want a game called, Burn out two, and a man with a dirt bike. And how is Mis. Closs douing? Is she ok? And I'm going to leve a bowl full of cookies and glass of milk out on my momm's table and a letter that se's Merry Christmas Santa.
Love, Justin

Dear Santa,
I want'n xbox, a Laptop, a pincle shaerpner, a jumprop, a new bike, a play stasnion 2, a diare, a candy macer, a dvd plaer some new close, some new shoes, cd player. How are Mrs. Claus and Rudoph?
Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I want a X-box. I want a rado. I wnat can game. I wnat a DVD player. I want a Humer h1. I want buter fengens.
Love Colton

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy, roler skates, trampoline, CD player, and a jump rope. What kind of cookies do you like? What does Mrs. Closs do?
Love, Odette

Dear Santa,
I want Realmeal. I want perfuim. I watnt BabyChouChou. I want Mraio party five. I want a Car-reyokey masheen. Amonderiz-escooter. A car.
Love Felicia



Santa Letters

Dear Santa,
I want skates, make up, a note-book computer, playstation, pencils, earaserrs, crayons, books to color, shoes, cloths, flags, pens, candy, markers, a DVD player, a globe, backpacks, a train, sun glasses, CD player, book covers, paper, a diary, book marks, How are Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Elizabeth Olivares Esparza

**Mrs. McGregor's
Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a vit-eocamer or a globe and some fun things too. We have been shopping for presents and it was fun. I no what Autin wants for Christmas. He wants a batmanmowbil.
Madison Albin

Dear St. Nick,
I have been good and bad. How have you been and how has Miss Claus been doing? Merry Christmas Santa and Merry Christmas to Miss Claus too. For Christmas I want monople and football tha tcan open up and you can write plas on it.
Michael Bibrey

Dear Santa,
How are you doing because I am doing great. How has it been going for you at the North Pole? I have been a good girl this year. I would like a Cd, neckles, and a br-aclet. Merry Christmas Santa.
Brittany Galan

Dear St. Nick,
I want a XBOX and some gams for it and a football gam for my my big brothers.
Robert Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I hope to get a lot of presents. The things I want are wakkie takkis, finding Nemo, and roller skates that turn into shoes. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I will leave cookies and milk for you on Chris-tams Eve.
Addye Chatham

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing and how has Ms. Claus been? I've been pritty good this year. I've been wnating elbow and knee pads for Christmas.
Macy

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanta car and a book and a alien and gamboy.
Beto

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I have been a good boy. I want a football cap and a game for Xbox.
Jackson

Dear Santa,
I have been good and bad. My cousin wants woody and I just want clothes.
Yssenia

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? What do you do you there? I want a Christmas book and gloves and shoes and close.
Love, Maria

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you and Mrs. Claus are fine. I want a new bike. I want a trampling. I want a realy big slide because I like it. I want a little toy toukan on the edge of the beak is red and at the back of his beak is green. His eye is black and blue and head is black. His feet are orange and his tail is blue.
Adriana Rios

**Mrs. Jones'
Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,
I have been VERY good. I want science tools. I want brat dolls and all the toys you want to bring. Pleas DO NOT bring Whitney Sullivan any noise babys.
Ashley Sullivan

Dere Santa,
I wont a xbox and a goert and my mom to feel better. and a spas sheap and a car that turns in to robot. And and to be rich and to git in yor slae and to be in a tv s how and ras cors.
Leov, Gabriel Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I have been very good and I wanted to see you all my life. For Christmas I want a new jumprope and a labtop, bratdoll, and a bab-by kittin. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Sasha

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been sick, but now I am Feeling Better. For Christmas I would like to have a stroller for my doll. I would also like to have a crib for my baby. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Karenn Luna

Dear Santa,
I want a bratz doll. I have ben very good. I am 8 years old. I wnat CD plair. I want my sister to be good. I want a braslet and a coloring book. I want the move Finding Nemo.
Love, Obdulia Huerta

Dear Santa,
I want a texas tech cap and an xbox. How old are you Santa? My name is junior. I am very very good. I wont a remote Moster truck.
Love, Junior Garcia

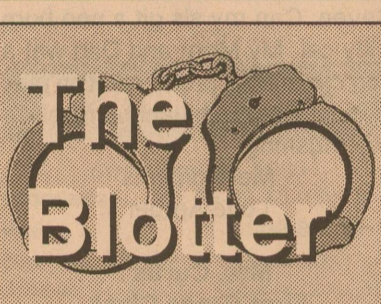
Dear Santa,
I have been very good and I wanted to see you all my life. For Christmas I want a bratsdoll and watch cieps.
Love, marysa Espinoza'

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie oll. I am 7 yrs old. then I e'm going to be 8 in December in the 18 I want a lot of toys and I hop we git thro wint are house I want aq braslet and some glase and some nells and my dad to fell beter.
Love, Elizabeth Estrada

Dear Santa,
I want a deer rifool and I BEEN VERY GOOD GOOD GOOD THIS YEAR, BUT if you can git me a 410 shote gun and a 223 deer rifool.
Love, GARRET CROWNVOER

Dear Santa,
I wont a X boxes. Santa, why can't we see you? I wont a Texs Tech cap. And all of my femle to come four Christmas. I want a Tex-as Tech foot boll. and Santa.
Love, Aaron Conn

Dear Santa,
I wont, a got car. And a snow bord. and a X boxes. And a Texas foot ball. And a new beby gun. And a traping. And a socker ball. And a with it,s net. and a fishing ploce.
Love, Jose



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. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

- December 10** • Gonzales, Aubrey Jeanne, female age 21, offense Theft of Service. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.
- December 10** • Nuncio, Paul G, male age 20, offense Theft of Service, Failure To Appear for Theft of Service, False Statement to a Peace Officer.
- December 10** • Criswell, Sherry Kay, female age 51, offense Theft by Check (2). Released on (2) \$500 PR Bonds.
- December 12** • Dominguez, Andres III, male age 20, serving for Irion County. Serving weekends only.
- December 14** • Avila, Jose Miguel, male age 41, offense Speeding, No Liability Insurance.
- December 16** • Stone, Jason Joseph, male age 28, Local Warrants.
- December 16** • Lowe, James Michael, male age 19, offense Burglary of a Vehicle.

INCIDENTS

- December 9** • 3:21 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had cut the Christmas lights in front of a business on Main Street. Officer responded.
- December 11** • 7:30 a.m. Complainant on Depot Street reported their neighbor's house on fire. Officers, EMS and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department responded.
- December 11** • 4:53 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident at grocery store.
- 8:15 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office relayed information on a possible intoxicated driver. Officers responded.
- 10:15 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver. Officers responded and was unable to locate.
- December 12** • 4:15 a.m. Complainant stated she had fallen and needed help getting up. EMS responded.
- 4:55 a.m. Hospital requested an

- ACLS transfer. EMS responded.
- 11:24 a.m. Clinic requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Clinic. EMS 1 responded.
- 12:15 p.m. Complainant on ranch reported someone had knocked over their deer blind and damaged it. Officer responded.
- 5:58 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an unresponsive male. Officer and EMS responded.
- 9:53 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle on County Road 412. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
- December 13** • 11:33 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle on fire on E. Warner Ave. Officer and Fire Department were paged out. 11:37 a.m. Officer advised Sheriff Office fire was out. 11:38 a.m. Fire Department was called back.
- 2:34 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS1 responded.
- 5:20 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about someone harassing them. Officer responded.
- 7:24 p.m. Complainant on Lee Ave. reported suspicious vehicles. Officer responded.
- 8:13 p.m. Complainant reported a horse on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.
- December 14 • Complainant requested an escort to Tom Green County Line because daughter had been in an accident. Officer responded.
- 6:54 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had taken CD's from complainant's pickup truck. Time between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- December 15** • 1:07 p.m. Complainant called to report loud music on Pecos Street. Officer responded.
- 6:49 p.m. Subject requested an officer and animal control officer because they were having trouble with a dog. Officer and animal control officer responded.
- 9:28 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check out orange cones in the middle of north bound Hwy. 277 lane next to fuel lock. Officer responded.
- December 16** • 11:35 a.m. Complainant reported a possible grass fire in county. Officers and Fire Department were dispatched. Grass fire was in Tom Green County.

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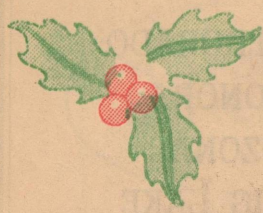
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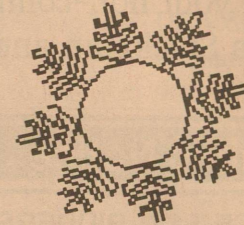
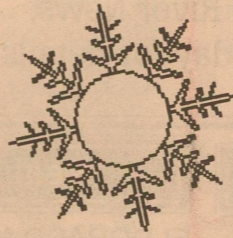
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But he laid his right hand upon me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."
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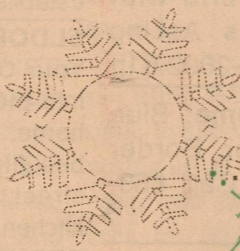
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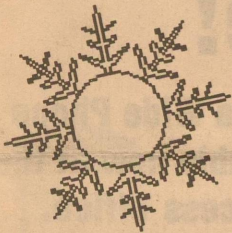
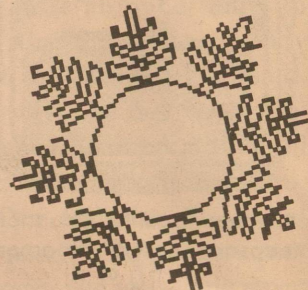
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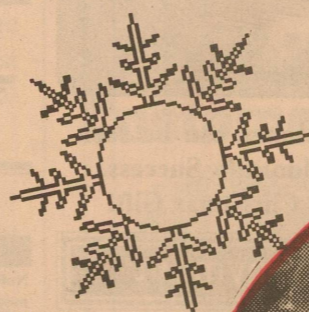
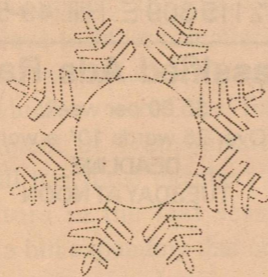
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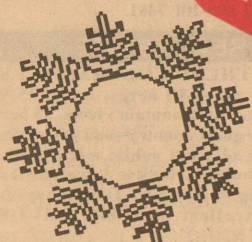
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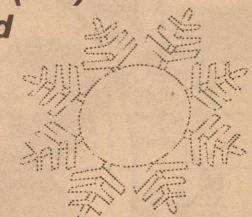
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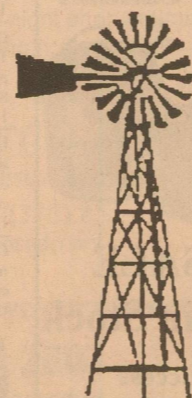
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