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Thursday, December 19, 1996



New Members Elected To Christmas In April Board

Christmas in April of Sonora, Inc. held a meeting recently for the purpose of electing five (5) new members to the Board. The following individuals were elected: Keith Wallace, Marshall Heap, Jack Smith, Smith Neal, and Juanita Mesa.

Existing Board members are: Jim Stephen, Karole Hunt, Pete Samaniego, Carmen Sanchez, and Robert Duran.

Christmas in April of Sonora would like to take this time to welcome the new Board mem-

bers and thank them for donating their time to such a worthwhile project. The new and existing Board would also like to thank the former members for their dedication and hard work in making the last year a successful one.

Plans for the April 1997 workday are underway. Pick up applications at these offices: City Hall, Craft Cottage, Dept. of Human Services, and the Senior Center.

Santa & Mrs. Claus Visit Sonora

Cloudy skies did not stop the scheduled visit of Santa and Mrs. Claus Saturday, December 14, 1996. With the assistance of the Sonora Firefighter's Association, the jolly couple

arrived via a sparkling fire truck and took time in their busy lives to stop by the Perry's parking area from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. A variety of children, from the very young to at least one high school student, visited and made their wish lists known. Santa reported afterward that everyone he visited with had guaranteed that they had been "very good" all year long!

The Merchants Association took advantage of their appearance to have them help with the second ticket drawing, and they definitely added a holiday spirit to the event.

Second Merchants Ticket Drawing Held At Perry's

The second ticket drawing sponsored by the Sonora Merchants Association was held on Saturday, December 14, 1996, in the Perry's parking lot area. A large number of Sonora residents gathered in an attempt to match their ticket numbers to those drawn. Winners of more than \$600.00 worth of gift certificates included: Tammy McGinnis, Guggle Thorp, Annette Castro, Elizabeth Chavez, and Lucy Ramos.

As the hopper holding the ticket studs continues to fill, all Merchant Association members thank those individuals that "shop at home." The next drawing will be held Saturday, December 21, 1996, in the Downtown area.

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Go Broncos!

Lady Broncos Narrowly Miss

by Abbey Hoffman

The women's varsity Menard Yellow Jackets beat the Lady Broncos in Tuesday night's 48-44 loss. Menard's hustle and high level of play organization seemed too much for the Lady Broncos in this particular match, where Sonora's ladies seemed frustrated and unnecessarily rushed. This resulted in sloppy fouling on the Lady Bronco's parts, and what was a good match-up in player skill became an unfortunate lesson for Sonora. Sometimes it just isn't your night...

Game highlights: Ms. Marshall's fluidity on the break gave Menard fits, they simply seemed unable to follow the ball when it was in her hands; Ms. Harrelson's highly accurate upright shot; Coach McMeans' and the crowd's vocal protest concerning call differences directed toward umpire Danny "Over-Enthusiastic" Riley.

Marshall, 6; Harrelson, 6; Davenport, 4

Broncos Play In Ozona Tournament

The Sonora Broncos participated this past weekend in the Ozona Invitational Basketball Tournament. The Broncos played Brownfield Saturday for the Championship. Brownfield defeated the Broncos 72 to 59. Ty Harrelson and John Paul Hudman each scored 18 points for the Broncos. Both boys were also named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Broncos played Comstock on Saturday. Comstock was victorious 56 to 46. Camille Marshall scored 12 for Sonora.

Broncos Stir Up Nest, Pour On Gasoline

by Abbey Hoffman

The men's varsity Bronco basketball team burned up the Menard Yellow Jackets in Tuesday night's 116-45 victory. Menard was out-handled, out-maneuvered, out-shot, out-coached, out-played and, in the end, simply out-of-luck. Sonora's reputation seems to be preceding them these days, as Menard's coach walked onto the court seeming confused and certainly walked off the court confused as to what had just happened and why his players seemed happy that it was over.

Sonora's presence under the basket exerted too much pressure for Menard to be effective. Have you ever attended a game where you continually count the number of players of each team on the court, just because you're positive you're seeing more of one jersey than another? Yep, there was an awful lot of white and red on the court Tuesday night. Entertaining stuff...for those of you who haven't been able to make Bronco basketball games yet this year, do it now!

A note to the varsity cheerleaders: Dear Ladies,



J.P. Hudman slams one for the Broncos.

you are all obviously very talented. Please bless the spectators with more than one of your delightfully original dance numbers. Your involvement fires up the gymnasium's overall immersion in the game and that in turn helps our men enjoy themselves and ride that so-called "wave" of crowd energy. You are very much appreciated and we would all

like to see more of you. Game highlights: Harrelson's behind-the-back dribble and close-up no-look passing - I wonder if he's a Magic Johnson fan; Hudman's dunk and near alley-oop. Harrelson, 26; Hudman, 20; Emiliano, 16; Barker, 15; House, 22; Sykes, 8; Dempsey, 8

Briefly

The Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church will meet at the Amphitheater at 9:45 a.m. on December 22nd.

The Sutton County appraisal District office will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays. December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his January visit to Sonora. He will be at the County Courthouse in Sonora on Tuesday, January 28, from 9:30-10:30.

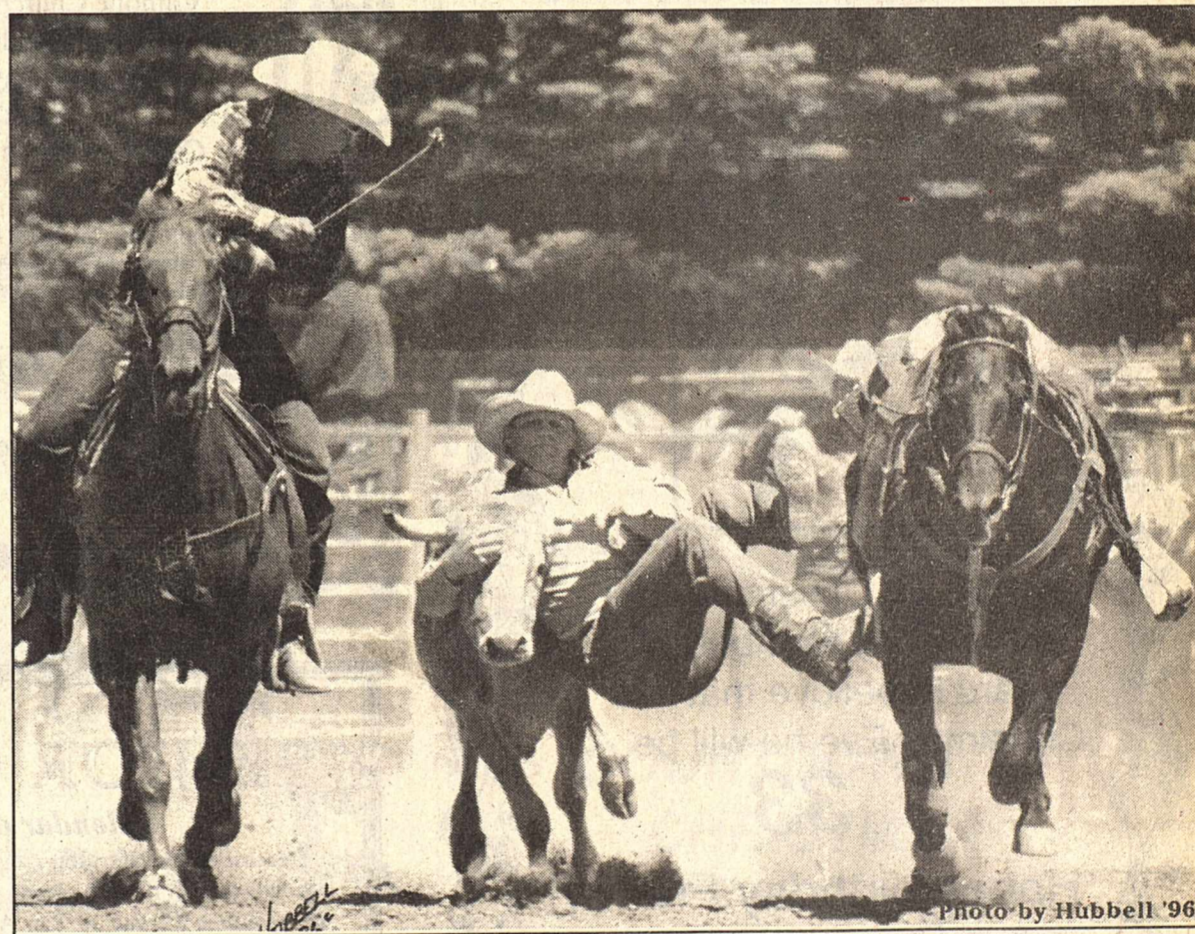
Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security Administration may contact him at the time.

Youngsters wanting to participate in Little Dribblers should sign up at Al Elliott's office. 213 E. Main

Gift Wrapping, the Spanish Club of Sonora High will custom gift wrap your packages. Saturday, December 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the location of Gamez Exxon service station across from Subway and Foxworth Galbreath.

The Sutton County National Bank will close all bank facilities at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1996 and remain closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1996 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

First National Bank of Sonora will close all bank facilities at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1996 and remain closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1996 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.



Frank Davis finishes tenth in world standing after competing in the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

The National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada concluded its tenth round on Sunday, December 15 with steer wrestler, Frank Davis, and his team of horses, walking away with a chunk of the prize money.

Davis, riding his super black

horse "Gumbo", completed ten successful runs, placing in three go-rounds and holding on to a second place finish in the average, for earnings in excess of \$30,000. Assisting Davis as hazer was hauling partner, Dale Meinecke, of Huntsville, Texas.

Rope Myers of Van, Texas also rode Frank's horse "Gumbo" the last six rounds, cashing in on another \$31,766 and pushing the Davis team to total NFR earnings of \$62,500.00.

Frank finished tenth in the world with yearly winnings of \$78,267.



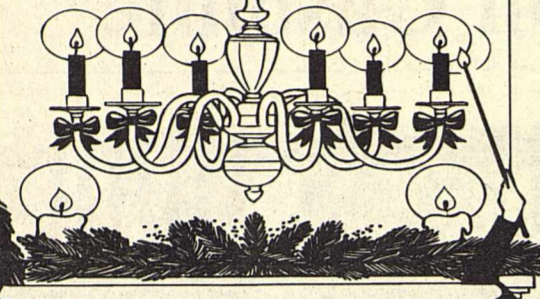
The Sonora Community Choir presented *Love Song*, December 14 & 15 under the direction of Paul Cornelius. Members of the choir were Robbi Dickenson, Ruth Ann Dickenson, Anita Lane, Susan Nicholas, Carol Parker, Marsha Patton, Pauline Ringgold, Betty Stephen, Sherry Taylor, Regina Burris, Betty Dillard, Kay Faris, Karen Fincher, Liz Hemphill, Karole Hunt, Margaret Jolly, Laura West, Tamra Wolfe, Dale Caddell, Preston Faris, Joe David West, Warren Hemphill, Joe Lane, Donald Patton, and David Prather.

The cast of characters included: Peanut Scott as Terry, Phil Scott - Dale, Ron Watson - Jacob, Joe Hopkins - Joseph, Shawna Faris - Mary, Carol Parker - Angel, and Rev. Jim Stephen - Narrator. Soundman was Juventino Granados.

OPEN LETTER

In regard to last week's letter from Ms. Savage, as you may recall, she and her son had a blow-out 10 miles west of town. She stated that she called "Black's Towing Service," and the man hung up on her without saying a word. Well, Ms. Savage, wherever you are—you certainly took some time and effort in writing a piece for the paper bad-mouthing Black's Towing. I only wish you had spent seven seconds on making sure you even called "Black's Wrecker Service." Did it ever occur to you that maybe, just maybe, you miss dialed, got a wrong number, or even a bad connection? Probably never crossed your mind, huh? You were so quick to assume the worst. Too bad you didn't give Black's Wrecker a chance because you wouldn't have had such an ordeal. Because, like Susan Crowder, he is a very nice person too!

Happy Holidays to ya!
Mrs. Black's Wrecker




CHRISTMAS CHEER

Please Join Us Thursday and Friday December 19th and 20th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First National Bank of Sonora

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
201 Water Ave.
Sonora, Texas



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Tuesday, December 24, 1996
7:00 P.M. Candlelight Service
11:15 Midnight Service
(Communion will be offered at both services.)



In '63 on Christmas Eve a baby boy was born. It's hard to believe that this Christmas Eve he will be.....

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Happy birthday Freddy!

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Card of Thanks

The basketball staff would like to thank everyone involved in last weekend's Sonora Tournament. The tournament was a success due to the efforts of many people. We would like to say a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Legan and Mrs. Hughes who spent endless hours coordinating the Hospitality Room, gate, and overall the smooth running of the tournament. Cudos also goes to Mrs. Renfro who at the last minute put together a concession stand and worked diligently to maintain the stand. Also, we would like to thank Coach Bellard and the Athletic Department who coordinated all the staff in working the clock and book. We believe everyone was pleased with the hospitality and patience of everyone involved. Thank you so much for your relentless enthusiasm and hard work.

Ford-Adkins Engagement

Georginanna Ford and Thomas Adkins of Sonora, Texas, announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Ford, Sr. of Baskin, Louisiana. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. Fred Adkins of Sonora, Texas, and Ms. Sue Stephens of Lake Hills, Texas.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be your pharmacist.

Revival Services
Calvary Temple United Pentecostal Church
509 Amistad
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7:00 p.m. nightly
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Pentecostal Preaching, Singing and Ministry
387-3236

Community Calendar
December 19-26

Friday Dec. 20th
No School, staff development day, Nativity Pageant at Senior Center after lunch!

Sunday Dec. 22nd
First United Methodist Church- No early service, 9:45 Christmas Pageant

Monday Dec. 23rd
College Student Open House, 7:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church

Tuesday Dec. 24th
First United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m., 11:15 p.m.
Christmas Eve Communion; Saint Ann's Catholic Church Christmas Vigil
Mass 7:00 p.m., Midnight Mass 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday Dec. 25th
Saint Ann's Catholic Church Mass 10:00 a.m.

The Community Calendar is made possible by:

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SENIOR CENTER
Calendar of Events

December 18- Nutrition program, cutting fat during the holidays with Kelly Thorp
December 19-Van to San Angelo, Elementary school groups w/Martha Guerra Christmas Carols at 10:00 a.m.
December 20- Nativity pageant with our very own seniors after lunch
December 24-Center Closed
December 25-Center Closed
December 26- Crafts!

Lunch Menu

Thursday, December 19
Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Sweet Potatoes, Wheat Rolls, Prunes

Friday, December 20
Chicken Fried Steak W/Gravy, Corn-On-The-Cob, Mixed Vegetables, Wheat Rolls, Apple

Monday, December 23
Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Wheat Rolls, Peach Cobbler

Tuesday December 24
Center closed

Wednesday, December 25
Center Closed

Thursday, December 26
Chicken Creole, Corn, Green Beans, Peach w/Cheese, Wheat Rolls, Rice Crispy Square
Guest Meals are \$4.00.
Suggested donation for Senior Citizens is \$1.75.

Our Sympathy

Elizabeth Harris Neill
Elizabeth Harris Neill, 95 passed away Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 1996, at her home in Sonora.
Elizabeth was born in Cuero, Texas, on Nov. 18, 1901, to Matilda and Will F. Harris. She attended Rice University and Southern Methodist University. In 1924, she left Cuero to teach school in Sonora. En route, she stopped at a drugstore in Junction where she met a young bank clerk, George H. "Jack" Neill. They married in 1927.
Mrs. Neill taught school, served on the Sonora School Board, and was active in community affairs and in St. John's Episcopal Church. She and Jack were avid fishermen and world travelers. In 1986, after a marriage of 59 years, she was preceded in death by her husband. Elizabeth was much loved and admired by her family and friends.
Elizabeth Neill is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Richard Cooper, and her daughter, Nancy Neill Law, all of San Antonio; her granddaughter, Elizabeth Cooper Davis and her husband, Joe, of Boerne; her granddaughter, Carolyn Cooper Earwood and her husband, Edward, of Sonora; her granddaughter, Judith Neill Law of San Antonio; and her grandson Jack Neill Law and his wife, Rebecca of Point Magoo, Calif. One grandson, David Paul Law, preceded her in death. Elizabeth Neill is also survived by four great-granddaughters, Madeline Rose and Elizabeth McKnight Davis and Emily Jane and Meredith Elizabeth Earwood; and by her dear friend, Rosa DeHoyas.
Service were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Monte Jones and the Rev. Ralph Shuffler officiating. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Pallbearers were Jack Neill Law, Edward Earwood, Joe Davis, Armer Earwood, Fielding Breeding, Paul Law, John Childers, and Bob Brockman. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Cooper, Joseph VanderStucken, Andy Moore, Lawrence Finklea, Albert DeHoyas, Mike Hale, Web Elliott, Ronnie Cox, Harold McEwen, Eddie Sawyer, Albert Ward, Frank Bond, and W.B. McMillan.
Memorials may be sent to the David Law-Jack Neill Scholarship Fund at the First National Bank of Sonora, P.O. Box, 798, Sonora, TX 76950.

The First National Bank of Sonora will close at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 24, 1996 and all day Wednesday, December 25, 1996 in observance of the **Christmas Holidays**. Normal Banking Hours will resume Thursday, December 26, 1996. Member FDIC

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Readers Rewarded With Spurs Trip

submitted

Ninety-six of the 220 students at Sonora Middle School qualified for a trip to see the San Antonio Spurs play the Dallas Mavericks at the Alamodome on Saturday, December 14. Over 100, including students and sponsors, made the bus trip Saturday. The Spurs provided our group with an exciting 106-105 win in the final seconds of the game to make it a really great evening.

Middle school reading teachers had contacted the Spurs organization prior to the beginning of school because students surveyed last spring named a Spurs game as an Accelerated Reader reward that they'd like to read for during this school year. The Spurs provided a block of complimentary tickets as a reading reward for our students and allowed a sizable discount on the remaining tickets for our group.

Our Accelerated Reader program includes reading self-selected literature on a reading level appropriate for the individual's development. Most students

are working to reach individually-set goals. Students read from a selected list of books and take computerized tests designed to check for completion of the books and understanding. When the program began, tests on just a few hundred books were available. Now, over 11,500 tests are available for reading levels from kindergarten through high school. All SMS students (and teachers who supervise them) have a class period devoted to sustained silent reading each day. There is a reward system for the successful accumulation of points. Since the reading skills used by middle school students have all been taught in the elementary grades, we feel that it is important to provide students time to practice those skills and for them to experience success when using them. An important part of the program is the idea of setting goals for students and rewarding them when they achieve those goals.

Sonora Middle School introduced the Accelerated Reader program seven years ago, and we have continued to

fine-tune the program and to customize it for our students. AR has been expanded in our district to include students in grades K-8, so our present students have been working in the program almost since they began to read. One of the main goals of the middle school program is to instill a reading habit in our students and to make them life-long readers.

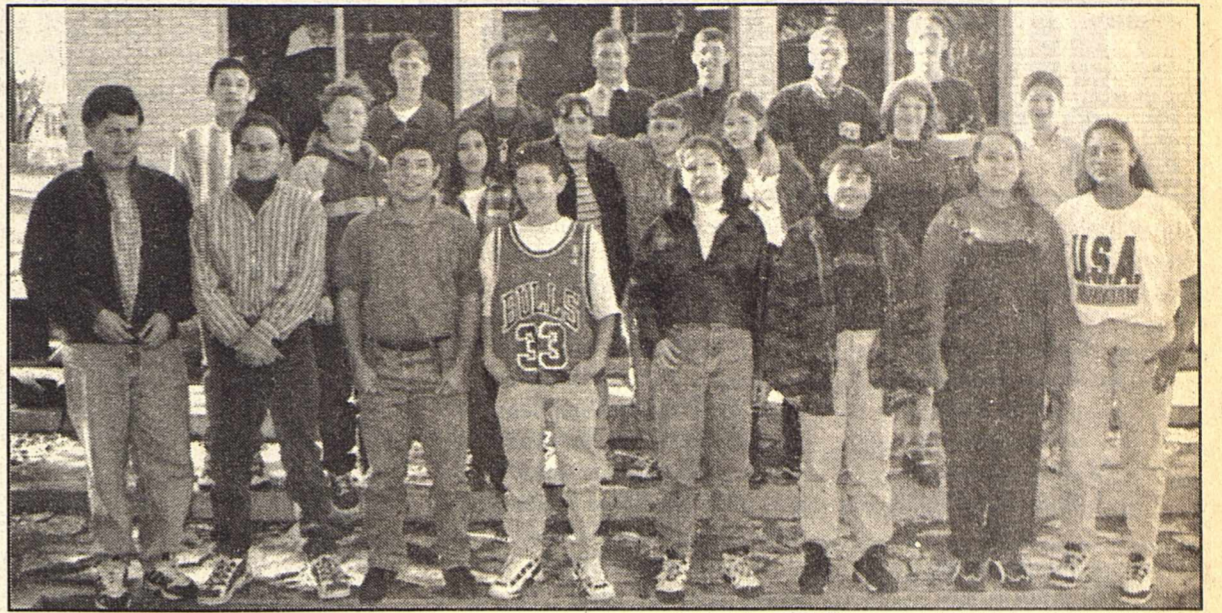
For the 2nd 9 weeks, 23 of 60 6th graders, 48 of 78 7th graders, and 25 of 94 8th graders achieved their goals to ensure making the trip.

6th graders who achieved this goal were: Albert Borrego, Landon Brockman, Brelee Drake, Kesha Frasier, Reyes Garcia, Kara Hard, Katrina Hernandez, Cortney Hill, Jed Leal, Landry McMeans, Whitney Miller, Justin Odom, Ashley Parker, Jared Parks, Leandra Perez, Danny Ramirez, Ashley Salinas, Amanda Sanchez, Houston Smith, and Brandon West.

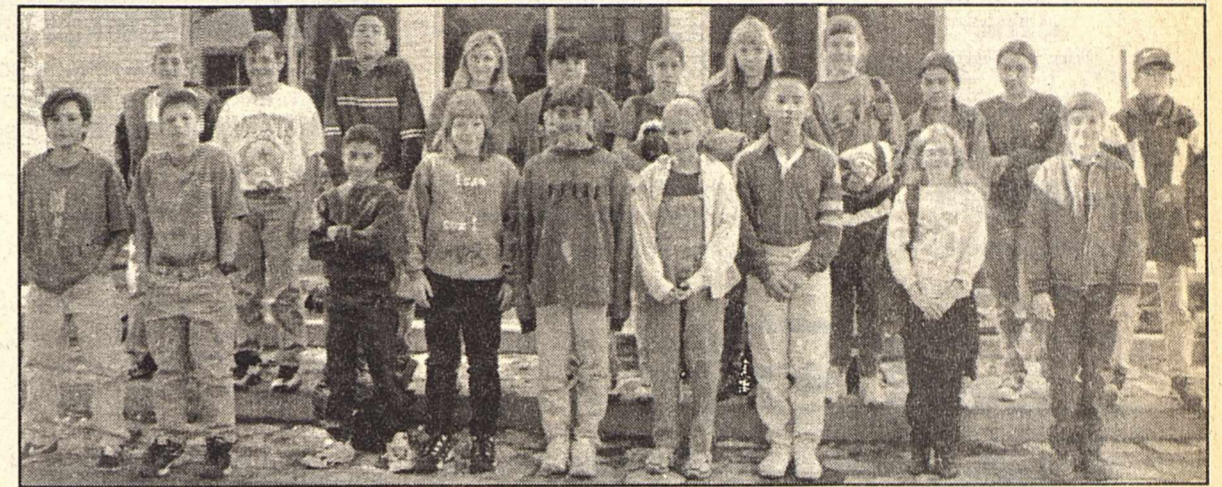
7th graders who achieved this goal were: Micah Adams, Brandon Adkins, Noe Alviso, Matthew Batchelor, Marjie Becknell, Ruben Brown, Jessica Bruns, Manuel Campos, Pedro Capuchin, Gabby Coronado, Genny Cramer, Kimberley Daniels, Chance Dillard, James Elliott, Sean Fields, Leslie Gamez, Amy Gann, Desiree Gonzales, Paula Gonzalez, Stetson Hall, Balde Hernandez, Maribel Hernandez, Beau Hughes, Heather Lawson, Ashley Leyva, Monica Lira, Ricky Lumbreras, Emily Luna, Vanessa Martinez, Kasey Miller, Cassie Perez, James Riso, Jesse Riso, Justin Routh, Fabian Ruiz, Tyler Seaton, Pamela Shahan, Krista Simpler, Chris Strubhart, Tori Valliant, Eddie Wallace, Tim Warden, and Byron Williams.

8th graders who achieved this goal were: Larry Aguero, Cody Ainsworth, Lindsey Bowers, Chris Green, Stephanie Hard, Ryan Hardgrave, Chang Hernandez, Linda Hernandez, Tom Jacoby, Crispin Lira, Lorena Lopez, Ed Mayfield, Carolyn Mendez, David Miller, Crystal Montgomery, Rocio Renteria, Jennifer Rivas, Thomas Schenkel, Jerrad Solis, Andrea Vasquez, Chris Weingart, Bryce Williams, Brandon Wood, and Japha Word.

The real reward for all this work is that our students ultimately benefit in each class from all their reading practice. Reading teachers felt that impressive student effort was largely due to the fact that students worked to earn what they



8th Grade Accelerated Readers




6th Grade Accelerated Readers



7th Grade Accelerated Readers



considered a really significant reward. SMS appreciated the generosity of the Spurs in helping us provide an opportunity to take our students to a professional basketball game. SMS would also like to express its thanks to all the adult sponsors (Calloway and Rhonda Hall, Gary Hardgrave, Mari Sanchez, Tony Valkonen, JoAnn Hernandez, and Patricia Parker) who gave up a Saturday to make the long bus trip to San Antonio.

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Maria Carlomagno
Connie Castilleja
20th
David Miller
Andi Allen
Jo Ellen Neal
Swade Draper
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Tomasa Badillo
Robin Conner
Luis Oliden
Troy Rogers
Jim Walkins
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May Moore | Edwin Arnold
Shelley Conner
Juanita Vickers
Armando Avila
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Kelly Martin
Paola Garcia
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Kelly Owen, Debbie Thompson, and Sue Prather shared the Christmas joy during the Sonora Woman's Club tour of homes. A great turn out prevailed despite sleeting rain Sunday.

December 9, 1996
8th Grade Boys "A"
Sonora 35, Big Lake 25
Leading scorers were: Riley Crain 11, Bryce Williams 10, Crispin Lira 6, Matt Torres 3, Jake Trainer and Cole Cearley 2 points each.
Sonora was 9 for 20 from the free throw line.

December 16, 1996
7th Grade Girls
Sonora 28, Del Rio 18
Leading scorers were: Monica Lira 15, Maribel Hernandez 6, Desiree Gonzalez 4, Kasey Miller 2, and Maribel Luna 1.
The 7th girls had a great game against Del Rio. Monica Lira led the team defensively with 11 steals and 7 rebounds. Pam Shahan came off the bench and had 3 rebounds and two steals. Overall the team played with a lot of heart.

8th Grade Boys "B"
Sonora 11, Big Lake 7
Leading scorers were: Joseph Percifull 4, Chang Hernandez 3, Cody Ainsworth 2, and Shane Mathews 2.

Tedford Jewelry
Bridal Gift Registry

Marty Lisa Martinez & Michael Ortiz

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

by Juanita Mesa

We, at the Sr. Center, would like to say a big "Thank You" to all of those who helped with our Christmas and B-day party on Dec. 6th. It was a lot of fun, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to the "Committee on Aging" for food; everyone else who brought Coke, cookies, dips, or chips; Lura Sawyer for donating and making eggnog; Ol' Country Thyme Band for entertainment; Randy and JoAnna Wuest for helping out "Pancho Claus" and bringing him to the Center from the South Pole; all of those who helped decorate our Center: Carmen Sanchez, Edida Galindo, Mary Lou Gilly, Vivian Crites, Wilma Jones, Thelma Huichapa (San Angelo), and Olivia Longoria; our ladies who made the beautiful Christmas stockings: Eluoja Flores, Elosia Gamez, Rosa Galindo, Aurora Cardena, Lupe Mendez, Maria Leija, Kathleen Moore, Yolanda Flores, Maggie Martinez, Shelia Castro, Ellen Depugh, Marie Allen, Vicenta Lopez, Olivia Longoria, and Amelia Ramos.

Thanks!

Thanks to Mrs. Charlotte Wilson for the Christmas carols and piano music, as well as Kristen Hicks, Patti Strauch, and her group who came in Friday, Dec. 13th, at noon. Sorry, but I didn't get everyone's name. Everyone really enjoyed the Christmas carols.

The staff and seniors who went to San Antonio were Pete Samaniego, Juanita Miesa, Amelia Ramos, Shelia Castro, Lelia Castro, Vivian Crites, Wilma Jones, Kathleen Moore, Olivia Longoria, and Yolanda Samaniego. Friday afternoon we attended the Fiesta Texas Banquet-Uncle Scrooge's Christmas Banquet! There was very good food, and Fiesta Texas was very beautifully decorated! On Saturday we met Martha and Dean McClain at Steven Stole's Playhouse Performing Arts and Entertainment Center which presented "The Lilies of the Field." The actors were very good, and the play was great. We went to the River Mall, and Sunday we took the ladies to Garden Ridge to finish Christmas shopping. The weather was great until Sunday. We had a great group of Seniors, and we came back tired but feeling great! We have a lot of stories to tell about what happened on this trip. Ask any of the ladies or Pete! We are ready to go back again next year. Thanks to the Committee on Aging and the City of Sonora for making this trip possible!

Come and see our pretty decorations at the Center. Our Christmas meal will be Monday, Dec. 23rd. Everyone is always welcome to come eat with us.

On Monday, Dec. 16th, at noon the High School Choir sang for our Seniors. Everyone really enjoyed the Christmas music. Hope you all come back again.

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Hospital Board Minutes

by Kathy Knight

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, December 9, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Alvis Johnson, Jr. President, Ben Solis, Claire Powers Richards, Ray Smith, and Lee Bloodworth.

Dr. Johnson called the meeting to order. Upon motion by Ben Solis, seconded by Ray Smith, the Board approved the regular meeting minutes of November 11, 1996.

Dr. Johnson advised that there was nothing new from the Sutton County Appraisal District. The regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10, 1996.

Mr. Goodrich advised that there was a conflict with Jamie Jacoby, Kimble County Hospital, being able to attend this meeting and suggested Paul Gafford, CPA, from Jones, Hay, Sanders & Co. to come in his place, as he does the Medicare cost report for Kimble County Hospital's Hospital Based Home Health. At this time Pam Nelson, Cornerstone Home Health, addressed the Board stating that not only was she the owner of Cornerstone Home Health, but also did consulting for Hospital Based Home Health Agencies. Ms. Nelson stated that she just wanted the Board to be aware of the accountability that goes along with Hospital Based Home Health. Ms. Nelson advised that the way Medicare is now perceiving Home Health, it is going to make it more difficult for Hospital Based Home Health Agencies. Ms. Nelson suggested that several of the Board members go to the presurvey conference in Austin. It would be very informative and addresses step by step implementation of a Hospital Based Home Health Agency. The conference is given by the State Licensure Board for Hospital Based Home Health Agencies and addresses compliance requirements for HBHH. Ms. Nelson advised that clinical documentation and the educational training of the Home Health employees is very important. The Board thanked Ms. Nelson for attending the meeting.

Mr. Gafford addressed the Board regarding the reimbursement side of a Hospital Based Home Health. Mr. Gafford advised that the Hospital Based Home Health would be another department of the Hospital. Mr. Gafford showed the Board a portion of a cost report with the Home Health as a revenue center of the Hospital.

Mr. Gafford advised one of the benefits the Hospital would have by having a Hospital Based Home Health would be a step down allocation of all costs, i.e., the overhead costs of the Hospital that can be taken down into the Home Health Agency. There are cost limits that are set on all Home Health Agencies to prevent the abuse of over allocating Hospital costs. Cost to charge ratio is how the Medicare intermediary calculates pay to the Facility for the Medicare patients. This is the reason for allocating indirect costs into those cost centers. Home Health Agencies have overhead just like any other department of the Hospital. The Facility will be reimbursed on the lower of cost or charges for the Home Health. The Home Health reimbursement is separate from the Facility's other reimbursement. Mr. Gafford advised another benefit of having a Home Health Agency would be to take the vacant space that is not being used at this time by the Hospital, and set up the Home Health Agency in this area. The Board thanked Mr. Gafford for attending the meeting.

Mr. Goodrich advised that he had called the facilities that had been mentioned at the previous meeting that had allegedly gotten in trouble with their Hospital Based Home Health Agency. Mr. Goodrich advised that two of the facilities were operating successful HBHH's and had been for several years. One of the facilities that was supposed to be closing due to HBHH, had never had a HBHH, but are pursuing it at this time. The other facility had a successful HBHH and had gotten into problems with charting the patient's records and were decertified. At this time, they are pursuing recertification. Discussion was held regarding the implementation of

the HBHH in our facility. Lee Bloodworth made the motion to table any action at this time on the implementation of a Hospital Based Home Health Agency for Hudspeth Hospital until the next regular meeting. Ben Solis seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Goodrich advised that 95% of the renovations in the Hospital have been finished at this time. The contractors are doing the touch-ups at this time. They should be through in about two weeks.

Joy Wood, LVN, Assistant DON, in the Nursing Facility, gave the Nursing Facility report. Mrs. Wood advised that at the present time that staffing is better at this time, there is less call in's at the present time. Two of the Nurses Aides have received their certifications, and there are three in school at this time.

Mr. Goodrich gave the financial report for October 1996. Mr. Goodrich advised that the Hospital was about \$30,000 under budget. The Nursing Facility was \$3600 over budget for October. Mr. Goodrich advised that the non-subscriber account is down due to one larger claim for an employee of the Nursing Facility. Mr. Goodrich advised that budgeted forecasts predict that the SCHD will end the current fiscal year approximately \$15,000 under budget.

Mr. Goodrich advised that he had received a letter from Robert Turner and the SCHD's bill to increase the tax cap will be on the agenda for the January Legislature to increase the tax cap. Dr. Johnson advised that the extension services are having meetings to discuss the economy of Sutton County. Dr. Johnson advised that the Appraisal District Board has been told that the County can anticipate a significant reduction in the mineral val-

ues in the next 7-10 years. The majority of our tax revenue come from gas, oil, and related services, if the Hospital District has a 30% decrease in taxable values, the Hospital District would have to raise the tax by .12 cents to get the effective tax rate. The proposed 30 cents that is on the bill that will go to Legislation in January, will need to be increased to 35 cents to cover the reduction in mineral values in the next 5-10 years. Discussion was held in depth regarding the anticipated decrease in mineral values and what tax rate would bring in the same amount of tax revenue. It was the consensus of the Board to change our bill in Austin to reflect the increase to cover for the possible decrease in the mineral values. This will be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

Mr. Goodrich advised that he had signed the Hospice and Respite Care of San Angelo contract and we can now admit Hospice and Respite Care patients in the Nursing Facility. Discussion was held regarding the November expenditures. Upon motion by Ray Smith, seconded by Claire P. Richards, the Board approved the November expenditures.

The Board then went into Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session. Dr. Johnson advised that personnel problems had been discussed, and no action was needed at this time.

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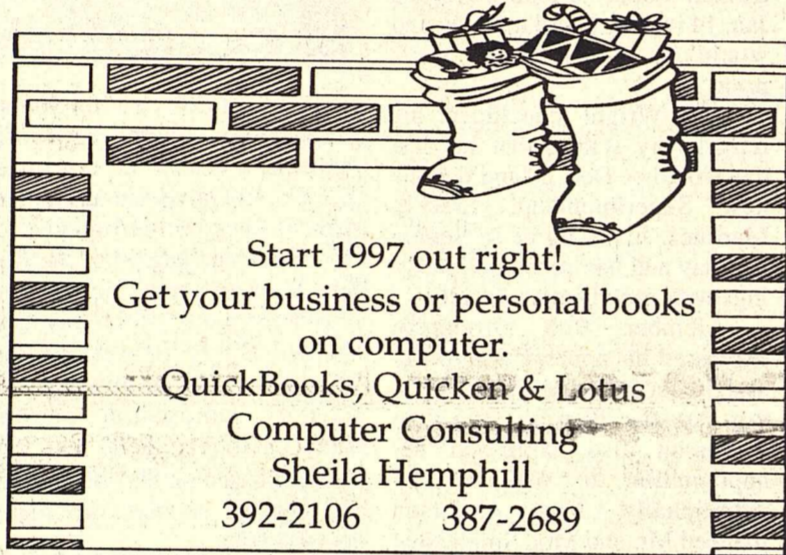
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The 1996 FSA County Committee Elections were held on December 2, 1996. Ballots were counted during the regularly scheduled COC meeting on December 5, 1996, at 1:30 p.m. The candidate receiving the most votes will serve a one year term on the FSA County Committee beginning in January. The candidate elected to serve that one year term was Scott Jacoby, with the 1st Alternate being R.L. Street and 2nd Alternate being Carl Lang. At the January County Committee meeting scheduled for Jan. 2, 1997, the new Committee will elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and a regular member.

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December School Board Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. in the Snack Bar at Sonora Middle School.

Campus Principals Terry Marrs, Bill Dempsey, and Donna Hill each presented their Campus Improvement Plans for 1996-97. Following their presentations, the plans were unanimously approved after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Bob Brockman.

Following a presentation from student Cody Ainsworth, the board unanimously approved his requested Eagle Scout project after a motion by Bob Brockman and a second by Gloria Lopez.

President Anderson announced that the board was going into executive session to discuss personnel - fall staff evaluations and private consultation with the board attorney. The board recessed with no action necessary and reconvened in open session.

The minutes of November 14 and 21 were approved as written after a motion by Bob Brockman and a second by Jesse Bustamante. Chief Appraiser,

Rex Ann Friess, reported that 6 1/2% of the 1996 current levy had been collected and that \$40,000 in delinquent taxes had also been collected. Current bills in the amount of \$295,423.76 were authorized for payment after a motion by Tom Clifton and a second by Sam David Hernandez. The 1995-96 audit was approved after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Mark Wilkinson.

Interim Superintendent George Wright reviewed the newly developed job description for the elementary counselor which includes grant writing responsibilities. Member Tom Clifton expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wright for his work in developing the job description and further asked to make a comment to clear the air. Mr. Clifton stated: "I want to go on record as saying that I really do not have a personal problem with Mrs. Fields. I have a problem with the way our former administrator told us what this was going to be, and it was not going to be an elementary school counselor. Mr. Russell told us that we were going to get a person to handle grants at the elementary school level. I know it's a little late to be arguing about that, and I'm not going to argue about it, but it is just an example of an administration that created positions, okay, and if I was -- and I am -- representing taxpayers, I would have never agreed to adding a position at the time of the year that we did that. And that is all I have to say."

Following Mr. Clifton's remarks, the Board unanimously approved the job description with grant writing responsibilities for the Elementary Counselor. Motion was made by Sam David Hernandez and seconded by Jesse Bustamante.

The Interim Superintendent reviewed the job description for the Administrative Assistant and pointed out that it had been

adopted 12/12/89. The Board was in agreement that no changes in the job description were necessary, and it would stand as adopted.

Administrative Assistant Smith Neal presented information regarding various areas of school housing, including descriptions of the housing, rental rates, and property appraisal results. Following a discussion, President Anderson directed the Interim Superintendent to make a note for the incoming Superintendent regarding the formation of a committee to develop a comprehensive housing policy which the Board will address in the spring. Additionally, Mrs. Anderson requested that a letter be written to Wayne Munn, thanking him for his time and effort in helping with the property appraisal.

Following a detailed presentation by Administrative Assistant Smith Neal over various repair quotes, the Board directed Business Manager Diane Jacoby to publish a notice of bid for necessary repairs.

Following discussion, motion was made by Tom Clifton, seconded by Bob Brockman, to authorize the Interim Superintendent to prepare a letter requesting a performance review by the State Comptroller's Office. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board unanimously approved TASB Policy Services Local Update Employment Policies D, DC, DCB, DCC, DCD, DFBB, DFCA, DFCC, DFD, and DNA. Motion was made by Bob Brockman and seconded by Sam David Hernandez.

The Board was in agreement to take no action on responding to TASA's request for \$250 as a legislative consultant fee.

The School-Parent Compact for Elementary School was unanimously approved as presented after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Tom Clifton. The committee to select 1997-98 textbooks was unanimously approved after a motion by Sam David Hernandez and a second by Bob Brockman.

The Board was in agreement to table the hiring of an Administrative Assistant until the new Superintendent is in place.

Special Programs Director

Donna Hill stated that campus principals felt it was imperative that someone serve in the capacity of curriculum director but that any development of this item should be tabled until the arrival of the new Superintendent. Board members agreed.

At this point in the meeting, Board members regretfully accepted the resignations of Smith and Jo Ellen Neal after a motion by Tom Clifton and a second by Jesse Bustamante. Also, the Board was in agreement to write letters of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Neal thanking them for their many years of service to the district.

Mrs. Brigitte Rogers expressed her concerns regarding a variety of items and a complete record of her comments may be obtained by requesting a taped recording of the meeting.

Interim Supt. George Wright listed enrollment as 308 at the high school, 221 at the middle school, 505 at the elementary school, and 1034 total.

Mr. Wright stated that the old Board Policy Book had been placed in the County Library and that the library staff had agreed to keep it updated. He further stated that the official Board Policy Book was completely updated and would remain in the Central office.

Mr. Wright continued his remarks by reporting that the school report card would be sent to parents on Jan. 8, 1997, and the Academic Excellence Indicator System would be reported at the Jan. 14 regular board meeting and would be published the week prior.

Mr. Wright concluded his remarks by stating that his last day would be Dec. 20 and that the new Superintendent, Ernesto Martinez, Jr. would be in Sonora that day and had scheduled meetings with each campus faculty.

Member Bob Brockman expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wright for stepping in and helping out the district. President Anderson also expressed her appreciation to Mr. Wright. Additionally, Mrs. Anderson thanked Mr. and Mrs. Smith Neal for all the wonderful things they had done for the district.



Carolyn Earwood and her dancers performed a Christmas recital Tuesday night at St. John's Parish Hall for many proud moms and dads.

Ellis Receives Silver Beaver



Michael Ellis, a 1962 Sonora graduate and son of Marie Aldwell, was honored December 3, 1996, in Galveston at the 74th Annual Recognition Banquet for the Bay Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was one of five recipients of the Bay Area Council Silver Beaver Awards. Michael was nominated by scouters, representing all districts of the council, and was selected based on his outstanding and unusual service over many years.

Michael was a youth member of Boy Scouts for 10 years rising to the rank of Life Scout. As an adult, Michael has served the South Texas Girl Scout Council as a Board Member for three years, a Roundup worker for five years, and as Galveston City Cookie chairman for five years.

Michael has served the Bay Area Council in numerous capacities. Michael has been a Webelos Den leader, Assistant Cubmaster and Cubmaster of Pack 104. Michael has served as Troop 104 Scoutmaster for seven years, with six scouts attaining the rank of Eagle. On the District level Michael has staffed Cub-O-Ree for five years, worked at Cub Scout Day Camp for nine years, served as Island District Program Chairman, and Island

District Popcorn Kernel for six years. Michael has also staffed Pow Wow for six years, and Fish-O-Ree, Camp-O-Ree, and Winter Camp for three years. Michael served as 1993 Jamboree Scoutmaster for Troop 1509 and is presently serving on the 1997 Jamboree Committee.

Michael and his family have been recognized by the Island District as Scouting Family of the Year. Michael has received the Island District Award of Merit, has been honored twice as Scoutmaster of the Year, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Michael is active in his community, serving as an assistant coach and board member for the Galveston East End Little League. He is currently the manager of the Island Thunder Soccer team. Michael is active in the Galveston Historical Foundation's Dickens on the Strand as a "hot chestnut" chairman and as a docent and house co-chair in the annual historical Homes Tour. Michael has also served as casino chairman for Ball High School's Project Graduation for four years.

Michael is active in his church, Trinity Episcopal, serving on the Vestry twice and is presently Junior Warden in charge of buildings and grounds. Michael has served as Sunday School Teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, acolyte master, and finance chairman.

Michael is the Director of the Southeast Texas Poison Center at the University of Texas Medical Branch. Michael is married to Jacqueline, who is also active in both Girl and Boy Scouts. They live in Galveston and have two children, Elaine, a junior at the University of Texas at Austin, and Mark, a Ball High School senior and an Eagle Scout.

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Request For Bids On Texas Highway Construction Sealed proposals for 3.653km of reconstruct and upgrade to standards on LP 467 from US 277 North to US 277 South, on US 277 from Loop 467 to 1.77 miles South and from 0.3 miles North of Loop 467 to Loop 467 in Sutton County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 7, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method closed by the bidder for delivery. This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul R. Chevalier, Area Engineer, Sonora, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested for the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Request For Bids On Texas Highway Construction

Sealed proposals for 341,956 km of seal coat on US 87, US 67, US 377, US 277, SH 41, SH 158, SH 137, FM 380, RM 33, RM 337, RM 1674, FM 1677, FM 2404, and various other locations covered by CPM 70-2-66, CPM 76-8-21, CPM 77-1-18, CPM 77-2-24, CPM 148-1-13, CPM 148-2-20, CPM 159-1-36, CPM 159-2-66, CPM 159-6-19, CPM 201-5-17, CPM 201-5-18, CPM 405-2-16, CPM 463-4-15, CPM 494-9-12, CPM 555-1-33, CPM 558-6-13, CPM 558-10-25, CPM 792-2-12, CPM 1296-1-11, CPM 1646-1-7, CPM 2278-1-8 and C 907-00-42 in Tom Green, Reagan, Irion, Edwards, Sutton, Sterling, Glasscock, Crockett, Real, Menard, Runtels and Concho County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 p.m., January 8, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Karl J. Bednarz, Area Engineer, Junction, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin Texas, at the expense of the bidder. continued on page 8

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Dear Rancher/Producer;

In order to better serve the producers of this area SONORA LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INC. is planning a fall and spring cattle feeder and stocker special sale. Why do we feel you should consider SONORA LIVESTOCK AUCTION? Let us paint you a real life picture of an incident that happened this year. Several producers sold their calves to an area trader. The trader was merely acting as a middle

man for the buyer involved. This cost the producer \$10.00 per head. (the producer was not aware of this fee, until later). The cattle were weighed with an average of 590 lbs; the cattle producer also agreed to a 4% shrink (this averaged 24 lbs per head). Sound familiar? If this wasn't enough, the producer agreed to a 10 % sort; of which the buyer had the option to take the "sorts" at a lesser price or not take them at all. This is where our story really gets good...some of the "sort" cattle were then sold thru auction rings (including ours) and the cattle brought more than the #1 calves sold for. Now consider this...what if the buyers check was "hot"? Or, what if the buyers took the cattle home and immediately stopped payment on the check? You are then faced with no cattle, a hot check or stopped payment piece of paper,

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and waiting for years for the courts to sift thru this mess before receiving the money for your cattle. Now, what if the money was there? Compare our figures with theirs: Cattle Traders Piguers 590 lb steer @ \$55.00 CWT \$324.50 Trader cut \$10.00 4% Shrink \$13.20 Sub Total \$301.30 **2% Shrink \$6.60 Total \$284.70.

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Please consider us for the next sale. Call us in advance and get added value to advertising you livestock. We have the buyers, we have the weekly orders, we are committed to you, the producer!!! Currently we have orders for Cow/Calf pairs, and packer cows and bulls. We also have a strong demand for Spanish and Angora goats for our Mexico market. Submitted by Robert Bryson

Junction Sheep and Goat Auction

Monday - 12/16/96
 Slaughter Ewes: Utility 30.00-34.50; Good 2-3 40.00-41.00; Bucks 37.00-39.50 CWT.
 Barbados: 40-65 lb lambs 77.00-87.00 CWT.
 Stock and Feeder Goats: Spanish Goats: 30-60 lb 83.00-93.00; 80-100 lb nannies 48.00-53.00; 90-105 lb mutt-tons 65.00-73.00; 70-145 lb billies 76.00-81.00 CWT.
 Angora Goats: 70-110 lb mutt-tons and billies 41.00-50.00; fat nannies 37.50-46.00; 35-65 lb kids and year-lings 75.00-83.00; thin nannies and mutt-tons 28.00-36.00 CWT.
 Source: Texas Dept of Ag-USDA

Producers Livestock Auction Co Report

Dec. 16, 1996
 Cattle and Calf Auction: Estimated Receipts for Today: 1850; Estimated for the Week: 5450; Last Week: 4328; Last Year: 4112;
 Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers weak to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls weak to 1.00 lower. Stock cows and pairs weak. Trading fairly active, demand good. Quality average to mostly plain. Supply included 60 percent calves, 30 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 5 percent yearlings; 5 percent stock cows and pairs.
Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 78.00-81.00; 300-400 lb 70.00-78.00; 400-500 lb 61.00-70.00; 500-600 lb 58.00-67.50, set 69.00; 600-800 lb 56.50-65.00.
Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 70.00-80.00; 300-400 lb 59.00-70.00; 400-500 lb 50.00-61.00; 500-600 lb 50.00-58.00; 600-900 lb 50.00-57.00.
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 60.00-66.00; 300-400 lb 55.00-62.50; 400-500 lb 51.00-59.00, few 61.00-63.00; 500-700 lb 51.00-60.50; 700-800 lb 51.00-57.50.
Medium and large 1-2 300-400 lb 45.00-55.00; 400-500 lb 42.00-52.00; 500-700 lb 41.00-51.00.
Slaughter Cows: Breaking Utility 2-3 28.00-31.50; Cutter and Boning

Utility 1-2 24.50-32.00, high-dress- ing 32.00-33.50; Canner and low- Cutter 1-2 18.00-24.00.
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2000 lb 36.00-42.00; low-dressing 1100-1600 lb 31.00-37.00.
 Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 450.00-500.00 per head; Medium 1-2 360.00-450.00 per head.
Cow/Calf Pairs: Medium and Large 1-2 cows with 100-300 lb calves 560.00-570.00 per pair.
Stocker & Feeder Cows: Medium and Large 1-2 (young) 800-1050 lb 40.00-45.00; (young and middle age) 750-1150 lb 34.00-39.00; (mid- dle age) 800-1250 lb 26.50-34.50.
 Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Market News

SONORA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
1996-1997 BRONCOS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	9TH	JV	VAR
12/27-12/28	KERVILLE TIVY TOURNEY	THERE			TBA
1/3	JOURDANTON	THERE			5:00
1/6	OZONA	HERE	7:30		
1/7	CRANE#	HERE		6:00	7:30
1/10	GREENWOOD #	HERE		6:00	7:30
1/10	LAKEVIEW	THERE	6:00		

LADY BRONCOS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	JVB	JV	VAR
12/26-12/28	REAGAN CO. TOURNEY	BIG LAKE			TBA
1/3	COLORADO CITY#	THERE	5:00	5:00	6:30
1/6	OZONA	THERE	7:30		
1/7	CRANE#	HERE		7:30	6:00
1/10	GREENWOOD#	HERE		7:30	6:00
1/10	DEL RIO	THERE	6:00		

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Merry Christmas

Location Builders

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December 19

1996



Letters

To

Santa

Mrs. Moore K-1

Dear Santa
How are your randeer? I want a mac computer and a gasoline 4 wheeler. I love u Santa.
Merry Christmas
John Duke Hudson

Dear Santa,
I've Been very good and I've Been good at my House. Will you still bring me a present? I want a race car, a gun and socks for Christmas.
Love
Chandler Caddell

Dear Santa and Rudolf,
I would Like you to bring me some rollerblades.
And I would Like a 3 Wheeler and I would like you to leave something on my bed.
Love
Harrison Chevalier

Dear Santa,
How is Donner? I hope he is good. Is it cold there? I would love a stuffed dalmation. I would love a pickuphorse. I would love a dog with a bottle. I would love a new Barbie doll. Merry christmas!
Love
Emily Earwood

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I hope he is ok. I hope that everyone at the North Pole is fine. Woul you bring me these toys? I want a dog and a ball and a book and a my size Barbie and a baby tumbles. Merry Xhristmas!
Love Santa,
Victoria Fuentes

Dear Santa,
How is Dancer?
I have been good but my dad doesn't leave me alone, he teases me.
I want a Susie Stretch. I want a new Barb ie Doll. I want a pick up horse. I want a stuffed dalmaton. I wish for snow.
Love
Kayla Garcia

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf the reindeer? I wish for snow on Christmas. I want a teddy bear, Nintendo and games, a bike wiht Power Ranger doll and a cow doll for me baby sister, Veronica.
Merry Christmas!
P.S. One more thing a Power Rangr robot tire.
Reynaldo Gaytan

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I want a baby giggles and wiggles, Baby

Tumbles, one more thing, a cat. I don't want any more toys.
I Santa Love,
Erika Leos

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Bubba, a truck, and a game. I've been good most of the time. I will leave cookies out for you on the coffee table. I want a talking Woody, a picture frame and a new doll for my sister, Taylor and a little tub for Crosby.
Love
Kooper Liverman

Dear Santa,
How are you today? Have I been a good girl or a bad girl? All I want for Christmas is to spend Christmas with my family. I would like a Troy Aikman shirt and a Dallas Cowboy blanket and pillow.
Love
Chelsea Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I would like a new bike, race car, motorcycle, helicopter and a truck.
Love,
Morgan Martinez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? I hope he is ok. How are you? How is your family? Are you taking care of your family? I want a my size Barbie. I want a doll. I wanta babytumbles.
Love
Senida Martinez

Dear St. Nick,
His is Vixen? I have bin trying to be good but I have not bin good, But I wod like it if you would bring me The Talking Bubba and Ice Skates and a Little KiTtel and PoP-Rocks.
Love,
Rachel Myers

Dear Santa,
I want a racing car, a train, a motorcycle, and power rangrs. I will leave milk and cookies on the table for you.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Zadrian Mcee

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? His is Rudolf's Nose? Is it blinking? Santa, I am fixing to be even so bring me something a seven year old would like, I want a game boy so I can play it while I am in the car.
Love,
James Colton Moore

Dear Santa,
How is Donner? I hope he is doing good. I have tried to be a good girl. I want a cat for Christmas and I want it to snow and Susie Stretch. I want a new Barbie doll. I want a stuffed dalmation I want a dog for Christmas and that's. all and a Merry Christmas!
Love
Lindsey Palmer

Dear Santa,
I wanta Barbie, Barbie telephone cta and a guineapig.
Love,
MC Reyes

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf and the rest? Are you coming to my hous? I will leave you breakfas. I want a Barbie and some skats. I want a dress. I want a new Barbie Jeep. I want a Dalmation stoffed puppet now you can leave me what you want.
Merry Christmas,
Vickie Torres

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tride to be good. I want a dalmation puppy, a BB gun, a new bat, toy airplane-Blue Angels and a toy motorcycle. I want a video game, Super

leting me visit.
Love, Stacy C. Sanchez

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like some Jewlrey. And a Dear Diary Computer. I would also want a doodle bear. And some computer games.
love, Meghan Krieg

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Dairy Computer. And I want you to give the kids toys that do not have any.
Love,
Casey Arredondo

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
I wold like A cd player. Macentosh H.d. Magic adick doll name Heather, and I wold like to move to North Carolina.

Love, Haven Holekamp

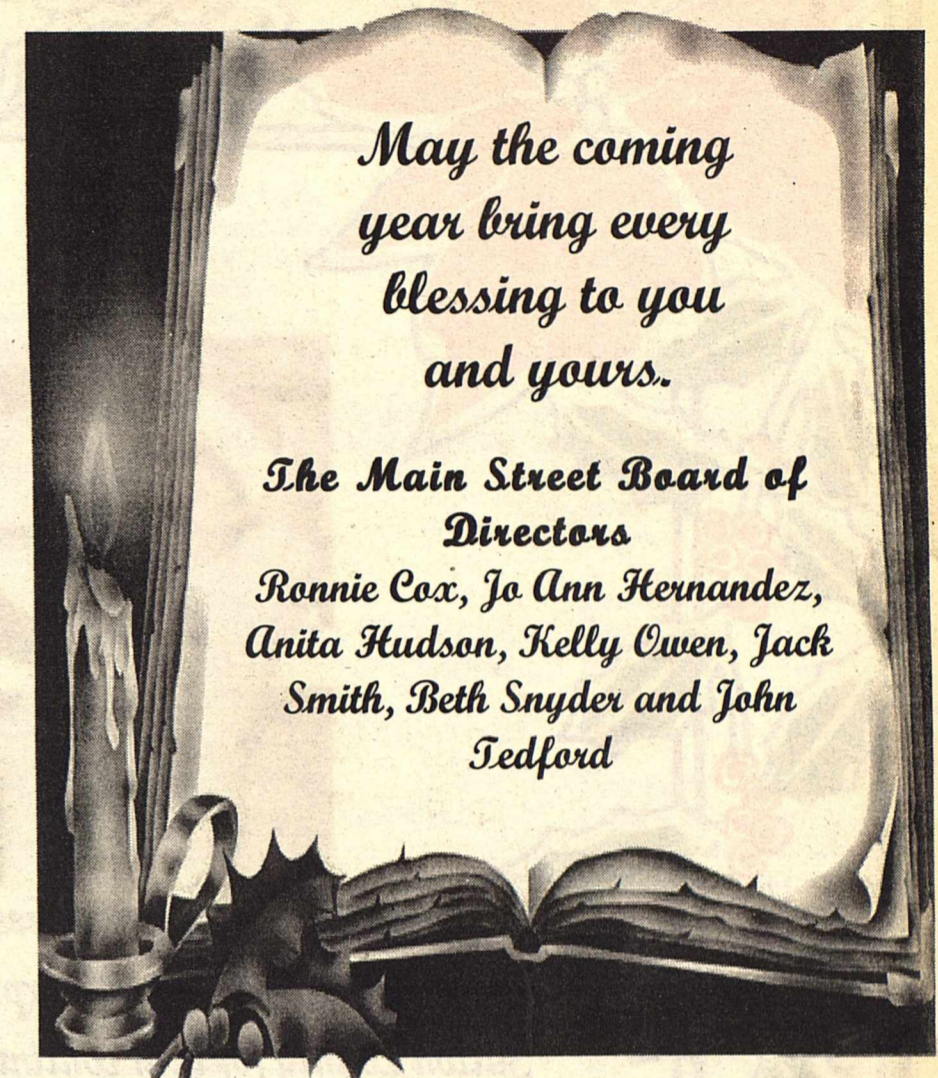
Dec. 9, 1996
Dear: Santa Claus, How are you doing I hope your ELVES are woking on are toys. I hope Mrs. Clus, is doing ok I wish I colud live weth you and Mrs. Claus. Well Santa this is what I wont For Chistmas, A Real talking

Bubba for chistmas and some AA batteries., and that is all.
Love, Alexie Ortiz

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Caus,
Christmas is coming where are the rian deers? For Christmas I what games for my game boy and battries for it. I wish I had my \$30.00 for my moms presesents.
Love,
Christine Asoll Sanchez

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? For Christmas I want a 10 speed bike and some skates and a big blue trampoline. Also I want a basket-ball and a foot-ball and a yackback and a Dream team cap.
Love, Mandy Castilleja
Amanda Marica.

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
How are your elves? How are your reindeer? I wold like roce cars, Gamboy, Dallas Cowboys Jerisy, Dallas cowboy football, go cart, cowboys chose, football tee, table with three games, A t.v., Hot Snot, Karate fighters, Dont wake daddy, fraidy cats, Simon.
Love, Robert Guerra



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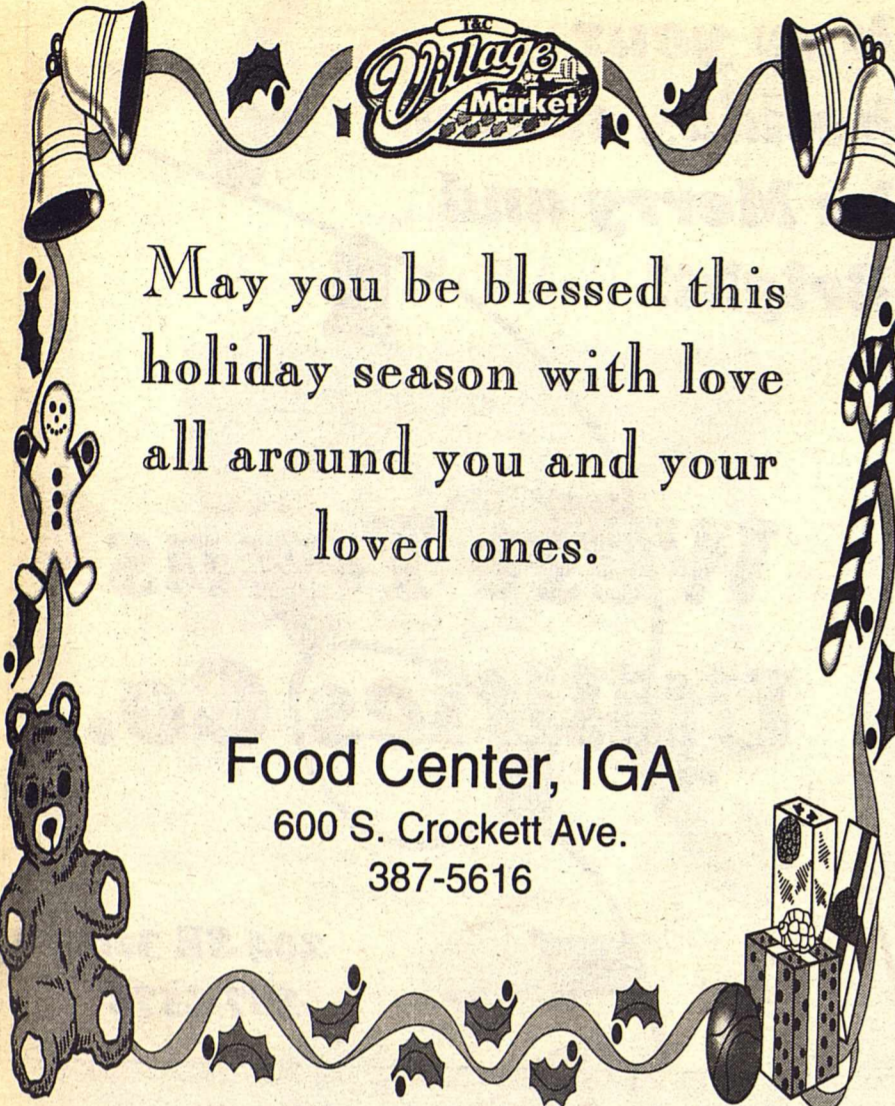
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Mrs. Bloodworth 2-3

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you pas to Texas first. The first town I hope you pass is Sonora. you want evun have a lot of house's to pass to in Sonora. It is so small.
Your freind
Steven Duhon

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Ball and a hot. I will play soccer with the ball. I hope you bring me a puppie knit hat.
Your friend,
Lisa Frye

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? This Christmas I wold like a puppy Named ChaCha.
Love, Queena Hernandez

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,

How are all of your elves? How is Mrs. Santa Clause. For Christmas I would want a Table with three games the names are pool, tenneis, and slike hockey. I would like some new clothes.
Love,
Roland Solis

Dec 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? This Christmas I wold like a puppy, lap player, fashion nell fun and squan. I hope you and Mrs Claus are doing fine.
Love, Madeline Higdon

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you can get me what I want for cristmas. I hope you can make it. I want yhou to get me a four in one game table, and a syberstrike defender.
Your freind,
Charles Jack Turney

Dec. 9, 1996
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I hope very good. How is Miss Santa? I hope you can get me what I want for Christmas I want Simon, girl talk fingernail fun. Thing you for

Nintendo and a stuffed dalmation for my sister and a stuffed lion for my brother.
Love,
Alberto Tovar

Mrs. Creek K-1

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? HOw are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Santa Clause? Please bring me a mountain bike.
Love,
Kaitlyn Henderson

Dear Santa,
How are you please bring me a remote controlled
Love,
Westley Lipham

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? please bring me a new bike.
Love,

Dear Santa,
how is Rudolph? I've been good. Plese get me a Barbie.
Love,
Kari Nicholas

Samantha Jo Tidwell.
Love,
bring me a doll. I am fine, too. Please How are you Santa? How is the reindeers?

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want some Special clothes.
Love,
Rudy Charo!

Dear Santa,
His Rudolph? May I have a batman Please? Please & Robin too
Love,

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolh? I want a brand annd new roller bla and a dino-bike.
Love,
Mario Lira

Dear Santa,
How is Ruddlph? Please bring me new clothes andta special necklace and some toys
Love,
Danielle

Dear Santa,
I like toys. Please bring me skates than you for bringing me toys.
Love,
Azeneth Villanueva

Dear Santa,
I want a pekingese god and a chicken limbo
Love,
Leslie

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Please bring me the super seo mege zond and the gold zeo Perominus and the Super zeozord and the Red zeo battle zord.
Love,
J.T.

Dear Santa,
I want a toy story buzz light year and woody spaceship.
Cody Booth

Dear Santa,
How are you and comet? I want a bike with a kickstand and chicken limboo.
Love,
Steely Ingham

Dear Santa,
I wanta Barbie.
Love
Jeanette Tovar

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep for christmas.
Love,
Carla Galindo

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me pink and purple roller blades. and chichen limbo. and sega.
Love,
Heather Hughes

HoHoHo plea wi bring me dpdi will you bring me a pair of roller blade and hoh
Love,
Michael

Mrs. Jones K-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dress and a skirt. I have been good
Dalila
Love

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Please bring me some clother. and a kite
Love,
Will

Dear Santa,
can I have a toys it is a toys car and a box of colorpinsl. I Love Santa
Love David Lane

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 2 racecar
Love,
Timothy

Dear Santa,
Pleata can I have a Bick. I goob.
Love,
Anna

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a play statiton and new bike. Bring me a

new tool box so I can work with my Dad.
Love
Michael

Dear Santa,
Please may I have a AB Pussle and a baby. I want a toy reinbeer and a fluffy cat. I am waiting
Love Stephanni Morris

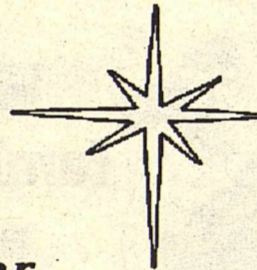
Dear Santa,
I want a new dress. I want a new toybox. I have been good. I will put out some milk.
Love
Aspen

Dear Santa,
Please bring me soumcats. I been good.
Love,
Addie

Dear Santa,
Please may I have a new bike. And also I want game to play. I have been very good.
Love,
Suielma

Dear Santa,
Please will you bring me a biek. I have been good. how is misis clause duoing?
Love,
Kayla Gail Turney

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Dr. Gene W. Rogers



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Mrs. Gene W. Rogers and Family

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toys and bring me a new bike. I been good.
Love,
Jennifer Canta

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some new clothes I want a new bike. that is all.
Love,
Taylor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me soum cats I have been good.
Love,
Tessa Eastsam

Dear Santa,
I want a raecar and swings. I have been nice
Love,
Uvaldo

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby cat and a toys.
Love,
Mickey Escalante

Mrs. Schwiening 1st

Dear Santa,
Please I want a Dog, a cat too. I want a baby brothr. I want a skirt, shoes too.
Love,
Valerie Gonzlez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bechball and a cat.
Love,
James Cody

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and I want a Sague for me and I want boots and I want pants for me and I want a ball and I want a kite, Please
Love,
Mario Coronado

Dear Santa,
I want a stuf dalmashn please and I want a dumstruk.
Love,
Julio

Dear Santa,
Please I want a new baby dog that is a bulldog. I have bengood.
Love,
Sierra Gomez

Dear Santa,
I want a weenedog please.
Love,
Nick Pena

Dear Santa,
Please come and pot a good prasint under my Christmas tree.
Love, Hunter Lawson
I have ben good

Dear Santa,
I want a hoping dol please and a mordl cobatintindo game.
Love,
Clayton Sahr

Dear Santa,
I wont a jewel har mermaid barebe. I hav bin good
Love,
Frankie Gandar

Dear Santa,
I want a new comeputr please, and the new weting wisr. I want a new weenie dog please and I want a kite too.
I have bin good.
Love,
Kimble LeaAnn Schwiening Luna

Dear Santa,
Plases I want a shotgun and a car in a saga and a grfed I lis my teshr.
Love,
Joe Castillo
I Lic god.

Dear Santa,
I want a sagu four Christmas please, and a bik and a towhtkr I hev ben good.
Love,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
Please give me any ckind of borbee

Love,
Shelbi Johnson

Dear Santa,
Please I want a nuw dog, a wene dog. I hav ben gud.
Love,
Rick Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a tonku truk please. I hav ben nise. I wel make you sum cucees and sum mik. and I want a sague for Christmas.
Love,
Kyle Summar

Dear Santa,
Can I have a barbie hows and a bike with penc on it? and a barbie for my sister. I have bin good.
Love,
Ty Altman

Dear Santa,
I want a sopmtdo for me and my brother please. I want to see you Santa.
Love,
Aaron

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. I luvu you. Ples brin me a video gam and a toob frm bik. and a Sega.
Love,
Rosendo

Mrs. Lopez 1-2

Dear Santa,
I have helped my mom clin the hause and pik up toy's. please bring me a new lintendo and some big surprise.
Love,
Delma

Dear Santa,
I want a dall I want a nuthr toy is is a sky bansr and want a erisr and per fam and a chatr book and candes for the Vijen be guablup that is all
Love,
Diana

Dear Santa,
How have you been I have been a good boy and I hope I get a lot of presents. I want a sega and a wrestler.

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy and a bick for chrismas and also a Neju turtle toy.
Love,
Luis Lira

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a game boy, Baby Go Bye Bye Computer, and swings, boys bick, watch, tent, and a Easy

Dear Santa
How are you and the reideer and how is Mrs. Claus? I have been good and crazy. I wont a Jeep, Scorpwonll, a kid video camera, Big willy, pro hoop, a natn dof4.
Love Jose

Dear Santa Clause
How are you doing at the North pole? Is It cold there? It was snowing here a few weeks ago. How is Mrs. Claus? Does she like watching the Elves? I was going to see If you would not mind getting me a few things for Christmas. Like a Take Care of Me Twins, new born baby like that one on t.v. that has a passifier, a trampoline computer, jewerbox, with jewry in it, some gacea, some finger nails with glue, a collecton of barbby Dolls, and I would like for you to help me get a hundred on my math test.
Love Heather

Dear Santa Claus, How is Mrs. Claus? How are the Elves, are they working hard? Did you know that is was snowing in Sonora, it was white all over. I want cloes for school and shoes and some book's I can read. I

want some more rings with a neclers I want more games for my nintendo and a computer.
Love, Jennifer
Merry Christmas, Santa

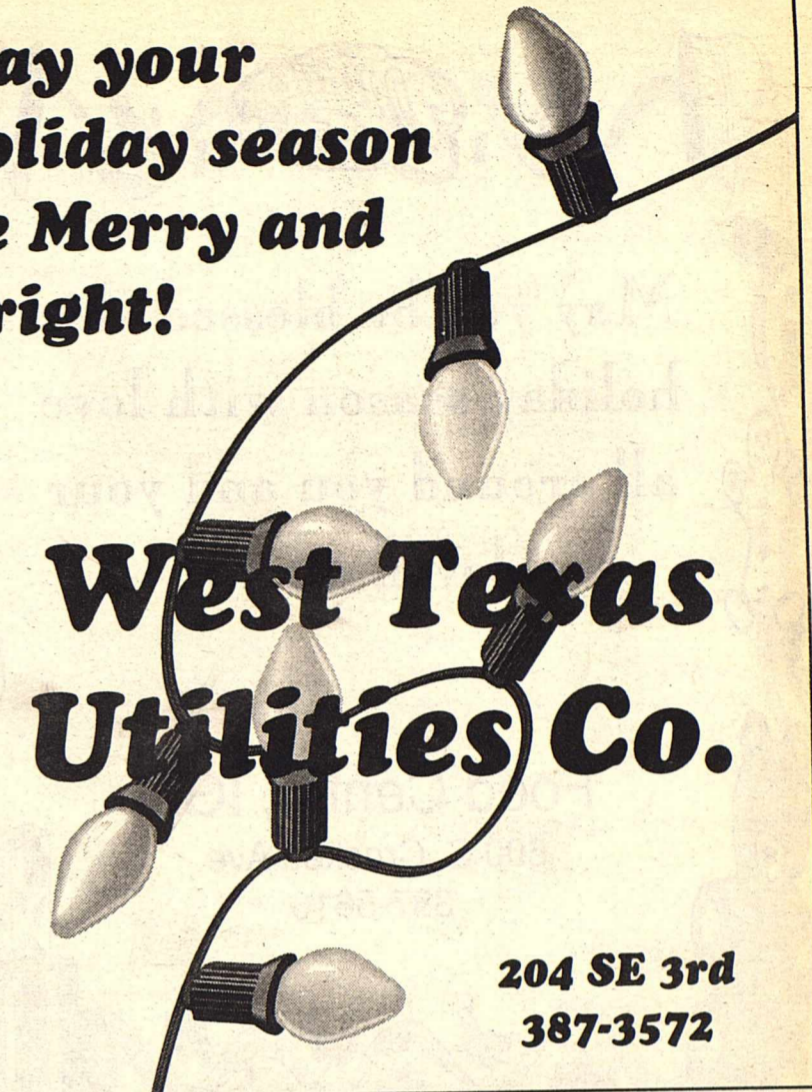
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph, Dahser, dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen. Will you come to 802 Saint Anns, Sonora Texas. I will give you milk and cookies. Please get my sister colored pencils and nail polish. Please get My brother Michael a farm with lots of Animals and truck and cars. I want a doll that comes with a carrage. and the last thing I want is a computer.
Love Stacy Lea Sanchez
Merry christmas, Santa



May your holiday season be Merry and Bright!

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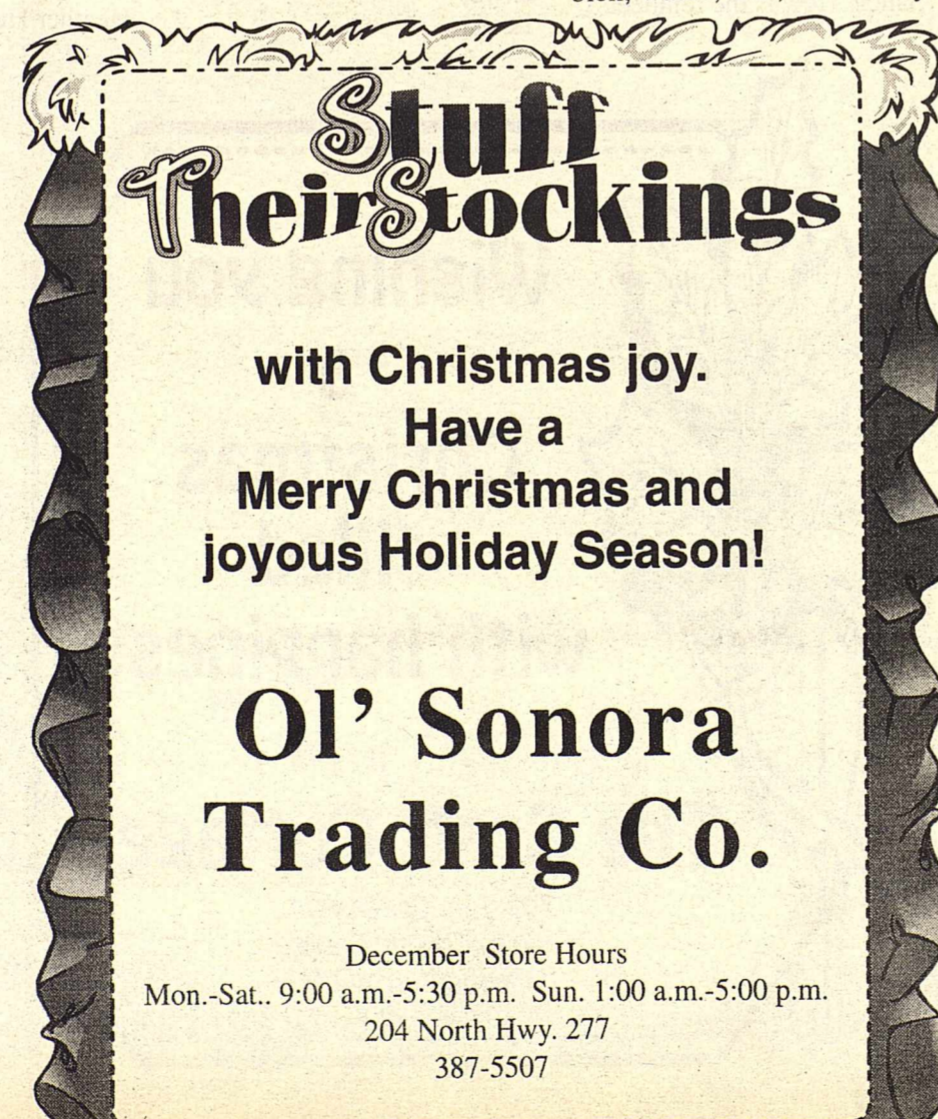


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with Christmas joy.
Have a Merry Christmas and joyous Holiday Season!

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.

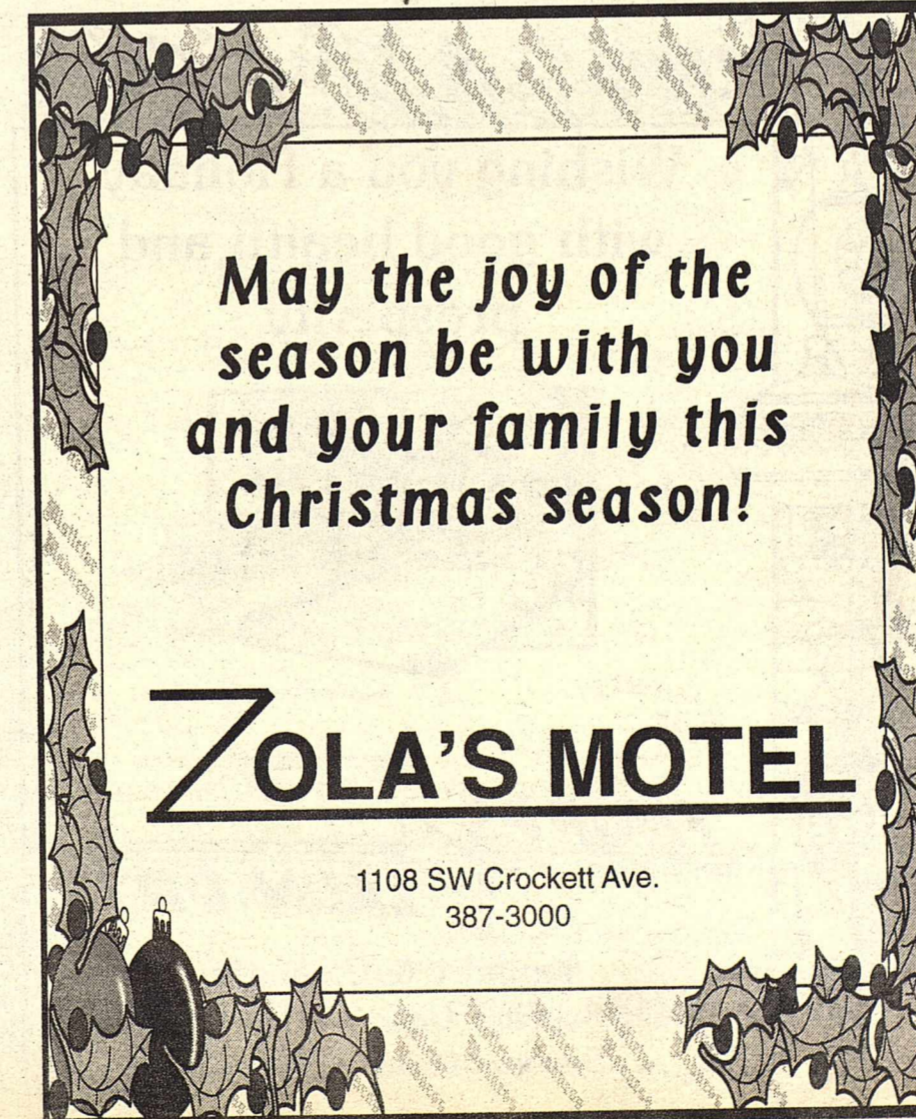
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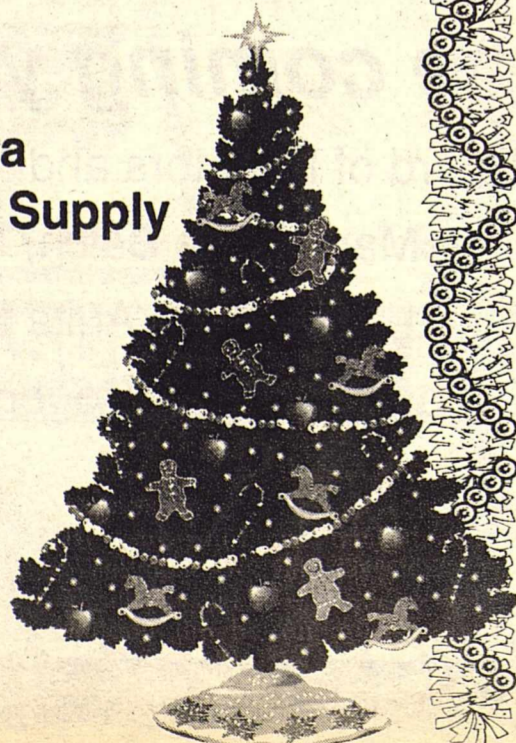
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May the hope that
shines at Christmas
light your way
throughout the year.

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Dear Santa
How are the elves doing?
How are the reindeer doing
too? Are they ready for the
Christmas trip? I want a
Nintendo 64 and a BB Gun
and clothes and a Bow and
Arrow.
Love,
Pedro

Dear Santa,
I have been a good gril and I
have been helping my mom to
clean the house. How is Mrs.
claus doing in the north pole?
Can you take mrs. Claus with
you? I would like a
Typewriter and a Doll play
house and a real puppy to be
my friend. I will have a preset
for you.
I love you.
Love Delilaha

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? I want a remote
control motrcycle and a bike
for me and a baby doll for my
little sister how are your
reindeer? How is mrs Claus
are the elves working hard
getting toys ready? Love
Tanner

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? What
time are you coming this year?
A cd player, and a mouse for
my computer that is all I want

this year. Look for some
cookies and milk by the tree.
Love, Taylor

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Is Mrs.
claus doing fine? Is your
reindeer all right and is the
North pole fine? Does it snow
a lot there, because in our
town it snowed too. I would
lik a big computer, I would
like to care for twin Babies.
Then a pair of shoes and and
thats all I want and I hope you
don't get sick of the cold wind
and how is rudolph doing?
Love,
Valerie

Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? I
hope you don't have a broken
sleigh. I've been good this
year. I made something for
you as a present I am going to
leave it on the table. I hope
you have a good Christmas.
I want a new bike, a super
nintindo, the super megazord
from power rangers zeo, a
new computer game, I want
the one that can make a
cartoon.
Your friend, Diego

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family embrace the
joy and peace of this
season celebrating the
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Katrina
Katrina Ramos

Love,
Jessica Chavez

Dear Santa claus,
I would like a barbie doll
house with a family and 101
Damation puppy toy.
Love,
Elbe Samaniego

Dear Santa,
I want toy fast train and I
want a sega game and a
stuffed elephant and a
coloring book.
Love,
Alonzon Pena

Dear Santa,
all I want is a super Man, and
a boat, and a batman and a
race car.
Love,
Edwardo

Dar Sante I wot a toy B cos it
is omost crimes wen I grownt
up. I wot to be a toy Mak toy
lik ur aivfs.
Lov
Andrew W.

Dear Santa,
Wehn is is Christmas I want a
Toy I want a doll and a dog
and a Barbie and a Big Barbie
and a Big lion.
Love,
Lliana

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and a play bear
and a cat and dog and a baby
tumble to play and a play
santa.
Love,
Lucy Hernandez

Der Saty
Kaylie I and littl pilgrim gril
my siser and I like to help my
ther cook I put the bread near
the fire place to keep warm
Kylie Flea

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a
necklass and a crown and a
pretty dress
Love,
Felicia

Dear Santa,
I want a pocket watech for
Christmas becuaes wen I am
lost I will no how to tell time
are if some one dasit no how
to teill time I well teill them
time.
Love,
Dustin D.

Miss Martinez 1-2

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for
Christmas a bike and a santa
claus tree.
Michael

Dear Santa,
I Wain a ploy cats and a little
carr and lots of track
Love,
Andrew M.

Dear Santa,
how are you doing and how is
Missie claus Dear Sant I want
a b aby born and I watn a 101
Dalmation dogs and a shaing
Ken Barbie
Cassie

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and I
want a rabbit and Toy story
the movie and twister the
game and girl talk and a
camera.
Love,
Chasady

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and
tennshoes how are you Santa
love
Bianca

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter and some
cloamy and some shos ant a
santa doll anta watech anta
gus gen a deg.
Love,
Troy Ramsey
To Santa

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for
christmas. Woody and Buzz
light year
Adrian

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. Santa I
Want money for Christas and
a walktaky and my size Barbie
and on the bottom of tha
mysize Barbie his wels. I
hope you find my howse.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, ten speed,
roller-blades, macintosh
computer, trampolin, video
games, talking bubba,
camping tent space jam.
Chealsey

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how are you and
Mriss Claus doing? I am
sinding This letter so you will

know what I want for christmas. I want a gameboy, a little computer, space jam movie, space jam t-shirt, flash light, cool tools, video games, tennis shoes, a buzz light year withwood too, 101 Dalmatian dog, finally a10 chapter book.
Love,
Kendall Edmondson

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas space jam move
Love,
Meaghan

Dear Santa,
I will like a computer and I will like a shaving Ken Barbe
Love,
Martha

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart, a bike and also I want tennis shoes. I want a space jam T-shirt, a game boy, and a space jam movie.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I want a space jam toy and I want Ninja Meja Zord and I wahta space jam Tshirt. and the space jam movie.
Love,
Marcus

Dear Santa,
This is what I want camag intent for Christmas.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I want a go-cart and I want a camputer and also I want a 15 speed bike.
Love,
Shane

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for chrictmas Shaving Ken Barbie Bar-B-Q Pit.
Love,
Deyanira

Dear Santa,
Theist is what I want for christmas. I want a 101 Damatian Dog.
Love,
Maritza

Dear Santa,
I want a 25 Bike speed and a flashlight and a 101 Dalmatian Dog and a comping and a Toys story ball.
Love,
Gerardo

Dear Santa,
I wont a go-cart. And a trampolin. And a talking Bubba. And toy for my dog. I want a camputer. A space Jam T-shirt. How is Miss claus

doing
Love,
Laura

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for christmas. i want a 25 bike speed. I also want a game boy.
Love,
Antonio Torres

Dear Santa,
I wahta talking Bubba.
Love,
Ivan

Mrs. McMeans 1-2

Dear Santa,
I like you santa I like ice. how are you santa aed mrs. clot how are the elves? I want a nintendo. Tree are green aed som are yellow Is rudolph Is rudolph or reindeer? I am nice to my mom. I am 7 I wt a bicycle fo christmas. I wt a nw ge fo christmas
love Mark Holman

Dear Santa
How have you been? How is Mrs. claus and the reindeer? What have the elfs been doing? How is Rudolph? I been good. How is God and Jesus? Santa I whnat you to crick the Coca-cola and eat the apollo jack cookies

love Kaija Valkonen
P.S. and I want a baby so real. and I'm going to put ising and mandm's and cocks and your Neam and a preas for My Dog and a Buon for Hem and a ceis toy for rojo and I reil want a baby Hed sand and a Back pack weath a Backpack and a Ken Barbie and spacejam movie and space jam woth love Kaija Mom and dad and Bucky and rojo

Qurido Santos
Yo so y Zenon Santa, como estas tu? Como estan los venados y lodue n desitas? cuidame los mucho. Sime alcahses por que me voyo ir para Mexico y metreis alo duen desitas y quiero metrei gas u nos gugetes y tambien amiek monito l treis duicey metreis un poco dinero y regaios para mi y para mier manita y mi mama y para mi papa y unrega lo para mi flo.
Zenon Acosta.

Dea Santa
I mist you Santa. How is Rudolph the rzindeer? How is jesus, How is God. How is the uthr reindeer. I want reindeer I will be good to him. I want a computer. I want a lot of presents. how is the elves? want is santa doing How is Mrs. clas. I what o

gun How is Merry. thankyou four the present.
Love, Weston Black

Dear Santa
I miss you Santa. how is mrs claus? how is Rudolph. I am Fine. how ar you Santa? you ar fine Rudolph. I am fine I am 7. Iwant a stuffed reindeer am stuffed Rudolph? Hi, Rudolph.
Toby Ramsey

Dear Santa,
How ar you? How ar the reindeer? I have a Baby sister. I help take care of her. I want a Baby Hed stand. I want a play house. I want a alarm clock. I want ice skates. I wan a space jam. I wan a computer.
love, Whitney Perez

Dear Santa,
How have you been today? I been I good all year. I want a computer. and I want it to snow in CHRISMAS.
Love, Casandra Velandez,

Dear Santa,
haw are you doing? haw are the toys? I been making a good grades. I wish it cold snow. and we can get a computer. with ten games.
Love Jacob. Ibarra.

sagoe and remote control racecar and a bow and arrow. Does it snow over there?
Love Alex Perez.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you today? I want a barbie, rings, new shoes, new clothes, a car for my barbies. I want a present for my borhter, sisthers, cousins. I want an angel doll. I hope Rudolph is doing good. Merry Christmas Rudolph and be good. Santa Claus I Love you.
Love, Julia
"Merry Christmas", Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Mr. Claus, and how is Mrs. Claus? I hope you are doing fine I want a camera and a Duddle Bear and a Stroller. Mr. Claus, look for cookies and milk.
Love, Tristan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? Are the elves real busy? Are you ready for the big night? First I want you to go by Toys "R" US and buy Diego the Megazord from Power Ranger Zoo. I want a Nintendo 64 and a game Boy of Toy Story.
Love, Marc

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you and Mrs. Santa Claus are doing fine and your elves too. For Christmas I would like a trampolice and a computer, a twister game and a Doodle Bear and of course a nintendo.

I will give you some cookies and milk if you want some cause I'll have them out for you.
Love, Lauren Smith
Sawyer Drive
Sonora, Texas 76950


Dear Santa Clous,
How are you and Mrs. Clous doing I hope you all are doing fine at the North pole. I would like Take care of me twins. And little Baby born. Also I would like a big ocputer. Then I would like a Trampoline and one more thing. An Easy Bake oven.
Love Candise

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope she hasn't caught a cold. Have the elves prepared the sled from last year? Now let's talk toys! I want a new mountain bike and a Lap Top Computer with a mouse, a Bergermen Rifle. Have a safe trip. Your friend, Hilton



Sending many glad wishes for a joyous and heartwarming Christmas

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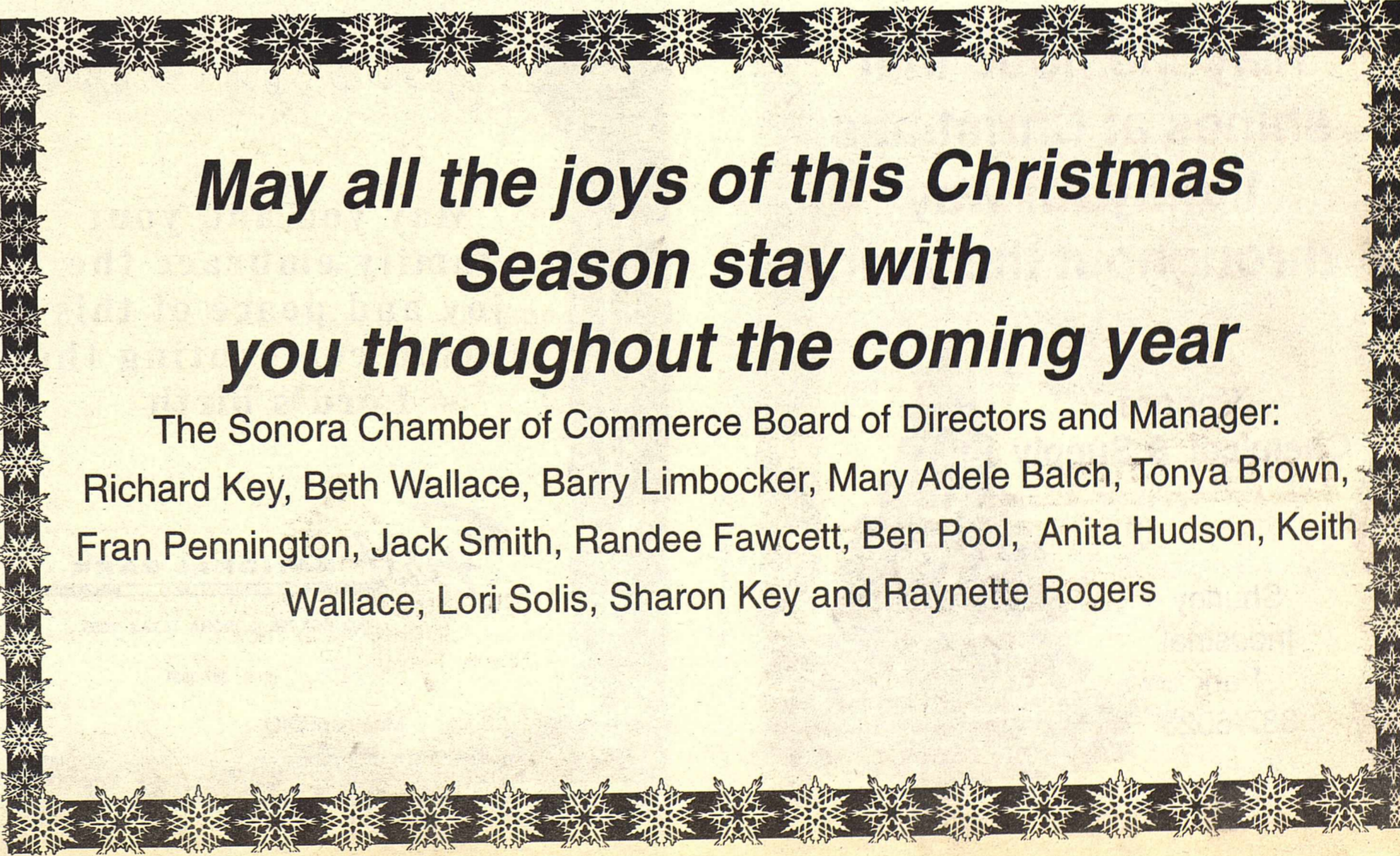


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May all the joys of this Christmas Season stay with you throughout the coming year

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jersey and a mike back pack. I want a barbie and toys.
From Julie Nicole Villanueva

Dear Santa
I want a Saga Satur and a mardl camdat gam and the towie twins for me
Gabrielle

Dear Santa
I want markers and baby head stand and T.V. and my lol dalmotion shoes.
From: Rebecca

Dear Santa
I want a computer with a disk and new rollerblades I also want a T.V. and nineio.
from Kathy Ibarra

Dear Sant
I what Beetle Bord white I what a jersey I what a Beetle Bord blue I wanta som ganmes
From Mihael

Dear Sana I would like a little dog and a parrot in a cage. I would like a swimming pool with a diving bord. I would like to thak you for my gift last year.
Love Teresa

Dear Santa
Thank you for my Batman toy

and my Bed and every theing and i want a gutar.
Love Mikee Lozano

Dear Santa,
I want a game table, M.J. shoes, Shaq and a Emit Shimth Jersey. Thank you for my Shaq basketball goal.
Love, Trent

Dear Santa,
The Airdevl the hunting ed highway a comoputer with a Disk them igh mare Ally mihic mrrarers New rolblades a game boy with morta kombot
Form Chris

Mrs. Williams 2-3

Dear Santa Claus
How are the reindeer, if they are dead send me some jerky. I want a Sega Saturn and games. I want a BB gun. I want action figures. I wan TOY STORY and Oliver and Company. I want the video of Indipendence Day. I want my own T.V. for my room. This year send me somemore money.

Love,
Jonathan Marrs

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs Claus doing? I wont a Nintendo 64 and a

We wish you the very best this holiday season!

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SONORA, TEXAS

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South
387-3843

Dear Santa,
I want a Rudolph. I want a dog. come to my house.
Love, Maria Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a Rudolph toy. I want a Santa toy. I love Rudolph. I love Santa and I want I have been good.
I will leef you som cakees.
Love, Shaylyan Kresta

Dear Santa,
I want a Rudolph toy. an I Love Rudolph. I love Santa. and. I haf been good. I will leef you sum cukees. Thank you. I want a Dog. I Love, Paula, Zaragoza

Drs. Santa,
I mis you how is mis claus? I love you how are you? I have Been good. I want a Bicycle for chRisMAS. and I wnat a gun.
Love, CD Lipham

Dear Santa, I miss you. How is Mrs. claus? Dear Santa how are you? I Want a bicyle. Oats and cookies will be undr tree.
Love, Robert Booth

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I know

she is fine. I'd like a baby so real and a Barbie. I realy want a slipping slerp. I realy realy want a Teddy bear. I will leav oats and cookies and milk I realy reay want a doll.

P.s. I realy like to get a lots of candy and lots of thing. I would like some crayons and and a lots of toys and elafun. and some pencils a Baby puppy. A space jam wacht. Baby head stand and a lots of foods and a lot of paints a puzzles.
Love, Luran Schaefer

Querido Santa,
Como estas tu? Y los venados y los duendesitos? Estas muy bien Santa y quiero que en Christmas un juguete y te quiero mucho. Quiero un moto y un carro de carreras y una pista de caros y te voy a dejar galletas y leche havajo de el pino.
Con carino, Abraham Rivera

Dear Santa,
How are reindeer? rde eves working? I want racecars and kioz.
Love Albert Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
How hav the reindeer? I hav

bin a good little girl. I will leev you cookies and mik. watch ovvt for my roc fyrplays and the big pees of wood.
Love Laura Maftin

Dear Santa,
I wihs you will kum to my house. I want a computer. I want you to cum in thro the dor bkuz I do not have a chimney.
Love Adriana Boteldo Perez

Mrs. Parks 2nd

Po Box 166 December 6, 1996

Dear Santa, the night we set the Christmas tree up, I helped. Last night I went to the stake House. This men opened the door for me and I said thank you. Then when the lady said are you finnishd with your salede and I said yes maem. For Christmas I want the barbie movie theiter and most of all I want a nintindo. I don't no what els I want and I can't wiat tlie Christmas.
Chandra Alexander

Box 1321 Sonora, tx 76950
Dear Santa,
Please bring me Nightmarc alley. All the Goosebump hand puppets. A Las Veges casino set. and a go-cart. also Goosebump book 51#. and all the Garfield book I don't have. and don't forget a trampoline.
Merry Cristmas
Love, Nick Shurley

po Box 62
Dear Santa
I hepde My mom to get wade to come houle from work and if you came to m house give me a computer and a zord. I love you Santy Cluse. I wede like a Flinston Toy and a good Christmas.
Love Daniel Thornton

P.O. Box 1103 Concho Ave
Dear Santa Claus
I hope you can make all these toys. and I hope I'm not geaty either. I want some pens and pencils and some Christmas books, and Christmas tape songs. Last night I put up kmy Christmas tree. This morning I put all the Christmas decherashes on the Christmas tree all by myself. You can bring me a lot of blake papper

because I 'am good at riting books to my family. I love my family very much becuse they love me too. I love them for a nuther reason and that is becuse they got me so many things. And I love you too.
From Alison Carroll

Box 1 Sonora, Texas 76950
Dear Santa I helpe my mom walsh deshes and helpe my dad walsh the car And I helpe my cusen wheth His Homework and I jaft to doo my homework to I walnt A rasr car and a new gacet And new shoo's and a Walter gun and a foot ball and a sla and a pty geep.
Love Stevens Sandoval

P.O. Box 1004 Sonora Texas. Dear Santa,
I have been a litte bit Good bot I have ben helping my Dad bild a tran out of wood. I rilly want a tv for my room.
Love Steven Lozano

P.O. 112 NE Conch sonora, texas 76950
Dear Santa I have ben a good girl this year and a little bad. I have a little truble clining my room and getting drest for school in the morning. I hope you had a good nite sleep

Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from all of us at

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May the quiet peace of the season fill your heart and home this holiday.

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Merry Christmas
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Silent Night
May your home be blessed with peace throughout this season and the year.

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because you are going to have a besey night. I lifte some milk and cookeys beeside the door. Santa remember when I told you I wanted surpris. Love Alexandra Kenney

P.O. box 129 Sonora Texas
Dear Santa,
I have been very good over the year. I wash dishes for my mom. I did more but may I have some presents? I want Nibbles horse or Barbie Fun Feeding Stable, Ren Talking Bubba, Fingernail Fun Solan, Alarm Clock, and paints.
Love,
Starlyn Chadwick

Dear Santa
Can you get me a go car and can you get me a lilltle car and can you get me a puzol and can you get me woldo book. I Like your beard. I want a bike for Christmas.
Love Ricky Gomez

12/6/96 Sonora Po Box 610 Orint
Dear Santa
I ahve bin good all year. And I halp my mom do the dishes. Now I am going to tall you what I whont for Chrismis I wont a cd player and a compeutr, race car, big boobox, beeper, Pure gold woch and a football.

Dec. 6, 1996 P.o Box 47 Taylo St.
Dear Santa Claus
I am a very good Riter. And a very good reader to. But one thing is I am not a very good Drouler. For chismas I want a Dotole Bear very moch. I live in sonora texitis. I am a fast rener, a very fast rener. My frinds aer Kayla Jena Cainmer and Tayler Starlyn and Nich Alison too and Crystal. My Brther is Tyler. My Book is Lazy Lions, Lucky Lambs. I Love my mom and Dad very very very very moch. I Love chismas very moch. My Brithday is August 1, 1988 My moms Brithday is April 13, I dot no wat year she was Brin. My Dad was Brin Nov. 15, I Dot no wat year he was Brin. I want a tweaty Bird to. Love Allyse thack you Santa Claus

P.O. Box 436
Dear Santa I hope im not grede. But I cinda like abunch of toys. I thank my granmother is giting me a Dotole Bear. oh and Santa I read alot the Book I hav is Amber brown is not a crayon. I do my very best in school. and Santa if you cen i cinda want a trampoline and my frinds are Allyse Jena Nick Alison Cristal Hether Meghan

Galbreth today is honocka we had patato pancacks and I want a grat gint Big tretye thats stuff like Cara Eatin She Has one. Oh my I for got the thang I want most is a new puppy and if it was a girl I woud name it Amy Your Best Frind Kayla

Dear Santa
Box 53 Ft. Mckavett, Tx.
It is Melinda I just want to tell you what I want for Christmes Rolrrsas, I want a puppy, I want a kitten. Santa I no you and your elfs are doing had whok and I can not what utel Christmes I ben halping My Famle efre day.
Melinda

Dear Santa
Dear Santa I holp you gefme a rascar and I wuat a gatar. I holp you are faling guo. I ban haping doing the bashas. I holp the randars ok. I wuot a klok. an a rado. and now sos.
Love Evan.

Dear S.t. Nick
P.o. Box 710 Tayloe Ave
May you please bring me a gold ring with a pink stone, a stufed anamal that is a puppy so I can pet him like a real puppy and I would Also like two more Things and That is a

brand new box of Crayons and a book any kind of a book. P.S. I'v ben a good gril all year and This month we are making a play about Christmas oh and please put 5 doolers in my stoking. my stoking is the one that has the baby. Love, Crystal.

Dear Santa
Box 1311 Sonora Texas 76950
Santa I hope you come to my House and I Hope you giv me a rasecar and I Hope you git Me a flinstone toy and I Hope you giv me a puppy for Christmas and I hope you help us be nise and try not to Let us fite with etutther and I Hope you goto my House Wely Bad Bad Bad.
Bryan Acuff

Dear Santa
I bin a good gril I wot a rell puppy and I wot them to be laberdoors and I wot dolls, a toy santa, a ealf toy Santa doo your ealfts no how to make blles I love you santa and yur ealfts too and santa you and your ealfts ben werceng so hard Santa win you go pas out the presits frist drink hot choclit befor yu lev and santa dont forget yur presits undr the tree
Nicole Rodriguez

P.O Box 62
Dear Santa,
I have ben a good grle. I wod lik a new born baby and a bath baby the thing I wod lik bes ove ole is a 4 welre. Santa I wish to olle a good christmas and to olle a good nite slepe and I hav helpt my mom with avrethige. Santa I wele geve you a praset sowe dont m ese me. Stop in Sonora Texas 76950
Love
Jena Teasley

507 E. College
Sonora Texas 76950
Dear Santa Cluss
I help my mom cleen my room. I help my mom fold the longe. for Christmas I want a Saga game, I wont a bike dominos. a rasecar, and a beest wos
Nathan Mungia

To: Santa
I wot a space jam toy and a baf dol and a tweet bred.
Love, Christa Galvan

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo 64 and the game mario 64. Would you also get me another remote ctrol car? ALso I want a space jam bugs bunny toy, and a game boy with mario brothers 2.

I will get you a present. I will put the present on the table with your milk and cookies.
Love,
Ryan Martinez

Dear Santa
I live at j and v mobil Home Park. I wont a game boy and a computer and a toy story seede.
love Chris Knight

Mrs. Kearney 2-3
December, 9 1996
Dear Santa,
I want several things for Christmas this year. I want a Bike
I want a Teddy Bear
I want a Basketball
I want a football
Love Boomer

Dear Santa, I want 1 thu 9 this year it is rdler badeh a bagto go with it knee pads elbow pads and a helmet.
Love Kamrie

Dear Santa,
I want lot of things for Chrismas. I want a banlce beam. I want a clernet. I want alot of C.D.S. I want a C.D. waklmen. I want a U.S.A. letert.
Love,
Mackenzie Pérez

December 9, 1996
Dear Santa,
I want a bike, I want roller skates, a new t.v., a new house and that is all I want for christmas.
Love,
Vanessa Salazar

12-9-1996
Dear Santa,
I want a baby swing and a bick an a stoler. a doodle Bear.
Love
Brandy

Dec. 9, 1996
I want a computer, roller blades, stereo, baby born wita stroller, camra, bractlet, neckless, ring, watch, umberwillou, earrings, Cloths and a Globe.
Love,
Kathy Velardez

Dear Santa,
I want a nerf hockey toy and a sony play steihar and a sega saturn and a nintendo 64.
Love Cody

Dear Santa,
I want a nerf ball and a car. and I want the Sonic the gaem.
Love Colby

Dear Santa
I want best wars, Goosebumps pack, sega satern. I want Nintindo 64, play stashan, taz manian pack. I want a nerf ball, 10 gams for Nintindo 64. I want a sace jam game for Nintindo 64 and my grama back.
Love Aaron Nitsch

Dear Santa Clus
I want a T.V. and a cat, dog, bike, dall and 100 dollars and I want a ball and I want to thank you for everything you gave me.
Love,
Yasmin Coronado

December 9, 1996
Dear, Santa,
I wont a stereo 3 CD's it 6 ose \$300 dallors a low RideR bike a t shirt Low RiDeR car and a Low RiDeR truck a limozen a big foot truck a walkman that takes CD's
Love, Ruben

Dec. 9 1996 Monday
Dear Santa,
I want the two twins and a Foof krit.
Love,
Taylor Liverman

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for christmas basketball goul, football, cd player, rollerblades, skateboard, clothes, nintendo 64, Goosebumps Books, and space jam fuiguers.
Love,
Anthony L.

Dec, 9, 1996
Dear Santa,
I want a doll that is a Ballerina, roller blades, teddy and a Elf and a Santa toy.
Love,
Victoria Tovar.

Dear Santa,
I want ten things for Christmas this year. I want a car, and a donsores and a lion, and a tigre and a three horn, and a sadeun soreats, and a game boy, and a sage, nad a nutenll, and a tade barye, to play with all the donsores and the toy to play with all the hoy and donsores.
Love, Jesse

Mrs. Feagin 2-3
Dear Santa
I wan't a puppy. I wan't sega and a computer. I wan't a trampoline I wan't a big

swing pool. I wan't a phone. I wan't tow pear of rollerblades and some games for my computer and my sega.
Yours Truly
Jesse Lira Galvan

Dear Santa,
I wont some roller blades, Toy Stary and Jams and the gient Peach. Santa thank you for the Power ranger. from Travis.

Dear, Santa
I want a white blaster Beete Borg. A blapes, dragon flyz and man-spider.
Thanks for the swow.
From, David

Dear Santa
I want baby born for Chrismas and Cloths for Christmas. I what a T.v. and a bed a toy and shoes. I want to thank you for my toys.
From, Tina

Dera Santa
thank you for the sonw and hte toys i really want a super nientie.
From Frank

Dear Santa,
I want cloths and a bike and a



Hope Christmas brings all your favorite things! Have a happy holiday season!

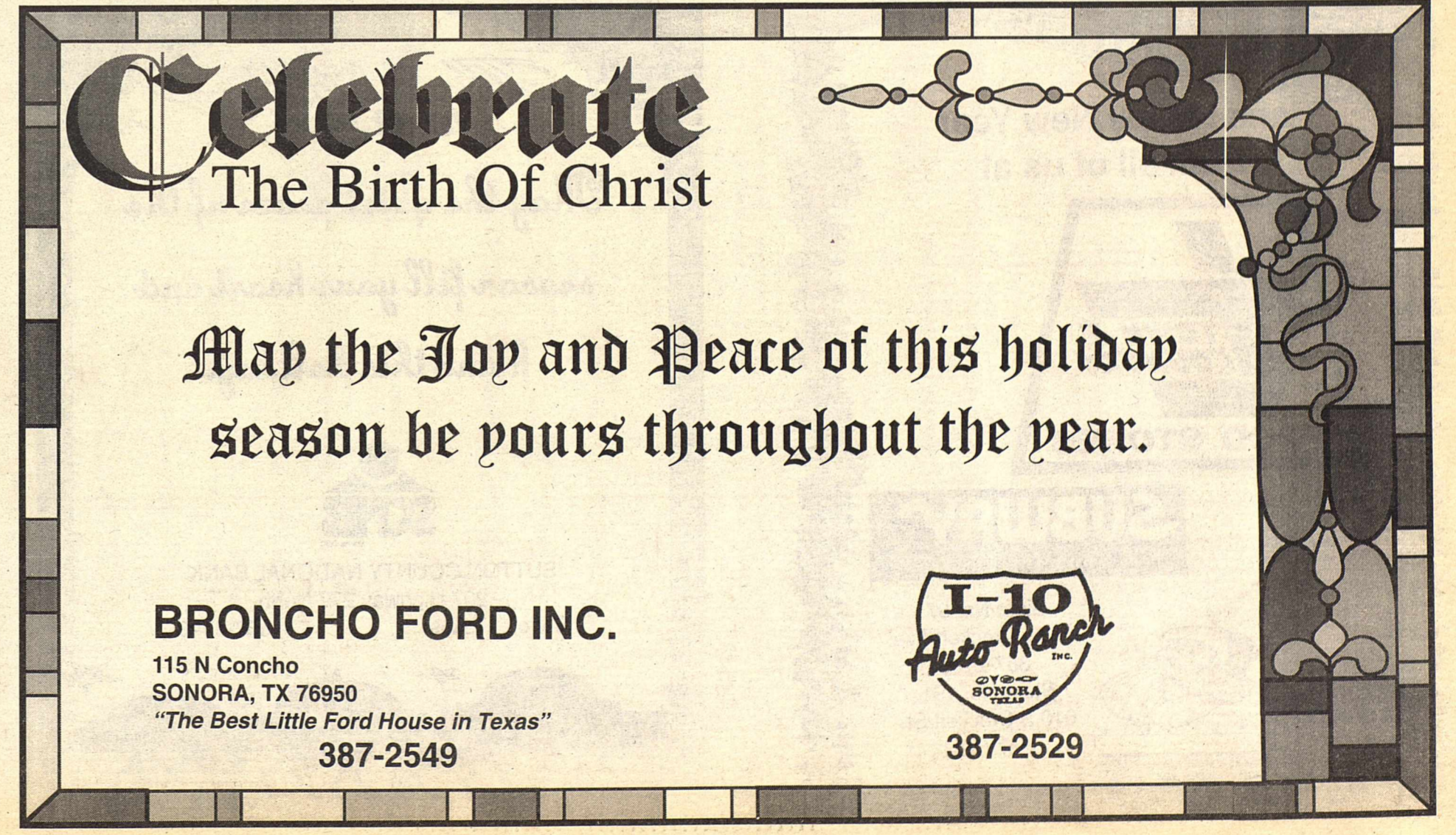
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