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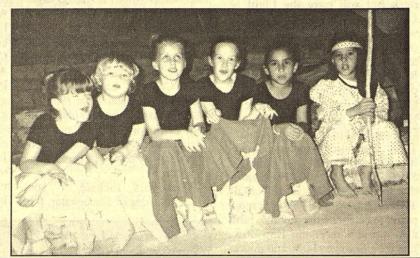
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## SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, December 17, 1998

# Cive Nativity Wonderful Addition to the Christmas Celebration

Christmas celebration took place on December 1, it was a wonderful evening of celebrating the season. There were children singing, band and choir concerts, booths and fun, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, and the lighting of the Christmas tree and lights on the courthouse lawn. And this year, a new tradition was started: the presentation of a Live Nativity, a drama with music and dance that told the story of the night Christ was born. The Nativity presentation was sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and planned and organized by Suzanne Steves



and Kristen Hicks. The Depot was transformed into a Bethlehem village, complete with live animals (thanks to the Holmans and the Condras!) and over 250 people attended this special presentation. Special thanks to Clay and Kristen Hicks, Lewis Allen, and Tommy and Beverly Arnwine for putting the backdrops and sets together, and thanks to all the participants from the churches. Also, thanks to Ann Southhall's dance classes for making this a night to remember! If you missed it, plan to come next year! We'll see you there!



## School Board Meets in Regular Session

Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 1998 in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 807 S. Concho, Sonora, Texas.

Present at the meeting were Jesse Bustamante- President, John Barker, Clay Cade, Joe Casillas, Tom Clifton, Sam David Hernandez, Tom Payton and Dr. William J. Harlan- Superintendent. Others present at the meeting were Ainsworth, Bustamante, Louise Dermody, Rex Ann Friess, Rita Hale, Betty Hernandez, Donna Hill, Kelley Hirt, Cynthia Keel, Diane Jacoby, Sylvia Martinez, Steve McCarn, Armando Medina and Tina Weaver.

The meeting was called to order by President Bustamante and the invocation was given by Superintendent William J. Harlan.

The minutes of November 9 and November 23, 1998 were unanimously approved as written after a motion by Clay Cade and a second by Sam David Hernandez.

Cafeteria Supervisor Tina Weaver gave the November cafeteria report and following her remarks, the Superintendent stated that the food service operation was much improved and commended Mrs. Weaver for a job well done.

Math teacher Rita Hale gave a \$24,446.72). detailed report over the strategies and methods being used at the High School to address success for all students in the area of math objective for the TAAS Test.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess reported that the collection rate stood at 20% at the end of November as opposed to 6% at the same time in 1997. The increase was due to an oil company paying its taxes two months earlier than it normally does.

The Board and Business

Steve Duhon,

Sonora's own cajun import, took time out of his busy schedule during the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada to with assist the Exceptional Rodeo that was held on Monday December 7. 1998 at the Thomas & Mack Center for area special-needs children. Steve is pictured above with Ariana of Las Vegas. Photo courtesy of Jim Laurie with the Las Vegas Review Journal.

The Board of Trustees of the Manager reviewed current bills. Additionally, Dr. Harlan commented that he had a friend employed with the State Board of Insurance and that the State Board was reviewing the information faxed to them regarding the district's insurance company's refusal to pay the claim for certain roofing repairs. Dr. Harlan stated that the hoped to recoup at least some of the money.

Following the Superintendent's remarks, the Board unanimously approved current bills in the amount of \$370,869.03 after a motion by John Barker and a second by Joe Casillas.

The Superintendent stated that he was very pleased with the Board's decision to purchase new band uniforms. However, he stated that he was charged with overseeing the district's finances. The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve paying one-third down toward the purchase of the uniforms and then take a September 1 delivery so that the balance of the cost be paid out of the next year's

Band Director Armando Medina presented the three bids received for band uniforms as follows: Fruhauf- \$23,613.80, Stanbury- \$24,599.40, DeMoulin-\$25,202.80 (DeMoulin-3% discount if ordered before 12/31/98:

Following discussion, motion was made by Sam David Hernandez to approve the bid from DeMoulin with a 3% discount and spring delivery. The motion was seconded by Tom Clifton with the comment that the Board was only approving the bid since the decision had already been made (at the November meeting) to order the uniforms. Voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Joe Casillas, Tom Clifton, Sam David Hernandez and Tom Payton. Voting no were John

Barker and Clay Cade.

The Board unanimously adopted Update 59 after a motion by Joe Casillas and a second by Sam David Hernandez. The instruction sheet is attached to and made an integral part of these min-

The Superintendent reiterated once again that he would continue to pursue a fair conclusion to the matter involving the insurance company as discussed earlier in agenda item number 7.

Enrollment was listed as follows: High School-302, Middle School-197 and Elementary-488. With a total of 987 students.

There were no comments from

Member Joe Casillas commended all principals for the operation of their respective buildings, stating that he had toured the campuses on the preceding Friday and it was great. Mr. Casillas' remarks were seconded by members Tom Payton and Sam David Hernandez who had also visited campuses the

The Superintendent stated that Mr. Hernandez had also visited the meeting of the "Lunch Bunch" (Superintendent/High Advisory Committee) and that he appreciated Mr. Hernandez for sitting in on the meeting and seeing how the group operates.

President Bustamante distributed a card of appreciation that had been received from the family Mayer Anderson. Mr. Bustamante announced that the Board would take a short recess and then would enter into closed session according to its rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.074 (Personnel) and that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:31 P.M. Motion was

made by Tom Payton, seconded by Joe Casillas, to employ Virginia Kepler as Middle School Special Education teacher for the spring term. The motion carried unani-

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa will be at Shots #6 (near the interstate) from 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. on December 23, 1998.



Jesusita Lumbreras of Sonora shows that the Lord works in mysterious ways. In the picture above she holds a tortilla in which the image of Jesus appeared to her.

## **Merchant's Association Ticket Drawing** to be held on Main Street

Sonora Merchants Association Christmas Promotion, "Santa Has Lost His Buttons," is fast approaching. The second drawing for the next two finalists in the contest was held on Saturday, December 12, at Ol' Sonora Trading Co. Odelmira Flores and Dorothy Wilson, are the next two lucky finalists for the dig in the hay on December 24.

next Merchants The Association drawing will be Saturday, December 19, at 3:00 p.m. on Main Street. The entertain-

ment for the afternoon will include a visit from Santa Claus, as well as a visit from Louie the Lightning Bug and Christmas games for the chil-

Louie the Lightning Bug will be here to entertain the children and teach them about electrical safety. Louie will be coming to us courtesy of West Texas Utilities. Louie is the spokesperson for WTU and the electrical industry for electrical

The Sonora Cub Scouts will be leading the children's games on

Saturday with eight different games to pick from. Admission to play the games will be a donation of one can of food, which will go to needy family this holiday season.

There will be two more finalists drawn this Saturday for their chance to dig in the haystack for Santa's buttons. The last four finalists will be drawn on December 24, before the digging begins. Don't miss out on your opportunity to win one of the wonderful prize packages offered this year!

## Christmas at the Dance Studio

On Tuesday, December 15th Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance had their first "Christmas at the Dance Studio" in their new location on Main Street.

Fifty-seven students performed dances to Christmas "Frosty favorites Snowman," "Santa's Reindeer Ride," "Trim up the tree," and "I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus." Along with classics "Do you hear what I hear?" and "Angels we have Heard on High." Older students per-formed special dances from Mulan and Anastasia. Ashley Brockman, graduating senior at Sonora High School performed a solo to "O' Holy Night."

Carolyn and Edward pur-

chased the former Kerbow Furniture Store in May. After major restorations by Wayne Webb, Carolyn's classes moved to their new location in November.

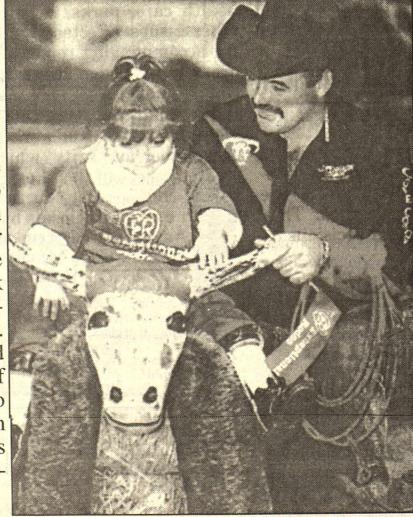
For many parents, Tuesdays performance was their first view of the new location. After the girls danced, refreshments were served and parents were able to tour the new building.

After the Holidays, Carolyn and her students will start rehearsal for their Recital "Wish Upon A Star" to be performed



Carolyn Earwood's School of Dance Christmas Recital





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## A Celebration of Light

By Charles Huffman, Pastor of **Hope Lutheran Church** 

Have YOU joined Christmas rush? Families everywhere are laboring to get trees, ornaments, and lights set up. Mall and stores throughout the land throb with anticipation of increased sales, while Elves, Reindeer, Santas, and Snowmen decorate shopping centers. Rain gutters, hedges, and trees bear bright strings of twinkling and chasing glory. Department stores wink and blink with a variety of colors while elegant places display tiny white lights. Yes, lights glow everywhere- and tall buildings proclaim "Season Greetings." It's truly A Celebration of Light.

And despite all the hustle and bustle, the hurried pressures to meet the deadline, moods seem to be brighter. Somehow people feel closer, more loving, and maybe even more forgiving. It's called The Christmas Spirit, and displayed on human faces all around us. But moods don't usually last very long, and all the decorations and lights are destined for their annual eleven month hibernation. Is there anything of this jolly spirit that survives when the lights are turned off?

To answer that question, we'd do well by turning the Source of all lights. In the beginning, God said, "Let there be light." He literally turned on the lights and illuminated His workplace, where He'd fashion a place for the crown of His creation. It was truly a glorious light, for it wasn't until three days later that He made the Sun and Stars. He marvelously made a blue sky and crystal waters, and filled both with an abundant variety of life. The He gave it all to him who sprang to life with God's own breath. Adam and Eve were our first ancestors, and part of our inheritance from them is Sin. They brought a new darkness into the world when they disobeyed

the Creator, and all people have been sinning ever since. But in His Grace God gave the promise of a Savior, and a ray of hope shone in the darkness.

Down through the centuries God reiterated that promise through His Prophets, until a new Star shed its light on a little town in Palestine Bethlehemnamed announced the birth of His eternal Son to a Virgin. St. John declares that in Him the Word of God became flesh, and that in Him the Light is shining in the darkness. In the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the promised Savior says: I Am the Light of the world. Follow Me, and you'll never wander in the dark but will have the Light of Life" (John 8:12). For it was He who would endure the darkness of our sins on the Cross, and then shatter it with the glorious light of His Resurrection, as the Victor over the powers of Sin, Death, and the Evil One. And for those who believe in Him as their Savior and Lord, the Christmas Spirit means much more. Their decorations include things like Nativity Scenes, Angels, Bright Stars, Wise Men, etc. They know that JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON, and so their preparation to celebrate the Savior's birth also includes receiving Him anew into their hearts by faith, and thus to be prepared for His Second Adventwhen He comes to judge the world.

St. Paul writes in 2 Cor. 4: "God, who said: 'LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF THE DARK,' has shone in our hearts to bring you the light of knowing God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ." And that is the Joy of the Christian believer, which survives long after the decorations and lights are taken down and put away. May YOU truly have A Celebration of Light this Christmas!

Ronnie Cox would like to be your pharmacist.

## **Obituaries**

### Eriberto "Beto" Bernal

Eriberto S. "Beto" Bernal Sr., 66, died Tuesday, December 8, 1998, in Sonora.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born March 16, 1932, in Sonora. He owned and operated Beto's Restaurant and was a Catholic.

Survivors include a daughter, Sylvia Bernal of Graham; two sons, Eriberto "Bune" Bernal Jr. of Sonora and David Bernal of Dallas and Terri Perez of Dallas; three sis-Robinson Olga of. Stephenville, Reyna Avila of San Jose, California, and Mary Helen Noriega of Fort Worth; five grandchildren; and numerous nieces and

#### Aurora Guedea

Aurora Guedea, 82, of Sweetwater died at 12:05 a.m. Monday, December 14, 1998, at the Rolling Plains Hospital.

Aurora was born November 14, 1916, in Sonora, TX. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and has lived in Sweetwater since 1950.

She married Jacinto Guedea in 1933 in Sonora, TX. He preceded her in death. Aurora is also preceded in death by one daughter and one grandson.

Survivors include 1 son, Jacinto Guedea of Sweetwater; five daughters, Suzie Perez of Sweetwater, Mary Acuna of Abilene, Lupe Diaz of Trent, TX, Lydia Palacious of Sweetwater; one brother, Raul Gonzales of Denver, CO; two sisters, Elvira Borrago of Abilene, Beatrice Montez of Plainview; 18 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and five great, great grandchildren.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on December 16, 1998 at the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church with Father Timothy Guthridge officiating. Burial was immediately following at the Sweetwater Cemetery.

The Girl Scout Troop 102 would like to thank Mrs. Humphrey for showing us film slides and cool animals (reptiles). We really enjoyed the reptiles. We would also like to thank Mr. Joe Fincher for showing us a great tour of the jail. The tour was very interesting. We appreciate both of you for taking time out of your busy schedule to show us these very interesting

> Thank you, Girl Scout Troop 102

## Elementary N

Christmas Holidays--December 21-January 4. School will dismiss at the regular time on December 19. Classes will resume on January 5, 1999!

Sonora Elementary School students will enjoy their class Christmas parties on Friday from 2:15-3:15. Merry Christmas!

Thanks to the Sonora Elementary P.T.A for the breakfast goodies they provided for the elementary staff today! We appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Reminder-- Parents must come to the office to sign out if their child is to leave school early. Students will stay in class until parents come in an sign students out. This will eliminate students waiting in the office for extended periods of time. We want to maximize your child's learning time! Thanks for your cooperation!

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#### Church Holiday Catholic Schedule

Saint Ann's Catholic Church has the following schedule for this holiday

Dec. 19th	Confessions Vigil Mass	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 20th	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 24th	Confessions Christmas Vigil Midnight Mass	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. 12:00 a.m.
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Mass 10:00 a.m.	
Dec. 26th	Confessions Vigil Mass	5:00 - 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 27th	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 31st	Vigil Mass	7:00 p.m.

New Year's Mass 10:00 a.m.

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## **Senior Center News**

**December 18 - Christmas Party!!!** 

December 21 - Bingo!!!

December 23 - Christmas meal program! Noon. **Everyone Welcome!** 

December 24 & 25 - Center Closed for the Christmas Holiday. Merry Christmas! Feliz 🔘 Navidad!

## Senior Center Menu

December 21 -Steak finger w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, orange, milk

December 22 -Chicken strips w/ gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, juice, milk, cherry cob-

December 23 - Baked Ham, sweet yams, green beans, dinner roll, juice, milk, fruit salad

December 24 - Closed for Christmas Eve

**December 25** - Closed for Christmas

Lunch is served Monday - Friday at 12:00 noon. A \$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and a \$4.00 donation for all others

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#### Community December 18

Sr. Center Christmas Party

#### December 19

Downtown Appreciation Afternoon with Santa, Music, and Refreshments presented by the Sonora Merchants Association



The Community Calendar **Sutton County National Bank** 207 Hwy 277 N

## Calendar

December 23

Santa will be visiting Shots #6 (the one closest to the interstate) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

December 24

The Sonora Merchant's Association drawing for the ELKS program.

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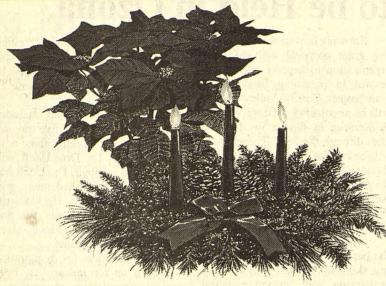


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## Ask the Historical Society



The poinsettia, a Mexico oriented tradition, is often used for decoration during the holiday season

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer

This week I promised to give you a brief description of how Christmas is celebrated in England, Poland, Spain and Mexico.

In England Christmas comes with the ringing of bells from towers and tiny belfries all over England. It is said that this is a warning to the Prince of Evil that he is going to die because the Prince of Light is born. They are tolled for the last hour of Christmas Eve and at midnight give forth a joyous music that announces the blessed birth. In some places people walk the streets carrying bells and ringing them

In many villages there is a communal Christmas tree and carolers gather around it and sing at candlelit church services. It is really beautiful in Wales where the young men are used to escort the ministers to predawn services, carrying torches and singing. After the prayers and sermon the people would sing psalms and hymns until daybreak.

On Christmas day people feast on turkey, geese, roast potatoes, mince pies, plum pudding and other goodies. During dinner or at tea the tables are decorated with paper hats, crackers containing riddles, fortunes and small gifts.

In Scotland the emphasis is not on Christmas but on Hogmanay, or New Year's. In parts of Angus huge bonfires are built and the people dance around them burning out the old year. At Stonehaven there are processions with people carrying balls of flaming tallow coated rope swung on long cords and in Edinburgh people gather at the Tron Church and wait for midnight then those dressed in Highland garb toss their bonnets into the air and dance reels to bagpipe music. Of course there is lots of feasting and drinking to go along with the celebration.

In Poland when the first star of Christmas Eve appears a day long fast is ended and the families gather together to honor the Holy Child. A traditional supper is served with twelve courses, one for

each Apostle. It is always meatless and usually consisting of borsch, fish, cabbage, mushrooms, almonds, and pastries with poppy seeds and honey Just before this feast the father breaks a Oplateki, a

Christmas wafer, which is marked

with a nativity scene and has been blessed by the Church, and gives a

pieces to all who are present as a

token of friendship and peace.

Children dress as birds and beasts and go from house to house singing carols to commemorate the birds and beasts who gathered at the

manger.

At many homes sheaves of wheat or other grain from the latest harvest are placed in the four corners of the main room on Christmas Eve. Then straw is spread on the floor and placed under the white table cloth to remind people of the manger. Some people even put their children to bed on straw or hay to imitate the Christ Midnight Mass is called Pasterka or the Mass of the Shepherds and is a very sacred night. Legends say on this holy night those who are pure and blameless may see in the winter sky, where the heavens have parted, a vision of Jacob's ladder. There is a contest held in Krakow to see who can make the most beautiful creche and people also make intricate paper cuttings to use as Christmas decorations.

In Spain Christmas is a time of devout and beautiful religious ceremonies. They start on December eighth, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On that day in Seville at the cathedral the stately Dance of the Sixes is preformed. The origin of this dance has been lost but ten boys are trained under ecclesiastical direction to do it. They are dressed in plumed hats, lace trimmed suits of pale blue satin and look like royal pages of a bygone era. They do intricate ritualistic steps at the altar to the accompaniment of clicking castanets.

In most homes and churches there are manger scenes called Nacimientos. Many families gather around their Nacimientos every

evening during Christmas week to sing carols and the children shake tambourines as they dance for the Christ Child.

One of the favorite holiday foods are dulces de almendra, sweet almond pastries. Businessmen give elaborate greeting cards to their patrons and the rich give food and clothing for the poor. It is a tradition that good luck will come only to those who are generous during the season of peace and goodwill.

On January sixth the children receive the gifts, which are delivered by the Magi passing on their way to Bethlehem. Also on that day there are elaborate parades honoring the Three Kings in many

In Mexico, in December the month of the poinsettia, also called the flor de Nochebuena or flower of the Holy Night there are a blend of many festive and devout celebrations.

In early December marketplaces are filled up with flowers, toys, Holy Family figures, baskets, cakes, cheeses and fruits. Indians come into the cities from the outlying districts and bring their wares of leather, clay and wood. In many of the doorways and arches you will find pinatas and earthenware bowls that are brightly decorated with colored paper.

On December sixteenth a novena known as the Posada, which means inn, is held. It is a nightly reenactment of the Holy Family and the trials they went through seeking shelter in Bethlehem. For nine days children of each house go from room to room asking for shelter and being refused. One room has a decorated altar and a creche with a crib. On Christmas Eve the children place a figure of the Christ Child into the empty crib. After this the children roam the streets where they are blindfolded and break pinatas filled with peanuts, fruits and candy, with a long stick. The main holiday meal is usually served on Christmas Eve and usually includes fried sweet puffs with brown sugar syrup called bunuelos and a Mexican bread pudding called

capirotada.

On the feast of the Epiphany there are celebrations in Mexican churches with music and thousands of lighted candles showing adoration of the Christ Child and their joy of his birth. Christmas season in Mexico is a very family oriented, religious, and joyous event.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton Co. history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Tx 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may reach me by phone most afternoons and evenings at 915-387-2855.

I would like to wish my readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and ask you all to please drive safely and wear your seat belts. So many people are so busy and not paying attention to their driving that this is a very high accident period and we must be extra careful.



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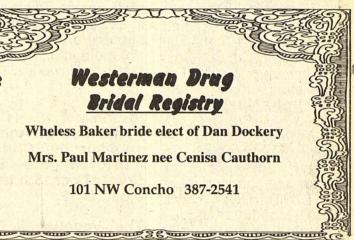


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Bridal Registry Wheless Baker bride elect of Dan Dockery

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## McKissack Learns Babysitting Basics

San Angelo Community Medical Center hosted a seven hour "Babysitting Basics 101" class on December 12th. This event was open to Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts. Cadette Girl Scout from Sonora attending was Thia McKissack.

The girls were taught first aid for infants and children. They also learned how to handle emergency situations such as choking, bad weather and household emergencies. The girls learned what Mothers expect from a good babysitter.

A tour of the nursery and birthing rooms was given. The girls practiced diapering and caring for infant dolls that day.

Each girl brought from home a "Rainy Day Fun" box which they put together. Four girls received a prize for having the best boxes. Thia's "Rainy Day Fun" box was one that won a prize. In her box she had videos, playing cards, books, colors, markers, map colors, stencils, plain paper, coloring books, macaroni and string, train whistle and a flash light.

Instructors Beverly Smith, RN and Evelyn Ashley, RN presented approximately fifty girls with a Babysitting Basics 101 patch, babysitting packets, and a tote bag from Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo.

All girls left feeling very confident and well instructed on any situation that might occur during babysitting.

December 18
Erica & Elizabeth Cooper
Brooke Bolt
Fernie Emiliano

Carmen Garcia
Lora Hale
Hoot Hearn
Donny Yocham
December 19
Don Surridge
Daniel Boggs
Rex Ann Friess
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## Hudspeth Employees Honored

Happy Birthday

Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home announced their "Employees of the Year" Saturday, December 12th. The announcement was made at their annual Christmas Party. Registered Nurse, Martha Alverez received the award from the Hospital. CNA, Julio Galindo received the award from the Nursing Home. Both employees were elected by their co-workers.

Employees would like to thank Rafter L's, Los Jarritos, Rosie's Cafe, La Mexicana, Sonic, Westerman Drug, The Video Store, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Beto's, and B& C Department Store for their support and contributions to this program. We would also like to give special thanks to Linda Love and the Sutton County Steak House.

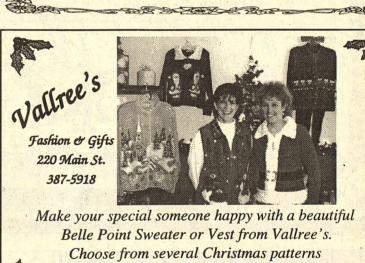
This year "Employees of the Month" for the Hospital have been: Sheila Claxton, Sheila Richter, Diana Green, Letty Campos, Elvira Romo, Vicki Cooke, Carolyn Braly, Demi Casiano, Tony Valkonen, Danny Curtis, and Alma Sanchez.

"Employees of the Month" for the Nursing Home have been: Francisca Lira, Maria Galindo, Juanita Garcia, Rosemary Riso, Letty Martinez, Luke Sanchez, Teri Martinez, Ana Espinoza, Jackie Gloria, Robin Vela, and Julio Galindo.



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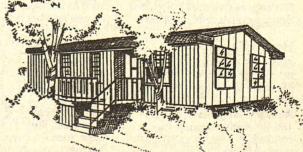
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The Devil's River News will go to print a day early next week. Deadline for print is 12 noon Monday. Thanks.

Christmas on Main Street in Eldorado. Friday, December 18 1998 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Activities include: booth vendors, music by school and community choirs, food, fun, and Santa will make an appearance. Open to the public and admission is free. Sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce.

Hill College will be putting on three camps over the Christmas Holidays. Professional scouts and college coaches will be the instructors. December 19 at Robstown HS in the Corpus Christi area, December 20 at Hutto HS in the Austin area, and December 21 at Hill College in Hillsboro. Cost of the camp is \$80.00. For more information call Trent Petrie at 254-582-2555 ext.306

Anyone interested in playing Little Dribbler Basketball can sign up at the Devil's River News office, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.There is a \$15.00 sign up fee. Practice will start in January.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will host an Open House on afternoon, Thursday December 17, 1998 in the

conference room of the Sutton County Extension Office at 301 S. Crockett. There will be snacks and beverages at the comeand-go function which is to begin at 4:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. This Open House will be open to the public, and we hope that each of you will come and will bring a guest. We look forward to seeing you then.

State Representative Bob Turner, D-Voss, will hold a press conference on Monday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. in the House Committee Speaker's Room at the State Capitol Building. During the press conference Representative Turner will unveil his legislation to give counties the authority to require and approve subdivision plats, and to provide state funding for extraordinary costs incurred by counties for trying capital murder trials. County judges, state representatives, and senators from across Texas will be in attendance to show their support for these two bills. For more info., please contact Billy Howe at 512-463-0644.

Sutton County Committee on Aging will sponsor the Christmas Party at the Senior Center Dec. 18th from 6 -9 p.m.

The Vocational Trades Program is having their annual fruit sale. If you would like to order apples, oranges, or grapefruit and have not been approached by a student please contact Mari Sanchez at 387-6533 or Reggie Williams at 387-2108.

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 12, 1999. Meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. The course will end May 13, 1999. If you are interested in this course contact the Sutton County EMS office at 211 E. 3rd, or call 387-5132. Advance registration is required. The last day for registration is January 7

The Sonora Merchant's Association is holding a benefit drawing Extended Learning for Kids (ELKS) program. Raffle tickets are on sale now from any Sonora Merchants. A package including cash, prizes, and gift certificates totaling over \$1,500.00 will be given away December 24, 1998, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Get your tickets

Thunderbird is back in service. For more information call 387-2509.

Sonora High School Class of 1981 Benefit Raffle for Mason Surber Educational Fund. Win a 270 Bolt Action Winchester be given away December 19, 1998 Please contact Fran Pennington at 387-5189 for more information Donations will be accept-

Lillian Hudspeth Nursing Home & Hospital Auxiliary meets 2nd Monday of every month at 12:00 p.m. at the Sutton Steakhouse. New members welcome.

# Rehab

Johnny and Beth Snyder of Sonora will be among dozens of dedicated volunteers coordinating sixteen Concho Valley area community phone banks January 9 for Rehab '99-- West Texás Rehabilitation Center's fundraising telethon.

To be set up at First National Bank, Sutton County's Rehab '99 phone bank will be manned by local volunteers from 6 to 10 p.m. Donors can call 387-3861 to make a pledge or go by the bank, visit with volunteers and make a donation in person.

Also, advance donations may be made prior to the January 9 telethon. "We're encouraging everyone to participate... either in advance or during the telethon so we can send a message of support to West Texas Rehab Center which serves many of our own families and friends," Mrs. Snyder said.

Eleven television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo, will televise this 29th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center.

Headliners Collin Raye and the Lynns will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan, Brad Maule and Ana-Alicia Garza, a 15 year-old San Angeloan, who has entertained at several Rehab events in the past year.

Viewers of KLST-TV will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interviews and Concho Valley phone bank reports from WTRC- San Angelo hosted by Pat Attebery, local television host and WTRC board officer.

The telecast also can be viewed nationwide via satellite: Galaxy C7 and Transponder 8.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction which features retail merchandise and handcrafted items donated by businesses line tickets to tires, saddles to sirloins. Major auction items and a toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime in the San Angelo Standard-Times and Abilene Reporter-News.

Traditionally, the benefit telecast raises approximately \$1 million each year for the Center's operating expenses at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

## **Grant Writing Seminar** to be Held in Ozona

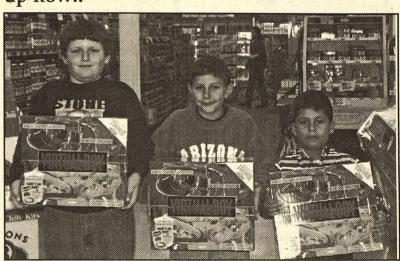
Knowing how to write an effective grant proposal will aid your organization to become more successful in obtaining funding for your project. Concho Valley RC&D will be sponsoring a Grant Writing II Seminar in Ozona on January 26th through the 28th. The seminar will be held at the Crockett County Extension Building. "The cost of the seminar will be \$150.00 per registrant and will include grant writing materials," said Tony Resendez, Coordinator.

"The seminar will teach you the basic steps needed for developing skills for an oral proposal and structuring your written proposal for grant success," added Resendez. "There is a need for grant writers in your schools, hospitals, EMS units, volunteer fire departments, cities and community organizations and this is the perfect opportunity to attend a seminar like this close to home," he said.

The seminar format includes both lecture and interactive training with individuals working alone or in small groups. Dr. Don Udell will conduct the seminar. Dr. Udell has authored and published many articles and monographs. He has written and received funds for and directed over thirty federal, state, and philanthropic grants.

The deadline for registration has been set for January 21, 1999 and if you need more information on the seminar, contact Tony Resendez in Brady at 915-597-4666.

The T & C Village Market held a drawing recently for Virtual Boy Nintendo games. Winners were (pictured from left to right) Daniel Thornton, Nick Shurley and Marcos Gamez. There will be another drawing held on December 21st for a child's bike, so sign up now!!



and individuals-- ranging from air-Sutton County Committee on Aging Cordially Invites You To Attend The Christmas Party. Friday, December 18,1998 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. At the Senior Center

## We would like to thank all the people who have made our Pilgrimage of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary a great success over the past two years. We have enjoyed sharing your company and prayers along this journey. We look forward to seeing many of you again. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. The Legend of Mary St. Ann's Catholic Church The state of the s

## Keeping an eye on Texas

## Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

Christmas December 25 Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and Epiphany, or revelation of

January 6, the Christ to the Magi.

Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.

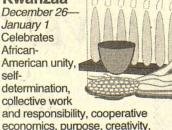
Hanukkah December 14-21 Marks the return to the

Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles symbolize the

number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children

include a dreidl, or four-sided top, and coins Special food: latkas, or potato pancakes fried in oil.

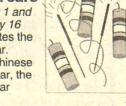
Kwanzaa



collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.

**New Years** February 16

January 1 and Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins



February 16, 1999-the Year of the Rabbit. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.





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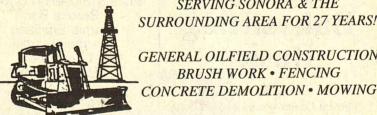
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## Lady Broncos Compete At High Level

Last Tuesday night the Lady Broncos trampled the Grape Creek Lady Eagles 56 to 26. The Lady Broncos improve to 8-1 with the easy win. From the tip, the Lady Broncos controlled the game as the offense kept the ball most of the first quarter. Grape Creek could manage only 2 points in the first quarter as the Lady Broncos were sharp on offense and defense. The rest of the game the Lady Broncos were not very focused due to the lack of competition. However the Lady Broncos came away with another mark in the win column. Final score Sonora 56 - Grape Creek 26.

Leading the Lady Bronco attack was Daisy Mireles and Cindy Jones with 13 points each. Dana Duhon did a great job in the middle with assists, rebounds, and great defense.

Scoring: Daisy Mireles - 13, Cindy Jones - 13, Stacy Fox - 6, Kara Eaton - 5, Dana Duhon - 4, Marisha Henson - 4, Liza Ramirez - 4, Sarah Ball - 3, Kari Purvis - 2, Japha Word - 2.

Thursday, December 10th the Lady Broncos went to New Braunfels looking for a little competition and that's exactly what they found. The New Braunfels Canyon Classic Tournament was host to 7 Class 4 A teams and plenty of compe-

The first opponent for the Lady Broncos was Lubbock Estacado. The Ladies from Lubbock were tall and fast. At first the Lady Broncos were a little intimidated, but they recovered to play a very good game. One of the keys for the Lady Broncos, as it has been all year, was the play off the bench. Final score Lubbock - 58, Sonora - 50. Kara Eaton led the scoring with 10 points as Liza Ramirez and Japha Word played an excellent game from the bench.

Scoring: Kara Eaton - 10, Japha Word - 8, Cindy Jones - 8, Liza Ramirez - 7, Kim Marshall - 6, Stacy Fox - 4, Daisy Mireles - 3, Kari Purvis - 2, Marisha

San Antonio Edison was the next opponent for the Lady Broncos. Edison was quick but smaller than Estacado, and the quickly showed that they could shoot very well from the outside. The game was very close to the half as the Lady Broncos led 23-

22. Then in the third quarter th e Lady Broncos began to t pull away, outscoring Edison 20 - 9. Although Edison was able to mount a rally in the fourth quarter, the Lady Broncos took the win 55-48.

Kara Eaton and Cindy Jones led the scoring. Japha Word contributed 8 points and Sarah Ball played very good defense from the bench.

Scoring: Cindy Jones - 17, Kara Eaton - 12, Japha Word - 8, Kim Marshall - 6, Stacy Fox - 6, Daisy Mireles - 2, Sarah Ball - 2, Liza Ramirez - 2.

Playing for the consolation trophy, the Lady Broncos found themselves facing a very tall Smithson Valley team. As expected the going was tough on the inside, but Smithson Valley found the Lady Broncos could play defense to. The first quarter ended tyed after Kim Marshall's 45 foot 3 pointer at the buzzer. The rest of the game was just as close, final score Smithson Valley - 39, Sonora - 36.

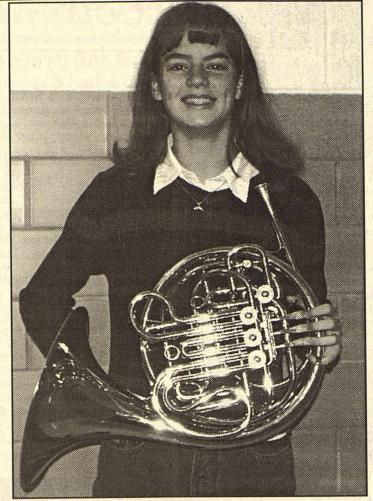
Kim Marshall, Cindy Jones, and Marisha Henson led the scoring. While Kara Eaton and Kari Purvis did a good job defensively.

Scoring: Kim Marshall - 7, Cindy Jones - 7, Marisha Henson - 6, Daisy Mireles - 4, Stacy Fox - 4, Kara Eaton - 4, Japha Word - 3, Liza Ramirez -

According to Coach Marshall this tournament "was a good experience for the Lady Broncos". They got a chance to work under pressure and best of all they found out they can compete at a high level.

Don't be confused by the term "off the bench" because under Coach Marshall this is truly a team. Each player, starter or not, is ready to step up and contribute at any time.

Please notice that the Lady Bronco Boosters are having a bake sale Friday, December 18th at the T& C Village Market (Food Center), starting at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds from the sale will be used to offset travel expenses for the Lady Broncos. Due to budget cuts the Lady Broncos are now responsible for much of their own expense on out of town trips. Your support would be greatly



Morgan Hobbs won 2nd chair in High School Regional Band and 6th chair in Symphonic Band in District

## Colt B-Ball Update

7th Grade Boys

Sonora's 7th grade "B" team played Iraan. The top scorer was Stevie Hernandez with 6 points. The score was Sonora 14 and

Sonora's 7th grade "A" team played Iraan. The top scorers were Scottie Moore-10 and Shawn Ramos-8. The score was Sonora 38 and Iraan 26.

Ozona Tournament

Sonora's 7th grade "A" team played Ozona. Top scorers were Scottie Moore-8 and Chris Martin-8: The score was Sonora 24 and Ozona 30.

Sonora's 7th grade "A" team played Junction. Top scorer was Scottie Moore with 15 points. The score was Sonora 24 and Junction

Sonora's 7th grade "A" team played Big Lake. The top scorers ere Scottie Moore-14 and Chris Martin-8. The score was Sonora 52 and Christoval 51. 31 and Big Lake 29.

8th Grade Boys

Sonora's 8th grade "A" team played Iraan. Top scorers were Dustin Martin-9 and Manuel Lopez-7. The score was Sonora 30 and Iraan 33.

Sonora's 8th grade "B" team played Iraan. Top scorers were Wiley Wagoner-8, Luis Segura-6, Caleb Gulley-6. The score was Sonora 32 and Iraan 10.

**Ozona Tournament** 

Sonora played Junction. Top scorers were Reyes Garcia-7, Dustin Martin- 6 and Seth Prather-6. The score was Sonora 33 and Junction 22.

Sonora played Menard. Top scorers were Reyes Garcia-14, Dustin Martin-11 and Brandon West-9. The score was Sonora 52 and Menard 30.

Sonora played Christoval. Top scorers were Reyes Garcia-20, Manuel Lopez-13 and Dustin Martin-10. The score was Sonora

## Varsity Bronco Basketball

**Varsity Boys** 

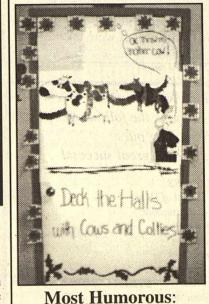
12-3: Sonora played Miles in the Ballinger Tournament. The scorers of the game were Anthony Luna-28, Isaac Ramos-15, Anthony Renfro-6, David Mayer-4, Ernie Perez-2, Riley Crain-2 and Edgar Gonzales-1. The score was Sonora 59 and Miles 64.

12-3: Sonora played Jim Ned in the Ballinger Tournament. The scorers were Anthony Luna-16, Isaac Ramos-14, Ernie Perez-12, David Mayer-6, Edgar Gonzales-5, Anthony Renfro-2 and Demetrio Castro-2. Coach Lowe said the boys played well against a ranked team. The score was Sonora 57 and

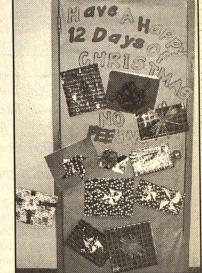
12-5: Sonora played Water Valley in the Ballinger Tournament. The scorers were David Mayer-10, Anthony Renfro-5, Isaac Ramos-5, Ernie Perez-5, Riley Crain-2, Edgar Gonzales-2 and Tanner Fields-2. The score was Sonora 31 and Water Valley 40.

12-8: Sonora played Grape Creek. The scorers were Anthony Luna-25, Isaac Ramos-8, Anthony Renfro-5, Russell Dempsey-5, Tanner Fields-4, Ernie Perez-4 and Riley Crain-2. Coach Lowe said that this has been the best defensive game yet. This will be the focus of our success this year. The score was Sonora 53 and Grape Creek 28.

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12/8: Unattended death-Officers received a 911 call from Beto's Restaurant. Upon arrival officers located a subject with what appears to be a self inflicted fatal gun shot wound to the head. Body has been sent for an autopsy. Investigation still continues.

Runaway-12/8: Complainant came to the office to fill out a report of a missing juvenile. Upon further investigation officer was able to locate

juvenile. Juvenile was transported to Sutton County Sheriff's Office where she was turned over to the Juvenile Probation Officer.

12/9: Theft of Service-Officer was dispatched to Town & Country #1 in reference to a gas drive off. Upon arrival officer met with store clerk. Clerk advised that a grey Ford van had pumped \$18 worth of fuel and left without paying. Unknown direction of travel.

12/10: Minor Accident-North Concho and Main Street. No injuries.

12/13: Theft- Officer was dispatched to Sonora Municipal Airport to talk to complainant. Complainant advised that Christmas items at the entrance of the airport were taken.

## Police Reports | National "Lights On For Life" Day\_\_\_\_\_

The San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation will introduce a new seat belt safety program Thursday, December 17 at the San Angelo District Complex at

Ron Taylor, traffic safety spe-cialist, will introduce a roll-over convincer to TxDOT employees which will be used in presentations throughout the fifteen county district to demonstrate seat belt safety. The convincer which was built by TxDOT employees simulates a roll over at 30 miles per hour with lifesize mannequins. During presentation at schools and public events, the convincer will allow TxDOT officials to demonstrate the results of roll over situations involving seat belts and without seat belts.

TxDOT also announced a contest called "TxDOT Safety Contest," inviting participants to submit a name for the family of mannequins by February 1. Suggestions for names can be sent to Rtaylo3@mailgw.dot.state.tx.us or Ron Taylor, TxDOT Safety

Coordinator;4502 Knickerbocker Rd.; San Angelo, Texas 76904. The family includes both parents and two children, a boy and a girl. Prizes for the winner include a Tshirt from TxDOT and a jam box provided by the New Car Dealers Association. The winner will be announced during the Auto Show in mid-February.

To arrange a roll-over convincer demonstration educators and public-event organizers are invited to contact Taylor or Public Information Officer Patsy Maddux at the local office by calling 944-

Taylor explained that the San Angelo District has borrowed a convincer from other districts in recent years which has been successful in getting the seat belt message in the schools. The construction of the San Angelo convincer was completed in December which included a donation of the pick up truck cab by Russell's Jeep Parts in San Angelo. The Stitchin' Post developed the mannequins.

"December is a perfect month to introduce the convincer because this month is traditionally a time of celebration and parties," Maddux said. TxDOT's state-wide advertising campaign will remind motorists "Don't Drink and Drive," Maddux said. One billboard states: "Santa is coming to town. Please don't hit him.'

Introduction of the convincer program is the day before the National Lights On For Life Day. The 3D Prevention Month Coalition and the Traffic Safety Highway Administration encourages motorists to use their headlights on December 18 as a remembrance of those who have been killed or injured as a result of an accident involving alcohol or drug use.

"Introduction of the convincer is appropriate at this time because the best defense against a drunk driver is your safety belt," Taylor

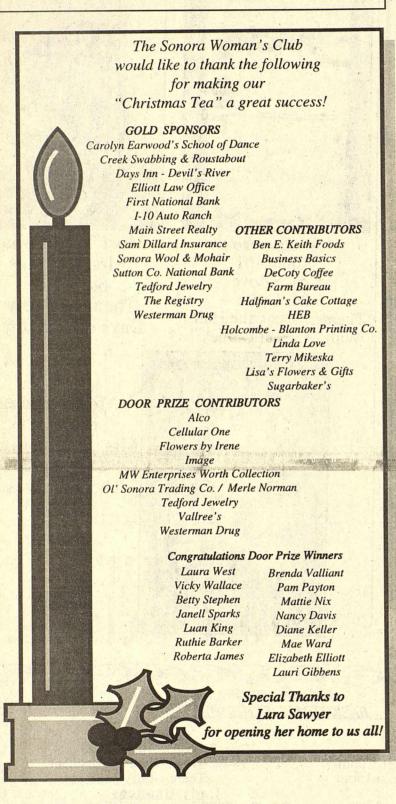
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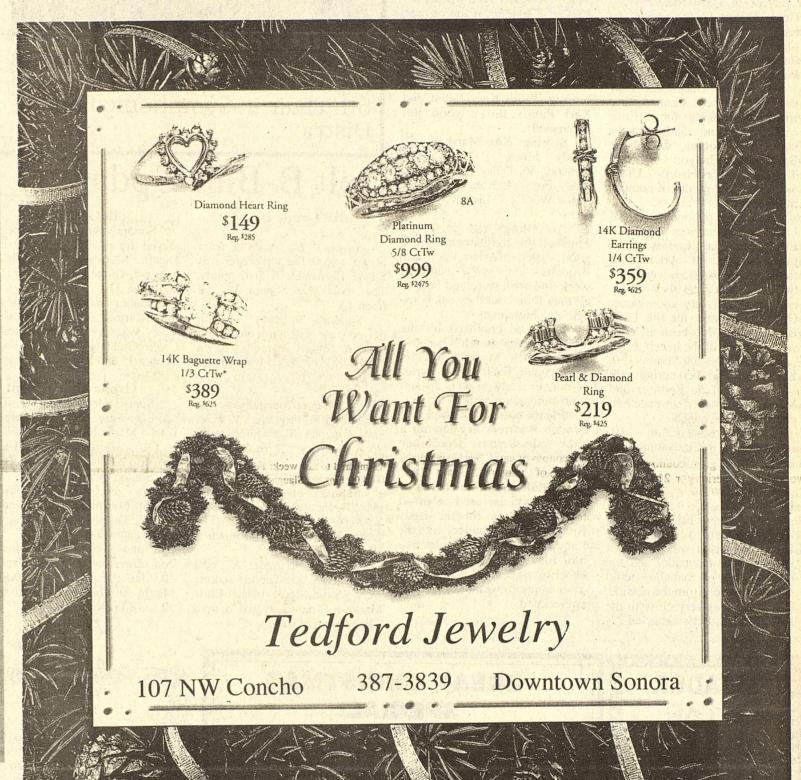
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## Is The FBI Watching You?



Congressman, Henry Bonilla

A new federal reglation that took effect December 1st has gun buyers in Texas irate - and

rightfully so. It's a regulation that lets the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) keep a file on every person that buys a gun. Under this regulation, the FBI is allowed to maintain a national database with the name of every person who purchases a gun in the United States.

As you might imagine, this invasion of privacy has gotten the attention of Texans. The regulation was tagged onto a plan to replace the five day waiting period for buying a gun with an instant check system. The new system will make background checks virtually instantaneous. But some policy makers in the FBI seem to be more interested in collecting information on lawabiding citizens instead of deterring criminals.

This time our individual privacy is on the line. When law-abiding citsizens go to buy shotguns, rifles or handguns, the gun dealer makes a quick call to the FBI for a criminal background check.

The FBI runs your name through its computer system. Once you've been cleared, you can have your gun and be on your way. But your name, address, birth date, sex and race all stay in the FBI's data-

Why does the FBI need a database with names of law abiding gun cowners? It doesn't. It needs a database of criminals with guns.

The FBI isn't the only one keeping a close eye on things. Congress passed a law that prohibits the FBI from creating a long-term database from the names it runs through the instant checking system. The FBI is required by law to delete names after six months from the date the gun was purchased.

The Second Amendment guarantees our constitutional right to bear arms. The rights set forth by the founders of our great country have worked for America for 210 years. The framers of our Constitution struck a fine balance between the rights of the people and the powers of the government. We cannot afford to let that delicate balance be skewed in the slightest.

Compared to last week feeder

steers and heifers steady. Slaughter

cows and bulls firm. Stock cows and

pairs steady. Trading fairly active,

demand good. Quality average to

plain. Supply included 65 percent

calves, 20 percent slaughter cows and bulls, 10 percent stock cows and

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large

1 200-300 lbs 102.00-110.00; 300-

400lbs 88.50-98.00, few 100.00-

101.00; 400-500 lbs 79.00-89.00,

few 90.00-96.00; 500-600 lbs 69.00-

79.00, set 83.50; 600-700 lbs 62.00-

lbs 90.00-100.00, 300-400 lbs 78.00-89.00, 400-500 lbs 67.00-

79.00, 500-600 lbs 59.50-69.00,

600-700 lbs 56.00-62.00, 700-800

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large

200-300 lbs 80.00-88.00, 300-

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300

400lbs 75.00-83.00, 400-500 lbs

67.00-75.00, 500-700 lbs 61.00-

lbs 70.00-80.00, 300-400 lbs 65.00-

75.00, 400-500 lbs 57.00-67.00,

500-700 lbs 55.00-61.00, 700-800

69.00, 700-800 lbs 60.50-63.00.

lbs 54.50-60.00.

lbs 53.00-58.50.

Slaughter Cows:

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300

70.00; 700-800 lbs 60.00-63.50.

pairs, 5 percent yearlings.

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## **AGRIBUSINESS**

#### Cooler Weather Could Slow, But Not Stop, Screwworms -

Cooler temperatures, particularly in the Hill Country, could slow the 21-day life-cycle of the screwworms, giving livestock health officials and ranchers a breather from examining thousands of head of livestock for the flesh-eating pest that has re-entered Texas. In October, a rancher from Rocksprings, In Edwards County, submitted maggots he found in a wound on an Angora goat. One of the larvae was identified as the dreaded screwworms, which has been eradicated from the U.S. and Mexico. Animal health officials are still uncertain how the screwworm entered the country.

'We've been on high alert since mid-November, when the screwworm maggot was confirmed in Texas. Although we're on watch statewide, our primary surveillance area has involved Edwards and the surrounding counties, including Kimble, Sutton, Val Verde, Kinney, Uvalde, Real and Kerr Counties," said Dr. Gary Svetlik of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services in Texas.

He said USDA and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) staff have been working with veterinarians, producers and livestock markets to get the word out about the screwworm case and have stepped up inspection to ensure that we catch and stop this pest. Dr. Svetlik explained that, on the premise where the screwworm maggot was found, livestock have been inspected, but no additional maggots have been detected. As well, livestock and dogs on ranches adjacent to this premise also have been checked.

Since mid-November, thirteen submissions of maggots from across the state have been made to the USDA's Screwworm Laboratory in Mission, Texas, or to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. None have been identified as screwworms. The maggots were collected from a half-dozen cows, two sheep, a camel, two dogs and a couple of cats. "We want submission of maggots," said Dr. Svetlik. "Although we haven't detected another case, we must continue to collect and examine maggots to eliminate the chance of the screwworm becoming re-estab-

TAHC and USDA staff intensi-

Percent Lean

75-80%

80-85%

85-90%

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1

1400-2100 lbs 38.50-43.00; low

dressing 1100-1600 lbs 33.00-39.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 440.00-

505.00, set 570.00; Medium 1-2

370.00-450.00, light bred 350.00-

Medium and Large 1-2 cows with

100-350 lbs calves 550.00-

610.00; Medium 1-2 cows with 100-

Medium and Large (young) 750-

1000 lbs 45.00-50.00 cwt; (young

and middle age) 750-1100 lbs 36.00-

44.00 cwt; (middle age) 800-1200

300 lbs calves 450.00-550.00.

Stocker and Feeder Cows:

lbs 29.50-35.50 cwt.

Market News

Cow/Calf Pairs: All sold by per

Pregnancy Tested Stock Cows and

29.50-34.00.

27.00-32.75.

33.00-35.00.

23.00-28.00.

Heifers: All sold by the head.

Boners hi-yld 80-85%

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fied surveillance at the livestock markets in West Texas, around Edwards County. Teams have inspected nearly 7,600 cattle and more than 33,000 sheep and goats at markets without finding additional maggots. Screwworm submission kits have been distributed to the area's slaughter plants, feed stores, county extension agents and parks and wildlife staff.

"If we have additional screwworms in the area, cooler weather, and certainly a freeze, could kill adult screwworm flies and any maggots. However, South Texas is a prime area for the screwworm to over winter about a half inch to an inch underground. If we have undetected screwworms in the area, we could see a re-emergence in the spring when the pupae develop into screwworm flies and work their way to the soil surface. Although we'll have a break during the cold weather, we could see additional cases in the spring," said Dr. Svetlik.

Unlike other fly maggots which eat decayed flesh, the screwworm maggot feasts on fresh flesh, which can eventually debilitate its warmblooded host. Screwworm flies lay eggs at the edge of the wounds or scratches, and the larvae gouge deep holes into flesh. Until they were eradicated in the mid 1960s and again in the early 1980s, ranchers suffered huge financial losses to the screwworm and spent countless hours treating livestock that had been attacked by the pest.

To report suspicious maggots in livestock or pets, call your Texas Animal Health Commission Area 6 office in Lampasas at 1-800-658-6642, or your nearest TAHC or USDA animal health inspector of field veterinarian. The TAHC headquarters in Austin may be reached at 1-800-550-8242, while the USDA in Austin can be called at 1-512-916-

#### **Junction Livestock**

Compared to last week: Feeder lambs 3.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter lambs 5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes and bucks 5.00 higher. Stocker Spanish nannies 3.00 higher. All classes slaughter Spanish 6.00-8.00 higher. Stocker Angora nannies and muttons 10.00 higher. All classes slaughter Angora 3.00-5.00 higher. Supply included around 9 percent sheep including near 150 lambs.

Stock and Feeder Sheep: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 55-90 lbs 77.50-87.00 CWT. Slaughter Sheep:

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3: 85-95 lbs 70.00-74.00 CWT. Slaughter Ewes: Utility 2-3 41.00-44.00; Good 2-3 49.00-57.00; Bucks 36.00-49.00 CWT

Barbados: 40-60 lb lambs 69.00-74.00 CWT. Stock and Feeder Goats:

Spanish Goats: Nannies 36.00-48.00, nannies and kids 22.00-26.00 per head; half Boer kids 30-45 lbs 95.00-111.00

Angora Goats: 50-70 lb nannies 51.00-65.00; 50-80 lb muttons 50.00-55.00 CWT. Slaughter Goats:

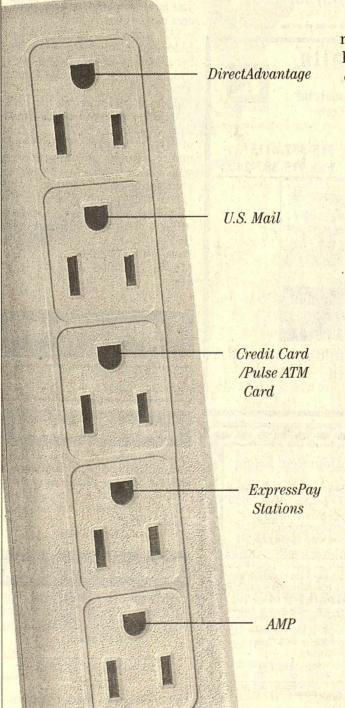
Spanish Goats: Choice and Prime: 15-35 lb kids 82.00-100.00; 35-65 lbs 75.00-86.00: Good 65.00-73.00. Nannies: 80-120 lb fat nannies

Billies and Muttons: 80-145 lb muttons 67.00-80.00; 80-155 lb billies 75.00-100.00 CWT.

Angora Goats: 85-115 lb fat muttons and billies 42.00-50.00; 75-80 lb fat nannies 40.00-46.00; 30-65 lb kids 69.00-82.00; 50-90 lb yearlings 60.00-65.00; thin nannies and muttons 38.00-45.00 CWT.

Source: Texas Dept of Ag Market News-USDA Market News

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Friday through Sunday 12/18 - 12/20 Partly cloudy. Lows from the mid 30s to around 40. Highs in the 60s.

Source: USDA-Texas Dept of Ag Rig Locations as of December 11, 1998

Crockett County

New Rosewood Resources; 1,300, Midway Lane -1100-Unit#135, Service

New J. Cleo Thomposn/Dal; 9,000, Meadows Ranch 2-#3, Patterson Drilling

New Primal Energy Corp; 7,500, Hoover 4-#4, Cleere Drilling

Terrell County

Enron O&G/Midland; 13,200', Pakenham Fina 51-#1, Patterson Drilling Val Verde County New Enron O&G; 5,500', Meadows #1186, Patterson Drilling.

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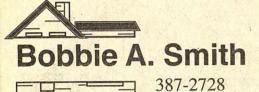
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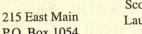
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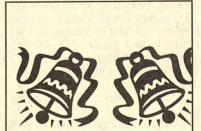
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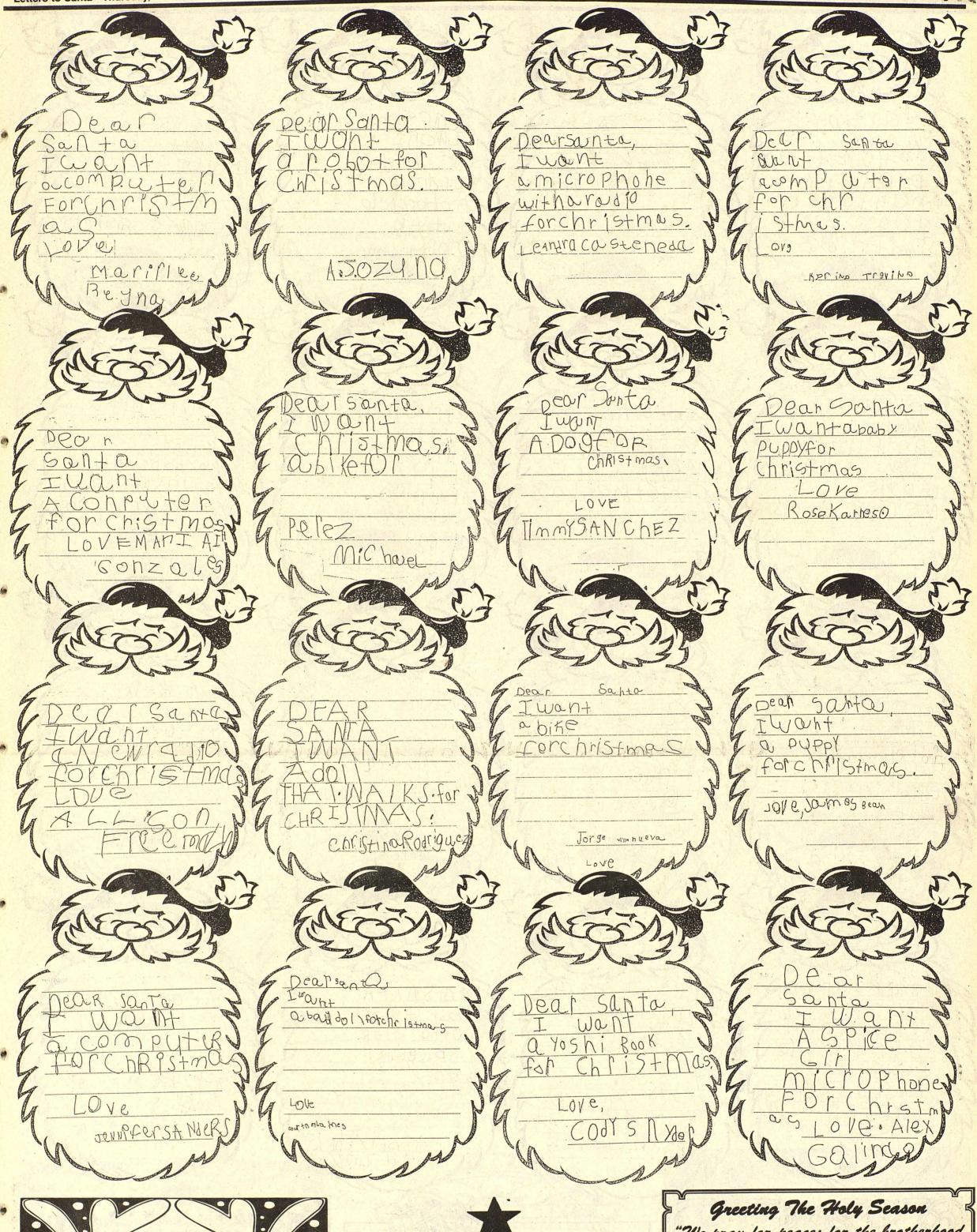
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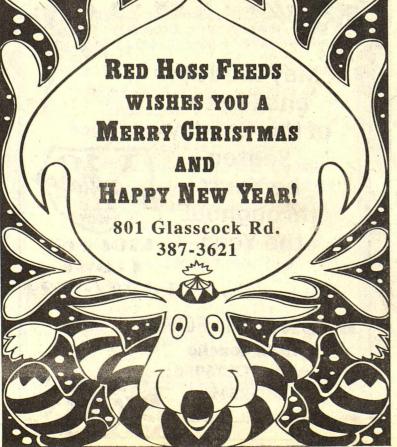


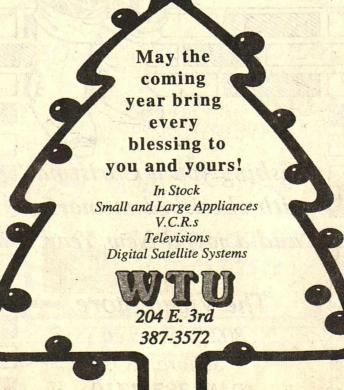
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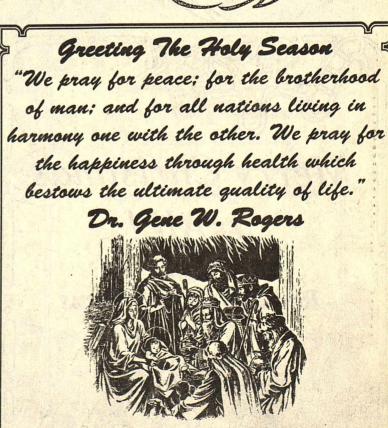
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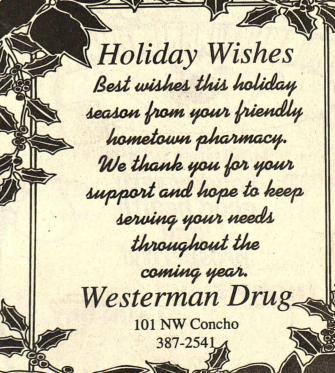


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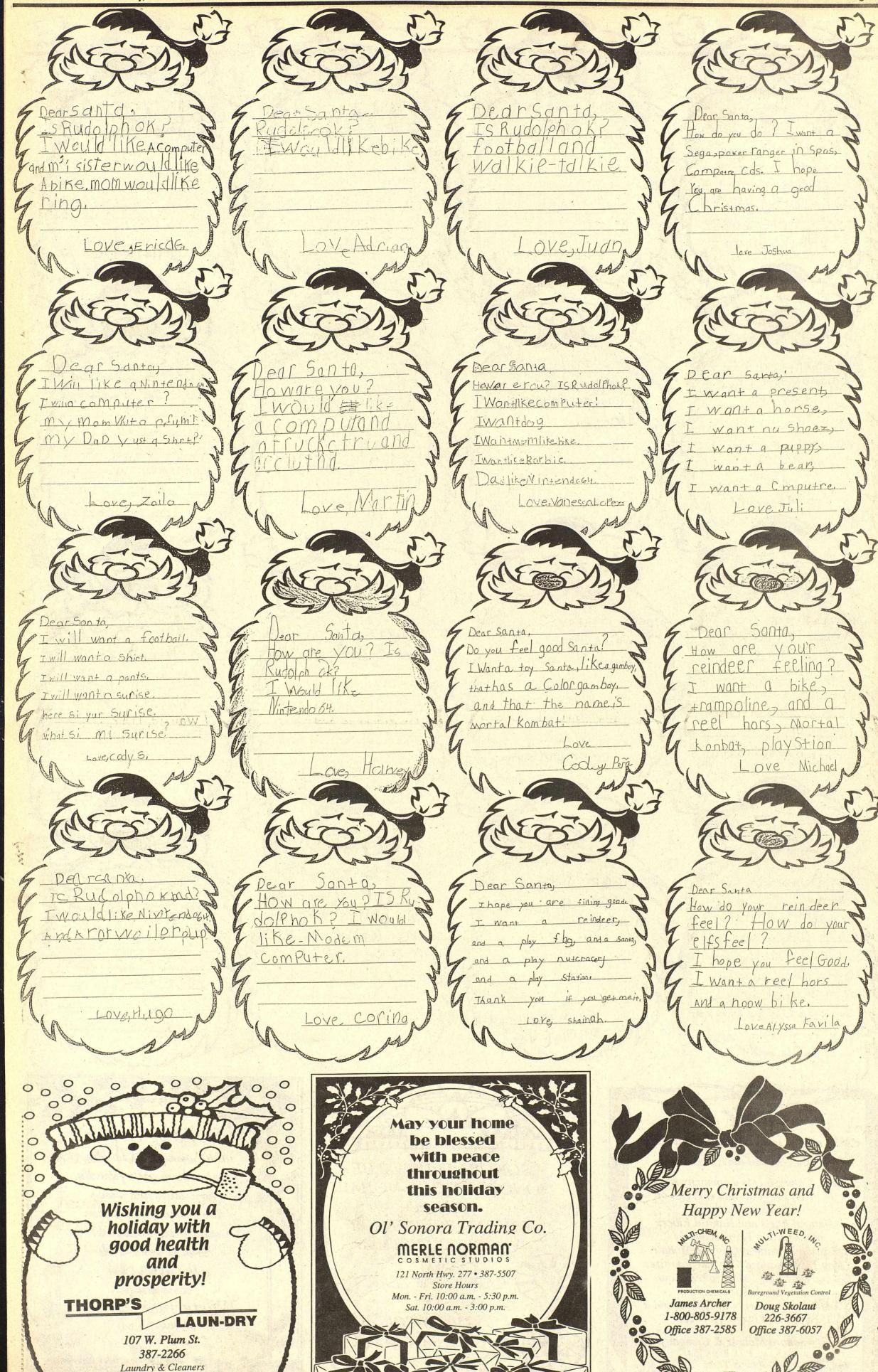
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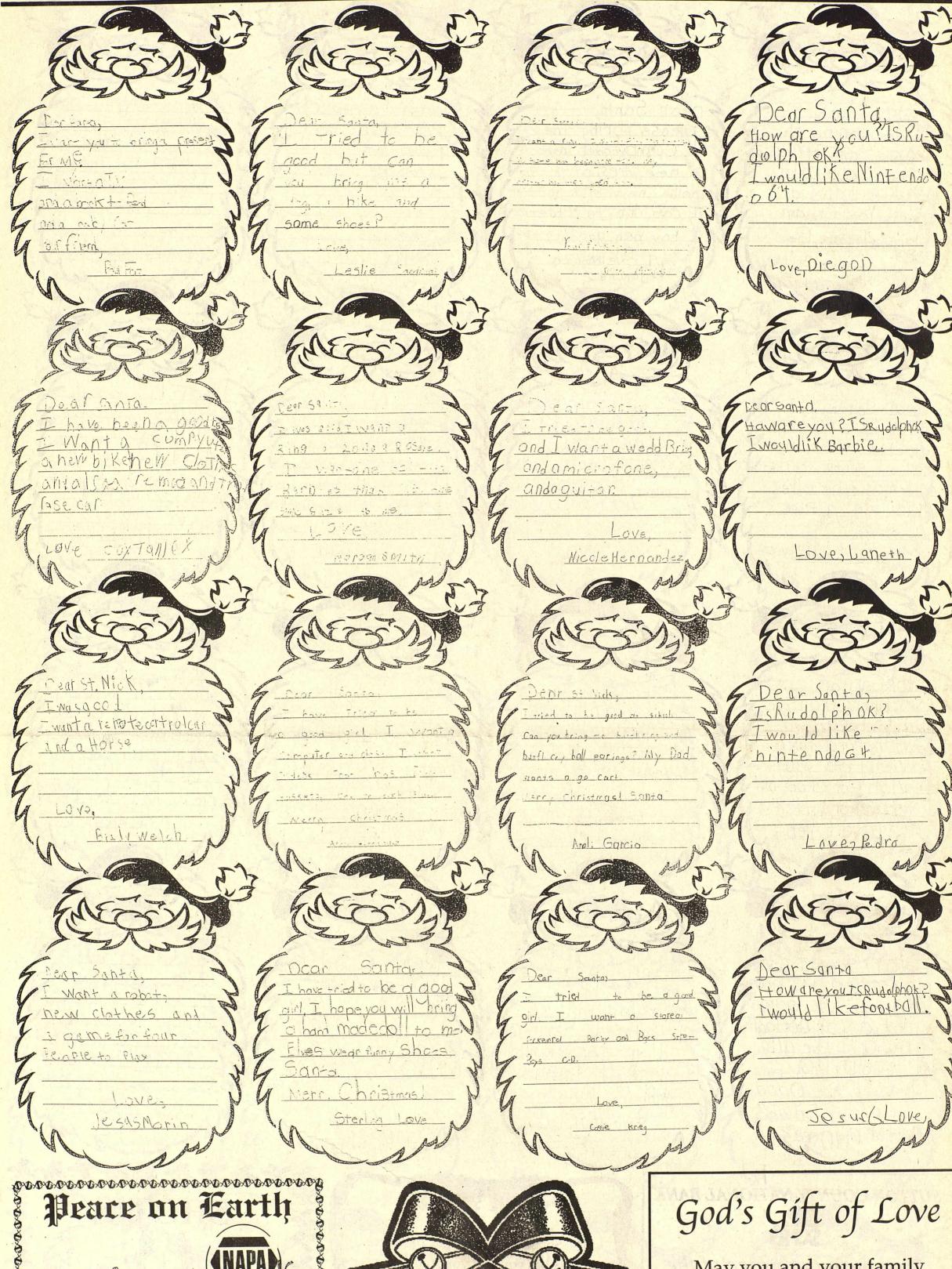
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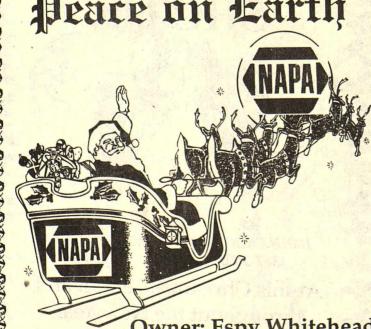
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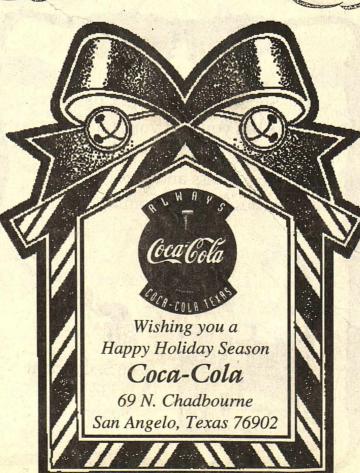




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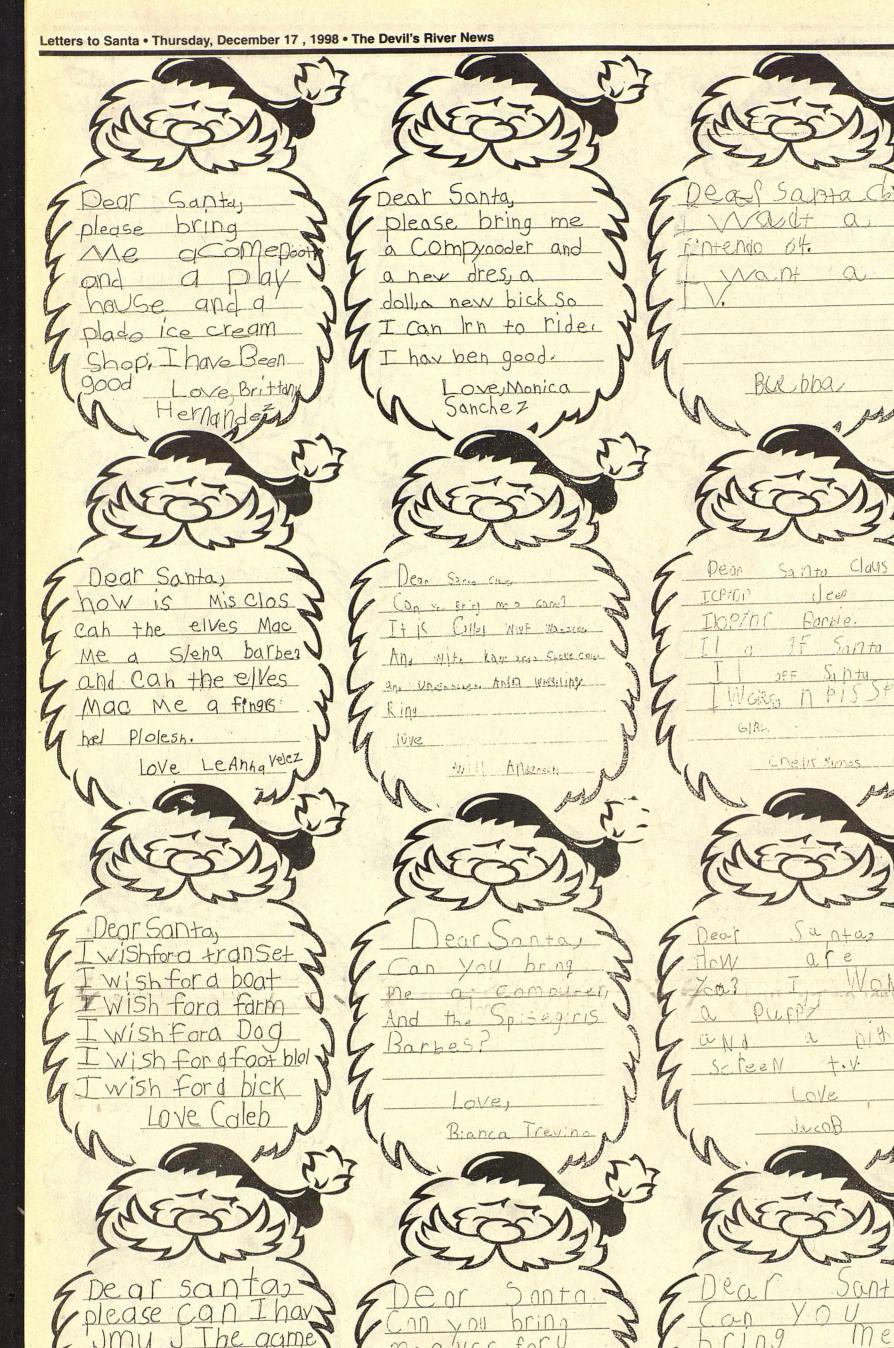
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May you and your family embrace the joy and peace of this season celebrating the Lord's birth





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



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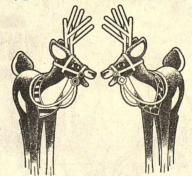
The Sonora Chamber of Commerce wishes you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season with happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year.



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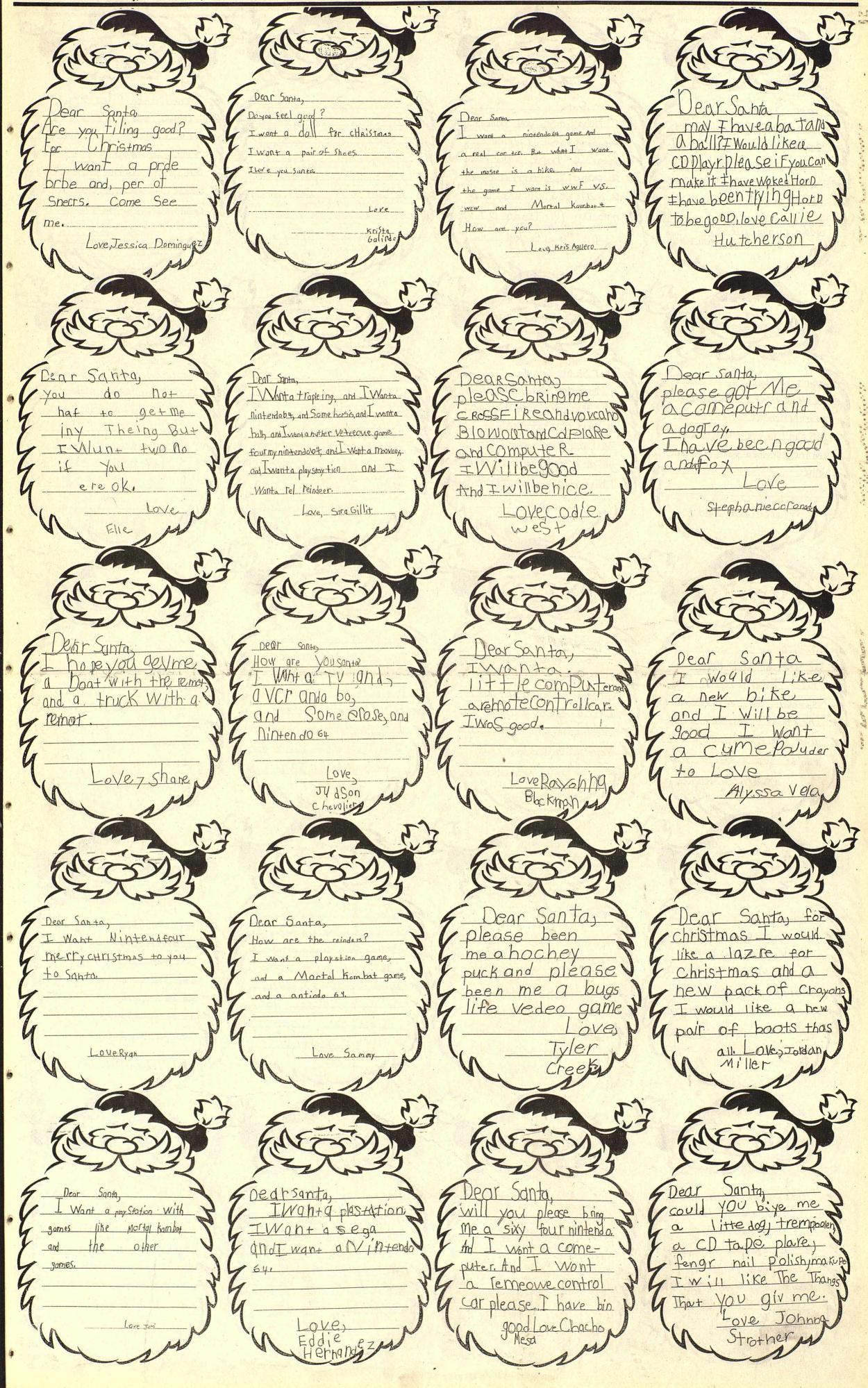
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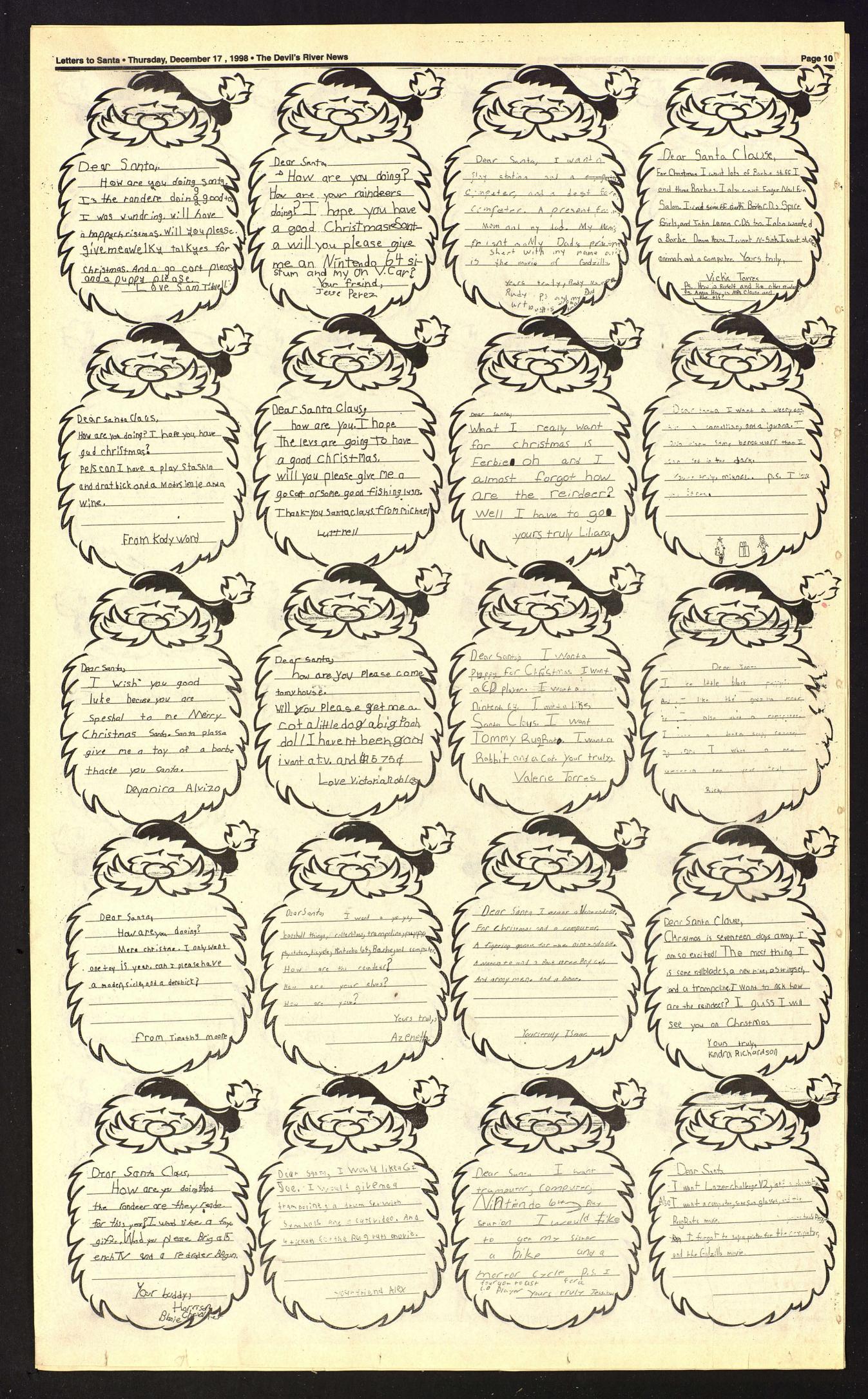
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At this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year may you be blessed with every happiness.

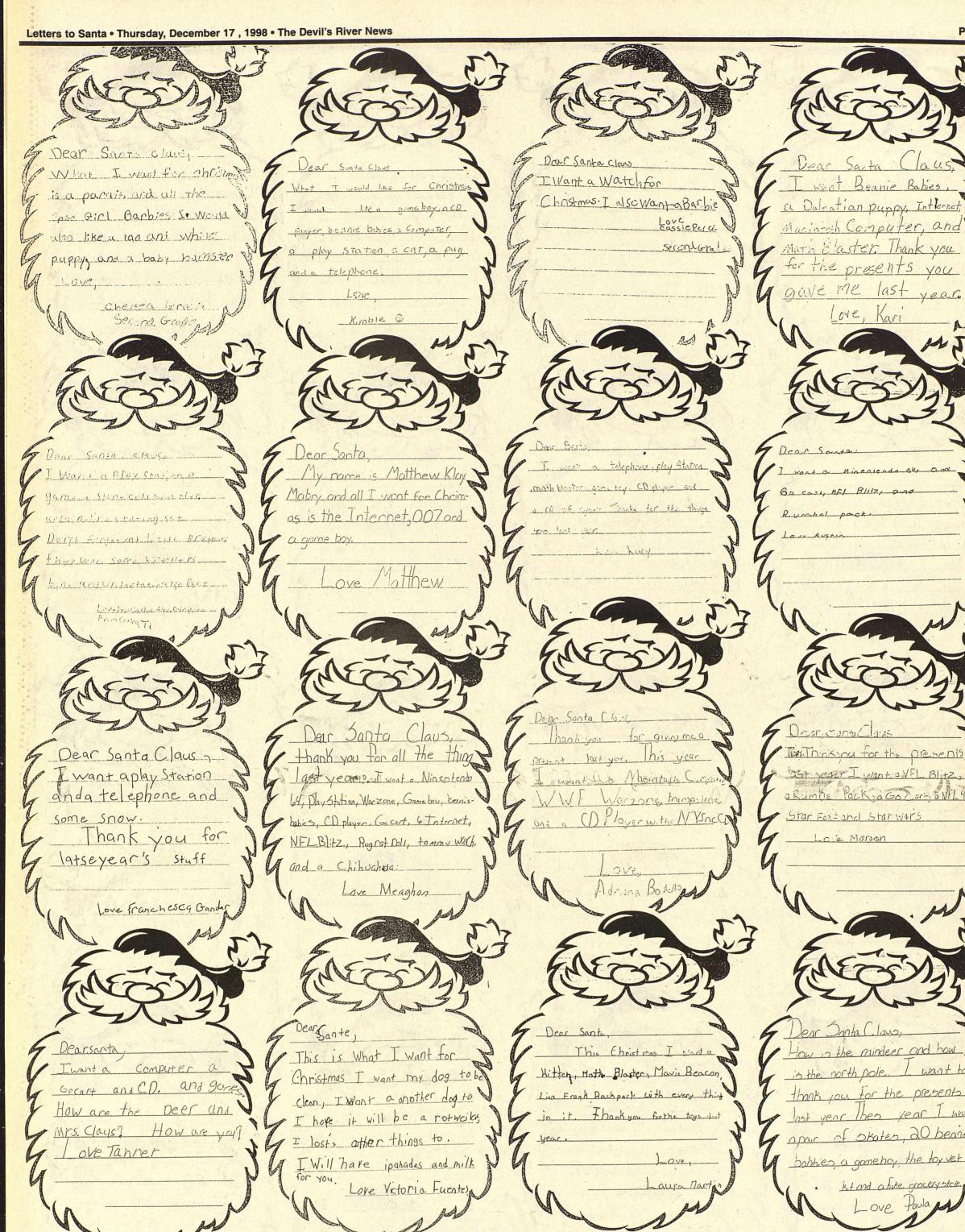










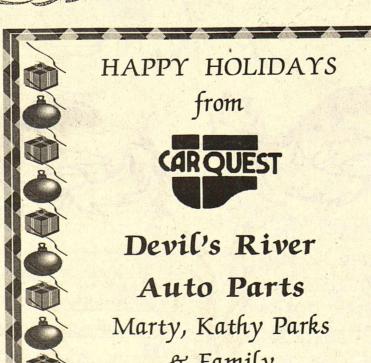




May you be blessed this holiday season with love all around you and your loved ones.



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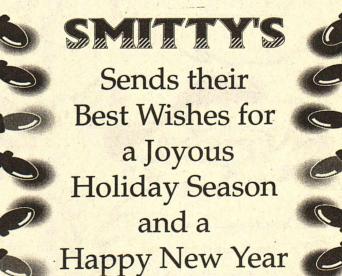


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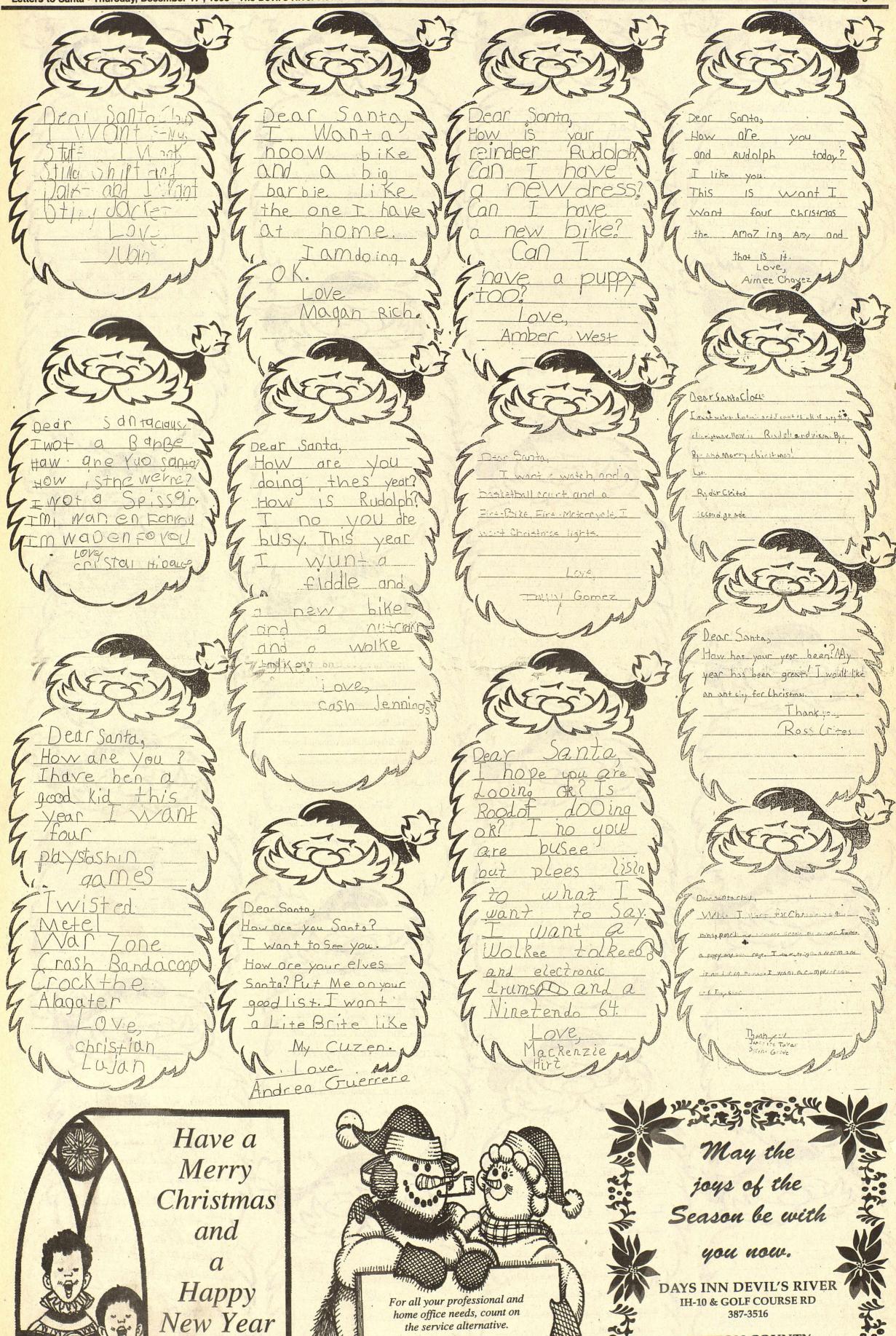




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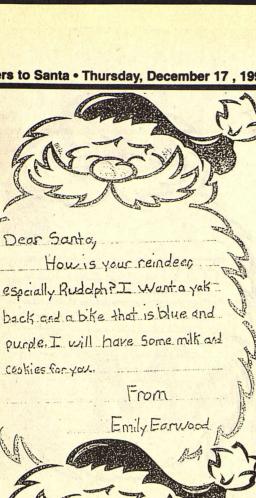
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Louren Hutcherson



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Cocardra Maria Velardos



Dear Santo. How one the rounder and Mrs. Claus. Do not forget to shine your slegh. I wish to have a painor lock Marines Size I and a wak back and a lock of of of of the hes. Major o CD player. I wish for people to doenot clothes that do not sit the Kids. I would like to have a pun of overalls

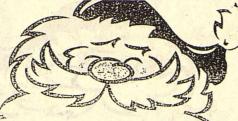
From, Kelsey Watkins



love: Zenon How is Roudolph I am going to leave milkand cookies on the table My Friend Went's Pooh and his friend's I Want a chirstnestree I want a real 25 channel conduse Phone and a

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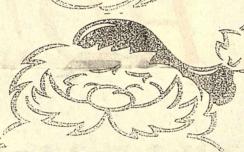
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Some Clothes bike and roller blades

Ketrina Romos

Dear Santa, How is RudoiPhtheRed hose reindeer? Howis Mrs. claus? I Walt on Ntinice Of a toy car all on ty tee for christmas. There you don't forgettering the TOYS, I'MISH YOU a METTY

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Dear Senta: is Mrs claus and the Randeer odoing today? I hope you have had a good long rest. These are things I Want for Christmas, a Nintendal and a skatebord and a new bag packing and some roller blades, and a N

> bike. Love, Juan. Dom



Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? Im fire! Is Rudolph allowed to join in any Reindeer garness? This is what I Want for Originas! Girl talk, Sporty Spice Burbie, Baby

Spice Barbie, Ginger Spice Sound Stage, Spice Girl

C.D., Back Street Boys C.D. Nintendo 64, and Roller Blades size three four or five. Hope you have a good Christmas!

Love,



Dear Santay

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Love Mark Hloman



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The second thing I want is two little remote control trucks.

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J.T. Downing

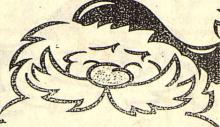


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> Edwardo Garcia



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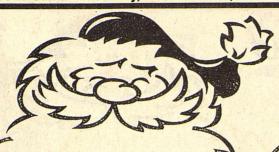


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Dear Santa how are you doing The first thing that I work is A play station. I also wort a new bike and a platent

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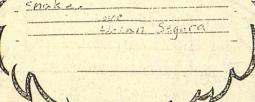
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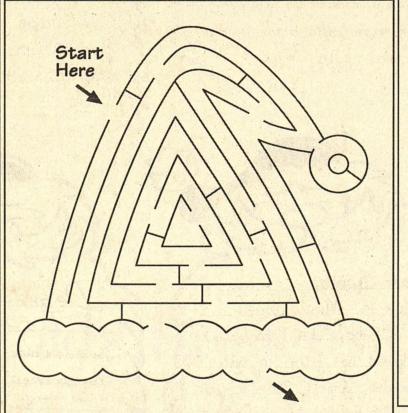
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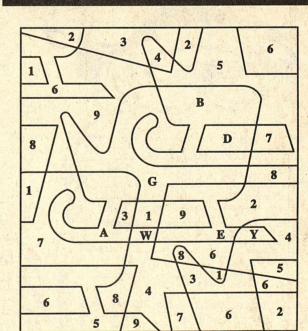
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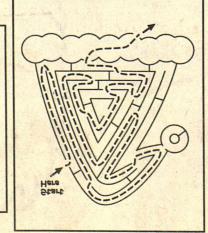


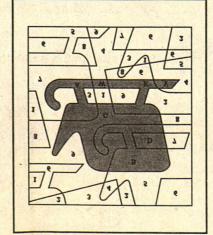


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