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Thursday, December 16, 1999

Census 2000

April 1, 2000 is the official date for Census 2000. Residents of this wonderful nation will have the opportunity to complete and return their Census forms. How well we do this, as a community, will determine how much money our communities receive in the form of federal dollars, grants for road improvements, political representation, school grants, and other important federal aid for the next ten years.

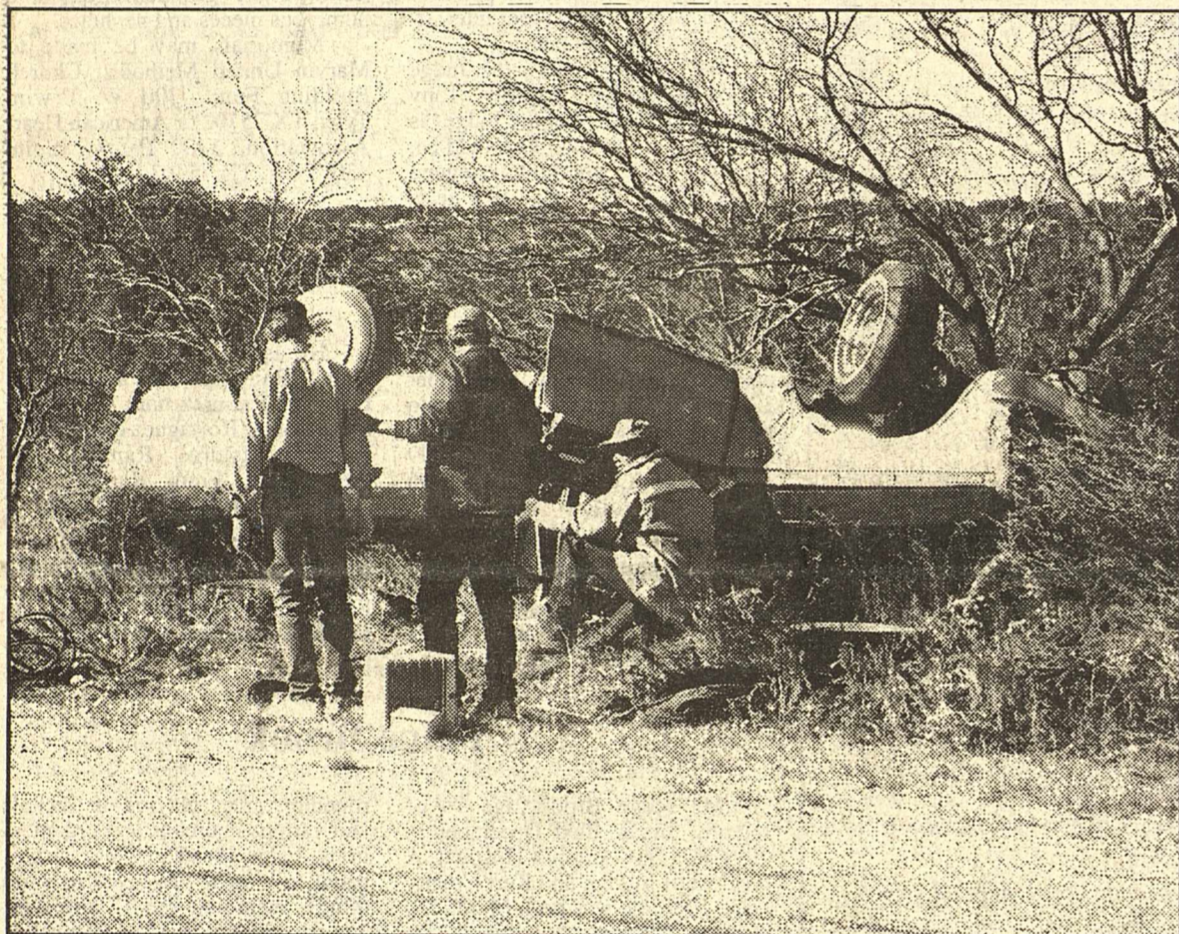
Part of our effort, as a community, is the active recruitment, training, and employment of local residents who know their neighborhoods. Most of these jobs involve field work that pays in excess of

\$10.25 an hour plus 31 cents per mile reimbursement. Census 2000 will begin hiring workers in March 2000 and while it is kind of difficult to get excited now about a part-time job that will become available in 3 months, the catch is that workers have to be tested before then to be eligible for employment. These jobs will last approximately 4-6 weeks and workers will be allowed to work up to 40 hours per week. That translates into \$400 per week for evening and weekend work in your own neighborhood!

Testing will be conducted here in Sonora in the next few weeks. Flyers and brochures have been dis-

tributed to businesses around town explaining the testing procedure and who to call to sign up for testing. Anyone that is interested will be notified in advance of the test date and the location of the test. Tests will be given in the evenings and on weekends for those with full-time jobs that are interested in part-time employment. While the actual test is only 30 minutes long, the testing procedure takes about an hour and a half to two hours due to paperwork involved. Keep in mind that in order to be eligible for employment in March you have to be tested ahead of time, so be on the safe side and **sign up for testing now!**

Rollover Claims Life of Sonora Man

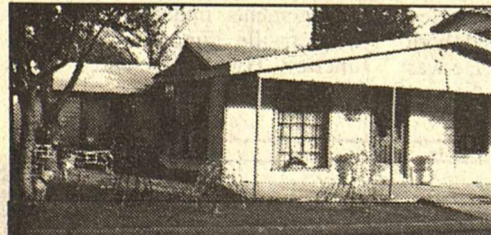


Around 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 1999 a one vehicle accident on Cusenbary Road claimed the life of Sonora resident, Ernesto Castillo Ramirez, 55. Ramirez was driving a 1974 Ford pickup, heading west on CR 406 and appears to have lost control of the vehicle as it approached a curve. Trooper Norbert Ortiz of the Texas Highway Patrol reported that, although it was unclear as of yet why Ramirez lost control, speed was a factor in the accident. Ramirez was not wearing a seatbelt when his truck flipped and ended up in the ditch on the north side of the road.

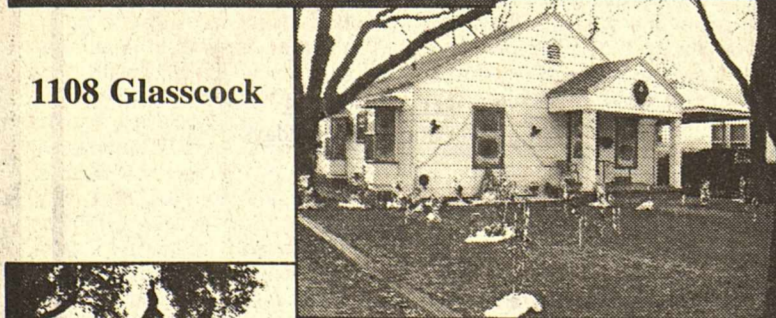
Funeral services will be held Thursday at St. Ann's in Sonora.

"Dress Up Your Home for Christmas" Contest Continues

Week three winners have been chosen. Don't forget to go into any of the local merchants and cast your vote for your overall favorites!



305 Calle San Francisco



1108 Glasscock



511 Poplar

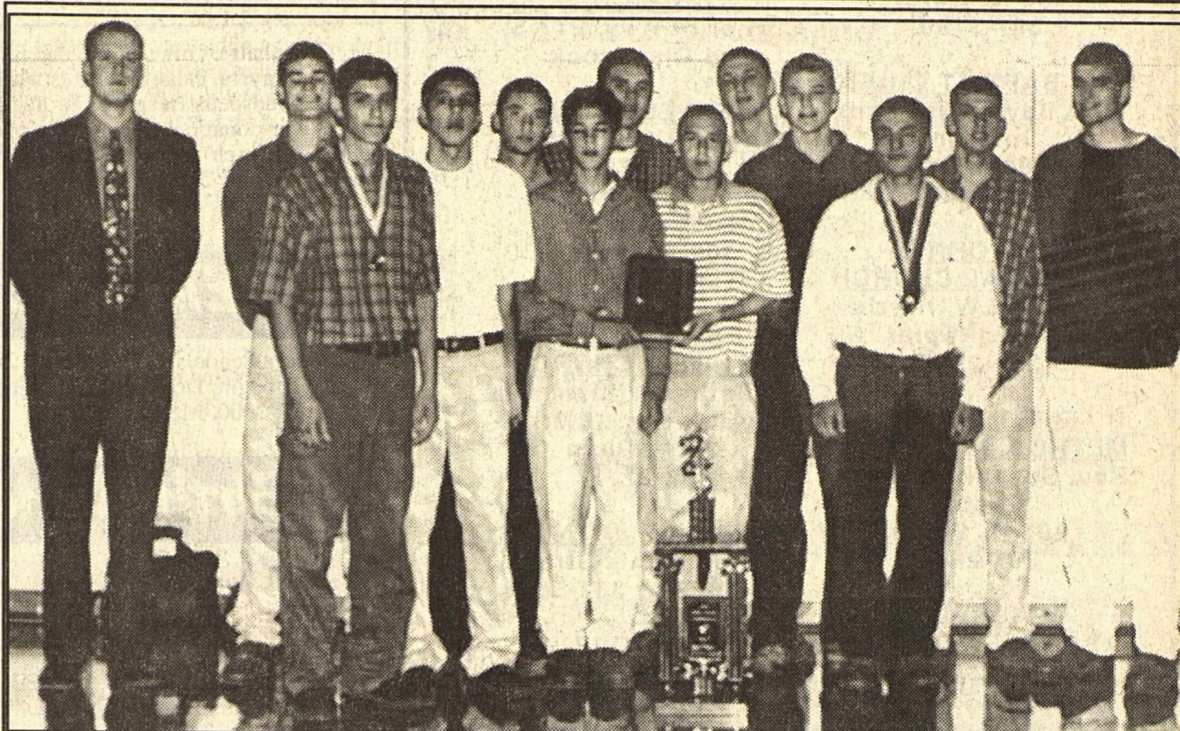


203 Hudspeth

Sutton County 4-H Civic Center Update

Thank You Sonora --You have made the Civic Center a success.

Since the Grand Opening in March, the Center has been used about 78 times, averaging close to 10 rentals a month. These uses have varied from Drug Enforcement Workshops to a World Meat Goat Show with over 166 participants. There have been fun times, educational times, religious times, and community gatherings in this new facility. We are getting inquiries from surrounding areas about using this building for many activities. But, we still have a financial concern. \$25,000 had to be borrowed to finish the building properly. There are still some pledges outstanding, but we need your support. We need to pay off the debt, as well as installing signs on the front of the building, recognition plaques, hat racks, etc. Any contributions will be appreciated and can be sent to P.O. Box 1047, Sonora, TX 76950. Sonora is proud of this facility, please be a part!! Thank You.



The Broncos brought home 3rd place in the Boy's Division of the 69th Annual Ozona Tournament. The team also received the "Sterling Lay Memorial Sportsmanship" Award for the way they carried themselves and represented Sonora in the Tournament. Also, Isaac Ramos and Edgar Gonzales were named to the All-Tournament team. Co-Players of the week were Edgar Gonzales and Sloan Holley for consistent play and great defense. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Bond Road Accident Sends One to Hudspeth



One female victim was transferred to Hudspeth Hospital by Sutton County EMS after the car she was riding in collided with a black pickup. Witnesses at the scene said it appeared that the driver of the pickup pulled a U-turn in front of the small car, causing it to strike the trucks left side. The driver of the truck was not injured.

Government Offices Y2K Ready

As 1999 draws to a close, the Social Security Administration (SSA) reports that all of its computer benefit payment systems have been updated for the Year 2000, according to Fredi Franki, Social Security manager in San Angelo, Texas. "This is a direct result of making Y2K compliance a top priority at the Social Security Administration."

As one of the first federal agencies to recognize the problem, Social Security began preparing its systems years ago. "In fact, we have been processing monthly benefit payments with Year 2000-compatible computer systems for the past

year. Congress gave SSA an "A" for its efforts in a recent evaluation," continues Franki.

Social Security has been working with other federal agencies involved in the benefit payment process to resolve any Y2K problems. The Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury Department have tested the direct deposit program successfully and included Social Security transactions in their bank testing. The United States Postal Service also assures Social Security beneficiaries that their benefit payments will arrive on time through the mail.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce that all VA computer systems have been certified as Y2K compliant. If you receive a regular, monthly payment from VA, your payment for December 1999 will be paid on December 30, 1999. If you receive your check direct deposit, it should be deposited in your account no later than January 3, 2000. If you receive your check in the mail, allow for delivery time. Beneficiaries can be assured that VA payments scheduled to be sent in January 2000, and beyond will continue without interruption.

New Businesses Comes to Town

Cole Mechanical announces they have opened an office in Sonora. Specializing in heating & air conditioning and refrigeration, both residential and commercial. The main office is located in Junction, TX and is owned and operated by Gene Cole, Jr. The office here in Sonora will be located

at 1701-A Tayloe Ave. and will be managed by Don Hodges. Cole Mechanical has 3 licensed/certified technicians and combined they have 30+ years experience in the HVAC business. They will be offering Armstrong A/C - Heating equipment with financing available. The Armstrong line of equipment also

offers a 10 year parts and labor warranty. Cole Mechanical is looking forward to serving Sonora and the surrounding area, so just give us a call, locally, at 915-387-6084 or call toll free 888-897-8703, for qualified, reliable and friendly service.



Just in time for Christmas! Ronnie & Alice Cox opened their Santa's Gift Shop on November 23, 1999. Located on Historic Main Street, this store is a must stop for holiday shoppers looking for that perfect gift for loved ones.

Sonora Church Directory

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rick Sanchez
504 Santa Clara
387-2035

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN
Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Terry Bishop, Minister
304 N. Water
387-3190

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Hwy. 277 S. and Glasscock

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Taylor Norman, Interim
404 E Oak
387-2951

PENTECOSTAL CALVARY TEMPLE UNITED
Randy Greenwood
Pastor
509 Amistad
387-5266

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Ted W. Harris
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Suzanne Steves, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

JEHOVAH'S WITNESS
310 St. Ann's Street
387-5658 or 387-5518

JERUSALEM ASAMBLEA DE DIOS
St. Ann's Street
387-3600

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Seigler
511 Cornell
387-3018

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Charles Huffman
417 E. 2nd St.
387-5366

COWBOY CHURCH
Monty Price
Auction Barn
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

NEW LIFE MINISTRY CENTER
Jerry & Joy Wood
204 E. Main
387-3241

FORD
BRONCHO FORD INC.
115 N CONCHO
SONORA, TX 76950
(915)387-2549

Kerbow Funeral Home
387-2266

Cards of Thanks

The Sonora Middle School Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas door decorating contest this year. Congratulations to our winners.

We would like to thank the judges: Dr. Harlan, Mrs. Harlan, Diane Jacoby, Miranda Martinez, Louise Dermody, and Erica Morriss.

We want to thank each of you who have shown concern and support regarding Glen's recent heart surgery. We are home and Glen is feeling well and improving each day. We know that your love and support is what has given us the strength to do well. Your calls, cards, and beautiful flowers have helped us so much! Our love and gratitude to each of you.
Glen and Rosalie, Wade and Jane
Clay, Codi and Kyle

On behalf of my son Eugene Reyna, I would like to say thank you for all your prayers, calls, and visits while he was at Angelo Community hospital and Hudspeth Hospital. To all the organizations and individuals who made their donations, also to those who donated baked goods for the bake sale. So to each and everyone of you who helped in one way or another Thank You and God Bless You!
Frances Reyna

Elementary News

Sonora Schools will dismiss at 2:00 on December 16 and 17. Christmas Holidays begin December through January 4. Classes will resume on January 5, 2000. Merry Christmas!

Birth Announcements

Brad and Toni Morgan of Gonzales, Texas are proud to announce the arrival of Abigail (Abby) Antonie Morgan born on December 2, 1999 in Gonzales. Abby weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. She is welcomed by her Maternal Grandparents David and Betty Moltz of Sequin, Texas; Maternal Great Grandparents, Chester and Lyndal Isbell & Elsie Moltz all of Sequin. Paternal Grandparents Bobby and Mary Beth Morgan of Sonora, Texas; Paternal Great Grandparents Angie Morgan of Sonora, and Betta Schrade of Runge Texas along with aunts & uncles.

Ronnie Cox
would like to be
your pharmacist.

Senior Center News

- Dec. 17 - Holiday Fashion Show after Lunch.
- Dec. 20 - Bingo!
- Dec. 21 - City Council 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 23 - Center Closed!
- Dec. 24 - Center Closed! Merry Christmas!

Senior Center Menu

- Dec. 17 - Fried catfish with tartar sauce, corn/tomato casserole, roll, seasoned spinach, fruit gelatin.
- Dec. 20 - Chicken strips with gravy, pinto beans, mustard greens, juice, cornbread, cherry cobbler.
- Dec. 21 - Hamburger with mustard, oven French fries, onion, lettuce, tomatoes, carrot salad, fruit cocktail.
- Dec. 22 - Baked ham, glazed candied sweet potatoes, wheat roll, summer squash, fresh fruit cup.
- Dec. 23 & 24 - Center Closed! Merry Christmas!

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.75 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.

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Obituary

Judge Glenn S. Phillips

Judge Glenn S. Phillips, a long-time hunter in Sutton County, passed away November 24, 1999 while visiting his son's ranch. Memorial services were held on November 27, 1999 at the Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler, TX. Private graveside services followed in Bullard Cemetery.

Judge Phillips had a passion for West Texas, particularly the Sutton County area. Early in his career, he spent days traveling our rural roads leasing wildcat drilling locations. Later in life, when he became the first Judge of the 241st State District Court in Tyler, he encouraged his sons to set up their hunting activities and relationships in Sonora, which they did for 15 years on the Sentell Ranch east of town. During their visits here they were continuously looking for the "right place" to buy. The family leased from long time friends David and George Wallace. For over 12 years George and Martha served as the boys "parents away from home," helping to teach them the particulars of West Texas ranching & hunting.

David Phillips, one of the Judge's 3 sons recently acquired the Glasscock Ranch, west of Sonora, which he believed was the "right place" for his family. Since David works in New York he wasn't able to spend the much needed time on the ranch, building the barns and the temporary house, so Judge Phillips had taken on the challenge. He worked everyday with local contractors and neighbors who loved to listen to him talk about the vast number of capital cases he presided over, as well as many other interesting stories from the bench.

Just the day before the Judge passed away, local rancher, Tony Renfro told David that the Judge "is everything we thought he would be, and even more, and quite a legend in our State. We're glad that he is

our neighbor, and glad that William will have the chance to look up to a Texas legend and friend like him."

Just a week before Thanksgiving, Mike Healy, president of the Bank and Trust, told David how much he enjoyed driving out to the ranch just to get a chance to listen to Judge Phillips words of wisdom and thoughts of life. Healy fondly referred to the Judge as "a good solid Texan."

One of the Judge's favorite places was the Sutton County Steakhouse, where he and Preston spent lots of time talking and setting up all the necessities for building on the ranch.

The contractors finished the place on the night before Thanksgiving Eve, just in time for Judge Phillips to spend his first, and last, night in the new house. He slept soundly, got up the next morning and went to the field to work. David found his father later that day next to his favorite deer feeding pen, having died of an apparent heart attack. The Judge had watched the deer everyday, but never hunted them, he used to tell Rodney Knight, "I'm not mad at those deer, why would I want to hunt them!"

Judge Phillips will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Phillips of Tyler; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert Glenn Phillips and wife, Shirley, of Houston, David Leroy Phillips of Short Hills, N.J., James Patrick Phillips and wife, Teresa, of Sugar Land, eight grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Marvin United Methodist Church Building Fund, 300 W. Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702 or American Heart Association, 3800 Paluxy, Suite 430, Tyler, TX 75703.

Ernest Ramirez

Ernesto Castillo Ramirez, 55 passed away Monday, December 13, 1999 in a Sutton County auto accident. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 16, 1999 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born November 7, 1944 in Stonewall and had lived in Sonora since 1977, he was an equipment operator and a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife Angie Ramirez and a daughter Elizabeth Ramirez both of Sonora, a son Robert Rodriguez of Ozona, 3 brothers Isidro Ramirez of Weatherford, Frank Ramirez and Johnny Ramirez both of Mason, 4 sisters - Mary Helen Bryan of Maryland, Paula Valdez of Weatherford, Florine Garcia, of Kirby, and Narcisa Marquez of Fredricksburg, and 3 grandchildren.

Paige Brook

Mr. Paige Brook, age 79 of Ingram, Texas, died December 9, 1999 in a San Antonio Hospital. A resident of Ingram and Kerr County since 1988, he was born March 24, 1920 in Orange, New Jersey. He entered the Army during WWII, serving as Warrant Officer and leader of the 12th Armored Division Band, which moved with the Allied Divisions into Germany from the landings in Normandy. Mr. Brook had attended the Eastman School of Music, where he studied flute and piccolo with Joseph Mariano. In 1940 he became First Flute of the Buffalo Philharmonic. After his tour of duty in the Army he came to New York City where he free-lanced, performing with the Little Orchestra, among others. In 1952 he joined the flute section of the NY Philharmonic where he was to remain until his retirement to the Hill Country of Texas in 1988. He was soloist with the Philharmonic many times, as well as a recitalist, chamber music player, thrice president of the New York Flute Club, teacher, and flutist of the New York Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet. His recordings encompassed both classical and jazz repertory. He was very active in Kerrville and the sur-

rounding area, playing in recitals and various churches and organizations. Paige loved life and participated fully in it. He loved to build things, including model airplanes, and was an enthusiastic member of the Kerrville R/C Flyers. He loved to sail, spending many summers in Maine in past years. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kerrville, and Colonial Kane Lodge #055, F. & A. M. of New Jersey, District 11.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Alice DeBerry Brook, whom he married August 23, 1969 in New York City; two daughters, Nancy Shields of Columbia, MD, and Gail Bedell of Boone, NC; a son, Mitchell Brook of N. Hampton, NH; two sisters, Muriel Bland of Greensboro, NC, Janice Gulick of Tyson, MD; and a sister-in-law, Anne DeBerry of Sonora, Texas. He is also survived by five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorials may be made to the New York Philomusica, 105 West 73rd St., New York, N.Y. 10023. Services will be private. Arrangements under the direction of: Kerrville Funeral Home 1221 Junction Hwy., Kerrville, Texas 78028. (830) 895-5111.

Dining Out Directory

Food Center Deli
600 S. Crockett Ave.
387-5616

La Mexicana
240 N. Hwy 277
387-3401

Los Jarritos
605 S. Crockett
387-2838

Pizza Hut
401 Hwy. 277 N.
387-3540

Rosie's Cafe
207 Glasscock Ave
387-5552

Sutton County Steakhouse
1306 N. Service Rd
387-3833

Town & Country Subway
610 S. Crockett
387-6181

Town & Country - Country Kitchen
903 N. Crockett Ave.
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Dec. 16 - 17
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Dec. 18 & 19
Merchants Association
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The Community Calendar

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Email us at editor@sonorax.net

Ask the Historical Society



Sonora High School - 1930-31 Freshman Class (8th) - Sponsor: Mrs. Ted White - Front Row: Herbert Fields, Vernell McCurdy, Stella Mae Archer, Helen Davis, Dorothy Brantley, Nina Rouche, Teacher: Mrs. White. Second Row: Edna Belle Speed, Ora Altizer, Ella Mae Barnes, "Chess" Tharp, Sarah Ory, Ruth Freeman. Back Row: Jay T. Shurley, W. H. Lovelace, George Ory, Edgar Glasscock and J. LaVelle Meckel

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Q. Do you have any information on Ben H. Brown who was trapping on Dry Devil's River and drafted into the Army from Sonora in 1917? He went to France with the 2nd Infantry Div. and was made corporal and discharged at Camp Austin in 1919 at which time he was paid travel to Sonora. Thank You

Joe N. Brown

A. 1917 papers were destroyed in a flood many years ago. We have just finished copying and alphabetizing the 1919 papers and the following are articles that have mention of Ben H. Brown: Devil's River News, April 19, 1919, Edwin Wilhite of Eldorado, is in Sonora this week visiting his friend G. Harmon Neil, Mr. Wilhite was a member of Company M, 144th Infantry, 36th Division and was wounded in the first advance made by that regiment on October 10 when they were ordered to relieve the 2nd Division near Somme-Py. His rifle was first shattered and then a bullet struck him in the right arm. An Eldorado boy Walter Patton escorted him to first aid station and then rejoined the ranks. B. H. Brown of Sonora was in this company but was transferred to Co. K, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Division. Mr. Wilhite heard Brown had been sent to the hospital for shock of some kind but a letter from Brown to Robert Anderson says he is all right. The interest the Army surgeons take in the wounded is praised by Mr. Wilhite. Devil's River News, May 9, 1919, The 23rd Infantry, a part of the 2nd Division, in which are a number of Texas

boys, among them being Ben Harrison Brown who enlisted from Sonora has arrived from France. Devil's River News, September 30, 1919, B. H. Brown, who was a member of the 23rd Infantry, 2nd Division is in Sonora on a visit. He with several other Sonora boys joined the Guard Company organized at San Angelo and went across with the 36th and was transferred to the 2nd Division in August 1918 and was with that organization throughout their three great offensives and until discharge last month in San Antonio. He fared unusually well, being neither wounded or gassed severely. Walter Skaggs who volunteered from Sonora at the same time as Brown was killed in action. Walter Skaggs was a gallant soldier and a member of the 36th at the time of his death says Brown, who also states that Skaggs' people lived in Lampasas. Mr. Brown has been visiting his mother near Dallas and has other relatives near Eden that he expects to visit shortly.

Q. Why are you allowing religious celebrations on the depot property, isn't that against the law?

A. The Sutton County Historical Society is a non-profit organization and the Cauthorn Memorial Building and Miers Home Museum are on property in our care and custody, along with the amphitheater. We are an independent organization and not a part of the City of Sonora or Sutton County, the property we control is not owned by them and therefore we are allowed to have any type of legal celebration of any type of holiday on

our premises that our officers approve. I gather you are talking about the Nativity re-enactment that was supposed to be held on our premises. Due to cold weather it was held at the Methodist Church. We are not held to the constraints that are put on tax supported entities. The Old Jail is owned by Sutton County and under a 100 year lease to the Sutton County Historical Commission and therefore cannot be used for religious celebrations or displays.

Q. Do you have anything on the marriage of August Hedden in the late 1890's.

A. This is another marriage that did not happen in Sutton County but we were lucky in having it reported in the Devil's River News of June 6, 1896:

Married in San Angelo on May 18th, August Hedden to Miss A. M. Robson, Rev. G. T. Storey of the Presbyterian Church officiating. Mr. Hedden is one of the prominent and successful sheepmen of the Sonora country and highly respected by all who know him. Miss Robson is a beautiful and accomplished lady and visited in this country about a year ago. The Devil's River News wishes Mr. and Mrs. Hedden all the happiness they deserve.

I attended the lighting of the courthouse this week. The celebration held on Main Street is wonderful. Not only do you get to visit with friends and neighbors but the children got to see Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arriving in a wagon pulled by mules and driven by L. P. Bloodworth. Next came an antique Ford driven by J. C. Surber and

Lynn Simpler in a red convertible with long horns mounted on the hood. J. C. and Lynn carried representatives from the Senior Center.

When it came time to light the courthouse everyone lined up on both sides of Main Street on Water Street to watch the mounted cowboys, carrying lanterns, make their way up Main Street. As they dismounted at the courthouse steps everyone was so quiet you could hear the jingle of their spurs as they walked along and climbed the stairs. As they passed with their lanterns the edges of the walkway and the trees lit up. Then you saw their lanterns in the windows of the courthouse going from window to window lighting up the exterior. If you didn't make it this year try to get to next years. This is a history making experience you don't want your children to miss. They can look back on it in their adult years and tell their grandchildren about a real West Texas Christmas celebration.

Your ancestors celebrated Christmas with celebrations downtown. First a tree was put in the old wooden schoolhouse that stood near where the Masonic Lodge is today. Then the party was moved to the then new courthouse. A tree was put in one of the large upstairs rooms and presents were under it for every child in town. Generous donors saw that no child went without. A large dance was held in the courthouse and people came from miles around. Wagons were parked on the courthouse lawn and children put to sleep in them so their parents could visit and dance. The old gas lights cast a soft glow over the whole scene. Everyone brought food or goodies and tables groaned with their weight. Between Christmas and New Years a mini-rodeo was held on Main Street, horse races, roping and other events were held in the middle of town. I bet there were a lot of smiles in Heaven when they saw the celebration on Main Street this year, tradition is a wonderful thing.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to Ask the Historical Society, P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonorax.net. You may also call me at 915-387-2855. Folks, eight years ago I was asked to "temporarily" have the society's office in my house for "a year or two." My daughter had just joined the military and I had two empty rooms so I said yes. Eight long years have passed and it looks like we are finally going to have an office in the rock building next to the Miers Home Museum and I will get my home back. No one will be happier than me to see the archives in a proper storage facility near the museum complex where they belong. Someone asked me what my Christmas wish is this year. Quite simply I wish for donations to the Sutton County Historical Society so that it can have a proper office and storage facility and equipment. Please send a check to the society at the above address and help preserve your history for future generation.



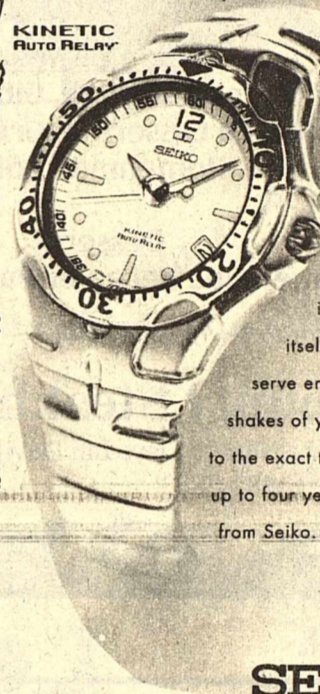
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We would like to thank all the Merchants who stayed open late and all other vendors who participated to make the 6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade such an enjoyable evening.

Senior Center Busy for the Holidays

We're having a Happy "Noon" Year party - it will be on Wednesday, December 29th since we are closed on Thursday and Friday. We'll have horns and party hats and punch to toast each other as the "noon" year arrives. We need a volunteer to give the farewell speech to the old year and the a countdown will begin. Following the celebration we will enjoy Birthday cake donated by C.O.A. (Committee on Aging) for all who celebrate their Birthday in Dec. Those with December birthdays are Olivia Longoria, Sam Perez, Luz Martinez, Bernice Hearn, Don Surridge, May Dell Moore and Linda Cumpian.

Thanks to all of you who have donated Bingo prizes: Sandra Luz Gonzales, Eloida Galindo, Jeanne Davenport, Marie Aldwell, Lou Faulks.

Thanks to Pam Bolt and her "Little Angels" for doing our Thanksgiving program, they were sure cute little indians. Everyone enjoyed them!

We had Christmas trees donated by Mr. & Mrs. James Maloney and Juaniece Powers from the Sr. apts. Thank You! I would also like to say thanks to the staff at the center for decorating for the C.O.A. Christmas Party, Jim, Jesus & Ceazaro for putting up our lights, Mary Lou Gilly for staying late several days to help with decorations, Rosa Galindo, Santos Brown, Eloida Galindo, & Candi Guerra - hope I didn't forget anyone. Come visit our Center & see how festive it looks. Our Christmas meal will be on Wed. Dec. 22nd. We'll have Charlotte Wilson on piano and Ann Kay will be there with a special surprise. Come see for yourself, join us for lunch! We will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 23 and Friday, Dec. 24 for Christmas and Dec. 30 and Dec. 31 for the New Year's holidays!

Congratulations to our seniors who were chosen as Mr. & Ms. Merry Christmas, Pablo Favila and Rosa Galindo and Mr. & Ms. Christmas Eve, Arturo Trevño & Charlotte Wilson. This was a first

for our Seniors and they are already talking about next year. Those from the center that attended the 6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Light Promenade on Monday, December 6th were Rosa Galindo, Pablo Favila, Shelia Castro, Candi Guerra, Marie Allen, Maria Leija, Eloida Galindo, Aurora Cardenas, Santos Brown, Lucy Ramos, and Jacinto Garza. Thanks to Amelia and Lesa for helping me out!

The C.O.A. Christmas party was great. Everyone worked so hard to make it a success for all those that attended. The music with the Ye Old Country Tyme band was very good. New kids on the block who helped with the music were Manuel Campos and Chris Green. Thanks for great entertainment! We had all of the seniors rocking and rolling. Of course, there was "Pancho Claus" from the South Pole and his Burros. Seems like his brother "Santa Claus" was very busy, so he sent his brother instead to visit our Seniors. Thanks "Pancho"!

Last but not least - thanks to all of those volunteers who do so much for our Center by delivering meals and helping out. I won't mention names because I don't want to forget someone & then I'll really be in trouble. It's people like you who make a difference in our community. A big "get well" wish to Mrs. Lura Sawyer who is recovering from surgery from all of us, hurry up & get well soon - we miss you and love you.

Ernest Barrera, crew leader with the Census of 2000 will be at our center Thursday, December 16th around noon. He is looking for temporary census workers in our area. Jobs will be available to qualified applicants for 4 - 6 weeks beginning in January 2000. Come by our Center and talk to Ernest or pick up a brochure and sample test. They are available in English or Spanish. These will be available on display at the Center until all workers are hired. Call 387-5657 for more information.

Still a need for volunteers to model for our holiday fashion show on Friday, December 17th, women

or men. We have to have your size & style or we will have to cancel. Call us at the Center or come by after lunch.

We are still playing Bingo every Monday and still have crafts

for those interested. We also still have nutrition education - Kooking with Kelly, every month.

That's all 'till the new millennium! Thanks again to all who have been so good at helping us at the Center!
 Juanita Mesa



"Pancho Claus" visited the Sr. Center's annual Christmas Party on December 10, 1999.

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Sonora Woman's Club Travels to Paradise

The Sonora Woman's Club 1999 Fundraiser benefiting the Sutton County Public Library was "A trip to remember". The ladies took a mock trip to Hawaii, simulated flight and all. The trip was made possible by the following sponsors:

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A special thanks goes to Wendy

Morrow & Susan Floyd for the exotic birds, Kathy Fox & Glenda Lowe for decorations, Carla Smith for her flight attendant expertise, Joe David

Ross for the Civic Center Pass, and Linda Love & her finance committee for organizing this year's fundraiser so successfully.



Jean Redman, Allie Askew, and Aline Wester enjoy their "vacation".



Primera Baptist Church presents "Every Knee Shall Bow"

Primera Baptist Church located between Santa Clara & Chestnut cordially invite you and your loved ones to a very special Christmas Drama on Sunday, December 19, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. We invite everyone to come, the youth will enjoy it.

This year's drama, "Every Knee Shall Bow," will take you back in time to relive the nativity scene in beautiful grace and color. Eliazar Yorba, who has the leading role of a young gang member, has worked hard learning his lines.

We invite you to come share in our Christmas joy. God Bless each and everyone as we remember our Lord's birth and prepare for the year 2000.

Letter to the Public

A Letter to the Sonora Broncos:
Hey, Guys:

Thanks for a great season! Even though I no longer live in Sonora, I was privileged to attend 4 of your games this year - C. City, Forsan, and the post-season games in Sweetwater and Plainview. You really have provided us with some great times and I'm sure lots of people will agree with me that you are a source of pride for the whole community.

But what I really hope you did, especially when you played out of town, was to look up in the stands. You had a degree of support from Sonora that most schools in the state would envy, and I hope you appreciate the fact that many more folk than just parents and grandparents travelled to many places to cheer you on to victory. If you looked in the stands in Plainview, you saw that the Sonora fans, who came twice as far as the Stratford people, numbered probably 3 times those who sat on the other side, and, even when defeat was certain, the Sonora Bronco Boosters stayed right there with you. That should say something very special to you, and I hope that, as opportunities arise, you will take the time to say thanks to your hometown for the way they backed you all season.

Most people certainly agree that you have much to look forward to in next year's season, with so many of you returning. And you can rest assured that, win or lose, you are going to have most of the community of Sutton County right there with you, cheering all the way.

Thanks again for being such good ambassadors for Sonora and best of luck in seeking that State Title next year. Go, Broncos!

The Rev. Monte Jones

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Dear Parents and Guardians,
Auditions for Missoula Children's Theater production of **Sleeping Beauty** will be held on Monday, January 3, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Sonora Junior High Gym. There are roles for students of all ages, Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 local children will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Directors. **There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.** Children wishing to audition should arrive by the scheduled starting time and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. **NO advance preparation is necessary.** The first rehearsal begins approximately 30 minutes after the auditions.
Rehearsals will be conducted every day in the Sonora High School Auditorium. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions. Cast members scheduled for the full 4 1/2 hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, supper or snack.
The performances will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and will be presented at the Sonora High School Auditorium. The children in the cast will be called for rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for all scheduled performances.
Missoula Children's Theater is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year, nearly 50,000 cast members across the globe, will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors, and teachers! The residency in Sonora is made possible by The Bank & Trust-Sutton County, Member FDIC, Dairy Queen, First National Bank of Sonora, Member FDIC, National Endowment for the Arts, Phil Miller, D.D.S., Sonora Main Street Program, Sonora Community Arts & Theater, Texas Commission on the Arts, Wal-Mart, and Westerman Drug

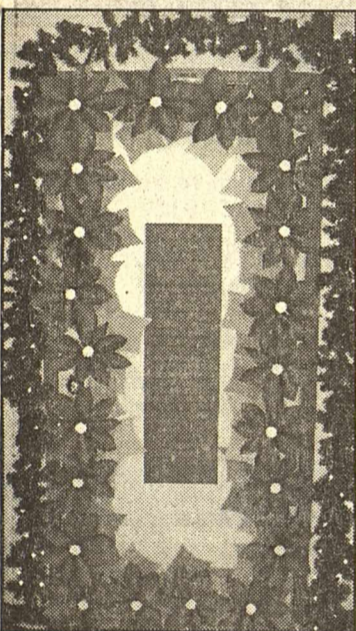
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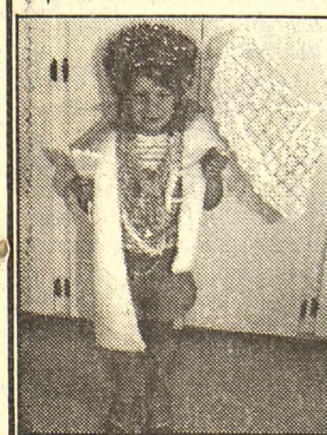
Lillian M. Hudspeth Nursing home would like to welcome Teri Dominguez as the new Activities Director. Teri will still perform some of her Nursing duties, such as infection control. She has been busy getting the nursing home ready for the Christmas Holiday. Teri will need volunteers to help with the Angel Tree project. Anyone interested in helping can call 387-2521, ext. 135. The nursing home resident Christmas party will be held on Wed., Dec. 15th at 3:00 p.m. The residents will be viewing the Christmas lights around town on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. Sonya Gamez will be driving them around in the Thunderbird bus along with some of the employees of the nursing home. Various organizations of the community will be caroling through out the week.

EMT Course Coming to Sonora

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 11, 2000 through May 18, 2000. The course will be sponsored by Sutton County EMS.
Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS Training Facility at 7PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
The course provides emergency medical training in such areas as resuscitation, emergency childbirth, pediatric care, and other emergency illnesses and trauma.
While attending the course, the student will be required to spend twenty four (24) hours in the Emergency Room at San Angelo Community Medical Center. It is also necessary to make five ambulance runs with a certified ambulance service.

Upon completion of the course, the student will be trained to work for public or private ambulance firms, and in some hospital emergency departments.
EMT courses normally cost approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00 per person, but Sutton County EMS will make this class available at \$75.00 plus the cost of the text book. The cost of the course has been reduced, due to a grant from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council.
If you are interested, contact Patrick Campbell, EMS Coordinator, at the Sutton County EMS Office between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM on weekdays. The office is located at 211 East Third Street, and the phone number is (915) 387-5132. Pre-registration is required.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANDI!



Our Little Princess has grown to a Queen On the 20th she'll be Seventeen!



Bronco Basketball

The Lady Bronco J.V. teams have been playing hard. December 7, 1999 the J.V. "A" team played Grape Creek in Sonora. Final score was Sonora 54, Grape Creek 31. Scoring for Sonora were: Morgan Hobbs, Kara Hard & Desirea Gonzales - 8 pts. each, Koda Armke - 7 pts., Shalayne Hobbs & Kacci Lewellen - 6 pts. each, Heather Lawson - 4 pts., Ashley Parker, Amy Gann and Shannon Vick - 2 pts. each, Lorena Lopez - 1 pt.
Sonora J.V. Tournament Results
J.V. "Red" vs. Grape Creek J.V.
December 9, 1999
Ashley Parker - 10 pts., Amy Gann - 9 pts., Kara Hard - 6 pts., Shannon Vick - 4 pts., Morgan Hobbs and Koda Armke - 2 pts. each.
Final score - Sonora 33, Grape Creek 30.
December 11, 1999
J.V. "White" vs. Del Rio J.V.
Shalayne Hobbs - 13 pts., Desira Gonzalez - 10 pts., Monica Lira - 9 pts., Heather Lawson - 7 pts.
Final score - Sonora 39, Del Rio 32
J.V. "Red" vs. Brady J.V.
Morgan Hobbs & Kara Hard -

14 pts. each, Ashley Parker - 10 pts., Amy Gann - 9 pts., and Koda Armke - 4 pts.
Final Score - Sonora 51, Brady 47. (2 overtimes.)
J.V. "White" vs. Reagan Co. J.V.
Shalayne Hobbs - 14 pts., Monica Lira - 7 pts., Desirea Gonzales - 3 pts., Kacci Lewellen - 2 pts.
Final Score: Reagan Co. 38, Sonra 26.
J.V. "White" vs. Brady J.V.
Shalayne Hobbs - 12 pts., Kacci Lewellen - 6 pts., Monica Lira & Leandra Perez - 4 pts. each, Stephanie Redden - 2 pts., Katrina Hernandez & Desirea Gonzales - 1 pt. each.
Final Score: Sonora 31, Brady 12.
J.V. "White" placed 3rd in the Sonora J.V. Tournament.
J.V. "Red" vs. Reagan Co. J.V.
Ashley Parker - 6 pts., Kara Hard - 5 pts., Amy Gann - 4 pts., Shannon Vick - 3 pts., Maya Martinez, Koda Armke & Morgan Hobbs - 2 pts. each.
Final Score: Reagan County 51, Sonora 24
J.V. "Red" placed 2nd in the Sonora J.V. Tournament.

The boys J.V. team ended November with a loss to Reagan Co. J.V. on November 30, 1999 Final score was Sonora 28, Reagan County 49. Scoring for the Broncos were: Justin Routh - 8 pts., Tim Warden - 7 pts., Chance Dillard and Dustin Martin - 6 pts. each.
On the 7th of December the boys took on Grape Creek on home turf and defeated them 71-39. Sonora scorers were: Justin Routh - 15 pts., Ryan Hardgrave - 14 pts., Ed Mayfield & Tim Warden - 8 pts. each, Pete Samaniego & Cameron Sims - 7 pts. each, Chance Dillard & Dustin Martin - 6 pts. each.
Sonora J.V. Tournament Results
December 9, 1999
J.V. "A" vs. Brady
Cameron Sims - 11 pts., Matt Torres - 6 pts., Ed Mayfield & Ryan Hardgrave - 5 pts. each, Pokey Samaniego, Chance Dillard & Justin Routh - 4 pts. each.
Final Score - Sonora 39, Brady 27.
J.V. "A" vs. Edison
Ed Mayfield - 22 pts., Matt Torres - 7 pts., & Cameron Sims - 4 pts.
Final Score - Sonora 52, Edison

34.
J.V. "A" vs. Lakeview J.V.
Cameron Sims - 11 pts., Ed Mayfield & Ryan Hardgrave - 9 pts. each, Matt Torres - 5 pts., and Pokey Samaniego - 4 pts.
Final Score - Sonora 38, Lakeview 34.
J.V. "B" vs. Eldorado
Louis Segura - 12 pts., Dustin Martin - 7 pts., Caleb Gulley - 6 pts., Balde Hernandez - 4 pts.
Final Score - Sonora 36, Eldorado 18.
December 11, 1999
J.V. "B" vs. Ballinger 9th
Douglas Yocham - 13 pts., Justin Sims - 10 pts., Dustin Martin - 7 pts., Caleb Gulley - 5 pts., Wylie Waggoner - 3 pts., Brandon West - 2 pts.
Final Score - Sonora 41, Ballinger 34.
J.V. "B" vs. Lakeview 9th
Douglas Yocham & Dustin Martin - 11 pts., Caleb Gulley, Brandon West - 2 pts. each.
Final Score - Lakeview 40, Sonora 27.
Sonora J.V. "A" won the Sonora Tournament and J.V. "B" placed 2nd.
Points for the Lady Broncos were: Kim Marshall - 18 pts., Cindy Jones - 10 pts., Heather Felts - 7 pts., Japha Word - 5 pts., Kara Eaton - 4 pts., Sarah Ball & Lindsey Bowers - 2 pts. The final game of the tournament against McCamey found a victory for the Lady Broncos. They defeated the McCamey girls 66 - 36. Baskets were as follows: Japha Word - 20 pts., Kara Eaton - 13 pts., Heather Felts - 10 pts., Sarah Ball - 9 pts., Cindy Jones - 6 pts., Kim Marshall - 4 pts., Rita Lopez and Sarah Ball - 2 pts.
The next game will be against Lakeview in San Angelo on December 20, 1999 and the Brownwood tournament will be on the 27th and 28th.
Good Luck!

The Varsity Lady Broncos have been busy in the last week. On December 7, 1999 the Ladies hosted Grape Creek, beating them 56-18. Scoring for the Lady Broncos were Kim Marshall - 18 pts., Heather Felts - 9 pts., Kara Eaton - 8 pts., Sarah Ball - 6 pts., Japha Word - 5 pts., Stephanie Hard - 4 pts., Cindy Jones - 3 pts., Kasey Miller - 2 pts., and Veronica Velez - 1 pt.
On the 9th of December the Ladies began their competition in the Ozona Tournament against Crane. Crane defeated the Lady Broncos 64 - 63. Scoring for Sonora were Heather Felts - 22 pts., Cindy Jones - 13 pts., Japha Word - 10 pts., Kim Marshall - 6 pts., Kara Eaton & Lindsey Bowers - 4 pts. each, Sarah Ball & Rita Lopez - 2 pts. each. The tournament continued on the 10th with a loss to Wells Point, 52 - 48.

1999 - 2000 Sonora Colt Basketball

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Jan. 10 Ozona • Girls - There / Boys - Here 5:00 & 6:30
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INCREASE RATES

Pursuant to Tex. Utilities Code § 104.103 (1999), TXU Lone Star Pipeline, a Division of TXU Gas Company ("Applicant") hereby gives notice of intent to change the city gate rate of TXU Lone Star Pipeline (formerly known as "Lone Star Pipeline Company") established by Order of the Railroad Commission of Texas in Gas Utilities Docket No. 8664 ("GUD 8664").

Applicant proposes a two-part transportation rate that consists of a demand charge per MMBtu based upon the contractual demand for city gate service and a volumetric charge per MMBtu based on actual delivered volumes. This transportation rate would result in a revenue increase to Applicant. Applicant also proposes to increase the storage rate applicable to city gate deliveries established in GUD 8664. The storage rate would consist of a monthly demand charge for capacity and a monthly demand charge for deliverability. The deliverability demand charge would only be charged during the months of November through March.

The proposed effective date of the change is December 20, 1999. The change is a major change, and will result in an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$20.3 million or sixteen percent (16%). The change will affect 1.3 million residential and commercial customers. The rate change will affect transportation and storage rates at the city gate for TXU Lone Star Gas-Transmission, who in turn sells the gas to TXU Lone Star Gas which serves 1.3 million residential and commercial customers in Texas under the rates established by the local regulatory authorities in municipalities and the Railroad Commission in environs areas.

A Statement of Intent to make such a change has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas in GUD 8976 and is available for inspection at the Commission's office at 1701 North Congress in Austin, Texas, and at the offices of Applicant at 301 South Harwood in Dallas, Texas. Copies of the Statement of Intent have also been sent to the appropriate city official of each incorporated city served by TXU Lone Star Gas. Any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the rates with the Docket Services Section of the Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time on or before 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999. Any person or agency who has a justifiable or administratively cognizable interest who desires to be designated as a party may petition for leave to intervene and request to become a party to this proceeding. The final date for intervention in this case shall be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 30, 1999.



To my most cherished Janice,
 I am so unwise
 for all the wrongs I apologize
 Yesterday is forever gone
 Tomorrow remains always unknown
 We only have today
 and today we should cherish and not turn away
 Today we have a new song
 with love we can keep our hearts strong
 It's not easy to comprehend
 Why on earth we must depend
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Merry Christmas,

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Randy

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More than two dozen cities are suing gun makers, blaming the businessmen for the criminals who manage to get firearms illegally. Last week, the Administration announced it might try for a piece of this pie as well.

The government has threatened the companies, saying that if they don't hurry up and settle the suits, the Department of Housing and Urban Development will file a lawsuit against them. HUD says it would be filing it on behalf of people who live in public housing projects.

If the government gets its way, the firearms manufacturers will have to shell out billions of dollars to the cities, agree to stricter rules such as limiting the number of guns a person can buy, or both. For the past seven years, the Administration's been looking for a way to chip away at the second amendment. Congress didn't let it happen. Now the administration's found a way around the Constitution. The lawsuit HUD's threatening would cost companies millions of dollars, win or lose, leaving them little choice but to compro-

mise.

When I first heard about this idea last week, the idea of suing a company for selling and advertising a legal product seemed preposterous.

The argument goes something like this: if someone misuses a product, we should blame the person who made it. But perhaps President Clinton's on to something. Next he might want to sue the car makers. After all, more people die in the United States every year in auto accidents than from gun injuries. But let's not stop there. Someone should tell the Administration what McDonald's has been up to. Day after day, they entice you to the golden arches with promises of piping hot, juicy hamburgers and fatty fries.

Everyone knows a bad diet causes heart disease. Heart disease kills more than seven times the number of people of firearms and cars combined.

Admittedly, the idea sounds ridiculous. But it's the "pass the blame" argument that these massive gun lawsuits are based on.

Gun manufacturers may lose. Some may go bankrupt fighting these cases in court, or fighting to keep them from ever getting there. But after the last check's been written, and the last lawyer's been paid, criminals will still exist. They will still find victims, and they will still find guns. Until we agree to lay the blame at their feet, and not those of law abiding citizens, we will not be able to launch the kind of nationwide law enforcement effort needed to truly fight gun violence.

AGRIBUSINESS

Area Scientists Honored by TxDOT

by Steve Byrns, s-byrns@tamu.edu

It takes some doing to make the Texas Department of Transportation's Top Ten Research Findings-Innovations Awards list, but that's what several San Angeloans did recently.

The honor was given during TXDOT's annual Texas Transportation Conference here last month. The recognition came to a highway right-of-way mesquite control cooperative research project that's been conducted for several years by scientists at San Angelo's Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and TXDOT's San Angelo district.

Recipients of the prestigious award were Texas Agricultural Experiment Station scientists Dr. Darrell Ueckert, Joe Petersen, and Keith Schaffer. Also honored were Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, and Dennis Wilde, director of operations of TXDOT's San Angelo District.

Mesquite infests more than a million acres of the state's 3 million acres of right-of-way. West Texas engineers view mesquite encroachment as one of their main right-of-way maintenance problems. The thorny pest causes many flat tires on the vehicles of motorists and TXDOT maintenance vehicles. Wildlife that hide in low-growing mesquite often bolt into the path of vehicles, and to many, the plant is not aesthetically pleasing.

Mesquite growing along roadways has traditionally been kept in check with vigilant and expensive mowing. The scientists found that a herbicide leaf spray containing 0.5 percent Transline and 0.5 percent Garlon 4 effectively controlled mesquite if the plants were allowed to grow for most of the summer before being treated. The spray contains the same active ingredients that McGinty and Ueckert recommend for mesquite control on Texas rangelands and pastures in their popular Brush Busters program.

The scientists also developed four mechanized automated spraying systems to selectively apply the leaf spray to mesquite. One system mechanically senses mesquite with

rigid sensing fingers. Another uses a horizontal light beam to sense, then selectively apply the herbicide to the mesquite as they pass beneath 12-foot-wide spray booms. A third system attaches to the front of an all-terrain vehicle and selectively sprays the mesquite over a nine-foot-wide swath. The ATV operator manually operates the spray boom with electrical switches. Another tractor-mounted innovation transports three workers who selectively spray mesquite with spray guns over a 24-foot swath.

The spraying systems devised by the scientists were much less expensive, more labor efficient, and used less herbicide than the control methods the agency currently uses.

Paul Krugler, director of the TXDOT's Research and Technology Transfer Section, presented the award. He indicated that the researchers' efforts will result in substantial savings both for TXDOT and for Texas taxpayers.

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Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 116.00-118.00; 300-400 lb 104.00-113.00; 400-500 lb 94.00-105.00, few 106.00-111.00; 500-600 lb 85.00-95.00, few 95.00-98.00; 600-700 lb 78.00-87.00, set 89.00; 700-800 lb 75.00-78.50.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 105.00-115.00; 300-400 lb 92.00-104.00; 400-500 lb 82.00-94.00; 500-600 lb 77.00-85.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-78.00; 700-800 lb 69.00-75.00.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 200-300 lb 92.00-98.00; 300-400 lb 88.00-96.00; 400-500 lb 79.00-89.00, few 89.00-91.00; 500-700 lb 76.00-86.00, few 86.00-88.00; 700-800 lb 72.00-78.00.

Medium and Large 1-2 200-300 lb 82.00-92.00; 300-400 lb 79.00-88.00; 400-500 lb 70.00-79.00; 500-700 lb 69.00-76.00; 700-900 lb

61.00-70.00.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1400-2400 lb 42.00-48.00; low dressing 1100-1500 lb 37.00-42.50.

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Medium and Large 1-2 540.00-660.00. Medium 1-2 400.00-540.00.

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Rig Locations as of December 10, 1999



Crockett County

J. Cleo Thompson; 10000', University 46-29-#1, Patterson Drilling.

Pedeco, Inc; 10000', Shannon A-#40, Patterson Drilling.

New Rising Star Energy; 9525', E. G. Baggett 28-#8, Cleere Drilling.

Altura Energy; 5600', South Cross Unit #211, Key Energy.

Edwards County

Range Res Corp; 13000', Smart 7-#1, Patterson Drilling.

New EOG Resources; 7200', Turney 194-#1, Patterson Drilling.

Schleicher County

Parallel Petroleum; 6000', Hulldale/Penn Reef #317, Bandera Drilling.

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Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus; 8700', Mayer #19-#4, Patterson Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 8400', Mayer #16, Patterson Drilling.

New Louis Dreyfus; 6100', Askew & Glimp 55-#8, Patterson Drilling.

Terrell County

Tom Brown Inc.; 13000', Culbertson 17-#3, TMBR/Sharp Drilling.

Athamor Texas; 9000', Mitchell 6-#11, Cleere Drilling.

Tom Brown Inc.; 13000', ACU-48-#2, Nabors Drilling.

New Bass Enter/Midland; 15000', Mitchell 533-#1, Key Energy Drilling.

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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 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. 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. 21209b

Public Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation will receive bids for depository of the Corporation. This period commences January 15th, 2000 through January 14th, 2001. Any banking organization, qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas to act as depository of municipal funds, which desires to act as such depository for the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation shall submit written application thereof, on the forms supplied by the Corporation. The APPLICATION FOR DEPOSITORY OF SONORA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDS WILL NOT BE OPENED UNTIL MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2000." Such application shall be received in the office of the Manager of Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, 103 Hwy 277 N., Sonora, Texas no later than 3:00 P.M. December 23rd, 1999. Applications will be opened and read aloud at the regularly scheduled board meeting at City Hall on January 3rd, 2000.

All terms conditions, specifications and requirement for such applications are available upon request made to the Manager of SIDC and are hereby incorporated into this Notice to the same extent as through fully set forth herein.

The Board of Directors will review and take action on bids on January 3rd, 2000 and shall have the right to accept the application which offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of such funds. The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any and all applications and to waive informalities. 21209b



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Public Notice

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NELLIE RUTH MOORE, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **NELLIE RUTH MOORE** were issued on December 13, 1999, in Cause No. 1208, pending in the County Court of Sutton County, Texas, to Andrew F. Moore. The residence of the Independent Executor is Schleicher County, Texas. The address is c/o Raymond C. Loomis, Jr., Attorney at Law, 117 Main Street, Eldorado, Texas 76936. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED: 12/16/1999. Raymond C. Loomis, Jr. Attorney for the Estate 117 Main Eldorado, Texas 76936 (915) 853-2600

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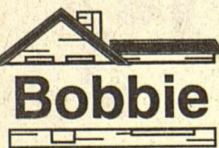
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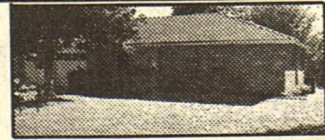
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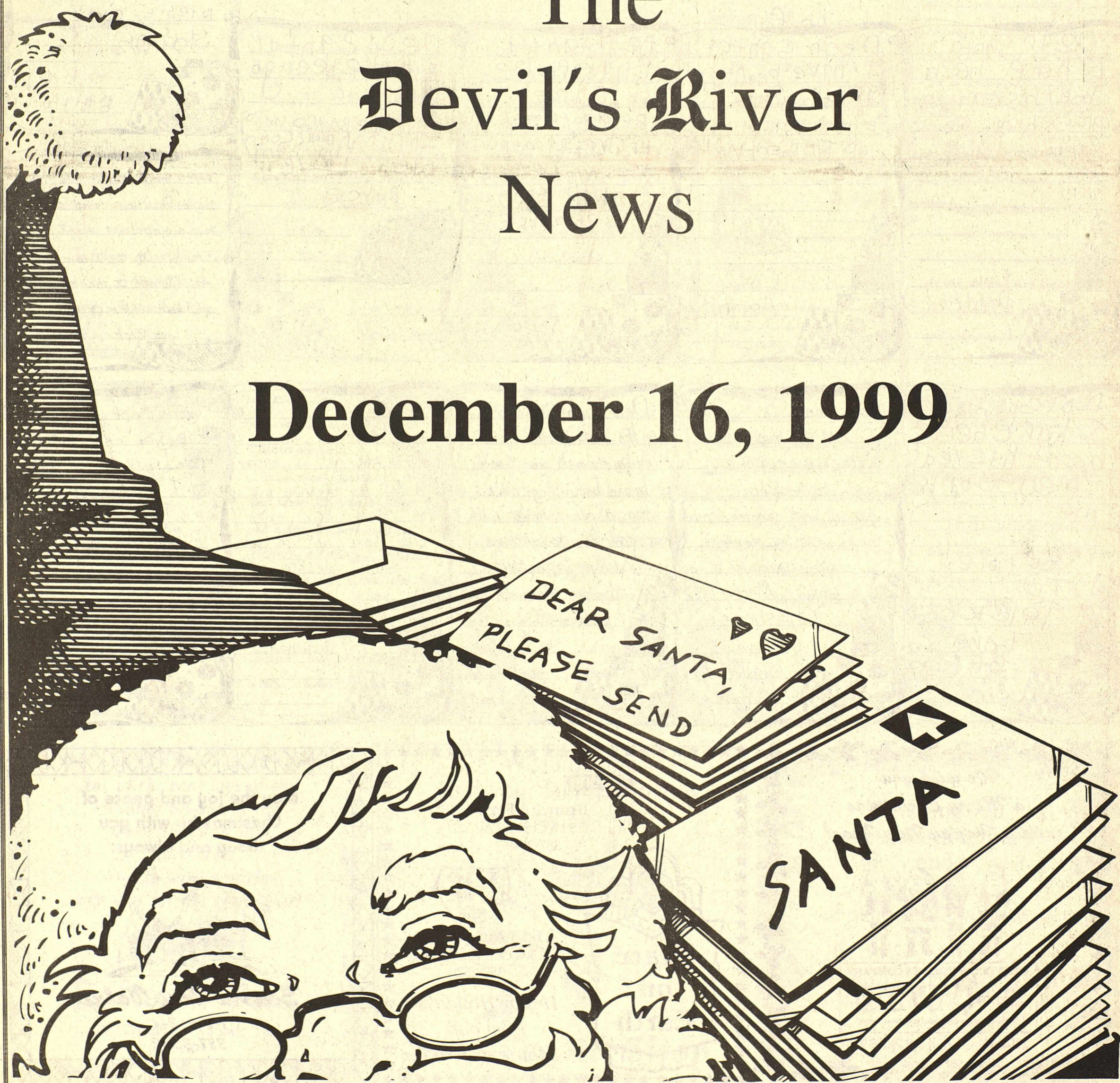
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December 16, 1999



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I have been good
this year. Please
bring me
JIMMY
NEW clothes.

Love,
John
Steph

DEAR SANTA,
I have been
good this
year. Please
bring me
dinos or sit
STO A TERN
All the
FNL and PH
IT A LOVE
TO BY
SARTZ

Dear Santa
I have been
the best
2000
+ his year
bring me
wrester
POKEM
A playste
tion
Pshop
LOVE
ESAU

Dear Santa!
How are you in the
north pole? I am writing
to ask for some play
games so I could play on
them. I would also like a
Real attract working mkrk
So I could play with
it. I deserve these things
Beac I help my m
Sincerely mkrk
Samanga

Dear Santa
I have been
good bring me
japrosant
shoes
Big Bo

Love
Delilah
Aplon

Dear Santa,
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me an airplane,
helicopter, ladybug, toy gun and
football.

Love,
Johnny Henry

DEAR
SANTA,
I have been
good this
year please
bring me
BEADS,
BARBIE
truck
new shoes
new clothes
LOV JASMINE

Dear Santa,
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me
Stony
Robots
Ningd
Turtles
Shoes.

Love
ALEX

Dear Santa
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me
WOOD POKEMON
BUZLITZER
VTECH Volager
HOT WHEELS

Love,
ESTEBAN

DEAR
SANTA
I have been
good
Please bring me
BIKS
Shoe
MKRKO
KIE
LOL9

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
please bring me
Camera Beads, Hat
CLIP
Da

Love,
Dashley

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
Egg Y. BOOK
JOP DIB BECHARLET
CA

Love,
Lennife

Dear Santa
I have please
bring me
BOOM BOO FOOTBALL
HELMET FOOTBALL
VTECH WOLVERINE
NINTENDO
GAMEPIKE

Love
AL

Dear Santa
I have been good
this year
Bring me
GAMES BOY
INDIAN BOOK
COMPUTER
LOVE
BYCE

Dear Santa how are you today and
the elf's and the reindeer can I
have a car because when I am 11
I can go to Dr. Can I have a collar
for my mom? I thank I will
get it because I help my mom
Love Victoria Robles

Love
EMILIO

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year
please bring
me
BEARIE
TOY
TELEPHONE
LOVE
BRIDGE


Dear Santa
I want a blue bike,
a vally ball net, and a
sega play station.
please bring remote control
trucks for my brothers.
I deserve be cause I help
my teacher Merry
Christmas
Love
Adruan
Hernandez

Dear Santa, How are you
in the north pole? I am
writing to ask you for a
beane baby, key chain
dog, a play mouse with
a contrder to tell him
wher to go. Santa I
deserve these things
because I listen and
do what my
mom tells me.
Sincerely Samantha
Reynolds

Dear Santa,
How are you at the
North Pole? I am writing
to tell you to bring me
an alarm clock so I
could get up on my
won. I deserve it
how I help
people. by Kandra
Richardson

Dear Santa Claus, How
are you at the North
pole. I ask for a Nintendo
64 I don't care what kind
it is. I deserve this because
I help my mom
Love,
Krysi
Mendez

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Dear Santa
How are you doing? I'm doing fine. For X-mas I want a fingernail fun Salon, a water baby, a porcelain doll, an American girl, lots of school supplies. I want a collection of the generation girls tea. How is Rudolph & the others? How about Mrs. Claus? I hope they are doing fine!
Love,
Vicki Torres

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Computer last year. I want a CD player, monopoly millenium, Game boy color, trampoline and play station. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Maria Leos

Dear Santa
I was just saying hi and I want to tell you about all the presents I want. I want a New millenium princessy money for my bills, 200 dollars, big screen TV, Barbie Jeep and a big poster of Astana with 30 different colors of shiny markers, My size angle Barbie, Toy Story 2.
Love Rachel

Dear Santa,
I hope rudolph is doing good. When you come to my house can I have a play station, the man media, trampoline and a computer?
Love David

Dear Santa,
all I want for christmas is a Pokemon Cards and a yoshi story for ninentendo, a gameboy Pokemon the movie with men vercu mentow.
Love Manuel

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? What I want for christmas is a generation girls computer CD game, a swimming pool, a Gameboy color, a new family car, a CD player, and a Hot tub. Hope you have a great time.
Love, hydsey
Fraser

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Dasher, Donner, Daner Vixen, Comet, Prancer Blitzon and cupid? I would like a bike, The Pokemon movie, Pokemon monopoly, Playstation, a gameboy, and a CD player.
Love,
Diebe Gentry
P.S. How's Rudolph?

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a go cart, play a playstation, CD player, ninentendo, a gameboy, a family car, a bike, a big screen tv, Pokemon movie, a swimming pool, monopoly game, remote controlled car, a trampoline, shoes, clothes, hot tub, computer, and a house.
Your friend,
Rosendo

Dear Santa Claus,
I am going to leave you some cookies and milk to eat and I am going to ask you some questions. Santa, what's your favorite reindeer? why is that reindeer your favorite?
Don't you get cold in the sky? All I want for Christmas is a big piano, Clubhouse, a backier and I will be hiding under the table.
Sincerely,
Kemberly Gonzales

Dear Santa,
How are the Reindeer, Mrs. Claus and the Elves? I hope they are doing fine. I want a baby Reindeer, a baby Chihuahua, 4 Great Danes, a go cart and a ninentendo 64.
Love your friend
Kooper Liverman

Dear Santa,
Hope you have a good new year. Are the reindeer doing good? I want a cd player, game boy color, monopoly game.
Your friend
Derak Van Winkle

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This year I want a xbox and a movie called big green. Also a soccer game for a Sega.
Your friend
Reynard

Dear Santa,
This is a special day for Christmas. I would like a bike. At my house I will leave milk and cookies for you. I don't have a chimney. How will you get into my house?
Write back soon.
Love,
Nalia Azuna

Dear Santa,
I am glad that Christmas is coming just around the corner. I love Christmas, when all my family is there. Santa I don't know how you can go all a round the world. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk. I want a word processor.
Love,
Senida Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want protection from the Yon bug. Next, I want a bunch of toys. My brother wants a motor cycle. My Mom wants a good family. My Dad wants tools.
Love,
Erika Zurita

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? What kind of cookies would you like? Are the reindeer ok? For Christmas I would like the world to have a happy New Year, and my family to have a fun time with the computer. For Christmas I would like a new CD player.
Your Number one fan,
Jessica Snyder

Dear Santa,
I will leave you cookies for you to eat. I wonder how you make it in places that are far from here. What are you going to do for Christmas? I am going to visit my family that don't have money to buy things for their child. We will have fun and help clean house.
I will leave 2 Xbox's.
Sincerely,
Amilani Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want to know when you were born? I know that your work is so hard. And I want to know where you get those presents. If you go to my house you won't find me because I will spend Christmas in Mexico but I want you get presents for my family. We want Kitties, Ringed Computers.
Your Best Angel,
Rosario Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like one of your bells on Christmas. There is no chimney at our house but you can come through the door. My sister would like some candy. Thank you very much and don't get too cold.
Sincerely,
Ivan Chavez

Dear Santa,
I really want a go cart for Christmas and a Britney Spears CD. My sister Amanda would like a Laptop and some money. Santa how is it flying at night? Who is your favorite reindeer?
My sister Laura would like a CD player so I will give my sister. My Mom would like a diamond necklace. My Dad would like a TV.
Sincerely,
Kody Word

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Dear Santa Claus
 All I want for Christmas
 is a new pair of roller skates
 and a new go-cart. If you can see
 me that there will be milk and cookies
 on the kitchen table and there will be a letter
 on the table for you to read.
 Please You better like the roller skates
 with purple laces.
 Love,
 Andy G. Lind

Dear Santa
 How are the reindeer
 doing this year? What kind of cookies
 would you like sugar, or chocolate
 chips or what ever you want? I will
 probably be ashore on Christmas so if
 you could just come by there
 because I want to see Lake Hills
 I want a speed bike
 Your big fan,
 Sincerely,
 Harrison
 Chevalier

Dear Santa,
 Haha how are you today? Right now
 I am thing how cold it is in the north
 Pole and how are the reindeer? I want
 my family to have good presents please.
 I would like for my room a ring, I would
 like my dad to have a wallet
 For me I would like some
 bunny shoes. For my baby sister
 I would like a new
 suit. If you can thank you
 Yours Sincerely, Lilian
 Fraire

Dear Santa,
 I would like Spyro
 for my Playstation. You have
 better look for me. I'm
 been hiding out. Please
 don't go to Junction
 this year we will
 be here. I've been an
 angel this year.
 Sincerely,
 Andrew H
 ps. A bone farm
 dog.

Dear Santa,
 I want a Nutcracker, parent
 trap tape, a Britany Spears
 C.D., a new bike. I'm going to
 leave you Christmas cookies
 and milk.
 Love,
 Audrey Hicks

Dear Santa,
 How are you in the North Pole?
 how are your reindeer? On
 Christmas Eve I will leave you
 milk and chocolate cookies and
 make something for you reindeer.
 I already put the Christmas
 tree up and I might leave it
 lights on so you want have to
 turn on the lights by the way
 all I want for Christmas is a furby
 doll.
 Love,
 Yolanda Sand

Dear Santa Claus,
 I want you to know how
 are you and the Reindeer.
 I want to tell you how are
 you going to spend your
 Christmas and I'm going
 to spend my Christmas
 at Dallas Texas. And
 favorite Reindeer is Dancer.
 There are apples
 on them.
 Sincerely,
 Maria Lica

Dear Santa Claus,
 How can you be out side
 when it is very cold out
 side at night? What do
 you know about Christmas?
 I want to know about you
 because you are a funny
 person. If you don't
 mind, can you please bring
 me a bike.
 Love,
 Carba Gabrindo

Dear Santa,
 How are you and your
 reindeer? I hope you got lots of rest
 because you have to visit everyone that
 has been nice. I would really like
 you to bring me a red and black stunt
 bike, a pair of skid boots for my
 sarse, a dvd, my very own portable
 computer, a very sharp knife, and a
 skateboard for my mare. Good luck
 on your flight around the
 world.
 Sincerely, steely
 ps. I would really
 like it to snow
 here.

Dear Santa,
 How are you
 Saing I want for
 Christmas I want a
 computer and a telescope.
 Love
 Ashley

Dear Santa,
 How are you
 and all the
 reindeer? And remember
 to check Rudolph's nose
 before you leave. Hey
 Santa I bet you I
 can say all the reindeer's
 names: ok, Cupid, Dasher, Comet,
 Prancer, Dancer,
 Rudolph, Blitzen, and finally
 but not last Dancer also
 what I would really
 love for Christmas is
 a go cart, Nintendo 64,
 and a C.D. case.
 Have a good trip over
 here.
 Love
 Samantha Tidwell

Dear Santa,
 How are
 you doing Santa? I
 want a doll, a basket
 full a picture of you and
 Mrs. Claus too. Santa,
 how is Dasher, Dancer,
 Comet, Cupid, Blitzen,
 and Rudolph?
 Oh, Santa
 drive your
 sleigh carefully in the snow.
 Oh, one more thing I
 just want you to know
 that Tom a very good
 girl. Also I'd like to ask
 is a bit of snow to come
 in soon.
 Love
 Dayana

Dear Santa,
 How are you and how
 Rudolph? Well, I hope you can come
 to my house first, so you can eat
 some cookies and drink some milk
 so you won't be "tired" later. For
 Christmas I want a play
 playstation and for my baby
 brother Randy he wants a
 Singing Elmo. I hope
 you have a safe
 trip this year.
 Love: Ricky and Randy

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. Claus?
 How are the reindeer, and all the
 elves? I have been good all year.
 I have not been talking back to
 my Mom and Dad. I want a
 train set, a model train, a model
 airplane, a computer with games,
 and a go cart. I hope you
 have a safe trip to my
 house.
 Love,
 Rudyhard

Dear Santa,
 How are you and the reindeer doing?
 I miss Rudolph a whole bunch. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves?
 Here are some things I want. I would like it to snow for twenty days.
 I would like a snow board, a Pikocho and Raichu toy, a drum set,
 and a horse. I would also like a blastoid, scier, likathung, topgie,
 and all 150 Pokemon cards. I love everyone at
 the North Pole.
 Your buddy,
 Alex Steves

Dear Santa,
 How are you and
 all the reindeer? How
 you had plenty of sleep this
 year? We are very nervous for your
 arrival.
 We have been very good this year I
 would like a paintball gun, the CD
 player that I looked at at
 my grandparents house in Bristow, Va.
 I would like a motorized walkie-talkies
 with batteries like an Antec Andy has.
 I hope you have a safe trip.
 Sincerely,
 John Luke Hudson


Dear Santa,
 How have
 you been? Have
 you had plenty of
 rest? I've been
 waiting anxiously
 for your arrival. I
 have been very
 good this year. I would
 like you to
 bring me
 a go-cart
 and a blue CD
 player. I hope you
 have a safe trip.
 Sincerely,
 Sterie

Dear Santa,
 How are you and all the
 reindeer? Have you had plenty
 of rest? What I want for Christmas
 is a bike, and a CD player
 a telescope, and a go-cart.
 I have been good all
 year for you.
 I hope you have
 a safe trip.
 Love,
 Ubaldo Rana

Dear Mr. Santa,
 I've been so anxious
 for the day you arrive in town.
 I'll be waiting for you I'll be
 at my Grandma's house.
 I want a Dog for Christmas
 and that is all I want
 for Christmas.
 Love,
 Valerie Gonzalez
 your friend

Dear Santa
 How are you
 and Mrs. Santa
 Claus? I hope you had plenty
 of sleep this year.
 What I want for Christm
 as is a go-cart, a telescope, Nintendo
 64, some clothes, and some shoes.
 Love
 Jenette

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 that mean Christmas
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 and those you love
 and cherish.




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Dear Santa,
 How are you and the reindeer.
 I know you and the elves are
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 are making presents for lots of people.
 I would like for me a trampoline, PlayStation, Nintendo 64,
 snow board, computer,
 down set, swimming pool,
 and a swing set.
 Love
 Araceli Villanar

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing and
 how are your reindeer?
 Good luck going around
 the world in one night.
 For Christmas I don't
 want anything at all, I
 would like is for
 it to snow alot.
 Sincerely
 Emily Newton

Dear Santa,
 How are you
 doing and how are your
 reindeer? How are your
 elves? I have been very
 very good this year I am
 waiting for your arrival
 to my house. For Christmas
 I want is five CDs and
 a TV set. That is all.
 I want that for Christmas.
 Love
 Shelby Lynn
 Onofre

Dear Santa,
 How are you, and all your
 reindeer? Have you had plenty
 of rest this year? We are
 anxiously waiting for you arri
 I wish you good luck. We all
 hope you have a great tim
 Will you say hi to all of
 your friends, please. I wou
 like for you to bri
 me a PlayStation
 if you please.
 Love
 Rocio Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
 How are you and
 the reindeer? I am waiting for
 your arrival at my house on
 Christmas eve. I would like you
 to bring me a CD player, computer,
 Nintendo 64 and CDs for the
 CD player. I hope you have
 a safe trip on your way.
 Love,
 Maricarmen
 Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,
 How have you
 been all this year. All
 I want for Christmas
 is a computer and
 a Barbie game for the
 computer and a Barbie
 register, and a
 swimming pool.
 Hope you have
 a safe trip.
 Love, Anna
 Coronado

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year!
 How is Rudolph?
 I would like a
 REMOTE CONTROL
 RACE TRACK
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love, Sara
 Erikana

DEAR SANTA
 I HAVE BEEN
 GOOD THIS YEAR.
 HOW IS RUDOLPH?
 I WANT A
 BOOM BOX AND RAINY HORSE
 LOVE
 HALET
 VICTOR

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year.
 How is Rudolph?
 I would like
 MAKE-UP and
 a BARBIE LOCK
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 WHITNEY
 Hernandez

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year.
 How is Rudolph?
 I would like a
 CD PLAYER and
 PLAYSTATION
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 ARAN
 SANMIGUEL

Dear SANTA
 I have been
 good this year.
 How is Rudolph?
 I would like a
 POWER RANGERS
 SPY ROPERS
 GAME
 for Christmas.
 THANK YOU
 Love
 JUSTICE
 KESIN, GER

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year. How
 is Rudolph? I would
 like a
 GO CART and a
 BOP IT
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love,
 serena
 Mest

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year. How
 is Rudolph? I would
 like play station and
 a GAME BOY
 HOT WHEELS
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 Jorge
 Villanueva

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year.
 How is Rudolph?
 I would like a
 GO-CART
 and a MOTOR CAR
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 Derek
 Ramos

Dear Santa,
 I have been good
 this year. Please
 bring me pokemon,
 Star Wars,
 Toy Story 2.
 Love,
 Cande

Dear Santa
 I have been good
 this year. How is
 Rudolph? I would like a
 POOL CHAIR and
 TALKING SCOOIE DOO
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 Logan Lutter

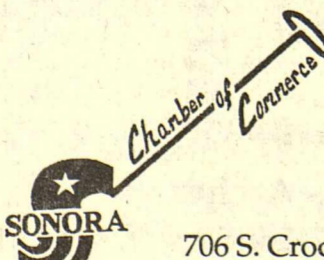
Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year. How
 is Rudolph? I would
 like a
 BARBER and
 RUG RATS
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 Monica
 Granada

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year. How
 is Rudolph? I would
 like Barbie clothes
 and a Barbie Hanger
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 Baylee
 #114

Dear Santa
 I have been
 good this year. How
 is Rudolph? I would
 like a
 NEW IT RARERNA and
 CRIB CROSS CROSET
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 ESTERAN RUIZ

Dear Santa,
 I have been this year!
 How is Rudolph? I would
 like a
 CD PLAYER and a
 BIKE
 for Christmas.
 Thank you!
 Love
 Michael Perez

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like a
trampoline
and a doll
for Christmas.
Thank you!
Love
Hunter
Jennings

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year.
How is Rudolph?
I would like a
motor bike and a
learning game
for Christmas.
Thank you
Love
Jacob
Lipham

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year. How
is Rudolph? I would like
a Star Wars gun and
a race track and a
rock n roller
for Christmas.
Thank you
Love,
Bryson Snyder

Dear Santa,
I have been good this
year. How is Rudolph?
I would like
Harley
Davidson, Pokemon
for Christmas.
Thank you!
Love,
Justin
Reddick

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this
year. Please
bring me
sworld,
pokemon,
roller
blades,
and
star wars
Love,
Mark

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
Please bring me
Clock, CD player,
Watch, and NSYNC
CD, Barbie,
East Bake
oven.
Love,
Kelsey

Dear
Santa
I have
been good
this year.
Please
bring me
Electric
Guitar and Toy story 2
Pirate ship.
Love,
Word

Dear Santa,
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me
Milk Comet
Jewelry-Box
Breyer-Horse
Furby
Horse-birthstone
Horseware
LOU ALEX

Dear Santa,
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me
Doctor's Bag
Magic Markers
Microphone
Cash Register
Pet Vet Bag.
Love you
Santa,
Caitlin

Dear Santa,
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me Barbie
Set Baby with
clothes Art Set
Love,
Ana-Lisa

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year.
Please bring
me Playstation,
Stereo, bike,
pool table,
computer.
Love
John

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
Please bring me
deer blanket
pin ball machine
lumber boots
Love,
Cadesman

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
Please bring
me a
Gameboy
Wrestlers
Pokemon
Love,
Miles

Dear Santa
I have been good
this year. Please
bring me
bike
Barbie
LUCKYATOR
Teletubbies
DOLL
Love,
Lanaine

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
Please
bring me
Drumset
and Horse Farm
set.
Love,
Nathan
Villa

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year.
Please bring
me Trampoline
Bride Barbie,
Phone.
Love,
Katy

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year.
Please bring me
Minnie Kitchen
camp Barbie car
princess Tea Set
Barbie Cash Register
sonny the Seal Game
Love,
Evelyn

Dear Santa
I have been
good this
year. Please
bring me
pool table
GI Joe
RACE TRACK
Love,
Garrett
Smith

Dear Santa
I have been
good this year. Please
bring me a
Truck, Army, and a
gameboy
Hot Wheels
Computer and
Video games
Love,
Phillip Stephens

Dear Santa,
I have been
good this year. Please
bring me
Doll House, stereo,
hair supply.
Love,
paige



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I tried to be a good girl love the we and I would like to have a baby dog and a Pokemon shoes.

Love,
Nicole Lipham

This day I want sum reings and I want a Bike and a computer. I will open the presents on Christmas Day.

Love,
Yarixa Guerrero

I want a Barbie doll, a poke mon and clothes. I also need some new colors.

Love,
Alba G Toria

How are you doing? I am a good boy. I would like a motorcycle a Pokemon, a Pokemon book and I would like a Nintendo. I would like three CDs Britney spears, Back Street Boys, and Wild Wild West.

Jesus Garcia

Dear Santa clos, I want some litristing shoes. I'd like some real horses. I'd want a tv in my room. I wood like the game mario 3. I'd liked show white lunch box.

Love,
Allison Freeman

I have tride to be a good boy over the wee MAY I have a WWF tape, a Pokemon, a case and some hoo tines shoes. May I have a Pokemon Pilloe and a rea. motocun traded car at Alco? I want a Pokemon doll.

Love,
James Bear

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a GAME Boy, PLAYSTATION, POKEMON, MARIO GOLF, Moto rcycle, Remote Control car

Love,
Jesus Vaqueza

Dear Santa, HOW are you doing? I love you Santa. are you Working Hard? are you tired? are your elves working? I like Reindeers. Please Bring me a Barbie and a stuff Love,

Jenifer Martin
1st Grade

Dear Santa, How are you? I red of wrking? Plesase Bring me a toy horse and a Benie babe cot and a horse shirt. I want a horse sheets and a koala bear.

Love,
Kara Voight
1st Grade

I am going to Tows for Christmas. I would like a WWF CD. I would like a dirt bike.

Love,
Colyer Dermody

I tride to be a good girl. How are you doing Santa? I would like a Britney spears and a little jnole. I want Tall shoes, a teddy bear, Close, Fake riels, two beslets, and a Pokemon book.

Love,
Duke Acosta

Dear Santa, Are you working real hard? I like yrs sleigh. I have been good. boy too day. igate mi house give a pick up truck to mi hous.

Love,
Edward Garcia
1st Grade

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have bin a good girl and I wot a Barbie and a ring for Christmas. I hopes you are Working hard and I like you and I like your Redho

Love,
Emily Gonzalez
1st Grade

Dear Santa, How are you at the North Pole? I like you Santa. I am very good. Please get me a stuffed Pokemon and I want a play Stashon.

Love,
Ethan Morris
1st Grade

Dear Santa, How are you? Are you tired? I love you Santa. I will want a car and a computer and a Barbie doll.

Love,
Marilee Reyn
1st Grade

Dear Santa, I like your slay. are you bezy at the North Pole. I am a good girl. I want some clothes and a Barbie. I like your elves.

Love,
Roxanne Talamante
1st Grade

Dear Santa, I Love you santay How are you doing? I Ben good. I lising in school. I like you and I love you. Please remember to get presents. How are your elves doing?

Love,
Dustin cove
1st Grade

Dear Santa, Are your elves bezy? They bin a good boy. I hope you hav a good trip. Please bring me Rainbow Six and Banjo C ZOOE too. You are a nis man.

Love,
Marco Of Gomez
1st Grade

Dear Santa, Are you taking care of your reindeers? Santa i am glad you give every body sum presents. Santa i like your slay. Santa i love you. I dont care you are fat i stel

Love you,
Love,
Jesus Guerrem
1st Grade

Dear Santa, are you tired. I Like your slay. I like your shoes. I want a bare. I want a face car and cbs. I Like you Santa.

Love,
AJ Ozuna
1st Grade

Dear Santa, Are you wrking hard? Happy new year Santa. I like you I will iike a present I like your elves. I want a barbie.

Love,
Michelle Ibarra
1st Grade

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Dear Santa and
Reindeer,
How you doing?
I Be a good girl.
Bring a Barbie.
Bring me clothes.
Bring my mom
a present. I
like you Santa.
Love
Daniella Sanchez
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
Wut are you doing?
I love you.
How are you doing?
I like your hat.
You are a his mof.
I want a Barbie.
I want a cat.
I want a puppe.
Love,
Mariah Gonzalez
1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please Bre engine a
Ples Bre engine a
Ples Bre engine a
Ples Bre engine a
Ples Bre engine a
I have Bengood
How is it in the
pole
Love
Jennifer
Sanders

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring a
remote control car and the game
toy store it was not ten dollars,
and a remote control boat,
I ben good, please kum
seeme.
Love
Cody
Snider

Dear Santa
Der Santa
ples bring me a
trapolen and dreg me
a WWF sede.
and a CUPH
Luv Matthey
Martiez

Dear Santa
can you ring me a
bear. please ring me a
doll. please ring me a dog
please ring me a cat.
please ring me a toy.
love
Sandra
Hernandez

Dear Santa
Ples bring me CDs.
Ples bring me a
ten.
I bin good.
Love Courtney
James

Dear Santa
I wish for a trampoline
Ples bring me a trampoline
for crismis and Breg
mea Ber for crismis
Breg mea toy for crismis
Breg mea presit for crismis
Hal is it in the North
Pole I Bin Gud
at my house.
Love Ashley Perera

Dear Santa am I haf
a T.V. Santa please can
I haf a doll that wake
Santa please can you
big me a dog, reindeer,
Santa how is it at the
ornaments, how is
your wif and your
elf. Santa be cefl
Love
Leandra
Custamada

Dear Santa will you please bring me
a brown leather jacket and a brown
hat and brown glasses and gold shoes
yellow shoes I have ben good I have ben
doing my horse. how is it in the
north pole
Love Preston
Lopez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a kitten.
Please bring me a big ball.
what is it like in the North
I am being good.
Please bring me a esy ba ke.
Please bring me a doped girl.
13 tenage
Love Kashmice

Dear Santa
pls bring me
a doll and a me pear
and a Bear.
I am being good
how is it there in
the north pole
Love
April Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a game.
I wish for a icicle.
What does it fill like
in the north pole.
I wish for a game
Cunpyute
I have ben good this
year in school.
Love
Timmy
Sanchez

Dear Santa and I have
a come pot. Santa
Ples ma I have a fir
tank. Santa ma I have a tr
amp len. and a pokemon
Snap shot. I bin good
four you I love you
so will you bring
me a toy truck and a mac
Love
Ty
Howard

Dear Santa,
How are you
and Mrs. Closs?
I have tried to
be nice! Will you
please make me
a Skat Board Shannon
and a Scooter?
love,
Alexis
Galindo

Dear Santa,
How are you
and how are
the reindeer and
how is your wif?
Santa will you
please bring me
a baby doll
that is my siz.
Love
Chelsey Lou
Campbell

Dear Santa,
merry Christmas!
How are the reindeer?
Have they
bin good or have
they bin bad?
Please bring
me a tinf for
my trampoline.
Love,
Morgan
Vilbecka


Dear Santa,
How are you? Please
bring me a CD player
and a camera for
my mom. I want
a computer, and
can you bring me
a toy bus.
Love,
Mario Reyes

Dear Santa,
May I have a
computer and
a intindog 4 and
Crayolas and
a puppy and a dog
A remote control car
and map.
Pinsool and Book
Love
Kevin Barron

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
Will you please
bring me a
monster truck
with the control
Love,
Julie Rivera

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Gail, Vivian,
Carolyn and Craig
wish you a joyous
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&
Happy New Year
from
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and the
Staff of
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Clinic**



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Dear Santa,
 How are you?
 Santa I want
 a moferski
 and a Guitar
 and a horse.
 I want a
 and I want a
 dog. Love,
 Ricky Samaniego

Dear Santa, How are
 you to day? Have
 the elfs made the
 toys? I want
 a monster truck and
 105 pokeman toys
 oh christmas day.
 I have been nice
 too. The end
 Love,
 Jacob
 Perez

Dear Santa, Hoho, Ho
 How are the
 reindeer and
 how are you?
 For CHRISTMAS
 I want a
 little Bear
 and a stuffed
 dog, please.
 Mofychristmas
 Love, Ashley
 Guerra

Dear Santa,
 Hoho are The reindeer
 doing? I have Ben
 good. Can you bring
 a Competr and six
 pritty Barbess and
 a BenBag Beas
 my BRUVR has
 a BenBag. I
 want a BenBag.
 HAVE a Happy Clesms
 LOVE, Crystal H.

Dear Santa,
 How are you
 doing in The
 North Pole?
 wodyou ples
 bring me a
 moferski and a
 remote control
 car?
 Love,
 Dakota Daniels

Dear Santa,
 How are the reindeer?
 I hope that they
 are felin good
 but you now want
 I want? A mickator
 but one mor thing that
 I want for
 christmas is a star now
 love, Karin Jensen

Dear Santa,
 How are you today?
 Santa will you bring
 me some toys please?
 Santa I want
 a barbie. Santa,
 how do you do?
 I like you
 Win you bring
 some toys
 Love, Valeria
 Buitman

Dear Santa,
 Are the reindeer sick?
 Oh and I also forgot to tell
 you to bring me a Competr
 and five pretty barbys and
 a big Stuffed bare and I
 want three Stuffed
 littol bages
 From Christina
 Rodriguez.
 ☆♥♣☆♥
 ☆♥

Dear Santa,
 How have you been?
 please ma I have ers
 pirest and a cd play and
 a mdeg and a pretty work
 pese tel Roodie and the
 thur rand, deart to have
 a good chisistmas.
 Love
 Rose
 Kames

Dear Santa,
 I want a cumputing
 Barby and a row bot
 that brygs erything
 to you. Ples breg
 me a telfon like
 meky maws and
 a seady playr
 like skenyland.
 Love,
 Mylasy
 Deluna

Dear Santa,
 How have you been?
 I hope that you have not
 been wring to hard. Please
 I want a phone for my
 bedroom that is a basic
 and a tedey ber
 that has a big blue bo
 I have been good.
 Love
 Bailey Joe
 Pennington

Dear Santa,
 I want you to cum to the sch
 I want a cumputr please
 Santa, and I want a seady playr
 and a cusht to eat. I
 want you to bring me
 and I want a Book to
 will you bring me clothe
 to me and my Baby too.
 Love
 Crystal
 Coronado

Dear Santa,
 I just hope that you
 and your elfs are fine
 I want a horse and
 please I wish I
 could go to Mexico I
 want sum gamse
 with a cumputr
 merry christmas Santa
 Love
 Joanna
 Garza

Dear Santa,
 How are you? Are you
 okay how is Dashie
 and prast and Dixie and
 Darr but santa I want
 presents ene kin ur
 presents is that
 okay Santa? and I
 want a Brbe doll.
 Love
 Marlon
 Dominguez

Dear Santa,
 How are you and
 your randeer?
 please bring me
 a cd playr, clothes, and
 shoes, and a firtuk.
 Love,
 Mark
 Samaniego.

Dear Santa,
 I want 5 pupys for my mam, dat,
 sister, brother and me. God
 I keep Rudoff? how are
 you? I love you a lot! I now
 you are cold. Some day I will
 go on your sled. Ples
 bring my puppy a dog
 bone.
 Love
 Jorge R.
 Gayton

Dear Santa,
 please will you
 give me a go...
 and a reemolkkunralcar
 and a tacing tee bear
 with a bleeking nose
 and a beebearistol
 did I want you
 to have a Happy
 Holiday.
 Love
 ZAC

Dear Santa,
 How have my bin? Please
 give me a fone and
 clothe too and a seady
 playr and a lamp and
 sum Barb dolls and Roodie
 and Erens and a
 back pack.
 Love
 Cassandra
 Lea Harris


Dear Santa,
 I want you to bring
 presens for me please.
 Santa can you please
 bring me a barby and a
 seady playr. Santa I
 ben good and lisened
 to my perens
 I want a pool too.
 Love
 Marcia
 Lugo

Dear Santa,
 How have you been? I want a
 comeputer. please give me a little
 doll Today is december the sixth
 I like your reindeer. We made
 Santa bags at school. Please bring
 me games. I've been good.
 I went to Mexico yesterday
 Love
 Stephanie Hulsay

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Dear Santa,
I hope you feel good
I want a real football
society, a color game
boy, and a football
and NFL Blits.
I hope you get
your cookies.

Love,
Dustin Neff
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a safe trip!
and don't get sick. My sister
and I will be making cookies
for you. I Riley want a computer
a book, and the last thing I
want is a little puppy.
Thank you!

Love,
Monica Sanchez
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a safe trip
around the world.
I want a bike and a
basket of stuffed
puppies and a book.
I will want a real
puppy.

Love,
Brittani Dove
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Mack short that
you get rest about
Sleep. Santa. I want
to get a computer,
a sag Drim Cast and
a God shirt but the
most that I want
is a car seat.

Love,
Cody Peña
Grade 2
1999

Dear Santa,
Have a fun trip! I
want the Blitz 2000
game, also like a
mongoos bike. AND
a WWF fitting thron.
I Riley need a
Skate board and
Roller blades.

Love,
Will Anderson
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a good trip.
I want a computer game
and a wired Medal game
for my play station.
I wish you have a good
time around the world.

Love,
Harvey Santana
Grade 2 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a nice trip! I
rele. Wot a kind let
and a Anmorf and a cp of
Wew and a Cumpad and
a reslr regver
The mto fight.

Love,
Juan Capuchina
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of Trainers, a remote car,
a pair of mangoos, a pair of roller blades,
a pack of balloons, a play station game
named twisted medal 3, a new box of
color, and some money and a fr pizza.

I Hope
you
have a safe trip around the world.

Love,
Jui Camillo
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a fun trip.
I want a computer
game, a puppy,
a pair of shoes,
and some butie
dresis.

Love,
Janeth Aparicio
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a good trip!
I wote a we veoe tape
and a wew veoe tape

Love,
Cody Solis
Grade 2 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a good trip
going around the world.
My Sister wants some
My baby brother wants some
and shoes. I want a
Computer game a bike
Some clay and shoes.

Love,
Vanessa Lopez
Grade 2, - 1999

Dear Santa,
Remember to call your
reindeer out by name!
I want a new game
for my gameboy and
remote for my T.V.
My Stepdad James,
wants his bosses
job.

Love,
Johna Strother
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa,
Have a fun time giving
the children presents. I
want a stereo, a big New
Kelly doll, and a New computer
with some games like The
Magic School Bus and The
Ocean Sea. I need
a pair of red shoes.

Love,
Brittany Hernandez
Grade 2 - 1999

Dear Santa, I have
been very good this
year I would take anything
your going to bring me I
don't care what you give
me I'll take it. But I
would like a new
swing set.

Love,
Amber
West

Dear Santa,
Have a fun trip. I want a
remote control truck, group,
a cow boy ranch shirt, jockey
pant, and pair of boot, belt, watch.

Love,
Hugo Cordona
Grade 2 - 1999

December 6, 1999
Dear Santa,
I want a black go cart,
a pet bird, a new
scooter, the movie of
the new toy story
2, a football
and new roller
blades.

Love,
Cash
Jennings

December 6, 1999
Dear Santa, I
want a pair of
color blades, Barbies
cash register and a
cabadg patch e
dapshen kids

Love,
Keeli
Taylor

December 6, 1999
Dear Santa,
All I want
for Christmas
is a computer, a seg.
Dreamcast, a memory
card for my
Playstation, a
swimming pool.

Love,
Christan
Lujan

Dear Santa
I want a bike, Barbie, 98 cd, Brit-
ny Spears cd, a Christmas shoe
Kapikeche of you are a jacket,
a kite, a skate board, Skates,
a picture of Jesus and lunch box
a play board.

Love,
Victoria
Castillo

December 6, 1999
Dear Santa, I want
cat and a dog.
I like the presit
that you gave me
last Christmas.

Love,
Yzabella Pena

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December 6, 1999
Dear Santa,
I want a dog, guns,
go. car, that is
black and blue, football,
hell meat, and Football.

Love,
Shane Patlan

HAVE A HOLLY, JOLLY CHRISTMAS!



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December 6, 1999

Dear Santa,
I want a bike because my bike is little. And I want some rollerblades and a kite.

Love,
Amy Hernandez

December 6, 1999

Dear Santa,
I want 3 hockey pucks and 4 hockey sticks and Christmas clothes.

Love
Cassie Krieg

December 6, 1999

Dear Santa,
I wish that snow I want a bike and a prost.

Love
Osquillo Castañeda

Dear Santa clause
How are you? Would you please bring me a remote control Airplane.

Juan Romero

December 6, 1999

Dear Santa, I wish had a saga Dremelst game. It is cold hill thudlet and a saga thinking Ade. Love, O'talle

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I would like a barbie. How is Rudolph? I would like remote control car.

love,
Rayann
Bretman

December 6, 1999

Dear Santa,
I would want a computer, new slouse, gliten markers, and a bike. I hope you can bring all these things.

Love,
Edna Dominguez

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and Rudolph doing at the North Pole? Woody please bring me a lot of juleps, a mapkin, you want off one more thing. What you bring me a Millennium Basketball Boy C.D.

Have a very very merry Christmas. And a happy happy New year.

Merry Christmas
sterling Blair Love

Dear Santa Claus,

Have a special tonight. Can I please have a computer, trampoline, Nintendo and a cd player and a new big bike? That's all I want for Christmas eve. Have a very very good merry Christmas and happy new year. Good by

love,
Alyssa C. Vela

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? How is the weather over there? Oh, by the way, how are the reindeer over there? May I have a tripod, 2 babies and a bike. I rest you pig.

Merry Christmas,
Erica Granddas

Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm not doing much. Santa if you will please bring me these things: A computer, a trampoline and a scapye.

Say hi to the reindeer for me. And stay cool!
Good bye,
Mario
Miden

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and your Reindeer's, and your elves doing? I hope you have a good year. Can you please give me a bike. Santa Claus is it snowing at the North Pole? I hope you have a good time.

Your friend,
Jessica Dominguez

Dear Santa,

Are you having good? I hope you are is Rudolph haveing fun at the North Pole? Santa can I have a present? I want Barby Shop with me cash register, a toy story 2 and pop it in the CD of Britney Spears and a trampoline.

Merry Christmas,
Nicole Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are having fun. Can you tell the elves hi? Can you please bring me a play story and a great? Have fun with friends. good luck!!! Stay cool!!! Have fun!!!

Your friend,
Bill Est

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you are having a fun time. Can you please get me the quads, velos, SCORBAR, a football game, boy smash mouth CD and a foosle see? Merry Christmas Santa.

Your friend,
Mark Hirt

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you and Rudolph are filling good. Could you please get me all the Hot wheels tracks and all the cars? And my own small singing Christmas tree? I hope you have a good fun.

merry Christmas
Branden Camaway

Dear Santa,

I hope your Sky works on Christmas. Can I please have a crash car. can I please have A Forwiler Aso?

Merry Christmas
Jusca
Chevalier

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you are doing fine. Is Rudolph doing fine? Santa Claus please bring three things and I'll name them. I want a go car, a basket ball court, some dinosaurs and a cd about the backstreet boys.

Merry Christmas
Joshua Salazar

All I want for Christmas is a 64 and GEX and Diggyman toys and pokeman toys.

Edward Hernandez

for CHRISTMAS I want baby w/dogs. I want a computer, a doll and a Nintendo 64.

Leslie Seadaval

for Christmas I want a Scatbord I want a perof sco I want a ch player I want a perof shus Dustih Crintter

for Christmas I want roller skats and I want a bike to ride. I want a stat bord and I want a waliz and a basketball. Angel Aguayo.

I want a Nintendo 64.

I want a Skatbord.

I want a pare of Skats.

Pedro Ramirez

for Christmas I want roller skats and I want a bike to ride. I want a stat bord and I want a waliz and a basketball. Angel Aguayo.

Chely For Christmas I want a bike and some Trax and a cd and a cd. Chely Bains

Michael A. Stephens

Dear Santa,

I wish you a merry Christmas! I want ice skater and a canoe, and a Airplane, roller blade.

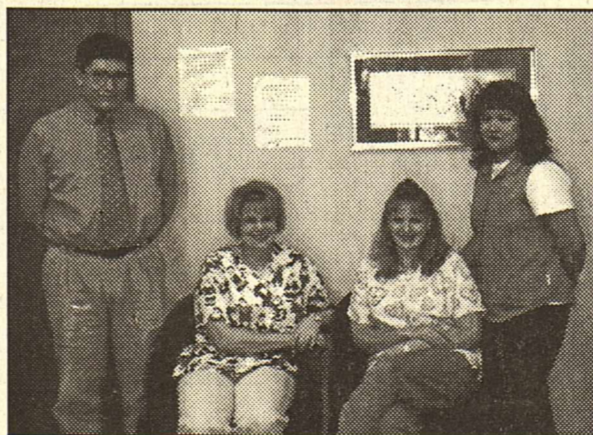
Love,
Dorger
too Sofa,



May the warmth and love that is all around us at Christmastime fill your hearts with joy, and shed radiance over the year that lies ahead.

Happy Holidays from Sharon, Vallree & Angela

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May you cherish all the special moments of Christmas. Happy Holidays from Dr. Guido Calderon, Shanna Petty, Beverly Buono and Juanita Gomez

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa and Rudolph and other reindeer. Please give me a dirt bike and a computer and a paper in spanish. I would also like to get an airplane.

Thank you!
Love,
Diana

For Christmas
I want a playstation
four trampoline, Sega Scooby Doo
things, game for my Sega
plays, I want my granma
to get better, pet snake, horse,
pony, Prince of Egypt movie,
puppy, trip to Hawaii on
boat, a baby goat, play barn
My play horses, new room
clothes, new socks, new
shoes, Sara
Giffit 12-1-99

For Christmas I want
a cupiter and a
New bike and a
playstlan game and
some new clous and
shoos.
Andrea Guerrero

for Christmas
I want a skateboard
Shane and I want a Barbie
and I want a c.d. old
Backstreet boys, and a c.d.
player, and I want a playstah
and I want a computer
and I want a movie
and I want a game for s
Aimee n.
chavez

Dear Santa
I want a
computer
and a puppy
and a monkey
and a pony
and a trumpet
and a brother
and a tindo, 64.
by shainah Johnson

For Christmas
1. I want a cheamping
2. I want a basketball
3. I want a nintidab game
4. I want a c.d.
5. I want a skateboard
6. I want a computer
Kris Aguer
Tai Santa

All I want for Christmas
is a prince dress, computer,
a cute little pony that stays little
like it is, a new pet, nintendo 64,
Pokemon toys, a magic star, a real
black jeep, a wagon, a big tv for my
room, some new cds, a brand
new silver star, and a magic
wand. A
Love, Anal Garcia
12-1-99

Dear Santa,
I want to wish you a merry christmas
to you and Rudolph, and happy christmas
to you. Well, I know that you can be a present to
god like Rudolph, and I want a play station
with a purple control and a game
called CASH BAY, and I want a new
game called SILENT HILL
Some Dot Markers, and a new
Thank you
Love,
Kasey Guzman

Dear Santa,
I want a Troy
Aikman Jersey and a
Nintido 64 blitz 2000
I also want a game
boy and a basket ball
Tim Duncan Jersey I
want a new hockey
stike and a hockey
puck.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas!
I want a brown bear from Alca
and a big computer, and dot markers
and paper, I want a Santa clause movie
lol Dalmatians movie, The Wizard of Oz
movie Also, a big book of the
The Gingerbread Man, Big Book
of the Mitten and
a painter.
Love,
Hillary Borrego

to Santa
from Dakota
malik
I want a skateboard
I want a pair of skates
I want a snow board
I want a new paw power wheel
I want some rubber tires for my bike
and a video camera.
Dir Santos I
wish I could
have a horse and
a skat board
sherry and a selena
border doll.
Love Vanessa Vela
to Santos

Dear Santa,
How is everyone
doing ok? How is Rudolph
doing Santa? I will like to
have a computer, I will
like to have the
Britney Spers CD and
the Nynas and the
Backstreet Boys Please
Love
Stephanie
Ann Coronado

Dear Santa,
I want a gold car,
kind as the remote control car,
a very cool car and a big computer
and I want a play station and
a bunch of new cds. I wish
you a Merry christmas to
Santa Clause, to Rudolph,
and the rest of
the elfs and
Love,
chacha mesa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
Santa how are your elfs?
How is Rudolph? I hope
he desent get a cold.
How are the elfs doing
Well all I want
for Christmas is
wandy and Buzz Lightyear
Love,
Alyssa Family

Dear Santa,
For christmas I want a
swimming pool, a new bike
and air pump, a TV, and
a table, I want a computer
with a table, a work
desk so I can do
my home work, I
want a new foot ball
and a soccer ball
Love,
Caleb Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Wad you be me a pair of shoes,
Some cloas for men, me to give
a nintido pokemon game for me
yellow Vekson movie or pokemon
Diga me, take aise store, nintido
mache
Love,
Eddie letterman dez

Dear Santa,
I would like a stame
and Britney spers and
Christina aglara toy, some
tennis shoes and glider
and a big computer, I
also want the parent
Trap and Toy Story
and some cloas and
Nintendo and dot Mark
Love,
Bianca

Dear Santa,
could you please
bring me a skateboard
game boy
I want a big
Nintendo
Love,
Tommy
Gomez

Dear Santa,
Santa I want a stame
and ted c.d. Britney Spers.
I want some new cds
and a more dress that is
my size and make it be
pretty, I want a new
doll that goes to the beach
I also want that thing
wrele bus stop and
and a swimming
love,
Morsah

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see you
What I want is new roller
skates, a bike, a tv, and I want
lots of books, I also want
a yach back, How is Rudolph?
How are the elfs? How
are you? How is Mrs.
Clause? I hope they
are giving out the
presents are here
Love,
Meredith Edwards

Dear Santa,
I want a real horse and a rabbit and play station
I want to see you I want a Jack rabbit
and a control robot, abby katie I want a carriage,
a lens on and a bug car and a Barbie and a
a fancy gown, it is snowing in my yard and a kitten
Love,
Flie
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