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Thursday, December 19, 2002

City Council Appoints 2003 Fire Marshal

by Storie Sharp

The annual 2001-2003 Financial Report was reviewed for the City Council at the regular meeting on December 17, 2002. The auditor read through the report detailing the information regarding the funds in the different accounts. He also reported that the annual investment policy had been reviewed and was in complete compliance.

The final consideration of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation expending \$25,000 of 4B Sales Tax for Eaton Hill Improvements was read and approved. This money will be spent on a fence for safety purposes and other improvements on the hill.

The Council voted to appoint Carl Teaff as Fire Marshal and Chief of Police Mike House as Assistant Fire Marshal. Russell Green was appointed Fire Chief.

Green then reported to the Council that he had applied for a grant from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to help purchase bunker gear and SCBA. The grant has been approved, so Green was asking for the Council to approve him accepting the grant and spend it on the equipment and the SCBA. After a motion by Blackman, seconded by Mearns, the request was approved.

A public hearing was then opened to hear comments to consider an order to determine if the building located at 203 N. Crockett is an unsafe building. City Inspector, Larry Lynch explained that the building was indeed unsafe and the owner of the building had agreed to have the building demolished. The council approved to have the building demolished, with the demolition to begin within 180 days.

A Mutual Cooperation Agreement on extraterritorial peace officer jurisdiction related to a regional anti-drug abuse task force was approved. This allows for Drug Task Force officers from San Angelo to be given jurisdiction in our county, as well as surrounding counties.

City Manager, Brent Gesch reported that work on the fence at the Police Department was underway. He said that the fence had been lowered to meet requirements and the gate was still being worked on.

Council member Virgil Poloczek reported that after inspecting the Agriculture Farm he found that a cross fence was needed, original borders needed to be repaired, a steel pipeline on the property needed to be replaced, as well as a pipeline running from a windmill. He also reported that much weed control was needed and a switch box needed to be put on the well. After detailing other areas of needed repair, Virgil stated that costs would not be determined without further information.

Mayor Stephen introduced Bob Brockman representing the Prescribed Burn Association. Mayor Stephen explained that he had asked Brockman to look at the land and see if it could be used for a training burn. Brockman explained that the area could be used at a later date, after some "fuel" was restored in the area.

As a final note, the Council voted on and approved a \$25 compensation for special meetings and a \$50 compensation for regular meetings for 2003 and the meeting was then adjourned.

Economics Fair Helps Raise Money For Angel Tree



The Sonora Middle School 5th Graders held an Economics Fair on Tuesday, December 17, 2002. The annual project consists of each student coming up with a product, budgeting for the cost of building it, marketing and selling it at the fair. The projects help teach the students about earning a profit. Parents and friends are invited to come and purchase the students projects on the day of the fair. Each year the students choose a charity to donate a portion of their proceeds. This year the students chose to donate 10% of their earnings to the local Angel Tree project. This donation will help ensure that less fortunate children will have a Merry Christmas. The group presented a check for \$74.98 to Mr. Ben Solis, Counselor at the Middle School, who will then present the check to the Angel Tree Project on their behalf.

Butler Advises Hospital Board Of Upcoming Hospital Improvements

The regular meeting of the Sutton County Hospital District, Board of Directors, was held on Monday, December 9, 2002 in the Annex at the Hospital. The following Directors were present: Lewis Allen, President; Virginia Epps, Preston Faris, Mike Healy, Lenora Pool and Maria Carrasco. Also present were Ben Epps, Keith Butler, Administrator; and Kathy Knight, Board Secretary.

After the meeting was called to order by Mr. Allen, a motion was made and the minutes from the November 11, 2002 meeting were approved as written.

There was no business from the Sutton County Appraisal District.

Mr. Butler presented the Life Safety and Facility Operations manual for review and approval. He advised the only changes were the deletion of all items relating to the Nursing Home. Mike Healy made the motion to approve the manual as presented. Virginia Epps seconded and the motion carried.

Butler then gave the accounts receivable report. These were up a little from last month, due to the increase in patient days in November. He reported that collections were up and the AR days were down by 8.

Butler advised that the Architect had been here from San Angelo and brought the preliminary plans for the Physicians clinic addition. Butler presented the plans to the Board. The Board discussed the plans and what the cost might be with the plans as presented or with some modification. The decision regarding the clinic's addition will be made at a later meeting.

Butler then reported that while he was in Austin, he had visited with the Architect that had prepared the plans for the moving of the Hospital to the Annex. He stated that he had talked to him about including a Wellness Center, which would include PT, Cardiac Rehab, Pulmonary Rehab, a fitness area for the public, and the possibility of a swimming pool for rehab and public use. Butler advised that there is the possibility of recouping approximately 45%

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Sonora Hit Hard By Influenza

by Storie Sharp

The television and radio are full of stories about the Influenza taking over towns and shutting down schools and basically dragging down people all over Texas. Sonora is not any different. A reported 104 students were out sick from the Sonora schools on one day this week, with more going home on a regular basis. You can't hide from it and everyone had the attitude that it isn't if you'll get it, it's when and how bad. The doctor's offices are booked from open to close, seeing anywhere from 40 to 50 patients a day. The Corner Drug Store is standing room only, packed with people waiting to fill prescriptions. Lillian M. Hudspeth has been kept busy, with people coming in dehydrated and running high fevers.

Letters have been sent home from school with students, informing parents that they are going to try to keep the doors open until Friday when the Christmas Holiday begins. Hopefully, the two weeks off will give the kids a chance to recuperate and start fresh in the new year. The letter also reminds everyone that it is very important to remember to wash your hands frequently and try not to spread the germs any more than possible (don't share drinks, clothing, food, etc). Mom's old favorite "cover your mouth" is also to be heeded during this time.

Influenza is a common viral infection. It is caused by three viruses - Influenza A, B and C. Type A is usually responsible for the large outbreaks and is a constantly changing virus. New strains of Type A virus develop regularly and cause new epidemics every few years. Type B causes smaller outbreaks, and Type C usually causes mild illness. In the United States, infection with influenza A and B leads to 20,000 deaths and more than 100,000 hospitalizations each year. Influenza is transmitted from person to person via contagious droplets that are spread when an infected person sneezes or coughs.

Certain individuals are at higher risk from complications of influenza and therefore should be vaccinated:

- * People age 50 or older
- * People with conditions such as the following:
 - * diabetes
 - * conditions affecting the heart
 - * conditions affecting the lungs (such as asthma)
 - * conditions affecting the kidneys
- * Health care workers
- * Anyone with a weakened immune system (such as transplant recipients or people with HIV). Supplies of vaccine are limited each year, but after high-

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Sessom Voted Outstanding EMS Person Of The Year

submitted

At the Sutton County EMS Christmas party, held on December 17th, Carol Sessom was presented the Gene West Memorial EMS Person of the Year for 2002. This award is presented to an outstanding member, who is nominated and voted on by their peers.

Carol began her EMS training by taking an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Course in February 1998. In her desire to improve her skills and education, she completed the Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate Course in November 1999. Carol has spent many hours in continuing education by attending training meetings and seminars throughout the years. She is also certified in CPR and Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS).

Carol has held the office of Reporter in the year of 2000-2001 and 2002-2003. In this position she has done an outstanding job of placing the EMS happenings in the newspaper.

Carol and her husband Don, retired from the Sonora ISD, and now reside at Lake Ivie. Carol travels from her home weekly and takes several twelve-hour shifts with the Sutton County EMS. She is a member of the Downtown Lions Club in Sonora and serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Lake Ivie Volunteer Fire Department.



Carol Sessom proudly displays her "Outstanding" award.

ECA Course Coming Soon

Sutton county EMS will sponsor an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course beginning on January 14, 2003. Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS training facility from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday through March 25, 2003.

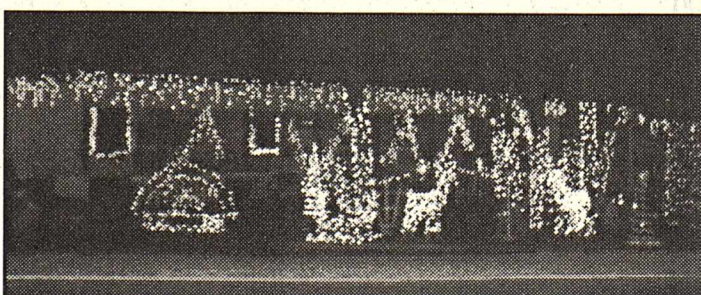
The ECA course provides classroom and skills instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), choking, bleeding and shock, bandaging and splinting, childbirth, injury and illness care for infants and children and various other emer-

gency subjects.

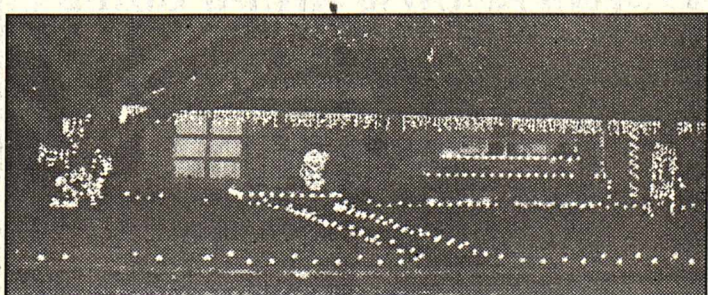
After successful completion of the course, the student will be registered with the Texas Department of Health as an Emergency Care Attendant (ECA).

The tuition for the course is \$50.00 plus cost of textbook. For more information, please contact the Sutton County Emergency Medical Services at 387-5132, or come by 211 East Third Street. Pre-registration is required. Register early, the class is limited.

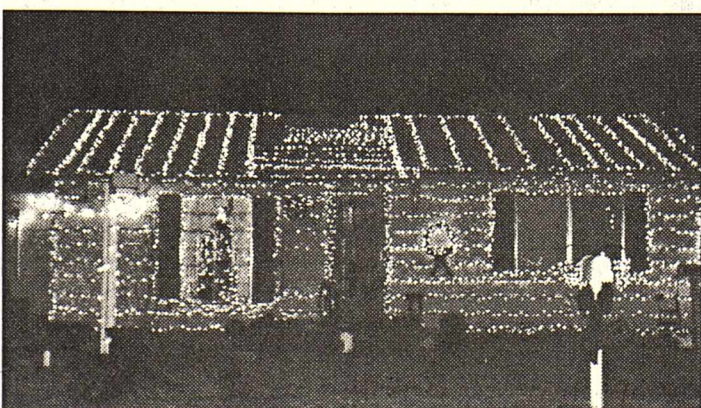
"Best Dressed" Christmas House Winners



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700 Poplar Street



209 Benito Juarez



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504 Santa Clara
387-2035

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304 N. Water
387-3190

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T. Wayne Price
Pastor
111 E Oak
387-2951

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
404 E. Poplar
387-2955

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Conrad Archer, Pastor
201 N. Water
387-2466

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306 W. 4th St.
387-5713

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

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205 E. Main
387-3241

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387-6072

IGLESIA PENTECOSTAL UNIDA HISPANA
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509 Amistad
650-3121

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Lewis Allen, Pastor
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616

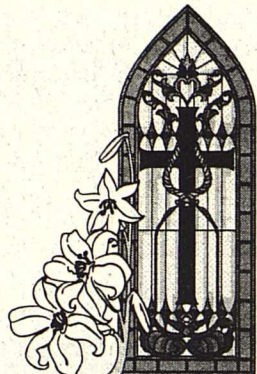
LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST CHURCH
Don Longoria, Pastor
707 Glasscock
387-5886

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

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Father William DuBuisson, O.M.I.
229 W. Plum
387-2278

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387-5658 or 387-5518

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511 Cornell
387-5207



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387-2266

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Listen to our Radio program on KHOS 92.1 every Sunday Morning at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Saint Ann Catholic Church Holiday Schedule



Dec. 21
Confessions - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 22
Sunday Mass - 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 24
Confessions - 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass - 7:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass 12:00 a.m.

Dec. 25
Christmas Day Mass - 10:00 a.m.

311 W. Plum St. • Sonora, Texas 76950

Pastor Tony Gonzales invites you to come worship at Primera Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:50 a.m.

Sermon Message 10:50 a.m.

510 Santa Clara
387-2035

Time to unwrap another season of festivity, friendship and fun!

Join Primera Baptist Church for our Christmas Program

"The King is Born"

Saturday, December 21, 2002
6:30 p.m. • 510 Santa Clara

Senior Center News

- Dec. 23 - Christmas Meal and Program. Sugar/blood pressure checks with Interlink.
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve. Center will be closed!
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad. Center closed.
- Dec. 27 - Run errands and pay bills!

Senior Menu

- Dec. 23 - Baked ham with pineapple, sweet potato, green beans, coleslaw, fruit salad.
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve! Center closed.
- Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas! Center closed.
- Dec. 26 - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, green salad, cherry cobbler.
- Dec. 27 - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cake with strawberries.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.
Menu is subject to change.

Community

- Dec. 18**
Santa Bucks Silent Auction
Civic Center • 7:00 pm.
- Dec. 20**
SISD early Release 1:00 p.m.
Christmas Vacation through January 5

The Community Calendar



Calendar

- Dec. 23**
County Commissioners Meeting
9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
- Dec. 31**
New Year's Eve
Tejano Mix D.J. y Esperanza
Civic Center 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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Email us at editor@sonoratlx.net

Obituary

Irene M. Coronado

Irene M. Coronado, 95, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on December 12. She was preceded in death by her husband, Antonio C. Coronado; sons, Alfredo and Jose Alberto Coronado.

She is survived by a son, Antonio Coronado of Cedar Hill, Texas; daughters; Enriqueta Shipp of San Antonio, Elida Coronado of Irving, Maria Lawson of Comanche and Delma McCoy, also of Comanche. Her surviving sisters are Rosa Galindo of Sonora, Francisca Guajardo and Marta Maldonado of Del Rio, also

Antonio Morales of Del Rio; 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive.

She will always be remembered for her laughter, her smile, her wit, her strength and for the love she gave unselfishly.

Visitation was at the Del Rio Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Margarito Barbosa officiated.

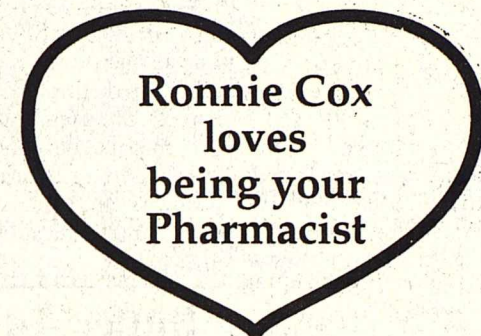
Final rites were held at the chapel with the burial following at the Del Rio Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home.

Can't Wait

It was over six months ago that I received a call late one evening and the first thing she said, "I have some news for you and you better sit down, I think I'm pregnant!" There was a long pause and then I said, "That's the best news I have heard all year". We are excited because this Christmas season or shortly thereafter we are going to have a new addition to our family. We are waiting with joyful expectation to see our new grandchild and we hope and pray mother, father and baby will all be fine. Our waiting for the new arrival reminds me of an even greater event that took place about two thousand years ago. It was the waiting for the arrival of Jesus-The Messiah-the Christ-the Lord, (Luke 126-33) who was going to be born in a barn (stable) and placed in a feed trough for livestock (Luke 2:12). The first people to see him were a bunch of sheep or goat herders (Luke 2:8-18). A great multitude of angels sang out at the arrival of the Christ Child (Luke 2:13,14). He would later go to die on the cross so we could have the forgiveness of sins and be at peace with God (John 3:16, Revelation 1:5-7). This Holiday season lets put Christ in our lives and families. See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J



Sheffield Fire and EMS Second Annual Christmas Program

Sheffield Fire and EMS will host their second annual Christmas program with live nativity on Sunday, December 22, 2002 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The program will take place in front of the West Side Community Center in Sheffield. This year's theme will be "STAND" (For His Glory).

The TYC color guard will open the program and live music featuring Annika Jones, Ashron Cordon, Jana Hill and the TYC boys will highlight the show. The Nativity will be created with live animals including a donkey, shepherd's livestock and camels for the wise men. Students from Iraan High School and the "Lambs of God" youth group from Ozona and Sonora will be in the program along with Sheffield Fire and EMS members and area residents.

All veterans, servicemen and new recruits will be honored. Everyone is encouraged to attend and experience the true meaning of Christmas. Dress warm and bring a blanket as the event is outside.

Open house will follow the program at the Sheffield Fire and EMS Department with refreshments being served.

Sheffield Fire & EMS Second Annual Christmas Program

December 22, 2002
6:30 p.m.

West Side Community Center
in Sheffield

Live animal Nativity scene, students from Iraan High School, "Lambs of God" youth group from Sonora and Ozona, Sheffield Fire & EMS will be performing.

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Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,
Secretary
Sutton County Historical
Society

Q. Do you have a copy of "A Sailor's Christmas"?

A. With a daughter in the United States Coast Guard and a husband that is retired United States Navy this is one Christmas story that I have on file:

A SAILOR'S CHRISTMAS

author unknown
T was the night before Christmas, and he lived in a crowd,

In a 40 man berthing, with shipmates so loud.

I had come down the exhaust stack with presents to give,

And to see just who in this rack did live.

I looked all about, and a strange sight I did see,

No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stockings were hung, just boots close at hand,

On the bulkhead hung pictures of far distant lands.

He had medals and badges and awards of all kind,

And a sobering thought came into my mind.

For this place was different, it was so dark and dreary,

I had found the home of a Sailor, this I could see clearly.

The Sailor lay sleeping, silent and alone,

Curled up in his rack, dreaming of home.

The face was so gentle, the berthing in such good order,

But not how I pictured a United States Sailor.

Was this the hero whom I saw on TV?

Defending his country so we all could be free?

I realized the families that I've seen this night,

Owed their lives to these Sailors who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world, the children would play,

And grownups would celebrate a new Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,

Because of the Sailors, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help but wonder how many lay alone,

On a cold Christmas Eve, on a sea far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye,

I dropped to my knees and started to cry.

The sailor awakened and I heard a rough voice,

"Santa don't cry, for this life is my choice."

"Defend the seas this day, the peace do I keep."

The sailor then rolled over and drifted to sleep,

I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours so silent, so still,

And we both shivered from the night's cold chill.

I didn't want to leave on this cold, dark night,

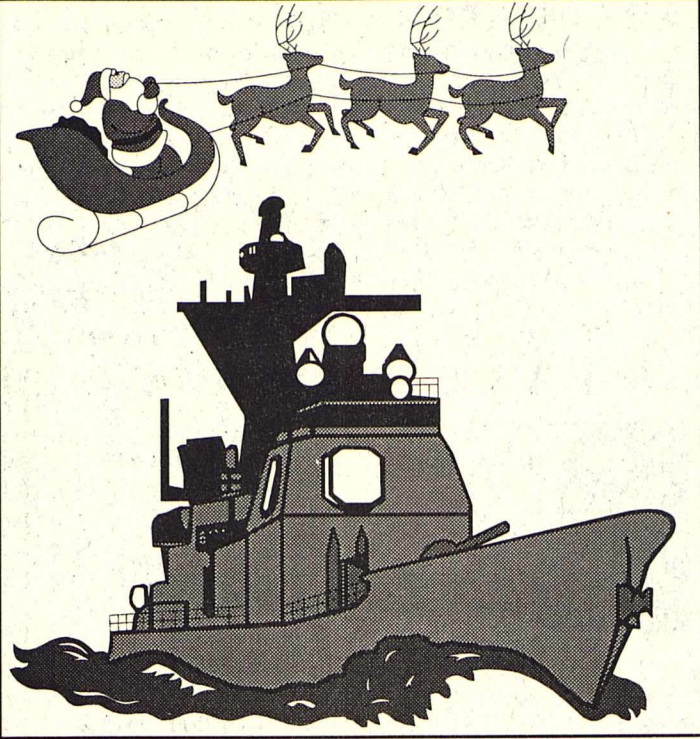
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.

Then the Sailor rolled over and with a voice soft and pure,

Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas....All is Secure."

Now some explanations for those who aren't into ships terms:

40 man berthing - an area on the ship where enlisted men sleep in bunks or racks stacked



over each other as high as space permits. In the old days their sea bags were tied to the racks, now there are usually some sort of storage compartments built into the bunks.

rack - the bunk a sailor sleeps in. During WWII, these could be metal beds stacked 3 high or a hammock hung in any space available.

Bulkhead - a wall **boots close at hand** - a sailor's boots are always close at hand in case an alarm is sounded

shivering in nights chill - a ship is metal, it sits on the cold water. No matter how much heat is pumped into it the cold metal quickly chills the area; especially if berthing is below the water line.

When a sailor says "All is Secure" it means everything is the way it should be on the ship and there is no evidence of a threat at that moment. Things are well in hand.

What many people don't realize is that someone always has to be on a ship. Even over the holidays someone is on duty and making sure that all

the systems are running properly and the ship would be ready to set to sea immediately on recall of the crew. So while you are having your Christmas dinner say a little prayer for all the sailors that are spending their holiday on a cold damp deck trying to keep our country free.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history, send them "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratlx.net You may call me Monday, Tuesday morning or Fridays at 387-5084 or try me at home at 387-2855 other days. If you would like to tour the museum, or depot, stop by when I am in the office or give me a call to set up a time and date. If you would like to rent the depot call me either at the office or at home. The office will be closed on December 25th and January 1st but we will be open our regular hours both weeks. Thanks and Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Give The Gift of Golf

The American Cancer Society 2003 Texas Golf Passes are available now for the golfer on your Christmas list. This is the perfect pat-on-the-back for friends and business associates, and a thoughtful "thank you" for your valued clients.

Talk about a gift that keeps on giving - the 2003 Texas Golf Pass offers more than 670 rounds of golf at 281 participating courses throughout Texas. For only \$35 you give your golfer an entire year of golfing excitement. At the same time, 100% of the proceeds give the American Cancer Society much needed financial support to help carry out its life-saving cancer research, education, and patient services programs locally. The participating courses have graciously donated the green fees to support our fight against cancer. Some restric-



tions do apply and the ACS asks that everyone observe all rules and requirements.

For more information or to purchase an American Cancer Society 2003 Texas Golf Pass call Lou Faulks 387-3269 or come by The Devil's River News office. You can also visit the website at www.texasgolf-pass.com.

Christmas Fact: The use of a Christmas wreath as a decoration on your front door, mantel or bay window symbolizes a sign of welcome and long life to all who enter.

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May the Light and Love of the Christmas Season warm your heart through the year!

Feliz Navidad and Happy New Year!
Flowers by Irene
Turney, Irene, Michelle and Owen Luke

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sonora,
In 2003, West Texas Rehabilitation Center will celebrate its 50th year of service - having begun in 1953 in Abilene and expanding to include facilities in San Angelo (1977) and Ozona (1998).

So, please join other Sutton County residents in making a donation to the Center's annual telethon on January 18, 2003, as a way of thanking an organization that's been there for all of us for half a century.

Aired from 7 p.m. to midnight on 11 regional television stations, the REHAB 2003 telecast provides an opportunity for the Center to showcase its services, provide top-notch entertainment and, most important, raise critically needed funds to support patient services.

Through our gifts, we help ensure that quality care can be provided during 2003 to more than 20,000 children and adults with physical disabilities and communication disorders - regardless of their financial status.

Here are two ways you can help:

- mail any advance dona-

tion today, or

- on Saturday, January 18, call in your pledge to our local phone bank while watching the television special featuring popular country music entertainer Tanya Tucker. Our phone number will be 387-2593.

Last year, the 15 phone banks in the Concho Valley raised \$43,488. This year, let's all join forces to make it \$50,000 in honor of the Center's 50th birthday! Thank you in advance for your support - and Happy Holidays.

Rosa Hernandez, Coordinator
Rehab 2003 Area Phone Bank

P.S. Bid on-line beginning December 18 at www.WestTexasRehab.org or by phone January 18 on more than 300 great auction items.

The Center has already received two generous gifts to REHAB 2003... \$25,000 each in telethon underwriting from AEP-West Texas Utilities and Associated Publishing/Area-Wide Phone Books. Let's build on that momentum. Send your donation in today and make this the best telethon ever!

Christmas Movie Trivia - What holiday film annually appears on television more than 300 times?
see answer page 7

Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
FEATURING Willow Tree
Early Christmas Clearance Sale!
New Jeweled Silver Crosses
Christmas Arrangements
Fresh Flower Centerpieces
121 N. Hwy 277
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UPS Shipping

May the Christmas story in all its glory bring joy to you and yours.
Have a Blessed Holiday!

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Gift Certificates Available for that Someone Special!

Kacie Patterson
The Bright Spot
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Spa Manicures and Pedicures

Shop TEAM GRAPHICS
For Christmas Gifts
208 E. Main St.
Downtown Sonora
Open Sat.
10:00 to 4:00

Last-Minute Sale

All Christmas theme merchandise at After-Christmas Prices!

30%-40%-50% Off Christmas Items

(Certain exclusions apply)

Tedford Jewelry

107 N.W. Concho • 387-3839
Downtown Sonora

- Hand-Painted Children's Furniture Sale Priced!
- All Seiko & Pulsar-by-Seiko Watches 25% off
- Sterling Silver Jewelry, Chains
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The Sonora Elementary Schools P.T.O. Special Committees and Members have been busy adding Christmas cheer in our school system recently by playing 'Santa's helpers' along with Dairy Queen and Main Street Program by preparing Christmas tokens for all the students and School staffers from Pre-K through High School. Members also prepared a wonderful breakfast for staff at the Elementary Schools - of which those partaking in the culinary delights had lots of grateful comments to the chefs who prepared the dishes. The P.T.O. would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have been involved in all our activities this school semester and wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons. Thanks for all your help and support.

Just A Letter From Home



Congressman Henry Bonilla

As our nation fights the War on Terrorism, we place our lives and liberties in the hands of the brave men and women fighting on the front lines. These individuals risk their lives every day to preserve our freedom and safety. While we attend holiday parties and decorate our trees, our troops find themselves alone in foreign territory. Now, more than ever, it is paramount that we rally behind our troops and show our support.

When I think of our troops away from home over the holiday season, I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. During the Vietnam War, Sgt. Billy Thompson sent a simple holiday request to news columnist Abigail Van Buren. He suggested that "just a letter from home" would make a wonderful Christmas present. This resulted in the holiday letter writing campaign called "Operation Dear Abby."

For 17 years, American citizens sent letters and cards to servicemen deployed away from home. These cards served to boost morale and spread holiday cheer to thousands of military personnel.

Many years later, during Operation Desert Storm, a new letter-writing campaign was born. Rather than focus only on the holiday season, "Any Servicemember" aimed to promote troops morale year round. During operations in Bosnia, the campaign continued to grow and brought joy to many members of

The Devil's River News will go to print early next week.

Deadline for print will be Friday, December 20, 2002 at 12:00 p.m

armed services.

Unfortunately, recent threats of Anthrax and biological warfare, have made delivering large amounts of mail to our troops unsafe. The Department of Defense was forced to announce that both of these highly successful campaigns would be indefinitely suspended. In the midst of a new kind of war, we must find new means of supporting our servicemen and women.

In light of these events, the Navy created a web-based alternative to traditional letter-writing campaigns. The new "Any Servicemember" web site, provides a simple system to send e-mail greetings to our troops. Anyone wishing a reply to their message, need only to include a return e-mail address. This simple process allows those sending the message to chose any branch of the military to send their greetings. While our troops will miss the brightly-colored envelopes and picturesque cards, they are excited about the convenience of e-mail.

As our troops face new challenges, we must demonstrate the true conviction for our armed services. Each person must do their part to help boost the morale of those who will not be home for the holidays. I urge each of you to participate in this thoughtful and patriotic campaign. It will take only a few minutes, but think of the joy it will bring to these very special and admirable men and women.

For more information about the Navy's "Any Servicemember" campaign visit <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil/>

Stockings hanging on your mantel...

According to tradition, Saint Nicholas left his very first gifts of gold coins in the stockings of three poor girls who needed the money for their wedding dowries. The girls had hung their stockings by the fire to dry. The tradition has modified itself, from gag gifts, to small inexpensive but useful gifts.



F.Y.I.

Little Dribblers Group Practices 3rd grade - 6th grade boys will practice from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on January 11th, 18th, & 25th. 3rd-6th grade girls will practice on the same days (1/11, 1/18 & 1/25) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Sonora on Tuesday January 28, February 25, and March 25 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Your Social Security business can be handled just as quickly by telephone. Call toll free by dialing 1-800-772-1213 Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Dance - Tejano Mix D.J. y Esperanza - December 31, 2002 at Sutton County Civic Center from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - \$8.00 advance - \$10.00 at door. For more information or tickets call Chavarria's Grocery, Fred's Tiendita, Mike Villanueva at 387-5300, Florie Gonzales at 387-5335 or Maria Mesa at 387-2287. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The Junction Stockyards will be closed for the sales that fall on Dec. 20th, 23rd, 27th and 30th. Friday, Jan. 3rd will be the first sale back for 2003.

The deadline to purchase a Senior Ad for the 2003 Yearbooks is December 18th. Text and pictures are also due at this time. Your pictures will be returned to you when the completed yearbooks arrive in September of 2003. For more information call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext. 315.

If you have not purchased a 2002 Yearbook, they are still on sale. Come to the High School or send your payment to S.H.S. Yearbook Department, 807 SE Concho, Sonora, TX 76950 or call Kristin Keel at 387-6533, ext. 315 for more information.

The Sutton County Historical Society office is open for business. The office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and January 1st.

Parent information classes are being offered weekly at the Elementary auditorium. Classes are on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Area agencies along with school staff will be presenting information on a wide range of topics such as positive behavior support, building self-esteem in your children, nutrition, and much more. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

The Depot may be rented by calling the Sutton Co. Historical Society at 387-5084. Open Mondays, Tuesday until noon and Fridays.

S.M.S. Celebrates Christmas With Door Decorating Contest

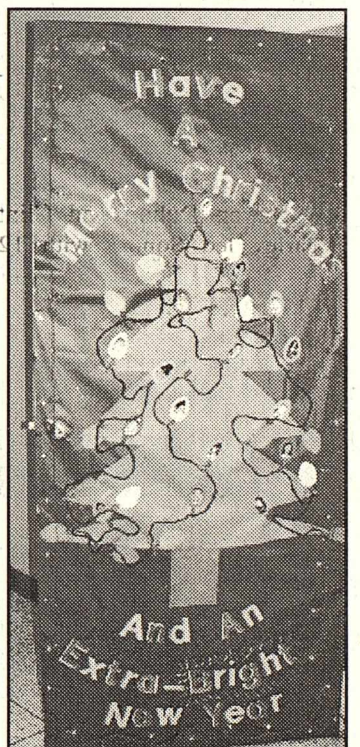
To help get in the spirit of the holiday season the Sonora Middle School Student Council hosted a Door Decorating Contest. Three categories were judged, Funniest, Most Original and Most Christmas Spirit. Students and teachers joined together to bring their ideas to life and the first place winners are pictured below. All classes that participated deserve an Honorable Mention. The judges had a hard time choosing the winners.

Funniest



1st Place: Rm. 202 - Mrs. Herring
2nd Place: Rm. 206 - Ms. Emert
3rd Place: Rm. 108 - Mrs. Jennings

Most Original



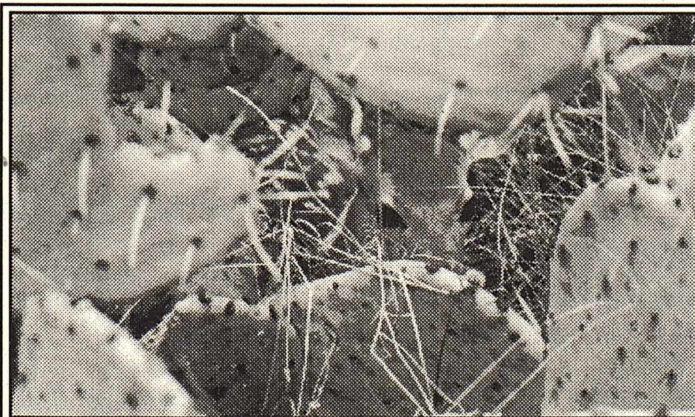
1st Place: Rm. 107 - Mrs. Love
2nd Place: Rm. 208 - Coach Glidewell
3rd Place: Rm. 102 - Mrs. Young

Most Christmas Spirit



1st Place: Rm. 110 - Ms. Samaniego
2nd Place: Rm. 109 - Mrs. Shannon
3rd Place: Rm. 205 - Mrs. Martin

Merry Christmas
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No "Silent Night" Here



Students from the Sonora 4th Grade Music Class filled the air with the Sounds of the Season last week as they strolled along Main Street singing Christmas Carols. The students were led by Music Teacher, Mrs. Duncan and Counselor, Mrs. Davenport.

Broncos Go Up and Down In Ozona Tournament

The Sonora Varsity Broncos traveled to Ozona over the weekend of December 14-15 to compete in the annual Ozona Tournament. The Broncos won 2 and lost 2 and are sitting at a 6-5 record for the year.

The first game was against Menard, giving the Broncos a good start with a victory of 56 to 37 over the Yellow Jackets. Caleb Gulley was the high point man for the game with 21 points. Chris Martin was next with 16 points, going 3 for 3

from the 3 points line. Douglas Yocham played strong with 9 rebounds.

The second game didn't end as well as the first, with the Broncos falling to Brownfield 73 to 66. Chris Martin was lead scorer with 21 points, followed by Yocham with 17 points and 7 rebounds.

An unfortunate loss to Junction ended the third game. The close game ended 58 to 53 in favor of the Eagles. Chris Martin and Gulley battled it out

for high point, with each having 12.

The Broncos bounced back in the final game against Brooksmith, defeating them 71 to 32. Gulley was the lead scorer again with 18 points, followed by Yocham with 14.

The Broncos will travel to Ballinger on December 20th for their next game, with the J.V. starting at 6:00 p.m. and the Varsity at 7:30 p.m. Come help cheer the Broncos on to their next victory.

J.V. Broncos Win Consolation In Iraan Tournament

by Maray Cearley

Last Tuesday the Junior Varsity boys traveled to Brady, which resulted in their second loss of the season. Trailing the entire game, the Broncos came up short, 44 - 54.

Steven Duhon and Cliff Cearley led Sonora with 12 points each. Lance Roberts had 6, Dustin Creek 4, Cameron Cox and Austin Wagoner 3 each and Cullen Parker and Boomer Galindo with 2 apiece.

On Thursday, the Broncos traveled to Iraan to compete in their tournament. The Broncos first matchup was against the Reagan County Freshmen. Although the Broncos only shot 32% from the foul line and committed 28 turnovers, they still came out on top, 52-45. Leading the Red was Roberts with 18 points and 7 rebounds, followed by Cearley with 12 points. Others scoring for the Broncos were Wagoner with 6, Duhon with 5, Cox and Parker with 4 each and Embre Smith with 3.

Sonora J.V.'s second game was against Irion County. The Hornets played well together, averaging 80 points a game. They rattled the Broncos, forcing many turnovers and missed shots. The final score showed this with Irion Co. 59, Sonora J.V. 26. Cearley led the scoring with 12, Roberts had 6, Creek, Cox, Duhon and Smith all had

2. At noon on Saturday the J.V. Broncos faced the McCamey Badgers. Sonora didn't shoot so well from the foul line, making only 7 of 24. Ironically, it was Creek making 2 in the final seconds that won it for the Broncos, 48 - 47.

Cearley once again led the scoring with 22, hitting four 3-pointers. Wagoner had 10, Duhon and Creek 4 each, Parker had a 3 pointer and Roberts totaled 3 points also. Galindo added 2 and Smith finished with 1. Leading rebounders were Wagoner, Smith and Galindo.

This win placed the J.V. Broncos in the consolation game against Reagan County, which they had already defeated earlier. The Broncos played well, shooting 58% from the free-throw line and finishing with 3 in double figures. Cearley led the Broncos with 20 points and 7 steals. Wagoner played well finishing with 16, while Smith had 12 points and 8 rebounds. Creek and Duhon each contributed 7, with Perez and Roberts adding 2. The final score was Sonora 66, Reagan Co. 55.

This week the J.V. Broncos travel to Ballinger. Congratulations on the Consolation win and Beat The Bobcats!

J.V. "A" Lady Broncos Have Rough Start

The J.V. "A" Lady Broncos played a close game against San Angelo Lakeview on November 26, 2002. The final score of 58 to 42 found San Angelo on top, but reflected a good game played by Sonora.

Kali Roberts led the scoring with 9 points, with Tissie Wagoner and Debra Martinez right on her heels with 8 points each. Perla Perez had 6, Savannah Hedgecock 5, Chelsea Seaton 4, and Missy Longoria 2.

On December 3 the J.V. "A" girls took to the court again, this time to take on the Mason Lady Punchers. The girls put up a good fight, but just couldn't keep up with the Mason team, falling short 37 to 47. Kayla McBride, Amanda Word and Tissie Wagoner battled it out for top billing, each scoring 6 points. Debra Martinez, Perla Perez, Kali Roberts and Savannah Hedgecock each had 4, Missy Longoria had 2 and Tara Green finished with 1.

The Wall Tournament started on December 5, with the J.V. "A" girls meeting up with San Angelo Central in the first round. San Angelo defeated the Lady Broncos 37 to 25. Tissie Wagoner, Kali Roberts led the scoring with 6 and Jillian Gulley played hard, adding 5 points to the board. Roberts led in rebounds with 6 and Susanna Street and Wagoner each took 4. Perla Perez had 3 points, Susanna Street 2, and Hanna Scott, Chelsea Seaton and Savannah Hedgecock each had 1.

The second round fared better for the J.V. "A" Ladies who defeated the Wall "B" 48 to 20. Hedgecock led the way with 14 points and 7 rebounds. Roberts had 6 points and 5 rebounds and Tissie Wagoner had 5 points and 7 rebounds. Chelsea Seaton had 7 points, Jillian Gulley, Missy Longoria and Amanda Word each had 4 and Debra Martinez and Tissie Wagoner each had 2.

The J.V. "A" Ladies traveled to Ozona on December 7th and barely missed the win, 23 to 19 in favor of Ozona. Jillian Gulley was lead scorer with 8 points. Tissie Wagoner had 4 points and 5 rebounds. Savannah Hedgecock had 3, and Debra Martinez and Chelsea Seaton each had 2.

8th Grade Lady Colts Push Past Wall

On November 26, 2002 the 8th Grade Lady Colts traveled to Wall where they gave the extra needed push to come out on top, 21 to 20.

Meghan Krieg was the lead scorer with 14 points. Allyse Edmondson had 6 points and Brandy Neff rounded things out with 1. The girls had a 50% free-throw average, sinking 1 of 2.

Lady Broncos Lay One On The Loboos

The Varsity Lady Broncos took on the Monahans Loboos on December 11, 2002. The Lady Broncos, played great team ball and also hit their free-throws down the stretch, defeating the Lady Loboos 61 to 46. This win puts the girls at 5 - 6. Cady Taylor stepped up and gave the Ladies great minutes and eight points before fouling out. The player of the game

against Monahans was Morgan Hobbs who had 20 points and 10 rebounds for her second double-double this year!

Ashley Parker finished with 11 points and Kara Hard had 10. Out of 24 free-throw attempts the Lady Broncos sunk 17.

The girls will travel to Rankin on December 30th for their next game. Good Luck Lady Broncos!

Christmas Carol Quiz

1. Where was I when I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus?
2. What is the biggest selling Christmas single of all time?
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see answers page 7

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Whole Cottonseed Feed Has Adverse Effect On Fallow Deer

by Robert Burns

Feeding whole cottonseed to both free-ranging and ranch deer is a common practice this time of year.

But a recent study done by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station finds a toxic element in whole cottonseed adversely retards antler growth, lessens body condition scores and lowers testosterone levels in male deer.

The study was done with fallow deer, a species native to the Mediterranean region of Europe and Asia Minor and grown on deer farms throughout Texas, and not with white-tailed deer, the wild species native to Texas.

"However, fallow deer are similar to white-tails in body size, antler cycles and reproductive cycles. As a result, there are good reasons to believe that gossypol could also affect white-tailed deer," said Dr. Ron Randel, an Experiment Station scientist.

Whole cottonseed contains gossypol, a toxic element that naturally occurs in cotton plants. Non-ruminants, humans for example, are particularly sensitive to gossypol. The symptoms of gossypol toxicity include labored breathing, decreased growth rates and loss of appetite.

The effects of gossypol on ruminants such as white-tailed deer and related species are not so evident, but seem focused on the animal's reproductive physiology. It has long been known, for example, that gossypol toxicity will damage a bull's sperm. Early studies have also shown that the damage comes during the formation of spermatozoa, leading to damage to the tail and membrane covering.

Armed with these facts, Randel, an internationally renowned expert on beef cattle physiology, initiated a study in 2000 to measure the effects, if any, on male fallow deer. In the study, he used deer from the deer farm facilities located at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton.

Twelve two-year-old bucks and 12 yearling bucks were randomly split into two groups. Six bucks of each age group were fed whole cottonseed (WCS) and six were fed a cracked corn and soybean supplement calculated to be equal in nutritional value to the cottonseed rations. Deer in all groups were provided all they would eat. They were also maintained on Bermuda grass pastures with free access to salt, mineral supplements and water.

At 28-day intervals, from March through October, Randel and his research team collected blood samples, body-condition scores, right and left antler measurements, scrotum circumference and testicular measurements on the deer. When antler growth ended, and the bucks began to rub the velvet off their antlers, the team collected sperm from the deer on 14-day intervals.

Antler weight and length were both reduced in the WCS fed animals compared to the control group, those eating corn/soybean rations without WCS. Average antler length was 22 centimeters (about 8-1/2 inches) in the WCS animals compared to 36 centimeters (about 14 inches) in the controls. Average antler weight in the WCS animals also was approximately half that of the control.

A more important measurement, in terms of the health of a deer herd, was the level of testosterone, the male hormone. The blood testosterone levels of the WCS animals averaged approximately half that of the corn/soybean fed control group.

"These data indicate that either cervids (deer) are being affected negatively by the gossypol intake, or they are not capable of utilizing the increased fat in the diet provided by whole cottonseed," Randel said.

Cottonseed meal as well as whole cottonseed is used in the rations of other ruminants, including beef and dairy cattle

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Who's Baggin' The Big Bucks?

Ricky Patrick of Addis, LA got this 10 point buck with a 21" inside spread while hunting at Rande Fawcett's early last week. The buck, shot from about 100 yards out using a .300 short mag., scored a 152 on the Boone & Crockett scale. Patrick was guided by Phil Farris of Wildlife Visions.

Joey Bianacalana got this 10 point with a 19 3/4" spread while hunting with his grandfather Louis Balas on the Marvin Shurley Los Cuernos Ranch on December 1, 2002. Joey is the 10 year old grandson of Louis and Loyce Balas and is from Castle Rock, Colorado.

Cash Jennings killed this 20 point fallow deer east of Sonora while hunting with his dad on November 27, 2002. Cash, a fifth grader, is the 11 year old son of Larry and Kate Jennings.

Rig Locations as of December 13, 2002

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Hospital Board from page 1

of the cost of the construction. Butler stated that there are also several grants that he is going to apply for to help with the cost of the facility. Discussion was held regarding the plans for the Hospital and the Wellness Center. Mrs. Knight gave the financial report for October. Total patient revenues were over \$200,000 with operating expenses of \$178,000. The expenses are under budget for

the year, with the revenue being under budget with the addition of several new services. The November expenditures were presented for approval. Upon a motion by Faris, seconded by Epps, the Board approved the expenditures. With no comments from visitors or Board members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Flu from page 1

risk people have been vaccinated, anyone desiring protection can request vaccination.

Prevention
Flu shots are recommended annually for people who are 50 years of age or older, anyone with chronic heart, lung or kidney conditions, and those living in institutions. The vaccine has a 60% to 70% success rate in preventing infection among individuals with normal immune systems; efficacy is lower in individuals with weakened immune systems. The influenza vaccine should not be given to people who are allergic to eggs.

Approximately 8 million children and adolescents between 6 months and 17 years of age have one or more medical conditions that put them at increased risk of influenza-related complications and should be given the first vaccine available:

- * Children with chronic disorders of the heart or lungs (such as asthma and cystic fibrosis)
- * Children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of conditions such as the following:

- * chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes)
- * kidney dysfunction
- * sickle cell anemia
- * immuno suppression

* Children and teenagers receiving long-term aspirin therapy and therefore might be at risk for developing Reye's syndrome after influenza infection

* Adolescent girls who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season

For unvaccinated individuals who have been exposed to people with known influenza, especially if the exposed individual has risk factors, potential use of antiviral medication for more than 2 weeks and vaccination may help prevent illness.

- Symptoms**
- * fever - up to 104 degrees
 - * headache
 - * muscle aches and stiffness
 - * nasal discharge
 - * cough
 - * shortness of breath
 - * chills
 - * fatigue
 - * malaise
 - * sweating
 - * loss of appetite
 - * stuffy, congested nose
 - * sore throat

Treatment
For mild illness in people who are not at high-risk (not immuno suppressed, elderly, no chronic heart, lung or kidney conditions) - the treatment of influenza is frequently just supportive and includes bed rest, analgesics (pain killers) for muscle aches and pains, and increased intake of fluids.

If influenza is diagnosed within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms, in particular among high-risk groups, several antiviral medications are available which may shorten the duration of symptoms by approximately 1 day. These medications include amantadine or rimantadine (active against influenza A only); oseltamivir and zanamivir (active against influenza A and

B). As each of these medicines has different side effects and affects different viruses, your physician will determine which one is best for you.

Treatment is usually not necessary for children, but if the illness is diagnosed early and the patient is at risk of progression to more severe disease, it can be started. Oseltamivir (Tamiflu) is the best choice for individuals with normal immune systems; efficacy is lower in individuals with weakened immune systems. The influenza vaccine should not be given to people who are allergic to eggs. Approximately 8 million children and adolescents between 6 months and 17 years of age have one or more medical conditions that put them at increased risk of influenza-related complications and should be given the first vaccine available:

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The Candy Cane
In the late 1800's, a candy maker in Indiana wanted to express the meaning of Christmas through a symbol made of candy. He invented the idea of bending one of his white candy sticks into the shape of a Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols of Christ's love and sacrifice through the Candy Cane. First, he used a plain white peppermint stick. The color white symbolizes the purity and sinless nature of Jesus. Next, he added three small stripes to symbolize the pain inflicted upon Jesus before His death on the cross. There are three of them to represent the Holy Trinity. He added a bold stripe to represent the blood Jesus shed for mankind. When looked at with the crook on top, it looks like a shepherd's staff because Jesus is the shepherd of man. If you turn it upside down, it becomes the letter J symbolizing the first letter in Jesus' name. The candy maker made these Candy Canes for Christmas, so everyone would remember what Christmas is all about.

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Cottonseed from page 6

and sheep. Because beef and dairy cattle have larger rumens, they utilize fat in the diet better than deer species, and are more likely to reap positive effects from a cottonseed diet with its higher fat content, Randel noted.

To Randel, the implications of feeding whole cottonseed are clear. He is suggesting wildlife managers and deer ranchers exercise caution when using whole cottonseed as a supplement for deer.

Randel also noted that the research project has met with some naysayers. Cottonseed is a cheap feed with lots of nutritive value. Also, it is not consumed by non-target species such as the wild boar, making it ideal for large supplemental feeding projects. These benefits, it is argued, outweigh the negative side effects of feeding whole cottonseed.

Deer farming, the raising of deer in confinement on improved pastures, is a relatively new agricultural enterprise in the United States. Until recently, exotic deer farms were not considered agricultural operations by laws in Texas and other states. Exotic deer were considered game, not livestock.

During the last few years, changes in Texas and other

states' laws have made exotic deer farms subject to the same laws, such as herd health laws, that govern other livestock species. The change in classification also means exotic deer farms come under agricultural-use laws and may benefit from the same tax breaks.

Today, Texas law still considers the white-tailed deer as a game species, whether it is free-ranging or raised in confinement, and the sale of its meat is prohibited.

Randel has been conducting deer farming research since 1991. Early research showed non-native deer breeds such as Axis and Fallow can adapt to existing Texas pastures. In the intervening years, research has focused on aspects of reproductive management, pasture systems, business planning and product marketing for relatively intensive operations where the main goals include venison and/or velvet antler production, as well as seed stock production. The Overton Center deer farming research facilities are currently working with two species - fallow and red deer.

More detailed information on deer farming and the research done at the center can be found on the Internet at <http://overton.tamu.edu/deerfarming>.

Christmas Carol Quiz Answers from page 5

1. On The Stairs.
2. "White Christmas"
3. The Ox and the Lamb
4. Eleven
5. Silver Bells

Christmas Trivia Quiz Answer from page 3
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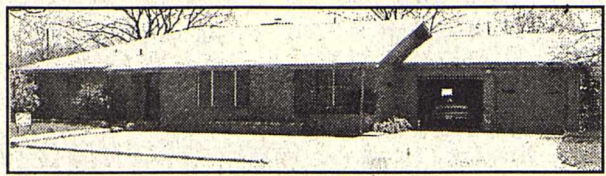
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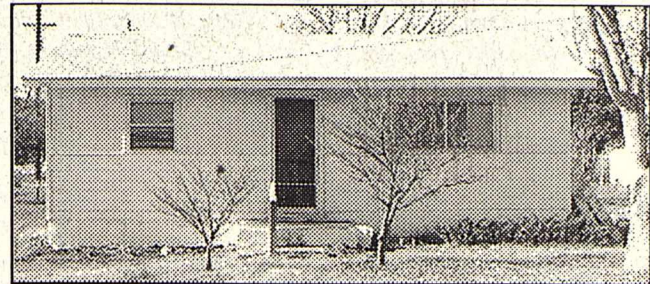
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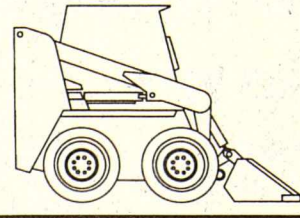
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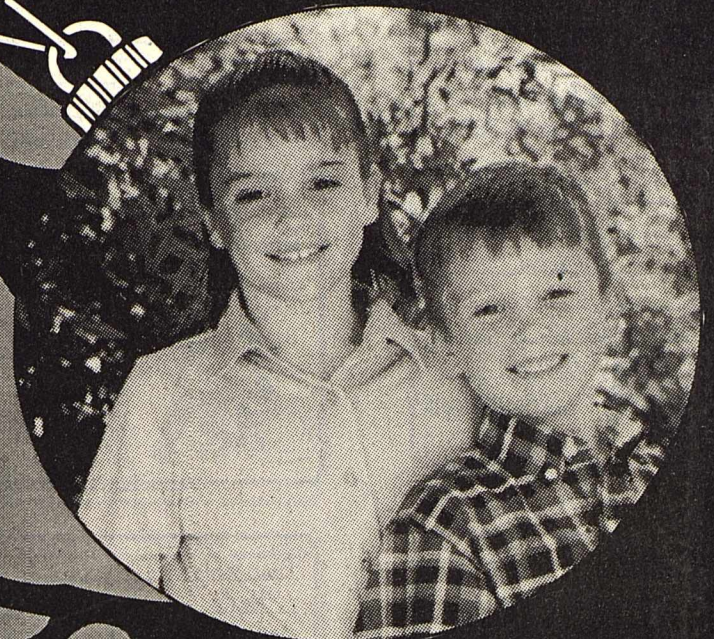
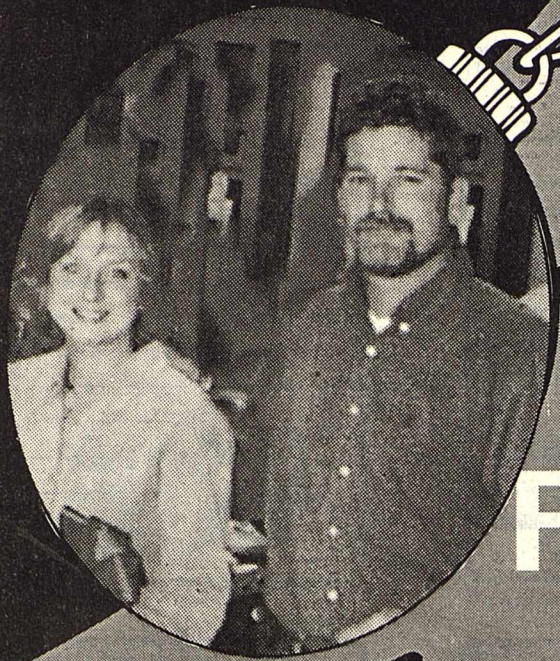
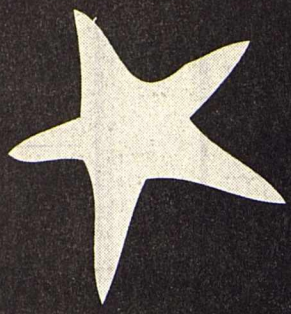
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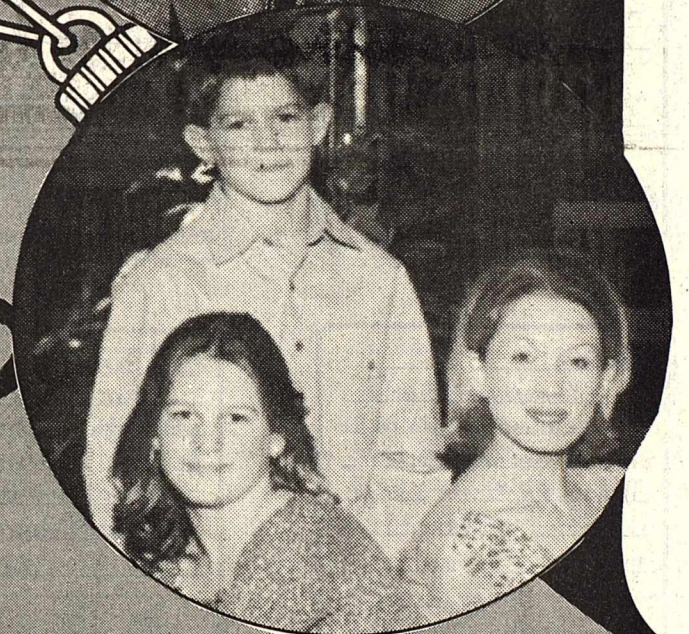
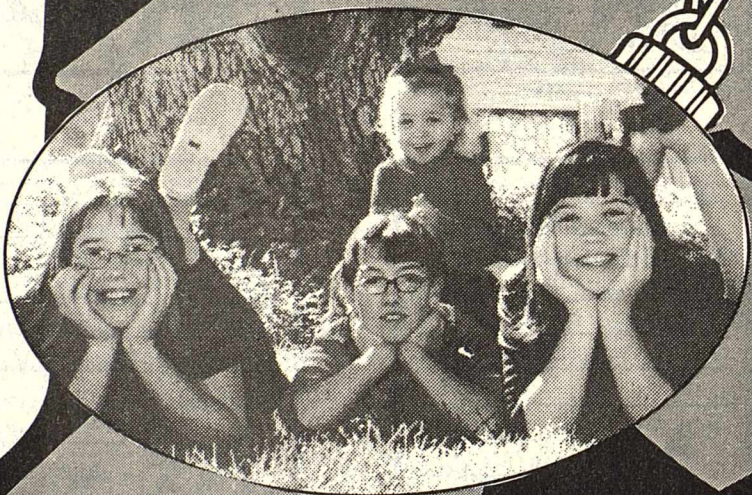
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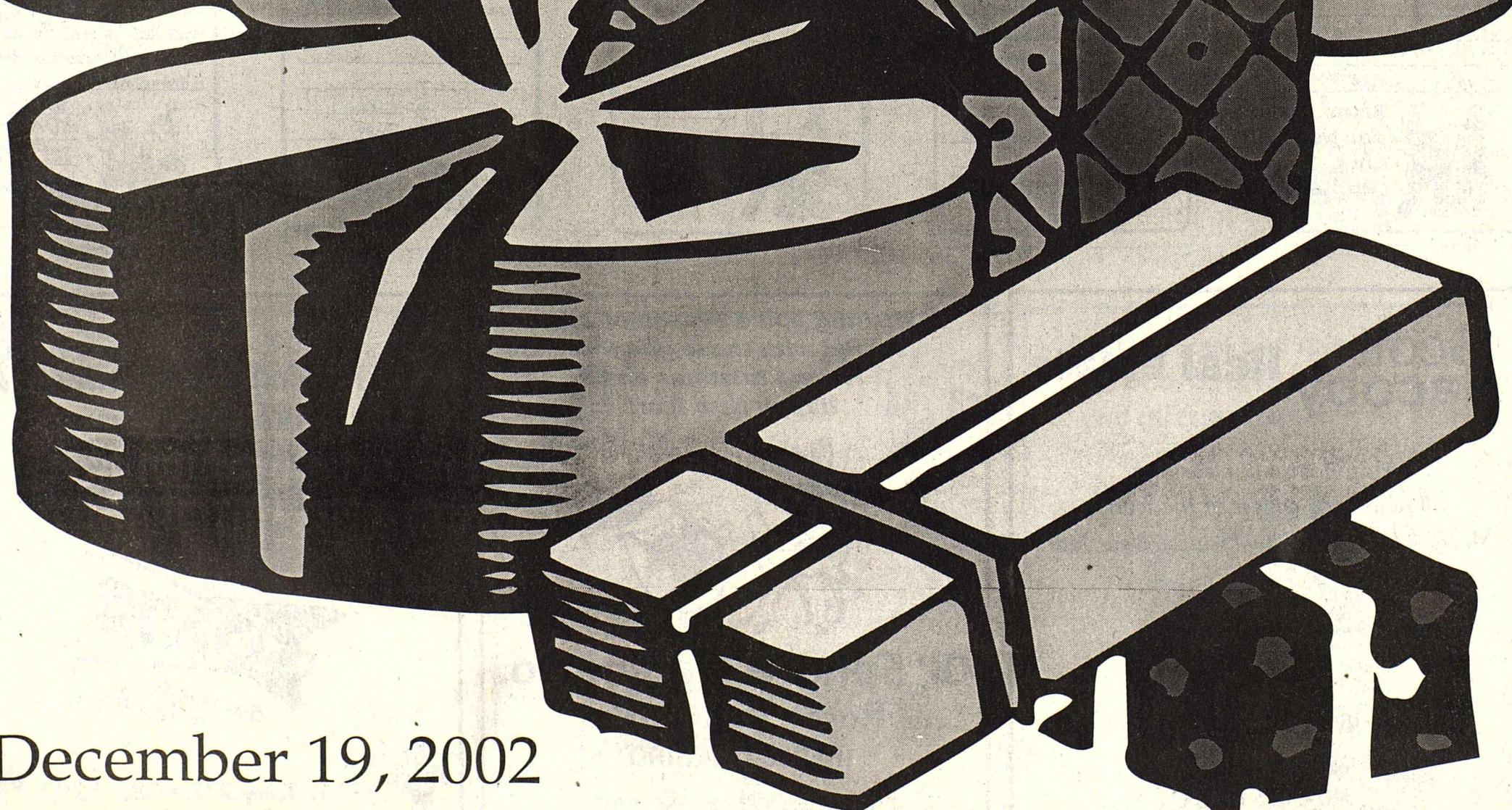




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I want a box of gingerbread toys
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my mom and sister. I want my Dad
to have a safari hat and cowboy hat.

Love,
Trent Harris
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
Hello. I want a Barbie. My
mom wants an angel. My cousin
wants a shirt.

Love,
Marlene Hernandez
Pre-K
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Dear Santa,
Bring me something please.
I would like a game cube and a
motorcycle and a game boy. I
also like Legos.

Love,
Edgar Hernandez
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train and
some number toys. I will make you
some cookies.

Love,
Eugene Rojas Jr.
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
I want a big car for my dad and
a small car for my mom. I don't
want anything for me.

Love,
Alejo
Aliza Machado Jr.
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a
toy car and a spiderman game.

Love,
Adrian Garcia
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
Hi. I want a Barbie, Barbie
car, and bubbles. I want some
Dora shoes, Angelica shoes and backpack.
Some power rangers for my brother
Fernando and some toys for Talah.

Love,
Sara Zuniga
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
Please buy my brother a car.
I want a dog like my brother's. My
dad wants a shiny gold watch and
my mom wants whatever. I also want
a baby and real cookies, and a color with
a coloring board.

Love,
Laura Sanchez
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck and some
clothes. Please!

Love,
Sergio
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck and a doll.
I also want a Scooby Doo movie.

Love,
Sylvia
Sylvia Salazar
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
Hi. I want a batman toy and
a Thomas train toy.

Love,
Daniel Castro
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
Hello. I want a barbie, barbie
car, and a doll. I also want
a puppy. I want a new car for
my mom and a truck for my
dad.

Love,
Joanna De Luna
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I want chocolate and a Dora
book. I will leave you some
cookies and milk.

Love,
Tanya Bonds
Pre-K
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Dear Santa,
I want a castle and a guy
that goes to the castle. Thank you!

Love,
Drew
Drew Barron
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
Please can I have a castle
and some little army men. I also
want a little cage to trap the army
men. I will leave you a Santa
hat and maybe some boots too.

Love,
Kable
Kable Herring
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Dear Santa,
Hi. I want a Barbie, bubbles,
and a doll.

Love,
Kaitlyn Lopez
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
Please come to my house. I
want a Middle B toy and an "X
Box" game for my dad. My sister needs
bracelets. I also want a Jurassic Park
toy. Please bring my mom a necklace.
Merry Christmas.

Love,
Diana Fajue
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I want a doll carriage and a
trampoline.

Love,
Marlene
Marlene Ortiz
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and some
make-up. I would also like a
Holly Holly. Thank you!

Love,
Lizbeth
Lizbeth Barron
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
I would like a computer. Thank
you Santa!

Love,
Lisa
Lisa Barron
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a
barbie, a real turtle, and a barbie
house. I also want a bike.
How is your reindeer doing?

Love,
Kelisha Mercado
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I have a mom. I would like
a little bike for me to ride, and a
pumpkin. I want some markers.
I also have 2 brothers named Ting
and Bucky. I made cookies.

Love,
Kayla Kalka
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and
a rider. My dog runs away all the
time. I also want a monster
truck.

Love,
J.C. Barron
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
I want a reindeer and a
beach ball. I would also like
a cartoon movie. I have been a
really good boy.

Love,
Netza
Netza Estrada
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
Hello. How are your
elves doing? I would like a
carpet - a blue one. Elves can
make anything. I want Legos and a
box with nothing in it. Thank you!

Love,
Gage
Gage Glidewell
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
Hi. I want a spider web blotter
and a spiderman playset.

Love,
Bryan
Bryan Brown
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I
need glasses that have flashlights
on them, and a Spiderman tooth-
brush. I also want a Spiderman
Skyrider Playset. Would you bring a
tie for my grandpa. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Skyler Wood
Pre-K
Mrs. Glidewell




Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur, lots of
dominos, and a red rock. I also want
a spider that crawls under the
bridge. I be good at home.

Love,
J. Siah
J. Siah
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress




Dear Santa,
I want a checkers game and a
motorcycle. I have been a good boy
because I help my sister.

Love,
Diego Barron
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress



Dear Santa,
How are you? How do
the elves make the toys? I
want to know where you get
your food... where? Please bring
me some Glitterstick jewelry and
a trampoline. Thank you!

Love,
Sydney
Sydney Barron
Pre-K
Mrs. Childress



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Dear Santa,
Hello. I want a purple scooter, please.

Love,
Christopher
Christopher Amador
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Dear Santa,
Hi. Could you get me a guitar, a skateboard, and a BB gun? Thank you very much.

Love,
Kari Telles
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a Barbie and Barbie house.

Love,
Kari Amador
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a Snow bear and guitar set.

Love,
Seren
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a Barbie doll and watch.

Love,
Antonina Gomez
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
Hello. I want to go to my Grandmas house for Christmas. I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie watch! I want to know about that reindeer with a red nose - what is his name? I want to tell you thank you - for giving me all the toys!

Love,
Cipriana
Cipriana Tobias
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
Hello. Have you had a snowball fight? Please could I have a Barbie, a power ranger for my brother and a round trampoline? Thank you!

Love, Janelle
Janelle Vasquez
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a few wheels, play station

Love,
Kaden Kinder
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a bike and a tv

Love
Ail Alvarado
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a baby doll, kitchen set, real puppy, play dishes, and clothes.

Love,
Sete Mataviz
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I'm fine! Please gimme a toy! I want a shark toy. That's all!

Sincerely,
Brian Muckey
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
I want a spiderman video game. I want a game boy with one control and I want a new batman CD, cuz my old one don't work. I want new tennis shoes and I want to say hello to your friend Tanner!

Love,
Tanner Myers
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a bike and watch

Love,
Anna Trevino
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a fish

Love, Kaci
Lewis
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a Spider man and a guitar.

Love,
Lionel
Lionel DeLeon
Kinder
Meador



Dear Santa,
Hi! Thank you for getting me some presents here at my house. I would like some Barbie clothes for my Barbies, with one "Sue" shirt for my Barbie. Thank you for giving me stuff.

Sincerely,
Caitlyn
Caitlyn Moss
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi. Hola. Me puedes dar unas tracas, por favor?

Love,
David Torres
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




David Torres
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a Hot wheels Track Set and a Spider man

Love,
David Torres
Kinder
Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a truck and video game.

Love,
Jose Quiras
Kinder
Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a dented wheel chair.

Love,
Maegan
Maegan Kinder
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
Hello. How do you do? Could you please bring me a present like a Barbie jeep? Thank you for the present. That's all.

Love,
Alexis
Alexis Garza
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi. I want the lot of stuff cause I need it for my house. I want Christmas lights and the candles. Please give me a dollhouse.

Love,
Sydney Robles
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a bed tent and food set

Love,
Kelsie K Harris
Kinder
Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a Barbie twin house and a karaoke machine.

Love,
Victoria Rera
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me FingerPaint, knives and a bicycle.

Love,
Sierra Samaniego
K
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
Hello! ¿Como están todos? ¿Santa, por favor, me traes un Liger y un Super Liger? ¡Muchas gracias!

Antentamente,
Jesus
Jesus Huerta
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
Hi. Thank you, thank you. Please bring me Silly Bowling.

Sincerely,
Michael Solis
Prekindergarten
Mrs. Jimenez & Mrs. Berry




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a doll and bike

Love,
Kaitie Martinez
Kinder
Mrs. Meador




Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me a bike and tractors.

Love,
Devon Baker
Kinder
Meador



Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! Please bring me Bubbler, Ranzel, Cevos, Gameboy, and a car.

Love,
Abigail Garcia
K
Mrs. Meador



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Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a lava lamp, dolphin ball.




Love,
Alexas
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a soccer ball and a kite board.




Love,
Dustin
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a airplane monster truck and a movie.




Love,
Jebiah Yach
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a power puff girl and a guitar.




Love,
Jasmin Ramos
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a PlayStation.




Love,
Jonathan
K
Mrs. Dutton

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a Mario Linker, all ornaments, princess book, Lilo and Stich Movie.




Love,
Closby
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a Mickey Mouse, The 14 birds, the Pigeon, Meaty, the Dinosaur, the Back Pack, the Star, the Book.




Love,
Luis
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a motorcycle, control car and bike.




Love,
Daniel
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a tractor, a former and a fast lane radio.




Love,
Alonzo
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good this year. Please bring me a motorcycle, Thomas train, and a guitar.




Love,
Walker
K
Mrs. Dutton

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a car, a skateboard, a sword.




Love,
Miguel
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Please bring me a trampoline, a Dora the Explorer, a skateboard, a doll.




Love,
Brenda Ortiz
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a transformer and a Spider Man roller rider.




Love,
Jose
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Barbie, a book, a DVD, a bicycle.




Love,
Madison
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a black bike with flames.




Love,
Hunter
K
Dutton

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a remote control car, a hat and a bike wheels.




Love,
Salvador Lopez
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a Master Truck, Teddy Bear, Football and a Farm.




Love,
Eugene
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a DVD, a bike, a truck, a hat.




Love,
Giselle
K
Mrs. Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Barbie and a Funky Truck.




Love,
Rikki Sterling
K
Mrs. Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me Harry Potter Legos.




Love,
Pedro Campa
K
Mrs. Dutton

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a Star Wars Monsters, Pokemon.




Love,
Piston
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a Barbie, a DVD, a movie, a book.




Love,
Miranda
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Rapunzel, Barbie.




Love,
Mckayla
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Crayon Maker and a Easy Bake Oven.




Love,
Vonica
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Rescue Robot and a Spiderman Blaster.




Love,
Jonathan
K
Mrs. Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a book, a guitar, a Nintendo Game Boy, a house, a car.




Love,
Jesus Alvarez
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa I have been good this year. Please bring me a book, a guitar, a Nintendo Game Boy, a house, a car.




Love,
Chase
K
Mrs. Perez

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Prince, a skateboard, and a Rapunzel Barbie.




Love,
Claudia
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a DVD, a Starz Doll, and a Karaoke.




Love,
Maria Gaspar
K
Dutton

Dear Santa Claus I have been good this year. Please bring me a Polly Sparkie House, and a Fur Real Cat.




Love,
Kaitlyn
K
Dutton

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Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 a pair kitchen towels,
 (p. 100?)
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Hannah
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 I have been good
 this year! Please bring
 me a
 monster truck
 and a car.

Thank you
 Ethan
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a
 Barbie doll, a Barbie
 and Barbie clothes?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Katy
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 Please Santa will you
 give me a toy?
 Santa will you bring
 me a macaroni? Please
 Santa will you give me a
 play house?

Thank you
 Tyler Smith
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 I Love you
 I wish for a toy I wish
 for a toy I am
 I wish for a baby I am
 I wish for a big Christmas
 tree.

Thank you
 Johnson
 Harley
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 May I please have two
 wheels, a Barbie,
 and a special Mrs. Wade?

Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a
 hair salon, a Barbie
 wireless video camera,
 and a Barbie dance
 party?

Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Mritzel
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a
 Barbie Dance Party
 Barbie computer
 Barbie Junior Explorer
 Globe?

Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Meghan
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 How are you?
 I want a Scooth
 Shanon I want
 a hooli hoop.
 I want a Walke
 talker I want a rabbit

Thank you
 Kandyse
 Rodriguez
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing?
 I love you Santa.
 Santa can you please give
 me a rabbit. Santa,
 you please give me a
 snake.

Thank you
 Kayla Baker
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 a Barbie,
 and a Barbie?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 Episode 11202, a
 Barbie, and a Barbie?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Michael G.
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a
 Hot Wheels Station,
 a Barbie car, and a
 fireman's truck?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 I want a far snake,
 I want a doll.
 I want a hat.
 I want a cat that talks
 I want a pig.

Thank you
 Elena Gloria
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 please give me
 a remote bat man
 with rubber bullets
 and a throw hat
 and a low in the
 dark.

Thank you
 Steve Gayton
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 a Barbie Doll, a Barbie
 baby, and a Barbie Kelly?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 a Barbie, a Barbie,
 Rapunzel, Ken
 as prince, and more?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Leslie
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a
 ice maker, a
 Barbie, and a
 horse?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 How are you? Will you please
 get me a cat, a baby
 kitten and a Barbie cat and a
 baby Barbie and have a great day
 and to love you Santa and Merry
 Christmas to all.

Thank you
 Logan Smith
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 Santa is fun
 I want a football
 I want a xbox
 I want a car. And
 pakement toy.

Thank you
 Daniel Nican
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 May I please have some
 Harry Potter dolls, a
 sled, and a truck?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 a power wheels
 bike, a Barbie,
 trading card set,
 and a Techbook?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Oscar
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing?
 I love you Santa!
 I want a remote car
 I want a horse.

Thank you
 Skeet Chalmers
 First grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 I want a little dog
 and a doll and a Barbie
 and a Barbie doll set
 and a Barbie Barbie and a
 Barbie, a Barbie Star,
 a TV, a book.

Thank you
 Analisa Perez
 First
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 Could you please bring
 me a Spectra Color
 and Barbie as Rapunzel
 and Barbie Dance party and
 two laser lights. So how
 is your elves doing?

Thank you
 Maddie
 Lang
 First grade
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
 May I please have a
 Discman,
 a game, and
 a toy?
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 May I please have
 shoe skates,
 Santa Advance,
 and a xbox game
 Merry Christmas!

Thank you
 Sider
 Kindergarten
 Mrs. Wade

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing?
 I want a Spider-man
 web blaster and a
 Play Station 2 and
 a Xbox and a remote
 control or Planet Love you

Thank you
 Fabian Guzman
 First
 Mrs. Creek


Dear Santa,
 I want a tractor, a
 go-cart, and a
 motorcycle. I wish my
 dad spoke english.
 Thank you.

Thank you
 Michael Chavez
 1st
 Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa Claus,
 Can you please give me
 a dog please? Will you please
 bring me a movie of Spirit?
 Can you bring me a Barbie?
 Can you bring me a Laserlight?
 How are your Elves doing Santa?

Thank you
 I love you Santa
 Cecelia Badilla
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Dear Santa,
How are you Santa?
I love Santa. Will you
bring me a hat will?
I want a horse.
I want a bed and an
X box and play station

Love,
Alees Samaniego
First
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a game boy?
Can I have a life size?
Can I have a sweater?
How is Mrs. Claus?
How is the family?
How is Rudolf?
Love,
Jonathan
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I please want a cat.
I please want a dog.
I please want a pup.
I please want a dog.
I please want a toy.
How is Rudolf?
Love,
Justin Gutman
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a big truck.
I want a playground.
I want a new color and
clayon book.
How are you Santa? How is
your family?
Love,
Chris Molina
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been
trying to be a
good boy this
year. I want a
red eyes black dragon
and a Harry Potter
toy.
Love,
Adrian Gomez
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
May I have a cat?
May I have the moose
spirit? May I have Tom's
the Tanc Enjin? How is
Mrs. Claus doing?
Love,
Morgan Badgett
First
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
Please bring a skirt.
I wish you would bring
it. I want a real
puppy. I want a
color and I like a
horse. How is Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Vestor Ortiz
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring
me a baby born. I would
like you to bring me stuff
a ham. I would like you to
bring me a prat. How is
Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Mackie Friess
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline
a horse,
a BB gun and
a saddle.
I will leave you some
milk and cookies
Love,
Angastacion
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a
happy trip. I
want a football and
a bike. Thanks a lot
Love,
Youstruly,
Austin Rodriguez
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Barbie.
Sing with me Keryke mihi.
So how is Mrs. Claus doing?
And may I have a Rapunzel
Barbie. And one more thing
a jeep.
Love,
Crystal Lopez
First
Mrs. Creek

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus?
Can I please have a
game boy? And a
Play Station 2. And a
X box.
I have been good.
Love,
Frank Reyna
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Please give me a
baby turtle. I want
a new Hot wheel
truck. I want a
new stuff animal.
I have been good.
Love,
Coley
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf the red nosed
reindeer?
My collar has eyes and white fur.
I will give you milk and cookies.
I want a puppy to come alive.
I want a dog and Mrs. Claus to come
here.
Love,
Michelle a shade
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
I have been good this
year. I would like a BB gun,
a sponge Bob movie, a
Hot wheel Octoblast, a
truck. Will you give me milk
and cookies.
Love,
Will
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
May I have three toes?
A teddy bear, folkies
and a girl pig bank?
I will be Va. Glas of milk
and cakes.
Will you bring me the pig?
Love,
Kimberly
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I please have a doll?
and a baby piggy to
play with? You are
nice to me. How
is Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Jesi Telles
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
Please Santa can I
have a brats doll.
Please Santa can I
have a baby born.
Please Santa can I
have a Rapunzel.
Love,
Valerie
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
Can you please
bring me a sponge Bob
pillow and cover and a
cat. I hope you
have a safe trip.
Love,
Ysena
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf the
red nosed reindeer? I
want a blue eyes cat
white fur, a bike, skates,
A scooter. I hope you
have a good trip.
Love,
Joni Casey
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,
I have bin good.
Can I please have
a Br bbeey and
how is Mrs. Claus?
How is the family?
How are you Santa?
Love,
Terra Gale
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you
can bring me
a Sterear and
a Lemock chrow
cars and a Lemock
e. plens.
Love,
Doug Otwell
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been good
at school. I like a
brats doll and a
brbby and a
pig bank.
Love,
Jamyra
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
How are the Reindeer?
This is what I want this
year, a basketball, a football,
and a soccerball. I hope
you have a nice trip. I will
leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Mary Beth Parkinson
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
How are you? I
have been trying
to be good. I want
a Sponge Bob toy
and a surprise toy.
Thanks for last
year's presents.
Love,
Tori
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
I want a big
Truc. I want a
hot wheel car.
I want a dinosaur.
I do good.
Love,
Alex Morales
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a stuffed animal?
Will you please bring me a real puppy?
Will you please bring me a dress up set?
Will you please bring me a desk?
Will you please bring me a milk carton?
How is Rudolf and Mrs. Claus?
Love,
Emily Paige
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Please can
I have a Mack truck or a
sed play or a talkon?
Hi! Mrs. Claus. Tell the
reindeer I love them.
Love,
Jale Coronado
First
Mrs. Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you Santa?
I want a Karaoke machine.
I want a baby sister,
a and PowerAuff.
How is Rudolf the red nosed
reindeer?
I want a dog.
Love,
Miranda Lee
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I would like
a Game Boy Advanced,
a Harry Potter videogame
and a Spider Man Web Blast.
I will leave you some cookies
and milk.
Love,
Scott Gonzalez
First
Mrs. Lang

May the spirit of peace and love be welcomed into the heart this Christmas and always!



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Seasons Greetings!
May the holidays be a time of peace and beauty for you and those you love.



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Sending you a host of heavenly wishes for a world of peace and joy this Christmas.



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Dear Santa,
How are you?
I am trying to
be good. I will
want a bike, a
computer.

I Love you
Sabrina Esquivel
First Grade
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa
How are you? I
have been trying
to be good. I would
like a Kitten and
a new trampoline
Cover.

Love,
Kassandra
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
How are things
going at the North
Pole? I would really
like to have a remote
controlled airplane
Merry Christmas!

Chance Campbell
First
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be
nice. I would like a Polly
World, I really want a Barbie
cash register. I really want
a Spirit moonie. And that's
what I want for Christmas

Kelsey Lake
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

December 19, 2002
Dear Santa
I want an Easy Rider
Scooter. I hope you
bring me lots of
Presents. I hope Mrs.
Claus is nice

Love
Rebecca Coates
2nd
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing
Santa Claus? Can you
please give me a
BB gun, and a Nerve
Blaster, and Game Boy
Advanced I hope you have
a good time.

Kenny Gomez
First Grade
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I
have been trying to
be good. I want a
horse and a lot of
presents and a big bike.

Love
Kylie Love
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
How are you?
For Christmas
I want new
clothes and new
shoes. I want a
new Brat doll bed
spread.

Shea Holmes
First
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
How is the North Pole?
I try to be nice.
How are you?
I wish for a four wheel
I wish for a bike I
want a dog.
Daniel Camp
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

December 19, 2002
Dear Santa,
How are you and the
reindeer? I would like
a name tag, a CD, and
a play station 2.

Your friend,
Angela
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I would like some pajama
clothes, mittens, and a new phone with an answering
machine. Oh yes and don't forget most importantly the
legs and a brand new bright green Volkswagen Beetle.
Thank you very much.

Brian Hubbs
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Roodoff doing?
on Christmas can I
have a computer? On
Christmas can
Rivers have a Barbie?

Chanel Martinez
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear St. Nick,
How is Rudolph and
Prancer doing? I would really
want a Power Ranger
Battle Zone. I really really
want a Skate Board.
I really want Master Surgery.

Cody Barber
1st
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be good.
I don't have to have
this but I want a
Polly World. I want to
have a poodle dog. I
want a magnifying glass.

Shayla DeMedy
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

December 19, 2002
Dear Santa,
How are you? I have a happy 22 girls,
22 happy boys, and a very, very, Christmas Santa!

Love
Santia Short
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer
doing?
up there? I want the toy
that you gave me last year and
I want a baby sister. I
hope you have a good ride.

Love
Omega Guera
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear St. Nick,
How is Roodoff?
I want a Game Boy,
I want a bike,
I want the Movie
Spirit.

Joseph Garcia
Parade
Mrs. Moore

Dear St. Nick,
How are things in
The North Pole? How
is Roodoff? I really
want a go cart
and a remote control
car

Shillermo
Rodriguez
First
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
I want a play station,
I want a Baseball,
I want a clock,
I want a truck,
I want a book.

Jose Longoria
First
Mrs. Moore

December 19, 2002
Dear Santa,
How are you and the
reindeer? Will you please give me the things
the reindeer were carrying by the cart, and
take it to the good Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Lina Villanueva
2nd
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and
reindeer?
I believe in you. I am being
good. I want a X-Box
a horse, a scooter,
and some skates. I
love Santa.

Love
Andy Samaniego
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
How is Roodoff?
I want a Big truck,
I want a toy horse,
MY SISTER WANTS a Barbie,
MY BROTHER WANTS Motorcycles
MY BROTHER WANTS a Toy Horse with
a truck.

Trini Guera
1st
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
How is Mrs. Claus?
I try to be good.
I wish the reindeer were here.
I wish for a Truck
I wish for a Bike.

Bobby Shadle
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I wish for a boat car,
I want a Selfie,
I want the movie of Spirit

Brian Medina
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

December 19, 2002
Dear Santa,
Santa Claus please give me a
remote control car, a Barbie, Mrs. Claus I
want to see the reindeer Christmas presents,
X-Box, and a game cube.

Love
Alexis Salas
2nd
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
I have been good I want Harry,
Putter, and a book the Chamber of Secrets, a
video, a BB gun,
How are you and
reindeer?

Love
Jannie Bay
First
Mrs. Lang

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer?
Some people believe in
you. Can you give me
a Polly World?
I try to be good but
it is too hard.

Kassandra Medina
First Grade
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa,
How have you been?
For Christmas I
want a Shining Star
baby, some clothes
and some toy surprises.
Merry Christmas Santa!

Kenzie Herring
First
Mrs. Moore

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been
good. I want an
X-Box,
Rider 2 and a
motor bike.

Andre Acevedo
First
Mrs. Moore

December 19, 2002
Dear Santa,
How are you and the
reindeer? I want a
slingshot, a BB gun, and a top for
computer. I am going to have some milk
and cookies.


Merry Christmas,
Michael Moore
2nd
Mrs. Moore

May the spirit of peace and love
be welcomed into your heart this
Christmas and always.
Happy Holidays!



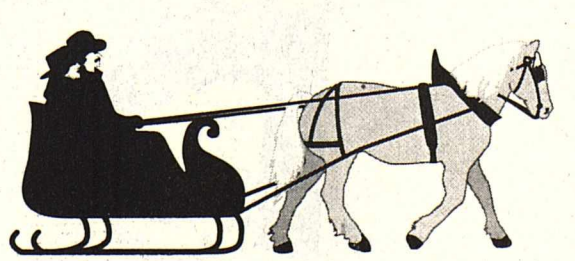
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full of cheer and surrounded by those
you hold most dear.



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May you ride through this Holiday
Season with good folks at your side.
Happy Holidays!



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387-3042

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas I want a PlayStation II, a Sony Robo-Super pants in video game, a good toy, and a laptop. Crystal version would be nice to have.
Thank you
Sincerely,
Jesse Martin
4th
Wallace

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the new laptop and also for the new PlayStation II. I want a PlayStation II, a Sony Robo-Super pants in video game, a good toy, and a laptop. Crystal version would be nice to have.
Thank you
Sincerely,
Jesse Martin
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Thank you for the new laptop and also for the new PlayStation II. I want a PlayStation II, a Sony Robo-Super pants in video game, a good toy, and a laptop. Crystal version would be nice to have.
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Dear Santa,
I loved the stuff I got last year I hope you give me what I want I want a PlayStation 2, a good toy, and a laptop. Crystal version would be nice to have.
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Dear Santa,
I love the things you give me but this year I would like a horse, a leather jacket, a green jacket, and a laptop. I will have cookies and milk.
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Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStation 2, a good toy, and a laptop. Crystal version would be nice to have.
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Dear Mr. Claus,
Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I would like a PlayStation 2, a good toy, and a laptop. Crystal version would be nice to have.
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Merry Christmas

Wishing Peace and Goodwill to you and yours.
Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!
Kim Lewis, Dr. Calderon, Shanna Petty and Juanita Gomez.

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