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## Chamber plans 50th anniversary celebration Jan. 31

When We Came to Dimmitt: Fifty Golden Years is the theme for this year's Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held Jan. 31, 1998, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

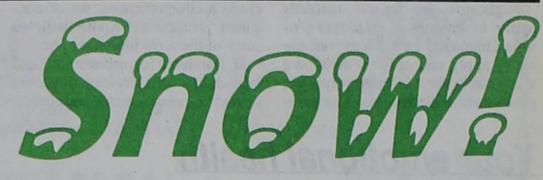
The Chamber is celebrating its 50th year of existence this year and the banquet will focus around that.

Local businesses are invited to decorate a table, using the banquet theme and their imaginations, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Awards will be presented for the "Most Original Idea," "Most Pleasing Effect," and "Best Theme Interpretation," among the table decorations.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Jim Bob Solsbery, county executive director for the Regan-Upton Counties Farm Service Agency in Big Lake. He will share master of ceremony duties with Dimmitt's Cheryle Pybus.





tracked across the area, bringing heavy snowfall and dangerous ice storms to New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle, and another batch of snow and winter precipitation is expected later this week.

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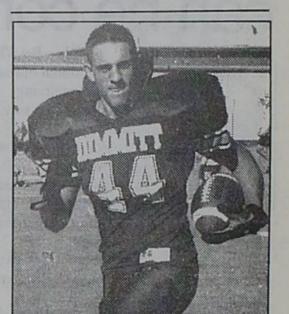
That could mean a white Christmas for county residents.

The chill set in Friday, and freezing rain started falling overnight. The ice storm continued through most of Saturday, finally changing over to snowfall late in the day.

But while some areas just west of the county received more than a halffoot of snow, Castro County got a lot of rain, sleet and freezing rain and about four inches of snow.

KDHN, National Weather Service observer for Dimmitt, reported two

A series of winter storms have been restored to most of the affected customers, but a few might require additional work to repair damage to private property. Most of the lines (Continued on Page 2)



Highlight of the banquet will be presentations to this year's Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year winners.

SOMETHING SWEET FROM SANTA-Yvonne

Lopez, 7, daughter of Lenora and Manuel Lopez, accepts a candy cane from Santa Claus at the Santa's Open House held in November in Dimmitt. Snow and

ice may make driving difficult for holiday travelers, who are warned to check on road conditions before starting out on any trips. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Mauro wants to 'put families first' in bid for governorship

"I KNOW I'm going to win,"

**Texas Land Commissioner Garry** 

Thursday afternoon. He is cam-

paigning for the office of governor,

"Texas families know insurance

bills are up. Governor Bush is out of

touch," Mauro said. "Before Bush

was governor, insurance companies

kept only about 25% of the premi-

ums paid by Texas families. Now

Photo by Linda Maxwell

in March.

#### **By Don Nelson**

I hope you enjoy this poetic version of the Christmas dilemma that fathers have faced for generations. I don't know who the mary election, visited with voters in author was:

#### SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

"Daddy," she said, her eyes full of tears,

- "Will you talk to me and quiet my fears?
- Those bad boys at school are spreading a lie
- Bout the impossibility of reindeer that fly.
- 'There's no Santa Claus,' they say with a grin,
- 'There's not one now, and there never has been.
- How can one man take all of those toys
- To thousands and thousands of girls and boys?'

But I told them, Daddy, that they were not right,

- That I would come home and find out tonight.
- Mama said wait until you come home.
- Please tell me now that I was not wrong.'

Her Daddy looked at her questioning face

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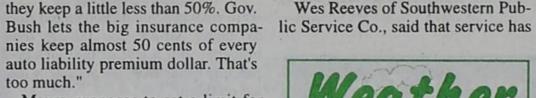
#### Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, Democratic candidate for governor, subject to the March' pri-Dimmitt last Thursday.

He touted his "Texas Families First" program, and pointed out "philosophical differences" between his campaign and that of his opponent, incumbent Republican Gov. George Bush.

Mauro said he wants to bring about a \$4 billion tax cut, abolish the sales tax Texas families pay when they buy a vehicle, reduce insurance costs to consumers, and pass constitutional amendments forbidding sales tax on transportation, housing, food and medicine, and one guaranteeing a citizen's right to choose his or her own doctor.

Mauro told the crowd of about 20 Mauro said with confidence at a that recent tort reform legislation meeting with voters in Dimmitt last gave "windfall profits" to Texas auto insurance companies. He said that if he is elected he will make sure those subject to the Democratic primary profits are passed on to Texas families in the form of lower insurance bills.

Mauro said that despite Bush's recent announcement that auto insurance bills had gone down, most Texas families are facing the same or higher premiums than before.



Mauro proposes to set a limit for the companies of 25 cents of every premium dollar for profits and operating expenses, with the other 75 cents allocated to cover payment of claims.

"That's the difference between Gov. Bush and me," Mauro said. "He wants to put corporate families first. When I'm governor, Texas families first will be my first and only priority."

Mauro said that Texas has the third highest motor vehicle sales tax in the country.

"Why not cut or abolish it?" Mauro said. "The only people who pay it are ordinary Texans."

In the area of education, Mauro proposes to take \$2 billion out of the permanent school fund, which he says has increased from \$6.8 billion to \$16 billion during his tenure as Land Commissioner, and allocate it for new classroom construction and technology. Schools who qualify for the money would pay it back over a 30-year period.

He also proposed a \$5,000 pay raise for teachers, and a \$5,000 "signing bonus" for top students who agree to teach for three years. Mauro also said he favors stricter enforcement of the 22 students to one teacher ratio already established by state law. He said too many waivers are granted (483 this year).

Part of the additional funding needed to cover the tax cuts and other budget items he has proposed would come from doubling the "sin taxes" on tobacco and liquor, Mauro said, putting Texas more in line with other states.

Mauro said he has heard a lot from people around the state concerning Medicare and patient rights. He said

he favors a patient's right to select

his or her own physician and the

right to go to treatment centers not

covered under Medicare if they are

Mauro said in talking with people

across the state, "This is the first time

in my life that almost nobody be-

lieves that government does anything

good to help people and their fami-

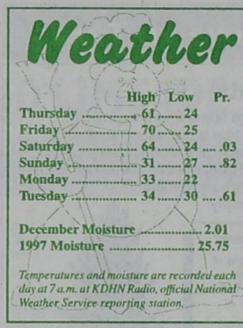
willing to pay for it out of pocket.

inches of snow with .82 of an inch of moisture from Saturday's storm, and another inch of snow was recorded on Sunday. Monday's storm brought additional rain and two more inches of snow in the county.

Trees and power lines were coated with ice over the weekend and many snapped under the pressure.

Between Saturday evening and Sunday morning, 17 different locations in the Dimmitt area reported downed power lines due to the freezing weather conditions.

Wes Reeves of Southwestern Pub-



# **Charley Sanders** Sanders nabs

# all-state honor

Charley Sanders of Dimmitt earned honorable mention honors on the Class AAA all-state high school football team, released last Wednesday by the Associated Press.

Sanders, a senior, was recognized for his peformance on the defensive line. This year he recorded 40 unassisted tackles, 54 assisted tackles, caused five fumbles, recovered three fumbles and had 19 tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

# Marshall Young decides against re-election bid

Castro County Justice of the Peace Marshall Young announced Friday that he plans to not seek re-election.

"However, I do plan to fulfill the responsibilities of my job for the remainder of my term, as far as possible," Young stated.

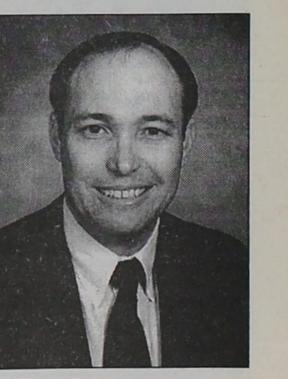
He said the decision to not run was made "with lots of thought and soulsearching.

"I will miss tremendously the support and friends I have made through the years. I thank the people of this county for allowing me to be JP for six terms. I thank them for their support and helpfulness," Young said.

Young said he will pursue other interests after the completion of his term.

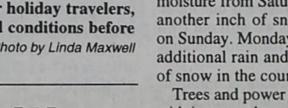
# **Kinkaid to run for 64th District judge's position**

Rob Kinkaid, first assistant district attorney for Hale and Swisher Counties, has announced his candidacy for the 64th judicial district judge's seat, and he will run in the Republican primary on March





**Class AAA HM** 



LOTS OF BRANCHES FALLING DOWN-Sleet and freezing rain that fell Saturday and Sunday sheathed everything in a layer of ice, causing many trees to lose branches and resulting in downed power

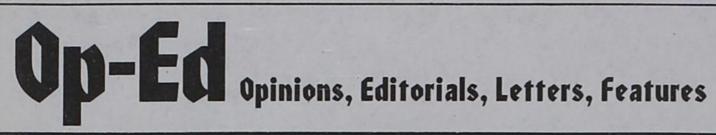
lines to 17 individual locations, according to Wes **Reeves of Southwestern Public Service Co. However,** no damage was done to this pickup in the 200 block Photo by Linda Maxwell of West Etter.

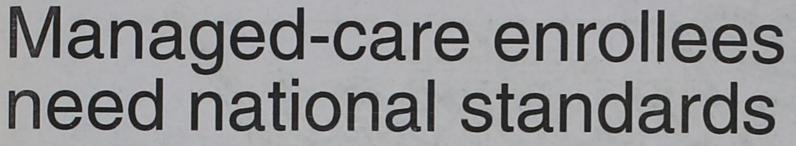
lies. "My first priority will be Texas families first," he said. "When you put families first, everything else falls in place."

#### 10, 1998.

Kinkaid has been employed as a prosecutor with the district attorney's office since 1986. He has extensive courtroom experience in the trial of cases ranging from juvenile law and child welfare to capital felonies, and also has experience in the personal presentation of criminal cases before the highest appeals courts of Texas. His duties also have included the representation of the Hale County Commissioners Court in civil matters and he has served as acting district (Continued on Page 12)

**Rob Kinkaid** 





**By HORACE B. DEETS** 

Nearly one half of the US population receives their health care through some type of managed-care program. Managed care, whether you like it or not, is here to stay. Our challenge, then, is to make sure that it works right. That means managed care must be a choice, but not the only choice, and that all managedcare enrollees should be able to count on a basic set of protections in the form of national standards.

Right now, few federal standards apply to private or employer-provided managed care. Moreover, the states apply and enforce their own standards in very different ways. Yet given the mobile nature of our soci-

ety, this does not make sense.

home? Do we all get the care we bargained and paid for? Can we count on the same quality, or on the plan's decision to deny, reduce, or enforcement of the practices and standards that assure good quality? I don't see how without national standards.

National standards will probably require a combination of state and federal laws, and a partnership in enforcement. They also should include a comprehensive set of consumer protections. AARP believes some of the most important are:

Standards for accessibility and availability of service: treatment should be prompt, readily available,

# Your emotional health **Emotional outbursts** can be controlled



Barchenger

**By STEVE BARCHENGER** 

Emotional outbursts are really the long-term outcome of internalizing; when you hold feelings in, they intensify. One way to discharge these feelings is to "blow up."

For example, we are concerned about our own job performance and instead get angry and make unfair demands on our associates. Or we are frustrated with our marital relationship and find ourselves blowing up at our children, rather than looking at the actual source of our feelings.

There are two primary purposes of emotional outbursts. First, they release tension and second, they often involve shifting blame and responsibility .

responsive to the needs of the pa-What if we get sick away from tient, and ensure continuity of care when plans or providers change.

Standards for challenging a terminate a requested service: consumers need independent review to assure that such decisions are in their own medical best interest.

Standards for quality measurement and assessment: managed-care organizations should have their own intenal mechanisms for assessing the quality of their care and also should be reviewd by an external body of health professionals. In other words, a managed-care organization's success should not be measured only by its financial efficiency and ability to serve many for less, but chiefly by the quality of its care and the health and well-being of its patients.

The desire for enforceable standards makes sense and so do the standards themselves. We believe such standards are necessary to restore patients' confidence in the health-care system. Consumer confidence is fundamental to the relationship between patient and physician and to the practice of good medicine. We are not asking any more of managed care than we do of fee-for-service care, but we should not accept any less, either.

Horace B. Deets is executive director of AARP. Article reprinted by permission from AARP Bulletin, November 1997.

### WIC now offering free immunizations

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic in Dimmitt is now offering free immunizations to those on the WIC program and their family members.





Speak out!

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Berdahl, who served as president for five years before accepting the top post at the University of California at Berkeley.

Faulkner earned a Ph.D. in 1969 from UT. He has conducted awardwinning research in electrochemistry and electroanalytical chemistry. He taught chemistry at UT in 1983-84.

"This is a real jewel of a university, and my priority as president will be to keep it that way and help the people of Texas understand what they have in this marvelous place," Faulkner was quoted in the Austin Americanstamp rolls over the past three years - with 13 percent of the decline due to the state's new Lone Star card. Sharp said the electronic benefits delivery system is saving taxpayers an average of \$85.5 million a year.

 On Dec. 12, Comptroller Sharp delivered his final sales tax rebates for 1997, a total of \$164.7 million in payments to 1,087 Texas cities and 118 counties. "Total city and county tax rebates for calendar year 1997 topped \$2.1 billion, and were 6.8 percent higher than total rebates for 1996, as the growth outlook for the Texas economy continues to outshine that for the nation as a whole," Sharp said. Texas upland cotton production for 1997 is expected to total 5.3 million bales, according to figures released by Texas Agriculture Statistics Service. This estimate is 2 percent less than the Nov. 1 forecast. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.3 million acres, 29 percent more than last year. The University Staff Association at the University of Texas is organizing a campaign for better staff pay after a consultant's study earlier found that 94 percent of the 6,281 employees surveyed were paid below the Austin market average. Association President Peg Kramer said she thinks "existing money can be used to bring people up to the minimum." The Texas grapefruit production forecast is 5 million boxes for the 1997-98 season, 6 percent below last year. Texas Agriculture Statistics Service expects early and midseason oranges to account for 1.4 million boxes. The production of all oranges was 1.42 million boxes last year. To accommodate holiday travelers from Mexico, the El Paso office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service says it will not process or issue border crossing cards between Dec. 17 and Jan. 5 at all eight of its ports of entry in Texas and New Mexico.

When we are frustrated or under stress, one response is to relieve ourselves of responsibility by blaming another person. Shifting the blame is one mode of avoidance of responsibility. The negative consequence is we shift our own stress and frustration to that person, but the source of the frustration remains untouched.

Dealing with emotional outbursts includes becoming aware of emotions when they are created, and discharging them in an appropriate manner. The person who finds himself/herself blowing up needs to examine the origin of these feelings.

Then you can make changes in the situation that created the feeling and find a more positive way to express it, not make demands on or shift tension to others.

Steve Barchenger is program director of the Welch Home Place unit of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

### Keeping an eye on Texas

#### Real trees make scents

Sixty Texas counties have Christmas tree farms where buyers can choose and cut their own trees. When a tree is harvested, another is planted in its place. While growing, one acre of Christmas trees can produce enough oxygen for 18 people. Texas Christmas tree farms host approximately 640,000 tourists year round, and generate nearly \$400,000 in sales tax revenues yearly.

#### Give your tree a little "tender loving care"

Rinse the tree stand with a mixture of one capful of bleach and one cup of water. This reduces the growth of micro-organisms that can block the tree's ability to absorb water

Make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk at least one-half inch or more above the original.

Place the tree immediately in a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water.

Check your tree stand daily and replenish the water supply. A tree may drink as much as a gallon overnight

Recycle. Check your local newspaper for recycling locations and let your tree continue to keep our environment beautiful

For the Texas Christmas tree farm nearest you on the Internet: http://agrinet.tamu.edu/forest/x-mas.html or call the Texas Christmas Tree Growers Association 817-831-0591

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to being struck by falling tree branches, but a few of the lines apice on them.

Reeves said continuing freezing conditions could lead to additional problems and he encouraged customers to call and immediately report any problems.

"We don't mind getting multiple calls about the same thing," Reeves said. "We just want to make sure the problem gets corrected."

Reeves emphasized that customers should call immediately and stay away from any downed lines.

"They are highly dangerous," Reeves said. "A live wire doesn't always spark and jump around like in the movies, so people should treat every wire as though it were a live wire. Stay away and keep others away and contact SPS.

"We appreciate the patience of our customers," Reeves said. "Our crews are working night and day to fix any problems as soon as possible."

SPS's toll-free customer service line is 1-800-750-2520.

A second storm system moved through the area Monday, and sleet and light snow fell most of the afternoon as highs barely reached the freezing point. The freezing rain and sleet changed over to snow by late afternoon and the National Weather Service issued a heavy snow warning for most of the Texas Panhandle and eastern New Mexico.

By Tuesday morning, another two inches of snow had fallen across the county and forecasts were calling for four to six inches of additional snow by Tuesday night.

The second system was expected to move out of the area by Wedensday, but a third system is predicted to arrive in the area on Christmas morning, bringing another ound of the white stuff

AUSTIN - The Texas Lottery has proposed "Texas Million," a

new instant-ticket electronic game lottery commissioners believe will remedy slow sales. The game could debut next spring.

Players would choose four numbers from zero to 99. A correct guess would win the \$1 million top prize. Odds of winning would be 1 in 3.9 million.

Lottery ticket sales in November and December remained lower than were damaged or disconnected due expected. The lottery is running \$60 million short of what it was supposed to take in during the parently broke from the weight of the current biennium, which ends Aug. 31, 1999.

"It's not going to make up for what we've lost. It's going to help," said Linda Cloud, who was named executive director of the lottery last week.

Cloud, who has been on the Texas Lottery staff since 1992, is the third executive director of the agency. She follows Nora Linares and Lawrence Littwin, who was fired in October. Cloud will be paid a salary of \$100,000.

Faulkner Is New UT Chief Larry Faulkner, the No. 2 official at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, last week was named president of the Univer-

sity of Texas.

Faulkner, 53, succeeds Robert

Statesman. Literacy Plate Unveiled

State Rep. Helen Giddings and Texas' First Lady Laura Bush unveiled the "Read to Succeed" license plate last week at the Capitol.

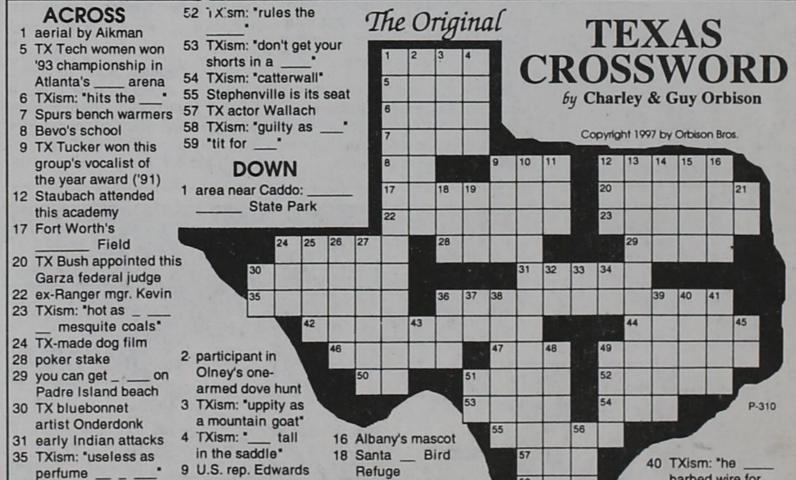
Giddings, D-Dallas, authored the law that allows the plate. Proceeds from sales of the plate go to a statewide reading initiative targeting children in grades kindergarten through three who are not reading at grade level.

Honored at the unveiling was Melody Maas of Terrell, a 14-yearold eighth grade student, whose winning design for the plate was chosen from nearly 12,000 entries submitted in September by Texas students, kindergarten through grade 12, from 238 cities.

Other students whose designs were chosen as finalists also were recognized at the ceremony: Brent Baldridge of West Columbia; Lindsay Barlow of Highland Village; Stephanie Bryan of Plano; Autumn Cornish of Mason; Leslie Dickerson of Red Oak; Ron Golden of Midlothian; Lauren Hanson of Spring; Travis Matthews of Pasadena; Keenan Morrow of Terrell; and Jennifer Weiler of Austin.

**Other Capital Highlights** 

In a year-end analysis of Texas' welfare reform efforts, State Comptroller John Sharp said 770,000 people have left the food



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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

#### Merry Christmas!

Madge Robb spent her Thanksgiving holidays with her family-Don and Sandra Robb in Idalou, and their son and family, Berle and Lorraine Robb and children, Jason and Brittany, in Lorenzo. Sandra's mother, LaVerne Worley of Lorenzo was there as well, along with Sandra's niece, Lisa, and family from Amarillo.

Sonny and Ann Armstrong entertained their family for Thanksgiving. Trent and Cindy Armstrong and children Caity and Torrin of Lewisville, Bryan and Tonya Armstrong and children, Jimmy, Carrie, Kaity and Jordan of Canyon, and Mary Blackwood of Dimmitt.

Johnnie Boothe of Dimmitt and Amanda Boothe of Levelland were guests in the home of Mike and Prissy Boothe and Nathan in Colorado for Thanksgiving. They were there during the big snow, so Mike assisted them through the two passes, so they could get through the snow. They all enjoyed one evening when the owner of a restaurant invited everyone who had eaten with him (about 200 people) to a dinner party. He served all kinds of food and lots of it! As they walked in the door, he gave each one a red rose bud.

Bennie and Vee Gollehon of Houston and John and Sharon Gollehon of Fort Worth and Ann Rogers of Paducah were guests of Oleta Gollehon recently. The men were here for the pheasant hunt.

Dugan Butler of Ruidoso, N.M., spent a few days with her sister, Johnnie Boothe, after Thanksgiving. Dugan is a former Dimmitt resident.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Bill Nicholson, George Singletary, Peter Cooldrake and one more (I couldn't read his name.) They were all from Iowa and after touring the Cerestar plant they

assistant pricipal, curriculum and Edna Hendrix. instructional development director. She serves as an officer and board member for the Mississippi and International Reading Association. She was awarded the 1996-97 Mississippi Literacy Award.

The Music Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo presented "The Living Christmas Tree," directed by Lanny Allen.

Janice Davis (Mooney) is the pianist and David Lewe is organist. Roger Edwards, former choir director for the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and his wife, Benny and their son, Steve, all participated, along with my daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford.

This was the 18th year for this spectacular performance. Several from Dimmitt attended the program on Friday night, including Howard and Belinda Rhodes, Rusty and Connie Dickerson, Jerry and Debbie Annen, Mandy, George and Linda Rasor, Wade and Walter Maynard, Sandra Nelson and her mother, Bertha Thompson, Sue Howell, Martha Jo Hyman, Tonya Lynski and Mary

### **Classic Cable's Christmas project** is a 'huge success'

With the last few installs being completed this week, Classic Cable is excited about the large number of toys collected for children this Christmas.

Classic offered a reduced installation fee if the customer would donate a new toy. In this companywide effort, Classic Cable was able to collect 3,190 toys, all of which will be distributed back into the a James Avery heart charm bar pin community in which they were collected. In the Dimmitt flame for her 24 years of service in community, Classic Cable donated music. Jim Wright made a wooden 30 toys to Panhandle Community plaque for her. Services, who will see that deserving children in the community receive a luck lunch and Santa came by with toy this holiday season. "Classic Cable started this special campaign Nov. 1 and offered it through Dec. 15," said Jennifer Hauschild, marketing manager for Classic Cable. "We had many customers thrilled to be able to help. in our efforts to give to the less fortunate children this Christmas."

Our sympathy to the families of Virginia Gilbreath, Henry Morrison and Amber Sanders.

Ed and Betty Freeman returned Dec. 17 from Southern California after visiting their son and daughterin-law, Peter and JoEllen, and their two daughters.

They enjoyed Becky's two winning basketball games. She's a junior on the varsity team. Annie is a fourth grader and plays with the Little Dribblers.

The family attended the dress rehearsal and two performanes of "It's a Wonderful Life" at Lake Elsinor High School. Annie played young Mary and Janie Bailey in the play. It was a great performance.

The Freemans enjoyed a performance of the Messiah at Murrieta High School on Sunday evening and attended First Presbyterian Church of Wildomar on Sunday evening.

They picked fresh lemons, limes, oranges and grapefruit from their son's trees.

It was a busy and wonderful early Christmas with the family.

#### Carrie Sheffy, Amber and Jeremy Langford, Emily Roberson, and Paul and Holly Axtell were recognized at First United Methodist Church Sunday as returning college students. Cyndy and Malcolm Reynolds had Dee Williams with them.

Faith 'n Stuff, a drama group of junior high students directed by Terri Loudder, assisted by Lance Loudder and Lint Merritt, presented "Here's How it Happened," which depicts the Christmas story with appropriate props and choir numbers.

Deanne Clark was presented with with piano, notes and the Methodist



came to the museum. They were waiting for their company plane to take them home.

Jim Steiert was on TV advertising pheasant hunting in Deaf Smith County. We have some of his books for sale at the museum. This book would make a good Christmas present. Also, we have some of the afghans that the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has for sale. They would make a wonderful gift for someone. Also, we have the Green Thumb cookbook, Green Thumbs in the Kitchen.

The Children's Choir of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt delivered 46 fruit baskets to shut-ins on Dec. 17.

Jo Beecher Prather's first book was Mississippi Beau, but since she is from Dimmitt, she wanted to write a book about Texas.

Her latest effort is Texas Beau, which tells the story of the kindly old squirrel from Mississippi and his trip to Central Texas.

Part of this second book reads, "time to go home, and there's more to see. Like a real live armadillo! And a banquet awaits, in the fields of grain, southwest of Amarillo."

From those lines one might think that the author may be planning Beau's next trip to include a stop in Dimmitt!

Prather dedicated the book to her family, stating that a book about Texas should be dedicated to the people with hearts the size of the state.

"Their support and encouragement have always been a most treasured gift. It has brought great joy, the knowledge that I could attempt anything, and if I failed they would be there to help me start over."

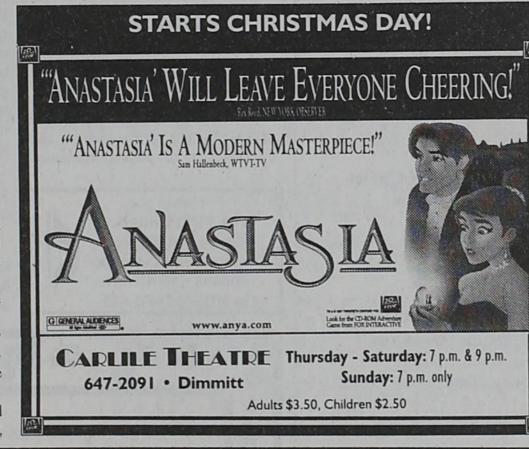
People in Dimmitt would know that about the Beecher family. Hopefully, Jo can visit Dimmitt in the spring for a book signing.

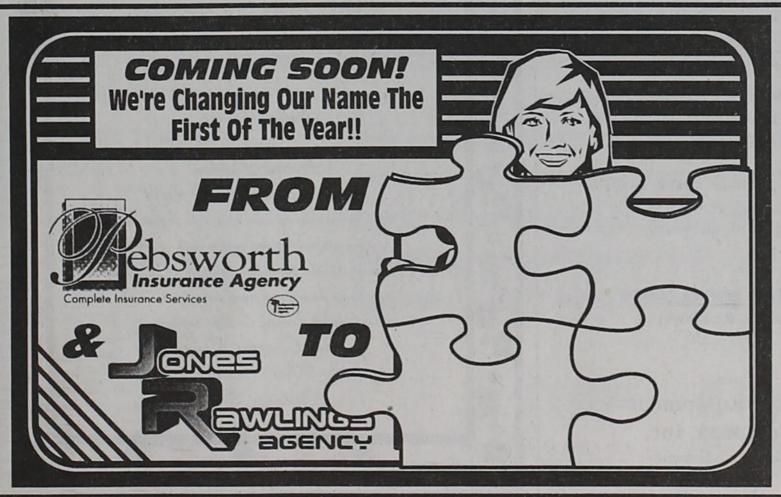
Jo is a reading and early childhood educator. She is a former teacher,

The congregation then had a pot candy canes.

The congregation has new grandbabies-Jim and Sandy Baker have Reagan Naomi, who belongs to Jamie and Frank Mendoza; and Turner McCrite, who belongs to Laurie Sides and Joe Hill, and the George Sideses.

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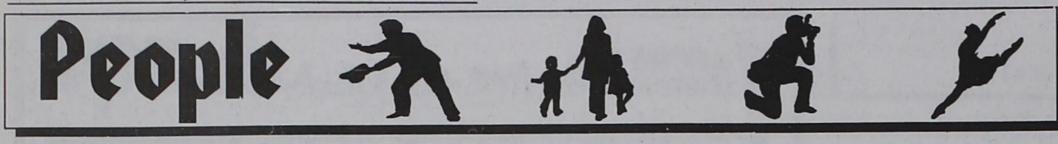






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# Class of '55 plans reunion for 50s students

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1955 is hosting a high school reunion for all of the DHS classes of the 1950s and their friends.

The reunion committee has selected Las Vegas, Nev., with its bright lights, glamour and fantasy world, as the site for the celebration.

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The reunion will be at the newlyremodeled Sahara Hotel and Casino March 6-7, 1998. The Penthouse has been reserved both days for non-stop visiting and scheduled programs.

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tration is encouraged to ensure bar- Nelson at (806) 647-2376. If you live gain room rates and to help the com- in the west, call Regene Blair at mittee plan for attendance.

For registration information call your class representative or Lucy

## ROW installs new officers

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Doris Flynt was installed as president of the Republican Organization for Women last Thursday during a special ceremony and social evening at the home of Cathy Hill.

Stevens, vice president; Mary Jo Brown, secretary; Paula Graham, corresponding secretary; and Frances Duke, treasurer.

Deanne Clark installed the officers, using Christmas ornaments in her analogy with making the Christmas tree pretty.

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Pick-up foods and wassail were Other officers installed were Kaye served before the 18 ladies attending played games and sang carols. Socks for veterans and the homeless were placed under the tree, and some 50plus pair were given.

PEOPLE IN HART sent the Food Pantry a trailer full of canned food, being delivered here by Gerald Aalbers (left) and his son, Shelby (third from left). Panhandle Community Services employees Jerry Pena (second from left) and Richard Quiroz (right) help unload the bounty. Hart Elementary and High School students and Hart 4-H'ers, in addition to members of the Hart churches, gathered the food. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Panhandle-Plains Museum receives renewed accreditation

The Accreditation Commission of the American Association of Museums voted in November to renew the accreditation of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

This concludes a rigorous self appraisal and peer review of all aspects of the museum's operation. It signifies that the museum continues to demonstrate a professional level of operation in accordance with the standards of excellence prescribed by the American Association of Museums according to standards set forth by the museum profession, manages its collections responsibly and provides quality service to the public.

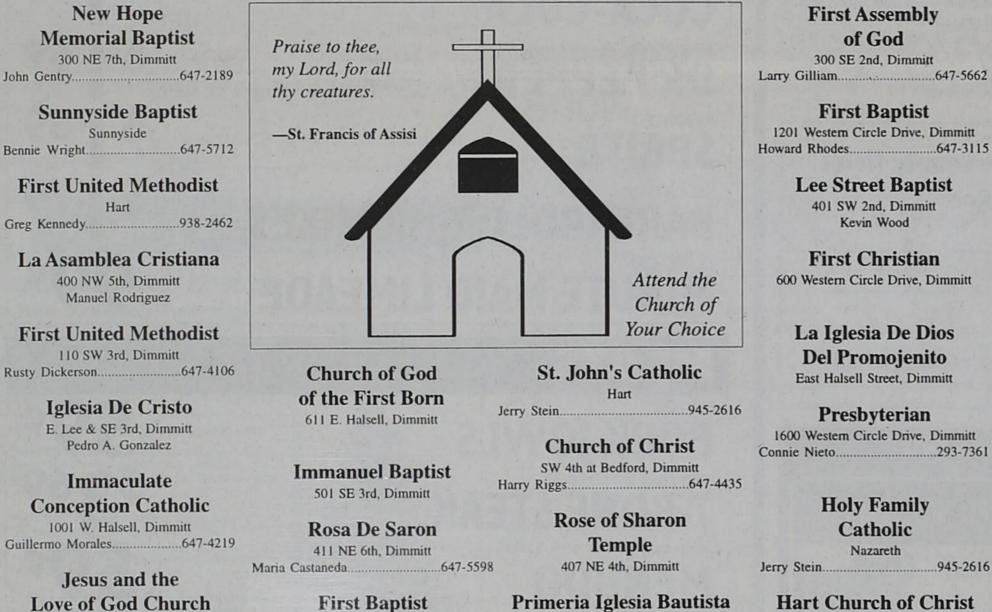
According to the Museum Directory of the AAM, of the 7,600 museums in the United States, 750 are accredited, and of the 380 museums

The Panhandle-Plains Historical museum was first accredited in 1982. Work toward renewal of accreditation began in 1994 with the submission of an extensive self study. After the study was reviewed by the commission, a visiting committee spent two days meeting with staff and board and reviewing all aspects of the museum's operation from collection management, exhibit development, and educational programming to long-range planning, budgeting and staff development.

Accreditation is important to the museum and its supporters. For those considering a donation of artifacts, it signifies that the donation will be cared for in accordance with currently accepted professional stan-

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in Texas, 38 are accredited. Only three museums in the Panhandle have been granted accreditation.

# Gleaners report successful year

Robert and Frances Duke of Dimmitt reported recently that the gleaning network gathered 23,915 pounds of food during the past harvest season.

The potatoes, onions, green beans, pumpkins and carrots were distributed to those in need in Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Earth, Hereford, Tulia, Vega, Adrian, Wildorado, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland/Odessa, Galveston, Farwell, and Littlefield. The Dukes said that 104 people helped in the gleaning effort.

They said that plans already are underway for 1998, which will kick off with the "Castro County Potato Jamboree," slated for Aug. 8.

"We would like to have as many gleaners as possible on that day, especially youth groups," Frances said. "This has been one of the happiest and most fulfilled years of our lives, and I know it is because of this mission work of love that we have done together."

The gleaning network is a project of The Society of St. Andrew, and the Dukes are the area coordinators.

Hear The First United Methodist Church Morning Worship Service Sundays - 10:45 a.m. On KDHN 1470 AM

dards.

For those considering a monetary donation, it gives confidence that the donation is an investment in a quality institution that uses its resources responsibly in support of its mission. For foundations and agencies considering making a grant or offering other support it means a high level of confidence that the resources will be put to good use.

Accreditation is one of several programs offered by the American Association of Museums to help museums achieve and maintain standards of quality and excellence in the museum profession.

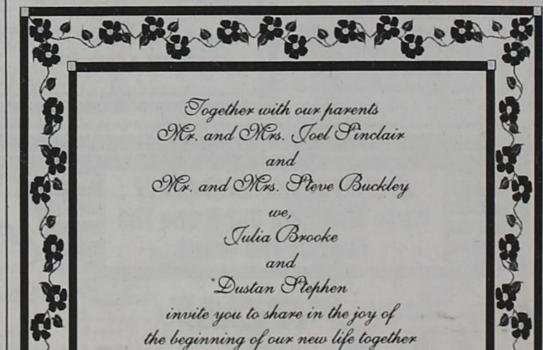
# EMT class set in Floydada

Two emergency medical technician (EMT) training classes will be held in Floydada in January.

The courses will be conducted by Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., of Floydada, a nonprofit organization that provides health and safety education. The EMT class trains individuals to care for patients in an emergency. Graduates may be employed by ambulance services, hospitals, industry or they may volunteer in their community.

The evening course will begin on Thursday, Jan. 8. The day course will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

To receive an application packet or for more information, call the Rural Nurse Resource office at (806) 983-8096.



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# Nominations made for water planning region

Eleven persons have been nominated to represent area water interest groups within a planning region created under Senate Bill 1, passed by the 75th Texas Legislature earlier this year.

Senate Bill 1 divides the state into at least 16 separate water planning regions. Each region will have a coordinating body with at least one representative for each of the water interest groups as outlined by the legislation. Water management plans from each of the regions will ultimately be included in the Texas Water Plan, which addresses the development and conservation of state water resources.

The law requires that persons be nominated to serve as initial members of the regional planning groups by Jan. 16. The Texas Water Development Board in Austin will name the initial members on Feb. 19. Once appointed, the groups will have until Sept. 1, 2000, to create a water management plan for the counties in each respective planning region.

Those nominated to serve on the initial coordinating body for Region "O" are: Dr. Lloyd Urban, Texas Tech University Water Resources Center, public sector; Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer, counties; Ches Carthel, City of Plainview Public Works Director, municipalities; Steve Perry of Austin, Altura Energy, industries; and Dr. John Abernathy, Dean of the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, agriculture.

Also, Jim Steiert of Hereford, environmental issues; Don McElroy of Muleshoe, Irrigation Pumps and Power, small business; Bill Harbin of Floydada, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative Board member, electric utilities; Kent Satterwhite of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, river authorities; A. Wayne Wyatt of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, water districts; and Bruce Blalack of the City of Lubbock Water Utilities, water utilities.

These nominations were made during the Dec. 11 quarterly meeting of the High Plains Ogallala Area Regional Water Management Plan's planning group in Plainview.

Planning Region "O" includes the counties of Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Parmer, Swisher, Terry and Yoakum.

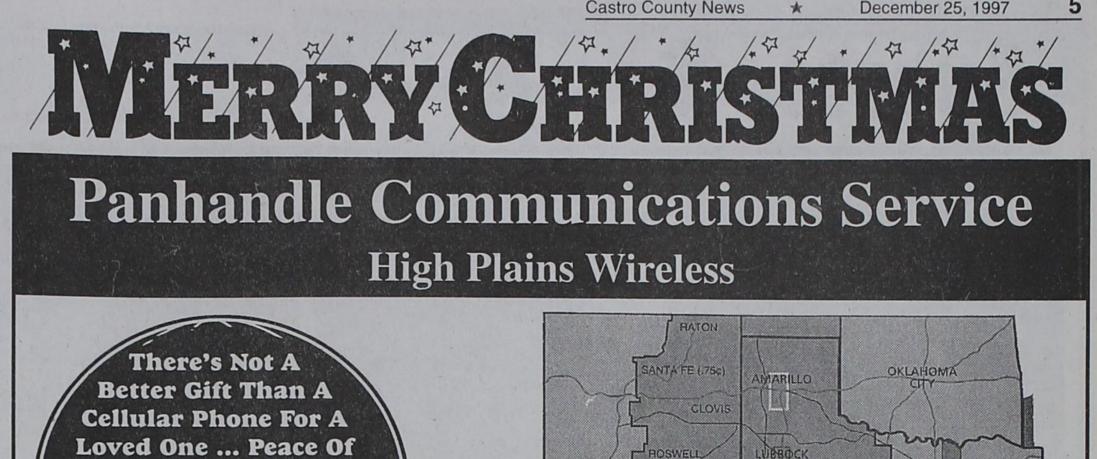
Comments regarding these nominations may be directed to A. Wayne Wyatt, HPUWCD No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405, or by calling 806-762-0181.

# Talent sought for benefit show

If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, make people laugh, sign, tumble or have any other talent, you are invited to perform in a benefit talent show and dinner Feb. 1 at the Nazareth school cafeteria.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the talent show.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation Entry fee is \$10 and those who wish to enter should contact Don Wood at 945-2231. Monetary awards will be given to winners of the talent competition.



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### **Crime Line offers \$500 reward in vehicle vandalism**

The Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalism of a vehicle.

The damage was done Nov. 25 to a 1996 green Mitsubishi Eclipse belonging to Cassie McLean, while the vehicle was parked at the Dimmitt High School gym.

The caller may remain anonymous and the reward may be paid through a drop system.

Anyone having information may call the Crime Line at 647-4711 or the Dimmitt Police Dept. at 647-4545 or the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. at 647-3311.

## Cancer screening clinics planned during January

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Medical Center of Dimmitt on Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in selfexamination by a registered nurse. Total cost for the screening is \$75, and funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. Exams are performed by

appointment only and those interested should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

A minimum of 15 women must register in order for the mobile mammography unit to visit area towns.

## Certified Nurse Aid class planned

Classes to train people as Certified Nurse Aides will be offered by Rural Nurse Resource, Inc., of Floydada in January.

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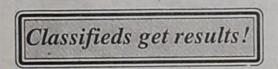
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The classes will train individuals to care for patients in the nursing home, hospice, home health and private care settings.

The evening course will begin on Monday, Jan. 5, and the day course will start Monday, Jan. 12.

To apply or receive more information about the course, contact RNR at (806) 983-8096.





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HEIDI WEAVER (32) drives the ball upcourt on a Dimmitt fast break in the Bobbies' game against the Perryton Rangerettes here Friday. Racing alongside Weaver is teammate Stephanie Hinojosa (10). Trying

to cut Weaver off are Perryton's Tobi Alexander (40) and Diana Estrada (10). It was the district opener for both teams, and the Bobbies won it going away, 61-44. Photo by Carter Townsend

# Bobbies, Cats love those 18-0, 15-0 runs

In Act I Friday night, the Bobbies staged an 18-0 run that turned a tie game into a runaway.

In Act II Saturday night, the Bobcats put together a 15-0 run to take control of a game that until then had been nip-and-tuck.

The Bobbies' 18-point run led to a 61-44 victory over the Perryton Rangerettes in the District 1-3A girls' opener.

The Bobcats' 15-point run led to a 63-58 win over Class 5A Lubbock Coronado in a rough-and-tumble game that provided a good tune-up for the Caprock Holiday Tournament.

But that was all the points the Rangerettes would get in the first half.

throws and Summers swished two of in their first district game of the seathree. 19-15.

Then Kenworthy nailed a threepoint prayer from the corner that somehow dropped. 22-15.

Four seconds later, Summers stole the ball from the inbounding Rangerettes and scored a layup. 24-

Rattling the Rangerettes with their full-court press, the Bobbies extended their lead to as many as 23 Kenworthy sank three of four free points as they coasted to a 61-44 win son.

Amber Matthews scored eight of the Bobbies' first 10 points and finbounced high above the rim and ished with 15. Kenworthy was second high with 13.

> In the girls' junior varsity game, Dimmitt won a cliff-hanger, 43-42.

After Coronado's Meador Hall missed a pair of free throws, Jerry Thomas scored from underneath and Charley Sanders made a slick, lefthanded underhand layup to make it 53-41. Coronado called another timeout.

Then it was Buckley again-this time sinking a three-pointer from downtown to make it 56-41 with 4:50 left to play.

tled in a pair of free throws at 4:31.

# **Dimmitt, Nazareth ready** for tough Caprock field

County basketball fans will be flocking to Lubbock Monday through Wednesday for the annual Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament.

The Dimmitt and Nazareth boys' and girls' teams will be competing in the huge tournament, which is among the premier high school tournaments in the state.

The tournament field features 32 teams in each division and includes some of the top-rated teams in the state. Games will be played at the Texas Tech Coliseum, Lubbock Monterey (both gyms), Coronado (both gyms), Lubbock High and Frenship.

In first-round action Monday, the Nazareth Swiftettes will meet Snyder at 8:30 a.m. at the Texas Tech Coliseum, the Dimmitt Bobcats will face Snyder at 10:30 a.m. at the Lubbock Monterey Box, the Dimmitt Bobbies will meet Claude at 11:30 a.m. at the Texas Tech Coliseum, and the Nazareth Swifts will face Lubbock Monterey at 12 noon at Lubbock High School.

If the Swiftettes win against Snyder, they will meet either Coronado or Brownfield at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Lubbock High School. If they lose, they will face the Coronado-Brownfield loser at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock High.

Should the Bobcats beat Snyder in the first game, they will advance to the second round against the winner between Abernathy and Coronado at 9 p.m. Monday at Lubbock High. Ken Burkholder finally broke the Losers of the two games will meet at drought for Coronado when he rat- the Monterey Box at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the girls' bracket includes the third-place game at 4:30 p.m. at the Texas Tech Coliseum; consolation games at 4 :30 p.m. at Monterey's new gym and at 5 p.m. at the Monterey Box; and the championship finals at 7:30 p.m. at the Texas Tech Coliseum.

The boys' final round on Wednesday includes the consolation finals at 5 p.m. at Lubbock High School and Lubbock Coronado. The third-place game is slated for 6 p.m. at Texas Tech Coliseum and the championship will begin at 9 p.m. at Texas Tech.

Teams entered in the boys' tournament are the Bobcats, Swifts, Lubbock Monterey, Snyder, Coronado, Abernathy, Shallowater, Levelland, Abilene, Lorenzo, San Angelo Central, Dalhart, Lubbock Estacado, Slaton, El Paso Bowie, Borger, San Angelo Taft, Panhandle, Seminole, Perryton, El Paso Jefferson, Frenship, Sweetwater, Stephenville, Brock, Lubbock Christian High School, Lubbock, Muleshoe, Lamesa, Hereford, Odessa Permian and Trinity.

Other girls teams joining the Bobbies and Swiftettes are Claude, Randall, Lubbock Christian, Snyder, Lubbock Coronado, Brownfield, Borger, Odessa, Frenship, Spur, Dalhart, Groesbeck, Ozona, El Paso Bowie, Hereford, El Paso Jefferson, Stephenville, Killeen, Whiteface, Lubbock Estacado, Perryton, San Angelo Central, Panhandle, Friona, Lubbock Monterey, Trinity, Shallowater, River Road, Happy and Lubbock High.

Shawna Kenworthy scored nine points and Carol Summers had two steals and four points to spark the Bobbies' run-16 points in the second quarter and two in the third.

The visiting Rangerettes had worked their way back from a sixpoint deficit to tie the game early in the second period, then went ahead of the Bobbies for the first time, 15-14, on a pair of free throws by Jaclyn Nowlin with 5:20 left in the quarter.

trey from the top of the circle that touched nothing but net. 27-15.

In the waning ticks of the second quarter, Summers stole the ball again and fed it to Kenworthy, who scored on a driving layup with 17 seconds left, and was fouled. She made the play. 30-15 at halftime.

Jacy Buckley teamed with Amber 41. Matthews on a give-and-go to score the first points of the second half and extend the Bobbies' lead to 32-15 before the Rangerettes finally got a and switched to a full-court man-tobasket to break their long drought.

In the Bobcats' game against the Next, Heather Wise uncorked a visiting Coronado Mustangs, it was 17-17 after one quarter, 29-28 at halftime and 41-41 after three.

> Then the Bobcats opened the fourth quarter with a 15-point run that broke the game open.

Derek Buckley scored eight of the points in the run. He hit a pair of free free throw to complete a three-point throws, then converted a three-point play to put the Cats up by five, 46-

> Then Casey Smith nailed a threepointer from the corner to make it 49-41. Coronado called a time-out man press.

Good Luck,

Scott Campbell got Coronado's first field goal of the fourth quarter on a 12-ft. jumper with 2:40 left, then CHS's Brian Rainey and Erik Thorvilson spearheaded a run that cut Dimmitt's lead tothree, 61-58, with 42 seconds left.

Although Dimmitt missed six free throws in the final minute, Jacob Larra and Buckley sank two apiece to stave off the Coronado attack and seal the win.

Sanders finished with 17 points, Buckley with 16 and Smith with 12. Coronado won the junior varsity boys' game, 52-40.

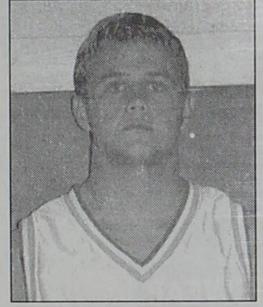
The Swifts will play either Odessa Permian or Trinity Christian in a second round game. If they beat Monterey they'll play at 9 p.m. Monday at Monterey's new gym. If they lose their first-round game, the Swifts will play at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Coronado.

If the Bobbies beat Claude, they will play either Randall or Lubbock Christian High School Monday at 9 p.m. at the Monterey Box. Losers of the two games will play at 12 noon Tuesday at the Monterey Box.

Fans attending the tournament may purchase an adult session pass, which is good for only one session at one location, for \$4. Senior citizens and students will be admitted on a session pass for \$3. A day pass for adults is \$7 and for students and senior citizens it will be \$5. The day pass is good only for the day of purchase and will admit the holder to games at all times and locations that day. Tournament passes also will be available at a cost of \$15 for students and senior citizens and \$18 for adults.



SARA SCHULTE Sophomore Guard



SHANE ETHRIDGE Senior Post

# SHIFTETTES and SHIFTS in the Caprock Tournament!

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SWIFTS FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Monterey, Monday, 12 noon, Lubbock High

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# Lady Horns meet Littlefield, Horns draw bye in tourney

Littlefield at 6:30 p.m. Monday in first-round action at the Wildcat Christmas Classic in Littlefield.

The Longhorns drew a first-round bye, and will play the winner between Littlefield and Springlake-Earth Monday at 8 p.m.

The girls' bracket features eight teams including Tulia, Olton, Denver City, Petersburg, Springlake-Earth, Plains, Hart and Littlefield. In the boys' bracket, Hart and Tulia drew byes in the first round of the 10-team tourney. Others are Idalou, Olton, Denver City, Petersburg, Post, Plains, Littlefield and Springlake-Earth.

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If Hart wins its first game Monday, it will play the Post-Plains winner Tuesday at 8 p.m. Losers of the two games will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the girls' consolation game will be played at 12:30 p.m. and the boys' consolation final will start at 11 a.m. The third-place girls' game will start at 3:30 p.m., followed by the boys' match at 5 p.m. The championship finals will be at 6:30 p.m. in the girls' tournament If the Lady Horns beat Littlefield and at 8 p.m. in the boys'.

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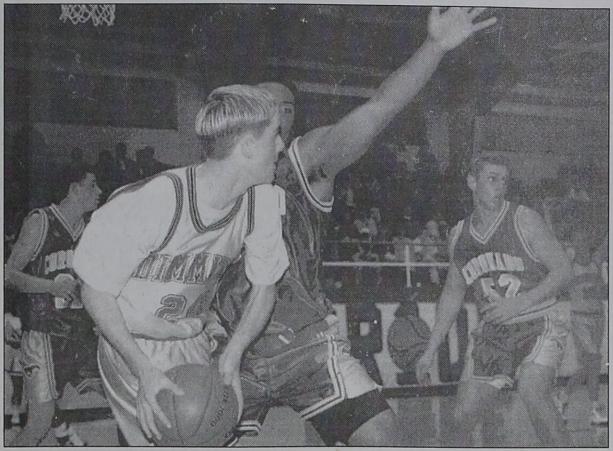
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JARED TOWNSEND (24) looks for help as a Lubbock Coronado player tries to pin him against the baseline in the Bobcats' game here Saturday. The game was close until Dimmitt opened the fourth quarter with a 15-0 run, then the Bobcats held on for a 63-58 victory over the Mustangs. Photo by Carter Townsend

CHIFTE GOOD Luck, CHIFTES RATCH Good Luck, Bobbies and Bobcats

in the Caprock Tournament!

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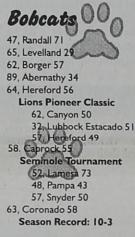
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# **Police Calls**

A Dimmitt High School student told deputies Friday night that he had been assaulted by two suspects. He said they punched him in the right eye and nose. The youth said he had been at "the forest" and was returning to town when he stopped on a dirt road. Two persons he knew stopped, too, and then assaulted him.

Pearl Bonita Lopez of Hart reported to deputies Sunday night a possible break in at a residence on Second Street in Hart.

Dec. 16 at 3:40 p.m. a 24-year-old Clovis man was jailed on charges of assault/bodily injury.

Dec. 17, a Dimmitt man, 27, was jailed for violation of probation stemming from DWI, first offense, charges.

A Dimmitt woman, 22, was jailed Friday morning on a warrant for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 and on a warrant out of Hale County.

Friday, two Dimmitt men, ages 47 and 17, were jailed on warrants charging them with indecency with a child.

jailed on a warrant for injury to a yield right of way at a stop sign. child

An incident of assault/bodily injury of a family member was reported Sunday night to police by a juvenile female.

A Dimmitt woman was picked up Monday afternoon on a warrant charging her with aggravated assault.

The USDA Rural Development office reported a break-in at a home in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth early Monday.

Johnny Stanford reported a burglary of a vehicle Monday afternoon at his business in the 300 block of Southeast Second. A 12-gauge shotgun valued at \$200 was removed from the vehicle.

Mary Rivera, an employee of Dimmitt Motel, told police Dec. 12 that suspects damaged Room 13. Repair costs for the sheetrock, door

Christmas lights at her home in the 100 block of Northwest 12th.

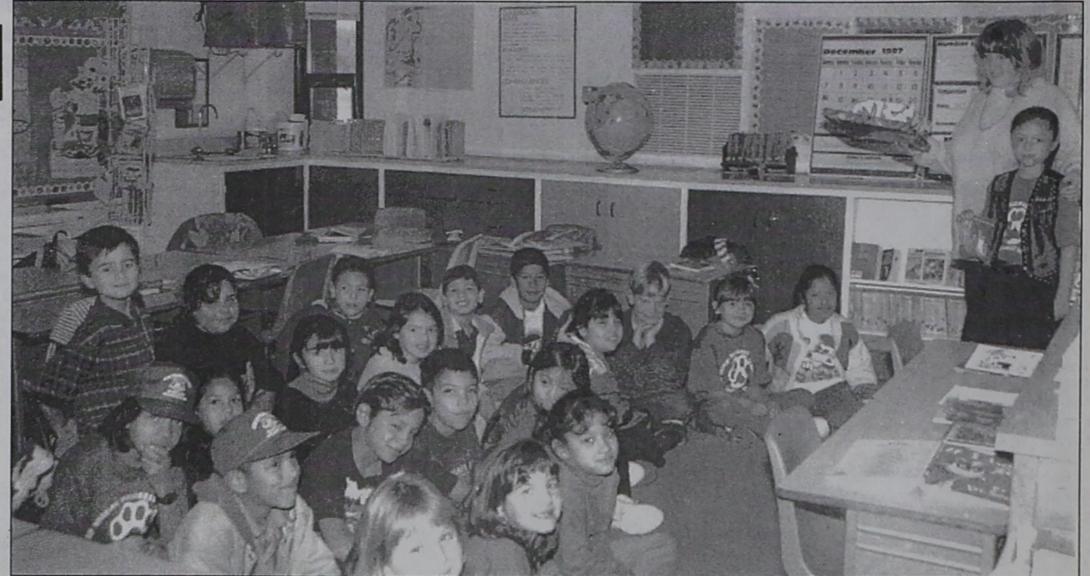
### Dec. 17, a 1985 Cadillac driven by

Paul Louis Craig, 14, of Dimmitt, struck the back of a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Freddie Lee Ruiz, 21, of Dimmitt. Ruiz was leaving the parking lot of the Town & Country Store and stopped for traffic. Craig did not stop and struck the back of the pickup. Craig was ticketed for no driver's license. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Friday at 8:09 p.m., a 1984 Cutlass driven by Dominga Marin, 23, of Dimmitt, was heading south on Northwest Fourth Street, when the vehicle stalled and Marin said she was unable to stop. Her vehicle continued into the intersection with West Bedford into the path of a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Lauri Denise Schilling, 34, of Nazareth. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Friday, a Dimmitt woman, 29, was Marin was ticketed for failure to

> Saturday at 6:27 p.m., Jo Hyman of Amarillo was driving a 1993 Toyota Camry south on US 385 about 6.6 miles north of Dimmitt. Her vehicle began to slide on the icy road as it entered a curve, spun a half turn into the north-bound lane, and struck a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Christina Martinez of Hereford, who was heading north on 385. No injuries were reported. Damage to the Toyota was rated moderate and to the Chevrolet, light. Hyman was ticketed for unsafe speed.

### Steak supper is scheduled



THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON—These third graders in Linda Koch's room at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt present a couple of presents and \$33.83 to Child

Protective Services Board Member Melissa Roberts last week. The students elected to donate to CPS the money they would have spent on a Christmas party in school.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Water 2000 presidential initiative expanded for '98

President Clinton has signed into under secretary for USDA Rural law the federal appropriations bill that sets spending levels for all US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) programs for the next 12 months.

The bill includes \$577 million for the President's Water 2000 initiative to continue the work of providing rural communities with a safe, clean drinking water supply. This represents a 2% increase in funding from last year.

Water 2000 was launched in August 1994 to bring safe, abundant drinking water into the many rural American homes that lack such basic service. The program is administered by USDA's Rural Utilities Service.

Development. "It is estimated that 805,000 people nationwide do not have adequate plumbing facilities to bring clean drinking water into their homes. Through the Water 2000 program, we are aggressively attacking this problem and are bringing basic water service to those who need it."

From Oct. 1, 1994, through September 30, 1997, USDA provided more than \$1.3 billion in loans and grants nationwide, including \$4,249,300 in Texas, for high-priority drinking water projects under its Water 2000 commitment.

funded through USDA programs that since 1940 have loaned over \$15 billion for safe drinking water and sanitary sewer systems in rural America. The program boasts a loan pay-back rate of 99.9%.

"Nothing is more basic to revitalizing small communities than improving drinking water infrastructure," said Carriker. "It means higher public health standards, especially for our children and for our seniors, and

# Sanders wins

improved job, housing development and fire protection prospects."

Through its water and wastewater programs, USDA Rural Development is striving to ensure that such basic services as a clean and safe drinking water supply and an environmentally-sound wastewater treatment facility are readily available to all rural Americans. The commitment of USDA to this effort is at the core of its mission and its promise to help build stronger, more vibrant rural communities across the nation.

trim and shower stall were estimated at \$1,165.

Michele Lizabeth Torres of Dimmitt told police Saturday morning that someone had cut a string of

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A steak dinner is slated for Saturday in the Nazareth Community Hall from 5 to 8:30 p.m., with proceeds to go to medical funds for Meredith Braddock and Marvin Jones.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Nazareth American Legion post, the dinner will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

The menu will include steak, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert. Take-outs will be available.

USDA estimates that at least 2.5 million non-metropolitan residents-including 350,000 in Texas-face critical problems with drinking water availability, quality or dependability.

"The funding increase for Water 2000 represents a high level of commitment that USDA and the Clinton-Gore Administration have placed on providing residents with a basic service that many Americans take for granted," said Jill Long Thompson, invest in meeting critical, water-related public health needs is a victory, especially during these times of necessary budgetary restraints," said Steve Carriker, acting state director. "This is good news for rural Texas."

A few of the Texas communities that have received funding for the Water 2000 projects are the city of Seadrift, Fort Belknap, Water Supply Corporation and the city of Alvord. Water 2000 projects are primarily

## "Any increase in what we can vest in meeting critical, water-re- Dimmitt Dollars Dimmitt Post

Suzan Sanders won the \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars during Week 4 of the Chamber of Commerce's holiday promotion.

Sanders registered at First United Bank.

Winners of the \$10 prizes this week were Mary Larra, Bud Kern and Janet McDaniel. Kern registered at First United Bank, Larra signed up at Dimmitt Thriftway and McDaniel registered at The Pancake House.

Office to close early Wednesday

The Dimmitt Post Office will close at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, which is Wednesday, so employees can spend time with their families, according to Dimmitt Postmaster Jay Lewter.

The Post Office will be closed on Christmas Day.

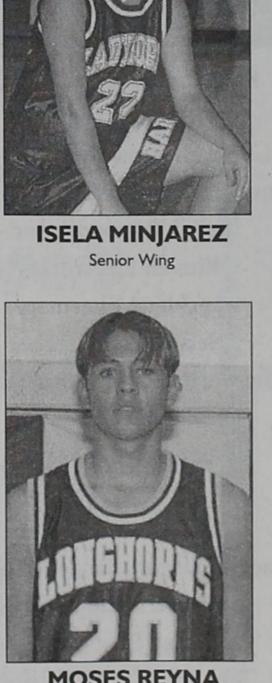


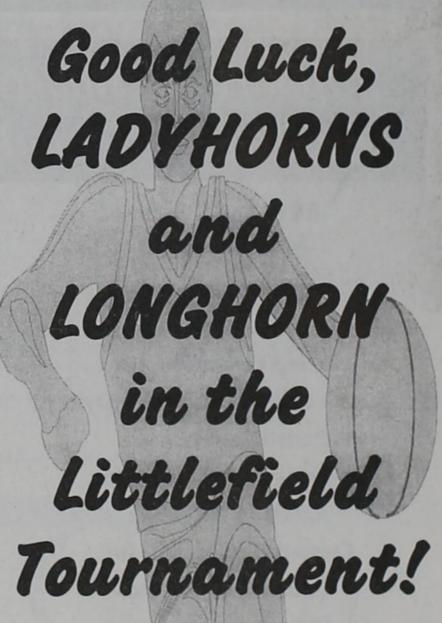
Fire Department chief David Spain with his father, county fire marshall Jay Spain.

# **Community Service:** Fancy Words For Doing Our Part

I here's a lot of talk about community service these days. But action speaks louder than words. If we can sponsor some kids for a field trip to Washington, change lights in the Little League park, or assist local businesses, we'll do it.

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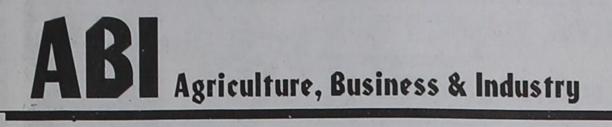
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# HPUWCD offices bugged; district director is charged

High Plains Underground Water the past 20 years and during that time Conservation District's Precinct Two Director Stanley Miller of Amherst was charged by a Lubbock County Grand Jury on Dec. 17 with "unlawful interception of communication" after he allegedly bugged the Water District's office.

Miller secretly attached a tape recorder underneath Water District Manager A. Wayne Wyatt's desk and placed additional recorders in other areas of the Water District's office to record conversations that he was not privy to.

Investigation of Miller began after he threatened Wyatt's life. The equipment and tapes used to bug the Water District office were seized at Miller's home following an investigation by Lt. Lenda Nixon of the Special Crimes Unit of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. During the execution of the search warrant, a store of methamphetamines were also seized, according to Lamb County District Attorney Mark Yarbrough.

Miller will be brought before a Lamb County Grand jury next month concerning possession of a controlled substance.

Miller reportedly accused the Water District of wrongdoing, but officials with the district say there is no basis for Miller's claim.

"I have not done anything wrong while carrying out my duties as manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1," said Wyatt.

He declined additional comments, after appearing before the Lubbock Grand Jury on Dec. 16. "Many people consider Wayne Wyatt to be 'Mr. Water' in the state of Texas. Stanley Miller's allegations of wrongdoing are just not true," said James P. Mitchell of Wolfforth, who has served on the Water District board since 1976 and as its president since 1979. "Wayne Wyatt has served as Water District manager for

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he has earned the respect of water leaders on the local, station, national and international levels.

"This action has significantly impacted both the High Plains District Board of Directors and staff," said Mitchell. "The board members and staff have been unnerved for several weeks after learning of Mr. Miller's threats and his use of hidden recording devices. We have seen a drop in efficiency among our staff because of these circumstances. It is difficult to conduct daily activities knowing that someone has tape recorded private conversations. It's the same feeling

you have after your home has been burglarized."

Miller is one of five elected members of the Water District's board of directors. He represents Cochran County and the portions of Hockey and Lamb Counties within the Water District's service area.

He was elected to serve as a member of the district's Lamb County Committee in 1986. In 1990 he was appointed as Pct. 2 director, filling the unexpired term of Mack Hicks of Levelland, who died in office. In 1994 he was elected to a four-year term as Pct. 2 director. Miller has chosen not to run in the 1998 election.

### **Duckwall-ALCO reports 29%** increase in third-quarter earnings

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. has announced results for the third quarter and nine months ending November 2, 1997.

Highlights for the quarter include: ♦ A 19% earnings increase that represents the 19th consecutive quarter of earnings growth.

✤ Strong sales performance registers a 17% increase

✤ Gross margin shows nice improvement.

Net income for the quarter increased 29% to \$903,000 from \$701,000 in the prior year's third quarter. Net sales for the third quarter were \$776.1 million, a 17% increase over sales of \$63.9 million in the third quarter of last year. saying that he is bound by his oath Earnings per share increased to \$.18 per share from \$.17 per share a year earlier, even though there was an increase in the weighted average number of shares outstanding to 5.2 from 4.1 million shares. During the current fiscal year, the company has opened 25 ALCO and nine Duckwall stores; an additional six Duckwall stores are scheduled to open in January. For the nine months ended Nov. 2,

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1997, net income increased 25% to \$3.3 million from \$2.6 million for the prior year. Net sales were \$225.9 million, a 17% increase over sales of \$192.6 million a year earlier. Net income per share was \$.64 per share, compared to \$.65 per share in the prior fiscal year, again due to the increase in the weighted average number of shares outstanding.

Same store sales grew by .8% or \$1.5 million, to \$183.6 million, and same store sales where there are no competing discount stores increased by 2% to \$118 million.

"I am very pleased with the progress Duckwall-ALCO continues to make," said Glen L. Shank, president and chief executive officer.



Jerry McMillon

# McMillon joins accounting firm

Jerry McMillon, CPA, formerly of Dimmitt, has joined the Amarillo office of Clifton Gunderson CPAs and Consultants as an audit and accounting manager.

and assist with staff recruiting and business development activities.

McMillon has six years of experience in the accounting field, with emphasis on financial institutions and other commercial entities. Prior to joining Clifton Gunderson, He was an audit manager for an Amarillo accounting firm. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting from West Texas A&M University.

McMillon volunteers with the Help One Student to Succeed Program, and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Texas Society of CPAs.

### New Century **Energies declares** quarterly dividends





**Don Taylor** 

**By DON TAYLOR** Repeat business—A V.I.T.A.L. success strategy

"We started so strong," Vicki said. "We had more customers than we could take care of. But now, just four months later, business is really slow. I don't know why all those folks aren't coming back. What can I do?'

It was break time in one of my business survival workshops. Vicki was anxious about her business. The

conditions she described to me are real and her store is struggling. Customers aren't returning and she is no longer generating a profit.

Vicki's situation is not unique. Most businesses cannot survive on one-time customers. To be successful, you must have loyal customers who return frequently, bring their friends, and tell others of their good experiences.

Advertising and promotion will bring in new customers. However, you must earn repeat business. Some business owners go to great expense and effort to attract first-time customers. Then when the customer is coaxed into the business, they do little to keep them coming back. Without a strong customer retention program, you may waste much of your promotion budget.

### The V.I.T.A.L. System

Keeping customers is vital to the health of every small business. Vital means "of the utmost importance" and "essential for continuing." I like to use "vital" as an acronym to help me remember five important customer-keeping strategies.

V-The "V" in V.I.T.A.L. represents value. Value is the relationship He will manage audit engagements between what we pay and what we get.

Think of value as a seesaw with price on one end and quality on the other. When the seesaw is level, the customer receives a fair value. When the price goes down or the quality-quantity goes up, the customer receives greater value. The greater the value the more loyal the customer.

Remember, you can add value by improving service, increasing quality, eliminating hassles and giving your customer more information (product knowledge). You can also add convenience, save your customers time and deliver more than promised.

I-The "I" in the V.I.T.A.L. System stands for integrity. Thomas Jefferson said, "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

If you are wise and want to build a successful business, integrity is the only policy. Integrity is the characteristic of being honest and ethical in every situation.

Even customers who are dishonest would prefer to deal with people of integrity. No one wants to be cheated or lied to.

T-The "T" in V.I.T.A.L. stands for thorough. The word thorough means to be "careful of detail" or "to carry through to completion."

Successful business owners follow up and follow through. They pay attention to details. Whoever said, "Don't sweat the small stuff" is wrong. Taking good care of the little things will ensure customer loyalty.

A-The "A" in our acronym represents attitude. Attitude is the state of

"Our commitment to growing the business has been reflected in our making selective acquisitions as well through successful as implementation of our store opening program. While slightly behind schedule in store openings in the third quarter, we have continued to demonstrate strong sales growth and consistently improved operating performance."

New Century Energies, the holding company of Public Service Co. of Colorado and Southwestern Public Service Co., has declared quarterly dividends on all outstanding common stock.

The board of directors of New Century Energies declared a 58¢-per- to talk, if you will listen. share dividend on common stock payable Feb. 15, 1998, to shareholders of record on Jan. 23, 1998. The dividend is the same as the previous quarter.

mind in which we approach any given situation. Our attitude affects our customer relationships and controls our success.

You must keep a positive attitude in all customer situations. Remember, customers always go where they get good value and return to places that treat them well.

L-The "L" in V.I.T.A.L. stands for listen. Listening to your customers is the only way to learn more about their needs and wants.

You can anticipate needs, if you listen. You can make a customer feel important, if you listen. You can only solve those problems you fully understand. Listen to understand.

Ask questions, then listen. Encourage feedback, then listen. Customers love

Value, Integrity, Thoroughness, Attitude and Listening: Five solid customer retention strategies for your business.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

# **Applicators can reinstate** certificates with more CEUs

still hold "grandfathered" certificates can reinstate their certificate by (CEUs).

Prior to Jan. 10, 1989, applicators were issued certificates that were employee in the use of pesticides. "grandfathered," meaning they never expire. However, effective Jan. 1, Regulations require certificate holders to earn 15 CEUs every five years if they want to apply restricted-

Private pesticide applicators who use and state-limited-use pesticides. "Grandfathered" certificate holders

can renew their certificate at any obtaining continuing education units time if they complete their CEU requirements. Private certificate holders cannot supervise an

"Applicators who need CEUs can check with their Texas Agricultural 1991, the Texas Pesticide Extension Service office for courses or call the Texas Dept. of said Texas Ag Agriculture," Commissioner Rick Perry.

"Certificate holders still have time to bring their CEUs up to date."

Certificate holders also have the option of obtaining a private applicator license. Extension offices can provide study materials, and all TDA offices offer testing dates.

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form, which they should receive by the end of January.

"Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use. It's important for applicators to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods," said Perry.

Applicators can get a list of approved courses by calling TDA at 1-800-TELL-TDA or at (512) 463-7548. More information about licenses, renewals and CEU courses is available on the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's web page at http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ index.htm. Applicators can also call their county Extension agent for courses available in their area.

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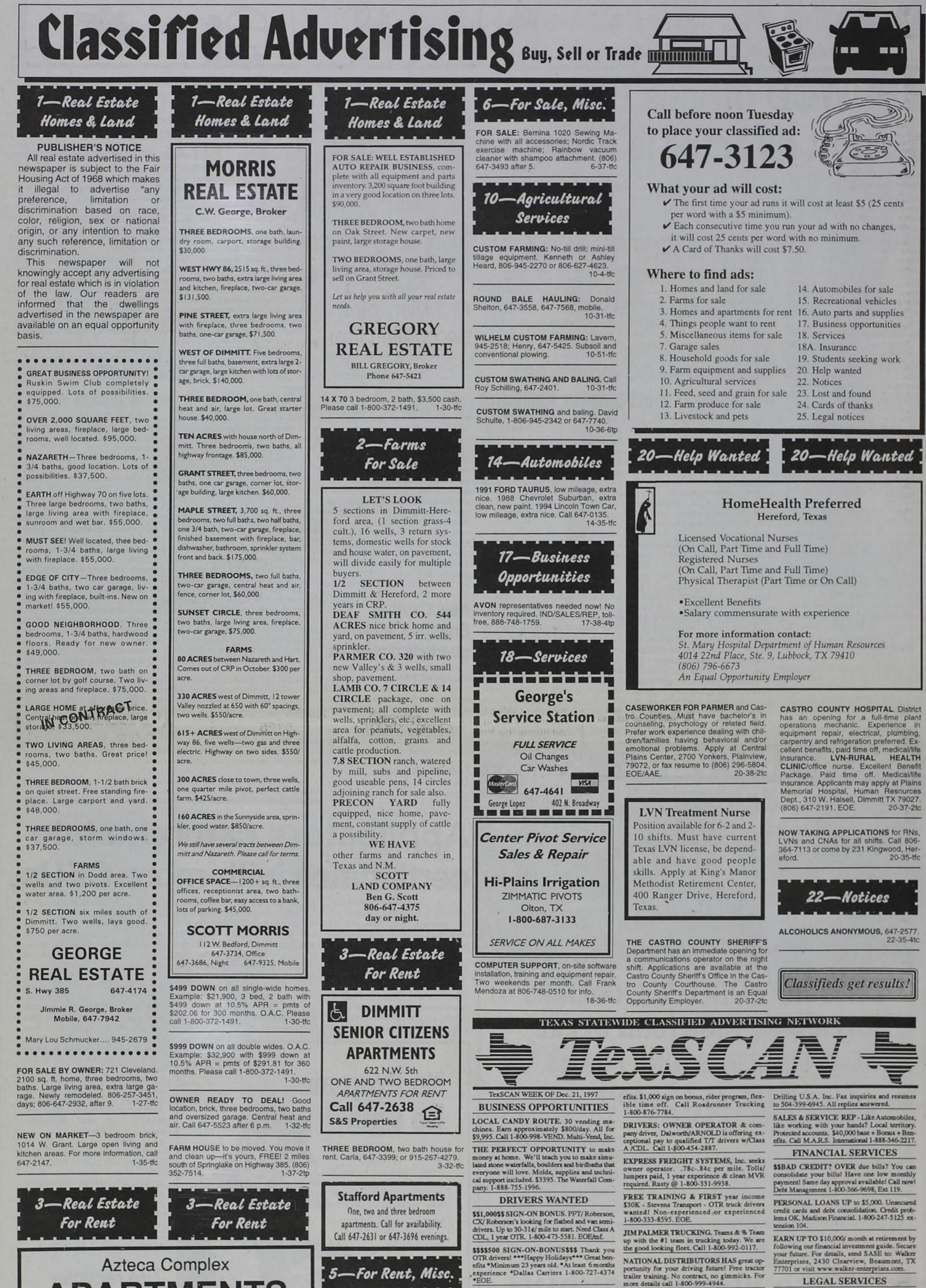
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The accompanying petition was filed on the 5th day of February, 1997, in the indicated court of Webb County, Texas.

You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served with this citation and accompanying petition.

The suit is an action to establish paternity and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following child subject of the suit: Miguel Angel Aguero, Male, DOB 11/6/96, Social Security Number 641-54-8640, Driver's License No. N/A, Birthplace, Irving, Texas.

The court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest, which will be binding to you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

The return of the officer executing such citation shall be endorsed or attached to the same, and show how and when the citation was executed, specifying the dates of such publication, be signed by him/her officially and shall be accompanied by a PRINTED COPY OF SUCH PUBLICATION. (Rule 117, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure).

The suit is entitled: CAUSE NO. 97CV 000196C3 In the Interest of Miguel Angel Aguero, A Child In the Count Court at Law of Webb County, Texas

Other parties to the action: The State of Texas, Raul Cadena, Juana Maria Aquero.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of court this 4th day of December, 1997.



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Castro County News 11 \* Hoop Roundup Rebates are up for year, down for payment period

> Sales tax rebates for December Rebates to Texas counties also ceived in 1996. Nazareth showed were down in Castro County, compared with the same period in 1996, but the payments for the year-to-date showed an increase, according to figures released by State Comptroller local sales taxes collected by John Sharp.

Sharp said total rebates for 1997 topped \$2.1 billion and were 6.8% highter than total rebates for 1996.

cities totaled \$150.6 million, 3.9% higher than the montly payment total of \$144.9 million last December.

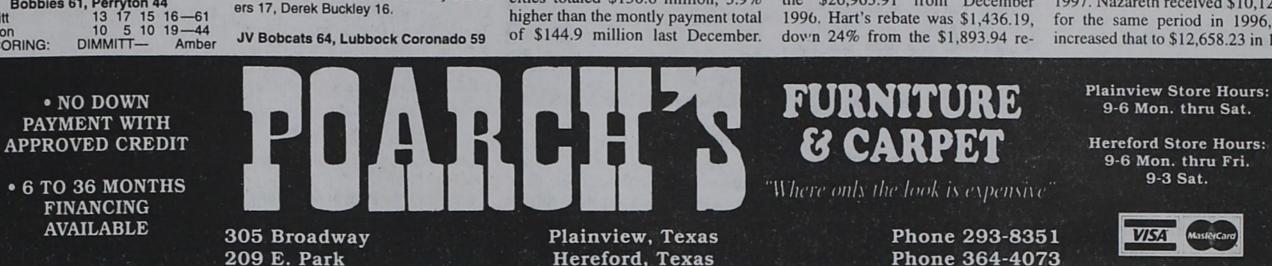
ber 1996.

The December payments include monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

Dimmitt's December rebate was The December rebates for Texas \$25,401.49, down almost 6% from the \$26,963.91 from December

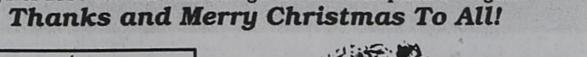
showed an increase, although it was only a slight decrease, receiving only 1% over the amount for Decem- \$1,066.96 this December and \$1,070.84 last December.

> In the year-to-date figures, Dimmitt has received \$284,944.54 so far in 1997, up a little over 1% from the \$281,989.40 received in 1996. Hart has shown a 41.54% increase, with only \$14,678.06 received in 1996, and \$20,775.89 in 1997. Nazareth received \$10,122.50 for the same period in 1996, and increased that to \$12,658.23 in 1997.





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#### **HOLIDAY STORE HOURS:**

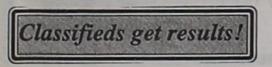
- Wednesday, Dec. 24th... We will close at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 25th ..... Christmas Day Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 31st....We will close at 2:00 p.m. for Inventory
- Thursday, Jan. 1st ...... New Years Day Closed
- Friday, January 2nd.....Open at 9:00 a.m.

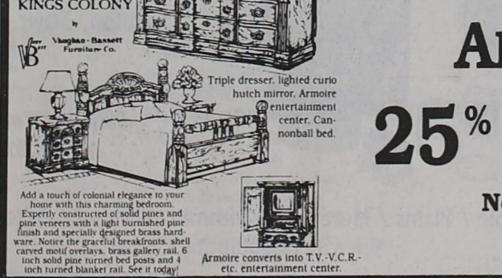


December 25, 1997

The Dimmitt Independent School District has set an in-service training session for those who wish to be substitute teachers and who have not already completed a session for this school year.

The session will be held Jan. 6 at 10 a.m. at the School Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.





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#### December 25, 1997

# More about

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And puffed his pipe while his frantic mind raced. He had put this off as long as he could; He had to think fast, and it better be good. Whispering a prayer, he began with a smile, "Well, climb on my lap, dear, and find. let's talk a while." "Remember at church how we learned to pray, Asking God to take care of us each see, day? And you know how we say grace before every meal To this same God whom we know to be real? Though we never see Him, we know He is there, Watching His children with such loving care. "God started Christmas a long time ago, When he gave us His son to love give,

and to know. A spirit of giving came with that birth.

And God's generosity filled the whole earth. Man had to narie this spirit of giving, Just as he names all things that are living.

"The name Santa Claus came to someone's mind-Probably the best name of any to There is, you can see, and I think it's quite clear, Truly a Santa who visits each year. A spirit like God, whom we never He enters the hearts of your mother and me.

"Each year at Christmas, for one special night, We become him and make everything right. But the REAL spirit of Christmas is in you and me And I hope you are old enough now to see That as we believe, and continue to Our friend Santa Claus will continue to live."



#### **By TRISH ELLIOTT FSA Executive Director** We should know soon which contracts are going to be accepted for CRP Sign-up 16.

All producers who submitted offers during this sign-up will be notified accordingly.

Packaging Committee for the 1997 crop year.

1997 county base loan rates The 1997 county base loan rates are as follows: \$2.63 per bushel for wheat; \$1.82 per bushel for barley; \$1.19 per bushel for oats; \$2.24 per bushel for corn; \$4.80 per bushel for

# Obituaries

with Rev. H.W. Bartlett of Temple Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Morgan died Dec. 16 in Hereford Regional Medical Center. He was born Nov. 28, 1913, in

Montague County. He was a Baptist. He was a carpenter. He was preceded in death by a

son, Jimmy Mac. He is survived by three sons, Russell Morgan of Kingman, Ariz., and

Hoy Morgan and Harold Morgan, both of Hereford; two daughters, Thelva Stone and Sharron Howell, both of Lubbock; a sister, Zennie Taylor of Marlow, Okla.; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

#### **Guy Waldrop**

Guy Waldrop, 78, of Dimmitt, died Nov. 30.

Services were held in the People's Cooperative Funeral Home Chapel on Dec. 2 and burial followed in Poarch Cemetery in Carter, Okla.

Mr. Waldrop was born in Rankin, Okla., on June 18, 1919. He graduated from Reydon, Okla. High School. He served in the Pacific during World War II. He worked for the City of Dimmitt from 1962 to 1981 as a fire marshall plumbing and electrical inspector and volunteer fireman.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, three nieces and two nephews.

Texas State Teachers College. She More about She married J.C. Sam Gilbreath on Kinkaid She was a member of First United

attorney.

(Continued from Page 1) attorney in the absence of the district

"I have always strived to represent the best interest of the people of this

# Nominations sought for chamber honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Com- an individual who has made signifimerce is seeking nominations for cant contributions to the community individuals to be recognized as Dimmitt's Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year for 1997. The awards will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet that will be held in January.

Honorees will be selected from all nominees, based on community involvement, including commitment to church, civic organizations, charitable institutions or other activities or services which benefit the community.

According to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava, the Citizen of the Year award is intended to recognize

Courthouse closed 'til Monday

Jan. 5.

The courthouse was to be closed Auditor Maretta Smithson told the Wednesday at noon, Christmas Eve, in order to give the county employees additional time off to be with their families. The courthouse will be open again on Monday.

The county commissioners approved the time off at their meeting Monday.

In other business, the commissioners approved changes in the personnel policies, including motor vehicle records for employees and a change in wording on the acknowledgement sheet that employees sign at the time of employment.

New locks have been installed on two storage areas in the courthouse.

commissioners that she will draw up an agreement that must be signed by anyone who receives one of the keys to the storage areas. She said the agreement will state that if a key is lost, then the person who is responsible for the key must pay a \$50 fee for a replacement key. She said the locks and keys are specially made to prevent unauthorized copying. The commissioners approved the proposal.

during the 1997 calendar year, while

the Citizen Through the Years award

will be presented to a person based

on lifetime achievements. The

"Teacher" award will cite career

Nomination forms may be picked

up at the Chamber office at 115 W.

Bedford, or they will be mailed to

anyone requesting one in writing or

Nominations may be made by

individuals or organizations; how-

ever, the signature of the person

completing the form will be re-

quired. The forms must be received

in the Chamber office no later than

by phone at 806-647-2524.

accomplishments.

Discussion of disposal of the old DARE officer's car was postponed until Sheriff CD Fitzgearld could be present.



The results of the 1997 FSA Committee election for LAA-3 are: Weldon H. Davis, COC member; Emmett Heard, first alternate COC; Debra Underwood, second alternate COC; and Rick Bagwell, Community Committee member.

We appreciate those of you who took the time to elect your representatives to the County Committee.

#### 1998 AMTA program

All producers with AMTA (Production Flexibility) contracts were notified Nov. 14 as to the status of the shares and timing of 1998 advance payments of those contracts.

If you have a year-to-year crop lease, then you will need to designate the shares on the contract for 1998 before advance payments can be made.

We are in the process of making payments to producers who requested their advance payments to be issued in December.

Those who wish to receive advance payments in the January cycle must make a request by Wednesday. Those who do not request an advance payment or update the shares on their contracts, they will receive the entire 1998 payment in September 1998 (if shares are designated).

If you have any doubts about the status of your AMTA contact, call the FSA office.

#### 1997 census of agriculture

During December, the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service will mail the 1997 Census of Agriculture questionnaire to all farmers and ranchers in Texas.

You will be asked to complete the forms and return them by Feb. 2, 1998. This census is the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every state and every county in the nation.

We encourage each of you to complete and return these ques-tionnaires in a timely manner.

#### Cooperating ginners

All gins located in Castro County have certified to Commodity Credit Corp. that all bagging and bale ties meet the specifications approved and published by the Joint Industry Bale

### **Candidate filing** to end Jan. 2

soybeans; and \$.5170 per pound for cotton.

Loans on the above commodities can be requested for eligible 1997 farm or warehouse-stored crop production.

These loans are designed to allow eligible producers to pledge their production for a low-interest, ninemonth Commodity Credit Corp. loan and repay the loan with interest anytime during the loan period.

If the loan is not repaid during this period, then the collateral can be forfeited to Commodity Credit Corp. at maturity.

#### NAP production reports

Producers who received Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) payments must report production of the specific crop acreage after harvest is completed and before the final date for reporting the crop in the immediately subsequent crop year.

The requirement to report production is independent of whether a crop loss occurs.

Producers must report production annually after the first year of NAP eligibility. Those failing to timely report production will have reduced approved yield calculations.

#### Holidays

The FSA office will be closed next Thursday, Dec. 25, and Dec. 26 for the Christmas holidays, and on Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

### Hospice training classes offered

A series of hospice training classes offered by Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice will begin in January, and there is no charge for the classes.

The series of 10 classes will be held on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30, beginning Jan. 26 and ending Feb. 26.

The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training, or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment.

Individuals taking the class to become hospice volunteers also must attend a health and safety call on March 2. Those who wish to work with patients also must attend an additional class on March 5.

Three continuing education units

She was preceded in death by a jurisdiction while completing the

Dec. 27, 1933, in Nara Visa, N.M.

Methodist Church in Dimmitt,

Friendship Sunday School Class,

Dimmitt Garden Club, Dimmitt Book

Club and Plains Memorial Hospital

He died March 8, 1994.

Auxiliary.

Virginia P. Gilbreath

Virginia P. Gilbreath, 87, of

Dimmitt, died at 10 p.m. Dec. 16 at

Ware Memorial in Amarillo after a

Services were held Friday

afternoon at First United Methodist

Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty

Dickerson, pastor, officiating,

assisted by Dr. Wylie E. Hearn of St.

Paul United Methodist Church in

Amarillo. Burial followed in Castro

Memorial Gardens under the

direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill

Mrs. Gilbreath was born March 27,

lengthy illness.

sister, Dyalthia Bradley Benson. Survivors include a son, Zay Gilbreath of Amarillo; six grandchildren; and 12 great- trict judge," said Kinkaid. grandchildren.

Hal Gilbreath, Matt Gilbreath, Gary Gilbreath, Alan Gilbreath and Mark Gilbreath. Honorary pallbearers were G.L. Willis, Allan Webb, Jay Lee Buster Tidwell, Ray Joe Riley, Dwayne Brown, Bobby Jones and members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

to Plains Memorial Hospital and in federal courts up to and in-Auxiliary, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt cluding the Supreme Court of the 79027, or the John Gilbreath United States. Scholarship Fund, in care of First United Methodist Church, 110 SW Third Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

#### Arnold Morgan

Funeral services for Arnold Mitchell Morgan, 84, of Hereford, were held Friday afternoon in rose Chapel of Gililland-Watson Funerl Home

son, John Gilbreath in 1983, and a duties of my current position. If elected, I will work tirelessly to effectively serve the citizens of Hale, Swisher and Castro Counties as dis-

Kinkaid, 38, was born in Lubbock Pallbearers were Coby Gilbreath, has lived in Hale County since 1960. He attended Plainview High School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor of arts degree. He com-Touchstone, Truman Touchstone, pleted his legal education at Texas Tech University School of law, graduating in 1985.

Kinkaid is licensed to practice law The family requests memorials be in the courts of the State of Texas

> He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Plainview, a former president of the Hale County Bar Association, and has served as president of the board of the Hale County Crisis Center.

Kinkaid and his wife, Teresa, have two children including 3-year-old Trent and 1-year-old Caroline.

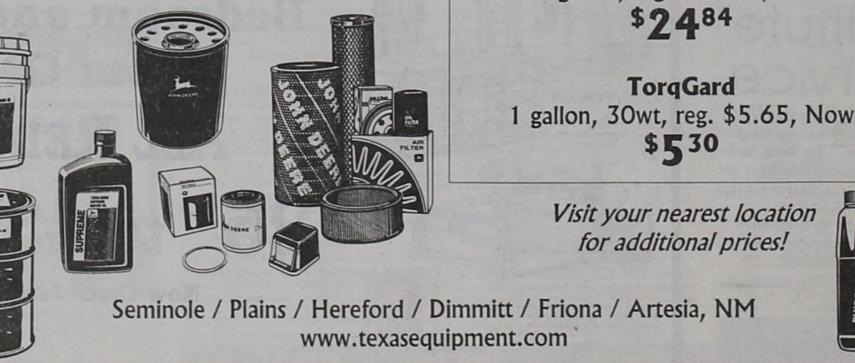


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Applications for a place on the political party primary ballots may be received through Jan. 2.

The applications for a place on the Democratic Primary ballot may be filed with Don Newman, continuing through Jan. 2.

Applications for a place on the Republican Primary ballot may be filed with Deanne Clark through Jan. 2. Clark said that during the Christmas holidays another individual may be designated to receive the applications. Applicants may check at the courthouse for notification.

will be awarded by Amarillo College. Those interested in registering for the class may call Elizabeth Miller, volunteer coordinator for Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, at 806-378-6715 to schedule an interview.

If you have already completed an interview, you will be contacted when your paperwork is completed. If you have already registered for the training previously, but were unable to attend or complete the class, and wish to register for this session, call Miller for more information.





It's the most colorful, most glorious season of all, and we hope that it's especially joyful and meaningful for you and yours.

This Community Christmas Card is our personal greeting to you this holiday season. Instead of sending individual cards, we have donated to the **Plains Memorial** Hospital Auxiliary, which will use our contributions to benefit the hospital. It is our hope that the proceeds from this Community Christmas Card might benefit your family and ours in the future.

May your Christmas be happy, healthy, meaningful, and full of good cheer!

Dwayne, Anne, Adam, Jenna & Lacey Acker Francis & Bea Acker Sonny & Ann Armstrong Pat & George Bagley Milton & Sandra Bagwell Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bain James, Sandy & Tori Baker **Bay & Bobbie Baldridge Kate Beecher Pauline Bell** U.J. & Rosetta Bellinghausen Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Berryhill Kent & Mary Jo Birdwell **Irene Blanton Johnnie Boothe** Monty & Sue Boozer Jack, Susie, Laura & Sarah Bradford & Senia Haure **Jim Bradford Family Mildred Bradford** Gene, Shari & Mary Bradley Bill, Debra, Chris & Ally Bridenbaugh **Bill & Dee Briscoe** Cyril & Mitzie Brockman Virgil, Shirley, Cody, Thomas & Anna Brockman **Emmett & Sue Broderson** J.R. & Mary Jo Brown Marvin & Gwen Bryant & Mearle Arthur **Dugan Butler** Donny, Melissa, Lauren & Landon Carpenter **Irene Carpenter Bill & Deanne Clark Emily Clingingsmith Billie Cluck & Retta Cluck** Garland, Susan, Garland III, Ben & **Daniel Coleman Tex & Norma Conard Jewell Connell Family Bill, Kay & Brian Conyers Don & Shirley Cornett** Mae Cox **Bob & Jackie Crozier** 

Paula & Fred Davidson Carnella DiCuffa James & Doris Dobbs **Bryce & Darlene Dowell Glenn Duncan Carole Dyer** Harley & Elberta Dyer Jack & Jan Edwards Don, Trish & Tim Elliott Wade & Julie Elliott Ed, Sharon & Chad Ewing Stacy, Shawn & Stacey Dawn Ewing Lloyd & Augusta Farris CD & Linda Fitzgearld **Jack & Doris Flynt Cleo Forson** Ed & Betty Freeman **Ethel Fry** Ramon, Beatrice, Larissa, Jennifer & **Jordan Fuentes** Nancy, John & Amy Fuller **Marty Gerber** Bill & Jan Glenn **Edith Graef** Don & Paula Graham **Curtis & Joy Grand** Randy, Teresa & Jonathan Gressett Chaun, Lisa & Devin Gunstream **Billy & Ruth Hackleman Travis & Jeanette Hampton** Annie Laura Hargrove Don & Mae Hargrove Jerry & Delores Heller Mary Edna Hendrix Charley & Beverly Hill & Family **Ben & Bernice Hill** Kenneth & Shirley Hollums V.C. & Dorothy Hopson P.L. & Pauline Hoyler Chas, Carla & Quinten Humprey **R.V. & Dolores Ivv** Ferne Jones & Family

Joe & Pam Josselet **Geneva** Justice **Troy & Billie Kirby Florene** Leinen **Mozelle Lilley Houston & Doris Lust** Roger & Geneva Malone Leroy & Linda Maxwell, Daniel & Mindy Anthoney, Mary & Wesley Mays Stan & Rita McDaniel, Shad, Stace & Colby **Catherine Fuller McFarland** Louise Mears **Ron & Irene Miller Clotee Minchew Donald & Carolyn Moke** Phyllis & Bob Mooney Kimmie & Brooke Moyers **Bobby & Wanda Murdock B.M.** Nelson Don & Verbie Nelson Lucy Nelson Mike, Cindy, Rae & Shae Odom Jack & Clara Patton Sue Phillips Willie & Brenda Porsch Tommy, Paula, Brent & Bryan Portwood Doug & Cheryle Pybus

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Henry, Linda Jo, Mary Ellen, Jill, Kristi & Heidi Ramaekers George & Monette Ray Bryan, Donna, Lana & Adam Reinart Edna Reinart Howard & Belinda Rhodes Danny, Shelly, Tisha, Brandi & Ramey Rice Charles & Rena Richard Larry Robb Family Barbara Sava The Savas—Bill, Jacque & Jennifer Greg & Becky Sava David & Sherry Schaeffer, Ashley, Shalyn, Shanna, & Ashlee Ward

# DEAR ZANTA, I HAVE BEEN GOOD THIS YEAR.

Thank you.

#### Dear Santa,

Can YOU Send me a CAR And HOUrs and a nintendo 64 and a book and a pencils Dario Luna

#### Dear Santa.

I would like a bike and go.cart and a cdplay and a book and a car and a Nintendo 64 and a TV from Jaime Esqueda thank you santa.

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a competer and a bike and a trapuling for my family and me and I will like a move of the twins and the move of spasum and some clothes tenes and a litendo and a Barbie car and a Barbie thats all Santa Your freind Karla Aguero

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a go-car. I would like a tramoline. Please send me a jacket. Please send me some clothse. Please send me some shoes Thank-you for all the toys and clothes. Your frend, Lorena Mendoza

#### Dear Santa.

I would lik a trampoling. And I would like a Golcart. And a enternd 64. Thank you santa how are your randers. from Carlos Ontiveros

#### Dear Santa, I was being good. I want to you send me a computer and a barbied to play in my room.

Please send to my little sisters a toys and for me a bike.

Thank you santa, from your friend Wendy Olivas

#### Dear Santa

I would like a eyeball. Please send me a toy gun. I would like a nenterdl 64 and a toy car. Please send me a new shoes. I would like a bike.

Thank you for the toys Your Friend Jorge Quintana

#### Dear Santa. May I have a computer: A CDE, Olperation

Game, May I Have A turbo, CD my Brother Wants a Nerf Bash hockey Videocam Warriors, Casper, PS I will leave some milk and cookies.

Dear Santa,

#### Hi. Well, I just want to tell you if you could bring me a power ranger and a San Fransico 49ers jerzy with the #8 cause that's my best Dear Santa. favirot team and I would like a Race car with a Remote control to and a football and a Bike I want a new computer. A new BarBie house. to Ride thanks for everything santa may (god) New BarBie furniture. A doll. Markers. Pabless you one more thing and some per. rollerblades. Your Friend,

#### Dear Santa.

I just thought I would write you this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a baby doll that has a bottle, and clothes, I would also like a 16" in. T.V. Well that's really all I want for Christmas.

#### Sincerely Mari Pena

#### Dear Santa Clau, I want a Power Ranger Zeo Red for Christmas this year. I love you Santa Claus, Miguel Zepeda

Dear Santa. I want a dog and computer. I am a good

boy! Thanks. Steven Sustaita

#### Dear Santa.

I want roller skates and a lunch box. I want a Dallas Cowboy cap and bike. Thank you, Mario Fuentes

#### Dear Santa,

RI

I wot a bandey hase. I wot a badery? I wot a buc. I wat sum scat. I wat a bandey car. I wat a bondey. I wat a ded cry wey lit. I wat a wot wath hors. I wat a bad tharcrys. I wat a bad thatcrus.

Ashley Almanza

#### Dear Santa, Please send me a Barbie jeep.

Ruby Corrales

#### Matthew J. Ortiz Dear Santa,

I know that I've been a good girl. What I want for Christmas are a dancing Barbie Doll, Teddy Bear, and a Barbie house. Monique Marmolejo

Mark Rivera

Thank you for what you gave me last year. Love.

Samantha Howell

#### Dear Santa.

I like for you to bring me a computer a nice bike with out training wheels and a cd player with some c.d's and a nice pear of nike shoes and some nice cloths. From.

#### Yvette Arce Dear Santa.

I want a barbie and a pair off skates and a doll off clothes and a cheerleader clothes and a Months and a pink car off barbie? And a trampoline and a coloring book and a puppy and a reading book and a computer and a babie off the doctor and a puzzle off bezz and a teacher and a cat.

Thank You, Veronica Martinez

#### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

David and I love our toys Santa. I would like some toys from the Lost World. I would also like a telescope and little Legos. Hope you have had a good year. See ya soon. Thank You, Dennis

# I would like a computer and a four wheeler

please. Love. Caleb Snitker

#### Dear Santa.

I liked The present you brought me last year. It was a baby doll. Of all the pres the best and was the only one that was more special I enjoyed it a lot. Better present Its a computer. A compater that has games and programs about words too. But if theprice is to high . Thats aok. Just bring me some clothes please. I hope youe and the elves are doing aok. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,

Nayeli

Dear Santa.

My name is Sammy I am in the 2nd grade .I have been trying tobe nice this year. I would like a bike and a trampoline. Love, Sammy

#### Dear Santa Claus

I want some more dr. seuss books and I want a snowball for my dad. I want some more games and some clothes. My sister wants some babys. I want some more berenstain bear books. Love,

#### Dear Santa,

Curtis Thomas

Please bring me a Nintendo 64 and and a metal molder and a Youth boxing set. Thank you for the stuff that you gave me last year. Have a safe ride. Your Christmas Friend,

#### Gabriel

#### Dear Santa,

I would like to have a baby doll with a bottle and a pamper and a baby storler and Cabbage Pacth baby that goes in water I have being a good girl. My name is Maricela

Maricela Murguia

#### Dear Santa,

Murguia.

My name is Sinforoso Arguijo. I am 5 yrs old and I want a watch, a go car, a bike, little cars, a truck and some farm toys for Christmas. I'll be waiting for you Santa. Thanks. Sinforoso Arguijo

#### Dear Santa,

I want one of those cars that has a remote. I want a robot and a guitar. I also want a little puppy. I am going to name my puppy Spike. I would like a Winnie-the-Pooh stuffed animal and some books. I will leave you some cookies and a cup of milk under the Christmas tree. I also want a Santa Claus toy. Where do your elves sleep? Where do the reindeer sleep? Merry Christmas!

Love. Jose Aguero, Age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Beetle Borg Metallic Gold game. I also want a shark toy and a Power Ranger Turbo toy. I'll be waiting for you at Christmas. Love. Jose Resendiz, Age 4

#### Dear Santa,

This Chrismas please bring me a sega and some fast running NikE shoes for racing. I have one brother and two sisters. We live with grandma and grandpa and Mom and Dad. See you Christmas Eve.

#### Love. Noe G. Puente Jr.

#### Dear Santa, I want a gee-gee Pet For Christmas, I also

want a computer and a little puppy. I live out in the country in a light pink-tan house. I hope you find us, Love.

#### Klarissa Martinez

Dear Santa for Christmas please bring me roller blades,

#### a barbie House, a pony and a black puppy. I have 3 Sisters and 1 brother. Could you bring

them Something too. I Love you, Alyssa Back

#### Dear Santa

I help my mom to do the dishes and I pick up my toys. I want a car that crashes and goes back together. See you Christmas night.

Love Nati Sias

#### Dear Santa Claus

I am 7 years old and in the first grade. I want a computer and a tv, vcR with a remote Dear Santaclaus

Dear Mr. Sato Cos

I waot NaNo bae I wot rer weid macup I wot a Baer kor I wot a my Saz Beder I wot a BaBe weth wel kos and BaBe koz BaBe toiz Love

Olivia Zambrano

#### Dear Santa.

How have you been? I am fine. For christimas I would like a Nintendo. I would also like a RC car, a Garfield doll, a watch, and a Looney Tunes poster.

I would also like a white puppy. I would like a CD for Priscilla and Eric. Thats all

Love. Rober Barrios Jr.

#### Dear Santa,

I would like some clothes. I would like some motor cycle. I would like some shoes and a Nintendo. I don't know if I have been good But I like you Santa. Merry Christmas Erin Muniz

#### Dear Santa,

I want a chigo bulls jacket and a Dallas cowboys windsuit and a nintendo game and a ty and vcr. I am a good boy

Jake Ebeling

Fernando Fernandez

Sincerly

Sally

Tommy Howell

Mayra Aguilar

#### Dear santa.

Dear Santa

Dear Santa

Dear Santa

truck.

I've been good I want a bike. I also want a rasing car.

thank you for last years present I would like

I want a gigga pet but I wont a boy and I

want a staireo with tapes and I want a bike I

I have been good all year long. For christ-

mas this year I would like to get a backpack.

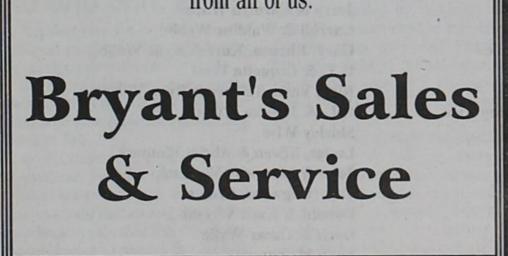
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to have a Loader a computer a little Black



Happy Holidays and loads of thanks from all of us.

Rejoicing too, we warmly send glad tidings and





Three Wise Men bore gifts from afar, but none more precious than the gift of caring. In the spirit of giving, we extend our gratitude and best wishes to you. We feel blessed to have had your goodwill and trust.

# **El Sombrero** Restaurant

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# Want Big tree + Tots of blesgnts

#### Dear Santa

My name is Cody. I am 5 years old. I love school. For Christmas I want a 4 x 4 Jeep Wrangler that I can drive, Farm families electronic game, a fireman truc and a cool helicopter. I have been a good boy. Please give my brother, Tyler, a Little Peoples Farm and give my baby brother, Tanner, a talking Barney. They have been good boys also. I will have milk and cookies ready for you.

> Love, Cody

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I would like the game Perfection, a Barbie Van, an easy-bake oven, Glamour Hair Sue and her beauty salon too, and some earrings and rings. Love, Keila Schilling

#### Dear Santa,

I have been real good this year. Would you please bring me some guns, cool tools, fire truck, cool tools motorcycle, a tool set, golf clubs and a flip car.

Jeffrey Mark Bishop

#### Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Remote Control Car, a Sega Genesis, War Car, clothes and shoes. Love.

Salvador Ramirez

#### Dear Santa,

I want some balls for outside, to play with Freida my dog. I want to leave cookies for you to eat.

P.S. You have to share. Cody Collins

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good all year. Please bring me a computer with a mouse for me and my brothers. I want a punching bag and Crash 2 on Playstation and 2 police walkie talkies. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Thank you Santa.

Brennan Cluck

#### Dear Santa, I want a Giga Pet and a Dalmation puppy for Christmas. Love.

Dear Santa. I want a Barbie House and a Bike and a swing set and a baby doll for Christmas. Love you, Santa.

Adriana Marquez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Big Toy Car and phone. I will have some cookies for you. Merry Christmas. Valerie Martinez

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have been a good boy. I have been doing my homework. Would you please bring me a Nintendo, and a sonic game. Part 5. Please bring my brother Tanner a piano. Please bring my Mother some Perfume and a wig. Please bring my Daddy some new boots. Thank you. Merry Christmas and ho, ho, ho. Dustin Gilbreath

#### Dear Santa.

What I want most for Christmas is a Barbi house so I can put my Barbis in there. I also want a beautiful bike so I can give my sister a ride. If you can, I would also like for you to send me eight books about Disney characters. When you come Santa don't forget to wake me and my sister and tell us Merry Christmas. Love, Lyssa Mae Ramirez

#### Dear Santa.

My name is Eric Davis. Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Would you please bring me a Ninja cycle or a bike. Thank you Santa. Love, Eric

#### Dear Santa,

I want a barbi and A Santa Clous toy like you and a bear and a barbicar and clothes and a barbi house and a doll and a large cresmos tree and a barbi van and a ball and steers and a barbi vene van and a cumpter and a pecher of Santa and a barbi sofu and a barbi te live shon and a toy angl and a barbi morr house and a cover and a toy for my nease and a barbi venevan for my nease and three pers of ckaes.



Dear Santa, Viviana. Porras. Alonso Viviana

#### Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs santa I would like a Big Barbie for Christmas and a bicycle. Please bring something for my mom and dad and Ashley and Tony Love you

Amy Saenz

Robert

Dear Santa,

how are you. I have been a good girl this year. All I want for Christmas is a playstion. Thank you, Kathleen Martinez

#### Dear santa claus

I want a real talking bubba, Barbie computer game Barbie dream house a Globe game. I Love you santa claus. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I Love you Mrs. Claus. I am in first grade Love. **Bailey Nutt** 

#### Dear Santa

I want a motorcycle and I want a computer and a bike and a little elf and some elf clothes. And handfuls of candy and a little bear. Please don't forget. Love

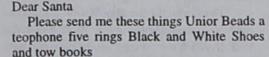
Dear Santa,

My name is Melissa Ruiz. I live in Dimmitt Texas. I have been a good girl this year. At home and school. For Christmas I would like a barbie jeep if you can get me one. Please say hi to Rudolph for me. Thank you Santa.

> Love, Melissa Ruiz

#### Dear Santa

I writing you this is letter becyouse I want a Barbie Doll and I want a house for BaBy doll.



Stephanie Castro

#### Dear Santa Anthony's Christmas list 1. Nike V shoes black and white 2. A Sega ree Mote cantroll 3. The game BOP It 4. The X-RC Crash Back Car 5. The Turbo Megasora 6. Roler Blads 7. A Scate Bord 8. Three New Sega games 9. A gold Betul Borgs

Anthony

#### Dear Santa. I want for Christmas is a fire engine truck. Love

Jonathan Lule

Love Viviana Quiroz

#### I want a Barbe dreamhouse. And a go cart and a wedding Barbie. And a wedding ken. And a Real talking Bubba. I'm in Mrs.

Keshia

GigaPet, Van Barbie, Drum, Doll.

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a motorcycle bike and the movie Power Rangers Turbo, and Dalmatian walking dog, Buzz Light Year toy, Woody on Toy Story, Toy Story Big Truck.

Dear Santa Clause,

I would like to have a robot for Christmas. And a race track too. And I want a remote control truck and a car. I would like to have a pair of Nike shoes, a Battery operaded 4wheeler with two seats. I have been a good boy this year.

I am here writing to you to tell you how

much my child, Amy, means to you. My

daughter wants to know if you can bring some

toys to her house on Christmas. She reall yhas

been waiting for this special moment to come.

She wants a Barbie Remote Control Car

(Pink). She also would like a playing piano,

Barbie with Van, playing cellular phone, and

Casey the Cheerleader. Well, I guess that's all

Amy wants Santa. She wants to tell you Bye,

P.S. Amy wants a bike also. Thank you.

for my mommy and sisters. Plese Santa, I've

been extra good night fighting with my sisters

Bye, and that she loves you very much.

#### Marty Puga

Love,

Love.

Amy Torres

#### I want a dog, And A bike And A Rabbit, And some markers, thank you for bringing A toy truck to me. I want some new shoes to. And I want A computer to. Love

I would like for Chrismas a rabbit, colorig

book, and a doll please I would also like a

nintendo. I have been good at school.

Rocky Navarro

Laraine Aguero

love

#### Dear Santa

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa

I no you are bese if you have time can you get me a western town with buckeroo bul that I have than you for my casl that you gave me last year rememder? I hope that the randers are ok.

> Your firend, Grant

#### For Christmas I want a little mortrcascer so Dear Santa, I can ride it on the road and bring some stuff

I want cards. I want a little truck. I want a motorcycle. I want a big truke. I want a car. Love You, Jorge

#### Johnny Lopez Jr.

#### Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

or mom.

Dear Santa,

how have you been? I have been very good this year. I would like a purple Giga Pet, and a cassette player with a microphone. I would also like a toy vacuum cleaner. Please bring Ryan a new car and bring my daddy some more Runts (They are his favorite candy!) Also, could you bring my mommy a new toaster. Be careful on your trip. See you soon !! Love, Jill Miller

#### Dear Santa

thank you for the dolls, clothes. I want a compyter, raponsl barbie, tickle me elmo, pretty crazy girl, cat, barbie clothes.



Warm Wishes



Dear Santa, For Christmas, I want a Giga Pet, and a cat, and a computer.

# Dear Santa.

Matthews class. Love

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie car, and a camera and a

> Love. Nicole

# Sing We All Xoel!

As voices are raised in joyful caroling, we want to throw in a chorus of thanks, and sing the praises of our many good friends and neighbors. With best wishes to all, for a truly noteworthy season. Noel!

# **Canterbury Villa Nursing Home**

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you please bring me more nintendo games. Please bring me a computer. Please bring me a pool table. Please bring me a semitruck. Please bring me a remote controlled car. Love.

Luis Luna

#### Dear Santa,

Can I please have a Nintendo 64 football game quorderback club? Can I please have a set of drums? Can I please have a dog? Can I please have a bingbag? How are you doing? Thank you for the stuf that you gave me last year. Have a nice flite.

Your friend, Chris

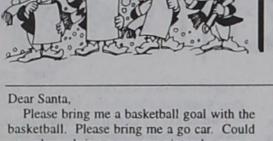
#### Dear Santa,

I want new black dress shoes, sweats, any kind of clothes, ninetindo 64 game and a new baby doll. Your friend

Brittany Allen

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie this year for Christmas. I

love you. Thank you, **Tifany Estraca** 



Dear Santa I would like a computer, Mario Kart 64 for my Nintendo 64, a Batcave and a new Batmobile. Also, I would like a big G.I. Joe and a little G.I. Joe, a new bicycle, a new train set and some cars and a race car track. Caleb Penney

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a barbie and a doll because I like to play with the barbies and the dolls. Santa I would like to a bicycle and a computer because my mom say he was going to buy me a computer, bicycle, doll, and a barbie I will

ie happy.	Thank you San Your frien Blanca Sala
ear Santa	
I would	
like a doll ad a cas	Id doll that has a dress
ote of drees.	
and a hose doll.	
and a big car.	
and a coleres dook	S.
and a dox of clores	
and a kitten and his	s mother.
and a disar.	
and a computer.	

and a dicycle this is your dear friend

Angelica Flores

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the play Station you gave me last year. Please bring my mom and dad a bed. If you have time please bring me a new game, and please bring my cousins a toy because, they've been good. Thank You Santa Claus!

> Love, Anthony Enriquez

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a big Barbie. I also want Barbie clothes. Would you please bring me a little bear, also. I also want a Christmas tree. Please be careful Santa. Ivonne Alvarado

#### Dear Santa.

I want a Barbie necklace, a computer keyboard, and a doll that has red hair and green eyes. I will leave you cookies and milk Santa. Hope to see you soon Santa. JESSICA BEHRENDS

#### Dear Santa,

Yo me voy a bortar bien para que Santa me traiga muchos juquetes. Yo quiero una bicicleta y una muneca con un cochecito para pasearla. Me voy a dovmir temprano para esperar a que llegue Santa

Marissa Martinez

#### Dear Santa, I would like for Santa to bring me several I want a Barbie doll. Super Nintendo games and the real talking Bubba also a set of skates, one Turbo Touch

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

God Bless you Santa.

barbi.

I want to have a Toy bear, a dog, and a

My name is Corina. I have always wanted a

computer for Christmas. It doesn't have to be

hi! Santa, how are you? Please send me a

Barbie doll and a computer and a real puppy.

I want a computer, a lego game, and a saw.

My name is Edgar M. Perez. I am 5 years of

age and I'm in the kindergarten. For Christmas

I would like a 19" Tv to put in my room. My

a big one it can be a small one.

Race Car, 1 Deluxe Talkboy, one Slumberbag, one Jeep Wrangler Andre Aleman

Thank you for bringing me presents last year. Would you bring me a Nano baby and a basketball goal for me and my two sister.

#### Dear Santa,

Things are going very great and I have not fight and I have played with Manuel. I love you Santa. Please bring me gifts. I want Blossom Beauty Barbie, Little Mermaid game and a minnie mouse watch, pink snowboots, Rugrats Video, Barbie Cruising Car, Bouncing Baby and a baby soft horse for my sisters baby and Selena movie for my sister Amanda and shoes for my sister Baba and a computer for my mom and money for my Dad. Santa be careful in the show and the reindeers be safe. Your friend

#### Dear Santa.

some dinosaurs. I have been good Please give me a tractor thank you

My name is John David. I want a loader and

love John David



Dear Santa,

Laura

Maribel

Thank you,

Corina

Love,

Love,

Emily N. Fernandez

Happy Christmas,

Ricardo Barrios

Edgar M. Perez

I would like some clothes, Tennis shoes, Cyber stryker defender, Hot wheels Volcano Blowout, The Lost World Jurassic Park Electric Racing, remote control Ninja motorcycle and a Turbo Touch Racers for my brother Markous a Lost World. Jurassic Park Thrasher T-Rex for my brother Anthony, and a Elmo for my cousin Lorraine and some clothes and a new jacket for my grandma.

Love. Steven Sifuentez

#### Dear Santa,

I would like to have a tractor and a dump truck a trampulen and a semi truck and some toy guns and some hightops and some boot and I have been a very good boy. **Rubin Buskirk** 

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been a very, very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like to have a computer, play camera and a cheerleader's outfit. I also would like to have a new bike and a small stereo. I could use a pair of skates. How is Mrs. Claus. Oh! By the way could you bring my little brother some new clothes and a cap. His name is Kelly Joe. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love.

Elizabeth Marie Jackson

Dear Santa,

Well Santa here is what I want for christmas. I want a racing car a segagame a pinnichia doll and my dad home. Good bye. When you come to my house will have cook and milk.





Dear Santa,

- Bet your elts are so bus

Dear Santa,

6 years old Love Cailee Gilbreath

Clarissa Acevedo

I want a brown toy puppy

I want a Barbie Store.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie.

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#### December 25, 1997

Quisiera que me trajeras una muneca

My name is Melissa Escamilla. I am 5 years old. From christmas I wish to have a barbie

Toy Car or a barbie house I also hope That

Jennifer gateadora y tambien una casita de Barbiee.

everyone has Merry christmas.

Querido Santa:

Gracias.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I want a toy

I want a pink folder.

Melissa Dear Santa,

Elizabeth

Brenda

Martin

5B

Claudia

Daniel

Viviana

Melissa Escamilla

# But Maybe they can make me a wagon.

#### Dear Santa,

I want some pair of skates and I wont a gocar and some new shouse Santa and my mom wants a gold ring and my sister wants a bike and my dad wants some boots Santa and my brothe want a foot ball hillmitt of Dallas Cowboys

> Love, Adam Dozal

#### Dear Santa

I would like a Vortex football, And a Laser Changeng. And a football. I would like a puppy. My dad would like a pickup. Thank you for the Things you gave me last year. How are you feeling? How are the reindeer feeling? Love. Toby

#### Dear Santa

How are you feeling? Are the reindeer feeling? Good? Christmas is my favoriate holiday? If you have time will y please bring me a Nintendo. A T.V., some magical markers, a bunny, and a cat. That is mostley what I want. Love,

#### Callie Crum

#### Dear Santa,

If you have time can you bring me a e.D. My sister wants a tape Player. My Brother Wants a story Book. I lik my super Morrow thank you. How are you? Is it cold in the North Pole?

#### Dear Santa

What I want for Christmas is a computer and bunkbeds. Tell the reindeers to be good and tell them that Mackenzi said hello and tell them that I Love them. I have been pretty good this year. I want a Baby Born and a Bicycle Stacy

Bye

Dear Santa,

I want a toy doll house.

Mackenzi Pigg

Dear Santa I like the toy you gave me last year this year I will like a toy car and a dog and cat.

> Love Nick Ellis

> > Ismael

Love

#### Dear Santa, You are a good man. I love youvery much. How is Mrs. Santa? This Christmas my family wants bikes. I love the song Rudolph the Red Noes Reindeer. I want the tape of Beach

Your Big Buddy. Wesley Nutt

Dear Santa, I am 81/2 years old. I think I have been good this year. Thanks for what you got me last year. I have been wanting some Star Wars figures and some ships from the Star Wars stuff and some stuff from the Lost World. I would also like the movies Liar, Liar and Batman and Robin. I would also like some Lego's Your Friend,

#### Dear Santa,

Boys.

I have been a good girl this year. I am 8 years old. I Love Christmas. It is fun to play and I like you because you are good. I would like to have some books for Christmas and I want a bike to. Your Friend,

Stacey Buskirk

#### Dear Santa,

I liked last years Christmas and so did my family. I am in the 3rd grade and my teachers Mrs. Bain. I liked last years presents too. This year I want a bike, 20 cars, 2 footballs, a remote contro car, a racing track, some monter Love, trucks a basketball, a dirt bike so I can ride it Jerry and a soccerball.

Your Friend, Eric Saenz

Bryce Parker

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. I am 9 year old. I want to know how is Mrs Santa. Did you have a good Christmas last year? I hope you will come this year. I like the present you gave me last year. I want a bike and a my size Barbie and I know what my sisters would want. My sisters don't believe in you but I do. My teacher is Barbara Bain. I will not be in my house on Christmas Eve. It's been cold for days and we can go outside when it is a little cold.

> Your friend, Debra Flores

> > Eric

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I have helped my Dad. I would like a Ranger. I would like a ball. I would like a Magazort. I would like a bike. I would like a teve. W ould like a Fowtum Ranger. I hope everyone has a fin Christmas. Signed, Nick Tijerina

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I helped my dad clean the car. I have helped my mom clen. I want a poer Ranger. I want a toy box for me. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas.

Signed, Fernando Mendoza

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I helped my dad. ! wood like 3 Magazarts. Of turbo. I want a Bus. I like a Baby Cat. I want a Big Bike. I want a power Ranger (red) I want a Gold Ranger I hope everyone has a nice Christmas.

Antonio Molina

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I have helped Mama to clean. I would like three Magazarts. Of turbo. I want a Blue andterian. I want the Gold Ranger. Signed, Noe Lopez

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want Nentendo 64, Sega Saturn, all games, and then I want Anastacia doll this time Bartoff the Bat. Thanks a lot, Chris Cringle. Love, Berry Clinton

#### Dear Santa,

I love you! I want a Nintindo 64 with games. Felipe wont's a football. Fernando wont's a computer. Berry wont's a printer. David wont's a mikerton. Adrian wont's a clipbord. Jenpal wont's a sharpener. Binjmen wont's a moveie of Smuge. Thanks a lot! Love.

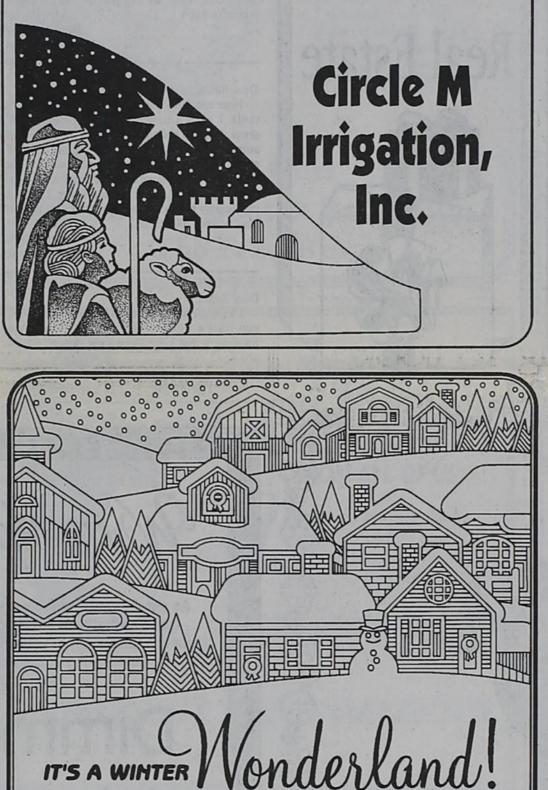
## Dear Santa Clause.

all we want. NFL Qauter Back Club 98 that is Signed, a real gool game I know I'm going to get it for Cristmas.

#### Dear Santa, I want a computer and two tire tubes for my bike.

### BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON

With bright wishes to you and your flock at the miracle of Christmas.



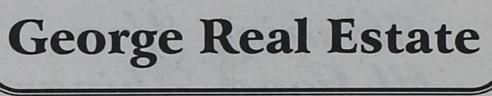
Dear Santa. I want a calendar and numbers. Fernando Ramirez Dear Santa, I want a toy dinosaur. I love you! I want the Nintendo 64 cause me and my brother want to play it and play with it

# Love,

Jonathan Isaguirrre

Thanks, Stacey Cisneros

May you enjoy all the best of the season, with those near and dear to you. It was our great pleasure helping you find your way home!





Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a puppy a

gameboy some stuff anmale and a doll a watch Love Erin Black

Dear Santa, I want a red toy truck.	Albert
Dear Santa,	Albert
I want a blue toy truck and a game.	Rigo

Dear Santa For Christmas I want a Dallas Cowboy shirt, electronic keyboard, walkie talkie, motorcycle, monster truck. Thank you,

Dear Santa My name is Virginia. This is what I wish for Christmas. I'd like a Barbie doll. I'd like to have a big tweey bird so I can carry him around with me. Plus I'd like to have a cat so I can play with him. If my wish would come true I will take good care of everything I get. You can come to my house at 1104 W. Bedford so you can live my presents under the tree plus eat your cookies and drink your cold milk. Love you. Bye, Bye.

Merry

Christmas!

Joyous greetings of holiday cheer to one and all.

We appreciate your loyal patronage this past year.

Virginia

It may be cold outside, but we feel warmed by the thought of all the good people we've had the pleasure to know this past year. With our warm wishes for a beautiful holiday season.

**B&W Aerial Spray** 

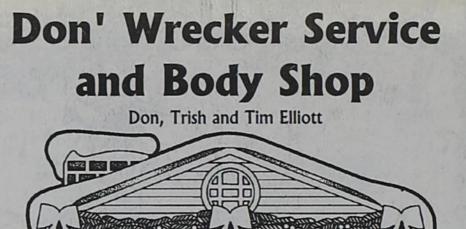
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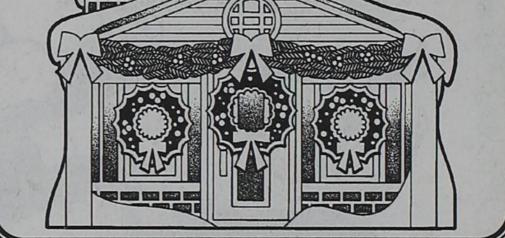




# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Our House To Yours Home is where the heart is, and we love being a part of this great community. Thanks for making us feel right at home.







May the Heavens grace you with the gift of answered prayers in this season of Miracles.

Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union

May your home be filled with warmth and love, plus joy and laughter, throughout the season and forever after!

Thank you for visiting us this past year.

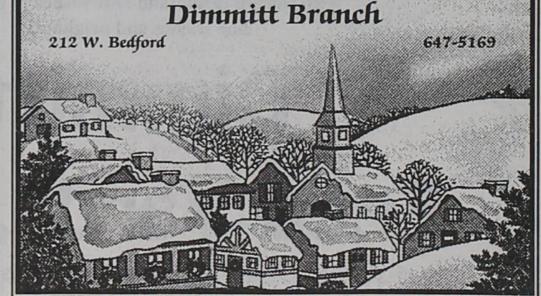
Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. - Matthew 5:8,9

May this holy season bestow a multitude of blessings upon you and yours.

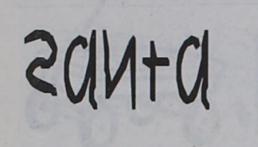
## Ernie's Bar-B-Q

From Ernest and Eva and Family



#### December 25, 1997

Dear Santa



# Can i Ride Rudolph your Reindeer?

#### Dear Santa,

I wish I had a lot of toys. When I went to see you I wish for a lemol. I wish I had a big toy name pooh and tiger and piglet. I wish in December I went to mexecol to see my grampa and grandma and my friend moreow. And my friend roguland sagul. I wish I had a big toy named Mr. Luna. And a big toy name kangaroo. I have a toy.

Thank you, Anna Reyes

#### Dear Santa,

Please send me a not and Thank-you. Your Frend Angelica Flores

Dear Samta, I would like a cowboy bed and a moon

shoes and a gold car and a car.

#### Dear santa

I would like a nintendo sixty for, and a cat, plese give me a bike, and a TV, well thanks santa thats all. your frend

Jacob Cardona

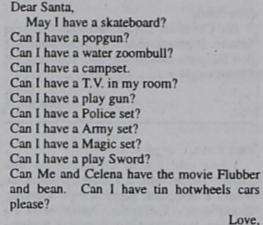
I am doing good in school. I am getting along with my friend her name is Judith and some time when she is not at my house I wish she is there and she thinks she is not going to get toys so I hope she gets a dollhoues and lots of dolls. Her toys are all messedup because her brothers tear off the heads of the dolls. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas I want a doll and a bike and new clothes. And I also want new clothes for my doll. Thank you santa,

love, Julia

#### Dear Santa,

I have been alright. I have been a good girl this year. I have enjoyed my teacher Mrs. Linda Koch. She is very nice. I like her very very much. Now I'm going to tell you what .I want for Christmas. I want a nano baby because they are fun to play with and a cat for christmas. Will you plese get me some books that are named . Ramona the pest and Make like a tree and leave. And one more thing plese will you give me. a computer Thank you,

> Love, Brandi Olvera



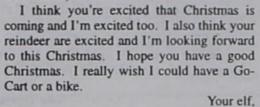
Christopher Gregory

#### Dear Santa.

I would like to have for Christmas some cars and a guitar. I would also like my mom to have a very good Christmas. I would like some cowboy boots and a go-cart and friend for Prissy and Buffy my dogs. Santa your cookies are going to be on the table and the milk. Love.

Cody Eby

surprises.



Steven Fernandez

#### Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

I would like bike and some roller blades. My sisters would like some too. We would also like a trompoline. Your friend, Amanda Lopez

#### Dear Santa.

I have been a good kid and I am 8 years old and my sister has been good also. I am in the 3rd grade and we live on 10th Street and Dulin in West Texas. I wonder if you are doing good and Mrs. Santa too. I want black pants and two t-shirts. One is a U.S.A. shirt and a cowboy shirt. My sister is in the 4th grade and she has a nice teacher and I have a nice teacher Christmas and a motorcycle. too. My sister is 10 years old.

> Your friend, **Eloy Salinas**

#### Dear Santa,

I want these things please: 1. Metal Molder, 2. Remote Control Monster Truck, 3. Boots (Cowboy of course), 4. Rope to rope cows (one like dad's), 5. A football, baseball and

Santa Clause, Please bring Taylor a doll and cheep too! And Please bring Raynee a Bike

and some clothes and an art set.

Reagan, and Sidney something too. They're Ho Ho ho. I Love You, jingle all the way! P.S. Oh and Please bring something for Tod

whole bunch!

dolls. I want a new backpack. I want a new dress. I want a baby house for my dolls. I want some stickers. I want a play vaccum cleaner and a iroming board. I want a horse. I want some play cars. I want a lunch box I want new toys. I want a baby brother and sister. I want a boy for my house. I want another cat. I want a play washer and dryer. Your friend, Shyleigh Harris

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys last year. please if you can bring me a remote control car for Chrismas. I tried to be good this year thank

#### Chris Pompa

Dear Santa

Please can I have a dentist barbie. And a portable desk top computer. A new doll. Cloths. Some hairbows. Two twin dolls. Two pairs of shes black and wite. Two pairs of sweats. Thank you for the things you gave me last year. Jolly old sant nicholas. Lean your ear this way. Don you tell a single soul. What im going to say. Christmas eav is comeing soon.

> Your best friend, Ashley Fleeks

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I live with my mom and my aunt. I empty the trash and clean my room and help when my sisters are in Dallas. I want a wolf dog for

> Sincerely Robert Sanchez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a two-foot doll for Christmas. I like to play jump rope, we will have treats for you at Christmas time.

> See you Christmas night, **Becky Flores**

#### Dear santa claus,

I like to read And I am a good reader. I want a car and some boosk for Christmas, and Nike tenis shoes too. I have been very good. I want a walkie-talke And a be-be gun.

Luve. Fabian Reyna

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a live puppy and a girl's bike for Christmas. I also want a TV for my room. I also want a kitten. I help my mom clean the house.

> Love Kimberly Martinez

#### Dear Santa.

I would like a barbie jeep a stuffed white red and green bear, and some little books. I am 6 years old and I like to jump on the trampoline. See you at Christmas. I Love you, Santa Mona Sifuentez

Dear Santa I want a little white cat and a little Rabbit, a

little puppy and a little Bear. I have a new baby sister. Her name is Amber. Please bring her something.

Yours truly, Stephinie Sanchez

#### Dear Santa,

Love.

If I am good, can you bring me a puppy dog please? I wish I had a book case, and a desk and a pony kite. My big sister Candis needs a piggy bank. We will be waiting for you Christmas night,

Love

Laura Rodriguez

#### Dear Santa

I want a barbie and a bike and a baby with a stroller. I want lots of toys and toys. Love. Daniella

#### Dear Santa

I want a lot of stuff for Christmas. I want a bike really bad. I want some beetle borgs and some power rangers. I also want a four wheeler. I guess that is all for now. Matthew Vigil

#### Dear Santa,

Senor Santo Clos Quiero Salvadorio y encargarle unas cosas para navidad. Un elicoptero de control, una bolsa de dulces, una bolsa de globos.

#### Pepito Flores

#### Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl this year. Will you bring me this for Christmas: 5 barbies, one that does exercises, a movie of Winnie The Pooh, and for every one to have a Happy Merry Christmas.

Angelica Nicolas

#### Dear Santa

I want you to bring me a Barbie doll and a big house to play inside me and my sisters and bring my daddy with us on the day of Christmas and me the Santa Claus elves. Little dishes little puppy, and little table, little bear, bells, chimney santa's socks water.

yo quiero una mineca que tenya cunita y

que traiga muchas cosas es to do lo gue yo

deseo porque me he portado bien con mis pa-

#### Lupita

Dear Santa,

EASON'S Hope your holiday is filled with many wonderful Morris **Real Estate** Wishing You All Good Things

Here's hoping you get everything you want and more.

REETINGS

my best friends!

Dear Santa.

Beau Bradley I am 6 years old

How are you? I want a baby carage for my

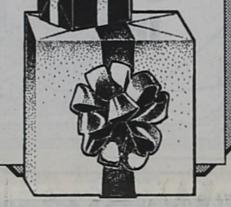
soccer ball, 6. Mose of all I want a Nintendo

And please don't forget to Bring Brennan,

and Carla. They are my parents! And thats a

Many thanks and merry Christmas to you and yours!





Dear Santa,

I'm a pretty nice boy. I want a Star Wars gun (that's white) and I want the Star Wars Spaceship that Like Skywalker drives. That's

Love, **Reagan Hunter** 

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Andrew Larra. I have 2 big brothers I live in Dimmitt, Texas with my mom and dad. For Christmas I would like some games and a TV and a radio. Thanks Andrew Larra

Dear Santa,

pas y mi hermano.

For Christmas I want a Barbie, Bike, Ken Barbie, Bed of Tweety Bird, a Pillow of Mickey Mouse, anote book of Horses and That my family be reunited in Christmas with good health Your friend.

Anna Yvette Diaz

Nuria Yannin Marquez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a trapolin and somes wings for Christmas.

Yesenia Ontiveros

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Amanda Falcon. I'm 5 yrs old and in kindergarten. For Christmas I would like, a pair of Nike shoes, a trapoline, new cloths, new bike and a doll. Thank u Santa.

> Love. Amanda Falcon

#### Dear Santa,

How are you. This is what I would like for xmas, please. This is my xmas list. Blue Centurian and the Car Turbo Sword of Power Rangers, Books, Clothes, Koala Bear, little coach.

This is all that I can think of for now. Thank you and merry xmas to you Santa With lots of Love **Travis Harris** 

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Sid. I am 6 years old. I have a big brother named Stuart. Please bring me a computer with a mouse. Please bring my big brother a reversible Nike jacket. Thank you for all the good stuff you bring me every year Love. Sid Sheffy

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie, Doll House, Doll, Clothes, shoes, ear rings, rings. I have been a good girl and I like Christmas.

Merry Christmas Melany Gonzales

Dear Santa

My name is Stormie. Please bring me some Play Clothes and a new t.v. and a wig. I want a play kitchen.

Please bring granny some new socks. Please, Santa! I Love You Santa. Love.

Stormie

Dear Santa, I want a toy house. I want some colors. Tracy

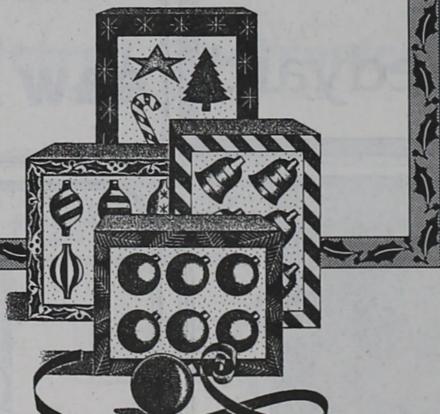


May the beauty of Christmas and the splendor of God's many creations, be a source of inspiration to you at this joyous time of year.

With sincere thanks and best wishes to our many

As yet another holiday season unfolds, we are reminded that it's what's on the inside that counts, and give our thanks for the gift of your friendship. Thank you so much for helping us put the wraps on a really great year. Merry Christmas!

**Dimmitt Agri** Industries, Inc.





December 25, 1997



# HOW COLD is it at the north pole?

Dear Santa,

#### Dear Santa

I want a barbey. I want a babey sete I want a store book. I want a doll. I want a stereo. I want a sbe plar. I want a bike. I want a woce toce. I want a barbey Pathom. I want a frend. Thank you for brendring a breesent. I want babey fodey brtehoues. I want a swinpool I want a kinten. I want a ckards. I want a barbe car. I want barbyes to play with. I want some chos I want some noo shos. I want sme bloks. I want a nikes. Ples breing me a can foof of cande. I want some nike shos. I want a dog have a nice trid have a safe trid

Ally Oltivero

#### Dear Santa.

Thank's for the toys you brough me last year. I want a doll. I always wanted a story book. I always wanted a music box. I just wanted a hug for you. I will have milk and cookies. Love,

Aidee Covarrubias

#### Dear Santa.

I was a good girl this year. Iwant to work on my reading. I have read A Dog Called Kitty. I made a ninety on it.

I want a CD player with remote control, because I have a lot of CDs. I want a computer with a CD Rom, and printer, because my grandpa said he would but I do not want him to spend money on me. He is Emelo Nino seventy-five years old.

Thank You, Jayme Flores P.S. Get my sister Jessica a Big Bird to count with me.

#### Dear Santa,

I'm being good and Mrs. Koch is nice. She is my best teacher. Santa, my brother wants a key board and I want a keyboard too because I like music. And I want a lot of books because I like to read. And I would like a computer so I can get the Barbie hair and makeup cd rom and nail decorations so I can put on my nails.

> Love, Jessica Castillo

#### Dear Santa,

I have had a great year. I hope you have to. I have been doing good in school. My lowest grade was 92. My highest grade was 100. 1 have 75 points in A-R reading. You get prizes for the points

Dear Santa, Thank you for the Buzz Lightyear. I wonder if I could get Gooie Luie. Love.

Ryan Mixson

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for my presents last year! For Christmas I want a Game. Com, Electric Guitar, Sega Game, Roller Blades, New york 3D Puzzle, Lambeau Field Stone Miniatures, Green Bay Packers jacket and a Computer. Please get me this! You know Dasher and Dancer Prancer and

Vixon Comet and Cupid Done an Blitson. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas Your Friend

Michael Rasor

#### Dear Santa

please bring me a bike and a bear. And marker's color's and a colorbook. Jol-ly old saint Ni-cho-las Lean your ear this way Don't you tell a sin-gle soul what I'm going to say: christmas Eve is com-ing soon Now you dear old man whit-per what you'll bring to me, tell me if you can when the clock is striking twelve when I'm fast asleep Down the chimney tell and round with you pack you'll creep all the stockings you will find Hanging in a row; Mine will be the shortest one you'll be sure to know Johnny wants a pair of skates, Susie wants a toy. Nancy wants a storybook one to bring her joy as for me I'm not too sure so I'll say goodnight choose for me dear Santa Claus what you think is right.

Brenda Fernandez

Love

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo Video game. And walkie talkie. And a TV. And a bike. And a shirt of Dallas cowboy shirt. How is your raindeer? Your friend, David

Dear Santa. Hi! I want toys, hot wheels and cars. Love, Miguel, Age 4

#### Dear Santa. Hi! A car, airplane and a truck. Love,

#### Dear Santa.

I had a good year. I want you bring me a bike for Christmas. My brother Jacob wants a has been fun reading. I have several things I tv for his room, and my little brother wants a want. I would like books, a bike, a new nice bottle of milk. My sister wants a basketball so she could practice for basketball, and my other sister wants a car.

> Love, Jason Dones

#### Dear Santa,

I am having a good year. This is what I want for Christmas. I want some Giggly Goo. I want dinosaur kits. I want 2 books they are Toystory and The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates. I want a big go-cart. I want 3 magic wands, blue, green, and pink. I want a robot that can stand on his head. I want a cup of markers. I want a Christmas puppy.

> Love, Zane Matthews

#### Dear Santa

I'm having a good year. I want you to bring me some books for Christmas. Can you bring my baby brother a bat and ball for him. I would really like a playstation for Christmas to. I would really like a gocart for Christmas. Can you bring me a football for Christmas too. I would like a basketball for Christmas too. Love,

Diego Salinas

I'm having a good year with Mrs. Koch. It computer I also would like going to Corpus Christi. I would like books because I love reading. I like bikes too. Our family's computer burned down. I want to go to Corpus Christi because I want to get shells and pearls

from the sea. I also want to visit my aunt and uncle. They live at Robstown, Texas. Sometimes they visit us. Mrs Koch loves reading. That's all.

Thank you, Love, Clarissa Sanchez P.S. Please bring disks for the computer.

What I want for Christmas I think is very special because I want a remote control

Kasandra Lopez

#### brushes her own teeth. Love.

Rudy and Ruby Corrales.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I wont a 1950's car motl and a bird and a dog with a carer and a Lorider mugesing. Ramon Rivera

We'd like to join you and

your family in giving thanks

to the Lord for his many kind

blessings during this

holiest of seasons, as well

as offer our thanks to you,

our good friends

and neighbors.

racecar, a go-cart, a lot of books and please

make one a shark book for my little sister

Ruby. Also bring her a brush,n,tooth baby that

Dear Santa,

Bring me barbie car, bike, giga pad, swings, sunglasses, strollers, Barbie House, Barbie Motor Home, tebbxgaijathngs, Barbie bothgs earings.

#### Amanda Jackson

Dear Santa, My name is Jonathon. Please bring me a remote control motorcycle and nintendo 64. Thank you, Santa.

#### Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, my Namy is Kasandra Marie Lopez and I am 5 yrs old and go to kindergarton. My mommy and daddy said that Dear Santa I have been a very good girl this year. This christmas I want a barbie car and a trampoline to. And I would like for you to bring me a a big barbie and a sister my age named Selena. room of my own. And please bring me a great My brother Robby wants a volcano blowout happy Chrismas dinner. And my aunt to come the lost world remote car my brother. Johnny to my house I would like to see them. And my wants a radio and a racing game for the sega.



I would like a gigapet Please send it to me. Thank-you. Please send me a new notebook. Thank-you. Please send me a angel pricess barbie. Thank-you. Please send me a dress. Thank you. Please send me a lipstick. Thankyou. Please send me a new car. Thank-you, I would like a closth. Thank-you. Please send me a movie named Beuty and the beast the enchated chirtsma. thank you.

Jonathon La Fuente Thank you very much Santa Please bring me a very thing.

Judith Mecaz

7B

Please bring me a pair of shoes and a dress grandma to. That's all. Thank you

Edith Velasquez



Day: 647-4549

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May this season of spirituality and miracles bring serenity and joy to all those near and dear to you, and may Heaven shine its grace down upon you.

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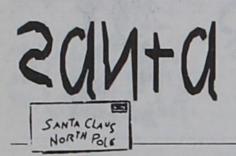


Peace. Joy. Love. May all your prayers be answered this holiday season. Thank you so much for brightening our year with your visits.

Dr. Lee and

**Darla Baggett** 

#### December 25, 1997 \*



# i Really Want a Giga-pet puppy

#### Dear Santa.

I have been a very good girl. All I want is a Bubble Bath Baby, a stroller with 2 seats, and a rocking horse. Love.

#### Catlin Watts

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a very good girl this year. I would like a Brushing Teeth Baby and a stroller with 2 seats so my last years baby can ride too. I would also like a Gameboy and two games, please. I would like you to bring my cat something, too. Tell your reindeers hi for me.

Love, **Cassidy Watts** 

#### Dear Santa.

Please Santa, may I have a train set. Please may I have a Ken Griffey's Winning Run game. Please may I have an Auction Barn farm set. Please bring all children toys when you come to Dimmitt. Do you have lots of elves to help you make the toys? Where do you keep your raindeer? Does your wife cook you cookies for breakfast? Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

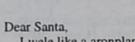
#### Love. Ladon Porsch

#### Dear Santa,

The kids in my room are very excited. May I please have the game Jumanji? May I please have a Neno Baby. Any kind? Have a safe trip and get some rest. I will get some candy and milk for you. Love. Lana Reinart

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for the nice things you gave me last year. I've tried to be a good girl this year. I would like a bike and a lunch box, new clothes, barbie cruising car, teddy bear, a big barbie jeep, so I can ride on it and a nintendo 64 and Nike shoes. I wear size twelve and the movie Hubber and the movie Rocket Man, roller blades. I am in second grade next year I will be in third grade. I want a necklace and bracelet. I have four sisters. I have two that go to school and two that don't. I would like squand. I would like super nail creation I would like a computer and keyboard and



I wele like a aronplan thate is a rimout kontro and a nintendo and 10 thifrent games and a jacket and shouse that ar share tooths and a campure and the mube of jurases part 2 and a rosore and a toy is a halikater and a pet Sheake.

thank u santa, Edgar Vazquez

#### Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? I would like a real computer and a pair of dress shoes and a watch. Thank you! Your buddy,

Joshua Braddock

#### Dear Santa,

I want a motorcyle and a backpack, a new dog, and I wlso want a model firetruck.

#### Dear Santa,

I want a new bike, a playhouse, and some new clothes. I also want a new angel for my mom and a truck for my dad. A Barbie Vanity, a Mickey and Minnie Mouse doll and a new pair of shoes. Love.

#### Steffany D. Ruiz

#### Dear Santa,

I want a new Cony Playstation and a new house and anew car crash. And a bike. Dallas Couboys hat and teeth. Love, Christopher Ruiz

#### Dear Santa,

How are you in the North Pole. I hope you are getting ready for Christmas with the toys. Santa, for Christmas I just want a Dallas Cowboy jersey and the viedo tape Men in Black. See you at Christmas Santa.

#### Love you, / Pancho Ruiz

#### Dear Santa,

I hope my mom and dad dos not haft to go to work on chrismas. I would like a wach for chrismas. I would like a tree house for chrismas. I would like a new pare of shoes for chrismas. I would like a turkey for chrismas to eat. Wate would you want Love, Ashley Pattan Dear Santa, I love you. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll, books, Barbie watch, and computer.

Please can I have a girl talk, a Potty Train kelly, a jeep, a Angel Princess Barbie, a magic Stroller Baby, a El E Fun, a Cool ShoPPin Barbie, I have been a very good girl This year. I love you Santa From,

Brooke Parker

#### Dear Santa, I want a cat. I want a necklace, I want

a earrings, I want a Barbie house, I want new cloths. Stephanie Mendoza

#### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa.

What I want for christmas ia a Buba doll, and I also want a Barbie computer and Tweety Bird slipers, a phone and A ty for my room. I also want Bav be doll power wheel. Isabel Garcia

#### Dear Santa,

I want a game boy, and the goose bumps Books Night in Where wolf Woods, Beware of the Purple Peanut Butter. I want to know how your reindeer fly? How do the elves make all those toys? Do you make a snowman on Christmas? What kind of cookies do you like?

> Merry Christmas, Ethan Wales

#### dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. How are the Reindeer? I Hope They're doing fine. Please bring me a telescope, a giga pet- t Rex, Movies, Hockey Set, cd player. please bring Kaden a rocking horse and a Shuttle School bus. We are being good. Love,

#### Chase and Kaden

Dear Santa. I would like a neno Giga Pet. Also please bring me Tommy, Chucky, and Angelica.

I love you Santa, Jazzalyn Sepeda

Dir Santa Clause,

#### Dear Santa,

I would liike a motor cycle, a horse and a drill and a farm and a tower and a dinosaur and a tractor and a stuffed tiger and a cow and a truck and a train and a race car. Thank you very much. Arthur White

#### Dear Santa.

I love you. I have been a good boy. Bring me a police car and Batman car. Thank You, Joel Cardona

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. Please bring me a fire engine truck.

#### Thank you Santa

#### Dear Santa,

I love you. I have been a girl. Please bring me some Nike shoes and a computer. Thanks! Julia Barrera

Dear Santa, I love you. Ples bring me a doll and Barbie car.

Rubi Sanchez

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a bike for Christmas. Please!! Armando Prieto

#### Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl. Please bring me trampoline. Briana Lopez

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a bike. Domingo Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a Sega. Armando Salas

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I want a GiggaPake. I want a Looney Tunes stuff frog. And a exercise barbie. Love.

#### Tabatha Esquirel

Dear Samta, I want a super nintendo where I wont have to play my dads. A new dog and a control car.

#### Anthony Fuentes

Love.

Dear Santa, I want a motorcycle and a four wheeler and nintendo 64 and saga and new shoes.

#### Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and a toy that is called crash back and volcano blow out.

> Love. Carlos Munoz

Love, Casey Eby Dear Santa, I want my brother to get a new toy and

Dear Santa,

a Barbie jeep.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

motorcycle.

want a Barbie Jeep.

for my little brother to get a new bike. For me. I want a new bike and new shoes.

I wish for a new bike and a gocart and

I want new clothes and new boots. I

I want a Hot Wheel car and a

Love.

Love,

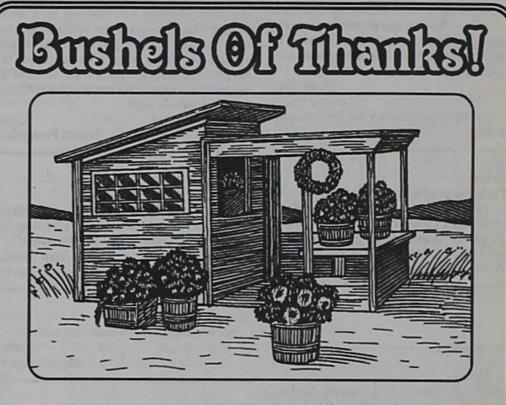
Love.

John Lopez

Devonee Ortiz

Kellie Martinez

Love, Javier Ibarrd



We wish all our neighbors and friends a joyous holiday season. We're very grateful for your valued business.

Love, Vanessa Reyes

Dear Santa, I want a Saga and new bike. Mine is flat and a Big foot control car. I am in first grade. I am a good boy. I like to read. Love,

Isidro Rodriguez

Oralia Rodriguez

I wood lic a Pet. And a ftboll. And a Baskit Boll. And A time mogojer. And A hot wils with A stret with cars. And some clgen

Austin Heard Dear Santa, I want a computer and a gocart and a

new bike Frankie Castro

I have been a good boy. Santa bring me please a puppy, Nike shoes, a bike, Nintendo and Sega.

Thank you, Martin Lopez Dear Santa,

I love you. Please bring me a Barbie watch. I am very good at school. Erica Rivera



A Blessed Time

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Uf the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. -Isaiah 9:6-7

May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond. Thank you for visiting us.



We'd like to chime in with our very best wishes for a wonderful season for you and yours. All of us thank you for your support and friendship through the years.



# **Cerestar USA** Dimmitt, Inc.



A miraculous star shone in the heavens that Holy Night the Savior was born. And that bright spirit continues to flourish as we rejoice each Christmas season and reaffirm our faith in His holy birth.

Season's Greetings from Nazareth

Christmas greetings from the community that's named for Christ's hometown. Instead of sending individual cards to our local friends, we have donated our card money to benefit the Holy Family Charity Fund. We hope Christmas 1997 will be blessed and memorable for you.

Cary & Leona Acker & Family Don & Betty Acker Dwayne, Anne, Adam, Jenna & Lacey Acker Ralph & Evelyn Albracht Sam & Margie Albracht Alvin, Matilda & Stephen Anderle Evelyn Backus & Family Helen Backus Hubert, Joan & Ron Backus Darryl & Rose Ball & Family Urban Ball Father Darryl Birkenfeld The Herman Birkenfeld Family Julia Birkenfeld Keith & Kim Birkenfeld & Family Kent, Teresa, Blake & Brock Birkenfeld Margaret Birkenfeld Cecil, Lenora, Celina, Andrea, Jenna, Dusty & Alyssa Braddock Louise Braddock Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Brockman Dale, Mona, Scott, Marcus & Andrew Brockman Ernie & Florene Brockman Katie Brockman Ralph & Sharon Brockman, Kristin, Mitchell, Lesley & Kimberly Brigitta & Richard Dobmeier Lucille Drerup The Paul Durbin Family Emil & Mary Ehly Dan, Karen, K'Lynn, Shawna & Clifford Gerber Fritz & Julene Gerber Joel, Mary Beth, Nicholas, Stephanie, Lindsey, Erica & Alex Gerber The Leonard Gerber Family Mick, Jane, Laura & Alan Gerber Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Gerber Virgie, Harold & Keith Gerber Dorothy Guggemos Denny & Dolores Heiman Father John Hickey Charley & Beverly Hill & Family May Hochstein & Family Cecil, Norita & Annette Hoelting Greg & Christina Hoelting Jim & Sandee Hoelting, Wade, Nathan, Barry, Whitney, Monty & Jake Hoelting Keith, Karleen, Mandy, Brett & Kyle Hoelting Ronnie & Regina Hoelting Tom & Raelene Hoelting & Family The Al Huseman Family The Arnold Huseman Family Katherine Huseman

& Amber Huseman Louis & Gin Huseman Virgil, Dianne, Evan, Kendra & Caitlin Huseman Joe & Jeanette Johnson & Family Bud & Rita Kern & Family Alphonse & Viola Kleman Alvin, Dorothy & Lynette Kleman Carl Dean & Mary Kleman Clara Kleman Doyle, Rosie, Shane & Holly Kleman Dwayne, Sheryl, Garrett, Karis & Kenley Kleman Lucy Leinen Al & Leona Maurer J.C., Jocelyn, Jill, Colby, Amy & Daryl Pohlmeier LeRoy & Dorothy Pohlmeier Philip & Dora Pohlmeier Ed and Leola Ramaekers Henry, Linda Jo, Mary Ellen, Jill, Kristi & Heidi Ramaekers Rex & Vera Ramaekers, Dustin, Dawn, Danette, Teri & Troy The David & Cindy Rohrbach Family Kim, Kathy, Charlie & Kami Rundell Barbara Sava John & Norma Schacher Danny Schilling Kenneth Schilling Walter & Anita Schilling Dan & Ethel Schmucker Jim, Bobbie, Michael, Robby, Tiffany & Jayme Schmucker Joe, Amy & Janet Schmucker Lawrence Schmucker Ray, Mary Lou & Melinda Schmucker Bob, Bev, Jill & Ross Schulte Clarence & Odelia Schulte The Elmer Schulte Family Floyd & Dorothy Schulte Gilbert & Dolly Schulte Isabell "Easy" Schulte Kenny & Cince Schulte Mary Ann Schulte Martha Schulte Marvin & Darlene Schulte Father Jerry Stein Robert, Mary & David Verkamp The Tommy Wethington Family James & Chunky Wilhelm Lavern & Ronnie Wilhelm Leonard & Rose Mary Wilhelm Virgil & Carolyn Wilhelm, Jessica, Marcus, John & Carly John & Margaret Womack Lester, Eileen & Alisha Womack

Derwin, Vera, Nichole, Koty, Nathan

# MERRY CHRISTMOS! Dear Santa.

#### Dear Samta,

please give me a car and a batman bell and a box of cars and a Nintedo 64 with 20 games and a two hot wheel cars and a gameboy with five games.

from your friend Abraham Alvarado

#### Dear Samta, I would like a play Stachen and a ame of football #64 and a game of Morder kambk pantI1# and a Reyel 2 weel Morder sicko. Thank you for ereding.

Your friend Gerardo Reyes

Dear Santa, I have been good and bad. I would like two Hot Wheels and a batman game.

Your friend Joshua Cano

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a Santaaclos yo quiero una muneca y tambien me gustari unas sapatos porque los sapatos me gustan mucho y tambien para mi ermaanita quiero una muneca y para mi mama quiero unos sapatos y para mi papa quiero unas botas y tambien quiero una computadoraa. From

Eva Alonso Please thank-you Santa Grasias Santa clas

#### Dear Santa,

can you please send me a computer. Santa please send me a go-car. Please send me some cards. Send me a ring. Please send me a ball. Please send me some books. Your frend

Marisela Saucedo

Dear Santa I would lik a truck and toy of 49ears and a jacket and a computer and I wont a Rill dog that niver fiet and a toy of a beard and I wount 2 big cars and thank you Santa Have a nise day and a new clock jet thats all Santa. Arthur Castanada

#### Dear Santa, I would like a 49ers jaket and a truck or car

and a ball and a desk and a computer thats all. Your Best frend Humberto Aguilar

#### Dear Santa

Please bring me a Pamper Baby and a big doll. I also want a Barbie, Barbie clothes, and a Barbie house. I want a kitty too. I have been good.

> Love, Amber Sanchez, Age 4

#### Dear Santa.

I had a good year and I am enjoying school a lot. And I like to read a lot. And I wish for a 10 speed bike. The reason I want a 10 speed bike is that I like to ride bikes a lot. And I want a computer I like computer a lot and I

want a tv for my room. Thanks Santa! From,

Michelle Gonzales

#### Dear Santa.

I thank you for the toy last year. I hope you give me the toy I ask for this year. I'am only asking for four things. I ask for a bebby gun, trampoline, a motorcycle, and a nintendo sixty four

Your friend. Luis Lopez

Dear Santa I can not believe my stereo is still running. But this year I want a CD player. That comes with Lean Rimes, Space Jam, Dean Carter, a Giga pet baby T-rex, A pair of shoes, The lost world, socks, non flat tires.

Your friend,

#### DEAR SANTA

Please get me a Nintendo 64, my own cd player and a computer, a car, mortal, kombat 2 the movie, a new pair of glasses, a lost world race track set. giga pet that is a t-rex a pair of shoes a LOST WORLD VIDEO GAME, turbo ranger action figuer, a , trapline, SEGA 10 dollars, a lot of toys, Toy Story the movie and mortal kombat action figure. Your friend.

Stephen

Dear Santa, How are your elfs and you? Can you please send me a Nintendo sixtyfour? Could you send me a watch? Could you send me a movie Beauty and the Beast The Enchanted Christ-

> Your friend, Cassandra Garcia

#### Dear Santa.

You are very nice to all the kids in the world. Can you please make me nail salon? Could you send me a CK sweater. Would you please give me a diary. Your friend, Natashia Jordan

Dear Santa. I want a pair of skates, and I want a computer and I want a gocar and I want a playstation and I want a bicke and I want a storybook and I want a Power Rangers. Your friend,

Fabian Lopez

baby doll also a ocean barbie and a play house plus more pencils and finally a Barbie Dream House!! Please bring me all those toys!! I love you Santa!

Your friend, Brigitte White

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Love,

Colin

Eric Fuentes

5 years old

#### Dear Santa,

lot of presents.

Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a big barbe and a little barbe and some make up and some dishes, and a neckless, earing, bracelet and some pink hightop and a tramuling and a baby stroller with a baby doll. And I have been a very good girl

How are you? I am fine. I have been a very

good boy this year. For Christmas I would like

the following: skate board, skates, telephone

like Gus, computer, remote control car, race

car, green wallet, piano, green and black mo-

torcycle, monster truck, art centers with mark-

ers. Hope Jesus has a Happy Birthday with a

Thank you for the Tantrumrc and view

master with Lost World picture that talk. I'd

like you to bring me a Robiet the Robot and

the book, "Dinofours I'm not your friend"

I would like a bed, also a trampoline and a

#### Renee Buskirk

Dear Santa,

Hi, Santa, I want a wishbone and jesus toys like Angel and animal. Please don't forget my little brother, racing car and for my mom to get better and my Dad to be nice. Thank you. ERic Herrera

Dear Santa,

#### Please bring me Barbie Car and bring me a doll house and lots of more Barbie Stuff. Oh bring my Dad a Piano. Thank you. I love you, Santa

Irashema

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Gabriel Calderon. I'm in Ms. Carter's Kindergarten Class and I'm 5 years old. I want Power Rangers, a toy motorcycle, Nike tennis shoes, a dinosaur toy, and a bicycle. I hope you have a very merry X-mas and don't get too tired from delivering all the presents. I've been a good boy and cleaned up my room. Please bring some toys to my baby brother Jacob. He's 5 months old. I also want a Beetle Borg

> Love, Gabriel



from Hart

Instead of sending individual cards to our local friends, we have donated our card money to the Hart Cemetery Fund. It is a tradition which we feel honors the memory of those who helped make so many Christmases happy for all of us.

> **Irene Brooks** Mr. & Mrs. Everett Cole Mrs. Harvey Davis Jimmy R. & Greta Davis Weldon & Gaylia Davis James & Doris Dobbs Lloyd & Augusta Farris Harry & Bessie Grensburg **Billy & Ruth Hackleman** Joe Percy & Sarah Hart **Doug & Marilyn Higgins** Sandy & Chad Hill Paul & Inez Johnson Jerry & Edna Kittrell **Alene Lilley** Allen & Shane McLain Laurence & Marguerite McLain Midge McLain Mrs. Orval Sharp Mrs. Lucile Smith Brian & Barbara Tole Neoma & Don Williams & Rachel Wall Mr. & Mrs. Guy P. Wall

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# Santa, i Hope you'll find my stocking

#### Dear Santa,

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Hhow are you doing this season? I hope you're taking care of you reindeer. This Christmas I want aa Play Station, Diving Expedition Explorer, Legos Rebel Forces Laser game, Quiz Wiz Star Wars Trilogy all three books, R2D2 watch, and bucket of attack forces, and JI Joe official with accessories

#### Love. Brady Schulte

#### Dear Santa,

All I want is a computer with a mouse (child) a giggapet (dog) Troy A. or Emmitt Smith Jerseey also I want a watch. Casey Cart Wheel. Sincerely,

Lacey Acke	
and the second	

#### Dear Santa.

I only want a box of candy and a Popsicle. I have been good but not very. Your Friend, Wayne Birkenfeld



#### Dear Santa,

I want a go-cart. A race car and a remote control hellicopter. Heath Wilhelm

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a Doodle Bear, a Silly Songs Juke box, and Oopsie Daisy Baby. Thank you and may God bless you. Alex Gerber

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Doodle Bear and some press on finger-nails. I have tried being good! I want a marker board like my teacher Mrs. Mays. Merry Christmas!

#### Love, Jade Schulte

#### Dear Santa.

Please bring me a giga pet and a diaper surprise. Merry Christmas. And a Maga doodle Love. Amber Huseman

#### Dear Santa, I want a basketball, a bike, and a gameboy. Feed Rudolph. Love.

Clint Huseman

#### Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. Battleship, Wireless R/C Double Dare Loop Road Race Set, Pt-50 Pool Table Set, a Game Boy. Have a Merry Christmas. Love,

Chad Acker

Dear Santa, MY name is Emily. I try to be good. I

would like a Talking Tommy Doll. Love. Emily Levitt

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Doodle Bear. Kara Johnson

#### Dear Santa.

How are your reindeer doing? I have been a really good boy. I would like you to



#### Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause? How are the elfs? Is Rudolph ok? Santa I want a computer and a doll that is Ruponso doll. I want some jewelry, and a gigapet. Three trwin babys and a baby that kikss. New close. A new tape. I will also like a picture of you. I will like a big car. A stero. I want a gameboy and some games with it. This is all I want.

> Your very best friend, Valeria Pena Rodriguez

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Rudolph? Please bring me a baseball glove, remote control car, baseball cards and some farm things. Please bring my Dad a new air hose. Please bring the poor something. Love,

Kyle Hoelting

#### Dear Santa,

How is miss Santa Claus? How is the north pole? For Christmas I want a computer. I would also like a baby that roller skates. And, if I was good enough, please bring me a tape and some jewelry.

#### and Hungary Hippo. Thank you, Gus Gesling

#### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I want a easy bakee oven. I also want Bogle and Precious Moments and a computer. I really want a praise tape and my own tv. I really truly want a two seater gocart and a horse and I want a purse. REMEMBER-JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

I would like a Hot Wheels car garage

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!! YOUR FRIEND. DARCY SCHULTE

#### Dear Santa.

I would like a giggapet. Then I would like a football. I would also like a basketball goal. I would like a tv. Also like a hot weels rocket and smashing ball. I would like some army men and a hotshot basketball too. A new bike. A car set, and a crossfire.

#### Keean Lilley

#### Dear Santa,

How are the raindeers doing and Mrs. Santa Clause doing? I want a Dallas Cowboy's and a Denver Broncos all star and a Deion Sanders Starting lineup. Sencerly, Eric Book

#### Dear Santa,

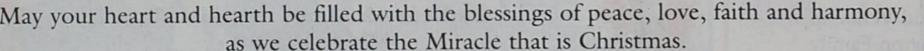
I want a new baskktbaall and a new bike. And that is all. Love, Amanda George

#### Dear Santa.

How are you doing? Thanks for the presents last year. How do you get ready for Christmas? I have tried to be good. Please bring me a toy boat. Your friend, Bryan George

#### Dear Santa,

How are Dasher, Prancer, Cornet, Cupid, Donner, Dancer, Blitzen, Vixen, and Rudolph doing and how is Mrs. Clause doing? I would like a Texas Tech helmet and I would like some Nolan Ryan cards. My little brother would like a big





Dear Santa.

blessed to have your

loyal support.

December 25, 1997

I like you a lot. Please bring me a computer

Dear Santa Calus.

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Love

# It WILL BE BY MY CHRISTMAS TREE

#### Dear Santa,

I am good. I want a Electronic Thunderbolt playskool Electronic Sounds doctor caterpillar road work gear. Little tikes Revv n roar Mechanice workshop. Love,

George Acker

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baby doll, barbie, and some jewelry. I also would like a bike. Have a Merry Christmas. Bring something for my sisters and brother. I have been a good girl.

> Love, Alyssa

#### Dear Santa,

I want a big car to ride in and I want jewelry and a telephone and a telephone in the car and I want a little dog and a little cat and a vacuum theat clenas the room fast and a new dress and some colorbook and colors and I want babys dolls and some new books and some new pencils and a sleeping beauty video tape and a computer.

#### Love, April Pena

#### Dear Santa,

I want a dog for Christmas. I want a race car track or a bike.

		Love,
The second second	Section Section	Matthew

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? Are you doing fine Santa? Will you please bring me Tantron, and lego Island and Freewilly #3 to the Rescue, and a mega rig Spaceshuttle. Merry Christmas Santa! Love.

Steven Birkenfeld

#### Dear Santa.

I want a tractor. I want a bike. I want some boots. I want a trampoline. I want a basketball goal. I want a planter and it is going to 49 feet. I want a 6910 silage cutter. I want a toy car. W want a rock an roll car. I want a 101 Dalmations. I have been good all year.

Dear Santa Clause, I like school!!! It is a lot of fun!! I only had tow yellows in the six weeks. Yellows are warnings. How are you? I'm fine. Are your reindeers okay? I wowd like a few things they are a doll named Jenny, barbie case and I would like some

#### clothes for my water babe. Thank you, Jenny Merritt

#### Dear Santa,

I bet it is cold at the north pole. I hope you think I've been good. This is what I want for christmas. I want a Barbie swimming pool and a Barbie remote control car. I want a Hello Girl doll too. I hope all the other people get waht they need too. Merry Christmas!

#### Love. Caitlin Huseman

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs Claus? I want a doll and a bike without training wheels. For my family I would like you to bring us a telescope to see the stars. I want a little computer. I would like some jewelry. I also would like a barbie set. And that's all. See you at Christmas.

#### Love, Amanda Acker

Steffani

Dear Santa, I want to wish you a happy Christmas. Please bring an Annabel and a black and white horse. I love you. From,

Dear Santa. For Christmas I want a baby doll that brushes her teeth. Also I want a Doodle Bear. I would like roller blades. I want a Pot Holder maker too.

#### Adrian Ellison

Dear Santa, I hope you and Rudolph are doing good. I can name all the reindeer names Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen. Tell Mrs. Clause hi for me. I have been a good girl. For Christmas please oh please would you give me a makeup case and please give me a new board with paints and please give me a new case with credit cards and a phone and a new jewelry box with necklaces and rings in it. I hope you have a happy holiday. Merry Christmas and I'll mail a letter to you again next Christmas. Love, Kenley Kleman

How is Mrs. Claus doing and how are you doing? Tell your elves that I said Hi. I have tried to be a good girl. For Christmas I would like my own LeAnn Rhimes CD, a new Barbie, a California Roller Blade girl, my own case to put my toothbrush and my hairbrush in and a camera. Hope you have a nice Christmas and a safe trip. Goodbye!

> your friend, KARIS KLEMAN

#### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus. Thank you for the presents. I really enjoyed them. This year I want a discman with Space Jam and Spice World CD and a Newborn Diaper Surprise baby.

> from your friend, Brittany Birkenfeld

#### Dear Santa,

How are all the reindeer? How are you and your wife? Is it very cold in the North Pole? I have been real good this year, so I wish for a new computer with a C.D. ROM. And the Barbie that can talk with the C.D. ROM. And I would also like the California Skating Girl. A golf suit for Ken. Now I would like to ask you to bring something for my brothers. Devin would like a batman car that he can drive. Jayson wold like to have a pick-up. And some speakers for his pick-up. They have been pretty good this year. I would like I more thing a pooh beanie baby. Love,

#### Brandi Kern

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the gifts last year. For Christmas this year, I would like: California Roller Girl, Lite Brite, Melanie's Cool Corner, Wheel of Fortune Computer Game, Warmups, Jock Rock #3, Headphones, and the movie Winnie the Pooh, and Christmas too. Please bring the poor children something also.

#### From your very best friend, Brittany Hampton

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. Dentist Barbie, Newborn Diaper Surprise, Easy-Bake oven and a snack center, Dry Erase Markerboard, Programmable electronic keyboard, and a Winne the Pooh Chair for my baby sister Kyla. Bring something to the poor children. Have a Merry Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Love. Jennifer Acker

#### Dear Santa,

I hope I have a good Christmas at Walt Disney World. I want a fooze ball table, and a Game Boy, game, C.D. player, C.Ds. Like Jack Rock, Please. Love,

Chase Black

#### Dear Santa.

How are you and your elves doing? How is Mrs. Clause and the reindeer doing? I hope you are ready for Christmas. I sure am. Is Rudolph doing good with his nose? Would you please try getting these toys to me for Christmas: Talk With Me Barbie cd rom, cd player, inline rollerskates, a watch, and a Giga Pet. I understand if you can't give me all of those things.

Sincerely, Candace Birkenfeld P.S. Please write back: HCR I Box 4

Nazareth, TX. 79063

#### Dear Santa,

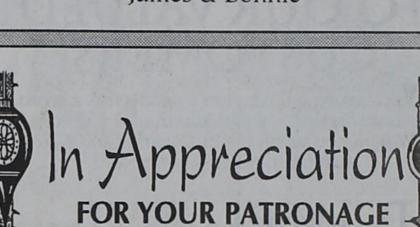
Thank you for all the things you gave me last year. This year I want 1. Easy bake oven. 2. A big Pooh Bear. 3. Dance Studio. 4. Talkgirl Jr. 5. Winnie the Pooh doll swing. 6. Fashion Magic Fingernail Fun Salon. 7. 109 piece cake and cookie set. I would appreciate any of these. Love your friend, Heidi Ramaekers

Dear Santa,

I have been a pretty good boy this year, but not very good. I am eight years old and not very tall but I'm growing. I have blond hair and brownish green eyes. I want a train for Christmas, and a remote controll helicoptor, and a football helmet, an football pads, and a K2 football. I'm a sports kid. I love sports they're fun. I don't want much for Christmas because I haven't seen much in toy stores. Because we haven't been shopping yet. It's pretty close to Christmas. It didn't take to long. **Taylor Johnson** 



James Cobb Home Repair James & Bonnie



'Tis the season to be jolly To deck the halls with boughs of holly And so we feel we're right on cue By sending our best to you!

**Thomas Schacher** Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would like a remote control motorcycle, laser challenge, and a Bat boat. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. I have been a good boy.

#### Love, Kyle Birkenfeld

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like a Barbie Daddys. To go with my Barbies. That I already have. I would also like you to bring me a Barbie Backpack. I love you, Alisha Kay Womack Age 6 Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys that you gave me last yeare. I would like a surprise. Thank you, Kevin Lilley

Dear Santa, I want a train set thats electric. Marcus Wilhelm Dear Santa,

How are your reindeers? How are you? I want a computer and some sega games. I also want a racecar track and a bat. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend, **Taylor Schulte** 

Dear Santa,

How are you? Please bring me some roller blades. I love you. Anthony Hochstein

Dear Santa, Want a Sega and a Skateboard and a Bbgun and a big truck also a cow picture for my grandma

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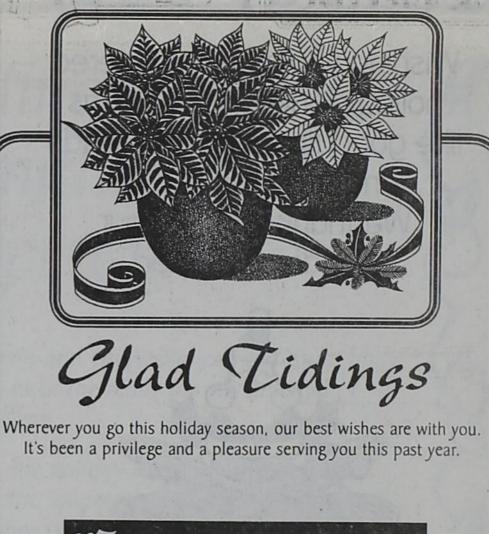
Love, **Rey Rodriguez**  Dear Santa I would like a skateboard and some

cards and a new bike, after that, I would like a truck for my little brother, his name is Sammy. He wants a blue train and if you can find a nintendo 64, I would like it. I hope you have a good trip. Love,

est ©Wishes

Joseph Huseman

Dimmitt Equipment Co.







The time is ripe to wish all our good friends and neighbors, a joyous and fruitful holiday season. Thanks aplenty, for your kind patronage.

The Headhunter



The Heart Is! Joy to you at Christmastide, Wherever you and yours reside. On thing we really know is true, Is we feel at home because of you!

Home is Where

Happy holiday and heartfelt thanks.



Clara and Johnny Vick



on top!



Merry Christmas and many thanks for your valued business.

# **Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.**

Love, and fun that never ends, And our thanks we send to you, With a "Merry Christmas," too!

**Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency** 





We hope your holidays find you sitting tall in the saddle! We're mighty happy you moseyed in this year, and hope to see you again soon. Thanks, pardners!



# and a four-wheeler would be nice, too.

#### Dear Santa,

For my mom and dad get married again. My little sister get a little bike so she can learn to ride. Mom get a job and little brother crawl. Love, **Agustina Farias** 

#### Dear Santa,

I want another house with six rooms, new clothes. I like winnie the Pooh Shirts Love, Danny Lopez

#### Dear Santa.

I wish for my mom and dad to get married again. Little sister some clothes. A car for my dad. New phone for mom and Saga for me. Love,

Jose Resendiz

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me some Hot Wheels. I want some Lego blocks and a football suit. I also want a basketball. I will put something to eat on the table. Where do your reindeer sleep? Love,

Kolby Perez

Dear Santa, I want a train and a car. I also want a black truck and a ball. Merry Christmas! Love, Josue Quiroz

#### Dear Santa,

**TO OUR VALUED** 

**CUSTOMERS** 

WE'RE PLEASED AND PROUD TO SERVE FINE FOLK LIKE YOU

AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT.

WISHING YOU ALL THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS AND EVERY

HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD. NOEL!

K-Bob's Steak House

I have been a good girl. I helped My mother do the house. I like a doll. I like a Baby doll. I like a Baby Cat. I like a big bike. I want a Power Ranger (pink). I like a Baby Dog. I like a Christmas tree. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas. Selina Sanchez

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I like you! Will you please bring? Me a puppy, a CD player, a deck, a computer, a coat, a t.v., and a big bed, a tip e writer, some sticker, a VCR, rollbrase, and a Dallas Coat.

Love. Olivia Vega P.S. Will you bring my family something too?

#### Dear Santa Claus.

This year I would like a robot that I would have to build. Some Sockum Bobbers, a Mickey Mouse tie to wear. A new basketball. All types of sport activities because I really love sports. A bike meter that tells speed, miles, ect. And a gift for my dog Lady. Some Super Nintendo Games such as Zelda, Streetfighter, and Mario Paint, that is all I have to say.

> Sinceraly Yours, Kyle Johnson

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a new motor for my gocart since it thrashed. I would also like an race car and a few peaces of candy in my stocking and a few bouncy balls to go with the candy. The last thing I want a new pair of shaps that zip on the side and a black cowboy hat. Thanks a lot! Love.

Dear Santa, I wish my mom was better. I wish my mom and dad were back together.

Alyssa Saenz Dear Santa, I want a super nintendo and a spider man car.

Love, Ray Velez

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? This Christmas I would like a train set, a puppy, and a nintendo. I would also like the movie Toy Story and Lego set. And a Tazmania clock for my room. That is all. Thanks.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I like you a lot I want a cordless CD player and CD's of Selina and The Spice Girls! And a computer with a printer. Also a big box of all of the Lisa Frank stickers and a book for a sticker collection of Lisa Frank. Last I want a trip to Disny World. Love. Lisa Lopez P.S. And my sister would like a noisly toy!

Dear Santa, I wish for Christmas

- 1. A gold beetle borg
- 2. A Nintendo 64
- 3. Cox back draft
- 4. Cox sky jumpes helicoptor
- 5. Power rangers tubine deluxe laser 6. Power rangers deluxe artillatcon the
- transport 7. Power rangers turbo shifters 8. Power rangers deluxe double morphing rescue meazard

Paul Acker

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a pick-up and a walkman. I would also like a Nintendo. I will leave some salad for your reindeer and some cookies and milk for you. Merry

> Love, Dustin Paul Venhaus

I want a pretty pretty princess and a Rupunsel and a Barbie and a life gam and a toy bus and a car and a truck and a little wine the pooh and a little shert.

Love.

Dear Santa,

Please can I have the whole set of star wars stuff. Please can I have the whole set of x-men stuff. Please can I have the whole set of spiterman stuff. Please can I have a helmet and big shoulder pads. Please can I have the nintendo 64 quorder back club game. Please can I have a computer.

> Your Christmas friend, Klay Clearman

#### Dear Santa,

Please can I have a choo choo train and a boy bike. I'm tryin' to be good because Grandpa telled me you were watchin' me. Please bring all my cousins and friends something too and don't forget Florene.

Love, Adam

#### Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I hope you don't catch my cold when you come to see me. I have been a very good girl this year. Please bring me a swingset and Lindsey and Lauren a basketball goal. Mommy said that we have too many toys, so maybe you could also bring me and my sisters some books to read on the way to Nana Bev's and Grandpa Charley's.

#### I love you, Anni School Age 1

Misty a map to my house.

#### Dear Santa,

Love,

#### Dear Santa

I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie doll house. I also want a pound puppy and the house that goes with the pound puppies. I also want a new color and new coloring book. Also I want to tell you that I love

> Merry Christmas Love, Jessica Leivas

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tea set and a Barbie because you are nice and because every one says you give everything they want and I say you are nice. Santa I do want my size barbie.

> Love. Tammy Flores

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a hair wraps and braids, a t.v. with a v.c.r., a Sega Saturn with some games to play, a Ken doll that has the little babby, a Quiz Wiz, a little hand cumputer, a game called Shoots and latters, a game called easy money, a game called Girl talk a game thats about the mall, some nail polish, and nail dryer. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you. We have a train express under the tree. Thanks for the stuff I got last year. Love.

Haley Lunsford

#### Dear Santa,

I have only one thing to ask you to let the people that are homeless and don't have a house or a job to help them get what they want this Christmas if that means to give up all my presents away. Help them take care of all their children and help them so they can go to school so they can have a better future and you want to know something that we have all we need and even throw our stuff away while they are needing it. That is what I only want for Christmas.

#### Sincerly, Rafael Gonzalez

P.S. If you need my help, come for me at 407 NW 7th Dimmitt Texas, 79027.

#### Dear Santa,

I enjoyed you presents last year. I tried to be good this year. Can I have a tumble baby suprise Chrismas is a special holaday. And could you please give poor people food and clothse to wear and clean water.

#### Love. Shaire Gonzales

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Santa my grandma wants some perfume. Santa my dad wants a modofide. My brother wants a bike Santa. My sister

### Blake Jones Christmas. Dear Santa. Love,

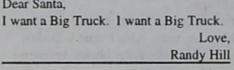
Vanessa Gonzales

Dear Santa,

How are you Doing I want a ty, an a bike, and a vied game, and I want a Back packe, and a Glow in the Dark Buzz LIGHT Ear, and I want a new Lion King Towel and I need new shoes. I want a new Blanck

John David

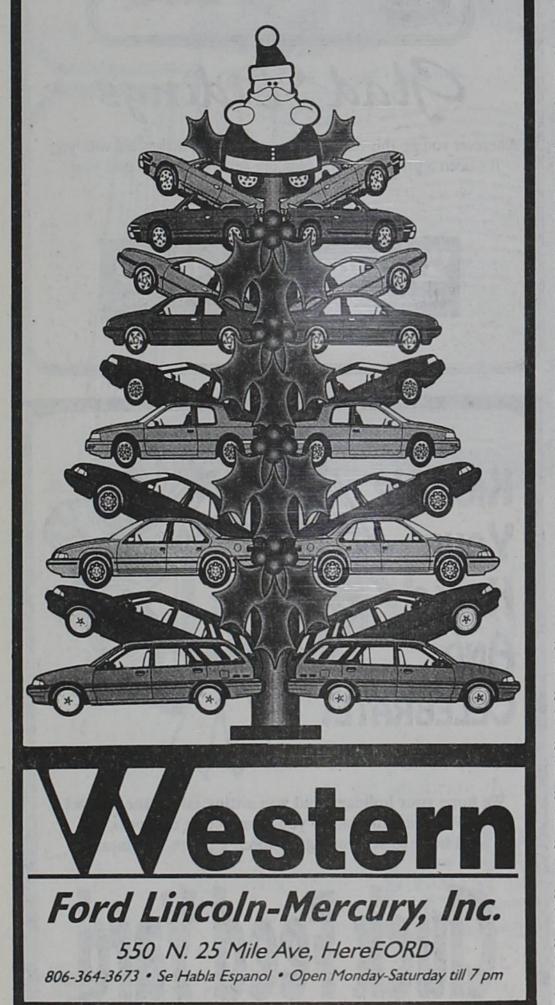
P.S. Please bring Uncle Todd and Aunt



you, Santa.

# Shift Into **Holiday Gear**

Wishing you a high-powered holiday loaded with extras like good times, great friends and fond memories. We thank you for your steadfast support.



Ricardo Barrios

#### Dear Santa

I want a computer along with a Barbie fashion and makeup and hair dress-up Santa I will sit out christmas crunch Megan Rohrbch

#### Dear Ho Ho,

I am going to tell you a few things I want for Christmas. I want aCotton Striper. I also want little toy Corvette. I want this too, a little toy horse. For my sister Kembra I wish for her a ten speed bisicel and one for my other sister Kelcy. Merry Christmas! Love,

Keenan Albracht

Dear Santa Claus, I want a go cart and a great big hug.

#### Damian jacob Gauna

Dear Santa,

I would like a casey crat wheel, Barbie car, Hula House BarBie, plly pocttet, Doll house, Dentist Barbie, Barbie hot tub, and a tea set. Please bring my little brother. thank you, Jessica

Dear Santa,

The Lost World car race, bike, a bus toy, back pack, little red gun shots that pop, ten dollar bill and a one dollar bill, a red pen, some new crayons.

Cornelio Salinas

Dear Santa.

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I want barbie travelin' surprie House, barbie cruisin' car, barbie super talking answering machine telephone, barbie and ginger, dentist barbie, oopsie Daisy, baby born, sweet dreams baby, play store fashion doll house, fashion magic fingernail Fun Salon set, Real talking bubba, scent salon boutique make it unique stamp boutique, hair wrap braids, cook 'n play kitchen center, deluxe craft sets, creative craft kit, play-doh value pak, playdoh, one stop play shop, GiGa pet, songbank, keyboard, kawasak air guitar, kawasak big bam Boom and speedy Gonzales, pac-man and new adventures.

Stormy Nutt

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wants a diary. My mom wants a nortik rider. I want a bin bag. I want a nintendo 64. My hole family wants a new bik. I want a rase trak. Santa I love you.

Brad Lane

#### Dear Santa,

My name is Kasey, for Christmas I want a barbie. I also want cloths for my barbie and also me. I want a big jeep for me. I want a big computer. I want a c.d. player. I want a cheerleading suit and a barbie suit. I want a house. I want it for me and my friends. I hope you can bring all of this for me.

Kasey Tijerina

Dear Santa,

Will you bring me a littel hat. Can you bring me a candy can for Chirstmas. in a box. I love you Santa Clause because you bring me stuff for Chirstmas. My dad wants a Dallas t. shurt. Love.

George Dones



Hope you're fixing to have a good time, all through the season. You have our gratitude for helping us put together a great year!

Hart

### **One Solitary Life**

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He never went to college. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends deserted him. He was turned over to his enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, his executioners gambled for the only piece of property he had - his coal. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure for much of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as this "One Solitary Life."

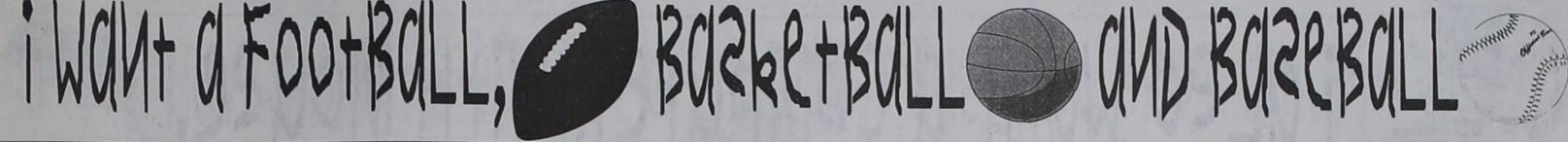
Although this poem has become popular in recent years, it is not a contemporary piece. The poem actually has tracings back to medieval times, and the poet to this day remains anonymous.

We pause to reflect on his life during the Christmas



#### December 25, 1997

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Love,

Alyssa Ritter

#### Dear Santa Claus

I want a computer. I want a walkie talkie. I want a bride barbie. I am going to give you come cookies and milk. I like December so much. I make a sour man. My mom puts some presente. When it gets morning I will open my presents. 1 am so good today. I wish I was a ice skater

#### Corina

#### Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I would like a Talk to me Barbie Jacket of the 49ers. And a hat of the 49ers. Also a pick up Barbie. And a Juice n cookies Baby Alive.

Love, Mirella G. Mendo

#### Dear Santa Claus, Well this year I want new clothes and

some shoes to go with it. And a play baby. Thanks a hole buch. Love. Laura

#### Dear Santa Claus, I will like if you will bring me a playstation and game cald WcW vs. the world. That is all. Thank you. Love, Allan Montemayor

#### Dear Santa Claus,

What I really want for Christmas and I have several things. I want a three foot plastic cobra roler blads and a benie baby shark that is two feet. And a tiranosaurs rex that is two feet and a killer whale and a shark that is one foot long. Thank you. Love. Christopher Clevenger

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you but this year I want some rolaplades. And I also want a new bicale. But I need a hoolahup. I also need a new shose and some socks. I also want a jumprope and a basketball. I also want a L.V. Love,

Nancy

#### Dear Santa Clause, I love you. Please would you bring me

#### Dear Santa,

I love you very much! Santa please bring me a romotcontro because if is so fun to play with. And a nuther thing I want a playctathen for me and my brother. to play. And a San Francisco football. And some games to play and the gams I want a tic tag toe, elephant. And I rely want is a Nintendo 64.

Love, Danny Guerrero P.S. Thank you Santa. I appreciate it a lot.

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a new Tam watch. gigapet. I already have a gigepet Duck. But I want a T-Rex TamagotchI. Next I want a nentendo 64 the game I want is emit smith foot. Thanks a lot Santa. Love.

Brennen Luck Rodriguez

#### Dear Santa Clause, I love you! Please bring me a t.v. with a V.C.R., Roller Blader, a printer, a Casy

cart wheel doll, a Giga pet, new clothes, new shoes, a dog, a American doll, The Selena movie, Jingal all the way, Liar, Liar, Men in Black, Thanks a lot! Love, Roxanne Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus, 1 love you! Please bring me a C.D. player, VCR, Bike, clothes, shoes, and some movies. Here are the names of the movies. Selena, Jungle 2 Jungle and a cassette of the spice girls. Thanks a lot! Love,

Julie Marie Centeno

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a rocknroll guitar. And karioky with a mic. stand. And a marker bord with markers. And gigapet. And a computer with a printer. And a radio with a CD player.

#### Love, Brittany Nichole Nelson

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a fourwheeler with four wheel drive. And I want it to be blue with a clutch not a foot clutch. Also I want it to be a Polaras 500. And I want it to have a

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me the real talking Buba because he is funny. I want about three disks for my new computer. I really want a nintendo 64 with Mario cart 64 too and a two remote controls. I want one of those Catz too. Thanks a lot!

#### Dear Santa

I love you! Please bring me a steryo.

#### I really like music and please bring me some tapes and some CD's so I can listen. Thanks a lot! Love.

Mikes Sarabio

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you! Please bring me a T.V. a C.D. player and a bed. I would really like to have my own t.v. or a bed if you can't bring my C.D player don't bring it but you have to bring the T.V. and bed. Thanks a lot! Love, Gaby Portillo

#### Dear Santa.

I would like a lost World Thrash, t-rex, a nentendoe 64, some really big teddy bears, and the movie Men in Black. I will also like all of the Lost World stuff.

> Love, Adam Velasquez

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Nintendo 64, so I can play it. I relly want to play it. The Nintendo I had broke so thats why I want a Nintedo 64 for Christmas. I also want a remote control car for Christmas. I also really want a gameboy for Christmas. I want my own little T.V. that I can only look at. I just want one more thing a gigapet. Thanks a lot!

> Love, Benjamin Montemayor

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me some more games for my Nintendo. I want a Nintendo 64 with some games. If you could bring me a CD player. I would like a computer. I really want a Gameboy with some games. I would Like a T.V. and a V.C.R. I would like some new movies. Thanks a lot! Love.

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bike. I want a walkie talkie. My name is Ruben. I want a trampoline. I want kable. I want a jumprope. I want a nut cracker.

#### Dear Santa Claus, I want a computer. I want a nintendo 64. I want a pool. I want a tumbles. Love, Diana

Dear Santa Claus, I want a new bike, Casy Cartwheel, a

big pack of Barbie clothes, a teddy bear for my baby sister Ken, Kitchen little, giga-pet, a coloring book with crayons and some candy. Thats all I want for Christmas. I like your white beard and red clothes because red's my favorite color. I like when you say HO!HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Love, Margie

#### Dear Santa,

Thanks for the gloves. This year I would like some earrings, a piano, a boombox, a cd, a keyboard, anda gigapet. Thanks. Sincerely,

#### Kaytlin Huseman

#### Dear Santa,

I hope that I have been good this year. I would like a: Volcano Race Track Discman, Tantrom a Race Car, and someLegos. Well good bye tell Mrs. Clause I said hello. Merry Christmas.

Love, Matthew Birkenfeld

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? How is the North pole? How is Rudolph? I would like a basketball suit. Have a safe trip going to the houses. I love you Santa. You are my friend. From.

Alec Braddock

#### Dear Santa,

I want a new be be gun. School is going great. I have been good. And I

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a jumprope. I want a bike. I hope you bring me a rollerblade. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a toy dinosaur. I hope you bring me a go-cart. I love you Santa Clause. I want a motorcycle. I want a new box. I hope you bring me a golf bag. Your friend,

#### Dear Santa.

Hi, would you please bring me a four wheeler, a walkman, guardian angel bear. Musical Christmas teddy, prayer bear and necklace, unicorn and charm necklace, pet pleasers.

#### Merry Christmas,

Drew

Love,

Chandra Jordan

#### Dear Santa,

I hope Mrs. Santa and your elves are helthy because I want a lot of stuff. This is what I want: a ten speed bike, a helmet, a mocan troll car, a racecar track, a skateboard, gameboy, my first sony, and the lost world. I hope your elves can get me some of this.

> Sincerly, Chris Acker

Dear Santa Claus,

I realy want these things. So would you please bring me what I ask for? What I want is a bike, wan of those mucicle balls that have angels in it for my mom and for my dad he needs some tools. So would you please get me those things. Love, Sara Reyna

Dear Santa Claus, for Christmas, I want a playstaition and a set of drums. Also I want a mortercycle, and a bike.

> Love your friend, Mario

#### Dear Santa Claus.

I'm going to tell you some things I really want. I would like some dressy looking head bands, like the ones I have. I also want a polar bear, stuft. There I only one thing left and it the movie Wild America. Merry Christmas!

#### Love. Chelsea King P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus that my, best friend, Kembra is playing her in our play at school.

A HERD OF Good Wishes Happy holidays to all our hardworking farm friends, all over the area. Many thanks for your patronage.

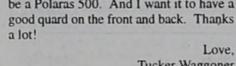
a Nintendo 64 a Jerrassic Park tyco RC a tiranasorasrex thirteen games on Sega Satern called Sonic Jam, Dayton USA, Mega Man X4, Soni 3D blast, Spot goes to Hollywood, and lots and lots and lots more! Please bring me these things.

> Love, Jeremy Velez

#### Dear Saint Nick

Please give me a black computer and I would also like a puppy, cat, steary tikel me Elmo, tikel me Erny and big pooh, a big Tiger, Men in Black move, close, new shoes, a big white bear, desk, Whiny the pooh that wigels his nose, ball, basketball set, a clock, and love from my family. Thanks a lot!

Love Andrew Pantoja P.S. I will leave you cookies and milk.



Love. Tucker Waggoner

Dear Santa Claus. This year I want roller blades. And I also want a computer and a printer so I can make stories and also paraghes. Your friend, Julie Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus, I love you! So would you bring a playstation? I would also like the game called Game day 98. And one more thing a gigapet. Love,

erry

ristmas!

& Many Thanks!

Take a Bow .... You Deserve It!

We're really grateful for your trust in us.

C&T

Fertilizer, Inc.

Have

Yourself

A Merry

Little

Christmas

Andrew Torres

Adrian Rosas

want a punching bag and a brand new knife. And I want a new go cart and I want a new bike.





# Season's Greetings From Deaf Smith **Electric Cooperative**

To make sure your celebrations are bright, warm and enjoyable, you can count on your cooperative employees to be on the job or at the ready for any emergency this holiday season.

When you plug in the Christmas tree, flip on the holiday lights or begin cooking your holiday specialties, rest assured your electric cooperative is working for you just as we are in all seasons of the year.

We extend our heartfelt best wishes to you and your family as you ring out the old year and welcome the new.

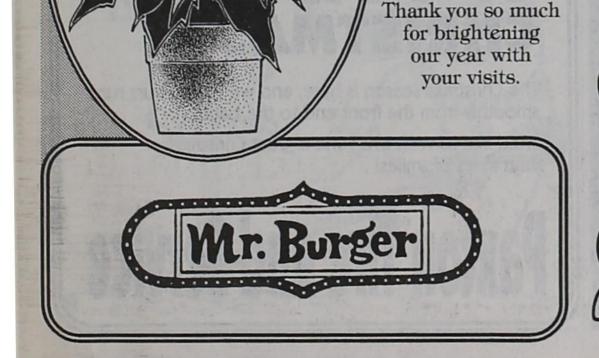
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Dear Santa, Hi! Look, I want a car, a see and say and tape player. Love.

Jay Mazier, Age 3

#### 2 8 1 Dear Santa, Please bring me a tractor and a whistle, I want a big black car. I also want a bike. What are the names of your elves? What are the names of your reindeer? I like Christmas. Love, Kristofer Cline, Age 4

Dear Santa,

I hope you come this Christmas I am ready for you to come. How are Mrs. Santa and the elves? For Christmas I want some rollerblades and a puppy. I want a doll. I want drawing things and a painting set. I am going to be a drawer. I also want a Bobcat jacket. I hope you can get all the other kids their things. I will see you on Christmas. Love,

Isela Velo

year. And would you bring a basketball and a basketball goal. My friend is Roxanne Martinez and she wants a Nano baby. I want a Nano baby too. Your friend,

Anna Brockman

#### Dear Santa,

I have been bad this year but I will be good for the rest of my life and I am only 9 years old. Now this is what I want for Christmas. I want a RC racer and a 49er's football and a 49er's jacket.

### Your friend,

Dear Santa,

I want some Lego blocks and a big truck. I also want some cars, a puzzle, and some books. I will leave you cupcakes and chocolate milk.

> Love. Gilbert Cervantez, Age 4 Dear Santa,

#### Dear Santa.

We can't bear to wait

another minute to wish you

a merry Christmas and

to express our thanks.

I want a Barbie jeep and some candy. I want a Barbie and some clothes for my Barbie. Are your reindeer okay? Love,

Abby Oltivero, Age 4

#### Dear Santa,

I want a car, candy, and Lego blocks. I also want some bubblegum and M&M's. What are the names of your reindeer? My grandma has a reindeer on her roof. Love.

George Beaird, Age 4

#### Dear Santa.

I want a barbie car and a barbie . I want a cheerleader dress and a big barbie and a barbie boy and a bage and a barny doll and a barbie house. I want some shoes and clothes Jeffrey Nino and socks and a trampoline and a jumprope and a computer. Thank You,

Yesenia Arell

I want a gold car And a Barbie house And a computer And a fake puppe And a new pink ruler And a coloring book And a puzzle puppe And a new pair of rollerskates And a nike shoe and a fila shoe and a new bike.

Thank You, Gloriela Ontiveros

#### Dear Santa, a monstortrucks a cars. A Trampoline and rabbit .and my dad. Thank You, Jose Ortega

#### Dear Santa,

I want a barbie gold car .and a computer. And a Teddy bear and a new pink ruler and a barbie house. And a barbie school. And a puppie and a bike and a one puzzle and

and girls. We hope all have a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We'll leave you cookies and milk.

> Mrs. Lynn's Head Start Maria Esqyeda Erasmo Meraz Jr. Sergio Ibarra Juan Hernandez Guillermo Gonzales Mellisa Gomez Larissa Corral Mercedes Villanueva Bethany Garza Alonso ByGoytia Juan Martinez Estefani Olivas Cesar Ontiveros Danielle Prieto Gerardo Velazquez David Velez Jessica Martinez Amanda Lopez

#### DEAR SANTA,

with it an. I will fill up my room with books.And smol cendrorden books so my littel sister can read and by the time.She gets in therd gradeshe will not go .Go to stedyholl. And allso four ny sister iiin second grade and my brother haps me .My sister wuts a bick so she can ride with trany wils. And a gocar with a moter so wen for me and my brother and my sisters and a book cas in the gocar so wen I ride in it and my brother cud read in it . Thank you santa,

ho ho Jorge Olmes

#### Dear Santa,

been ahaving a great time in thid grade. Mrs.koch has been a nice teacher. I try my best to read. I have been reading a lot of books. I never fight with children. Will you please

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Barbie house and a red ball. I also want a Dalmation puppy. I wish I could touch your reindeer. Merry Christ-mas! Love,

Angel Ramirez, Age 4

#### Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a bike, a doll called Rapunzel, and new coloring books. Thank you.

April Munoz

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for the things you brought me last year. I tryed to be good this year. For Chrismas this year I want roller blads and a bick and a barbie. The bigist thing I want is a ring and a necklis. This year I will leave cookies and milk. When you come. I hope you come. Love.

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like you to bring me a brush in teeth baby doll. And a stroller with two seats. So I can put two dolls in there. And a game boy and two games please Santa. P.S. I would like you to bring my cat a toy please. Tell you reindeers hi-for

Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me the presents last year. I liked them they were Beautiful. I love you. I know some of the children can not have to Many toys if you can please send them some little toys tacking about. Children. If you can bring me a Barby, a barby house, a barby boat. And a barby car, and if you can Bring my little sister a little baby. Doll and if can bring me a barby, bathroom it has a telofone. And a kichen and baby boy and barby baby.

Thank you,

#### box. I also want a Pocahontas Barbie. What are the names of your reindeer? I also would like some toy dishes. Where do the reindeer sleep? What do the reindeer eat? Merry Christmas!

Katrice Perez, Age 4

#### Dear Santa, I would like a doll and a car for the doll. I

also want some clothes for my doll. I want a phone and a ring and a necklace. Love.

Emily Rodriguez, Age 4

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Barbie and a Barbie house. I want clothes for my Barbie. I also want a Raggedy Ann. I would like a necklace and a ring. I want a toy reindeer. I want some toy food. Merry Christmas!

> Love. Ashley Howell, Age 5

Love.

#### Dear Santa,

Please bring me a truck and a tractor. I would like a treehouse and a Winnie-the-Pooh. Heather Marquez Do your reindeer eat snow? I wish I could put some candy in your pccket.

> Love. Michael Kirven, Age 4

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Spiderman and a Power Ranger. I also want a Ninja Turtle and a fireman. Please come to my house and bring By. Love, the toys. I am going to give you something to Cassidy Watts eat.

> Love. Christopher Saucedo, Age 5

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baby and a bottle for my baby. I want a baseball and a baseball bat. I like to play baseball. I will be good if you bring me toys. How do you make the toys? I also want a rabbit stuffed animal.

> Love. Charlene Calderon, Age 4

I wud like lots of books. And A self to go

This has been a nice year for me. I have



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#### Dear Santa,

I would like a pink phone and a Barbie. I also want a dollhouse and a Barbie jeep. Have your reindeer been good? I will give you some cookies.

Love, Karina Casas, Age 4

#### Dear Santa.

I took a picture with you. I want a trumpet. It's almost going to snow. It's almost Christmas. Love,

Anthony, Age 5

#### Dear Santa.

Please bring me a Barbie jeep that has a telephone in it. I want a baby doll that crawls by itself. I want a Santa Claus toy. What do your reindeer eat and where do they sleep? What do your elves eat? Merry Christmas! 1 also want a toy teddy bear and a new backpack.

Love, Teonna Chavers, Age 5

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for all the nice toys. I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me some clothes for Molly doll. If you cannot please bring me and my two sisters a basketball goal. I will leave some cookies and warm milk. Love. Chauncey Gilbreath

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Thank you for the grarge you gave me last year. This year please try to bring a bike, computer, a toy train an X-men doll a teenage ninja turtle the next mutation. Some new books nintendo 64, a toy car and truck. A rimoto conch car a hocey stick.

> Love, Andrew Lafuente

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the things last year. And I would like for my big present A trampoline and Tanner wants A seadoo and Jared wants some cloths and my mom wants some new dishes and me and my brothers want A gocart. and my dad wants cloths. And I will leave you

#### Dear Santa,

I think I have been a good boy this year. I just don't know. My dad is working and all other different kinds of things. My mom is working too. I am having fun at school. I am doing all other different kinds of things. Anway how are you doing and how is Mrs. Santa and how are the elves? This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo 64 and a magic set and not much of nothing. Well good-bye for now.

Your friend, Kyle Whatley

#### Dear Santa,

How was your Chrismas last year? I am in the third grade. This is what I want for Christmas. A CD player portable-Nintendo 64 and games and make sure you bring lots of stuff in my stocking. Also bring me some more fuzzy pens and a big pencil. How is Mrs Santa Claus and your little elves? My mom hopes you bring stuff too. Well I hope you have the best Christmas ever. Your Friend,

Kirsti Rac Edwards

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. My family was good this year too. How is Mrs. Santa? I am looking forward to this Christmas. I am eight years old. I am going to be nine on December Third I am in the Third grade. Mrs. Bain is our teacher. She is nice like you. You are nice too Santa and I like you. Your friend,

Victor Ortiz This is what I want for Christmas:

- 1. A cd player
- 2. Nintendo 64 and game
- 3. TV

#### Dear Santa,

I want a computer and a closs and a desk and a little trampoline and a doll and a dog toy and a nintindo64 and a bed and a TV and a broad and movies and a Telephone and markers of hearts and a box and a barbie. Thank You,

Patricia Quimtan

#### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie car for my barbie and that thing at the dollar store and a cheerleader suit .clothes. And a bike. I love you santa claus .I want a trampoline .and a doll.and a coloring book and a barbie .and .land some books .and a computer .and a barbie doctor .and a babie store. And a some shoes. And some colors . And some socks .Merry christmas and a barbie house .and a barbie doll.

> Thank You, Cynthia Prieto

#### Dear Santa

my NAMe is Samantha I would like a RapunZel barbie and a LittLe mermaid doll a barbie bike rugrats doll LittLe mermaid Slumber bag Luv

Samantha Guardado I am six

#### Dear Santa.

I have been a good boy this year. I Would like a farm barn set, an erecter set, the game Operation and a Snake Skateboard. Love, Chance Ray Schilling

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I have helped my Dad. I would like a desk. I would like a real dog. I would like a chalkboard. I would like a modsikl. I would like a bike I would like a candy machine I would lkie a skateboard I would like a Goldranger I wish everybody have a nice Christmas

> Signed Jesus Sanchez

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl. I have helpled my mom clean. I wood like a Barbie Jeep I wood like a doll talk. I wood like a dog. I want a cat. I want a pink power Ranger, I wood like a big bike. I hope evryone has a nice Christmas. Signed,

Fabiola Gomez

Jose Silv

#### Dear Santa,

I wish I have a gold car and a computer and I wish I had a puppy and a picture of you and a I want a computer and a toy car and lose of toys and a loy that have a car and a loy

#### Dear Santa;

I Want a Pirit Ship. I Want a jugling book. Thank you for The dog. Joshua Hill

#### Dear Santa.

I wish my bad and My Mom waru risha at olnd risha alond Santa? Naw brega prez for Me antig but et ht tun be a rodt vror magh. And Mother day and fther day Thank you Ray Lopez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a doll And a cheerleader dress And a lots of toys like Barney And A dog girl for my dog And books for read And clothes And junprop for me And a computer And a trampoline And A barbie house And A braad to ride on it. Thank You, Mariel Alaniz

#### Dear Santa,

I want a batman car and a little puppe and a big super ninetido and a super car control car and a Big drums Thand You Jose Cardona

#### Dear Santa,

I want a computer and closs and a desk and a doll and a dog toy and a little trampoline and a bed and a TV and a broad and movies and a telwphone and markers and hearts box and a barbie.

Thank You, Cynthia Gomez

Victor Silva

#### Dear Santa,

I want a super nintindo and 2 games one of ninga turtles and one of mario paint and I want a candy cane and two hot wheels polices cars.and a computer .Merry Chrismas. Thank You

#### Dear Santa,

Auletide Cheer

May all your dreams come true this year.

Thanks so much for shopping here!

Gregory Real Estate

I want a barbie car for my Barbie and skates broad and cheerleader clothes and a little cat that can be a real cat I love you Santa clothes with all my heart and I think you are my best Santa clothes and I will not forget you never agin and I no that you love me to and you no that I love you so much and much I will be a good citien with my sister and my brother and I wish you a merry christmas santa clothes from Diocelina to: Santa clothes ho ho ho merry christmas I wish you a merry and a happy new year.

Dear Santa, I want a nintendo64 .I want some cars .I want some candys. I want a control car and a puppe computer.

#### Dear Santa.

Love,

I want a computer and a toy and a doll and a markers and a desk and a crayons and a broad and a movie and a Book and a telephone and a Thank You

Shania Vazquez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a truck and a moster truck and a Trampoline. And a cars and a rabbit and a pair of skates and a box and a box of crayons and a frog and a story book and clothes and a. Thank You, Ildefonso

#### Dear Santa clas,

What I whant for Christmas is a doll a very big one. Then I whant a computer a real computer. And a barby doll with a car. And lots of books. And a bike with now training whils. And some elf cloths whith the shoes. And a little real elf. And a doll king sise. And a chalkboard and some chalk. Santa will you give me it for real. Please. Love.

#### Tanya Martinez P.S. How are you doing.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Thank you for the presents last year. Can I have a bike for chrismas? I want a Cowboys jacket for chrismas and a windsuit. I want a pair of shoes. I want a bear and a doll for chrismas. I want a pair of overalls and a micky mouse sweater. A backpack purs and a game that is called Canyland. I want a pair of sandals. And a skirt and a shert for Chrismas. And a dress. Well thats all for this year.

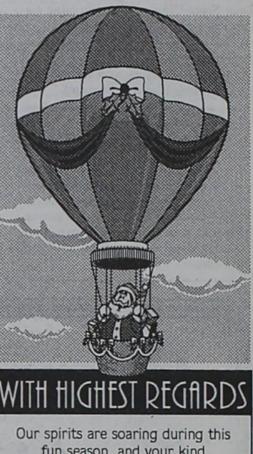
and a barbie house and a ruler and a pupe and Thank You, a crayola and a bike and aKITTEN and a puz-Jose Juan Aguero zle and a tow colloring book and theer books and a candy and a broad and a clothes and a trampoline.

I wat a bear and a mother bear .A computer

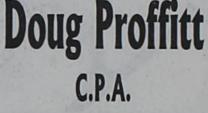
and a barbie that swins and a barbie that dance

Dear Santa,

Thank You, Thalia Vazquez



fun season, and your kind patronage is the reason! Thank you!



some milk and cookies.

Kaden Griffitt

Love.

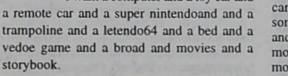
#### Dear Santa,

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How are you doing. What I really want for Cristmas is a Marvin the Martion watch, NHL Hockey stickblade, A trampalean, Michael Jordan Watch, A fishtank with fish in it, Clothes and food for the people that do not have any, A camra, 1997 Starting Line-up NBA 38 figure collectors set, A gigu pet, Deluxe talkboy, Toss Across game, turbo Hoops, Radio Control Raceway, Rugrats Dolls, Rugrats Pickles Family set, Mercer Mayer Golden Look-Look Special pack, A telescope, Drawn to fun, the classic drum set. Thank you for remembering me.

> Love. Jordan Fuentes



Thank You, Julian Chavez

Erika Aguilar

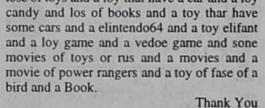
Dear Santa,

I hope you bring me a two big Barbies and a car barbie and a cheerleader dress and a Barney doll and a barbie girl and a barbie boy and a barbie house and some shoes and clothes and dolls and dolls and a jumprope and a computerand a Trampoline and a teddy bear and a coloring book and a pair of sakes. Thank You,

Our spirits are lifted by

We thank you for the privilege of serving you.

thoughts of our customers.



Thank You Diocelina Nodrigues



At Christmastime and anytime, we're always proud to be of service and offer the following tip for a trouble-free holiday season:

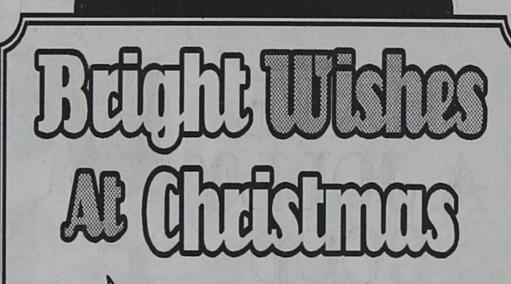
From,

Kayla Saenz

Fill up on good cheer, Shift into holiday gear, But remember to think .... Don't drive and drink!

**Merry Christmas and** many thanks for your valued business.

### Jerry's Automotive & Machine



Here's wishing you and yours a warm and glowing holiday season.

Thanks so much for brightening our year with your friendship.





We'd just like to thank you for pulling for us!

Merry Christmas, friends!

E.M. Jones Ditching and Allstate Insurance Co.

**Betty Jones** 





# \* My zizter wants a barbie and barbie car!

#### Dear Santa Claus.

I hope you bring me a doll. I want you to bring a pet cat. I wish you will bring me. I wish you will bring me a baby. I want a wishing ball. I will want you to bring cheerleader Barbie. Can you bring me a trampoline. I hope you bring me roller blades. Bring me a purse.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me cars. Dear Santa Clause, I hope you bring me a Gig-a-pet. Dear Santa Claus, I hope you bring me cars and glow-in-the-dark football.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a cat and a Puppy pet and Barbie Christmas tree doll.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a new BB gun. 1 hope you bring me a Nintendo game. I hope you bring me a new book. I hope you bring me a glow in the dark basketball. I hope you bring me a new football. I hope you bring me a sled. I hope you bring me a wishing ball. I hope you bring me a hot wheel track. I hope you bring me a remote control car.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a Tyco Tantrum. And a New Nintendo 64. I now this is going to be a lot of stuff but you are Santa Claus. And I want a new Giga Pet and a Volcano Blowout. And ask one of your elves to come down and see me. We will have fun.<sup>3</sup> And pick one that has been very good. This is the last two toys I want the whole batman Set and a big set of games to go with my Nintendo 64.

> Love. Kolby Pillow

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I Love you. These are the things I want. I want a football, race track, game, and a color t.v. That is all I want. Thank you. Love, Joey

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you! Please bring me a giga pet, a pair of shoes, a doll, a dog, and a Tshirt. That is all of the things I want. Love, Flor Vega

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you would bring me a Tyco Rebound and a gig-a-pet and a thousand of books and a Santa Claus toy and a eight ball and a Sloye like you and some rane dear like you, and a roller blades and a glow-in-the-dark football.

#### Dear Santa,

I hope you bring me a stutted horse. I wish you would bring me a Selina Barbie. Could you bring me a gig-a-pet. I wish for a puppies. I wish for a dalmation puppies. I wish for some roller blades. I hope you bring me a horse.

#### Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a Barbie car. I also want a dollhouse and some sandals. How many reindeer do you have? Merry Christmas! Love, Natasha Aguilar

Dear Santa Claus. I wat a bike and bascetball for chrismas and I wat a tedy bear and I wat a computer Love, Jaime

All I want for Chistmas is a Game Boy pocket. Thanks a lot!

Adam Kasas

#### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa Claus,

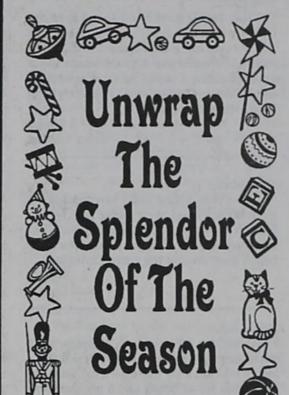
bring me a Air Vectors and Roller blades. I hope you have a good year. We will leave you cookies and milk.

get my Nintendo 64 for Chismas and I hope I get lots of games and please get my baby brother Maucicio a new swing and gamecom. Love,

Max Sandoval

What I want for Christmas is a Play station and a new bike and a three action figurs. And a new TV. And two car sets and a big bean bag. And I want to play Love,

Jerry Acevedo



#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you you are so nice. Please bring me a new toy. Bring me a nice thing for Mrs. Olvera for Christmas. I do like a playstation with some games. I love to get a new Nintendo 64. I also will like a bike. I will like a go car. I will leve you some milk & cookies. I want a new t.v. I will like several things. I appreciate Santa Claus.

Love.

Joel

Whit

Harvey

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a trampoline and a walkie talkie then a football. Then a computer and a tape. Then some roller blades and a t.v. and a stereo. A Power Ranger Deluxe the car the new ones. A Teddy Bear, a pooh bear.

#### Dear Santa.

I live in a black and white and green house. I do not have a chimney. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a doll that when you pick it's hand up pink and purple hair comes out. Glitterrator. I wish I can have baby tubles. And shopping barbie. I wish I can have triplet babies roller blades. I wish I be a teacher. And a barbie. Hula barbie, basketball cards. Mickey mouse watch. My size Barbie.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a brand new truck and a glow in the dark football. And a remote control tractor and pocket puppy. And a Miami Dolphins football suit. Your Friend,

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a dog and a cat and a Batman movie. With a Batman toy. And a gig-a-pet. Love,

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a blue bike. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a dog. I like bunkbeds. I like puppies. I like radio. Love, Michelle

#### Dear Santa Claus,

You are the best! Please bring me a casey cartwheel because I love cartwheels. Will you pleace bring me four floor mats. I would like some leotars. I would like osme C.D.'s. I would like The Devol comes to Georgia. I would like new black and white rollerblades. I would like a little trampoline. And that is all.

#### Love, Lindsay

#### Dear Santa Claus,

This year I would like a Nintendo 64, a Sega Saturn, and a Play Station. I would like a new car, a new house, a new world, and stars. I would like some new clothes. new shoes.

> Love. Ray Hernandez

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I would love to have three more games for my gameboy. And a new bike for I could ride it. And my own room. Thanks a lot!

#### Love, Felipe Ramirez

P.S. Bring something to my family to.

#### Dear Santa Clause,

I hope you bring me a football. I want some roller blades. I hope you bring a pocket puppy. I hope you bring me a watergun. I hope you bring me a book. I hope you bring me a Michael Jordan Bulls jersey. I hope you bring me a wishing ball. I hope you bring me a remote control tractor. I hope you bring me a glow in the dark football. I hope you bring me a heat jersey.

Love, Nicky

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me some skates. I want a rabbit. I want a car. I want a computer. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a dog. I want a cat. I want a rabbit. I want a sled. I want a wishing ball.

> Love, Leo

Dear Santa,

I want a cotton stripper. I want a gig-apet. I want a football. I want a grain buggy. Santa, I think you are the best man in the whole world. I want a bole buggy. I want a go-cart. I want a horse. I want a pig. I want a cotton machine. I want an elevator.



Think you for the toys last year. Please Love, Houston Sutton

Love.

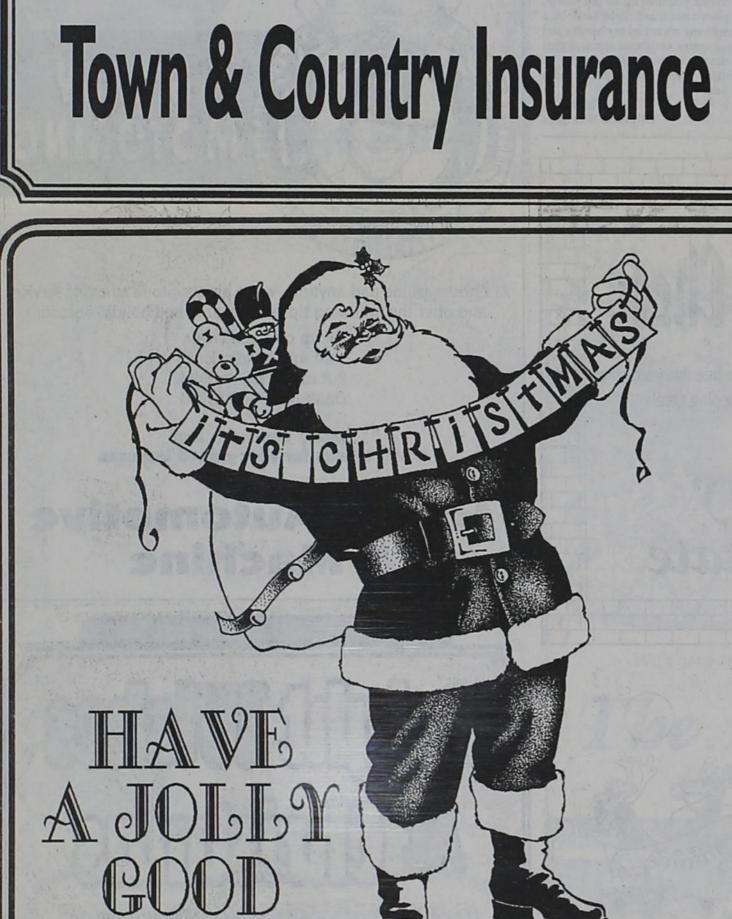
Dear Santa,

Thanks for the nice toys and I hope I

#### Dear Santa,

football all day and all night.

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Here's hoping your holiday will be filled with all the wonderful things that spell CHRISTMAS! We're really thankful for all the good times we've shared with our friends and neighbors and look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

While we wrap up a merry year, may you receive the gifts of happiness, love and cheer.

> We value your friendship and



#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me toys. Could you bring a tic tac toe Barbie? Can you bring a mail machine? Can you bring me some gig-a-pet. Can you bring me some roller blades. Can you bring me a cheerleader barbie. Can you bring me a dalmatin. I hope that you give me a puppies. I hope thet you bring me a horse.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a new BB gun. I hope you bring me a Nintendo game. 1 hope you bring me a new book. I hope you bring me a glow in the dark basketball. I hope you bring me a computer. I hope youbring me a new football. I hope you bring me a wishing ball. I hope you bring me a hot wheel track. I hope you bring me a new remote control car.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Can you bring me a Gig-a-pet. I hope you bring me a football. I hope you bring me some football cards and a walkman and a Dalls Cowboys jersy of Dion Sanders and a Troy Aikman jersey and a computer and some skates and a Nike shorts and shirt and a jersey of E. Smith.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a Gig-a-pets. I want a computer. I want a t.v. and a puppy and a trampoline and a nail machine and a wishing ball.

Your friend, Wil

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a hula hoop. I wish you will bring me a jump rope. I hope you will bring me a Cheerleader doll. I wish you will bring me stickers. I wish you will get me crayons. I want a swimming pool. I wish you will get me a basketball. I wish you will get me an operation. I want checkers.

> Love, Crystal

#### Dear Santa Claus.

I want a new gig-a-pet. I wish I had a Barbie. I want some pencils. I want a Barbie car. I want a Barbie Cheerleader. I want a yo-yo. I want a new backpack. I want a new box. I want some pompoms. I wish I had some earrings. I wish I had a bike. I want a small couch. I want a small baking oven. I want a basketball. I want a play dog. I want a play cat. I love Santa Claus.

> Love. Kelsie

#### Dear Santa Claus,

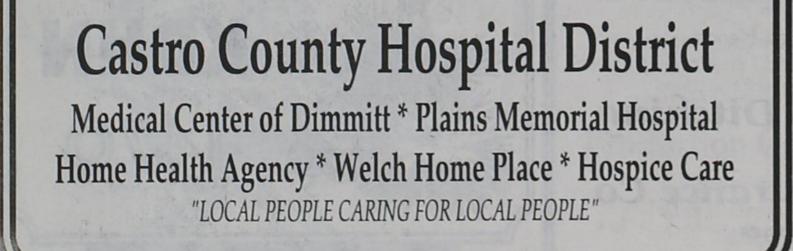
I want a tractor and a truck. I hope you bring me candy. I want a truck and tractor hot wheels car.

IT'S CHRISTMAS DOWN ON THE FARM!

To all our farm families, we offer our best wishes for a joyous season and a prosperous new year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication and for helping us grow along with you.







MY DOD WONTS O NEW COR 0

#### Dear Santa;

I wele like a aronplan thate is a rimout kontro and a nintendo and 10 thifrent games and a jacket and shouse that ar share tooths and a campure and the mube of jurases part 2 and a rosore and toy that is a halikater and a pet Sheake

Thank u Santa Edgar Vazquez

#### Dear Santa.

polish, doll house, MOP, light shoes, basketball, desk, pillows, towel, cap. Selena Saenz

Age 5

#### Dear Santa,

I want a barbie and a pair off skates and A doll off cloz and A cheerleader and a Monthes and a pinkcar off barbie And a tranpoline and a coloring book And A puppie and reading book and a computer and a barbie doctor and a puzzle of bees and a toy box and a cat and a dog and a TV

#### Dear Santa.

Please bring me a Tickle Elmo. I will tickle him and he will laugh. I also want a talking Bugs Bunny. I want two Barbies and a Barbie car for them. What are the names of your reindeer? Where do you live? I will leave you Mario. some milk and cookies. I will leave you a plate of food under the tree. Merry Christmas, Santa Claus! I don't have a chimney so come in through the door.

#### Love, Geena Steffens, Age 5

#### Dear Santa.

I want a truck and a tractor for Christmas. I also want a helicopter, a police car, and a fire truck. The fire truck needs to have a fire hose so the fireman can climb the ladder and put out the fire. Does Rudolph kiss you? Merry Christmas!

Diego Rivera, Age 4

Love.

#### Dear Santa,

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I hope that you bring me some toys or a little toy or a big toy . I don't care . I will tell what I want . I want a doll or a trampoline or something else but I want something please and a gold car and anintindo64 please pooh.

Thank You,

I have tried to be good. I would like a basket ball goal, and Casy Cort Wheel. I have 2 brothers they want a big toy truck. Love,

Haylee Evans

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, May you bring me a Motorcycle and a Selena's Christmas List: Nike Shorts, nail trampolin and a go-cart and a pair of skates thank you Santa. Your friend,

Anthony Lopez

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a mask to swim under water, and a barbe doll to play with. I also would like a car for my doll. Oh please bring me a little toy kitten. Santa hope you have a safe trip. Thank you, Love Patricia

#### Thank You Eva Aguero Dear Santa,

I hope you have a safe trip. How is roodoff? Thank you for all the things you gave me last year. May I have a Nintendo 64. May I have some drum sticks. May I have a trampoline please. May I some nintendo games. Can I have quarterback club and

#### Your good friend, Ross Myatt

Love.

Love,

Kalan Steinlell

- Dear Santa, I want a dog. I want a video game. I want
- a nowtoys. I want a Dallas cowboys hilimiet. Matthew Almanza
- Dear Santa. Please bring me a fume set. What's you raindeers names. Thank you for the toys.

Love
Ryan Cordova

#### Dear Santa,

I woud like a nintendo and a barbie and I woud like a barbie phone that has a message and I will bring you cookies and milk Love,

Dear Santa I hope you have a safe tritp. Please bring me a computer. Please bring me a pooh wooden train set. Please bring me a bike helmet. Please bring me some clothes. Please bring me a remote control car. Please bring me Dear Santa.

I liked last year's Christmas. I am 8 year's old. How is Mrs. Santa and the elves? I am in the third grade. I think I have been good this year. My teacher is Mrs. Bain. It is fun in 3rd grade. I want some skates and a game called collection. I also want some Barbie's. I want you to remember other people and my family too please.

> Your friend, Jessica Arguijo

#### Dear Santa,

Those were wonderful Christmas presents last year. I think I have been a good girl this year. My name is Randi Cates. I'm 8 years old and in the third grade. My teacher is Mrs. Bain she is pretty nice. How in Mrs Santa and the elves? How are the raindeer? Please, tell them I give them each a giant hug especially Rudolph. Was that you I saw outside my window last year on Christmas eve? I love the song Rudolph the Red-Nose Riendeer. My brothers Jake and Jared are rowdy this year. I would like for Christmas this year. 1. A couple of books- anyones.

- 2. I would like to pet Rudolph
- 3. A pen like Cirsti's or anything For Jared I hope you will get him-
- 1. A horse rattle
- 2. A stuffed doll scarecrow
- 3. A stuffed doll holding the U.S.A. flag
- For Jake- would you get him
- 1. A stuffed pig
- 2. A beanbag football
- 3. A soft little book.
- And for Mama she would probably like
- 1. A pair of horse earrings
- 2. A picture of you 3. A bracelet with cows and horses.
- For Kevin he would like
- 1. A horse back roller
- 2. A massager
- 3. A picture of a horse

Lindsey will chose her own. Happy Christmas!

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? Are they ready to bring us some toys? My brother Lane and I have been very good this year. Lane would like a trike and a barney movie and I would like a doll house with some people to go in it Ashley Cotter and some books. We will leave you some milk and cookies

#### Love,

Sincerely,

Randi Cates

Dear Santa,

I want a combine and a trailer and a toolbox. And I want a tractor. And I want a clubhouse. And thats all. Thank you for the combine and a trailer and that's all.

> Love, Cody Ross Venhaus 3 years old

Dear Santa.

Iv had a good year. I do enjoy reading. I have about onehundred and twenty points. I try to be good. I think we will bake those cookies again this year you know the ones with the green and red icing.

I would like a gocart, one with hot pink padding's or lime green and a game called Dream phone. I would also like the fashion nail creation. I would like Barbie fashion Designer Hair on C.D. Rom but I think I,ll get that from my family and also my baby sister wants a Real Talcking Baba. I like the gocart because lots of my friends have them, and I want one. I need more games and Dream Phone is fun. I want fashion nail creation because Iv alway's wanted my fingernails to be pretty. Thank you Santa.

Your friend, **Brandy Smith** 

#### DEAR SANTA.

How have you been doing. I have been a good little boy. I have enjoyed my teacher Mrs. Linda Koch. She is a nice teacher, and I like her as my teacher this year. I already know what I want for Christmas. I want rollerblades for Christmas because if

I was bored. I could ask my mom or dad if I could go to the street to rollerblade and then I want a big race car. That's all I want for Christmas

> Thanks, Raul Casas Jr.

#### Dear Santa,

If I've been good this year will you please bring me a bicycle and some books to read and a doll and a Barney that sings for my baby brother and a television for my room with a remote control and some clothes and some shoes and a Go-Cart that works. If you can, bring me a computer with a printer and some games to play on it and a Nano baby if my mother does not buy me one and a new back pack if I don't get a new one.

Love you. Daniela Zepeda

#### Dear Santa,

I have tried to be good this year. Thank you for the good gifts you gave me last year. Please bring me Diddy Kongs, Racing 64 and Loop to Loop racing action. Please bring me the 9 in 1 game table and Space Jam Alarm Clock and RCAI Personal CD Player. Thank you.

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and mom wants jewelry.

Dear santa.

The holidays

#### I wish I had a gold car and a tramoline and pooh and a computer and tiger and a piglet and a big toy named Mr. Luna and a nother big toy named Miss Sepetha and a doll with a tent and a pupie and a pair of nike shoes and a nike

socks and a school desk.

Thank You, Daniea Neri

Dear Santa.

How are you and Mrs. Clause doing at the north pole? Can I please have a new bike for Christmas and my sister Ashten was wanting a new little computer and I will leave you some cookies and some milk and some carrots for your reindeer and do not forget to go to the other childrens houses and give them your

> Love. Makenzie Sims

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I hope you bring me a hat like Dear Sant

and Santa cllaus best toy and Santa cllaus you can reng toys I wish you can reng truck I hap you reng tran. You can me trailer house . You

Dear Santa Cllaus, because He gives present I like Sant Cllaus backus He gese game, car

can reng sume present

toys. Love. Cameron Cluck



# Dr. & Mrs. Rob Lindsey and Staff

Cecilia Ornelas

Dear Santa I would like a baby crib and a Birthday Baby. Who helps you make all the toys? I will be good.

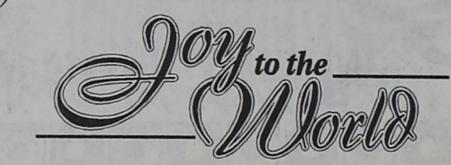
> Love. Gina Zambrano, Age 4

Haley & Lane Birkenfeld Age 3 & 21 months

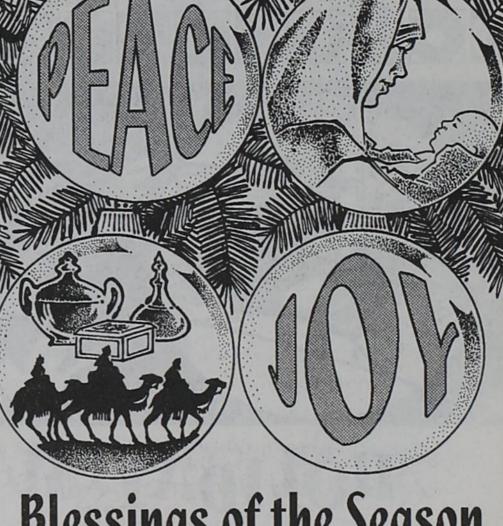
Dear Santa, I like a toy and game boy and a pet and a tamagotchi, Nentendo, for a sega, a Super Nentendo. Thanks a lot, Santa Claus. Love David Guerrera

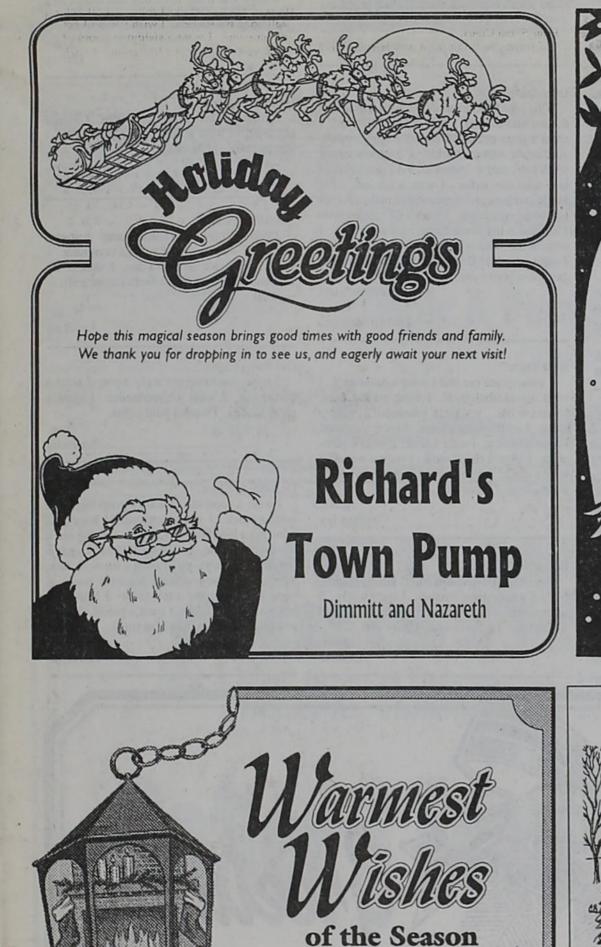
Dear Santa,

I want a dentist Barbie and a Barbie bathroom. I would also like a Barbie Fold and Go Playhouse and a swimming pool for me. Are you reindeer magic? Love. Gillian

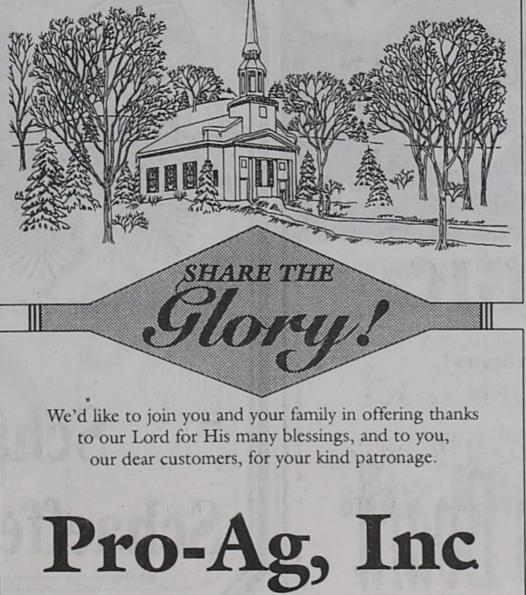








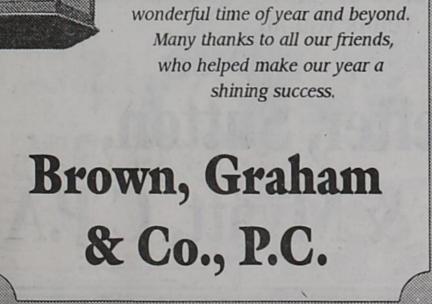
Wishing you all that's bright and beautiful, all through this



May each moment of this joyous holiday season, add up to an abundance of lovely memories. Special thanks to all of you for bringing us so much joy this past year!

**Roy's Plumbing** 

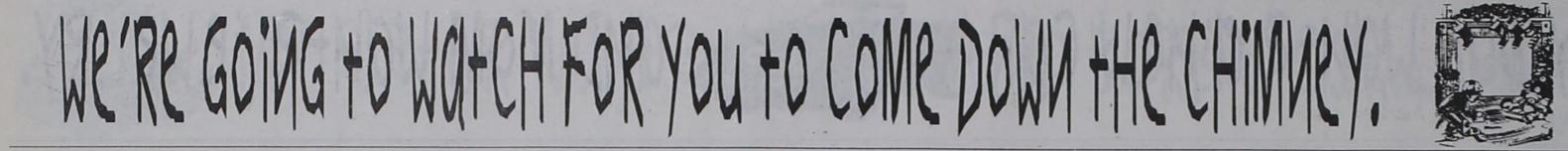
Roy and Robin Gonzales



# **Blessings of the Season**

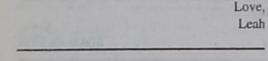
May the gifts of this holy season become beautiful memories to cherish forever. We're truly grateful for the gift of your friendship.

Terra International



#### Dear Santa.

I enjoyed the two moves you gave me last year. Landry loved the little red car he thoght it was real. Landry and I would like a trampoline and Landry says he would like toys to. Oh my dogs like dog bones if you have time. I hope you have a safe happy trip.



#### Dear Santa,

I liked all the toys you gave me last year. Dear Santa Clause if you can I want a go cart Love, Tyler NOUAMERRYCHRA and if you can I want a nintindo 64 and the

Dear Santa. I really liked the things that you gave me last Christmas but this year I want a pocett puppy, a watch, a pant, a shirt that has a snowman on it, and a picture of you and Merry Christmas Santa Clawa.

> Your friend, Micaela Salinas

#### Dear Santa,

Jolly good greetings are headed your way

from Santa... and us.

May they bring loads of happiness and

joy to you and your loved ones

this holiday season.

We're really grateful for

your kind support.

**Thrasher's Auto Sales** 

**& Service Center** 

**Dimmitt Laundry** 

(coming soon)

We got lot of snow. How are your elves? My friends are ok. Thank You for the bundle of five dolls. Thank you for my bike I love it. Thankings for ever thing I love you Santa. Santa could you please bring me a gigge pet. Santa could you please bring me a C.D. player games to please and thank you . I Love you with Puff Daddy, Lee and Risn. Santa could

Your friend, KaShondra

#### Dear Santa

How are the rain Deers doing and the Elves? I been wondering how they been to. I think your the best and I think your Elves are going to be reeley be tirerd next year because all the toys they have to make and all the flying the rain Deers have to do ok heres the real part? I want a 20 gage shot gun and I want real please and a dinosaur game. And a nintendo 64 with 20 games and my own cd player and bat man and roben movie.

> Your friend, Clint Moyers

#### Dear Santa,

You went in a lot of snow last year. I want a white teddy bear please? I want a trampoline Christmas please? I want a finger naile polish shecshon please. Thank you for the presents for Christmas Santa.

> Your friend, Candis Rodriguez

#### Dear Santa,

I have been a very nice girl and how are you? I hope you're fine. There is a girl named Kirsti Edwards and she and I have the same birthday. I am in the Third Grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Bain. She is nice to me. My cousin is in my class and his name is Jeffery. My dad was in the hospital long ago an I was in the hospital too! Now I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a Barbie doll named Sabrina the Teenager Witch and her boyfriend and a dog for Christmas. I would also like a Barbie car and Santa, can you bring my cousin Obed to my house, because I miss him. Please go ask the Army Chief if he'll let him come to my house. That's all I want and have a very nice Christmas Santa Claus.

#### Dear Santa,

D

I have been good this year. I am 9 years old and I am going to be 10 years old on January 5, and I was a New Year's baby. I have two brothers and their names are Jerry and Ruben and my moms and dads names are Linda and Ruben. For Christmas I wont a Nano baby and my brother wonts a Dallas Cowboys backpack and my little brother wonts a Dallas Cowboy's jacket, a shirt, some shoes of the Dallas Cowboy's. My teacher's name is Mrs. Bain and I am in third grade. My best friend is Anna Brockman and she wants a Nano baby and a Bobcat jacket and Amanda Lopez wonts a

#### Dear Santa

How are the Elves and the reindeers and Mrs. Clause? Will you tell theam I said hi? I hope you come to my house and I will be asleep on the solfa. And don't be afraid of my puppy she want bit. If I have been bad don't give me anything but if I haven't been bad will you bring me a go cart.

> Your friend, Elias Caldera

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for coming to my house. I have been a good girl this year. This is what I want for Christmas. I would like a new pair of shoes. Iwant a computer and some floppy disks. I want a new tv and a new vcr.

Your friend. Tabatha McAllister

#### Dear Santa,

Please can I get a Nintendo 64? And a race car track. And some game's to go with the Nintendo 64. And a new jacket. And some clothes. And a pair of shoes. And some cars to go with the race car track. Your friend.

Scott Martinez

#### Dear Santa.

How are you? I am fine. This year I would like a 18 speed bike hunter green, jungle book live, a long sleeve shirt with curves on the bottom, fuzzy sleve less swetter, skirt to match the clothes. Super nail creation, Hair Rap and Braids, and Beauty and the Beast The Inchanted Christmas. Your friend, Chelsea N. Buckley

P.S. Be careful and Merry Christmas.

#### Dear Santa,

Did you have a safe flight last year in the snow? Could you bring me a nicktendo 64 with a game called mairio cart? And could you bring me some cars and a remote control car? Could you bring me the lost world movie? Could you bring me a toy computer? Your friend. Jessie Lara

#### Thank you for coming to my houes last

#### Dear Santa,

I hope you have time to drop e a present .I like what you brought me last year. I want a Nintindo 64 because I had never had one before .Can I have a Pocket Puppy I like Pocket puppies .Can I have Magic Pens because, I heard about the Pens my friend has them? Can I have a movie called Tom and Jerry the real movie. Can You buy me makeup?

#### Dear Santa,

I loved the remote control car that you gave me last Christmas. Thir year I would like a new bike that is purple and white. I would like new rollerblades with easy buckles. I would also like a baby doll that can swim.with me in the bathtub. I have tried to be good this year Merry Christmas.

> Love, Molly Bradford

Love,

Valerie

#### Dear santa,

How are you and the elves I now I had been bad this year but my sister and I want a lot of toys and clothes have the elves been working hard for the kids and parents I want a little puppy My sister wants a gogo power weel. My grandma wants a puppy My mom wants a neclace I hope my family gets what they want.

#### Love, Courtney

#### Dear Santa,

You went through a lot of snow last year. Well you give me roller blates for Christmas please Santa. I want a remot car that does killer driller 360 please. I want a pretty little kitty for Christmas please Santa.

Your friend, Alfredo ByGoytia

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Can you get me a new game and a new bike for my brother. I want a car and a new boway and a new gig-a-pet dog? I want a puppy. I want a t-v. And new rmot. I want a new roller blade I want a new box and a new crayons. I want a new pencils. I want a new books, I

would like a computer. I would like a barbie clock radio. Allso some Hot wheels volcano blowout. I love you Santa Clause! Thank you a bunch for all the things you have gave me! Will you bring me a barbie cruising car. I want a Ken Barbie. I would like a story book one to bring me joy. Love.

Thank you for the 5 pound bag of gummie

bears that you gave us last year. This year I

Kamryn Steffens

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

On Christmas eve could you please give me a model airplane, dog, gigupet. And I hope you are not sick.

> Love. Joshua Gamez

#### Dear Santa.

thank you for the raceing car last year. Thank you for the skates last year. Thank you for the kite last year. thank you for the umbrella last year. I hope you aer not colde. I hope you aer warm. Santa will you bring me a toy car.

Love, Robby Lopez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a bigger bow and arrow. I also want a stereo and a TV. I also want a 4-10 shot gun of my own and hunting clothes. My sister wants some Barbie. We have both been good. I love you Santa, **Dustin Thomas** 

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer, watch, clothes, desk, barbie, baby head stand, the movin Pocahontas and a play house. We will leave some milk and cookies for you.

> Love. Amber Jones

Dear Santa,

I been a good girl and I want a Barbie compuer and a small Dog and I will all ways be a good girl for my mom and dad. Love,

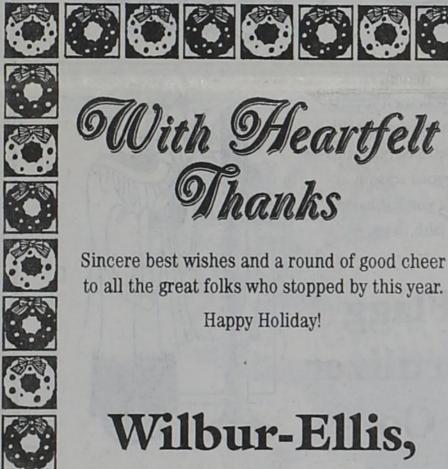
Amanda Castaneda

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good. I want a barbie. and a NINtedo, and a computer. and a sega, a rabbitt, a boadgame, a movie. and a T-shirt with a cap. a book, and a lamp, and a puppy dog.

# Love. Dana Sandoval

Dear Santa,



# Wilbur-Ellis, Tide

Happy Holiday!

Hart and Sunnyside



Your best friend, Roxanne Martinez

#### Dear Santa,

I am very pleased that you are very kind to people. I am 8 years old. I live in Dimmitt, Texas. I will be looking forward to be having white Christmas this year. I have to new baby cousin's. The names are Little Reye, Baby Alejandro but...his real name is baby Alexander. I would like to get them both of them a present. I would like to get Baby Alejandro a little suit that is a sailor suit and Little Reve a black suit that goes with black pants, black jacket and black shoes. I would like a jeep that is an electronic toy and that is all I want but I also want a socking full of treats. We are hoping to go to Del Rio for our vacation. If it doesn't rain we will go to San Tanio. So we are hoping it will rain or snow. How are the eleves and Mrs. Santa Claus? I was a good girl this year. I hope I get what I want this year.

> Sincerely, Victoria Sanchez

#### Dear Santa,

I like you. To santa I would like a computer. Then I would like a lot of Tractors. Please Thank you.

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for the things last year. I loved them. This year I want a barbie crusin car. I want some clothes and a huge bear I want two girl barbies and two boys barbie. A doll with pampers and clothes for the doll and shoes for the doll. Some shoes for me some penny lowfers slipp ons. A stuffed baby puppy and

> Love. Arica Cisneros

year. I haven't been that good this year. So this is what I want for Christmas. I want a house and see year pole north. nitendo 64. And a nitendo game. I want some clothes too. And a pair of Air Jordan shoes.

Your friend, Aaron

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for the stuff last year. So here is the stuff I want for this year please. I want a nano puppy or a real cumputer or something like that well this is what I want now, a shitzoo baby dog that is a real. And a C.D. Barbie

and a CD player and my own V.C.R. Love. Brittany Heard

#### Dear Santa.

I want a cumputer, puppy, and a kitten for chritmas. That is all I want for chritmas Santa. Jose Chavez

#### Dear Santa

Did you have a safe Christmas last year? Could you bring me a play station please and some cars and a nintendo 64 and a dog trap Your friend,

Manaure

#### Dear Santa.

truck. How are your elves doing? Where are your reindeer? Where do the reindeer sleep? I

hope you are doing fine. Love, Anthony Cisneros, Age 5

Please give me a Santa Claus toy. Merry

Love,

Brianda Aguero, Age 5

Christmas, Santa Claus.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie with a pink dress. I also would like a car for the Barbie. I want a little desk for my Barbie. I want a baby Barbie. want a new dali hat. I want too go to your

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you for bringing me what you got me last year. This year I want a real computer with barbie hairstyler, Movin Groovin barbie doll. The Little Mermaid Squand, Mermaid, Don't Run Track, a new basketball, a new shiny purple and black bike, CD player and my own T.V. and VCR and a giga pet. Love. Celena Gregory

#### disk. And a new purple and black shiny bike Dear Santa,

Dear Santa

This year for Christmas I want 6 barbie and 6 men and clothes girl and boys clothes. I want a gega pet and I want a roller girl doll. And a talk with me barbie. I want a brushing teeth baby and a computer and Rapuhzialand talk with me barbie. I want a car and a big house and a cat and mouse and a ball and a hat and some sunglasses. I want a CD player with CDs and a tickle me Elmo. I want a kite. I want a real talking buba 13 Dead End Drive. I want a Doodle Bear a bicikle barbie cruis'in car and a gega baby.

> Thank you Santa From,

Thelma Medrano

Nathan Ivy

Damion

I want a race car and I want a basketball. I want a basketball goal. I want video games. I want a bat. I want a baseball. I want a I want a Santa toy and a car. I also want a glove. I want winter gloves. I want a racecar. I want a racecar. I want a desk. I want a computer. I want a skateboard. I want a watch. I want a clock. I want a coat. I want clothes. I want a box. I want a tv. Love.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a criss-cross crash. I want a basketball. I want power rangers. I want a bike. I want a jump rope. I want a computer. I want a dinosaur. I want books. I want cars. Love.

Bye Love, Samantha Reyes

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a dog and a cat and a Batman movie. With a Batman toy. And a gig-a-pet.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a blue bike. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a dog. I like bunkbeds. I like puppies. I like radio.

> Love, Michelle

Love,

Harvey

#### Dear Santa Claus.

I hope you bring me some skates. I want a rabbit. I want a car. I want a computer. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a dog. I want a cat. I want a rabbit. I want a sled. I want a wishing ball.

Love, Leo

#### Der Santa Claus,

I hope you bring me a gig-a-pet. I want a barbie car. I want a cheerleader. I want a roller blades. I want a pom poms.

Love, Kasandra

Dear Santa Claus, I want a combine. I want a grain buggy. want a truck. I want a stripper. I hope you bring me a load buggy. I hope you bring me a module machine. I want a football. I want a jersey. I want a yo-yo. I want a truck. I want a trailer. I hope you bring me a toy horse. I hope you bring me a toy plow. I hope you bring me a toy tractor. I want a pencil. I hope you bring me a toy machine truck.

> Love. Leonardo



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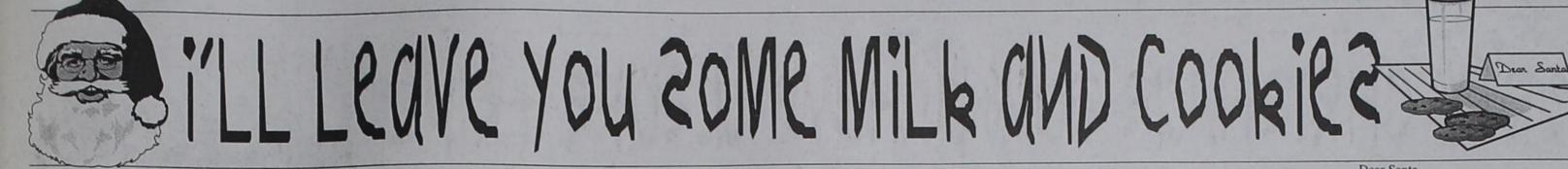
please? Love. Seth McLain.

Hope your season is merry extraordinary! Thanks for stopping by this past year.

# Texas Corn Producers Board

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Thank you all.



#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a toy tractor, a toy truck, a toy car, a football, nintendo 64, football pants, a dog, a cat, a fish, a toy house, a toy Semi, a Rottweiler, and a play station. Your friend, Marco

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a barbie. I want a Little Kitchen. I want a Little Winnie the Pooh. I want some stickers. I want a trampoline. I want play dough. I want a computer. I want some roller skates. I want a Baby Go Bye Bye. I want a Cabbage Patch baby brushing teeth I want a gig-a-pet. Your friend, Angelica

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a new sister and my own two story house so my brothers can run in. Also my size barbie and a purple radio and a microphone so I can sing with the tape and a hot tub in my own bathroom and a Cabbage Patch baby that can eat food and spit it out. And a doll named Saman the Parkington and a doll named Skatins Gear, and a dog named Max and a Cat named Pretty.

> Your friend, Samantha R.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gameboy for Christmas. I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. I want a trampoline for Christmas because I like to jump. I want criss-cross-crash for Christmas because that's my favorite thing. I want a lot of presents for Christmas. Vour friend

Tour	menu
	Jose

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I was good. I want a volcano blowout. I want a car that has two sides with two colors. The colors are red and blue. I want a mortercycle the color red. I want a gig-a-pet. I want a trampoline for me. I want a basketball and a basketball. I want a song for Christmas. I want a criss-crosscrash for Christmas. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I want a hula-hoop to practice hula-hoop war. I want a car that records and plays the words I say. I want the game that you have to be fast with flippers if you get wet five times, you

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you! Pleas bring me a sega nintendo, a bicicle and a computer. First I would like a sega because I have never had one before and because my mother doesn't have enoph mony to buy me the three things I want for Christmase. Second I would like a bicicle because I like to ride bickes. Last I would like a computer so I can play games on it.

> Love, Edith Chavez

#### Dear Santa Clause,

I would like a Play Station and a Nintendo 64, If you cannot bring me them two things can you try to bring me a new Super Nintendo remote because it doesn't work very well. Your Friend,

George Chapa

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you! Please would you bring me a computer that you can desine anything on the barbie face and you can cut her hair. I will aslo like a nintendo 64, and can you bring me a kitten thats a girl with a bow on it. I want a barbie that talks and a barbie that walk and please can you bring some clothes and some shoes for them. And can you bring two movies for me that are Men In Black and Selena the movie

> Love, Krista Carrasca

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Hi how are you? I am fine. Santa can you do me a favor to tell Mrs. Claus that I wish her a Merry Christmas and also tell her I said hi. I am giving you this list of toys I want a new gocart, shoes, casey cartwheel, gigapet and last I want my oldest sister to move with us. I really do want all these things to come Santa. Love your friend, Vanessa Melendez

#### Dear Santa Claus,

keeper

This year I would like a bike, and a

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Magic Stroller Baby and a the triplets. I want a big Winnie-the-Pooh. I want a Cabbage Patch Bubble Baby. I want the shopping barbie and I want some nail polish with glitter for my nails.

> Your friend, Courtney

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a big Barbie and a little kitchen. I want a bag of stickers and a jumprope and some playdough. I want a computer and pencils and a babytub. I want a doll, a big, big doll and some water bubbles. I want a Baby go Bye-Bye.

Your friend, Magdalena

#### Dear Santa Claus.

I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. I want a gigapet for Chistmas. I want a swimming pool for Christmas, a blue truck with tools that you can take apart and put back together with the tools. I want a jumprope for Christmas. Santa Claus, I wish I could live with you and the elves too. I want a new school box because my box at school is broken and it is very old and I don't want it any more because people at school laugh.

#### Dear Santa Clause,

I want a gig-a-pet for Christmas. I want to get a keyboard. I want to have Winnie the pooh and triplets and I want magic stroller baby and a collection Barbie. I want a Nintendo 64 for my brother. I have had nothing from you and I have been good. I want stickers and a computer and the sucker baby juice. I want Cabbage Patch bubble baby. I want Cabbage Patch baby brushing teeth baby. I want my mom and dad to get what they want.

> Your friend, Mayra

#### Dear Santa Claus.

I know I have not been nice lately but can you still give me something please? I want a gig-a-pet, and make-up, a puppy, and a computer, and a big winnie-thepooh, a big one. I want a whole lot of puppies. I want a little barbie with a doctor station with a littel patient too. I want a baby bath and a little eater. I want some new roller blades. Santa could you make my mom be a little nicer. I want a picture of Mrs. Waggoner. Your friend, Nadia

Dear Santa Claus I would love a new shot gun, pickup,

fourwheeler, and shot gun shells. Love. Orrin McLain

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I would like you to bring me some new pencils and pens. I really need some because all of my are little. Thanks a lot! Love, John Corrales

Dear Santa. I have ben a good girl. I helped my mom. I would a Barbie doll. I like a

Babycat I like a power Ranger girl. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas Angela Vasquez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a bike and I want a game. And I want a pack of barbie. I hope you bring me clothes. I hope I get a Barbie house. I wish you bring a Barbie car. I hop you bring me a jump bed. I want a swing. I want a swimming pool. I want a new gig-a-pet.

Dear Santa,

I want a game for me. I want a bike. I want a mat. I want a pickup. I want a jeep. I want a jet. I want a tractor. I want some money for me. I want a dump truck. I want a catfish for my. I want a wolf dog. I want a Christmas tree. I want a trailer house. I want a long ribbons.

#### Dear Santa,

I want a gig-a-pet. I want a little computer. I want a swimming pool. I want a Barbie car and dentist barbie and she has a patient. I want a game the game I want is checkers. I want a par of Nike.

# Happy Holidays From All Of Us

With best wishes to you and your flock for a holiday season that's brimming with glad times and good fellowship. Your warm friendship makes us proud. Thank you!

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#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a bike. I want a gig-a-pet. want a new barbie. I wish I had a car. I wish I had a doll. I want a new kitten. Can you bring me pencils and an eraser. Bring me a new kite. And also I need a ball. And I want a new yo-yo. I want some new roller blades. I want a Barbie Jeep. I want a new backpack.

Cont	Love, Corie
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#### Dear Santa Claus,

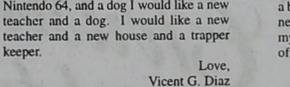
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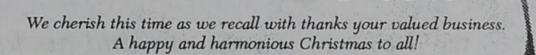
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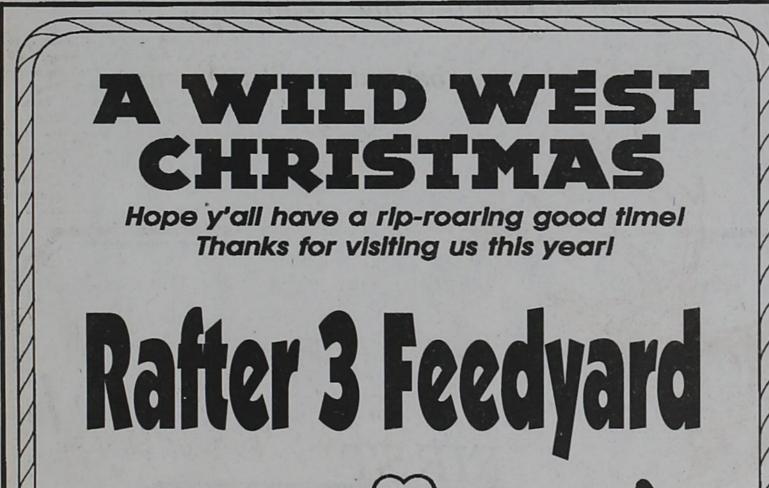
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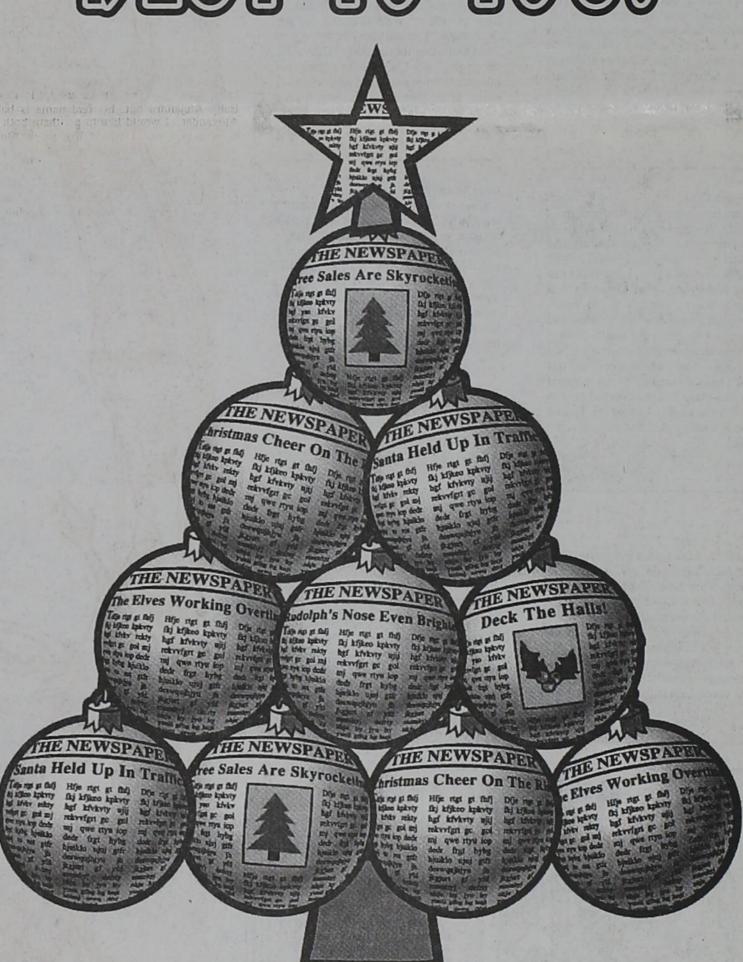
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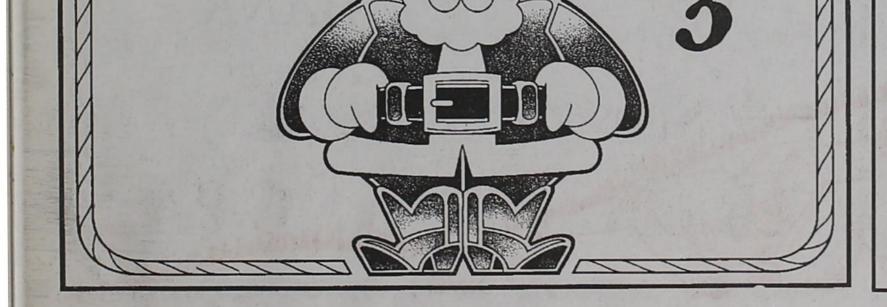








Here's hoping your season's top stories feature joy, peace and prosperity. We consider you the genuine article, when it comes to loyal readership, and we thank you



#### for making us a regular part of your life.

# Happy holidays to all, from your friends at The Castro County News

Anne, Don, Joyce, Linda and Paula

# MERRY CHRISTMAS Santa: Have a safe trip!

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a gig-a-pet for Christmas and a want a kitchen Little. I want Winnie-the Pooh and Magic Stroller baby and the triplets and I want a Barbie and a kitten. I want a keyboard and a computer. I want another baby brother and I want a bike and I want a Nintendo 64. I want stickers and a radio and a microphone. I want some. I want a bunch of presents. I want the Barbie talk with me and I want the baby who drinks juce and sucks on suckers. I want Cabbage Patch Bubbles Baby and I want Cabbage Patch brushing teeth. I want shopping Barbie and I want some glitter nail polish.

> Your friend, Annette

#### Dear Santa,

I am writing you this letter to let you know that I've been a good girl all year. I am sending you my list. I want a barbie, clothes, toys, a jacket, some shoes, movies, a nintendo, some balloons, sweaters, dresses, and some roses. Well thats all. Take care.

Desiree Casas

Love.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

What I really want for Christmas is a Spiderman Web Blaster and a Ninja Turtle named Leonardo and a Big Megazord. Also bring something for my baby sister, Brissa.

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#### Dear Santa Claus,

I love you! Please bring me a powerwheel car because I've asked you since last year so maybe I might get it this year. I also want an easy bake oven cause I like to cook and bake a lot with my mom. I also want a barbie that when she goes in hot water she has pants on and when she gets out she doesn't have any. I also want a roller girl that rolls by herself. I want some walk talks too. I want a doctor kit too. I also want a barbie that she has a rug and when you rub her eyes she can close her eyes and open them. I want a baby that has a bottle. Love.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a clueless telephone, a clueless diary, and a baby, a gig-a-pet, a cat Salem, Casy Cartwheel, Pound Puppy, Fake fingernails, a new helmet and the Barbie Areil. I want roller blades, Looney Toons, nintindo games, pound furries, Nano baby and a movie called Wild America.

> Love, Kimberley

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a computer and a trampoline. I wish I could have a pooh bear toy, a big one, Casey Cartwheel and a baby girl sister, a real kitten. I want lots of books, glitterator. I like your beard and I like Christmas a lot. I like Rudolph the reindeer.

> Love, Amber

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a game and a computer. Dear Santa Claus. I want a walkie talkie. My brother would like a football. I like basketball because it is my favorite. I'd like to play my new basketball and a giga-pet. I'd like a puppy and winnie thepooh. I love you Santa Clause because you are so nice. You gave us prizes. I want the movie Space Jam. I like you. My name is Anna Lopez. I like Barbie. I wish I could be a teacher.

> Love. Anna

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want an Easy bake and a Casy Cartwheel and a baby tumbles and a Micky Mouse toy that crawls around the house and a smelly sticker that smells good and talking bubu and the baby where you say I like to chews what you eat. A roller blades and changa. My size Barbie and a doll house. Ice skates and Cooties and Don't drop the beans. I like to presents that you give all of the children and me.

> Love. Delia

#### Dear Santa.

I want a go-cart. I want a bike. I want a nut cracker. I want a stereo. I want a Dear Santa Claus,

I miss you! Please bring me something like a bike, a deask to do my homework on and a new house to sleep in. I will einvite my cousins over to play and my friends over to play with me. Lone,

Cynthia Gutierrez

would like an Oopsie Daisy Baby, a Winnie Pooh doll play yard, an Ice Age Sno-Cone machine and a Hot Potato game Love, Kelsey Schilling

I have been a good girl this year. I

Dear Santa,









... for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matthew 2:2 Day faith guide you, and may enlightenment be your constant companion throughout this holy season.

Goodpasture, Inc.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a toy car for a Barbie, and a kitten because my other kitten ran away. I want Casy Cartwheel and a gig-a-pet, 2 of them and 2 Casy Cartwheels and 2 walkie talkies, pound puppy, and a volcano for my little brother. And a toy truck for him and a toy combine, and a cotton stripper too. I want a big bear that is white or brown and 2 pairs of ice skates for me and my sister. The size we wear are a size 3 and a size 3. And I want a hula Barbie

Love, Kelly

Zane

Josie

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy this year and I have been looking forward to be getting a lot of presents to. So I am sending you this letter to tell you what I want. First, I would like to have a good horse that I can rope of and I don't want a real big or a real little horse. Next, I would like a fourwheeler that is four wheel drive and that will go 80 mile pure hour. Then, I would like an automatic thirty thirty. That has a scope. And I would apresheate it if it didn't have a bent barl. Last, I would like a manchine that was on the biggest feedlot in the world. I know this is a lot but this is what I want. But nothing is not possibol. Love,

#### Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a Superman toy and a buzz light year toy, a Nintendo, stastion, a toy Story Sega game with a control, a Dallas Cowboy football card, a Hot wheel car wash, a Nike Neckleace, a Game boy with the game Mario land game, a Wolverine and a Cyclope, a batman vehicle with the control, a Siperman toy, teenage mutant ninja turtle toy, Basketball cards a pin ball Game.

Love your friend, Walter Lopez

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#### Dear Santa Claus,

I am going to tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. I would like to have the movie Wild America for my sister and I. I would also like two Go to Sleep Dolls one for my sister and one for me. A little toy Corvette for my brother and one for my dad cause he loves Corvettes. Some blue dimond earings for my mom. Merry Christmas! Love,

Kembra Albracht

#### Dear Santa Clause,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a T.V. a Nintendo 64 and a bike without training wheels because I am 8 years old. A remote control car that has two side with batteries. And I wish I had Good Powers to do good stuff. And I want a computer with Lion King, 101 dalmations games for the computer. And I want didg kong racing car racing for the Nintendo 64. That is all I want for Christ-

Love, **Tommy Fuentes** I live in Hart T.X. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Dear Santa Claus, Would you bring me a computer and some games that go to a cd rom? Love,

Tyler Waggoner

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I want a combine. I want a new basketball. I want a new football. I hopeyou will give me a gig-a-pet. And a skateboard. I hop you will bring me some dinosaurs. I hop you will get me a golf bag. And I hop you bring me a new jump rope will you give me a football jersey. And a computer. I hop you give me a new typewwriter and a batman and a lunchbox. And a basketball jersey.



Wishing you a letter-perfect season

All, and to All a Goodnight! We'd like to join Santa and his faithful team, in delivering our very best wishes for a holiday season filled with wonder, mirth, and peace on earth for all mankind.

We feel truly blessed by the goodwill you've shown us, and look forward to another year serving this fine community.

Thanks for being behind us all the way!



