Will Shiites Hold Their Fire? Sunday's bombings in Shiite holy cities - the deadliest insurgent attacks since July - appeared aimed at sparking sectarian strife.

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Foreign Troops May Stay in Afghanistan Indefinitely Foreign troops may remain in Afghanistan indefinitely even as Afghan forces take on growing security responsibilities, U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad said on Tuesday.

Army Says 19 U.S. Soldiers,
3 Others Killed in Mosul
Nineteen U.S. soldiers and three
others died in an explosion on
Tuesday in a dining hall at a base
in the Iraqi city Mosul, and investigators are examining whether it
was the work of a suicide bomber,
an Army official said.

Bush Says Troops
Were on Mission of Peace
A somber President Bush said on
Tuesday U.S. troops killed in a
deadly attack in northern Iraq were
on a mission of peace as the heavy
death toll presented him with a
fresh challenge amid dwindling
U.S. support for the war.

Annan: Won't Resign
Over Iraq Oil, Food Scandal
U.N. Secretary-General Kofi
Annan said on Tuesday corruption
allegations in the Iraqi oil-for-food
program had cast a shadow over
the United Nations but said again
he would not resign as the world's
top diplomat op diplomat.

Turk PM Urges Bush to Act
on Kurd Rebels in Iraq
Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip
Erdogan urged President Bush to
act against Kurdish separatists in
northern Iraq during a telephone
call on Tuesday, Turkish officials

Two French Iraq Hostages Freed in Iraq-French PM Two French journalists held hostage in Iraq have been released, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin told parliament on Tuesday.

for Afghan Cabinet For a man whose election victory in October was never in doubt Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai is taking his time picking a cabinet from a lineup of military strongmen and civilians returning

Karzai Agonizes Over Choices

Group Says Records Show U.S. Detainee Abuse Cover-Up American commanders in Iraq prevented an autopsy on a detainee who died in U.S. custody with multiple wounds, an Army document made public on Tuesday showed, in a case that rights activists said suggested a prisoner abuse cover-up.

from the West.

Giving New Meaning To 'Every Vote Counts'
The interminable race for Washington governor may hinge on whether 723 originally untallied votes count.

U.S. Stocks Rally, Dow at 31/- Year High U.S. stocks rallied on Tuesday, with the Dow closing at its highest level in 3 1/2 years, boosted by a rebound in beaten-down drugmaker Pfizer Inc., while tech stocks got a lift from a broker upgrade of Intel Corp. .

Protests Planned for 2nd **Bush Inauguration** Just a month before President Bush's second inauguration, protesters on Tuesday offered plans for an anti-war rally, a counterinaugural ball and a show of backs turned along Bush's parade route.

Safe Drug Imports Would Be Difficult Importing cheaper prescription drugs should not come at the

expense of safety, said a U.S. government report issued on Tuesday that highlighted the problems of ensuring the medicines are equivalent to those in the United States.

Bush Social Security Plan May Face Hard Sell decade after President Bill Clinton's ambitious scheme to overhaul U.S. health care turned into a political debacle, some are wondering whether President Bush's Social Security plan could go the same way.

Poll: Rumsfeld Support Slipping The majority Americans think Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should step down, a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll published Tuesday said.

W.House Expects Probe of Iraq, Guantanamo Abuses The White House said on Tuesday it expected a full investigation of prisoner abuses in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after new FBI memos described detainees facing beatings and having lit cigarettes placed in their ears.

Trucker Faces Charges in Pileup A truck driver faces charges of driving at an unsafe speed during a whiteout Sunday, allegedly caus-

on I-80 in Pennsylvania.

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I've been good, Santa. I promise! - Meghan McNulty poses for a picture while waiting to see Santa . Meghan is the daughter of Jennifer and David McNulty of Crofton, MD and the granddaughter of Gary and Catherine Smith of Spearman.

Christmas wishes times two - Twins Blake (left) and Brett Wills extend double greetings of the season to Hansford County residents. The second-graders are the sons of Dana and Kent Palmer of Gruver.

Look for 'Letters to Santa' and Christmas wishes in this week's issue!



# Live, Laugh Laugh



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

May all the seasons of your life be filled with Peace and Love.

### The Story of Christmas and the Christ Child

When Rome was a great Empire ruled by Caesar Augustus and Israel was governed by King Herod, in the village of Nazareth lived Joseph and Mary. Joseph was a carpenter and Mary was a young virgin who would become his wife. Mary told Joseph of a dream in which she was visited by an angel who told her she had been chosen to bear the Son of God and his name was to be Jesus. One day the emperor sent notice that all persons were to register for a new tax. They were instructed to return to the towns of their birth. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth for Bethlehem. Mary

for a new tax. They were instructed to return to the towns of their birth. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth for Bethlehem. Mary who was with child, and close to the birth, rode on a donkey while Joseph walked beside her. They traveled for many days and only rested at night.

When they reached Bethlehem it was night. They looked for a place to rest but there were no empty rooms when they reached the inn. As they were being turned away Joseph mentioned his wife was with child and close to birth. The inn keeper took pity on them and told them of some caves in the nearby hills that shepherds would stay with their cows and sheep.

So Joseph and Mary went up into the hills and found the caves. In one cave was a stable room. Joseph cleaned it and made beds of fresh hay. He found a feeding trough which he cleaned and filled with hay to use as a crib. The next night Mary gave birth to a son and they named him Jesus, as the angel had said.

When the child was born a great star appeared over Bethlehem that could be seen for miles around. In the fields nearby shepards were tending their flocks. An angel appeared to them surrounded by bright light. The shepherds were frightened and tried to run.

"Fear Not," said the angel, "For I bring you tidings of great joy.

For unto you is born this day in Bethlehem - a Saviour who is

Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was filled with angels, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men."

After the angels departed the shepards set out for Bethlehem. When they reached the cave they found the stable and inside was the child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

As the star shined over Bethlehem, in the east three kings would see it. They knew it was a sign and they set off to follow the star. There was Caspar - the young King of Tarsus, Melchior - a long bearded old man and leader of Arabia, and Balthazar - the king from Ethiopia. They traveled on camels for many days over the mountains, and through the deserts, and plains. Always following the bright star.

When they finally arrived in Bethlehem they found the child in the manger. The 3 kings bowed to their knees and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They would stay the night in the cave and the next day returned to their lands to spread the news.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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# The History of Christmas



The history of Christmas dates back over 4000 years. Many of our Christmas traditions were celebrated centuries before the Christ child was born. The 12 days of Christmas, the bright fires, the yule log, the giving of gifts, carnivals(parades) with floats, carolers who sing while going from house to house, the holiday feasts, and the church processions can all be traced back to the early Mesopotamians

Many of these traditions began with the Mesopotamian celebration of New Years. The Mesopotamians believed in many gods, and as their chief god - Marduk. Each year as winter arrived it was believed that Marduk would do battle with the monsters of chaos. To assist Marduk in his struggle the Mesopotamians held a festival for the New Year. This was Zagmuk, the New Year's festival that lasted for 12 days.

The Mesopotamian king would return to the temple of Marduk and swear his faithfulness to the god. The traditions called for the king to die at the end of the year and to return with Marduk to battle at his side.

To spare their king, the Mesopotamians used the idea of a "mock" king. A criminal was chosen and dressed in royal clothes. He was given all the respect and privileges of a real king. At the end of the celebration the "mock" king was stripped of the royal clothes and slain, sparing the life of the real king.

The Persians and the Babylonians celebrated a similar festival called the Sacaea. Part of that celebration included the exchanging of places, the slaves would become the masters and the masters were to obey.

Early Europeans believed in evil spirits, witches, ghosts and tours. As the Winter Solstice approached, with its long cold nights and short days, many people feared the sun would not return. Special rituals and celebrations were held to welcome back the sun.

In Scandinavia during the winter months the sun would disappear for many days. After thirty-five days scouts would be sent to the mountain tops to look for the return of the sun. When the first light was seen the scouts would return with the good news. A great festival would be held, called the Yuletide, and a special feast would be served around a fire burning with the Yule log. Great bonfires would also be lit to celebrate the return of the sun. In some areas people would tie apples to branches of trees to remind themselves that spring and summer would return.

The ancient Greeks held a festival similar to that of the Zagmuk/Sacaea festivals to assist their god Kronos who would battle the god Zeus and his Titans.

The Roman's celebrated their god Saturn. Their festival was called Saturnalia which began the middle of December and ended January 1st. With cries of "Jo Saturnalia!" the celebration would include masquerades in the streets, big festive meals, visiting friends, and the exchange of good-luck gifts called Strenae (lucky fruits).

The Romans decked their halls with garlands of laurel and green trees lit with candles. Again the masters and slaves would exchange places.

"Jo Saturnalia!" was a fun and festive time for the Romans, but the Christians though it an abomination to honor the pagan god. The early Christians wanted to keep the birthday of their Christ child a solemn and religious holiday, not one of cheer and merriment as was the pagan Saturnalia.

But as Christianity spread they were alarmed by the continuing celebration of pagan customs and Saturnalia among their converts. At first the Church forbid this kind of celebration. But it was to no avail. Eventually it was decided that the celebration would be tamed and made into a celebration fit for the Christian Son of God.

Some legends claim that the Christian "Christmas" celebration was invented to compete against the pagan celebrations of December. The 25th was not only sacred to the Romans but also the Persians whose religion Mithraism was one of Christianity's main rivals at that time. The Church eventually was successful in taking the merriment, lights, and gifts from the Saturanilia festival and bringing them to the celebration of Christmas.

The exact day of the Christ child's birth has never been pinpointed. Traditions say that it has been celebrated since the year 98 AD. In 137 AD the Bishop of Rome ordered the birthday of the Christ Child celebrated as a solemn feast. In 350 AD another Bishop of Rome, Julius I, choose December 25th as the observance of Christmas.

# THE NEWS

U.S. Marines Suffer Most Suicides in Five Years
Suicides of U.S. Marines have reached their highest level in five years, prompting a Defense Department effort to encourage Marines to seek mental health services, a Marine Corps spokesman said on Tuesday. But spokesman Bryan Driver said there was no evidence linking the higher suicide rate with the long tours of duty and frontline fighting Marines have engaged in Iraq. There have been 32 confirmed or probable suicides among 178,000 Marines this year, surpassing the 28 who killed themselves in 2001 as the United States invaded Afghanistan, Driver said. The Marines, the smallest of the U.S. armed services by number of troops, have had the military's highest suicide rate -- about 25 per year among 178,000 active duty troops since 1999, the year the government began keeping detailed records.

British Minister Who Resigned Is Cleared of Wrongdoing
The former British home secretary, David Blunkett, who quit last week amid scandal, was linked to a "chain of events" that hastened the approval of a visa for his ex-lover's nanny, a report released today concluded. But the report's author, Sir Alan Budd, cleared him of any direct wrongdoing. Sir Budd was unable to show that Mr. Blunkett had abused his position and asked for a personal favor in the matter. "I have not been able to determine whether Mr. Blunkett gave any instructions in relation to the case, and, if so, what they were," Sir Budd stated. Mr. Blunkett stood accused of helping his former lover, Kimberly Quinn, by speeding the visa approval in 2003 for the Filipino nanny that Mrs. Quinn had employed to care for her young son. Mr. Blunkett claims he is the father of the boy and is now embroiled in a custody dispute with Mrs. Quinn.

US Freezes Assets of Two Saudis for Al Qaeda Links
The United States froze the assets of two Saudi nationals on Tuesday for allegedly providing support to al Qaeda, and asked the United Nations to take similar action. The U.S. Treasury said it had listed the two men -- London-based dissident Saad al-Fagih and Adel Batterjee, another Saudi national -- as "specially designated global terrorists" for providing financial and material support to al Qaeda and its leader, Osama bin Laden.

Blair Pays Surprise Visit to Baghdad
Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain visited Baghdad under heavy security today, an unannounced trip that coincided with an attack on an American military base near the troubled northern city of Mosul that left at least 20 people dead. While Mr. Blair expressed support for the nascent Iraqi election process scheduled to culminate on Jan. 30, the extraordinary precautions for his visit coupled with the deadly assault in Mosul served to underscore the dangers posed by insurgents trying to disrupt plans for the vote.

Fannie Mae Dismisses CEO, CFO
U.S. mortgage finance giant Fannie Mae (FNM.N:) dismissed Chief
Executive Franklin Raines and Chief Financial Officer Timothy Howard
after accounting errors that will force a massive earnings restatement,
sources said on Tuesday. The company's board acted after the Securities
and Exchange Commission last week agreed with federal regulators that
there were pervasive accounting problems at the company, sources close

Moroccan Charged in March 11 Spain Attacks
A judge Tuesday charged a Moroccan with terrorism and mass killings for allegedly helping plan the March 11 Madrid train bombings, court officials said. Hasan al Haski, 41, was charged with 191 counts of murder, 1,000 counts of attempted murder and belonging to a terrorist organization, court official said. National Court by Judge Juan del Olmo—who is leading the investigation into the attacks that killed 191 people—filed the charges after questioning the suspect for several hours.

Putin Divulges a Few Clues on Yukos Sale
President Vladimir V. Putin today offered the first official insight into the all but unknown purchasers of the largest subsidiary of the oil giant Yukos, and suggested that these secretive buyers, as had been suspected, might transfer the assets to other owners. "The shareholders of that company are exclusively private individuals," Mr. Putin said in remarks televised from Germany, where he is on an official visit. "But they are individuals who have for many years engaged in the energy business."

Abbas Marks End of Mourning Period for Arafat
Mahmoud Abbas, who is expected to win the Jan. 9 elections to succeed
Yasir Arafat as Palestinian president, praised Mr. Arafat's legacy today in
a speech marking the end of the 40-day mourning period for the former
leader. Mr. Abbas, 69, who has already succeeded Mr. Arafat as chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was lavish in his praise as
he spoke inside Mr. Arafat's old headquarters in Ramallah. "No words of
homage are sufficient to commemorate his memory," Mr. Abbas said in
the presence of Palestinian notables and Arab representatives, in a
speech sometimes broken by bursts of gunfire homage from the crowd
outside. Mr. Arafat "remains eternal in the minds and collective memory of our people and the Arab and Islamic people," Mr. Abbas said.

Stocks in Santa Rally, Dollar Up

A Santa Claus rally pushed Wall Street's blue-chip stocks to their highest close in 3-1/2 years on Tuesday, boosted by a rebound in drugmaker Pfizer Inc. The dollar posted modest gains in thin pre-holiday trading, while U.S. Treasuries prices finished narrowly mixed. In New York, crude oil and gold futures prices dipped. Coffee futures hit a four-year high before shifting gears and ending lower. Copper rode the bull market to a three-week high. above the 1,200 level — reached last week for the first time in three years — at 1,205.45. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 23.06 points, or 1.08 percent, to finish at 2,150.91.

Fruits, Veggies Might Ward Off Cancer

While there's no surefire way to prevent cancer, many kinds of foods can help lower the risk of certain cancers. Research shows that people who eat diets rich in plant foods have a lower risk of serious diseases, including cancer, says an article in the December issue of the Mayo Clinic Health Letter. Current dietary guidelines recommend that you eat five or more servings of fruit and vegetables a day. A diet that includes lots of fruits and vegetables may help reduce the risk of stomach, prostate, pancreatic, lung, oral, esophageal, colon, endometrial and breast cancers, the Mayo article noted.

F.A.A. to Speed Hiring of Air Traffic Controllers

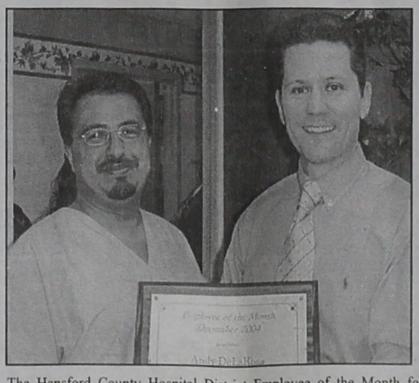
The Federal Aviation Administration announced a plan this morning to speed the hiring and training of air traffic controllers as three-quarters of the current force of about 15,000 becomes eligible for retirement in the coming decade. The plan also includes a proposal to let exceptionally skilled and medically fit controllers continue working past the current mandatory retirement age of 56, the agency said. Marion C. Blakely, the F.A.A.'s administrator, said that the plan calls for hiring 12,500 new controllers over nine years, beginning in 2006. That represents a surplus over the 11,000 expected to retire, to accommodate projected increases in air traffic and an expected failure rate among new hires of 5 percent,

7,000 Years of Religious Ritual Is Traced in Mexico
Archaeologists have traced the development of religion in one location
over a 7,000-year period, reporting that as an early society changed from
foraging to settlement to the formation of an archaic state, religion also
evolved to match the changing social structure. This archaeological
record, because of its length and completeness, sheds an unusually clear
light on the origins of religion, a universal human behavior but one
whose evolutionary and social roots are still not well understood.

At Least 19 U.S. Soldiers Are Among the Dead A powerful explosion killed at least 24 people and wounded 57 others today when it ripped through the tented dining hall of a large American military base in Mosul, tearing a foot-wide hole in the hard concrete floor and spraying shrapnel into a line where American soldiers, civilian contractors and Iraqi troops were waiting to be served lunch, military officials said. At least 19 American servicemen were among the dead, according to Maj. Earle Bluff, a military spokesman in Baghdad, making the noontime explosion the deadliest single attack on American forces in Iraq. Pools of blood streamed out of the darkened dining hall at Forward Operating Base Marez as soldiers rushed in to evacuate the wounded from amid crumpled and melted chairs and tables, with the only light coming from a massive hole ripped in the tent roof by the force of the blast, according to one eyewitness. The attack was the latest in a campaign by militants to terrorize and intimidate Iraqis working either for the Iraqi security services or for American forces, and to disrupt elections planned for Jan. 30, which the militants oppose.

# HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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The Hansford County Hospital District Employee of the Month for December 2004 is Andy DeLaRosa. Andy DeLaRosa has been employed by HCHD since August 31, 2000.

Andy was nominated for the following reasons:

Loyalty: Andy is very loyal to the District; he is always thinking in terms of what will work best for the Hospital.
Andy always has a smile on his face and a joke to tell. He laughs

often in good humor and that is good to hear.

Andy is very devoted to his job and takes his duties very seriously. He is always willing to help.
Patients love Andy and his smile. They recognize his skill, too.

have never heard anyone have a cross word to say to or about Andy.

• Andy is a frequent participant in District functions such as the Health
Fair, banquets, Employee Recognition parties, etc.

In addition, Andy has gone "beyond the call of duty" to help in the lab with our recent staff turnover. I am so thankful for him. (Steve Ezzell, Director, Laboratory Services)
 Congratulations, Andy!

Annette Hopkins was the other employee nominated for this honor.

The Employee of the Month receives one day off with pay, a reserved parking space for the month, and becomes a candidate for Employee of the

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Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213

**Breast Cancer Screening Clinic** 

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on December 27, 2004 and on January 24, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment

> Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to

Cooperative Extension offers Marketing Short Courses The Texas Cooperative Extension will offer four marketing short courses in Amarillo this year as a part of the Advanced Topic Series. You can get help in developing a marketing plan for the upcoming feedgrains or cotton crop, learn more about marketing tools you can use to improve your bottom line and reduce your risk about marketing tools you can use to discipline in your marketing. These courses and instructors have been highly rated by past participants who have reported substantial gains in receipts based on what they have learned. Classes will be: Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Feedgrains, Jan. 12 & 13; Pulling the Marketing Trigger, Feb. 15; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan Cotton, Mar. 15. For more information, contact the the Hansford County Extension office at 659-4130, or Steve Amosson at the district office, 677

2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee

The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, ebruary 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

**FUMC Christmas Eve Service** 

The First United Methodist Church will hold Christmas Eve with comnunion services at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. Come and go communion will be available following the service until 8 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlight Service
The All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 22nd Ave. and South
Jefferson in Perryton (across from the new Frank Phillips College), will
hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the birth of Jesus



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Thank you, Catherine

December 22

Birthday- Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenney, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Dominguez

Anniversary - R.L. & Kay McFarlin

December 23

Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

Anniversary - M/M Marty Rasor, M/M Byron Peddy, M/M Loren Dahl, M/M Mack Bevill

December 24 Birthday - Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn (Edwards) Miller, Sandee Smith, Mark Eisfeld, Gabby

Bravo, Chris Bravo, Don Floyd Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, . & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, M/M Gary Davis

Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean

December 25

Womble, John Cass Anniversary - M/M Red Byrd, M/M Bart Baker

December 26 Birthday - Jennifer Dahl, Glenda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris

Anniversary - M/M L.T. Wright, M/M Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough, Cari & Brandon Baker

December 27 Birthday - Lance Sparks, Sue Close, Jesse Renteria Sr., Shane Abel, Lynn Vernon, Ruth Skinner, Edna Grimmer, Judy McClov, Julie Deakin, Nicole

Burgess, Chad Knowlton Anniversary - M/M Jerry Younger, M/M Ralph Blodgett, M/M Gene Reynolds, M/M Todd Parker

December 28

Birthday - Autumn Gruver, Delbert Williams, Billy Dave Hand, Frank Edwards, Jennifer Wells, Kenneth Bullard, Ann Flowers, Fred Mayfield, Pauline Mayes, Tina Breedon, Joyce Vanderberg, Mary Hart, Samantha Cummings, Debbie Hornsby

Anniversary - M/M Everett Tracy, M/M Pat Patterson, M/M Jimmy McLeod, M/M Tony Shapley, M/M Roy Deeds, M/M Pat Holt, Annetta & Charles McIver, Larry & Robbie Butts

December 29 Birthday - Bray Armes, Erin Bergin, Tony Cazares, Amy Tolleson, Cecillia Trejo, Jerry Williams, Mrs. W.T. Woodward, Sharon Rhea, Deanna Martin, Del Baskin, Julie Barkley Stedje, Thomas Reyes, Robert Elliott, Ed McIntyre, Deann Rosales, Martin Rasor, Brittany Taylor, Connie Wood, Diana Bynum

Anniversary - Don & Gwen McLain, M/M Brad Spivey, M/M Pat O'Connell, M/M John Duncan, M/M Ronnie Harris, James & Karen Schnell

December 30 Birthday - Julie Meyer, Kim Younger, Angela Van Buskirk, Robert Cochran, Robinson, Robert Black, Traci White, James Red, Sammie Goehring, Kelley Ogilvie, Joyce Simon, Angelica Huerta

Anniversary - M/M Verlin Behne, M/M Phillip Renner, M/M Jerry Morris, M/M Randall Schell, M/M Stan Josephson, M/M Jimmy Brown, M/M Bart Thoreson, M/M Van Bradford, M/M Rodger Ferguson, Doug & Linda Cummings, Josh & Katie Bynum

December 31

Birthday - Lera Beasley, Pressley, JoAnn Justin Schneider, John Gaither, Jery Ross Jr., Hazel Stumph, Rick Morris, Helen Boyd, Seth Redwine, Andrew Vela, Billy Joe Boyd, Heather Gammon, Lucy Gilmore, Delfino Parra, Kare Thompson

Anniversary - M/M Oscar Rojas Jr., M/M John Gaither, Michael and Patricia Quillin, M/M Kelly Arrington, M/M Marlon Mitchell, M/M Charles Page, M/M James Smith, Jim & Marlene Miller

### Our Sympathy

DARRELL WRIGHT

GRUVER - Darrell Wright, 77, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Curry and Randy Messer officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Wright was born Sept. 9, 1927, in Levelland. He married Sara Sloan on May 17, 1952, in Spearman. He was a field operator for Phillips Petroleum for 35 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church of

Gruver. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jayne Wilson and Jean Barnes, both of Amarillo; a son, Nathan Wright of Eldorado, Kan.; a brother, Elvin Wright of Gruver; two sisters, Nelda Wright and Ima Lee Smith, both of Levelland; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchil-

The family suggests memorials be to Amarillo Nursing Center, 4033 S.W. 51st. Ave., Amarillo, TX 79110; BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176; or Harrington Cancer Center, P.O. Box 51628, Amarillo, TX 79159.

JOHNNIE C. LEE

Spearman - Johnnie C. Lee, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20 in First Baptist Church. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of

Mr. Lee was born in 1924 in Sherman County. He married Jo Ann Hoskins on August 1, 1947 in Dumas. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II in the invasion of the Marshall Islands, Tinian, Saipan, and Iwo Jima, receiving two purple hearts.

Mr. Lee was the Hansford County Judge from 1948-1978, and was manager of the Palo Duro River Authority from 1978-1993. He was the first Chairman of the Hansford County Historical Society.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Jock Lee of Fritch; two daughters, Jolinda Marshall and husband Charlie of Austin and Johnette Boyl of San Antonio; a sister, Dot Quackenbush and husband Bill of Clovis, NM; a brother, Jim R. Lee and wife Rachel of Amarillo; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Stationmaster's House Museum, 30 S. Townsend, Spearman, TX 79081.



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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m. Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3) Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish :30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Derrel Evins

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Beverly Cook

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster

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Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m. Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m. Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153

Gruver

First Baptist Church 402 E.Broadway • 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m., Sunday Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Pastor - Scott Curry

> Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook

First Christian Church 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

**Gruver United Methodist** Broadway & Garrett Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - George Price

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The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their annual fundraiser - "Operation Christmas Greeting." Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to, may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the

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### Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gary O. Davis of Spearman will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on December 24, 2004 with a card shower.

Davis married the former Betty Brown in Raton, New Mexico on

December 24, 1954.

Davis worked for United Mud Service Co. until retiring in 1987. He now works for Carl Archer as a semi-retired truck driver. Mrs. Davis is a homemaker. They are formerly of Sun City, Kansas, and have resided in Spearman for 48 years.

Children of the couple and their spouses are Debra and Bob Dennis of Trinidad, Colo.; Brenda and Kenny Red of Gruver; Melissa Davis of Amarillo; and April and Andy DeLaRosa of Spearman.

The couple has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Grandchildren and their spouses are Lance and Amber Dennis of Aurora Colo.; Amanda Dennis of Trinidad; Adam and Melissa (Cuccaro) Red of Aubrey Texas; Dustin Red of Ft. Cobb. Oblass and Keanan Del aRosa of Aubrey, Texas; Dustin Red of Ft. Cobb, Okla.; and Keanan DeLaRosa of Spearman. Great-grandchildren are Jade, Ansley and Haven Red of Aubrey; Halle Dennis of Aurora; and Addisen Dennis of Trinidad.
The family dinner will b held at a later date.

Cards may be sent to Gary and Betty Davis, 1118 S. Haney, Spearman,



Michael and Stephanie Grice are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Ashley LeeAnn Grice was born October 19, 2004 at 4:20 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Ashley was welcomed home by her two-and-

a-half year-old big sister, Katlin.

Proud grandparents are John and Debbie DeLaRosa of Spearman and Calvin and Diane Crosby of Liberal, KS.



Rodney and Brandi Grice are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Taylor Lee Trice was born October 15, 2004 at 8:17 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 1/2

Taylor was welcomed home by his eight-

year-old big brother, Dakota.

Proud grandparents are John and Debbie DeLaRosa of Spearman and Randy and Kathy Beets of Longview, and a great-grandmother, Juliet Means of Longview.

### Bridal Registry

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from the stocking tree, families,

friends and from the Manor. We

appreciate everyone who provided

for the Residents! It was wonder-

ful! Students from Gruver and

Spearman were on hand to help

with the party as well as the auxil-

iary! They provided hundreds of

awarding the Resident of the Year,

Tubby Hays with roses and candy

and the CNA of the year with

candy and a gift certificate for

A special Thank You went out to

all of those who decorated doors.

Winners were announced. Many of

the doors were beautiful! They

were very creative and appropriate for the season. After special announcements, the staff, resi-

dents, and families and friends

sang Christmas carols until we

were interrupted by Santa! He

came in with a big 'HO,HO,HO' and with a bang! The mounds of gifts were distributed by Santa and

his elves. Paper was flying as pack-

We feasted on cookies and punch

afterward as Santa visited each

Resident with greetings and a hug.

Friends and families stayed for

nice visits with the Residents. We appreciate everyone that attended

truly filled with the spirit of

way! We will enjoy both for years

Let all of us from Hansford

funds have filled many special

ages were opened.

We started the program off with

homemade cookies.

by Merry Sparks

Thank You to the Fellowship orated part of the Manor and the Baptist Church for the services on beautiful tree in the living room. the 12th. We appreciate you coming to provide church services for the residents at the Manor.

Monday was off with a bang with an informative Newscurrents program in the morning.

The afternoon was filled with laughter and awe. We were visited by centenarians (some as old as 106 years old) via tape for our Life Enrichment Class. The one thing that I noticed that they all said was to keep a sense of humor about life. Don't take life too seriously or it will take your life away from you. Then we had a wonderful musical tape of Anita Bryant's Christmas.

The evening was filled with fun too. Thank You to the United Methodist Women of Spearman for hosting bingo and bringing desserts to enjoy. The Residents certainly enjoyed it!

Tuesday morning we had a wonderful exercise class to the music of Christmas. Also, many facts were shared about traditions and the season.

After lunch we met in the living room where residents rolled dice vying for the prizes of Christmas stockings. The stockings were furnished by Roberta Bridwell (THANK YOU) and filled with new Christmas socks for the residents as well as apples, candy, and

Thank You to Anne Whitaker for and participated. The Manor was bringing a Bible study lesson to the Residents. They enjoy bible studies. Christmas. very much!

The afternoon was spent work- I would like to say Thank You to ing on the gift boxes that will grace the auxiliary for the beautiful chair their rooms when finished. We also and table to adorn the front foyer at had Biti pies and cakes to share the Manor and also for the new that were furnished by Panhandle popcorn machine that is on the Deli & Diner. Thank You! way! We will enjoy both for years

Thursday morning we had a rocking good time at Musercise. It Manor say a special Thank You to really rocks around here when we everyone that has donated to the get all of the bells & other instru- Hansford Manor Empty Stocking ments to going with the music. It Fund and to Hansford Manor. The lifts everyone's spirit!

Thank You to the faithful auxiliary for hosting bingo on Thursday afternoon. The residents look forward to it very much!!

Friday was a very special day!
We started the day off with a visit from Spearman Elementary.

from Spearman Elementary kindergarten classes. They sang for the residents, watched a movie with them, had refreshments and then were presented the very cute snowmen that the residents had been working so hard on. They are always like a breath of fresh air as they giggle, pass around hugs, and play. It is so much funto just watch

Thank You to the parents, teachers, aides, and administration of Spearman Elementary! It was fun!

Friday afternoon was like a whole day in itself! The BIG DAY had arrived for the Christmas party for the residents with their families and friends!

The Manor looks so beautiful! It is decorated from stem to stern with Christmas. The auxiliary dec-

Pringle-Morse Christmas concert planned Pringle Morse students will Activities decorated part of it-then present a Christmas concert families, friends, and staff decorat-Thurs., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. ed Resident doors as well as office doors. We had gifts piled high

Junior high festivities The junior high will have a Christmas party and gift exchange Mon., Dec. 20. A skating party is planned for the junior high on Dec.

Holiday dismissal set Pringle Morse Schools will dismiss at 12 p.m. Tues., Dec. 21. Classes will resume Mon., Jan. 3.

#### Gruver

Christmas Eve services Christmas Eve candlelight services are slated at Gruver United Methodist Church for 6 and 10 p.m., Fri., Dec. 24.

Tree decorating in the park The Gruver Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following people for adopting a tree in the park and making our City Park look beautiful this Holiday Season:

In Memory of Karen Dee "Shorty" Mcloy by K. D. & Mattie

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Charlotte Bergin & family In Memory of Colt Cluck by Leon Bagwell

In Memory of Richard DeSantiago by Ruben & Lydia DeSantiago In Memory of Pablo Perez Jr. III

by The Perez Family In Memory of Paul, Mae & Jim Farren by Pat & Jace & Aly Dawson

The Gruver High School Cheerleaders

The Gruver Boy Scouts In Memory of Art Salazar by Leticia, Steven & Matt Salazar In Memory of our loved ones by J. C. Harris

In Memory of Kirby Johnson by His family & friends

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In Memory of Bob Griffin, Florence Kruse, & Heather Powers by The Griffin children

Main Street Store by Holly McLain

The Rodney Nickel Family One tree in the Park we don't know who decorated it.

The winners of the Home Decoration Contest were Mary & Tammy Wright, Steve & Paulette Watkins and the Scott Curry fami-

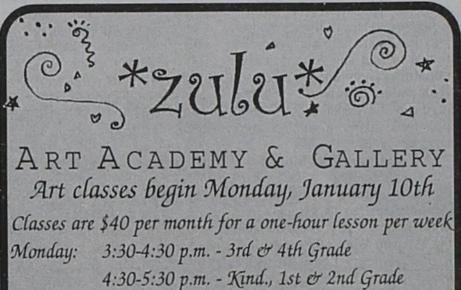
We are always blessed with many beautiful decorations during the Holiday Season and we appreciate each of you for helping make Gruver a beautiful place to live and visit.

Community care concerns Esmerelda Renteria underwent heart stint placement surgery Tues. at Northwest Texas Hospital.

#### Spearman

Spearman school s set holiday Spearman schools will have an early release for the Christmas Holidays, Friday, December 17, at 1 p.m Students will report back to class Monday, January 3, 2005.

**FUMC Christmas eve services** The First United Methodist Church will hold Christmas Eve with communion services at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 24th. Come and go communion will be available following the service until 8



5:30-6:30 p.m. - 9th-12 Grade Thursday: 3:30-4:30 p.m. - 7th & 8th Grade

4:30-5:30 p.m. - 5th & 6th Grade

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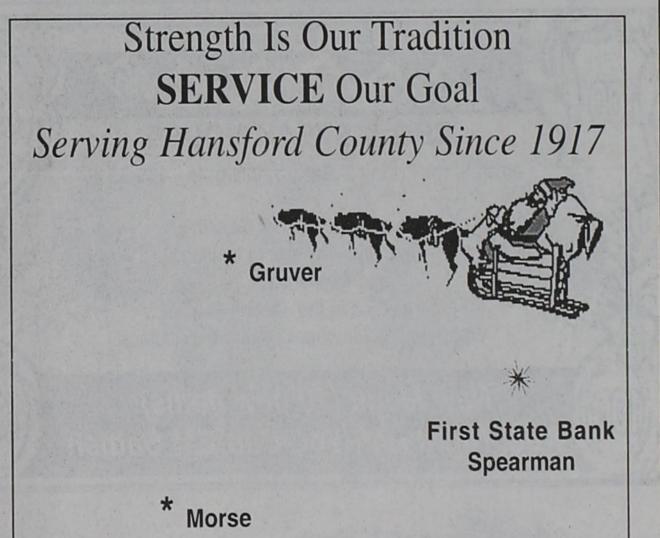
SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004

Data Control Codes			10 General Fund	Permanent Trust Fund		Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES:	-					
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	5	3,382,263 \$	\$ 21,318	5	342,147 \$	
5800	State Program Revenues		1,539,850			92,253	1,632,103
5900	Federal Program Revenues		22,318	-		430,589	452,907
5020	Total Revenues		4,944,431	21,318	_	864,989	5,830,738
	EXPENDITURES:		the sale of				
C	Current:		2 420 002			336,336	3,756,338
0011 .	Instruction		3,420,002	Man year		1,412	96,591
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services		95,179			2,335	31,776
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		29,441			3,411	297,281
0023	School Leadership		293,870			14,476	140,453
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services		125,977			500	53,130
0033	Health Services		52,630			517	117,900
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation		117,383			283,130	290,341
0035	Food Services		7,211			369	304,616
0036	Cocurrricular/Extracurricular Activities		304,247			1,512	394,507
0041	General Administration		392,995	11-12-1			604,137
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations		594,259			9,878	16,538
0053	Data Processing Services		16,538	43 10 3 7787		507	
0061	Community Services		30,827	19 19 19		507	31,334
12 907	Oeht Service:		- 10 M			200 000	220,000
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt			100		230,000	230,000
0072	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt					5,405	5,405
0081	Capital Outlay: Facilities Acquisition and Construction		44,554			-	44,554
II 0093	ntergovernmental: Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA		121,487			-	121,487
6030	Total Expenditures		5,646,600			889,788	6,536,388
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	1	(702,169)	21,318		(24,799)	(705,650
1100	Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	-			-		100.00
7915	Transfers In		122,937			30,699	153,63
8911	Transfers Out (Use)		(30,699)	(82,901)	)_	(40,036)	(153,636
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1	92,238	(82,901)	)_	(9,337)	
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	117	(609,931)	(61,583)	)	(34,136)	(705,650
23			3,130,225	1,417,342	2	38,570	4,586,13
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)					(4,434)	(4,434
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	2,520,294	\$ 1,355,759	9 5		
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	4	2,020,47	\$ 1,000,100	4		

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About Operation Hero Miles

Operation Hero Miles provides a way for you to help our troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan by donating your unused frequent flyer miles. Efforts are underway to make the donated miles more tickets are now used to fly family broadly available to all U.S. military personnel.

The Hero Miles Story:

Pentagon started giving soldiers stationed in Iraq two-week leaves in the largest R & R program since the Vietnam War. Soldiers on R & R or Emergency Leave are flown by the military to Germany or three airports in the United States, Baltimore/Washington, (BWI), Dallas/Fort Worth, (DFW), or Atlanta, (ATL) for free.-

Signed Into Law

Operation Hero Miles was signed into law by President Bush on October 28, 2004 as part of the 2005 Defense Appropriations Bill. Reimbursement

R travel expenses from 9/25/2003 through 12/18/2003 can qualify for reimbursement from the Pentagon.

Reimbursement Information soldiers to pay for their own flights families thank you. home from these three airports. The Hero Miles program was started to provide free round trip tickets donated by the American public to the almost 500 soldiers arriving each day from Iraq on R & R Leave last fall. This public response helped persuade Congress to change the law and beginning January 1, 2004, the Pentagon now pays for these domestic flights for the soldiers.

Not long after the Hero Miles program started, the U.S. Army contacted the Congressman and requested that donated tickets also be made available to soldiers who must return home on Emergency Leave. These soldiers are approved to return home by their Commanders to attend to the birth, death, or illness of a family member or other family emergencies. Even today the military does not pay for any domestic travel for these soldiers or their families once the soldier arrives in the U.S. and their military base. For example, a soldier might be returned from Kirkuk, Iraq to his U.S. departure

Operation Hero Miles was creat- station at Fort Hood, Texas to ed by the US Airlines and attend to the funeral of his motherin-law in Pennsylvania. However, meet the needs of our soldiers he must personally pay the cost to deployed overseas. It relies on the travel to Pennsylvania for himself generosity of thousands of fliers and his wife and children who are who have donated over 540 million stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado at his permanent duty station. Your Donations are currently being donation of frequent flyer miles can help the military provide free transportation for families in this situation.

Since the war began, over 10,000 U.S. combat troops have returned ill or wounded to Andrews Air Force Base. Photo courtesy of Michael Lutzky, The

Washington Post In December 2003, senior Pentagon officials met with Congressman Ruppersberger and proposed a further expansion of the Hero Miles program. In partnership with the Fisher House Foundation (locations), Hero Miles members of wounded soldiers to U.S. military hospitals and be at the bedside of their loved ones. In September 2003, the Often these families have to make many trips and stay for months at a time to help seriously wounded soldiers through long recuperations and multiple surgeries. The Fisher House provides free lodging for the families and Hero Miles provides transportation.

Americans have donated their unused frequent flyer miles to the Department of Defense and the Fisher House Foundation to help troops travel home and spend quality time with their loved ones, without worrying about how much it will cost.

More than 540 million miles Soldiers who paid their own R & have been donated by the airlines and travelers throughout the USA, enough for over 22,600 round trip

The men and women serving in Existing law in 2003 required Iraq and Afghanistan and their

# by Dorothy Hudson

NEWS

Lake Level--December 17, the mid to late 50s) but I don't 2004--32.89 feet (-0.14)

who told us stories about life on the and I remember a large number of Palo Duro Watershed and other people turned out for it. Do you places, too. Without your help we remember anything about it, like wouldn't have a column.

Fisher and wish her the best in her new home in Memphis. Her son Zack, also of Memphis now, has sent a query that I hope someone can help with.

coffee drinkers were visiting about all the damage the wild hogs and here. Many of us question what can than normal. be done to reduce the large numnumber of years ago (perhaps in fatally sharp.

remember any of the details. I think Jim and I wish to thank all of you it was in the Old Hansford area the year it occurred and why it was We all miss our neighbor Helen done. Any information you can provide me will be appreciated. Thanks, Zack Fisher

Don Hudson remembers a jack rabbit drive in probably early 1932 that started in Oslo and worked A few days ago several of our toward Gruver. He did not participate. My memory is that the rabbits were so numerous that they were deer are doing to our crops down eating more of the grass and crops

In retrospect I would rather work bers. I made mention of a jackrab- in a rabbit drive than a wild hog bit drive held in Hansford county a one. The tusks on wild hogs can be

At this joyous time holiday season, many people think about giving gifts for family and friends, but one Amarillo girl recently gave an unusual gift. Dawn Loomis, formerly of Spearman, cut her hair

and donated it to "Locks of Love." Dawn first learned about this wonderful organization in 1999 while at school in Abilene. Hair is collected from local beauty shops and craft wigs for young people on chemo who have lost their hair. Dawn has cut her hair three times since 1999.

After watching an Oprah show several weeks ago, she cut it again. A little girl was featured on the show who's wish is to have a wig. Two of the audience members cut their hair on the program and at the last of the program, Oprah present the girl with eight more ponytails. (It takes 10 ponytails to make one wig.)

Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIver of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Loomis of Lakeland, Florida.

If you are interested in giving to "Locks of Love," please contact your local hairdresser. The ponytail must be at least six inches



Dawn Loomis recently cut her hair and donated it to "Locks of



### Children's Christmas Checklist

10 Ways to Involve Children in the Holiday (with a few to free up time

Every young child wants to be like Mommy or Daddy. Here's a way ou can help them understand why you're extra busy at Christmas time give them a "to do" list of their own! Here are some suggestions to get ou started, and your children will have plenty of their own ideas to add

1. Write your Christmas wish list for Santa and mail it

2. Make 2 ornaments: one for your tree and one for a friend 3. Decorate your Christmas tree

4. Visit www.claus.com (lots of fun activi-

ties for children!) 5. Bake cookies for Santa, friends and

6. Do a good deed for someone in need

7. Donate some of your toys 8. Attend a Christmas play or concert

9. Make presents or cards for your parents isters and brothers

10. Wrap presents and put under the tree Submitted by the elves at Santa Beacons, who want to help you ensure delightful Christmas for your children, free from worry about how Santa will find them Christmas Eve. View an animated cartoon at www.santabeacons.com.



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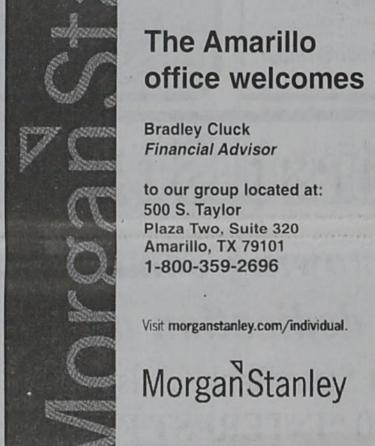
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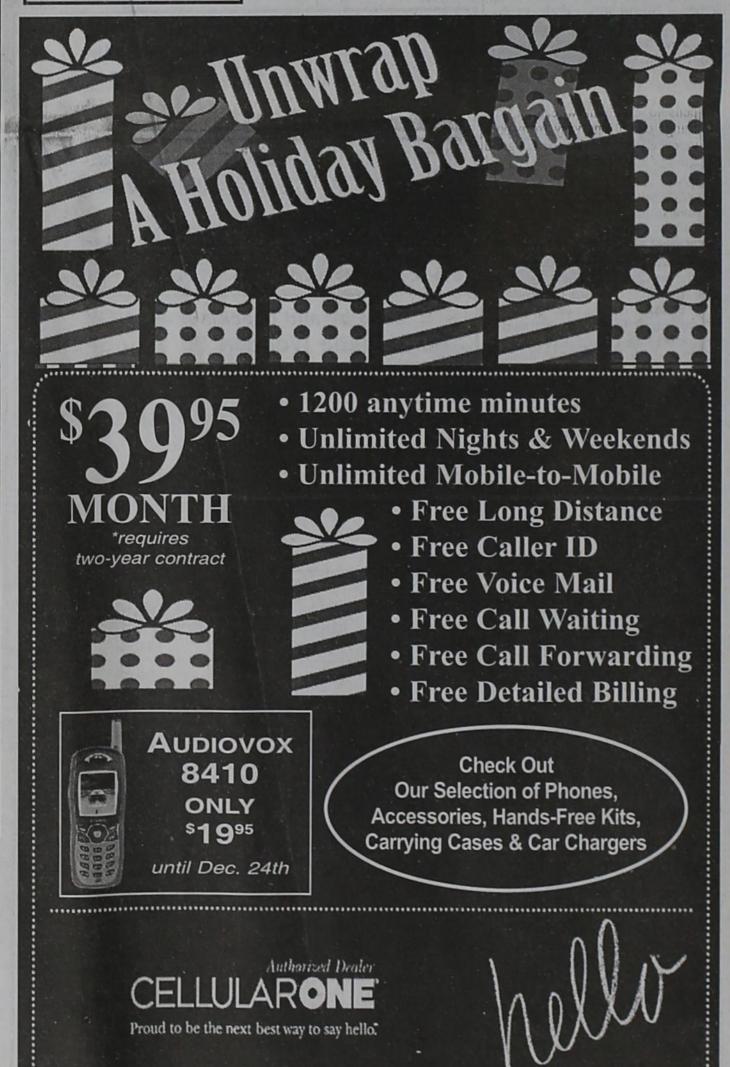






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### LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows around 14. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

THURSDAY - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Highs around 20. South winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the west in the afternoon.

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows around 6. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast 5 to 10 mph after mid-

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. MONDAY - Partly cloudy.

Highs in the mid 50s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper

### Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Temperatures across the district were above average throughout the week. Some precipitation occurred early, but warm conditions existed during the remainder of the week. Precipitation amounts slowed harvest for a short time. Drier conditions at the lend of the week allowed cotton harvest to make progress. Yield and quality have been reduced as a result of extended wet condition. Harvest is about 45 percent complete. Sorghum harvest progressed and is 65 percent complete; no yield reports have been received. Drier conditions are allowing sunflower, soybean and peanut harvest to near completion. Wheat is rated mostly good to excellent. Drier conditions allowed stocker cattle to be moved from muddy pens to excellent wheat pasture. Range conditions vary from poor to excellent. Cattle are in good condition, but they are stressed from an extended wet and muddy period. Supplemental feeding con-

### Dear Santa,

Dear Santa:

I loved to see you on the airplane. The candy cane was good.

Thank You for the candy cane. princess and the pauper cat and the favorite reindeer. Thank you for all violet doll from incredibles. I would want incredible pajamas too. I want the birthday Barbie and the This year I would like to have a incredibles sleeping bag. Maybe mini Nutcracker soldier, a christsomething for Kelly.

Please give my baby sister or baby brother baby toys and toys Cabage Patch Kid, Fit and Fun and some baby toys and some baby and kid toys.

we need. Love,

Meghan McNulty

Dear Santa.

How are you? This year I have been good. I want a puss in boots doll that talks. By Serena

Dear Santa.

My name is Braedon Dace Ralston and I am 3 years old. This year for Christmas I would really like a choo choo train, spider-man, trucks, and power ranger. I like the red one. Please bring something for my sister. she's 14 years old and I'm sure she would like make up or maybe something pretty. Don't forget my puppies. They would like a bone. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Tell all the reindeer that i said HI.

Braedon

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? I hope all is doing well. I miss Please bring me seraphina the Rudolph so much. He is my of my presents that you gave me last year. Especially the star ring, mas coloring book, a picture of Spongebob and friends, a mini Care Bear, Bella Dancerella Video, Chalkboard ad Chalk. Thank you Bring me one bottle, that is all for letting me be your helper at the manor.

I Love You! Brandi Cogdill

Dear Santa, The Pringle-Morse Pre-K clas can't wait to see you! Here is a li tle message from each of us:

Creed Spivey - I love you, Sala Clause. For CHristmas I war a bulldozer and a pretend motely-

Tyler Stedje - I want oneruck with a grain cart on the bac. I'm going to leave you some cocies.

Jacob Miller - I want ago-cart for Christmas. I love you Shta and I will leave you some cocies and

Monte Cluck - For Cristmas I want a tractor with a pmbine. I

David Hmm - I want a black bicycle. I ve you, Santa.

Nikola Branstine - I want a new toy/achine gun with a scope on it. H/py Birthday, Santa.

Kamii Murray - I want a real vacuu cleaner and a guitar. I will leaveou some cookies and milk.

Csandra Briones - I want some care to play a game with and a toy kitt cat. I'm going to stay up real latand watch for you.

th a microphone. I'll be asleep hen you come. AC Van Staden - I want a spider-

3raxton Aguilar - I want a guitar

man toy for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies.

Felix Chivera - I want a red and blue bicycle for Christmas.

Ry Clark - I want you to bring me a guitar. I am going to leave you some cookies that my mom baked.

Wyatt Womble - I like you, santa. I want a toy tractor!

Have a Merry Christmas! Share some cookies with Rudolph! We love you!!!

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I'm going to leave cookies for you, Santa Claus. I'm going

to leave a glass of milk too. I would like to have a scooter for Christmas. I miss you, Santa.

Dy'Anna

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph being a good reindeer? I'm going to leave some milk and cookies for you. Are you cold

up there? I want a play toy.

Love, Jon

Dear Santa, How are your deers doing? Santa, I miss you. Please bring me a jeep for Christmas. I love you

Santa. Paloma

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? How have the girls and boys been this year? I would like a Spider Blaster. How is Mrs. Claus? how are the elves?

> Love, Chris

Dear Santa

How are the reindeer? I will save you cookies and milk. How are the other reindeer? Does Rudolph have a shiny nose?

Love, Joslyn

Dear Santa, I would like a bicycle for Christmas. I want to see the reindeers. I miss you. Be careful.

Love, Getsy

Dear Santa,

I want a watch and a toy backhoe. I love you. Is it cold at the North Pole? I will leave you some cookies on Christmas Eve.

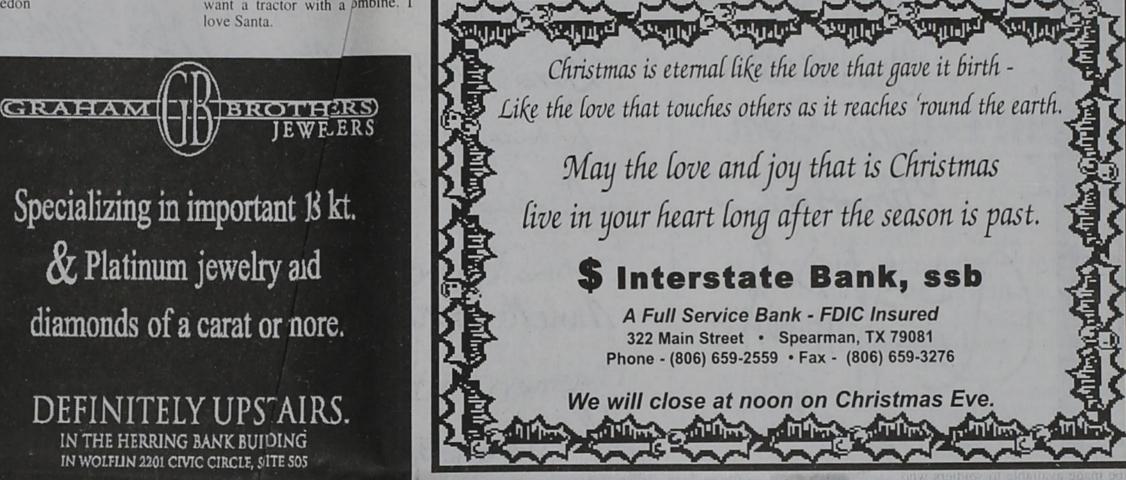
Love, Joshua

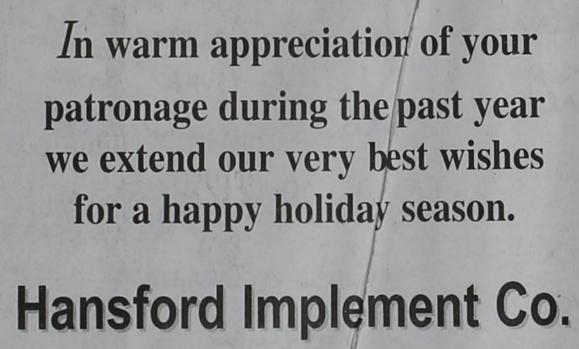
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Love cub, kitchen set,

Love, Ella Speck

and love cub stuff.







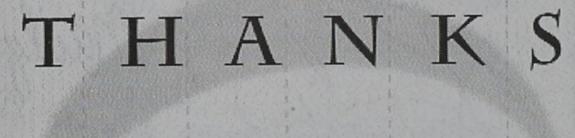
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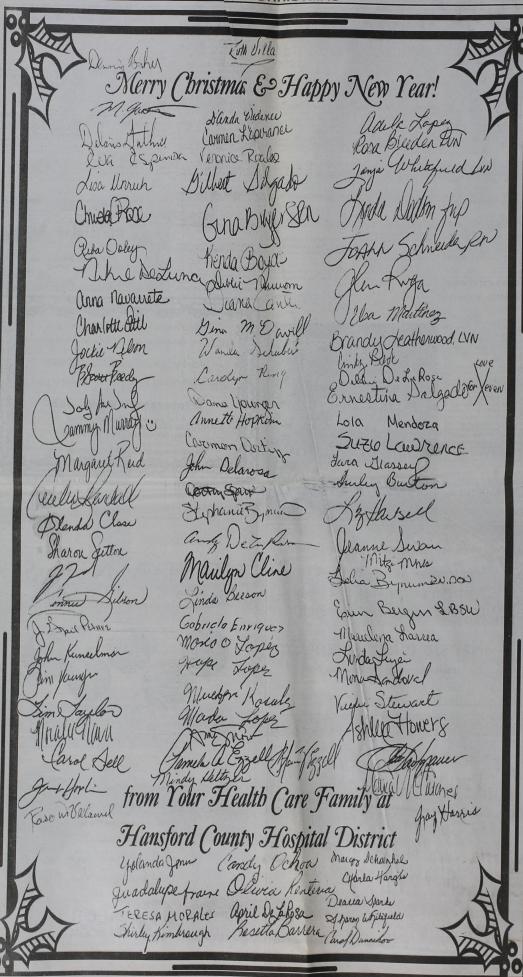
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Dear Santa. I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Game Boy, a doll, and a Christmas.

Ryanne Howell

Dear Santa, bring me a Barbie, Paints, and a stocking. scooter.

Love. Lupita Melendez

Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a pony, horse, and Polly POcket.

Love, Katie Lieb

Dear Santa.

bring me a dirt bike, games, and Sunday. guitar.

I love you, Fabian Zapala

Dear Santa, I would like to wish you a merry Christmas. I know you have lots of gifts to take care of. My wish is for peace on earth and freedom to

Christmas! Misael Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I am trying to be a good boy! Please bring me a bottle of bubbles. I would also like a space blanket. I will leave you cookies.

I love you, Michael Trejo

Dear Santa.

My name is Griselda Lopez. I tunnel, please. Thank you for my take it out and go to sleep with it.

Merry Christmas, Griselda Lopez

Dear Santa,

hi! I hope you are having a good day. I know you're busy. i know your elves help you. I would like a control truck and a playstation two, please. Thanks for remembering

Merry Christmas! Ramon Ortiz

Dear Santa.

Are you good? How does your magic work? Does your sleigh

crash? I have been good! Please I have been a good boy. Please bring me a 22 rifle and a robot with bring me a 3D space projector, legs (no wheels). Please bring me a elves like Mrs. Haights, and a 5 in motorcycle. Dont forget Michael and Lupe! Thanks for everything!

Merry Christmas. Juan Trejo

Dear Santa, I would like a kerokey machine. I would like some more CD's. I think it will be great when you get bike. I wish you a Merry would also like some more clothes me that pink leopard beanbag! for my dolls. You could send them some shoes, too. In the Christmas crafts book, the feelings book, Samantha an America holiday I have been a good girl. Please movie and other neat stuff in my

> Love. Audrey Lieb P.S. Thank's

Dear Santa, I don't think i have been extra good, but i have been good. Hopefully good will get me a PlayStation 2. I want a PlayStation2 with a screen, the game driver 3, and a blue controller. I also want some cowgirl I have been a good boy. Please boots. I will wear them every

Love,

P.S Please bring me the PlayStation2

Dear Santa CLaus,

I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a PlayStation and an air rifle. I could shoot some everyon. Thank you! Merry Blue Quail. I would fry the quail so I can eat them. I want the rifle really bad. I can play the PlayStation with my friends. I have been a gas for wheeler not a battery four good boy.

Your friend, Nathan Forrest

Dear Santa,

I don't mean to be greedy, but I want one of those things silky pillows that have lots of little beanies inside them. You can only get them at Wal-Mart. They are so cool. I think you are very nice! I would could keep it in my backpack and like a boike, a Christmas tree, a when I get home from school, I can

Clancy

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good all year so I want a PlayStation2 with cool games. I want a bike, four wheeler, dirt bike, and another Chihuahua. Lupe Pena

Dear Santa.

Can I get a PlayStation2? I will mind a hundred times better. Please tell my Mom and Dad that I want one. The games I want for it are Need For Speed and Need For Speed Underground 2. So please

Sincerely, Reese Clark Dear Santa,

Christmas is a time when children are laughing and playing with things they got from you. I want a pink leopard bean bag. I will have a better place to sit than just my boring bed. I will also believe in you the rest of my life! I really want that pink leopard beanbag! I think it will help me have some where to sit and read my AR books on. I

Sincerely, Hannah Speck

get all these things.

P.S. I really, really need that pink leopard beanbag!!!

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want an easy

bake, Horse things, new clothes, a new book, the Kaya stories or the doll and horse. Santa I would like the movie of Polar Express or Elves at the Plaza.

Your friend. Kaysha

Dear Santa,

How are you and your reindeer Santa? Santa I want a go-cart helmet. I wish I could go to the North Pole to see the reindeer and elves. How can you go around the world in one day? How can the reindeer pull the sleigh in the air?

From. Beto

P.S. Be safe Santa!

Dear Santa,

I want a four wheeler for Christmas. I also want a scope for my Davy Cricet twenty-two. Will you make sure the four weeler is a wheeler. I want a new head rope, and a knew roping glove, the rest just supprise me.

Your friend. Jace Lane

Dear Santa,

You pas on to your son then he pasis to his son. I want a big, big, hug Care Bear. That's whut I want. I do not wont anything but a big, big, hug Cere bere.

Your frend. Hannah B.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a b-b gun. I hope your having fun. Your friend,

Kane

and I would like a PlayStation two. Also I would like a fun gameboy advanc gamerlike Shrek two with the cat on the front, or Donkycong versus Mariow. Also I would like a Moriow game. Marry Christmas!

Your pal, Shakota

SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,

I want a game that is a 64 that has 3 games and are the fighting one the green soldiers the cars.

Your friend. Ismael Ortiz

Dear Santa,

I hope you are real because my friends don't think you are. I want to know if you are real. I really wish is to know and I wish for a Barbie head with arms. I wish for a stuffed animals too. Those are my wishes. Merry Christmas Santa Love.

Molly P.S. I think you are real.

Dear Santa,

I've been realy good this year. There are 4 main things that I want this year, a gymnastic mat, sculpy dough, sculpy dough modeling book, and glaze. Give my parants a break. They need it. Well bye. Love.

Gena

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I want a Pixtur cartreg so i can play some more games on it. So i hope I get that and I want a car off of this movie in the movie a girl drove the car. I really like that movie. I hope I get that to. I hope I get that stuff. Love,

Jennifer

Dear Santa,

I'm reall sorry I ben a reall bad boy so just give me for Chrisstmas Cola and Merry Christmas! Enrique

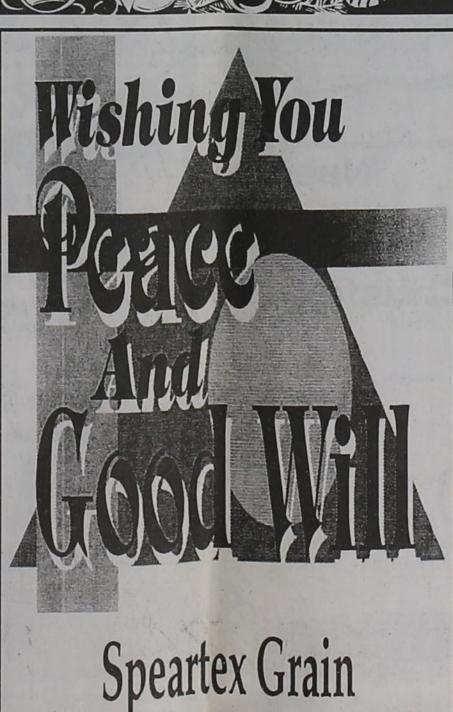
Dear Santa, I want a remote control car and a game. I also want a present for Kisha and Andy. I also want to get boy blocks for Andy and me. I want some girl blocks for Kisha. I want to get an orange car for me and a green one for Andy. I want to get a girl car for Kisha. Love,

Dear Santa, I love you! I like you a lot. I want a barbie. I hope that you come to my house and give me lots of toys. I hope you give us a new computer.



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and will open on Mon., Jan. 3rd.



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Kaycee

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie. I want a boy

Barbie. Love,

Ruby

Dear Santa, I want a computer. I want a fake gun. I love you.

Love, Jack

Dear Santa,

Please give me a Barbie. I also want a new toy horse, because my other one broke. I also want a toy goat. I also want a toy cow. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you.

Love, Sierria

Dear Santa,

I want a Beyblade. I also want a ball. I would like a doll for my sister Tania, and I balloon for my sister Sydney.

Love, Pablo

Dear Santa,

I want a water gun. I want a water gun for my bother Favian, too. We are going to hide and get wet.

Love, Julian

Dear Santa, I want a doll. Love,

Eimi Dear Santa, I want a Dora the Explorer doll. Love,

Alondra

Dear Santa, I like you. I want some presents.

I like make-up. I would like a Barbie. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, Ashley

Dear Santa, I want Power Rangers. I would also like a Dora doll. Love. Luz

Dear Santa, I want a Power Ranger, a motorcycle, and a Hot Wheel and that's the end.

Love, Ariel

Dear Santa, Please give me a Barbie. Let it

snow again. Buy me a computer. Thank you for all of my family.

Love, Jamey

Dear Santa,

I want some presents for my home. I want you to come to my house. I want a Christams tree for my mom. I want a clown and volleyball:

Love,

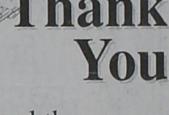
Emmanuel

Dear Santa, I want a princess Dora. I also want Scooby Doo football player. I want a Dora clock. I have been good. I will leave you crunchy

cookies and chocolate milk. Love, Johana

Dear Santa, I want Barbies and one bicycle. I also want one bigger bigger toy car. I also want one toy that is ice cream.

Love, Aneth



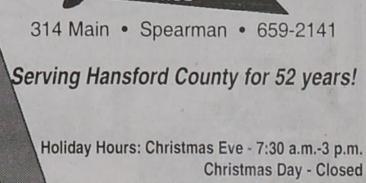
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Love. Sammi

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I like you. We have our Christmas tree up. I want a pony castle.

Love. Sierra

Dear Santa.

Please get me aChristmas toy

Love,

Austin

Dear Santa, I want a Spinder-Man House. I also want a hunting man.

Love, Carlos

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and some earrings. I want a swimming pool and a new jacket. I want a new backpack and some Barbie stickers. I want some Barbie pencils too. I have been good.

Love, Abigail Trejo

Dear Santa,

games to play on the Nintendo. I want a new computer. Come see me soon.

passing day.

HAVE a

Member FDIC

Love. Edwin Pena

Dear Santa.

I want some ears and a remote I want macaroni and cheese. I control car. I want dinosaur toys also want a basketball. I also want and a lion. I want a NIntendo and some games play.

> Love. Gustavo Lora

Dear Santa.

I want scooter and a trampoline. I want a real pony and a Barbie and a pretend baby. I want a little kitchen to play in like at school. I want a computer and a house for my Barbies. I want a little Christmas tree and a desk for playing school I want a picture of you and Rudolph. I also want a white board to draw on. I have been good.

Love. Jazmin Ramirez

Dear Santa,

I want remote control car and a bike. I have been good.

Love, Juan Perez

Dear Santa.

I have been a good girl this year. I want a new Barbie car with remote control and I want some new knee pads and elbow pads. I want a new helmet. I don't need a skateboard because you can take the handle off my scooter and it becomes a skateboard. I don't need I want a new Nintendo and some Barbie dolls, I have a whole suitcase of them. I want some new pink and purple playdough. I want a new Princess and the Pauper nightgown for me and two for Princess and the Pauper.

Kennedy Venneman

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have been good. Love, Lizi Tarango

Dear Santa, I want to have a Power Ranger and a Hulk and a Wolverine (the X Man one that can put his claws down and up). I want a toy van with wheels that spin. I have been a good boy. Love,

Meny Terrazas

Dear Santa.

I want a Barbie and a little car for the Barbie. I want some clothes. I Claus. I have been good.

Love, Paola Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control truck with spinners in the wheels. I want says my name, I want some scarf coming down from it, tall clothes. I need some new pants and one shirt. I have been a good kid. Love,

Ramiro Hernandez

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some candy canes and buy me toys and teddy bears. I want a new Barbie and a new jacket. I want a new pencil and some cd's. I want you to buy me'a Dora movie. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

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Love, Sarah Olmos

Dear Santa, I want a Web Blaster and a new bike. I want a picture of you and Rudolph. I want The Incredibles movie and a new basketball. I have been good. Love,

Dear Santa.

Wyatt Poer

I want Bratz and I want make-up. I want little kid bras. That's it. That is all I want for Christmas. I like it candy. when you left crumbs from the

Randi Jines

Dear Santa,

baby doll. I want to give you a hug! I want to get presents under my Christmas tree. I am happy after want some new dresses. I want a you bring the presents. I am happy book and a doll. I want a toy Santa after Santa Claus comes. I want my mom to put out cookies and milk for you. That's all of my sentence! I like you, Tania Ortiz

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a princess a skateboard and a necklace that dress, a triangle crown with the shoes to go with it, and a baby

clothes. I want clothes that come leave cookies and milk for you. with her, like a dress and a shirt and shorts. I want a play Corduroy, and thats it!

Love, Kylie Thomas

Dear Santa,

will leave you a drink. I will leave milk for you. That's it! you some cookies and chocolate

I love you, Leslie Germany

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring presents to me. I love you like a friend. Can I want to get presents. I want to you be my friend forever? Will you get some books, clothes, and a bring presents for Daisy? I pray for my friends. That's all! I have been

> Love, Clarissa Soto

Dear Santa,

I want a toy car and a little drum set. I want a baseball bat, a basketball, and a rope. I will leave you cookies and milk. That's all!

I love you, Tate Tyler

Dear Santa,

I want a princess dress and a mouse that has two bows by its ears princess doll, a Cinderella Movie, a with a red suit. I want a robot sister play map, and a fairy doll, and a

that talks that you can change her star globe. I have been good. I will

Your friend, Brittney Grimes

Dear Santa, I want a remote control rocketship and a new radio. That's all I want. I am tring to be good, Santa. I want a Barbie. I will be good. I I will leave out cookies and pie and

Your friend, Blaise Davis

Dear Santa,

I want Barbies. I want a Corduroy. I want a puppy that walks like is on T.V. (it is a pretend puppy). I want a Teddy Bear that has a bottle and a pretend horse. I want a little Christmas tree with lights. I will leave you cookies with M&M's.

I love you, Jessica Ramirez

Dear Santa, Could you bring me a play gun? I like to play with a gun. I like everything about Santa. I like to build a snowman. I like to go fishing and eat a bunch of fish. I like to get my Christmas tree. I like to see the stars. I like for Santa to come. I am being good. I will leave you

some cake. I love you, Santa. Favian Ortiz







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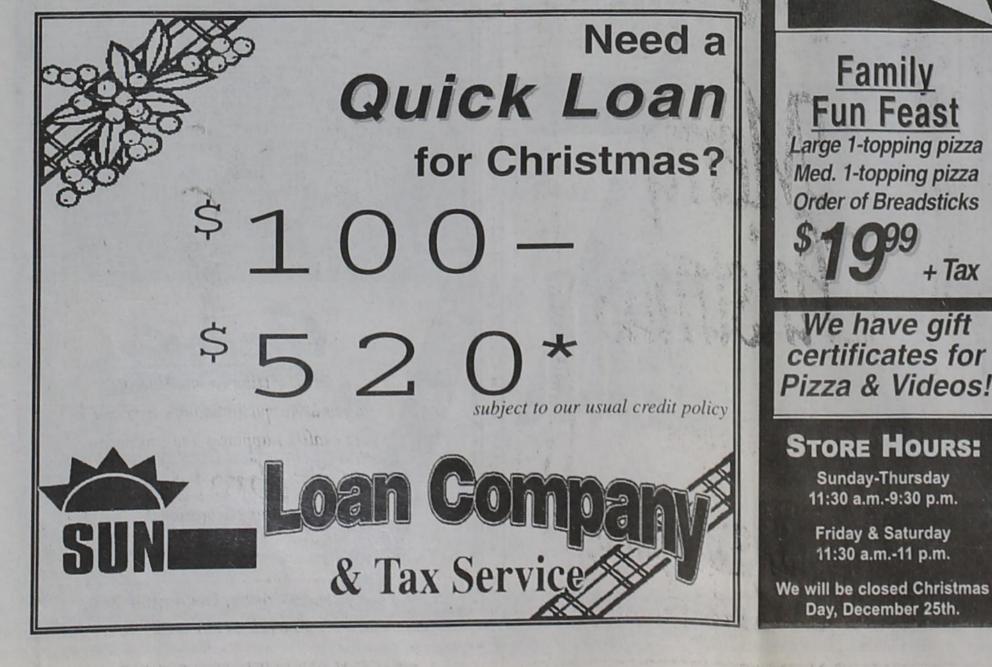
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Dear Santa.

I want a BArbie car and a few Barbies, a toy Santa, a bicycle, a cold at the North Pole? I have been toy lawn mower, and a toy grill. good. I had a lot of presents last Santa, I am going to leave you a year. I want a karaoke machine. few cookies out and some milk. I have been trying to be a good girl. That's all!

Love. Amber Johnson

Dear Santa,

Bob Movie Game Boy Game, PlayStation? Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots, and Robo Sapien, and a PlayStation game: Crash Insanity, and the Game boy game, Bloody One. I want an Icle R C, a Rudolph toy, and a Santa Claus toy. I want a game called, "Don't Wake-up Daddy." I want the "Rudolph the will you come? Can you bring me a Red-Nosed Reindeer" movie. I am trying to be good.

Bye, Braxton Crane

Dear Santa,

I hope that you get through the snow. I hope that you come to our house. I hope that everyone in our hummer. class gets a Christmas present. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I hope that your elves make a bunch of toys for the girls and boys. I hope that you don't get ill. That's all! I love you.

Your friend, Macy Haight

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, a Bratz doll, a Barbie Princess book, and a new work jacket for my grandma, and new socks for my Hun (grandpa). I will leave out cookies and milke for you.

I love you, Jasmine Puebla

Dear Santa,

Have you been very good at the North Pole? Are your Elves doing good? I want a truck that has spinners.

Love, Jahin Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I love you very very much! What have you done in the past few weeks? I've been good! I know you said if I be good all December I could have something. I want the

Clutch! Love, Trenton Finley

Dear Santa, It has been cold in Gruver. Is it

Love. Shaylee Chapman

Dear Santa,

I hope you have so much fun. Can you come to Gruver? How many days will it be until you come I want a PlayStation, the Sponge to gruver? Can you give me a

Love. Lab Barrero

Dear Santa, I hope you come soon. I think your reindeer are pretty. I love you.

Is it cold at the North Pole? When remote control Escalade?

Ulysses Valverde

Dear Santa,

I hope you have fun and you be safe on your slay. We live in Gruver. I am very good. I want a

Love,

Justin Moreno

Dear Santa, I hope you are happy Santa. Are you watching us? I moved to a new town. We are at Gruver. Santa can you bring me a watch?

Aaron Felderhoff

Dear Santa,

We love you very much! Is it cold at the North Pole? I hope you have a safe trip to Gruver. I want a CD player and rap music please. Love,

Kolt Casuaus

Dear Santa,

I want to ask you, is it cold at the North Pole? I bet! how are your reindeer and how is your wife? Can you please bring me a CD player and CDs.

Antolina Mendoza

Dear Santa,

M.E.K.K.A

Thank you for your patronage.

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I hope you come to my house. Santa, has it been cold at the North Pole? I hope you have a safe trip. Santa, I love you so so much. Santa, has it been snowing at the North Pole? Santa, please can you give me CDs of Usher and Dive In.

Lesley Bernal

Dear Santa,

My sister woke me up one day. She said somebody ate the chocolate chip cookies. We looked out the window. We saw Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and your slay. Dear Santa, I want a corvet.

Love, Mattie Mayfield

Dear Santa,

We love you very much. santa, has it been snowing at the North Pole? I hope you have a very safe trip to Gruver. I want a karaoke machine

Dara Arrington

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? How many kids are there in the world? For Christmas I want a driveway racer. Merry Christmas! Love,

Nicholas Key

Dear Santa,

what are you doing this year? Where is Mrs. Claus? Will you birg me new sheets? I have been good this year. Merry Christmas Santa! Love,

Makayla Wheskel

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Is he ready to stickers. I am being good. I will give you a cake.

Love, Zachary Chapman

Dear Santa,

Have I been good? I am sorry if I have been bad. Will you please bring me a puppy? Have a happy holiday!

Love, Hadlee Spivey

Dear Santa,

I have been a ggod girl. Are you ready for your big night? I bet your bag is heave from the presents. I think you are nice to all of the reindeer. Does Mrs. Claus help you? Will you bring Clickster pencils.

Love, Brennyn Seagler

Dear Santa.

Are you ready Santa? For Christmas I want a football. Thank you for the toys. Love,

Anthony Cruz

Dear Santa,

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Are you coming to my house? I wonder if Rudolph is ready for the

big night! I want a bike for Christmas. I will leave cookies and fly? I want a new red bike with milk for 'you. have a merry Christmas!

Love, Kennedy King

Dear Santa,

Are you good today? I want Incredible toys. Mrs. Claus is pret-

Love,

Adam Casdorph

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for the big night? Will Mrs. Claus let you go this year? Do you train your reindeer to go up so high? How does it feel to go up so high on Christmas? Do you like delivering presents? Will you bring me a real football? Have a happy Christmas!

Love.

Karsten Irwin

The second grade class in Gruver has been working on persuasive writing. We decided to take a little different twist on the traditional "Santa Letter". We told Santa what NOT to bring a member of our family and why. we hope you enjoy these letters as much as we did

Dear Santa,

I think I might be able to help you with some of your delievering. I would appreciate it if you would not bring Sammi a drum. She might scare the fish since our fish is a scardy cat. Drums will be too noisy. And besides, there is not a place to keep the drums. Maybe barbies would be good. My sister probably wants my barbies. I love barbies anyway.

> Love, Megan Sparks

Dear Santa,

I am Alonso's sister. Are your raindeer ready to fly on Christmas Eve? I think it is not a good idea to bring Alonso a frog. It will pee on your hands. It will hop in to your pants. You should bring him a four wheeler instead.

Love, Thaily

Dear Santa.

How is Comet? I don't think it would be a good idea to bring Cole a skateboard. He would skate board in the house and the wheels will

come off. It will get ran over. I

think you should bring him an electric guitar. Love,

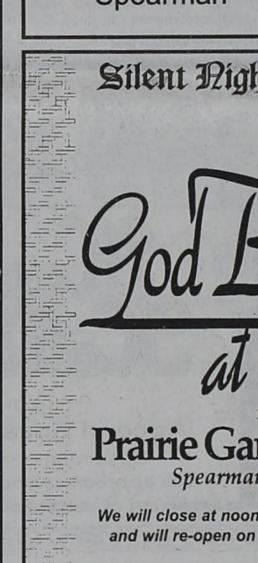
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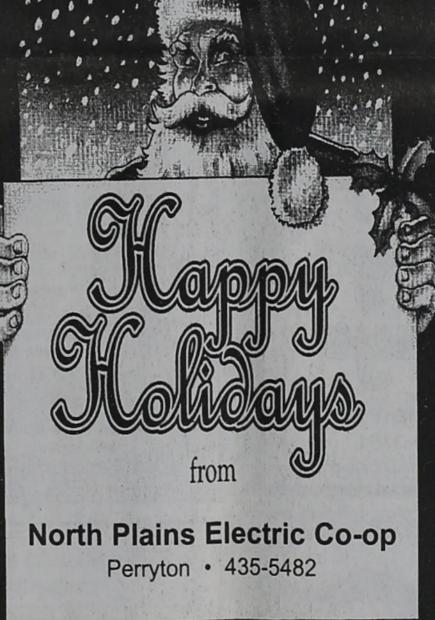
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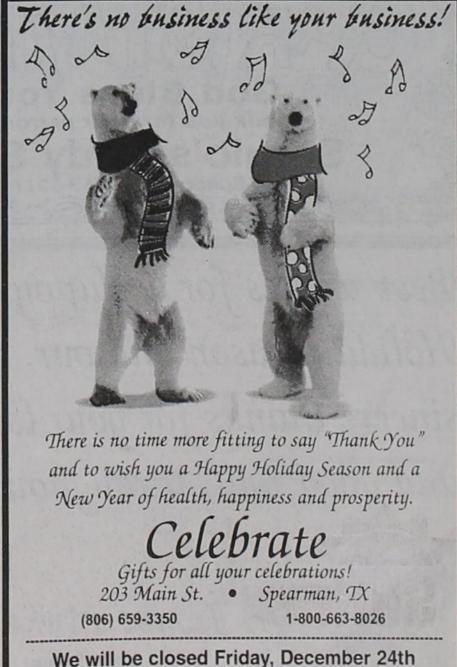












through Monday, December 27th.



Dear santa,

I am Tabby's very little sister. I think I can tell you what my sister needs. Please do not bring a real car because she will go crzy. Mom will take it, and mom will wreck it. I think I can help you with Christmas. I know what you can bring her. She needs new high heels.

Love, Jennifer

Dear Santa.

I am Claudia's sister. I don't want you to bring Claudia another cat because she kicks them. She thinks they smell bad. she says the scratch hard, you can bring her a cumputer.

Love, Patty Garcia

Dear Santa,

I am Blake and i dont think that you should bring Brett more CDs. It won't be fair to me. Jakeob woud be fighting over them too. He wouldn't share with me, and he doesn't have anywhere to put them. Just dont bring him anymore CDs pleace. Instead of Cds, I thiknk you should bring him a scooter.

Love, Blake Wills

Dear Santa,

I think you should not bring my Daddy a dress. He will look funny. i think you should bring him tools instead. He would like them so much. He also wants a bow-tie.

Love, Calvin

Dear Santa,

how is your wife? I don't think you should get Reed a horse for Christmas. He willrun all around the house. he will color all over it to. Reed and I will fight over it I bet. Maybe you could get him a football.

Dear Santa,

I am Keila's little sister. I don't think you should bring her a book because she is annoying when she reads. Books make her laugh weird. I think she reads too much. I think you should bring her an art

Love, Tania Bernal

Dear Santa.

I am Madison's brother. Please don't give Madison a pig. It's too messy. It'll take up too much room. It could even poop in my room! Maybe you should give her a laptop. She's been wanting one her whole life.

Love, Mason

Dear Santa,

Santa how have you been doing? I think I can help you. I think my sister doesn't need dolls anymore because she hits me. She makes a big ugly mess and nobody can walk in her room. She yells when I do my homework. You can bring her a Dora pillow.

Love, Jose

Dear Santa,

I am Romoldo's son and I don't want you to bring a dog. My dad is allergic to dogs, and it gets us in trouble. The dog poops everywhere

around the house. Once I had a dog named Puddles Duddles. When he was 9 years old he died. I loved him, except when he was barking at 5:00 am. Santa, can you bring my dad a real car? His truck is old.

Love. Gabriel

Dear Santa.

I am Jenny's brother. How are you? I don't think you should bring Jenny a baby doll. She fights for it all the time. She bites the baby's toes. She takes it every where. I hate it. Maybe you could bring her a Dora toy.

Love.

Dear Santa,

How are you and your raindeer? Maybe I could help you and your elves on what to make Luke for Chrismtas. Maybe you shouldn't get Luke a baseball bat. He might tear up the house, or he could hit Jobi's head. He might even hit my mom when she is sleeping!!! Maybe you could get Luke an exersise ball because Blaise won't let him mess with his balls.

Love, Michaela Davis

Dear Santa, I am Alexis' sister. how are you and your raindeer? I think you should not bring Alexis a dog for Christmas. She is mean to my Nana's dog. We don't have a dog house. We also have no dog food. I think you should bring Alexis a book for Christmas because she likes to read a little.

Love, Victoria

Dear Santa Clause,

I liked your gifts that you gave me last year. I hope their even better this year! Ok, Santa lets get back to the subject! My sister, Callie does not need a dress for Christmas! She wil not wear it even if anyone makes her. She will rip it apart and she always wears jeans. Please do not get her a dress for Christmas! She might want a Randy Moss jersey. Have a happy Christmas!

Your little elf, Bailey Stedje

Dear Santa.

practicing flying for Christmas. It's poline. These are three reasons

mom's don't play football. My a Merry Christmas! mom doesnt watch football games. She likes to cook not play football. A double broiler would be nice for her. Have a very Merry Christmas!

Blake Verdel

Dear Santa,

How are you? For Christmas my brother Andy does not need a game boy. So please do not give him one. He will not play with it. He will Holidays Santa. spend the whole time with his friends and family. A great gift for Andy would be a basketball. Have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Hisha Borunda

Dear Santa,

working to hard this year. My brother dosent need a four wheeler for Christmas. He dosent know how to dive one and he sirves all over. He might run over me. He is also to young to drive one. A football would be a great gift for him. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Dakota Lopez

Dear Santa,

Are you ready for Christmas? I can't wait. Manny has asked for anew dog. Please don't bring him a dog because it will chase me. I would have to take care of it. A dog would pee in our house. He needs a toy for Christmas. Have a great Christmas!

Love, David Lopez

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? How are you? for Christmas this year please don't give Wyatt a guitar. He wouldn't know how to play it. His hands aren't big enough use the strings. It would get on my nerves. You could bring him a web blaster instead. Hope you have a nice and she would stink. She is too Christmas! Truly yours.

Love, Bailey Rae

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents from last year. Bianca wants a trampoline, but please do not bring her one, because she jumps so high that she makes me fall down. She also will get mad if I make her fall down. I known that I am not to do that. She also gets mad if I play I hope your reindeer have been with Carlos' football on the tram-

almost here. For Christmas why not to bring a trampoline. You mommy does not need football known what could be nice for her stuff, because she is a mom and the internet. I hope Santa you have

> Love, Vanessa Garcia

Dear Santa,

I hope the reindeers do what you say. For Christmas Julius doesn't need a Barbie House because he will make a mees and tear it all up. But I know what you can give him for Christmas. You can give him a electrical monster truck. Happy

Love, Serena Diaz

Dear Santa,

HAve your elves got all the toys finished? I hope the do because Hadlee my cousin wants a mouse. I don't think that Hadlee needs a I hope your elves have not been mouse because her mom would scream. Her dad would yell and say "Get that mouse out of here." It would poop everywhere, that would make her mom scream even more. The mouse would probably get out of his cage. She likes lipstick. That would be thing to get her. Have a happy holiday.

> Your Friend, Reagan Haynes

Dear Santa,

I hope you and reindeer are ready for Christmas. This year my dad asked for a motorcycle, but please don't bring him one. He would drive crazy and get a ticket. He wouldn't know how to dive it and he would crash. My dad wouldn't take good care of it, but a four wheeler would be nice for him. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Valentin Frejo

Dear Santa,

I hope you are ready for Christmas. Santa, pleaase do not bring Madison some cologne she would not not wear it at all. If she wore it she would put too much on young to wear cologne. Santa will you bring her some lottery tickets? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Carson Williams

Dear Santa,

I hope your reindeer aren't tired of flying. I can't wait to see you for Christmas. Tony, my cousin, wants a car. If he gets a real car he might get a ticket and have to go to jail. A play car would be a good gift for him. Have a Merry Christmas!

Oziel

Dear Santa.

I hope you have not been working to hard. For Christmas this year I hope you don't bring my cousin Colton a dress. He can't play football in it. That would be so funny. so funny. He will be freezing when he plays football out in the cold. Colton doesn't need a dress. Maybe a bike would be nice. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Dux Haight

Dear Santa,

Love,

When we tackle him, we could see his underwhere. That would be so

Love,

How are you? Please don't bring my sister Clarissa a car. She wouldn't take me anywhere. She is also to young and would wreck. Have a merry christmas.

JJ Anayo

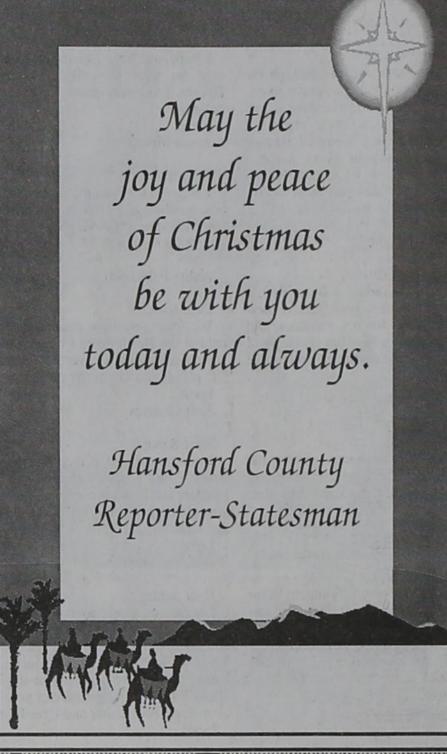
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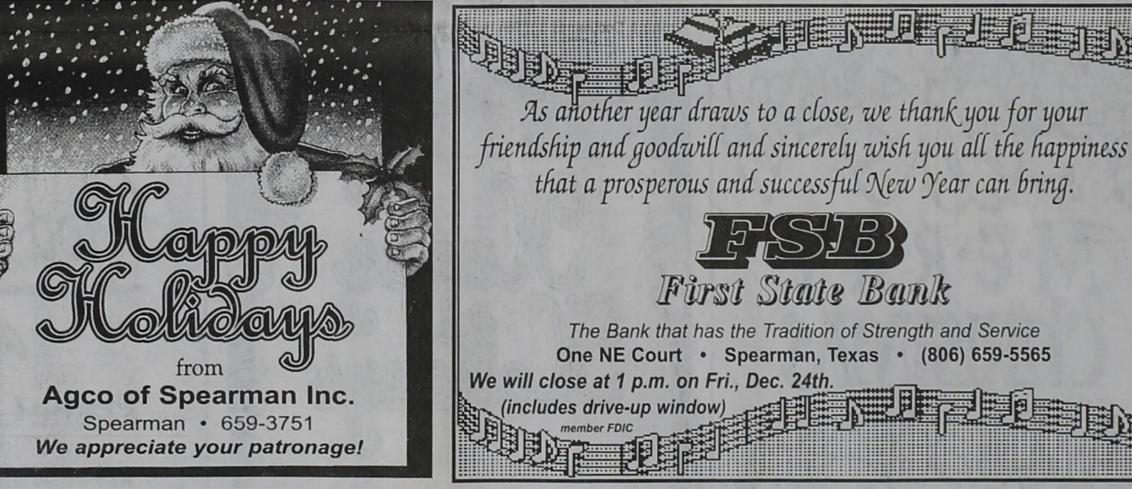
I hope you and your elves have not been working hard this year. Don't give Mikey a dog. A dog would be lazy all the time. We would just have to feed it. Besides, we have about fifty dogs. They also poop everywhere. Please bring him a bodle car instead. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Love, Jacob Collier

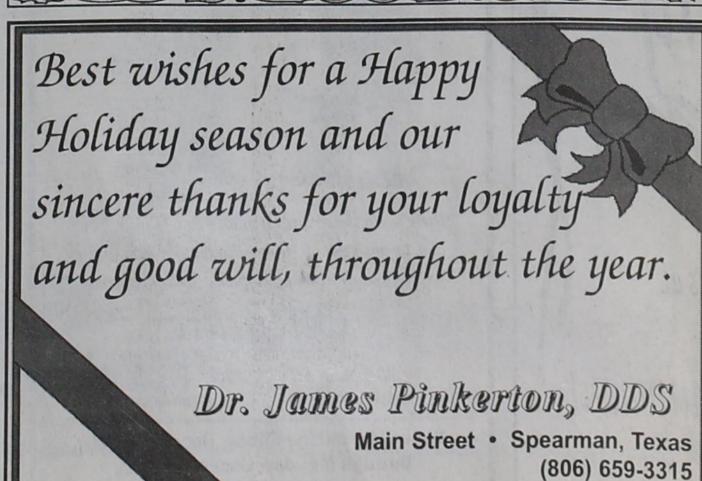
Dear Santa, I hope you are doing great. My sister Iselda has been good but she doesn't need a computer for Chrismtas. She doesnt know how to type or use a computer. She might push the wrong button and erase everything. Please

bring her something else Merry Christmas! Itzel Esparza











May the love, peace and hope of this holy season bless you now and always.

Llory to God in the Highest

Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,

... For unto you is born this day in the city of David a

lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:11

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### REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 719 W. 7th Street, Spearman - Building, fixtures and/or stores. Contact Jackie, Ginger or Susan at (806) 659-2608. TFN(5-27-04)B

FOR SALE: 714 Gibner Dr., Spearman - 4BR, 3B, 2CG - nice home with large family room, fenced yard. Call (806) 659-3260. TFN(8-19-04)B

FOR SALE: 808 Front Street, Gruver - Nice 1999 Fleetwood 4BR, 2B doublewide home on six

city lots with carport, horse barn and pens. Call Ben or Kerry Poer at (806) 733-5532 or (806) 736-5554. 4(12-09-04)B

FOR SALE: 205 North Snider, Spearman - 2BR, 2B, living room, den, formal dining area, garage/game room, hot tub, 2 storage buildings w/6 acres of land. Call 659-3665.

TFN(12-16-04)B
FOR SALE: 727 Wilbanks, Spearman - 3-4BR, 1 1/2B, office, living room, dining room, laundry room, central H/A, garage, lg. covered porch, lg. backyard, lg. carport, on 112 lots. Call 432-268-4746 or 432-264-7781.

TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 523 S. Barkley, Spearman - 4BR, 3B, double car garage with cellar. Lots of character, lots of storage, new heat/ac unit, fruit trees, hardwood floors and great location. Priced to sell. Call for appointment, (806) 330-

TFN(5-27-04)B FOR SALE: 206 S. Cluck, Gruver - 3BR, 1 34B, 2C detached garage wlarge finished room. Call 733-TFN(9-16-04)B

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FOR SALE OR RENT: 620 S. Bernice, Spearman - 5BR, 2B, fenced backyard, detached 1CG, includes 1 room apartment house. Call (806) 878-3604. TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 702 S. Haney, Spearman - 2-3BR, 212B, 2CG, new roof, new furnace. Call 659-TFN(10-28-04)B

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4(12-09-04)B
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LEGAL NOTICE
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beginning at 10 a.m.

Specifications are available in the County Judge's Office or the County Auditor's office in the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

> Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(12-02-04)B

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Proposals addressed to Steve Benton, Mayor, City of Spearman, 30 SW Court, Spearman, Texas 79081 for the rehabilitation of one 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tank enti-

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January 11, 2005
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At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Spearman in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days receipt Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Spearman and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local con-

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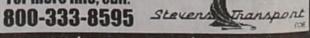
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## Morse cowboy hooked on bullfighting career



name for himself as a bullfighter in the rodeo world.

by Harletta Carthel

Monica Schmidt didn't take Willie and Waylon's advice but let her son Evan grow up to be a cow-

In fact, Schmidt's mother has been his best fan since his earliest rodeo days. Her support has even included stopping to watch him in a calf-riding competition on her way home after the birth of

"I remember my first rodeo ell," Schmidt said. Although I had ridden calves at the feedlot where my dad worked, my first calf-riding competition was at Spearman when I was five. Dad and I had picked my mom and new sister up at the hospital and stopped at the rodeo on the way home to Morse so mom could see me ride."

Since that time, Schmidt, now 21, has honed his skills by competing in bull riding at high school rodeos and, later, college rodeos . He has gained both expertise and

experience, but not without a price. "I've torn my ACL, MCL, PCL and meniscus," Schmidt said. "I've also been knocked out three or four

One serious injury confined Schmidt to a wheelchair for several months during his junior year in high school. Even so, the wiry cowboy's love for the sport intensified, and when a new opportunity presented itself at a high school rodeo in Vernon, Texas, he was ready for the challenge.

"In college, when some of the rodeo team members were riding bulls in the practice pen, we needed someone to step in and protect the rider from the bull," Schmidt said. "I took a turn at it, made a good save and have been hooked



Putting the spin on a bull at the Bull Fest Range War in Guymon, Evan Schmidt scores high with judges.

getting hooked," Schmidt said. "A

lot of the score depends on how

Schmidt is already making his name in the highly competitive

sport. He was named Texas

Cowboys' Rodeo Associations

Bullfighter of the Year in 2004. In

freestyle bull fighting, he won first place at the Range War Bull Fest in

Guymon and co-shared the title in

the cowboy protection match. He

placed fifth overall in the World

Champion Rodeo Bullfighting

Finals, and most recently competed

in the National Finals Rodeo Bucking Stock Sale in Las Vegas, Nevada where he earned a buckle

As Schmidt now focuses on his

goal of building his career in the

very competitive and dangerous field of bullfighting, his mother Monica is often asked how she

copes.
"I think it's wonderful," Monica

Schmidt said. "Evan is living his

dream. And there are not many

people who get the chance to do what they love and make a living at

in free-style bullfighting.

agile you are."

on bullfighting ever since."
Schmidt's first experience as a

bullfighter in competition came as

"My sister Jessica was in a high school finals rodeo in Vernon, and one of the bullfighters didn't show up so I volunteered to take his place," Schmidt said.

Since that time, the fledgling bullfighter has used his animal knowledge from bull riding days and learned from other bullfighters the skills he needed to turn his passion into a profession.

"The main skill a bullfighter has to have is a lack of fear," Schmidt said. "You also have to be quick. My earlier bull riding has taught me a lot, and that has definitely been a help.'

In addition to the traditional role of bullfighters to protect cowboys during competition, Schmidt also competes in free-style bull fighting where only the bullfighter and bull are in the arena.

"Free style bullfighting is more or less like dancing with the bull," Schmidt said. "It is like the traditional matador with a cape except we use ourselves instead of a

Just like his earlier sport of bull riding, bullfighting is not for the faint of heart. In the arena with a two-ton animal, bullfighters are each scored for 40 seconds as they show their bull fighting skills with an extra 30 seconds give as an

option. "You can get extra points by jumping over the bull or by getting as close as you can to a bull and not

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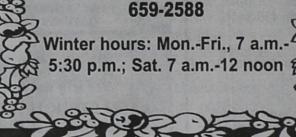
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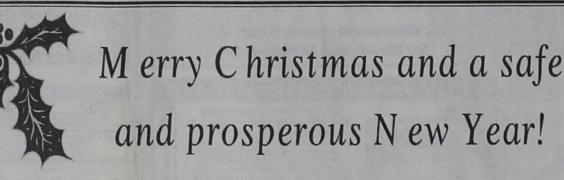
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