

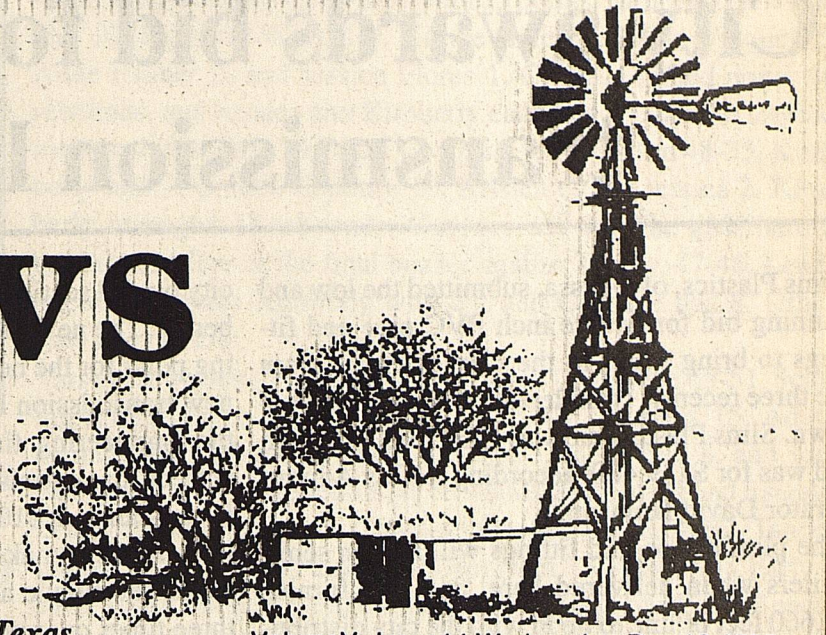
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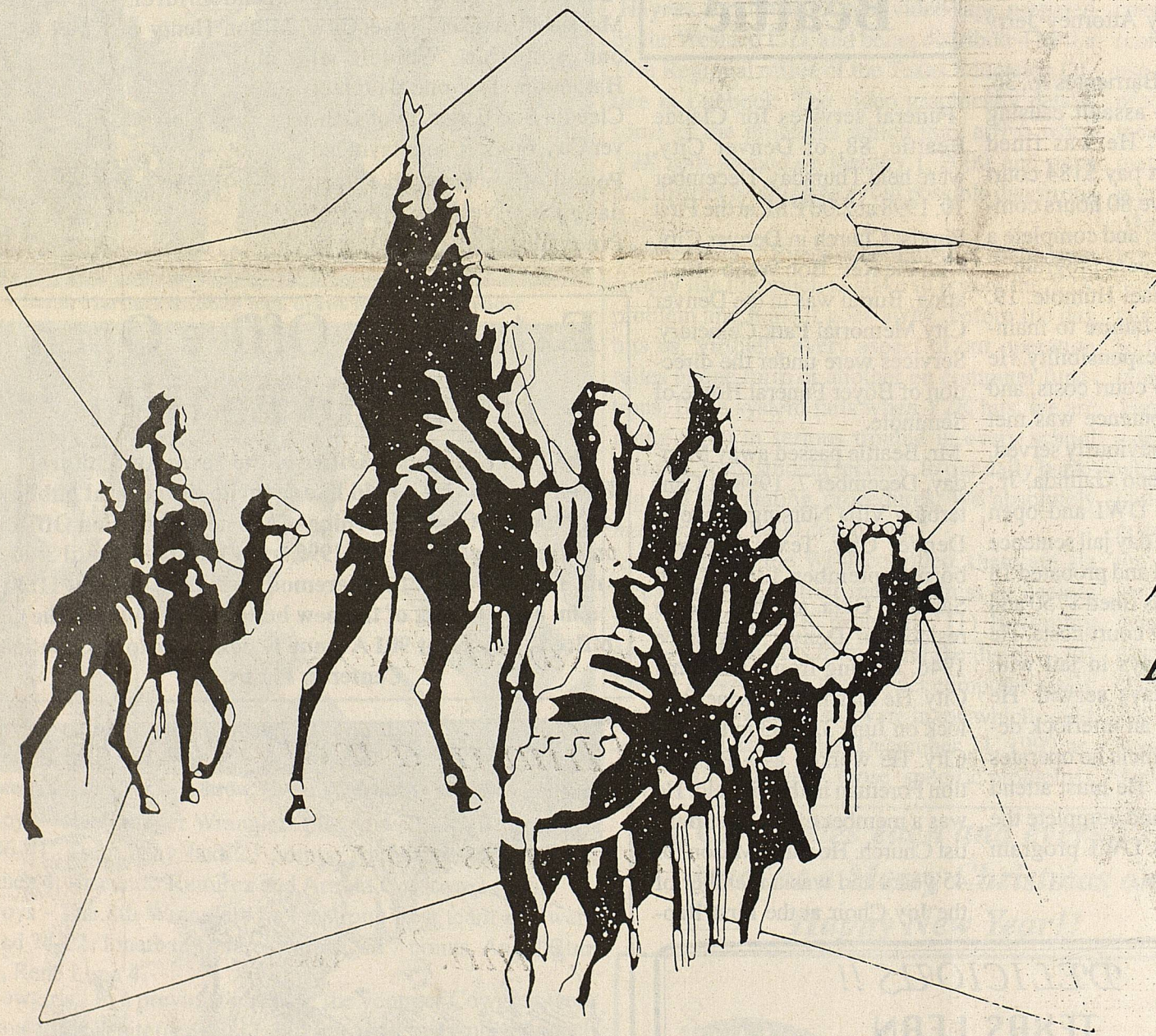
# Cowboy Country News



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*"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east, saying, where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."* Matthew 2:1,2



*"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, for there was no room in the inn."* Luke 2:7

*We hope you will join us in sharing the joys of Christmas. We wish you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

*Holly & Gary Dyer*



## City awards bid for water transmission line

Sims Plastics, of Odessa, submitted the low and winning bid for twelve inch PVC pipe and fittings to bring water to the City of Plains from the three recently completed water wells west of town. Sims Plastics bid was \$132,800. The high bid was for \$139,400, according to City Administrator David Brunson.

The plastic pipe and fittings will fill ten semi-trailers when delivered here, and will furnish 19,660 feet of line to tie in with the city distribution system. Brunson said city employees will probably start laying the new line sometime after the first of January.

Another bid for material and construction of a 100,000 gallon storage tank and pump station on

city owned section 423 will be awarded December 21. The new facility will serve as the gathering point for the new wells, prior to entering the new transmission line. West Texas Consultants, the engineering firm handling the large water project, has estimated the cost of the tank and pump station at \$106,000. The completed project is designed to make an additional 700 gallons of water per minute available for the city, roughly three times over water production available last summer, according to Brunson.

A large portion of the cost of the water project is being funded by a \$250,000 Community Development Grant through HUD.

## County Approved For Livestock Assistance Program

Yoakum County has been approved for the 1998 Livestock Assistance Program. The LAP, administered by the Farm Service Agency, provides payments to eligible livestock producers who suffered losses from natural disasters in 1998. It provides a partial reimbursement to eligible producers for grazing losses. Benefits for producers with hay losses may be available under the Noninsured Disaster Assistance (NAP) or 1998 Ad Hoc disaster program. Eligible producers may not receive payments of more than \$50,000 per person under this program. This will be in addition to any benefits received from the Noninsured Disaster Assistance Program, 1998 Ad Hoc disaster or FSA Emergency Loan Programs.

Eligible livestock are beef and dairy cattle; buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle; sheep; goats; and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the producer's farm and owned or leased for at least 90 days. Payments will be made after all applications have been received, approved by the County Committee and a national payment factor is applied. Payments are scheduled to be issued at the end of January 1999.

The sign-up period for the Livestock Assistance Program will begin December 8, 1998 and will continue thru February 5, 1999. Application should be made at the Yoakum County FSA Office. Producers need to contact the Yoakum County Farms Service Agency for more information.

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## Lowery Named To FSA Committee

Roy Lowery has been elected to the Yoakum County Farm Service Agency Committee. Mr. Lowery replaces Kevin Gibson. Other members of the County Committee are Chairperson, Mr. Tommy Box, and Vice-Chairperson, Mrs. Edith Tuggle. Members serve for a three year term.

The Yoakum County FSA Office would like to thank Mr. Kevin Gibson for the service he has given the producers in Yoakum County. The County Committee is responsible for the hiring of the County Executive Director, administering FSA programs and directing County Office Operations.

## County Criminal Cases Heard

In County Court December 9, Phillip Clay Hahn, 37, pled guilty to a first DWI charge. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$199 court costs. He must complete the first offenders DWI course, serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 9 hours served, and perform 24 hours community service. He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Jose Vasquez Barrientes Jr., 36, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$184 court costs, will serve 80 hours community service, and complete a batterer's treatment program.

Damien Michael Humble, 19, pled guilty to failure to maintain financial responsibility. He must pay \$184 court costs, and a 7 day jail sentence was met with 13 days previously served.

Roberto Moreno Galinda, Jr., pled guilty to DWI and open container. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$750 and must pay \$199 court costs. He will serve 6 days in jail with credit for 3 days served. He must maintain an interlock device on any vehicle he operates for 18 months. He must attend AA meetings and complete the first offenders DWI program within 180 days.

## Another recording of good mule deer in area



Chris Johnson, of Bonham, Texas, lays his rifle across antlers of another good mule deer buck taken in last month's special five day hunt. The deer was taken on land jointly owned by Johnson and Beard family in the northern part of the county.

## Services held for Claude Beattie

Funeral services for Claude Beattie, 88, of Denver City, were held Thursday, December 10, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church in Denver City, with the Rev. Bob Webb officiating. Burial was in the Denver City Memorial Park Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home of Seminole.

Mr. Beattie passed away Monday, December 7, 1998 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Denver City, Texas. He was born September 13, 1910 in Sapulpa, Okla. and had been a resident of Denver City since 1946, moving from Oklahoma City. He married Marsene Bullock on June 3, 1983 in Denver City. He worked as a Production Foreman in the oil field. He was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was a Mason for 45 years and was a member of the Joy Choir at the First Baptist Church.

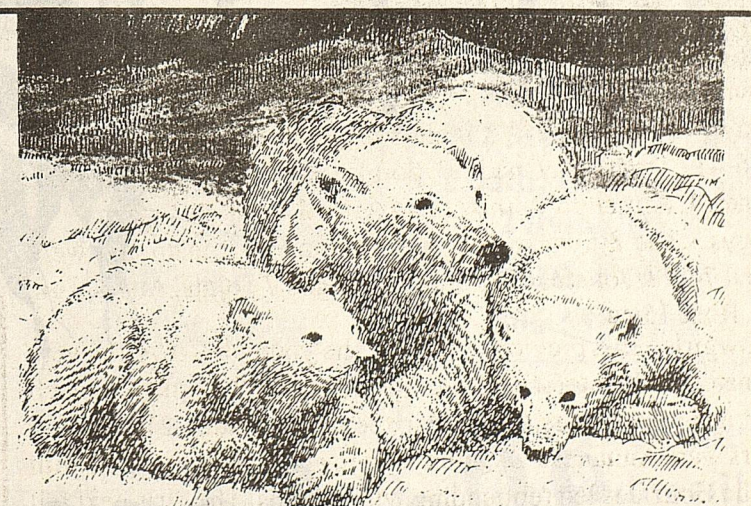
He quit high school to support the family after his father's death, and returned to school after his sisters grew up and graduated. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Johnson of Weleetka, Okla., Vernon Phillips in 1982. Survivors include his wife Marsene Beattie of Denver City, one son Carl Weldell of Harlenton, Tx., one daughter Claudia Sue Ferguson of Denver City, one step son Raymond Powell of Lubbock, three step daughters Nelda Coutee of Pineville, La., Ella Grace

Gallagher of Arlington, Tx. Dinah Layton of Post Falls, Idaho, three sisters, Betty May of Weleetka, Okla., Bertha Adams of Lindsay, Okla., Irene Johnson of Weleetka, Okla., four Grandchildren, nine Great Grandchildren, a nephew Milton Henry of Casel Rock, Col.



## Extension Office Open House To Be Held

The Yoakum County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service would like to invite the general public to attend the Grand Opening of the new Extension Office on Friday, December 18, 1998 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. and viewing of the new building will follow. The office is located at 901 Avenue G next door to the Youth Center in Plains.



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## PISD Basketball Recap

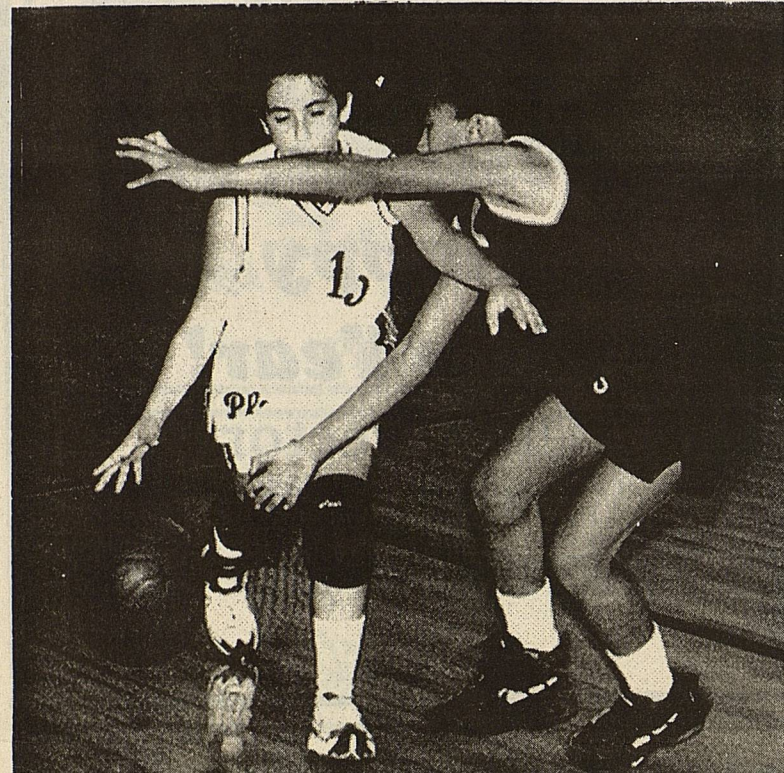
### Junior High:

7th Girls - The younger Lady Wranglers were downed by Post 23-4 last week. The girls could only score in the first period, with Sarah Martinez and April Wilmeth managing 2 points each.



Chelsea Blount prepares to shoot, Kayla Willis ready to rebound

8th Girls - The 8th girls had a bit better outing against Post, losing 31-21. Leading scorers included Chelsea Blount and McKenzie Winn, 8 each, and Jessica Knight scored 4.



Sarah Martinez dribbles ball, draws foul from defender



Joanna Diaz makes free throw, Kayla Willis ready to go to boards

7th Boys - The younger Wranglers played well against Post, but fell 46-41. Trent May had 23 points, Richard Diaz 10, Ryan Martinez 4, Armando Ramirez and Arnold Cordova 2 each.

8th Boys - The 8th Wranglers met a strong Post team and were downed 74-22. Jonathan Delarosa managed 7 points, Angel Ruiz had 6, Rene Luna 4.

JV Cowgirls - In a previous meeting, the younger Cowgirls were dominated by Whiteface 42-17, but last week they played much better, and were finally defeated in the last period 29-21. Leading scorers were Annaliesa O'Quinn with 9, and Chelsi Wagon with 7. Julie Gonzales led rebounding with 7 grabs. The girls next fell to Littlefield 31-21. Annaliesa managed 9 points, Julie had 6, and was top rebounder with 6. The Cowgirls came on strong and downed Morton 38-10. Annaliesa scored 18 points and pulled



Eighth grade girls in battle royal for the ball

down 8 rebounds, Elizabeth Clanahan had 5 points, Lexi Warren 4, and Kim Willis had 8 steals.

JV Cowboys - The Cowboys were tough against Crosbyton, winning 62-55. Kelsey Blundell led the scoring with 13, and Jarod Newland and Aaron Cain each had 11. In tournament action here, the boys felled Wellman 44-23. Jarod had 10 points, Kelsey had 9. They next faced a good Littlefield team and lost a heart breaker, 39-38. Kelsey topped scoring with 14 points, Dustin Six had 7. They next faced a large and tough Lovington team and were

downed 78-42. Dustin Six led the scoring with 13, and Moises Gonzales had 10.

Varsity Cowgirls - The Cowgirls lost a squeaker to Crosbyton 46-44. Kristen Gray led the scoring with 13 points, Kimberly Newland had 10, Candace Bowers 9, Kimbe Jones 6, Tanya Vasquez 3, Anne Palmer 2, and Jessica Flores 1. Candace pulled down 16 rebounds, and Jessica and Kimberly each had 3 steals. In tournament action at New Deal, the Cowgirls fell to Anton 48-35. Kimberly had 17 points, Candace 10, Kristen 6, and Jessica 2. Kimberly managed 13 rebounds, Candace had 10. The girls had a hard time to take loss at the final buzzer against Trinity, 47-46. Leading scorers were Kimberly with 27, and Candace had 8. Other stats unavailable.

Varsity Cowboys - The Cowboys whipped Crosbyton 65-51. Scoring leaders were Tanner Blount 23, Eddy Gallegos 15, Adam Garcia n10, Josh Bell 7, Fermin Luna 5, Jared Bell 4, and Joel Gallegos 1. Eddy grabbed 18 big rebounds, and Tanner had 6 steals. In tournament action, the Cowboys downed Anton 58-32. Tanner poured in 20 points, Patrick McGinty had 13, Adam and Eddy 8 each, Justin Bennett 3, Alex Tarango, Kyle Sisson and Josh 2 each. Eddy had 9 rebounds, Josh 8. Computer problems in the game against Trinity were incomplete for the Cowboy win. Tanner had a season high 37 points, Adam had 16, Joel and Eddy 6 each, Kyle 5, Colt Winn 3, and Patrick 2. Eddy led rebounding again with 12

grabs. The Cowboys had their third tournament win against Tahoka, 52-48. Adam and Tanner both had 14 points, Fermin 9, Eddy 5, Josh and Jared 4 each, and Joel 2. Adam had 4 steals, and Josh had 5 rebounds

## PISD plans for possible Year 2000 problems

With just over a year prior to the much heralded Year 2000 (Y2K) computer problems facing virtually every facet of our modern day lifestyle, Plains Independent School District has no intentions of being caught by the electronic bugaboo. In a recent interview, District School Superintendent James Haynes said the district is already embarked on a course to eliminate or minimize any possible mishaps caused by computer hardware or software being unable to recognize the year 2000 symbol.

Haynes furnished CCN a video tape prepared by the Weslaco ISD, and being distributed by the 17th Regional office of the Texas Education Office in Lubbock. The video graphically details some of the problems which may arrive when Y2K rolls around on January 1, 2000, and steps that district is taking to avoid possible disastrous results.

Haynes said, "Every school district in the state simply has too much at stake to ignore the Y2K problem and hope it goes away before the day hits us. Virtually every aspect of our operation relies in one form or another on computer functions. If the system fails when Y2K hits, we are going to be in serious trouble in every school campus, from student records, to our daily banking and accounting procedures. We absolutely must be Year 2000 compliant."

According to the Weslaco video, there are six steps a school district must address in dealing with pending Y2K problems; (1) Becoming *Aware* of problems throughout the district. (2) Taking *Inventory* of the district computer assets (i.e. all hardware and software in use which could be problem areas when December 31, 1999 arrives. (3) *Identifying* those specific problems

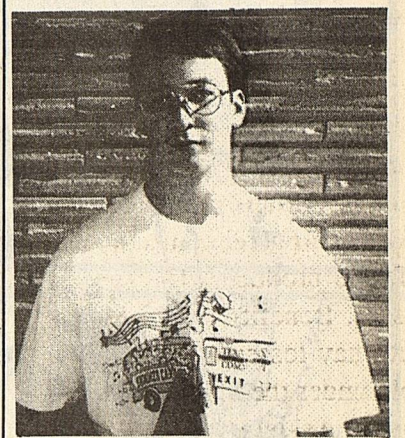
and outlining corrective measures for their elimination. (4) Identifying the most *critical* problem areas to establish priorities in problem solving steps. (5) *Remediation*, or actually taking steps of action to eliminate computer problems, and (6), a thorough *testing* of the system after remedial steps have been taken. Haynes said PISD has already initiated a comprehensive plan of action against woes caused by Y2K, often referred to as "The Millenium Bug."

The Superintendent said the district is in the process of contacting all manufacturers of hardware (computers and support equipment) currently in use to ensure it is compliant, as well as dozens of software producers. He said if any of the equipment will not handle the Y2K problem, most manufacturing firms will replace it free, or at minimal cost.

Haynes said all support organizations, including banks and investment sources, will be contacted to determine if they, and their in-line contacts are compliant. If they are not, or won't be by time Y2K arrives, other support organizations must be found for the district's business.

Haynes said one problem area which no one has a definite answer to is imbedded computer chips which will not accept the Y2K date. "Our vehicle manufacturers indicate the chips in their operating systems will not cause os problems, but apparently they are not absolutely sure. The same is true of chips installed in our heating, ventilation and cooling system, which is computer controlled. All of these areas must be checked out well in advance of January 1, 2000. We simply have to get all this in place and everything thoroughly tested before the event occurs."

## Student of the Week



Student of the week is Skyler Johnson, a sophomore, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Johnson. He was nominated by Mr. Portillo who said, "Dedication, discipline, and a leader is how to describe this week's Student of the Week. He is a great asset to the people he works for. He is able to do many things and be successful in all things he attempts. He plays football for the Cowboys and is an All-State Bass Trombonist. He is a role model for his classmates and a pleasure to have in class. Other students describe him as being someone who will go the extra mile. I am pleased to announce that Skyler Johnson is the "Student of the Week."

CCN wishes each and every PISD student a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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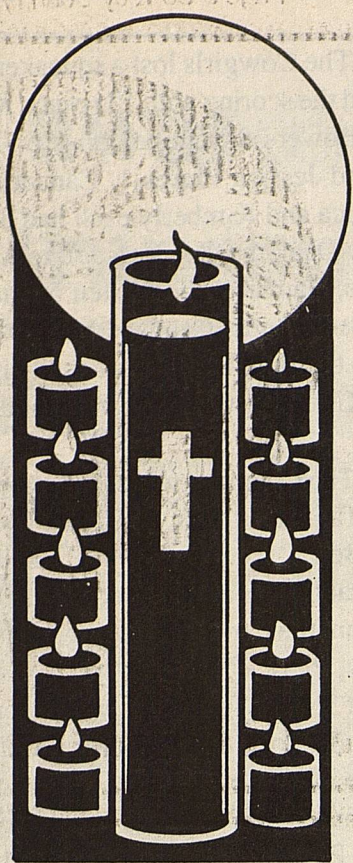
## OPEN HOUSE

Bill J. Helwig, Attorney at Law, cordially invites the citizens of Plains to attend an Open House Thursday, December 17, 1998 from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Bill and Debi Helwig invite everyone to come by and say hello and get acquainted with them.

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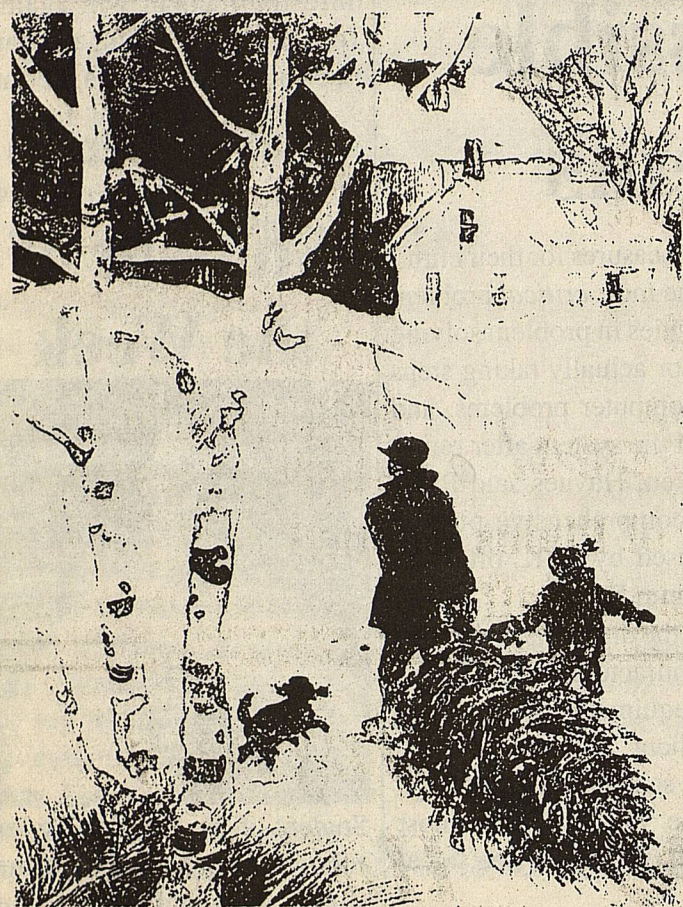
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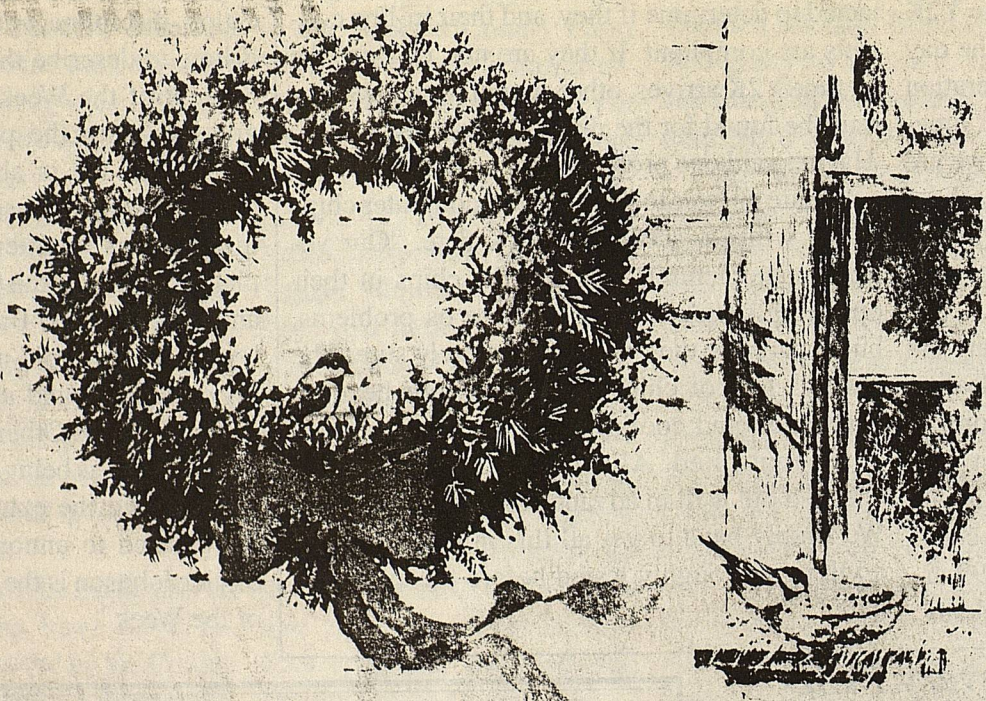
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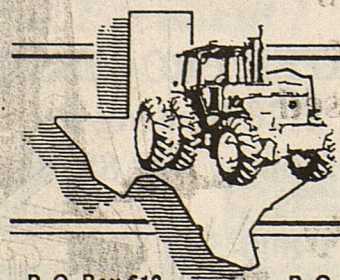


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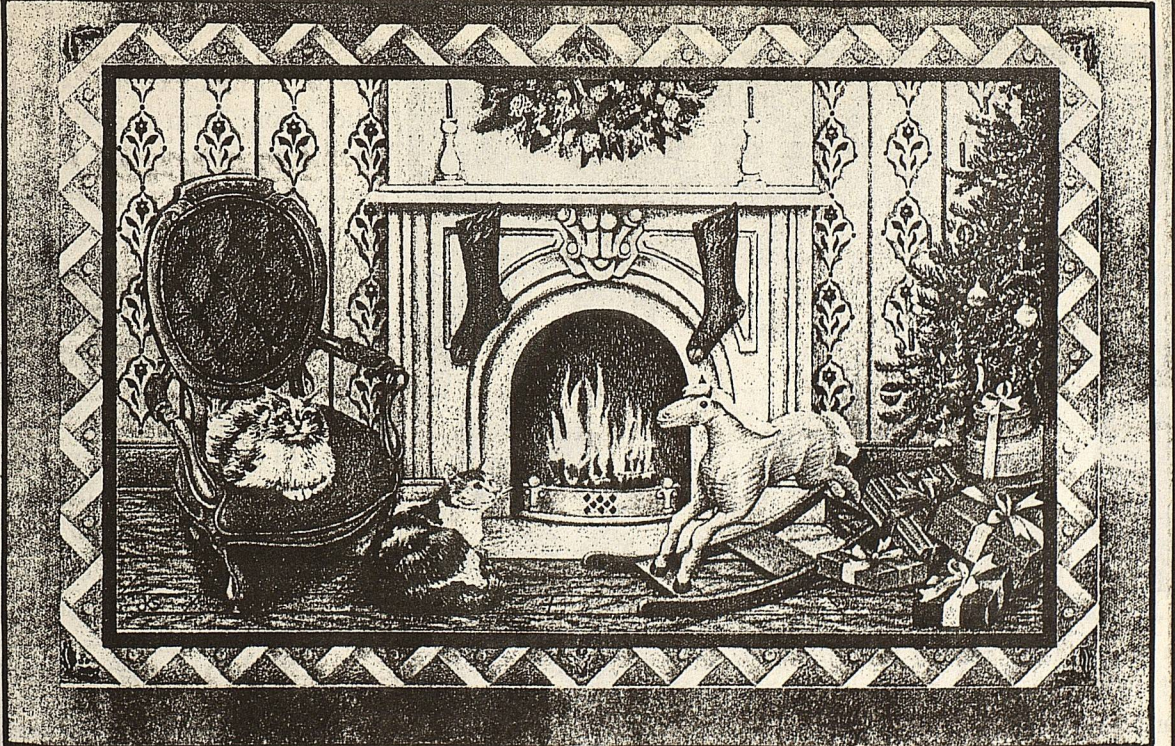


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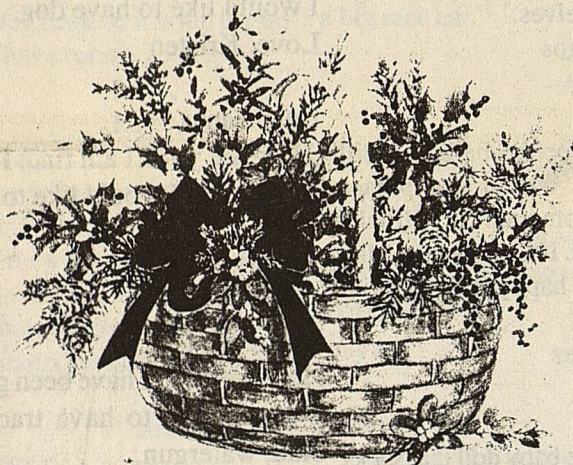
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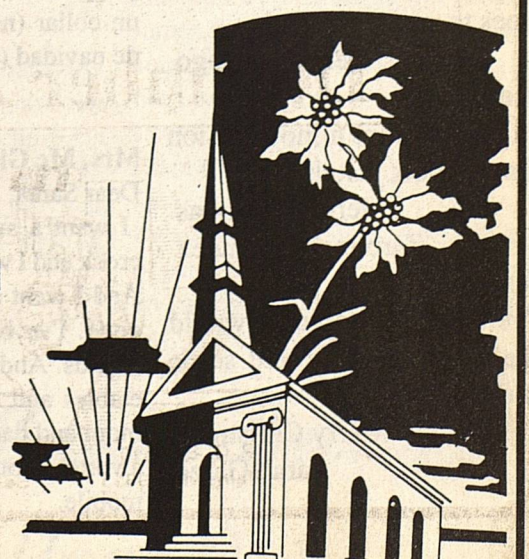
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# Elementary Kids Letters To Santa Claus

**Mrs. Hawthorne PRE-K**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big sandbox, cause it's bigger than a bed. And I want a fishing around. I called you and talked to you.  
Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas.

Zachary Lamar

Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer and a Barbie the Selena Barbie. I want to leave you milk and cookies.

Cami Rubio

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Power Ranger in space. I am going to leave you cheese, milk and cookies.

Love, Greg Andazola

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie Angel, Barbie Car, Puppy, clothes and Barbie Dolls.

Shelby Covarrubias

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie. Simba's Pride a movie. A baby that cries. I've been a good girl. I've got a coke for you.

Your friend,  
Vanessa Andazola

Dear Santa,  
I would like a guitar, a car and a fire truck. That's all.

Love, Blaine Altman

Dear Santa,  
Would you buy me a godzilla toy? I'm a good boy.

Christopher Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want some knee pads, and hand pads. Cause I love to roller blade. I would like a circle that you get in and you go in circles. I don't know what it is called.

Goodgirl,  
Adriana Corrales

Dear Santa,  
I want a rabbit, a kite, reindeer like Roudolph and Santa Bear and Santa Elves.

Aaron Cox

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll with a crown I like Beanie Baby Kitty.

Love,  
Yvonne Valverde

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy with a man with a car on it. Another day at Christmas to have another toy.

Merry Christmas  
JD Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I would like toys and a baby dog.

Merry Christmas  
Mercedes Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want a big red Power Ranger.

Merry Christmas  
Cedrick Flournoy

Dear Santa,  
I would like for my mom and dad to get me Baby Born. That's all.

Love,  
Cheri Moore

Dear Santa,  
I would like dolls and dress shoes to wear to church.

Denise Tarango

Dear Santa,  
I thinks I want a movie, Lion King. I think just that.

Merry Christmas  
Carolina Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl. I would like a Barbie Bike and some clothes.

Merry Christmas  
Sarah Garza

Dear Santa,  
I am a nice girl. I am going to give you a big store present. I would like a dancing doll.

Merry Christmas  
Amy Mindieta

**Mrs. Banfield-Kindergarten**  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Magic Stroller Baby & Swan Princess movie. Bring Merrit a Robot, too. We've been good.

Love,  
Hannah Crump  
Dear Santa,  
I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas. I want a power will truck. and thats all. And a two storyplay house for my sister, and thats all. I HAVE been good this year. Look for the milk and cookies I leave you.

Love, Jaaron Bell age 5  
Dear Santa Clause,  
Um-uh! Um, I want uh-a Batman toy, Um-a Batman Car, A Robin motorcycle, Um-uh a Bat, and ball, and a Bike without training wheels. Um, I want a ninja costume for Christmas. That's all I want. Merry Christmas Santa Clause!

Bye, Donovan Sainz  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Scooby Doo On Zombie Island and I want a toy tractor and I want a yo-yo and I want a Batman. I want that Scooby Doo movie that has that mummy and that armor. Clayton wants a horsey.

I love you,  
Kevin John Gass  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that walks and a teddy bear and I wish you a Merry Christmas and I love you.

From,  
Gladys Gallegos  
Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart. Merry Christmas. I want a toy box. I want a computer.

Jimmy Luna  
Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas. A bird black, I want. A Christmas tree. Bring my mom & dad a ball.

Frankie Friessen  
Dear Santa Clause,  
I want you to bring me a Barbie Doll dress like you, please, and I want to wish you Merry Christmas.

Bianaca Corrales  
Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a crawl and walk baby, play dough, a puppet and a baby brother. Thank you for the other presents you brought last year. I have been good. Thank you Santa Claus and Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Emily Davis  
pino want that Santa Claus to bring some toys and candies.

Pino Martinez  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a train.

Thank you  
Edgar Vasquez  
Dear Santa,  
Tral me una Barbie. Un monito (doll). un anillo (ring). Otro monito (another doll). Un perito (puppy) un collar (necklace). Un arbutou de navidad (a christmas tree).

Adios  
Mariela Martinez  
**Mrs. Mc Ginty - Kindergarten**  
Dear Santa,  
I want a swining-hitting-killer-crock and I want a volcano blaster. And I want a Nerf gun. I've been good. I've been very nice to my friends. And I've ate all my vegetables and do all the things my mom and dad tell me. And I want a vortex football. And I want a bat mobile.

Jaxon Bean

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car and monster trucks. I've been good. I want a computer and a dinosaur.

Lupe Lara

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball, barbie, a barbie that is playing basketball. I would also want a giggapet.

Patricia Avila  
Dear Santa,  
Hi! my name is Theodor Cordova. I would like a bike and some cars. And also a motorcycle. I would also like for you to bring my sister some dolls.

Thank you  
Have a Merry Christmas  
Theodor Cordova  
Dear Santa,  
I want a spider-flip deal, a batman car with mad hatter and a silver bolt toy. I love you. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,  
Forrest Booth  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a Basketball Barbie, pink nail polish with glitter and a black fancy dress with feathers that go around your neck. I love you and will leave you oreos and milk again. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas!

Stephanie Addison  
Dear Santa,  
I have been very very good this year. I would like a little teddy bear. I want a little play house so I will have something to play in. Could you please send some toy dishes so I can play house. Wait just one more thing some toy food too. Please Santa could you bring it bye my house. Wait I forgot about my mom and dad. Could you please bring them a new mattress so I can sleep on it at night. Or wait the mattress is for my new play house.

Thank you So very much,  
Magen Whitford  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Chris Davis. How are you? How is Rudolph and Mrs Claus doing? How are the elves? I hope no one is sick. Stay warm and don't get so cold. Be careful bringing all the toys on Christmas eve. What I want for Christmas is; A set of lego's, a R/C car with a man in it, a pickup pulling a trailer with a car on it, a set of tools, a GI Joe Army Man.

Christopher Davis  
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the my size barbie you gave me last Christmas. Please bring me a spice Girl bike and hat for Christmas. I have been good. Please bring my brother one present, too. I want a Basketball Barbie and a Selena doll, too.

Rochelle Moya  
Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse. I want one of those basketball Barbies. I want a play horse, nail polish. Santa, thank you for my toys.

Chloe Carpenter  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station, a train a little trampoline, a toy farm and a spiderman toy. Bring some toys for my big puppy, Jason. We'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Love  
Colton Smith  
Santa! O Quiero Que Me Traigos. Una Computadora. Un Batman Que Abl. Un Auion. Un Tractor. Una Senbradora. Una Maquina De Control. Unos Soldados. Un Mono Honbre Srana, Una Pelicula-De Mulan. Una Pelicula De Balto, Una Pelicula Del Rey Leon, Una Pelicula De La Bellay La Bestia, Un Traile, Un Donpe, Un Guante De Beis Boly Una Pelota, Un Papatote.

Jose Corroles  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Glenda Maribel I have two brothers. My bigger brother's name is Abraham. My smaller brother name is Jesus. For Christmas I want toys. For Christmas I want to go to Mexico with my Grandma and Grandpa. Santa I wish you a very happy Christmas.

Glenda Maribel Becerra  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Jessica I have been a little good I want talking Budda Amazing Amy. And the Happy Meal Baby.

Love  
Jessica Lazos  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, I want one of those things on a Barbie flash light, A winnie the pooh doll and a Bunny!

Brittanie Lara

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, I want one of those things on a Barbie flash light, A winnie the pooh doll and a Bunny!

Brittanie Lara  
**Mrs. May's-Kindergarten**  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Joseph Ray Williams. I am six years old. I would like to thank you for my gifts that you brought me last year. This year I would like a Robin Hood Tree House, a Gingerbread Man, and a big airplane.

Please bring something for my brothers. They have been good this year.  
Joseph Williams  
Dear Santa,  
I want a cassette and CD player.

Adam N.  
Dear Santa,  
This year I would like a computer and some games and maybe a doll and some candy Thats all.

Heather Penner  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Alan and I am 7 year old What I want for Christmas is a bike and basketball and hoop, car race track and Jeans and Shirt. That all I, what and I have one brother name is Andrew who is 4 years old he when a bike and Jeans and Shirt, Toy tools, toy cash register and My mom and dad want a new home and car and we all been very good this year.

Alan  
Dear Santa,  
I want barbies, roller skates, underwear, clothes, shoes, an owl named Furby, Princes dress, socks, a doll, a barbie house, gocart, basketball.

Sara Martens  
Dear Santa,  
Hi. My name is Marina. I have been a good girl. I would like Barbie Barbie House. I would like a Brand New Bike. I would like a new computer. I would like Rugrats clothes. I would like a new back pack Can I have a live size barbie.

Love,  
Marina Martinez  
Dear Santa,  
This year I have been a good boy. For Christmas I want a wireless control car, The Power Rangers movie. The Beetle Borgs Movie too. I also want small soldiers toys. the Zord Movie Robot from Power Rangers, The Gold Power Ranger.

Thank You Santa for reading my letter.  
Roberto Reyna  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a small basketball & a real football that the football players play with, a remote control car that is unstoppable unless the batteries run down or you turn it off, I would also like the ant Flir from Bugs Life. I have been making good grades this year.

Your Friend,  
Cody Friesen  
Dear Santa,  
I like barbey games trampoline christmas tree computer tv. toys. vcr.movies.clothes shoes Bowe Watch rings soprise.

Diana Sigala  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, a dog and a kitty clothes and thats all.

Ashley Caballero  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, a computer a radio and a cat a Barbie house, a dog and a poster thats it.

Samantha de la Rosa  
Dear Santa,  
I want a toy reindeer, I also want a set of wood so I can make stuff that's all!

Lee Dearing  
Dear Santa,  
I want a whole army and some night-night animals to sleep with, some games like checkers and some lunchables to eat.

Love Chase  
**Mrs Morris - 1st grade**  
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for a Barbie. I still play with it. Would you please bring me a computer this year. I will take good care of it. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a good holiday with the elves. Your friend, Carmen Gomez

Dear Santa,  
Thank you four the bick. I still play with it. Santa will plis bring mi a microscope. I will take care of it. Have a happy holiday with the elves.

Federico  
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the cool tool truck last year I still play with it. Would you please bring me a telescope? I will take care of it. You and Mrs Claus have a happy holiday with the elves.

Jason Durham  
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for doll and play with it! Would you please bring me a doll that I will take good car of and you happy and Mis Claus has a happy holiday the elves.

Savanah Mindieta  
Dear Santa,  
How are you I am fine. I have been good. I would like to have yo-yo puzzles., Jacob

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. I would like to have a go cart. Love, Adam Logoria

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I am fine. I have been good. I would like to have dog.

Hector Luna  
Dear Santa,  
How are you I have been good. I would like to have dog. Love, Kristen

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. I would like to have a doley.

Victoria Valverde  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. I would like to have tractors, bike, watergun, Ernesto

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. I would like to have a remote control crane. Love, Nathan McCravey

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. I would like to have choo choo. Martin

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. I owuld like to have laser pen, remote control car, guns. Love, Alex

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. I would like to have tractors. I would ranch. I would nintendo. Miguel Lopez

Dear ole st Nick,  
How are you. I ahve been good. I would like to have dog. I would like (?) nsych movie and horse. Love, Natalie Butler

Dear Santa  
How are you? I am fine. I have been good. I would like to have a dog. Love, Abigail

Dear Santa,  
How ar? Remote. Fine. I have ranch. Nintendo, dog, 4 watergun. Ignacio Lozano

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the yellow dirt bike last year. I still ride it! Would you please bring me a teluscop? I will take good care of it. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a happy holiday with the elves. Your friend, Kenyon



Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good.  
I would like to have trampoline  
stereo.  
Love, Veronica

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am. I would like  
to have play station, a ril cat or  
dog, a ril hosus, a remote. I wot  
my teecher a dog. love  
Shyann

Dear Santa  
How are you? I have been good.  
I would like to have a red heeler  
dog, remote control army tank,  
laser pen, remote retrol  
speddbot, and go cart to shar  
with mi bruther. Love,  
Troy Parrish

**Mrs. V. Ramos-First Grade**  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a helmet and a shirt  
and shoulder pads and the knee  
pads for football. I want Nike  
shoes and that's it. I act good in  
school and at my house too.  
Love,  
Abel Casillas

Dear Santa,  
I want a stereo, a remote control  
car and a bike. That's all I want.  
How are you doing? I would like  
to see everything at the North  
Pole.  
Love,  
Jeffery Barrientes

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie locker and the  
beanie baby bear angel, and the  
unicorn Mystic. I've been a good  
girl.  
Love,  
Taylor Banfield

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a  
house dog because it is fun to play  
with. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Katelynn Young

Dear Santa,  
I want a telescope, and an early  
present from my mom. I want her  
to give me a karaoke CD player. I  
want a real army tent. I have been  
a nice boy this year. I also want a  
lasar pointer because mine broke.  
Love,  
Brandon Craft

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a barbie and  
the movie of the Lion King, Simba's  
Pride. I have been a nice  
girl and I want the barbie that  
sings for my sister.  
Love,  
Claudia Andazola

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I  
want a laser pen, a nerf gun, and a  
keyboard. I want a nintendo 64, a  
water gun, a game boy, a yo-yo, a  
sega, the Space Jam movie, and a  
pitching machine, a race car, a  
puzzle, a telescope, a basketball,  
hot wheels, walkie talkies, and  
bubbles.  
Love,  
Brett Hawthorne

Dear Santa,  
I want beanie baby dog, a beanie  
baby kitty cat, and I want a doll  
and a barbie house. I want playdo  
and a playdo machine and a beanie  
baby duck. I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Shylo Duran

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbeque pit and a remote  
control car. I want some little cars  
and a go cart, and a play motor-  
cycle. I want a race track and the  
cars that go with it. I have been a  
good boy this year.  
Love,  
Dustin Altman

Dear Santa,  
I want a speed red truck and new  
clothes and anything else you want  
to bring me. I have been a good  
boy and so has my brothers and  
sisters. I also want a trampoline  
and a swimming pool.  
Love,  
Matthew Caballero

Dear Santa,  
I want a tricycle for Christmas. I  
want a 31 piece tight Spot Driver  
and case set for my dadi for Christ-  
mas.  
Love,  
Cassie Coronel

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bike, a  
Selena doll and a real dog. I also  
want a real little cat. I have been a  
very good girl.  
Love,  
Kimberlee Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How is it doing at the North Pole?  
I want a red yo-yo, a computer, a  
new NBA basketball for my broth-  
ers Chris and Matt. I want new  
tools for my dad, a new dress for  
my mom and that's all. Santa, I  
have been nice fro the past year.  
Love,  
Morgan Willis

Dear Santa,  
I want a real cat and I want it to  
snow today (It's suppose to), and I  
want a smoochy pooch and a baby  
walk and crawl. I've been good.  
Love,  
Natalie Haynes

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want my two front  
teeth, a Yomega yo-yo like Abel's  
and Zachary's. I want a game boy  
and the movie Godzilla. I want the  
toy Godzilla too. That's it. I have  
been a good boy.  
Love,  
Jonathon Lira

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station and a Yomega  
yo-yo like Brandon's. I want the  
Small Soldiers movie and the  
small soldier toys. I would like  
some brown shoes and volcano  
blow out race cars. I want a com-  
puter and a be be gun and skates,  
and a skate board and a stereo and  
a big race car.  
Love,  
Arthur Ruiz

**Mrs. Cobb - 2nd grade**  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a computer with a  
starwars and Indiana game. Your  
friend,  
Wyatt

Dear Sant,  
I would like a bike, a squan.  
Jeep power weels, 3 barbies, 2  
four weelers, 11 goosebump  
books, sorry game, openwide  
game, garden of my own, twister  
movies, 2 story playhouse,  
bunch of m & Ms, a horse, a  
mobile phone, a phone in my  
room, a nail deziner, a hair  
striper, Incin CD. And don't for-  
get candy in my stocking. Your  
friend,  
Kimber

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, 2 barbees,  
Pachi, Memory, guess zoo,  
crayola, trampoline, christmas  
tree, computer, TV, vcr, movies,  
clothes, shces, bows, rings,  
wtch.  
Vanessa

Dear Santa,  
I would like some ice skates, 3  
barbes, a bike. Powerweels,  
squan, 3 4 wheelers, all  
goosebum books, monopoly,  
sorry, twister, openwide, a com-  
puter, TV, movies, a neckeleon  
phone, a bunch of mand ms, a  
chock board and a stocking.  
Lydia

Dear Santa,  
trustme, sorry, monopy, clue,  
(?) mtgnasqtks, marker, you-yo,  
candy, chalk book, bimgo, small  
soldiers, your friend,  
Saul

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a TV,  
movies, VCR, 3 barbies, shoes,  
clothes, trampoline, and a  
christmas tree. Your friend,  
Yesenia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play stashan, sil-  
ver ranger Z1 bike, Godzilla set,  
2 yo-yo, mystiknite, small  
soldgers, child craft  
magnasatiks, games, sorry,  
Hamburger, Monopoly, trust  
me. Yor friend, Zack

Dear Santa,  
I would like a mystik knights  
toy, playstation, go cart, moto  
boat, the game Sorry, the Gam  
Trust me, a new bike, Godzilla  
key chain, movie and toy, blocks,  
snow, a motor cycle, yoyo,  
candy nbooks, chalk board,  
Adding Bingo computer and  
printer, small soders toy and  
movie, nerf gun, a horse and  
saddle, and guess zoo. Than you.  
Chris

Dear Santa,  
I want a power rangers in space  
toy. I want a yo-yo, a little TV. I  
want a myisitik Knights toy. I want  
a Trust Me, Sorry, Juniors game,  
and hamburger game. I want a  
godzilla key chain and movie, the  
movie small solders. Your friend,  
Holden

Dear Santa,  
I like one bike, two barbeys,  
markers, trampoline, chrismas  
tree, computer, tv, toys, VCR, mov-  
ies, clothes, shoes, bows, games,  
watch, rings.  
your friend, Flor

**Mrs Cheatham - 2nd grade**  
Dear Santa,  
on charamas I am going to  
masycow and I like to have a trader  
and cows.  
Love Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I would like a yo - yo. I would like  
a remote control car. tThank you  
so much.  
Love Isack

Dear Santa,,  
I would like a yo - y, and I would  
like a puzzle. Thank you very  
much.  
Love Peter

Dear Santa .  
For Christmas I want a gueuter and  
a keyboard and yoyo's and I want a  
suything for my MomI want a ves  
for my mom. I want a funset for my  
brother and I want shoes for my  
little susster and I want sum pands  
for my big sisster and I want a woch  
for my dad.  
Love Chris

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Chrissmiss, and  
books to rea, and a wach.  
Love Johnathan Mindieta  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a computer.  
Love Reyna Gallegos

Dear Santa,  
I want a yo-yo a giga pet a barbie  
doll a doll a teddy bear. I want you  
to buy some things for my broth-  
ers and sisters. For my mom and  
dad too. I hope we have a good time  
in Mexico. I like to go on the moun-  
tains  
Love Eva

Dear Santa,  
I want a book, friends,  
toys, swimming poot, puppy, goat  
cart, a time whf my faimily gt  
totoger.  
Love Zachary

**Mrs. Hise-2nd grade**  
Dear Santa,  
I want a little computer. I want a  
crib. I want a doll that eats. I want  
the barbie that beads hair. I want a  
small trampoline. I want some  
roller skates. I want a play dog. I  
want the rugrats movie. I want  
some clothes 1 dress.  
Love Brianna Conway

Dear Santa,  
Dear Santa I wood like a gotcart  
for Christmas. Dear Santa I bet  
you work hard for us.  
Love, AJ Martinez

Dear Santa,  
Dear Santa I want a computer, and  
lazer tag, and a 10, speed bike, and  
a reemotkontrol car, and a hacede  
sate, and a new tv, and a ntindoy  
64, and a racetrac, and some srats,  
and mung.  
Merry Christmas  
Love Skyler Sainz

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a computer  
to play with it. I want a big bear  
his name is winny the pooh. I love  
him. I want lots of presents on  
Christmas holidays. to santa  
merry christmas.  
Crystal Tarango

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a caset  
player and a nail kit and cloes and  
shoes and Mery kate and Ashly  
movies and earrings and rings and  
neckles and vetek and those are  
all the presents I want. Love,  
Mary Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I want a trailer set t rex ball ma-  
chine and t rex or a book. love,  
Landon Earnest

Dear Santa,  
I would like a lazer tag game and  
the bazzoca gun that goes with it,  
and a moter controle car Viper  
blue with tended windows, and a  
golberg poster and a K rex with the  
motor and a play station with the  
5 games and a motor controle plain  
big wings. love,  
Derek Garcia

Deae Santa,  
I want a game for christmas. I  
want a tv for Christmas. I need a  
coc machine for christmas. I wnat  
a chock board for christmas. I need  
a deck for christmas, I need a re-  
indeer for christmas. I need a dog  
for christmas. love,  
Jennifer Lynn Barrientes

**Mrs Engle's 3rd grade**  
Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie and a teen skipper  
with a swimming suit and a little  
puppy. I want the movie Mighty  
Joe Young.  
Love Maria Andazola

Dear Santa,  
I really want to ride on the sleigh  
with you and help you give out  
toys, I wander how all of your  
raindeers are doing, especially  
Rudolph. He's my favorite. I just  
can't see why you can make all of  
those toys. I was wandering if the  
Spice Girls microphone is what you  
can get me and I want almost all  
the baby equipment you can get  
me. Then I'd have a blast, and my  
friends would come to my house.  
Love L'sha Arnett

Dear Santa,  
I want eight things for Christmas.  
I want a play station. I want wwf  
war zone. I want a new clone. I  
want a game called cross fire. I want  
a spider man web copter. I want a  
new pair of shoes. I want a pair of  
roller blades. Yours Truly  
Mauro Curtis Arteaga

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jesus Becerra I am 10  
years old. I have been a good boy  
this year. For Christmas I want a  
remote control car and lots of  
clothes like a sweat shirt and pants..  
Thank you  
Jesus Becerra

Dear Santa,  
Have you brought some presents  
yet? I want a go - cart, trampoline  
swimming pool, syco controle  
car, and that's it.. Love,  
Larry Caballero

Dear Santa,  
I would like a radio with a cd  
player and a cassette player. I  
would like a wish, a real camera  
and a yo-yo. yours truly,  
Rubi Castillo

Dear Santg,  
For Christmas I want a music  
box and a fake car and a cassette  
of country music.  
Love Jose Flores

Dear Santa,  
I want a little puppy with black  
eyes, then a fishing game, then a  
play station set with 2 games. I  
want a pet snake, then a four  
wheeler, then a gocart, then a gold  
yo-yo, then some rollerblades  
with some pads. I want 3 Roost-  
ers, I want a rickashade. I want  
the game mouse hunt.  
Love Jacob Garza

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bke and  
roller skates and I wish you a  
happy Christmas.  
Love Flor Lara

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl and I was  
just wondering if you could give  
me a computer for Christmas  
and a wish. My wish is if you  
would take care of my dog's last  
puppy.  
Love Marissa Meléndez

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station. I want a  
robot E meleu with a micro-  
phone. I've been good today.  
Your friend,  
Sergio Olivias

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the watch you gave  
me last christmas. I broke my  
watch so I would like another one.  
I would like a computer this year  
si I can play computer games. I  
also would like a yo-yo. If you  
don't mind I would like a  
motorcycle to get to school.  
Thank you very much.  
John Wiebe

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I want a music box  
and a fake car and a cassette of  
country music. love, Jose Flores

**Mrs House, 3rd grade**  
Dear Santa,  
Thanks Santa for the Nintendo  
64, and for my remote control car.  
Oh that was last year. What I want  
for this year is skydriver and more  
CD's. New shoes that is Nike. I  
want lazer v2 and simon and then  
games for my nintendo 64.  
Love Jacob Rivera

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the Nintendo 64.  
I am playing it a lot. I even baught  
new games. These are the games I  
baught. Torok Pilotwing's and  
Mario Cart. Thank you for the  
Dr. Morten shoes. This is what I  
want this year. I want rollerblades,  
a new bike, and a doll as cowboy  
locker. I will leave some cookies  
and som coke.  
Love Zachrey Ramos

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the plastation you  
gave me last year. For Christmas  
this year I want a book shelf, ency-  
clopedia, trampoline64, mariokan  
64, computer, a yomega yo-yo, the  
movie of rugrats, art set princess  
and erin beenie, color game boy,  
glow in the dark stars, lemmings  
and rom, bike set, tennis racket, ten-  
nis shoes.  
Love Douglas Conway.

Dear Santa,  
suntacos yo tego ci cakitodcoptvs  
locuid commiso jos Yaora guivo uh  
play stationd diojgviere ce mclo  
can seda y tamien guiero ncaviod  
control vemors. ytlmien gviero vraj  
botau y felino bi dr disiestsen  
uelmto faisnbio y sexcontuepritno  
peiisra dad siestas contustios  
feisnabidad.  
Love Mario Sigala

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the keyboard that  
got me and my broyher last year.  
This year I want a pitching ma-  
chine and a gocart and a play sta-  
tion and a nintendo 64 I also want  
a lazer pin and a pair of base bol  
gloves. Your Friend  
Trent Hawthorne

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of Nikes. And a Pair  
of pants and some boots. And a hat  
and a cowboy shirt a horse, green  
bay packer jacket.  
Chris Loya

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of Nikes. And a Pair  
of pants and some boots. And a hat  
and a cowboy shirt a horse, green  
bay packer jacket.  
Chris Loya

Thank you for what you gave me  
last Christmas. I still have the  
Nintendo 64 you gave me last  
year. I would like to have two new  
yo mega yo-yo's and would like to  
get a Chicago Bull's locker too. I  
do not have a chimney I will  
leave you a snack on my table.  
Love Alex Perez

Dear Santa,  
Dear Santa, For Christmas I want  
a pet rabbit and a new Beenie Baby.  
and a Game Boy and some boks  
and a yomega.  
Love Maietta.

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the Megazoi I want  
the fire dragon of dare I want tyrone  
the three headed hydra of temra. I  
want the dig a norhfer and the battle  
lazer. I want the astro morhfer. I  
want the swordofkells..  
Matthew Jimenez

Dear Santa  
Thank you for the bike. I am still  
riding it. For Christmas I would like  
a computer, Yomega, yo-yo, game  
boy. I want a new bike, some  
dresses, CD's, keyboard, lazer pin.  
Love  
M'Leah Mc Kinzie

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the tennis shoes and  
for the doll bed. I will leave cook-  
ies and milk on the kitchen table  
and we wroye you a letter.

It will be by the cookies. Now IM  
going to tell you what I want. A  
yomega yo-yo and some new ten-  
nis shoes, and a play house that's  
two stories. I will appreciate all that  
stuff.

Love Joani Bell  
Dear Santa,,  
Thanks for what you brought me  
last year. I want a computer and  
gocart and a Nintendo 64, and some  
Beanie babies and some CD'S  
By Elias Corrello

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for what you gave me  
last year. This year what I want is a  
playstation, more nintendo 64  
game and a gocart and a clueless  
hands free talk phone and a yo  
mega and a new basketball goal. I  
want the back-street boys cd and  
Savage Garden CD. I would like a  
lazer pin too. You need to come in  
the fire place.  
Thank You. Davis

**Mrs Young 3rd grade**  
Dear Santa.  
I have been good this year. I would  
like Beenie Babies, Precious Mo-  
ments & Barbies.  
Your Friend,  
Amber Friesen

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball and a baseball  
and glove and a new bike and two  
good new horses and some new  
goats sheep pigs and a rabbits and  
a hundred new books and dogs.  
Love Cody Mays

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas. I want  
a Gocart, tell Phone and beanie  
Babies the big ones to anda cary  
Ohone. Glow in the dark finger nail  
, rings neckles a bike a  
mickerfonreal. babies barbies, sun-  
glasses a big desk piano a dog toy  
for my dog.

bathand boty works stuff. CD's  
Stuffed anemals. Tommy Willfiger  
stuff. Computer games. H ave a  
happy Christmas.S. C. When you  
get to my house their will be cook-  
ies and milk waiting for you.  
The Winns house Thank You  
Love Katie.

Dear Santa,,  
For Christmas I would like a  
nintendo 64 with zelda the game,  
James, Bond the game, two remote  
control's maega space shuttle mega  
fire truck mega space car.  
Love John Tyson  
From Chris Loya,

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of Nikes. And a Pair  
of pants and some boots. And a hat  
and a cowboy shirt a horse, green  
bay packer jacket.  
Chris Loya



# Lifelines & Styles

## Fine Arts Meets

The Plains Fine Arts Club met on December 3, 1998, in the home of member Sue Banfield. Co-hosting the event were Kathy Haynes, Janie Ramos, and Yvette Ramos. Each member brought a salad for the dinner and the hostesses served delicious chocolate cake for dessert.

Members present included Sue Banfield, Christy Brink, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn

Culwell, Dolores Davis, Sandra Ellison, Donna Friesen, Kathy Haynes, Debra Hise, Paula McMinn, Martha Palmer, Janie Ramos, Yvette Ramos, and Melissa Roper.

There was no business meeting held. The members enjoyed their annual Chinese Christmas present exchange.

Door prizes were won by Martha Palmer, Paula McMinn, and Donna Friesen.

The center is great these cold days. Exercise, games, ceramics, and a nice hot meal make for a good day.

Christmas is almost here. See you next week, Smitty

## Senior Citizens Corner

Those attending the Birthday celebration were; Mary Richards, Marsene Beattie, Sudie Mae Thompson, Inez Turner, Fay Black, Fay Bruton, Jewel Humline, and Bertie Smith. Congratulations to all of us. We represent a lot of years of taking care of homes.

Our condolences to Marsene Beattie and her family, and to Claudia Sue Furgison on the death of Claude. The center has lost a good friend.

The domino tournament was fun. Fay and Gladys won for the ladies, Joe Sloss and S.L. Dolloff won the mens games. The men won over the ladies in the playoff.

The Jamboree is coming up. There will be a covered dish supper. Music and lots of visiting. Bring a dish and join in. All are Welcome.

## Filmtime

There were seven children attending filmtime December 9th. They were; Autumn Friesen, Clayton Gass, Dakota Earnest, Kristie Lopez, Haley Welch, Whitney Davis, Johnathan Davis. The children sang four songs, played two games, watched a movie, and heard two stories. We talked about the Christmas party we'll be having next week and how Santa Claus will be here to talk to all the children. We also have blank Santa Letters for the kids to fill out and put in our Santa Letter Box.

**It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else...Erma Bombeck**

## SPC Spring Orientation Set

The next new student orientation session for the spring 1999 semester at South Plains College is scheduled Jan. 12.

Orientation will not be held Monday, Dec. 14, as originally announced.

Orientation begins at 8 a.m. Jan. 12 in the SPC Theater for The Performing Arts.

Students who have submitted an application for admission will be notified of orientation dates. Orientation is required of all entering full-time students and transfer students who have fewer than 30 semester hours, noted Claudine Oliver, director

of guidance and counseling.

She added that students who need to take the TASP exam can register for the exam or a TASP alternative between now and Dec. 18 and beginning Jan. 4. TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) is now required of all entering college students before they enroll in college level work unless they are otherwise exempt.

For more information about orientation or TASP, contact the SPC Office of Guidance and Counseling at 806-894-9611, ext. 2366 Or 2368.

## Library Features Christmas

The Yoakum County Library invites everyone to come by and enjoy the decorations and bulletin boards celebrating Christmas. Helen Hunter has prepared the bulletin boards for many years for the library and again this year they are beautiful. Plains is very fortunate to have talented people who willingly work to make things beautiful and better for our Community. Santa will be visiting the library on Wednesday morning, December 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. and will greet the

pre-school children at filmtime. Mothers and sitters should bring the kids and let them give 'Old Santa a list of their wants for Christmas. Letters will also be accepted at the library to be sent to Santa before Christmas. The library has many beautiful Christmas books, videos about Christmas, and children can receive a coloring page of Santa, reindeer or Christmas scene to take home. Visit your library during this special season.



**HOWDY!**

By: *Kathy Adair*



## Ways to talk with children

Good communication helps children develop confidence, self worth, and good relationships with others. It makes life with them more pleasant and helps them grow into adults with high esteem and respect for others. Good communication leads to warm relationships, cooperation, feelings of worth.

Poor communication leads to; kids who "turn off" adults, conflicts and bickering, feelings of worthlessness.

How can I talk with (not at) children? 1. Say "please," "thank you," "you're welcome". 2. Show interest, pay attention to what the child is saying. 3. Do not interrupt when children are talking. 4. Use kind words to encourage and build up self esteem. 5. Don't use unkind words to encourage and build up self esteem. 6. Don't use unkind words that tear down and hurt. 7. Communicate acceptance ("I agree," "You're right"). 8. Have the child's attention before talking with him. 9. Talk at the child's level. 10. Use sincere comments ("I see," "Oh," "That's good")

## Fast Facts About Fast Foods

\*Eat pizza, hamburgers, nachos, tacos, fried chicken and other fast food items right away. Don't leave food out on the counter or in a hot car.

\*Refrigerate leftovers within two hours. If the weather is warm (over 85 degrees F) or the food was left in a hot car, then the time limit is just one hour.

\*Thoroughly reheat leftovers before eating. Don't reheat in plastic wrap, a doggy bag, pizza box or Chinese food container because they are not microwave safe and won't withstand high heat.

\*Microwave leftovers to reheat, but use a lid or vented plastic wrap to help ensure thorough heating.

\*Discard any leftovers that don't look right or that smell strange. Just make sure pets can't get these rejects.

\*Do not keep leftovers for more than a couple of days.

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*When the song of the Angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the Kings and Princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins;*

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To release the prisoner - To rebuild the nations- To bring peace  
among brothers - To make music in the heart

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**Santa letters continued from page ----**

**Mrs. Young - 3rd grade**

Dear Santa claus,  
I hope your planning on having a very Merry Christmas, like last year. Thank you for all of sister and I's presents. mostly my big stuff ed cat. This year for Christmas I'd like a watch, country music and classical CD'S and a little something for kitten (my horse). also I want some Beanie Babies.

Sincerely yours. Chandra Carpenter . Ps When you come by there will be cookies and milk waiting for you.  
Dear Santa,  
Santa this is what I want for Christmas . I want my teeth fixed, yomega yo-yo and any kind of barbie and a CD player. Beenie Babies blue glow in the dark finger nail polish and real finger nails. Have a happy Merry Christmas.

The Jimenez Family thank you Love Britnie Duran  
S.C. When you get to my house their will be cookies and milk waiting for you.  
Dear Santa,  
I want a bile for Christmas and I want a yo-yo a power ranger in space toy a skate board and a nintendo 64, a hotwheel trak a godzella toy a baseball hat and football a basketball a a battle ship. Sincerely your friend

Jaun  
Dear Santa ,  
I have ben very good this year. I would like a fake machine gun for Christmas, and army suit with a pack and a helmant. and all of themtoo Thank you Santa.  
Love your friend

Colly Ortega  
Dear Santa,  
Why do they sing the song all I want for Christmas is my to font teeth? Have I been good this year? I want a lot of things. But what I want the most is a keyboard . next thing I want is the baby siter barbie. I want a surprise from you. I want a new trampoline. I want a new swimming pool. I want some good books. I want my dad to get a modersikle. I want pillow pals. a neckles. A ring. some earings.

makeup. lots of stuff in my stocking. Make sure you eat and drink all the milk and cookies. Thanks Love Lauren  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a play station with some games, some skates a portable scade player 4 new game boy games color game boy, a a telaskop, a bunk bed new new supper nendo games, skatebord, 10 new seades a new yomega, a remote control car with tracks, a meachan that does my home workfor me, snow a bike T shirt a trapolene a pinbal machine a new tv. in my room. a remote control bote to play in the pool.  
From Ryan Crump

(Late Arrivals)  
**Mrs. Hawthorne- Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I going to get you some cookies and the reindeer get carrots. I want a Barbie Make Up table. I think a doll that eats cereal.  
Sierra Brook Willett

Dear Santa,  
I want a Power Ranger in Space.  
Jamie Gonzales

**Mrs May - Kindergarten**

I have tried to be a good boy this year I will leave you a snack. I want to get a Beanie Baby named Roary and he is a lion with a plastic cover on the tag. I also want some computer games, bazooka gun, dino-



**May He Visit Your Chimney Soon!**

**Pat Bowlin - The Kountry Klipper**


sours, and a big jeep.  
Hunter Welch

**Mrs. Banfield- Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
If you would be so kind I would like to ask for a racetrack and a train track. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Thanks Jonathan Penner



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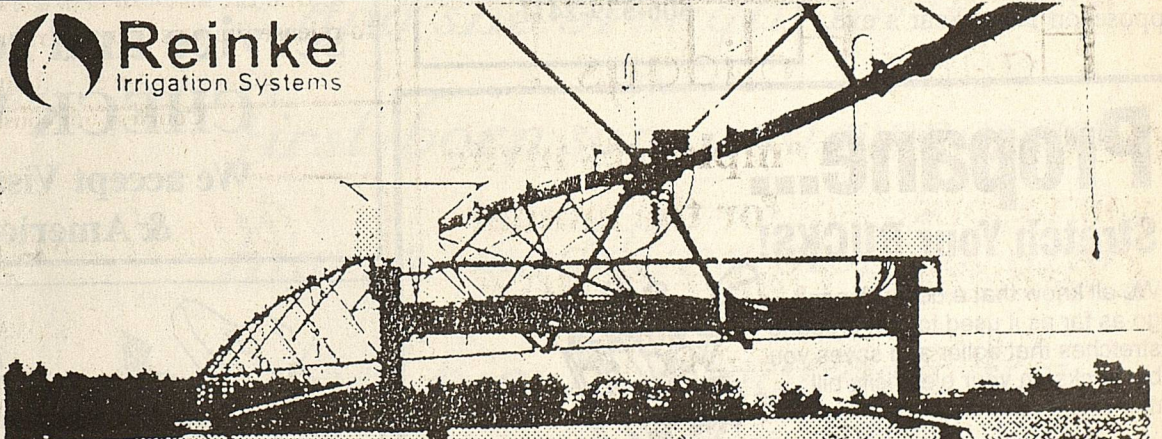
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## From The Hack

The article on the school district's efforts to avoid disaster when Y2K strikes produced some serious thoughts, well, some of them semi-serious.

After giving the potential calamity careful consideration, I have come to the following conclusions:

When the thing hits and jams up all our computers, I do not wish to be on an elevator on the 123rd floor of the Chicago Sears Tower building. I'm not too terribly worried about the thing falling, I am petrified at the thought of having to walk down to street level. No way my 'arthur' knees and legs could take it, and I would have to finish life in a stairwell.

I also do not wish to be under a surgeon's knife on December 31, 1999, at the stroke of midnight. What if the computerized life support stuff goes haywire, and prints out I was officially dead 100 year ago?

How about mailing your AARP dues in, only receiving a notice, "Sorry, you died long, long ago. You are no longer a member, but we're accepting the check for future projects."

Want to be on an aircraft January 1, 2000? Last thing I read was, the airlines think, repeat, think, they have all their Y2K problems solved.... they're very worried about the air control system sending your flight to the Gobi Desert, or sensing your plane crashed on the surface of the moon prior to Wilbur and Orville's flight.

Suppose on New Year's eve,

when a jillion or more idiots jam Times Square to watch the famed descending ball announcing the arrival of the Year 2000, the computer driven thing runs amok, and shoots the glittering ball up instead of down. That would be rather spectacular.

How about this for a real nail-biter? If, and it's a very slim if, of course, I should succumb to weakness, purchase a lottery ticket December 31, 1998, say for \$40 Mill, and I'm the only lucky clod with all six correct numbers. I am scared to fly to Austin to claim what I should have won way before now.... I am also doubting our Blazer will make the trip, for it has imbedded computer chips which will probably cause it to suddenly run in reverse in downtown Austin on Congress Avenue. How do I get there and claim the gold?

When you figure that out, tell me this, what do I do, should I make it to the claims office, prove my identity and the winning ticket, and then the official gurus check my social security card and say, "Sorry, Mr. Dyer, you died in a soup line during the 1930's depression. We're using your winnings to fund a Texas A&M project to research why no jackass has ever beaten out a thorough bred horse in the Kentucky Derby."

You just imagined Stephen King thought up scary scenarios.

Nothing is sacred anymore. The fast buck artists are cashing in at the expense of Jolly Old Saint

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Nick. Saw some Christmas cards poking a bit of wry humor at the plump, bewhiskered one last week. The front of one card reads, "What did Santa's elves do when they won the lottery?"

You open it up, and there six little elves are depicted standing on a table in front of Santa, looking at him with wry grins, their drawers dropped, giving him a gleeful mooning.

Another card shows Santa donning his red suit, the reindeer hitched to his sleigh outside, and Mrs. Claus is shaking a finger in his face, saying "I'll never understand why you can't find a regular job like everyone else!"

## Merry Christmas!

*Thank you to all of the wonderful people of Plains for your acts of kindness at the loss of my Mother, Letha Sisco. Our love to each of you. Vaughn & Carolyn Culwell & family*

## Great way to spend a cold Sunday morn



City employees Valentin Luna and Jerry Dominguez are shown last Sunday morning repairing a water leak in the city system in front of the Raymond and Marjorie Diaz residence. Before the cold and wet mainline repair job was complete, water had run from the site down Cowboy Way almost to Highway 214.

### District Sponsors Scholarship...

The Sandy Land UWCD is again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Denver City and Plains High Schools.

All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. Contest winners from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st Place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd Place to the college(s) of their choice.

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water.

The essays, due no later than April 5, 1999, should have a minimum of 1,000 words, and be typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes. References must accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land UWCD office in Plains. In submitting the papers, students must supply cover sheets containing their names, essay title, local high school and date.

For further information, please contact the district office at 456-2155.

### No. 1340 Estate of Homer R. Muston, Deceased, In The County Court of Yoakum County, Texas

#### \*Notice to Creditors\*

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary of Administration for the Estate of Homer R. Muston, Deceased, were issued on December 7, 1998, under Docket No. 1340, pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas to Louis Griffith.

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