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City water OK; crews to begin picking up branches

Pampa city officials received word Wednesday evening that water samples taken following Tuesday's water leak and low pressure situation came back negative, giving the Pampa Municipal Water System a clean bill of health. Residents can return to using water as they would normally. In conjunction with that development, city work crews have begun cleanup of tree limbs that were broken during the recent ice storm. Residents who wish to have their tree limbs picked up and taken to the landfill are asked to place them on the curb in front of their homes and not in the alleys. Donny Hooper, public information officer and assistant director of public works, said crews will only go street to street for the removal of the limbs. No removal will be done

from the alley rights of way. Any limbs taken to the alleys could be subject to code violations. Residents are asked to be patient as city parks will be addressed first followed by the street to street campaign, Hooper said. This will be completed in this order to give residents time to place their broken limbs at the curbs. Hooper cautioned that this will be a one time only removal program and any limbs that are placed in the pickup areas after that street has been cleaned will be the owner's responsibility to remove. Some residents may wish to have their limbs removed sooner and are encouraged to either haul them to the landfill on their own or hire contractors locally at their own cost. No landfill fees will be



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
The ice and snow storm that moved through the area earlier this week left a lot of tree branches strewn on city streets. City crews will soon begin picking up branches that are left at the curbs by homeowners.

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Christmas activities scheduled for this weekend

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
A number of Christmas activities and church services are planned for the holiday weekend, as shown by the partial list below. The 12th annual Celebration of Lights Christmas display at Recreation Park continues nightly through Dec. 31. Admission is free, but donations are accepted at the end of the tour. The funds collected from visitors go toward maintaining and improving

the display, and toward scholarships awarded each year based on grades and volunteerism. Donations may also be mailed to P.O. Box 1012, Pampa, TX 79066-1012. Checks may be made payable to Celebration of Lights. Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ will provide its 21st annual free Christmas dinner for the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Christmas Day in the church's Fellowship Hall, located immediately south of the church's main building at 1342 Mary

Ellen. The church-wide outreach project is a service for the entire community, not limited to church members. Entire families help with the cooking, serving, decorating and greeting guests. The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, and homemade desserts and dinner rolls. Church members will also deliver Christmas dinner for the Meals on

Wheels program. St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, will conduct special services at 8 a.m. Sunday, with no services at 10:30 a.m. A Christmas Eve family service will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, and a Festive Choral Eucharist will be at 11 p.m. Sunday. A Holy Eucharist will begin at 10 a.m. Christmas Day. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, will hold a

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Truck fire hampers traffic



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
A truck fire reduced traffic to one lane Wednesday afternoon when a truck with a utility bed caught fire. The truck was stopped off the shoulder of the westbound side of Highway 152, approximately five miles west of Price Road. Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and Gray County Sheriff's Department responded to the fire.

Off-road vehicles will need decals beginning Jan. 1

AUSTIN — On Jan. 1, 2007, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens and other authorities will begin enforcing the requirement for all qualifying trail vehicles to have a current Texas Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) decal properly mounted on their trail vehicles when used at OHV venues on public land in Texas. A Texas OHV decal costs \$8 and

is good through Aug. 31 of the year it is purchased. Many other states require similar decals. A decal bought in Texas is also valid in other states and other states' decals are valid in Texas. Revenue from decal sales will be used to provide grants to help municipalities, counties, state or federal agencies and non-profit corporations create or improve OHV recre-

ation areas in Texas. Non-street legal motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV) and non-street legal four-wheel drive vehicles are required to display the OHV decal when trail riding on public lands in Texas. The law applies to all public lands in Texas including municipal, county, state or federal lands where OHV recreation is approved and legal. Street legal

OHV's do not require the Texas OHV decal no matter where they are used in Texas. Decals are not required for vehicles used on private land. Failure to comply with this law is a Class C misdemeanor and could result in the OHV operator being issued a citation, with possible fines

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Free Christmas Dinner
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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Wind chill values between 15 and 25 early.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 14 and 19.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. Wind chill values between 16 and 21.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 17 and 22.

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Services tomorrow
HALL, Wanda Charlene — Memorial services, 10:30 a.m., Trinity Fellowship, Pampa.

Obituaries

Eunice Ashford, 90
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Eunice Ashford, 90, died Dec. 19, 2006, at Guthrie, Okla. Services are pending.
Mrs. Ashford was born June 3, 1916, in Garlington,

Okla., near Boise City, Okla. She married Herman Ashford on June 6, 1936, in Edmond, Okla. He preceded her in death in 2003. She had been a resident of Pampa from 1984 until 1993 when

she moved to Oklahoma City, Okla. She was active in the Pampa Book Club.
Survivors include three sons, John Charles Ashford of Paris, Texas, Jim Ashford and wife Pam of Pampa, and

Alan Lee Ashford and wife Debbie of Edmond, Okla.; one brother, Dr. Charles K. Ray of Seattle, Wash.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Wanda Charlene Hall, 62
Wanda Charlene Hall, 62, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 19, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, at Trinity Fellowship with Pastor Lonny Robbins officiating.

resident of Pampa since 1985. She married Irvin Hall on November 18, 1989 in Pampa. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Fellowship where she was a co-leader of the Ladies Homegroup. She led the prayer chain in the church while her

health allowed.
Survivors include her husband, Irvin Hall, of the home; one daughter, Tina Munoz and husband Juan of Pampa; one son, Richard Hall and wife. Chotsie of Dallas; one step-daughter, Belynda Williams and husband Bill of Amarillo; two

granddaughters, Heather Hall of Dallas and Angel Munoz of Pampa; one grandson, Ricky Munoz of Pampa; and five brothers, Jerry McKeever of Ohio, Wayne Dixon and Clarence Dixon, both of Missouri, James Dixon and Roy Dixon, both of Texas.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Hall was born November 16, 1944 in Ballinger. She had been a

band of Amarillo; two

MEMORIALS: Trinity Fellowship, P.O. Box 2929, Pampa, Texas 79066-2929.
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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Maria Parsley, 74
Maria Parsley, 74, of Pampa, died Wednesday,

Dec. 20, 2006. Services are pending with Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors.
—Sign the on-line register

book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

J.D. Roth, 81
J.D. Roth, 81, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, in Pampa. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

High School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.
He married Myra Jane Merideth on Jan. 10, 1949, in Panhandle.

Central Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge #966, El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo, and the Pampa Moose Lodge.

Farmington, N.M., and John Roth of San Jose, Calif.; one sister, Frankie Leasure of Fort Smith, Ark.; and four grandchildren, Kris Roth and Jay Lynn Roth, both of Farmington, N.M., Stephen Lynn Roth of College Station, and Cody Roth of Livingston.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
Mr. Roth was born on April 24, 1925, in Shamrock and was raised in McLean, graduating from McLean

where he owned and operated Hardin-Roth Truck Terminal until his retirement in 1996.
Mr. Roth was a member of

Survivors include his wife, Myra Roth, of the home; three sons, Joe Roth and wife Beverly of Livingston, Jay Lynn Roth and wife Heidi of

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.
—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Thirteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 700 block of Deane and an undisclosed location.
An accident was reported at the police department lobby.
Calls concerning animals

were received from the 200 block of Wynne, the 300 block of Warren, the 800 block of Duncan, the 600 block of North Banks, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1400 block of Hamilton and two undisclosed locations.
Violation of city ordinances were reported in the 200 block of McCullough, the 800 block of Murphy, the 1000 block of South Banks, the 100 block of South Faulkner, two violations in the 900 block of South Nelson, the 300 block of South Sumner, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill and the 900 block of South Wells.
Warrant service was attempted at three locations.
Welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of

North Wells, the 300 block of Canadian, the 1100 block of Varnon, the intersection of 23rd and Hobart and the 1200 block of North Wells.
Agency assistance was provided at the police department lobby.
A civil matter was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.
Crossing guard duties were provided in the 800 block of East Browning and the 2300 block of Primrose.
An unattended death was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.
A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Yeager, the 2600 block of Fir, the 1800 block of Williston, the 200 block of Henry and the 1700 block of Grape where a car tire valued at \$60 was slashed.
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Lowry resulting in one arrest. No injuries were reported.

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Blizzard slams Denver

DENVER (AP) — Stranded travelers lined up at ticket counters at snow-bound Denver International Airport early today, hoping to get out of town amid a powerful snowstorm that paralyzed Colorado's biggest cities with up to 2 feet of snow.

The news wasn't comforting: While some flight updates still said "on time," airport spokesman Steve Snyder said the runways likely wouldn't open before noon Friday.

The airport crews simply can't keep up with the falling and drifting snow, Snyder said. They plow the runways, but within 30 minutes, the tarmacs are covered again.

Denver's streets were empty, and long stretches of highway in eastern Colorado were so impassable, even the mail couldn't get through. Bus and light rail service in a six-county region was suspended.



Courtesy Photo

Pampa Firefighters Association purchased gifts for local children from the Angel Tree a few weeks ago. Pictured on back row from left are Kasey Presson, Craig Harkcom, Darcy Harkcom, Kim Willis, Nick Ramirez, Jerry Tomaschik, Cindy Needam, Justin Williams and Leroy Cox. Front row from left are Lisa King, Ciera Little and Darian Harkcom.

Firefighters use funds to spread holiday cheer by buying shoes, socks

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
The Pampa Firefighters Association is putting the money raised from their annual haunted house at Baker school to good use this holiday season. These funds provided clothing and toys for 113 local children.

Firefighter Craig Harkcom said that first on the agenda was to go to all of the local schools and ask teachers and counselors for a list of students that needed shoes. The list they received had 105 names on it.

The firemen took the list to Walmart and had them print up vouchers to give to the children. These cards allow children to purchase a

pair of shoes and socks. This is one way to keep the children from buying other items in the store. According to Harkcom, the firefighters spent \$2,100 for this project.

The next recipients to benefit from the firefighters were four children from the Salvation Army's Angel Tree and four children from the Blessing Tree at Tralee Crisis Center. All of the items wished for on each of the children's ornament was purchased. Harkcom said they spent about \$550 on these eight children.

A little bit of money has been set aside just in case some teachers come up with a few more students that need socks or shoes.

Trees

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charged to those who wish to remove them on their own.

City officials issued the boil water notice Tuesday evening following a major

water line rupture near the intersection of Highways 60 and 70. The notice was for water consumption only.

The water system had lost pressure while repairs were being made during the afternoon and remained at low pressure for more than an hour in some portions of town.

The Texas Commission

on Environmental Control (TCEQ) requires that a "Boil Water Notification" be issued if such conditions exist for more than one hour.

City officials praised residents of Pampa for their cooperation and positive attitudes during this brief time of interruption.

Holiday

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Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. Sunday, with Midnight Mass that night in Spanish and English. An English Mass will be at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, followed by Mass in Spanish at noon.

The church will have its new Nativity scene on display.

Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, will have a candlelight service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, will have 10 a.m. services only on Sunday, with no Sunday School. Hot chocolate, coffee and was-

sail will be served at 5 p.m. Sunday, followed by 6 p.m. evening services.

The choir of First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, will sing a Christmas cantata at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

A candlelight and Advent service will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

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An assault without injury was reported at the hospital.

An assault with injury was reported in the 100 block of East 30th and allegedly resulted in a broken wrist.

Three alarms were reported.

Two thefts were reported in the police department lobby. One reported a woman's leather wallet valued at \$45 was missing.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Lowry. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Powell.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Lorenia Faye Bogner, 50, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Billy Wayne Morgan, 58, of Gilbert, Ariz., was arrested by GCSO for DWI and sentenced to 10 days in jail.

Steven Foster Glasgow, 47, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Lowry by Pampa Police Department for assault on a family member.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 20
7:06 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to two to three miles south on Price Road on arcing power lines.

7:09 a.m. — One unit and one personnel responded to the 900 block of South Nelson on illegal burning.

8:20 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Miami on a downed power line.

11:02 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Linda and Mary Ellen on a downed power line.

11:40 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of South Barnes on a downed power line.

1:18 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Fisher on a downed power line.

1:19 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded three miles west on Highway 152 on an arcing power line.

Decals

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creating new OHV parks near Ozona, near Big Spring, and near Childress. The program has also approved grant funds to improve existing OHV venues in the Sam

ranging from \$25-to-\$500.

During 2006, the Texas program began the process of

Houston National Forest, the Marshall Creek OHV Park in Denton County, Buffalo Springs Lake Trails in Lubbock County, the Canadian River OHV Area in Potter County and Buffalo Valley MX Park in Bexar County.

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License prank backfires

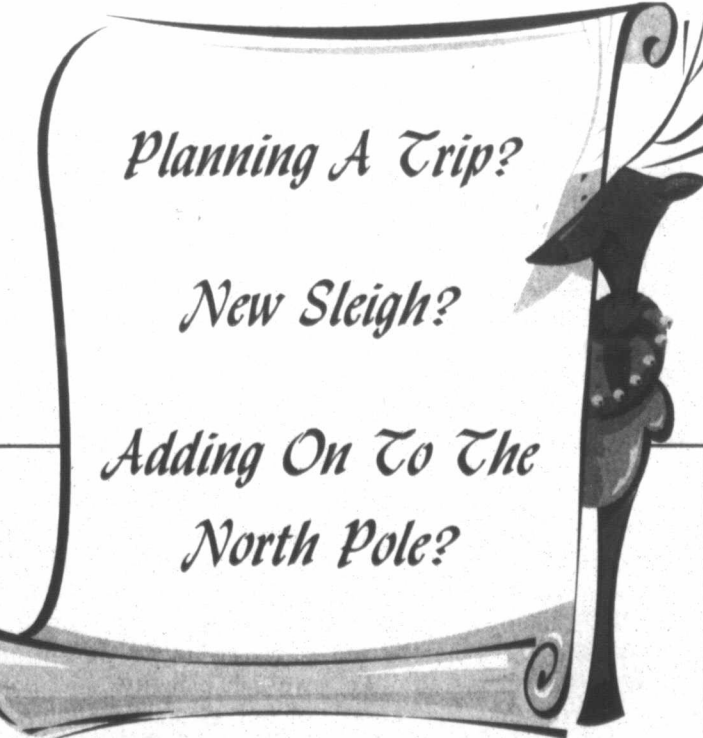
RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles has ordered two men to get their license photos retaken — this time without the red-painted skin, spray-on hair and fake teeth.

Will Carsola and Dave Stewart posted Internet videos of their pranks, which included Carsola spray-painting his face and neck bright red and Stewart painting the top of his head black and sticking a row of fake buckteeth in his mouth in an Asian caricature.

The videos show the men each entering a DMV office in disguise and returning with real licenses.

"We have sent letters to the individuals ... that require them to appear at DMV to reapply for their driver's licenses and surrender any previously issued licenses" within 15 days, DMV spokesman Bill Foy said.

Stewart and Carsola, both 27, said Wednesday they will get their "real" photos taken.



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Viewpoints

If legislators were honest, they would reform selves

Just in case the incoming Democratic majority is serious about real ethics reform, here are a few ideas for its members to consider:

Ban spousal and family employment by campaign committees and PACs.

This is not a new phenomenon. Sen. Harry Truman hired his wife, Bess, to work on his public payroll at a \$2,500 salary (this when senators were paid \$10,000). Worried about media criticism, he urged her to "only just drop in and do some signing of letters. It helps all concerned."

Truman was right to be concerned. It was wrong then and it's wrong now.

Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.) opened the floodgates to the latest version of this abuse when he secured a rul-

ing from the FEC allowing him to hire his wife as a fundraiser on his campaign payroll. In his case, his wife was an experienced campaign aide. But now 30 members have employed their wives or other family members on their campaign or PAC payrolls.

Whether these people are competent or not is beside the point. Campaign contributions are not bribes because they are not personal income. But when the campaign money flows to a spouse, the contributions become income for the member. This thinly veiled way to launder campaign contributions, so that they add to the family income should be banned. Hiring of other family members should also be prohibited.

Those who have hired spouses and family members include: Reps. Richard Pombo (R-Calif.), wife and two brothers; Zoe Lofgren (D-Calif.), husband's law firm; Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), wife and stepdaughter; John Doolittle (R-Calif.), wife; Ralph Hall (R-Texas), daughter-in-law; Pete Stark (D-Calif.), wife; Buck McKeon (R-Calif.), wife; Ron Lewis (R-Ky.), wife; Bart Stupak (D-Mich.), wife; Jim Costa (D-Calif.), cousin; Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.), wife; Dave Reichert (R-Wash.), nephew; Chris Cannon (R-Utah), three daughters;

Lincoln Davis (D-Tenn.), sister-in-law and daughter; Louie Gohmert (R-Texas), wife; Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.), daughter; Bob Filner (D-Calif.), wife; J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.), wife; Bob Inglis (R-S.C.), wife; Elton Gallegly (R-Calif.), wife;

Sherwood Boehlert (R-N.Y.), wife; John Sweeney (R-N.Y.), wife; Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.), wife;

Ed Pastor (D-Ariz.), nephew; John Shadegg (R-Ariz.), son; and Howard Berman (D-Calif.), brother Michael's political consulting firm; Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), son; and Joe Lieberman (D-Conn.),

son and daughter during vice presidential race; and ex-Reps. Bob Ney (R-Ohio), wife; and Tom DeLay (R-Texas), wife and daughter.

Ban immediate family members of senators or congressmen from lobbying Congress.

An only slightly more removed form of family enrichment is the increasingly frequent hiring of the wives or children of congressmen or senators as lobbyists. House Speaker Dennis Hastert's (R-Ill.) son, for example, closed his music business in Illinois and moved to Washington where he was eventually hired to lobby for Google. Incoming Majority Leader Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) son and son-in-law are lobbyists. The wife of House

Republican Whip Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) is a lobbyist who hawks for tobacco companies, one of the congressman's biggest contributors.

While legislators piously maintain that family members do not lobby them and some even bar them from communicating with their offices, their status as family members of key legislators is well known to their colleagues, who cannot avoid feeling pressure to give them special advantage.

Restore presidential power to line-item veto earmarks in appropriations bills and reverse the anti-impoundment legislation passed during the Nixon administration.

It is only by letting the

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Dick Morris

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2006. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 7:22 p.m. EST.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

On this date:

In 1804, British statesman Benjamin Disraeli was born in London.

In 1913, the first crossword puzzle was published, in the New York World.

In 1942, the Supreme Court ruled all states had to recognize divorces granted in Nevada.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

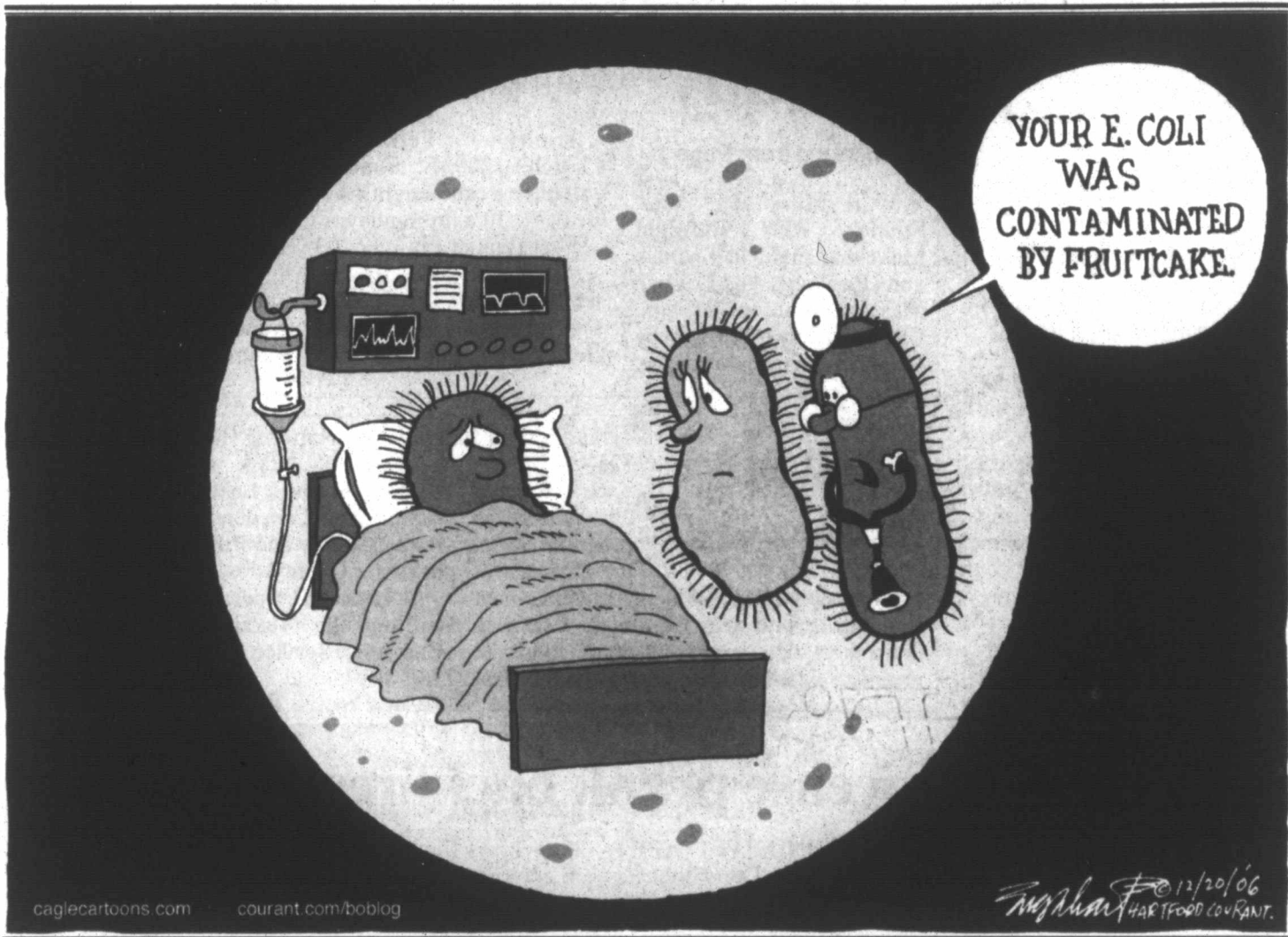
In 1948, the state of Eire, or Ireland (formerly the Irish Free State), declared its independence.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as

'Winter comes but once a year, And when it comes it brings the doctor good cheer.'

— Ogden Nash
American humorist
(1902-1971)



Secretary General.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1995, the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control.

Ten years ago: After two years of denials, House Speaker Newt Gingrich admitted violating House ethics rules. AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho was named Time magazine's "Man of the Year."

Five years ago: The Islamic militant group Hamas announced it was suspending suicide bombings and mortar attacks in Israel. President Bush signed the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, which required the African nation to adopt land ownership protections in order to continue receiving U.S. aid. Emmy-winning sports broadcaster and author Dick Schaap died in New York at age 67.

One year ago: The Senate rejected opening an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling. The Senate approved a six-month extension of the USA Patriot Act to keep the anti-terrorism law from expiring on Dec. 31, 2005.

Which best defines your kid — cracker or hacker?

Most of you have heard the term, "hacker." But, what is it? Or, more importantly, "who" is it? Hollywood leads you to believe this person is a misguided teenage punk rocker with too much time on their hands involved in illegal deeds using their computer.

First, let's get things straight. The words "hacker" and "criminal" are not synonymous. I have quite a few friends who are hackers. I even fancy myself a bit of a hacker, but not on caliber with some of the net-gods who exist. A hacker is simply someone that enjoys "learning how things work."

One online source defines a hacker as: "[Originally, someone who makes furniture with an axe]

1. A person who enjoys exploring the details of programmable systems and how to stretch their capabilities, as opposed to most users, who prefer to learn only the minimum necessary.

2. One who programs enthusiastically (even obsessively) or who enjoys pro-

gramming rather than just theorizing about programming.

3. A person capable of appreciating hack value.

4. A person who is good at programming quickly.

5. An expert at a particular program, or one who frequently does work using it or on it; as in 'a Unix hacker'. (Definitions 1 through 5 are correlated, and people who fit them congregate.)

6. An expert or enthusiast of any kind. One might be an astronomy hacker, for example.

7. One who enjoys the intellectual challenge of creatively overcoming or circumventing limitations." Notice, that nowhere in that definition, did you see anything illegal. To use a Star Wars analogy, though, it is possible for a hacker to turn "to the dark side." We call criminal hackers, "Crackers." A person that

breaks into computers or networks with the purpose of changing, deleting, or stealing information is a cracker.

As an example, here's a scenario involving both types of people: One day, Joe Hacker is wandering around the Internet, looking at various sites, when he finds an "address" he hasn't seen before.

Upon entering this mysterious address, he finds himself at the heart of NORAD's missile defense system. A large hyperlink labeled, "Launch" sits squarely on his screen.

A "hacker" would contact NORAD and tell them about the "hole" in their security so it could be fixed. A "cracker" would push the button (or, more likely, sell the information to the highest bidder).

Using these definitions, we can actually label some of our greatest inventors as hackers. If Thomas Edison

were alive today, he would probably wear the label proudly. Throw in Benjamin Franklin, Albert Einstein, etc. Heck, if you have a kid who takes apart the vacuum cleaner to see how it works, well, you have a hacker.

Crackers are the more mysterious of the two, though. They tend to congregate in loose organizations, similar to street gangs. However, unlike street gangs, a single gang may include members from nations all around the world. With names like "Legion of Doom" and "The Destroyers," these criminals often bill themselves as cyber-mercenaries, selling their services to corporations or foreign countries. Much like mobsters, once hired, they will steal from a competing corporation or "assassinate" their data.

Many of the most lethal computer viruses are written by crackers. Originally, these deadly viruses were intended for a specific target (like a military base or cor-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Dec. 9**
San Antonio Express-News on saying 'no' to steroids:

Baseball writers received their Hall of Fame ballots recently, and some of them have sworn to do the job usually performed by custodians: They have promised to keep the hall clean.

The housecleaning has become an issue because, along with worthy can-

didates such as Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripkin Jr., the sportswriters must consider Mark McGwire.

In 1998, McGwire hit a then-record 70 home runs, a feat that since has been tarnished by allegations that he used steroids.

He had a chance last spring to refute those charges before a House committee investigating steroid use in Major League Baseball; he refused, saying, "I'm not here to discuss the past."

Now baseball writers seem willing to dig up what McGwire wanted to keep

buried his past.

Ron Cook, a columnist for the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, said surveys indicate McGwire will not get the 75 percent of the vote necessary for induction into the Hall of Fame. Good.

The writers should send a message that baseball owners, until recently, were too cowardly or venal to deliver: Cheating is wrong, and it should not be rewarded with the ultimate honor a baseball player can experience.

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Five steps to better hearing

The very first step to better hearing is admitting you have a hearing problem – and that's probably the most difficult. Perhaps that's because hearing loss typically occurs gradually.

"Most people don't realize that every day, in some way, they probably damage their hearing," says Shirley Moore, hearing specialist and owner of High Plains Hearing Aid Center.

Moore knows that it is still difficult for most people to admit they have a hearing problem, but even former President Clinton was fitted for hearing aids.

"There is absolutely nothing to be ashamed of," Moore says.

Hearing impairment affects approximately 10 percent of the population. Although people of all ages can be affected by a hearing loss, the majority of people with impaired hearing are over 60-years-old and their hearing loss is related to the aging process. Because the deterioration of hearing ability typically is not painful, often it is not taken seriously.

But once you've accepted that you have hearing loss, it is time to take it seriously and make a personal choice to seek help with a good attitude. That good attitude about going through the process to improve your hearing must be yours – not that of your spouse, son or daughter.

"We offer a free hearing assessment in a friendly, no-pressure environment, so avoiding a visit is much worse than actually coming in," Moore says.

The third step to better hearing is person-

al education – learn all you can about your hearing problem. The highly trained and certified staff at High Plains Hearing Aid Center can explain the different types of hearing loss: conductive, sensorineural, and mixed hearing loss.

They can also work with you to determine what type of hearing loss you have and assist you in choosing the Assistive Listening device which best meets your needs.

Fourth, it's important to set realistic expectations. Once fitted with the right hearing aid, you should notice results within minutes, but it may take several months to completely realize the benefits of your new hearing instruments. Hearing tends to deteriorate gradually over time, so when sounds are reintroduced to the brain in a 30-minute fitting session, it can be overwhelming.

Finally, practice, time and patience are your keys to success. You will need to wear your hearing aid consistently and follow the advice of your hearing professional. Also, should you have any questions or just become frustrated, it's essential that you call your hearing professional for help – and High Plains Hearing Aid Center makes it easy.

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administration police appropriations bills that the massive conflicts of interest inherent in the earmarking-for-campaign-contributions scam can be stopped.

Proposals to require public reporting of who has inserted what earmark will not be effective since most members are quite proud of their earmarks and would not only not mind public disclosure, but would actually likely welcome it.

And finally:

* Require lobbyists to disclose the specific bills that they are lobbying for or against on the lobbying registration forms.

* Ban all privately paid travel by members, including use of corporate jets.

* Require electronic filing of all travel disclosures for private and government travel.

* Require both chambers to work a full week, instead of the two- to three-day schedule they've had for the past few years.

* Don't hold your breath waiting for these reforms, but they do represent what Congress should do if it wants to come clean.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Cyber

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poration). However, as with most viruses, they escape into the wild, spreading throughout the large population of personal computers in homes and businesses.

The majority of crackers use "non-techy" methods of breaking into systems. "Dumpster diving" is a popular pastime among crackers. You would be surprised how many passwords, credit card numbers, and confidential reports are simply thrown away.

So, how can you tell if your kid is experimenting with "cracking?" Are they constantly using their computer to the exclusion of other important activities? When you enter the room, do they suddenly "switch the screen off" or cover it so you can't see what they're doing? Do they frequent chatrooms at odd hours of the night?

In their writing, do they use any of the following slang:

kEwL - similar to "cool," capitalization included
lamer - someone that is not a cracker, but thinks they are
doodz - dudes - fellow crackers
warez - short for "software," specifically, pirated software.

Don't get me wrong. Answering "yes," to any or all of those questions does not automatically mean your kid is a cracker, but those are some of the "signs."

Many families have solved the problem by putting the family PC in a public area, like the living room or dining room, with the screen in full sight of anyone entering.

If your kid is behind a locked bedroom door using his computer, you are just asking for trouble ...

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Events calendar

• **CREATE-a-Beat!** of Pampa is offering a series of eight classes for hearing infants and their families. "Baby Sing & Sign" is divided into eight-week sessions. The enrollment fee is \$100. Sessions begin Jan. 10 (10 a.m.); Jan. 9 (6:30 p.m.); March 21 (10 a.m.); and March 20 (6:30 p.m.). To register or to find out more, call 665-7474 or e-mail cmoore@createabeat.org.

• **Lovett Memorial Library** in Pampa has scheduled several activities for the end of December and the beginning of January. The upcoming activities are as follows: 10-11 a.m., Christmas story/2-4 p.m. movie - Friday; 10-11 a.m. Storytime/2-4 p.m., board game day - Wednesday; 10-11 a.m., Backpack Snacks/2-4 p.m., movie - Dec. 28; and 10-11 a.m. board game day/2-4 p.m. movie - Dec. 29 and Jan. 2. For more information, call 669-5780.

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Tuesday and Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Back in Control** parent class will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 6 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. Registration will be at 8:45 a.m. The class will be conducted by Janice James, UCAP coordinator, and is being offered through Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the High Plains will hold an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard, in Pampa. CASA volunteers serve as special advocates in court cases involving neglected or abused children. The volunteers help ensure that such children find safe, permanent homes, assisting the courts and the often overburdened child welfare system so that no child falls through the cracks.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **Just Between Friends** in Amarillo, a children's and maternity consignment shop, will be collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals for the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project. The shop donates a portion of its profits to the Project and many consignors donate unsold items to the charity. For more information, call (806) 353-0516.

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East Los Angeles hospital under scrutiny after bacterial outbreak

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The recent deaths of two premature babies at a hospital linked to an outbreak of a common bacterium raise questions about whether officials took the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the hardy germ.

A preliminary investigation by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health traced the fatal outbreak at White Memorial Medical Center to contaminated laryngoscope blades, a type of medical instrument used to look inside a patient's

mouth. White Memorial closed off its neonatal intensive care unit Dec. 4 following the outbreak of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* that sickened five infants. Officials believe the subsequent deaths of two of the babies may be

linked to the pathogen, which is a common but potentially deadly bacterium, particularly to people with weak immune systems. Of the roughly two million hospital-

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Christmas party



Aimee Sharpton and Chainee Corley head for the refreshments after the completion of the CREATE-a-Beat! Christmas program recently.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

War of words erupts between Trump, Rosie

NEW YORK (AP) — The Miss USA partying episode has led to a war of words between Rosie O'Donnell and Donald Trump.

O'Donnell, co-host of the ABC television morning talk show "The View," said on Wednesday's show that Trump's news conference with Tara Conner had annoyed her "on a multitude of levels."

"Left the first wife, had an affair, left the second wife, had an affair. Had kids both times, but he's the moral compass for 20-year-olds in America," O'Donnell said to roars of audience laughter. "Donald, sit and spin, my friend."

She continued: "He inherited a lot of money, wait a minute, and he's been bankrupt so many times where he didn't have to pay. ... I just think that this man is sort of like one of those, you know, snake oil salesmen in 'Little House on the Prairie.'"

"Rosie O'Donnell is disgusting, I mean both inside and out," Trump shot back on the syndicated entertainment show "The Insider." "Take a look at her, she's a slob. She talks like a truck driver. ... Her show failed when it was a talk show, she failed on that. The ratings went very, very low and very bad and she got essentially thrown off television. Her magazine was a total catastrophe, she got

"I just think that this man is sort of like one of those, you know, snake oil salesmen in 'Little House on the Prairie.'"

— Rosie O'Donnell

sued. ...

"I never went bankrupt, but she said I went bankrupt. So probably I'll sue her because it would be fun. I'd like to take some money out of her fat-ass pockets," he said.

Trump, owner of the Miss Universe Organization, which includes Miss USA and Miss Teen USA — said Tuesday at a news conference that he would allow Conner to keep her title if she settled down and entered alcohol rehab.

Conner tearfully admitted drinking as a minor at New York nightclubs. She turned 21 a day before the news conference.

On Wednesday, Mothers Against Drunk Driving said it was severing ties with Miss Teen USA Katie Blair because it was "disappointed" by news reports that she had been spotted partying with Conner in New York clubs.

"We do not feel, at this

time, that Ms. Blair can be an effective spokesperson on underage drinking and will not ask her to represent MADD in future initiatives," MADD spokeswoman Heidi Castle said in a statement.

A message left for a representative of Blair, an 18-year-old from Billings, Mont., wasn't returned.

Miss Universe Organization spokeswoman Lark-Marie Anton said Blair's crown also was safe. Anton said the organization respected "MADD's decision as much as we respect their work. We look forward to working with them in the future."

HONOLULU (AP) — Fire destroyed the rented home of "Lost" star Evangeline Lilly in coastal Kailua on Oahu island Wednesday, officials said. Lilly was not at home, and no one was injured.

Two roommates were also not home when the fire broke out sometime after 6:30 a.m., authorities said. Investigators were searching for a cause.

"Unfortunately, it is true that the home she rented in Hawaii did burn down this morning," Lilly's publicist Cara Tripicchio said in an e-mail. "Evangeline was on set already when the fire occurred and luckily, her roommates were not in the house either."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Here I go, sounding like an old fogey, but "Feeling Lost and Guilty" (11/5), who said she and her loudmouthed, snotty son are "best friends," has brought her problem on herself. The No. 1 problem of parents today is that they try to be friends with their children rather than parents. Back when I was his age, parents were parents to their children -- not friends. There is a difference! She asked how to undo what she has done. She now knows there is a difference between being a parent and being a friend, something she should have realized 14 years ago. I see that all too often in parents' today, including my own daughter, whose teenage daughters walk all over her because "it's easier and less stressful" to allow it than provide guidance. In cases like this, the cart is down the path and the horse is still in the barn. — **DISAPPOINTED GRANDFATHER, EASTON, PA.**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: You are correct in saying that some parents shirk their responsibility by refusing to be firm with their children as well as responsible role models. However, before painting all parents of children with social problems with the same broad brush, please read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for advising the mother of "Todd," the teen who doesn't know how to keep his mouth shut, to seek an evaluation. If the boy has a problem with empathy, it could be that he has Asperger's syndrome, an increasingly more common form of mild autism. This is a social disability, often more noticeable in the teenage years, when social expectations are more sophisticated. I should know -- I am a school psychologist and also the mother of a 13-year-old with Asperger's. — **MOM IN BERKELEY, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: It's time that mother, whose son hasn't learned that "discretion is the better part of valor," teach her son "active listening" skills. These include reading body language and nonverbal cues, withholding opinions until all facts are in, and learning to discern when someone actually wants to hear our opinion vs. just wanting to vent. (I have had some really bad employers who could have benefited from that last one.) I learned active listening skills more than 30 years ago as a peer counselor in junior high school, and while I was able to adapt some of the skills immediately, others have taken literally decades to sink in. However, this is why we plant seeds. Some bloom right away, while others take time to germinate. — **HAPPY ACTIVE LISTENER**

DEAR ABBY: My son has Asperger's, and one of the traits of this condition is the person is very literal in his or her speech and usually says whatever comes to mind. These young people do not understand the social taboo of being brutally honest. (I am not saying that her child has Asperger's syndrome.) We have to try to teach our kids to not say everything that comes to mind in public as well. One method that I have found helpful is social role playing. That mother can make up situations and role-play how her son might respond so that the other person's feelings are not hurt. We have to practice with our kids. This is not a "common sense" that is learned just by mimicking what others do. These children often do not understand the "little white lies" that we tell in polite society. On the other hand, if you want an honest answer as to whether you look fat, just ask an Aspie! — **PROUD MOTHER OF AN ASPIE IN MONTANA**

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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

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1 Suspect's snoop story

6 First-rate, in slang

11 Praline morsel

12 Kenya neighbor

13 "— kangaroo down ..."

14 Home

15 Miss Jane of mysteries

17 Ethan's "Gattaca" co-star

19 Brink

20 "— Believer"

23 Hire

25 Surgery souvenir

26 Tension-easing games, e.g.

28 Diet no-no, perhaps

29 Niners' home

30 Sounds of mock sympathy

31 Take notes

32 "— Tiki

33 Yacht lot

35 Swift

38 Attack

41 Love to pieces

42 "— there yet?"

43 Hit the sauce

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1 Gifted

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3 Refrigerator parts

4 Crimson Tide, for short

5 Wrong

6 Sacred song

7 Yokel

8 Groom's answer

9 Fuming

10 Count start

16 Want badly

17 City on the Mohawk

18 Bright parrot

20 Rink

21 Polo of history

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24 Diminish

25 Take to the slopes

27 Skilled worker

31 Worn out

33 Deep mud

34 Agripina's son

35 Scoundrel

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Sports Day

Here come the Men in Black



The Kids Inc. team, Men in Black, competed in the 5th grade boys league in Amarillo from November through early December. The team won 5 out of the 8 games played in this league. Pictured here are: (Back) Coach Russ Hughes, Keenan Hughes, Hunter Hughes, Coach Alicia Hughes. (Middle) Cory Ponce-Nickerson, Ethan Hunt, Cager Osborne. (Front) Nathan Sprinkle, Josh Hernandez.

AFL & ESPN enter into long-term agreement

NEW YORK -- ESPN and the Arena Football League have entered into a five-year agreement that includes extensive media rights and a minimum of 26 televised games per season, beginning in 2007. ESPN has also purchased a minority ownership stake in the AFL as part of the agreement that enhances ESPN's football programming lineup, the most comprehensive in sports television, with year-round football on Monday nights.

ESPN will televise a minimum of 17 regular-season games and nine playoff games -- including a minimum of three Wild Card games, three Divisional Playoff games, both Conference Championships and the ArenaBowl -- on ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC. ESPN will also have an exclusive window for weekly Monday night primetime games on ESPN2 -- continuing to establish Monday night as the "football night" for fans year-round.

"This is the longest and most comprehensive media partnership in AFL history,"

said Commissioner David Baker. "ESPN's brand is ingrained in sports fans, who watch, read, and listen to its multiple media properties. Through its equity purchase, ESPN now owns a piece of the AFL and has the ability to provide exciting football content on Monday nights for fans on a year-round basis. There is no better partner to help continue the AFL's growth as a leading global, multimedia property than ESPN."

Similar to recent major ESPN content acquisitions, the agreement entails a broad range of rights. Fifteen ESPN platforms will benefit from this new agreement, including ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN on ABC, ESPN Classic, ESPN HD and ESPN2 HD; ESPN.com; Spanish-language ESPN Deportes; ESPN360 (the company's growing interactive and customizable broadband service); Mobile ESPN Publishing (the company's wireless content licensing business); ESPN Radio, ESPN the Magazine and other ESPN-branded services

(i.e., iPod, video-on-demand). ESPN also gains the right to both air and syndicate Arena Football League games through ESPN International.

"We are committed to the Arena Football League and its exciting brand of football. We will help grow the league across all of our multimedia platforms. As the league grows, so will our business, and we see a bright future for us both," said John Skipper, executive vice president, content, ESPN.

ESPN's 2007 AFL coverage will kick off on ABC with a pair of regional games -- defending ArenaBowl champion Chicago Rush at Kansas City Brigade and Dallas Desperadoes at New York Dragons -- on Sunday, March 4 at 12:30 p.m. ET. ABC will broadcast ArenaBowl XXI live on Saturday, July 29 at 3 p.m. from New Orleans Arena as the city of New Orleans hosts its first team championship since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

FORE Texas to become official newspaper of the Northern Texas PGA

DALLAS, TX -- The Northern Texas PGA has executed an agreement with GolfMedia, Inc., to publish FORE Texas beginning in March 2007. GolfMedia, Inc. is also the publisher of FORE Georgia, the Official Newspaper of the Georgia PGA.

According to Darrell Crall, Executive Director of the Northern Texas PGA, "The NTPGA is extremely excited to partner with GolfMedia, Inc. to produce a high-end golf publication that emphasizes the vital role of the local PGA Professional in promoting and growing the game. Based upon GolfMedia's background and success in Georgia, I am confident that FORE Texas is a perfect fit for this region."

While FORE Texas will be called a newspaper because of its national license agree-

ment with the PGA of America, it is published on high-grade enamel stock for outstanding graphic and photo reproduction.

John Barrett, the CEO and Publisher of GMI, said the FORE Texas will be a high-quality publication dedicated to bringing the golfing consumer the best in golf news, instruction, product and course reviews plus sections on men's, women's, and junior golf events throughout the entire Northern Texas Section. Barrett notes, "This is definitely not a coffee table/lifestyle publication. Golfers will find FORE Texas in golf shops, grills, locker rooms, and retail outlets. This is a publication that will get read." Specifically, FORE Texas will be distributed to all golf venues and golf retailers that employ NTPGA professionals.

Jason Terry leads Mavericks to 5th straight victory in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — Erick Dampier matched his season high with 22 points and grabbed a season-best 16 rebounds, and Dallas defeated Seattle 103-95 Wednesday on a night when Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki went down with a sprained ankle and the SuperSonics lost Rashard Lewis to a hand injury.

The Mavericks won their fifth straight behind a stingy second-half defense and strong interior play from Dampier. Jason Terry added 17 points as five Mavericks finished in double figures, but most of the focus was on the two injured All-Stars.

Lewis went out first, injuring a tendon in his right hand in the opening minute. He was hurt when he attempted to block Dampier's shot from behind. Television replays showed Lewis' hand getting caught in the net as he tried to swat the shot.

Lewis immediately ran off the court and went for X-rays. He was to be re-evaluated on Thursday.

Nowitzki was down on the floor for a few minutes before being carried to the locker room by two teammates. X-rays were negative on Nowitzki's ankle and he was to be re-examined in Dallas.

Dallas Stars put up a weak fight against Anaheim Ducks

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — As if the high-flying Anaheim Ducks really needed any good news, Corey Perry is out of his slump.

Perry scored twice in Wednesday night's 4-1 victory over Dallas, giving him six goals and three assists in his last seven games. Before that, he had just three assists in a span of 12 games.

"The bounces are going my way right now. Before, the puck was going one way and I was going the other way," Perry said. "Scoring goals is my job and that's what got me here."

"So I was putting a little pressure on myself and it was frustrating

going through that stretch. My confidence is coming back."

When the puck bounced his way against the Stars, he took advantage, including an outstanding shot for his second goal of the game and 11th of the season.

"He's worked hard at getting through a valley he was in," Anaheim coach Randy Carlyle said. "He's got a tremendous amount of skill."

Anaheim's two Norris Trophy-winning defensemen, Chris Pronger and Scott Niedermayer, also scored to help the Ducks improve their NHL-best mark to 27-4-6.

Jean-Sebastien Giguere stopped 26 shots for his 23rd win of the season, also a league high. He's 11-1 in his last 12 starts.

On his second goal, Perry picked up the loose puck near the right circle, skated into the slot, stopped, whirled and flipped the puck over goalie Marty Turco's left shoulder to give Anaheim a 3-1 lead 13 seconds into the second period.

"I knew I didn't have a backhand shot available, so I just turned and fired it," Perry said. "I tried to get it up because I knew there would be a lot of traffic."

Niedermayer added a power-play goal at 16:39 of the second,

his sixth goal and 30th point, to give Anaheim a three-goal advantage.

The Stars held a closed-door meeting following the game, and coach Dave Tippett was grim afterward.

Asked about the Ducks, Tippett said, "We're concerned with what we do, not what they do. We didn't make it a hard enough game for them."

"We need more from everybody. These are real strong barometer games for us. There are some individuals who move up and some who move down. That's the way it is."

After the Ducks jumped out to a 2-0 lead on first-period scores by Pronger and Perry, the Stars' Stu Barnes narrowed the gap with a goal, his fourth, at 14:41.

Perry, turning in the second two-goal performance of his career, put Anaheim up 2-0 with his slap shot from the right circle, beating Turco at 11:38 of the opening period.

Pronger scored his seventh goal — and got his 38th point — with a 50-foot slap shot 3:22 into the game.

Anaheim got off 27 shots — 21 at Turco before he was replaced by Mike Smith at the start of the third period.

Houston Rockets held off by Trail Blazers, lose by 2

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Zach Randolph had 24 points and 13 rebounds, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Houston Rockets 89-87 Wednesday night for their fifth straight win.

The Blazers led by as many as 14 before the Rockets closed the gap in the fourth quarter, narrowing it to 78-75 on a 3-pointer.

Portland then stretched its margin to seven twice before Houston threatened again on Rafer Alston's 3-pointer and Juwan Howard's two free throws that made it 84-82 with 1:17 left.

Head missed a jumper with 41.9 seconds left that would have tied the game.

Blazers rookie Brandon Roy, who missed the previous 20 games with a heel

injury, made a hook shot with 19.9 seconds remaining. Alston answered with a layup with 15.5 seconds to go.

Jarrett Jack made a pair of free throws but Alston again answered with a 3-pointer that made it 88-87. Randolph was then fouled by Yao Ming and made one of two free throws with .08 seconds left for the final margin.

Yao finished with 34 points and nine rebounds.

The Rockets were again without Tracy McGrady, who has missed five games because of back spasms. Houston is 1-4 without him in the lineup.

McGrady has been shooting again and could be back for Friday's game in San Antonio.

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Old rivalries aside, Longhorns experience victory over former SWC foe Arkansas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas freshmen are too young to remember the wild and woolly days of the Longhorns' old rivalry with Arkansas.

No matter. Their 80-76 win over the Razorbacks on Wednesday night was exciting enough to stand up to the barnburners of the old days.

Freshman guard Justin Mason's driving layup and free throw with 12 seconds left sent the Longhorns to the win in the first meeting between the old Southwest Conference rivals since 1991.

"Coach (Rick Barnes) told us it was a Duke-North Carolina kind of thing," said Longhorn freshman forward Kevin Durant, who scored a game-high 28 points and hit two free throws in the final seconds that sealed the victory.

"He told us to come out with a chip on our shoulder," Durant said. "This was a great win for our program."

It was the first meeting between the old SWC rivals since "Tournament" Tom Penders and "Strollin'" Nolan Richardson were coaching the Longhorns and Razorbacks through some entertaining basketball. The last time they met, Arkansas rolled to a 120-89 win in the SWC championship game.

The Longhorns start four freshmen who were toddlers back then. And while this one didn't produce those kind of fireworks, it brought plenty of drama to the start of a new four-game series.

Arkansas had taken a 76-75 lead when Sonny Weems scored on an inbound pass near the basket. Texas then got the ball to Mason, who drove the lane, hit the layup and drew the foul on Weems.

The Razorbacks had been sitting in a zone defense and expected the Longhorns to get the ball to Durant or guard D.J. Augustin for the last shot.

"The last thing I thought

would happen is somebody drive through the zone defense," said Arkansas coach Stan Heath. "I don't think anybody in the building thought Mason would take that shot."

Mason hit the layup and the free throw for the 78-76 lead.

"Maybe I surprised them because throughout the game they weren't focused on me," Mason said.

Arkansas had a chance to tie it when Gary Ervin drew a foul with five seconds left, but he missed the two free throws.

Durant scored 15 points in the second half. D.J. Augustin added 16 points. Mason finished with 10 points and seven assists for Texas (8-2).

Charles Thomas and Patrick Beverley each scored 19 to lead the Razorbacks (8-3).

The Razorbacks opened the second half with a 16-6 run that quieted the home

crowd. Beverley hit a pair of 3-pointers from the wing when Durant got stuck on defense under the basket, and Weems drove the baseline for a fist-pumping dunk as Arkansas took a 53-47 lead.

It didn't last long. Durant scored two straight baskets and Augustin drove the baseline for a layup and then hit a 3-pointer. Durant's one-handed baseline jam capped the rally that retook the lead, 58-55.

But the Razorbacks kept finding soft spots in Texas' perimeter defense. Beverley and Weems connected for two more 3-pointers from the corners to keep Texas from pulling away.

Arkansas led 69-68 before A.J. Abrams, Texas' best long-range shooter, hit his second 3-pointer of the half for a 71-69 Texas lead with just over three minutes to play.

Southern Methodist robbed in 75-45 loss to Blue Devils

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — Southern Methodist played right into Duke's hands.

The Mustangs kept driving to the basket even though the fourth-ranked Blue Devils kept blocking their shots and stealing the ball to set up a 75-45 victory in the Caribbean Classic Tournament on Wednesday.

"It's easier for us to match up with teams that like to penetrate," said Blue Devils coach Gail Goetsenkowski, who started out 11-0 for the third time in her 15 years at Duke. "We set the tone."

Alison Bales had four blocks and 10 points, and Abby Waner scored 12 points to lead Duke in the teams' first meeting. The Blue Devils close the tournament Thursday against No. 22 Pittsburgh, which beat Liberty 54-47 Wednesday, and then have a Christmas break until Dec. 29.

Carrem Gay added 12 points and Brittany Mitch 10 for the Blue Devils, who

went 6-of-14 from 3-point range and 17-of-22 from the free-throw line.

Janielle Dodds led Southern Methodist (7-4) with 14 points and five assists, and Katy Cobb had 10 points and four steals.

Duke shot 42 percent, out-rebounded the Mustangs 54-39 and managed 12 steals.

The 6-foot-7 Bales towered above the Mustangs, who committed 17 turnovers and shot 22 percent from the field.

Duke leads the nation in defense, holding opponents to 29 percent shooting.

"They were more of a penetrating team, and that's the style we're used to," said Bales, who also had nine rebounds. "Still it was not very good, up until yesterday we hadn't played in more than a week."

The Blue Devils got off to a fast start against the Mustangs, shaking off the rust from their turnover-filled, 55-46 win over Bowling Green on Tuesday.

Could Tomlinson be — or become — the best running back ever?

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

Marty Schottenheimer is already convinced, though he might be a bit biased. His job, after all, pretty much hangs on what LaDainian Tomlinson can do with his legs.

Tomlinson's teammates certainly believe, though their futures also are intertwined with L.T. When a guy invites the rest of the team into the end zone to celebrate his accomplishments with him, it's hard not to feel a certain kinship.

And, if the rest of the country had its doubts, they were erased in a prime-time performance Sunday night that might be one for the ages.

With two games left in the regular season, it's come down to this: We're beyond talking about whether Tomlinson will win the MVP because he has that wrapped up.

Now, it might be time to start talking about something else.

Could Tomlinson be — or become — the greatest running back ever? After six years in the league, is it time to begin mentioning him in the same breath as the great Jim Brown and others?

His coach says it's past that time.

"I believe he is the finest running back to ever wear an NFL uniform," Schottenheimer said.

Excuse Schottenheimer while he hypes the player who just might carry the Chargers deep into the playoffs and possibly get him over that final hump to the Super Bowl.

The thing is, Tomlinson needs no hyping. He's that good.

Here's the NFL season records he has set already this year:

- Most touchdowns — 31.
- Most touchdowns rushing — 28.
- Consecutive games with multiple TDs — 8.
- Most points — 186.
- Oh, yeah, he also has thrown for two touchdowns.

Put it all together and L.T. (with extra points) has had a hand in more than half of San Diego's 445 points, nearly outscoring the opposition all by himself.

If the question of being the greatest ever might not be a legitimate one quite yet, the reality is it might not be as far off as you think.

Breaking a record set 46 years ago and piling on a bunch of others this season alone is a good place to start if comparisons are going to be made with great backs like Brown, Walter Payton, Barry Sanders and Emmitt Smith.

Great backs also have great games in the spotlight, like Tomlinson did with an 85-yard touchdown run Sunday night against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"It's happening so much now, I can't keep up anymore," Tomlinson said afterward. "To be honest, I don't want to keep up. I just keep rolling."

He breaks records as easily as some teammates get

into trouble (five Chargers arrested in the last year) and others take steroids. Six years into his career, he's the glue that holds a sometimes dysfunctional team together.

No wonder Schottenheimer loves the guy. His whole team loves him.

What's not to love about a player who is so humble he always gives credit to his offensive line and any other teammate on the field. A player who doesn't preen and pose, as is the custom these days.

A player who doesn't mind being called upon to pick up the blitz and throw a block if it helps his team.

"The biggest thing I tell people is if your son or your child is ever going to be a superstar or famous, you want them to be like him," right tackle Shane Olivea said. "He's the most humble, unassuming, laid-back person you can encounter."

"He's what's right and what's good about the NFL." Too bad it's taken the NFL

so long to embrace him. Tomlinson is closing in on 9,000 yards and has scored 111 touchdowns since the Chargers basically traded their Michael Vick pick for him six years ago. Only now is he starting to get his just due.

If Tomlinson were playing in Philadelphia, they would be building a statue for him downtown. In New York, he'd have a restaurant named after him and maybe a stadium to follow.

But he's in San Diego, far from the East Coast media spotlight and a place where more people go to the beach than the stadium on any given NFL Sunday.

Still, Tomlinson's play this year has been extraordinary. His numbers so far in his career are even better than those of Smith, Payton, Brown and Sanders at the same point in their careers.

Brown is considered by many the best back to ever play the game, a man who averaged over 5 yards a

carry, and the only knock on him is he quit after nine years and doesn't have the gaudy numbers of those who have followed.

If he stays healthy, Tomlinson will have more career touchdowns next year than Brown, and likely will pass him in total yards the following season. Then it's just a matter of playing long enough to pass the others.

Schottenheimer aside, it's too early just yet to anoint Tomlinson the best ever. Employed in a dangerous profession, he might get injured and never get a chance at the mythical prize. A few more years like this one, though, and his name will go to the top of a lot of lists.

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Philadelphia attempts to make do without Iverson Duncan carries Spurs in victory over Memphis

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson is gone. The Philadelphia 76ers' losing streak isn't over, though.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 34 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, and Stephen Jackson had 25 points to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 101-93 win over Philadelphia on Wednesday night, the last-place 76ers' 12th straight loss.

O'Neal and Jackson took turns down the stretch making clutch baskets to hold off a spirited Sixers team playing their first

game in more than 10 years without Iverson on the roster.

Andre Iguodala and Kyle Korver each scored 20 points for the Sixers, a night after they traded Iverson to Denver for Andre Miller, Joe Smith and two 2007 first-round picks. Iverson was inactive for his final six games in Philadelphia after a bitter split with the franchise that made him the No. 1 overall draft pick in 1996.

Iverson will probably make his Denver debut Friday night at

home against Sacramento. The Nuggets postponed their game Wednesday night against Phoenix because of a snowstorm.

No Iverson, and no Chris Webber again, either. Webber missed his third straight game because of a sprained right ankle.

The Sixers, who have lost 19 of 21 overall, are on their longest losing streak since they dropped 13 straight from Dec. 28, 1996, to Jan. 20, 1997. The Sixers also have dropped 10 in a row on the road.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tim Duncan was perfect from the floor on a night when his team showed plenty of flaws.

Duncan shot 8-for-8 and scored 21 points, helping the San Antonio Spurs beat the Memphis Grizzlies 105-98 Wednesday despite blowing a 19-point third-quarter lead.

"We really let them get back in the game," said Duncan, who went 5-of-10 from the foul line.

Duncan also grabbed nine rebounds for the Spurs, who have won five straight. Michael Finley had a season-high 20 points, Tony Parker added 18 points and 10 assists, and Bruce Bowen had 13 points — including 3-of-3 shooting from 3-point range in the fourth quarter.

The Spurs were up by 19 early in the third, but their cushion slipped away and Memphis briefly took the lead in the fourth.

"They really caught fire in the third quarter," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We were able to get it done. So they did a good job when it mattered."

The game was tied at 90 with less than six minutes to go before a bucket by Pau Gasol put Memphis up by two. The teams then traded baskets — a 3-pointer for the Spurs and a bucket for the Grizzlies — before Francisco Elson's jump shot with 4:16 left put San Antonio ahead for good, 95-94.

The Grizzlies' Mike Miller scored all but two of his 22 points in the second half. He was followed by Gasol with 16, and Hakim Warrick and Chucky Atkins with 11 apiece.

It was the second game in a row that the Spurs squandered a big lead and allowed their opponent to go ahead in the fourth quarter.

On Saturday at home against Philadelphia, the Spurs gave away a 17-point third-quarter advantage and allowed Philadelphia to take a lead late in the fourth. Only eight late points from Manu Ginobili, who had 12 against Memphis, saved the game for San Antonio.

"We've been here before," Finley said. "We've let good leads slip away. We were able to sustain offensively through working together and defensively by being committed and making them make tough shots. They missed them, we made them, and we got the win."

The Spurs (20-6) own the NBA's best record. They have won five in a row overall and six straight at home.

The Grizzlies fell to 6-20.

"Defensively we made things happen, we got some deflections, we had some steals, we had some stops and then we got out and ran," Memphis coach Mike Fratello said. "All of a sudden we are back here smelling it. We were close enough. It was back and forth for a while."

The Spurs were ahead 62-46 at halftime, but Memphis went on a run in the third quarter that was capped by Miller's 3-pointer, tying the game at 71 with 3:38 left.

Finley then answered with a 3 of his own to start a 10-0 run for the Spurs, who ended the period up 82-76.

"We are a team that's going to keep fighting and scrapping. We were a little disappointed in the first half with our effort," Miller said. "We played a lot harder in the second half. We were able to get out, run a little bit, get a few easy buckets and that helps against a defense like that."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 22, 2006:

This year more than usual, you have a lot going for you. Increase your security and add to your savings and investments. You know what you are doing. Trust your judgment, though getting feedback wouldn't hurt. You will be creating a safer space for you to launch a new life cycle your next birthday. Get rid of what isn't working and make room for new and better. If you are single, your instincts about potential suitors run high. Listen to them. You also might need to curb a possessive streak. If you are attached, you are heading down a new path together. Share more of your vulnerabilities. AQUARIUS might cost you!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Zero in on what you want. For many, this might mean surrounding yourself with those very special people in your life. You easily could be in the convivial frame of mind where you let go and enjoy. Touch base with someone at a distance. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Take charge and don't back down. Others, especially an older relative, might need to hear from you. Someone could feel as if no one is there for him or her. You can change how this person feels. Make that your business. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Be willing to reach out for someone at a distance. You can turn a sit-

uation around before you know it. Taking an overview and being optimistic add a flurry of social activity and emotional warmth to your life. Tonight: Listen to holiday music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You might want to move past a hassle with a loved one or associate. Use timing when initiating a conversation. Your listening skills must come forward if you are to be successful. Funnel some of your high energy. Tonight: Work with a friend or loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others are passionate about you, what they want and life in general. How nice! Romantic twinges occur for both single and attached Lions. Whether you act on them is your call. Let happiness bubble forth. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Don't get upset about running around with so much to do. Know that you have everything under control, even if you don't think so. Someone will pitch in at the last minute, adding to the fun of this holiday. Tonight: Wind down at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You have a jovial way and a bounce in your step. You might feel as if finally life is working. A relationship gains in importance, be it with a child or a new friend. Honor your feelings, and don't walk away from intensity. Tonight: Very playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

As soon as you can head home, all the better. If possible, take a day off or work from home. You will accomplish more in your own environment. Others respond to your inquiries later in the day.

Tonight: Order in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your newfound optimism flows through, no matter what you do or say. Others smile because you are so affable and friendly. Check out a new item to add zip to your communication. Tonight: Just be available.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Always concerned about your finances, you could be taken aback by what you learn. Be positive, and you'll discover that the end results are excellent. No one has the financial intuition that you do. Use it. Tonight: Finish up any last-minute details or shopping.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are all smiles with the Moon beaming you into the limelight. You could feel overwhelmed and tired if you stop. Don't. You are on a roll. Your magnetism draws many. You might want to take some time to spice up your life. Tonight: What would make you happy?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You have a sense of mystery enveloping you. A secret might put a smile on your face but have other people very curious as to what is going on. You don't have to share. Keeping mum is your best bet. Tonight: Take some private time while you can.

BORN TODAY

Bee Gees singer Maurice Gibb (1949), Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb (1949), actor Ralph Fiennes (1962)

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First Baptist Church recently erected a poinsettia tree in the lobby of the church. Members bought the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.

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acquired infections each year, about 10 percent are caused by P. aeruginosa. The germ can be spread by health care workers, medical instruments, disinfectant solutions and food.

Until earlier this year, cleansing of laryngoscope blades had been done by White Memorial's in-house sterilization department, which subjected the devices to high-level disinfection as required by the manufacturer.

Then the practice was abruptly changed and cleaning was handled by the respiratory therapy staff instead. It's unknown whether the respiratory staff followed proper cleaning procedures. White Memorial has since returned to having the blades cleaned by specialized technicians.

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Mount Hood: Oregon sheriff calls off search for climbers

By **TIM FOUGHT**
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Determined to check out one final tip about the climbers missing on Mount Hood, Sheriff Joe Wampler piloted the department's Piper Cub toward the 11,239-foot peak.

He found that what a snowshoer had thought was a yellow tent in the distance was, upon closer inspection, just a rock.

So the Hood River County sheriff landed his plane and told reporters Wednesday that he was calling off rescue operations. He said the new focus would be on "recovery," which in the parlance of search and rescue means a hunt for bodies.

Undaunted by punishing snowstorms, rescue crews headed into the mountain soon after Kelly James of Dallas used his cell phone on Dec. 10 to tell his family that he and two companions were in trouble.

Searchers found James in a snow cave Sunday, several days after he had died of

hypothermia, according to the results of an autopsy Wednesday.

Wampler said planes would be sent out to look for the two climbers who remain missing, but history and mountain experts suggest it might be spring before Brian Hall of Dallas and Jerry "Nikko" Cooke of New York City are found.

Some members of the Hall and Cooke families agreed that the search should end, the sheriff said.

"We wouldn't be doing this today if they hadn't been part of that decision," Wampler said at an airfield news conference.

What happened on the mountain is a matter of conjecture based on James' telephone call, photos taken by the climbers, and such evidence as two ice axes and a climbing harness found by search crews.

Authorities say James might have been injured in a fall, prompting Hall and Cooke to go for help. The two climbers then might have fallen or been blown off a cliff, buried by an avalanche or died of hypothermia.

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Letters To SANTA

a doll with some dolls
daddy bear, and a
kinds of candy so b
like. We don't have a ch
have to come in the front o
down
Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Here's our new list of toys. We sent you a few other list before but we changed our minds about what we want for Christmas.

We would like to have some dolls, little cars and a racetrack. We want a train that blows real smoke and something good to play outside with. You know what we like so you can pick something good.

Maria, Megan, Sam and Aston

Dear Santa,
Just bring the usual and some extra batteries
jon

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring us some more toys
them broke and some of them
Cooking some cookies and
be on the table. I hope
sarc. If it does
rearter. Jr
ill.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the red bicycle that you brought me last year. I grew taller and I had to give it to my little brother. Can I get a new one this year? Can we also get a pony? Says there's not enough room in the backyard but I measure and I think it's enough good and can a pony?
for at least
and

Dear Santa,

It's me Kenny! How was your year? I sat on your lap at the mall to see you asked for a football. I asked for a surf board. I don't have any water. My big sister moved out. I think it would look cool. My big sister moved out. I still pink! If I had a surfboard that is pink or a girl color.

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Santa Letters

To: Santa Claus
North Pole 85921

Dear Santa,

I have been a great girl this year. Will you please bring me an Easy Bake Oven, so I can cook my own dinner?

Avery Smith, 6

Dear Santa,

I would like blue cowboy boots, a belt and a hat, a cap gun and a Travis Pastrana toy. Thanks, Santa.

Love, Cameron Hair, 4

Dear Santa,

I would like a platypus with bows, buttons, flowers and dots, and a Barney book, and a bush with Dora on it that is yellow, red and blue.

Autumn Woods, 3

Dear Santa,

I want sun glaes, sck-atbord, reerasers, a new scouter with 4 wheels and cirves, more candy, black. bouts, and Game cube, and Game cube Games, and hot wheels, and Truoble, Game Boyboy, truo blue, Game baogy.

Gage Kenney, 5

Dear Santa,

I want a hotwheel, more Gameboy games for my Gameboy, and a new scouter with 4 wheels and cirves too, and Truoble, and fire ice Dragen seats that I want, and more playstasn 2 Games, and a new skat-bord, and more candy, and some reerasers, and more Game cube Games, and glaes caes.

Walker Kennedy, 8

Dear Santa,

My name is Jarrett I am 7 years old and I am in the sec ond grade.

I go to school at Austin elementary for Christmas could you please get me super stacksfor Christmas? Love Jarrett

Jarrett Reid Rivera

Dear Santa,

I want a scate board with a handel, I also want a hide and seek carebare, a binder, slipon shoes, a animal pillow-case, moon shoes, hot wheels, beat that criss cross, socker boopers, some shirts, a pencil, and a stuffed animal drag-on(short). I have been a good boy this year. So I would relly like these things.

Sincirily,
Joseph D. Williams

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. So I would like a princess Dora, a pink pony, a bathing suit, a pencil, a radio, a cuddel carebare, a Juce power put girl boddle, a tea partty set, clothes, a toothbrush, a hello kitty (soft pillow), toe sox, pink keyboard, ST pants, a Dora kitchen and a new Dora dress. Oh I forgot a blue cup with a staw and a purse. by Santa

Haley

P.S. I want a purple kitty

Dear Santa,

I have been wanting a gamecube a Nintido DS an X box and a make your own bear thing V migo, Click it chick mall digett pet shop, and a PSP. Thank you Ballee Budd

Dear Santa,

My name is Caitlynne Budd. I am 4-years-old, and I have tried my hardest to be good this year. Could you please bring me a horse, a black and white Fur Real tiger, Lego's clubhouse and a dog toy.

Thank you! Tell Rudolph and the other reindeer hi. My sis-sis and I will put out cookies and milk for you.

Caitlynne

I want a Princess TV, Dora Kitchen, and toys. I have been a very good girl.

I love you so much!
Jordan Perry, 2 1/2

The following letters were submitted through the Mother's Day Out preschool program at First Methodist Church:

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll, baby dolls clothes, a cup for water.

Love,
Jade Stone, 4

Dear Santa,

Have you had a good time? I love Santa. I don't like ladybugs. I really would like a balloon. I love Christmas too, especially the lights.

Love,
Camryn Young, 4

Dear Santa,

I want horses, lions and kitties, bears, squirrels and stuff for my friends, too. I would like snowman to come, too. I will be in Iowa at Christmas and Grandma's.

Love,
Maddie Poage, 5

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a police car, handcuffs, police hat, BB gun, everything policeman have.

Love,
Evan Boyd, 5

Dear Santa,

I really want a Bratz doll and some little Bratz like my cup.

Love,
Shaelee Gray, 4

Dear Santa,

I love you and you are nice person. I want some little girl makeup. That's all.

Love,
Ashlynn Mulanax, 4

Dear Santa,

I've been good. I want a new motorcycle. Any toy is good, too. I have my new baby Ava at my house.

Love,
Noah Land, 3

Dear Santa,

I like snowmen. I want a big cool McQueen car that talks, and a cross, and a little Jesus.

Love,

Thomas Raegan, 3

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas lights.

I want a truck.

Love,
Braden Gowin, 4

Dear Santa,

I want a new fishing rod. A double light saber and cookies would be good, too. A light saber like Anakin is cool. The little Anakin is a toy I want, too. Quiconjin from Star Wars is something I want, too, also Darth Maul's head.

Love,
Connor Anstey, 4

Dear Santa,

I want a Thomas the Train, Lightning McQueen and a dino. I also want a James train and a castle.

Love, Marcus Davila, 4

Dear Santa,

I want a snowman, handcuff and gun like policeman have, a cup for water. I love Damon, Aaron, Mom and Dad. I want a toy rubber hand, rain water, Christmas light bulbs, dirt for my trucks, a truck, a bunch of shoes.

Love,
Ryan Mayberry, 4

Dear Santa,

I would like a truck, a tractor and a phone to talk to Fabian.

Love,
Jesus Soto, 4

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a horse toy. I wish I had a pet bunny with a cage. I like your Santa hat. I wish I could also have a snowman. A coloring book about Santa would be good.

Jaclyn Solis, 5

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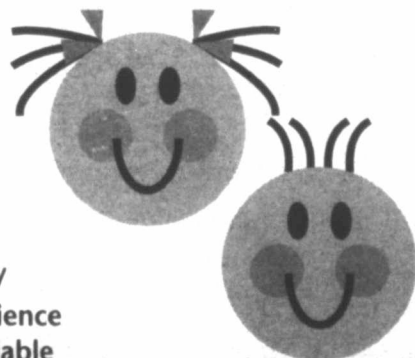
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Dear Santa,
I love your heart. Don't let me be scared of ogres. I want Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, some clothes, a new V-smile, a snowman. Please, Santa, I need a carrot with a long nose, a picture to write for my mama.

Love,
Sydnee Hendrick, 4

Dear Santa,
How is your day? Now, I want all the games I can play. Are you tired when you bring us presents? I don't want an operation game.

Love,
Holley Sheets, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a red dinosaur with an eye that lights up.

Love,
Chandler Coronis, 3

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like Dora pajamas, a Dora castle, a play cell phone, a V-Tech with Dora games, two Barbies and play makeup. I will leave cookies and milk.

Merry Christmas,
Alexis Janai Salazar, 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a football, new bottles, pajamas, a toy truck and lots of boy things to play with.

P.S. My sister chose these things for me.

Merry Christmas,
Juan Carlos Salazar Jr., 6-months

Dear Santa,
Could you please bring me a sign for my playhouse, an easy bake oven and a new halter for my horse? And I would love a bow and arrow just like my papa's to hunt with. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Maggie Hernandez, 4

Dear Santa,
Mommy says I have been an angel this year! I would like any trucks and anything that makes noise.

Love,
Tayler Joe Hinson, 14-months

P.S. Mommy said that there will be cookies and milk for you!

Dear Santa,
My name is Andy. I am 19-months-old. My mom says I have been a good boy this year, so for Christmas I would like toy cars and trucks and a play flip phone. I will leave you some of my cookies with milk.

Andy Quezada

Dear Santa,
My name is Julian
I am 6 years old
for Christmas i want cars movie and toys
Julian Arreola, 6

Dear Santa,
I want a P52 and the game

smack vs raw down 2007 and all the wristling for xbox
Love Lorenzo

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old
How are you doing
I have been a good girl.
and bad a bad girl sometimes.

I would like these things for Chritmas.

a Dvd player
a girl motorcycle
some make up
shoes + clothes + coat
baby alive + stroller
a doggie withermote
Carebeare that reads books
doll house + barbies
and most of all please let my babie brother get well and stay that way.

He has been real sick this year and has been in the hospitale alot and it is lonely when he is to sick to play or is gone.

We play together all the time.

Happy Birthday Jesus and thank you for wathing over us thanks Santa milk and cookies

will be waiting on you
Love Lindsey Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I am 2 years old. How are you doing?

I have been a good boy sometimes.

I would like these things for Christmas.

A big car
a big tonka truck
a train set
a teddy bear that talks
clothes + shoes + coat
a supper man doll

Happy Birthday Jesus and thank you for wathing over us this year. Its been real bad. thanks Santa milk and cookies will be out waiting on you

Thanks Love Thomas Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me remote control towmater, talking lightening McQueen.

Brock Ferguson

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Dear Santa,
I am 4-years-old, and I try to be a good boy. Could you please bring me an airplane, trucks, a boat? My brother Jake has been good. He wants a toy.

Hayden and Jake Covalt

Dear Santa,
I want Pink Razor Phone Soccer Ball
Worsshir JamCD
Nintendo Games Cars
Video TapCars
SpongBob DVDs
Big Yellow Ball
Jewelry
SpongBobVCR
Kittnes
YellowBird
Princess Diaries Book
Big Pool
Trampoline
Laptop
ChristmasCDs
Dog and Cat stuff

Clothes
Shoe
StandartWhitePoodle
Lindsay, 12

Dear Santa,
I want
1 Socker Ball
2 Laptop
3 WackyWiggers
4 X
5 EazyBakeoven
6 Glob
7 Backpack
8 Snowboots
9 YellowBird
10 Princess Diaries Book
11 Crown
12 WorshipCD
13 Clothes
15 Shoes
16 Moves
17 Sow kitt
18 Socker Boppers
Casey Wells, 9

Dear Santa,
I am 2-years-old. I try to be good, but it is really hard. Sometimes I scream because I don't know what I want, or everyone is trying to get me to

take a nap. I don't like to take naps because I might miss something.

Mom says I can ask you for things for Christmas, and if I have been good I might get them. So, I like cars. All kinds of cars. Do you think I can have one for Christmas? I will try to be really, really good.

Merry Christmas,
James

Dear Santa,

I want that radar gun. And I want one of those wheels that you pull a string on. And a Star Wars ship — not the little ones — the big ship. I also want a spy car.

Please bring my brother Evan a toy cat he can pull around. We'll leave some cookies out for you!

Love,
Colton Kelley, 5

Dear Santa,

Please bring me an Easy Bake oven, a Little Princess baby doll, a "Cars" DVD, a Cinderella costume, a V-Smile

video game, a Disney DVD and some fashion clothes. Please bring something really special to Grandma Betty in Naples this year and my daddy in Pampa. I will leave the reindeer some hay outside and milk and cookies for you by the tree.

Amanda Garmon, 6
Texarkana, Ark.

Dear Santa,

What I want for christ mas is for mommy to get her own house. The second thing I want is for us to get our own house instead of living in a moter-home. The third thing I want is a easy bake oven because you get to make your favorite kind of food. The fourth thing I want is all the pretty barbies. The fifth thing I want is the shoes that has a tiny weel under it. the sixth thing I want is it to snow alot but I do not want to get frostbites so I want the snow to be warm not cold. The seventh thing I want is for everyone to enjoy there presents and have a good time so

Merry Christmas!

Thank you
sincerely yours
Love Alexis Thomas, 9

Dear Santa,

I want for Chrismas is a marker board and marker's to go with it because I Love marking on marker boards. I also want a bratz because there cool to me. I also want a game-boy game what the game is it is spongebob squirepants and most of all lilo and stich and Bratz rock star angles. But most of all I want a marker board and markers to go with it.

Sincerely,
Marlee Youree, 10
P.S. I will by good gifts for you thank-you.

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I would like a reverse 4-wheeler with a winch and a toolbox. I have been good.

Duncan Youree, 3

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Dear Santa,

My name is Braden Kidd I have been verry verry good this year. ples sind me:

1. dirt bike
2. X-box
3. iguana
4. gos powered hummer or race car
- 5 TEXAS TECH stuff in my room

6. lots of clothes

7. cars and the polar express

Please send my baby brother Tayte Kidd some toys he has been really good also this year.

He wants:

1. A 4-wheeler
2. Cowboy boots.
3. New cowboy clothes
4. DVD "Cars" the movies
5. V-Smile video game
6. A baby doll with a stroller
7. A rockin' horse
8. Dancing Spiderman

Thank you very much, Santa, and Happy Birthday, Jesus.

Love,

Braden Bradford Kidd, 7, and Tayte Bradford Kidd, 15-months

Dear Santa,

I have been really good this year. I would like a Barbie Doll, puppy that is not real and a bear that glows

Love

McKenna, 5

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like The Pirates of the Caribbean game, the Pirate chest with Davey Jones heart in it, a pirate shirt, a poster, a pirate sword, a video camera, a fake gun, Marvel comics scene it, an autograph from Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley, a ring, a keychain, all the American Girl movies, Harry Potter book mark, Harry Potter calendar, Harry Potter necklace, Harry Potter picture and a Harry Potter wand.

For my Dad please bring a golf set and bring my mom a dance set.

Please bring my cousin

McKinley a Raven gift set. Please bring all the Angels on the Angel tree a gift.

P.S. tell Elmer thank you for the movie.

Love, Dacie McGill, 9

Dear Santa,

I would really really like a doll house. If you don't want to get me a doll house you can just get me some polly pocket stuff. I want a doll house most. And Lea would want a Barbie with a little baby. How are the elves and Mrs. Claus?

You must like cookies. Well I do. I like chocolate chip kind. What kind do you like? Say Hi to the elves and Mrs. Claus. We will set out extra cookies.

Love Echo,

P.S. right me back

Dear Santa,

how are the elves, I want Sigma6 stuff. I want Bionicals. I want Legos. and Lea she would like a pink purple and blue beanbag.

Love Bryce

The following letters were submitted from Lamar Elementary School:

Querido Santa Claus, Quiero un Game Boy DS, unos coches, yun pelota.

Adios y amor

Bryan Rojas, second grade

Dear Santa,

thank you for giveing Peresents. I'm glad that you are here to give us some gifts and toys. can you peromest me to brig me a Bratz Because I like Bratz and you are so nice.

I like when you smile to the kids.

You are my Best Santa I never seen befor and you are so great. I like to hug you. can you bring me a mony? Pleas Merry Christmas Santa Claus, Happy New Year.

Love Sante Claus,

From Jazmin Torres, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giveing us presns last year. This Christmas I want boots, clothes play station 3, X-Box, basket-ball, and I want \$30 and I love Christmas.

love Juana Salazar, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the last eyer pesens. for Christmas I want a psp and and a go-cart and also I want a girl Chewawa (Chihuahua)

Love David Saucedo, second grade

Dear Santa,

thank you for ol the stuf that you game me toys last year. But this year I wont a x-box and play stion 3 and a psp for Christmas. I will be good in the 25.

Love Marco Lopez, second grade

Dear Santa,

I want for Chirtmas a Bratz house and 3 Bratz and a Barbie.

Love America Mariscal, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the gift For me and my family. I want fon me a bike and I wan a Spanish book because it is beautiful and I want and Bratz doll.

love me Maribel

Maribel Mendoza, second grade

Dear Santa,

thank you for the gifts you give me last yera.

I want a bike and watch and a make-up a necklace.

Love,

Natalia Badillo, second grade

Dear Santa,

thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I want baby alive and a blanket of God an a skating Bratz and some mak-up an a watch some christmas books a warm sweater an a scarf.

Love. Odalys Medina, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents what you give us. alls I whont a mortrsicl but I whont a real mortrsicl.

Love Roger Ramirez, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all do gifts you gev me naw I want. a \$24.00 for real and ax-Box and karate lessons—play station-3 — PSP and a car go-cart watch to. basketboll to. \$40.00 to.

love Arturo Chanax

Dear Santa,

thank you for the gift you game me last year. I want a Easy Bake Oven and make-up too.

Love, Belica Silva, second grade

Dear Santa,

I want a batz go-cart and a Play Burger King and a Easy Bakeov and Batz house and \$40.000 and a make-up.

Love Naomi Madrid, second grade

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie go-cart. and a Barbie house even a zoo. an a make up. an a litte Easy-Bake-Oven For my Sistre. and for me I want a big Easy-Bake-Oven.

Love Alondra Zarate, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for coming to our house. my mom can let you get cookies and I want a Brat please. can you bringit?

Love Deisy Olivas, second grade

Dear Santa,

How are the raindeer? Santa and all I wont for prensts. are a cell phone and a dog. and yes I have bane good. you nede to bring a 50,000 and 1000 dukels. and a dirtbike and my mome a new car and my sister a baby shark and my Dod a car.

James Fleming, second grade

Dear Santa,

I have been vary good and canbia. I hope you forgive oscar! We read your book who was ur partner? I ges it was Mrs. Claus. haw is the raindear I whut budcup and oscar whut a hose and amaseing alsin gavie I dot no whut gavie DES if you didt git it just breg me a book i like you Santa O my mom said to go to sleep OK

Mom Srare.

and Santa oscar dot wont ned a masing alsin i dow. and that sow a baby puppe! and a now bress. I will git you a cord. you or a vary spush Santa clous. my frand and I. we have bin a vary good. dow you whunt to no my frand Jordan and Jocelyn and James and Alexis. i like you. i love

Ale Jimenez, second grade

Dear Santa,

I have been good and bad and I hop you for give me please forgive me please and I go ingtosleep at ther riet time and I will be a good girl and my little brouhr is a good boy to.

Love Kaylee Robinson, second grade

Dear Santa,

i'v beena good boy will you forgift me sumtimes i be good. at home I dont no if my momis going to make cookies and milk ok so I hope I get a prensent. I wich i had a nintindoDZ. forrelse. I don't have one. and what ever you get me i wish you get me sumthing and i love my Aamaly.

Love Z'Andre Kelly, second grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? and Mrs. Clous. I had been bad and I hope you forgive me some-times I do good things like bought a cd for my thecher and a cookie. and I have been nice sometimes with my mom and dad and sister and. I want a cellphon and a humerlemo car and a playstasha2 and a come pater and a ring for my mom and a ring for my dad and a laptop for me and my sister and a game cube. and a electric scooter and a tetendods. and cloth and a xbox 360 and a play stashin! and agameboy and a swimmingpool and a IPod and a chrampaleen. and new shoes and you are a good man and Mrs Clause is a good woman. Merry Christmas!

Love Jennifer Leal, second grade

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Dear Santa,

I been a nice little girl. I tie my brother shoe. I want the best present on Christmas Merry Christmas Santa Claus I love you Santa Claus my brother is not good at all the time. my brother wants the best present. Bring a bithday present for my mom. My dad and mom are sweet to me and I am sweet to them I love my family. Merry Merry Christmous.

My dad wants the best present on Chirstmas. What can you get my m om can you get her a bear? Thank you I love

Jordan Barton, second grade

Dear Santa,

ipsentoy i womta mokimtn new monster xnmlk and a plas-tashin wish the orentarkjrutov-sise gam and and aboxliser and and morgomstow my gmtoy fotpolkors10005 and Bojbolk or smonkglg ant my on fis. Love Mario Moreno, second grade

Dear Santa,

Thankyou for all the present from last December. How is Mrs Claus? My brother and mysister have been good. I hope my family have been good. for Chrstmas I want a skooder and a lots of toys and a new shoes and a lots of presents.

Love Mark Marrufo, second grade

Dear Santa,

I want a gocart and a swimming pool for my sister and a shert for my mom and my dad and I wand a fone for Chirsmas If you come to my house I will have cookies and milk on the table I want a forweller and give me raindear food and I will put sumin my grass rudoff is a speshlle (special) raindear I have been good at school and at my house. you are a speshlle man so is miss Claus.

Love Jocelyn Miranda, second grade

P.S. give my baby broather a Sute for Chismas and I wish my mom a Merry Chistmas and I want a bike four

Christmas Love Jocelyn to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,

How are the rindir? I've beien good this year I be good to all the kids in my class I whont a now forwilor (4 wheeler) and a xdox3sikste an a game this code spiro the now won for my game gwob and a cellphone and aothor game boy and a limosen and a now kris-mis three and a dase (dance) floor game for my xbox360 and a dirt bike and a 1000 dollars. and a wont and a now skat bord

I wont a now cd and a now TV and a othor dos and a spongbob the now game and Satow the game latcrimTV

Love Victor Villarreal, second grade

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a boombox and a xbox360, sock for my Dad, a cellphone for me, ples! Am I on the naty (naughty) list or the nice list? My Mom would like a pair of topaz earrings and a ring. I want a bikz with two whtzegs how is vicksen and blitzen? for my sister wants a diamond ring.

and 1,000,000,000,000,000
Love Taylor Bamming, second grade

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer and rudolph? How are you and Mrs. Claus? I've been good because I say think you and be polite most days. I've shared my gummy worms to my mean big brother. I eat my vegtabgls, asparagas, green beans and carrots. Well, one time for the carrot because I ate the carrot one time. Can you bring my sister the bratz limo for Christmas? I want the book Charlotts web the new one not the old one. the new book looks real. I am exited! My ant Martha gave me some coal and it was shiny. if you could bring me some coal I could start a colection of shiny coal. I also want a plastic silver dollar and a plastic qarter, plastic penny, plastic dime, plastic nickel and a plastic half dollar. and I want Mario v.s donkey kong March of the

minies. I want this last thing the other toys I want will be on the wish list. I want wario ware wil if I cant have that then just give me the book by Jerry Palotta: the make your own alphabet book. thank you santa.

love Skyler Brawley, second grade

Dear Santa,

How are the randeer? I hope every boy and girl gets what they what (want). I wish that I got a Xbox 360 with a maddar07 and maddar06, gameboy games, maddar 07 and madder 06, in seahawks mini helmet and a foll size helmet a seahawk backpack, and a seahawks pait-ed coan, PSP with Madder 06 a gamecube with blitz 07, a seahawks blanket, and pillow a few seahawks stickers and a lots of Texas Tech stickers and 2,000,000 dollers and I want to get seahawks and Texas Tech saeson tickets.

Love, Nikolas DeLeon, second grade

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the raindear? I help my sister I cook for her. I got cookie's for Mrs. Townson. for Christmas I want BabyAlive, Super Mario and a cellphone, and a Barbiedoll. My sister wahts a Dora the Explore that makes wishes. for me a new bike and two wheels for my old bike roodf stuffed reindeer. My mom want dimeins rings. For my Na'Na anything. My unckul want playstasn. And for all of us close (clothes). Camjansen books roodfe books by-by See yoo soon.

Alexis Darton, second grade

Dear Santa,

I hope none of the raindeer are sick. Hope you don't get sick of Chistmas ev. I hope roodof does not get sick. Than you will not have anyone to gide your slay on that night. I have been a very good girl this year. My brother Landon has been good this year too. I think he deserves a new bike. Garrett has been good too. I think he deserve-s some CD's. for Chistmas I want a new braz

forever dimons. anew basket-ball a soccer ball. Anew toy braz car Chistmas CD's. A moater skooder and I think my dad could get a toolbel-t. My mom could have some make up. A play drum.

Love, Callie Wright, second grade

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope the reindeer's are well. Thank you for all the presents last year. For Chris mas I would like:

- 1) a new coat
- 2) a Scoter
- 3) amazing alison
- 4) a cd player
- 5) For my anut to come to town for christmas.
- 6) 4 fish
- 7) a green and pink room
- 8) a cell phone.
- 9) a baby bed

I would like for my little brother a dubt truk my two front teeth

- 10) a swimming pool
- 11) can you bring my mom a raido alarm clock.
- 12) stuffed animal puppy

Love, Lauren Littlefield, second grade

Dear Santa,

for Christmas I want an eye-pod, a really really cool pair of pants, for my mom Mary to get feeling better, and one more tamagotchi.

P.S. a really super cool shirt and pants. (a skirt will work too)

Sincerely, Kelsey D.H.
P.S.S. Thank you SC!

Dear Santa,

I wish I could have a furreal pony from: Macye Rabel To: You

I live on .W. harvester
I love you
Macye Rabel, 6

Dear Santa,

Dere Santaclas do you now what I want for chismes clos and mackupe a color ringbook a nuthr pikchrbook if you can make all of this youll be the best Santaclas ever Kennedi Phillips, 6

Dear Santa,

I would like a guitar, nerf

double barrel gun, and a toy bolt action rifle. And Daddy wants a game cube with 3 controllers and Madden NFL game.

Love, Jordan Moore

Dear Santa,

I want a candycane and some big kid games. I would give you some cookiesand-milk.

Reid Smith, 5

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want the new Magnetix a computer for my mom and dad, a motorscooter, and some pajamas that match my American Girl doll.

Love, Allyson Roberson, 8

Dear Santa,

Santa I want a baby carriage for my baby brother Calen

Santa I want a Eeyore and I want a book and I want an Eeyore cup and I want a Dora doll. I want speed stacks thanks See you soon.

Jilian Hopson

Dear Santa,

My name is Jetta. I have tried to be good all year, but I'm only 3. I hope you bring me the 12 Dancing Barbies, a baby doll, anything "princess."

Santa, I'll leave you chocolates and cookies.

Love you.
Jetta Miller, 3

Dear Santa,

I want a Star Wars Lego Game, not Star Wars Lego 1, not Star Wars Lego 2. Star Wars Lego 3, so I can get really good and beat my Uncle Robert. I want my Sissy to be nice and my Daddy to live here.

Davey O'Brien, 6
P.S. Fly your sleigh real good, so you don't drop any stuff.

Dear Santa,

I wont a new bike and twin sisters and you for got to turn my Brothers into elves ples take tem this year. I like you I like Miss Klaus too

Love, Jennifer Olaguez, 6

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Dear Santa,
My name is Shawn Longoria. I am 10-months-old. I would like a tooth for Christmas. Any one will do. If you can't do that, some Oragil will work. Thanks.

Shawn Longoria, 10-months

Dear Santa,
I will like it if I could have a PS3 and a PSP and the songs Jibbs. Helys the shows. and I want my sister to be gone to the north pole to be turned into be a elf. P.S.. Dont forget my sister. tanks. Santea
Love, Christopher Barris, 8

Dear Santa,
Wanai want for Christmas is anything you can get me for Christmas it the thaut that counts!

Michael Heuer, 11

Dear Santa,
I want some make-up. That's not all I want for Christmas, I also want fat babies (boots). I want one pair. I want some Bratz.

Cheyenne Winkler, 6

Dear Santa,
I would love to have alot of boots. A real kitchen to bake everyone some snacks. I will be careful like Momma. I want a real horse to ride.

I love you, Santa.
Your good girl, Sierra Winkler, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a mechanical miniature horse. and a saddle. I love you.

Kade Winkler, 8
P.S. Tell Ruedruf "Hi."

Dear Santa,
My name is Keely and I'm 5 years old. I've been good. I want 12 Dancing priress movie polly pocket movie easy bake oven

care bear
kitchen
talking bras
Keely Williamson

P.S. Don't forget my little sister Lorelei. She doesn't care what she gets, but she really likes legos and something to chew on. She is cutting teeth. We will leave cookies and Dr. Pepper for you by the Christmas tree.

Dear Santa,
I want white boots and baby doll with a bathtub, bed, bottle and pacifier. Also will you bring my sister Quintessa, my brother Rogue and nephew Zabian a toy.

Love, Lilandra

Dear Santa,
I have been a good brat. For Christmas, I would like a puppy, a tractor and lots of candy to make Mommy crazy.

Thank you.
Dillon Ingram, 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good

girl most of the time. For Christmas, I want a Bratz CD, a real computer, Barbie CD, CD player, Cabbage Patch newborn baby, a stuffed animal, and one more baby doll.

My brothers and me will leave you some cookies and milk.

I love Santa Claus.
Aubrie Ingram, 5

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want the star wars. toy set. Lonesome Dove movie. the R2-D2 Robot. some toy horses. a rill darth vader mask. the showyriver movies lakd2. I have been a good boy this year. and I will leave you chocolate chip cookies. homemade

Your friend, Coleton

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year I would like you to bring me a microphone and a tidepen. you will like my cookies and milk

Gavin Morton
P.S. I have a real fire place

this year
Dear Santa,
My name is Cayson Steward. I am 3-years-old. I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a microphone because I love to sing. I would also like a Superman and a game to play. My sister Caylee is a good girl, too, so please bring her something. I will leave you some cookies.

Love, Cayson Steward

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby alive Doll. MP3 Player. Cell Phone. I have been a Princess this year.

Love, Katanna Shay
Thanks.

Dear Santa,
how are you and your raindeer? For Christmas I want a Bratz doll, Bratz computer, moovies and a TV, clothes and a Baby Doll. Im been a good girl this year. I will leave milk

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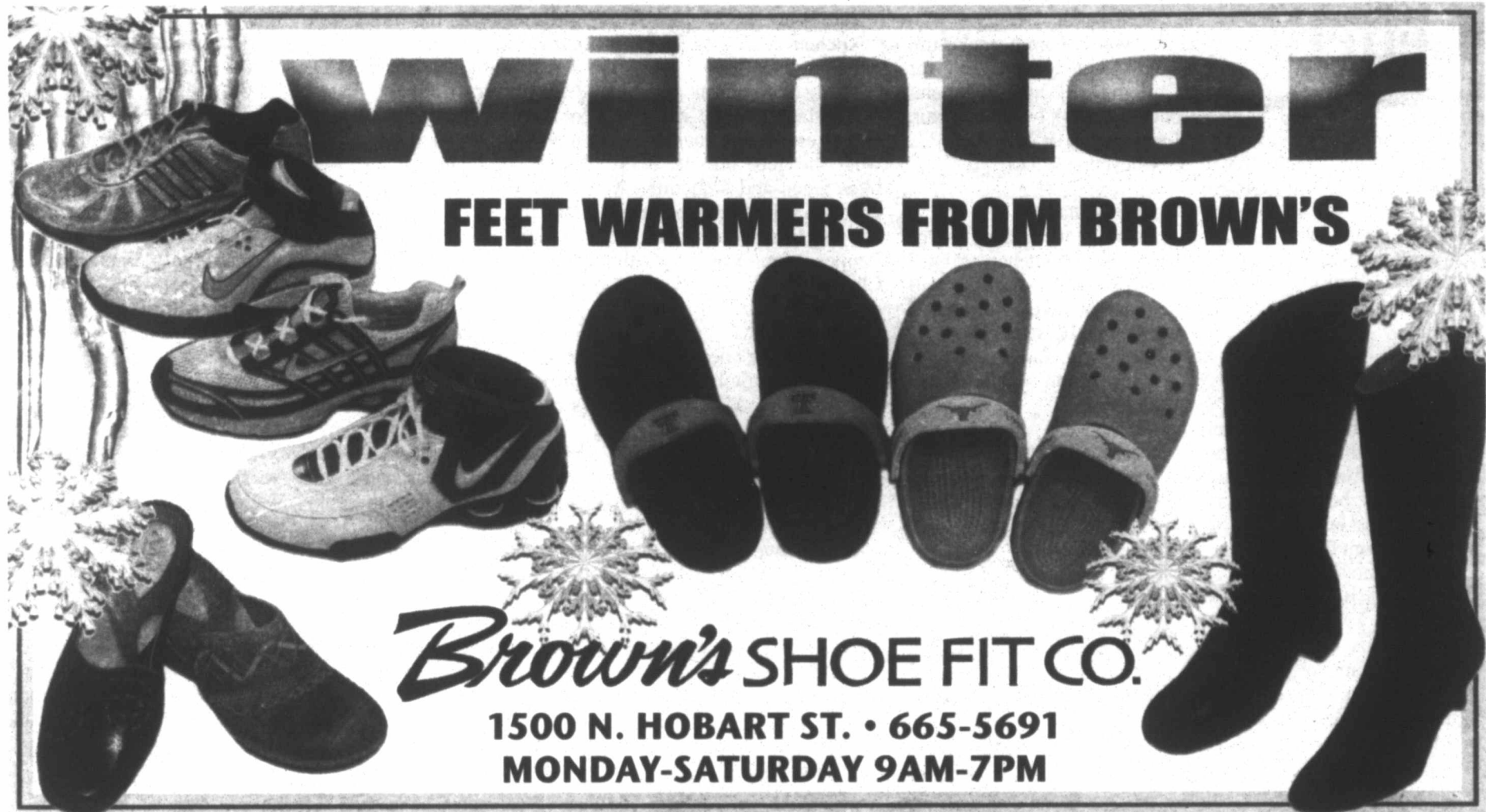
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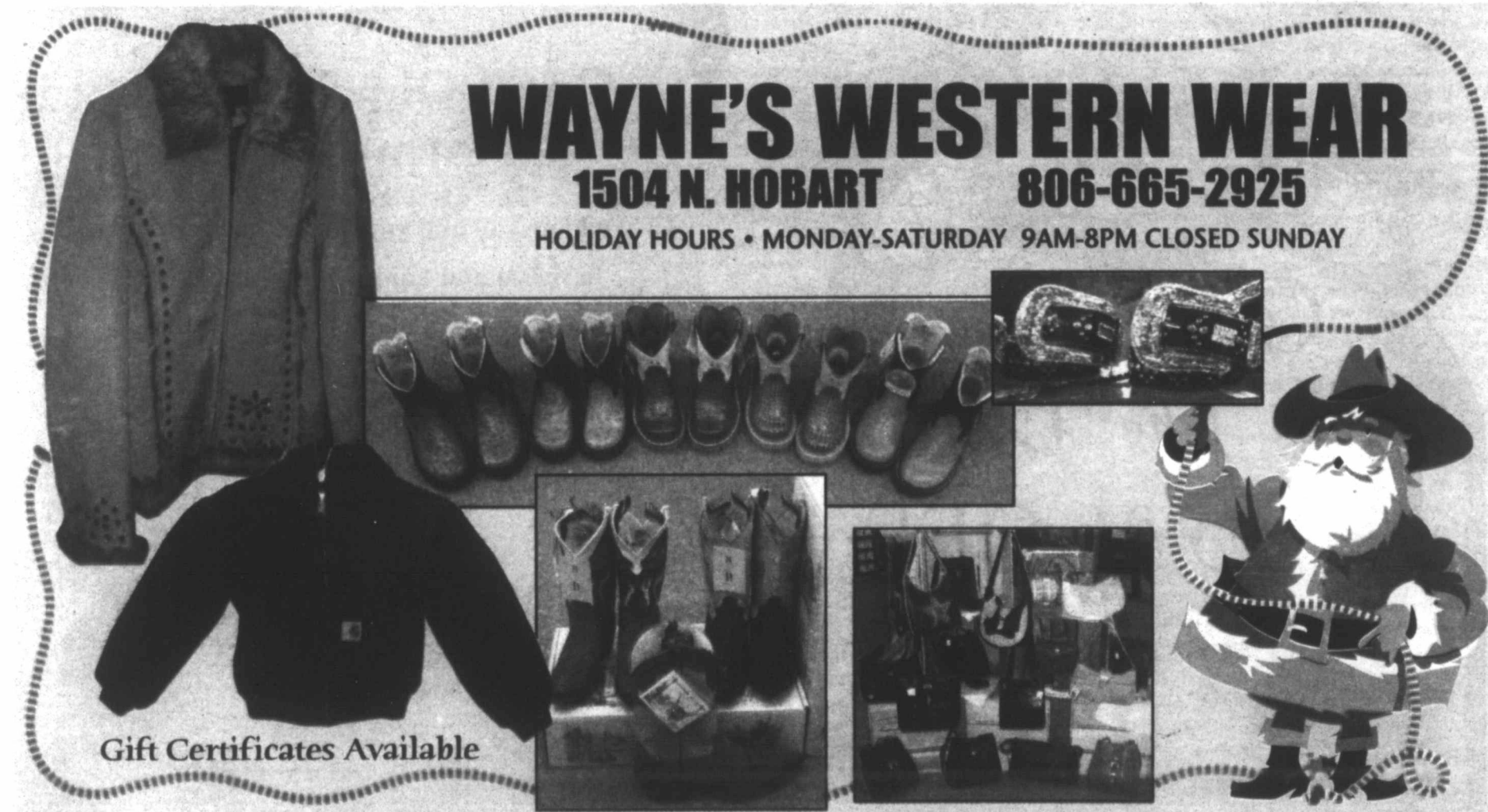


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and cookies out for you

P.S. My sister Kayla wants a 4 wheeler if you think shes been good enough this year.

Luv, Allyson Jeter

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. could I have an enetentanmet sinter? May I also have a rasing stripes DVD and a video game for my Game Cube?

Love, Jordan Parsons, 7

Dear Santa,

I have bin a good grl. I want a Wishing Dora and a noo desk and a noo bratv and a noo desk book.

Luv, Jady, 5

The following letters were submitted together:

Dear Santa,

I would like a scarf and some snow boots and some mittens and a hat for christmas. And some winter clothes and a paint kit and a thing to paint on and a white bord to put it on for christmas. And a flag that looks like the Texas flag and a ameracane flag wich will stand for good ensted of eivel and a bunch of coloring pages and thing like that and lots and lots of barbies and lots and lots of horses for the barbies and could you please get me lots and lots of baby dolls with all the things baby dolls need and a big manchin for the barbies and their horses. And please get me a x-box 360 for christmas and some games to go in it for christmas.

Sincerlry Kierstyn

Dear Santa,

I need some gloves, an i need snowboots. an i also need some winter clothes. i also need a scarf. an i also need a new heavy coat. and i also need a sweter. and i need some sweats. and i need some earmufs. in case my ears get cold. and all the other stuf is in case my whole body get's realy cold.

Sinslerly, Haylee

Dear Santa,

I needs a pear of glove and winter clothes and a winter hat that wlode be thank fole enuf and when you go in my house there are going to be your faveret kind of cookies.

Senserle, Verticalia

Dear Santa,

What I whent for Chrimus I more time to spin time with my Dab. and have a flip gameBoy. and a playstashin two. and mitin's.

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Sinseley, Chase

Dear Santa,

Please bring our class some winter cloths and some winter coats. It will also be helpful if you brang our class some snowboots. Please bring our class some hats and gloves. Please bring our class some socks and some thigs that are helpful to help our moms and dad and techer. And if we need backpack please bring them to us. Please bring us some games that can help us lern! We wold also want some books to read. And bring us some candy in our stoking and little preasen and letters. We wold also want pensols and stuf like notebooks and school box Thank you

Sencerly, Rubi

Dear Santa,

I Bleven you becus if I don't bliven you wont giv me no preset from you and I wont sum presets from you I wont a drtbick and a bick but a col one and one preent for you Santu and one for me and my frands giv thum whut: thae whont ples let them get ther

presets in thum ckanck ples Santu let thum get whut tha whon't ples Santu let me get one to ples santu I just this one becus I love my frends esp Shien.

From, Julio

Dear Santa,

Please brig our class some hat's and glove's to stay warm so we don't be cold and new clothes and new shoe's and scarf's to and earmuff's toy's and a math book to read more and a cookbook for my mom my dad some wrok tool's. Merry christmas. Santa Claus.

Thank you, Santa Claus, Tori

Dear Santa,

What I whant for chismas is a baby kitten and New shooll clothes. and A New bick and a Picher of you and mis Claus and the randeer in it so I can hag it up in my room. and Some snow boots. and a New per of shes and Some Julrea and a cross neckles and A netting set please. and a bloonset

Sincerely, Anai

Dear Santa,

how do the elves make preasents so fast are they little or are they big if they are little I hope the hamers don't hart them and if they are Big they need bigger hamers instead of little ones and if they are big they can make BIG preasents! I hope you leave lots of preasents at my classes houses I hope you and Mrs. Caus are doing all right does Mrs. Claus always bake cookies for you after dinner does Mrs. Clause like to eat cookies too what do the elves eat do they eat cookies too do they have big meals from all the hard work thave done I hope they do beucase you couldent work on a emtey stumick could you now what does Mrs. Claus do does she rap the preasents or do the elves do that are the raindeer still making fun of roodoff or do they like him have a happy new year

Suncarly, Copper Zepeda

Dear Santa,

We need some glove's and a cook's hat's for winter and please get our class some of that for christmas santa claus We rily need that stuf and we need's snow boots for christmas please santa claus and we need a erf for christmas and we need some more of that stuf and there are some other kid's ou there how need coat's hat's and glove's and a scrf to pleas santa claus bring our class some of that stuf and other kid's that stuf to.

Closing, Olivia Anguiano

Dear Santa,

I want a x-box 360 for christmas and a game to rum with it and a new pere of gloves and a big big jackit and a colorful blanket and a colorful pilow

Closing, Samuel Corcoran

Dear Santa,

Please bring me new boots.

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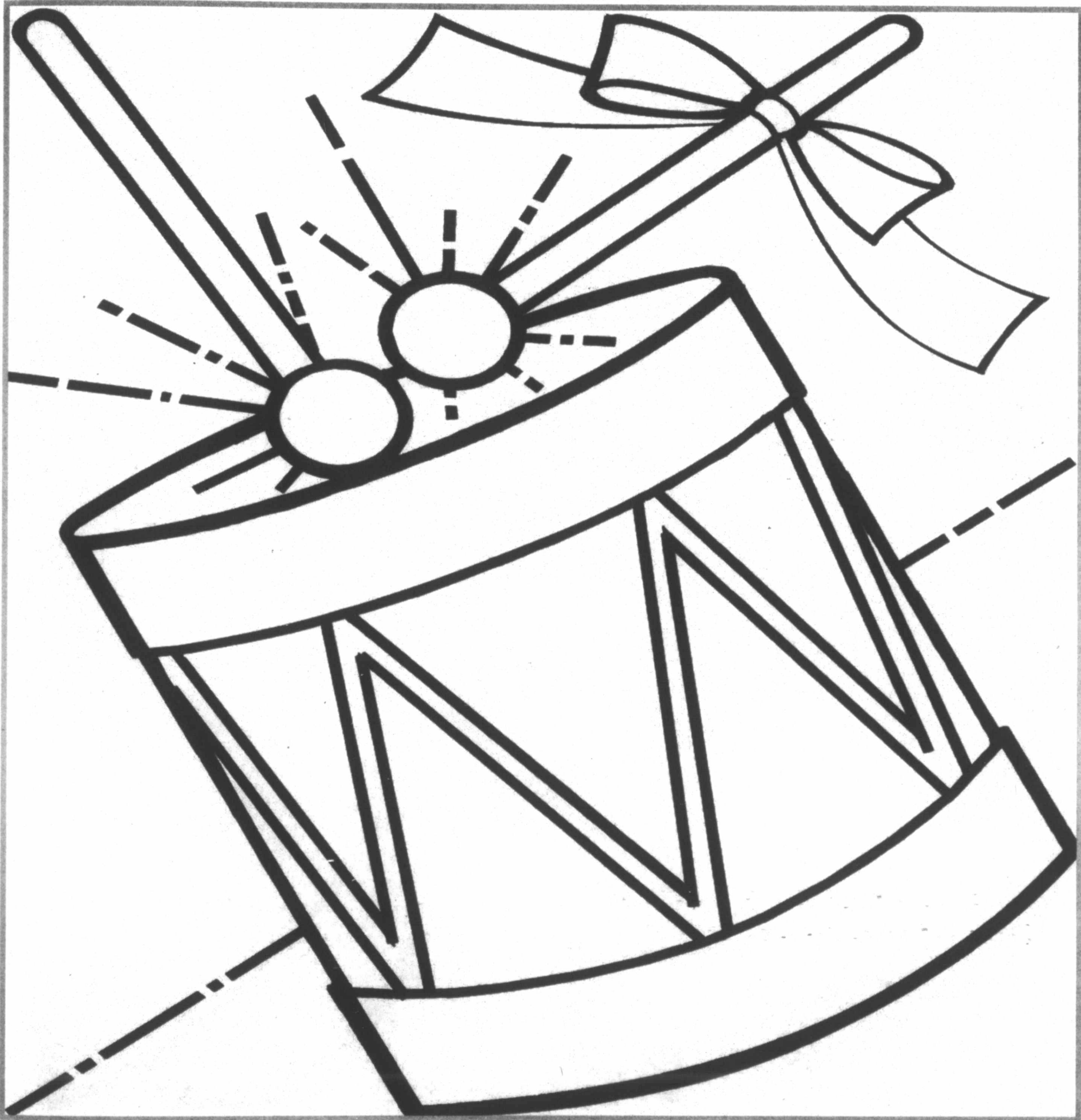
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Please bring me winter clothes to keep me warm. Please bring me clothes. Please bring me big presents. Please bring me lots of toys. like a bike. I need a skarf. Do the elves make toys from a machine? I need hats gloves. I need lots of toys. I would like play station three for christmas. I want magnetix for christmas. I want an xbox 360 for christmas and a game cube. I need a wii for football. I need a Ipod and a Mp3 player for christmas. I need a gameboy DS. I need the new game called a little football game. I need a foot ball for christmas.

Signature, Lee Chennault

Dear Santa,

Please bring our class some jaect for awer class please santa claus because it is so cold outside win we will need big jaect an we have to take some coo es and some milk an we will love christ-

mas day I all was be so good on christmas I love you santa claus.

Signature, Carlos

Dear Santa,

I want a samdolls and doll howes and sum shos and sum closandaadoe and Santa toys anda bike and sum BRAZ toys and makeup and Braiz Movie and Charlotteis Web Book and movie of Charlotteis Web. andatetyBear.

Love, Jessenia Campos

Dear Santa,

I would like for Christmas a MP3Player and a scooter and a stairo and a romot control car and a bike and a trapelen and a gokart and a playstayshen-two and a Playstayshenone and a globe and a competur and a four wheeler

Love. Christian Tapia

Dear Santa,

for Christmas I want a bratz doll and a cunpotr I want a play casol and I want a bratz clook and a new bake pare and I want a play Santa and I want a play randeer

and I want and lot of bratz toys.

Love Montaisha Brown

Dear Santa,

I wohnt a toes soor and I wont a as toes and ales can you amy see you.

Love your name Hector Urrutia

Dear Santa,

wut I mot four christmas is a BarBy. and a dall hose. and a cen- prutr. have a safe trep. I will liva you sum cockkis and mlik it will be by the chritmas thee. haw is miss clos doowing. and a big tittey Bear.

Love, Tastazia Lofton

Dear Santa,

I woud like you to bring me a cinpooter, and a baby kittin and clothse and a cow gril hat Jends and tinushese and a traplen and swingset and skats and the ari- gunl ese bake uvin.

Love, Ashlynn Organ

Dear Santa,

I want a now bike and some

remote ctrole car's, and some toy cars and a picclre of your raindeer (o) are you mareade to Mrs. clous and I want a dram sete that's got the sleeck that's red is it cold at the north pole

Love Dannon Rickles

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a goof flite I hope I don't be bad and get col. I hopoe you don't crash cause I don't want you to get hrit. That would be bad if you crasht cause who would give us our toys, that's why I don't want you to get hrit have a rell god flite.

Love Brendon Woelfle

Dear Santa,

Hello hl when you get here are you going to have your toy bag I hope you have iit because the efl will say hay boss you forgot your toy bag and then you will have to teme arond and ther won't be a christmas and all the kids will wake up they won't have espse for the presen that the peretrn gere the of thay will just not have iny pirasen this yerer

Love, Kerry Evans

Dear Santa,

I whod like. for christmas. I whont a football. for christmas and then. I whont a game. for my PS2. and then I whont. some new shous. and somenew. clows and som. and I wish that. all the kids have. there wishes for? Christmas and. I wish you have. a merry!merry!christmas

Love, Enrique

Dear Santa,

I hope you come my way because I've been a very good girl my two brothes have been bad. They took the real Christmas tree and cut it they. Messed up my snow man. Their names are Timmy and James. My Mom said that she does not think that they are going to get gift's but I am this is what I want some cloths, moter scooter, and book's thats all!

Love, Jaylee Remington

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Dear Santa,
I want sum dolls and a doll howes and sum shos and sum clos and a dog and Santa toys and a bike and sum BRATZ toys and makeup and BRATZ movie and Charlotte's Web movie and Charlotte'swed Book and a tety Bear.

Love, Patricia Holt

Dear Santa,
for christmas I want a Bras doll and a Bars doll car and a set of Bras doll closs and a brosh and a bike and a Bras doll Baby Reep saef

Love, Julia Vargas

Dear Santa,
I won't for Chirstmas is a little Bear and a MarMead Barbie and a balerina Barbie and the girls there name is trisa and Barbie and they skate and they are pretty and a big doll as tall as me and

i won't a ballerina boy and a Babyboll.

Love, Jaycee Brown

Dear Santa,
I would like some Bratz shoes and some jolery and a Bratz doll to and a new allfHe blaket and pelow and I whont a picor of you and Mrssis clous so I can hang it up in my room and I want a game of cheakers and some golerise and a pupie some make-up of Bratz and a pures of Bratz and the Teas is Flaks and thats all.

Love, Alexandria

The following letters were submitted by St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School:

Dear Santa,
I can't get all my list on this letter, but I would like a rocketship that will take off by itself and has a parachute. I'd like a treadmill to beat my dad in every race.

I've been good.

Love, Bobby, 4

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball. I want a

ball. I want a Spiderman movie. I've been good this year.

Love, Caleb, 4

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I would like a Brat doll, a teddy bear, new boots, new clothes and a pinata. Happy New Year.

I love you, Damiana, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a pinata, a flower. I wish I could be a nurse. I would like a bear that talks. Please bring a dollhouse.

Love, Allyson, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy oven. Have a safe trip.

Love, Kameron, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse that you have to feed and all that, and black and white tiger.

I will leave milk and cookies.

Love, Caitlynn, 4

Dear Santa,

I would like a baby doll, stroller. I love you.

Emily, 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control mater car and a talking lightning McQueen. I've been good.

Brock, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a castle for me and please give Ashley a dollhouse and a book and my mom wants a necklace. Please bring Dad a Pampa Harvester T-Shirt.

I love you, and I will leave you some cookies.

Jayden, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a big rocking horse with wings. I love jewelry and please take care of Rudolph.

Love, Kellan, 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby doll and dog that is a doll. Santa, I love you!

Berkleigh, 4

Dear Santa,
I would like a shotgun and a mater truck. Santa, I like you, and have a safe trip.

Love, Sholby

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a dirt bike? Merry Christmas!

Thank you,
Ethan, 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dollhouse. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Avery, 4

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Dora book. Thank you for my family.

Love, Kira

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a X box. Thank you for my family.

Love, Cooper

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a real kitten. Thank you for my family.
Love, Raiden

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB gun. Thank you for my family.
Love, Migel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a puppy. Thank you for my family.
Love, Britt

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Ninja Turtle Thank you for my family.
Love, Jake

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll (Brat). Thank you for my family.
Love, Rylee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BB Gun Thank you for my family.

Love, Zane

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll. Thank you for my family.
Love, Preslee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a puppy. Thank you for my family.
Love, Seth

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a baby puppy. Thank you for my family.
Love, Paige

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaesha Miller and I am 6-years-old. I want an Easy Bake Oven and some dishes.

I want a new Tanya Tucker CD for my NeeNee. I also want to be a PowerPuff girl because they can save the day.

I have been good this year.
Kaesha Miller

Dear Santa,
My name is Dax Miller, and I am 6-years-old. I want a NASCAR and a Rudolph toy, also a new soccer ball because my big brothers busted mine.

I have been good this year.
I love Santa.
Dax Miller

Color me ...

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me ... Five golden rings ...



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