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The Host Dispatch

Financial losses at clinic

continue to plague GHD

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Post Notes

MAD DAD's open during Christmas break

MAD DAD's will be open during the Christmas break Monday throgh Friday, except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The center will operate from 1 to 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information, call 495-1244.

Post Dispatch holiday schedule The Post Dispatch office will be closed December 24, 25 and 26. Dead-

line for the January 2, 2004 edition will be Monday, December 29.

by Sheri Lewis

directors at the Dec. 18 Garza County Health Care District meeting, but the two directors on

"improving."

hand for the session received a finance, Carrie Kennerly, \$8,380.09. County Health Care Clinic. month," Boucher said.

Boucher said that prior to the "so things don't stack up."

indicates clinic operations are to\$19,000 per month to Covenant from the December agenda may for operation of the clinic. Last require board consideration prior The PNS corporate director of month's payout on the clinic was to the next regular session.

report on operations at the Garza what we're out of pocket each The equipment has been repaired

Administrator Tanya Boucher at this month's session, Boucher functional. said Kennerly's report indicated said she might query board. The existing X-ray equipment handle routine items of business back to about 1963.

involvement of PNS in the clinic's Attendance by at least three handful of rural clinics capable of management, the health care members of the five-member providing X-ray services, the board is required for the board to administrator said. formal action.

There was no quorum of report from a PNS official which district was paying out \$18,000. At least one item of business According to Boucher, the clinic's provided a monthly financial "We are doing better as far as X-ray equipment failed Tuesday. and is operational, but it is District Because there was no quorum unclear how long it will remain

> continued improvements in the members of the possibility of was purchased in 1994 and had operation of the clinic, which has calling a special meeting following been refurbished. Boucher said been under the management of the Christmas holiday. At that that from what she can PNS for the past six or seven session, board members could determine, the equipment dates

> > The local clinic is one of only a

establish a quorum. A quorum is The board's next regular required for the board to take any meeting is set for Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank



All-State and All-District Football Players

Mark McCallister (front row, second from right) and Mitchell Mills (front row, third from left) were named the Honorable Mention All-State Football Team in addition to selection for the All-District team. Other All-District Antelopes are (back row, left to right) Omar Medina, Jett Lott, Blake Nichols, Jerrad Grisham, Jonathan McGregor, Jace Pollard, Wilson Cash, (frontrow), Kyle Gunn, Coby Jones, Mills, McCallister, Kris Hernandez and Chesauf Garcia. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Antelopes get Class AA football honors

honors in football, along with two guard, and junior Jett Lott, fullback. Named to the second team defense earning All-State honors.

Mills were named Honorable Mention Gunn, secondary; Mark McCallister, Pollard, defensive lineman. McCallister was listed as Honorable Kris Hernandez, D-end. Mention linebacker and Mills was fullback.

of the Bold Gold on the first team

More than a dozen Post Antelope offense, including seniors Mitchell tackle; McCallister, guard; and center football players earned district Mills, running back, Chessuaf Garcia, Coby Jones, a senior.

Mark McCallister and Mitchell defensive squad, including Kyle linebacker; and sophomore Jace

selected as Honorable Mention included freshman Wilson Cash, freshman Blake Nichols, defensive All-District honors included three McGregor, a sophomore; Medina, mention defense.

Four seniors made the first team were Lott, secondary; Mills,

All-State Class AA players, linebacker, Omar Medina, D-line; and Receiving honorable mention for his work on the offense was junior Members of the second team offense Jerrad Grisham, wide receiver, while quarterback; tight end Jonathan lineman, was tapped for honorable



A new slate of election judges and alternates was established at Monday's Commissioners Court

Serving as election judge for Precincts 1 and 1A will be Travis Sweet. Janet Ratliff will act as the alternate.

In Precinct 2, Mary Basinger was tapped as election judge. Libby McGehee will serve as alternate. Betty Striblin will serve as election

judge for Precinct 3, while Cherry Eckols will be the alternate. Election judge for Precinct 4 will be

John Boren, with Joan Hood, alternate. For Precincts 5 and 5A, Billie Cross

will be the election judge. Jane Terry will serve as alternate. The election judge and alternate for Precinct 6 are Jane Mason and

Tommie Williams. In Precinct 7, the election judge is Melissa Hudson. Shawna Jaguess

will be the alternate. Fred Howell is election judge in Precinct 8, with Shirley Riedel,

For Precincts 9 and 9A, Kenda Bartlett was named election judge. Kathy Manuel is alternate.



The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary hosted its annual Children's Christmas Party last Saturday with Santa taking time out from his busy chores. Enjoying the evening were (back row, left to right) Janet Ratliff, Alva Shepherd, Ruth Walls, Terri Reese, (front) Taylor Gray, Ashlee Gray, Santa (Bobbie Smith) and Shelby Tuanitis. (Photo by Gary Lamb)

Local code enforcers collect \$18,806 in November

by Tim Burnett

advantage of travelers who violate code "Transportation." State Transportation Codes. JP Court 1 reported \$10,025.50,

which included 82 traffic Code can be ascertained by allowing the State falls within the scope of the misdemeanor cases. JP Court 2 reported \$8,780.65, which included 75 traffic misdemeanor cases.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making machine for corporate Black's Law Dictionary. These upon travelers who are not involved governments.

Over time, the state has painted a delusional portrait that all travelers are mandated to register their automobiles with the State of Texas. A study into the underlying scope of he Texas Transportation Code lould reveal exactly who is required so register their automobiles with the State.

Garza County and the State of After a precise study of the code, purpose of "Transportation." Texas traffic code enforcers collected some may conclude that the code is in So why do we see State and County \$18,806.15 during the month of error. In fact, the code fits perfectly Officers enforcing the Code upon the November, for highway travel fines with the underlying right of the traveling public? The answer rests issued here, according to reports of people to travel freely on the roads upon the registration of vehicles with the two Justices of the Peace courts. and highways of Texas. The the State of Texas. The fund raising program, operated legislature no doubt understood this All motor vehicles using the roads by county and state agents, takes right. This is why they entitled the for purposes of "transportation," are

(scope) of the Texas Transportation automobile that is registered with it to interpret itself according to its Code. The registration sticker and strict construction. The scope of the the license plate are the identifiers Transportation Code "Transportation."

Since "Transportation" is not their jurisdictional limits. defined in the Code, then it must be Question for thought: Does the State defined according to the United and County have the lawful authority States Transportation Code and to enforce the Transportation Code sources reveal that the term with "transportation," and who "Transportation"

scope of the Code. The Code protects do not fall within the scope of the the traveling public by regulating code? the vehicles using the roads for the

required to be registered with the The exact jurisdictional limits State. But guess what? Any is by which the Officers can determine whether or not a vehicle falls within

means voluntarily choose not to register transportation by a carrier for hire. their automobiles with the State?

Use of the roads and highways for The simple question concerns purposes of "transportation for hire authority to enforce the by carriers" is what falls under the Transportation Code upon those who



Post ISD bands offer special Christmas concert

Post ISD band students offered a special Christmas musical concert last week, featuring fifth and sixth grade bands and the combined Middle School and High School bands. The event showcased the musical talents of band members. Post City Television will air the DVD recorded concert on Cebridge Media Channel 12 on Friday, December 26 at 1, 5 and 10 p.m. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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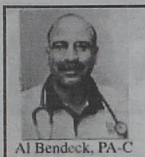
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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Well folks, ready not it's here!! I hope everyone is ready and that you all can just back, relax and

wait. (of course we know better)

NOAH SWEETEN I didn't get the column in last week, Noah Sweeten. Noah recently elevator with her two kids. celebrated 30 years with the county. When originally hired, Noah was told some part time jobs. The two weeks turned into 30 years. Congratulations

EARLY CHRISTMAS

Tino and Linda Alaniz had a wonderful Thanksgiving and early Christmas with their children and grandchildren; Amanda, Melinda, David, Quincey, Andrew, Eric, DeeDee and Haley. Eric, stationed at Minot, N.D. Air Force Base was on 3 week leave spending time with family and visiting friends. Tino and Linda would rather they were in Texas! WHO STARTED CHRISTMAS

(I received this from a friend via

email last week. Thought I would share it with all of you)

This morning I heard a story on the radio of a woman who was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable, and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many but wanted to send late congrats to shelves, she finally made it to the

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of he could work for about 2 weeks to do the year. Overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of responding to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened and it was already nearly full...She pushed her way in, dragged her two kids with her, plus all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed, she could not take it anymore and stated "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the elevator everyone heard a quite calm voice respond, "Don't worry we already crucified him." For the rest of the trip down the elevator it was so quite you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase and word. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

From "Judy's Jabberin" to each of you, a very merry Christmas. May the joy of this season be with you all year and may God bless each of you.

Acker announces candidacy for county attorney

I seek re-election as Garza County attorney. Having recently celebrated my 60th birthday, I anticipate that if re-elected, this will be my final term as your county attorney.

Following graduation from the University of Texas Law School, I have practiced law for 34 years, including five years as Midland as Garza County attorney.

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Mr and Mrs Mickey McMeans celebrate 50th wedding anniversary.

County attorney and now eight years Mr and Mrs McMeans

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McMeans of Post will celebrate their 50th wedding challenge of efficiently and anniversary Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, in a celebration hosted by their children from 2-4 p.m. at the Post Community Center. Mickey McMeans and the former Shirley Metcalf were married in Swenson

The McMeans are former educators. He taught at Roaring Springs and

Borden County in Gail. She taught in Post and Borden County. The couple's children are Steve and Diane McMeans of Brownwood, Ken and Elesha McMeans of Big Spring and Bart and Vivian McMeans of

Abilene. They have five granddaughters and four grandsons. Friends and family members are invited to attend the Saturday celebration. The couple has requested no gifts, please.

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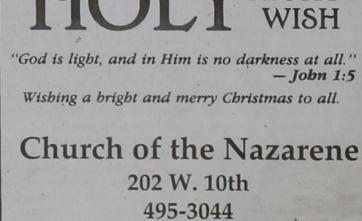
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Margaret Ann "Maggie" Flanigan grandmother's diamond earrings for of Idalou and Lowry "Craig" Bigham something borrowed; and a garter of New Deal were united in marriage handmade by her great aunt, Erlene

satinskirts with sheer overlays. Each

wore the top of her choice.

ties at the waist.

ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Billy and Kamber Bailey, both of Lubbock, Max and Nancy Gordon of Post and and Carly Rudd of Post. The bridal the late Michael Flanigan and the attendants wore plum-colored A-line granddaughter of Glenn and Mary Margaret Norman of Post and Bill and Barbara Flanigan of Liberty, Flower girls were Emma Key and Community Center.

The groom's parents are Bill and They wore ivory sleeveless floor-Kathy Bigham of New Deal. He is the grandson of Venita Simmons of New Deal and Burly and Fern Bigham of Lubbock.

The couple exchanged vows while standing under an iron arch accented with cascading English ivy. The arch was created for the wedding by the bride's cousin, David Norman of Lubbock, and her brother, Doug Flanigan of Post. Greenery and ivory ribbon with gold trim adorned the pews while ivory candles and greenery filled the windows. The bride's aunt, Kay Hays of Post, decorated the church with assistance from Kelly Smith and Suzanne to provide an overview of the district's Hudman, also of Post.

Mary Ann Wright of Snyder, the According to their report, the bride's aunt, served as organist for

Given in marriage by her brothers, Doug and Nick Flanigan, the bride wore a gown designed by Maggie Sottero. Created from antique cream Italian satin with an overlay of sheer English illusion, the gown featured a approved and 30 contracts were funded, strapless bustier A-line accented with handmade imported gold lace adorning the sheer overlay. Delicate beading embellished the lace. She wore a cathedral-length veil accented with rhinestones that matched the gold and rhinestone tiara. The bride carried a bouquet of ivory roses and calla lilies tied with ivory satin ribbon with gold accents.

In keeping with tradition, the bride wore her paternal grandmother's total of 5.5 acres of drip irrigation were diamond and ruby ring for something old; a necklace provided by her mother for something new; her maternal

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achievements Water Conservation District met with Garza County Commissioners Monday 2003 activities. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) involved prior-year FARMERS'

contracts totaling \$161,987 in cost-share payments made while 350 acres of brush control were completed and 438 acres of drip irrigation were installed. With respect to 2003 contracts approved, \$159,017 cost-share dollars were representing 8,759 acres of brush control, 26,665 acres of grazing management and 97 acres of drip irrigation. Under the Conservation Reserve

Representatives of the local Soil and

Program, 10 general signup offers were approved. One continuous CRP offer was approved (installed 21,276 feet of fence, one livestock well, 191 feet of livestock pipeline and one fiberglass water trough). Almost \$14,500 in cost-share funds to Garza County was delivered under the

Water Quality Management Plans. A Through the Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), a surplus USDA computer was donated to the Garza County Historical Museum. Also, an

effort to assist the Post Volunteer Fire Department with a cost-share application for equipment and dry hydrants at Lake Alan Henry was undertaken. irrigation water management conference

The Garza County SWCD co-hosted an and an alternative crop conference. Also, the district operated a display booth at the Garza County Resource Fair.

Maggie Flanigan, Craig Bigham united in marriage November 22

in a 6 p.m. ceremony Nov. 22, 2003, in Saage of Dallas, for something blue. the First Baptist Church in Post. The The bride's sister, Abby Flanigan of Rev. Eddy Curry of the First Baptist Plainview, and Marle Stahl of Church in Plainview officiated the Lubbock served as maids of honor.

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the ceremony.

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New Deal, brother of the groom. Deal. Groomsmen were Brian Winn and Chad Henderson of Lubbock and Zach their home in Idalou. Taylor of Austin, the groom's brotherblack single-breasted, two-button tuxes accented with plum vests and

Heights, cousin of the groom, was University in Plainview, receiving a similarly attired.

Bridesmaids were Trisha Williams Ybarra of Lubbock. Aisle runners in Lubbock where she earned a were Katy Flanigan and Cole master's degree in education. Flanigan of Keizer, Oregon, the bride's sister and brother.

Zoie Key of Gail, nieces of the bride. included Melissa Flanigan of Post, sports and exercise science. length dresses accented with sheer Kendra Henderson of Lubbock, Darby Key of Gail, Jennifer Tarin of Harker Moving Inc. Best man was Casey Bigham of Heights and Bridget Winn of New

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip Charly Johnson, both of New Deal, to Ruidoso, N.M., prior to making

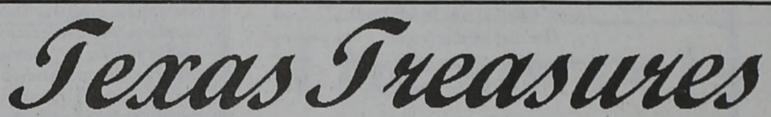
A rehearsal dinner was hosted by in-law. The groom's attendants wore the groom's parents at the First Baptist Church in Post.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Borden County High School in Gail. Ring bearer Deryk Tarin of Harker She attended Wayland Baptist B.A. in mass communications and Ushers were the groom's cousins, business administration. She also Bryan Bigham of Abilene and Jason attended Wayland Baptist University

> She is employed by the New Deal Independent School District.

Following the ceremony, a reception The groom is a 1996 graduate of was conducted at the Post New Deal High School. He attended West Texas A&M University where Members of the house party he earned a bachelor's degree in

He is employed with Bigham House



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Sadness overcomes us When our loved ones are gone. But God is very happy When one of his children comes home.

If you have ever had a son or daughter That has been away for years You are so happy when they come home, That it makes you shed some tears.

I hear that there are no tears in Heaven. So, to get there, we must try. It would certainly be a tragedy, Not to go there when we die.

> So weep not dear ones For loved ones that are gone. Just make plans to meet them Up there in their new home. by D.L. Young

Obituaries

Dr. Victor E. Hudman

Services for Dr. Victor E. Hudman, 62, of Abilene were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene with Dr. Chris Diebel officiating. An additional service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, in the First Christian Church in Post with the Rev. Jack Alexander officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. He died Thursday morning, Dec. 18, in Lubbock.

Born June 4, 1941, in Lubbock to Ella Mae Blanton Hudman and E. Victor Hudman of Post, he graduated from Post High School in 1959 and was president and valedictorian of his class. He graduated cum laude from McMurry University in Abilene in 1963 where he was a member of the Chi Omicron fraternity and a senior class officer.

In 1963, he attended Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Following his 1967 graduation, he completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the Dallas Veterans' Administration Hospital and Parkland Hospital in Dallas. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

For two years, he was a commander serving in the United States Public Health Service and was headquartered in Oklahoma City. He oversaw the Oklahoma Native American Clinics in Tishomingo and Coalgate.

While residing in Abilene, he practiced at Abilene Regional Medical Center and Hendrick Medical Center. He was a member of the Taylor-Jones-Haskell County Medical Society for many years. He served on many community boards and was past president of the Serenity House of Abilene. He was a member of the First Christian Churches of Abilene and Post. He was serving as medical director of First Care Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Gaye Hudman; his son, Dr. E. Victor Hudman II and wife, Hollie King Hudman, of Abilene; his daughter, Linda Mae Hudman Aldrich and husband, Matt Aldrich, of Spicewood; his grandsons, E. Victor Hudman III, Benjamin Hudman and Travis Aldrich; his brother, Curtis Hudman and wife, Julie, of Post; his brother, Dr. Joe Hudman and wife, Karen, of Kingwood; and stepmother, Iva Hogue Hudman of Lubbock.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Dr. Victor E. Hudman Science Scholarship at McMurry University, Box 938 McMurry Station, Abilene, TX 79607.

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Jerry Riedel

Rosary for Jerry Riedel, 64, Post, was Sunday, December 21, 2003, 6:30 P.M. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection was held Monday, December 22, 2003 at 2:00 P.M. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Rev. Paul Karieakatt officiated and was assisted by Rev. James O'Connor and Bo Jackson. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery, under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Jerry died on Wednesday December 17, 2003 at his home. He was born on June 21, 1939 to Joseph and Christina(Von Felt) Riedel at Kimberly, Wisconsin. He attended school there and graduated. After graduation he went to work for Kimberly Clark and married Sheri Lee on June 18, 1958 in Kimberly, Wisconsin at the Holy Name Catholic Church.

They were 19 and 17 years of age at the time of there marriage. He later owned and operated his own Texaco Service Station in Appleton, Wisconsin and in March, 1963 they moved to Lubbock and he went to work for Morton Foods. Later he transferred to Post and operated his own distributorship. He owned and operated the Hwy. Cafe and then went to work for Ellwood Wright Texaco.

In 1974 he went to work for Brown Brothers and after 27 years of service he retired. Jerry enjoyed and loved his children, grandchildren and friends. Having a great sense of humor, he loved using it on others as well as himself. He was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church and was preceded in

death by his parents and one brother, Bob Riedel. He is survived his wife: Sheri Riedel of Post. Three Sons: Patrick Joseph

and wife Teri Riedel of Smyer, Michael John and wife Janie Riedel of Lubbock, and Jeffery and wife Joyce Riedel of Smyer. One Daughter: Starlet and husband Logan Freeman of Dickens.

Five Brothers: Joe, John, Bill, Jim and David, all of Wisconsin. Three Sisters: Helen Ulrich, Sharon Lefeber and Patty Hesyck, all of Wisconsin. Eleven grandchildren: Brian Riedel, Dusty Frazier, Brent Riedel, Jeremy

Freeman, John Riedel, Nicole Freeman, Michelle Riedel, Jordan Riedel, Tia Freeman, Joseph Riedel and Mark Riedel. Pallbearers will be Neal Clary, Tommy Hill, Giles W. Dalby, Jr., Don Eilenberger, Rick Maestas, Mike Holly, Monk Palmer and Archie Gill.

Honorary Pallbearers will be grandsons: Brian, Dusty, Brent, Jeremy, John, Joseph and Mark, all the coffee shop gang, The George R. Brown Partnership employees, Gene Kennedy, Charlie Baker, Billy Williams, Eddie McCraw and Linford Warren.

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by Timothy W. Burnett

Mary's Response (Luke 1:36-38)

Continuing with the conception and birth of Jesus Christ, we come to Luke 1:36-38. God's messenger, Gabriel came to Mary and relayed the message that she would conceive and give birth to God's son. She asked how this would happen considering she had not been with a man yet. After explaining it to her in more detail he gave more information in verse 36, "And behold thy cousin Elizabeth hath also conceived a son..." The word "conceive" is the same word used in verse 31. This is significant because both John and Jesus Christ began to be formed in the mothers' wombs after conception. The only difference was that because God was not a man, He provided seed by way of a miracle. It should also be noted that in both cases the father was distinctly independent of the son. Jesus Christ was and still is God's son. There's no two ways about it.

We move on to verse 37 where Gabriel makes the following declaration, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." As important as these words stand, they have lead to great confusion. Imagine the stumbling block a young believer faces after reading Hebrews 6:18, "...in which it is impossible for God to lie." Why the apparent contradiction? In Luke 1:37, the word "nothing" is a bad translation of an earlier known Greek word that meant "no word." The word "impossible" came from another word that meant "void of power." When we insert the more accurate translations it reads as follows, "For with God, no word shall be void of power." Gabriel exhorted her to have confidence and trust in God's word because His word is never void of power. What a tremendous truth for all God's people to learn from.

Finally we come to Mary's humble and meek response, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." When God gave His word, she had the humility to receive it. It would have been at that time that Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Notice how she already had the humble heart to receive. This says a great deal about her parents. Jesus Christ also learned obedience from his Mom and stepfather. We can see this in Matthew 26:39 where he meekly said, "...not as I will, but as thou wilt." God chose only the best to rear His son.

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Getting back our liberty

by Walter E. Williams

lavery can be defined.



Last week's column, "Let's Do Some Detective Work," provided unassailable evidence that the protections of liberty envisioned by the Constitution's Framers mean little today. I was pleasantly surprised by the responses from fellow Americans expressing disgust and fear over what our nation is becoming. Several asked how we can regain our liberties. My short answer is: I'm not sure they can ever be recovered.

et's look at it. We all have a moral obligation to pay our share for constitutionally mandated unctions of the federal government, but we have no such obligation to have Congress take the earnings of one American and give them to another american. Forcing one American to serve the purposes of another is one way

m an emancipated adult fully capable of taking care of my own retirement. Vhy should I or anyone else be forced to pay into the government's Social ecurity? Do you see any signs on the horizon that such practices are coming an end? The list of encroachments on personal liberty like these is virtually

elf-determination is a human right we all should respect. If some people want ocialism, that's their right — but it is not their right to use brute government ower to force others, who want liberty, to be a part of it. Liberty-minded mericans might organize to acquire government power to impose their will a socialist-minded Americans, but that's not right either. A far more peaceful ethod is simply to part company.

nat's an idea already being explored by Free State Project. Their plan, as ated on their website (freestateproject.org) is: "20,000 or more libertyiented people will move to New Hampshire, where they may work within e political system to reduce the size and scope of government. The success the Free State Project would likely entail reductions in burdensome taxation d regulation, reforms in state and local law, an end to federal mandates and estoration of constitutional federalism."

In 1788, during New Hampshire's ratification convention, a concerned people said "amendments AND alterations in the said Constitution would remove the fears and quiet the apprehensions of many of the good People of this State and more Effectually guard against an undue Administration of the Federal Government. The Convention do therefore recommend that the following alterations and provisions be introduced into the said Constitution: (among them) First That it be Explicitly declared that all Powers not expressly and particularly Delegated by the aforesaid Constitution are reserved to the several States to be, by them Exercised." The Ninth and Tenth Amendments, which mean virtually nothing now; were added to our Constitution in response to

While members of Free State Project have not proposed it, I would imagine that if New Hampshire's elected representatives couldn't successfully negotiate with the U.S. Congress to obey the Constitution, the only other alternative would be that of making a unilateral declaration of independence and go our own way just as our Founders did in 1776.

Many people might argue that it's the U.S. Supreme Court that decides what is constitutional or not. Here's what Thomas Jefferson said about allowing the Court to hold a monopoly on the interpretation of the Constitution: "... the opinion which gives to the judges the right to decide what laws are constitutional and what are not, not only for themselves in their own sphere of action but for the Legislature and Executive also in their spheres, would make the Judiciary a despotic branch."

The history of the Court, not to mention last week's decision on the constitutionality of the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform that attacks free speech, is proof that Jefferson was right and Alexander Hamilton wrong in his Federalist Paper No. 78 prediction that the judiciary would be the "least dangerous" branch of government.

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Price controls can be deadly

y Jacob G. Hornberger

ho would ever dream that the economic fallacies to which U.S. cials subscribe could turn deadly? Yet that's what recently hopened in Baghdad, where an American GI was shot dead while gurding long lines of angry and disgruntled consumers at a gasoline stition in Baghdad.

hy are there long lines at gas stations in Iraq? According to U.S. arl Iraqi officials, there are several possible explanations: terrorist at acks on oil facilities, damage to Iraq's electric power grid, at iquated refineries, and the importation of a large number of new cass. One Iraqi citizen theorized that the U.S. government is secretly ta ing Iraq's oil back to America.

one of these explanations holds water. There is one - and only one ason for the shortages and long lines, and it's the same reason the Uted States had gas shortages and long lines during the 1970s: goernment-imposed price controls.

nenever the governing authorities pass laws requiring an owner or upplier to sell an item for less than the market price, the result will be a shortage. It's just a law of economics. And contrary to what go rnment officials throughout history have believed, no government cal repeal a law of economics any more than it can repeal the law of

The artificially low price has a twofold effect: it causes supplies to be ithheld from the market and it induces people to consume more they ordinarily would. There's only one solution to the shortages long lines: eliminate the price controls.

In raq, U.S. occupation officials are selling gasoline for about five en; a gallon. How do we know that that price is below the price that d be established by the free market? Not only because of the long but also because a black-market price, which is the true freeet price, has formed in response to the government-set price. Iraqi entrepreneurs are doing is filling up their cars at the ine stations, siphoning the gas into cans, and then illegally g the gas for about five times the officially set price.

wouldn't surprise anyone that both U.S. and Iraqi officials are g against these "price gougers." Sounding much like government als in China, where economic crimes are a key part of the ist system, U.S. occupation official Dan Senor exclaimed, a c-market manipulations continue to be a problem."

words were echoed by Mouwafak Rabii, one of the U.S. ment's appointees to the Iraqi Governing Council, who ained, "This is the ugly face of capitalism."

rican and Iraqi officials do not intend to permit such an "ugly list face" to go unpunished. According to the Washington Post, soldiers and Iraqi police officers are taking a tougher posture

with black-market vendors and the gas station owners who sell to them, arresting them en masse and threatening some with 10-year

Of course, the gasoline-shortage crisis in Iraq is not as simple as it was in the United States, given that the oil industry in Iraq is government-owned. When the federal government finally lifted its price controls here in the United States, the price quickly rose to the free-market level and the lines disappeared.

In Iraq, simply lifting the price controls would not solve the problem because the central planners would still be faced with the problem of constantly guessing what the free-market price should be in all the government-owned gas stations. There would still be, in the words of Ludwig von Mises, "planned chaos."

In post-World War II Germany, the Allied occupation officials imposed an extensive set of price controls on the German economy. When Ludwig Erhard, the free-market leader of Germany, asked the officials to lift the controls in order to relieve the economic plight of the German people, they refused, claiming that an immediate lifting of controls would produce chaos.

One Sunday morning, to the surprise of everyone, Erhard issued a public announcement lifting the controls. It was that action, more than anything else, that led to what became known as the German "economic miracle." Too bad that so many U.S. officials today have failed to learn both economics and history.

Jacob G. Hornberger is president and founder of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org).

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(British historian Alexander Tyler, written over 100 years ago. He added that the average age of the world's great democracies between birth and death (or collapsing) was 200 years.)

The United States is 221 years old (from 1782).

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The secrets of Saddam

by Bill O'Reilly



In August of 2002, thugs from Saddam Hussein's secret police shot notorious terrorist Abu Nidal dead in a Baghdad residence where he had been staying as Saddam's "guest." The Iraqis immediately labeled Nidal's death a suicide, causing much commotion among fans of CSI, as the man apparently shot himself four times in the head.

Nidal, you may remember, was a Palestinian killer who roamed Europe and the Middle East in the '70s and '80s creating

mayhem and murdering civilians. He felt right at home in Iraq. So why was he murdered? Good question.

The importance of this execution may be enormous. The Sunday Telegraph in London is reporting that a document discovered in Iraq details a meeting between Nidal and the leader of the 9/11 attack, Mohammed Atta. The document was allegedly written by Tahir Jalil Habbush al-Tikriti, the former head of the Iraqi Intelligence Service (ISI) and a man still on the run. Dated July, 1, 2001, three months before 9/11, the text says that Atta, along with a man named Abu Ammer, met with Nidal for three days under the direct supervision of the ISI. The document mentions "targets that we agree must be destroyed."

If this memorandum is legitimate, it will obviously change many things because it establishes that elusive link between Saddam and Al Qaeda. First, Howard Dean's credibility will be shattered, and he will cease to be a viable candidate for the Democrats. Second, France, Germany, Russia and the United Nations will be humiliated. And third, the far-left anti-war people will be marginalized for years to come in this country.

One must assume that the Bush administration knows about this captured document, which is now believed to be in the hands of Iraqis working for the interim government. But it has not been mentioned in any public way by the U.S. Since disinformation is common in Iraq, and since the anti-Saddam Iraqi contingent was woefully wrong about WMDs, the Bush people may be prudent (as Bush the elder might say) in keeping quiet about this until its validity is confirmed beyond a reasonable doubt.

Saddam, of course, knows every devious thing his government did. This is why there should be no rush to bring him to trial. The CIA should take all the time it needs to find out everything this psychopath knows. And they should use all methods short of instrumental torture to get answers.

Saddam should be deprived of sleep, loaded up with truth serum, kept isolated and underfed, confronted with noise, whatever it takes. While the United Nations and the Vatican complain about his "dignity," most Americans would like to be protected from another 9/

11, thank you very much. With CIA analyst David Kay still searching for those annoying WMDs, with Saddam in custody, with a potentially explosive ISI memo in play, just about anything could happen in the next few months vis-a-vis Iraq. There are a lot of very powerful people sweating these developments, as they could be career altering. Even though he is now a common prisoner, Saddam Hussein retains a vast amount of power simply because of what he knows. It will be fascinating to see how he uses that power.

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> The Post Antelopes kept the pressure on Floydada last Friday as the *Lopes won another, now sitting on an 8-6 season record. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Aggressive defense helped the Post Lady Lopes edge the visiting Floydada Whirlwinds last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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10 Years Ago December 22, 1993

Dear Santa, I wanta bike that makes a noise

that mertercycles makes. I want a toy that I can drive.

Ryan babb Dear Santa,

grad. i wont a dog for christmas and i wont a cat and i will lev you some cookes and mild under the christmas tree.

mathew perez Dear Santa.

I want to spend as much time with my famley And it donste mater what I get for Christmas. The best thing is rollabesden. I want a talking doll house. I love Christmas.

Stephinie Martinez

Dear Santa,

I am 6 I am in first grade I am christopher curb

I am nice

I whunt a deer

I whunt a fox I whunt a bear

I whunt a alligator

I whunt a lion

I whunt a numbat Dear Santa,

I am in first grade. I want Barbr foldun fun house, a gameboy and a easy bake oven. I love you Santa, from Callie Smith.

20 Years Ago December 21, 1983

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I would a Dallas Cowboy football suit

Jesus was born. ne Jones

ır Santa,

he reindeer? I like Santa and Mrs. Claus. I would like race track, a three-wheeler, a bicycle and a gun. I like Rudolph.

Tony Vargas Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and elf. I what a babydoll, and give other children toys. I Love both uv yol. Sonya Harp

Dear Santa,

I would like a Dallas Cowboy pee wee suit, they are fun to wear. I will take good care of it. I have never seen you or Rudolph. I would like the collectionof He-Man. A computer will help me count eighty plus fifty.

Jaime Ayala Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I want a E. T., dog, pig, cat pet, a car. T. C. Curtis

30 Years Ago December 20, 1973

Dear Santa, I hope you can make it to Post. I want some decoys, (duck), and a duck call and a Nurf football. If you

don't come, I will miss you. Will Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa, I've been good. My mother already told you so. I just want to tell you that I love you and I love my mom and dad. Get my whole family something. I love you Santa

Claus. Cindee Jackson

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph, Dasher and all the other reindeer? I want a baby alive and a Michey Mouse Watch for Christmas. I am 9 years old. Crystal Mason

Dear Santa,

I wish you would come with your reindeer. If you would come, would you bring some toys for us? I wish you would bring me a minibike. Now how old are you? I am 8 years old. And I want a football suit and some more of the toys. And i am six years old and in frst bring me a present for Christmas and I would like you to come to town with some candy. I wish you would bring my family some presents to and bring me some school presents. But bring me one specially.

Henry Jay Delarosa

40 Years Ago December 23, 1963

Dear Santa Claus.

Would you bring me a Chatty Cathy box doll, a baton, Tammy's Family, her dream house, her car, a transistor radio. Please do. I'll give you some coffe if you will bring me that.

Ida Jan Hall

Dear Santa,

Please help Christmas to come fast. I am trying to be very good. Will you bring me a Charming Chatty?

Carol Davis Dear Santa,

I am making a letter for you. I like to play on the snow. Would you bring a BB gun, Santa? Please be good to all the boys and girls. Would you bring me a toy? Christmas is a good holiday.

Noe Saldivar

Dear Santa. I want a Barbie and Ken dolls

ber 72 and a slamshifter. I am with clothes. And I want a Kissy doll, a Tammy doll and Penny-the-Poodle. My sister wants a Thumbelina doll and a Barbie ow are you? and Mrs. Claus dream house. My brother wants a Dick Tracy car and Tiger Joe. Theresa Flores

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a tooth-

brush and a weighted baton and a pair of pants and 24 crayolas. Hope you feel good. You are so nice for coming to see the children at the Christmas Parade.

Ella Sue Cowdrey

50 Years Ago December 23, 1953

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy eight years old. I have been a good boy and I have made good grades at school. Please bring me an electric football set and monopoly set and a dirt loader and a dump truck. Please don't forget my little brother. He doesn't County Sheriff's Department. need much, but please bring him something.

Jerry Bush Dear Santa,

I want a choo-choo- train, money, guns and scabboards and a football. Bring Dee Cecil Justice a football, too. I love you.

Ben Miller

Dear Santa,

I would like a pogo stick and a food mixer. I hope you are doing fine up there. I am doing finr. That is all I have to say,

Mary Ann Williams

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a walking doll with some evening dresses. I hope you a merry, merry Christmas. And don't work too hard. And don't forget the other children.

Margie Ann Harrison

Obituaries

Martin S. Nichols

Services for Martin S. Nichols, 90, of Post were held Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, in the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral

He died Dec. 16 at the Golden Plains Care Center. Born Feb. 21, 1913, in San Augustine County, Texas, to Lloyd and Willie K. Nichols, he worked for more than 40 years in the oilfields, retiring in 1992 from RJD Management Oil Co. He was a deacon in the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include six children, Naomi Matsler, Juanelle Etheredge and David and Karen Nichols, all of Post, Joy and Don Greer of Dublin, Doyle and Jan Nichols of San Angelo and Crystal and Jeff Hangen of Greenville, Ohio; one sister, Frances Thaxton of Madison, Tenn.; 34 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dale, on June 30, 2003, his parents, three sisters and one brother.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church, 4401 N. University, Lubbock, TX 79415.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following obituary was submitted by Sue Pennington of Tucson, Ariz., daughter of T.M. Gillham and Lillie Gillham-Johnson. "There are still some people in Post who remember my parents, and I thought you might print news of Mom's death in your paper," she wrote in a recent letter to The Dispatch. Gillham was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Post from 1948-1951. He died in 1966 at the age of 58.)

Lillie Gillham-Johnson

Services for Lillie G. Gillham-Johnson, 93, were held at 10 a.m. Dec. 11, 2003, in the Adair Funeral Home. Private burial services were conducted in Phoenix.

She died Dec. 7. Born Sept. 14, 1910, in Merit, Texas, she was a graduate of Grand Canyon University and Arizona State University. She was a teacher, teaching in public schools in Texas and Arizona and at the university level at Grand Canyon University and Riverside Baptist College in Riverside, Calif. She was a partner with her missionary husband in establishing more than 50 Southern Baptist churches in Arizona. She was a master Bible teacher and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Tucson for 34 years.

Survivors include three sons, Frank Gillham of Dallas, Dick Johnson of Whittier, Calif., and Jim Johnson of Hacienda Heights, Calif.; one daughter, Sue Pennington of Tucson, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, the Rev. T.M. Gillham, in 1966, and her second husband, Leon Johnson, in 1991.

Local students graduate at LCU

Three Post residents were among the 102 graduates who participated in commencement exercises at Lubbock Christian University Dec. 13.

Aleida Elizabeth Marin, Salli Bess Bush and Sue Covert received degrees at the ceremony.

Marin graduated with a Master of Education in special education. She

> **Sheriff reports** seven arrests

Seven arrests were made during the past week, according to records provided Monday by the Garza

A 25-year-old was arrested for criminal mischief, over \$50 and under \$500 while two individuals, ages 28 and 44, were arrested for possession of marijuana, over four ounces but under five pounds.

A 17-year-old was jailed for driving without driver's license and failure to identify, while a 38-year-old was picked up for driving while intoxicated.

Two individuals, ages 21 and 26, were picked up and being held for the Border Patrol.

Menus

Garza Trailblazers

December 29- BBQ beef, oven potatoes, broccoli & cheese, hot roll, pears, cookies December 30-Chicken fry, cream gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, apricot cobbler

December 31-Roast beef w/brown gravy on toast, tater tots, peas & carrots, fruit

January 1 & 2- Closed for New Years

is the daughter of Adrian and Yolanda Marin of Post and was named to the Dean's List.

Bush, daughter of Jerry and Judy Bush of Post, received a Bachelor of Science in organizational manage-

Covert graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies in secondary education. The wife of Curt Covert, she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and president of Sigma Tau Delta and was named to Who's Who.

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Post JV Girls keep up pressure

by Jerry White

The Lady Lopes JV basketball team played in the Lubbock Monterey JV Basketball Tournament. The Lady Lopes came within one point of winning their second tournament. The tournament was played in a round robin format. The Lady Lopes played Monterey Red, Monterey Blue, and

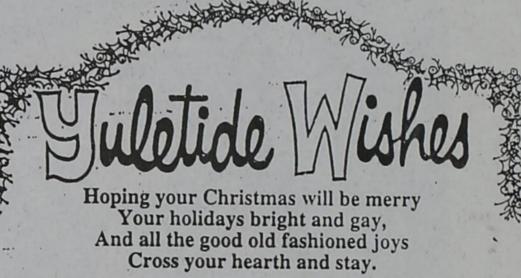
In the first round the Post Lady Lopes JV pressed their way to 38 - 21 victory over the Monterey Red. The Lady Lopes were led by Rachel Gray with 14 points. Other Lady Lopes scoring were Larissa Halford 9, Jackie Hays 6, Ashley Wilson 4, Ashley Powell 4, Laurel Tatum 2, Steffi Normon 2, and Kylie Easterling 2.

In the second round the Lady Lopes played Monterey Blue. The Lady Lopes were at a disadvantage in size, but had the advantage in their pressing defense. Monterey was scoring inside, while the Lady Lopes were scoring off their press. The game was close to the end where the Lady Lopes came up one point short losing 36 - 37. Again the Lady Lopes were led by Rachel Gray with 13 points. Other Lady Lopes scoring in the game were Laurel Tatum 8, Larissa Halford 4, Ashley Wilson 4, Jackie Hays 3, Ashley Powell 2, and Kylie Easterling 2.

In the final game the Post Lady Lopes JV played Idalou JV. The winner would take second place in the tournament. Idalou jumped out to a 10 - 6 firtst quarter lead. In the second quarter the Lady Lopes pressed forced Idalou into numerous turnovers. The Lady Lopes went on a 12 - 1 run ti take an 18 - 11 half-time lead.

In the third quarter the Lady Lopes continued to press successfully and increased their lead to 30 -17. In the fourth quarter the Lady Lopes began to tire. Four games in six days, pressing most of the game, began to take its toll. Idalou made a run but the Lady Lopes held them off for a 40 - 34 win, and second place in the tournament.

The Lady Lopes were led by Laurel Tatum with 12 points. Scoring for the Lady Lopes were Ashley Wilson 9, Larissa Halford 7, Kylie Easterling 5, Rachel Gray 2, Ashley Powell 2, and Katie Vernon 1. The Lady Lopes JV has an overall record of 8-2.



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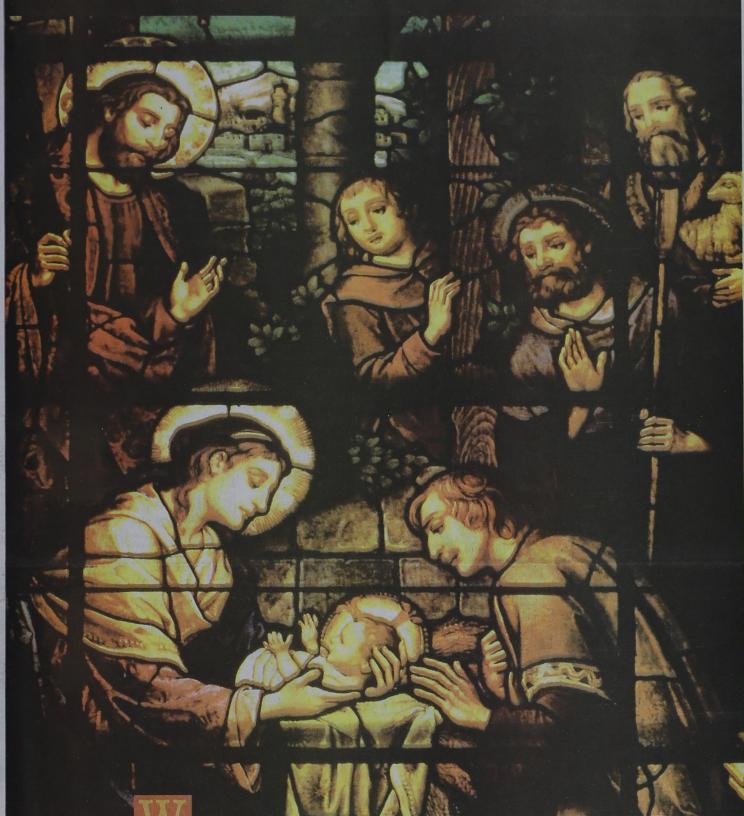
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Amity Study Club

Unto Us a Child is Born



e wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2004, it is our hope that you may have...

Enough happiness to keep you sweet, enough trials to keep you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human, enough failure to keep you humble, enough hope to keep you happy, enough success to keep you eager, enough friends to give you comfort, enough wealth to meet your needs, enough enthusiasm to look forward, enough faith to banish depression, enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday.

This message was a favorite of United Supermarkets founder, H.D. "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976:

All United Supermarkets and Market Street locations are closed on Christmas Day so that our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families.



Letters to Santa

May you bring a windup robot toy please put it under my Christmas tree. Your friend, Joe

I want some movies for Christmas. I love Santa and my brother and sister likes you. And you are a good Santa. You are very good Santa and Mrs. Santa. And I like you and Mrs. Santa and God and Jesus and Mary. I love Mary and Jesus and God. So you know some about Christmas day. You are lucky Santa. Love, Taylor Gray Alicia

I was a good girl this year. I would like to have a Winnie the Pooh movie, the Tumble 'n' Laugh Koda Bear and a Winnie the Poor rocker. Love, Sydney Walls

I've been a good girl this year. For Christmas I'd like to have a blue Care Bear, the Barbie of Swan Lake and the Princess Barbie. I'll leave you some cookies and milk. Love, D'Kota Walls

I've been a good girl. This Christmas I would like to have a playhouse, a bike and a scooter and a skateboard. Love, Mommy's Little Patient doll and the Barbie of Swan Lake Unicorn "Lila." Love, Aisha Walls

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me as many toys as you can, but give the poor children some stuff too. I want the poor kids to please have a pants. I want make-up. Love, Lupita Ceja nice Christmas. I would like a scooter, some games and whatever toys you want to bring me (except girl stuff). I have been really good. Be careful on your trip to all the houses. I will leave scooter and boxing gloves. I love you. Michael

you M&Ms and milk so you won't just have to have cookies everywhere you go. I will leave carrots for your reindeer. Your friend, Tye Lewis

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a boke. I want make-up. Love, Alexis Collazo

Dear Santa, I want boxing gloves. I tried to be good. I also want a motor scooter. That is all I wan't. Love, Conner Lester

I love you and I want a Dear Santa, skat board and I want a bike. Love, Ethan Baldree Dear Santa. I am a good boy. I want

Allen Perez Dear Santa, I would like a dirt bike, a skateboard and a scooter. Love, Rafael Gonzales Dear Santa, I want a purse. I want

Dear Santa,

and a hamster. Love, M'Kenzee Pena I want a dirt bike a motor

I would like a dirt bike

I would like a Barbie for

Chrstmas. I love you. Love, Mikaela Scroggins Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike and a skooterbord. Love, Jordan Solorzano

I am a good boy. I want Dear Santa, a bike and a Power Ranger. I am goin to leave milk and cookies. Love, Jonathan Flores I have been a good girl.

I want make-up. I want a new purse. I want a hamster. Love, Chelby Baker

I love you. I have been a good girl so I am hoping that you will come to my house and I want make-up and a puppy and a hamster. I will leave cookies for you. Love,

Dear Santa, and a dirt bike and a ball. Ive been nice. Love, Christian Armendariz

Pretty please bring me some presents. I want a jump rope, a Barbie house and a stroller for my baby. And that's all. I love you Santa. Love, MyKayla Ortiz

Thank you Santa for presents. I want a two seat stroller for my babies. I want a Barbie house and candy. That's all. Love, Madison Benavides

Dear Santa, I want a army toy. Thank you Santa. Love, Pablo Mendoza

I want you to bring me blocks and I want you to bring me a swimming pool. Bring me toys, books, trucks and more toys. Thank you Santa. Love, Dealan Reed

I would like an easy bake Dear Santa, oven. I would like a Magic Kitchen. I would like would like Barbie bike. I love you. I like coming to school. Love, Kylynn

Hi Santa! I want to give center. Love, Kathryne Dear Santa, you a hug. I want to tell you I have been good in school. I want to tell him that Dad opened my toy soldier. Love, Adrion presents. I want a toy kitchen. Love, Analys

I want a Dora doll, a Barbie, a Barbie car and a purse for my mother. want a little car. I wanta little star. I wanta little Love, Sagrario Alaniz

Dear Santa, I want a dragon toys and a dinosaur toy. Also a stuff bull. Love, Jose DeLuna

Dear Santa, I want a toy truck. Love,

Valenta J. Perez Dear Santa, I like you Santa. I want a new motorcycle. I love you. Love, Ryan Wilborn Dear Santa,

I want a car, a truck and a Christmas tree. I like you. Love, Ian Haworth I like you. I want power

rangers. I like you. Love, Ben Ayala

I want a Barbie for Dear Santa, Christmas. My Daddy wants cars, and my brother wants cars too. My Mama wants a Barbie too. Kristen wants a Barbie too. Brittany wants a Barbie. Love, Shayna Davis

I want a Barbie, a care Dear Santa, bear, a horsey and a baby doll. Asia wants a basketball and Sydnee wants a care bear. Sydnee likes Sponge Bob. Mommy wants a purse. Daddy wants a key for the car. Mama wants a camera. Asia hit me with a baby doll. She's mean to me. I love you Santa. D'Kota Walls

Bring me a new Barbie. Dear Santa, I want new sheets, new movies, new clothes. Love, Ericka Solis

I want a present. I want a Dear Santa, Barbie. I want a car for me. Love, Yvette

I want a toy car. Love,

I like Santa. I want something from Santa. I want a Barbie toy, and I want a baby from Santa. I want a TV. I want a

toy airplane. Love, Lexi Antillon I love you Santa. I want Dear Santa, a baby. Dar Santa I want Barbies. Love, J'Lynn

I love you Santa. I like your reindeers. You make me toys. I want a movie; Barbie of Swan Lake. I want a toy with a microphone, a camera. I want a gran dma and a grandpa Barbie. I want a fake bunny. I want a real plant for my mommy because hers is dying. I want a thingy that helps me read; a leap frot. a jump rope. And I would like a Barbie jeep. I Bring clothes and toys for my baby brother Nickolas. Bring Parker a cheap book because he likes them. I want a baby doll like in our home

> I want a toy airplane and Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I wanta present. I wanta toy. I wanta a little Santa Clause toy. I want a little Christmas tree. And a little snowman toy. I bitty socks. I want shoes. I want a little star. I want a little house. Love, Zechariah Lara

Christmas is comi Dear Santa, Santa may you bring a present. I want Dra ball Z Budikia 2. Please leave me sisters a r set of plates. My brothers a cd of new rock roll cd. And my parents a new television. Le

you cookies. Love, Zack Quinonez Dear Santa, Christmas is comi Please bring me a bike and a gamecube. I'll

you Christmas. Love, Christen Pena Dear Santa, Christmas is comi Please come a give me a game-boy advance a motor scooter, and a Pit bull. Your truly, A

Alaniz Christmas is comin Dear Santa, want a bike and a car and a swing set and a f and movies and a video game. I want a cheerlea

movie. I love you, Santa. Bethany Curtis Dear Santa, Christmas is comin want a toy for Christmas. I want a pickup. I w

a Playstation2 with a football game. I will you at Post. Yours truly, Blaine Osborn Dear Santa, Christmas is coming a I want a computer and for my, sister I want a li

rattle and I'll be waiting for you and I hop i won't get lost. Love, Maritza Alaniz have been good this year. Please come to house and give me a play station 2. Please g my mom a Dell computer. We could realy i one. And give me a DVD. And give my mor BMW 'cause that's what she likes out of all!

advance CD. Yours truly, Brandon Hervey Christmas is coming will give you cookies and milk. Will You con to my house? Will you bring us some toys have been good this year. Love, Sabrina Silv

cars in the world. P.S. give me a new 3rd gra

Dear Santa, Christmas is comi please come to my house and bring me a vera some movies. Close and a pair Of boots and new alarm clock and a motorscooter. Lo Chevenne Gill

Dear Santa, Christmas is comir Please come to my Nana's house. I want a 1 and a DVD player and some movies. Tht is DV Movies. Can you bring my sister and Broth My sister wants Barbie's dolls she told me. I brother wants a dog and a cat for Christmas Iv bake some cookies for you. The movies can Ice age and Laze merrier movie. Love, Tayl Gray

Christmas is coming Dear Santa, want a bulldog, a parrot and a little frog and little turtle. Love, Jaime Ceja

Christmas is comin Please bring me a Playstation2. Come to visit some time. I will wait for you. Best wishes, Jas Christmas is com Dear Santa,

leave me a dog. Santa I will leave you so cookies. Yours truly, Miranda Solorzano Christmas is comin have been good this year please Come to house please give me an Xbox with I will Lea

Christmas is comit Dear Santa, Please bring me a xbox game called Splintered for Chritmas. And an angel for my mom. And new lawn mower for my dad. Love, Mar

you some cookies Love, David Hernandez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a xb for Christmas and a dog for my mom. Love, Jo Hataway

Dear Santa, Christmas is comin Please come to my house and give me a toy ho and a big horse. And my sister and brother, Al I want a horse for my brother and my sister wor some boxers. Yours truly, Sandy Benavides

Dear Santa. Christmas is comin Please come to my house and give me a toy a a xbox and my mom and my dad a car and so shoes for my mom and my dad pleas come I

be up. Yours truly, Nathan Guerra Dear Santa Claus, I would like clothes, a purse and a doll set for my doll a





We wish you the very best for the new year, and we look forward to serving you in the future.

Anne Sims



Dear Post Community,

During this very special time of the year, Covenant Home Health Care would like to wish you and yours a very blessed holiday season. Christmas means many things to many people, but we all have one common prayer to spread health and happiness to all around us. Covenant Home Health Care would like you, our Post family to know that we count you among our blessings!

> Happy Holidays from your friends at Covenant Home Health Care-Post

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Letters to Santa

at each other, but we get over it. Anyway, for game for X-box. Brandon Carrell

advance sp. tyco rc mutator, a real meal oven and I'm trying my best at the power o juyer, Mario cart, double dash for eing a good boy. Me and my brother are angry gamecube. Amped 2 for X-box, Ninja turtles the

Glory to God in the highest, and o n earth peace, good will toward men. -- Luke 2:14

Christmas blessings to all.



Germania Insurance **Jerry & Cindy Taylor**



I am putting up my Christmas tree and I am waiting for you to come. We are going to put milk and cookies but anyways this is what I want for Christmas. I want a black light, radio, some makup and that's all. Love,

Dear Santa, I wan't a Xbox, a game cube and a Playstaition with two games for all of them. Troy Michel Copeland

I would like some stuff Dear Santa, but you have to deliver presnts to other people I wont like about 7 things and that would be a bick, moter scooter, getare, peaino, raideo, drum set, micerfons, that would be all. Thank you.

Dear Santa, Christmas is a pupy, motter scooter, horse and a sheep. But what I like most is my family and I like Christmas is becase it is Jesuses birthday and my family is going to come down and see us and we will get to open presents and play games and spend time with our famly. Something els I want for Christmas is a new bike, vedio game and I want a play station 2. Kaylyn Dean

Dear Santa, I wont a 4-wheeler, mottersikele, 2 computors a dog for my mom a bone for my dog for Heath another motersicle for my dad a pick-up for the cat a bag of cat trets. Hunter Ellhauer

How are you doing. What I would like for Christmas is a doll that is a shark. Please bring my sister a doll and clothes. I would also like a motorcycle with a remote for me. And I will leave you cookies and milk. Julian Gomez

I want to go to the North



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Our family wishes you and yours an abundance of love, peace and harmony this holiday season.

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> 111 W. Main 495-0777 Linda & Marcie

Pole. We are in shoool. I want a barb reder and a dico light. K'lenn Hair

but I'll try not to be bad. I've seen bunches of sines that it is December and did you know that Cristmas is my favorite holiday ever and you and I have changed a lot. Aney way, I want a game cube, a dog, a doghouse with a heater, a cat, a cat house and a cathouse with a heater. Now to me a paintball gun with paint balls, a bike, a real inproved book called The Reindeer Christmas and Santa Calls and The Littles tree

I really want to have from you is a pet hamster, a scooter and a coller, a plaslcand 2. I hope you can make it on time you're a cool person of Chrismas eve. Jacie

I would like a electric Dear Santa. scooter, a shotgon and a Adomatic paintball ball gun can I have a ladybug and a butterfly for my sister. I wish for a rieanndeer. And I wish you have a great Christmas. Jacob McAuley

I wish I had a gamos and I wash for a makonchall game boy Shelby

I want a game boy advance and game boy sp and triple a batteryes and a playstation 2 and a game cube. I want Mario double dash and Dragon ball Z and Mario golf. Brandon Soto

Dear Santa, I want a motor scooter for Christmas and I want a game cube for Christmas and a go cart. And I was wondering if I can see you and your reindeer in the sky. And I was going to spread some reindeer food for your reindeer. Could you bring me something special. And I want to know what that special thing is for me. And the last thing I want for you is a snow cone maker. Tavish

I need to ask you some things. But let's chang the subject. Please bring me the things on this letter. So here they are a gray and black taking cat, a saddle, two toy mustangs one black and white and one brown and white and a horse bridle. Lets get back to those questions. Beep out of time see you later. Aspen Wischkaemper

Dear Santa, Cristmas is here and you are comeing to my house. I hope you don't mind what I whant this year. But this is what I want: A Brats doll it sname is Cloie. She has blonde hair and a skirt a dentom shirt. I also want a fake walking wight fluffy dog it is a pretty dog. I really want a diary and some pens. If you would I would really want a scooter it is blue and the weels are clear. I would also wan't a Rose Art set it has markers and some coloring books a puzzle and some crayons. Have a happy Cristmas. DeAnna

Dear Santa, I'm going to tell you the thing's that I want for Christmas. The first is a motor skooter, and a lavalamp, a Cd player and a bracelet. It dose not matter whitch color you give me. As long as I get it. My last gift I wan't is karioki. You can choose what you wan't to give me, you can give me all if you wan't, but you don't have to if you don't wan't. Have a happy Christmas! Cassie Perez

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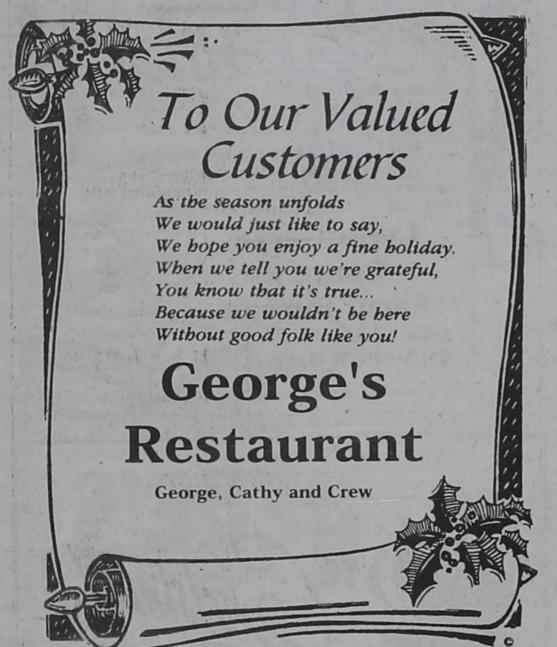
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Letters to Santa

eight games. I would like a class Angle fore my like a seadeas for my seadeplaer. I(wold like a things. I want a set of horses and a cicicle and cousin. I would lik a spiderman hand. I would girl necles for my mom. I would like some cloths some CD's and a globe and a horse making kit and a dirt bike. It would be cool. Your friend, like a dvd plaery and a silfer sedeplaer. I would for my mom. Michael Huffman



four wheeler and a moter scooter and a 5 story cookies. Your friend, Chris house and a new game and a big TV and a pla room and a big play dirt bike. Vance Blair

Dear Santa, I wish I could have these and horse saddle kit and a toy benie baby. Miley Israel

been a good boy, and I realy realy have been and some clothes. Your friend, Yesenia wanting a game called Sponge Bob Battle for Thunder legos. My mom wants some new pans. Michael I hope you can get my dad some new close. I Lord of the Rings pack the Matricks pack some new close, and Blitze 2002 the game on Plaistation 2. Dalton Holly

Dear Santa. I wanted to tell you what reindeers food. Your friend, Zach I wanted for Christmas first of all I would like a Player whith cd's of Kenny Chesney, Aaron Chance Carter, backstreet boys and garth brooks, Alan Jackson only. Chelci

Dear Santa, things: First of all I want some Neopet cards. Second of all I want a new bicycle. Third of all I want the CD with the song on it called "Intuition." Forth of all I want The Coronical of Thank you very much for your hard work year after year! Cade Mason

Dear Santa, would appreciate it if you would bring me clothes and the Lizzie Mcuire movie and a Bratz formal punk doll, please, and a puppy that acts and a Britney Spears C.D. I would appeciate all of this stuff. Mariah Morales

Dear Santa, a new fish with a fish tank with clear water. I dirt bike a little moodirsikle. Joseph want finding Nemo and Ice Age. I want a new called George of the Jungle 2. Cade

I have been very good Your friend, Amanda Dear Santa, this year. May I please have a motor scooter, clothes, shoes, Xbox and a trampoline. Thank

To all our valued patients

go our bright wishes

and gratitude.

Charles L.

McCook, DDS

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I would like to have a you very much. I will leave you some milk and and baby stuff. Rebecca Taylor

I just whant sum nice Dear Santa, presents. Your friend, Stephen

I will like a X-box with a Dear Santa, game I would also like a dog plus a video now

Dear Santa, I want a basketball cort This year I think I have and a computer and a scooter, precious moments

Dear Santa, I want a badeblad, Bikking Bottom on Playstaition 2. Iv been motorscooter, transformer, X-box, game cube,

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike and a Xhope you can get my brother some new DVD's box. I also want a motersycle. And a moterscooter. Love, Kimberleigh

> And 2 wraps. Your friend, Phillip Dear Santa, I wood like a dirt bike please for the color red. I will give you and your

Please bring me sume motorscooter, second of all I want a hamster 3rd present a game boy advances, motorscooter of all I want a kereokee macion and finaly a Cd computer transformer trampoline Your friend,

Dear Santa. I whould like a motorcycle p.s.2 A motor scooter. An Dirt bike. I would like these five And trampoline. I will leve you cookies and milk. I will leve your reindeers food if we have some. Your friend, Austin

Dear Santa. I wood like two gameboy SP's one for my mother and one for me. One play Narnia boxed set. And finally I want a hamster. station 2 one game. And I will live you some milk and cookies. Your freind, Randy

Dear Santa, I want some boots and I I you would please I want some clothes and a computer and some shoes and a trampoline. I bine good. Your freind,

for real, his name is Fluffy, jewery and earing shoes and a transformer and basketball and a game cube. Yor friend, Kaleb I want a goatcar Dear Sata,

I want a X-box and a

Dear Sata.

I want a new bicycle and rollerblader a horse bullseye ball moterscooter

I want a motor scooter gameboy and a X box. I want a new movie and computer alas game cube and game boy advance shoes and basketball shoes alas a X-box

> Dear Santa, I want a previous moments, red bell, x-box, all 9 planets with a holder and theamometer. Your friend, Sydnie Dear Santa, I want a bike for

Christmas. My cousin is going to by me sum

wallballs. My mom is going to by me sum shoes. My aunt is going to by me a neckles. I wan't a scooterboard. Your friend, Brandy Dear Santa, I want a motorscooter and

a gameboy and clothes for my baby doll. I will leave you milk and cookies. Your friend, Taylor

Sant can you Please brang ne a x-box dirt bike and clothes shoes and ansformer motorcycle and a moter coter compaline and a game boy advance sp 'vrap and game cube and a precious moments Your

For Christmas I want a scooter, a radio, a bike, a CD and a trampoline. I trid to be good. Love, Alondra Rosas

For Christmas I want a Dear Santa, truck, a tractor with a trailor, some boots and spurs, and a rope. Thank you, Santa. Love, Billy For Christmas I want

Play station 2, transformers, Gamecube and a Gameboy Game. I have tried to be good this year. I love you. Carson Kirkpatrick For Christmas I want a

Bar Bie doll, a toy doll and a toy box full of toys. I will leave a treat for you. Thank you Santa. Love, Casie Eller Dear Santa, For Christmas I want

some tennis shoes with scooter wheels. Evelin Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a

power ranger, game boy and a He man. I will leave some cookies and some milk. I chride to be For Christmas I want a

umprop, a doll, a radyowe, a baby bear and a tramplene. Thank you, Santa. I trid to be good. Love, Hayley Lucian

For Christmas I want a pupe, a pogo stick, transformers, a ball, a skooter, a kupooter, a Christmas book and a bingo game. Thank you, Santa. Jaime Marquez

For Christmas I want a

Dear Santa,

leave a treat for you. Thank you. Love, Katy Dear Santa, For Christmas I want red skates, a radio, a doll, a toy dog and a game. I will

karaoke machine and a little pink ball. I will

leave a treat for you. Thank you Santa. Love, Kelbie Oden For Christmas I want a Dear Santa.

trampoline. Love, Madison Carr For Christmas I want a bike, a bubble clock, a camera and a dog. I have tried to be good this year. I will leave a treat for

you. Thank you Santa. Love, Paige Crispen For Christmas I want Dear Santa, Barie of Swan Lake and the movie of Swan Lake

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want Power rangers, toy dert bike and Bingo games. I have tried to Be good this year. I will leave a treat for you. Thank you Santa. Love, Luis Saucedo

For Christmas I want a to be good this year. I will leave a treat for you. Love, Javier Esparza

Dear Santa, year. Would yo please bring me a bardbe haus, a tv and a borebe babee. Love, Clarissa Martinez

I have been good this you please bring me a rado and a modorsical, and wantinting a new puppie, well I gess some Tony I'ill leav you some cookie and milk. Your friend, year. Would you please bring me Brats and a you ge wo cords. Love, Jose Ballezo cuputer and a suit case, tv and a brats skouder and

> I have been good this Dear Santa,

year. Would you please bring me a barbe, a modarcicle and a coar. I will bring coces and mile for you. Love, Cassandra Eighinger

I have been good this yer Dear Santa, an al day. I wat a dog, an a pupe, and I wat a stireo and a play stashun 2 an I wat a motrisicl. I am bike, Christmas tree, a power ranger. I have tried brengin you 2 cukies and 2 glsses of milc. Love, Siddrick Jefferson

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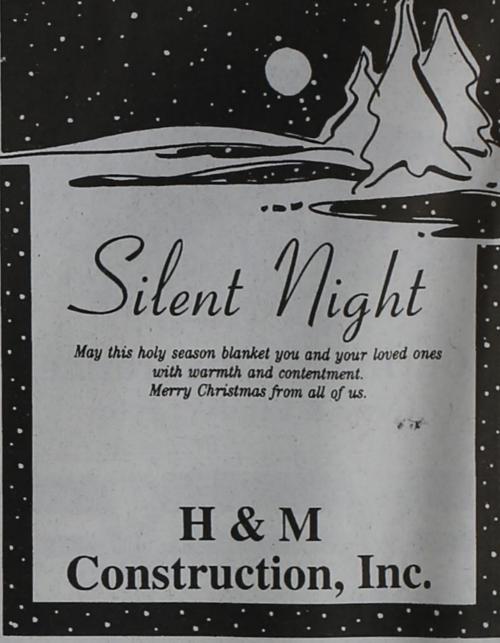
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I have been good this Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a modrskudr bord and a kumpudr. Love, Wyatt Noel Benham Dear Santa, I have been good. Would

> Dear Santa, I have ben good ol year

a lot of the cat in the hat move and lots of books. long. Pleaz give me sumpresits. I want skates, a





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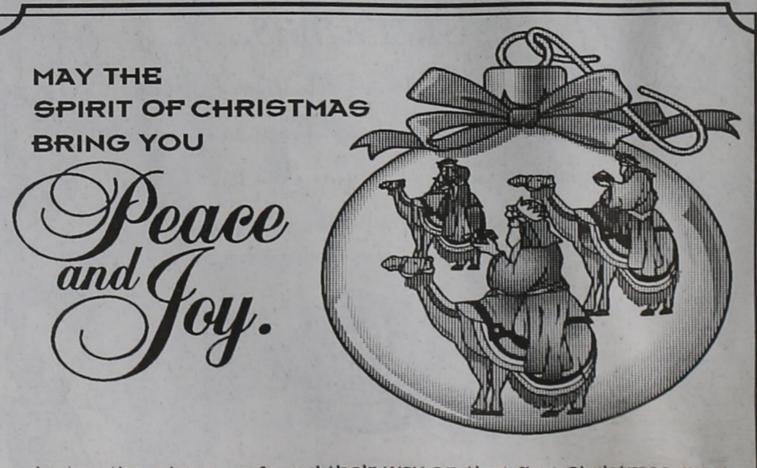
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Bless you for your kindness throughout this past year. It has meant a lot to us.

Merry Christmas to all.

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Just as the wise men found their way on that first Christmas, may you, and your loved ones, be gulded by the light of His love this holiday season, and evermore.

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the joys of

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medub. Would you bring me a yu-gi-ho crods Katelyn Jewell d can you bring me a game boy evans spy me? Love, Roy (R.J.) Perez

Dear Santa, ar. Please bring me a barbe hause. I wot a barbe Stone t and a swime poll. I wat a play phone. Love, nber Aguilar

Dear Santa, I have been good this ar. Would you pleze bring me a Barbe house, d a barbe. Thank you. Love, Victoria Herrera Dear Santa, I have been good tis year. ill you please bring me a xbox with games of

Greetings from

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Dear Santa,

sumz rodrus and a tv. Love, John Ramirez I have been good this dolls. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

atbord, and a play stashun2. I will give you year. Would you please bring me a modorel and m milk and cookies. I whish you a Merry exbox, tevi, lod of the ring game kube, and the Barbie video camera and a doll for Christmas. I

Dear Santa, I have been good this Basquez I have been good this year. Would you please bring me a barbe, a barbe ar. Would you please bring me a zbox and a house, a xdox, a brat and a brat house. Love, motorscooter, a motorcycle, and a fourwheeler.

I have been good this Dear Santa, year. Would you please bring me a barbby hous, a dog, and a baby doll for Christmas. Love, I have been good this play phone and a play motursikl. Love, Jayci Rebecca Perez

I have been good this Dear Santa, year. Would you please bring me a xbox and abladla and a pla stashun 2 and a game namd the powr of ju ju on a gamboy and a gamboy sp and a game cald scandr emainder and a game cud. Love, Josiel Delgadillo

I would like a motor aabab and civus deck yu-gi-ho and a play stash scooter, a box of make-up and a dog. I would like twins, a horse for my Doll house and a toy with yugi-ho. Game box with vens whith the some dolls, some nail polish, skates and cD's. I would like some Bitey twins and a horse for my

Dear Santa, I would like a motorcycle. I would like a bigger motorscooter.

I would like a cat and a dog. Love, Erik Gomez Dear Santa. I would like to have a will leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Tye

I would like a Dear Santa, Love, Hector Chapa

I would like roller skates, Dear Santa,

I would like a Spay Gear, Dear Santa, some movies, a Game Boy, games for my Play Station, and games for my Game Boy. Love,

Dear Santa, I would like a Play Station 2, a motor scooter, a skateboard and a motorcycle dirtbike. Love, Jarred

Dear Santa. I would like the Bity reindeer of Rudolph. I love you: Love, Addison

I would like a Packman Gameboy, a motorscooter and a trampoline for Christmas. Love, P.J. Morales

Dear Santa. I would like a game board, a tractor, a little kitten, a four wheeler, a play station and some blocks. Love, Peter Klassen I would like a necklace, a Dear Santa, bike,, earrings and a Barbie car for Chistmas. Love, Kelsie Whitehead

I would like a motorscooter, an X-Box and CDs for my Xbox. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Joel Andrade

I would lik a motorscooter, a play station 2 and a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. How are your reindeer? Love, Guillermo Bautista

I would like a four Dear Santa, wheeler. I would like a teddy bear. I would like a big book. Love, Tamara Moore

Bring me pink earrings. I Dear Santa, love you and you love me. Love, Amber Guerrero I want a sailboat and a Dear Santa, game. Love, Kade Smith

I want a Super Mario Dear Santa, game. Santa buy me a Hot Wheels Race Car. Love, Joel Lopez

want a robot, and I want my mom a necklace.

Love, Alonzo Armendariz

and a ninja turtle. I want a toy squirrel. Love,

I want the Hulcans, and I Dear Santa, Dear Santa Claus, Will you bring me a big TV and two dolls? Love, Ebony Fitch I want a T-rex dimosaur

Elijah Janssen

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May you enjoy the beauty and love that is Christmas, and remember the true spirit of this holy time.

Peace to all.

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Bring me a toy and some clothes. Love, Crystal Delgado

I want a playhouse and Dear Santa, a Barbie with it. Love, McKenzie Ward Este es mi casa. Por Dear Santa, favor, traes un trampoline. Gracias, Elizabeth

Please bring me a Dear Santa, bracelet and a necklace. Love, Adriana Trinidad Dear Santa. I want a toy robot, and I want a monster truck. Love, Corey Cruse

Thanks, Santa. I don't Dear Santa. want anything. Love, Jared Araiza

I have been a good girl Dear Santa, and I want a nice presin please. Can you bring my sister and brother a present each too. Thay have kind of been bad. I know what I want for Cristmas. A Barbie doll family a for real friend and my sister would like three Polly boys. More clothes her Pollys also. I hope my sister will get it. My bruther would like a new sippy cup and some books. We will be so happy and so will my Mommy and daddy. I hope I am on the good list again. Torie

Dear Santa, I think my family should get something enjoyable. I think my mom deserves a lot of things such as some lemon flavored candy and mini van, a nice dress with lace. Me a lock, chain and key, a bow and a you.

Dear Santa, I might be on the naughty list Santa. I woold like a new per of shoos. I just wish you a mery Christmas Santa. I hope you are safe on your way around the world. T.J. Basques

Dear Santa, I have been very good this month but I'm afraid if I'm on the naughty list. Please bring me a nice gift. I want a CD player, a blue robe, Bratz collection and blue slippers would be a good gift. I'll be good next year. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. Kristiana

Hope Perez Dear Santa, Hy. My name is Vanessa Leann Esparza. And I realy belivng you. So I'm going to tell you want for Christmas is a bynder, a cd player, a backpack and clothes. But if I am on the nauty list do not bring me nothing. If I am not would bring it please. Least I'm thankful is for my famly. Thanks Santa. Vanessa Leann

My name is Veronica and I like a bike for Christmas because I always wanted a bike. I would like a brat doll collection. I would like for me and my mom to go to the mall on Christmas eve. I would also like for my family to stay home on Christmas. Veronica

Dear Santa, I'm probably on the naughty list so I just want one little Tech football suit. If I'm not on the naughty list I would like

a Long Horns suit and a Tech suit. Army stuff, like a green helmet, so my brother want hit me in the head. A deer hunting game or a bow and arrow would be a great gift

Dear Santa, I think I'm on the nauty list, but if I am I wish for a nice gift anyway

May all your prayers be answered during this season of miracles.

David & Gloria Hernandez Bryan & Alex Hart

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We want to wish everyone all good things in this festive season. Thank you so very much for your support and loyalty.

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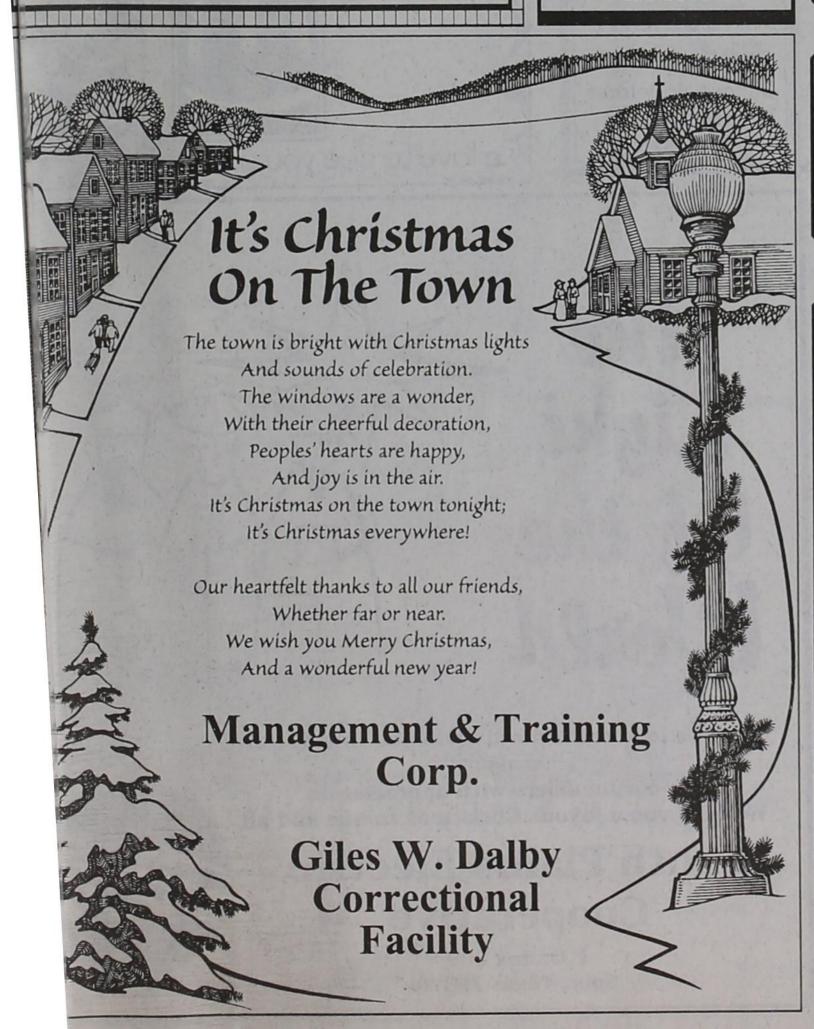
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Letters to Santa

dolls on it. I will try to do better next year.

Dear Santa, year. I don't want to pester you, but I have a lot a few boxes of clay pigeons. Love, Aaron Macy of things on my Christmas list. It is OK if you can't bring all of it because I already have a lot and a Play Station. Please bring some games for phone. Love, Janice Curtis already under the tree from my family. I want for the Play Station. Love, Isaac Andrade Christmas is radio animal, gmeboy, TV pillow and a pair of skates size 2. Love, Julie Boren I would like to have a

for Christmas. I would like a doll set with the new guitar tuner, a new drum set and a Fisher bottle, the clothes, the shoes and the passafire for radio. I want some Play Station 2 games called Go Cart, Dirt Bike, \$500 and a motor scooter. us Christmas. I want Kim Possible clothes. I my doll named Stephanie. I would like a purse Tak and The Power of Juju, Tony Hawk's I have been good this I would like to have pair of hunting boots. I like a laptop computer. Love, Taylor Soto

I want a motor scooter Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, racing horse. Can you get Mrs. Torres something my grandma an angel. Love, Bobbie Escobar

I would like some Neo Pet cards. I would like to have a new sketch pad. I would like a new binder. a go cart. I would like a volleyball net, a bike and bring me a Gameboy? I also would like a motor

Dear Santa.

Love, Armando Martinez

Dear Santa,

corn, that's okay. Love, Jordan Duran

I wish for an X Box 2, a

For Christmas I want a swimming pool and roller skates. Please bring I would like a bike and roller skates. I hope you come to my house. Please bring a football, basketball and a soccer

Christmas is a Game Cube, a motor scooter and

Oven, \$50, an electric scooter and a real cell

ball. Thank you, Santa. Love, Jose Rodriguez I would like a karaoke machine, an Easy Bake Oven and a Brats Head. I would also like some boots that go up to my

knees. Love, Leticia Soto All I want for Christmas is a motor scooter, bike, an Easy Bake Oven and play cars. I know that you are a very good man. I hope you are going to bring all that stuff. Love, Macie Clark

Dear Santa; I want a fishing pole, a Cube, a new Uno card game machine and 14 carat gold earrings. Love, Brenda St. Clair

Dear Santa, like a camping set, a go cart, Marine set and a Lara Play Station 2. Love, Francisco Gonzalez Dear Santa,

year? We have missed you. Can you please give us some presents? I would like Baby Shoo Shoo, her hand she will walk. That would be fun! Love,

Dear Santa, player and a babydoll. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve if you get hungry.l Love, Jordan McAuley

Dear Santa, I am glad to see Christmas! I would like a Baby Shoo Shoo, a Gameboy and I like a Go Go Walking Pup. A real pet rat would be fun too. Love, Ragin Kimmons

I want a Gameboy and a Spiderman shirt and new shoes. I also want a backpack. I am a good boy. I am in kindergarten. I am five years old. Your friend, Danny Garcia a new clock? I need some new clothes like pants

want to know about your reindeers. Do they fly TV. If I had a tint I would be happy. This is what fast? I wonder how they fly. Your friend, Nate I want for Chrismas is a new red and blue bike.

I love you. I love you way you go in the sky. I want a Strawberry Shortcake that when you squeeze her stomach she will smell like strawberries. My sister wants a toy about Jesus and a book about Christmas. Love, Alexandra Perez

I want football pads. I Dear Santa, want to play football with my cousin. We will both have pads. Football is my favorite thing. My favorite team is the Cowboys. Who is your

she wanted when she was little? Love, Alejandra favorite team? Your friend, Calvin Seago

How are you doing? I want a Barbie house. I love you, Santa. Are your I would like a Game Boy, deer corn, dirt bike. If you can not bring the deer elves busy? How are your reindeers doing? I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Savina Gomez

Thank you for bringing What I want for year. Love, Taylor Roberts

Dear Santa, Please Santa would you I want new Easy Bake Santa. Your friend, Michael Palos

Dear Santa, I have a brand new house. It will be in Crowley, Texas. Would you please I want a bike, a swing set, leave me a scooter, a play truck and a Spiderman.

I love you Santa. Your friend, Keegan Perez I am glad we have Christmas. I love you. I would like a boat with a

Barbie vacation. Your friend, Karina Perez Dear Santa, I would like a new bike for Christmas. I have been a good boy. Your friend, Aron Lopez

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing my family presents. I want to see a reindeer. How do they fly? I hope you will bring me Ella and a trampoline. I love you, Mickenzie Brownlow

I want a Gameboy. I love you. I also want a football and thank you. Your friend, Miguel Gomez Dear Santa, I want a CD player. I

want a new CD. I want some princess dresses for button maker, an Easy Bake Oven, a Lite Brite 4 school. Thank you for making us a good Christmas day. Love, Gabby Soto Dear Santa, I want a Gameboy. I want

For Christmas I would a TV and I love you Santa. Your friend, Nathaniel Am I on the bad list? If I Dear Santa,

Did you have a good am on the bad list, will you please bring me a good gift? How is your raindeer? What about Rudolf? Is he being good? Are you doing good? a Gameboy and a Baby First Walk. If you hold I hope you are doing good. Love, Jonah Garza

I know I've been bad and Dear Santa, I know I am probly on the naughty list. All I am I want a radio, a CD asking for is a big present for Chrismas please. And I want some dreamcast games and a begun. And cowboys football suit. If I am not on the bad list I want two football suits and hunting overalls. Can I have another big present for my brothers? I promis to be good next year. And a new bike?

Dear Santa, What I want for Chrismas is a new blue scooter machine. A Barbie car for my Barbie would be a good gift. For Chrismas I would also like a fish like a goldfish. May I have I want a Gameboy SP. I and a sweater. I would also like a Tom and Jerry Brianna Reed

Dear Santa, I hope I've been on the good list. I would like a goat car and a mountain bike. I also want a red shovel tracter without a cab and a backhoe. I would also a red combine and fourlift. I would like a black cowboy hat. And I also would a remocontrol jet. And a real horse with a saddle. Thank you. Abe

Dear Santa, I hope I'm on the good

list because I don't want coal in my stocking this and I want one more thing tramplyn. Love, year. Anyway, what I want for Christmas is a girl brat doll, a boy brat doll and some brat doll shoes. I would also like a polly doll. This is for Mrs. Claus. I read my nickelodean magazine and called, "The Santa Claus" and it showed me that family gifts. Love, Pake wanta bike and a wig. I have been a good girl all Christmas wouldn't be complete without you. scooter. I have been a good boy. Merry Christmas especially Rudolph and all the other raindeer I said, "Hello." Please give them all a pat on the head for me. One last thing, can you tell all the elfs thank you? Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus!

> Hello. My name is Travis. Dear Santa. I still want a gift. Mabey ide a skuner or a plastashn or a dragen balls controller. I still like rainders. Love, Daniela Alaniz you santa. Your friend, Travis

wash the dishes so I want you to bring me a bike because I never had one and I want you to bring me stove to make pancakes I always wanted that to make cakes and my friend can play with my bike and stove and my friends can play altogether

I deserve a gift because I was nice to my friend and family and teachers. I was helping around the house. Are you married I saw you wanted a letter also. I wached a movie do elfs have pointy ears? Will you give my

Dear Santa Clause, I worked hard for my dad So, Mrs. Claus don't be too jealous of Santa. You and I have cleaned my room for my mom, dad both are wonderful parts of Christmas. Tell and my brother and my brother wants a new Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitsen, Prancer and vidio game, my dad wants a new saddle, my mom wants a medalcross and I want a air hockey game for Christmas. Your friend, Campbell Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa Clause, I want a gife becaue I help my mom to claen th house. I ben nice to my friend and cind. I want a big bans ball in Chrismas and a big house to play in. What do you find you

Dear Santa Claus, I ben good I would wash Dear Santa Clause, I have helped my mom to dishes at night, and I wold though the tras, and walk my nabes dog at the parck in the afternoon. I woud like to hav a xbox, and a bike with no traning wheels, and a 5 hot wheels pleas, and a litt moter sikle, and a 3 cd of ginglebels and a cd

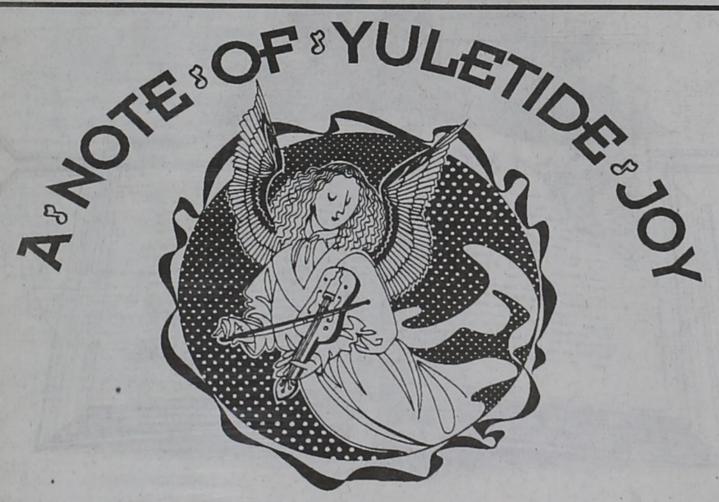




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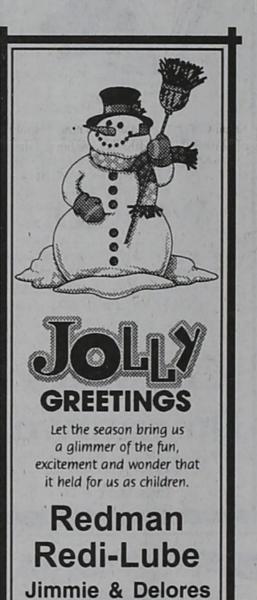


As heavenly carols fill the air, and the lights and decorations add to the Christmas spirit, it's the perfect time to thank you and tell you how much we appreciate having you as our customer. We look forward to seeing you in the near future, and we wish you a glorious holiday, and a wonderful new year.

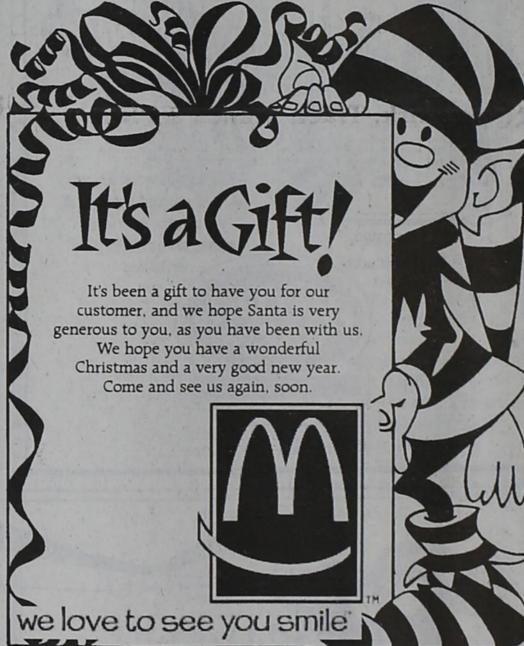


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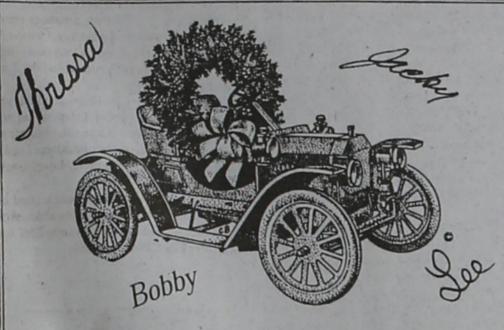
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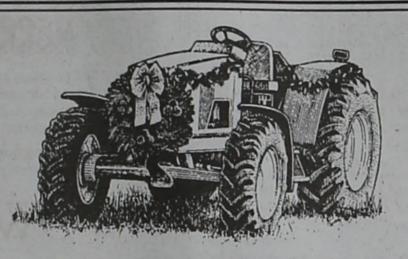
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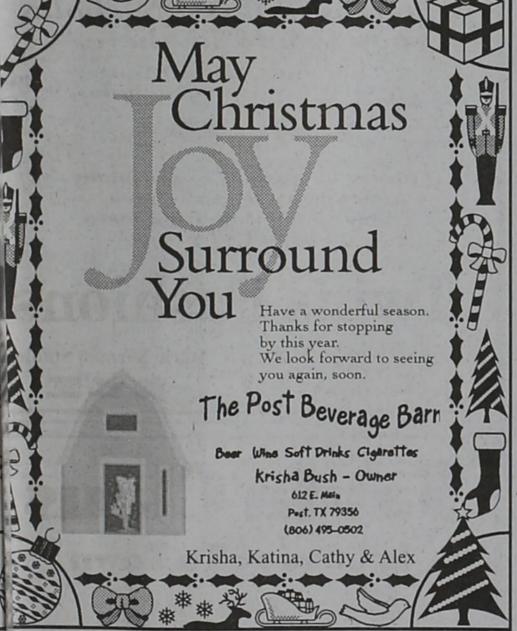


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of pcoutoph the song and a nothred of your song you Santa. Also I want a big Sponge Bob to sleep pleas, and a toy car from toys are us, and a little with. Love, Pete Esparza bike that has traning wheels, and another bike but it has to be a pet bull dg. From, Junior

ant's food with a five doller bill and then she kitten. Love, Ashlee Gray gave me a ten doller bill and will you please give spidemanglovs, and can you please bring my milk. Love, Haley Greathouse. family something and a bird and my casens and

the lefrim. Do you have a radeer. I want a book and a Sprite and a hot dog. I love you Santa. And about Chrismis. Your friend, Felipe Vargas

Dear Santa Classe, I have been good. I woud new close and a basketball. Love, Rubi

this year. I do my trorse every day after school. Perez Do you no what I want for Christmas. I want a and Buttercup, my sisters dog, get her a little cookies and milk. Love, Tristan Read cauler. Love, Matti Smith

Tyson Scott

house and I would like for you to by me a some fake butter flies too. Love, Kyrsten keryokey, clothes, shos, moder scooter, bike, crismas cedes, radeoa, chapstick, gameboy and some Hulk Hands. I also want some clothes advanc and could you bring Matti some clothes. shos. Love, Taylor

Dear Santa Clase, I want a scatebord fo Christmas. Do you have a wife and raindeer and elfs. Can you make toys. Will it snow on chrismas. Do you like cookies and mik. Do you live in the north pole. Love, Hayden

Dear Santa Clause, I have been very good this year. I have un loded the dishwasher three times, put up the dishes, and cleaned my room five times. I would like one Hover Dise, a Hllory Duff CD, a Rainbow Art Set, and a globe. Will you bring a Amarican doll like mine for Taylor Annie Osborn and some dress up clothes for Hayley Lynn Brownlow and a Spiterman suit for Landon Curt Greer. Love, Sara Michelle Greer

I have been very nice to my friends this year. I have helped my family do things. Why do you come down our chiminie. You're the best Santa! Will you bring my brother a big with a remote controle and it talks to him. Will you bring my sister a frame with lepord skin on the edges. Will you bring my parents some fake flowers. I would like a trampuleen and Bop It. Love, Hayley Brownlow

Dear Santa. I have trayed to be a good girl this year. I have done good by having A & B on my reporcards. But I would like this year a mini CD player and a video now. I would like one more thing and that is some fun activite color books. Thank you Santa. Please come see me some times. Love always, Pamla Lea Spann

I want a black bike and a motorcycle. I want a trampoline and clothes. I want Hulk Hands and a football and a Hulk man. will leave you cookies. Love, Robert Archuleta

I want a remote controlled red truck and a red car with Dale Ernhart. I really want a trampoline and new boots. I will leave you a hamburger and a burrito. I also want some new clothes and a new puppy that's black. Hayden Benham

I want a GI Joe and a new trampoline and a new red bike and a basketball. I need some new hunting boots and a hunting clothes. I will leave you cookies and one for Rudolf. Tallen Burns

Dear Santa, I want a new red bike and a clock and a new little good red and black puppy. And 4 computers for all my family. And 4 games for all the computer. And a new goldfish with a new tank. And a new Spiderman shirt. And a new tennis ball. I will leave you a gingerbread man and some milk. Love, Dylan

I want a new blue bike and a scooter. And I want a new computer and Barbie dolls. I really want a red real kitty and a Teddy Bear. I need shoes and some clothes and boots. I will have you cookies and milk. Love,

Destiny Dear Santa, I want some new boots and new backpack. I want some cars and a computer. And a Game Boy and Army stuff. I want a new kitten, a gray one. I will leave you cookies and a present. Love, Christian Delgado

I want some Hulk hands and a remote-controlled car and a new football and a swimming pool and a new trampoline. And some new hunting boots and hunting clothes. I really want an airplane and play animals. A new hat. I will leave some brownies and a coke. I love

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, with traning wheels, and a xbox whith 15 games Oven and a trampoline and a new purple bicycle pleas. And a rule dog but a puppy, little puppy, and some new clothes. New Barbie stuff. And a new jacket some new shoes. I really want a Dear Santa Claues, I'v been good cause I swimming pool. I will leave you some brownies helped my mom clean the car and I payed for my and a glass of milk. I love you. Also, I want a

Dear Santa, I want a new red bike, me a game boy advance and a water gun, an and a pair of skates, and a trampoline. My sisters xbox, game cube, shoes, moter scooter, a bike, and me want a basketball goal and some clothes dirtbike, jewry, ancrable halk, halk hand, and shoes. I will leave you some cookies and

I want a new bear and a dirt bike and my other casen something a bike. new red bicycle and a really new swimming pool and a football. I want a brand new little puppy Dear Santa Clase, Ideserve a gift 'cas I clean and a new wagon too. I will leave you a hamburger

some dog food. Love, Keshawn Jefferson Dear Santa, I want a new baby white like to have a dvd player and a game boy avance kitty and a swimming pool. I also want some new and a little brown pup and moter scoter. Some clothes and shoes. I want some new Barbie stuff, and a new computer. I will leave you some Dear Santa Claws, I have been a good girl cookies and tea. I love you Santa. Love, D.J.

Dear Santa, I want a Game Boy with Apex 5" portable DVD player, I want to ask you games, and a football and some skates. I really how many elfs do you have? I hope you fill my want a little trampoline and a new little kitten and stocking up. Can you give my brothe Sterling a a Sea World toy. I want a new green bike and a playstash two, and my sister Emily a new bracelet, really brand new computer with some games. I and my sisters feeonsay C.R. get him a new coat, want a toy killer whale. I will leave you some

Dear Santa, I want a white lion and a Dear Santa Clase, Ibeen good at being water hamster and a orange little kitten. I really want a boy. I want a pack of Yu-gi-ho cards. My dog has new trampoline and a new purple bike. I want a been chasing car and she wanta a pillow that she little birdie, and some new black boots and can lay on. Santa how are your rain deer. Love, clothes that are blue. And some real dress clothes and a computer. I will leave you gingerbread Dear Santa Claus, I have been good at my mans and some milk. I want you to bring me

> Dear Santa, I want a pair of new boots



Hope you celebrate in style. Thanks for visiting us this

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and The Lion King. I really want a trampoline and a new blue bicycle. Some new trucks and a motorcyle and a wagon. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Love, Christopher Rosas I want a motorcycle and

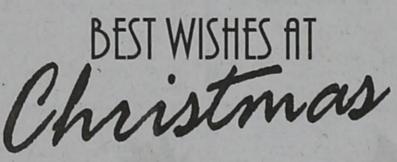
a Game Boy and some Army stuff. I also want an airplane and a skateboard and a new remotecontrolled car. And puppets and some boots and clothes and a toy horse. And Sponge Bob. I will leave you some puppet cookies. Love, Tyrelle



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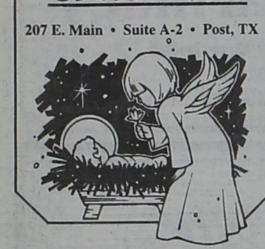
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and clothes. I want a trampoline and swimming pool. I want a new blue bike and a real kitty. I have been a good girl this year, please bring me Sierra Freeman

want some new boots and some new clothes. I a baby stroller and baby and makeup, Thank you will leave you some milk and cookies. Love, for my presents last year. How are your reindeers doing. I love you. Morgan Lynch I am 4 years old. I want a Dear Santa, stroller and a carrier for my babies. My puppy been real good this year. Please bring me a Brat

Wishing you a glorious

season, with our thanks.



Dear Santa, I am four years old. I

I am 5 years old. I have also needs a sweater and something else to chew girl and a Brat boy and a Barbie doll house for me to share with my sister. I love you. Lauren Lynch

> Dear Santa and Mrs. Clause, This is Katie. My dad wants a big candy car. I want a Secret Spell Barbie and more food for my Easy Bake Oven. Merry Christmas. I love you. Katie Colvin

> Hi! How have you been? Dear Santa, My name is Quincey and I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a TV, a video and clothes. I also have a little brother, David Andrew, and he has been a good boy this year. He is 1 year and 9 months old. He would like a John Deere gator and some clothes and any other toys you would like to bring him. I will leave some milk and cookies out for you. Thank you. Quincey N. Quintana David Andrew

> I've been really good this year. I hope I get this letter delivered. I want a serpent cyclone, stunster, rewindey, tazmania and regarator. I also want a crayon maker. Love,

> I have been really good. I Dear Santa, want a Christmas toy and since I love my toys, I will be glad when Christmas Eve is over. I want a Barbie scooter and a Barbie shirt and Barbie pants, shoes, socks, snow suit and a Barbie musical box. Love, Shandi

> Dear Santa, I have been really good this year! I would like a stretchy Polly Pocket toy, a new bicycle, real baby diapers and lots of

> chocolate! I will bake you some cookies and

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golden moments to cherish always.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a Video Now, another coloring book and I want a little playhouse. How did you move to the North Pole? Love, Quincey Quintana Dear Santa, For Christmas I would

Mason

like a TV, a Go-Go Pup and a Bratz doll. I have outside of Gail. Love you, Merik Valentine been a good girl this year. How do you get around? Love, Destiny Ramirez For Christmas I would Dear Santa,

control racecar. What are your reindeer called?

Power Rangers. Where do you live, Santa? Love, bring me a big jar of cherry peppers! I am also Santa! Love, Matthew Edel Sanchez

like a Play Station 2, a Christmas tree and a think that's all we have. Love, Rhaeden Bland him a long horns hair to put in his room. And for scooter that goes real fast. Where do you live, Santa? Love, Sammy Soto

like a Play Station 1, a motor scooter and a bike Love, T.J. Doyle - a fast bike! What are your reindeer called? Love, Rhett Summar Dear Santa,

like a motor scooter and I want a bug barn. Are needs a saddle blanket and saddle. My mom you nice Santa? Love, Joshua Torres For Christmas I would Colton Dear Santa,

like a Barbie car that's big and two kids can get in there, a Barbie and a Santa toy. I have been a on my room and a four-wheeler. Benny would good girl this year. Love, Destany Whiteley

shapener. I have ben a good kid. I helped my mom do the dishes. Do you have raindeer? Do need a new pocket knife. Merry Christmas! you have a wife? Can you get me sister a Barie Love, Cayden set? Can you get my mom mewlrey? For chirstmes? Your friend, Kelly

wants a wrestling movie. Love, Makayala Love, Sean Herrington

Dear Santa, and white sandals. I want a trampoline and a new would like a diamond ring. Mimi would like a scooter 'cause my other one broke. Emma wants a Barbie bathtub. She is 3 years old. Olivia wants lot. She also would like a foot and back massagere. a basketball. She's 11. Daddy needs a radio, and Daddy needs a new knife. I have been a good gift. Mom wants a drinkholder for her exercise bike. Love, Keelie I live at Gail, Texas. I live next to Mrs. Wallace.

leave them for you! I love you! Love, Mallory kinda good. Love, Zoie Key

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good girl this year. Love, Mallory Ammons

do you live, Santa? Love, Cody Carranza

a hard time. Love, Nathan Collazo

Dear Santa,

Love, Bobby Collins

Dear Santa,

Jonathan Davis

Dear Santa,

this year. Love, Isaah Garcia

Christmas! Love, Bailey Morgan

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

Kaitlyn Overton

Dear Santa,

Love, Brayden Permenter

my size. Can I have a cop hat and glasses too? I

like a football and a car and a bike. I want a toy.

like a new bike, a basketball, a party hat and a

like some books and a scooter. I have been a Camree wants some balloons. I live in a red rock be at Grandmother's. Love, Mackenzie and brick house in Post. Gingerbread cookies and milk will be in the kitchen. Daddy needs a little red wagon. My Pawpaw would like some like a racing car track and Power Rangers. Where lawnmower and a screwdriver. Mama needs new tools. I would like a four-wheeler and a 22/ For Christmas I would Papa wants a new gun. I am always good. Love, Miller would like an exercise bike. Thank you, like a new skateboard and a little cop car that's Channing Miller

Dear Santa, I don't live at Post has been good, too. Ty and I both want a red Frank remote-controlled dirt bike with a guy on it. For Christmas I would Love, Brandon Pewitt

Dear Santa, Christmas tree. I want some presents too. Love, My house has a pipe sticking out the window for tools. I love Christmas. Love, Eva the smoke to go out. I want a GI Joe and some Santa? I have been a good girl. Love, Selena Love, Samuel Raborn

Dear Santa. For Christmas I would Christmas. I would also like to get my sister her Your friend, Celina like a Dino Thunder movie with dinosaurs in it, own computer. I want to get my little brother, racing cars a fluffy doggie holding candy canes Trace, a toy motorcycle and my big brother, new camo knife. I would like a Play Station and a Wire Force sword. I have been a good boy Tanner, a toy dirt bike. For my mom, please game and some new camo jeans. I need some needs some new shirts. You can drop these friend, Riley Smith like a baby doll and a school house and a toy things off at Gail, Texas. I live in a brown house Thank you for everything we get. Have a great ate it all last year. Love, Tatum Richey

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would play flame motorcycle. I live on the other side of like a motor scooter, an army man and a remote sleep on the couch, and when you come in I will Brittney wake up. Love, Flint Roberts

year? I wanted to ask you for a new bat mobile boots. Love, Kayla that has two seat in it. I also wanted to ask you to bring my mom a necklace. Hey, could you also - a puppy, shoes, markers, coloring books, a doll, put in one more Spiderman for me please? Go socks, money, stamping stuff and a TV of my ahead and drop this off at the red brick house own in my very own room. Love, Teryn

Dear Santa, you how to get there. I now live on the Lubbock so I just need a play station two! Or my own like a remote control car, a mo-ped and a lot of Highway in a brown brick house. I want you to puppy! I would kike a new bike! Merry Christmas interested in a chalkboard and a play motorcycle. For Christmas I would I will leave you some milk and a hot dog bun. I Claus 2 and I want the mini pup for Taylor get

> that backs up. The reindeer can fly it to my house. Dad give him a den with new couch and a tv all For Christmas I would Ilive in a red brick house. I have been a good boy.

Please let the poor people have a good Christmas. Dylan would like baby For Christmas I would toys and Chelsea would like some makeup. Dad would like a dress. I'll leave you a snack. I ove,

Dear Santa, I would like a new door like a new shotgun and Mom likes jewelry. Dear Santa Claus, I gave my sister a pencile Please bring Dad a new motorcycle. I have been good this year. Granddad needs a new pickup. I

I would like a mini bike Dear Santa. and Nana would like a ring. My cousin Riley I want a Barbie scooter, a would like a pellet gun. Please bring Deidre a Barbie dress and a Barbie car. I live at the lake. dress and Monty a good saddle blanket and a Cookies and milk will be on the counter. Bubba saddle. Please bring everyone a happy Christmas.

Please bring me a I want a long, white dress dachshund puppy and a big great dane. Mom picture of Daddy Bill because she misses him a

Dear Santa, Please bring me a baby I will leave carrots, cookies and milk. I have been doll, a Teddy bear and a Finding Nemo movie.

Jon would like a hat. Mom needs new earrings. Dear Santa, I would like a baby Please bring Dad a new shirt. I will leave you puppy, a Swanlake Barbie and some new books. some cookies and milk. I have been good. I will

My Nanny would like a Dear Santa, some lotion. Lala needs some more puppies, and 250 rifle. I have been very good this year. Mrs. Santa. Love, Austin

Dear Santa, Please get me a pocket have woke up very good. I did not give my mom anymore. I live in Gail. I'm in the fourth house, knife and a B-B gun. Eva would like a purse. My and it is brown. I want a game cube with lots of dad likes tools. Mom would like new dishes. games and a TV. I've been a real good boy. Ty Santa, I hope you have a happy Christmas. From,

I would like a piano and Dear Santa, a big doll. Frank would like a monster truck. I live at Thomas Lake. Mom would like a necklace and Dad needs more

Dear Santa, I am doing good. I have For Christmas I would bouncy balls with handles. I will leave you some been a very good girl all year long. Now what I like a bike and some shoes. Where do you live, Santa cookies and milk. I have been a good boy. want for Christmas, X2 on DVD, Finding Nemo on DVD too, a necklace with a Yugiho monster, I want a baby puppy for any Goosebumps book and care for all my family.

I want a new rope and a Dear Santa, bring her a necklace and a bracelet. For Dad, he new cinches too, Well, that's all I want. Your Dear Santa,

I want two PS2 games. Santa. Thank you for the toys and presents. on the left. I will set out chicken for you since you They are Madden NFL 2004 and Tony Hawk Underground. A bike and a bike ramp. I also I'd like a scooter and a want a basketball rebounder. Your friend, Tanner

Dear Santa. I want some new clothes like Go-Go My Walking Pup and a TV and Bratz Borden County. It's at the OB Ranch. Also, I and Gameboy games, some more CDs. I want a dolls. I have been a good girl this year. Love, would like for the elves to fix my four-wheeler. Nintendo 64, shoes, a new bike and some makeup, It just won't run. I will start to be good all the fake nails that you put stiky pads on the bottom, For Christmas I would time. I've been good sometimes so far. I will a curlin iron and some skates, a new bed. Love,

Dear Santa, I want a new stereo at my How have you been all mom's house. I want a cowgirl hat and some nice

> Dear Santa, This is my Christmas list

I would love to have a Dear Santa, I'm not sure if you know play station two or a biger faster four-wheeler! A where I live now because I moved, so I will tell four-wheeler with a rack on it. I already have one

Dear Santa, I want the move Santa Dear Santa, I want a toy milk truck my mom give her a wide tv all to her self. And for to his self. And for Mika give her makeup and for Ehelse give her a Motecontrole car. And for Miss

Richy, give her a necklace. And two more things I want two dogs. Love, Lexi

Dear Santa, I want a remote control car. I want a hound dog. I want a tv. I want a 300 magnum. I want \$15. I want a vest caml fladge and a shirt and pants and a rifal and a bike. Love,

Dear Santa. I've been good this year I'm learning a lot in school. I live in Gail now. My house is white. I want a pencil, a bicycle and a baby doll. Jordan needs a necklace. Cookies and milk will be on the table. Love, Chayse

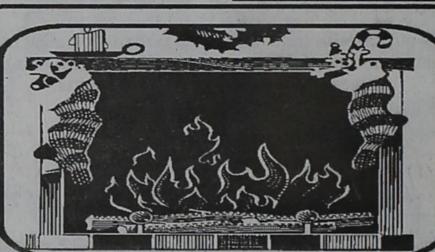
I have been a good boy Dear Santa, and I have not been fiting with my sister. And I want a four whiller. And I want Grandthef Auto Vice City. Love, Blace Stevens



We'd like to say in all sincerity, hope your season's trimmed with peace love, Joy and prosperity!

Thanks for enriching our year with your friendship.

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"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there."

> -Clement Clarke Moore, A Visit From St. Nicholas

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Merry Christmas to our many friends all over the area. May the holiday bring many wonderful surprises.

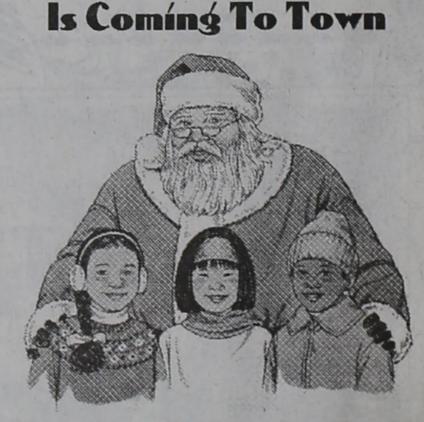
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It's time to join family and friends in joyful holiday celebrations. We hope your holiday season is the best ever.

Thanks for stopping by and making our year so special. We wish you the happiest of new years and hope you'll come to visit us again, soon.



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