

# The Brackett News

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## BISD students take first at UIL competition

Submitted by Pam Melancon and Julie Bruce  
BISD UIL Coordinators

Brackett Independent School District (BISD) elementary and junior high students took first place at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) on Dec. 9.

Fifty of BISD's brightest traveled to Sabinal to compete in academic competitions and took the top slot with a score of 1344.50 points.

La Pryor placed second with a score of 1204.50 points. Sabinal took third place with a score of 1177 and Charlotte placed fourth with a score of 84 points.

### Individual Elementary UIL Results

**Art Memory 4th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Perry, 2nd Yasmine White, 3rd Taylor Carcasi and 4th Mark Garcia.

**Art Memory 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Perry, 2nd Wyatt Blake and 3rd Nadia Rodriguez

**Creative Writing 2nd Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Hagler, 1st Alexa Solis and 2nd Abby Stoffel.

**Dictionary Skills 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Rose, 2nd Clay

Flores and 3rd Korlee Allen.

**Dictionary Skills 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Rose and 1st Priscilla Aguirre

**Listening 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Rose, 1st Shelby Schuster, 5th McKenzie Castillo and 6th Judy Adams.

**Listening 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Rose, 1st Selina Gerardo, 3rd Jasmine Pena and 4th Daylon Miller.

**Maps, Graphs, Charts 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Faulkner, 3rd McKenzie Castillo, 5th Clay Flores and 5th Marisol Gomez.

**Maps, Graphs, Charts 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Faulkner, 1st Austin Pettett, 4th Kaleb Bowers and 5th Ryan Clark.

**Mathematics:**  
Gerardo Daylon Miller, 3rd Selina Gerardo and 6th Meghann Flores.

**Music Memory 3rd Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Burks, 1st Gage Brown, 2nd Diego Luna, 3rd Kate Frerich, 4th Emma Palmer and 5th Elle Johnson.

**Music Memory 4th Grade:**

Coach Mrs. Burks, 1st Morgan Brown and 2nd Kaitlyn Partlow.

**Number Sense 4th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Bruce, 2nd Brian Stack and 6th Zachary Bowers.

**Number Sense 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Bruce and 5th Marisol Gomez.

**Number Sense 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Bruce, 2nd Meghann Flores, 3rd Sariah Guartuche and 5th Marissa Villarreal.

**Oral Reading 4th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Childress, 3rd Zachary Bowers and 5th Gabby Sandoval.

**Oral Reading 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Childress, 1st Shelby Schuster and 5th Judy Adams.

**Oral Reading 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Faulkner, 1st Ryan Clark and 2nd Austin Pettett

**Ready Writing 3rd Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. LaMascus, 2nd Walt Ashley, 3rd Gage Brown and 5th Kate Frerich.

**Ready Writing 4th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. LaMascus and

2nd Maddie Frerich.

**Ready Writing 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Melancon, 1st Shelby Schuster and 5th Nadia Rodriguez.

**Ready Writing 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Melancon and 6th Sarah Beckman.

**Social Studies 5th Grade:**  
1st Korlee Allen, 2nd Haley Smith and 3rd Clay Flores.

**Social Studies 6th Grade:**  
1st Selina Gerardo, 2nd

Marissa Villarreal and 4th Meghann Flores.

**Spelling 3rd Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Perry, 1st Elle Johnson, 2nd Max Stoffel, 3rd Gage Brown and 6th Dezarey Falcon.

**Spelling 4th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Perry, 1st Taylor Carcasi, 2nd Morgan Brown and 5th Maddie Frerich.

**Spelling 5th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Melancon, 2nd Nadia Rodriguez, 5th Shelby

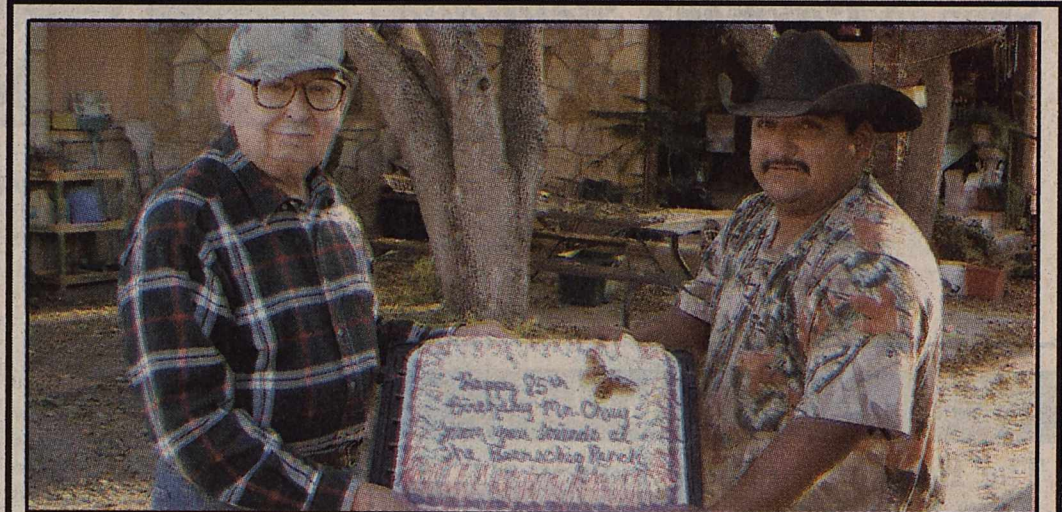
Schuster and 6th Marisol Gomez.

**Spelling 6th Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Melancon, 2nd Meghann Flores, 3rd Ryan Clark and 4th Selina Gerardo.

**Storytelling 2nd Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Plunk, 1st J.T. Rosas and 2nd Tyler Schuster.

**Storytelling 3rd Grade:**  
Coach Mrs. Plunk, 2nd Emma Palmer and 6th Elle Johnson.

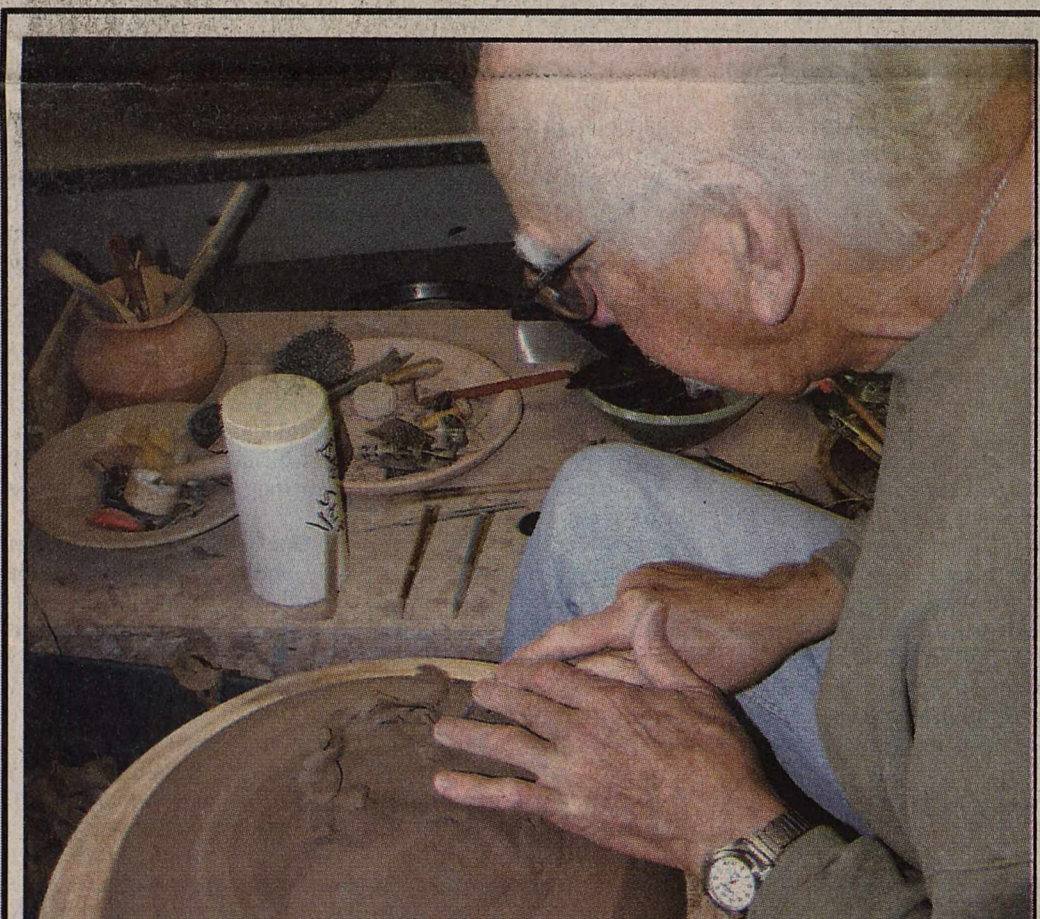
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UIL Results



**Happy 85th Mr. Chuy**  
Chuy Munoz celebrates his 85th birthday with a cake from his friends at the Boerschig Ranch. From Left: Chuy Munoz and Ranch Foreman Chuy Aguirre.  
Photo By Laura Meyer

## McNamara creates art on the fort

As the light shines through his studio, John McNamara is cool to the touch and soothing to the soul. The window on the north side of his studio, John McNamara crafts his signature pottery that



**At The Wheel**  
Potter John McNamara of Fort Clark Springs works the clay on his wheel to create a one of a kind platter.  
Photo by Leigh Volcsko

McNamara moved to Texas in June of 1996 to be close to family and is now a seven year resident of Fort Clark Springs.

"The rural appearance and the availability of the studio is what attracted me to the area," said McNamara.

McNamara's six foot, one inch frame swallows the wheel as the clay underneath his hands has no choice but to mold to the retired Chicago Firefighter's will.

Large whimsical platters with octopi floating along the edges allow the potter's personality to stand out in the mixed collection of traditional teapots, water pitchers and bowls.

Working to create pieces that feed his artistic appetite has also led to profitable sales at local art shows and area galleries.

McNamara's work can be seen at his studio, #9 Airport Road on the Fort and as far away as The Frame Maker's Gallery in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Vevihu Gallery, the Pam Bunch Studio Gallery and The Garden of the Arts Gallery, all in Del Rio also feature McNamara's pottery.

**Editor's Note:** John McNamara's work will be on display at newspaper office during the month of January, 2007.

## TBN 1ST ANNUAL County Christmas Competition

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- Fort Clark Springs Administration Office
- Rio Grande Electric on Hwy. 90
- Martinez Residence on Sheedy Street
- Smith Residence Unit 14, 55 Las Palmas, FCS
- Houses along Colony Row on FCS
- Justice Residence on Hwy. 334
- Tommy Flores Residence on West Edwards Street
- City Hall on W. Spring Street
- Garcia Residence on Bowleg, FCS
- Masters Condos, 951 Fairway Circle, FCS
- Wright Residence, 600 E. First Street
- O'Keefe Residence in The Oaks, FCS
- Daley Residence 42 Plaza Menorca, FCS
- Triple T Ranch Gate, 17 miles out on N. 674

## News BRIEFS

### Tiger Band Flu Shots Concert

The Tiger Band Christmas Concert. It will be Mon, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

### Grief Support Group

South Texas Urgent Care Center, 3040 E. Main Street in Uvalde (behind Applebees) is now offering flu shots for \$30. For more information call, 830-278-1166.

### 4H News

Canyon. **Friday 12/15:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney at LaPryor continued. **Saturday 12/16:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney at LaPryor continued. **Monday 12/18:** Varsity and Jr. Varsity Basketball Game in Medina at 4:00 p.m. **Wednesday 12/20:** Early out at 1:00 p.m. PreK-3rd Grade Assembly at 9:00a.m. 4th-6th Grade Assembly at 10:00 a.m. **Thursday 12/21:** School Holiday. **Friday 12/22:** School Holiday.

### Chamber Christmas Party

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Christmas and Welcome Back Winter Texans Party on Saturday, December 16th at 8:00 p.m. at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs. Chamber President Mary Martin invites all chamber members and winter Texans as well as their guests to enjoy the music of Carolyn Kay and the Western Boys. Their will be lots of food and some great door prizes donated by local businesses. For more information call the chamber office at 830-563-2466 Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

### Recorded Rainfall

Snow flurries were recorded at The Brackett News Weather Center this week. 4/10" of rain was reported at the Reeseman Residence, Unit 12, FCS. Report rain gauge readings from your part of the county by phone 830-563-2852 or by email: [tnews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tnews@sbcglobal.net). Please include your address!

### LEPC Meeting

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet Mon., Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building, 401 S. Ellen Street. The public is welcome to attend.

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
Sunny  
High:76  
Low:53

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High:78  
Low:57

**Sunday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High:76  
Low:59

### School & Sports Calendar

**Thursday 12/14:** Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Tourney at LaPryor. Jr. High Boys and Girls Basketball at Nueces

### Christmas Ensemble Program

The Old Quarry Society for the performing arts proudly presents for your enjoyment and entertainment a Christmas Ensemble program. On Friday December 15th and gain on Saturday December 16th and 8 p.m. at the Post Theatre on Fort Clark Springs. Local actor and playwright Dave Crowe will direct two of his one-act plays 'You Can't Ground Santa Clause' and 'A King is Born Bubba,' as well as several other pieces including, 'Christmas is...' and 'Nativity.'

### 15 Minute Power Interruption Friday

Rio Grande Electric Co-op members will undergo a 15 minute power interruption Friday, December 15, from 2:30-2:45 p.m., in conjunction with AEP's completion of system improvements. As always, the public can call RGEC with questions or concerns at 830-563-2444.

### Passport Update

The Consulate of Mexico announced as of Jan. 23, 2007, the Dept. of Homeland Security will require all Mexican Nationals arriving or leaving U.S.A. territory by air will have to present a valid passport. These new requirements will not affect land entries. Presenting a valid US Visa will still be sufficient to enter or leave the USA. Call the Mexican Consulate at 830-773-9255 or 830-773-9256 for more information.



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## My first Christmas

Submitted by **Liz Jaso**  
 Contributing writer

I had my first Christmas when I was 32 years old. I say that because every Christmas before that was my mother's Christmas or my grandmother's Christmas or believe it or not, my first mother in law's Christmas. Each of these prior Christmases was paid for, orchestrated and/or provided by others.

It was December 1992. I was newly divorced and living alone with my children for the first time. My children were 7 and 4 years old. Always before there had been parents or a husband in the house. This time was different. I had moved to Del Rio the previous May, with little more than my children and our clothing in a beat up car, fleeing a very unhappy marriage. I lived with my parents until November, until I could get everything arranged to live on my own.

I had found a clerical job at a car dealership, a job that I was very overqualified for and that paid little more than minimum wage. It was all that was available. Thanks to federal rent assistance, a day care subsidy program and a few food stamps, I had a decent apartment and could pay my bills if I was careful.

The apartment was small, but comfortable. It was furnished with cast off furniture from my mother's teacher friends, garage sale finds and K Mart blue light specials. It was probably cheesy, but to me it was beautiful. I had

the kitchen table and chairs I had grown up with. (My frugal mother had finally bought herself a new set after 25 years, my need for furniture justifying the expenditure.) I had Renoir prints my mother and grandmother had decoupage one hot summer many years ago, and crewel embroidered wall hangings Angel (my grandmother) had painstakingly created throughout her many years of "watching" thousands of television sportscasts with my beloved grandfather, Papa.

My little ones had their first Christmas tree. Due to city prices-there had never been money for such an extra expense in the past. There had always been presents, just no tree. Actually there was no money that year either. A casual friend from work decided to get a bigger tree that year, and passed her old one on to me, complete with lights and a few ornaments. It was only four feet tall but when we placed it on an old end table, it made a fine display in our front window. The kids were so thrilled when we put it up. They raced in and out of the door for an hour just to see the lights from the outside.

In my memory of that year one night is crystal clear. It was a few weeks before Christmas. I had just taken my last night school final exam. When I got home my children were asleep. My mother took care of them on evenings I had classes. After she left, I kicked off my shoes, and popped open a diet soda. I turned off the lamp, snuggled on the couch in the darkness and

stared at the twinkling lights of our tiny, cheerful tree.

Ah, life was good. Although Delaney had a broken wrist from a little skating accident, and Joey had barely survived a terrible asthma attack several months earlier, things were calm now. They were both healthy and happy. The Christmas toys I had put in layaway at the first of October and paid off at the rate of ten dollars a week were carefully hidden at my parent's house nearby. My fall classes were over. For five blissful weeks, I did not have evening classes after my 10 hour work day. God was in his heaven and all was right with my world.

Looking back that Christmas might have been one of my worst. I was in a strange city without any close friends and spending my first Christmas as a single mother. I had a menial job and very little money. But what I did have was more important. I had my children in the next room; my parents and my brother were just blocks away. For the first time in many years my dream of completing my education was within my grasp. I had hope for my future and peace in my heart. It was enough.

As I pause this holiday season to count my blessings and reflect upon what I wish for those dearest to me I realize what I wish for them: my husband, children, grandsons and all those I love: I wish them hope for the future and peace in their hearts, for if they have these things, they have it all.

## This year give a gift that lasts



Emily Cooper

The holidays are upon us, which means that it's time, once again, to search for those "perfect" gifts. This year, why not add financial gifts to your shopping list? They can make a big difference in the lives of the people you care about.

What types of financial gifts should you consider giving? Let's look at a few possibilities:

- Contributions to Section 529 plans - If you have a child (or grandchild) that will be headed off to college in a few years, you may want to contribute to a Section 529 college savings plan. Your contributions may be tax deductible if you are participating in your own state's plan. Plus, your earnings and withdrawals will be exempt from federal taxes as long as the money goes toward paying college costs. (However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.)

- Contributions to an IRA - If you know a loved one has an IRA, consider making a contribution. Many people don't fully

fund their IRA each year - so any help you can give toward that goal will be important.

- Stocks - Consider giving shares of a company that produces products or services that are used by your intended recipient. If you're going to give away some of your own shares, you'll need to know what you originally paid for the stock, how long you've held it and its fair market value at the date of the gift. Recipients of your gift will need this information to determine gains or losses if they decide to sell the stock. You'll also need to determine if you have to pay gift taxes. You can give up to \$12,000 per year, free of gift taxes, to as many people as you want; over your lifetime, you can give up to \$1,000,000 without incurring gift taxes.
- Zero-coupon bonds - These types of bonds can make nice gifts if you know that your intended recipient would like to achieve a specific financial goal - such as a new car, a dream vacation, etc. - in a given number of years. You buy a zero-coupon bond - usually issued by the Treasury under the name of STRIPS - at a deep discount; when the bond matures, you - or in this case, the recipient of your gift - collects the full face value. In other words, the accrued interest is paid at maturity, so you - or the recipient - won't receive periodic interest payments. Keep in mind, how-

ever, that these "phantom" interest payments will still be taxed as ordinary income each year until the bond matures. Also, market prices of zero coupon bonds tend to be more volatile than bonds that pay interest regularly.

- Charitable gifts - You may want to make a financial gift to an organization in the name of a loved one - especially if this person is an enthusiastic supporter of the charity. Your generosity will be appreciated, and you'll get some significant tax benefits. First, you may get an immediate tax deduction for your gift. Second, you'll avoid paying capital gains taxes by donating appreciated assets, such as stock or real estate. And third, you'll be removing an asset from your taxable estate.

A financial gift can brighten a loved one's holiday season - and your thoughtfulness will be felt long after the holidays are over.

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## Pay it forward



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Many years ago I was blessed by the words of a dear friend. Her name is Rita Davenport. She had an infomercial on early morning television. I got up about 30 minutes before my family and I would turn on the television and listen to her 30 minute commercial. She grew up in Tennessee and her message was one of love. She sold her motivational tape series for what was an enormous amount of money for me. I don't quite remember how much it was but I saved up my money and purchased it for me. I got my money order and mailed it off to her.

The name of her tape series is *It's Time for You!* It was 13 tapes that I couldn't wait to listen to. Each one helped me become who I am today. I listened to them over and over again until her words became my thoughts. I put them away several years ago and forgot about them. Then out of the blue I found them and put them in my tape player and started to listen to them once again. The words I had forgotten came back and I realized where my thoughts had been kindled from her words.

One of the stories Rita told was about her father. He would always stop to help a stranded motorist. Rita would complain that she was going to be late if he stopped. He would remind her that one day if she had trouble on the road a kind stranger would help her out because he had taken the time to help this person. He would say, "What goes around comes around!"

This thought has stayed with me. A couple of years ago for my birthday, I made it a movie day and watched chick flicks all day. One of the movies that touched my heart was, *Pay It Forward*. So for my birthday that year I asked our member to be aware of the needs of others and when an opportunity arose to *Pay It Forward*. The stories would be my present. It was the best birthday ever. It lasted all year long and continues to bless me.

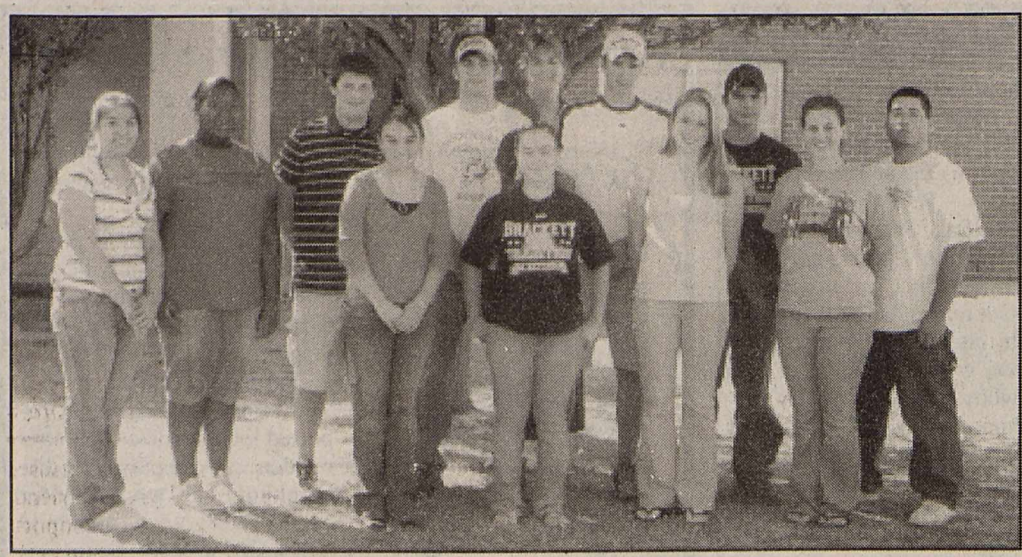
One story came in the other day and we sent it out to the world. Many times the only person who knows about the gift is the receiver. The giver rarely tells what they have done. They don't do the act of kindness to be seen of men. They do it because they feel the urge and they have to. I know how that feels. This is how our mentoring got started. It would have been wrong for me not to have done it. The urge is so strong that to ignore it would be like slapping God in the face. But you don't do it out of fear but out of love.

As our homes get in order we find that we are walking in an envelope of peace. This peace follows us and we pass it on to others. Isn't it amazing when we are no longer living in CHAOS that we can see, hear and feel the arms of God guiding us? When CHAOS reigns we are blind to the needs of others. We are surrounded by a fog and we are always so busy putting out the fires that our blindness has created. Once the fog has lifted and we are able to think and the most wonderful things start to happen.

At this time of the year we are into the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Don't allow your busy life to keep you stuck in CHAOS. Slow down and smell the roses. Before you know it an opportunity to *Pay It Forward* will cross your path. Let's keep it going throughout the year! We can have the spirit of the holidays all year long. *Pay It Forward, Pass it on, Random Acts of Kindness, What goes around comes around; what ever you call it, take a moment to touch another person with your love.*

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net).





**High School Student Advisory Committee** Courtesy Photo

**Student Advisory group**  
Submitted by Paula Renken

Superintendent's Student Advisory Group for Brackett High School.

Technology Committee representatives selected by the group are Maribel Rivas and Jeff Sitgreaves.

Members: Front Row (L to R) Lilianna Valdez, Jessica Siegel, Bailee Allen and Laura Meyer. Back Row (L to R) Maribel Rivas, Laura Adams, Jeff Sitgreaves, Travis Bonner, Supt Paula Renken, Justin Calk, Zak Ring and Joe Sanchez Not pictured: Lauren Cornelius, Brooklyn Gose, Jay Proulx and Doolie Fernandez.

Superintendent's Junior High Student Advisory Group. Left to right, front Row: Courtney Kirkland, Nevada Payne, Haley Hale, Kelsey Bruce, Keith Castillo, Mike Flores and Jared Shirkey. L to R Back Row: Rachel Nash, Jaime Sandoval, Daulton Woodson, Brandon Allen, Bryan Calk and Paula Renken. Not pictured: Joelson Terrazas and Megan Resendez.

The advisory group meets periodically with the Superintendent to discuss issues. Members are encouraged to be outspoken, open minded and willing to share their ideas as well as value the views of others. The group has met twice this year to discuss dress code, safe/drug free schools and technology. The members selected Brandon Allen and Kelsey Bruce to serve on the BISD Technology Committee.

**Parents and Students!**

Don't forget...  
Early out at  
BISD for the  
Christmas  
Holidays  
on Wednesday,  
December 20  
at 1 p.m.



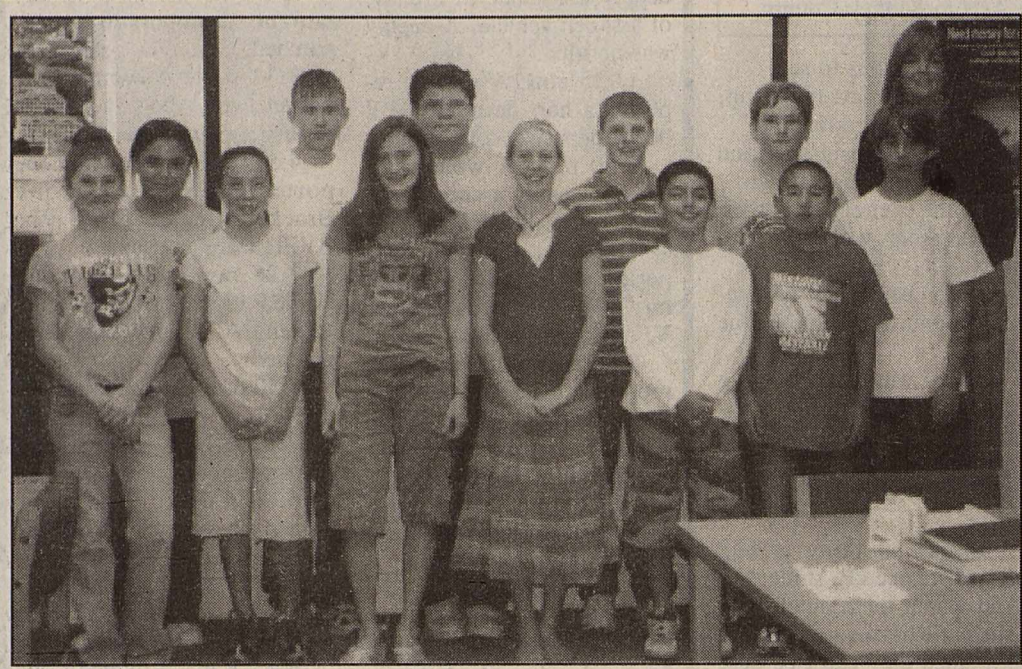
**VARSITY BOYS  
BASKETBALL STATS**

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 (11:04 AM)  
Non-league game at Brackett

**Leakey 79, Brackett Tigers 60**

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
Leakey	13	23	17	26	79
Brackett Tigers	11	21	13	15	60

Team stats	Brackett
Points	60
Field goals	24-77 (31.2%)
3 point field goals	5-22 (22.7%)
Free throws	7-9 (77.8%)
Rebounds (Total-Off.)	35-17
Assists	17
Turnovers	18
Steals	9
Total fouls	16
Points in the paint	36
Bench points	14



**Junior High Student Advisory Committee** Courtesy Photo

**VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL UPDATE**

Submitted by Coach Creel

The Tigerettes competed in a tournament at the Southwest Texas Junior College on December 8 and 9. They won one and lost two. The Tigerettes beat Leakey 43 to 16 the first game Friday morning and lost to Knippa Friday night 44-46. Saturday afternoon they played

Sabinal and lost 33-47. The overall record is 2 wins and 7 losses. Emily Valenzuela was selected to the all tournament team.

Brackett Leading Scorers vs. Leakey: Bailee Allen, 11, Emily Valenzuela, 8, Julie Castillo, 7, Haley Harris, 4, Sam M., 3, Bianca Terrazas, 3, Bianca Martinez, 3, Lola Cano, 2.

Brackettville Leading Scorers vs. Knippa: Emily Valenzuela, 16, Bailee Allen, 10, Lola Cano, 4, Meghann Davis, 4, Bianca Terrazas, 4, Julie Castillo, 3, Sam Moore, 2.

Brackettville Leading Scorers vs. Utopia: Emily Valenzuela, 9, Bailee Allen, 6, Daphne Hunt, 7, Julie Castillo, 5, Bianca Terrazas, 4, Bianca Martinez, 2.

**Brackett**

- \* #20 Nowlin, Lane
- \* #12 Bonner, Travis
- \* #25 Rivera, Stevan
- \* #21 Davis, Robert
- \* #33 Schroeder, Jacob
- \* #23 Pinales, Ivan
- \* #50 Stephenson, Mic
- \* #32 Adams, Jr.
- \* #30 Cantu, Cesar
- \* #5 Bonner, KJ
- Team totals

PTS	REB	AST	BLK	TO	STL	PF
21	12	4	0	4	0	0
15	7	0	3	0	4	5
9	1	2	0	3	2	4
8	6	6	0	4	1	4
3	3	2	0	1	0	0
2	4	1	0	2	2	1
2	1	0	0	1	0	0
0	1	0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	2	0	1	0	1
60	35	17	3	18	9	16

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## OBITUARY

### Annie F. Shields

March 20, 1920-December 8, 2006



Annie F. Shields, age 86 entered into rest December 8, 2006. She was born in Nacimiento, Mexico.

She is preceded in death by her parents Kelly and Factor, husband James Pete Shields and her two children Anita K Shields and Jimmie L. Shields.

She is survived by her son Johnny J. Shields of San Antonio, daughter Audrey C. Ward, son-in-law Clarence G. Ward, granddaughter Tiiara N. Ward of Brackettville and brother Freddie Factor of Big Lake.

Visitation will be held Friday December 15, 2006 at Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North St. Brackettville, Texas, from 4 P.M. until 9 P.M..

Funeral Services will be Saturday December 16, 2006 Sunset Memorial Oaks Funeral Home in Brackettville at 11 A.M. With interment at Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery.

## KCARTS COUNCIL UPDATE

Submitted by Joy Ralston

The Kinney County Christmas Tour of Homes was a great success for the Arts Council.

We want to thank each of the tour homes participants, the Guzmans, the Palmers, and the Browns for their generosity in showing their homes. With these additional funds, we are looking forward to a very successful summer which will bring the Missouri Children's Theater production of the The Jungle Book.

We will be auditioning 60 local children for parts in this production the second week of June.

Thanks to all who worked

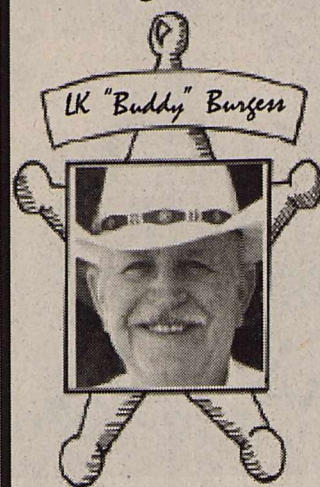
so hard to make this event successful, especially Lynn McCarson who anchored our reception area at The Bank and Trust.

The Bake Sale was grand and if you didn't participate, put us on your list for next year.

Our next event will coincide with the Kinney County Stock Show, we will be sponsoring a Cowboy Band and poetry performance on the Thursday night kicking off the Stock Show.

The next meeting of the Kinney County Arts Council will be December 18th. We would love to have any and all of you join our efforts to bring the Arts to Kinney County.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report



Wednesday, December 6

4:13 a.m. USBP requested deputy assistance in a chase of a stolen vehicle. A deputy was notified.

11:25 a.m. A woman reported a hurt deer on HWY 90. A deputy was informed.

2:50 p.m. A woman requested deputy assistance. A deputy was dispatched.

3:09 p.m. A woman reported a railroad tie on fire on HWY 90, Brackettville VFD was dispatched.

9:50 p.m. A DPS trooper reported a dead deer on HWY 90, a possible road hazard. TXDOT was advised.

Thursday, December 7

12:43 a.m. A local establishment requested a deputy in regards to a customer. A deputy was advised.

12:40 p.m. Sentry Security reported an alarm sounding at a local ranch. A deputy was dispatched.

1:00 p.m. An emergency dispatcher for Onstar reported an emergency. A deputy was dispatched.

4:02 p.m. A man requested a deputy to check out his residence in regards to a possible break in. Deputies was dispatched.

Friday, December 8  
8:10 p.m. A 911 caller reported kids fighting at the football field. A deputy was dispatched.

Saturday, December 9  
10:54 p.m. A woman reported loud music close to her residence. A deputy was dispatched. The woman later called back saying she could still hear the loud music.

Sunday, December 10  
2:15 a.m. A man requested a deputy check out a local restaurant. A deputy was dispatched.

3:33 p.m. A woman reported two ATV's racing. A deputy was informed.

4:54 p.m. A 911 caller reported fires east of Brackettville on HWY 90. BVFD were dispatched.

7:20 p.m. A woman reported cows out by Pinto Creek. A deputy was dispatched.

7:50 p.m. A 911 caller reported a possible drunk driver. A DPS trooper was dispatched.

6:44 p.m. A local store owner requested deputy assistance in regards to an accident. A deputy was dispatched.

Monday, December 11  
6:45 a.m. A woman reported a break in at a local restaurant.

8:07 p.m. A 911 caller reported a threat. A deputy was informed of the situation.

## Mobile mammography coming to Brackettville



Pat Sitzes

Women this is our chance to have our mammograms in Brackettville.

The American Cancer Society recommends that at age thirty-five, a woman have a baseline mammogram, and starting at age 40, a woman have a mammogram every year. If you fall into this age range, please sign up for a mammogram. CHEER needs to know the names of any women who want to have their mammogram on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 when the mobile mammography unit is scheduled to be here.

CHEER needs to have 25 women signed up for their mammogram for the mobile unit to come to Brackettville. If you have insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, you can have your mammogram.

Women who do not have insurance will be eligible if funding is available.

If you know someone who has never had a mammogram, please encourage them to use this service. If you want to sign up, please stop by 103 W. Spring Street or call Pat Sitzes to let her know.

Remember, early detection is the best protection against breast cancer.

CHEER has videos to watch in Spanish and English for



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women who have not had their mammogram which explain about the entire process. Stop by 103 W. Spring Street to watch a video or please call Pat Sitzes at 563-5528 to make an appointment

CHEER wants to thank all of you who have bought angels in memory or in honor of someone for the CHEER Tree. If you want to purchase an angel, there is still time.

An angel can be purchased from any board member, Carmen's Boutique, and at the Burger n Shake.

If you haven't been to see the CHEER Tree, it is worth the trip to the Burger n Shake. Angels are \$5 with the proceeds going towards startup expenses for CHEER.

This week I wanted to invite you to go to the CHEER website to take our health and wellness survey. This survey will help us understand the types of services and activities which would be beneficial to the residents of Kinney County. The website address is [www.cheer-brackettville.org](http://www.cheer-brackettville.org).

CHEER wants to give a special thank you to Lydia and Henry Floweers for making the CHEER postcard.

Be sure and go see the Christmas postcards at the Christmas display at the Rio Grande Electric property. Our Cheer postcard is ready for viewing.



Original Poems By Cassandra Jane Gomez

This poem is for my family in Massachusetts. The only way we get to spend the Holidays together is through a phone call. Merry Christmas Tia Margaret, Uncle Johnnie, Andrea, Jason, Lisa, Jarred, and Jayden!!!

Every Christmas I Shed a Tear

There's always that one moment on Christmas Eve or day, Where I just have to shed one tear, and bow my head and pray.

I pray for those loved ones who I desperately wish were here.

In hopes God will hear me, and perhaps answer me one year.

You think it'd be easy, to have a whole family together, But even family love, is one that might not last forever.

There are some people, who are close to my heart, yet are so very far.

Each Christmas I shed a tear, and each Christmas it's hard.

I get up early for once and rush to the Christmas tree.

I look at all the precious gifts,

I'm always anxious to see.

I go to wake everyone up, but I'm always let down.

Some people are missing, and it always causes me to frown.

I hear the excitement in their voices but aren't with them face to face.

Inside I wish we all were together, opening presents in one place.

I'd give anything to hug them, and to look into their eyes.

Watch their expressions when opening a gift, since it's been a surprise.

I'd give anything to hug them and innocently smile, And watch them laugh with joy since it's been quite a while.

But since they can't be here for reasons I accept,

They are there in the dreams I've dreamt the hours that I've slept.

It'd be different just to look at them and see them looking back.

But they are here with me in spirit and I am so thankful for that.

Merry Christmas Tia Margaret, Uncle Johnnie, the girls and kids too.

Each Christmas I shed a tear when thinking of you.

I hope you enjoy your gifts and enjoy this holiday,

I'm thinking of you all and have remembered to pray.

## The love of God



Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not grievous.

For whatsoever his born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith.

1 John 5: 1-4  
Praise the Lord

## Purchasing on installments



Brother J.

About this time of year the lines get longer. As the day grows nearer the lines get longer and the shopping more hectic.

One store where I shop has a special line if you are buying something on time or in installments. You see great relief when they have gotten the particular gift they want for their loved one.

That reminds me of a very special gift God sent for us many years ago. It may not be what some want but it is what we all need.

Our relationship to God had been broken or severed because

of sin and disobedience, (Romans 3:23) but that special gift could and would restore that relationship, (1 John 4:9&10). It was the special gift of Jesus Christ.

His birth which we will celebrate in a few days was the first installment. His life of perfect obedience to God and man was the second, (Luke 2:52). His suffering and death on the cross was the third installment, (Romans 5:8).

Finally his resurrection from the grave was the last installment, (Luke 24:6&7). Today he is sitting at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven, (Mark 15:62, and Matthew 28:5-7).

We will either accept or reject that wonderful gift and it will determine if we spend eternity with God or eternity separated from Him.

It will also determine if our future will be wonderful or sorrowful. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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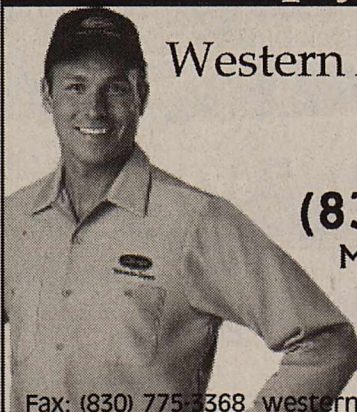
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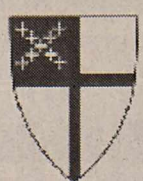
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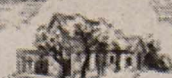
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Evening Service 7 p.m.

Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

Pastor Jeff Janca





**UIL Competitors**

Courtesy Photo

BISD elementary and junior high school students traveled to Sabinal to participate in the UIL academic competitions on Nov. 9.

## CHEER tree raises money for cancer awareness

Submitted By Pat Sitzes  
CHEER Coordinator

CHEER Tree in person, please visit it at the Burger N Shake today.

The Center of Health Evaluation, Education, and Resources (CHEER) would like to thank Aubrey and Xaviera Haynes, owners of the Brackett Burger & Shake Resturant for graciously allowing CHEER to place a tree at the Burger N Shake.

Who knows, your name might be on the tree!

If your name or the name of someone you love is not already on the tree, buy an angel for just \$5.

CHEER would like to give a special thanks to the Haynes' and the staff who have successfully sold angels for the CHEER Tree.

It is a wonderful way to honor someone important in your life and help you community at the same time.

With you help, CHEER will be able to bring health and wellness services to Kinney County.

If you have not yet seen the



**Angel Tree**

Courtesy Photo

The CHEER tree at the Burger & Shake raise money for cancer awareness in Kinney County

# BISD student UIL results

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### Individual Jr. High UIL Results

**Modern Oratory**  
Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Courtney Kirkland and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jaime Sandoval.

**Impromptu Speaking**  
Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelsey Bruce and 4<sup>th</sup> Ayland Letsinger.

**Oral Reading**  
Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Kelsey Bruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney Kirkland and 5<sup>th</sup> Abby Gutierrez.

**Dictionary**  
Seventh Grade: 5<sup>th</sup> Brittany Hale and 6<sup>th</sup> Yanira Perez.  
Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Kelsey Bruce and 2<sup>nd</sup> Abby Gutierrez.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

**Math**  
Seventh Grade: 4<sup>th</sup> Daulton Woodson and 5<sup>th</sup> Jared Shirkey.  
Eighth Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Allen and 4<sup>th</sup> Kelsey Bruce.

**Calculator**  
Seventh Grade: 4<sup>th</sup> Brittany Hale and 5<sup>th</sup> Jared Shirkey  
Eighth Grade: 3<sup>rd</sup> Ayland Letsinger, 4<sup>th</sup> Kelsey Bruce and 5<sup>th</sup> Stella Guajardo.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

**Number Sense**  
Seventh Grade: 5<sup>th</sup> Jared Shirkey and 6<sup>th</sup> Daulton Woodson.

Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Allen, 4<sup>th</sup> Stella Guajardo, 4<sup>th</sup> Bryan Calk and 6<sup>th</sup> Kelsey Bruce.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

**Editorial Writing**  
Seventh Grade: 5<sup>th</sup> Megan Resendez and 6<sup>th</sup> Yanira Perez.  
Eighth Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Haley Hale and 6<sup>th</sup> Courtney Kirkland.

**Ready Writing**  
Seventh Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Brittany Hale.  
Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Allen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Calk.

**Science**  
Seventh Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Brittany Hale.  
Eighth Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bryan Calk and 6<sup>th</sup> Haley Hale.

**Social Studies**  
Eighth Grade: 1<sup>st</sup> Bryan Calk, 4<sup>th</sup> Sahara Rodriguez and 5<sup>th</sup> Haley Hale.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

**Listening**  
Seventh Grade: 5<sup>th</sup> Brittany Hale.  
Eighth Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Abby Gutierrez, 4<sup>th</sup> Josh Smith and 5<sup>th</sup> Courtney Kirkland.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

**Maps Graphs and Charts**  
Eighth Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ayland Letsinger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Haley Hale and 5<sup>th</sup> Sahara Rodriguez.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

**Spelling**  
Eighth Grade: 2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney Kirkland, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bryan Calk and 4<sup>th</sup> Jaime Sandoval.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place Team**

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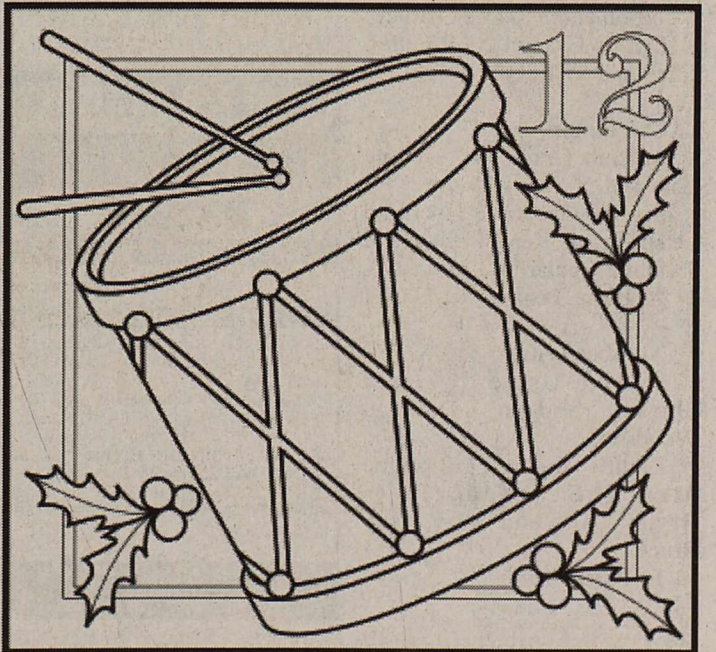
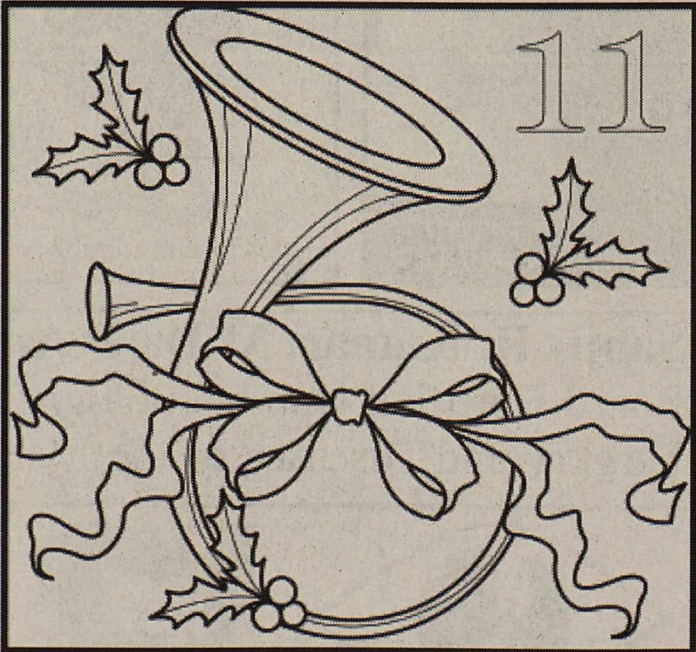
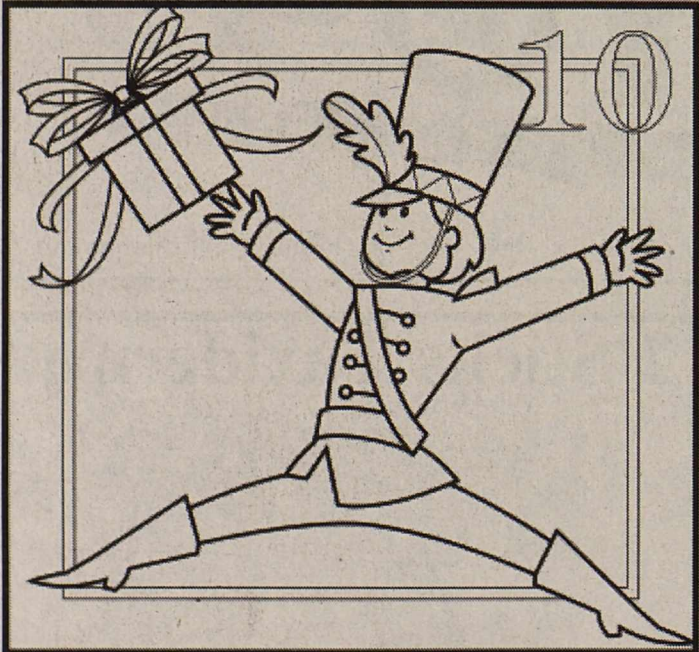
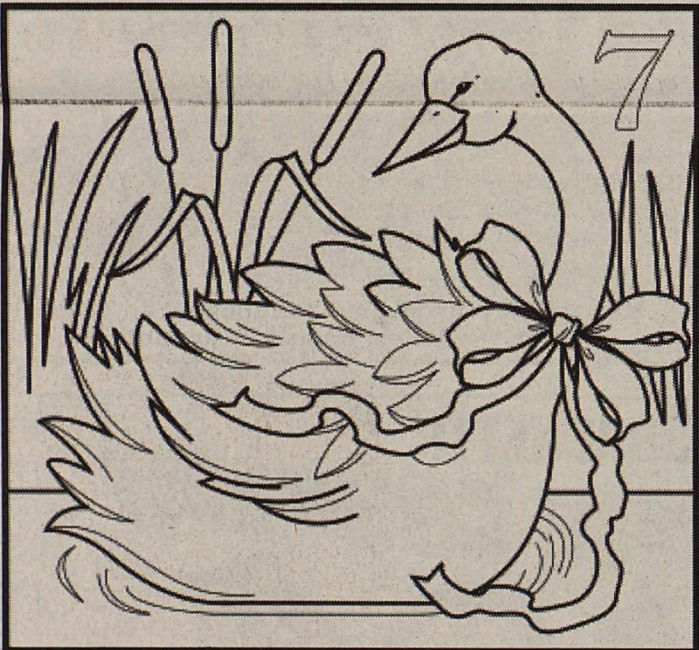
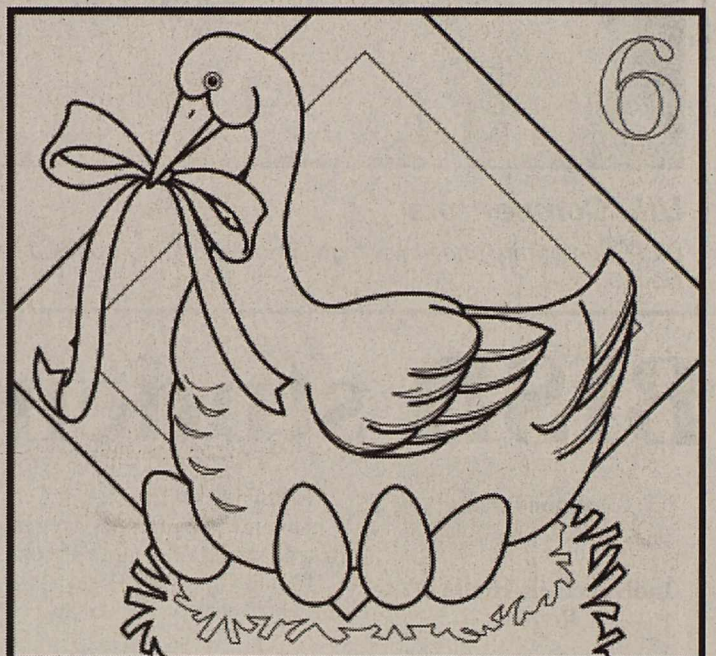
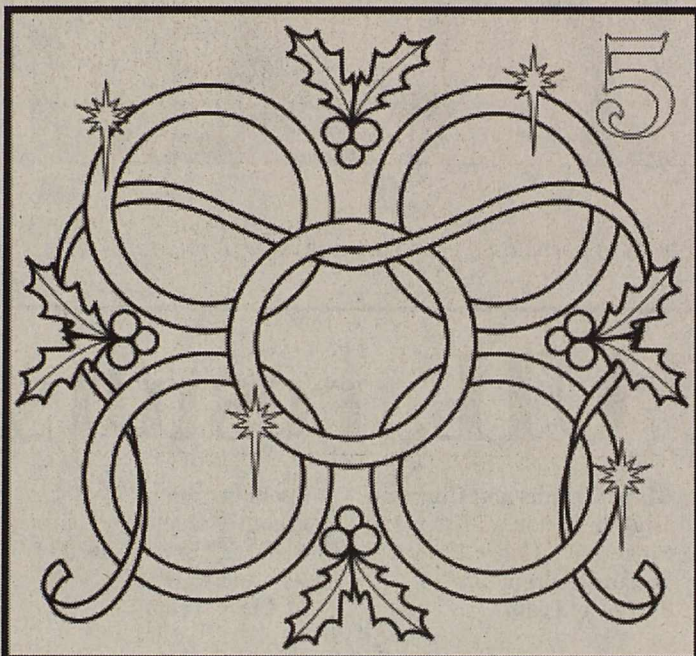
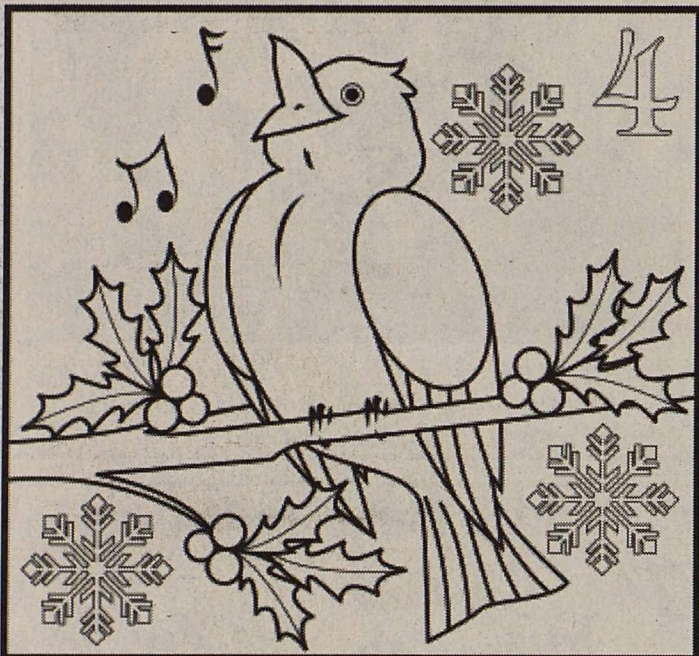
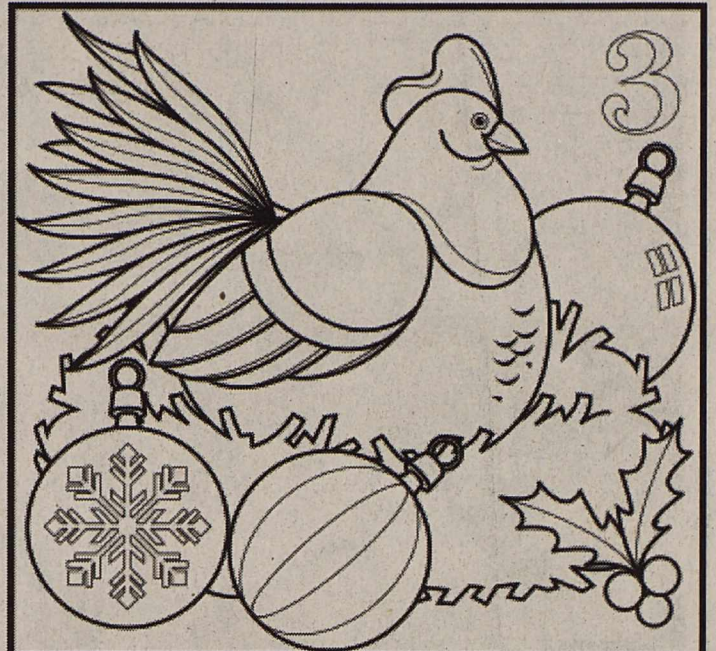
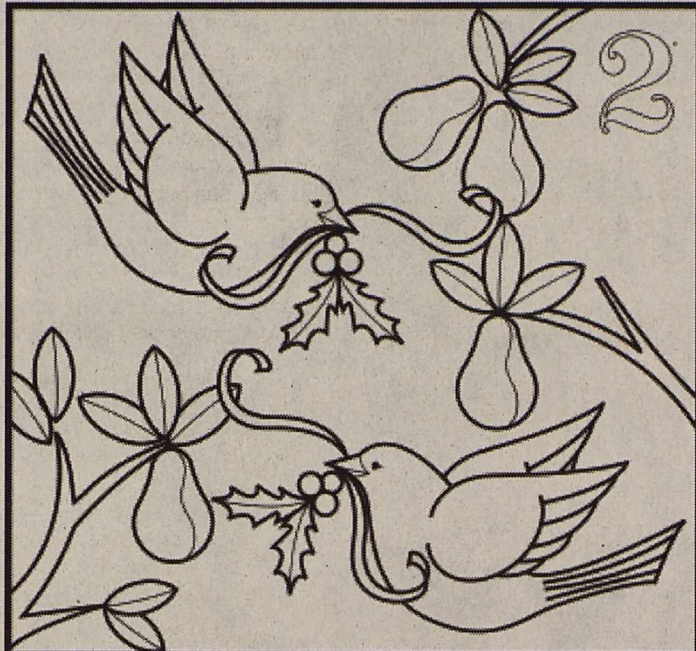
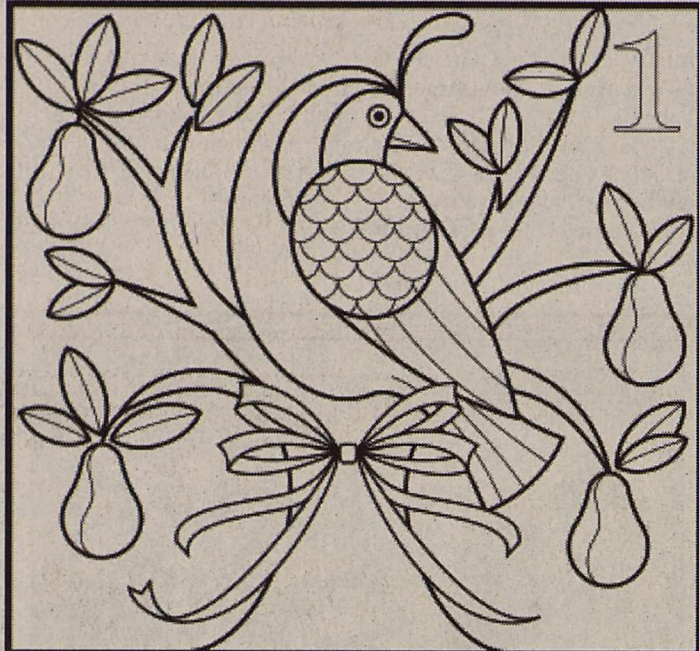


See Rules Below

# Coloring Contest

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## Twelve Days of Christmas COLORING CONTEST



### Coloring Contest Rules

Decorate the 12 Days of Christmas with your favorite colors and enter your best work. PreK through 4th grade students are eligible to win FREE CineMark Movie Passes. One winner from each grade will be chosen by a secret panel of judges. Contest deadline: Entries must be received at The Brackett News Office, 111 W. Spring Street by 5 p.m. on Dec. 19. All decisions are final.

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## Texas Parks and Wildlife invites you to go "green" this holiday season

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AUSTIN — Having a hard time figuring out what to give the person who has everything this holiday season? The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has some suggestions that not only will please the gift recipient, but benefit wildlife and parks as well.

popular conservation gifts is the annual Texas State Parks Pass. Purchase of the \$60 pass before Dec. 31 entitles the purchaser to receive a commemorative 2007 Texas State Parks Christmas tree ornament, plus a pillow box for the gift and a gift card.

unique brass-plated ornament under the tree for Uncle Joe. "The ornament pays tribute to Indian Lodge, Mission Tejas ... and it has little icons of a crested caracara bird, black-eyed Susan wildflower, a kayak and more," said Bryan Frazier, who is the state parks promotions coordinator. "The money from sales of the parks pass and ornament benefits state parks, so people will know that they're making a difference for Texas conservation and getting a little token of state parks as a bonus."

Featured items this year are a special *Texas Parks & Wildlife* magazine holiday gift offer with a free wildlife calendar premium, "Life's Better Outside" t-shirts, the 2006 Covey Collector's Edition stamps, Texas Outdoor Expo posters, Great Texas Wildlife Trail maps and "Keep Texas Wild" conservation license plates benefiting wildlife diversity, state parks, hunting and fishing.

Other perks for pass holders include a free copy of the Texas State Park Guide and a state parks pass bumper sticker. In addition, persons who purchase a parks pass can receive a discounted annual subscription to *Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine*.

Texas State Parks Pass gift certificates may be purchased for \$60 at most Texas state parks or ordered by phone from the Customer Service Center, (512) 389-8900. Recipients of the gift certificate can then redeem the certificate at a Texas state park, historic site or state natural area and receive their State Parks Pass.

One of the department's most Keep it yourself or put the



**Tristan's First Kill**

Courtesy Photo

On Thanksgiving morning, Tristan Frerich of Sinton, 7 year-old grandson of Tony and Nancy Frerich, killed his first deer. Hunting with his father, Toby and grandfather Baa-Baa, Tristan took this 18-inch, 8-point buck on his Aunt Tammy and Uncle Michael Parrish's ranch in Mason County.

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ACROSS  
 1 Title of respect  
 4 Western Indians  
 8 Religious article  
 13 Lineage  
 14 Treehouse?  
 15 Papal cape  
 16 Hipbones  
 17 Item taken back by the seller  
 18 Amperes and watts  
 19 Sweet dinner items  
 22 Nonsense  
 23 Trimmers  
 24 Grouchy  
 26 German king (936-973)  
 29 \_\_\_ up; joined in cooperative activity  
 32 Civilized  
 36 Suffix for deliver or annoy  
 38 Notorious party member  
 39 Means of transportation  
 40 Assumed name  
 41 Female  
 42 Poison; remedies  
 43 Story line  
 44 Like a knotty protuberance  
 45 Depot employee  
 47 Musical symbol  
 49 Outlaw Starr  
 51 Theater sections  
 56 Italian monk  
 58 Meat cuts  
 61 Shaper  
 63 Wrongful act  
 64 Final  
 65 Word with each or every  
 66 Norse literature height  
 67 Burden  
 68 Struggles to breathe  
 69 Color for  
 70 So: Scot.  
**DOWN**  
 1 Dinner course  
 2 Sweet part  
 3 Novelist  
 Charles  
 4 Disquiet  
 5 \_\_\_ off; irritated  
 6 Catch sight of  
 7 Weasel  
 8 Bullwinkle's dessert?  
 9 Harbor scavenger  
 10 Milkier, once  
 11 Voice  
 12 In case  
 13 Staple for billions  
 20 Small appliance  
 21 Passes out  
 25 Dance  
 27 Of great height  
 28 Odorous item  
 30 Follower of Il  
 31 Herb  
 32 Former nation; abbr.  
 33 Korean president (1948-60)  
 34 Swallow spas  
 35 Quickly  
 37 Marcus Porcius \_\_\_  
 40 Pie ingredient  
 44 Armstrong  
 46 Modifies  
 48 Kilt pattern  
 50 Penetrate  
 52 Musical numbers  
 53 Climbing plant  
 54 Follow  
 55 Jets; abbr.  
 56 Whip  
 57 Pro \_\_\_  
 59 Dunderhead  
 60 Goddess of earth  
 62 With it; slang

**Mystery Mosaic**  
**DIRECTIONS: TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY MOSAIC PICTURE, DARKEN ALL PIECES NUMBERED 4, 5, 7, and 0.**

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**WORD PILE** By Mark Szorady  
 COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 12 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST SIX LETTERS.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. \_\_\_\_\_

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7	1	6						9
				3				7
3	9	1	5					8
2	7					8		
				8				
	8						3	2
	8		2	9	7			6
6			5					
4					6	2		3



# Classified Market

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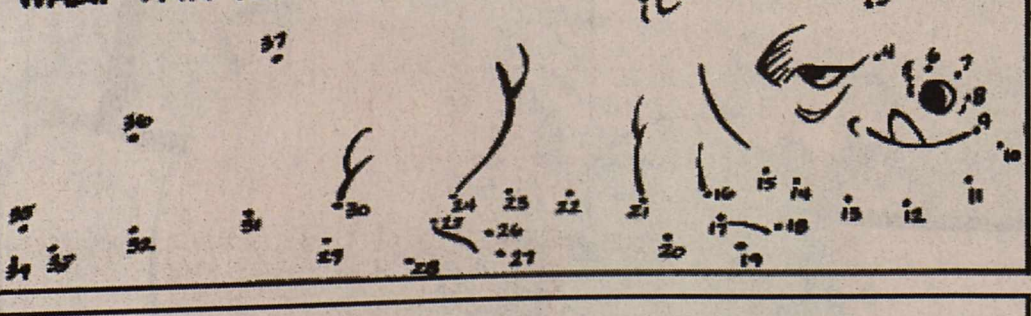
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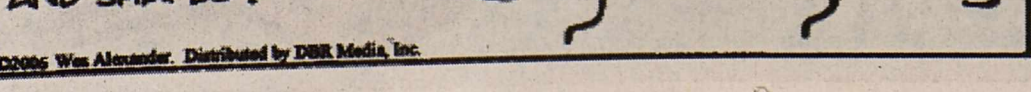
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## SMART SHOPPER

BY MARLA ARMBRUST

**THIS WEEK'S TIP:** This is generally the time of year when most of us don't think about dieting. There are just too many holiday goodies tempting us, along with big family meals. Why bother when we can address it after the New Year, right?

Well, the New Year will be upon us in the blink of an eye, or at least, it will seem that way. Then what? Do you go with those pre-packaged meal plans, like Jenny Craig (which worked great for Kirstie Alley) or Nutri-System? Do you go for protein shakes as meal substitutes? Do you count calories? And, of all these, which will be wallet-friendly? Those pre-packaged meals can run into a huge expense.

I'm no nutritionist but, to me, the best plan is Weight Watchers. If you're constantly battling your weight, you need something that won't be temporary. You need something that will teach you new habits in terms of eating and preparing food. Weight Watchers, which has been around long before a lot of the fads, does just that - and quite successfully for most people.

Here are this week's offers: **EDY'S GOLDEN CONE CLUB,** 5929 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618 (receive a free carton of Dreyer's ice cream). Send in 10 UPCs from Edy's Grand Ice Cream for a free carton of any Edy's product (or Dreyer's). This offer is valid for Club Members only. Home Mailer form required. Expires 1/30/07.

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**Unit 27:** 3B 2B in a quiet area of Fort Clark. Manufactured home with a large front porch, storage shed and sprinkler system. Has covered parking, very rustic feel. \$35,000.00  
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## YOUR HOROSCOPE BY CHARLES COOPER

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're clear-headed and focused as the week begins. As a result, you tackle some difficult work assignments with ease. Later in the week, some holiday shopping is in order.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Group activities are favored this week. Most likely, they'll be holiday-oriented. At work, you accomplish everything you set out to do.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Any creative projects you have going are subject to some revision. With a little ingenuity, you can spark them up to where you'd like them to be. Over the weekend, social opportunities abound.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You know how you feel about a certain situation, but you don't have to be adamant about it. People will feel more comfortable with you if you show some willingness to be open. Other people have valid opinions as well.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're a bit frustrated as the week begins. Perhaps you've misplaced something important. If you calm down, you'll be able to get a grip on this and locate said item.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is the week to settle a private matter with your mate. Most likely, this will have to do with finances. Once you clear the air, the two of you can concentrate on holiday preparations.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) The news you've been waiting for finally arrives. It's been touch-and-go, but your patience pays off. This weekend, enjoy good times with friends.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A friend somehow gets on your bad side this week. On the plus side, phone calls and social contacts are lucky for you. Later in the week, home life is accented.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a great week for you to get that holiday shopping out of the way. You find wonderful bargains and can get great deals for your money. At home, you and your mate experience a spirit of renewal.

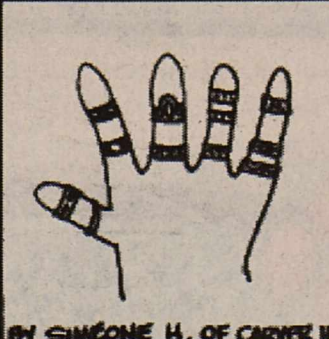
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your attention is on domestic matters this week. Mental activities are also to the fore. Fortunately, you're able to juggle both quite successfully.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're at your best when there's a problem to be solved. That's because you enjoy mental challenges. Over the weekend, you and a family member work on a joint project.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Discussions with close friends prove fruitful. You learn new things and open up new areas of opportunity. Later in the week, a business concern has your attention.

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BY SHARON H. OF CARTEL



## Jones Elementary 1st Graders write letters to Santa Clause

Dear Santa,  
What kind of toys do your elves make? I would like a John Sena toy. We are going to my grandma's for Christmas.

Love, Christian

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? I would like a skate board for Christmas. I will make you some cookies.

Love, Brian

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I would like to have a Xbox 360. I will leave you soup.

Love, Edgar

Dear Santa,  
How long does it take to get everywhere? I would like a Xbox 360 for Christmas. I wonder if your reindeer can fly?

Love, Eddy

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorite kind of cookies? I want a remote control truck for Christmas. You are a nice man.

Love, Rodrigo

Dear Santa,  
Are your reindeer nice? I want two cages for my dogs. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,  
Are the reindeer nice? I would like a bike. I have you have a good Christmas.

Love, Destiny

Dear Santa,  
What color are your reindeer? I want a bike for Christmas. I have been a good girl this whole year.

Love, Amy

Dear Santa,  
Are the reindeer nice? I would like a four-wheeler for Christmas. I hope you and your wife have a great holiday.

Love, Ethan

Dear Santa,  
How does it feel at the North Pole? I want a bike for Christmas. I hope you have a good time at the North Pole.

Love, Juan

Dear Santa,  
Do you like the North Pole? I want a trampoline. I hope you have a good Christmas. I have been a good girl.

Love, Miriam

Dear Santa,  
How many reindeer do you have? I want a transformer for Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Love, Aden

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I would like to have a new play horse for Christmas. I am going to look our the window for you.

Love, Kirstin

Dear Santa,  
How do you make the sleigh fly? I would like a DS Game for Christmas. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.

Love, Nathaniel

Dear Santa,  
Do you like the North Pole? I would like a computer. I hope you have a great Christmas. I think I am going to my grandma's house.

Love, Virginia

Dear Santa,  
Are you magic? I would like a Xbox 360 for Christmas. I will leave you cookies.

Love, Moses

Dear Santa,  
How do you get into the houses with no chimneys? Can I have a GameCube! I hope you don't get sick at Christmas.

Love, Ayme

Dear Santa,  
How do the elves make the toys? I would like a talking Bratz doll. I hope you have a great Christmas.

Love, Lizet

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I would like a Doodle Bear for Christmas. I would like to see an elf. I love you Santa.

Love, Ysabella

Dear Santa,  
How do you get the reindeer? I would like to have a new shirt for Christmas. I will be nice?

Love, Sabrina

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I want a guitar for Christmas. I hope there is not a fog. My sister wants a DS for Christmas.

Love, Savannah

Dear Santa,  
Are the reindeer nice? I would like some football cleats. I think Christmas is fun.

Love, Baldo

Dear Santa,  
Do you like the North Pole? I want a real phone for Christmas. I like your reindeer.

Love, Lyna

Dear Santa,  
How do you get on the roof quietly? I would like a remote control truck for Christmas. I hope you don't get lost finding my house.

Love, Jeremiah

Dear Santa,  
How do you get on the roof so quietly? I would like a new bike for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas day.

Love, Joey

Dear Santa,  
Can you really fly with reindeer? I would like a new bike for Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Love, Dillon B.

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? I would like a Barbie for Christmas. I wish you a merry Christmas.

Love, Dymond

Dear Santa,  
How many elves do you have? I would like a guinea pig. I hope you will have a good Christmas.

Love, Zach

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? I would like a Batman toy for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Luis

Dear Santa,  
Do you have an engine in your sleigh? I want an Easy Bake Oven for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year.

Love, Christian

Dear Santa,  
How do you get on the roof so quietly? I would like to have a new Barbie jeep. I have been a good girl.

Love, Karina

Dear Santa,  
Can you really fly with reindeer? I want a Dragon Comand Center for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love, Zachary

Dear Santa,  
How many presents do you have to carry? I would like a SPD muffer for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies.

Love, Alex

Dear Santa,  
How many presents do you have to carry? I would like a Xbox 360 for Christmas.

Love, Adam

Dear Santa,  
How do you know if you are good or bad? I would like a bike for Christmas.

Love, Tiffany

Dear Santa,  
What do your elves do? I want boxing gloves for Christmas.

Love, Carlos

Dear Santa,  
Are you magic? I would like a Play Station for Christmas. I will leave you cookies.

Love, Tony

Dear Santa,  
How do your reindeer fly? I want a Princess doll for Christmas. I hope you don't get lost. I am going to listen to Christmas music.

Love, Haley

Dear Santa,  
What does your wife do? I would like a baby doll for Christmas. I will look out the window for you.

Love, Chasity

Dear Santa,  
How many presents do you have to carry for Christmas? I will leave milk and cookies.

Love, Alex