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## Santa's Hometown Helpers

*Program provides gifts and meals to 400 needy residents*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Those weren't elves scattering about Big Spring Friday, but they definitely qualified as Santa's helpers.

Volunteers with the Hometown Christmas program capped their third annual effort Friday, fanning out across the area, delivering Christmas presents to needy families and children.

Sixty families and about 400 people — roughly twice the number helped in 2011 — received gifts through the program this year, said volunteer Kathy Johnson.

"And (requests) are still coming in," Johnson said. "As long as we have the money and the presents, we'll keep filling the requests."

We're even doing some special things. There was a little boy who wanted a heart necklace for his mother, so we got one for him."

Although many gifts had been distributed by early Friday afternoon, the group's headquarters was still brimming with toys and other items awaiting delivery.

The reason for the program's success, Johnson said, is simple.

"We've had people just walk in off the street and give us money," she said. "One lady read about our program and brought in a box full of baby dolls. People would buy gifts for a whole family and drop them off for us to deliver ... We've just had a whole lot of help from the community."

Group member Jeanie Knocke said Hometown Christmas was formed about

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
 Hometown Christmas volunteers Cathy Denton, left, and Genia Phillips look over some bicycles targeted for area needy children Friday. Around 400 people received Christmas gifts through the program this year, organizers said.

## County OKs road maintenance fees

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted unanimously Friday to adopt a road use agreement in hopes of sharing the mounting cost of rural road maintenance made nec-

essary by the ongoing boom in the oilfield.

The court — with Precinct 1 Councilwoman Emma Brown absent — voted in favor of the agreement, which has been in the works for several months now, with the fees tacked on

to county permits.

"The road use agreement calls for all new access entrances which intersect county roads for commercial purposes — except agricultural related industries — are requested to apply with the

county for a permit before the entrance is built," County Judge Mark Barr said. "The construction of the entrances must conform with county road and bridge requirements and a fee of \$4,500 shall be paid by the applicant at the

time the permit is issued."

Barr said the road use agreement will also include permits for new oil and gas wells, with vertical wells requiring a fee of \$7,500 and

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## Plan ahead for holiday travel, officials caution

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Crossroads residents planning to hit the road for the Christmas holi-

day will likely have to contend with freezing temperatures in the evenings, according to Accuweather forecasts, and local and state officials are urging drivers to take precautions.

Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, said one of the biggest concerns travelers should

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Courtesy photo  
 Alon USA Shift Supervisor Joe Wright and Jeff Phernetton with the Operations Group wrap Christmas packages for the 200 Big State Hospital patients in the hospital's Community Relations office. Alon has assisted the state hospital for 10 years, wrapping presents, addressing Christmas cards and donating money to the hospital's patients.

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# Obituaries

## Patsy Baird

Patsy Baird, 75, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, in a local nursing home after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Private interment will follow at a later date at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 27, 1937, in Vincent, Texas and married James Baird Nov. 24, 1956, in Big Spring, Texas.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring and was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, James Baird of

Big Spring; two daughters, Nancy Darnell and husband, Terry and Cathy Denton and husband, Kim, all of Big Spring; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Faytie Bennett; one daughter, Sherrie Baird; five sisters; and five brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Sherrie Baird Memorial Scholarship Fund at Howard College in Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Maria Linda Vera

Maria Linda Vera, 56, of Midland, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012, in Stanton. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at Bautista Calvario Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family received friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 21, 2012, at Gilbreath Funeral Home in

Stanton.

Survivors include a sister, Sally Ochoa of Midland; and brothers Jose Vera of Big Spring and Marcelo Vera.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

# Take Note

Local resident Dale Pittman is planning a card crusade for the citizens of Newtown, Conn., who were devastated by the recent school shooting that took the lives of 26 people. No money is necessary, unless you want to help with postage. Just purchase and sign a card. "I wanted to be able to send them something ... and let them know that no matter how many miles may be between us, we still care and are thinking of and praying for them," said Pittman. Drop your card off at Big Spring Storage Zone, 23rd and Goliad. If no one is in the office, slide the card in the payment drop box. You may also drop them off at the visitors booth at Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. They will all be placed in a single box and mailed to Newtown.

Holy Trinity Youth Group is hosting its 2nd Annual "Warming up our Community" Project on Dec. 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Hall, 1009 Hearn Street. Donated items, such as jackets, blankets and various warm attire will be available for anyone in need. This is open to the community.

A fund has been established at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to help pay funeral expenses for local resident Joe Gomez, who passed away on Dec. 12. Donations can sent to Myers and Smith Funeral Home at P.O. Box 2760 in Big Spring.

Don't forget to visit the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights in Big Spring, on display nightly from Saturday through Dec. 31. More displays, more lights, and more fun — and admission is free. However, donations are gratefully accepted. Questions? Call 263-4607.

Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432-268-7730.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appli-

ance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at [james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432-268-7535.

Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.

Volunteers are needed in many categories including patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

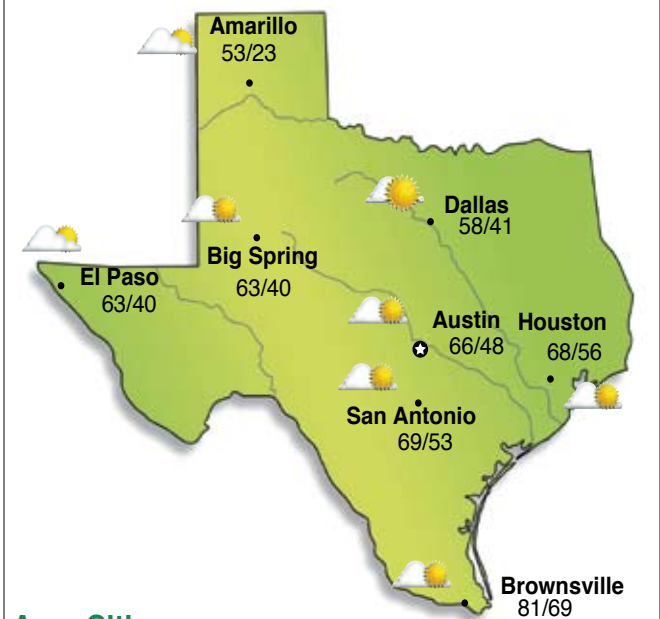
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Mon 12/24	Tue 12/25	Wed 12/26	Thu 12/27	Fri 12/28
<b>63/40</b>	<b>47/20</b>	<b>44/27</b>	<b>56/35</b>	<b>62/33</b>
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	A few showers possible, windy.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:47 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:45 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:48 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:49 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:46 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 5:50 PM



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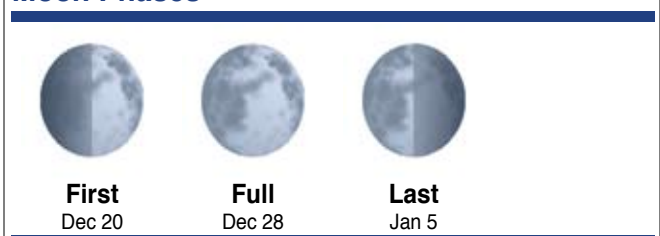
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	59	38	mst sunny	Kingsville	81	65	cloudy
Amarillo	53	23	cloudy	Livingston	65	48	pt sunny
Austin	66	48	pt sunny	Longview	60	44	pt sunny
Beaumont	69	55	pt sunny	Lubbock	56	28	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	65	48	pt sunny
Brownwood	62	40	mst sunny	Midland	65	42	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	76	65	cloudy	Raymondville	81	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	41	mst sunny	Rosenberg	69	56	pt sunny
Dallas	58	41	mst sunny	San Antonio	69	53	pt sunny
Del Rio	73	49	pt sunny	San Marcos	67	49	pt sunny
El Paso	63	40	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	58	40	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	69	45	mst sunny	Sweetwater	59	38	mst sunny
Gainesville	53	35	pt sunny	Tyler	59	45	pt sunny
Greenville	56	38	pt sunny	Weatherford	56	36	pt sunny
Houston	68	56	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	52	33	pt sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	59	44	rain	Minneapolis	17	6	sn shower
Boston	37	29	mst sunny	New York	39	35	cloudy
Chicago	33	22	cloudy	Phoenix	58	41	pt sunny
Dallas	58	41	mst sunny	San Francisco	56	46	pt sunny
Denver	36	18	cloudy	Seattle	42	37	rain
Houston	68	56	pt sunny	St. Louis	37	27	pt sunny
Los Angeles	63	47	rain	Washington, DC	43	39	rain
Miami	78	63	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Mon 12/24	Tue 12/25	Wed 12/26	Thu 12/27	Fri 12/28
3	3	3	3	3
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

# Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the Col-

lege Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. For more information about the support group, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at El-

bow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or [kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com](mailto:kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com)

**WEDNESDAY**

- RSD (Reflex Symptomatic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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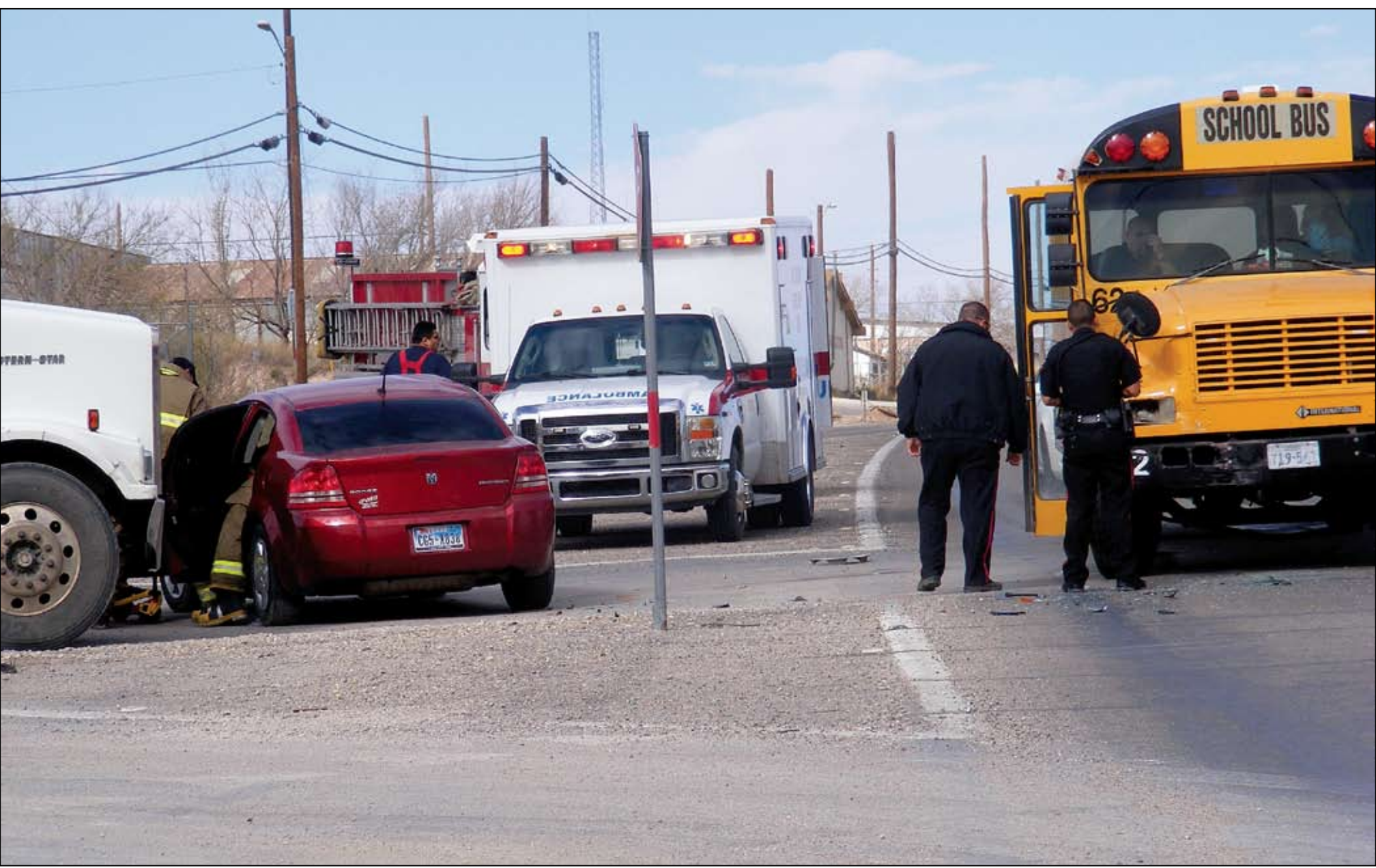
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Police and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene of a two-vehicle accident involving a Big Spring Independent School District bus on Highway 350 north of the Owens Street overpass Friday afternoon. No injury reports were available, but a BSISD spokesperson confirmed no students were on the bus when the accident took place.

## PROGRAM

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three years ago.

“Well Fargo (Bank) started

it,” Knocke said. “We work on it all year. We start collecting gifts in January and we keep them in the (bank) storeroom until now.”

The group obtains names of needy families through Big

Spring Independent School District and other sources, determines what the children want for Christmas, then get busy filling that wish list, Knocke said.

It’s not just children who

benefit from the group’s efforts. Along with toys and clothes for the little ones, Hometown Christmas will also deliver turkeys and hams to their families, along with toiletry, household and cloth-

ing items for needy adults.

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## COUNTY

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horizontal wells requiring a fee of \$20,000.

“No permit is required if the sole entrance of the lease where the well is located is not accessed from a county road,” Barr said. “The idea

behind this road use agreement is to place a portion of the fiscal burden on the companies and corporations which are using the roads and causing a large amount of the damage, instead of county taxpayers having to bear the entire burden.”

According to Barr, the

damage to county roadways is currently estimated at \$22 million.

“Obviously, this road use agreement isn’t going to solve the problem,” he said. “During our last budget session, we set aside \$400,000 to \$500,000 to be spent annually to address the county roadways. This

isn’t a problem we’re going to be able to solve overnight, however, the court feels like it’s a step in the right direction.”

Barr said Howard County isn’t the only West Texas entity feeling the pinch of the oil boom through its rural roads.

“The road use agree-

ment we adopted Friday is based on a similar agreement other counties are using for the same type of problem,” Barr said. “So, this isn’t a problem just in our county, it’s a problem that is being felt everywhere the oil boom has greatly increased the amount of traffic — es-

pecially large truck traf-

fic — on its roads.”

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## TRAVEL

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have before pulling out the driveway is the weather.

“You can get road condition reports by calling the Texas Travel Information hotline at 800-452-9292, or pay close attention to the local weather channel. The Texas Department of Public Safety report all road closures to both,” said Everett.

“Pay close attention to bridges and overpasses during freezing weather as well. Another thing to remember is to allow extra time for travel because the high level of traffic is going to increase how long it takes to get where you’re going.”

According to Accu-weather.com, motorists will likely see below-freezing conditions in the Crossroads area beginning Monday or Tuesday, with low temperatures expected to dip into the low to mid 20s through the remainder of the week. No precipitation has been forecasted, however; which is good news for motorists.

Everett said planning your trip — as well as your route — ahead of time can really pay off in the event of an emergency.

“If you’re traveling to see family, be sure to tell them what your route will be,” said Everett. “That makes it a lot easier when we have to go out and look for someone. Also, be sure to keep emergency items in the vehicle, such as first-aid kits and blankets. No one wants to think about what can go wrong out on the road, but it’s always a good idea to be prepared.”

Officials with the Texas Department of Safety are also urging motorists to be prepared when

taking to the roadways, whether driving across town or across the state.

“Please drive carefully. Crashes can happen in just a second, so pay attention,” said David Baker, deputy director for the Texas Highway Patrol. “We want everyone to arrive safely this weekend. Be patient, slow down and drive sober.”

DPS expects a large number of travelers on the road and encourages drivers to leave themselves plenty of time to get where they’re go-

ing. Baker said drivers should avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as:

- Not using turn signals
- Driving in the passing lane
- Tailgating, flashing lights or honking
- Using high beams in traffic
- Not allowing adequate time for a given trip.

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- Put your pride in

the back seat and move aside.

- Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.

• Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities when the incident occurs.

- Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.

• Make sure everyone is buckled up.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

"Is there a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of the (New York) *Sun* in September, 1897. Her letter was received by Edward P. Mitchell, who turned it over to his associate, Francis Pharcelius Church, to answer.

With some reluctance, Mr. Church undertook the assignment. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial article "Is there a Santa Claus?" — the most famous editorial article that has ever been written. It first appeared in *The New York Sun* in 1897 and has since been produced in every conceivable form, in every quarter of the globe.

The publication of Virginia's question and Francis Pharcelius Church's response is an annual tradition at the *Herald*. We hope you enjoy it.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

"Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says 'If you see it in *The Sun* it's so.'

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon,  
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you every see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what make the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real?

Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever.

A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

# A heartbeat for humanity

Rarely does one meet an individual with a heartbeat so strong for humanity and a "what's in it for others" attitude. His smile engages and his countenance ignores advancing years. He glows with goodwill, projecting unbounded love for others—a grand example of "The Greatest Generation."

I met him recently. You may think he's a giant Texan — one with life's papers neatly arranged into chapters, ready for sainthood.

And, you'd be wrong. He stands 5-6 and never weighed more than 165. He lied twice at age 15 to join the Navy, embraced overcoming as a "way of life" and never considered himself extraordinary.

But he is. In Galveston, where he's lived 70 of his first 85 years, Eddie Janek is beloved. On the streets, fellow motorists "honk hellos;" in stores, owners and custodians — and all in between — stop what they're doing to greet "Mr. Eddie."

His arrivals include more than "howdies." Friends want to hug a guy who has served them far longer than most know. Shucks, even short memories recall his efforts for the common good during his 16 years as a county commissioner. And men whose hair is starting to gray remember life lessons learned from his coaching Little League, Pony League and American Legion baseball teams for 34 years.

Those closest to him know how circumstances greatly altered his course just over a decade ago. That's when dreaded Alzheimer's laid claim to his beloved wife, Doris, and that's

when he dedicated the bulk of his time to her home health care.

It's just the way this man is wound. Words of the poet Emerson fit best: "When duty whispers down, 'thou must,' the youth replies 'I can'."

Duty first "whispered down" to Eddie in 1942. A fatherless child of the depression, he spent most of his youth on a "hand-me-down" Hill County farm near West.

His "fib of being 15" was found out, and the Navy sent him home. Undeterred, Eddie altered his Catholic confirmation records, and he was in "Navy whites" again.

Perhaps the doctor who performed his Navy physical exam deserves a medal; had his findings been recorded more accurately, Janek wouldn't have been accepted.

Somehow, his weight and height — one inch over five feet and 98 pounds — were entered as 5-2 and 105, thus meeting minimal requirements.

"The Navy didn't seem to care that I stuttered," Eddie laughed. "And I still do..."

The military provided many "firsts," including first uses of tooth brushes, telephones, light switches — and, uh, commodes.

During four years in the Pacific, including landings at Leyte and Peleliu, he saw death up close.

Strong in his memory are sounds of comrades praying at night for God's protection in the coming day.

Janek rightly treasures a sealed, glass-covered box that contains Presidential Unit Citations from the U.S., the Philippines and Korea — and 18 other awards. They were presumably lost forever when Hurricane Ike ravaged the first floor of his high-rise home....

Survivor of two wars, a stroke,

a heart overhaul and a blood disease, Eddie remains upbeat — cherishing his wife, three sons and six grandchildren and lovingly tending his roses.

He's grateful to his son, Dr. Kyle Janek, who, as a State Senator in 2001, wrote legislation providing high school diplomas for WW II participants. Eddie proudly marched across the stage in Galveston where 58 were so honored — one posthumously, three in wheelchairs and two on crutches.

He also is grateful to Texas A&M for the safe return of his medals! A few weeks after the 2008 storm, some A&M people, cleaning up Pelican Island five miles across the bay from Janek's home, found the mud-died box. A&M President R. Bowen Loftin called Eddie about the find. The medals are again proudly displayed in the Janek home.

Upon meeting Eddie recently, we were inspired by his optimism and patriotism. Friends aren't surprised that his most recent project benefited a Galveston resident who needed funds for sight-restoring eye surgery. He wrote a check, then 53 letters to friends.

Within days, \$42,000 was contributed, and the surgery is scheduled.

He's well on the way to restoration of flood-ravaged memorabilia. Eddie is at Mass on Saturday afternoons, and attends family and naval reunions from time to time.

Usually, though, he's at home. Doris needs him there.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### A job well done

TO THE EDITOR:  
I want to express my gratitude to the BSISD board of education, administrators and school staff for having the foresight to build new, more secure schools.

I worked at several schools similar to Washington Elementary — security, what a joke!

Most of us have chil-

dren who attended them.

Shame on anyone who has grumbled or even thought about the taxes or expense. what is the price tag on lives?

When you drive by one, say a prayer for lives lost and take pride in a job well done for the educational system.

CAROL STEPHENS  
BIG SPRING

### Please pray for them

TO THE EDITOR:  
I have a request for everyone in Big Spring on Christmas Day.

Please, would everyone take a moment a of silence and remember the children who are now God's littlest angels and the teachers that were taken away from

their families?

My heart goes out to all of them, even to the rescuers and to whole town of Sandy Hook. Lord, please wrap your arms around everyone in Sandy Hook through the Christmas holidays and forever help them through the pain, so please Big Spring,

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# A reason for giving back

This holiday season, in the wake of the terrible tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, I think

every American is pausing to reflect on the things that are truly important. Each of us will hug our families just a little tighter this year, we will cherish our time together just that much more, and we will, I hope, give just a little more to others as we consider how precious life is.

There are some wonderful organizations that help people both during the season and year-round.

For those who want to help the families of the Sandy Hook shooting victims, the United Way of Western Connecticut has set up a dedicated fund. The Sandy Hook School Support Fund can be found online and checks can be sent to Sandy Hook School Support Fund, c/o Newtown Savings Bank, 39 Main Street, Newtown CT 06470.

As the nation learned the names and the faces of the tiniest victims of Sandy Hook, a world away 10 more young girls were murdered, whose names we will never know. They were

killed by a car bomb as they collected firewood in rural Afghanistan.

Though we have made tremendous progress in Afghanistan, it remains the worst place in the world to be female.

Deeply entrenched cultural norms have kept women and girls under constant attack, particularly those who bravely participate in public life, get an education or teach others. Roughly 87 percent are illiterate, the same amount of the female population estimated to suffer at least one form of physical, sexual or psychological violence or forced marriage in their lifetimes.

I see a poignant line between the educators in Newtown who sacrificed their lives to protect their students and the brave women and girls in Afghanistan who risk their lives to give and get an education.

Women for Women International (womenforwomen.org) operates in eight countries, including Afghanistan, teaching the world's most excluded women practical skills and business principles, so they can get jobs, start their own businesses and find their way to economic and social self-sufficiency. You can make a one-time donation, purchase holiday gifts — everything from okra seeds to education packages — or sponsor a woman

for her one-year job-training program. You can even get updates to follow her progress and write letters back and forth.

This past week has reminded us all how vulnerable and precious children are. Human trafficking is a horrifying crime that too often claims children as its victim. The Polaris Project (polaris.org) fights human trafficking in the United States — which exploits an estimated 100,000 children each year.

And finally, though it seems so small compared to the scope of the tragedy, making a child's Christmas wish come true by donating to your local Toys for Tots drive is a simple way to bring a little joy to someone's life — as well as your own. Taking the time to do something for someone else is its own reward.

We can't begin to comprehend the depths of the grief of the Newtown families, nor can we imagine what measure of strength it takes to get through each next breath.

All we can do is take the reminder of just how precious life is and try to make the lives of others a little better this holiday season. It is the best way for any of us, and the nation, to begin to heal.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.*



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# News in brief

## A sweeping bargain seemingly out of reach, Obama calls for scaled-back deal to avoid 'cliff'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama has throttled back his ambitions for a sweeping budget bargain with Republicans. Instead, he's calling for a scaled-back measure sufficient to prevent the government from careening off the "fiscal cliff" in January by extending tax cuts for most taxpayers and forestalling a painful set of agency budget cuts.

In a White House appearance Friday, Obama also called on Congress to extend jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed that would otherwise be cut off for 2 million people at the end of the year.

Obama's announcement was a recognition that chances for a larger agreement before year's end have probably collapsed. It also suggested that any chance for a smaller deal may rest in the Senate, particularly after the collapse of a plan by House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, to permit tax rates to rise on million-dollar-plus incomes.

"In the next few days, I've asked leaders of Congress to work towards a package that prevents a tax hike on middle-class Americans, protects unemployment insurance for 2 million Americans, and lays the groundwork for further work on both growth and deficit reduction," Obama said. "That's an achievable goal. That can get done in 10 days."

## Egyptians vote in 2nd phase of referendum on disputed Islamist-backed constitution

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptians began voting on Saturday in the second and final phase of a referendum on an Islamist-backed constitution that has polarized the nation, with little indication that the result of the vote will end the political crisis in which the country is mired.

The vote comes a day after clashes between supporters and opponents of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi in the Mediterranean port city of Al-

exandria. It was the latest outbreak of street violence in more than four weeks of turmoil, with the country divided first over the president's powers then over the draft constitution.

The clashes — in which opponents of Islamists set fire to cars and dozens of people were hurt — illustrated how the new constitution, regardless of whether it is adopted or not, is unlikely to ease the conflict over the country's future.

Saturday's vote is taking place in 17 of Egypt's 27 provinces with about 25 million eligible voters. The first phase on Dec. 15 produced a "yes" majority of about 56 percent with a turnout of some 32 percent, according to unofficial results.

## New details emerge about gunman a week after Connecticut school massacre

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — He was the awkward, peculiar kid who wore the same clothes to school every day.

He rarely spoke and even gave a school presentation entirely by computer, never uttering a word.

He liked tinkering with computers and other gadgets, and seemed to enjoy playing a violent video game, choosing a military-style assault rifle as one of his weapons.

New details about Adam Lanza emerged Friday, as the nation paused to mark one week since he slaughtered 20 first-graders and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

Multiple funerals and visitations were held Friday, and at the hour of the attack, 9:30 a.m., a bell tolled 26 times, once for each victim killed at the school.

## Predicting who is at risk for violence isn't easy, but experts say there are sometimes signs

CHICAGO (AP) — It happened after Columbine, Virginia Tech, Aurora, Colo., and now Sandy Hook: People figure there surely were signs of impending violence. But experts say predicting who will be the next

mass shooter is virtually impossible — partly because as commonplace as these calamities seem, they are relatively rare crimes.

Still, a combination of risk factors in troubled kids or adults including drug use and easy access to guns can increase the likelihood of violence, experts say.

But warning signs "only become crystal clear in the aftermath, said James Alan Fox, a Northeastern University criminology professor who has studied and written about mass killings.

"They're yellow flags. They only become red flags once the blood is spilled," he said.

Whether 20-year-old Adam Lanza, who used his mother's guns to kill her and then 20 children and six adults at their Connecticut school, made any hints about his plans isn't publicly known.

## Mass. voters brace for yet another Senate race as Obama taps Kerry for secretary of state

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts voters weary from one of the nation's costliest and most divisive U.S. Senate races are all but certain to find themselves thrown back into another tumultuous election now that President Barack Obama has nominated Sen. John Kerry for secretary of state.

If confirmed by the Senate, as expected, Kerry would have to resign the seat he's held for nearly three decades, prompting a special election — the state's third Senate contest since 2010.

Already, jockeying is well under way.

The big question is whether Republican Sen. Scott Brown will go for the seat, after losing his last month to Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren.

He kept the door wide open to another run during a farewell address on the Senate floor, declaring that both victory and defeat are "temporary" things. "Depending on what happens, and where we go, all of us, we may obviously meet again."

And perhaps as soon as next year.

## Police trying to verify motive after man fatally shoots woman at church, 2 others in rural Pa.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Authorities in central Pennsylvania are trying to determine why a man fatally shot three people along a rural road before being killed in a gunfight with police.

Police were still trying to piece together a timeline in the arduous investigation of the Friday shootings that began in Frankstown Township and spanned five crime scenes within a 1.5-mile radius.

A woman decorating a church hall for a children's Christmas party was among those killed. Three state troopers were injured.

Authorities haven't released a motive for the shootings.

"It's going to take us some time to put this all together ... and know exactly what occurred," said Lt. Col. George Bivens, a deputy state police commissioner.

## N.M. peanut butter plant shuttered after outbreak can resume harvesting under deal with feds

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A peanut butter plant shuttered by a widespread salmonella outbreak has been given the go ahead to start harvesting a bumper crop of prized eastern New Mexico Valencia peanuts next week under an agreement that ends a tense, months-long standoff with federal regulators.

A consent decree filed in federal court Friday says Sunland Inc. can reopen its plant in Portales if it hires an independent expert to develop a sanitation plan, which then must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Conditions at the plant, which is the largest organic peanut butter producer in the country, prompted the FDA in November to use new authority for the first time to revoke the company's operating certificate without a court hearing. The action came after the plant was linked to a salmonella outbreak that sickened 42 people.

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## Parents hesitant about armed schools proposal

MIAMI (AP) — The nation's largest gun-rights lobby called Friday for the placement of an armed police officer in every school, but parents and educators questioned how safe such a move would keep kids, whether it would be economically feasible and how it would alter student life. Their reactions ranged from supportive to disgusted.

Already, there are an estimated 10,000 sworn officers serving in schools around the country, most of them armed and employed by local police departments, according to a membership asso-

ciation for the officers. Still, they're deployed at only a fraction of the country's approximately 98,000 public schools, and their numbers have declined during the economic downturn.

Some departments have increased police presence at schools since last week's shooting rampage at a Connecticut elementary school that left 26 dead, but say they can only do so temporarily because of funding.

The National Rifle Association said at a news conference that it wants Congress to fund armed officers in every American school, breaking its

silence on the Connecticut shootings.

The idea made sense to some anxious parents and teachers, but provoked outright anger in others.

Where school resource officers are already in place, they help foster connections between the schools and police, and often develop a close enough relationship with parents and children that they feel comfortable coming forward with information that could prevent a threat, said Mo Canady, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

## READER'S CORNER

### Another Baby

On the day he was born someone said  
Oh, he's just another baby  
But little did that person know  
howvery wrong they were  
Because that dear little baby was  
God's son,  
His gift to the world.  
Many years have come and gone  
since the birth of God's son

And to date  
there has not been another baby  
born  
that did for the world what that 'just  
another baby' did.  
That 'justanother baby' was Jesus  
Christ,  
Our Savior, the reason we celebrate  
Christmas.

—LANA F. ANGUIANO

## LETTERS

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please, let's all pray for the children and the families.

Thank you,  
MARILYN MIEARS  
BIG SPRING

## Greatest gift TO THE EDITOR:

Some said Christmas only comes once a year. But I've come to believe that Christmas can be any day of the year.

Because when someone helps another in need, it's like Christmas to that person. And I have a feeling that God smiles down at anyone who helps one of his children in need of a little kindness. And he must even

have smiled down at the innkeeper who so long ago said, "No room, but you're welcome to use my stable." And because of his kindness, the Savior of all men had a place to be born on that long ago Christmas Day that God gave his greatest gift to man.

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## News in brief

### Union Pacific adjusting crossing where vets died

DALLAS (AP) — Union Pacific is adjusting the timing of the West Texas railroad crossing signal where a collision last month killed four military veterans riding in a parade, a company spokeswoman said Friday.

Raquel Espinoza-Williams said the railroad was doing work that will "improve buffer time" so the Midland crossing is "over and above" the minimum 20 seconds warning time required by federal regulations.

The four men died when the flatbed truck they were riding on was struck by a train traveling 62 mph. The truck was the second float in a Nov. 15 parade organized to honor wounded veterans and their wives.

Sixteen people also were injured in the accident, which remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

In an email, Espinoza-Williams said review and testing of the signal prompted Union Pacific to tweak the device to add an unspecified amount of warning time. The work was being done Friday, she said.

"The buffer time is added to further ensure that the signal system always provides the warning time required by federal regulations — as it did on the day of the accident," she wrote.

The NTSB has said the device activated 20 seconds before the arrival of the eastbound train and that the driver ventured onto the track after the warning signals started flashing and before the arms had descended.

However, documents on file with the Texas Department of Transportation indicate the crossing was designed to activate at 30 seconds and that the railroad never asked to make the timing any different.

### Texas cancer agency names new top executives

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' embattled \$3 billion cancer-fighting agency has officially accepted its executive director's resignation and appointed

two top executives in hopes of restoring the public's confidence, an agency official said Friday.

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas on Friday named Wayne Roberts as interim executive director. He is a member of the State Pension Review Board, which oversees all Texas public retirement systems. Former state Deputy Comptroller Billy Hamilton was named senior advisor to the executive director and oversight committee.

Officials also announced the agency's oversight committee had officially accepted the resignation of Bill Gimson. Two other executives — Chief Commercialization Officer Jerry Cobbs and Chief Scientific Officer Dr. Alfred Gilman — have resigned in the last eight months as the agency has become the target of widespread rebuke from scientists.

A criminal investigation was launched earlier this month after revelations that a hefty grant awarded to a private company bypassed review. Gov. Rick Perry this week called for a moratorium on new grants.

"Restoring public confidence in CPRIT is critical, and I believe having two recognized leaders like Wayne and Billy assuming leadership roles will go a long way toward improving the institute's management and restoring confidence in its operations," Jimmy Mansour, the oversight committee's chairman, said in a statement.

The agency also announced Friday that it has given prosecutors previously missing emails about an \$11 million grant improperly awarded to Dallas-based Peloton Therapeutics in 2010 without the required reviews by scientific and business experts, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The emails were not released to the public.

### Authorities: Houston man shot over Air Jordans

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston authorities say a man was shot in the head after two people demanded his new Air Jordan tennis shoes.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office says the man suffered life-threatening injuries Friday. His condition was not released.

Authorities say he and his friend bought several pairs of sneakers at a Houston mall and went home.

Authorities say an armed man got out of another car, demanding the shoes. The suspect shot at the driver, who was not hurt, as he ran to a neighbor's house for help.

Authorities say another suspect shot the passenger, who tried to drive away before crashing.

At a Fort Worth mall, pepper spray was used on an unruly crowd waiting to buy the re-release of the famous red and black Michael Jordan shoes.

### Pranksters decorate a yard with stolen ornaments

HOUSTON (AP) — One Houston-area woman received what seemed like an early Christmas gift: her yard neatly decorated with festive ornaments.

But there was a big problem. The decorations were stolen from some neighbors, and the present apparently was a prank.

Police in Friendswood say the ornaments included a gingerbread man, Cat in the Hat, Christmas flamingo, and a bear with a Santa hat and reindeer.

Word spread of the strange incident earlier this week, and several neighborhood residents stopped by to retrieve their missing decorations. The rest were taken to Friendswood police.

### 2 men indicted in apparent road-rage crash

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two men have been indicted in connection with an apparent road-rage crash that left a toddler paralyzed and his father seriously injured.

Forty-nine-year-old Robert Jay Brown and 41-year-old Armando Garza each were indicted on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon — their pickups — causing serious bodily injury. If convicted, each faces up to 20 years in prison.

Witnesses reported after the 2011 wreck near San Antonio that two men were driving aggressively.

After one was forced off the road, a chase began. Then one man slammed his brakes, causing the other to rear-end him.

The San Antonio Express-News reports that one pickup slid and hit a car driven by Randy Nelson, whose pelvis was broken.

## Apprehensions of non-Mexican migrants up in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Non-Mexican illegal immigrants account for a slender majority of the agency's recent apprehensions in South Texas, Border Patrol officials said Friday.

They're coming mainly from Central American countries, including El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, said Rosendo Hinojosa, chief of the Rio Grande Valley Border Patrol Sector.

"Usually, about 35 percent of the population that this sector catches" is non-Mexican migrants, Hinojosa said. "Right now we are trending above that. We're about 50/50 right now. There is no indication that this will be a long-term phenomenon. It's just too early to tell."

From October 2011 to July 31, agents apprehended more than 40,000 non-Mexican migrants, compared to about 39,000 individuals from Mexico. The number of non-Mexican migrants apprehended during the same 10-month period a year earlier was about 16,000.

Hinojosa said the figures are unusual but not unheard of, as his sector, which spans 17,000 square miles, traditionally has been an entry point for illegal immigrants from Central America.

"Central Americans have always been a staple, if you will, of our apprehensions. So, it seems that they are con-

tinuing that trend," he said.

Experts have said rising violence fueled in part by Mexican drug cartels moving into Central America as well as poor economic conditions are probably fueling the increase in migrants from there.

The sector has seen other waves in apprehensions of non-Mexican migrants. In 2005, 35,000 Brazilians were caught trying to illegally enter the country.

Between October 2009 and March 2011, agents detained at least 2,600 illegal immigrants from India, a dramatic rise over the typical 150 to 300 arrests per year. Numbers for both nationalities have since dropped.

As the number of Central American migrants has gone up, the number of illegal immigrants from Mexico, who still make up the majority of apprehensions nationwide, has been steadily declining.

A study released ear-

lier this year by the Pew Hispanic Center, a Washington-based think tank, said the illegal migration of Mexicans to the United States is at its lowest level in decades, due in part to the sluggish American economy and fewer job opportunities, particularly in the housing and construction industries.

While apprehensions in general have been declining nationwide over the last few years, the Rio Grande Valley sector's numbers increased.

From October 2011 to July 31, the sector had 79,000 total apprehensions, up from 48,000 for the same 10-month period a year earlier.

Hinojosa attributes the overall increase in apprehensions to more agents in his sector — from 1,850 in 2007 to 2,500 agents now.

Strategies to control the flow of illegal immigrants also have improved over the last two years, he said.

Border Patrol agents in South Texas have also seen an increase in the number of illegal immigrant deaths and rescues of migrants.

In 2011, the Rio Grande Valley sector had 66 deaths and 238 rescues. In 2012, there were 140 deaths and more than 300 rescues.

In the first 2½ months of the current fiscal year, there have been more than 40 deaths and more than 130 rescues.

Hinojosa said the Border Patrol is working with consulates from Mexico and various Central American countries to inform people about the potential dangers illegal immigrants face when trying to enter the United States, most of which, he said, come at the hands of smugglers.

"We understand there is a desire for people that are not in this country to come to this country," he said. "We just want to highlight the significant risk that's associated with that type of transaction."

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# All-District roster full of Forsan Buffs



**Brendan Roman, Sr. Trevor Burchett, Sr. Kade Fannin, Jr. Ausden Medrano, Jr.**

**By BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**FORSAN** — The Buffaloes will be losing some gridiron stalwarts this year, including quarterback Marcus Cervantes, safety Trevor Burchett and runningback Brendan Roman.

Luckily for Head Football Coach Jason Phillips, he has more all-district selections expected to return next year than are graduating.

"We had a good senior class this year," Phillips said.

"Especially with all the injuries — most of them were to seniors — but they were a big part of our success and helped us build our program. I am proud of those guys."

Burchett picked up honors on both first team defense for his role at safety and second team offense as a receiver. Roman — who despite an ongoing injury led the running game for the Buffs — was named to first team offense. Copeland Riddell earned a second team defensive line-

men nod, despite battling injuries, while fellow senior Cole Long was recognized as a second team offensive tackle. Dillon Bagnall nabbed a first team spot as punter and Cervantes was an honorable mention.

"It was good," Phillips added. We have the state champs in our district (Stamps) and Anson. We were pleased with the votes we got. You always there was a couple more picks, but we are happy. It's a tough district."

Junior Ausden Medrano led the underclassmen with first

team offensive and defensive selections as a lineman. Kade Fannin, also a junior, was named to second team offense as a receiver and second team defense as an inside linebacker.

Juniors Polo Morin — who was also a quarterback when he was a needed — was picked as a second team outside linebacker and J.T Breyman was named as second team corner. Kolby Self and Covan Davidson received honorable mentions.

Two sophomores, Garret

Kligora and Trevor Williams were recognized as second team inside linebacker and first team kicker, respectively.

"We have a good nucleus of kids coming back next year," Phillips said. "We are losing some good players, but we have a good group coming back, too."

Contact Sports Editor Brian McCormack at 263-7331 ext. 237 or by e-mail at sports@bigspringherald.com



**Big Spring's Ausbie Morgan takes a three-point shot during Friday's 66-59 loss at home to Seminole. The Steers are 5-10 on the season.**

HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

## Steers battle, but fall to Seminole 66-59

**By BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
Sports Editor

**Big Spring Boys**

The Steers (5-10), lost a hard-fought battle to Seminole on Friday at Steer Gym, 66-59. Steer varsity will look to get back in action with a win at the Bridgeport Tournament, which is set to begin Friday against an opponent to be announced.

**Girls**

The Lady Steers are off until Thursday, when they travel to Lubbock for the Caprock Tournament. BSHS will face Tulia at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Lubbock Coronado.

**Forsan Boys**

**FORSAN** — The Buffaloes found themselves in a dogfight with Colorado City on Friday. Forsan — led by Dillon Bagnall with 19 points and nine rebounds; Kade Fannin, who chipped in 10 points and nine rebounds and J.T. Breyman, who added 10 points — were tied at 40 with the Wolves as regulation expired.

Eleven unanswered points in extra minutes put the Buffs over with a 51-40 win.

"They rose to Colorado City's challenge late in the game to send it into overtime," Head Coach Gary Huckabee said. "Colorado City has a bunch of fine, young men and a great coach in Barry Kimball. We were fortunate to put the game in OT. I am very proud of these guys. They played very focused."

**Girls**

**FORSAN** — The Lady Buffs (12-5) gave the Lady Wolves all they could handle, but when the buzzer sounded, the Lady Wolves had managed to edge Forsan 45-43.

The Lady Buffs led CHS 21-20 at the halfway mark, but were outscored by three points in the

third quarter and that ended up making the difference.

Reagan Haggard led Forsan with 17 points. Behind her was Ali Knight with 13 and Brittney Hergert with eight. The Lady Buffs will meet an opponent yet to be named at the Reagan County Torunament beginning Thursday.

**Garden City Boys**

**GARDEN CITY** — The Bearkats (8-5) hammered Veribest 74-25 Friday. Leading Garden City scorers included Corbin Davis, Juan Bustos, Dillion Koennig and Sam Miller, who put up a combined 58 points in the rout. The Bearkats will be participating in the Grady Cotton Classic Tournament beginning Thursday.

**Girls**

**GARDEN CITY** — The Lady Kats — who have climbed to a No. 15 ranking in the Texas Girl's Coaches Association poll — also scored a convincing victory over Veribest on Friday, pummeling the Lady Falcons 78-11.

Garden City (13-4) was led by Holly Halfmann with 21 points and Hope Halfmann with 10 points.

The Lady Kats will resume play after the holidays at the Grady Cotton Classic Tournament on Friday. They will face Midland Trinity in the opener at 9 a.m.

**Other scores:**

**Grady:** (girls) (12-4) defeated O'Donnell, 56-39. Ellyn Avery, 25 points; Charmynee Arnold, eight points; Lupita Jimenez, six points. Next vs. Iovington, N.M. At Grady Cotton Classic Tournament.

**Stanton:** (boys) (12-3) defeated Crane, 66-44. Cole Schroyer, 21 points; Scott Smith, 21 points. Next vs. McCamey at Reagan County Tournament, Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

## Gay, Randolph lead Grizzlies past Mavericks, 92-82

**MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)** — Tony Allen is solidifying his reputation one of the NBA's premier perimeter defenders.

Former teammate O.J. Mayo already knew that, but got a firsthand look at what Allen can do to a team's leading scorer in the Memphis Grizzlies' 92-82 victory over Dallas on Friday night.

Mayo, who entered the game averaging 20.2 points, managed only a free throw in the first half, ended the night shooting 3 of 11 from the field and scored 10 points. Wednesday

night, Allen held Milwaukee scoring leader Monta Ellis to a single field goal on 14 attempts.

"I treat it as a regular opponent as if he was a Kobe or a LeBron or what have you," Allen said about mindset against Mayo. "I just treated it regular and studied him. ... I sat here quiet. Didn't really talk to my teammates before the game. I was just focused at doing the task at hand because he'd been on fire."

Rudy Gay scored 26 points, and Zach Randolph had 17 points and 13 rebounds to

help the Grizzlies win their fourth straight game. Marc Gasol added 11 points and 11 rebounds, and Allen finished with 10 points.

Mike Conley had 11 assists to become the franchise leader with 2,079. He surpassed Jason Williams, who had 2,069, with 7:54 left in the first quarter on an alley-oop pass to Gay.

Shawn Marion and Vince Carter led the Mavericks with 14 points apiece, and Marion also had 11 rebounds. Dominique Jones had 13 points and seven assists, and Brandan

Wright added 12 points.

Mayo, who played his first four years for the Grizzlies before signing with Dallas in the offseason, was the focus of the Grizzlies defensive approach. Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said the game plan was to make sure Allen had Mayo throughout. Hollins said he didn't want Mayo to get on track to help carry the Mavericks, and to accomplish that, Allen went out every time Mayo rested, and returned with the Mavericks leading scorer. The result was Allen playing a season-

high 38 minutes.

"I told Tony: 'You're going to guard him whenever he is in the game,'" Hollins recounted. "O.J. is a big catalyst of that team. He's their leading scorer. They go around him to get in the flow, which allows the other guys to get in the flow. They had some other people score, but it wasn't the same as when he is playing."

Dallas never led, and Memphis built a 17-point advantage in the third quarter.

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## Peterson pursues rushing record against Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Adrian Peterson chose No. 29 for his high school jersey because he idolized Eric Dickerson growing up in Palestine, Texas.

Peterson switched to No. 28 in college when 29 wasn't available. But he never stopped emulating Dickerson, and always hoped he could one day break his NFL single-season rushing record.

With two regular-season games left, Peterson, who is just under a year removed from reconstructive knee surgery, needs 294 yards surpass the 2,105 yards Dickerson gained in 1984.

"I was always compared to Eric Dickerson being from Texas and his upright style of running or whatnot. It would mean a lot," Peterson said of breaking the record. "He set a bar, something for running backs to chase and envision on breaking his record. It has inspired me to get there and break it. I appreciate him."

The path won't be easy, with Peterson and the Vikings (8-6) traveling to face the AFC South champion Houston Texans on Sunday. The Texans have the

league's fifth best run defense and are one win away from securing both a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

"That's one of our team goals we set at the beginning of the season," Houston's Andre Johnson said. "We're going to go out and try to get that accomplished on Sunday. It's better to have it done Sunday than try to do it the following week."

The Vikings still have a shot at a wild-card berth in the NFC, but would likely need to win both of their remaining games and get some help to secure a spot. Peterson said any personal goals he's shooting for are secondary to helping his team get into the postseason.

"If I continue to play the way I've been playing, I'll be able to continue what I told myself earlier and help lead my team to a championship," Peterson said. "They kind of go hand-in-hand. If you rip off a 200-, 300-yard game, you get a 'W,' you're doing what you told yourself that you were going to do in the offseason."

Peterson needs 188 yards to become the seventh player in NFL history to rush for 2,000 yards and first since Chris Johnson did it in the 2009 season. He has a franchise-record eight straight 100-yard games and has ran for more than 200 yards in two of the last three weeks, making him a top candidate for the NFL's most valuable player.

What's perhaps most impressive is that he's had his best games in the five weeks since receiver Percy Harvin went down with an injury and Minnesota's passing game fell to last in the NFL.

This week he'll face a defense allowing just 93.2 yards rushing a game. A big reason for Houston's stingy defense is star defensive end J.J. Watt. Like Peterson, Watt is also on the cusp of setting an NFL record. He needs 3½ sacks to break Michael Strahan's NFL single-season sack record of 22½.

Watt has a total of 33 tackles for losses, 38 quarterback hits, 15 passes defensed and has forced three fumbles.

## MAVS

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The Mavericks suffered through 24 turnovers leading to 29 Memphis points, and the Grizzlies' 17 offensive rebounds contributed to a 22-9 advantage in second-chance points. Part of that could have been the result of Dallas playing the second night of a back-to-back after losing to Miami on Thursday, and the injuries that the Mavericks are suffering.

"I was very pleased," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said about his team's play. "We were undermanned, coming off of a late night back-to-back. The guys really hung in and gave what they could give. I was really happy with how everybody fought. There's not much consolation when you lose, but the effort was good."

Memphis, which led by a dozen in the first half, dealt with a Dallas rally that cut the Grizzlies' advantage to 40-39 at intermission. Gay had 10 for Memphis, while Carter had nine points for Dallas.

Mayo missed all four of his shots in the half

as Allen clamped on the defense. Mayo managed only a free throw in the closing seconds of the half. He said it wasn't just Allen, but the way the Grizzlies were helping on defense, concentrating on him.

"It was not intimidating," Mayo said of the defense and returning to Memphis.

"It was just a little different obviously. They know my tendencies. It was pretty much O.J. was not getting anything, and (we) had to get other guys to make some plays."

Neither team shot particularly well in the first half — Dallas connecting on 34 percent, while Memphis was shooting at a 38 percent clip. Memphis missed all five of its shots from beyond the arc, and Dallas was stymied by 13 turnovers, while the Grizzlies had eight miscues.

Both teams would end the night shooting just better than 40 percent.

Mayo eventually hit his first field goal with 4:26 left in the third. Dallas had tied it at 49 with just over 9 minutes left in the third, but Memphis responded with 14 straight points, grabbing the first double-digit lead of the game.

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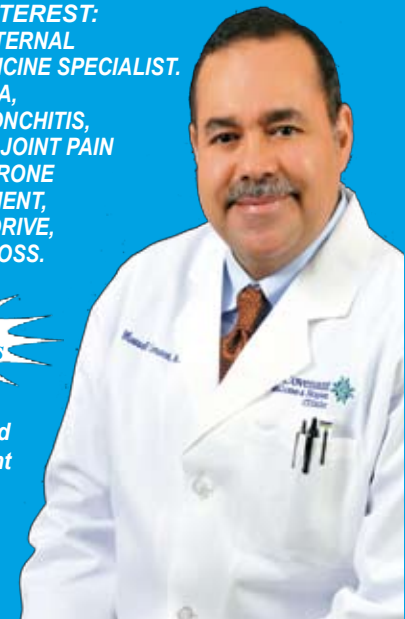
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### Grandparents: Protect Your Grandchildren from Accidental Medication Overdoses

# Up and Away and Out of Sight

FAMILY FEATURES

**G**randparents know children are curious and do everything possible to keep them safe as they explore. Grandparents love when their grandchildren come to visit, but they do not always remember to take extra precautions to put their medicines and vitamins up and away and out of sight before their grandkids arrive. In fact, in a recent survey from the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, nearly one out of every four grandparents said they store prescription medicines in easy-access places, including daily-dose boxes that children can easily open, and 18 percent said they store over-the-counter medicines in easily accessible spots.

Annually, more than 60,000 young children — or roughly four school busloads of children per day — age five or younger are treated in emergency departments (ED) for accidental ingestion of household medicines, according to Dan Budnitz, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's Medication Safety Program.

"Grandparents may not be aware that their next dose of medicine left out on the counter is a potential source of harm for their curious young grandchildren," said Budnitz. "A few simple steps — followed every time — can keep their grandchildren safe from harm."

In partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) PROTECT Initiative, CDC and the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA) Educational Foundation created the *Up and Away and Out of Sight* educational program to help parents, grandparents and caregivers understand how to best store and safeguard the medicines they use so young children cannot access them.

The following tips and resources can help to make sure your grandchildren are always protected:

- **Keep all medicines and vitamins up and away and out of sight** in a high cabinet or other place inaccessible to your grandchildren.
- **Keep purses, bags, or coats that have medicines or vitamins** in them out of their reach and sight.
- **Remember to never leave medicines or vitamins out** on a table, countertop, or bedside table where your grandchildren could reach them — always make sure the caps are locked and put them away every time they are used.

- **Set a daily reminder** to take your medicines and vitamins on your refrigerator or a location you check on a daily basis, since they will be safely stored up and away and out of sight.

- **Program the national Poison Help number, 1-800-222-1222**, along with other emergency contact numbers into your home and cell phone, so they are available in case of an emergency.

"Spending time with grandchildren is so special, and no grandparent wants to unintentionally put young children in harm's way by leaving medicines and vitamins out. When grandchildren come to visit, it is important to be vigilant about making sure all medicines and vitamins are safely stored in 'up-and-away' places, rather than places kids can easily reach or rummage through," said Emily Skor, vice president of Communications and Alliance Development at CHPA.

Safe medicine and vitamin storage should be practiced year round at home and away from home. Grandparents often take a variety of medications. They must be cautious about safe medicine storage when their grandchildren stay with them. Returning medicines and vitamins to a safe location every time they are used can help prevent the accidental ingestions and ED visits by young children each year.

For more information and resources, visit [UpandAway.org](http://UpandAway.org) and pledge to keep your medicines and vitamins up and away and out of sight in your home.

Each year, one in every 150 2-year-olds is brought to an emergency department for accidental drug overdose, typically after finding and taking medications without adult supervision.

#### Explaining Medicine Safety to Children

Families take medicines and vitamins to feel well or stay well. However, any kind of medicine or vitamin can cause harm if taken in the wrong way or by the wrong person, even medicine bought without a prescription. It is important for parents, grandparents and caregivers to teach children about medicine safety to avoid accidental ingestions.

- Talk to children about what medicine is and why you must be the one to give it to them.
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AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Will Santa's sleigh be late?

A record number of Americans took to the Web to order holiday gifts after retailers flooded their inboxes with offers of extra discounts, free shipping and easy returns. But a storm bringing heavy winds and snow to much of the Midwest on Thursday — the heaviest shipping day of the year — could mean that some packages might not make it under the tree in time for Christmas. That's a headache for retailers, shippers and customers alike who already were experiencing problems because of the surge in shipping this year.

So far, no major disruptions have been reported. Wal-Mart, the No. 2 online retailer behind Amazon.com, said no orders have been delayed. GSI Commerce, which handles online shipping for 70 retailers including Aeropostale and Godiva, said they are monitoring the situation hour-by-hour and so far, deliveries are being made on time. By the time the storm hits the Northeast on Friday, it should be a wintry mix of rain and snow — nothing bad enough to delay deliveries.

Still, the storm's timing couldn't be worse for the world's largest package delivery company, UPS. Thursday is the Atlanta-based company's busiest day of

the year. Before the storm shut down service in some areas, it expected to move 28 million packages on Thursday, nearly double an average day.

Both UPS and smaller rival FedEx Corp., which is based in Memphis, Tenn., have extensive contingency plans for blizzards and other inclement weather, including scores of meteorologists on staff to redirect planes and trucks and planes at the ready to replace others that can't take off. The storm led UPS to halt all pickups and deliveries in some parts of Iowa and Nebraska. It had to re-route packages destined for the Des Moines airport, from which many shipments are then moved by truck to their final destinations across the Plains states. Instead, it's moving those shipments out of its hub in Louisville, Ky., until the skies and roads clear, and expects most of the delays to be worked out this weekend.

Even before the storm hit, shipping delays were irking some. Ronni Kenoian, a 24-year-old consumer marketing manager, ordered a \$150 bracelet set for her mother-in-law on Dec. 4 at Alex and Ani, a jewelry company based in Cranston, R.I. She expected it to arrive within seven to 10 business days. Her credit card was charged but Kenoian said she received no tracking number for the package.

**"On a scale of 1 to 10 of how frustrated I am, I'm like a 12. I will never, ever order from their website again."**

With no sign of the bracelet after a week, she phoned and emailed the company but her messages went unanswered. She tried to send a post on social media website Twitter and got a response to send her order number to the company, which she did. Still, nothing.

Finally, on Monday evening, she got word that her package would arrive Tuesday, two weeks after placing her order. She also received a coupon for 15 percent off her next online purchase. But the damage had been done.

"On a scale of 1 to 10 of how frustrated I am, I'm like a 12," she said. "I will never, ever order from their website again."

Alex and Ani CEO Giovanni Feroce said the delay is a result of the growing company trying to satisfy a major surge in demand: orders more than tripled this year to \$3.3 million from \$672,000 last year. Alex and Ani had boosted promotions too, offering free shipping and 10 to 15 percent off on four key days throughout the season, compared with just one day, Cyber Monday, last year.

"Although it is statis-

tically impossible to get close to 50,000 orders perfect since Cyber Monday, we will always do our best to do just that," Feroce said in an interview.

Almost all retailers offered more free shipping this year. Nine out of 10 retailers planned to offer free holiday shipping, according to Shop.org, which is part of trade group The National Retail Federation.

And free shipping wasn't just an incentive for early shoppers. More than 46 percent of the major online retailers emailed their subscribers on Monday Dec. 17, a.k.a. free shipping day, with offers to ship gifts free with no minimum purchase. Fewer than 10 percent made that offer last year, according to marketing software company Responsys.

That spurred shoppers to spend more — online shopping is expected to have risen 17 percent this holiday season to a record \$43.4 billion, according to comScore. But with that increase came logistical problems, and not just at small retailers. Karla Neville, 31, who works in national event mar-

keting in New York, was enticed by Gap's offer of 30 percent off everything. She ordered a sweater, belt and tie for her husband from Banana Republic's website, which is owned by Gap Inc.

Gap separated the order into two and sent the sweater and tie by FedEx and the belt by UPS. Neville never received the belt, discovering online that the UPS package had been returned to Gap for reasons unknown. She doesn't want the belt anymore, just a refund.

"I no longer feel confident that if they re-ship it I will get it in time," she said.

Gap spokeswoman Edie Kissko said that the company sometimes sends items separately depending upon what part of the country the order is shipped from and its destination, a common retail practice known as "split shipping." Gap did not comment on the specific incident.

When shipping goes wrong, all is not lost. Good customer service can save a bad experience.

Charles Hansen III, 49, a consultant in Falls Church, Va., tried to buy a salad spinner from a secondary seller on Amazon's Marketplace, but it came crushed in the mail. He dreaded contacting the seller through the online Web form required, but the seller ended up getting right back in touch with him and sent him a new salad spinner within a few days. He didn't even have to send back the crushed one.

"I was apprehensive. I thought 'Oh, great,' especially when I got to the Amazon website and had to go through this cumbersome process," Hansen said. "But I was pleasantly surprised. If it had wound up being a bad experience I could see doing a lot less online next year — but it turned out very well."

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## Judge: Woman can flip finger in lights

NEW ORLEANS — A Louisiana woman ran afoul of police when she gave her neighbors an unusual holiday greeting, hanging Christmas lights in the shape of a middle finger.

Sarah Childs was in a dispute with some of her neighbors in Denham Springs, just east of Baton Rouge, so she decided to send a message with her decorations. Neighbors complained and police threatened to arrest her, so she and the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana sued the city.

A judge ruled in her favor Thursday.

"I imagine it will be back up before too long," ACLU of Louisiana executive director Marjorie Esman said of the display.

Childs erected the lights on her roof last month. She has removed them twice — once after a police officer told her she could be fined and again after another officer threatened to arrest her, her lawsuit said.

U.S. District Judge James Brady issued an order temporarily barring city officials from interfering with the display. The two-page order said the city's "continued efforts" to prevent Childs from displaying her holiday lights will violate her rights to free speech and due process. He scheduled a Jan. 7 hearing in Baton Rouge.

Denham Springs attorney Paeton Burkett said the city will comply with Brady's order, but she declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"We're going to sit down with everybody involved and see if there's any merit to it," she said.

Mayor Jimmy Durbin and Police Chief Scott Jones, who are named as defendants, didn't immediately respond to calls seeking comment.

The suit said the police department dispatched an officer to Childs' home after several neighbors complained directly to the mayor. The officer told Childs she would be violating the city's "obscenity statute" and could be fined if she didn't take it down, according to the lawsuit. However, Denham Springs doesn't have an obscenity statute, the suit said.

Childs removed the

lights but put them back up after the ACLU defended her in an open letter to the city. That time, the display showed two hands with extended middle fingers.

After another round of complaints, the city responded with a "collateral attack," issuing her two tickets, according to the suit. One accused her of obstructing the flow of traffic as she walked down the side of a street. Another ticket accused her of disturbing the peace while singing an impromptu song about her neighborhood dispute while standing in her driveway.

"Childs' impromptu song allegedly contained some obscenities directed at her neighbors, so the city cited her for simple assault," the suit said.

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der the Globe name. "Musslewhite has an impressive 75-year operating history in the Permian Basin and shares our philosophy of focusing first on customers, employees and safety," said Troy Botts Jr., Globe's president and chief executive officer. "This transaction offers undeniable benefits for our collective customers. We will have near complete coverage of the Permian Basin and a network that will help us improve the responsiveness and efficiency of service delivery. We are pleased to welcome the Musslewhite team

and look forward to a bright future together." Richard Ellis, CEO of Musslewhite, will be joining Globe's senior leadership and will remain involved in day-to-day operations and in all aspects of the business. "Musslewhite is excited about combining our high-quality services and cultures to enhance each other and be a leading provider of oilfield services," Ellis said. "We thank our employees for their continued loyalty and service, and firmly believe this expanded organization will be a great benefit to all of our stakeholders,

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## Large cotton supplies, weather should weigh heavily in 2013

By TOMMY YEATER

AgriLife Extension Agent

COLLEGE STATION — Record-high carryover stocks of cotton and future weather patterns are just a few factors affecting cotton prices heading into 2013, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economist.

"We will see a cutback in Texas cotton acreage as farmers take advantage of strong corn, wheat



Yeater

and sorghum prices," said Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist in College Station.

Robinson said cotton prices are still adjusting to historic prices in 2010-2011 when \$2-plus per pound cotton prices led to higher world production and reduced consumption. That set of circum-

stances led to record-high carryover stocks of cotton worldwide and weaker prices.

Texas cotton farmers will likely switch some acreage to grain crops to take advantage of high prices in 2013, according to Dr. John Robinson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cotton economist in College Station.

Robinson said China accounts

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## Santa fraud could be coming to town

This holiday season, I have been touched by the outpouring of charity I've seen around the community. However, while the holiday season can bring out the best in people, it can also bring out those pesky Grinches looking to taking advantage of our festive spirit. Better Business Bureau is warning of the following five most common holiday scams that could ruin your holiday cheer if you're not careful:

1. Holiday e-card scam: You receive an eGreeting from an unnamed "relative," or "friend," and you have to click on a link to view it. However, clicking on the link could unleash malicious spyware or viruses. In some cases, nothing bad happens until you download software from the e-card website so you can "run your e-card."

Tip: If there is any question of who the card came from, don't open it! Also, be sure you have the latest anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed on your computer.

2. Delivery Scams: In this case, you receive a card saying an unsuccessful attempt was made to deliver a package to your home and directs you to call for more details. When you call the number, you get a recorded message or are kept on hold. In the end, the number you've called is a foreign number and you are charged high rates for the call. This scam can also come via email.

Tip: Find the contact information on your own for the company that left the message, and reach out to them directly to confirm any problems with a delivery.

3. Fraudulent websites: Be on the lookout for fake websites offering bargain prices, especially on hard to find gifts, the hot gifts for 2012 or knock-off brand name products. If the price sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Tip: Check a seller's reputation and record for customer satisfaction at bbb.org; look for the "s" in https:// in the address box to ensure you're shopping on a secure website; and pay with a credit card.

4. Phishing emails: You receive an email with a very tempting offer or claiming problems with an order, and are directed to click on a link. The link directs you to a fake website where you're told to enter personal and financial information.

Tip: If you receive an email similar to this, call the contact number on the website where you placed your order to confirm that there really is a problem with the transaction. Do not click on any links provided in an email from an unknown sender

5. Fake job scam: Many retailers and manufacturers need extra staff to handle the holiday rush. Knowing this, scam artists send out emails or post to popular classified sites promising non-existent jobs. You'll eventually be asked to pay a fee for the job, or the scammer will use the info on your resume to steal your identity.

Tip: Be suspicious of "too good to be true" job offers and research the company offering the job at bbb.org. Never pay money for a job and be cautious of giving your personal information.

## Conservation programs applications being accepted at NRCS Office

Special to the Herald

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Eddy Spurgin announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located at the USDA Service Center in Big Spring, Texas.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP funding in 2013 and will begin ranking and obligating EQIP contracts after Feb. 15. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2013 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP — one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill — is a vol-

untary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Howard County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," said Spurgin.

EQIP is a continuous sign-up program that allows landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2013 funding is Feb. 15. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after

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# Public Records

**Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:**  
 Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring  
 Carol J. Anderson, PO Box 1143, Stanton  
 Patricia Ann Bacon, 5700 Cedar Rd. Apt. 2, Big Spring  
 Amanda Nicole Bair, 1103 E. 15th St., Big Spring  
 Charles Howard Baker, 118 Shiloh, Victoria  
 Jessica Lynn Banks, CR 1200, Lubbock  
 Johnny Barraza, 429 Westover, Big Spring  
 Tommy Billalba Jr., 3614 Hamilton, Big Spring  
 Jennifer Leigh Black, 1405 E. Barton, Temple  
 William Riley Bounds, 1818 Corsicana, Dallas  
 Joe Ray Brown, 902 Hickory, Abilene  
 Vanessa Calderon, 1504 Kentucky, Big Spring  
 Emily Denise Carrillo, 2610 Albrook, Big Spring  
 Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring  
 Trystan Taelor Cavallos, 3912 E. Hwy. 350, Big Spring  
 Joshua Adam Cisneros, 802 Culp, Coahoma  
 Melissa Cisneros, 1810 S. Benton, Big Spring  
 Christoval Corralez, 1105 N. Nolan, Big Spring  
 Melissa Crawford, 1207 Mulberry, Big Spring  
 Jennifer R. Crow, 1714 Fort Worth, Brownwood  
 Montie Dee Daniels, 2606 Chanute, Big Spring  
 Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock  
 Stefan Deal, 102 Casie Ln. Apt. 1, Fort Worth  
 Manuel Delosrios, 707 Lorilla, Big Spring  
 Teana Demeny-Roberts, 5601 N. Service Rd., Big Spring  
 Delores Dohnalik, 1500 Stones Throw, Horseshoe Bay  
 Michael Angelo Dorado, 2202 William Rd., Big Spring  
 Josepy James Eckert, 1123 Newhaven Trail, Pearland  
 Maria Luisa Elizondo, 603 S. Second, Meadow  
 Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring  
 Alexandria Nicole Escanuela, 2521 Chanute, Big Spring  
 Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 302 Circle, Big Spring  
 John Randall Evatt, 4301 W. 49th St. Apt. 329, Amarillo  
 Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild, Big Spring  
 Amy Michelle Fields, 102 N. Fifth St., Coahoma  
 Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa  
 Joey Lee Garcia, 3102 Ave. C, Snyder  
 Noel Garcia II, 1604 Robin, Big Spring  
 Pedro Garcia, 806 Johnson, Big Spring  
 Joe Nick Garfias Jr., of 1309 Runnels, Big Spring

Kay Lynn Garrett, 2609 Wasson Rd. Apt. 45, Big Spring  
 Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second, Stanton  
 Joseph Blake Gist, 3500 Cedar Run, Abilene  
 Nicholas Gonzales, 903 Creighton, Big Spring  
 Roxanne Deanda Gonzales, 539 Westover Apt. 211, Big Spring  
 Eunice Torres Gonzalez, 7311 Westmoor, Odessa  
 Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd., Abilene  
 Robert Earl Green II, 2512 Fairchild, Big Spring  
 Kimberly Hargrove, PO Box 1985, Big Spring  
 Tracy Lenn Haynie, 503 Kylie Lane, Wylie  
 Bryan David Hernandez, 1500 Kentucky Way, Big Spring  
 Ruby G. Hernandez, 1002 N. Main St. Apt. 48, Big Spring  
 Ashley Rae Hodge, 3214 Drexel, Big Spring  
 Danny Holt, 125 Farney Rd., Lorena  
 April M. Horton, 1705 Charles, Portsmouth, Ohio  
 Bradley Ryan Horton, 601 Linda Lane, Big Spring  
 Dana Michelle Hudgins, P.O. Box 837, Coahoma  
 Ashley Nicole Islas, 1104 Wood, Big Spring  
 Brian Ivanchan, 1208 Mulberry, Big Spring  
 Mandy Diane Jenkins, 8707 E. Highway 350, Big Spring  
 Lonnie Malcolm Johnson, 1211 Ridgeroad, Big Spring  
 Christopher Shawn Jones, 112 McDonald Rd., Big Spring  
 Donald Jones, 3718 Ave. V, Snyder  
 Jason Earnest Key, 900 Abrams, Big Spring  
 Albert Leal, 2522 Albrook, Big Spring  
 Robert Lee Lopez, 503 E. 18th, Big Spring  
 Jenny Marie Hamilton Lyon, 4201 W. Highway 80 Apt. 6, Big Spring  
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham, Odessa  
 James Elijah Marlow, 2001 Runnels, Big Spring  
 Daniel Marrujo, 511 N. Concho, Roby  
 Todd Vincent Martin, 409 Woodcrest, Midland  
 Joe Martinez, 2525 Fairchild, Big Spring  
 Manuel Martinez Jr., 702 NE Iowa, Lamesa  
 Fidel M. Martinez, 705 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring  
 Ronnie Trevino Martinez, 1109 E. 11th place, Big Spring  
 Norman James McNeese, 1098 LCR 317, Colorado City  
 Betty Jane McWilliams, 2511 Hunter, Big Spring  
 Cory James Michalewicz, 1106 Briscoe Cove, Hutto  
 Eddie Glen Mills, 5142 PDQ Rd., Colorado City  
 Nicholas Craig Mills, 3225 Cornell, Big Spring  
 Chelsea Kristyne Mills-

paugh, 7403 N. Service Road, Big Spring  
 Alicia Morales, 3307 E. 11th Place, Big Spring  
 Jose Munoz, 3804 Connally, Big Spring  
 Melissa Nieto, 615 Tulane, Big Spring  
 John Randall O'Harrow, 107 S. Main, Big Spring  
 Nancy Ortega, 1111 E. 14th, Big Spring  
 James Michael Perez, 626 Tulane, Big Spring  
 Fred Allen Perry, 1425 E. Sixth Apt. 107, Big Spring  
 Taylor James Perry, 2105 Sydney Baker Apt. 228, Kerrville  
 Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th, Big Spring  
 Jarum Renee Pryor, 802 N. Plaza, Big Lake  
 Randy Randolph, 2514 Albrook, Big Spring  
 Michael Neal Roberts, 538 Westover, Apt. 103, Big Spring  
 Roberta Garza Rodriguez, 1103 Stanford, Big Spring  
 Lisa J. Rubio, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring  
 Leza Lopez Ruiz, 1520 Tucson, Big Spring  
 Miguel Andres Sanchez, 64 McCaleb Rd., Montgomery  
 Anastasia Clarice Sanders, 1401 Culppeper Ave., Wilson  
 Brittany Nicole Savell, 425 E. Davis Rd., Big Spring  
 Warren Victor Schneider, 803 Atlantic, Coahoma  
 Jamie Serrato, 1401 N. Highway 87Apt. 203, Big Spring  
 Kennedra Wynell Shelton, 400 N. Fourth, Corsicana  
 Angela Gay Smith, 102 N. Ash, Coahoma  
 Charles Ray Smith, 2911 W. Highway 80, Apt. 155, Big Spring  
 Tiffany Katherine Stokes, 1407 E. 19th St., Big Spring  
 Timothy Donald Taylor, 4000 W. Highway 80 No. 18, Big Spring  
 David Wayne Turner, 3204 Irving, Snyder  
 Abram Unger, 503 NE Fourth, Seminole  
 Brittanica Kay Upchurch, 4303 Princeton, Midland  
 Alonzo Vasquez, 306 W. Seventh St., Iraan  
 Timothy Shea Wargo, 624 State, Big Spring  
 Charles Watson, 804 W. I-20 Apt. 127, Big Spring  
 Thomas Weeks, P.O. Box 110891, Anchorage, Alaska  
 Michael Wade Welch, 700 S. Aylesford, Big Spring  
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. 28, Big Spring  
 Byran Paul Williams, 1409 E. Main St., Round Rock  
 Calvin Williams, 1313 Mulberry, Big Spring  
 Kevin Lamont Williams, 1809 Nolan, Big Spring  
 Mary Lou Wilson, 610 N.E. Ninth, Big Spring  
 Frances Elena Yanez, 1610 Cardinal, Big Spring

James Edward Young, 3313 Auburn, Big Spring  
 Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring  
 Mary Esther Zubiata, 1103 S. 11th Place, Big Spring

**County Court Decisions:**  
 Probated Judgement: Adrian Carrillo, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Amber Rodriguez, theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Wendell Campbell, theft by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 15 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Jonathan Rodriguez, burglary of a vehicle, \$250 fine, \$332 court costs, 75 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Abel Morelino, theft of property – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$332 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Stephanie Elaine Baker, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Nathan Henry Baker, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Benny Andrew Robinson Jr., possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 120 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Thomas Monico Aguilar, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$507 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Anthony Alphonso Lewis, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Gabriel Lee Barraza, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Robert Ruben Sanchez, public intoxication with three prior convictions, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Rand Del Butterfield, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457

court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Michael Lee Morris, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Juarez Jr., duty on striking fixture or highway landscape, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Juarez Jr., evading arrest or detention, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Juarez Jr., driving while intoxicated – second offense, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Robert Ruben Sanchez, public intoxication with three prior convictions, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Ivan Navejas, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Clifton Lewis Scott, interfering with an emergency phone call, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Gloria Kathleen Luna, driving while intoxicated – second offense, \$2,000 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Micah Nickle, theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Benjamin Elton Repman, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
 Probated Judgment: William Gilbert Aguilar, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Roxanne Blackwell, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Robert Howland, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$342 court costs, five days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Larry Dale King, terroristic threat, \$250 fine, \$332 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Andrew Juarez Jr., bail jumping – failure to appear, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Justin Delagarza, theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Avel Abreo Ramirez, resisting arrest, \$250 fine, \$282 court costs, 50 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Charlie Jake Turner, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Ronald Edward Wilkins, violation of a protective order, \$266 fine, \$232 court costs.  
**District Court Filings:**  
 State of Texas vs. Bryan Stefaniak, seizure.  
 Christopher Don Randle vs. Bobbie Ann Harvey, divorce.  
 Chrystal D. Welch vs. Eric Wayne Welch, divorce.  
 U.S. Realty Financial Corp. vs. Ricky Allen Robertson, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 James Howard McKinney vs. Elisha Michelle McKinney, divorce.  
 Jerry Francis Kimberlin vs. Darlene Kimberlin, divorce.  
 Roger Allen Kligora vs. Cathey Ann Kligora, divorce.  
 C.C. Forbes LLC vs. Manhattan Petroleum Inc., accounts, notes and contracts.  
 Ashely Renee Garcia vs. Daniel Rios, protective order.  
 In Re Israel Nathaniel Flores, family.  
 In Re Joseph Joel Avalos, family.  
 In Re Keyshawn Peyton Woodruff, family.  
 In Re Unice Miracle Davis, family.  
 Victor A. Hilario III vs. Ezmerelda Flores Aranda, family.  
 Robin Thurmond vs. John Thurmond, divorce.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
 Nicholas A. Headrick, 22, and Emily A. Vasquez, 28, both of Big Spring.  
 Marcus Lee Henderson, 33, and Jordan Makalee King, 26, both of Big Spring.  
 Christopher Eugene Shaw, 40, and Celestina Trevino Serrato, 46, both of Big Spring.  
 Florencio Carrillo Jr., 41, and Melissa Jean Hodnett, 41, both of Big Spring.  
 Rogelio Puente Hernandez, 22, and Marisa Rodriguez, 21, both of Big Spring.  
 Morgan Lee Barron, 27, and Stephanie Snyder, 24, both of Big Spring.  
 Christopher Wade Dunbar, 23, and Mackenzie D'Ree Macha, 23, both of Big Spring.  
 Michael B. Meinen, 33, and Wendie E. Wallace, 31, both of Coahoma.

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the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.  
 EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.  
 Last year, NRCS in Texas funded more than 4,000 EQIP contracts with \$76 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 2.1 million acres across the entire state. In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In

Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services.  
 For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Big Spring at 432-267-1871, ext. 3. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

## Cost-share funds now available to producers

The deadline for producers in Howard County to sign up for 2013 cost-share funds through the Senate Bill 503 Water Quality Program is Jan. 18.  
 The funds are primarily used to develop and improve irrigation practices. However, funds can be used for brush management, range seeding, livestock water development and terraces. This pro-

gram also ensures proper nutrient and pest management practices are applied to enable agricultural operations to meet state water quality standards.  
 The advantage of participating in this program is that if a producer develops and maintains a site specific water quality management plan through the local Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the plan is certified by the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, the producer will be in compliance with state water quality law. They are also exempt from other state regulatory processes regarding nonpoint source discharge of pollutants.  
 A water quality management plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, management measures, and technologies of any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.  
 For more information or to make an application, contact the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District before Jan. 18, at 432-267-1871, ext. 3 or go to [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) for more information.

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for about half of the world's carryover stocks, and most of those are held off the shelf in government reserve, he said.  
 “The combination of these bearish fundamentals and policy uncertainty sets the stage for what we may see in 2013,” he said. “We can certainly expect significant reductions in cotton acreage, starting with Australia, Brazil and Argentina last month.”  
 With the strength in 2013 corn, soybean and wheat future prices,

Robinson said there will likely be major shifts to grains and oilseeds in the Midsouth and Southeast. He projects if U.S. cotton planted dips to 8.9 million acres, “We could still see 14 million bales of production.”  
 “I would project a likely range of December 2013 prices at 65 to 85 cents per pound,” he said. “The upshot is that the insurance base price established in early 2013 will likely be in the 70 cent range – far, far lower than in the previous two years.”  
 The continuation of the sovereign debt issues in Europe or fiscal cliff fears in the U.S. “will only reinforce

negative to slow economic growth in 2013,” he said.  
 “That suggests little room for a demand-driven rally in cotton prices,” Robinson said. “In addition, if some major cotton-producing

country has a production disaster, the market shock could easily be squelched by China simply releasing some of their government re-

serve stocks. In short, weak demand and policy distortion will likely keep the upside capped and the downside open.”

Tommy Yeater is the AgriLife extension agent for Howard County. He can be reached at 264-2236.

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humanresources@212resources.com or contact Danielle Joplin at 432-524-6326. Additional opportunities are available at our Anderson, TX facility.

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**CERTIFIED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN**  
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South Plains Rural Health Services is in need of two Certified Pharmacy Technicians at Howard County Community Health Center in Big Spring. The Pharmacy Tech assists the Pharmacist and the Medication Coordinator in the operations of the pharmacy in conjunction with the health services provided within the community health center. Primary duties include maintaining all quality control and inventory control records on pharmaceuticals as outlined by the pharmacist in charge. Assists the Pharmacist, under direct supervision, in the practice of Pharmacy, in accordance to local, state, federal, and company regulations. Educational requirements include High School Diploma and a Pharmacy Technician Certification. This full-time position offers a competitive salary, benefits, and holidays. Please mail resume/ applications to Dale Moore, South Plains Rural Health Services, Inc. 1000 FM 300, Levelland TX 79336, or fax to (806)894-3378. Or apply online at [www.sprhs.org](http://www.sprhs.org). EOE. No phone calls please.

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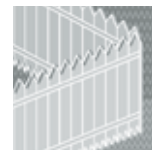
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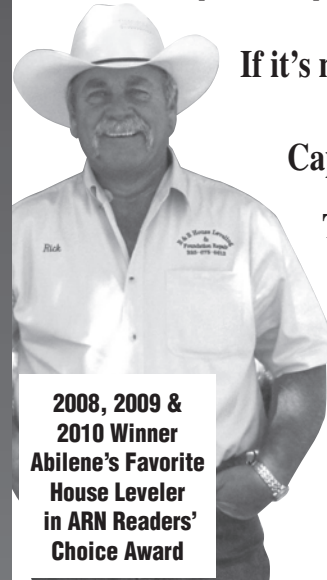
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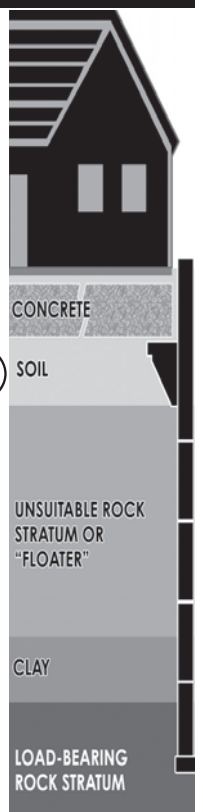
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Katie is the daughter of Troy and Kathy Singleton of Grand Prairie. She is the granddaughter of Carolyn and the late Hugh Singleton of Austin, Texas, and the late Bill and Margie Quigley.

Katie is a graduate of Abilene Christian University with a bachelor science degree in human communications and a minor in family studies.

Garrett is the son of Karen and the late Don Fulton of Stanton. He is the grandson of Don and Treva Fulton of Howardwick, Texas, and the late Bob and Gerry Spears.

He graduated from Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science and is seeking a doctorate in physical therapy at Harding University.

The two have planned a wedding date of Jan. 5, 2013, at Robert Carr Chapel in Fort Worth.

Call Karen Fulton with questions: 432-213-1125

## WEATHER WHYS

**Q: Sometimes you hear of something called St. Elmo's Fire. What is it?**

A: It's one of nature's more unusual displays, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. When skies are stormy and lightning is present, St. Elmo's Fire can occur. "It's an electrical discharge in the air and instead of appearing like a lightning bolt, it appears like a glow around an object, especially tall ones like church steeples or masts on ships," he explains. "It is scientifically known as a corona or point discharge, where the electrical field strength reaches 1,000 volts per centimeter. It can only occur during an electrical storm. When a thunderstorm occurs, the air between the clouds and the ground can become statically charged, resulting in a 'glow discharge.' It's different from lightning in that it is continuous and its glow around an object can last for several minutes. It's the same principle used to create fluorescent tube lighting."

**Q: Has it been around a long time?**

A: For thousands of years, but it has been called different names and described in many ways, adds McRoberts. It is named after Saint Elmo, the patron saint of sailors. St. Elmo's Fire was mentioned in one of Julius Caesar's "Commentaries," also in Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" and other works, and Ben Franklin noticed its appearance around steeples during his experiments with lightning.

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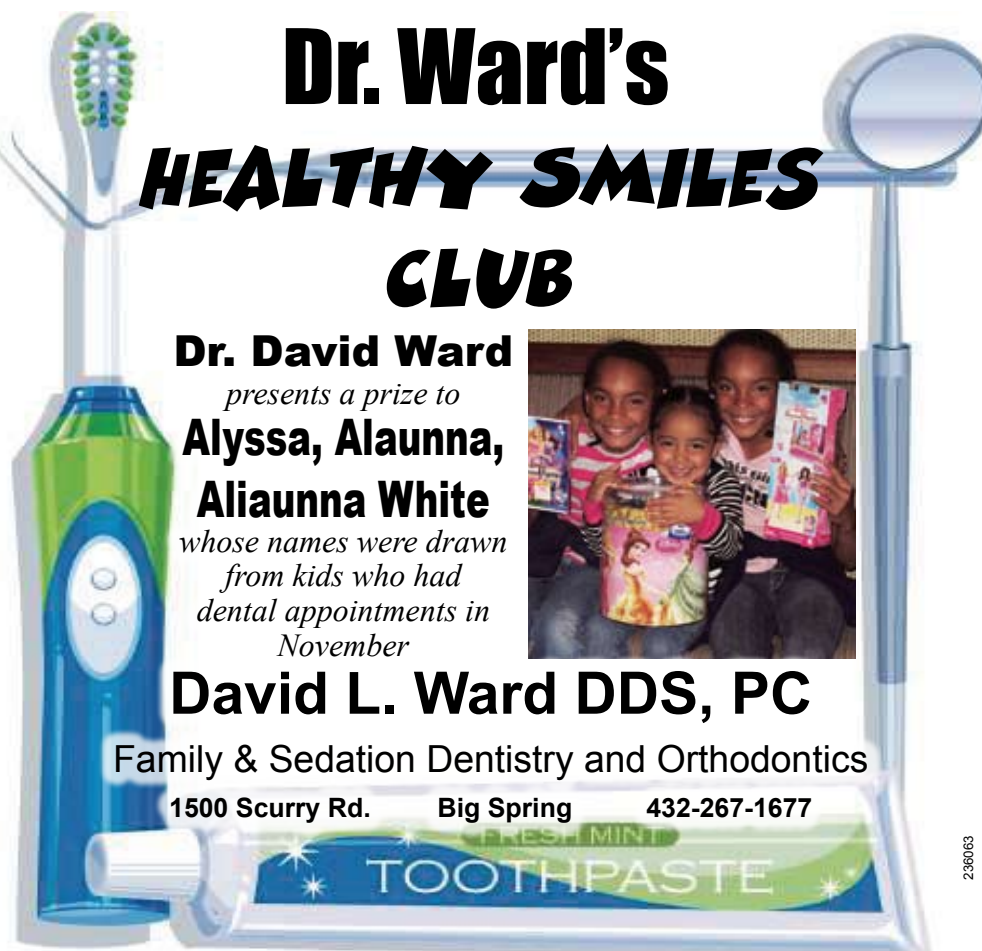
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Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
Two Doras, a computer, stairs for my room  
— *Love from, Marlie Ausbie*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A red car, a truck, a airplane  
— *Love from, Andresito Dehoy*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
a guitar, Barbie clothes, rabbit  
— *Love from, Grabeila Escamilla*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A Barbie, a Santa toy, a Horse  
— *Love from, Mia Favila*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A Batman toy, A Joker Tjoy, A Bubmle Bee Toy  
— *Love from, Salvador Gonzalez*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A computer, A phone, A Barbie  
— *Love from, Serenity Groage*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A video game, a airplane, a car for my Brother  
— *Love from, Sisto Hererra*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A baby doll, a Barbie, Barbie Clothes  
— *Love from, Izabell Hilario*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
Snow, a toy that fights, two Christmas trees  
Love from, Chad Hughes

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
a baby crib, a baby high chair, a baby car seat  
— *Love from, Athena Kenly*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
a motorcylce, a bike, a video game  
— *Love from, Everado Mora*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
Ninja Turtles, Spiderman, Power Rangers  
— *Love from, Zaden Sanchez*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
Minnie Mouse, a baby doll, Playdough  
— *Love from, Talya Sanders*



Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A Beautiful Room, a computer, my own table so I can eat in my room  
— *Love from, Arianna Sosa*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
Barbie, Cinderella, Bell  
— *Love from, Jeanette Threats*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year, and some things I would love for Christmas are...  
A Piano, A Drum, A Ipod  
— *Love from, Breanna Woodruff*

## Garden City Elementary

Second Grade  
Dear Santa,  
Thank you for being so nice to everyone and very very jolly everyday. What I want for Christmas is a picture of all of the Raindeer. I hope you have a safe ride back tot he nOrth Pole and a Merry Christmas!  
— *Your friend, Mackenzie Allen*

Dear Santa,  
I hoep your reindeer are doing good for Christmas. I want a playstation 3 and a rmote chuchroe 4wheel-er.  
— *Your friend, Carlos*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want an Xbox 360, a few Christmas decerations, Star Wars lego sets and downgourus hunts 2013 for the wii. Mery Christmas to you and yore elfs and thank you for all the presents & gifts. How are yore elf and raindeer?  
— *Your friend, Brock Braden*

Dear Santa,  
How are your Elf and Reindeer? I want a PS3 an ipad, a bul terrier puppy, and Legos Star Wars. I want a Cortrol Helicopter, Halo good goy ship, and a bad guy ship.  
— *Your friend, David*

Dear Santa,  
I been good mostly. Are the elf good? Is roodof good too? also I want a coloring books with crayons. Santa, some cookies with some Milk made by Mrs. Claus. I also want a book about a Snow-Man and a stocking with a sutfing bear and an Ipad or Ipod. Pleece, Santa  
— *Your friend, Malerie*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a mini I-pad, a Draemilte, stompees and a far Reel friends GoGo. I hope you have a marry Christmas. Thank you Santa for bringing presins. Love Celeste  
— *Your friend, Celeste Pedraza*

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good time at the Northpole. How are your elfs and your reindeer doing? And I like how your elfs make our toys. For Christma I would like a razarblad scootr. I like how it is a fast scootr. I would like a ipod too.  
— *Your friend, Kara Roberts*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want Madagascar 3. And please tell Rudolp hi for me. I cant wait until Christmas. Have I ben Good?  
— *Your friend, Blake Stewart*

Dear Santa,  
Am I on the naughtly list? How miny Reinder are ther? You are werking rily hord. Maby you shod take a brake. You have time. Are Roodoff and the other rander OK?  
— *Your friend, Malaki Vaughn*

Dear Santa,  
All I want this year is what ever you give me. And a Marry christmas to all and gettign along. Thanks for workign so hard for Christmas cheer. You are very nice.  
— *Your friend, Mason Walker*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are your reindeer and youelfs? I've been really good! For Christmas can I have a vase for my room and my mom. When I was three I threw a ball and broke the vase! Can I have a new teddy bear? Mine is old and sticky. Can I have a new iphone and a T.V.? And new games for my wii? Thank you for all my gift's hope you have Merry Christmas!  
— *Your friend, Barbara Wittrein*

## Traci Odom's Class

Dear Santa,  
I have been good in my home. I have been helping my mom and dad. I want a ipad, a talking toy and a little horse for Christmas. I bought some cookies for you. I like you.  
Love,  
Alondra Cardenas

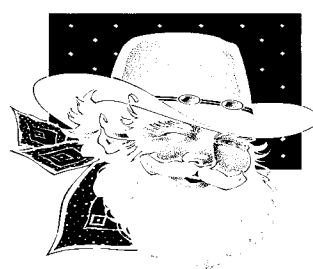
Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I have been playing with Briana and Weston. I want you to bring me a leap pad 2, some fake nails, teddy bear, ipad, a nintindo 3 DS, baby alive, and stompies. I love you Santa.  
LOVE,  
— *Aurora Alvarado*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I have been helping my dad work on his pickup. I want you to bring me a Spark Rider 360, a Ipad, a 22 hornet, a 223, a lot of DS games, and hotwheel track with hotwheels.  
Love,  
— *Blain Walts*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good a girl this year. I have been helping my Mom and Dad. I help my Mom make cupcakes, and I help my Dad work at my Grandma's and Grandpa's. I want a new kitten, a new dog, a crown, and a rose. I LOVE you Santa!  
Love,  
— *Briana Halfmann*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I have been helping my dad. I would like you to bring me a Spark Rider 360 and some fake nails for me and my dad. I would like some peanut brittle and a fake apple so I can play a trick on my dad. I am making brownies to give you when you come to my house.  
Love,  
— *Brody Hoelscher*

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be good. I have been helping my cousin. I want you to bring me 3 bey blades and 249 bey wheels. I like you a lot. I hope you like me. I like you Santa!!!!!!  
LOVE,  
— *Christopher Dyer*



Dear Santa,  
I have been a good kid because my mom has been helping me a lot. I have been going to school a lot of days. I want you to bring me 12 bey blades, ipad, and a electric scooter 360. I hope you can come to my home  
because last Christmas you didn't come to my home. I LOVE YOU Santa. You are the best.  
LOVE  
— *Gabriel Ramirez*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I have been a good girl. I have been helping my mom and my dad make cakes. I want you to bring me some stompies, Barbie dolls that have a cruise ship, and a dream light. I like Santa.  
Love,  
— *Idaly Pedraza*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I havebeen hugging my dad and mom. I want you to bring me a ipad, a Tractor, and nike shoos  
You are my friend Santa.  
Love,  
— *Jared Lopez*

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to make you happy. I have been hoping that I been good. I have been helping my mom and my dad. I also like helping my sister and my brother. I would like for you to bring me some presents. I want a 3D ds and some games to go with it. I want a new ipad, a bey blade, some new shoes, xbox, a bey wheel, a electric scooter, and skylanders I hope you have a safe trip. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
— *Skyler Garcia*

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I have been helping my dad work on a plow. I want you to bring me a giant Skylander, spy tracker, and spy glasses this year. I cant wait until you come. I LOVE you Santa.  
Love,  
— *WESTON JOST*

Dear Santa,  
I have been helping my dad a lot. I have been very good. I want you to bring me a remote control car, a car race track, a King beybladethat has red and black on it, and the monkey game where the monkey jumps in the trees if you make it. Please leave me something while I'm sleeping, and I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
— *Julio Talamantes*

Jennifer Wood's Class  
Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. I've been watering my animals and helped my dad feed. I would like a football with a tee and a PlayStation. Jack the elf is doing good. I'd also like a skylander.  
— *Love, Tres Spencer*

Dear Santa,  
I hope I'm on the nice list this year. I always wanted to be your elf. I think you're my favorite Christmas gift. These are my three choices: a phone, 3DS, and a crossbow. I will give you a lot of cookies.  
— *Love, Dylan Odom*

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl. This year for Christmas I want a Justin Bieber doll, a Barbie notebook, and a phone. I am leaving you cookies and milk.  
— *Love, Angela Rodriguez*

Dear Santa,  
I would like to thank you for Chippy our elf on the shelf. Also I've been a good girl all year. I would like a telescope and some new DS games like fashion games. Also I would like slippers, gack, rap star mic, and a gumball machine.  
— *Love, Shelby Braden*

Dear Santa,  
I've been helping at the house. My brother and I like our elf on the shelf. For Christmas I want a drum set and a pogo stick. I hope the elves are okay.  
— *Love, Owen Seidenberger*

Dear Santa,  
Who is your favorite reindeer? Do you like me a lot? Was my sister nice or bad, you always know! Santa, for Christmas I want my Little Pony. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
— *Love, Jeweliza Gomez*



Dear Santa,  
Have the elves worked hard all year long? I'm going to try to make a present for you. Is Rudolph sick? For Christmas I would like a diary with Justin Bieber on it and a bracelet with Justin Bieber on it, and a shoulder bag with Justin Bieber on it. I'll leave a list under my Christmas tree.  
— *Love, Priscila Cardenas*

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy this year. Can I have a Nintendo 3DS, Skylander giants, Mario Kart 7, Skylander giants for Nintendo 3DS, and Hot Wheels? I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
Love, Ethan Castillo

Dear Santa,  
I have comets bell from the Polar Express. Who is the hardest elf worker? Santa, we fed your elf some candy canes and some Hershey's. I want Battleship, skylanders, and a guitar.  
— *Love, Logan Seidenberger*

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer, are they okay? Do you know if Rudolph is coming with you? I want a Texas Rangers flat bill cap. I'm going to leave cookies and milk for you.  
Love, Kamdyn Roe

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the presents from last year. I really like them a lot! I want some Toms, Miss Me jeans, Elf on the Shelf, and a bed.  
— *Love, Leslie Perez*















Dear Santa, for Christmas I would like a Puppy Dog and Ipad. How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? Merry Christmas. Your friend,  
— Alexis

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a DTS3 DXL and a PS/ I wonder if Rudolph's nose is till lshing.  
— Your friend, Faugtino

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a D.S.T. How is Mrs. Claus?  
— Your Friend, Annabell

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a Touch Screen and an Ipad.  
— Your friend, Anisia P.S. How is Rudolph? Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like aw bike and an Ipad. How is Rudolph!  
— Your Friend, Isaac

Dear Santa Marry Christmas I would like a DS and a pair of shoes. How is Mrs. Claus and how are you too Santa?  
— Your friend, Ariana Rios

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a bike and a board game.  
— Your friend, Jordan

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a Furby and a pair of roller blades. I would like some new play dough and most of all to spend time with my faily on a white Christmas Eve. So how are the reindeer? I bet they're doing fine. Is Rudolph still lighting your way? If not then he'll probably need a new light bulb. How are the elves? They're probably tired from making so many toys! Well I might as well let your work now. Merry Christmas.  
— Your friend, Emily Kocak

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a set of Dork Diary books and a notebook. How can the reindeer fly? And why does Rudolph's nose glow?  
— Your friend, Faith Cook

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a dream lite and a wonderful Christmas.  
— Your Friend, Anautica Cook P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a willa and new clothes. Is Rudolph doing ok?  
— Your friend, Alagna

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like an iphone and a pair of boots. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Please tell yur wife that I said Merry Christmas. We are doing great at school. Hope you are doing good on giving presents to children.  
— Your friend, Hannah Joo

Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a phone and a new pair of shoes. I hope you have a nice Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus For Christmas, I would like a pair of high tops that I saw at the Shoe Department. I'll describe them. They're black with different color jewels. I want a WiiU It is at Gamestop. Are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen, Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer. How is Mrs. Claus is she still baking cookies for all the elves? Are the reindeer ready for Christmas.  
— Your believer, HANNAH

**Mrs. Jimenez's First Grade Class**  
Dear Santa, I want some toy cans, a Teddy Bear, some Monster Tracks, some motorcycles, dirt bikes and trucks. And that's it.  
— Love, Ezekial C.

Dear Santa, I want a bike, an Iron Man toy, a Transformer, and a motorcycle toy, and a play gun, and a car that has remote control, and terminator.  
— Love, Jonah M

Dear Santa You are always nice. I love you.  
— Love, Michael P.

Dear Santa, You are always nice to us I will give you a present. I would like Black Ops 2.  
— Love, Lordess M

Dear Santa, I want Rudolph, video camera, and an electric scooter.  
Santa, I love you!  
— Love, Martin A

Dear Santa, You are always luv you. I want an electric scooter.  
— Luv, Brandon B.

Dear Santa, I want Block Ops 2, a skooter, and a Wii.  
— Luv, Rocky Z.

Dear Santa, Can you give me a electric skooter? I wat a Bike ples, Santa. You are cute.  
I love you!  
— Love, Lance H.



Dear Santa, I want Battleship, Wii, Xbox 360, Black Ops, a toy motorcycle, and a Rudolph toy.  
— Love Zack L.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want Beyblades, an electric scooter, a 3DS.  
— Love, Petelo T

Dear Santa I want a DSI.  
— Love, Christopher

Der Santa, You are always nice to us. You play with us in snow. I love you! For Christmas, I want a Baby Brother.  
— Love Xavier

Dear Santa, You are always nice to us. You play with us in snow. I love you! For christmas I want a unicorn doll.  
— Love, Mia

Dear Santa, I love you! All I want for Christmas. I want a Lega friends play set and a Scooter.  
— Love, Kaydance N.

Dear Santa, You are always nice to us. I wont a Xbox 360.  
— Love, Kaleb

Dear Santa, You are always nice to us. Love  
— Carlos B.

Dear Santa You are always nice to us. I want a 3DS.  
— Love, Justina W.

Dear Santa For Christmas I want Black Ops2.  
— Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa, Yd scosiwasnc retivntdsn sncaiwndm-brplasn. I want a bike. I want a Barbie ty. I want a skateboard.  
— Love, Jazmine J.

**Ms. Adwell's First Grade Class**  
Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie Doll.  
— Love, Kendra Banks

Dear Santa, I would like a 3D DS Nintendo,  
— Love, Tyrell Bizzell

Dear Santa, I would like a Monster High Bike.  
— Love, Violet Calderon

Dear Santa, I would love some new toys.  
— Love, Ka'Mijah Cooper

Dear Santa, I would love a new dog.  
— Love, Ashton Copeland

Dear Santa, I would love to have the Best Christmas EVER!!  
— Love, Makayla Delacruz

Dear Santa, I would love a new puppy,  
— Love, Leila Franco

Dear Santa, I would like a skate-board!  
— Love, Elijah Garcia

Dear Santa, I would like a new Barbie doll.  
— Love, Tainessa Gibson

Dear Santa, I would like a new bike.  
— Love, Adelina Gonzales

Dear Santa, I would like a Trash pack.  
— Love, Julian Gonzales

Dear Santa, I would like a puppy.  
— Love, Destiny Hodnett

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie Doll.  
— Love, Mariah Marmolejo

Dear Santa, I would like a real robot.  
— Love, Rhyan Miller

Dear Santa, I would like a real slushee Maker.  
— Love, Destiny Munoz



Dear Santa, I would like a new toy.  
— Love, Dekaysha Parker

Dear Santa, I would like a new Nerf Toy.  
— Love, Jonathan Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I would like an new puppy.  
— Love, Skyler Stoakes

Dear Santa, I would love a new puppy.  
— Love, Timonhy Urias

Dear Santa, I would a new motorcycle.  
— Love, Nathan Vasquez

Dear Santa, I would love a new cat.  
— Love, Cloe Viasana

**Ms. Cox's Class**  
Dear Santa, For Christmas I want the Wii you and the mini, I pood and the new barbie haves and ten baby fishes and leg friends and a cat and two pink purple braces and 20 monster high bolls and a hamster and 5 monster high rooms.  
— Love: Leane

Dear Santa, I would like a elechrik Bike I would like a elechrik skootr. I would like a DS; I would like lobebe-guns. I woield like a Menemenemotorcycle.I wats sum gluv. I wat-suing.  
— Randy

Dear Santa, I would like a donut and a motorcycle and a L.P. and a cooke and a new puppy. and a snack a loteva.e I wot a elechrtk bike. I wot a elechr shkootr. I wot a 100 dolls. I wot a BSI. I wot lobege guns. I wot a skatbord. I wot sum gluv. I wot a swing.  
— Love, Smith

Dear Santa, I want a Xbox 360 and a toy air plane an a phone and a Wii and a football and a PS3 and call of duty black ops an drums blat ipad a new bike red ball new shoes HTW b ooks a dog. 2 bebz guns a toy car a whath an tv a skut bord.

Dear Santa Clause, I want a hores and modersikle and a pupey and a legol and jeram set and lichker Bick and a Dsi and a lot of toys and a BeeBgun and a 2000 dollars and a skabod I sum gluv  
— Love, John

Dear Santa, Have a good new years Santa and a DSI and a phone and a got time with my favre and a laptop and a new jewel cry and a new Bapalse and good food with my school and a new Bick and a new DS and a Ipad and new shows and new clows and new boots and new Ipad and munzy and a new cawt and a dogus and a bune and a new bows and a new doll and a popadl and a bull-dog and a new poppey and a new sharringer and a new sunglasses and a new wotifa and a new ereng  
— Love, Sabrina

Dear Santa, I want a new Christmas dress and a new pupy and a new pink drums and a DSI and a new bike.  
— Love, Clara

Dear Santa, I want a new dog for Christmas I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a new phone. I want some new boots. I want a laptop  
— Love, Alexa



Dear Santa, I want a for wheeler and a Xbox three sixte and a new game boy and a helicoper and plad plad left it her iphone and a computer any Ipod and one w fony and anger a birds game and a basket-balllkort and a ping pong tabI and a bebe gun and fier works and Merrys Crismas.  
— Love Reilly

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas. I wot @ tells skop and a nuther gam for Christmas. Ples and a DS ples. and of Lash liet. Ples. and goost lags the gloples. and a bai amforth-eps3uvum anoqfvboqm-for. thepsq qnpthe bqst Christmas.  
— Lofe, Cruzito

Happy new yere or pup and & lehor 4 lap-top ball.  
— Love , Jorfetto

Dear Santa, I mot 2 dog uf road I mox noode g. I mot of dog gos. I mot on nod not. I not of Dad, I'mn noo your. I mot on.  
— Christopher

Dear Santa, Can you give me a bowandarow. I want a chines dress. an our cheerleading outfit. I want a swing set. I want the move aladin. I want a robe. Can I have a real hours. I want a dart bord. I want perls. I want fake erings. I want a hello kitty clock. I want a snow bord. I want a full bord of tattoos.

Dear Santa, I want a DS I for Christmas. I want a cop oy wit a star at 70. I want Ipad. I want a laehbics. I wanta doll. I want a fish. I want a clown. I want a drum. I want a Pwnowe. I want a glare. I want togtors. I want micropone.  
— Love, Pwerna

Dear Santa, I hop you give me a toy and a game and a play sit and log Ninj and a pokemom.  
— Love, Manuel Castillo

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a hockey table please but if you can't get me that can you get me a puppy or a doll and again if you can't get me that can you give me a 3Ds and done more time if you can't get me that can you get me a ipad and have good Christmas and a happy new year.  
— Love, Gissele

Dear Santa Clause, I want a bike for Christmas. I want a DSI for Christmas. I want you to come to my house. I wont a alexret schooter. I want a glare for Christmas.  
— Love, Zoe

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**Marianna Munoz:**  
 Slushie Magic, fortune cookie kits, baby doll, Crayola Paint wonder and a cotton candy maker.

**Mason Watson:**  
 Remote control airplane, video games, a bike for my little brother, toys for my brother and a spiderman.

**Roman Moreno:**  
 Puppy, cars, doghouse for the puppy, toys, video games and a d.s.

**Ruby Cobb:**  
 Crayola glow in the dark paint, Dora doll, Real puppy, and a Fairy God Mother toy.

**Victor Hilario:**  
 Skateboard, race car, remote control car, basketball and games.

**Xavier Saenz:**  
 Robot, remote control car, Bumble Bee Transformer, batman and spiderman

**Zadrian Washington:**  
 Lap top, scooter, bike, a red power ranger and a phone.

**Matthew Williams:**  
 Red power ranger, spiderman, legos

**Moss Elementary School**

**Mrs. Fryar's First Grade Class**  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Alex and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am aksing for the following presents: PSP, WWE, DO3, Dallas Cowboys cup, Hy of room 2 anta  
 I will be sure to leave some cookies out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Alex Arispe

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Sydeka and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Dear Satna I won't a cook Lib. Dear antaar-ish  
 I will be sure to leave some cookies out in cast you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Sydeka Christian

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Andrew and I am 7 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: The Resis make and I wut a Cisthl and I wut a soier and I wut a brdik and I wut eastcios  
 I will be sure to leave some Mioc Jojes out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa,  
 — Andrew Garza

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kyule and I am 7 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Panda, Reindeer, Dog, Bike Dirtbike  
 I will be sure to leave some cookies out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Kyle Gay

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Abraham Gomez and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Bablabetle-titrip, mockenchrol-racercar, bebegun tuchhingpod gloe book, horanijarobst goBther-gros Snowman  
 I will be sure to leave some cookeys and milk out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Abraham Gomez

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Alexa and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: I want snowman. I want a phone. I want close. I want a elf. I want a stocking.  
 I will be sure to leave some cookys out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Alexa Hickman

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Brooklyn and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Ipad and a Phone  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Brooklyn Hyatt

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Evelyn and I am 7 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: I Whot one Brexhan Dall Kinfire.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Evelyn Lerma

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Victor and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Dod, snowbord, Scaborde, boll, phone.  
 I will be sure to leave some cackes out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Victor Martin

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Erin Mendoza and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am aksing for the following presents: I want a big horse. i want a big doll home. i want a big frome. i ant a chrides. I want a fish.  
 I will be sure to leave some Cholitchip cooces out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Erin Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Karleigh and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Lamrua nd rudoff and Brees Perints for my little cubs.  
 I will be sure to leave some Mike rug out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Karleigh Norman

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Gavin and I am 7 years old. I have been good all year long so I am aksing for the following presents: I whot a TexiasLongheor cup. I whot a Sled. I whot a hug. I whot a psp. I whot playshtash-ine.  
 I will be sure to leave some Cholit chip cooce out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Gavin Padron

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Lacy and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: big barbies with a cklose yoo Wuer s9 ethl too mimom this you Wer iLick yoo Wuer s9ethl yoo Wutha tis9ethnlto Dutls Wmey S9Lu^th toom oWem  
 I will be sure to leave some ckuckes out in caswe you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Lacy Pearson

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jesslyn Ramires and I am six years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: desk Mickey mouse, phone, lunch box, Scooter, Steomp eccs  
 I will be sure to leave some cookies and milk out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Jesslynn Ramires

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Cidni and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents; I want a big horse set. I want a Phone. I want a big tf set. I want a puppy. I want a Movie.  
 I will be sure to leave some cookies out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Cidni Roberts

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Matthew and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am aksing for the following presents: I wont tors and games. I love you Santa.  
 I will be sure to leave some hot coco and coks. out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Matthew Salazar

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Taylor and I am 7 years old. I have been good all year long so I am asking for the following presents: Bithlo, Bot Man, Web-set Stru set.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Taylor Simmons

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Adam and I am 6 years old. I have been good all year long so I am aksing for the following presents: I want a Xbox and car and Foot Ball and a Ball. The end. I love you Santa.  
 I will be sure to leave some cooces out in case you get hungry.  
 Thanks Santa!  
 — Adam

**Mrs. Best's First Grade Class**  
 Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kaegan. I am 7 years old. What are your elves names? How are your reindeer doing? Is Mrs. Claus good? Santa I hope your safe on your journeys. I would like a 3D DS, Mario Cart 7 and Super Mario people. I've been good all year. I've had four pinks, which is really good at my school. I help my Nana clean my house on the weekends. I love you Santa. Say hi to the reindeer, the elves and Mrs. Claus for me please.  
 — Love, Kaegan B.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jordan. I am 7 years old. Santa, what do you do when you're not delivering presents? For Christmas, I would like a XBOX 360, a fish bowl with Beta fish and a new camera. I lost my Lego camera. I help my mom clean house. I also help others by baking cookies.  
 — Love, Jordan B.

Dear Santa,  
 Hello! My name is Kiley. I am a 7 year old girl. I would like a baby doll, and a turtle. I've been dreaming of a turtle my whole life. I wish I could get a car, like a toy car. I've been helping my mom clean my room. I've been helping clean up stuff. I feed the dog like one day.  
 — Love, Kiley C.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Gabby. I am 6 years old. How are you? I would like an Ipad, Iphone and a XB360 for Christmas. I've been good this year. I help my family with everything around the house. I treat others with kindness. I try not to get my brother in trouble. I also listen to my parents, except for last night because I didn't want to get in the shower.  
 — Love, Gabby C.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Antonito. I am a six year old kid. I would like a PSP, trampoline, and a fast bike that you hang on to the handle and turn. It goes vvvvv. I listen to my mom. I clean up the house with my mom.  
 — Love, Antonito D.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Karissa. I am six years old. For Christmas, I would like a doll, a DS and a Barbie. I have been very good this year. I listen to my mom. I play with my little sister, Hailey. I help my mom and clean the dishes.  
 — Love, Karissa G.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Cora. I am six years old. I love you. I want a Barbie doll, house shoes and bike with no training wheels.  
 — Love, Cora H.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Kendall. I am 6 years old. How are you doing? What are you doing this Christmas? For Christmas, I would like a DS and a Lalaloopsy and a Dora pony. I've been good at school and at home.  
 — Love, Kendall L.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jared. I am a 6 year old boy. I would like a DS game, Legos and a PSP. I help my brother and sister clean up their room. Then they help me and I say thank you.  
 — Love, Jared L.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Jayden. I am 7 years old. For Christmas, I would like a DS, PSP and XBOX. I like games! I've been good this year. I always clean my room.  
 — Love, Jayden M.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Shelby. I am 7 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas I would like a Nintendo DS, baby doll and a toy horse. I listen to my momma and help her with the dishes.  
 — Love, Shelby M.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Miracle. I am 7 years old. I love you, Santa! For Christmas I would like a Hello Kitty game, a car like the one at Wal-Mart and a DS. I like to play with my cousins and friends and dress up. I like to help my mom clean the house.  
 — Love, Miracle O.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Ryleigh. I am 7 years old. For Christmas I would like a 3D SXL, DS games and a Wii game. I have been good at school. I've been really good all year. I always listen to my mom.  
 — Love, Ryleigh P.



Dear Santa,  
 My name is Angel. I am a 7 year old boy. For Christmas, I would like a 3DS, a coloring book, and crayons. I'm nice and good. I help my sisters pick up their toys.  
 — Love, Angel R.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Elishah. I am a 6 year old girl. For Christmas, I would like a Barbie, a kite and a new doll. I behave at my mom's house, school and everywhere else.  
 — Love, Elishah R.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Cierra. I am 6 years old. How are you doing? For Christmas, I would like an Ipad, laptop and DSI. I listen to my mom when she tells me to get in the shower and when she calls me in for dinner. I like to cheer my brother up when he's sad or mad.  
 — Love, Cierra T.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Colby. I am 7 years old. Are your elves ears sharp? I would like Lego Batman, a game boy and the movie The Amazing Spiderman. I've been waiting for it! I've worked extremely hard this year. I got to be Star Student...that's good. I love you, Santa! I hope you have a good Christmas.  
 — Love, Colby W.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Matthew. I am 6 years old. For Christmas, I would like an XBOX 360, Attack the Phoenix game and Cars 2 game. I listen to my mom when she tells me to do something.  
 — Love, Matthew W.

Dear Santa,  
 My name is Hannah. I am 6 years old. What are you doing for Christmas? Santa, I would like a phone and basketball. I think you are very nice and you give everything that kids want to them. I have been very good this year. I share my toys with my other sisters.  
 — Thanks, Hannah Z.



Dear Santa,  
 We have been a very good Kindergarten class for Mrs. Biddison at Moss Elementary. We hope all is well with you. We have listed a few of our favorite wishes for toys .....  
 Robert—DS  
 Lucas— DS 3 and bike  
 Maliyah—Barbie Car  
 Bishop—Woody  
 Aiden—car and play-dough  
 Rebekah—Barbie doll and Makeup  
 Luke—Car and Toy  
 Ana—Legos book and Barbie  
 Natasha— DS 3  
 Joshua— DS 3  
 Diego—Legos and Play-dough  
 Hannah—Barbie Dream House  
 Claudia—Makeup and Barbie Camera  
 Adrian—X-box  
 Blake—DS 3  
 Aaron—DS 3 and Legos  
 Chris—skateboard  
 Marcus—DS 3  
 Mario—book  
 Grady—cup  
 Mrs. Bruns—Clorox Wipes and pencils  
 Mrs. Biddison—markers for our classroom  
 Thank you so much Santa. We will leave some cookies for you and food for the reindeer.  
 — Your friends in Mrs. B's class at Moss.



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Dear Santa,  
We've been trying extra hard to be nice this year. We hope that you will visit all of us this year. Here is a list of what we would like for Christmas.  
*Juaquin A:* bablad & yo-yo  
*Kloe C:* fon & munstr hi bakpak  
*Macey C:* dog & fon  
*Kristopher D:* DS & Xbox  
*KJ D:* krz & tranzfrz  
*Valisity G:* Brb & fon  
*Junior G:* dog & cr  
*Addisyn H:* mac up box & mac up  
*Sonny L:* toy dinusr & toy munstr  
*Elena L:* brb dol & desk  
*Andre L:* trazfrmz & skatbrd  
*Neihemara M:* lip stik & brush  
*Ashley N:* Brb hows & fon  
*John P:* dinusor & cr  
*Evan P:* iPad & wii u  
*Devin R:* Spic the dinusr & Jasic Prk Wrld  
*Jaycee S:* bic & mac up  
*Sabrina V:* dol & bic  
*Kai W:* bb gun & wii u  
*Zaida Y:* mac up & DS  
— *Love, Mrs. Rochelle's Kindergarten Class at Moss Elementary*

*Emily Starr* – a play kitchen  
*Adalys Valencia* – Santa Claus  
*Evan Wanner* – a remote control speed boat  
*Sheridan Whitaker* – princess things  
*Katie Williamson* – a kitchen set  
*Jessica Williams* – a Sonic  
*Rey Rios* – a truck

**Mrs. Leib's Kindergarten Class**  
Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Natavia and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a Barbie, a Barbie house, and a DS. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Diego and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me Plant vs. Zombies game, Crayola art kit, and a Light Sketcher. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Daniel A. and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a dog, Legos, Spiderman, and Alien vs. Predator game. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Blake and I am 7 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me 3DS, Super Mario Brothers game, Imaginext castle, ogre, and dragon, and an Angry Birds Death Star game. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Sophie and I am 6 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a cat, a pink dolphin, LalaOopsie Princess Doll, Digitools, an art kit, and a dollhouse. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Narely and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a dog, make-up, books, and a bunny. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Jason and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me Legos, Battle Machines, Air Hogs Heli Cage, and a Flyline Air Racer. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Brandon and I am 7 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me an Angry Birds board-game, Yamaha 12-volt Raptor, and a Spiderman car. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Mia and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me an Easy Bake Oven, Cake Pop Maker, Kids Sewing Machine, and a Glitter Messenger Bag Craft Kit. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Bianca and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me make-up, Crayola Jewelry Boutique, Kids Sewing machine, and Friendships Bracelet Craft Kit. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Wilmer and I am 6 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me an Angry Birds game, Legos, and a Spiderman bike. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Zoei and I am 6 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a puppy, a Monster High Scaris Doll, a Dora & Me dollhouse, and a monkey. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Macie and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me an Easy Bake Oven, Cake Pop Maker, and a V-reader. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Alyssa and I am 6 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me Legos, make-up, and a bunny. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Hannah and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a pink dolphin, jewelry boutique, Dora & Me Dollhouse, and a kids sewing machine. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Tyrese and I am 6 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me plant vs. zombie's game, a Batman 2 Xbox game, and a monkey. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Michael and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a plant vs. zombie's game, a glow-in-the-dark gun, Angry Birds Star Wars launcher, and a puppy. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Vana'e and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me Jewelry Boutique, a dog, a Cake Pop Maker and Easy Bake Oven, and a LalaOopsie Princess Doll. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Kaiden and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a dog, a bike, and a 4 wheeler. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a one of ur randr (reindeer). Also I would like a trip to Hawaii. I would like a puppy.  
— *Lilia*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a dog. Also I would like a doll.  
— *Kimberly*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a school vaicashon ontell I am 27. Also I would like 12 50 dollar bills and 90 100 bills.  
— *Isaiah*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a ponee and I would like a reindeer. Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Chloe*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a gem (game) for my Plastashon (Playstation). I would like to be famos! Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Marcus*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a dog. Also I would like a XBOX 360. Also I would like a elf.  
— *Desiree*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a buney? I wut (want) a frbie (Furbie). I wut a dog. Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Lainee*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a XBOX 360. Also I would like a Plestashon 3(Playstation). Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Michael*

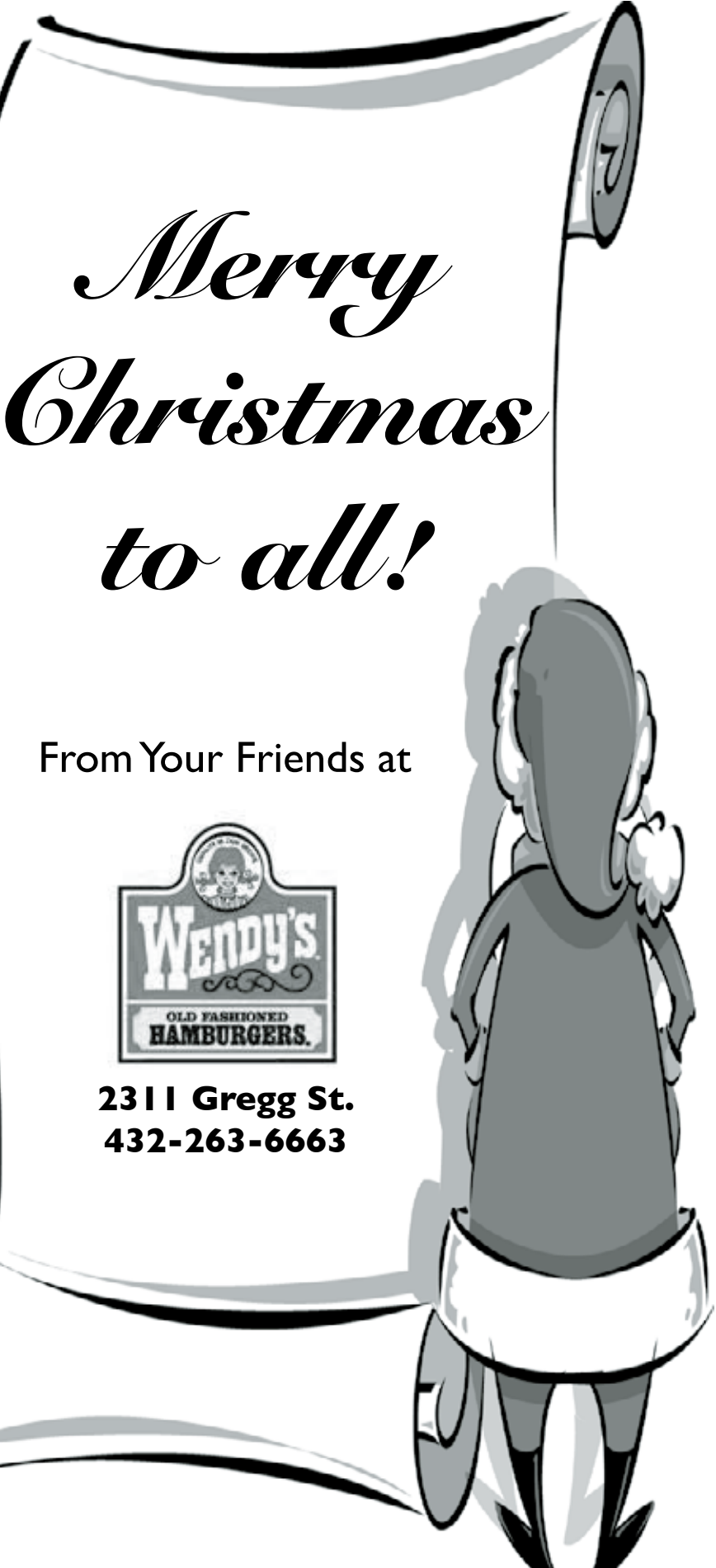
Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like to go on your slay tonight and a big dollhouse, fourteen books and a Nerf football, a new backpack. Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Briana*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a buney. Also I would like a frbe (Furbie).  
— *LaRae*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a vakashn(vacation) until I am 100. Also I would like a bike. And a mrd-sicool (motorcycle). Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Samuel*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a football and a Wii U and XBOX 360. Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Aaron*

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a privet (private) jet. Also I would like ertehg (everything) in the whurild (world). Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Nevaeh*



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Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Daniel G. and I am 7 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me a rubber band launcher, Legos, and an Air Hog Heli Cage. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Daniel G. and I am 7 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me Batman, Spiderman, and Superman toys. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My name is Elaina and I am 5 years old. I live in Big Spring, Texas. This year, I have been really good! I would really like it if you could bring me Easy Bake Oven, Cake Pop Maker, Light Sketcher, and a Furby. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How are the reindeer and elves? I would like a toy elf. I would like a puppy. Also I would like a Barbie.  
Leaving out some cookies and milk,  
— *Steffany*

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