

# Happy holidays!

# BIG SPRING HERALD

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## Grandkids put up Grandpa Cate's lights

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

For the last 34 years, R.J. Cate had put up more than 500 lights around his home during the Christmas season. This year was an exception. Cate had to go Lubbock and have triple-bypass surgery and wasn't able to decorate his home. Some of his grandchildren stepped in and took over the decorating tasks.

When Jennifer Cate, Teria Dedmon, Dana Hudgins and Richie Neefe heard their grandfather wasn't expected to live shortly before his surgery, they swung into action and covered their grandpa's house and trees with lights.

"He has always put up lights at Christmas time. A neighbor

... This year was an exception. Cate had to go Lubbock and have triple-bypass surgery and wasn't able to decorate his home. Some of his grandchildren stepped in and took over the decorating tasks.

had said to us the day we were decorating that she was glad we were doing this because it just wouldn't be Christmas with the Cate lights on. When he saw what we did, he laughed at us," said Dedmon.

The elder Mr. Cate said, "It was a big surprise. I had just got out of the hospital that weekend and came home and the lights had been put up. I've

lived here 35 years and have always decorate the outside of the house with lights. I do it by myself every year but I knew I couldn't do it this year. It's something I enjoy doing." He adds he is feeling better and is looking forward to spending Christmas Day with his grandchildren.

Jennifer Cate and Dana said they helped their cousins Teria and Richie because they knew their grandfather had put up the lights for so many years and they wanted to help.

Terri Cate, R.J.'s daughter-in-law, said, "I think it was a good thing. They were trying to cheer him up and it worked."

All nine of the grandchildren will gather at an aunt's house Wednesday to celebrate Christmas together.

## We hope you have a 'good news' Christmas!

TO OUR READERS:

Merry Christmas!

This Christmas Eve edition of your Big Spring Herald is different in a couple of ways — first, the front page contains only "good" photos and stories of the holiday season, and, second, we are delivering it as a morning edition as a benefit to both our advertisers and readers/shoppers.

And there are some pretty good stories out there ...

Take R.J. Cate's grandkids — Jennifer, Teria, Dana and Richie — for example. They sound like the kind of kids any grandparent would be happy to call their own!

There's Pizza Hut manager Robert Burton, who took hundreds of toys to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for

distribution.

There's Vickie Dahmer, who put in countless hours collecting and sorting those toys and clothes for kids who otherwise would have nothing to look forward to ... and there's the Leadership Big Spring Class, which spent part of its class day sorting toys and clothes for underprivileged kids.

There's Spring Tabernacle, Cellular One, Big Spring Cable, the Salvation Army and so many, many more.

Also in Tuesday, you'll find our presentation of letters to Santa Claus as well as our naming of the Big Spring Herald's "Sportsperson of the Year" — gymnast Stephanie Stewart.

From a glance at Section B of the newspaper, it is evident that getting the word to Santa Claus

— or to someone who knows him — was popular, with more than 450 letters to Saint Nick!

So that our employees might enjoy as much of the holiday as possible with their family and friends, we produced this edition Tuesday afternoon and evening and will take this afternoon off.

Our staff will also take Christmas Day off and return to work Thursday, working as always to be your most complete, accurate and up-to-date source of local news and information in Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding area.

From our family to yours, Merry Christmas!

JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor



Trudy Carter, left, and Lou Reed sort through coats in preparation for a clothing and toy give-away at the Spring Tabernacle Church. The items are collected throughout the year from garage sales. The coats and toys are washed and repaired before they are given away to needy residents during the holiday season.



TOP PHOTO — Jacquie Roland (left) and Kristi Mereness with Cellular One stand by the "tree" built from donated canned goods and diapers, given to the Northside Community Center.

MIDDLE — Vicki Dahmer sorts through toys and clothes for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree project.

BOTTOM — Wanda Lockhart (left) and Nancy Jones sort Christmas toys during Leadership Big Spring.

## Spring Tabernacle helps more than 70 children

HERALD Staff Report

More than 70 children will be able to have a Merry Christmas thanks to the generosity of others. Last week, volunteers and members of the Spring Tabernacle Church gathered to give out toys, clothes and food to needy families.

Mona Lou Tonn of the church said 73 chil-

dren received at least three toys each plus coats, jeans, shoes and sweaters. Tonn said throughout the year the church gathers items not sold in garage sales that people donate then clean the clothes, coats and toys. If need be, the toys are fixed to look as good as new.

"We wash the stuffed animals and we cleaned about 30 coats this year. We had all

sorts of toys like games, puzzles and animals. We also gave away food to 60 families. Throughout the year, we give away food and minister to people every week. The grocery stores donate the food to us," Tonn said.

Some of the items left over from the Trail of Lights Christmas Tree Forest project were taken to the church to be handed out.

## Reader reminds that our town is full of angels

It's almost Christmas.

A time of year we celebrate the birth of Jesus. And our hearts are warm with love as we see a small child smile with delight at a picture of an angel smiling down at baby Jesus.

And I, too, smile as I see our town light up with the many angels who live among us.

Some of our angels are Dorothy Garrett who is well-known for her many kind and generous deeds. Margaret Lloyd who gives a loving hug and homes to the many dogs and cats who find her. She cries tears of sadness for the little animals she can't save. The Chalet is full of angels who give

freely of their time and hearts.

Pastor Gary Smith is also an angel for as he prays for one to be healed. You can't help but see a halo reflected in his tear drops. Westside Day Care is also a place where angels can be found. Melinda, Jessie, Jeffy and many others who try to make each child feel special as

they teach the ABC's and kindness and caring.

One of our kindest angels is Nancy Vassar, an R.N. who, along with her fine nursing skills, also gives lots of kindness and much needed hugs. Some of our angels do small but caring deeds — like the angel at Poncho's Newsstand who feeds homeless kitties. Angels can be found at many places in our town. HEB grocery store has angels too. Mary R., Elaine and many others who know kindness is a part of being an angel. Don, Grace, Ruth, Honey, Margie, Irene, Bill, Sherry, Leslie and many others too numerous to mention are also angels who live in our town.

Some of our angels are real angels who live in Heaven with Jesus. One of the smallest angels is Jordan Evans who fought cancer for 10 years and lost his battle. Jordan never complained — he just smiled at the joy of being alive. Dr. Alice



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### TODAY'S WEATHER

60 ▲ Highs 35  
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly sunny, highs around 60. Tuesday night, fair with lows around 35.

Christmas Day: Clear, sunny and dry. Highs in mid to upper 60s. Lows in 40s.

Thursday: Clear and sunny. Highs in mid 60s. Lows in mid 30s.

See ANGELS, Page 2A

DECEMBER 24 1996

OBITUARIES

George C. "Bud" Coots

George C. "Bud" Coots, 73, Big Spring, died on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1996, in a local hospital. Services will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eldon Cook, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Elbow, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Aug. 22, 1923, in Big Spring, Texas and married Oma McDaniel on Aug. 15, 1946, in Roscoe, Texas. She preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1994.

He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. His parents were James (Hog) and Sally Coots. He graduated from Big Spring High School and worked for Cabot Corp. until retiring after 30 years of service.

He was a Baptist. He had served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Ellen Coots of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Annabelle and L.E. Burks of Sand Springs; one brother and sister-in-law, W.W. "Woody" and Ann Coots of Pasadena; three grandchildren, J. Shannon Coots of Big Spring, Becki Holt and her husband Mike of Lenorah, Brian Coots and his wife Shannon of Big Spring; five great-grandchildren, Chase Cole Holt and Cody Garrett Holt, both of Lenorah, Daniel Kaleb Coots, Micah Aaron Coots and Noah Mathew

Coots, all of Big Spring. Pallbearers will be Victor Coots, Mike Holt, Brian Coots, Doug Nichols, Shannon Coots and Britt Hanson.

The family will be at 1108 Ridge Road. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

ANGELS

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Haynes was one of our sweetest angels. She helped countless people and children to smile with teeth she fixed — knowing her only payment might be just a smile.

Doris Day, Grandma Lou and Hoss, Barbara and Grandpa Charlie are also angels who helped to brighten our town up with their kind deeds. I'm proud of our town as I sit here and think of all our angels.

And if you look real close, you might see that you are standing or sitting by an angel. Merry Christmas to all the angels in our town!

Editor's Note: Lana Angulana wrote this letter and attached the following note: I wanted to share this with you because I think our town needs to let our angels know that we do see them and the many kind deeds they do. It's hard work to be an angel but then only special people get to be angels. Thank you. Merry Christmas.

IN BRIEF

THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES HAVE been provided to the Herald as locations with Christmas decorations that our readers might enjoy:

- 701 Capri Court
- 1504 Mesquite
- 908 Highland
- 2003 N. Monticello
- 605 George
- 1800 Grafa
- 2514 Central
- 410 College St., Coahoma
- 10th and Lancaster
- 711 Belvedere
- Kelly Newton Insurance, 1701 Lancaster
- Trinity Memorial Park
- VA Medical Center
- Southwestern Crop Insurance, 601 Scurry
- Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry
- Christmas Connection, 600 E. Third
- Moss Lake Nursery, 6911 N. Service Road, Sand Springs
- Econo Lodge
- South Mountain Agency, 601 S. Main
- State National Mini-Bank, 901 Main
- Joy's Hallmark, 1900 Gregg St.
- Texas RV Park, 1001 Hearn
- Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th
- No. 6 Glenwick Cove
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**TODAY**

- Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.
- Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
- Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
- Christmas Eve candlelight service, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10:30 p.m. Special time of lessons, carols and Holy Communion.

**WEDNESDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open

meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

**THURSDAY**

- Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
- Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.
- Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.
- Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

**FRIDAY**

- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
- Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

**SATURDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous

sobriety yearly birthdays, open birthday night, covered dish, 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

**SUNDAY**

- Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

**MONDAY**

- Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.


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# Dallas man wrote new holiday favorite, 'Grandma got run over by a reindeer'

By DAVID FLICK  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Nineteen years after Randy Brooks wrote the hit song "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer," people still ask him for his secret to success.

"I tell them, 'I don't know. If I knew how it happened, I'd write one every week,'" Brooks said.

Today, Brooks lives in a modest East Dallas house, sings his most famous song upon request from his daughter's Indian Princess tribe and holds down a day job: He runs a phone bank for American Airlines' frequent flier program, where he is also the voice of the automated dialing system.

"Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" appears to have joined the repertoire of permanent Christmas hits. Perhaps it's not as sweet-tempered as "White Christmas," but Billboard magazine says "Grandma" was actually more

popular for several years in the 1980s.

The song has appeared on children's albums, been featured in cigarette promotions, is under contract to become the subject of a television special and is believed to have sold several million copies, though Brooks said he is unsure how many.

The only REALLY foreign language copy that Brooks knows of — and this mystifies him as much as anyone — is in Finnish.

"I don't think it's sold very well, though," he said. "I don't remember getting any royalties from Finland."

He declined to say how much he receives in American royalties.

"It enabled me to work part time until my daughters got older," he said. "It's nice. I have a house, but I don't have money in the bank."

Dr. Elmo Shropshire, the California veterinarian who

recorded Brooks' song, estimates total annual royalties — of which Brooks gets only a part — at \$75,000. Brooks said he doesn't disagree.

Brooks wrote "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" in 1977. He said he drew inspiration partly from his own grandmother — "She did have a little too much to drink sometimes, and she did wear a wig" — and partly from Merle Haggard.

Brooks heard a Haggard song about a family waiting faithfully for a letter from their deceased grandmother and decided to spoof Haggard's style.

"I went to bed with a notebook and finished the song in the shower the next day," he said.

Brooks performed the resulting song over the next year in nightclubs in Dallas and elsewhere with his band, Young Country.

In December 1978, Young Country had finished a two-week gig at the Hyatt in Lake

Tahoe when cold weather froze the brakes on the musicians' van and forced them to stay a few days more.

Brooks then met the act scheduled to succeed them at the lounge — Elmo and Patsy — which included Shropshire's then-wife and which the veteri-

narian described as "a country Sonny and Cher."

It was then that Shropshire first heard "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer."

"Right away, it hit me," Shropshire said. "I thought everybody would like it because it was unusual. And yet it was

traditional: It proved there really was a Santa Claus because Grandma got run over by him." Elmo and Patsy recorded the song, a San Francisco radio station picked it up and it became a national hit.

Although immediately popular, See REINDEER, Page 5A

## Big Spring Independent School District Financial Statement for the Year Ending August 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types		Trust Funds		Total
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Fund	500-599 Debt Service Fund	806-809 Noncooperative Expendable	
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State State Program Revenues	\$ 9,372,999	\$ 544,378	\$ 26,535	\$ 323,358	\$10,267,270
Federal Program Revenues	10,780,714	197,278			10,977,992
Sub-Total Revenues, Excluding Function 14	\$20,186,461	\$ 2,959,520	\$ 26,535	\$ 323,358	\$23,495,874
Revenues Collected for Funding Function 14					0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$20,186,461</b>	<b>\$ 2,959,520</b>	<b>\$ 26,535</b>	<b>\$ 323,358</b>	<b>\$23,495,874</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Instruction	\$11,234,120	\$ 1,179,092	\$	\$	\$12,413,212
Instructional Administration	368,698	45,271			413,969
Instructional Resources and Media Services	327,511	48,268			375,779
School Administration	1,148,729				1,148,729
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	31,825	621			32,446
Communication and Dissemination	42,790				42,790
Guidance and Counseling Services	582,894	59,204			642,098
Attendance and Social Works Service	32,777	40,449			73,226
Health Services	174,023				174,023
Student Transportation	513,970				513,970
Co-curricular Activities	739,294	1,244			740,538
Food Services		1,617,995			1,617,995
General Administration	764,195				764,195
Debt Services	48,272		25,320		73,592
Plant Maintenance and Operations	2,500,308	3,587			2,503,895
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	787,450				787,450
Data Processing Services	345,200	41,207			386,407
Sub-Total Expenditures, Excluding Function 14	\$19,642,056	\$ 3,036,938	\$ 25,320	\$	\$22,704,314
Instructional Services Between Districts-Function 14					0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$19,642,056</b>	<b>\$ 3,036,938</b>	<b>\$ 25,320</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$22,704,314</b>
Excess(Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 544,405	\$ (77,418)	\$ 1,215	\$ 323,358	\$ 791,560
Other Resources	5,592	45,000			50,592
Other Uses	(45,000)				(45,000)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 504,997	\$ (32,418)	\$ 1,215	\$ 323,358	\$ 797,152
Fund Balance - September 1, 1995 (Beginning)	5,086,734	2,357	20,505	253,340	5,362,936
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(64,439)	59,401			(5,038)
<b>Fund Balance - August 31, 1996 (Ending)</b>	<b>\$ 5,527,292</b>	<b>\$ 29,340</b>	<b>\$ 21,770</b>	<b>\$ 576,698</b>	<b>\$ 6,155,100</b>



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# EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

"Faith means belief in something concerning which doubt is theoretically possible."  
-William James

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## Is there a Santa Claus?

This famous editorial first appeared in The New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897

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 little 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 ever 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 real and abiding.

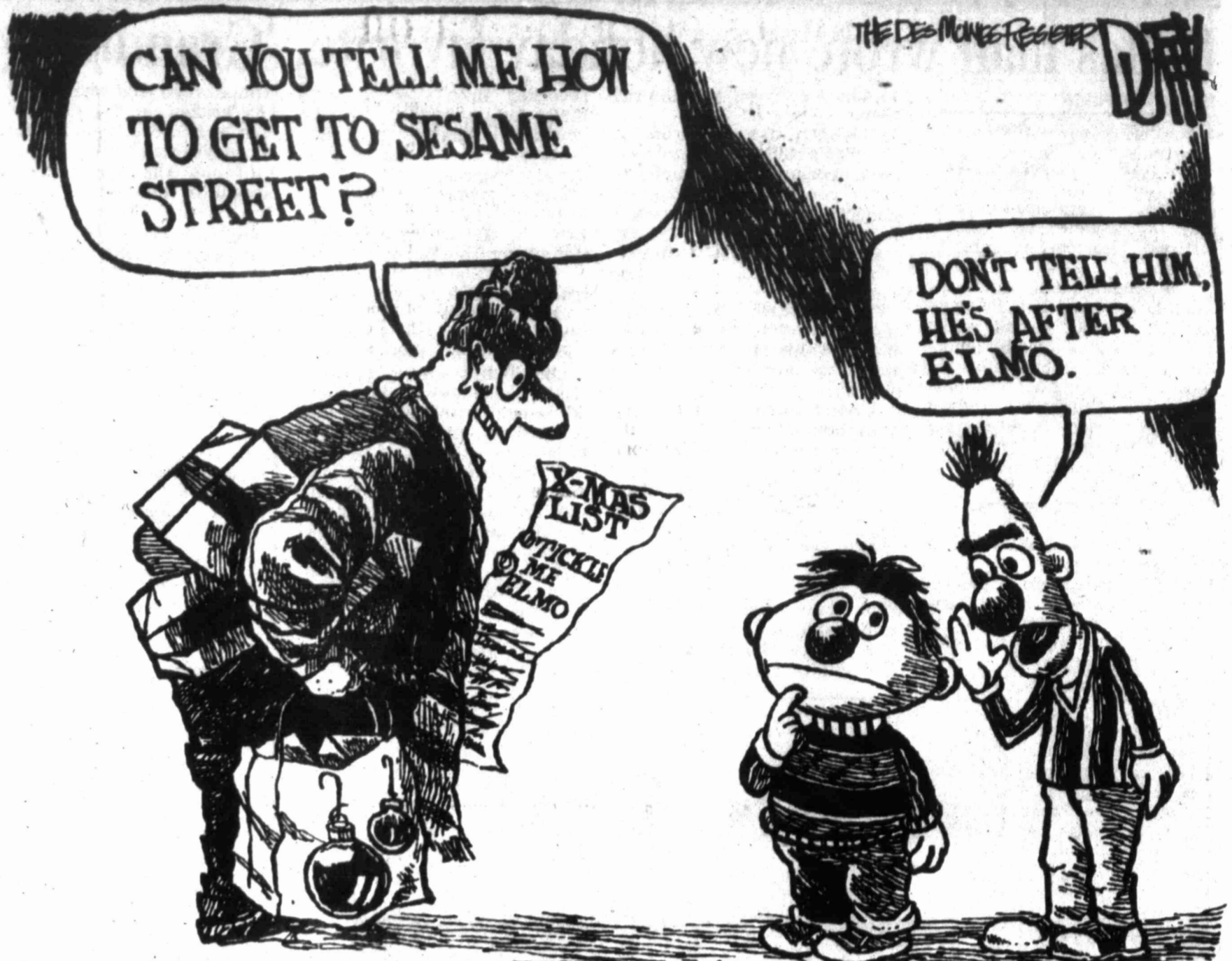
No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### How editorial happened to be written

"Is there a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip 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 Pharcellus 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 has been produced in every conceivable form, in every quarter of the globe.

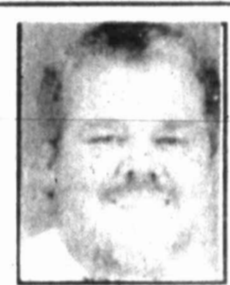
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## Holidays are the season for caring and sharing

As you probably noticed, we tried something different in today's Herald - and I'm not talking about the morning delivery.



John H. Walker  
Managing Editor

Our front page deals completely with "good news" stories of the season, rather than the traditional news that appears on the front page - both good and bad.

As we discussed the possibility of producing such a paper, I was pleased with the level of enthusiasm from the staff and I was excited about the speed with which the list grew.

We hope you enjoy the holiday diversion from the rut of regular news.

It seems like only last week that we were in Arkansas for Christmas with the kids... Miranda a precocious 4 1/2

year old and Andrew still waiting to make his entry into the world.

Twelve months later, our lives continue to change on a somewhat regular basis... because of the grandkids as much as anything.

The Tooth Fairy has begun paying visits to Miranda and Andrew - "Drew" as we call him - has a mouthful of his own teeth and just this past week began to walk.

Miranda takes in the world with great gulps... wanting to absorb all that she can while wonderfully discharging her duties as a child... stopping to smell each and every flower and looking at every color on every butterfly.

And as she does that, Drew simply takes in the world... peering intently through those big eyes as he tries to sort things out.

Children make the holidays special.

Yes, I do know the reason for the season, but children make it so special.

It's funny, but I've already gotten my Christmas present

this year when Linda and I were doing some Angel Tree shopping a few nights ago.

That effort, taking the time to search and look for all of the sizes for 14 little boys as we shopped for Vickie Dahmer's Trail of Lights Christmas tree kids, helped drive home the need to help one another as much as anything I think I've ever done.

Perhaps that was because there's little, if anything, our grandbabies will want for at Christmas or, for that matter, at any other time of the year. Yet here we were, forced to pinch pennies to get the most for the least for the amount of money that was available for us to spend on the 14 little boys.

I know that it made me rethink a lot of things... among them, thinking about those we don't even know during the season.

We're blessed, I believe, to live in a community where so many work to help so many others... and, at the risk of leaving someone out and offending them, I'll name off

those I can think of... Big Spring Cable TV, Cellular One, Wal-Mart, Trail of Lights, Salvation Army and the many churches and individuals who are trying to make a difference in our community.

One thing that might have happened this year is that it truly seems that the spirit of Christmas was with us all year long as this community gave and gave and gave.

There's a saying, "give 'til it hurts."  
In Big Spring, I think we turned that around to "give 'til it helps."

Thank you for your support and prayers in 1996... heck, thanks even for taking umbrage with us on occasion, as well.

To those of you who joined our efforts in working to try and make a positive difference in our community, thank you. To those who didn't, you've always got next year!

From our family to yours, may the joys of the season be with you and may God richly bless you and yours.  
Merry Christmas!

## YOUR VIEWS

Reader thanks the Herald for local news, agrees with opinion on helping others

TO THE EDITOR:  
Tis the season to count our blessings.

While visiting my wife's folks in Midland recently I thumbed through the Midland paper. The daily Midland paper looks like a weeks collection of the Herald, but I could not locate any local news anywhere in the publication. They had world news,

national news, business reports - but no local or area information at all. I thought that was strange. If I want to know what's going on in the world, I'll invest 30 minutes in CNN. If I want to know what's going on in my town, county and state, I look to our local paper. The Big Spring Herald's Sunday paper, Dec. 15, 1996, was great, the entire front page being local news items. I would like to commend the Big Spring Herald's dedication to local news and like to

believe that this outlook might even be expanded, there is more happening locally than many may expect.

As to Mr. Walker's column in the same paper, I can agree with him concerning the good citizens of our community. It's been said that West Texans are not unlike the mesquite tree, the tougher it gets, the deeper we sink our roots. Anyone who has ever attempted to rid themselves of a mesquite by simply cutting it down knows what happens -

the mesquite just keeps coming back.

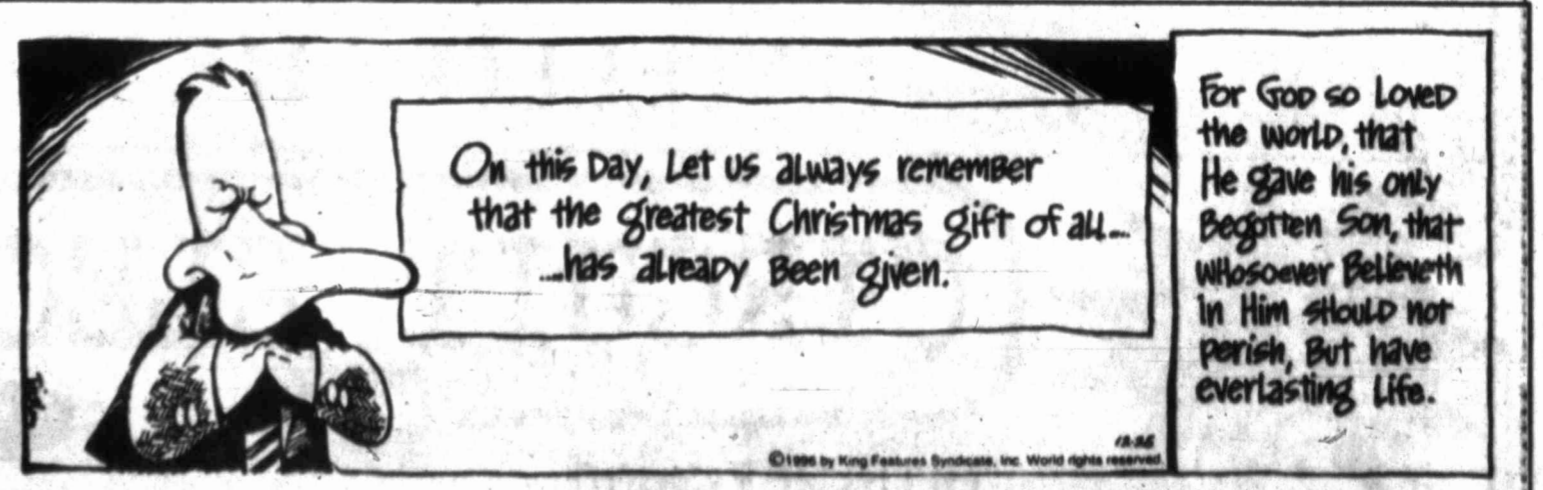
I feel we have some fine people in our community as well as a good local newspaper. I also feel our community is indeed richer having John and Linda Walker back where they belong. This Christmas let us remember that there truly are many Angels here among us in Big Spring. I've seen several of them recently myself.

Tis the season,  
RANDY MCKINNEY  
Big Spring

Mallard Fillmore  
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# Most celebrate, but for different reasons

SCRIPPS-HOWARD News Service

Americans overwhelmingly say they will celebrate Christmas but their reasons and expectations for the holiday vary dramatically.

For many, the season is a time of religious observance. For others, it is an entirely secular gathering to celebrate the joys of family and friends.

Regardless of the reasons, the holiday has become almost a universal experience in our culture. A national survey of 1,033 adults conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University found 95 percent plan to celebrate this year.

Two-thirds of those polled said they plan to attend religious services on Christmas

**Fifty-three percent gave religious-oriented answers, while 47 percent gave less pious explanations.**

Eve or Christmas Day.

Only 8 percent believe that "most Americans celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday" while 64 percent say it is "a time of sharing with family and friends" and 21 percent believe Americans celebrate for both reasons.

The survey asked people who said they plan to celebrate the holiday: "What does Christmas

mean to you?"

Fifty-three percent gave religious-oriented answers with the most common, by far, being recognition of "the birth of Christ."

Others called the holiday a "religious celebration," a time to "think about what God has done," to reflect on "the birth of Christianity" or to "give thanks" to God.

But 47 percent offered less pious reasons for the holiday, with the most common being a "time of family sharing," a time of money, spending and commercialism, a nice vacation in mid-winter, a break for kids, gifts — and a period of happiness and charity to others.

Six respondents said they look upon the holiday as a time of loneliness and stress.

## REINDEER

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lar, it was not universally loved. The Gray Panthers, a senior citizens' activist organization, picketed appearances by

Shropshire. Brooks said that after the song topped "White Christmas" on the Billboard chart, "there were a lot of news stories bemoaning that fact."

Brooks said he's never tired of the song, but he has since abandoned country music for a band devoted to rhythm and blues. He has tried to adapt "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" to the R&B cadence, but without success.

These days, he said, he performs the song only upon request, usually by his daugh-

ters' school groups.

Dennis McGoarty, a fellow member of the Comanche tribe of the Indian Princesses, said Brooks always sings the song upon demand.

"He lets the kids strum, while he plays the notes," McGoarty said. "If he ever got tired of it, he never let on."

Brooks said the Indian Princesses were not the original target audience.

"It's become a children's song, which surprises me," he said. "It was meant to be sung in a bar where people are drinking beer."

If he has any regrets, he said, it has been his failure to repeat the song's success.

Nothing else in the Brooks

oeuvre — not "Let's Put a Bag Over Your Head and Make Love," not "Will You Be Ready at the Plate When Jesus Throws the Ball?," not even "Percy the Punny Poinsettia" — has captured the American public's fancy.

"I've recorded some of Randy's other songs," Shropshire said. "People will say, 'That's pretty good, but it's no 'Grandma.'"

Brooks tries to be philosophical.

"If there's a negative side, it's that this is the only thing I'll be remembered for," he said. "I wish I was known for more than one hit song."

"A one-hit wonder, as they say."

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# Magazine ranks tycoons' philanthropy in 1996

NEW YORK (AP) — They know how to make money but they're not necessarily good at giving it away, according to a survey of the nation's tycoons by Fortune magazine.

In its Jan. 13 issue, the magazine ranked the nation's top 25 philanthropists and found they gave away more than \$1.5 billion this year.

Topping the list is George Soros, president of Soros Fund Management, who donated \$350 million this year, followed by retired grocery and drug store magnate L.S. Skaggs, who made gifts of \$155 million.

Microsoft chairman Bill Gates was ranked third, with \$135 million in donations. Walter Annenberg, former chairman of Triangle Publications, made gifts of \$128 million, and William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard, \$100 million.

The magazine, which released the rankings today, said it gleaned the information from community foundations, financial filings and interviews with wealthy Americans. The totals reflect donors' new giving commitments for 1996.

It found similar traits among the 25 most generous.

Most are self-made; only four inherited fortunes. Most are religious and attributed their generosity in part to their religious backgrounds. And most have been giving to others for

years, even before they had much themselves.

The magazine chided some for not doing more.

"Many billionaires whose names you might expect to find ... aren't listed," some because their giving (in rela-

tion to their wealth) is stingy," it said.

Some have made large contributions in the past but didn't in 1996, and others have put off their biggest gifts until after their deaths, it said.

## MOST GENEROUS LIST

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The nation's top 25 philanthropists as ranked by Fortune magazine according to 1996 donations.

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5. William Hewlett, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard, \$100 million.
6. Leslie Gonda, chairman of International Lease Finance Corp., \$73 million.
7. Jay A. and Robert A. Pritzker, Hyatt Corp., Marmon Group, \$70 million.

8. Ted Arison, retired founder of Carnival Cruise Lines, \$60 million.
9. Robert Galvin, retired chairman of Motorola, \$60 million.
10. William Davidson, chairman of Guardian Industries, \$35 million.
11. Joan Kroc, widow of McDonald's former chairman, \$33 million.
12. Robert Bass, president of Keystone, \$30 million.
13. Michael Bloomberg, founder of Bloomberg LP, \$30 million.
14. John Kluge, chairman of Metromedia, \$30 million.
15. Thomas Lee, president of Thomas H. Lee Co., \$30 million.
16. Ted Turner, vice chairman of Time Warner, \$28 mil-

17. Alfred Lerner, president of MBNA, \$27 million.
18. Jon Huntsman, president of Huntsman Chemical, \$25 million.
19. Phil Knight, co-founder and chairman of Nike, \$25 million.
20. Fred Rose, president of Rose Associates, \$25 million.
21. James Michener, novelist, \$24 million.
22. Peter Nicholas, chairman of Boston Scientific, \$23 million.
23. Ross Perot, founder of Perot Systems, \$23 million.
24. Joseph Jamail, owner, Jamail & Kolius, \$20 million.
25. Betty Brown Casey, president of Casey Management, \$18 million.

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# Israel, Palestinians near deal on troops

JERUSALEM (AP) — With help from U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, Israel and the Palestinians neared a deal Monday that would pull Israeli troops from most of the West Bank city of Hebron.

The agreement also would include written guarantees from both sides that they will carry out the remaining elements of peace accords already signed.

Ross said he expected an agreement "soon," but would not predict when.

"There is still work to be done. But I think there is a new energy in the negotiations," he said before heading back to Israel from a Cairo meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and President Hosni Mubarak's chief political adviser. "I am hopeful progress can be made."

The spokesman for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Nabil Abourdeneh, said, "There are new American proposals, some of them acceptable to the Palestinians."

A Palestinian negotiator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu might meet Monday night. Earlier,

Arafat said "maybe" he would meet with Netanyahu Monday.

Israeli media reported that negotiators reached agreement in several key areas, including opening a major road in Hebron within the next four months and allowing Palestinian police to carry rifles in areas under their control. Hebron is the last West Bank city under Israeli occupation.

The Egyptian news agency MENA said the talks also concerned joint Israeli-Palestinian security patrols and a timetable for further Israeli withdrawals from rural areas of the West Bank.

Moussa, meanwhile, said residents of the Mideast are losing faith in peace because of Israel's policies. Egypt has repeatedly expressed frustration with Netanyahu's failure to move forward in talks with the Palestinians.

"If Netanyahu continues — we will all return to square one," Moussa was quoted as saying in the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot.

Israeli media said Ross was working out a package deal that would include pullback from most of Hebron and a timetable for further troop withdrawal

from rural West Bank areas. The further redeployment was to have begun in September and to have been completed within a year.

Israel wants the Palestinians to commit to completing a new PLO charter, and for timetables for disarming Islamic militants, extraditing Palestinians suspected in attacks against Israelis and closing offices in east Jerusalem.

Netanyahu's top policy adviser, David Bar-Illan, said the prime minister was ready to pledge in writing that he will implement the peace agreements signed by his predecessor.

"We have said that we want reciprocity. We are perfectly willing to commit in writing what we have said often enough — that we are committed to the Oslo process provided that the other side will discharge its obligations under the agreement," Bar-Illan said.

"If they demand dates, we will too," he added.

Israel was to have pulled out of Hebron in March, but delayed after a series of terrorist attacks in Israel. Netanyahu, elected in May, has delayed the pullout further, trying to improve security arrangements.

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# Most Americans say they believe in the miracle of the first Christmas

By THOMAS HARGROVE and GUIDO H. STEMPER III  
Scripps Howard News Service

Americans still believe, mostly, in the miracles of the first Christmas.

We overwhelmingly have faith that Jesus was a real person born in Bethlehem about 2,000 years ago. Doubts start to trickle in, however, when it comes to our confidence in visitations by heavenly angels to nearby shepherds or in a miraculous star signaling a virgin birth.

Fifty-six percent of adult Americans say they accept absolutely and literally the nativity accounts in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, according to a national poll of 1,033 people conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University.

Religious leaders — both those who take the Bible literally and those who see the manger story as spiritual allegory — said they find no cause for celebration in the survey results.

"I don't see this as particularly great news," concluded Southern Baptist Convention President Tom Elliff, spokesman for the nation's biggest Protestant denomination. "My prayer is that the large majority of us would accept the Bible and its account of the birth of Christ as both inerrant and infallible."

Elliff said confidence in the most disbelieved element of the Christmas story — that Jesus' mother was a virgin — is crucial to the theology of salvation. "His capacity to be our savior rests in the fact that he was a God-man born of a virgin mother and so without sin," Elliff said.

Other scholars have suggested many elements of the nativity accounts were taken from Old Testament writings to establish Jesus' spiritual kingship, such as claims of direct descendency from King David or his birth in David's hometown of Bethlehem.

"This survey suggests that almost none of the scholarship of the last 100 years has permeated to the ranks" of the general public, said Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong of Newark, N.J.

The controversial cleric this

year published the iconoclastic book "Liberating the Gospels" which argues much of the story of Christ's birth was mythologized by gospel writers to explain God's actions in symbolic terms.

"There is not a single reputable biblical scholar that treats the birth accounts in Matthew and Luke as literal history. Stars that go wandering through the night and angels singing to shepherds in ancient Aramaic — that's the stuff of mythology, not history," Spong said.

If myth, the story of Jesus' birth is taken as fact by most Americans. Seventy-four percent say they "absolutely believe" that "Jesus was a real person."

Nineteen percent said they "mostly believe" this and 7 percent said they either do not believe this or are uncertain what they believe.

Seventy-one percent have complete confidence that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, 64 percent totally believe that wise men from the east brought him kingly gifts and 62 percent said they absolutely believe that Mary was still a virgin at his birth, that angels heralded his

coming to nearby shepherds and that a star in the skies over Bethlehem appeared as a sign of the nativity.

"In these days, I guess doubters have run amok. A lot of people have tried to convince me differently. But, really, putting a star in the sky is nothing for God," said Thomas R. Huggins, 67, of Salem, Mo.

"He made the heavens and the earth so it's no big deal if He just wants to add one little star. I don't see any reason to doubt the Bible."

"I think the Bible was written by men, not by God, who were using it to try to keep people in line," concluded Sarah Fowler, 59, of Apex, N.C.

In terms of direct disbelief, the highest scoring issue is Mary's virginity. Twenty percent said they either disbelieve or do not know what to think about Luke's account of the immaculate conception.

"I think that was just a symbol. It is hard to know what to believe in the Bible — I have a lot of mixed emotions about this — but I don't believe that," Fowler said.

There were some important survey patterns which seem to influence whether or not Americans have complete confi-

dence in the biblical accounts. Most important is the level of involvement each adult has in an organized religious group. People who believe they have spiritually been "born again" and people who have attended church in the past week overwhelmingly take a literal belief.

People of retirement age also overwhelmingly believe, while the products of the so-called "baby boom" generation or "generation X" are about evenly divided on whether they have absolute faith in all elements of the nativity story.

Women are more likely to believe the entire account than are men. People with college diplomas and post-graduate degrees are less likely to embrace the Christmas story without reservations than are those with less education.

People from Southern states and rural areas are the most likely to believe, while those living in major urban areas, in large suburbs or from Western states are the least likely to believe.

The study was sponsored by Scripps Howard News Service and the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. The telephone survey was conducted Dec. 1-12 among 1,033

adults throughout the United States whose households were selected at random by computer. The poll included interviews with Jews, Muslims, atheists, agnostics and people with non-traditional religious beliefs.

This survey has a 4 percent margin of error at the 95 percent confidence interval. That means 95 times out of 100, a sur-

vey of this type will be within 4 percentage points of the results achieved if every American household had been interviewed.

(Thomas Hargrove is a reporter for Scripps Howard News Service. Guido H. Stempel III is the distinguished professor of journalism at Ohio University.)

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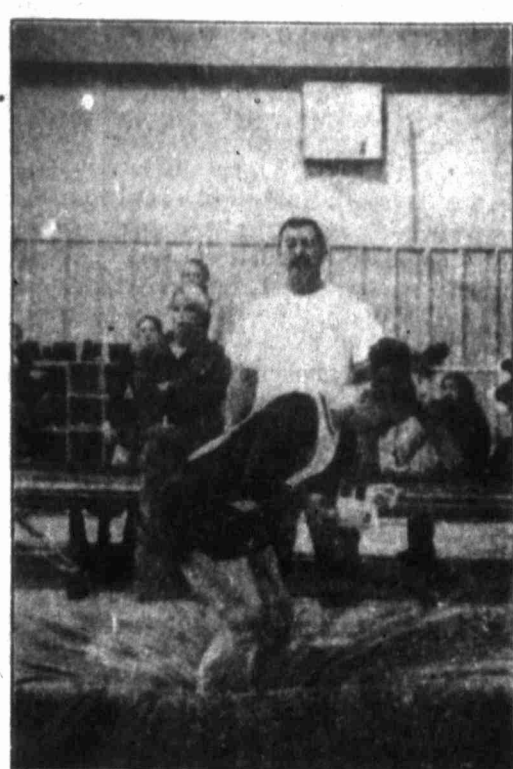
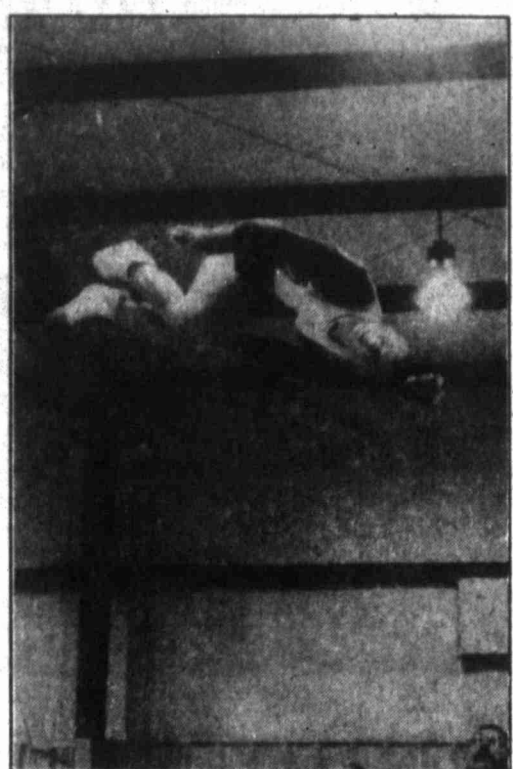
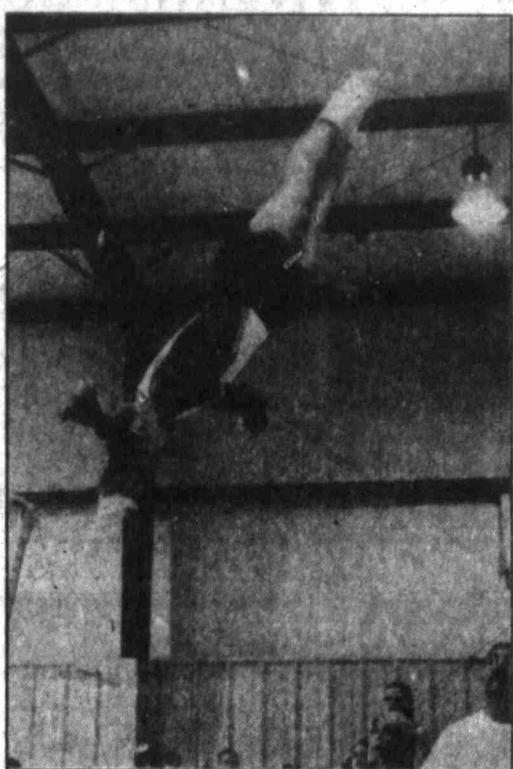
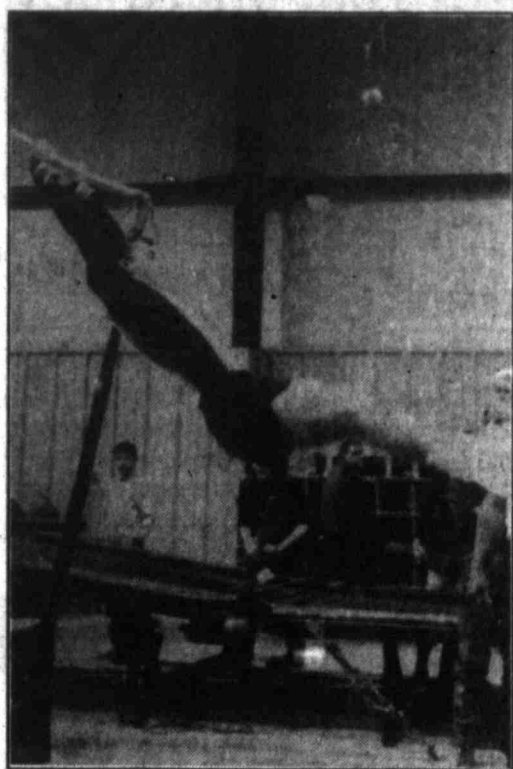
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Stephanie Stewart practices her dismount from the uneven bars during a recent Sidewinders' practice. The move has been noted by USA Gymnastics as "The Stewart" and will be included in its code book of officially recognized moves as such. HERALD photos/Jonathan Garrett

## 1996 Sportsperson of the Year: Stephanie Stewart

### Personal

Age: 14  
Born: Nov. 29, 1982 in Big Spring  
Parents: Howard and Vicki Stewart  
School: Runnels Junior High School (A average)

### Athletic Accomplishments

1993 — First place, all-around competition at YMCA state gymnastics meet; placed eighth in vault competition at YMCA national meet.

1994 — First place, all-around competition at YMCA state meet; placed third in all-around at USA Gymnastics state meet; placed seventh in all-around at USAG regional meet.

1995 — First place, all-around competition at YMCA state meet; placed second on uneven bars and seventh in all-around at YMCA national meet; qualified for USAG Level 10 regional meet.

1996 — Won YMCA national gymnastics meet all-around title; placed first in uneven bars, second in vault, second in floor exercise and eighth on the beam at YMCA nationals; qualified for USAG Junior Olympic National Meet; placed first in all-around competition at YMCA state meet; placed second in uneven bars at USAG Level 10 state meet.

### Other accomplishments

Received Presidential Academic Fitness Award while attending Bauer Magnet School; received Jim Holmes and American Legion awards while attending Goliad Middle School; had trademark dismount from the uneven bars named after her by USAG.

## Stewart flipped and twisted her way to YMCA national title

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

You don't need a plane to fly — not if you're Stephanie Stewart.

Stewart has spent a goodly portion of her 14 years airborne — flying and twisting through the air as a member of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team.

She has earned her wings by enduring a grueling schedule — six days of practice a week, 22 hours of flips, twists, vaults and dismounts. At an age when many young people seem content to master Mortal Kombat, Stewart devotes the majority of her free time to a different kind of perfection at the local YMCA gymnastics facility.

There, under the tutelage of Russ McEwen — a person she describes as a second father — Stewart has blossomed into one of the top gymnasts of her age group in the nation. And this year, she captured national attention by winning the junior division all-around title at the YMCA national meet in Toledo, Ohio and qualifying for the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic national meet.

And, to put a caper on an extraordinary year, Stewart learned that her trademark dismount from the uneven bars — two flips with a twist — was noted by USAG and placed in its code book of officially recognized moves. "The Stewart" may soon be coming to a gymnastics meet near you.

For her efforts and accomplishments, Stewart has been named as the Herald's "Sportsperson of the Year."

Her gymnastics journey has not been trouble-free, however. In 1994, she slipped while on the high bar and broke her nose, requiring surgery. She went under the knife again the next year when she slipped doing a dismount off the beam and her knee slammed into her face, breaking her eye socket in five places. Then, this year, she had yet another surgery to remove a build-up of calcium chips from her elbow.

Three surgeries in three years, plus the normal bumps,



Stephanie Stewart, the Herald's 1996 Sportsperson of the Year.

bruises and sprains associated with a gymnastics career, may have slowed her down at times, but have done nothing to quench a burning desire to excel.

"We don't like it when she's hurt, but that comes with the territory. She's a fighter, and she refuses to let anything stop her or discourage her," says her father, Howard.

"She's got a high tolerance for pain," McEwen says. "She'll body-slam the beam, and she gets right back up and does the same thing again."

"I guess we saw she was serious (about gymnastics) when we told her that she had to keep her grades up if she wanted to stay in it," her mother, Vicki, says. "She put her mind to it, and did it. She's just that

kind of girl."

Such determination and single-mindedness might be rare in most people, but are merely par for the course with Stewart.

"I have a will to do certain things," she says. "I have goals I want to achieve. Sometimes I meet those goals, sometimes I don't. But my goals get bigger every year."

Her gymnastics career began when she became involved with Kidnastics, an after-school gymnastics program offered through Bauer Magnet School. Stewart, then a first-grader, was encouraged by her instructor, Tracy Carpenter Moore, to pursue a career in the sport.

Moore told McEwen about a promising gymnast in her group. McEwen took a look at Stewart during a workout one day and was convinced she had potential.

"I looked over one day, and I saw this short, blond-haired girl," McEwen recalls, "and it was absolutely apparent that this child had talent. I moved her up to (the Sidewinders) the next week. Her natural ability was very obvious very quickly."

But more than her talent caught McEwen's eye.

"When she first started, her attitude became very apparent," he says. "She was a very happy child, she smiled all the time and she was very attentive to anything the coaches suggested. She was very willing to please, and that attitude has not changed over the years."

McEwen started his charge as a Level 5 gymnast (levels indicate degree of competence; Levels 4 and 5 are basically for beginners, while Level 10 and Elite gymnasts perform the most difficult routines), and she competed in her first meet the next year, placing third on the uneven bars at the USAG Level 5 state meet.

Her progress since then has been steady: She moved up a level each year, attaining Level 10 status in 1995. During her seven-year career, she has captured four state YMCA all-around titles, and added an

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### Other Notables

Aside from Stephanie Stewart, other area athletes and coaches had notable years in 1996. Among them were:

• **Leo McCalister** — Stanton High School's multi-sport star was a first-team all-district performer in both football and baseball, as well as a key member of the track team. He ended 1996 by being named to the first-team defense of the Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 2A All-State Team.

• **Jim Kinnear** — Klondike's football and basketball coach followed a district title in football in 1995 with a league championship in basketball in 1996. The Cougars advanced to within one game of the state basketball tournament under Kinnear.

• **Robin Wise** — Wise led the Big Spring Lady Steers to their fifth consecutive District 4-4A basketball title and their first-ever playoff victory. In addition, she won her second straight nod as district MVP.

• **Jay Kennedy** — Kennedy coached the Big Spring girls' track teams to resounding victories at both the District 4-4A and Region 1-4A track meets.

• **Arian Emmerson and Zach Love** — These two Colorado City football stars made headlines when they were named to the APSE Class 3A All-State first team offense.

• **The Big Spring High School boys' swim team** — The BSHS boys' swim team enjoyed a record-breaking year, winning their first-ever District 4-4A team title.

• **Hsuan-Hsiao Li** — The mainstay of the Big Spring High School tennis team won his second consecutive Region 1-4A boys' singles title in 1996.

## Reeves given ax after four years as Giants' coach

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Dan Reeves was fired today as coach of the New York Giants after missing the playoffs for the past three years and battling with team executives over personnel decisions.

"I just think that we were not going in the right direction," general manager George Young said.

Reeves blamed "a philosophy difference" between him and Young, particularly over which players to draft.

"It was not a power struggle. It was more a philosophy struggle," Reeves said.

Reeves compiled a 31-33 record in four seasons with the Giants. New York (6-10) capped a very inconsistent season Saturday, blowing a 22-0 half-time lead in a 23-22 loss to former Giants coach Bill Parcells and the New England Patriots.

That didn't seal Reeves' fate. Just last Monday, the 52-year-old coach said he expected to be fired once the season ended.

Asked when he made up his mind on Reeves, Young said it was not a sudden decision.

"It evolved over the second half of the season," Young said. "I'm not apologizing for anything. We made a decision. We wanted to go in a different direction. ... We felt we wanted to change leadership."

Reeves, who still had one year to go on a five-year contract, met with Young earlier in the day, according to a source close to the team.

"He said he talked to George and that they couldn't work it out," said the source, who spoke on condition that he not be identified.

Reeves then met with his coaching staff at 10:45 a.m. and

told them a change was going to be made.

The Giants' failures on the field were not the main reason Reeves won't be back. He battled with Young and Tom Boisture, the team's director of player personnel, for more input into player decisions.

It nearly led to his firing last year, but Reeves returned after being told by Giants owners that things were not going to change.

Reeves came to the Giants in 1993, taking over a team that was bitterly divided after missing the playoffs in its only two seasons under Ray Handley.

Handley got the job after Parcells resigned shortly after a Super Bowl win over Buffalo in January, 1991.

Reeves, whose contract with Denver had not been renewed after 12 seasons and three

Super Bowl appearances, was Young's third choice for the job, only getting it after Tom Coughlin decided to stay at Boston College and Dave Wannstedt took the Bears job.

Reeves quickly restored order on the Giants, naming Phil Simms as his quarterback and waiving disgruntled linebacker Pepper Johnson. New York responded with an 11-5 record and came within a field goal of winning the NFC East.

The Giants were crushed by San Francisco in the second round of the playoffs and Simms and Lawrence Taylor both retired after the season.

New York nearly made the playoffs in 1994 with a season-ending seven-game winning streak, but lost out on a tiebreaker. The past two sea-

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## Raiders converge on San Antonio

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech Red Raiders from all corners of the state were to converge upon San Antonio Tuesday to begin a week of preparation and hype leading up to Sunday's Alamo Bowl game.

Despite the erratic practice of late — Tech coaches haven't seen their players since last Wednesday — head coach Spike Dykes anticipates the Red Raiders will be ready for No. 21 Iowa.

"It's always a little hard to get focused," Dykes said of the brief two-day workouts he held last week. "The guys did a good job though."

The bitter cold snap that froze Texas forced the Red Raiders into their indoor facility, which offers a flat, artificial turf more similar to the Alamodome's than Tech's

Jones Stadium.

Climate control wasn't the only thing that separated this month's workouts from August preseason, safety Dane Johnson said.

"You've got so much time to practice when you know you've only got one game," Johnson said. "At the beginning of the season, you do two-a-days knowing you've got 11 games left."

The bowl game has special significance for Johnson, a junior from the Fort Worth area. Tech edged out Iowa in their battle to recruit him, and he knows some of the Hawkeyes he'll line up against Sunday.

"It's kind of a crazy last game of the year," he said. "I've got one more year left, and I'm playing my second-choice school."

STEWART

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appearance at the USAG Junior Olympic national meet to her YMCA national title this year.

Stewart says a major reason for success — as much as her talent and work ethic — has been a pressure-free environment fostered by her parents. "Sometimes, Dad comes in and says, 'Are you still having fun? When it stops being fun, you decide what to do,'" Stewart says. "I could quit tomorrow and they'd be happy either way."

"We have a rule," Vicki says. "When she's in the gym, it's gym, and when she's home, it's home. They're completely different. When we walk out (of the gym), life is normal."

For now, however, her life — "most of it, anyway," she says — revolves around gymnastics and the other dominant figure in her life — McEwen.

In a little more than 10 years, McEwen has built the Sidewinders into the preeminent YMCA gymnastics group in the state and one of the top programs in the nation.

During a typical Sidewinders' practice session, McEwen is apt to cajole, demand, plead, console and congratulate his charges — all in the span of a few minutes. Such an approach has led to seven straight YMCA state team titles, and Stewart

loves her coach like family. "He's basically my second father," she says. "He knows our limits, he knows how much we can take, and he knows when to stop."

Her affection is returned. "Stephanie is more like a niece or a grandchild to me, rather than a daughter," McEwen says. "By that, I mean I get all the good and don't have to go through all the silings and arrows of her growing up."

"Obviously, we have a close relationship," he adds, "and just as obvious is that she's just a neat, neat kid."

As well as her career has progressed, 1997 promises to be especially pivotal for Stewart. She and her coach believe the

time is right for her to begin competition at the Elite level, right alongside the Shannon Millers and Dominique Dawes of the gymnastic stratosphere.

"This is probably going to be the biggest year I've ever had," she says. "I'm going to be doing a lot more skills."

"At his point, she wants to find out how far she can progress in gymnastics," McEwen said. "This is where we'll find out where she fits in with the very top gymnasts."

Regardless of what 1997 holds in store for her, Stewart doesn't see gymnastics playing a smaller role in her future.

"I don't want to think about quitting," she says. "I don't know what I'd do if I wasn't in here."

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sions have been typified by slow starts and New York never came close to the playoffs as the offense struggled under quarterback Dave Brown.

The pressure to succeed put a strain on Brown's relationship with Reeves and the two have been at odds the past two years.

Brown said his biggest problem with Reeves was he felt the coach sometimes undermined his leadership role by either benching him or creating the appearance that his job was in jeopardy — like when he started Tommy Maddox in an exhibition this season.

The two mended fences on Sunday in a 10 minute farewell meeting.

"It was a good meeting," Reeves said. "We talked about the frustration that we both had as far as not getting the end results. I feel badly I didn't get him to play the way I felt he was capable of playing."

"We apologized to each other for not getting it done," Brown added. "We talked about how frustrating it was. I felt there was some finality to it."

Brown wasn't the only player who felt that way among those who arrived to clean out their lockers shortly after 6:30 a.m. Sunday, a time mandated because the Jets were playing a 1 p.m. game at Giants Stadium against Miami.

Not only did cornerback Jason Sehorn thank Reeves for a chance to play, but he also told his coach how much he respected him as a person.

"You usually don't say those things to people when you think they are going to be around," Sehorn said.

Fullback Charles Way was more to the point.

"Everyone knows the situation — more than likely he will not be here," he said. "You just have to look at it as an opportunity for everybody. He will probably get a coaching job somewhere else and he'll make the best of it. We'll have to make the best of our situation here."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Across: 1 Musical group, 5 Asparagus unit, 10 Haws' partner, 14 Double-reed woodwind, 15 King of TV, 16 Med. course, 17 Just make it, 19 AK city, 20 Novelist Harper, 21 Finishes, 22 Scene of confusion, 24 Toodle-oo, 25 Tantalizers from the kitchen, 26 Dramatis personae, 29 Public lift, 30 Sophia of films, 31 Pocket bread, 32 Grand Coulee and Hoover, 36 Asset, 37 Indian lute, 38 Racetrack, 39 Word from the editor, 40 Vienna, to Germans, 41 Contemptible ones, 42 Some are apparent, 44 Touched ground, 45 Primps, 47 Balpoints, 48 Used the telephone, 49 Except, 50 Rule, in India, 53 Against, 54 Action from a 'yes man', 57 Pre-adult, 58 Lose a tape, 59 Woe--I, 60 Being, 61 Has courage, 62 Look searchingly. Down: 3 Not any, 4 Cognition member, briefly, 5 Tilts, 6 Zoo favorite, 7 Son of Aphrodite, 8 -- longa, vita brevis, 9 Choice at the deli, 10 Thrift shop items, 11 -- Gay, 12 Family members, 13 Hold back, 18 Have a strong desire, 23 A billion years or so, 24 Behaves, 25 -- Bell (a Bronte pen name), 26 Mountains, 27 Young horse, 28 Loyal, 29 Begets, 31 Duos, 33 Greedy, 34 Leonine feature, 35 Snow vehicle, 37 Bilked, 41 More sensible, 43 Shoq width, 44 Embarkments, 45 Evergreen trees, 46 Enjoys special privileges, 47 Old hat, 48 Social engagement, 49 Box, 50 React to yeast, 51 Highest point, 52 Mock, 55 A Gerstwin, 56 Bigwig.

covered a sea route around Africa to India -- died in Cochin, India. In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes. In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan. In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera 'Aida' had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal. In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a music program over radio, from Brant Rock, Mass. In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave his last public performance, singing in Jacques Halem's 'La Juive' at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces as part of Operation Overlord. In 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's 'Amahl and the Night Visitors,' the first opera written specifically for television, was first broadcast by NBC-TV. In 1968, the Apollo 8 astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve television broadcast. In 1980, Americans remembered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds -- one second for each day of captivity. Ten years ago: French hostage Aurel Cornea, held in Lebanon for nine-and-a-half months, was released by his pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim captors.

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# Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas I have been good. I want a puppy Doulmohon and a kitty and a cry baby and baby sister and a baby allgone.  
Danielle Sanchez  
Age 6

Dear Santa  
Merry Christmas  
I have been good I want a Dalmation puppy a doodle bear I want snow for Christmas.  
Jackie Mills  
Age 4

Dear Santa  
How are you? I hope you stay warm. I am 6 years old and I am in Mrs. Wynn's Kindergarten class at Anderson Kindergarten Center. I want a Dalmation costume 101. Also RC racer, and remote control car that goes through snow, mud, water, grass and everything else. Also a remote control car that could jump. I want a Big Driver thing and also whatever else you want to give me out of your bag.  
I will leave you some milk and cookies when you come. I love you very much.  
Love,  
Lanny Hall  
6 years old

The following letters are from Mrs. Downey's First Grade, Washington Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wot a skcabod and a little jeep and a boy bike and a gun. I bin good merry christmas.  
Augustine Rivera

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas I wot a blue raser.  
Ramiro Marquez

Dear Santa,  
Dr. Seuss and six white.  
Kadrian Groage

Dear Santa,  
I am good I weunta fireshuck Merry Christmas.  
Simon Munoz

Dear Santa,  
Want a riter.  
Emillio Aguinaga

Dear Santa,  
I wul maisis bibe and a big and a cat and a jep and acello anda riolcast and waterbed.  
Margie Vigil

Dear Santa,  
wut I wot for christmas is a cputer and a bryh ear and a wocment and roller blades.  
Kathy Rios

Dear Santa,  
I wat a scabod and a raser.  
Ronnie Leal

Dear Santa,  
I wot a Buzzli and a play cd and a modical and a cumptrder and a boy.  
Edward Williams

Dear Santa,  
I wut a setelos and a racer and a wacer.  
Michael Cox

Dear Santa,  
Hot wheells case, Hot weells cars, toy store game, wile cross crash set.  
Richard Leitgeb

Dear Santa,  
I wot a migh sigh dase barbie and barbis and oso highe and barbie disc and scabook.  
Roxanne Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a XbR and modrsicol and rodublase and a scabbord and woch.  
Scott Boyd

Dear Santa,  
I wot a XbR and a Sard and a cat I em good. I wont cputer.  
Johnny Zambrano

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas happy. I want a puppy. I wnat a donashine.  
Jennifer Peterson

Dear Santa,  
I wot a barbie. I been good. I wot a barbie diske cputer merre.  
Katie Howard

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas santa. barbe and barbe car a toy wodey nad a bike nad a dres nad sum cray-

olas nad a scator nad comptr.  
Rachel Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want cowboy poser and a power ranger whtie and a big bad beet bor and a powrrnger soot.  
Matt Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I wot a Nike highe I been good.  
Mary Rogers

Dear Santa,  
gun and pleskr and dorand and modsical and a kurut.  
Fabian Leos

Following letters from Marcy 1st grade, Mrs. Cooke

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is A peeco game and pink helmet.  
Love, Halley

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a T.V., phone and a race car.  
Love, Joel

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a cowboy jersey and a shooter and a kite.  
Love, John

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a motorcycle, phone, baby puppy.  
Love, Tommy

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is to make my life better and a ninja suit.  
Love, Navian

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Mickey Phone and house shoes and Mickey nightgown.  
Love, Whitney

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a my house and a ring that sees you.  
Love, Rosie

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Barbee, cool shaveing Ken, skateing Barbee.  
Love, Carolyn

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is doll and dollhouse.  
Love, Rachel

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a roller blades.  
Love, Jolinda

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a dog named Honey Bear.  
Love, Jenny

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a dog and a cat.  
Love, Leon

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is 101 dalmation movie.  
Love, Michael D.

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a bike, doll and house shoes.  
Love, Lisa

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a bat mobile, a real dog and a bat-mas and that is all I want.  
Love, Michael B.

The following letters are from Marcy 2nd grade, Mrs.

Berringer:  
Dear Santa,  
I want a comter. I want a new bike. I want a new rowllier blades. I want a toy.  
I want a toy. I want a ball.  
Your friend,  
Louie Flores

Dear Santa,  
Iv ben good I want a hole jar of picklesples. I wont of the goose-bump pilows. I want to go to Floeda. I wont Buzzes sute. I wont my teeth to grow bak.  
Your friend,  
Desirase Cooper

Dear Santa,  
How are the raindears do you no wich raindear is my best it is visksan. How cold is it up in the north pole I bet is cold. I wont some rolerboas.  
Your friend,  
Casy Spink

Dear Santa,  
I want a pear of shoes. I want a truck. I want a car. I want a raser. I want a raser truck. I want a lot of candy cane. I want a lot of cakes.  
Your friend,  
Jordan Bernal

Dear Santa,  
I wot a hot wills and I beleve in u but and my little sister. I wot a per of lakes. I wot a walk.  
Your friend,  
Joe Luera

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa I want t toustory doll, a book, a rodas, a bromset, a bus, a raser.  
Your friend,  
Cammie Ribble

Dear Santa,  
I ben good this year I won't a saga for Christmas o.k. Santa. I want a little Simba pillow to go with my bed. And me and my sister, wot, had are going to put cookies and milk for you Santa.  
And I wot a little Kinirs and cat to with the little ones.  
Your friend,  
Monica Morellion

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. Hi, will you live me. I hope that you are find. I want skast shode horse.  
Your friend,  
Tiffany Benton

Dear Santa,  
I hav bin very good this year. I wonet som snow this year. I ha a dog so watch out. I hav a cat so watch out. I hav a pupsey so watch out.  
Your friend,  
Brendon, Irvine

Dear Santa,  
Iv ben good this year. I wnat a new bike for Christmas. I want a computer for Christmas. I want an air pump for Christmas. I wnat my friends to be nice for Christmas. I want to get my mom a Christmas present.  
Your friend,  
Arielle Arispe

Dear Santa,  
I want some things for Christmas. I will give you a hug and I will give you a kiss, I wish I had a toy from you, and I wish I cood see you to, so you Ken brem meat you.  
Your friend,  
Ariell Brown

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa had I ben good. cause I hope I had ben good. I wnat a bike, and a cat, and purple skates. Selena t-shirt.  
Your friend,  
Adrianna Trevino

Dear Santa,  
I hop you anr fine. I ben good the yar, I want a racer and a bike. I want a horse. I want a pair of shoes.  
Your friend,  
Shawn Overton

Dear Santa,  
I been good this year and you get me an bike. can you get me an car. can you get me an computer. can you get me an desk, car you get me an 10 cats.  
Your friend,  
Mike Cantu

Dear Santa,  
I've been good when are you comeing. I want a ram of control car. I want anther cowboy's jacket. I wnat a cowboy hat. I want a new bike.  
Your Friend,  
Domingo Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a beast wars. and a cunputer and a dirt bike and a toy story toys.

Your Friend,  
Kevin Langlitz

Dear Santa,  
Hi I ben good. I want a swim-inpoo. I want som skates. I want a coloringbook. I want a computer.  
Your friend,  
Tori

Dear Santa,  
I been good half way. Please bring me one present at least. I want a cabage patch kid she eats and her come back and doodle bear your write on it.  
Your friend,  
Megan Hughes

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer. I wnat a coleringbook. I want a boodog. I want a new packback.  
Your friend,  
Kevin Zubiate

Dear Santa,  
I do not know what to get you can get it for me. I want a bike for me. I want a family that do not lie. I wont alot of canty in my stocing. I like you very much and can I stay up I do not no wat you look like  
Your friend,  
Crystal Kohanek

Dear Santa,  
I luv you Santa. I lick a toy a priner. I behave everyday. I just dont flin my werck. I eat dot go toisid ato flinis my work.  
Your friend,  
Joseph Martinez

Marcy Elementary  
Mrs. Tissue  
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are o.k. How are you? Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a vido game.  
Merry Christmas  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
Are the elvs o.k.? I'm sure you're raindear's are o.k. Here's what I want for Christmas. A computer and I want to colect the 101 Dalmaioion toys. And the best of all I want a puppy for Christmas. Thank you.  
Cassie C.

Dear Santa,  
I want a barby doll for Christmas and clos. Santa what is Ms. Santa doing? I hope she is doing good. Thank you.  
Frances

Dear Santa,  
I am glad it it Christmas. I want a dolly and a puppy and cat. How are you doing? I love you Santa Claus!  
Kitstal

Dear Santa,  
I want to know do you have elfs? I have been a good boy. I want a toy gun and a water gun. Thank you Santa Claus!  
Jamere

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing fine Santa. At Christmas when you come to muy hous I will give you some cookys and milk. Tell the randeers that I said hi.  
Merry Christmas  
Brett Bennett

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy with candy in it. I will want a cat and a dog for christmas. How are you doing? I hope you have a grate time.  
Kristina

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for christ-mas. First I some blocks and some Toy Story toys and vcr for my t.v. Thank you!  
Bradley Foster

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doodle bear for Christmas. I would like a dream team Space jam jersey. I have been good all year.  
How old are your 99 or 100? Circle one. Thank you.  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie doll for Christmas. I want a puppy for Christmas. Krystal and me, my brother; Amanda we want candy. I want a dowmaschans puppy. I want some clothes. And I want soem boots for christmas. Thank you.  
Amy

Dear Santa,  
I hope I get a dog gifts and puzzles. My cousin Danja and JohnJohn might go to Christmas with us. Santa Claus will you see smily faces? Will you see familys? I will try to give you some milk and cookies. I love you Santa Claus.  
Merry Christmas  
Britni Michelle Willborn

Dear Santa,  
Santa Claus I want a barbie move theatre and sylvster bubbles  
I wonder how are your elfs and your wife? Merry Christmas  
Tori

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a good child. I want a Saga Satern and mortle combat 3 and Kiler instinck. Thank you.  
Chris

Dear Santa,  
I'm glad it is Christmas. But you mite not come, because I've been bad. But I'll tell you what I want for Christmas. I don't want much so it won't be to hard. I want some clothes for Christmas and some ropers for Christmas. I want a MY Size Barbee and moves. It's 101 Dawmashin and the carton 101 Dawmashes if you bring it. Thank you.  
April Jaramillo

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a be be gun. I wish I had a dog. I wish I had inethang. I wish I had cat but I don't want a pet snack.  
Marcus

Dear Santa,  
I'm a good kid. I wnat a vido game. I wnat a football. I like Robots. I like Mrs. Santa. I like you too and your elfs.  
John

Dear Santa,  
Wat are you doing? I will bring me a bresit and a toy story.  
Talon

Dear Santa,  
How old are you? I want to go to 100 years old. I want Miss Santa Claus. How are the elfs? I want a real Santa Claus. I want a real Santa Claus. I want a real Santa Claus. I want a real Santa Claus.  
Power Rangers. I want a Christmas puzzle and some things.  
p.j.s.  
Jason

Marcy Elementary 2nd Grade  
Mrs. Carroll

Dear Santa,  
I ben a good girl I listen Stella she is a nise person. Uncle Jerry he is a nise person to. Please bring me a computer. Thank you I wot to gave sister clothes. Thank you.  
Love,  
Jessica Williams

Dear Santa,  
I hope I get a trampoline for christmas but if you don't have space on the sleigh you don't have to get me the trampoline. Now its time for my brother what he wants to get a ntendo.  
Love,  
Marisa

Dear Santa,  
Ntendo 64. I lke Bebe I won rarcer, bike. I wont sleigh.  
Paul Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I helpd my mom fold clothes and my dad work on the truck. So I want a nitindo 64 and I want a toy remote control and my sister a cowboy jaket. And I want the movie Power the movie. will you give my bothe

Oj Poyrt a saga a please give my sister's a book please. Please Santa your very smart will you give my sister Melissa and Linda please. Thank you Nichles Santa I love you Nichlus Santa Love Raymond Poter

Dear Santa,  
I have tride to be good in school. But I won't you to send my brother sister a Saga. I want a doll!  
Love Carol Rivas

Dear Santa,  
I have tride to be good I took out the bathroom trash and the kitchen trash I help my mom and dad whith house. pleas bring me a trampoline, a little bear, mortar combats and pleas help my little nephuw git beder will you pleas bring me a sled and some barbys and osme Nike shoes. and bring my sister Julie a bear.  
Love, Bridget Rivas

Dear Santa,  
Pleace bring me some thing goodys pleace santa claus a good toy or more pleaces. I love you from Cory Baldock

Dear Santa,  
Plese bring me tranformers-best wab- stree shark- mortal combat-waterworld- sleigh-teradottydle-cars. bother modies miss carroll a christmas tree  
Randy

Dear Santa,  
I trid to be good I help my sisters my brother my mom and my dad I been good to my teacher becous I have ent got my name down. please give me a big trampoline and a barbi and a sleigh my little baby sister and my little brother gets me in trouble. So I's going to get my little sister a barb. My brother a motorcycle.  
Love Melissa Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I am trying to be good this year Markey is trying to get me in truble and I am being good for you.  
Love JR Mooer

Dear Santa,  
I am beaning good. and do you know wat I want for Crismas I want from you I want a Smiley face Stamp. please. Thank you and I love you Nichoilaes.  
Love Dannon Ramey

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be good I help my mom do stuff this year. bring me a bresit and a toy story. I want a Nintido 64 and 6 games. bring me the some things. Bring my mom a work book. My Dad wnts a play set. Dakota Teaff

Dear Santa,  
Could you get my dad some new tools and my moma new bear with a csetplayer could you get me please a toy and a clown and my sisters a dall.  
Love Anjale Gossett

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be good but my little bruthe get me in truble plese give me thes things clos Nintido 64 Sega Satern toys. And to get my mon beter.  
Love Abel Torres.

Marcy Elementary  
Mrs. Stone 2nd

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a barbic and som play dishes and perovjoolri for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Gloria Zavala

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a new pair of babra that talk and baby that eat food and doll for christmas.  
Your friend,  
Donna Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a new doll house and I would like a rill dog a girl

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dog with some puppies and a baby doll for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Stephanie Rieser

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a puppy and a gold ranger suit and a red ranger suit.  
Your friend,  
Louis Silva

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a new pair of roller blades, a rage game, a couch, for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Correy Douglass

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a Tyco rebound and a new pair of shoes for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Matthew Rawls

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a new pair of shoes for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Jay Bernal

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a new bike and a new baby and computer for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Tiffany Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a new pair of shoes and computer and new born baby sister. For Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Krista Bounds

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a kitten a doll and a Barbie for Christmas.  
Your friend  
Elva Ramos

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year I would like a new toy a Tyco Rebound for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Joe Eric Arredondo

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like to have a nintendo and a sled with one horse. and the sled must have wheels.  
Your friend  
Nick Sosa

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a little toy dog that will walk to you.  
Your friend,  
Amber Sleight

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a toy modersikle with a controler and a gitar and new kid tod truck for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Bret Lamonda

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a Pamurayne for Chreishmas.  
Your friend,  
Britney McIntire

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a bike an a robot an a yake bake of for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Kris Deleon

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I

would like a pari of shoes and a ring and ply kichen.  
Your friend,  
Kaunica Byrd

Marcy Elementary  
Miss Ray 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want roller blades, a puppy, parrot baby bunny, pound kitties, and a stuff teddy bear. What would you like for Christmas How's the reindeers doing?  
Love, Priscilla

Dear Santa,  
I want roll blad a remote control truck Saga and a bike. How do your reindeer get on the roof? I'll leave you cookies by the door. I would a firetruck too! please include batteries.  
Your friend, Jessie

Dear Santa,  
I want roller blades and pound kittes what type of cookies do you like? I love you Santa.  
Your friend Megan

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a puppy, parrot baby bunny rabbit and howcar. How are you doing and how are your reindeer?  
Your friend, Steven

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby kitten and a Barbie.  
Love, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a remote truck and remote car and roller blades.  
Love Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a parrot polor Barbie bikes makeup pound kitties roller blades puppy Nintendo baby bunny rabbit I love you Santa  
How are Dasherand prancer doing?  
Love, Kristen

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and puppy I hope have a happy christmas tree.  
I puppy have a happy christmas.  
Love Martina

Dear Santa,  
I wnat rollerblades, Barbie bike, baby kitten, puppy, Nintendo and a happy face backpack. I would be nice to have a dog.  
Love Angela

Dear Santa,  
I wnat roller blades, makeup, baby rabbit, Bar bike, and a baby polor bear. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.  
I love you Santa!  
Tessa

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a bike, parrot, puppy, baby bunny rabbit, poler bear, and a Nintendo. How is Rudolph doing?  
Your friend,  
Adrian

Dear Santa,  
I want robo.  
Love

Mrs. Cook  
Marcy Elementary 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want a Pekingese! I am filling well ar you filling well?

Love, Brittany Rivera

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a t ball, baceball and football cards, basketball darts wiith dart 6.  
Robert Woodard

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog. I am a nise gil. I m happee to day.  
Amber Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball, baseball and football cards, basketball, darts with dart board, punching bag and 2 bikes for Christmas  
-PLEASE!  
Love you,  
Jordon Herrod  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a bike and please kan I hav a car for mi mom and dad. I like I Mi sef be kus I am going to have mi brtha.  
Love Santa  
Ernie Halfman

Dear Santa,  
I want a Chihuahua. I am a good student. I like school is it fun.  
Daniel Jese Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I love you! Can I please hav a puppy? Merry Christmas Santa. I love School.  
Sophia Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a new doll Please. I am sick. Santa I love you.  
Love,  
Desiree Bree Yanez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Chihuahua. I hope you ha a having a grat time?  
Manuel Flores

Dear Santa,  
Haw are you? I wnat a miam Dolphin foot ball.  
Love,  
Jonathan Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want a pood ll and a big dog haoos. I hav a noo babee bruthr/ Plees wud you git mi brthn a scwee.  
Merry Christmas  
Nicki Elliot

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a motor cycle, creepy crawlers, and gise, a sketina and a campdr. Thank uoow,  
Matthew Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I want a kitten and Berbee and dog, please. Thank you. Mom and dad a car and mi grand-mother fel good.  
Adela Garfias  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and Nikes/ Merry Christmas  
Ashely Rudd

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy please. Good

by.  
Lance Fitzgibbons

Dear Santa,  
I want a car for Christmas! please ok?  
Abel Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I want Nikes. Thanks! you Merry Christmas  
Kiara Sherman

Marcy Elementary  
Mrs. Grievy

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a gldess lock and the three lttle baer my Dad. mom and me want a picure your hole famulee.  
Love, Kayla Bernal

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie a black girl dog, Cabbage Patch Doll, and bows for my hair. I also want a bear, a jump rope, reindeer, a basket and pencils.  
I love you Santa.  
Patricia Silva

Dear Santa,  
I wots a cluring books and a borbee hases. bike cumputer. and a jep.  
Love, Dominique Bustamante

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and little fake basket with fake food in it. I would like a Barbie and a Ken, and a little Teddy Bear.  
Love, Marisa Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat, and a Barbee dall, and a bike and a picher uve

Sentu clos and a picher. Louve roodoff and a jeep. I believe in you.  
Love, Barbara Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy. My mom wants a picher uve you Santas Clas and a picher uve roodoff My sister wust a cap.  
Love, Laken Davila

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car, a remote control bridge, a walkie talkie, and a computer, and games. I love you Santa.  
Love, Daniel Shanahan

Dear Santa,  
I want soum Gold and I wont a puppy.  
Love, Bryan Lamonda

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy from Roodoff. I love you.  
Love, Chelsea Price

Dear Santa,  
I want to git A Guolde wuvreen adn A Green aleen, Big Spitre, man, adn a plane wuvreeren adn, adn red Gorgulyl.  
Love, Michael Slayton

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog, a Brbee, I want a picsher uv Santa. I want a dol. I want a picsher uv randere. I want a booc uv The Three Littl

Pigs and culring booc and sum culrs.  
Love, Brenda Luera

Dear Santa,  
My mom wants a new color T.V. Hi, Santa, I love you.  
Love, Abel Magana

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega, a bike, new shoes, a Michael Jordon watch and a Chicago Bulls hat and 49ers football jersey and cap.  
I love you Santa.  
Byron Lang  
P.S. I also want a pit bull dog and a computer.

Dear Santa,  
I want a ril fone and a ril gold braslit and a ril reing. I wont ril mune and a piksher of Santa and his wife. I bleeve in you Santa.  
Love, Tonya Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat and a want a Toy bus and a mask and a cumpter and a cool room.  
Luv Johnny Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
My sister wants a Barbee. I want a dog. My Sister and I want little dishes. Mow wants sochsh.  
Luv, Gina Olivares

Marcy Elementary  
Ms. Tarpley's

Dear Santa,  
I want a green car and a computer. My mom wants the pinochhio movie. I want a dog book too.  
Love, Dustin Gibson

Dear Santa,  
I want iceskates. I want you to bring my mom a ring and errings  
My dad wants tools and trucks. I will liev milk and cookes.  
Luv, Stephen King

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice. My mom wants a ring and a dresser box. I want a backpack because I'm using my brother backpack. And I want a red bike and I want a trouble mac. I want a desk too. That's All.  
Love Joseph Guterrez

Dear Santa,  
I ben wanting to git sum maceup and a bike. I wot my mom to git a ring. I wot to git my mom a prs and nailpolish and git mie dad a ring and sum tools and git mi mome sum isckates and sum errings and git mie brzer sum skates. Holis the ranedeers feeling?  
Rosemarie Lopez  
I love you.

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I will by you and Jesus sumthing. Then I want you to bring my mom a cresmus tree. Ples bring my dad a truk and bring me a puppy for cresmus and rolblades and my little brother and my sister and my mom errngs.  
Love, George Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a bow and arrow gun and glitter and pencils. I have some cookies and milk for you and playdough. Please bring my mom a ring and playdough.  
Love, Johnny Trevino



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Dear Santa,  
I will have you some cookies and milk. I luv you. I wut rolbles and for my sistr I wut a berbe. My mom likes pictors of uoonacoons. My dad likes tools.  
Love, Eugene Franco

Dear Santa,  
I want a cat and a dog and some kittens for me and my Mom and Mimi and pappy. And I want a shrt for my mom and Mimi and pappy. Please bring me a brbee and teddy ber. I have been good.  
Love, Samatha Plumlee

Dear Santa,  
Plees bring a Zeoe trak and a batman game and kloze, skates, and spasejam and a jet and a neoo bakpak and sum ice skate and a petmole. I will leev you a glas of melk. I love Santa.  
Love, Junior Lucio

Dear Santa,  
Can you get me a kittin and a bike and a wagin and a kote and a hat and a dress for my mom and calindr for my mеме and a hat for my granny and a cumpoodr for me. Thank you Santa Claus and if you can't bring me all these toys its ok.  
Love Kassi Roach

Dear Santa,  
I got a presit for yoo. I do want a rac car. Ples hlp me do betr in scool. I want a GI Joe and some glolen stuff you poot on the roof.  
Love, Paul Torres

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a present. I want a barbie doll and skates.  
Love, Jamela Overton

Dear Santa,  
I will leve sum cookies and sum milk. I wunt a sktbord and a puppy and a kitten. And Sanda I wunt a spase jam washt.  
I wunt Freggles back.  
Love, Kayla Rutherford

Dear Santa,  
I want a punshingbag and a setof wates and sixte bucks and a nife and a set of super bull rings. And for my mom sum earrings.  
Love, Justin Taylor

Dear Santa,  
Will you buy me a remote control car and a bb gun and a dog and a cat and a desk and skates. My sister wants a baby doll

and my brother wants a bow and arrow. My mom needs a car cause the side of the car is messed up and my dad needs a toolbox. I will set you out some cookies and something for Mrs. Claus.  
Love, Jimmy Garrard

Mrs. Flores/Mrs. Rogers Lakeview Headstart  
Dear Santa,  
Here is our classroom wish list. We hope you have time for our class.

Brigette Tuitt: play frog, dolly with car, piano  
Joann Gonzales: a book, dog, dolly  
Elias Bihl: puppy, cat, stuff elephant  
Isacc Tarin: bike, cars, Barney  
Damian Peterson: Barney, red bike, play gun  
Montesha Lara: bike, Barney, ball  
Vergil Garcia: play frog, air-plane, piano  
Jacob Diaz: race car, little cars, Barney  
Ray Martinez: bus, dinosaurs  
Whittany Miller: teddy bear, toy car, bike  
Valerie Ross: play frog, air-plane, piano

Garden City Elementary Mrs. Robinson  
Dear Santa, I ben good to day. an dthis is want I want fo rChristmas. Oh and a atherthing have a save ride. and I want a go care for Christmas. and a computer and loto tickit that wins the loto. and a pupie. and troy airments otelgraph with a pituer.  
love, JR Medrano

Dear Santa,  
I wut a Selena teshert. And push. Hav vun Santa bly cerr.  
Luv Lupe Juarez

Dear Santa, I have ben good Santa I wont clothes. and I wont nike shoes and blak and I wer 30. and I wont toys. and I wont computers. and I wont seven dollars.  
Love Mary

Dear Santa I've ben very good this year. I want a T.V. a V.C.R. a sega. A bike. A lots and lots of dinosaur toys. And cave man. Some cool Nike shoes. I want a real puppy. I lots of pencils.  
Chance Burks

Dear Santa I have ben good this year.  
I would like a TV and a VCR and Vidos and a notichas exersizing walking mushen and a

telifon and a some clothes and a ATM clock and a Clay Walker clock.  
Love Marissa Schwartz  
Dear Santa  
I have ben good all year long but ther is a little bad but ther is 1 toy that I wanted a game gear. And I all want game fush, fish pot. and thats about all I wont  
Good by  
Love Douglas Merek

Dear Santa Clause  
I have been good this year. here is everything I want. I want the movie Toy Storie. I also want the movie Oliver and Company. I also want brain bash. I also want lite3. I also want a Sega game. I want Mr. Potato head to. I also want bord game Life. I also want money. I hope you like the cookies and the milk.  
Love you'r friend  
K'Lann Niehues

Dear Santa  
I bin good this year. These are the things I won't.  
A Cabich Patch Kid Bath Baby.  
A Tuggle Waling Pup.  
Some clothes  
A Tweety Bird Clock.  
A A&M Clock  
A Tweety Bird Pillow  
A Tweety Bird bed spread.  
Some A&M cloth.  
some Tweety bird clothes.  
Love, Katie Schmitz

Dear Santa,  
I bin very good. I would like these things. I want a t.v. I want a telephone. I want a notitrack exersize walking machine. I want a V.C.R. I want some A&M clohtes and bag. I want a books. I want a real car. When I get myu drivers lisons. I want a A&M clock. I want a Clay Walker clock to. I want Clay Walker's atergraf. That's all I want.  
Love  
Erin Hirt

Dear Santa this is wont I want.  
I want a nooe desk.  
I want a nooe sagagame  
I want a nooe buter.  
I want a nooe baby doll.  
I want a nooe dress.  
I want a nooe book.  
Autumn Henrichs

Dear Santa. I wot a bike for christmas. and a car for my mom and dad. My sister wants a hug form you santa. But thele is one mor thing. I love you Santa. I hop you hav a good chrip giving toy to uthr girls

and boy. The end  
form Mary Ann  
Dear Santa I have bin good this today. Please bringe me a alechrek truck. And I want a biskle. And a stereo. And new NIKE shoes black ones and I wear sis 4. And I want a go care. And I hope you have niese ride.

Wilhelm Penner  
Dear,  
Santa I've been good.  
I want a: Segat segagames, bycycle helmet, go car, books Hank the cowdog, serio, football cards, basketball  
Hope you have a sage trip.  
Cade

Dear St. Nick  
I want a super nintendo game and a puzzle and a radio. I hope you don't get cold.  
Colton Schurtz.

Dear Santa, I wunt a gameboy for crismus. I have bin good thes year. And I wunt a ntndo. And vido gams And a bebe gune with BBs and football sind buy Emit Smith.  
Ryan Machicek

Dear Santa I been good this year. I what a little whennied dog. I would like a sterao. I would also like now game. I also want a computer I also want't a nintendo 64. I also whan't for everyone to have a Merry Christmas.  
Chastity Olgin

Dear Santa I wood like a real uppy and I wood like a rascar and I would like a pogostick.  
Nikki Cooley  
I love you have a safe trip and thanck you are the best Santa.

Dear Santa  
I want a R.C. Racer, game boy, bike, Nintidio.  
John

Mrs. Burk  
Dear Santa,  
Pleae bring me some candy, some sticky tape, a paddle car, a patty cake doll, and a ring-around the rosy doll. I am going to make you some cookies for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Brooke Halfmann

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a flower, skates, and a book. I have been a good girl this year.  
Your pal,  
Vikki Garza

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a whole bunch of groceries, a truck, a car, and a toy gun. I've been really good this year.

Your friend,  
Ramiro Mler  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a kitten, a puppy, a barbie named Candice, a doll with eyes that blink, a Pteradactyl toy. Tell Mrs. Claus that she is pretty, and tell Rudolph that I like his shiny nose.  
Your friend,  
Britton Avery

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doggy, a little teddy bear, and a little angel to play with. I am going to leave you some cookies at my house.  
Your friend,  
Amanda Trevino

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a book, a coloring book, crayons, my size dancing barbie, my doll Megan, and some pencils. Tell your reindeer hi for me.  
Your friend,  
Samantha Pitts

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a puppy with a red bow on it, a barbie, a book, and a T.V. for my room. I've been really good this year.  
Your pal,  
Sydney Halfmann

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Tigger, a book, and a doll. I will leave some mile and cookies for you.  
Your friend,  
Lauren Wheeler

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a fake air-plane, a grum, and a telephone. I have been a good boy this year.  
Your pal,  
Quinton Havlak

Dear Santa,  
Pleae bring me an airplane that you put batteries in, a car, and a jump rope. I have been good this year.  
your pal,  
Eli Hassman

Dear Santa,  
Pleae bring me a bat mobile, a batman, and a batman airplane. I have been very, very good this year.  
Your friend,  
Levi Schaefer

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a tractor, candy, and a truck. I have been good this year.  
Your pal,  
Franz Neufeld

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a car, a motorcycle, and a ball. I've been a good boy

Your friend,  
Enrique Hernandez  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pen, some scissors, and a ball. I've been good.  
Your pal,  
Alfredo Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a car, a boat, and a football. Tell Rudolph hi.  
Your friend,  
Ignacio Castill

Garden City Elementary Mrs. Kelso 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a scooter, a science kit, Legos, and some more computer games.  
Your friend,  
K.C. Smith

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a 10-speed bike, some chocolate, some candy, and bubble gum.  
Love,  
Heinrich Guenther

Dear Santa,  
How are your doing? I am doing fine. Here are some things I would like for Christmas a radio, a teddy bear, clothes, a computer, a desk, a necklace, a jewelry box, a baton, a Dalmatian stuffed animal, penny loafers, a scrunchy maker, and beads.  
Love,  
Hilary Cansino

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? Im fine, but I have a favor to ask you. Will you bring me a pet gold fish and a computer? You know the little computer that you can carry. Please bring a Barney, th purple dinosaur, for my little sister Josie. Thanks Santa Claus.  
your friend,  
Roberto Chavira

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope the elves do great on making toys for Christmas Eve when Santa is ready to go on his Christmas Eve ride with all of his reindeer and the toys in the bags. I want to go with one of the elves on a ride.  
For Christmas I want a Batboat, a Batmobile, a Batwing, rollerblades, more BBs, a Sega Game Gear, a Batman tape, and a Batcave.  
Love,  
Landon Hoelscher

Dear Santa Claus,  
I just wanted to know how you were doing. I'm doing great. I hope you are doing great too. I wanted to know if

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Sincerely,  
Shaun Arvil Maxie

Dear Santa,  
How are you today? I can't wait until Christmas. Here are some things I want for Christmas. I want a helicopter, toys, clothes, leather, and a train set.  
Sincerely,  
Jeremy Dale Randel

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie jeep, jewelry, a bear watch, Looney Tunes bike, a teddy bear, a Dalmatian soft animal, penny loafers, a Michelle book, a Dalmatian poster that glows in the dark, scrunch and wear, a computer, a play house, ear phones, a cat stuffed animal, and friendship bracelets.  
Love,  
Crystal Schneider

Dear Santa,  
I really want a bed in the shape of a car, a puppy, clothes, money, a colt, a Nike hat, and my own room. But most of all I want a bike and a computer. I don't want shoes. If you can't get me these things I'll take what you'll give me.  
I hope your elves are fine and you too. Im fine.  
Love,  
Uriel Talamantes

Garden City Elementary  
Mrs. Meeks Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I want a jeep for me to drive, a different colored bike, a tent and the things I circled in my magazine. I circled a game. I have been good. I want some new roller blades because my good ones are going to my sister. I want cats game, a camera and a sleeping bag. My mom wants to have a computer.  
Love,  
Macy Schwartz

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller blades that fit me, and I'll let my sister use my old ones. I want a new bike for my brother, because his got stolen when I rode it to the mailbox. I want some Space Jam toys, like a basketball. I want some toothbrushes for everyone in the family. I would like some new games that we didn't have. And when I grow up I'd like to go into outer space to see what's up there. That's all. I've been good most of the time.  
Love,  
Jake Schwartz

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep for me, and a Sky-dancer, and that Barbie that has that whale with it that swims. I want a dress with Santa on it. I want some cotton that looks like your beard. I want a dress with a snowman on it. I want a ring for my Mom and a bow-tie with Santa on it for my Dad. My brothers don't need nothing from me because they can ask you for stuff.  
Love,  
Kaci Coats

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I haven't pulled a color. I've been on green everyday. I want a Hotshot Basketball Shooter. I want a dump truck that I can drive and pick up dirt. I want Batman toys with a car and airplane with it. I want a play Barbecue

pit to cook stuff with. Bring my family surprises and me too. I want a book that I can read by myself to practice learning reading.  
From,  
Jacob Schmitz

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been on green each day. I know some of your reindeer names: Rudolph. I want a doll house, and a Barbie mini-van. I want a couch and chair for my Mom, because she always wants one of those. For my brother, I want a truck that picks cotton up and for my Dad I would like get him his own field and barn to work in.  
Love,  
Eva Dyck

Dear Santa,  
I want a car, a basketball, little car and big car, a book, a pencil, a dog, new crayons and markers, and a box for school. I also want erasers and toys. I have been good.  
From,  
Edgar Najera

Dear Santa,  
I want Batman, a policeman car, lots of toys, bike, markers, Spiderman toys, blocks, Ninja turtles and that's all. Bring something for my Dad and Mom.  
From,  
Lorenzo Huerta

Dear Santa,  
Come to my house. Bring toys. I want Batman, Power Ranger, letters, and bears. I've been good and I play at my house.  
Love,  
Samuel Sidon

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Silly Putty, roller blades, a new bike with a water bottle on it, a dress like Sleeping Beauty's dress, a Bearkat suit, a crown, Bearkat feet, and I want my Daddy to have a new saw. I want Mommy to have some high heels. I want my sister, Julie, to get a honey bear. For Rachel, a new Barbie. For my cat, a cat play toy. I have been really good.  
Love,  
Melissa Hirt

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. Bring things for my brothers and sisters. A car for Ignacio and Carlos. A doll for Betty.  
Love,  
Nadyeli Castillo.

Dear Santa,  
I want a football, a racing car, a toy-like a little man, shoes, and clothes. Earrings for my Mom and a cup for Joey. A car for my brother and a bear for my sister.  
I have been good. My other sister needs a doll.  
From,  
Ray Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a Batmobile. Look at the things in the magazine that I circled those are the things I want.  
From,  
Cole Schwartz

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun, a remote controlled airplane, a bike, a real dog, a truck and car and that's all. I would like some chocolate. I have been good.  
Love,  
Abe Dyck

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, some new clothes, a car Barbie and that is all.  
Love,  
Andrea Cardonna

Dear Santa,  
I want a new doll and a wagon the doll can get in and a swing for my doll, and swing for me. I want a chest for my Mom. I want some tools for my Dad. I want the same stuff for my sister as for me. I have been good.  
Love,  
Anita Wiebe

Dear Santa,  
For my baby sister, I want a Barbie doll and for my brother, I want to buy him a Ninja turtle that moves and kills somebody. I want a Batman toy, and something for my Mom. I want a pot for her. For my Daddy, I want something to kill deers with. I have been good sometimes.  
Love,  
Israel Ocon

Garden City Elementary  
Mrs. Eoffs 2nd Grade  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike for ChristMAS to Rid it is daytime.  
John Wiens

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have ben good his year, for christmas I want a, New bike a new play computer that you can cer a rawnd, My ony key. A new doll. A Dr set. A Dr. Thang That you tack their suger and push rawnd. A new stroler with a botle and pasfir and Daper bag and baby with it all a baby baby carset. A school chod bord with chok and school papers. A new Book creshen uv the baby seter club. All uv that please.  
Love,  
Lacricia

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a tv and a veser and I want a intido and a baby doll.  
Love,  
Julie Dawn Hirt

Dear Santa,  
I want a basball gove and a Goosebumps books and a move and a mameboy and a gams to the gameboy Set and a nantdo game and school box and a nike water bottel and a nike notbook.  
Love,  
Justin

Dear Santa,  
I wood like comeputer. pair of boot. and the book wite Fang. the game Donkey kong. and the Bill Beaver.  
Love,  
Logan

Dear Sant Claus,  
I want a neclass that has my name on it and That's what I want please give it to me on Christmas Eve and can you give me a ring that has how old I am and I am 7 years old thats how old I am.  
P.S. Santa if you bring me what I want for christmas I will be a real real good girl. and santa don't remember that I love you alot.  
Love,  
Ashley

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a computer a new room, a T.V. and V.C.R., 2000 presents under my tree, a telephone, wallet, coloring books, crayons, markers, bank bed a sister, horse, fram, rain, baby dolls, barbey doll, remotcontoll, a couch, and an direy.  
Love,  
Lauren

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want Malinys Mall. I want a kitty and puppy. I want a horse, I want polly pokets. I want Barbies Dream house. I want 101 Dalmation Movie. I want Jingle of the way Movie. one last spechail thing I want my Mom and Dad to be safe every-day and me.  
Love,  
Stacey

Dear Santa,  
I want Goosbumps costumes. And I want Goosbumps books. Hockey game. And a Hot shot. Creepy cerlwes. One morw thing a pup.  
Love,  
Jared

Dear Santa,  
I want to be thankful. I wood like a little little tv low Ranekit Lou cane costum skelutin rings and nerless doctor dretfull labratory fevvet  
Jantzel

Dear Santa Claus  
I won't a comeputer for Christmas. I won't a telephone. And I all so won't a beton. And I won't to have friends. And I won't to have a good Christmas with my family.  
Love Santa Clause  
Victoria Elan Ortiz

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like computer. A portable tv. A telephone. Goosebumps books. This is all I want for Christmas.  
Sincerley,  
Evan

Dear St. Nick,  
would you give me some arrows for my bow. I want air needles and a colege football

game for my sega. I my socking put lots of plane Herseese cholet-in it.  
Sencerly  
Alex

Dear St. Nick,  
I want a Doodle Bear and More Gak for my Dolly maker. I also want a new bike for Christmas I also also want new househoses and a new waterbotle with a pop up lid. I also want a butterfly clip that has a bow glued on to it. I also want some puzzles.  
Love,  
Kristen Ashley Buzbee

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a K'Nex Big Ball Factory, Battlakeship Talking System. XRC, a SEGA Game, a book, computer game, Criss Cross Crash, Medium Siuze K'Nex, Hank the Cowdog Catalog.  
Love,  
Taylor

Garden City Elementary  
Mrs. Byrne 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I hopw your elves are working hard. I would like a doll, some books, a dress, a watch. Give the other kids the stuff they don't have. Have a safe trip!  
Love,  
Elisa Wiens

Dear St. Nick,  
How are you doing in the North Pole? Are the reindeer and the elves alright? I hope your not bumbed from making toys day and night! I now would like to tell you what I want, Super Nintendo games, a real basketball, a baseball glove, and bat. Please don't put me on the naughty list but put Clayton. Please fill my stocking with lots of goodies and toys such as, a pocket knife, a fake bow and arrow, and a nerf gun. Have a safe and fun Christmas!  
Merry Christmas!  
Sincerley,  
Brendon Kelso

Dear Santa...  
I first off would like to ask, "How are the elves? Don't make them work too hard on the tops!"  
I've been good this year. These are the things I would like for you to bring me, a puppy, tv., truck, and lots of luck in the stock shows I will entered in this winter.  
Sincerley,  
Garrett Kellermeir

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and bad this year but, mostly bad. I wish you would bring me a Play Station and a SEGA Saturn. I promise I will be good this next year.  
Have a Merry Christmas!  
Love you,  
Ricky Mier

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new Barbie, Barbie clothes, a stuffed teddy bear. a notebook, new shoes, new clothes, some jewelry, a diary, toy store stinky dog, and some surprizes, twin dolls.  
Love,  
Jessica Cox

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing up on the North Pole? If you are okay good, because I don't want you to miss your Christmas ride. Please bring me a basketball, some basketball, some basketball shoes, but most of all I want a Super Nintendo and the game NBA Live 96! Fill my stocking with some glue and lots of candy.  
Bring the other kids their wishes, too!  
Love,  
Cory Multer

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like to give others what I have. Especially the kids who do not have a lot of money. I want for Christmas a Big Sister, Little Sister neckalce, Toodle Bear, ten dollars, and Scramble. I've tried to be on my best behavior.  
Love you,  
Angela Hoelscher

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? Are the elves okay? Are Rudolph and his friends doing good? Just tell the elves not to work too hard and put good things in my stocking. Please give poor children a family and home.  
I have been bad and good so you caould I was half. Santa, this is what I want: 64 Nitendo, 10 Goosebump books, Clue, Payday, Molply, the game 13 Deadend Drive, 2 games for 64 Nitendo, and 2 controls for hte 64 Nitendo.  
Love you,  
Justin Cansino

Dear St. Nick,  
I want to know if you and the elves are ok?  
This is what I want for Christmas.  
I want a new pair of shoes, and my stocking full of toys and a bag of candy.  
I want the other children to have the toys thay want.  
Love you,  
Tina Elaine Saverance

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue dragofy. thank you.  
Kari Brode  
age 5  
Coahoma

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a "Mr. Bucket, some story books, race car, Mr. Potato Head, stuffed dog, toddlers, toy store toys. Play, desk and Hot Shot for Christmas.  
Merry Christmas,  
Michael Cox

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a new Barbie, Barbie clothes, a stuffed teddy bear. a notebook, new shoes, new clothes, some jewelry, a diary, toy store stinky dog, and some surprizes, twin dolls.  
Love,  
Jessica Cox

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a Ocean Barbie,

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
Luke 2:14  
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Barbie clothes, Baby By doll, Fluppy Puppy, a talking Barney, doodle bear for Christmas.  
Love and Mary Christmas  
Rachel Cox

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a Baby so Beautiful, Pound PUPpy, Doodle Bear, Winnie Poo, Tichlish doll, Barbie, Barbie clothes.  
Love,  
Kathy Cox

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Steel Tec. Level #2, Lite 3 Game, Air Devil, Mighty loader, cat excavator, race car, toy stories toys  
Love,  
J.T. Cox

Dear Santa,  
I would like a telescope, a Guitar, a Computer, Hot Shot Game, Roller Blades, a race car.  
Love,  
Gene Cox

Dear Sant in the North Pole,  
My name is Ryan Deel. I am 4 years old. Could you bring me a work bench and tools, racing truck, school bus and a BuzzLightyear toy. I have been kind of good but I have been a little bit bad too. That's all.  
Ryan Deel

Dear Santa,  
I love you. This is from Ariel Fuentes. I am 6 years old. I would like a easy bake oven, baby head stand surprise, baby tumbles baby splash and candy in my stocking.  
Love  
Ariel

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a bike, CD player and race track.  
to: Santa from James Wrye

Hello Santa,  
My name is Megan Karwedy, and I have been a good girl, I would like to have a candy land Mr. Bucket Baby Make faces Cabbage patch doll Majic Cradle Megan Bucket of play food and na table and chairs I Love you Santa.

Thank you  
Megan by the way I am five years old.

Dear Santa  
I'm having all kind of trouble from all races of people all I want for xmas is to be believed no lies and friends I love all races they are God people  
Betty

Dear Santa  
I love your present's I hope you give a very happy Christmas I sure would like to have snow this year and next year well I hope you give lots of present's!  
Catrina, Calderon

Dear Santa,  
I am Anthony Fuentes. For Christmas I want a Texas Longhorn basketball, a bike, and a collector Dallas Cowboy football. I've been half and half in behavior.  
Sincerely,  
Anthony Fuentes  
10 years old  
P.S. I want some candy too.

Dear Santa,  
This year I want lots of coloring books with colors, CD player with Mariah Carey, Selena, Boys to Men, Dangerous Minds

tapes or CD's. I also want a type writer, clothes, Nike Shoes, tires for my bike, air pump, tweety bird watch, tweety bird pillow for my aunt Felicia, a Jesus necklace for my grandma. And most of all lots of money so that my mom and Manuel can go on vacation.  
God Bless you Santa!!  
Love Always  
K.C. Rodriguez  
age 8

Dear Santa  
This year for Christmas I would like to have Dr. Dreadful MD, Nike Shoes, Monster truck, guitar that plays itself my own T.V., game gear, Dallas Cowboy cap, Cowboy jacket, VCR, and Mariah Carey CD. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Always,  
R.J. Rodriguez  
age 7

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been really good. For Christmas I would like to have Baby go bye-bye, baby crib with a purse, back pack, Barbie dress, play jewelry, Barbie castle, Barbie and Ken doll with the car, clothes, books, kids dresser. And most of all I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!  
Love Always  
Jessica Rodriguez  
age 4

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good little girl this year. These are the things I would like for Christmas. Please bring me a Baby Alive for Christmas. I really want her badly because I love her so much and want to play with her. Also, please bring me the Penguin Shuffle game and a Barbie Slumber Bag.

Thank you Santa Claus for bringing me all these toys. Santa when you come to my house, please leave me a naote and tell me if you have a reindeer for a pet named Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, and if he pulls your sleigh. I have a Rudolph Christmas movie and Frosty the Snowman movie that I like to watch very much.  
I love you Santa Claus so much.  
Love,  
Adrianna Jo Robertson  
age 4

Dear Santa,  
I would like a train. I would also like a Buzzlightyear toy and Woody toy from toy story. I also like your sleigh. It is really nice.  
Love  
Dakota Bardbary

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good. For Christmas I want a police car, big truck, Power Wheel, clothes, building blocks, Nike Shoes. And for my grandma a big radio.  
Love Always  
Nikolas Rodriguez  
age 3

Dear Santa  
I as a good girl all year I want a Big Barbie doll some highells shoes and FGurniture for my Little Barbie and Chocolates for my Daddy  
Love u Santa  
Audrey Marie Hglahd.

to santa clause  
From Jessica Fay Brooks

Dear Santa  
for Christmas I watn a disk for my computer maybe two or three I delive in you in my hart but I tell some people that I do not belive in santa because I do not want them to think I delive and I am stupid I know what you are thinking, here is a picter of my computer.  
Thank you if you git two or three disk for me thank you any ways.

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a bebe gun, a bow and arrow. I would also like a computer, and a tv. How are you? I am fine.  
Dustin Paul

Dear Santa Clause,  
I would like a radio control car for Christmas and a Bony Thing, please.  
Yours Truly,  
Eric Barton

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a remote control crane, remote control truck, and a wrecker for Christmas.  
Your Friend,  
Joshua Sigmon

Dear St. Nicholas,  
I wish I could see you. I want a lot of toys. I also want more friend's two front teeth, telescope, CD player that can have a tape player and Cool Shaven Ken. I really want to see you. Hopfully, I will get these. SEe you in 22 days. Love,  
Meagan Scarbrough

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a big nice vase with flowers for my mother and father please.  
I've been a little good and I have been very good in school.  
Yours Truly,  
Brady Phillips

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good time delivering all those presents to all the boys and girls. I think I have been a good boy this year. I'm in 2nd grade this year.  
Your Pal,  
Lance Tissue

Dear St. Nicholas,  
Would you please bring me some jewelry. I have tried to be good all year.  
Love,  
Your friend,  
Heather York

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a Nintindo 64 and a keyboard for Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Trey Tipton

Dear Santa,  
I want to tell you that I love

you, and that I would like mil-ions of dollars.  
Love you, Santa,  
Morgan Rinehart

Dear Santa Clause,  
When you come to my house could you read my list and would you give me every thing on my list. And when you come down my chimney be careful and watch out.  
Could you give me a Play Station, a Segag Saner, and a zdirt bike.  
Your best pal,  
Richard Anderson

Dear Santa Clase,  
I would like to get an Olympics BARbid and some chocolates. I don't care what kind they are because I like them all. How are the elves doing? I would like some ear-rings, too.  
Your friend,  
Kristal Haller

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a com-puter and a Tweety Bird back pack. I think I've been good this year.  
Yours Truly,  
Lyndsey Sanchez

Dear Santa Clause,  
I have several toys I want this year. I'd like a T.V. for Christmas, the Barbie Dream House, a go-cart, and a Cool Shaven Ken.  
Love,  
Yours Truly  
Megan McCormick

Dear Santa Clause,  
Santa how do you get around the world in one night? Could you give me a basket ball goal and a book.  
Love,  
Brent Holsenbeck

Dear Santa,  
What's up? Do you know what I want for Christmas? Well you probably have been hearing, I want a computer. That's it.  
Yours Truly,  
Bradley Cahall

Dear Santa Clause,  
I am your best friend. When you come down my chimney I will not hear you at all. I will have a list on my table. Will you give me a Buz Ligh Gear and his Space ship, a telescope, and Godzilla, a dirt bike and a Dallas Cowboy's jacket.  
Thank you,  
Michael Castro

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Coca-Cola Telephone, a cat, my size Barbie, a computer, new clothes, a ring, arrings, a Tweety Bird, purse, a basketball,

sand art, an alarm clock, and Jumánji and operation games.  
I love you Santa. I'll leave cookies out for you when you come to my house.  
Love,  
Cassie Guinn

The following letters are from Miss Fitzgibbons' Kindergarten class at Coahoma Elementary.  
Dear Santa,  
I love Santa. For Christmas I want a life-size dancing Barbie, a Easy bake oven, and a Jewel-haired Mermaid Barbie. I am glad you make toys. Would you tell Rudolph that I said Hello?  
Love,  
Devin Adamson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Lego Box and a drum set. I also what a dragon-fly. I have a bunch more on my other list at my house.  
Love,  
Karl Brode

Dear Santa,  
I want a fish aquarium, a purple Jewel-haired "Mermaid Barbie, and Scrunch-it Wear. Tell Mrs. Claus I said "Hi."  
Love,  
Kelsey Butts

Dear Santa,  
Rudolph is pretty. I want a Barbie movie theatre, a My-size Barbie that dances, and a gray and white kitten. Tell Mrs. Claus I like her name.  
Love,  
Kimberly Calvert

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck, and I want a dump truck. I want a Stretch Man. I think you will have a good Christmas.  
Love,  
Mel (Junior) Dickerson

Dear Santa,  
I want a train, a play fun loader, and a bulldozer. Have a nice Christmas.  
Love,  
Nathan Gomez

Dear Santa,  
I want lipstick, and I want a Barbie, and that's all. Merry Christmas!  
Love Danja Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a dump truck that I can ride. I want a Magna-Doodle, and a table I can color on. I hope you get me everything I ask for.  
Love,  
Michael Reid

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rudolph book, and Jewel-haired Mermaid BARbie, and a Frosty the Snowman

book, too. I would like to tell the reindeer that we will eave your team some carrots and we will leave Santa some pink cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Alexis Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I want a My-size Dancing Barbie, a doll, and I want a Barbie doll. I love the reindeer. Happy trip, Santa Claus!  
Love,  
Heather Scoggins

Dear Santa,  
I want a fishing pole, a fishing toy, a golden ranger. That's all.  
Love,  
Spencer Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a jeep, a doll, and a kitty. Merry Christmas! Please stay warm. Tell Mrs. Claus to stay warm with you.  
Love,  
Berkley Iden

Dear Santa,  
I want a play flag, an Emmitt Smith poster, and a drum set. Tell Mrs. Claus Merry Christmas. Stay warm!  
Love,  
Paige Jackson

Dear Santa, I want a doll, a unicorn and a pink horse. Merry Christmas! I like Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Starr Olivetti

Dear Santa,  
I want an umbrella, a Barbie that dances and I want a play horse for Christmas. Be good when it's Christmas.  
Love,  
Haylea Hodnett

Dear Santa,  
I want a jpunching bag with gloves, and a rocket ship with a toy bomb on it, and a toy train. My brother wants a little toy rocking horse and a barbie for Colton. I hope Mrs. and Santa Claus keep warm, and I will have cookies and milk for you. At my other school we made reindeer hay, and I will have it out for you. I like your reindeer.  
Love,  
Justin Sons

The following letters are from Mrs. Woodall's second grade class at Kentwood Elementary.  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a CD player and Ellfun an gutar an electronic Energizer bunny that's not real big. A Wish bone doll that walk's and it won't fall and make it bark make it have a collar with it's name on it with

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a leash not hooked on but could hook on but not permenet and make it have a soft tummy and a puppy the same as it's dady dog!!  
your friend  
Haley Adams

Dear Santa,  
I would like a movie of 1001 dalmations and lots of other movies and games and presents and dolls videogames barbie dolls and spacejam a new coloring book plus with markers and crayons and some books and new pincels and kittycats and puppys.  
your friend,  
Ashlee Atwood

Dear Santa,  
How are things at the North Pole? How is Rudolph? Here are some things I would like for Christmas...Baby Alive, a baby boom box (just with cassette player), Barbie Super Market and the game Jenga.  
your friend,  
Angela Banks

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller skates and presents and a toy dalmation. I want a movie called jingle all the way. I want agame called simon. I want a boombox with a cassette player. I want some animal books.  
Your friend  
DeAnna Carlisle

Dear Santa,  
How are things at the North Pole? For Christmas I want 101 Dalmations the real movie. And a teddy bear and some new shoes and a jym nastics barbie. And please say hi to Rudolph for me. And say hi to Mrs. Claus for me to.  
your friend,  
Mallory Dunn

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy truck and toy Rudolph Dalmation and can have it a real dog in a basket. I want a lot of presents under my Christmas tree.  
Your friend,  
Chris Franco

Dear Santa,  
I want a rabbit please. I want a puppy and a kittin. I want a C.D. player. I want all of my size dall. I want lots of dalls. I want a big box of toys.  
your friend,  
Lita Green

Dear Santa,  
I wish for star wors for christmas and a rill pup to and the pup will be a Dalmation.  
Your friend,  
John Hamilton

Dear Santa,  
How are things going up there? I want for Christmas is a Barbie Doll, BARbie movie theater, a Doll, that easy bake oven, a computer and disk that you can daecin clothes for your Barbies.  
Your friend,  
Alyssa Mattson

Dear Santa,  
I want a real dagar adn a big club house.  
Your friend,  
Brady King

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus. How are you Santa Clause I hope you are good. I am asing for a Baby boom box and a TV and VCR and a Rcikey Mouse Whach for me.  
Your friend,  
Brinnan Pierce

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a doll. Please put a present beside the Christmas

tree.  
I would like a movie and a book. Merry Christmas Santa.  
Your friend  
Reinhilde Robinson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a walking horse, and a stuffed dalmation puppy named Lucky. I would also like a Boom Box that records, please. And also a new alarm-clock. A Doodle Bear, too. May I have the movie Toy STory? Please? How are you and the elves doing? May I have a go-car? And may I have a remote-control car?  
Your friend,  
Meagan Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo 64 and a 5 speed and some roller blades.  
your friend  
Brandon Stowers

Dear Santa,  
HOW many feet of snow do you have I whant a dog and a trampuleen a pickup a footdoall a sega a T.V.  
your friend  
Andy Whittendurg

The following letters are from Kentwood Elementary.

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph o.k.? I want magic cradle Megan. Can I have a teddy bear too. I want a baby bom box. I want a polly poket too. I love you. I want the bech Barbie. I want some close for Ken. I want a colring book. I want a sweter too. I want some new shoes too. Can I have some new white socks.  
Love,  
Allison Banks

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas Eve. Please may I have some toys. The toys I want is a ball and a dolla nd a bicycle and a drum and a dress.  
Love  
Alicia Bess

Dear Santa,  
I want two play swoords so me and my frend can play Nights together.  
Love,  
Keegan Cooke

Dear Santa  
I want a Nintendo sixty four game, I want a magic card trick. I want a nekles four Christmas. I want a arohead nekles four Crhstimas.  
Love  
Lack Dawson

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me sum candy. I like choclate. I want some toys or a game. I love you  
Love  
Ashley Eames

Dear Santa,  
I love you and we want to see you Santa. We love you to. I want a longhrn jacket and shooz.  
Love  
Lance Gross

Dear Santa,  
Santa who is your favorit reindeer.  
Love  
Tyler Hudgins

Dear Santa  
Is it snowing at the north pole? Are you redy to get in your slay? Are the elves dowing their work? Are you redy to pack up the toys. Are you redy for cookis and milk?  
Love,  
Leah Hughes

Dear Santa,  
I want a kite. I want a jump rope and I want a paint set. I

want a kitten.  
Lvoe  
Lauren Hutcherson

Dear Santa  
I want Dooll bear for Christmas. My mom and dad will not git it for me. It is in Targit in Midlin.  
Love,  
Katie Kistler

Dear Santa,  
Howa re you Santa? How is your randers? I haf to go to a lot of amles haus for Christmas eve. Im going to like Christmaeve. I wish I cood see yor elves but I can't. my skook is Kantwood. I was wondering how can a reindr fly becuz I donot no how.  
Love  
Kady Knox

Dear Santa,  
I love you and your wife. I hope your elves will bring me lots of toys to play. I hope you breing me Turbo Man. I wood like to play with turboman. I like turbo man to play. I thought you were gowen to bring me some coal because I was bad but now I know.  
David Mattson

Dear Santa,  
How are the elves? I want sum toys. How is Rudolph? Do you have my fon numbre. Heow is Miss Clos. I will get to see you.  
Love,  
Emily McClintock

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and I want puppets and I want computer games. I want some board games. I want some paintset.  
Love  
Nita Perez  
I love you.

Dear Santa  
I painted some snow. I want a bike. I wish I kud see you.  
Love  
Randy

Dear Santa,  
Get a toy desrtmonitr please! Sana is Rudolph o.k.? Is it ok to get me a toy Rudolph too!  
Love  
Philip Tuckett

Dear Santa,

I wut a bick. Santa, you rae cool.  
love,  
Kaila Thompson

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. I want you to please bring sum toys.  
I want you to bring yrs elves. I want you to please brnig me a Bicycle.  
Love  
Robert Thompson

Dear Santa,  
What is it like at the north pole? I hope this Christmas Rudolph is with you. Christmas will be here soon. I will give you milk and cookies. there will be candy in my stocking  
Love  
Crystal Ward

Dear Santa  
I want a best war scropin for Christmas. Can I have a pictur of Roofod.  
Luv  
Colten Watson  
to Santa

Mrs. Bloodworth

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car and a jeep and a hot wheels I want a book, a reindeer, and the game -Wake Up Somebody Else.  
Love,  
David Michael Haro

Dear Santa,  
I want some fingernails, a Barbie doll from Hawaii, a baby cat, and walking Barbie doll horse, a new T.V. and that's all.  
Love,  
Shelbi Stewart

Dear Santa,  
I want dollies and sand maker and more of those little dolls I brought for Show 'N Tell. I would like some books and flowers, some crayons and a little reindeer and I want some movies and glass dolls.  
Love,  
Britani Coleman

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a toy loader, a gun and one of those cars you drive that has a remote control and a picture of Power Rangers.  
Love,  
Bobby Gage

Dear Santa,  
I want a size Barbie and roller blades. I would like a swing set and a bike. I wnat a Barbie car and a necklace for my mom and a necklace for me and an ear-ring box.  
Love,  
Natalia Cuellar

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep and a black haired Barbie. I would like a Barbie house and a book.  
Love,  
Sandi Norwood

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car thing to put race cars on. I want a Christmas tree and some flow-ers for my momma. I want a race car for me and also for my brother. I want stockings.  
Love,  
Erick Curtis

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep and a book, and a hat, and some stamps I want a bear and a poster for my room and a tape.  
Love,  
Stephanie Cruz

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy race car, a new one. I want a new plastic ax for my brother. I want a wizard and a baseball bat, glove, and a ball. I want a new gun for my dad and a flower for my sister and my mom. I want a puppy, an alive one and new purse for my grandma.  
Love,  
Jesse Partlow

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcylce remote control and a choo-choo train and a remote control fire truck. I want you to come and see the rest of my family too.  
Love  
Billy Jay Austin

Dear Santa,  
I want a desk, and some posters to go in my room. I want a My Size Barbie. Those little radios that have a handle and a tape to go with it. I want a collection of books. For my brother a RC car racer. For my mom she wants some notepads and for my dad he wants that tape Johnny B. Good.  
Love,  
April Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a dragonfly, two video games, a race car, a bat and a ball.  
Love,  
Richard Flores

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy bear and a race car. I want an eraser and a jack-et. I want some fake pennies and fake dollars.  
Love,  
Sammy Moore

Dear Santa,  
I want a black cowboy hat, a baby puppy and a toy gun. I want a fishing pole, a rocking horse and a color book, a new book chest, and that's all.  
Love,  
Ashley Gibson

Dear Santa,  
I want a dragonfly and a hot wheel and a toy truck. I want a tiger but it's not-real, it's a toy. I want some dinosaurs I want you to come and see my mom and dad too.  
Love,  
Fabian Hilario

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller blades and a big Barbie with a blue gown so I can wear her gown. I want another kind of Barbie too and toys and crayons.  
Love,  
Erika Hilario

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car and a candy cane toy and a race car with a remote control. I want a football and stockings.  
Love,  
Brandon Mindling

Dear Santa,  
I want one of those really big Barbies that can dance with me. I want a picture of Santa Claus. I want some Christmas earrings and a new necklace and my own little Christmas tree and a wreath.  
Love,  
Rachel Overby

Dear Santa,  
I want the star that flies Flydancer, this Barbie that is inside the backpack. This elephant that has these little butterflys and you try to catch them. This Barbie that's the

**Season's Greetings**  
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size of me is what I would like.  
Love,  
Sand Bermea

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard, a tree house, and a Star War's helmet. I want new tennis shoes, two live puppies and a book. I want you to bring my mom and dad a big, big house. I want a pet iguana and my dad something extra big, a truck.  
Love,  
Taylor Joy

Dear Santa,  
I want a go cart and I want a dragon flyer and a skateboard I want a bike for Christmas. I want a picture of Santa. I want two dogs I already have one and I want one more. I want fake scissors with Santa on the part you cut with.  
Love,  
Anthony Lopez

Miss Hatfield  
Dear Santa,  
I want two Potato Heads from Toy Story, one for Joseph and one for me and the microphone too.  
Love,  
Hector Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I want a My Size Barbie so I can dance with it. And my mom says I need another pair of slippers because mine are too small.  
Love,  
Audrey Hagland

Dear Santa,  
I want tow Buz light years that are gold and a remote control car.  
Love,  
Anthony Yanez

Dear Santa,  
I want a carrier baby and I want a barbie car.  
Love,  
Yvette Cerna

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car and a bike.  
Love,  
Joseph Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control race car.  
Love,  
Ryan Jacob Klaassen

Dear Santa,  
I want a train, and new coloring book and new book.  
Love,  
Mercedes Fierro

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle that I can ride and also a remote control motorcycle and a truck.  
Love,  
Zacharey Salgado

Dear Santa,  
I want a Baby Go Bye-Bye a light brite game, a gameboy and a new puppy, because I've been very good.  
Love,  
Cassie Alexander

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gator Golf game, a Barbie house, a Barbie convertible, a Mermaid Barbie, a Ocean front Barbie with Kako and Kelly doll with Grocery Store Barbie and the baby that cries.  
Love,  
Porscha White

Dear Santa,

I want My Size Barbie and a bike and a Barbie House and a pink duck.  
Love,  
Paula Brown

Dear Santa,  
I want a Choo Choo Train with train tracks and it puffs smoke, and a remote control car.  
Love,  
Chris Wilkerson

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control race car, a Toy Story Movie some markers and an ambulance car to play with.  
Love,  
Dustin Noble

Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman thing with a gun, a Christmas tree, and Mr. Potato Head.  
Love,  
Ray Kuykendall

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline, a Nintendo, a Motorcycle, a Swimming pool.  
Love,  
Jose Carrillo

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with a curling iron, earrings, clothes, boots and high heels, and a swimming pool and a puppy.  
Love,  
Tracey Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Superband City, a train, a race car, a transformer, a water gun, roller skates and a little package of race cars.  
Love,  
Ryan Guzman

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy gun, a motorcycle bike, a play tree, a play helicopter, a race car and a game.  
Love,  
Rudy Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I want a play gun, a dolly, a baby doll, Baby Go Bye-Bye, a Santa toy and 101 Dalmations toys.  
Love,  
Mary Maynard

Dear Santa,  
I want a play race car, a play gun, a play motorcycle, a baseball bat and a baseball, and a play house.  
Love,  
James Marlow

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, a dog with a leash, a kitty cat, a Yak-Bak, a Barbie doll and a slinky.  
Love,  
Jacklyn Porras

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Love,  
Porscha White

Dear Santa,  
I want a My Size Barbie with a dog, cat and horse barbie too.  
Love,  
Severa Rocha

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas I have been good. I want a puppy Doulmohon and a kitty and a cry baby and baby sister and a baby allogone.  
Danielle Sanchez  
Age 6

Dear Santa  
Merry Christmas I have been good I want a Dalmation puppy a doodle bear I want snow for Christmas.  
Jackie Mills  
Age 4

Dear Santa  
How are you? I hope you stay warm. I am 6 years old and I am in Mrs. Wynn's Kindergarten class at Anderson Kindergarten Center. I want a Dalmation costume 101. Also RC racer, and remote control car that goes through snow, mud, water, grass and everything else. Also a remote control car that could jump. I want a Big Driver thing and also whatever else you want to give me out of your bag. I will leave you some milk and cookies when you come. I love you very much.  
Love,  
Lanny Hall  
6 years old

The following letters are from Mrs. Downey's First Grade, Washington Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wot a skcabod and a little jeep and a boy bike and a gun. I bin good merry christmas.  
Augustine Rivera

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas I wot a blue raser.  
Ramiro Marquez

Dear Santa,  
Dr. Seuss and six white.  
Kadrian Groage

Dear Santa,  
i em good i weunta fireshuck. Merry Christmas.  
Simon Munoz

Dear Santa,  
Want a riter.  
Emillio Aguinaga

Dear Santa,  
I wul maisis bibe and a big and a cat and a jep and accllo anda riolcast and waterbed.  
Margie Vigil

Dear Santa,  
wut I wont for christmas is a cputer and a bryb car and a wocment and rocrsous i em good.  
Kathy Rios

Dear Santa,  
I wat a scabod and a big box.  
Ronnie Leal

Dear Santa,  
I wot a Buzzli and a sis and a play cd and a modsicol and a

cumptder and a boos.  
Edward Williams

Dear Santa,  
I wut a setelos and a racer or and a wacer.  
Michael Cox

Dear Santa,  
Hot wheells case, Hot weells cars, toy store game, cris cros crash set.  
Richard Leitgeb

Dear Santa,  
I wot a migh sigh dase barbie and barbis and oso highe and barbie disc and scabook.  
Roxanne Juarez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a XbR and modrsicol and rodublase and a scabbord and woch.  
Scott Boyd

Dear Santa,  
I wot a XbR and a Sard and a cat I em good. I wont cuputer.  
Johnny Zambrano

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas happy. I want a puppy. I wnat a donashine.  
Jennifer Peterson

Dear Santa,  
I wot a barbie. I been good. I wot a barbie diske coputer merre.  
Katie Howard

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas santa. barbe and barbe car a toy wodey nad a bike nad a dres nad sum crayolas nad a scator nad comprtr.  
Rachel Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want cowboy poser and a power ranger whtie and a big bad beet bor and a powrrnger soot.  
Matt Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I wot a Nike highe I been good.  
Mary Rogers

Dear Santa,  
gun and pleskr and dorand and modsical and a kurut.  
Fabian Leos

Following letters from Marcy 1st grade, Mrs. Cooke

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is A pecco game and pink helmet.  
Love, Halley  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a T.V., phone and a race car.  
Love, Joel

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a cowboy jersee and spase shooter and a kite.  
Love, John

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a motorcycle, phone, baby puppy.  
Love, Tommy

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is to make my life better and a ninja suit.  
Love, Xavian

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Mickey Phone and house shoes

and Micky nightgown.  
Love, Whitney

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a baby house and a ring that ses mom.  
Love, Rosie

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Barbee, cool shaveing Ken, skateing Barbee.  
Love, Carolyn  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is doll and dollhouse.  
Love, Rachel

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a baby doll and roller blades.  
Love, Doris

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a race car, goosebumps taps 5, are you afrade of



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the dark? movie tapes a baby puppy a nintendo 64.  
Love, Hadden

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Zeo Power Rangers, remote control car and a robot.  
Love, Sean

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a little baby dog and a little baby kitten.  
Love, Kasey

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Barbie and a Barbie House, swimming pool and two pair of roller blades.  
Love, Jolinda

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a dog named Honey Bear.  
Love, Jenny

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a dog and a cat.  
Love, Leon

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is 101 dalmation movie.  
Love, Michael D.

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a bike, doll and house shoes.  
Love, Lisa

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a bat mobile, a real dog and a bat-mas and that is all I want.  
Love, Michael B.

The following letters are from Marcy 2nd grade, Mrs. Berringer:

Dear Santa,  
I want a comter. I want a new bike. I want a new rowler blades. I want a toy.  
I want a toy. I want a ball.  
Your friend,  
Louie Flores

Dear Santa,  
Iv ben god I want a hole jar of picklespies. I wont ol the goose-bump pillows. I wont to go to Floeda. I wont Buzzes sute. I wont my teeth to grow bak.  
Your friend,  
Desirase Cooper

Dear Santa,  
How are the raindears do you no wich raindear is my best it is visksan. How cold is it up in the north pole I bet is cold. I wont some rolerbcads.  
Your friend,  
Casy Speck

Dear Santa,  
I whata pear of shoes. I whant a truck. I whant a car. I whant a rasecar. I whant a rase truck. I whant a lote of candy cane. I whant a lote of cokes.  
Your friend,  
Jordon Bernal

Dear Santa,  
I wot a hot wills and I beleve in u but and my little sister. I wot a per of hikes. I wit a wallit.  
Your friend,  
Joe Luera

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa I whant t toustory doll, a book, a rodas, a bromset, a busslighter.  
Your friend,  
Connie Ribble

Dear Santa,  
I ben good this year I won't a saga for Chrismis o.k. Santa. I wont a little Simba pillow to go with my bed. And me and my sister, mom, dad are going to put cookies and milk for you Santa.  
And I wont a little Kinirs and cat to with the little ones.  
Your friend,  
Monica Morellon

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa, Hi, will you live me. I hope that you are find. I want skast shoue horse.  
Your Friend,  
Tiffany Benton

Dear Santa,  
I hav bin very good this year. I wonet som snow this year. I ha a dog so watch out. I hav a cat so watch out. I hav a pupeey so watch out.  
Your friend,  
Brendon, Irvine

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. I wnat a new bike for Christmas. I want an computer for Christmas. I want an air pump for Christmas. I wnat my kittens to be nice for Christmas. I want to get my mom a Christmas present.

Your Friend,  
Michelle Arispe

Dear Santa,  
I want a jeep and I want some rooller skays, I love you Santa, you are my bets freind, I will give you a hug, and I will give you a kiss, I wish I had a toy from you, and I wish I cood see you to, so you Ken brem meat you.

Your Friend,  
Ariell Brown

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa had I ben good. cause I hope I had ben good. I wnat a bike. and a cat. and purple skates. Selena t

shirt.  
Your friend,  
Adrianna Trevino

Dear Santa,  
I hop you anr fine. I ben good the yar, I want a racer and a bike. I want a horse. I want a pair of shoes.  
Your friend,  
Shawn Overton

Dear Santa,  
I been good this year and can you get me an bike. can you get me an car. can you get me an computer. can you get me an desk, can you get me an 10 cats.  
Your Friend,  
Mike Cantu

Dear Santa,  
I've been good when are you comeing. I want a ram of control car. I want anther cowboy's jacket. I wnat a cowboy hat. I want a new bike.  
Your Friend,  
Domingo Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a beast wars. and a cunputer and a dirt bike and a toy story toys.  
Your Friend,  
Kevin Langlitz

Dear Santa,  
Hi I ben good. I want a swimingpool. I want som skates. I want a coloringbook.

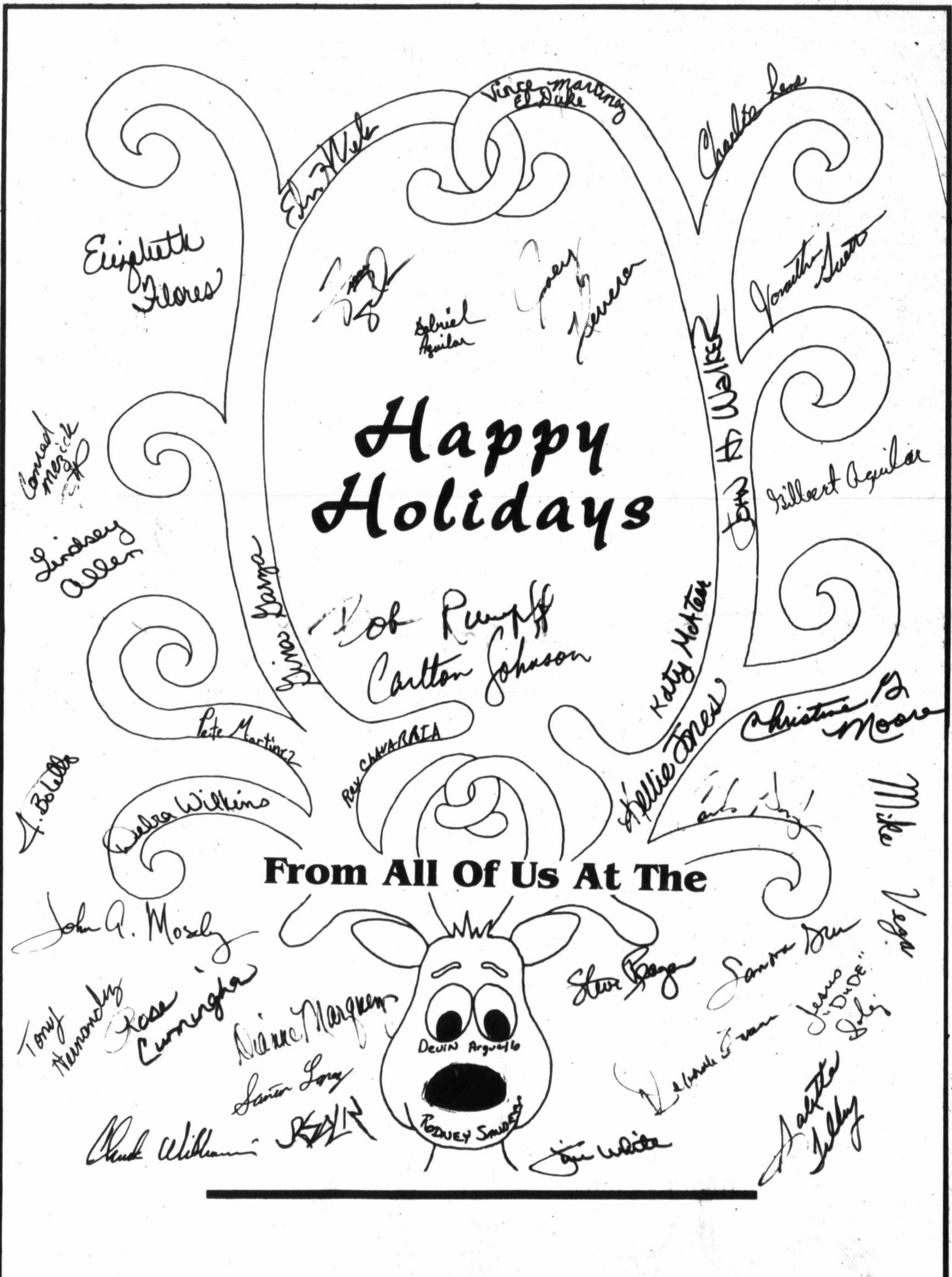
I want a computer.  
Your friend,  
Erica

Dear Santa,  
I been good half way. Please bring me one present at least. I want a cabage patch kid she eats and her come back and doodle bear your write on it.  
Your friend,  
Megan Hughes

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer. I wnat a coleringbook. I want a boodog. I want a new packback.  
Your friend,  
Kevin Zubiate

Dear Santa,  
I do not know what to get you can get it for me. I wont a bike for me. I wont a family that do not fite. I wont alot of canty in my stocing. I like you very much and can I stay up I do not no wat you look like  
Your friend,  
Crystal Kohanek

Dear Santa,  
I luv you Santa. I lick a toy a priner. I behave everyday. I just donot finis my werck. I cat dot go iotsid afto finis my work.  
Your Friend,  
Joseph Martinez



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