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Keeping warm doesn't necessarily have to be a major expense

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With winter weather promising to make this Christmas a wet one, if not white, home seems like a safe place to be, which means being in comfortable surroundings and keeping warm.

But, keeping warm does not have to be a major expense during the winter months and in cold weather, according to Energas Operations Manager John Pudliner and Operations Supervisor Kevin Larperter.

Most consumers have the choice of using natural gas or electricity for their various heating needs, which means comparing options such as energy consumption of appliances and how the energy source selected impacts the efficiency of the appliance being used.

According to Energas' consumer information update, the typical home requires about 35 percent less energy production when natural gas is used as compared to an all-electric house.

The reason for the reduced energy production is that only about 9 percent of gas production lost from the point of production to the residence, compared to a 73 percent of the coal or oil used to generate electricity being lost in the process of energy production, conversion, transmission and distribution.

"Our goal is to make a difference as to how comfortable people feel in their homes," Pudliner said.

According to Pudliner, winterizing a home can be an inexpensive process and can save on unnecessary heating costs if consumers will follow these simple tips:

•Put plastic around windows (heating it with a hair dryer to eliminate drafts).

•Add insulation to ceilings

SOME TIPS

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and walls. •Caulk windows and openings around your home. •Change filters on a regular basis. •Perform regular maintenance on home heating appliances (especially in the winter months). "Too often, we get into a reaction

mode of not fixing things that aren't broken," Larperter said. "The idea behind winterizing is to try to reduce heat loss. People with the best energy efficiency and performance are those who have performed regular maintenance on their heating appliances."

Most appliances should at least have an annual inspection performed.

As for changing filters in appliances such as furnaces, it's probably the most neglected

maintenance item, according to Larperter.

"Without a doubt, your efficiency is reduced 10 percent to 15 percent if filters are left unchanged," Larperter said.

Which energy source to use is not the only concern people should have during winter months and cold weather.

Probably the most critical area people need to look at during cold weather is frozen pipes.

Next to hurricanes, frozen pipes are the single most costly insurance-related disaster.

To avoid pipe damage, people are urged to:

•Disconnect all garden hoses and install covers on all outside faucets.

•Sink cabinet doors should be opened to allow heat from the rest of the home to enter.

•Wrap pipes nearest exterior doors and in crawl spaces with pipe insulation or with heating tape.

•Identify the main water valve on your water heater. If pipes do freeze or burst, shot off your main water valve and call your local water department.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Energas employee Pete Hernandez performs routine maintenance on a gas meter.

Is program working? Auditor can't tell

AUSTIN (AP) — Is a program designed to help at-risk students stay in school doing the job? The state auditor said problems with the way information is gathered and calculated concerning the Communities in School program makes it impossible to tell.

The Texas Workforce Commission, which oversees the program, requested the audit and has either corrected or is working on problems it identified, agency spokesman David Beshear said Monday.

The program got \$13.6 million in state and federal money in fiscal year 1997, which ended Aug. 31.

State Auditor Lawrence Alwin said in a letter to legislative leaders that his office wasn't able to assess the effectiveness of the program due to inadequacies in policies, procedures and systems.

"Specifically, we found that needed performance information is either not collected or not reliable," he said in the letter.

Because accuracy can't be ensured, Alwin added, the commission "is not able to determine if the Communities in Schools program is effective in accomplishing its main goal of helping at-risk students stay in school."

Agency officials believe the program is working properly but agree that mechanisms are necessary to verify that, Beshear said.

Among the auditor's other concerns:

• There are not adequate procedures to ensure fixed assets valued at \$257,000 for fiscal year 1997 are properly accounted for and safeguarded. For example, three computers on the inventory list couldn't be located, the auditor said. Beshear said officials don't believe that the computers were stolen but that they might be in use in a different area.

A Helping Hand

Rosa Flores gets a new toy from Max Webb while he was distributing toys and food to people in need in an effort to assist them in having a happier Christmas season.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett



BSISD still having problems with heating/cooling system

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It seems a glitchy heating and cooling system is going to bedevil Big Spring ISD officials a bit longer.

The new, computer-controlled system, which was approved by voters as part of the \$12.5 million bond issue in September 1996, has had more than its share of problems since it was installed at five local campuses last summer.

When it works as drawn up, the computer-controlled system provides heating and cooling to individual classrooms far

more efficiently than older mechanisms. But the system hasn't much worked at peak efficiency this year.

Random problems with the system were causing temperatures to become extreme in affected classrooms — temperatures would be either stifling hot or freezing cold, observers said.

After months of patiently hunting for the culprit, however, assistant business manager Ron Logback and others involved in the project finally tracked down the root cause of the problem.

Faulty actuators — the mechanisms used to control system motors — were found throughout the system. Because of

faulty circuit boards within the devices, more than 40 motors have burned out throughout the system, Logback said.

"It's kind of like when you go out and buy a new car — you expect it to run right," Logback said on Dec. 11. "You're never going to come out of something like this without some problems. The key is to take care of the problems as soon as you can."

The solution, though involved, is fairly straightforward — replacement of all 193 actuators throughout the system. Logback said the good news to the situation is that the replacement work will be done at no cost to the district or its tax-

payers. The down side to the solution is that it will take about two weeks for the work to be completed.

Logback said earlier this month that officials hoped replacement of the faulty actuators would occur during the Christmas holiday. Unfortunately, the fix won't happen so soon, he said.

The replacement motors needed for the project have not arrived yet, Logback said. Until then, the project is on hold.

"Hopefully they'll be in soon," Logback said. "They were supposed to be in last week ... that's all we're waiting for."

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Local sales tax rebates continue to increase

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A total of 1,087 Texas cities and 118 counties, including the city of Big Spring and Howard County, recently received their final sales tax rebates of 1997 (for the month of December), which totaled \$164.7 million.

Statewide, sales tax rebates for 1997 totaled \$2.1 billion, an increase of 6.8 percent compared to total rebates in 1996.

Another \$793 million in local sales tax revenue was also allocated to mass transit systems in eight of Texas' largest cities.

The December rebates to Texas cities totaled \$150.6 million, a 3.6 percent increase compared to December 1996 rebates, which totaled \$144.9 million. December's \$14 million in rebates to Texas counties was also an increase (1 percent) over last year's totals.

Locally, the city of Big Spring received a December rebate of \$294,791.14 — a 4.65 percent increase compared to last year's \$281,665.54 rebate. November's sales tax rebate from the State Comptroller's Office was \$355,253.88, and in October, Big Spring received a rebate of

The stocking was hung on the prickly pear, in hopes that Saint Nicholas would soon be there.



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WEATHER

Tonight:



Wed:



Christmas:



Fri:



Tonight, decreasing clouds. Lows mid 20s to near 30. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Extended forecast, Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s. Christmas Day, increasing clouds. Highs in upper 40s to lower 50s. Friday and Saturday, a chance of rain or snow. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s. Highs mainly in the 40s.

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To reach all departments, please call 263-7331

Few new leads in sexual assault case

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

There are few new leads in a sexual assault that occurred two weeks ago in Big Spring.

Police Department Sgt. Roger Sweatt said the sexual assault occurred between 9:30-10:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 on the city's east side.

A woman about 20 years old was in her back yard by the alley when she was abducted by two men wearing masks and dark clothing.

The men carried her to a car and drove her to another loca-

tion, where she was assaulted, Sweatt said. After the assault, she was forced to walk home.

Police are looking for three suspects — the two who assaulted the victim and a third who drove the vehicle. All wore masks and dark clothing; one is described as a white male. No other details are available.

Details are sketchy because of the victim's emotional state at the time of the attack, Sweatt said. Several subsequent interviews have been conducted, but few additional details have been uncovered.

Evidence has been sent to Austin's crime lab for further testing. Particular attention will be paid to DNA evidence.

The lack of a concrete suspect has frustrated investigators somewhat, Sweatt said.

"We're having to work on this sort of backwards," he said. "Usually, we have a suspect, then we do DNA testing. But now, we have to do the DNA testing, and hopefully, we'll develop a suspect."

Police are urging anyone with information on this crime to call 264-2550.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy "Dottie Jo" Reynolds

Dorothy "Dottie Jo" Reynolds, 67, Midland, died on Monday, Dec. 22, 1997, in a Midland hospital. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.



REYNOLDS

She was born on Nov. 23, 1930, in Harlingen.

She lived in Big Spring from 1962 until 1974 when she moved to Midland. She worked at Ken's Rent-A-Center for a number of years until she retired. She also had worked at the Warfield Truck Stop and the U Haul Rental in Midland.

She was a Baptist. She was an avid bowler and bowled in the Mixed League at Dellwood Lanes in Midland.

Survivors include two sons, Stacy Reynolds of Midland and Earl Reynolds of Grand Prairie; two daughters, Dianna Carter of Simi Valley, Calif., and Glenda Gillihan of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to American Lung Association of Texas, Central Region, P.O. Box 26566, Austin, Texas, 78755-0566 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral Home

Rev. Paul Czerkus

Service for Rev. Paul Czerkus, 94, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Dec. 22, 1997, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

REBATES

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\$265,786.95.

Overall, Howard County, which includes the cities of Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, received a December rebate of \$301,667.76, a 5.28 percent increase compared to last year, and a November rebate of \$364,817.36.

The city of Coahoma's share of the rebate was \$4,818.02 which is an increase of 64.47 percent compared to last year.

Forsan's \$2,058.60 rebate was an increase of 6.49 percent compared to last December's rebate.

Other local areas receiving rebates included the cities of Andrews, \$62,134.08; Colorado City, \$29,242.66; Lamesa, \$91,681.48; Loraine, \$290.50; Midland, \$924,249.57; Odessa, \$761,889.22; Stanton, \$8,211.27; and Westbrook, \$785.99.

The increase in December

rebates is attributed to continued growth in the Texas economy, which is slightly ahead of economic growth rates for the country as a whole.

December payments to Texas cities and counties include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the State Comptroller in November.

Of November's rebates, a total of \$212.4 million were paid to Texas cities, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to last November's payments of \$190.5 million. In October, a total of \$147.7 million were paid to Texas cities, a 11.1 percent increase over the same period last year.

November rebates to Texas counties totaled \$18.2 million, a 15.7 percent increase compared to November 1996. A total of \$14.3 million in rebates were paid to Texas counties in October, a 11.1 percent increase over last year's \$12.8 million allocation.

Another \$6 million was paid to 26 special purpose districts in Texas.

November's sales tax rebates included local sales taxes collected on September sales, and by quarterly filers on July, August and September sales, and reported to the Comptroller's office in September.

The top 10 Texas cities with the largest December sales tax rebates include Houston, \$19.5 million; Dallas, \$13.2 million; San Antonio, \$8.3 million; Austin, \$6.7 million; Fort Worth, \$4.12 million; Arlington, \$3.1 million; El Paso, \$3 million; Plano, \$2.4 million; Corpus Christi, \$2 million; and Lubbock, \$1.8 million.

BSPD nabs two locals on drug charges

HERALD Staff Report

Two Big Spring men are in police department custody after their arrest on drug charges Monday afternoon.

Upon obtaining a search warrant, BSPD officers raided the residence at 601 N.E. 10th at about 4:30 p.m. Monday, BSPD Sgt. John Stowers said.

A search of the premises uncovered almost six grams of a white, powdery substance believed to be cocaine, Stowers said.

Police arrested Viloso Garcia, 60, on a charge of possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute. Also arrested at the scene was Steven Foster, 42, of 611 Steakley, who was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

The two men were arraigned before Municipal Judge Gary Tabor this morning. They are currently in BSPD custody in lieu of \$10,000 bond, Stowers said.

BRIEFS

THE HISTORIC SPRING IN Comanche Trail park will be decorated with a lighted display of thousands of lights nightly beginning at 6:30 p.m. through Jan. 1.

For more information, call Pat Simmons, 263-4607.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE is looking for volunteers to assist taxpayers with preparation of their 1997 Income Tax Returns. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) training for volunteers will be

Monday-Friday, Jan. 12-16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Rannels.

For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

LINE DANCING IS OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11 a.m.-noon. This is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time. Call for more information, 267-8234.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•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.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•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.

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409 Rannels, formerly the TU building. Call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Scenic Mountain Medical Center community blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., first floor classroom. Call 263-1211, ext. 463 for an appointment.

WEDNESDAY
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•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.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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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
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

•Open birthday night, covered dish, 8 p.m. and 7 p.m. birthday meeting, 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 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 Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Best Home Health Care, 1710 E. Marcy Dr.

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•"Healthy Horizons," an educational seminar provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Home Health, 600 Main. For more information call 267-1314.

Unusual gifts range from unique to really weird

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Everyone is used to clothing and toys at Christmas, but what about a toe-tag key chain? It's the rage at one coroner's office.

How about a stuffed version of Socks, the Clinton cat? You can find one at the White House gift shop. You can even stuff a stocking with a cat's skull — it's yours for just \$49 at a Buffalo knickknack shop.

Americans giving the unusual at the holidays isn't that unusual. But store owners this year are offering a wide variety of the offbeat, sure to make a lasting impression.

There's even big demand for rhinoplasty — nose jobs — and

temporary wrinkle elimination. "I'll be seeing a lot of people over the holidays and I just wanted to look better," said Fran Younger of Rochester, who spent \$400 to have her wrinkles removed.

Drs. Vito Quatela in Rochester and George Brennan in Newport Beach, Calif., are offering a deal this Christmas on Botox, an injection that eliminates wrinkles by temporarily "paralyzing" the facial muscles used to grimace or squint.

Quatela calls it the "event collagen," because so many people want to have the procedure done before holiday parties.

"This time of year, people like to give themselves a little boost but they don't want to incur any downtime like major surgery would entail," Quatela said.

At the Lucy-Desi Museum Gift Shop in Jamestown, mail-order requests have piled up. The store is filled with unusual items, including a \$250 music box that features Lucy pouring the tonic while her dubbed voice tries to hawk it. There's also a \$130 cookie jar shaped like the convertible the Ricardos and the Mertzes took to California.

"I think it's a little more personal if you know someone's a Lucy fan," said Susan Ewing, director of the small museum. "For some people, it's also nostalgic. If they grew up watching 'I Love Lucy,' they might like this memorabilia."

If they like the morbid, a gift from the Los Angeles County coroner's office may tickle their fancy. T-shirts, hats, mugs, note pads, beach towels and those key chains — all with an coroner's office seal — fill the store.

Or they may like something from Tattoos by Paul Massaro in Buffalo, which stocks real skulls of lizards, coyotes, spider monkeys and bobcats. Culled from taxidermists and universities, the skulls can cost as much as \$329 for an alligator.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•VILOISO GARCIA, 60, arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

•STEPHEN FOSTER, 42, arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

•DAVID ARGUELLO, 45, arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

•CHRISTOVAL MONDRAGON, 20, arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•THEFT on Third and Owens streets, the 300 block of Owens, the 200 block of Circle,

the 300 block of Circle and the 1200 block of E. 11th.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION on the 600 block of Lancaster and the 2400 block of Carleton.

•RETALIATION on the 1100 block of E. 13th.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE on the 1300 block of Kinder.

•HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR on the 1600 block of Gregg.

•FORGERY on the 500 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

•THEFT OF SERVICES on the 1700 block of Gregg.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF on the 100 block of N.E. Ninth.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE on the 1300 block of Colby and the 4100 block of FM 700.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS on the 1100 block of E. 15th.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on the 800 block of E. 1-20.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the intersection of 18th and Pennsylvania streets.

•ASSAULT on the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•ADA MAE HUTCHESON, 31, 807 Anna, was arrested on a charge of theft.

RECORDS

Monday's high 44

Monday's low 32

Average high 58

Average low 29

Record high 79 in 1933

Record low 0 in 1989

Precip. Monday 0.37

Month to date 1.50

Year to date 19.71

Normal for the year 19.17

**Statistics not available

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Monday
2:34 a.m. — North Birdwell and I-20, trauma call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

6:08 a.m. — 3300 block Auburn, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

3:16 p.m. — 500 block N. Bell, traffic accident, service refused.

4:44 p.m. — Mile Marker 167 I-20, traffic accident reported, none found.

5:50 p.m. — 1300 block Park, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

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Citizens Federal Credit Union Closed 3 p.m. Dec. 24th Closed Christmas Day
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Big Spring State Hospital Federal Credit Union Closed Dec. 24th, 25th & 26th
Norwest Wed. Dec. 24th 9 til 2 Closed Christmas Day
Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union Close 2 p.m. Dec. 24th & 26th Closed December 25th
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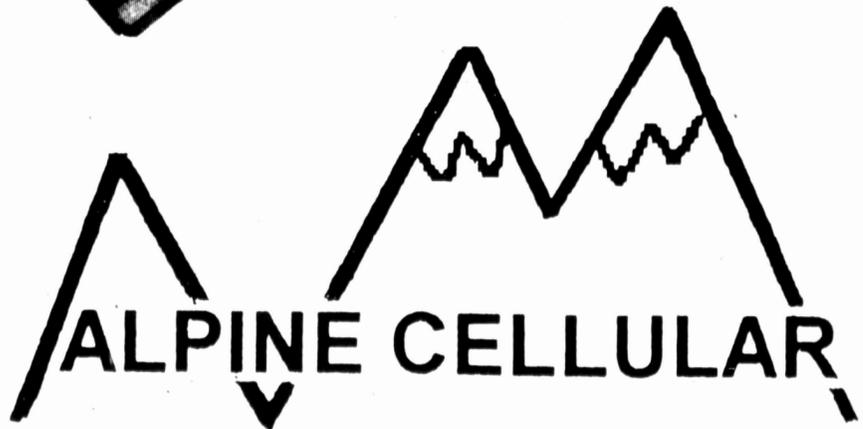
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OTHER VIEWS

In the fight to secure Bill Lann Lee's appointment as assistant attorney general for civil rights, it has been pointed out repeatedly that he came from relatively humble origins and that his Chinese-American parents had to face discrimination while striving for success in this country.

What hasn't been pointed out much, except in such bastions of principled good sense as the Wall Street Journal editorial page, is that Lee's policy positions are damaging to Asian-American aspirations in this country.

Lee has consistently opposed Proposition 209, which essentially outlawed racial and sexual discrimination by state and local governments in California. Over the years, the affirmative action programs of California have been used to give preferences to blacks and Hispanics, even if that meant excluding more qualified Asian-Americans. Now that Proposition 209 is in effect, more Asian-Americans are being admitted to the state's top graduate schools. Their conscientious hard work is paying off for them, just as many have argued Lee's conscientious hard work should pay off for him in landing a prestigious job.

President Clinton has now self-righteously appointed Lee as an acting assistant attorney general, bypassing the opposition of Republican senators, and the president's defenders are crowing about justice having been done. Really? The victory goes to those who think skin color or ethnicity should be a vital determinant of one's future. Whatever that is, it isn't justice, as many Asian-Americans in California could tell you.

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Oops!

Time for sackcloth, time for ashes! Having spent a year counseling erring writers to read their copy, read their copy, read their copy, I arrive penitently at the last column of 1997. Physician, heal thyself!

My most embarrassing howler of the year came in June, when I wrote a column about misspellings. Somewhere the proprietor of a furniture store had advertised a "Dunkin Pfife mahogany dropleaf table." Dunkin Pfife? I clicked on to my indignation mode:

"Plk uly," I said, "the wretch who drew up that ad had heard of Duncan Phyfe, the famous Scotch-born cabinet-maker (1768-1854) who made his name in America. Did the ad writer have doubts about spelling Phyfe's name? Did he look it up? No!"

Nothing was wrong with my facts. It was the "Scotch-born" that done me in. Buckets of mail sloshed over the transom. Most of my correspondents seemed to be named Mac-something, but there was a Kinnear in Seattle, a Vanderhoof in Evans, Ga., and a Ratner in

Boynton Beach, Fla. They all said the same thing: Scottish, sir! Phyfe was SCOTTISH-born! The only proper place for Scotch, I was firmly advised, is in the whisky of the same name.

Very well. In this regard, I promise to sin no more. I will don my kilt in the tartan of Clan Colquhoun. I will put on my grandpa's sporrán and skean dhu (purse and dagger). I will even listen to an hour of bagpipes playing Highland laments. A greater act of contrition no man could make.

My Latin blunder in August was more embarrassing than my Scottish blunder in June. I was warning against the misspelling of Latin phrases, such as "ad nauseam" and "bona fide." Remembering the Latin for "Beware the dog" ("Cave canem"), I thought I would dress up the piece a bit if I put my warning in Latin, so I did: "Cave quid dicis!" said I. "Beware what you say."

Great Caesar's ghost! I never dreamed there were so many Latinists out there in this broad land. A gentleman in Stuart, Fla., led a vanguard of readers crying that it should have been "Cave quid DICAS," because an indirect question demands the subjunctive. A Catholic priest in South Holland, Ill., said I should have said, "Cave QUOD dicis," because QUID is used only in questions, such as "Quid dicis," what say?

Charles J. Milhauser, profes-

or of classics emeritus at Cornell College, provided a gentle suggestion:

"There are several ways of rendering your cautionary 'Beware what you say.' Keeping your choice of words, I would suggest the following modification: CAVE NE BARBARE DICAS. This translates literally as 'see to it that you do not speak barbarously,' i.e., beware of speaking like a person who does not know the language."

I can say in my own feeble defense only that I cribbed "Cave quid dicis" directly from the Berlitz Dictionary of Foreign Terms. I was putting on the canem, and at my age I ought to know better.

In this same column -- I was having a bad hair day -- I corrected a reporter for The Seattle Times for beginning a story, "Cognito, ergo sum." The reporter fell flat on her face. Then I said, in print, "Descartes's famous postulate was 'Cogito, ergo sum, I think, therefore I am.' Who fell flat on whose face? The famed philosopher and mathematician is Rene Descartes, not Descarte-apostrophe-s. Carelessness, sir, sheer carelessness. No excuse.

Over the years I have constantly pressed this admonition to writers: When in doubt, look it up. This is great advice, but it doesn't work when one is not in doubt. I was in no doubt at all when I suggested in a column about double neg-

atives that writers heed the advice of Cab Calloway:

"Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative," and so forth. It wasn't Cab Calloway. It was Johnny Mercer. More sackcloth, more ashes.

Another of my recurring lectures has to do with syntax, i.e., the orderly arrangement of words, phrases and clauses within a sentence. In another column on double negatives, I expounded the art of litotes, by which we damn with faint praise or praise with faint damns. The usual example is, "She's not a bad soprano," which is subtly different from saying that the lady is a good soprano.

I cited as my own example, "She was not wearing a really tacky dress." Hoo, boy! I would have been home free with, "The dress she was wearing was not really tacky." My inept syntax carried an implication for some that she was wearing nothing at all.

Except for a misspelling of "remuneration," a copyediting oversight, that's about it for 1997. At year's end I want also to express heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of readers who send me Horrid Examples and Good Stuff. Out of a harvest of 5,000 clippings a year, I glean enough grist to keep the mill going.

Can we glean grist? I must look it up, look it up, look it up.



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Ideology: One size fits all effects when needed

Where is global warming when you need it? It snowed for the first time this century in Mexico, and temperatures in Moscow are the lowest they've been in 115 years. It's darned chilly where I am. And damp.

Maybe the environmentalists got it wrong when they switched from predicting a new ice age to predicting global warming. It was only 15 or 20 years ago that they were yapping about the coming ice age.

But the wonderful thing about ideology, as opposed to science, is that one cause fits all effects. Unusually cold? Due to global warming. Unusually hot? Due to global warming. Too wet or too dry? Global warming.

And the neat thing about coupling ideology with meteorology is that the weather will always provide a variety of effects for which the ideologue can claim to know the single cause.

I don't like one-size-fits-all-socks, and I don't care for the one-cause-fits-all-calamities or one-answer-solves-all-problems crowds. Such folk are ideologues, and ideologues are a pain in the nether regions regardless of what ideology they espouse. They are enemies of reason and often enemies of life and liberty.

Ideologues seem to dominate public policy debates, and it's funny how many single answers there are to so many complex problems. Notice how racism is always the cause of any problem affecting people of color? Well, I'm sure racism, which has no legal standing anymore, nevertheless causes some problems, but not most.

And education is the one-solution-fits-all-problem in the liberal mind, being cited as the answer to everything from drug addicts catching AIDS to competition in a global economy. Information is the most overrated commodity in the postmodern world.

In fact, information has become part of the problem. Public debate is conducted via fax machines, press releases and now the Internet, and is completely cut loose, or so it seems, from facts. We are bombarded with zillions of bits of information, nearly all of it self-serving.

Paradoxically, even nihilism is an ideology. Its one answer — that there are no answers — fits all questions.

Maybe the sign of emotional and intellectual maturity is when we can overcome our fear of uncertainty and curl up with complexity and spend a comfortable evening together. After all, the universe is complex and we are complex. The only really simple beings in this world are ideologues, pundits and politicians.

One of the values of womanhood, among others, is to remind men that the world is complex. Women are not simple. Even the mother of all shrinks, Sigmund Freud, couldn't figure them out and asked his famous question, "What do women want?"

Well, I quit trying to figure that out a long time ago. Sometimes it's better to enjoy than to understand. Analytical reasoning, like the government, should stay out of the bedroom.

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TV producers lose big in Tylo's pregnancy termination lawsuit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hunter Tylo's biggest role so far appears to be that of a pioneer. The actress whose pregnancy got her fired from TV's steamy soap "Melrose Place" before she filmed her first scene was awarded \$4.9 million Monday by jurors who agreed she was wrongfully terminated.

Attorneys for the show's producer, Spelling Entertainment Group and Spelling Television Inc., promised an appeal.

The breach-of-contract and pregnancy discrimination lawsuit provided a twist to more typical legal battles involving

the workplace, focusing on the importance Hollywood places on appearance.

Tylo pronounced the verdict a victory "for every woman, for every child that's not born." The 34-year-old actress had said one of the producers of the Fox TV show said: "Why doesn't she just go out and get an abortion? Then she can work."

The producers said they had a legal right to fire her because she couldn't realistically play what a defense attorney called a "vixen, seductress, adulteress" while her pregnancy showed.

But juror Pete Ortiz said the

panel agreed that Tylo could play sexy Taylor McBride despite her pregnancy.

"We believe they violated the contract," Ortiz said. "We felt she could play a vixen — that's a word that came up during our deliberations — and that she could do the job."

Added Freddie Moore, a female juror: "Not being pregnant is not a qualification to have this job."

Tylo — now in her ninth month of another pregnancy — wore tight miniskirts to court each day to underscore her point that she could be pregnant

and sexy at the same time.

"I know a lot of actresses who are afraid to announce that they are thinking about having children because they are afraid of being written out or written down, or whatever," Tylo said outside court. "I hope it gives other actresses confidence to know producers are not going to have that ground to stand on anymore."

The Superior Court jury of 10 women and two men ordered the producers to pay \$4 million for emotional distress and \$894,601 for economic loss.

Some insiders doubt the big

award will affect the average Hollywood producer.

"Every situation is different," said Mike Fenton, a casting director who works primarily in feature films. "No matter what we say about Hunter Tylo, if a young woman comes along and is visibly pregnant and it doesn't work for the piece, even if a deal is made, I think they would let her go."

Katherine Moore, a spokeswoman for the 90,000-member Screen Actors Guild, said she knows of no other claims filed with the union regarding pregnancy and acting roles, making it difficult to assess the scope of the problem. The union had supported Tylo's position throughout the trial.

The "Melrose Place" producers said a clause in the contract allowed them to fire Tylo if her appearance changed, and argued that pregnancy-discrimination law carves out an exception for actresses because of the

need for believability.

In a deposition read in court, executive producer Frank South told producer Aaron Spelling it was not "dramatically sensible" to have a woman who is five months pregnant "rolling around in bed with our stars."

Tylo sued the companies owned by Spelling after she was fired in March 1996. She never appeared on the Fox show and returned to her job on the daytime show "The Bold and the Beautiful," where she plays a sexy psychologist.

Her attorneys said producers could have used body doubles and creative camera angles to hide her pregnancy, as they did with the show's star, Heather Locklear.

"All I wanted to hear was that pregnancy was not a bonafide occupational disqualification," Tylo said. "And I wanted to hear that yes, indeed, I could have done that job, and I could have."

Class teaches officers how to spot drunken drivers

DALLAS (AP) — After two hours of drinking beer and laughing, sheriff's deputy Chris Montemayor was a bit tipsy.

Suddenly, Sgt. Danny Fisher of the Dallas Police Department was in his face.

"All right, do you see the top of this pen?" Fisher asked, moving the pen from side to side.

Montemayor's eyes twitched and struggled to keep up with the pen.

"He is definitely drunk," Fisher said later. "It was quite obvious that he failed everything. It jumps right out. Just like they taught us in class."

Montemayor and seven other officers were paid to drink alco-

holic beverages as part of a recent three-day seminar to teach officers across North Texas how to spot drunken drivers and how to administer and evaluate field sobriety tests.

"This program educates the officers and makes them expert witnesses when they get to court," said investigator Don Peritz of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. "Since they have been around intoxicated people, they know how to identify and handle them."

The course is taught by certified instructors and includes lectures and videotapes. But the most important part is what Peritz refers to as "Drunk

University." A beer manufacturer donated the room in Dallas and the beer for the program.

After two hours, the room resembled a fraternity party out of control. A woman had passed out. Snuff was being passed around. Noise, including belching and laughter, filled the room.

Law enforcement officials have to look for different signs of drunkenness, said reserve officer Anne Andrews of the Cedar Hill Police Department, an instructor at the seminar.

The first test used by law enforcement officials is called

the horizontal gaze nystagmus, commonly known as the eye test.

"The most reliable way of finding out if a person is drunk is through the eye test because it is an involuntary reaction. You can't fake it," Andrews said.

After that test is performed, officers then move to the walk and turn exercise that many call walking the line. Finally, officers are taught to administer the one leg stand, a test that requires the motorist to keep one foot off the ground for 30 seconds.

1963 Mississippi civil rights killing upheld, appeal planned

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Byron De La Beckwith is ready to go as far as the U.S. Supreme Court now that Mississippi's highest court has refused to overturn his conviction in the slaying of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

The state Supreme Court ruled Monday that the white supremacist was fairly convicted in his third trial, which came more than three decades after Evers was shot to death at the age of 37.

Black activists hope the decision will inspire prosecutions in now-closed civil rights cases.

A sniper killed Evers, Mississippi NAACP field secretary, in his driveway on June

12, 1963.

The ailing Beckwith, now 77, was tried twice in 1964, but both all-white juries deadlocked. Beckwith, a fertilizer salesman, claimed he was 90 miles away at the time, but his fingerprint was found on the scope of a rifle believed to be the murder weapon.

A jury of eight blacks and four whites convicted him in 1994.

"Miscareants brought before the bar of justice in this state must, sooner or later, face the cold realization that justice, slow and plodding though she may be, is certain in the state of Mississippi," Justice Mike Mills wrote.

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The couple have six grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

The Williams have lived in Loraine, Midland, Big Spring and Odessa during their marriage.

They both retired from the Big Spring State Hospital in 1983, where Williams worked in maintenance and Mrs. Williams worked in housekeeping.

When asked to comment about their marriage they said, "We married for better or worse. We have had a lot of both — but the better out weighs the worse with love and understanding and being friends first. You have to be able to communicate."

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Patriots beat Dolphins, now get to go for sweep on Sunday

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — The Patriots beat the Dolphins in New England and in Miami. Now they'll try to beat them in the playoffs.

The season series climaxes Sunday with a winner-take-all rematch. The Patriots will be at home, thanks to Monday night's 14-12 victory over Miami.

The win gave New England (10-6) the AFC East championship and home-field advantage for the first round in the playoffs.

"I'm thrilled that we get to take this game back to our fans," coach Pete Carroll said.

Miami (9-7) will try to break a seven-

game losing streak in postseason road games since winning the Super Bowl in January 1974. They lost at New England 27-24 on Nov. 23.

"Fortunately we get another shot," coach Jimmy Johnson said.

Johnson was bitter about the officiating in Monday's defeat. A holding penalty negated a two-point conversion that would have tied the score, and a fumble return for a touchdown was waved off when the officials said the play was blown dead.

"I wouldn't like it at all if it was over. But it's not over," Johnson said.

The site for the rematch favors New England, however, especially if the weather is wintry.

"Hopefully it will be 20 below," Patriots cornerback Ty Law said.

"You know those guys aren't used to it."

New England's path to the division title was a rocky one that included a potentially devastating overtime defeat against Pittsburgh on Dec. 13. The defending AFC champions had trouble protecting leads and suffered lopsided losses to Denver, Green Bay and Tampa Bay.

But they beat Miami twice.

"The AFC East championship means a lot to us," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said. "It was one of our goals and we were able to do it. We didn't do it probably in the fashion we would have liked, but we get to play in front of our fans next week and we're very excited about that."

Bledsoe, trying to shake a reputation

for poor play in big games, threw for only 173 yards Monday. But he rallied New England from a 6-0 halftime deficit with touchdown drives of 70 and 55 yards.

"Obviously this game was important for a lot of reasons," he said. "We had to show we could play well and win a game with some huge implications."

New England's defense forced the Dolphins into repeated negative-yardage plays with frequent blitzing. A harried Marino completed 28 of 44 passes for 278 yards, but was sacked four times.

"They blitzed us and blitzed us, and half the time we didn't make the adjustments," Marino said. "There were some I missed. It created a problem, and it's something we're going to

have to work on."

Marino's 8-yard touchdown pass to Lamar Thomas made the score 14-12 with 3:46 left. But Karim Abdul-Jabbar's two-point conversion run was negated by a holding penalty on seventh-time Pro Bowl tackle Richmond Webb, and on the second conversion attempt, Marino's pass fell incomplete.

"The official called one of the eight or nine penalties he called against us," Johnson said. "I think they had one penalty."

The Patriots — criticized a week ago for a late third-down interception that cost them a lead against Pittsburgh — missed a chance to run out the clock when they decided to throw on third-and-1, and Bledsoe's pass fell incomplete.

Irsay gives Infante axe in turnover

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — With Bill Polian available, Jim Irsay acted quickly to hire Carolina's general manager as president of the Indianapolis Colts.

Irsay, the Colts' owner, hired Polian on Monday to direct the rebuilding of the Colts hours after firing coach Lindy Infante as coach and Bill Tobin as vice president and director of football operations. The moves came less than 24 hours after the team finished the season 3-13 — the worst record among the league's 30 teams.

"Part of changing is you have to address 'Can you do better? How can you improve your football team?' I saw this as a very rare opportunity," Irsay said.

Carolina owner Jerry Richardson gave permission for Irsay to talk with Polian, who had one more year on his Panthers contract, with a Monday deadline for resolving the matter. The Colts agreed to send their third-round pick in the April draft to Carolina as compensation for the hiring of Polian.

The moves were the first major ones Irsay has made since assuming ownership of the team upon the death of his father in January.

"In terms of my naming Bill as president, I wanted to bring someone in who has the ability to truly wear the president's title. To be able to oversee the whole organization, only reporting to me," Irsay said.

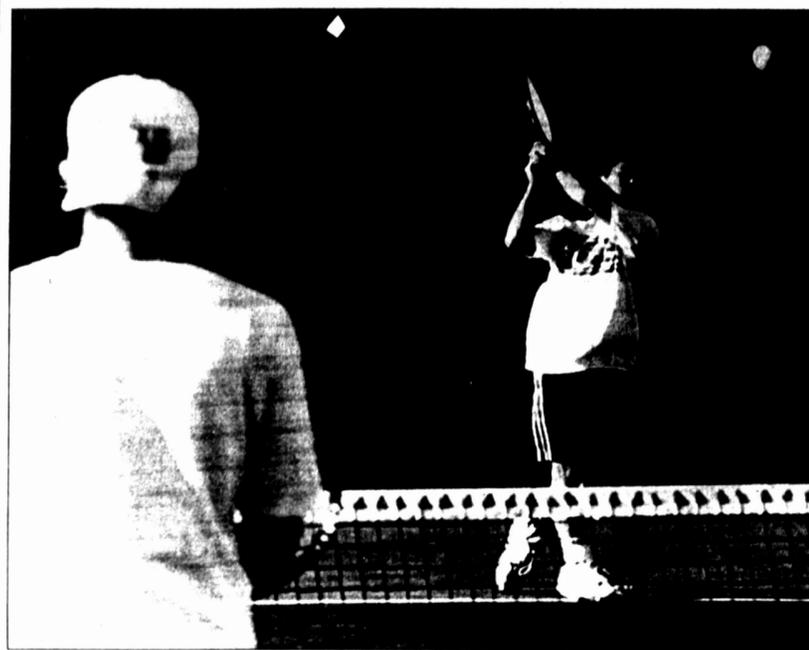
Polian, 55, is already on the job and planned to meet today with Infante's former assistants, who are under contract for next year.

The meetings are "to talk with them and get everything squared away in terms of how we go forward as a staff and as an organization," Polian said without indicating if the assistants would be retained.

He also plans to meet with Colts vice president Bob Terpening and director of pro player personnel Clyde Powers.

"It's one thing for me to look at film. It's quite another for them to give me their up-close and personal views on the players and what we need to improve," he said.

Another priority will be selecting a replacement for Infante.



Big Spring High School tennis players Devin Swafford (left) and Hsiao-Hsuan Li get some playing time in at the Figure 7 Tennis Center during the warm weather to help strengthen Li's ankle after injuring it during the fall team tennis season. When the spring semester arrives, Li and Swafford will join their teammates in spring tennis action, trying to capitalize on the regional finalist status they enjoyed in the fall.

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Sanders, Dawson, Stubblefield unanimous All-Pro selections

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Barry Sanders, the third NFL player to rush for 2,000 yards in a season, and center Dermontti Dawson and defensive end Dana Stubblefield, were unanimous selections for The Associated Press All-Pro Team released Monday.

Sanders, the Detroit Lions' star running back, made the squad for the sixth time, earning votes from all 48 members of a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Pittsburgh's Dawson, the leading vote-getter last season, was the only center named on any ballot.

San Francisco tackle Stubblefield was the leader among defensive players and the only member of the team with one of the league's best records along with Green Bay and Kansas City — to make All-Pro.

"A lot of nice things have happened this year," said Sanders, whose 2,053 yards

were the second most in NFL history.

"It's a huge honor," Dawson said. "Unanimous means special, means everybody. It doesn't get any better than that."

Dawson was one of three Steelers on the team, joined by safety Carnell Lake and inside linebacker Levon Kirkland. Denver and Dallas also had three each.

Buffalo defensive end Bruce Smith was chosen for the eighth time and, like Dawson and defensive tackle John Randle of Minnesota, made it for the fifth consecutive season. The other defensive lineman was Michael Strahan of the New York Giants.

Two players who drew attention for not making the Pro Bowl in voting conducted by fans, players and coaches were chosen for the All-Pro team: Kansas City guard Dave Stott and Denver linebacker John Mobley.

Stott's wife, Andrea, was upset when he didn't make the Pro Bowl, but "she won't cry

tonight."

"She was not crying for herself, she was crying for me," said Stott, who was joined by Dallas' Larry Allen at guard. "For the people who don't get a lot of recognition, it's as big a deal for the wives and the parents and the brothers as it is for us. This is exciting."

Along with Allen, the other Cowboys were cornerback Deion Sanders, making it for the fifth time (once as a kick returner), and first-year place-kicker Richie Cunningham. In addition to Mobley, the Broncos on the squad were tight end Shannon Sharpe and running back Terrell Davis.

Green Bay's Brett Favre, the league's most valuable player the past two years — the MVP will be announced Saturday, and nobody has won it three times — was an easy winner at quarterback. The other member of the Packers to make All-Pro was safety LeRoy Butler.

Unanimous North Carolina now everyone's No. 1 pick

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina is still on top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll, and now no one else is getting any votes for the No. 1 spot.

The Tar Heels were atop the rankings for the second straight week Monday, and it's the first time they were a unanimous choice since 1986.

The first five spots in the Top 25 remained the same from last week as Kansas, Duke, Kentucky and Arizona held their places in the voting.

The Tar Heels (12-0) received all 70 No. 1 votes and 1,750 points from the national media panel.

Kansas, which had 1,635 points, was a unanimous No. 1 three times last season, including in the final poll. The last time the Tar Heels were a unanimous No. 1 was in the 1985-86 season, when they received all the first-place votes four times.

That season, like Kansas last year, the Tar Heels were eliminated in the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

Utah, Purdue and Stanford each moved up one place to Nos. 6 through 8, while UCLA jumped two spots to ninth. South Carolina dropped four spots to round out the Top Ten.

Connecticut, 12th last week, led the Second Ten and was followed by Arkansas, Xavier, New Mexico, Iowa, Mississippi, Florida State, Princeton, Syracuse and Maryland.

The last five teams were Clemson, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Temple and Texas Christian.

The teams that fell out were Georgia (7-3), which had been 20th, but lost to West Virginia; Michigan (7-3), which dropped from 21st after losing at home to Eastern Michigan; and Wake Forest (6-3), which was 23rd, but lost to Marshall and Princeton to extend its losing streak to three games.

The biggest jump of the week was Syracuse's climb from 25th to No. 19 after the Orangemen improved to 9-0 with wins over Buffalo and UNLV.

The biggest drop was Temple's fall from 16th to No. 24 after losses last week to Villanova and Rutgers, the latter at home.

AP Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and records through Dec. 21:

Record	Team	Record
12-0	1. North Carolina (70)	12-0
13-1	2. Kansas	13-1
10-1	3. Duke	10-1
9-1	4. Kentucky	9-1
7-2	5. Arizona	7-2
10-0	6. Utah	10-0
9-2	7. Purdue	9-2
7-0	8. Stanford	7-0
6-1	9. UCLA	6-1
6-1	10. South Carolina	6-1
9-1	11. Connecticut	9-1
8-0	12. Arkansas	8-0
6-2	13. Xavier	6-2
7-1	14. New Mexico	7-1
8-1	15. Iowa	8-1
7-1	16. Mississippi	7-1
8-2	17. Florida St.	8-2
8-1	18. Princeton	8-1
9-0	19. Syracuse	9-0
5-3	20. Maryland	5-3
7-3	21. Clemson	7-3
5-1	22. Rhode Island	5-1
9-1	23. West Virginia	9-1
6-3	24. Temple	6-3
9-1	25. Texas Christian	9-1

There were four games between ranked teams last week, three at neutral sites, and each was won by the higher ranked team. North Carolina won 81-73 at Florida State, while Kansas beat Texas Christian 94-78, Purdue downed Xavier 86-84 and Princeton defeated Wake Forest 69-64.

Clemson and Rhode Island returned to the rankings after absences of one and three weeks, respectively, while West Virginia is in the Top 25 for the first time since 1994.

Clemson (7-3), No. 5 in the preseason poll, had dropped out of the Top 25 after a 10-point loss at Illinois. The Tigers bounced back with wins over South Carolina and Seton Hall, both without injured point guard Terrell McIntyre.

Rhode Island (5-1) didn't play last week, but the Rams haven't lost since they dropped a second-round Preseason NIT game at Connecticut. West Virginia's only loss was also to Connecticut. The Mountaineers (9-1) beat Robert Morris, coach Gale Catlett's 500th career victory, and Georgia last week.

Even without Ewing, Knicks too much for Mavericks to handle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Knicks won easily without Patrick Ewing. The Washington Wizards won again with Juwan Howard, Chris Webber and Rod Strickland.

Playing their first game since Ewing's season-ending wrist injury, the Knicks handed the Dallas Mavericks their ninth straight loss, 79-67 Monday night.

"I really was encouraged," New York's Buck Williams said. "I didn't know how we'd react offensively without Pat in the lineup, but we really moved the ball well instead of dumping it into the low post."

Allan Houston scored 19 points and Larry Johnson had 18 points and eight rebounds for the Knicks, who dominated inside despite Ewing's absence. New York outrebounded Dallas 44-36 and outscored the Mavs 44-16 in the paint.

NBA ROUNDUP

"We're going to have trouble with teams with big centers. Fortunately, we're playing a team tonight that doesn't have one," Madison Square Garden president Dave Checketts said at half-time.

At Milwaukee, Howard scored 25 points and Webber added 23 as the Wizards extended their season-high winning streak to five games with a 110-79 victory over the Bucks.

Strickland added 19 points and 10 assists for Washington, which turned 23 Milwaukee turnovers into 30 points.

"We have to give our defense credit," said Howard, who also had 10 rebounds. "That's what it was because our defense caused a lot of turnovers."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Detroit 96, Philadelphia 92; New Jersey 99, Orlando 88; Charlotte 81, Toronto 79; Utah 101, Atlanta 99; Los

Angeles Lakers 94, Houston 83; Phoenix 91, Golden State 76; and Sacramento 89, Minnesota 79.

Hornets 81, Raptors 79

Glen Rice made up for a subpar performance with the winning tip-in at the buzzer, capping a comeback from a 12-point deficit with nine minutes left.

Rice, who came in as the NBA's fifth-leading scorer with a 22.4 average, missed nine of 15 field-goal attempts before tipping in the miss by Dell Curry. Rice finished with 16 points.

Damon Stoudamire had 21 points and five assists for Toronto, which has lost 11 of 12 road games.

Nets 99, Magic 88

Sam Cassell had 28 points, six assists and five steals to lead New Jersey to victory at Orlando.

Cassell and rookie Keith Van Horn sparked a decisive 13-0 run that start-

ed at the end of the third quarter.

Kendall Gill scored 18 points for the Nets, while Van Horn finished with 16. Mark Price led the Magic with 23 points and seven assists.

Pistons 96, 76ers 92

Grant Hill had 22 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and three blocks, and Detroit overcame a 21-point second-half deficit.

Jerry Stackhouse, traded from Philadelphia to Detroit last week, scored 17 points and made a key block against Tim Thomas with 6.4 seconds left. Joe Dumars then hit two free throws to clinch it for the Pistons.

Jazz 101, Hawks 99

Karl Malone scored 27 points, including a clinching jumper with 32 seconds remaining, as Utah handed Atlanta its third straight loss.

Malone led the visiting Jazz in scoring for the 25th consecutive game. Christian Laettner scored 20 points

for the Hawks.

Lakers 94, Rockets 83

At Houston, Kobe Bryant scored 19 points and Eddie Jones had nine of his 17 points in an early third-quarter charge that helped Los Angeles beat the Rockets for the third time this season.

Clyde Drexler led the Rockets with 17 points. Charles Barkley had 21 rebounds and 14 points for Houston, which shot only 38.5 percent from the field.

Suns 91, Warriors 76

At Phoenix, Cedric Ceballos scored 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Suns beat Golden State.

Antonio McDyess also scored 17 points for the Suns, who won their third straight overall and fifth in a row over the Warriors. Jason Kidd narrowly missed a triple-double with 10 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for Phoenix.

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Hayden Fry focusing on the present, not the future

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOWA CITY — He's approaching 70 and has been coaching college football for nearly four decades. The question can't be avoided.

Will Iowa coach Hayden Fry ride off into the sunset after the Hawkeyes' Dec. 31 Sun Bowl game in El Paso? "If I can find an old mule," he said, laughing.

Fry, whose team faces No. 16 Arizona State in the Sun Bowl, turns 69 in February. Although his contract goes through the 2000 season, there has been speculation Fry would hang it up after the bowl game.

As might be expected, Fry is non-committal.

"The only reason I'm still here is (because) I never give that any thought," he said. "I can't tell you

when I will leave, surrender, retire, disappear in the mountains."

The Hawkeyes, who leave for El Paso on Tuesday, had endured 18 straight non-winning seasons before Fry became coach in December 1978.

At Iowa, Fry made Hawkeyes competitive in a conference long dominated by Michigan and Ohio State. They've had 14 first-division finishes and three Big Ten titles and Fry has been voted conference coach of the year three times.

Fry has built a 140-80-6 record at Iowa and is 229-169-10 in 36 years of coaching. He also coached at North Texas State (now the University of North Texas) for six years and he spent 11 years at Southern Methodist. He also was a high school coach in Texas, including at Odessa High.

"When I turned 60, other schools

started saying, 'You don't want to go to Iowa. Coach Fry is not going to be there.' And I'm still here," he said. "I do not know how long I'm going to coach. That's the most honest statement I can give."

"I haven't even read retirement things. I know nothing about Social Security. I'm a terrible personal businessman for myself."

He does know a thing or two about longevity, however.

The Sun Bowl will be Fry's 409th game as a Division I-A head coach, more than any other active coach. Only Amos Alonzo Stagg (548), Pop Warner (457) and Bear Bryant (425) have coached more games on the Division I level.

Fry also proudly notes that he's one of just four coaches over the age of 65. The others are Penn State's Joe

Paterno, Florida State's Bobby Bowden and BYU's LaVell Edwards.

"Paterno may coach until he's 100," Fry said. "Then I'm next in line from an age standpoint, and Bobby Bowden is one or two months younger than I am. Maybe a year-and-a-half behind Bobby would be LaVell Edwards — and that's it out of 111 schools in Division I," Fry said.

Then he paused.

"Don't get me to thinking about these things," he added.

Fry said he was surprised when another old-timer, Nebraska's Tom Osborne, announced his retirement Dec. 10 after 25 years as the Cornhuskers' coach.

Osborne, who turns 61 in February, cited health reasons.

"It made me real sad at the time," Fry said. "I can't imagine somebody

that's seven or eight, nine years younger than me getting out."

The Sun Bowl will be Iowa's 14th postseason game under Fry. That consistency is one of the reasons athletic director Bob Bowlsby extended Fry's contract, which includes an annual rollover clause that automatically extends the pact one year.

The Hawkeyes think Fry should coach as long as he wants.

"I think he'll come back. His contract is not up. I think Coach Fry deserves to come and go as he pleases," senior cornerback Plez Atkins said. "He made the program what it is today."

Fry said he appreciates the university's loyalty.

"The university has been extremely nice to me in regards to my contract," he said.

BOWL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Michigan State (7-4) vs. Washington (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (10-2) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 27
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
South Carolina State (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona (6-5) vs. New Mexico (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
LSU (8-3) vs. Notre Dame (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 29
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State (6-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Missouri (7-4) vs. Colorado State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oklahoma State (8-3) vs. Purdue (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Flexita Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 6 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (9-4) vs. Georgia (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (10-1) vs. Virginia Tech (7-4), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Florida (9-2), 12 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (9-3) vs. UCLA (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rice Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (11-0) vs. Washington State (10-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (10-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Jan. 2
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. Auburn (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (12-0) vs. Tennessee (11-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m. (ABC)
Jacksonville at Denver, 3 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Dec. 28
Miami of New England, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Denver, Jacksonville, or New England at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Detroit, Minnesota or Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 4
Detroit, N.Y. Giants or Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)
Denver, Jacksonville, or Miami at Kansas City, 3 p.m. (NBC)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Divisional playoff winners, TBA

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa
Hello, my name is Rosa Marie Flores. I've been a real good girl this year. Can you please bring me a Barbie. Also my wish is that my aunt will be happy this year. Love you Tia Anna and cousin Mark!
Thank you
Rosa Marie

Dear Santa
Hi, I'm Toby. This year I want a big truck that make some kind of noise. I also wish for my aunt not to cry this Christmas. "I Love you Tia Anna."
Thank you
Love Toby Flores

Dear Santa
I would like you to bring me a men & black CD, cloths, nail creation set the movie george in the Jungle, make your own gack set and the movie gordy and the lazer ex set, and I belev you Santa.
Sincerely Valerie Martinez

Dear Santa,
is it busy at the North pole? All I really want for Christmas is a set of graffite golf clubs and maybe a golf bag well I have to go now
signed Scott

Dear Santa,
Want a giga pet and a puppy and a goosump puzzle with a 100 pieces and a yake back.
Sincerely, Gomez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mis. claus? I would lik a nintendo 64
Sincerely, Amanda

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Sincerely, Be...

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I would like a...
sincerely Olivia

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. claus?
I would like a real turkey,
low bades, hockey stick, globe, soccerball, baseball, basketball

Dear Santa,
How are you and you reindeer? I would like a puppy, a kitten a play firetruck, a book.
Sincerely, Seve.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I would like a bike, a kitten, some shoes, and some cloths, and a phone.
Sincerely, Saleena Juarez

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs claus?
I would like a coca cola teta phone and some green and purple lipstick.
Sincerely, Cassie Guinn

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. claus?
I would like som clothes for Christmas.
Sincerely, Giorgio

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I would like I want a lowride bike
Sincerely, Steven

Dear Santa Clause,
How ya doin? I'm fine. May I have some Beast Wars, LEGOS, CD ROMS, and Nintendo 64 or sony play station.
From, Stephen Franckowiak

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus I would like a rill pet puppy and a rill kitten and a gigapet and a turtle.
Sincerely Stephanie

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. claus? I would like a nintendo 64
sincerely Michelle

dire Santa
I want a rupunzle Barbe Doll 3 feet tall an a Indian Barbe Doll some baby Stuf
Ashley Estes

Dear Santa,
I want a new bicycle and some Beast Wars. I want a "Mole" controlled car (but not the wild kind). I want a new battery for my red jeep so the old charger can charge faster instead of all night and all day. I also want an action figure Beetle Borg Gun. Parker will make his own list after his nap. That's all, but have a good trip!

Love, Luke Patton Lewis
Dear Santa,
Please bring me trains and toys and more trains. Bring my sister Angela a stocking full of baby toys.
Matthew Garza

Dear Santa Claus and your lovely wife Mrs. Santa Claus,
And tell Rudolph he is so special and I love him because he has a red nose. Santa Claus I want a puppy for Christmas. I want a baby poodle puppy. My name is Kelsea Rae Moore and my favorite flavor is ice cream. I want Talking Bubba doll for Christmas and the Barbie mobile home and a Santa Claus book. I have been a good girl this year and I go to St. Marys School. I hope that all the little children and their families have something for Christmas. Santa Claus I am 5 years old and I will leave you some cookies & milk on my table, lots & lots cause are special and I Love You so much!
Kelsea Rae Moore

Dear Santa claus,
I've been good this year. I want lots of toys this year. I want a tranpoline, giga pet, barbie baby care center, Easy back oven tin set. God bless you santa
Love, Stephanie Jackson

Dear Santa
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Dear Santa,
I would like a operation
a tea set, diary, Kasey
Roller
my and a Barbie jeep. My
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winnits the pooh activity center,
the winnie the pooh thing
so he can walk.
Love, Stormmie W. age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a crash-back and a toy race truck
thank you, Macy Bailey

Dear Santa,
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a tea set, diary, Kasey
Roller
my and a Barbie jeep. My
Baby Brother Kaleb wants a
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the winnie the pooh thing
so he can walk.
Love, Stormmie W. age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer, a T.V., a dart gun, a VCR, and laser fishing. That's all for now
Love, Christopher Rawls

Dear Santa,
I want a real talking Bubba, A Woodie and Buz Lightyear and a Buzz Lightyear ship. Also, a remote control boat and cologne.
Thank you,
Matthew Rawls

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Harriet the Spy, a "red" and "red" power ranger turbo with car and Elep Fern the elephant game, and a glob of Flubber.
Love,
Payton Parker, age 4

Dear Santa,
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Your friend
Ashlie Zuniga

Dear Santa,
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, to friend and family too. For Jessica Please bring her some clothes and new shoes plus a Barbie, some music cas-

Dear Santa,
I want a football I wut a new bike I wut a new Tv I wut a new ball. I wut a new bocseg gluuvz.
Matthew Paredes.

Dear Santa,
I want sum hats. I want sum toys. I want sum thing. I want a bik.
Amber James

Dear Santa,
I wot a weg bisokw. I wat a bro bbkok pbec. I wot a cadcan chsez.
Olivia Rodriquez

Dear Santa,
I want a bik.
Michelle Dean

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty for Christmas. I also want a toy, a Barbie toy. The one that's a car. I just want to tell you I love you.

setts, a walkman and a ring. For Vanessa new clothes, new shoes, a doll, a cassett player and tapes plus a few dishes and a play microwave oven. For Brittany please bring new clothes, shoes a rug Rat doll Tommy, a dish set and some nice children's books and videos. For our Mother some nice clothes. For our Brother Eric please some new shoes and nice clothes. For our grandmother please help her find a job so she can pay her bills. May the good lord bless you and everybody always.
Thank You,
Jessica Zarraga, Vaness Villa, Brittany Salazar
PS We live at Apache Creek Apt 45

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a bike, Nintendo 64, Bat Mobile and a tractor.
Love John Ethan

Dear Santa,
Hi! Would you please bring me some toys: Mighty Power Rangers, car, a police car.
Love You
Age 4

Dear Santa,
Hi! For Christmas I want to bring the TOYS, which one, I don't know.
Love, Marisol Hernandez Age 4

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a motor cycle, a low rider bike that is red. Thank you for the low rider bike that you give me. Thank you for everything you gave me. I would love it.
Love Dominique

Dear Santa,
I want a low rider that has a button on it that makes a movie when you push it. I want a new piggy bank like the one I brought for Show and Tell I want new watch.
Love Jaret

Dear Santa,
Hi! What are you doing? I love you, Santa. If you're doing fine, please come see me. It's good to see you again. I wish I would see you again. Please bring me lots of presents. I want a Barbie that sings. Hope you have good time. Are you doing fine?
Love, Mildred.

Dear Santa,
May I please have a California Roller Girl and My Size Rupunzel Barbie. I love you, Santa. I hope you come to see me sometime at my house. Make sure my Mom and Dad get me lot of presents, cause I'm their only little girl. Give me lots and lots and lots of presents.
Love Kelsey

Dear Santa,
I want something for Christmas, a white suit and a Giga pet. I love you.
Love, Stacy

Dear Santa,
I want a car that is white and shiny, a squeezing, talking teddy bear, a toy rocket that has sounds and goes up in the sky. Love a nice New Year!
Love, Jamarian

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. and a Nintendo 64 and a radio. I like you Santa and Happy New Year!
Love, Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a T.V. and a video game.
Love, Rauli

Dear Santa,
I want a race car and a motorcycle.
Love, Wayne

Dear Santa,
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Love, Jack

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a motorcycle and a Space Jam toy.
Love, Cody

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Love, Chelby

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Love Faith

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Love, Brandy

Dear Santa,
I want a big train that makes different sounds. I hope you have a good Christmas eve and Mrs. Santa too.
-Love, Anna

Gabrielle DeAnda
Dear Santa,
I wunt a football. I wunt a prizes. I wunt gams. I wunt fun
Cameron Hughey

Dear Santa,
I want you mukg trear for Crismis.
William Weise

Dear Santa,
I wont a new bike. I wont a new toy car. I wont a new toy. I wont a new bed.
Alonzo Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I wan now bike. Iwon okenoro a pirro. I won oon donooto. I wan noow geno.
Chris Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
I want a football.
Ryan Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a foot bol. I want nw shoes.
Shane Allen

MS. CHEATEAM'S CLASS ANDERSON KINDERGARTEN
Dear Santa,
I want a little gun and a big gun. I've been good.
Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a motor cycle.
Love, Phillip

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Love, Brandy

Love, Sabrina
Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie.
Love, Nicole

MRS. WYNN'S CLASS ANDERSON KINDERGARTEN CENTER
Dear Santa,
I want a haunted house, Halloween stuff, a laser ball, spooky shadows and a Spider Spit. Also a Jurassic Park dinosaur that spits. And I want to have a Santa Claus set. And that's all.
Jonathon Harris

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby-Go-Bye-Bye doll, a coloring book, a purple bike that comes with a purse on it, a Barbie that swims in the water, and a baby that licks a lollipop.
Jessica Rodriquez.

Dear Santa,
I want some stickers and I want a sticker box.
Michelle Granada

Dear Santa,
I want a Zero Ranger Megasword.
Ramsey Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a little tub for my baby brother, a notebook and some pencils, a bag to carry everything when I go to the babysitter's. And some rings and necklaces.
Marissa Nieto

Dear Santa,
I want rollerblades, a computer and a brown and white dog. I want that dog to be a swallows. I want a Dallas Cowboy ring.
Alexandra Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a race track with cars that go with them for me and my brother. And I want a doll for my sister. My mom wants a big waterbed, but her don't know where to put it. And I want some crayon and markers and pencils so I can draw and color.
Kaleb Cox

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Love Faith

Michael Menefield
MRS. BALL'S CLASS ANDERSON KINDERGARTEN
Dear Santa,
I want a Babie Doll Car and a play doh clay.
Love, Allison

Dear Santa,
I would like a black car with fire stripes on it.
Love, Jake

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle a book, some toys and a Santa toy for Christmas.
Love, Heather

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dalmation puppy for Christmas this year.
Love, Jillian

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and a macera Barbie doll for Christmas this year.
Love, Chelby

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house and a Barbie car for Christmas this year.
Love, Veronica

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car for Christmas this year.
Love, Derek

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Love Faith

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Love, Brandy

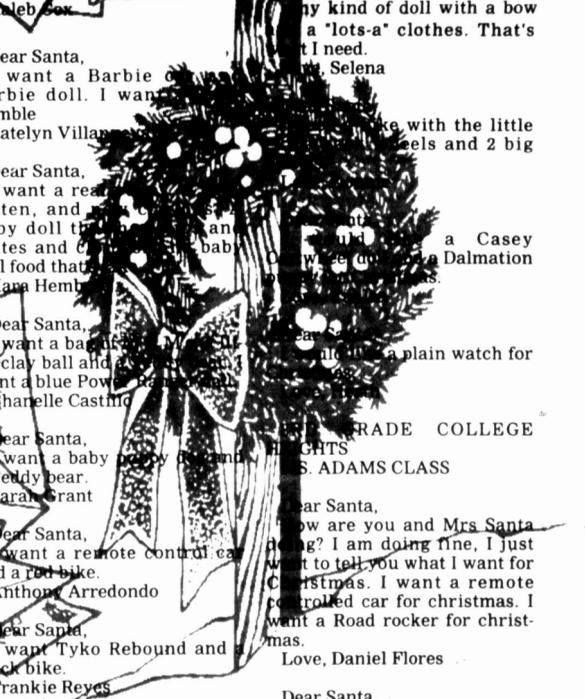
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ranger Doll. I would like to have a Batte Barg Metallica.
Love, Tiffany Richards

Dear Santa,
How is your wife? Do you have a lot of elves? Is Rudolph still around? Any ways, I want a talk boy for Christmas or a Sega. I like to go to the Dentist. My mom would like some money.
Love Jamere Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are you and Ms. Claws doing? I hope you are doing OK. I have been kind of good, but not to good. My sister's have benn good. I want a super nintendo with one game. I hope I get what I want. I can not wait for christmas.
Love, Ruben Rene Dominguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing santa and reindeers? Well I want a nintendo 64. I also want a hot weels track. I want a whole bunch of pants. I want toys. I want a radio. I want new shoes. I want a remote control car and a bike.
Love Michael Green

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? I hope the reindeer can still fly I wanted to ask you if you could bring me a puppy, a kitty, and a Tweety Bird necklace for Christmas please. My mom said this year I might just get clothes. I don't want just to get clothes. I want to get toys too this year.
Love, Natalie Lozano

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeers? I want a Nintendo 64 for christmas. I also want a bike and a rece car for christmas I want a computer. My mom, sisters and my dad would like some clothes.
Love Johnny Lara

Dear Santa,
I want a Giga Pet, and a computer for chhismces. That's all I want.
Love, Krista Butts

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? Well I am doing fine. all I want for Christmas is a baby pitbull. I can teach it tricks, and it can grow big and chase other dogs out of my yard. I want a remote control car to play with. We can have races. We can play tag with it. I want to much to ask for. Please don't let it stand in your way. Try to bring it.
p.s Have a Merry Christmas
Love, Gabriel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeers? I hope you come I hope you bring a whole bach of presents for me and my sister my sister want's a My size Barbie. I want tak care of me triplets. I want to get my Mom a bracelet for Christmas. I want to get my Dad A watch for christmas. I hope you have a good christmas.
Love, Cessilee Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Santa Claus and how are you? It is nice you give kids toys. How our the reindeer? I am doing fine. I can't wait until the 25th. The program is tonight. I am too shy to sing in front of all the people. Frist, I want a little game that is a virtual game. Second, I want winter clothes. Third, I want a toy. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love, Julian Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Your reindeer look like a star. I want a beetleborg a Batman actiun figure and a computer I also want a Pet bird and a tornado lamp.
Love, Billy Richardson

Dear Santa,
How are you? Would you tell Mrs. Claus hi for me? Santa first of all I want a present. I want a tweety back pack. Then I would want a computer for my own and a bike too. Please Santa bring me the things I listed for you. I have been all good all day please don't forget. Then I would like some clothes and some monney. a crying baby also would be nice. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love, Jeanette Gonzales

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer doing. Ms. Clase and the elves doing? Is the North Pole cold, if yes, how do you survive the cold weather. I want a giga pet, a set of old Maid cards, a set of marckers

and a barbia. I want to know if you are real. If yes, I would like you to get me those things.
Love, Laura Conrad.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? And The reindears? I hope you're fine. I've been a good girl since my cousins we're out of town. I hope all of them been good. I miss them all verry much. I wish you a marry christmas for the holiday. Oh I wish you and Mrs Claus a merry Christmas and the reindears too. I Love you all. I want two thing for christmas. A my size Barbie and a Bike
Love, Whitney Lewis

Dear Santa
How are you doing? How are you today? I hope you are doing OK. I am going to make a list of what I want for christmas. Frist, I want a cabbage Patch Doll and long hard books because i read a lot. I want a little coputer, I also want socks, and blue jeans. I guess thats I want.
Love Luciann Cruz

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good. I want a game for my computer, a fun game to play with my family, a pretty outfit and a bracelet. I would like my dad to have a nice shirt. I ould like my mom to have a ring. I would like my sister to have some books and a baby kitten. I want a good Christmas with my family and some books for me. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? Merry Christmas to you all.
Love, Brittany Molina

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeers? I would like a computer for christmas.
I would like lots of presents for me and my family. My sister wants a Rapunzel Barbie and a Tickle Me Elmo.
I want a new piano for Christmas and four more GigaPets. I want some jewelry for me, my friends, and for my sister to play with. I would like a sega and a nintendo 64 for Christmas. I would like to get my cousins a skateboard, some shirts, some pants, come cameras, some nice cubbans, and new bikes. My mom and dad need bracelets.
Love, Lorissa Jade Rodriguez

MISS BELL'S CLASS
ANDERSON KINDER-
GARTEN

Dear Santa,
A heavy blue star for my Christmas tree. Some dresses. A big Christmas tree. A stuffed puppy. Some clothes for my mom. I want my dad to have legs. I want my puppy to grow.
Steffie

Dear Santa,
A Power Ranger, Beast War Transformers. Stuffed animal for my little brother. A convertible car for my mommy, a remote control car. The Batmobile, the Hot Wheels set, a real puppy for my daddy.
Dimitri

Dear Santa,
An M&M dispenser M&M's in it. A bubble gum machine w/real bubble gum int it. A ring for mommy. A clock, a bike, some video tapes, & A VCR, a new house for Christmas.
Nathan

Dear Santa
Army stuff, cowboy stuff, a swimming pool, a bird house, a

barbie doll for my sisters, a hat for my dad, a ring for my mom.
Cameron

Dear Santa,
A racing car that goes fast, a TV, a chair w/ a desk so I can do my homework, some books and some more books, A Batman & Batmobile, a fake dog-he just walks & barks.
Aaron

Dear Santa,
An M&M dispenser, markers, a dinosaur book, a little Barbie for my little sister. A computer, a Power Ranger guy-Tommy, a baby dalmation for my baby sister & me.
Justin

Dear Santa,
A Barbie doll, a dalmation puppy (a real one), a toy M&M dispenser, a clock
Erika

Dear Santa,
My Size Barbie, Barbie Cruising car, Selena Barbie, nail polish, Barbie Jeep, A play doll house, Tickle Me Elmo, A doll for my sister.
Brianna

Dear Santa,
Some building blocks, robot, transformers, Dalmation, a pencil, a toy dinosaur, toy M&M dispensers, race car.
Juan

Dear Santa,
Batman & the Batmobile, Robin, Batman's boat, T-Rex & the people to it, some trucks, some cars, books, toy soldiers, an angel for my mom, cowboys, indians, horses & bulls
Stefan

Dear Santa,
My Size Barbie, a stuffed toy M&M, stuffed Ernie that talks, Barbie & her horse, stuffed horse, get my mom some make-up, Tickle Me Elmo, Stuffed Bear.
Kristina

Dear Santa,
Beetle Borg that can move around & transform. Batman costume w/case & set. Batman car & cape. Beetle Borg suit & motorcycle-gold one. Beetle Borg weapons-sword
Free

Dear Santa,
New clothes, some boots, cowboy hat, buckle & belt, necklace, spiderman costume w/web, Superman costume, Power Ranger costume, Beetle borg costume.
Tavian

Dear Santa,
Race cars, bike, another bike for my sisters and my brother, M&M game, new clothes, shoes, some books, truck.
Robbie

Dear Santa,
Clothes, cars, stuffed animal
Allison

Dear Santa,
A Barbie doll, clothes, candy cane, clothes for my mom, presents for my daddy, Mickey Mouse doll.
Tonya

Dear Santa,
Cruising Barbie
Brittany

Dear Santa,
Toys-truck, new clothes, cars
Daniel

Dear Santa,
Bike, bean bag, for my mama- some clothes
Charlea

MRS. BLOODWORTH'S
CLASS ANDERSON KINDER-
GARTEN

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For Christmas I would ask that you visit each boy and girl in my class. They are each one very special to me.
Love, Mrs. Bloodworth

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a book-a Clifford book, a new back pack.
Love, Kayla

Dear Santa,
I would like to talk to you about the stuff I want for Christmas. I love you. You are a nice and good man. I would like a basketball goal and I already have a basketball. I want a blue container to put my X-Wing fighter in. I want a picture of the Tazmanian Devil. I want you to come to my house and see my Mommy and Daddy, and my brand new cat I got.
Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa,
Thank You for some toys. I would like a cart toy, a play doctor set & a Batman toy.
Love, Saul

Dear Santa,
I would like a play dog, a doll and that's all
Love, Jessica

Dear Santa,
I would like some toys, and a motorcycle.
Love, Douglas

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a jig-a-pet, a dolly, a Barney and A Barbie. A teddy bear, book cause my sisters read them to me when I go to bed, and a Taz doll, a Barbie house that goes to the Barbie.
Love Kapres

Dear Santa,
I want a ring and a train. Please come to see my mom, my dad, and my little sister.
Love, Dane

Dear Santa,

I love you a lot. I some thing for Christmas, a Barbie and something for my mom, those things that turns around.
Love, Yury

Dear Santa,
I love you I love the elves and I love your reindeer. I would like a doll.
Love, Brittany

Dear Santa,
I want a big X-wing fighter for Christmas. I want a Y-wing fighter and a light saber. And I would also like a Hot Wheels garage and a video game like Crash Bandicoot and that's all
Love, Vicente

Dear Santa,
I would like some blocks, a fish, a crab & books.
Love, Leslie

Dear Santa,
I want a crime fighter and I want a skating board and I want a magazord, a dinosaur, and a T-Rex and a hockey stick, I want a transformer, power rangers, a hockey mask, and an action figure and a turbo ranger.
Love, Mikael

Dear Santa,
If you could would you bring me a book, could you bring me some crayons, and a T-shirt and a doll and a tape, some tennis shoes and a notebook.
Love Selina

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer, a race car, a magazord, a choo-choo train, a Power Ranger, a car, a doggy, a toy monster truck, Buzz Lightening, and a toy. Also a fire engine, an airplan, a toy man, a Superman toy, and a house.
Love, Jose Fred

Dear Santa,
I want roller blades and a remote control car and a toy motorcycle, and that's all.
Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I love you and I miss you. I want to sing the ABC's for you. I want some presents, make-up and Barbies and new clothes and some rings and pencils and

crayons.
Love, Rachael

Dear Santa,
I already have my presents so I don't have much to say, because I already have my toys. I would like a Talking Tommy. Santa Claus would you visit my parents please.
Love, Eavulisa

Dear Santa,
I want some toys, a dinosaur robot, a new bike, a wideo game, a video game set and that's all.
Love, Zechariah

Dear Santa,
I want a little Robo Cop, a comic book with Batman, a teddy bear, and a transformer robot that can turn to a car or a jet and I want Beast Wars Collection and I just want one Batman and Robin Forever. I want a Batman robot car.
Love, Ruben

MISS HATFIELD'S CLASS
ANDERSON KINDER-
GARTEN

Dear Santa,
I would like a Woody (off of Toy Story) that talks, a spiderman, a red car, some books, a dog, and cat.
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,
I would like; a skateboard, nice clothes, school clothes, nice video, TV with a VCR, and a race car.
Love, Tami

Dear Santa,
I would like a low rider bike, a Nintendo 64, the Mortal Kombat movie, a skateboard and skates. That's all.
Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
I would like; a Kawasaki Ninja blue, a Hercules pocket knife, a new power ranger toy the black with the ax, my cousins to come live with me and a big bad beetle borg.
Love, Cole

Dear Santa,
I would like: a spiderman boot, a wolverine talkie, a power up connects, hot wheel

For Your Shopping
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Mall
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BILL & MARGIE WARD
SHANE, KAREN & STEVI WARD
ANNA SMITH & CANUTO RAMERIZ
Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year!!!

cars, race cars, and a Star Wars figurator.
Love, Michaels

Dear Santa,
I would like: a doll that skates, that microwave that cooks a cake, a barbie, a notebook to write things in and one of those stores with a basket.
Love, Alix

Dear Santa,
I would like; a barbie (a pretty one), books, a jacket, coloring books, and a teddy bear.
Love, Bernadette

Dear Santa,
I would like; some nail polish, stickers, make-up with lip-stick and shiny glitter stuff some puzzle games and I want a tape.
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
I would like stickers, stamps, baby dolls, baby doll clothes, clothes and a keychain.
Love, Jamie

Dear Santa,
I would like; a Sega Saturn, and 3 game boys, a Nintendo 64, a remote control car for my brother, a Franklin book, and a Clifford book.
Love, C.J.

Dear Santa,
I would like; a cyclops, a servo, video game, a walkie talkie, um, let me see a uh, a race car thing with a control, and a return of the jedi.
Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, snow hat, gloves, barbie dolls a Stacie cartwheel, Santa Claus pencil and glitter.
Love, Jamaica

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas; boots, cowboy hat, buckle belt, jeans, necklace with a cowboy hat, and a wallet.
Love, Xavian

Dear Santa,
I would like: skates with hearts, a doll house, a tow truck, a shirt, a candy cane and a book.
Love Brittany

Dear Santa,
I would like; a toy power ranger, shoes that light, new clothes, beetle borg Metallics, and a little ball for my kitty.
Love, Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like; a remote control airplane, a black and pink race car, not a toy control just a race car, a remote control just a control truck and a remote control jeep.
Love, Cory

Dear Santa,
I would like; tools like you work on cars, colors, some

boots, cups, candy and a race car.
Love, Aaron

Dear Santa,
I would like a ornament that looks like a teddy bear, a puppet, and a doodle bear.
Love, Melissa

Dear Santa,
I would like; a barbie car, a TV for my room, a trampoline, new books, glitter, and a chalkboard.
Love, Callie

Dear Santa, I would like; toys, barbies, a doll, a putty and That's all.
Love, Angie

DEAR SANTA
WISH LIST FOR MRS. GARZA'S & MS. RIVERA'S CLASS
LAKEVIEW HEADSTART

Abigail Flores-Barbie, shoes & make-up
David Rios-Sled and all the Reindeers and Rudolph and a button in the sleigh to make it fly

Analysa Rocha-Barbie, Barbie house, make-up and a baby brother
Kristin Zeigler-make-up, horse

Christopher Mims-computer
Dominique Sarmiento-Barbie, watch, bear, computer, make-up, doll, blocks, cookie monster and a jeep.

Saul Cantu-a car that spins it tires with a control
Jacob Garcia-Giant robot, Beast Force Robot, Beattle boy gun.

Chelsea Carrillo-Horse, Barbie, living room set, and a kitchen
Sabrina Gonzales-Barbie and Little mermaid

Rudy Gonzales-Batman toy, batman car
Ashley Saiz-Little mermaid, Barbie & Barbie car

Marcos Mendez-Dog toy, cassette player, bean bag, rector toy
Rasheem Gray-Jeep

Kyle Denemy-Batman & Robin, Batman car, Motorcycle.
St. John Garcia-Batman, batman car & motorcycle
Davonte Roberts-Bike, computer

Valerie Garza-Barbie, telephone, Jeep, ptump doll and a ball
Nathaniel Davila- toys.

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COLLEGE HEIGHTS
Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Closs doing? I hope you're doing fine. could you please get my Mother some winter Clothes? Maybe a little something more. And could you please bring me a set of earrings. I have been very good this year. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Your Friend, Marcy Pineda

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? IF you can will you bring me a teckell me elmo. Can you bring my mom some shoes? If you can will you bring my brothers some pants. If you can will you bring my dad some tool.
Love, Cecilia Franco

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wish you a Mary Christmas to you and Mrs. Santoclos. I wish you can bring me a pretty doll and I hope you can bring any tengthat the world want's to get if you cant its ok because I dont no if peapol selebrat Christmas.
Love, Veronica Beltran

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and Mrs. Cluse? Please may I have some toy? How is Rudolf behaving this year? I've been very good this year. Marry Christmas.
Love, Moshami Hingu

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Santa I hope you get something for christmas and I hope I get something too. I been a little bit bad and a little bit good and I wish you a merry christmas.
Love, Michael Baeza

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm OK but I have been bad this year. I don't deserve a present this year but next year I will be good then I will get a present.
Sincerely, Joe Rivera

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. could you please make the world happy and peaceful? Also could you bring me a remote control car.
Love, Nicolas Portacarrero

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wish you can come down here. Are your reindeer doing good? I been good. Can you bring me a some toys?
Your frined, Ricardo Morales

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Ms. claus doing? I wish the world to be a cleaner place. I want a pear of roll blades. Merry Christmas.
Love, Jerry Saucedo

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been good. I want a remot centerle car and a toy truck for Christmas.
Your frind, Mark Chavera

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today Santa this Christmas I want the world to be in place and I want 10 rings and a gigeppet for Christmas
Love, Silnic

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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Has rudoph been good? Tell him I said "hello". I've realy looked up to christmas this year. Will you please bring me a low rider bide and a play station? O ya please bring my brother a low rider bike and other good toys? I'll have milk and cookies for you. Will you give my sister some cool toys to?
Love, Jacob Cortez

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a very merry Christmas. I hope you and Mrs. Clause have everything you need. I have been very good this year. I hope you bring me please a gigapet, a kitty or frog or a anything. I hope everyone has a very merry Christmas, I hope you bring my teacher Mrs. Gonzalez the thing she wanted.
Your friend, Samantha Pattin

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Cluss doing? I am doing fine. How are youour reindeer doing? Do you know if it is going to snow fro Christmas? Santa can you get me some things that I really want. If you con I am going to tell you what it is. it is a Tweety backpack please. I've been good. That is the only thing I want. Cand you do me a favor make the world happy.
Love, Maria Lujan

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wish you a very great Christmas. I would wander if you could make Mrs. Gonzales wish come true and I wonder if you could please bring me a barbie car and house.
Love, Ana Rosa Zavala

Dear Santa,
I wish my mom won't smoke. Could you please bring me a dog and a cat for Christmas? I hope you and Mrs. Clause are doing good. I want some books too.
Your friend, Chris Salazar

Dear Santa,
These lots of toys that I like. Please don't bring somting big just bring soting little. Mery Christmas Santa.
Sincerely, Karina Vera

Dear Santa,
The Prekindergarten and PreSchool classes at Jack and Jill are counting the days until Christmas

MRS. PHILLIPS FIRST
GRADE
KENTWOOD
Dear Santa,
Please bring me 101 kitins and thay stay little for ever and thay are one inch. I hope it comes troo. And I want a robot and it dus my home. I wood poosh a buten and it wood do that. And I want a Nano puppy. I haf to feed it.
Love, Kassie Andaerson

Dear Santa,
I would like; a remote control airplane, a black and pink race car, not a toy control just a race car, a remote control just a control truck and a remote control jeep.
Love, Cory

Dear Santa,
I would like; tools like you work on cars, colors, some

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Dear Santa,
I want a lot more Sega Genisis games. I want a lot mor boxes of cards. I want a black puppy. I want a cat. I want a lot more presents for my Mom and Dad and all of my friends mimbers.
Your friend, Chris Brooks

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a porselin doll and clows. I want a Barby and Barby clows. I want Operashun. I want a moovy, I want flubber and rockitman. I want a playdow-camera. I want a doodle Bear.
Love, Catlin Carlisle

Dear Santa, Please bring all the children in the world toys. We cant keep are dog cos he gets out,alot.
Love, Breanna Conner

Dear Santa,
Please bring me crossfire. I want that mettle thing. I want a

Dear Santa,
It is cold in Texas. How is it in the north pole? Please bring me roller blades. Are the elfs working hard? Well will you breeng me a trampuleeng and close. Do the ranydeer get cookees? Will you breeng me a doll? I will leev out a spaghetti and grape juice. I do not know if my cousin want's a ball. I want a jumprope. And a kite.
Frum Jordan Fair

Dear Santa,
You are the nicest mean. The elves shold be working hard for you. I hope your all right. I hope you get rest. My mom wants a 100 set puzzle. My brother needs a new teether.
Love, Kacey Freshour

Dear Santa,
Please bring me crossfire. I want that mettle thing. I want a

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car that you can fix. I'll take in anything else. but I love you Santa. I am in Kentwood First Grade. Lanny Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a Texas tek wach. and a Nike hat. in my stocking I want a moove and a football and may be a basballbat. and a Gigapet dog.
Love, Cade Hollandsworth

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph have a cold? I hope he gets well for Christmas. Please bring me a remote control fire truck.
Love, Justin Holsenbeck

Dear Santa,
Please bring me baby so rill and for my puppy a bone. A video game, a big bone for Seezer. The bone will be 24 inches.
Love, Ariel Johnson

Dear Santa,
How is the northpole? I want a Barbypouse and a book. I want some close.
Love, Brianna Palmer

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Christmas presents for Christmas. Santa, Christmas is in fourteen days. Christmas is a fun holiday. their are twelve holidays in a year.
Love, Kade Parker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a my size Barby. Please I want a Pogostick and a jumprope and one pair of pink boots. I want my own robot to do everything and a shatbord with a handol and thats is it.
Love, Mallory Smith

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an intindo sstium with Sonick the vidyo games Jurassic parkk the vidyogaame and the Little Mermade the vidyogame. a Gig a pet and a skate bord a puppy.
Love, Jesse Stone

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. How is the wether at the north pole? Here in big Spring it's cold here. I wish you amary Christmas
Love, M'Lyn Swinney

Dear Santa,
Please tell me if I'm bad or good. I want a puppy. I want Repunsl Barbie. My family may put a candle. Please make Macy lfke me. Make sher you put lots of things in my stocking. Santa has a good Christmas.
Love, Katie Tompkins

Dear Santa,
May I have a food mart in kitchen lttles and a Barby for Crissmiss. O! and my bruther wants a rode grader from you.
Love, Whitney Worthan

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. Please bring me a bunch of toys. We put the Christmas tree up. I helped. I like the front yard lights.
Kody Willis

MRS. HENDRICKSON'S
FIRST GRADE
KENTWOOD
Dear Santa Clause,
I've been good this year. I want lots of toys. I want a tranpoline, Barbie baby care center, easy bake oven tin set, Barbie clothes. God bless you and Merry Christmas!
Yours Truly, Stephanie Jackson

Dear Santa Clause,
I want an Alien Ggapet. and I want a skateboard. and I relly want two pet cats. I love you very much.
Brandon Batten

Dear Santa Clause,
My mon wants a pair of earrings, I will leave cookies for you, I wan a fingernail salon.
Mariah Sparkman

Dear Santa Claus,
I want E-Z Bakeoven. I also want Fingernail Salon. I will try too rimember too leev you some cookies.
Love, Chelsea Hecker

Dear Santa Clause,
I've been good this year. I want a Fingernail Salon, a Stroller a Tv a Skate board, and I want the moovie Free Willy, and a Stroller. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Ambrie Schaffner

Dear Santa Clause,
I hope you are safe. My mom talked to you about my Brother and my Tv's. My brother and I want a Gega Pet.
Love, Heather Ray Coyle

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a toy Barbie and some Barbie close for my Barbie I

want a train. Santa Clause I Love you.
From, Samantha Amos

Dear Santa Clause,
I want three tents, a jump rope and one neck tie. I will try to get you cookies. Have a good night.
Love, Matthew Paul

Dear Santa Clause,
I want some roller blades, a Little Free Willy, and a big hulahoop. Thank you. My mom want you to have a good night.
Love, Sarah Freeman

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a pair of Nike shoos, I want a Volcano Blowowt. My mom will want som earrings. My Dad will want new knife I will leev you some cookies. Have a good night.
Love, Coby Landis

Dear Santa Clause,
I want Triplets. and Mom wants perfume. My Dad wants a drill. I will be at my Grandmas so I will leave cookies and milk there.
I love you Santa, Kaci Woolf

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a skateboard, slingshot and a hulahoop. I would like a FreeWilly movie for the family. Thank you for the things you give us.
Love, Kyle Larpenter

Dear Santa clause,
I would like some roller blades, Triplets, a Magic Stroller, and a jumprope. I will have some cookies by the fireplace. How Are you?
Love, Brooke Felts

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a doll, a Barbie, a Soft Bear, some clothes and a Babydoll. I want bubbles. Please may I have a necklace.
From, Brittany Gray

Dear Santa,
I Want a bike and megzords I Love you, Cody Holsenbeck

MRS. WOOKALL'S SECOND GRADE
KENTWOOD
Dear Santa,
How are things at the North Pole? I would like Take care of me triplets. Tons of barbies too. Has Rudolph changed? Dancer is my favorite reindeer. Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Allison Banks

Dear Santa,
Today is a very cold day in Big Spring. It's so cold not even Rudolph can go through this town. For Christmas I want som CD's and some Nintendo sixty-four games.
Your friend, Zack Dawson

Dear Santa,
How are the elf's doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I wnat a turbo man for Christmas. I want a new hocky stick.
Your friend, James David Mattson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a nintido 64 for Christmas. I want a pool table for Christmas to.
Your friend, Lance Gross

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gigapet and a Lost World Jarassic Park race track and I want a Lost world adault T-rex that comes with a musle and a wonder world set with peranas.
Your friend, Philip Tackett

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope things are going good up at the North Pole. I want to

know if it is very cold a t the North Pole. Now I will begin telling you what I want for Christmas. I want a coputer with game to play on it. And I want a cd player I want a working out Barby!
Your friend, Nita Cotton

Dear Santa,
I can't wait until Christmas day. How is your raindeer exshely rudolph! Thes are the three Things Teen Skiper! new bike and to spend my Christmas with my daddy on the morning that he came.
Love, Kady Knox

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! How are things going at the North Pole? I can't wate uintl Christmas is heree! Are you ready Santa? For Christmas I want a puppy a real on too! A black dog with white spots. Nice meeting you.
Your friend, Randy Phillippe

Dear Santa Claus,
Iv been wanting some nike shoes. and a mountain bike, some roller blades, some race car hot wheels track, and a skate bord. How is Rudolph doing?
Your friend, Austin Hufford

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeers? I don't care what you get me for Christmas. Oh ya I almost forgot to say ho ho ho Merry Christmas. I want a Hanson shirt so I can wer it to school.
Your friend, Katie Kistler

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things at the North Pole? It's cold in Big Spring today. How are Rudolph and Comet and the other reindeer and are any of the reindeer sick and how is Mrs. Claus? And for Christmas I want alot of presents.
Your friend, Kyle McDaniel

Dear Santa Claus,
I want for Christmas is Nitendo 64. The games I want is Duke Kon, Super Mareo, The Lost wold of Drastkik Park. And that is the thigns that I want for Chrismas.
Your friend, Alicia Bess

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and the other doing? I hope you make it this year! I hope it is a white Christmas! Christmas morning I get up first and wake my Mom and Dad we open presents.
Your friend, Leah Hughes

Dear Santa Claus,
I kow what I want to get for Christmas. Aunt Judy Uncle Lee and Lindsey, Sammy Buddy. I bleav in you. Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Emily Slape

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things doing at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? Is she busy? How is Rudolph? I can't wait until Christmas/
Your friend, Crystal Ward

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a TV and gb club, a quarder-back football game or Nentendo 64 a cool game thats why I want it.
Your friend, Colten Watson

Dear Claus,
Ho i cold is it at the north pole. Are you going to bring Rudolph. Im on the good list or Im on the bad list. do you no wunt.
Your friend, Tyler Hudgins

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole Santa? Are you doing good? I want for Christmas is a remot controle car. How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer?
Your friend, Keegan Kent Cooke

Dear Santa,
The Pre-Kindergarten and Pre-School classes at Jack & Jill are counting the days until Christmas. We have tried really hard to be good this year. Please say hi to Mrs Santa Claus and pet Rudolph for us. We will leave you milk and cookies. We know that you and the Elves are really busy, but please add these things to your list. Thank you.

Travis Detrick age 4 wants lots of cars
Richard Grant age 4 wants a fire truck
Sebastian Grett age 4 wants a Woody and Buzz Lightyear
Ricky Hirzel age 5 wants a fire truck and cars
Timothy Horton age 5 wants a fire truck and fire dog
Benjamina Rios age 4 wishes for everything
Mara Sheets age 4 a Barbie car
Stormi Smith age 5 wants a Reindeer and a Barbie car
Krista Tarleton age 4 a Barbie car you can sit in
Krissy Thomas age 5 a ring around the Rosie doll
Clint Vaugh age 5 a bat mobile car you sit in
Jacob Wylie age 4 cars
Caleb Autry age 4 remote control car
Lacey Lawerance age 5 real makeup and real finger nail polish
Reba Smith age 3 doll with a bed
Chris Arnet age 3 boat
Marytza Nino age 3 Barbie makeup
Tori Endtricht age 3 a puppy
Rene Deleon age 3 a fire truck
Corey Autry age 3 a jeep you can drive
Johnny Rangel age 3 Power Rangers & Batman
Brittany Moore age 3 a teddy bear
Taryn Soto age 3 a baby and a bottle

Washington Elem. Rm. 7
Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some bed sheets and a hedge hog, a go cart new clothes for Christmas.
Love Britney

Dear Santa,
I what a baby cat and big dog facke dog and a DteDv Suvf and a GiGy pet.
Love Malinda

Dear Santa,
I want a crashback, and rollerblades teddybear, bus-slight years, skateboard, computer, saga genesis.
Love Scott

Dear Santa,
I want a girl Dalmatians puppy and a cd player and play station.
Love Tracey

Dear Santa,
I want a gigiapet a bike, a CD player a computer a sweate a coat a ninetindo, a book, some skates and clothes, some rings.
Love Roxanne

Dear Santa,
I want a play station a CD player a nintindo 64 a nintindo a remot conto car, a computer go cart crash back.
Love Augustine

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a necklace and a music box.
Love Mary

Dear Santa,
I want lots of giga pet computer cd player bike move.
Love Julie

Dear Santa,
I want a bike a play station giga pit a tran set.
Love Rudy

Dear Santa,
I want a five speed and a giga pet.
Love, Ambe Sime

Dear Santa,
I want a giga pet and ballet slippers.
Love Whitney

Dear Santa,
I want a giga pet CD player play station cpmuter cloths

nike shoes socks girls.
Love Angela

Washington Elem. Rm 6
Dear Santa,
I thank you are the best in the Ho! Ho! world. Would you bring me a gold car please.
Thank you, Darius McCalster

Dear Santa,
I think you are great. I have tride to be a good boy. I want a low rider bike.
Merry Christmas, Mario Salazar

Dear Santa,
You are very good to little boys and girls. Can I have a pair of skates and a pool table.
Thank You Santa, Tommy Canales

Dear Santa,
Thankge you for the snow and the Christmas. I want a giga pet dog and a giga pet dinesor and sum skates.
Love, Shelby Walton

Dear Santa,
I think you are great. And I wood like a chicken limbo and a doll.
Thank you, Kaylea Pope

Dear Santa,
You are good to me I hope you bring lots of presents. I want a cat gigga pet I want a puppy dog I want some hight heels. I want some roller blades. I want some makeup I want some headbands. I want a bike.
Love, Kaila Thompson

Dear Santa,
I like it when you go ho. ho. ho. Would bring me a puppy and I wish you would bring me a chia pet.
Merry Christmas, Brittany Smith

Dear Santa,
I like it when you bring other kids presents too. I rilly tried to be good this year. I want a white teddy, a barbe van, and some roller blades. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Love, Stephanie Sullivan

Dear Santa,
You are the HO HO best. I

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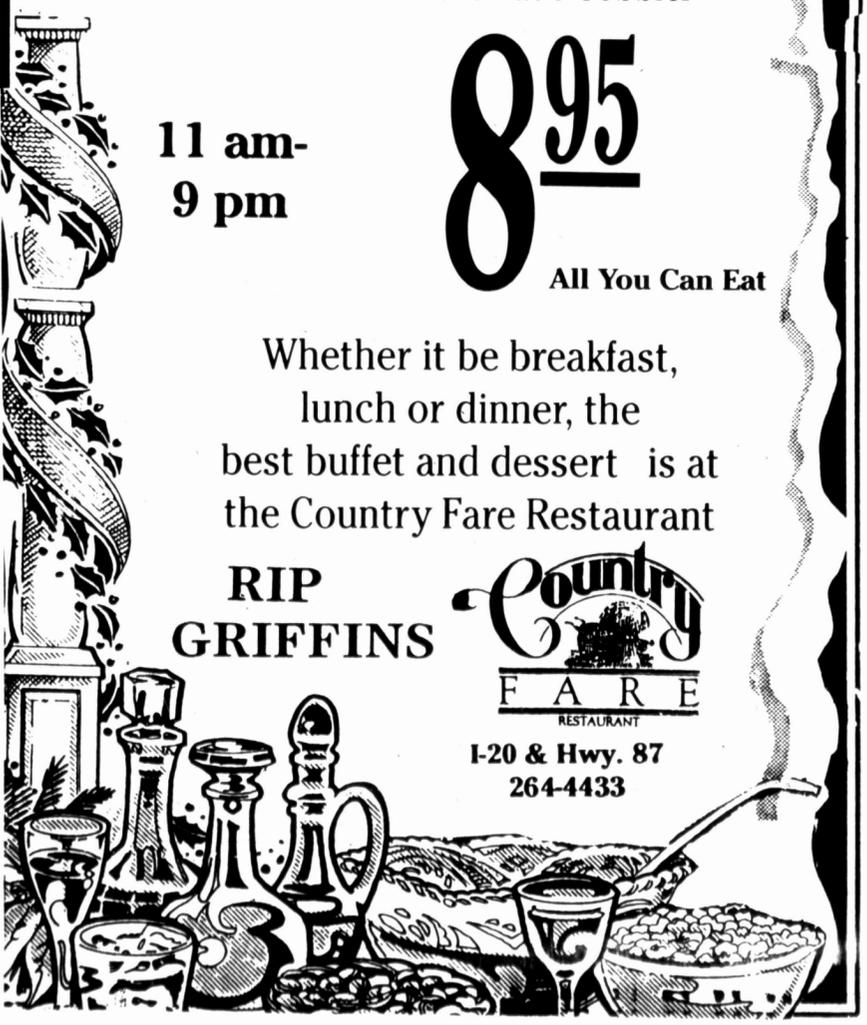
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hope I see you this year. I want a low rider bike and a 101 Dalmation gigga pet. Merry Christmas.
Love, Richard Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I think you are the neatest. I would like a bike. Merry Christmas to you Santa.
Love, Apollo Dunlap

Dear Santa,
I think you are the beast in the world. Bring me a puppy.
Merry Christmas, Priscilla Silva

Dear Santa,
Me and My sister think that you and your reindeer are great especially roodoff I like him because his nose shines so bright. Please bring me a computer, a Football, and Roller blades.
From, Stephen Brady

Dear Santa,
I think your elves are great. I thing you are very kind. Plez I want a cowboy jacket Plez I want a bike My sister wants a bird cage and a white cat plez I want sume roller skates.
Merry Christmas, Megan Hilario

Dear Santa,
I want some rolrblas. and I want to tell you that you and yor elvs and rander to that yol are nice. I want some rolrblas and I wish to kepe my puppy becus I love her a lot.
Love Heather Peebles

Dear Santa,
I think you are great, I want a mountain bike and a prosped remote control car.
Love, Johnny Zamdrano

Dear Santa,
I theenk your slay is cool. I have been good this year. I whant a chicken Limbou and I want a gum mushehn.
Love, Amanda Hernandez

Washington Elem.
Rm 17 Mrs. Faulkner

Dear Santa,
hi how are you my name is Stephanie Gonzales this is what I would like for christmas an bike a nail set, an trampiling, and all sorts of things well goto to go buy PS I will see you on Christmas.
Your Friend, Stephanie Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a low rider bike and a monster truck and a monster car and a police car and a puppy dog for my littel brother tony and a puppy santa has a white beard.
Sergio Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I have dark brown hair and eyes. I am 8 yrs old. My name is Stephanie Rae Sanchez. My school's nae is Washington Elm. I want a cd player and some batters and earphones. some dolls, some barbies. And I want Joy to the World.
Your friend, Stephanie Rae Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a TV I want a stero I want a sega I want the mortal combat movie I want cat I want a geica pet.
Your Friend, Megan Salazar

Dear Santa,
I like to hav a bike and a gotkr and palslepa
Chad Quiroz

Dear Santa,
I am 8 years old name Trevor.

I go to Washington school. My eyes are brown. I live in Big Spring. I want a Tatum a New Ral green van for my DaD. Then a dentis barbie for my sister.
Your Friend, Trevor Davila

Dear Santa,
Hay Santa I wut a gija pet and bike.
Marvin Gross

Dear Santa,
howe are you Me fine i dust want to tel you wut i wont for krismas he it is i wont a bike and skates and nintinto and cowboys t-serite and i ges thats all.
Your friend, David Marquez

Dear Santa,
I want to teach my brother a very good lesson, I want some family and friends over on Christmas day. I want a big turkey full of dressing. I want a race car. I want to buy my mother something for Christmas.
Love, Kevin p.s. don't scare my mother when she gets in. love Kevin Thomas agian.

Dear Santa,
I want a ninobaby and a book self I wish the class will go a quiet for the whole school year. I want a jacket to I want a tweety woch and miney doll.
Krista Garza

Dear Santa,
How were you me fine I just want to tell you what I want for Christmas is a bunthch of clothes and my size respnzble I don't how to spell it but that our right and I want that thing were see in curmsure were you cook on your own.
Your friend, Rhonda

Dear Santa,
I want a toy calld Tantrum but my mom and dad say every christmas I get a car and brake it but they still work.
Your friend, Michael Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
My nae isMonica. How are you doing. well as for me I am doing fine. I want some nice close for me and any kind of book.
Your friend, Monica

Dear Santa,
I want a California Roller girl. I want a dog and a cat. just born both. I want a toy and an animal bag back. I like to read so it you'd like you can get me some book I am in thrid grade so I would get thick books.
Merry Christmas, Stephanie Lopez

Dear Santa,
I am telling you about myself. I have a broken foot. And I have green eyes. I am eight years old. Do you now what I want? I want a dog giga pet. And a cat giga pet. I live at 1009 Nolan. My school is Washington Elementry. And I have a siste in the school. Her name is Lindsey.
Sincely, Lisa Maxwell

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike and clouse for me and I need boots. I want ras car and a Nitendo 64.
Your friend, Adrian

Dear Santa,
I want a red low rider bike. and a mounaion bike, and a puppy a very very nice puppy and a nitendo 64 and harley davison a real motrocycle and a rap tape hanson tape and a toy car a very very cool toy car.
Cody Connaly

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas what I realy what for christmas is a lost World of Jereisk Park long long truck and the trasher t-rez it kiks and moives its head. I will like some people please. I already have the man that has a looking like a air plane. I will like nothing ecept lost world of juresik park I want the lost world of jusesice park medicine center.
Merry Christmas from Weston Graham

Washington Elem.
Mrs. Drake
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I wot a book and a barb and a bear and a black and white cat.
Codi Franco

Dear Santa,
I like a toy bike. Santas elfs are good forinds you are the best forind.
Kendall Awtry

Dear Santa,
I wot a cat I wot a bick I wot a tint
Johnny Rogers

Dear Santa,
I want a cat and book I like you and I have a dog and flag I like you Santa.
Jackie Rainer

Dear Santa,
I want a dolly and booc and a cat and a presit and a dog and rabbit.
Laura Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a toy doll toy cat and Magic stoller baby.
Carlita Green

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a pig and a black cat and a dog a golde fish.
Ryan Klaassen

Dear Santa
I want a cat for christmas I want a black cat or a pet.
Shelbi Stewart

Dear Santa,
I like you to by me a bike and a book and a blak cat and blue dog.
Heather Guerra

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a scatse and sled.
Ramiro Marquez

Dear Santa,
I wot a cat and a dog and robot and a dinosaur and money.
Merry christmas Anthony Solis

Dear Santa,
I wot a race cur raser and a bisicool.
Lupe Cruz

Dear Santa,
I want a bis and blox and lagoos and a fish and a pusll.
Joe Garcia

Dear Santa,
I won An ub wish mougleoll-ble jingle all the way.
Kelly Campbell

Washington Elem.
Mrs. Schwetner
1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I wut a train Christmas want car barbie.
Crystal

Dear Santa,
tools su perman christmas want barbie
Miranda

Dear Santa,
I wish for a big power ranger and a remote control car.
Matthew

Dear Santa,
I want a moita bike.
From Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I wot Barbie kloz aed bikof buk and taded.
From Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I want a dog ad a cat ad a tools ad a race car.
Michael

Dear Santa,
Me want Christmas gun bike tools train motorcycle.
Audrey

Dear Santa,
I wod like you to ge me a red bick and green bick.
Love Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I wut a bike race cars truck tool gun motorcycle.
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I wut a Santa from race car bike truck motorcycle.
Aaron

Dear Santa,
I want blue bike.
John

Dear Santa,
I wont mi siz basing Barbie and a Barbie gepe and Barbie blanket.
Maria

Dear Santa,
I want a purple bike wiff five gears. I bin good.
Brandon

Dear Santa,
I wot red bike gun pool necl bike big.
Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I wot a bick blue good. I wot a Santaro
From Josh

Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Chesworth

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I like you too! Please bring everyone some presents. I hope Christmas will be a fun day. I hope your reindeers are okay.
Love, Crystal

Dear Santa,
My presents, toys please bring them to my house.
Love, Mary Jo

Dear Santa,
You are so nice cause you deliver presents to the kids I hope you have fun delivering presents to the children. I want a Barbie for Christmas.
Love, Arelle

Dear Santa,
I love you very much. I want real talking Bubba, spiderman, duck punching bag, and a big doll for my sister. Star Wars and a bear to sleep with. I want to send you something. I love you very much. Thank you.
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus> I hope you thin a lot about making toys for kids for Christmas. Some people say you're not real but thats not true because you are. I know all the kids in the world like when you come on Christmas Santa I know you are coming will you bring me

the Phantom Ranger toy.
Love, Colton

Dear Santa,
You want a present. I want a present. A sword present that makes noise. My sister wants a Barbie and we want a big teddy bear I want a Garfield toy. How do you got a reindeer? Do you have five reindeers. I saw you in a book.
Love Andy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for coming at Christmas I hope you make it through the winter snow. That you for whatever you bring me. Thank you if you bring me what I want. I want a computer and a Barbie. Thank you.
Love Courtney

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys. Put them under my tree. Thank you for my presents. Bring me something pretty. Will you come back again for Christmas? Please bring stuff for my family.
Love Veronica

Dear Santa,
I want to get a toy. I want a Christmas book. I want to learn my letters. I want to see you.
Love Terel

Dear Santa,
I want a bike I want a the mote control cars. I want to go to the North Pole with you. Can I go to your house.
Love Juan

Dear Santa,
I want a intendo 64 and a batmobile with a batman in it and control.
Love Anthony

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa, I want a choo choo train because my brother tore it up. I want another motorcycle that has a string.
Love Erick

Dear Santa,
I want a socking Ninja, a real, talking Bubba, How are you and your reindeer? How is your Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? Is it very cold up there.
Love Tim

Dear Santa,
How you doing? I'm doing fine. Are you doing alright? I'm going to give you a present. Bring me a bike for Christmas. Will you give me a Christmas tree? Can I have a new shirt with Santa Claus on it?
Love Ebony

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I want real talking Bubba. I want a piggy bank, an ink pad, paints. How are your elves? How do your elves make your toys? I want a toy train. I want new pencils.
Love, Travis

Dear Santa,
I love you I want something for Christmas I really really want. It's a baby doll. How are

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May the wonder of His love guide you now and forever.

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you doing and your elves and your reindeer?

Love Abby

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all of my presents. I'm glad I got presents. I know I'll like whatever I got. I love you. I see alot of Santas. I'm waiting for Christmas to come. I'm glad that you bring presents.

Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,

I like two dolls well I'll see you at the night time I'd like to see you today but I had to ride the bus. I'm staying on my crayon box.

Love, Mary Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

Give a present, a bike.

Love, Gilbert

Dear Santa,

Is me Audrey I been a good Little girl I help Mam with Vacuum I like to have the Doll with the spoon, I want a skate board AND a VCR IF Daddy OK's IT, AND A surprise gift I Love you SanTa I Hope you have A Nice Christmas

Audrey

MRS WILKIE KINDER-GARTEN

ANDERSON

Dear Santa,

I want a cat and a puppy. I want pencils, chalkboard, and a rat. I want a Christmas tree.

Love, Sonya

Dear Santa,

I want a Super Nintendo, Batman, and Hercules.

Love Enrique

Dear Santa,

I love you. I wish you would give me lots of presents. Do you love my family? Do you like my tree? Do you like the lights on my tree? I would like you to bring me cars and barbies.

Love Crystal

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, a bear and presents. A movie.

Love Stacey

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie bike and a baby that crawls and falls and picks herself up. And I want the Barbie that wears real make-up. I want a Barbie car, and I want the teacher Barbie.

Love, Minilli

Dear Santa,

I want a go cart that charges up and a playstation and a fake doggie and a monkey. I want a pencil for Christmas. I want a copy of the classroom rules.

Love, Mathew

Dear Santa,

I Love you. I want a Barbie car and a doll. I want fake makeup. I talked to you at the mall. You love my baby brother and you love me.

Love, Vanessa

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a motorcycle.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa,

Make it snow. I want a trophy, Michael Machine, Play Station and games for it. And I want a Talking Tommy Doll, and I want Spike Dog, Angelica doll, and a Chucky doll.

Love, Damian

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and a bicycle. A belt, Abuzz light year.

Love, Justin

Dear Santa,

I want skittles inside my sock. Movies inside my sock and an apple. I want a baby white dog to play with. I want a colored picture inside my sock.

Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,

I want a toy, a Choo-Choo train, a car, and a motorcycle.

Love, Alberto

Dear Santa,

I want that computer thing at Wal-Mart, and I want a new bike. I want a helmet. And I want a trumpet.

Love, Brenna

Dear Santa,

I want a van that when you push the button, it goes around and around. I want a little doggy, it's a toy and a motorcycle.

Love, David P.

Dear Santa,

You look cute in your suit. I want for Christmas a Barbie car, a cat, a barbie bike, whistle, and a stamp.

Love, Tanekia

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want a remote control car, a car that when I pull it back it goes by itself, and I want a Batman toy. And I want the Batman car and a car and a trumpet.

Love, David U.

Dear Santa,

I want Barbie and Ginger, and I want a car and the boat hooks up to it. Some Barbie clothes.

Love, Shannon

Dear Santa,

Thanks for the food. Please give me a doll for Christmas.

Love, Mary

Dear Santa,

I want seven Walkie Talkies, a gun, a fake one, a flashlight, a little puppy, a monkey that goes up and down.

Love, Maxima

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Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is you Santa!!!!!! How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How old is Rudolph? How many elf's do you have? Do you love Christmas? How many Reindees do you have? What are you going to get me? Would you get me a Giga Pet?

Your friend, Allison Ward

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie for Christmas and nails and long hair. and How is M.s. Claus and how is Rodolph and all of the reindeer. And I want a new Rapunzal Barbie my size. How are you doing Santa?

Your friend, Allie Moreno, I love you.

Dear Santa,

How are you? My Brother wants a 64 Impala and I want a Caloforna Roller girl. My other Brother wants a Impala and I want a Giga Pet and a bubble gum Barbie and a shopping Barbie and a Brushing teeth baby. How is Mrs. Santa Claus? I be it's hard work over there. Tell the elf's that I said Hi good by.

Your friend, Nadia Garcia P.S. am I on the good list or the bad list this year?

Dear Santa, I want stlts and a pogostick I want to know how are you. I hope you are doing fine. How do you know all the children in the world? I would like a Grant Hill pogo stick. I want John Elway stlts. I want Nintendo 64. I want a computer. I want the game chip's challenge. I want the centipede Game. I like John Elway, I want the Alanden game on my

Dear Santa,

I want a game called jumanji and some cars and cards and some gigapet and some candy and a mortal combat movie.

Wesley Rawls

Dear Santa,

I want a game called jumanji and some cars and cards and some gigapet and some candy and a mortal combat movie.

Your friend, Gabby

Dear Santa,

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Nintendo. I want the battle zone game on my computer. I want to know how cold it is up there. how is Rudolph. I hope he is doing fine. I want the Donkey kong Game on my Nintendo. I want the Astroid game on my computer. I want the Missil comand on my computer. I want a fighting game op my Nintendo.

You freind, Garrett Colwell

Dear Santa,

How is the wethe up there? Ores is cold some times I do not like it. I would like a boom box with two tape players and a C.D. player on it. How is Rudolph? Does his nose still glow red? I would like six more geagpets one of them is the big baby. Also like a sopping cool barby. Am I on the good or bad list? And I would like the game Jmonji. Are the elvs bissy this Chrismis? My Unkle Cody came down he is trying to find a job. Please leve him a note so you can help him please. I remeber when you left us a fake tree that was sweet of you the last thang I want is a black cat with blue eyes and a real dimined coller.

Love, Chelsy Nanny

Dear Santa,

I want a viteo Game. with games Aand a box of colors and mortal combat and the game and I want a doll. and a computer and piano. and a Nike shoes and pants. and a bike. How is Mrs. Santa? and rudolph reindeer?

Yore freind, Diana Flores

Dear Santa,

I want a game called jumanji and some cars and cards and some gigapet and some candy and a mortal combat movie.

Your friend, Brandon Ontiveros

Dear Santa,

I want a pony. How is rudolph? Can you get My bother a truck for christmas. And My other bother a play gun for christmas.

Your fraind; Autumn Munoz

Dear Santa,

How are you today tell Rudolph I Love him Ok. I hope you have alot of toys for all kinds of kid's at christmas ok. And be kind. Can you give me a gigapet please pretty please do you want milk and cookie for christmas? please say yes so I can give you sum. If you do not want sum say no ok. I Love you. Santa even my mom my dad Nick Ornoles to Ana Ornales Chris Ornales Stefanie Carrasco.

Your friend, Jonathon Bustamante

Dear Santa,

I really want a boy dog and is your reindeer all right. I want a sega and a sega game. A, gigapet I want home Alone III George of the jungle and Jumanji movie.

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Girl. And how is Rudolph? Are your elves making more than 100 toys? How is Mrs. Claus doing?

Love, Amber Torres

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 and a game The game is Starfox and Didy Kong Racing and Wave Race and for my little sister wats a Doll and for me I want men in black.

Your friend, Nicholas Mendez

Dear Santa,

I want tantrum, crash back. My sister Juduth wants Mooving Grooving Barbie. Do you get Christmas presant? I want a sega saturn.

Your friend, Geoffrey Treece

Dear Santa,

I Saw you on The hay ride. I want a 49er Jacket. It is cold in texas. Is it cold at the Northpole? How are you? Can you send me \$50.00?

From Michael Chandler, P.S. Nintendo 64 Thank you for being so nice also Mario cart.

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo 64 How is rudolph? How are your elves? Am I on the bad list or the good list?

Your friend, Brandon Ontiveros

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fine santa and a Nintendo 64 computer.

your freind, Justin Franco

Dear Santa,

Remeber wen I rote you well I'm just going to write you about something. Were you at the parade? put a check in yes or no pleas. yes no Santa do you know what else I want? If you do please give it to me please Santa! When you are some singing it. write a letter back to me after christmas and give the other letter to me pleas santa thankyou! happy christmas

your friend, Desirrae Garza

Dear Santa,

It must be hard work to deliver toys to the good children. Could you tell you smartest elf to make a blue car with a string to pull on fo rmy baby brother. I want a computer for Christmas. PS. Am I on the good list this year? P.S.S. And Merry Christmas!

your friend, Bilal A. Muzaffar

GARDEN CITY ELEMEN-

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Dear Santa

I want a Game boy and a car Sergio

Dear Santa,

I want a Gameboy a dartbord a new bick and a sega. Ps i will try to be good.

John

Dear Santa,

I want a Tyco RC Slammer. I want a Playstaition game called Crash Bantikoop 2. I want a NCAA football game for Sega gamegear. Two boxes of Remington 223 shells and a cartridge of pellets and in my stockin I just want Hersheys and Reses for candy.

Lincerly yours, Alex Halfmann

Dear Santa,

I know I have not been perfect this year so I only put a few things on my list That could be...1. ricache race care "like Chase's" 2. cds 3. big cd case. That's all I want for Christmas. Santa when you put things in my stocking please put some in my blue jean pocket.

Love, Kristen Buzbee

Dear santa,

I wut a sege saturn or ntido 64 with NHL hockey game and a football game. And a telcoop. And I would also like some football cards. I will also like a game boy

Ryan

Dear Santa

I want a Gameboy a dartbord a new bick and a sega. Ps i will try to be good.

John

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John

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Dear Santa
I want many special things for Christmas. 1. Play station 2 new bike (ten speed) 3 three white pups one boy two girls, 4 cookie from Mrs. Santa 5 tantrum (litrick car) 6 A good christmas for my family 7 Game Gear
P.S I try to be good say hello to Mrs. Sant and give the elf a chair for the good work and say hello to the raindeer.
Love JR

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I brushed my teeth without mom telling me to. I made my bed without my dad telling to Now I want to tell you what I want for Christmas.
1. Super Sonic Ear. 2. A case for Little Debbie 3. Samantha The America Girl Book collection. 4. Megan The Magic Attic Club Book collection. 5. Stock showing cloths.6. Gigapet
Love, Marissa

Dear Santa
I wish for rollblade and a puppy. Santa em I on the Bad list or em I on the good list yes or no. Santa I wish for a game to. and clons to. That is all I want from you Santa.
by: Maryann

Dera santa,
I would lik thes toys..... 1. I would like to have a hors. 2. I would like to have a hasper. 3. I would like a rabit. 4. I wold like a dog and a cat.
Love Tina

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a 1. gig-ga pet 2. sega game 3. hamock 4 teddy bear 5 nintendo 64 6 JOrge of the Jungle video tape
Love K'Lann

Dear Santa Claus,
This is my chrismas lita: 1. A remote control car (tantrum) 2. A board game (monopoly) 3. A nintendo 64, and games 4. A cd player, cds, and head phones
Sincerly, Colton

Dear, Santa
I have been very good this year. I have helped my family and freindsk.. I would like to tell you what I whant for Chistmas. A cumppus giga pet lick lassket lall lassketlass gole and Molly the doll and the caleckshen of th American Girl Molly. I will be even better next year. Merry Christmas
Love, Laciaia Bruton

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas very much. Christmas is my favorite holiday. There is a bunch of toys I want but I will put some of them. For Christmas I want. 1. A remote control car. 2. a bunch of computer games 3. Some clothes. 4. Plus please get a bunch of stuff for my Dad, Mom and my dog plus me. santa please bring me everthing I want. Bring gifts for my hole family and my dogs.
love Stacey Halfmann

Dear Santa,
I I want a biceel for christmas 2 I want a C.d. for christmas. 3 I want a video for christmas.4. I want a C.d. player for christmas. 5. I want a tap player for christmas 6 I want a dog for christmas 7 I want a cat for christmas 8 That is what i I want for christmas
Autumn

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for christmas: 1. a remote control car 2. Madden Football '97 on Sega Genesis 3. a computer cd-rom
Sincerely, Taylor

Dear Santa..
Hello, Santa. You can send me toys but I would really like you to give home to people that don't have home so they don't have to live in the forests anymore.
Your Friend, David Neufeld

Dear Santa,
I don't care what I get but I do care is what people without gifts get you can take half of my presents and give them to the homeless people without gifts.
Sincerely Yours, Robert Lopez

Dear Santa,
You can give me all you want but all I really want is for each and every child in the world to have a safe home and be away from all evil. Especially the children who have been hurt by their own parents.
Love, Megan Niehues

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want, people to stop abusing their children because lots of kids die because of that. That is all I want for Christmas this year.
Your Friend, Trey Hillger

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is for all children to have peaceful, loving home where caring and compassion are taught. I want all children to have nutritious food, warm clothes, and an opportunity to live each day fearless and with joy in their hearts. Give to each child just a little of the love I grew up with and the world would be a truly wonderful place to live.
Love Deborah

Dear Santa,
I would like for my Uncle Larry to live more than just two years and get better, because he has cancer.
Sinceraly, Krystal Sullivan

Dear Santa,
For this Christmas I wold like for the people that don't have anything to eat or wear, like the people in Africa that arelway in war, and most of them die, and for the people that have problems and can't sove them. Well Santa thats' all I want for Christmas.
You truly Ana Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
A lot of people are dyeing today because some people don't have homes. They shiver in the winter on streets. They die because lack of food or water. Please help up Santa.
Love, Chase

Dear Santa,
I wish for every child who does not have food to eat and nothing to wear or even no place to live, to have one this year. Because I don't want to go to town and see someone ashing for food of a ride
Love, Jessica Saverance

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like my sisters and my relationship with each other to be better. I would like my sister not to be so mean to me and me not to be mean to her
Sincerely, Timothy Schniers

Dear Santa,
For Christmas the thing that I want is someone poor and doesn't have very good clothes to get some GAP overalls. I know I want those extra bad but, that person really needs it.
Sincerely, Amanda Hirt

Dear Santa,
I would like to give someone I know the apportunity not to

smoke anymore, because if that someone gets lung cancer or even die I'g going to get extremeley sad, I also going to miss them very much.
Love, Raquel Lopez

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a B.B. gun and a computer and a Christmas book.
From, Peter Fehr Neufeld

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a Giga pet, a cumputer for kids a gocart My own bascetball cout and my own C.D. sideplayer and a nintindo 64.
From, Lyza Lopez

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is I want my own football feild and I want a viper, I want a little brother. I want Troy Akman otergraf. I want to play little lege football.
From O.J.

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is, I wont a football for Christmas and a go cart for Christmas.
From, Clint

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a rabbit and a rudolph and a lot a candy and a balloons and a basketbol and doll to and a piano and a computer with a printer and a new boy barbie.
From, Elia Briseno

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a comper and some balloons and gigapet and a comper printer.
From, Agatha Wiebe

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a glow in the dark football. Nike socks a Dallas Cowboy watch. roller blades. F-14 Tomcat The Lost World Jrasic Park.
From, Eric Hirt

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a basketbal court and a toy car and a football and a car.
From Nick Sanchez

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a B.B. gun and some B.B.s and a helmet for a bike and a diamond and 4 nana babys and a gocart and a comeputer.
From, Jesus

Dear Santa,

My Christmas wish is my own sewing machin. A canary bird. A piano. My own C.D. My own makeup and jewelry.
From, Whitney Kellermeyer

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a C.d. player a sewing machin an Ice cream maker. a basketball c.d's dicney and mikle peaderson and tats al.
From, Britney

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is to meet you and Mrs. Claus and a stuffed Rudolph.
From, Mikela

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is C.D. player, giga pet, Nike cap, Liane Raims C.D., a surprise, soccer ball.
From, Amy

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wih is My own chapter books, compter, giga pet, Dallas Cowboy blanket. CDs and a CD player.
From, Wade Jansa

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a Daytona 500 because I like racing and 3 chargable cars and 2 pullback cars and a nano baby.
From, R.C.

Dear Santa,
My Christmas with is I want my own football feild and a new bike and a trampulin.
From, Ryan Alarado

Dear Santa,
My Christmas wish is a new barbie, a computer with a printer.
From, Maravetha

**MRS. MEEKS' KINDER-
GARTEN CLASS
GARDEN CITY**

Dear Santa,
I want toys. I want a Batman and a computer and candies. I am good.
Love, Danny Huerta

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a baby, a house, a telephone, and a cake toy.
Love, Maribel Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Bring me some new cars. I want some trucks, more cars and more trucks. I want big trucks. I want some games, a

dog game, a boy Gigapet, a toy dog and some candy. I have been real good everyday.
Love, Kendall Brem

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes, a remote control truck, some candy, games, and toys. I have been good.
Love Erik Nino

Dear Santa,
My name is Kelsey. I want a lifesize doll. I also want some new skates and some new baby dolls and some new Barbie clothes, some new Barbies, and some new clothes, some new shoes, and some new pants and that's all! I have been good most of the time.
Love, Kelsey Jones

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a train. I have been good.
Love, Franz Dyck

Dear Santa,
I want a Super Nintendo, and games for it, a pop-gun, new TV, a gun for the Nintendo, some candy canes and some surprises. I've been good some of the time.
Love, Marcus Cook

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want a Gigapet that is red. I want a doggie, a doll, clothes and a Sabrina the witch barbie.
Love, Shawnee Willis

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, a Barbie, Barbie clothes, shoes for me, a swimming pool, a swimsuit, Barbie shoes, a doll, doll clothes, doll shoes, clothes for me. a new bed, a coloring book, crayons, a teddy bear, and a CD player. I have been good.
Love, Adriana Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want some sandals, anéw dress, some clothes, new tennis shoes, new hair bows, a Little Mermaid toy, a bathing suit, a Barbie, a jacket, Minnie Mouse toy, a necklace, a Gigapet, a play cat, and a playhouse. I have been good.
Love, Victoria Schneider

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear, and a Dalmation, a pretend dog, and a Nintendo, some Christmas lights, chairs for my mom, a computer for my brothers, a basketball for Frank, a neck-

All sorts of toys are around as it's deadline time to make those purchases

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The season starts earlier every year. You find yourself in a kamikaze mode trying to find the toy that's the latest rage. You spend too much money on too many items that junior insisted he wanted as soon as he saw them. Then you wonder if you made the best picks for your child.

Take it easy, counsels Dr. Joan Test, adjunct assistant professor of education at Washington University of St. Louis and director of the university's nursery school. "Above all else, avoid impulse buying yourself, at least while your children are in tow."

Choices? Test gives thumbs up especially to books and open-ended toys like blocks, playsets and art materials that let children create their own imaginative play. Computer games can be good and even educational, but some of them are violent, even if marked "family friendly."

And don't feel bad if your child won't be getting the Toy of the Hour. "Children often lose interest in these toys quickly, as there is usually only one thing to do with them," says Test. "Once the novelty of these toys wears off, they are forgotten and not often revisited."

Test says the trip to the toy store with your child is a good time to begin teaching him how to be a good consumer. "Before you go into a store with your children, plan and talk about what you are going to buy. This helps them be prepared to resist all the items they will see on the shelves."

Thus alerted, here are some of the attractions you'll see on the market this season:

Dolls and Animals

- Do a double-take when you first see My Own Baby newborn baby doll (\$120) by Lee Middleton Original Dolls. The totally lifelike doll could pass for the real thing, with curled toes and fists and slightly puffy eyes. Its head needs support, just like a real baby. There are 16 different babies with a variety of skin and facial characteristics, each dressed in a diaper, knit pajama and cap.
- Equal rights for little boys: they, too, can have a My Twinn doll as a double. Like the My Twinn for girls introduced last year, these dolls have custom-matched eyes, faces, hair and other characteristics, such as freckles, scars, glasses, etc. The My Twinn Boy in a denim jeans outfit is \$149.95, and a poseable version is \$169.95, the same as most of the girl doll models (acces-

sories and outfits will change the prices). Also new this year is a line of 12 Cuddly Sisters (each \$49.95), 12-inch bean bag dolls. While not personalized, they still exude individuality. For information and orders, call 1 (800) 469-8946.

- Global Friends dolls (\$69) represent countries and cultures all over the world • Marissa from California, Mariko from Japan, Jambo from Kenya, Katrina from Russia, and so on. Available are clothing and furniture accessories, videos and books about the countries, and collector club memberships. For information, call 1 (800) 393-5421.

- Josefina Montoya is the new American Girl on the block, joining Felicity, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha and Molly, each with a different American heritage. Like all dolls in this Pleasant Company series, she can come home with a variety of clothes, accessories, books, and this year, a CD-ROM. Josefina (\$82) comes dressed in a camisole blouse, patterned skirt, serape and moccasins. For orders and information, call 1 (800) 845-0005.

- Winnie the Pooh is the big bear this season. The Hug 'n Wiggle Pooh (\$25) from Mattel wiggles, giggles and talks when his nose is touched or he is hugged. The plush bear is dressed in his traditional red shirt and blue overalls.

- Pooh and his friend Tigger show up as Disney Mini Bean Bag Plush toys (\$6) at the Disney Store, leading a parade of your favorite characters. Collect Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, the Seven Dwarfs (all of them), and many others. According to the Disney Store, these are the best selling items in its history.

- Tickle Me Elmo, man of the hour last season, is back this year, joined by a ticklish crew of Sesame Street 11-inchers • Ernie, Big Bird and Cookie Monster (\$15) • all from Tyco.

- The newest star turn is Sesame Street Sing & Snore Ernie (\$30), also from Tyco. Dressed for bedtime, Ernie says, "I'm so sleepy" when his hand is squeezed. Lay him down and he starts singing a lullaby, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Then as he drifts off, he starts to snore, and his tummy rises and falls as he "breathes." And finally, when he wakes up, he declares, "I feel great."

- Not to be left out, Bugs Bunny is in action at Warner Bros. Studio Store. That distinctive cackling laugh (the original voice by Mel Blanc) is heard from Tickle Me Bugs (\$34) by Tyco.

Tickle his tummy and you first get a giggle; do it again, you get a laugh; on the third try it's a hearty belly laugh.

- Betsy B'Gosh (\$17.99) hails from OshKosh B'Gosh and is a dressable rag doll. Her first outfit is, not surprisingly, a pink and white hickory stripe jumper with print T-shirt, bloomers, socks and booties. Additional outfits can be purchased for \$11.99 each and include denim bib overalls, a dress and purse, and pajamas and coordinating slippers.

- Another OshKoshian is the Thermal Teddy Bear (\$15.99), made of velour and wearing the familiar overalls.

- The bespectacled aardvark from children's TV, Arthur, makes his toyland debut this season. Talking Arthur (\$29.99) from Playskool comes dressed in his favorite yellow sweater and glasses and comes forth with phrases like "I love to read" when he's hugged.
- Talkin' Tots (\$49.99) from Play-By-Play are a chatty pair of baby dolls who talk to each other: "You're my best friend," one says. "You're my best friend, too," comes the reply. The duo sings, too, with the help of programming and infrared technology.

- Tuggles the Walking Pup (\$14.99) has some new menagerie-mates this season, with the addition of a white shi tzu puppy, a gray hopping bunny, and a long-haired kitten. These low-maintenance (no batteries) pets from CAP Toys all follow their owners with a tug on their leashes.

- The Snowflake Family from Russ Berrie doesn't melt, thanks to plush snow, not to mention plaid scarves and hats. The snowmen range from 11 inches to 37 inches and from \$15 to \$200. The 16-inch version is \$23.

Wheels

- Capture the romance of the rails with the traditional model railroad, with the compact Bavarian Briefcase Layout (\$845) from Marklin. The case opens to a fully operational Z gauge (O-inch track) railroad with steam locomotive, three freight cars, and Bavarian village and scenery. You can expand your rolling stock with additional cars; the whole enterprise is protected when the storage case is closed.

- Reflecting the way families live, the Tahoe 'N Pop-Up Camper (\$20) from Nylint recalls the family outing to the mountains. The miniature Chevrolet sport utility tows a detachable orange pop-up camper with fold-down steps. There's also a canoe and a family of four and their pooch.

Scale models of trucks, haulers and

construction equipment also are offered by Nylint. The Gravel Hauler and Jumbo Dozer (each \$20) have dumping capabilities, while the Tiara Yacht Hauler (\$28) is a semi-truck, carrying a floatable Tiara open cruiser on a detachable trailer.

- "Muscle" cars in miniature from Ertl are Detroit's kings of the road, flaunting their tailfins, chrome, spoilers, and whiz-bang engines. Among models in the American Muscle line (each \$39.99) are the 1969 Plymouth GTX Convertible, the 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, and the 1969 Shelby GT500. Other models (each \$42.99) are the 1956 Ford F100 Hot Rod and the 1996 Dodge Ram Pickup. **Play Sets**

- It's a Little People population explosion with new sets from Fisher-Price. The miniature figures have been remodeled with more detail and personality. They still live in the Little People House (\$29.99), with five rooms and a doghouse out back, or at the Little People Farm (\$29.99), with the farmer tending mom and baby animals in the barn and looking after the fence, tractor and cart, pumpkins and hay. There's also a Little People School Bus (\$14.99), with all types of schoolchildren, including one who uses a wheelchair.

- Make'em and break 'em. The Play-Doh Demolition Derby play set (\$14.99) by Hasbro has two molds and two auto frames for molding or designing a car or truck with rolling wheels. Your little daredevil can launch the cars off the launch pad and into each other or other obstacles.

- The space-age youngster can outdo Mir by building his or her own space station and modules with kits from the Erector Mission XR line by Meccano. The Titan Base (\$99.99) has a motorized docking platform, runway with flashing lights, extendible launch platform and other features. The Space Explorer (\$49.99) has extendible control pad, motorized thrusters, movable hull and a motor that transforms the vehicle from flight to landing positions. Also available are Defender, Meta Cruiser, and Power Probe kits.

- A child more interested in the oceans can build his or her own Aqua Dozer (\$24.99), one of the Aqua Zone kits by LEGO. It has a chain-driven scooper and propellers. The Hydro Reef Wrecker (\$39.99) moves across the ocean floor to explore with three rotating drills and working compass. But if your child prefers creative freestyle, there are kits of all sizes with a supply of those addictive plastic bricks, spe-

cial pieces, and figures • from the \$1.49 Trial Size Bag to the \$19.99 Value Bucket. **Sports Stuff**

- Backyard and parkside snow bunnies enjoy the white stuff more than the folks who have to shovel it. The Icy Rider Toboggan (\$49.99) from Rubbermaid is an eye-catching purple and orange lightweight 6-footer with a hinge-fold that makes it fit into a car trunk. It carries one adult and three children or two adults and two children. The company also has a new small sled, the Icy Rider SBS Jr. Bob Sled (\$19.99), molded in one piece with handles.

- Cool, hip and fast, the Huffy BMX motocross bicycle is the thing for the neighborhood whiz. A tough freestyle bike, it's available in 16 models for dirt jumping, cruising or competing at BMX tracks; the Tremor model is \$159.

- Your kid's always taking off on the bike without the helmet. The Original Talking Helmet Alert (\$15) from Product Smart LLC can be attached to bikes, skates, ride-on cars or any other set of wheels. Working with a motion sensor, it sends out a talking reminder: "Helmet Alert. Wear Your Helmet."

Special Deliveries

- Let the kids put on their own shows with the Velcro Pop-Up Puppet Theatre (\$23.99). The stage box opens up with a snap, forming a puppet stage, then folds flat again for storage. It comes complete with a scrim curtain to conceal performers and close the acts. Cast the productions with Puppet Magic Puppets and Parts, sets of unadorned puppet bodies with interchangeable puppet parts. Themed sets include Health Care, Public Service, Show Biz, Silly Parts and Personality Parts (\$8.99 per set).

- Star Wars aficionados can look forward to the collectible Star Wars Trilogy Collection Authentic Miniature Helmets from Riddell, line-for-line copies of those used in the films. The Darth Vader Helmet (\$95) comes apart in three sections showing all of Vader's hidden components, including the internal breathing apparatus and communications devices. There are four other models ranging from \$70 to \$80.

- An earlier space movie was "Forbidden Planet," in 1956, starring Robby the Robot. Now Rocket USA is marketing Robby in a miniature wind-up robot version, along with Machine Man and the complete Gang of Five (\$14.99-\$19.99).

