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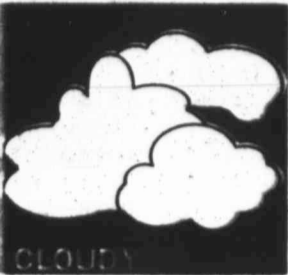
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Herald sets holiday office, delivery hours

So that Herald employees might have the opportunity to spend as much time as possible with family and friends this Christmas, Thursday's edition is being published tonight and will be delivered by 7 a.m. Thursday. There will be no newspaper on Christmas Day.

If you have a problem with your delivery Thursday morning, our offices will be open from 8 a.m. until noon. Please call the circulation line — 263-7335 — if you have a delivery problem.

Our business offices will close at noon Thursday and will remain closed until Monday morning. Normal publication deadlines will be observed for Sunday's edition.

From the Herald family to your family, may the joys of the season fill your hearts. Merry Christmas!

HELPING OTHERS...



Salvation Army Kettles:

- Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

Other efforts:

• KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Herald are sponsoring a pet food drive for the Humane Society. Bring pet food to 608 Johnson or 710 Scurry.

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Wrecker services hopes to make holidays a little more safe



Rickey Mitchem offers Tippy Wrecker Service.

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Big Spring citizens who find themselves a little too consumed with the holiday spirit this Christmas Eve don't have any reason to get out on the road and drive home.

To help make the holiday a little brighter and a safer, Mitchem and Sons, Inc. wrecker service will continue its tradition of providing the "Tippy Wrecker Service" on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Big Spring residents who have been drinking can call the wrecker service

and someone will pick them and their vehicle up and take them home.

"If you haven't already been in an accident and you aren't in police custody, we'll come pick you and your car up at no charge," said Mitchem. "We'll take you from a party to your home. We will not take you from party to party."

Hours for the "Tippy Wrecker Service" are from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"We just want to make the streets safer for our families and friends," said Rickey Mitchem, president of the company. "We do want everyone to have a happy holidays and we don't want anyone to get hurt. That's

TIPSY WRECKER SERVICE

Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve
8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Call 267-3747

why we do it."

The company has been providing the service for more than 10 years. A time or two, Mitchem said, the company has received no calls. They usually average four or five calls. One year, there were 13 calls.

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Travelers urged to use caution

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**
Features Editor

The bad news for travelers is that freezing drizzle tonight may create hazardous road conditions.

The good news? Forecasters predict warmer temperatures ahead, with a high up to 50 degrees Christmas Day.

But Department of Public Safety officials were warning all those taking to the highways in the next day or so to take safety precautions first.

"Our reports are it's clear up until Abilene today," said Pat Holt of Midland DPS this morning. But from Abilene east to the state line, it's another story. "We're advising it's very adverse and hazardous for travel," she said.

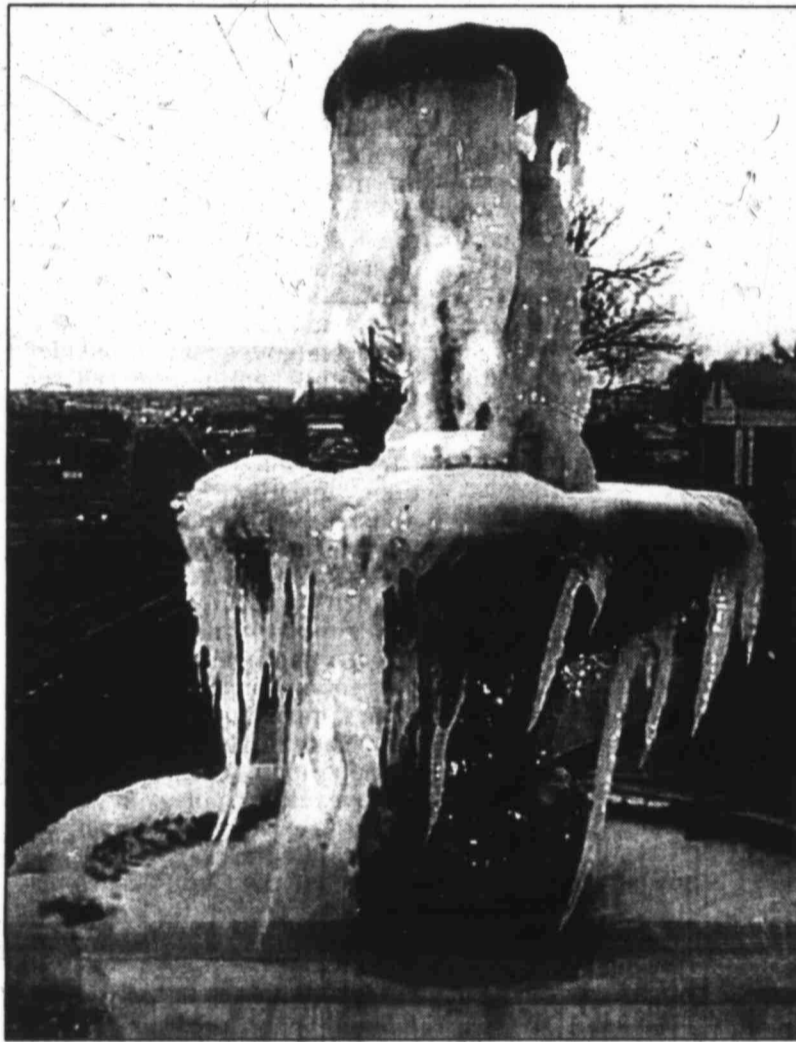
The DPS keeps road conditions up to date 24 hours a day, on its toll-free telephone information number, 1-800-452-9292. The information line includes road conditions throughout the state.

"We advise that you call two hours before leaving to see what conditions are like where you're going to be traveling," Holt said.

Cpl. Kathy Briggs with the DPS safety information division advises travelers to plan extra time into their schedules, and slow down, whether they see ice or not.

"Watch out for black ice," she said. "This is a thin layer of ice that looks like maybe water on the road. You won't see it until you hit it."

Safe speeds depend on road conditions, but icy roads are extremely difficult to drive on,



This fountain on the porch of Hunan Chinese Restaurant froze in overnight temperatures that reached as low as 12 degrees.

Briggs said.

"Try to avoid driving on them if at all possible."

If you must travel, be prepared, she urged. Check your tires for proper inflation, and check out your car's belts and hoses.

"You wouldn't believe how

many cars we saw stranded on the side of the road yesterday," Briggs said.

Check your spare tire and pack extra warm clothing in case you have to stop and change a flat. Pack extra provisions.

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Landfill, compost to take trees

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

After the gifts are all unwrapped, the Christmas dinner gone and the decorations are boxed, one question remains: what to do with that live tree you looked so hard to find.

The answer is to dispose of it at the landfill or compost facility where it can be ground into

much to use for other purposes.

"We ask that people remove as much of the tinsel and ornaments as they possibly can," said Howard Shivers, city superintendent of solid waste. "Believe it or not, some of them that are dropped off, all you have to do is stand them up and plug them in. People leave everything on them. It's better if you bring them in as clean as possible. It's just less for us to

deal with."

All of the trees will eventually end up at the compost facility at Interstate 20 and FM 700, where they will be ground up.

Both the landfill, which is located out at the Airpark on Perimeter Road, and the compost facility are normally open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. However, they will be closed Christmas

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Local artist uses her talent at Scenic Medical Center

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit offers anxious family members waiting outside the steel doors an opportunity to view an art painting on a unique canvas.

Thanks to the commissioned efforts of local artist Sheree Moates, a colorful mural now decorates the wall near the elevator on the third floor.

"Something I do before every painting is pray, and I did that for this one, too," Moates said from her Luther community home.

"I asked God to help me paint a picture that would be peaceful for the loved ones who must wait anxiously and fearfully outside the ICU doors," she said. "And I've heard several people say how peaceful it looks as they've gotten off the elevators."

Moates said Barbara Hall, interior designer for the hospi-

tal, approached her about the project. She drew several sketches, and Hall selected the one she liked best.

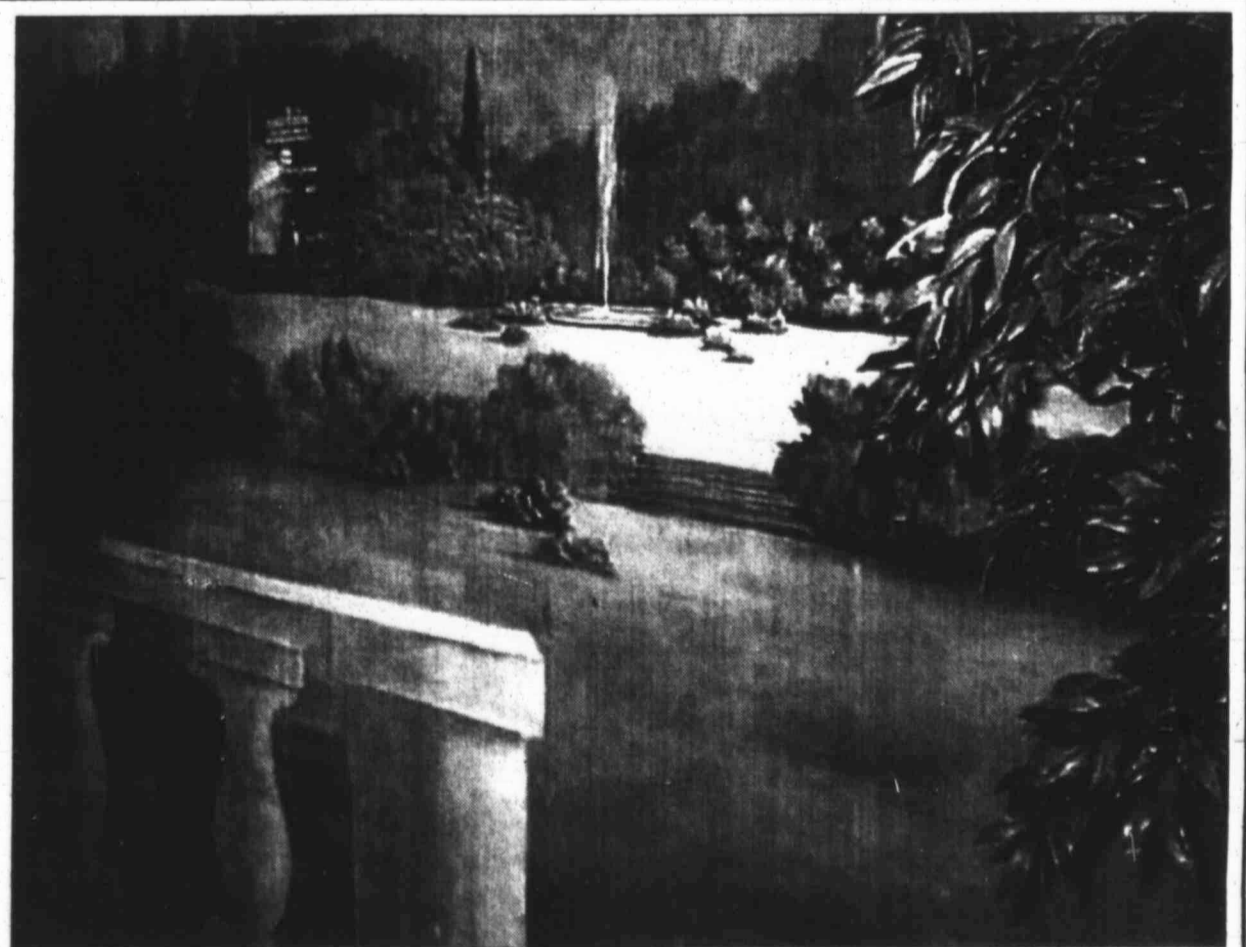
"This is the first time I've ever done anything like this, and it was easier than I thought it would be. I've been a professional artist for 24 years, and I've always worked on canvas, in pastels and water colors," she said.

The mural is painted in semi-gloss wall paint, and Moates spent 21 hours completed the project.

"We're hoping it will withstand people touching it, and cleaning. I've done limited editions of prints with a religious theme that are in stores in Big Spring and Lubbock and San Angelo, but this is the first time I've ever painted anything on a wall," Moates said.

The mural is designed to give the impression of standing on a patio made made with gothic-style fence, overlooking a view

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Local artist Sheree Moates painted this mural, which graces the third floor of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Blessing

Family whose home burned receives \$1,000 from anonymous donor

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Christmas just became brighter for a Big Spring family who suffered a house fire earlier this month.

Dolores Green received a cashier's check for \$1,000 for her family after an anonymous donor read the story about her experience in the Big Spring Herald.

"We have been blessed," said Green, 22.

A real-life family drama began unfolding for Green and her three children Dec. 12, when their home caught fire and burned.

Just minutes before the front rooms of the home were destroyed by fire, Santos Villa Jr., her boyfriend, and Green ran outside with her sleeping children, 4-year-old Maggie, 3-year-old Micheal and 2-year-old Brandon.

Green said later that replacing all their belongings destroyed in the blaze was unimportant, compared to the miracle she received when the children escaped unharmed.

"We look fine, we're alive, so this is going to be all right. We'll pull through," Green said.

A benefactor read the story about their heroic efforts, and their determination to see the blessings in the midst of catastrophe, and contacted State National Bank.

A spokesperson at the bank called the Herald, and was referred to Mark Gentry, director for the Big Spring Housing Authority. Gentry had the bank contact Danelle Castillo at the Salvation Army.

Castillo said the benefactor asked to remain anonymous, and only the bank knows their identity.

Big Spring Housing was able to approve a home for the family. Green, Villa and the three

children have been staying with his mother in a one-bedroom home, Green said.

"We've been approved for a house, and we're moving in now. Of course, we don't have too much to move, but we'll use this money to pay our utility deposits," Green said.

Along with paying for deposits, Green said she hopes to be able to purchase mattresses for the children's bed, as well as carpets or rugs for their rooms in the new home.

"And we're hoping to replace our big TV, the one that burned, for the living room," she said.

Villa said he was thoroughly surprised and awed by the generous donation.

"I think I am still in shock, and I am amazed at how the Big Spring community came together to help us," Villa said.

Villa compared Big Spring to other communities where he's lived, and said this community far exceeds any other place he's lived.

Green said she is still trying to catch her breath from the entire experience. She received Christmas food baskets and toys from the Salvation Army.

"Here, it's not just family and friends who help, it's the whole community. I feel so grateful," Green said.

A former Howard College student, Green has a part time job as a care giver for a local in-home service, she said. Villa is unemployed due to a physical disability.

The first items Green and Villa moved into their new home were the Christmas presents given the children by the Salvation Army.

Shoes, clothes, pillows and toys, including a toddler bicycle, were unpacked from the sacks by Green and Villa. Each gift was designated Maggie,

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OBITUARIES

Edell McCallister

Service for Edell McCallister, 75, Stanton, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. Clifford Ferguson officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton.

Mr. McCallister died Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Midland after a lengthy illness.

He was born on June 23, 1923, in Oarwood, and had lived in Stanton over 50 years. He was a retired mechanic and worked for many years at B.F. White Ford Motor Co. in Stanton. He was a deacon in the St. James Baptist Church of Stanton and was a Mason.

Survivors include: his wife, Elnora McCallister of Stanton; three sons, James Boysaw, Paul McCallister and Kenneth McCallister, all of Monahans; three daughters, Carolyn Jones of Andrews, Joyce McCallister of Midland, and Nancy Benford of Bakers, La.; four sisters, Adell Luckett of San Fernando, Calif., Lois Reid of San Francisco, Calif., Myrt McCallister of Houston, and Martha Thomas of Newark, N.J.; a brother, J.D. McCallister of Houston; 23 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Luther Ochoa

Service for Luther Ochoa, 56, Rotan, were 3 p.m. today at the Church of Christ in Rotan with J.J. Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mr. Ochoa died Monday, Dec. 21, 1998, from injuries received in an automobile accident.

He was born on Feb. 20, 1942, in Kennedy. He married Carmel Salazar in Stanton on May 5, 1960. Mr. Ochoa worked as an appliance serviceman for Landes Furniture. He was a deacon of the Church of Christ and was a resident of Rotan for 20 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Carmen Ochoa of Rotan; two daughters, Diann Martinez of Rotan and Joann Ochoa of Sweetwater; five sisters, Guadalupe Williams of San Antonio, Connie Bridges, Maria Rodriguez, Maria Gracie Baeza and Jayne Calhoun, all of Big Spring; three brothers, Johnny F. Ochoa of San Antonio, Ely F. Ochoa of Lamesa, Saragosa Ochoa of Big Spring; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan.

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Day and New Year's Day. "We have designated areas at both facilities that are easy to find, and it's free to residents of Howard County," said Shivers.

Wood chips and compost materials can also be purchased at the compost facility throughout the year, for residents who would like to use them. The holiday season also

brings a change in schedule for sanitation trucks. They won't be running Thursday or Friday of this week or New Year's Day.

"Residents who have an abundance of trash or waste are more than welcome to bring it to the landfill for free," said Shivers.

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of flowers and a field with a fountain, she said.

"I've studied with a famous Texas artist, Dalhart Windberg, for the past several years, and I've had limited edition greeting cards that came out last year.

"My work can be found at the Master's Touch and Faye's Flowers, but I was a little nervous about painting this. It's big," she said.

Moates, who is a board member of the West Texas Center for the Arts, is also an art instructor for St. Mary's Episcopal School.

She offers private art lessons for adults and children, and has a studio at the art center at Howard College, she said.

"Although it was different, I really enjoyed this, and I believe I would do it again," Moates said.

SAFE

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"It varies from year to year," said Mitchem. "Some years there are more calls than others. But we're already here and ready.

"I believe it was two years ago when we were doing this, there wasn't a single accident or driving while intoxicated charge on New Year's Eve in Big Spring," Mitchem said.

Employees are compensated when they make a response, but give up their time during the five-hour period to be ready, if needed.

"I've got some good guys here," said Mitchem. "I used to do this all by myself."

While Mitchem and Sons, Inc. provides the service, people should understand the company's intent, Mitchem said.

"We don't encourage drinking at all. And we certainly don't encourage drinking and driving. But if what we do saves one life, then it is certainly worth it," he said.

The number to call if you need it Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve, is 267-3747.

WEATHER

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sions, including something to eat and some bottled water in case you are stranded.

The universal sign for needing help is a white flag tied to the driver's door handle or an external antennae, Briggs said.

"If a trooper sees that, he will stop," she said. "Otherwise, we don't know if you might just be waiting on someone or something else."

If you need help and carry a cellular phone, be sure you know your approximate location.

"Keep an eye on the road markers," Briggs said. "We need to know where you are so we can get to you."

GRATEFUL

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Brandon or Micheal by Green.

"We're hoping to get a toaster and small appliances like that from the Salvation Army Thrift Store. And we're hoping to save some of this money, for what ever might happen," she said.

BRIEFS

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE videotape will be aired

DUNLAPS

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tonight at 6:30 and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. on cable channel 10. The musical production from First United Methodist Church was performed for the 20th year earlier this month.

JURY DUTY FOR DEC. 30, 9
a.m., for the Howard County Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 2, has been canceled.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, will have free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 29.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

Octuplets rekindle debate over fertility drugs

HOUSTON (AP) — While doctors guard the fragile health of the world's first surviving set of octuplets, the births have rekindled the medical community's debate over the use of fertility drugs.

The babies born to Nkem Chukwu (nih-KEHM chuhk-WOO) were "a disaster" from an infertility standpoint, said Dr. Randle Corfman, director of the Midwest Center for Reproductive Health in Robbinsdale, Minn.

Corfman worried that insurance companies may reconsider providing health coverage for women like Mrs. Chukwu who have fertility treatment. Others question whether parents who take fertility drugs really understand the health risks of underdeveloped multiple births.

"The fact is that the vast majority of these cases (of quadruplets or more) end in disaster, sometimes for the mom, most often for the babies," Dr. Alan Copperman said in today's New York Times.

Copperman, director of reproductive endocrinology at Mount Sinai-New York University Medical Center, said every time a case like the Chukwus' comes along, desperate couples become more willing to take greater risks.

TEXAS LOTTERY

PICK 3: 6,9,1
CASH 5: 9,11,19,20,38

MARKETS

March cotton 60.88 cents, down 35 points; Feb. crude 11.30, up 18 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 14; cash steers steady at 58 even; Feb. lean hog futures 30.90, up 137 points; Feb. live cattle futures 59.32, up 67 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets were unavailable by press time.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 19
Tuesday's low 12
Average high 58
Average low 29
Record high 79 in 1933
Record low 0 in 1989
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.54
Month's normal 0.52
Year to date 13.18
Normal for the year 18.07
**Statistics not available

POLICE

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

•STEVEN SOLIS, 21, was arrested for local warrants.

•THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th.

•GREGORIO ARENIVEZ, 56, was arrested for public intoxication.

•RUNAWAY was reported in the 1600 block of Young.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 300 block of NE 10th.

•CREDIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C.

•FORGERY was reported at 400 E. Fourth, 1400 block of

Gregg and the 1100 block of Gregg.

•THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Aylesford.

•SUE ELLEN RODRIGUEZ, 17, was arrested for local warrants.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 1600 block of East Sixth.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600 block of S. San Jacinto.

•THEFT OF SERVICE was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Owens. Collector's mugs and model cars, along with cash, valued at \$515, was reported stolen.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Officer reported the following incidents:

•BRICE EDWARD POSTON, 20, was arrested for military desertion.

•LEE ALLEN SPURGIN, 21, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•NICKY LANDON SIMON-TON, 54, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•JOHN ESCOVEDO, 20, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/driving while license suspended and invalid license. Also, he was charged with minor in possession of alcohol, theft less than \$20, violation of driver's license restrictions and speeding.

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY

10:55 a.m. — 3200 block E. 11th Place, dumpster fire, extinguished by responding units.

11:57 a.m. — 2500 block Gregg, automobile fire, extinguished by responding units.

3:12 p.m. — 200 block Leatherwood, residence fire call, false alarm.

8:58 p.m. — 2300 block Wasson, structure fire call, false alarm.



Dolores Green and Santos Villa Jr. sort through the presents provided their children by the Salvation Army. Green and Santos suffered a house fire earlier this month, and after reading their story in the Herald, an anonymous donor gave the young couple and their children \$1,000 to help with their relocation.

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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Duval R. Wiley, 75, died Monday, December 21, 1998. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Monday, December 28, 1998, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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B-R-R-R-R!: Cold weather arrives, on cue

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For cold weather lovers, this is more like it. And for those dreaming of a white Christmas, their dreams might come true.

The season's most powerful blast of cold air iced the nation on the first full day of winter. The blustery, messy weather caught people off guard Tuesday from Southern California to Mississippi, and ended a snow drought in some Eastern ski areas as it sneaked in on the heels of balmy weather.

Within hours temperatures plummeted 30 degrees in several Pennsylvania cities.

"It's crazy, man, how fast it changed," Claude Reynolds, a student in Pittsburgh, said as he waited for a bus wearing a thick black goose-down-filled jacket and leather gloves.

At snow-starved Kissing Bridge ski resort in Glenwood, N.Y., south of Buffalo, a snowy forecast was a godsend.

"It's like a grand slam in the ninth inning when you're down

four runs," said Mark Halter, president of Kissing Bridge.

The storm dropped about a foot of snow on Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula, and some western counties reported accumulations of up to 5 inches.

"Everybody is looking forward to the holidays," said Doug Beard, assistant manager Bavarian Village Ski and Golf in Traverse City, Mich. "We've got snow, the skiing is good. Everyone is happy."

Snow also fell in northwestern Pennsylvania and was forecast for the Poconos.

The weather service forecast a 70 percent chance of a white Christmas in the Harrisburg and Philadelphia areas; odds were lower for the rest of the state.

"Actually I hope it stays this way," said Cindy Schmidt, as she huddled outside in downtown Pittsburgh during a cigarette break. "Isn't it great? It's almost Christmas!"

When winter officially arrived Monday at 8:56 p.m., not a single inch of snow had fallen in

Buffalo. But the city — which averages 92 inches per year — got a dusting Tuesday and more was on the way.

After the temperature soared to 63 in New York's Central Park on Tuesday, tying the 49-year-old record for the date, winter announced itself with gusty winds from the northwest. In 10 hours, the temperature fell 25 degrees in Central Park. By 9 p.m., it was 27 — but felt like 12 with the wind.

In Brighton, Colo., a 76-year-old woman was found dead in her nursing home parking lot early Tuesday as temperatures dropped below zero. A 73-year-old ice fisherman also died Tuesday after he fell through the ice in Colorado's Cherry Creek State Park.

While the powerful cold system was funneling into the East and pushing lake-effect snow systems into high gear, farmers in California's San Joaquin Valley were battling a deep freeze that threatened navel oranges, lemons and strawberries.

Two people die in I-35 pileups

AUSTIN (AP) — A thin layer of ice is to blame for two deaths during an early morning highway pileup on Interstate 35.

Austin police spokesman Kevin Buchman said icy conditions on an elevated portion of the I-35 near U.S. 290 caused a 24-vehicle accident shortly after 1 a.m. today in the northbound lanes of the interstate. A 19-year-old female, whose name has not been released, was taken to Brackenridge Hospital where she died.

Three minutes later, ice covering the southbound lanes caused a 35-car accident. Buchman said a 30-year-old man was killed in the pileup.

Authorities said at least 15 people who were injured in the chain collisions were taken to area hospitals.

Interstate 35 was closed while police cleaned up the wreckage, Buchman said.

Post office answers boy's letter to Santa year later

DALLAS (AP) — Sixth-grader Anthony McKinney wrote a desperate letter to Santa last year. He asked for some winter clothes, a couple of toys and maybe a way to cook dinner.

His letter also mentioned that he had never known his father and that his mother had died in a traffic accident years ago. On top of that, the boy had bronchitis and chronic asthma.

The letter arrived at the Dallas main post office too late for the annual charity project, so it went into a file with the other "Dear Santa" letters that didn't make the cut.

It was not until a few days ago that postal worker Kim Paulissen found the letter. It brought tears to her eyes so she decided to make Anthony's Christmas wishes come true.

Ms. Paulissen called the family to see if their fortunes had improved since last year. They hadn't. Anthony's grandfather had died in a car accident last summer, leaving his grandmother, Betty McKinney, alone to care for the boy and two younger half-siblings.

Anthony also suffered a broken leg in the car crash. Paulissen decided to visit the

McKinneys. She found their drafty home in Sandbranch, about 20 miles south of Dallas, without gas.

"(Ms. McKinney) said, 'If you'd just turn my butane on and get me some groceries, I'd appreciate it,'" Ms. Paulissen recalled.

Ms. Paulissen took up a collection and had the gas turned on. The Dallas Morning News reported in today's editions that the postal workers have pledged to pay the bill all winter.

Ms. Paulissen and her co-workers also brought food and presents to the family this

week, and she promised to drive over on Christmas Eve with dinner for four.

Anthony told his grandmother he never gave up on his letter to Santa.

"I knew they'd come around sometime," he said.

Sitting in her living room surrounded by pictures of relatives, Ms. McKinney struggled to take it all in. She said thanks over and over again while writing down benefactors' phone numbers in her aging Bible.

"I really do need the help," she said. "I know a lot of people pitched in."

Holiday season looks gloomy for nation's retailers

NEW YORK (AP) — Many of the nation's retailers may be getting a lump of coal this Christmas.

Despite strong public optimism about the economy, retail analysts expect sales this holiday season to fall short of their predicted gain of 4 percent to 5 percent over last year.

Apparel sales are usually a mainstay for big department stores, but this year many people seem more interested sprucing up their homes than their wardrobes. And cheap computers and software are stealing kids away from toy stores.

"This was a ho-hum holiday for many retailers, and it will not be the strong year that many people anticipated just a few months ago," said William Ford, senior economic advisor at TeleCheck, a check approval service that tracks sales by people using checks.

Price, of course, is key to consumer decision making. Retailers were helped by lower wholesale prices from suppliers in economically troubled Asian nations.

Nonetheless, shoppers seem to

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be demanding bigger and bigger discounts.

"I used a lot of coupons this year," said Mary Bollig of Aurora, Colo. "Anything that came in the mail, we used up."

Recent warm weather has reinforced already cautious buying habits. Many shoppers now wait until they actually need a piece of clothing before buying it.

"People are thinking, 'I got this far without a new winter coat, so I guess I'll just live through this season with the one I already own.' That's a big concern for us," said Ed Carroll, executive vice president of marketing for Carson Pirie Scott, a Midwest department store chain.

Now, another weather threat is looming. In the final days of the season, some regions have

been hit with snow, forcing shoppers to stay home.

"It used to be we feared a big winter storm. This year, we worried if it would ever get cold," said Ken Volk, regional mall director at Simon Property Group, the nation's largest mall developer. "There might not be any way to win."

Retailers hoping for a last-minute buying frenzy may be disappointed.

A national survey of 1,001 people on Sunday night by America's Research Group in Charleston, S.C., found that 88 percent had the bulk of their shopping already done.

This Christmas, department stores like J.C. Penney and Sears lost a big chunk of business to specialty apparel chains like the Gap, which attracted shoppers with their well-known

brand names. Also stealing business are discount stores like Wal-Mart.

Toy stores, too, have suffered. Instead of frequenting Toys R Us and K-B Toys, many parents went to outlets that offer high-tech toys.

Some of those sales went to consumer electronics stores, which offered a wide range of software, video games and inexpensive computers.

"Anyone selling a cheap computer was hitting the home runs, the grand slams, this Christmas," said Britt Beemer, who runs America's Research Group. "The computer was the item to have this year, and it took business away from many other products."

Adding to the sales gap is that fewer people are buying things for themselves.

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Retailers still hope that a burst of sales after the holiday will save the season.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Cameras used to catch illegal dumpers

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — If you're dumping trash illegally, surprise — you might be caught on one of Corpus Christi's hidden cameras.

Over the next six months, the city's solid waste department plans to place cameras in trees, bushes or atop buildings to catch dumpers in the act.

"I'm hoping that people will think twice about dumping stuff from now on," the city's solid waste compliance officer, Joe New, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "We're just trying to clean up this city."

Solid waste officials say some people believe the plan is reminiscent of "Big Brother" in George Orwell's "1984."

"Obviously, we know that this is sensitive and that people are maybe scared of this, but the sole purpose of this is to look at illegal dumping," said Andy Leal, director of Solid Waste Services.

New, who will review the tapes, said the cameras will be used only to catch people dumping illegally.

"We're not a division of the police department," he said. "These cameras will be directed at one specific spot. They won't be panning back and forth trying to catch people driving by running stop lights or that sort of thing."

Thieves steal family's Christmas gifts

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A husband and wife returned to their apartment after church and found someone had broken in and stolen their Christmas gifts — including presents for their unborn child, who's due on Christmas Day.

"They were the grinch who stole Christmas," said Corpus Christi police Lt. Robert MacDonald.

The burglars apparently entered Christian and Angel Heltz's apartment through a window Sunday, MacDonald said. They stole all the presents under the tree, including a pair of furry slippers Heltz had bought for his wife.

"We're not very rich," Heltz told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "I'm a cook and she was working special caterings so that she could buy things for me."

Police found some of the gifts at a vacant house down the street from the couple's apartment. They arrested two men, ages 18 and 20, on suspicion of burglarizing the Heltz's home.

MacDonald said police receive reports of stolen gifts every holiday season. He said families should resist the temptation to display presents around the Christmas tree and keep the curtains drawn.

Heltz said someone stole a \$15 radio from his apartment about a month and a half ago, but he didn't report it because it didn't seem worth the hassle.

"This time my wife was crying and everything," he said. "I had to do something."

Prosecutors fear more nudity on beaches

AUSTIN (AP) — State prosecutors say a man who had very little on poses a very large threat to public decency on Texas beaches.

David Lacour, a 41-year-old state highway department worker from Kountze, was ticketed on a Gulf Coast beach in 1995 after a passerby complained to Jefferson County deputies that he was sunbathing nude.

Lacour said he was sitting in a lawn chair with a towel on his lap and reading a canoeing magazine when the witness drove by on the beach, which was off a closed road five miles from High Island.

Lacour was convicted in a justice-of-the-peace court in Port Arthur. It took a while to seat a jury — the judge disqualified four women who had sunbathed nude on the same beach, the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported.

But last month a state appeals court in Beaumont overturned his conviction 2-1. The court majority said Lacour wasn't breaking state decency laws because the beach is isolated and he wasn't "reckless" in exposing himself.

Prosecutors, as well as the dissenting judge on the appeals court, say the ruling is an invitation to nudists to take over public beaches. Prosecutors say they plan to appeal.

"The law shouldn't be that I can go to the steps of the Capitol and take my pants down and it's OK as long as I warned people I was going to do it," said Matthew Paul, the state prosecutor in the case.

But others doubt the result will be so stark. Nudists still "have to be aware of the risk of someone being offended," said George Dix, a criminal-law professor at the University of Texas in Austin.

Texas law doesn't explicitly ban public nudity, but nudists can be ticketed for disorderly conduct when they expose their genitals with reckless disregard for who else might be "offended and alarmed," the Journal reported.

"The law means that being nude in a mall parking lot is a problem and being nude on a regular crowded beach is a problem," Lacour said. "But being nude on a remote beach that's hard to reach, that isn't a problem."

Economy grew at robust 3.7 percent rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American economy is expanding at a robust pace despite trade problems linked to the world economic slump.

The gross domestic product — the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders — grew at a 3.7 percent annual rate during the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said today.

That wasn't quite as fast as the 3.9 percent estimated by the department last month, but it was nevertheless quite brisk, especially considering that

much of Asia, Russia and other developing-country economies are in recession.

The world slump has hurt American factories and farms but so far hasn't much harmed other sectors.

Faced with fresh evidence of the economy's resilience, Federal Reserve policy-makers decided in their last meeting of the year on Tuesday to hold short-term interest rates unchanged.

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OUR VIEWS

Hurry! Hurry! Get 'em locally, and get 'em now

When it comes to the holidays, there are two types of shoppers. The first type finished buying their Christmas gifts weeks ago. They walk around with smug faces. They enjoy breaking into a conversation to brag about how organized they are. They can name each person they bought a gift for, what the gift was and how much it cost.

The second type of shopper has things a little less together. They have four or five different lists of people to buy for, can't find any of them, and still have no clue what they want to get anyway. Welcome to the mad, mad world of the last-minute shopper. They run from store to store, looking for that unobtainable "perfect" gift until the hour is so late, the "perfect" gift is looking more like a six pack of soft drinks from the convenience store.

Judging from the cars parked outside some of the major shopping outlets in town, their numbers are many. It's good to see so many people shopping at home. When you buy your gifts here, the local economy benefits.

The reality is, time has almost run out on this holiday season. Take a look at the Peanuts clip at the bottom of Page 1. Only 2 shopping days until Christmas. That counts today, by the way.

Jolly St. Nick is upon us, whether we like it or not. If you are one of these people and in a panic, take a half-second to rethink the reason for the season. Take another half-second to keep in mind that the shopper next to you — the one eying that same lone Barbie doll on the shelf as you are — is your neighbor. In all the hustle and bustle, take time to be courteous.

Rushing around at the last minute for gifts can be fun. It can also be nerve wracking.

Don't be in such a hurry, that you forget the reason for the season.

And remember, shop at home first. After all, it's closer!

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Vietnam Memorial Committee of Big Spring, Inc., I take this moment to thank you for the wonderful opportunity you provided us to serve as Grand Marshalls of the Christmas Parade this year. It was an honor and a privilege that we will remember for all time. What a great feeling to see the patriotism of our citizens as we rode down our City's lined streets!

In addition to the The Big Spring Herald, we would also like to thank the City of Big Spring, The C.R.M.W.D., and

Pollard Chevrolet for their assistance in preparation of our float. Most important on our list of thanks are our citizens, who reinforced our belief that respect for our flag and country is still alive. You made us feel proud and honored to be Veterans and a part of our City and the Parade. This is a feeling we will remember the rest of our lives.

Sincerely,
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Our community is a rich one indeed

As Christmas nears and the grandbabies get more and more excited about the impending visit of Santa Claus, I think I've battled the store lines for the last time.

Reflecting on this year that we'll soon leave behind, I believe we have many things for which we should be thankful — and that perhaps the greatest blessing this community has is her people.

My parents taught my sister and me to give back for what we received ... and then left it to us to discover what gifts we had gotten and how to give back.

As a child, I know my thoughts of gifts were entirely different from what Mom and Dad meant. They, of course, didn't mean the kind of gifts we receive for a birthday or at Christmas, but rather those intangible gifts we get all through life.

Our parents weren't rich in the sense they had money or property, but because they had a wealth of love ... of common sense ... of the traditional values of giving a day's work for a

day's pay ... of doing the job right the first time ... of doing what was morally and ethically right and of instilling in Sarah and me the ideal that when we leave this earth, we try to leave it just a little bit better than we found it — our family was rich, indeed.

Our community, I believe, is rich in the same ways because so many of those ideals are evident in the people who choose to call this home.

Consider the things that have happened in this community this past year because of the people ... continued progress on the Vietnam Memorial, the near completion of the Settles window project, work around the spring and lake and in Comanche Trail Park and more.

But there are so many other things that happened this year that helped make a difference in the lives of the people of this community.

Consider, if you will, a community where there is no cotton crop and where oil prices have fallen through the bottom of the barrel.

The outlook, admittedly, should be bleak. Yet time and again, when the quality of life ... when making a difference in someone's life was on the line, this community came through.

Think about the Angel Trees of the Salvation Army ... about feeding the needy during the holidays ... about putting warm clothes on a child ... about

exceeding the goal of the United Way or holding a fundraiser for a family facing difficult financial times.

One's first thought would be that it simply is the season of the year, but that's not the case because in my business, I get to see a lot of the helping hands that are extended during the course of the year. I can tell you that in Big Spring, there's a helping hand within reaching distance of most everyone.

In my time back in Big Spring, I think I've been most moved by the generosity and spirit of giving of the men and women of the Harley Owners Group.

Former staff writer Steve Reagan once wrote an editorial about one of their projects and he phrased it best, I think, when he described them as having hearts of gold underneath an exterior of chrome and leather.

While the mention of a Harley rider might conjure up a scary image for some, I picture Santa Claus astride one of the huge bikes, bag of toys thrown over his shoulder and food in his sidecar.

By no means are the members of the Harley Owners Group the only ones in our community working to make a difference in the lives of someone else.

Take Mary Frances Malone, for instance, who took up the cause of the Angel Trees when

it looked as if time might run out on those who would otherwise have no Christmas ... working hard to ensure that each and every one, young and old-alike, would know the joy of the season.

Or a Tommy Churchwell or Mel Prather or Katie Grimes and dozens of others just like them, working to help make a positive difference in the lives of the people who call our community home.

While we might have made our last Christmas purchase of the year, there is one more gift we can give and it is a gift that all of us have the ability to do.

How about this next year that we each make a concerted effort to make a positive difference in the lives of those around us, whether it be for those less fortunate or for a community improvement project?

Think about the meaning of that gift ... and its lasting effect as those who receive it work to give back to the community as well.

Think about the difference you can make and the legacy you can leave for your children and grandchildren as you share your wealth with others.

From my extended family — Lyle, Renee, Miranda and Andrew and Lance, Sandy and Stephanie — may the blessings of the season be with you and yours.

Merry Christmas.

JOHN H. WALKER



"HEY! WE CAN SAVE TIME BY SKIPPING WASHINGTON, D.C. ... NOBODY'S BEEN NICE THERE THIS YEAR!"

Some Eastland County legends

Mamie Joyce was a popular girl in Rising Star High School. She was in the class of 1918 that selected the school colors, blue and white. The schools' athletic teams were known as the wildcats. Mamie played basketball.

Mamie married her high school sweetheart, Cecil H. Joyce and moved to Fort Worth where her husband worked in construction. The Joyces later moved back to Rising Star and Cecil became an automobile dealer.

Mamie got involved with the social life in Rising Star. She belonged to the Saturday Club, a study club which meets on Wednesdays. A couple of years ago Mamie, now in her 90s, wrote a brief history of Rising Star.

She says the town was settled by seven farming families who left Longview in December of 1874 looking for fertile land.

Along the way, someone told them Eastland county had good farming land and the woods were full of deer, turkey and quail.

In January of 1875 the seven families pitched their tents just a mile from where the city of Rising Star is now. They decided to start their new life right there. Land was selling for one dollar an acre. Prime land brought three dollars an acre.

Other families moved in and soon built a school and a church. Sipe Springs was the nearest post office and general store.

In 1881 the settlers decided they needed a post office of their own. They wanted to call the place Star, but that name was already taken by a village in Mills county. The residents decided that since it was a young, rising community, they would call it Rising Star.

Cotton was the principle cash crop. Soon there were gins in Rising Star named Blue Goose and Red Tiger. Rising Star became a thriving community with stores, barber shops, banks, a newspaper and blacksmith shop. The town was incorporated in 1903. The first car, a Red Maxwell, arrived in Rising Star in 1910.

In 1914, the farming empha-

sis shifted from cotton to peanuts and soon there was a train called the Peanut Special traveling between DeLeon, Cross Plains and Rising Star.

Oil arrived on the scene in 1917 and Ranger, Desdemona and Pioneer became boom towns. Ranger's population exploded from one thousand to more than 25,000. Rising Star's boom was not impressive, compared to the others, but the community did realize some paved streets, electricity and water and some new hotels and businesses houses.

Not far from Rising Star is Eastland, the county seat. In 1897 a courthouse was built. Someone put a horned frog inside the cornerstone. When a new courthouse was built 31 years later, the cornerstone was opened and the horned frog was flat as a pancake, but still alive. He is named "Old Rip" and rests in peace in a glass covered coffin in the lobby of the courthouse.

In 1927 a bank in Cisco was robbed by a man dressed as Santa Claus. Two men were killed during the robbery. The robber, Marshal Ratliff, was arrested and jailed. A crowd of about 1500 people took him out of the jail and hung him. It was the last mob lynching in Texas.

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Impeachment role will thrust chief justice into the spotlight

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a short walk across the street from the Supreme Court to the Capitol, where Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist would preside over President Clinton's impeachment trial. But the trip will take him from the relative anonymity of the television-free court into millions of American living rooms.

Rehnquist would be only the second chief justice to preside over a presidential impeachment trial, but the first to conduct at least some of the proceedings on TV.

While the high-profile trial

might mean he would no longer go virtually unnoticed on his daily strolls outside the Supreme Court building, many court watchers say he is a good fit for the role.

"He will run a very fair, efficient proceeding and he will not allow it to get out of control," said Washington lawyer Theodore Olson, who has often argued before the highest court.

Charles Cooper, a former law clerk to Rehnquist and a frequent advocate before the high court, predicted the chief justice would use his authority to keep an impeachment trial

"focused on the facts that are relevant and keep the extraneous or purely political stuff to a minimum."

Rehnquist is keeping his thoughts about an impeachment trial to himself. But at the court, he is known for his calm, gentlemanly manner and ability to run a tight ship.

The 74-year-old Rehnquist, nominated by President Nixon, joined the high court in 1972. He became the nation's 16th chief justice when promoted by President Reagan in 1986.

He is one of the court's most conservative members but is

well-liked by colleagues of all ideologies.

Rehnquist seemingly hates to waste time. He keeps oral arguments to a strict one-hour limit and has shortened the justices' private conferences. When a major snowstorm shut down most of Washington in January 1996, the chief justice kept the Supreme Court open for business.

At the Supreme Court, the chief justice acts as presiding officer and has one of nine votes. At a Senate impeachment trial, Rehnquist would have no vote and a limited role as pre-

siding officer. He would rule on questions involving evidence and other incidental matters, but a simple majority vote of senators could override his judgment.

Rehnquist already is somewhat of an expert on impeachment.

His 1992 book, "Grand Inquests," detailed the 1868 Senate impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson, presided over by Chief Justice Salmon Chase, and the 1805 impeachment trial of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase. Both were acquitted.

Rehnquist said in each case, senators put aside partisan differences to reach verdicts that confirmed the independence of the judicial and executive branches.

The trials established that "impeachment would not be a referendum on the public official's performance in office; instead, it would be a judicial type of inquiry," Rehnquist wrote. "It was not any technical violation of the law that would suffice, but it was the sort of violation of the law that would in itself justify removal from office."

Clinton directs his attention to the homeless

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a last burst of public policy-making before Christmas, President Clinton is examining programs for the homeless.

The president was traveling today to a Boys and Girls Club in the Baltimore community of Pleasant View to highlight programs there that help homeless people find a place to live and rebuild their lives.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the trip with Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo is meant to preview the housing aspects of the federal budget "as we move forward next year into the budget season."

After returning from Baltimore, the president will settle in for a quiet Christmas holiday at the White House with his family, Lockhart said. He is expected to remain at the White House until Dec. 30, when he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton depart for the annual Renaissance Weekend retreat in Hilton Head, S.C.

Clinton began putting himself in the Christmas mood on Tuesday, reading "A Visit from St. Nicholas" — more popularly

known by its opening line, "'Twas the night before Christmas," — to about 50 children who chimed in with many of the words and gave him hugs.

"If you don't know the words, that's OK," Clinton said as he and the first lady settled on a long red bench in the White House East Room with Nanna Chen, 8, sandwiched between them.

The children came through with the better-known stanzas of Clement C. Moore's 1822 poem about a father's Christmas Eve encounter with Santa Claus.

When Clinton finished, most of the children raced off for cookies and other treats. A few lined up and hugged the president. Andrew Smith, 6, whispered in Clinton's ear, and Tyron Dingell, 8, gave him a Christmas tree made of green construction paper.

Clinton fit the reading in before a regular meeting with aides about Social Security and a pair of holiday receptions in the White House residence for about 500 people.

Wearing a tie featuring Christmas trees,

Clinton paused during the reading to show the children his favorite illustrations from the book, saying, "It has great pictures."

Fortney Stark, the 3-year-old son of Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., scooted close to Clinton's feet, plopping his worn Winnie the Pooh bear on the floor beside him.

The Clintons did not sing Christmas carols this year, leaving that job to Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, a chorale dressed in turn-of-the-century garb and a tall Rudolph the reindeer, whose red nose flashed in time with the singing.

They did pose for a photograph, with the president coordinating the shot to make sure every child's face could be seen.

Mrs. Clinton showed the children a copy of "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy," her book of children's letters to the presidential pets. Pointing to a picture of Clinton and his dog on the golf course, she said, "He's a great golfer, Buddy is," and surveyed the children about their pets.

"Who has a cat and a dog?" she asked. A third of the children raised their hands. So did the president.

Government plans to use civilian reactor to make weapons component

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — For the first time in the nation's history, a civilian nuclear plant that generates energy for homes and businesses will be used to boost the firepower of the U.S. military.

The Energy Department announced Tuesday that it is awarding a multimillion-dollar contract to the Tennessee Valley Authority to produce tritium at the Watts Bar reactor 50 miles south of Knoxville.

"It's by far the least expensive option," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said. "It's a proven technology."

Tritium is a hydrogen isotope that enhances the explosive force of nuclear warheads. The gas has not been produced in the United States since 1988, when the government shut down its last weapons reactor at

the Savannah River Site in Aiken, S.C.

Some congressmen and anti-nuclear groups opposed the new project, arguing that using a commercial reactor would fuel the arms race.

"I have expressed grave concern that such an approach would only encourage other nations to convert their civilian nuclear facilities into weapons production sites, and I will continue to raise these concerns with the administration," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., retiring chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

Bruce Hall of the anti nuclear group Peace Action in Washington called the move dangerous because "we're blurring the lines between civilian and military applications of nuclear power."

U.S. taking tough stance over sanctions on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the future of U.N. weapons inspections clouded, the Clinton administration is standing firm on keeping economic pressure on Iraq unless it gets rid of its remaining chemical and biological weapons.

Iraq must be prepared "to move toward disarmament" and must not threaten its neighbors or the Kurds to get the sanctions lifted that were imposed by the U.N. Security Council after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said Tuesday.

A U.S.-led military force pushed the Iraqis out of Kuwait in 1991. U.N. weapons inspec-

tions began after the war. Iraq's latest refusal to cooperate prompted the United States and Britain to bomb it last week.

Battling to save the inspection system, the administration said it was up to Chairman Richard Butler and his U.N. Special Commission on Iraq to decide how to operate in Iraq.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective in the pursuit of the mission," Pickering said.

Three of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Russia, China and France — objected to the four-day U.S. and British bombing attack. In its aftermath, they could be getting ready to try to

end the eight-year-old U.N. oil embargo on Iraq, revise the inspection commission and force out Butler as its chief.

Pickering said at a news conference that the United States would be willing to consider boosting an exemption from the embargo that permits Iraq to sell \$5.2 billion worth of oil every six months, provided the proceeds are used for food and medicine.

"With oil prices in decline, more oil may have to be sold to purchase food, although Iraq is deliberately limiting its production, the senior American diplomat said.

And, Pickering said, the United States would take "a

careful look" at a Russian proposal to convene the 22 political commissioners next month for an "updated assessment" of UNSCOM's operations.

But he dismissed France's proposal to change the inspection system. The United States intends to keep relying on "the technical and professional expertise" of Butler and his commission, Pickering said.

Security Council in dictating the work, role, personnel system and activities of UNSCOM ... would not be wise, would not be effective and would not be acceptable," he said.

Israeli ambassador blames Palestinians for stalemate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel's ambassador says the Palestinians are to blame for the delay in a pullback on the West Bank.

Insisting Israel had not raised new conditions, Ambassador Zalman Shoval said Tuesday that all Israel demands is Palestinian compliance with terms of the Wye River peace accords.

"Let us hope they will, so as not to miss another opportunity for peace," Shoval said at a gathering of American business leaders here.

The Wye River accords were not "a one-way ticket," the Israeli diplomat said. "Unless the Palestinians comply with their part of the deal and fulfill all their commitments, it will be their fault if the process is stalled."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is fighting to keep his job, insists the Palestinian Authority first collect illegal weapons, reduce its police force and end incitement to violence, and that Yasser Arafat renounce his intention to establish a Palestinian state.

The State Department took another view. It said Israel should turn over the territory promised to the Palestinians in the accords, reached in October. And Saeb Erekat, the chief

Palestinian negotiator, told The Associated Press in Jerusalem that Israel was bound to honor the Wye accords despite internal political turmoil.

Similarly, State Department spokesman Lee McClenny said, "It's our expectation that the Wye River memorandum will be implemented as signed, and without new conditions."

President Clinton during a trip to Gaza last week praised Arafat and told the Palestinians they were free to "determine their own destiny on their own land." While giving statehood a boost, the administration also has eased up on its criticism of Arafat's statehood declarations, saying people should be free to express their aspirations.

The State Department called the Israeli prime minister's conditions new, and credited the Palestinians — with having "worked hard to implement

many of their commitments" under the agreement.

These included annulling clauses in the 1964 charter of the Palestine Liberation Organization that called for dismantling Israel as a Jewish state, and "stepping up the fight against terror," McClenny said. "We're working with both sides to urge them to complete implementation as quickly as possible so that the second phase can be carried out," he said.

But Shoval said the Israeli government had not suspended the Wye accords. "The opposite is true," he said.

In the Wye accords, Israel agreed to relinquish an additional 13 percent of the West Bank to the Palestinian Authority if it took stronger measures to root out terrorists who attack Israel from Palestinian-controlled areas.

The accords provide for matching steps by Arafat on security before each phase of an Israeli pullback. Israel surrendered 4 percent in a first phase.


Clinton and Sandy Berger, his national security adviser, both said on their trip to the region last week that a delay in the second phase was likely, but that they hoped it would not be a long one.

Readers Corner

We accept reader's submissions for this monthly feature, including photos, poems or other items. It runs the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Send your submission to: Readers' Corner, Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721; or fax to 264-7205.

Dr. Shroff and staff wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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◆The first semielectronic digital computing device was constructed by John V. Atanasoff, an American mathematician and physicist.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

Gifts don't always come in wrapped packages

Although the joy of Christmas for many is watching children rip through wrappings to see what is inside, gifts are not always in the form of presents.

For some Big Spring residents, their greatest gifts were something else, simple or complex, but nonetheless unexpected, but hoped for.

And in both cases, the greatest gift was something that no package could match.

Lana Anguiano, a frequent contributor of poetry to the Big Spring Herald Readers Corner, said the greatest gift she ever received is truly priceless.

It's her life. "I am a cancer survivor," she wrote, "and each day I think

God for the greatest gift of all -- life."

Throat cancer nearly took everything from Anguiano five years ago, but she survived, giving up only her voice.

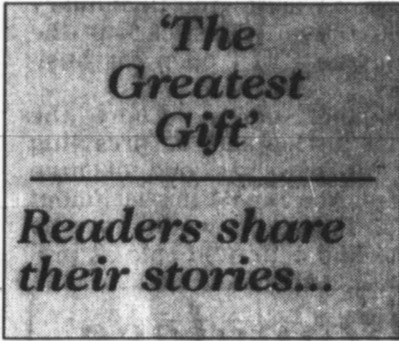
That gift of life is the reason she writes poems, Anguiano told us.

"God took my voice," she wrote, "and in return, he gave me the gift to write."

The loss of her ability to speak, though devastating, became a positive influence,



ANGUIANO



said Anguiano, who grew up in Abilene.

"I enjoy my life more now."

Tammy Denn remembers the greatest gift from childhood, spending Christmas on the Pacific island of Guam. At the age of 7, Denn was living there with her family while her

father was in the Air Force.

"When the Christmas holidays started approaching, I got concerned that there would be no Christmas, and no Santa, on this tiny island," she wrote. "We had bought a silver, aluminum tree, where there were to be no lights, just a spotlight shining colors on it."

The 7-year-old thought the tree was ugly, because, as a Christmas tree, it was not green!



DENN

"I asked my parents, 'How will Santa find his way?' because there was no cold weather or snow, I was very concerned about it," Denn recalled.

But her parents were prepared. One night, they had arranged for "Santa" to stop at their home. The little girl who had been so worried was equally thrilled by his appearance.

"I kept saying, 'You found us. You found us, even without the cold.'"

Denn and her sister, Brenda, got a new treasure chest bank, which they kept a long time.

"To me," Denn said, "knowing Santa could find us anywhere was the greatest gift of all."

— Debbie L. Jensen

Don't let food-borne illness spoil a celebration

Over the next few days, a lot of food will be prepared, transported, consumed and discarded. With that in mind, let's talk about some basic facts related to food-borne illness and how to prevent it.

An invisible enemy -- bacteria -- is just waiting for the right chance to invade your food. It may be present on foods when purchased, or get into foods during preparation, cooking, serving or storage.



DANA TARTER

Some facts about bacteria:

- Harmful bacteria can be found on all raw products.
- Bacteria loves room temperature and grows rapidly in the danger zone, 40 degrees F. to 140 degrees F.
- Growth of harmful bacteria can be slowed or stopped by refrigerating or freezing.
- Food-related illness can produce symptoms from mild to very serious.
- Illness may occur 30 minutes up to two weeks after eating contaminated foods.
- Infants, young children, older adults and people with weakened immune systems are most likely to become ill after eating contaminated foods.
- To fight food-borne illness, food safety experts recommend that we think about food safety at each step in the food-handling process from shopping to storing leftovers. Here are four simple steps to reduce the risk:

CLEAN: Wash hands, utensils and surfaces in hot, soapy water before and after food preparation; especially after preparing meat, poultry, eggs or seafood to protect adequately against bacteria. Using a disinfectant cleaner or mixture of bleach and water on surfaces, and antibacterial soap on hands, can provide some added protection. Be sure to rinse all utensils, surfaces and hands well. Be sure to use a clean dishcloth -- one that has been hanging around in the sink provides the perfect climate for bacteria.

SEPARATE: Keep raw meat, poultry, eggs and seafood and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods. Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, eggs or seafood.

COOK: Cook food to the proper internal temperature (this varies for the type of meat and poultry). It is wise to use a food thermometer to check for doneness. Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm.

CHILL: Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours and make sure the refrigerator is set at no higher than 40 degrees F. and that the freezer unit is set at 0 degrees F.

Scientists estimate that each year, between 6.5 million and 33 million people suffer from the consequences of food borne illness, thinking they just have "stomach flu."

You don't have to be one of

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HOLIDAY TIPS

While the kids are at home for the holidays, you'll probably want to keep them busy with fun projects, and share some family traditions as well.

Why not get together for time in the kitchen and make holiday memories at the same time?

Here are some tips for kitchen crafts from the Land O' Lakes Bakeline for your kids to make their own masterpieces:

- Discover the artist in your kids by supplying them with a paintbrush, icing and butter cookies. Let small children decorate already frosted cookies with sprinkle candies. Older kids can use paintbrushes and butter knives.
- To create a festive cookie tree, stack cut-out cookie stars, beginning with larger stars on the bottom. Stack progressively smaller stars on top, using small dabs of butter frosting to secure each cookie in place. To shape the tree, alternate the positions of the star points during stacking. When finished, decorate with green icing and decorator candies. Then, dust tree lightly with powdered sugar for a "snow effect."
- Recruit your kids to help put together a family cookbook. Include everyone's favorite holiday recipes and follow a theme like, "The 12 Days of Christmas" throughout the book. Have your kids decorate the pages with pictures or stories about how each recipe has become a holiday favorite. Make copies for relatives and friends.
- What better way to decorate for the holidays than with an edible holiday banner? Kids can roll out cookie dough and cut out letters to spell a greeting like "Happy Holidays." Poke a hole through the side of each letter with a drinking straw and sprinkle cookies heavily with colored sugars or edible glitter before baking. After baking, decorate and tie the cook-

ies end to end with colorful ribbon and hang the banner horizontally, preferably in the kitchen.

- Challenge your children to make a gingerbread family that looks like your own. Use colorful sprinkles and icing to decorate each one, then take a picture of family members eating their cookie "twin" to remember for years to come. Don't forget pets, using a cookie cutter in their shape.
- Help your kids make a gift for a teacher or coach by adorning a traditional wreath with cut-out butter cookies tied with ribbon and cranberries on a string.
- Show your children how to make "Holligrahams" for their friends by spreading peanut butter, jelly or butter frosting between graham crackers. Then decorate the tops with delicious homemade butter frosting and candies.
- Buy your kids their first cookbook and hone their kitchen skills. Spend time making a recipe with them, practicing measuring techniques and teaching basic kitchen safety.

If you need answers to holiday baking questions, call the Land O' Lakes Holiday Bakeline, 1-800-782-9606, through Christmas Eve. Visit their website at www.landolakes.com and check out the recipe leaflet for the holidays.

Butter frosting recipe
4 cups powdered sugar
4 T. milk
1/2 cup butter, softened
2 t. vanilla
food coloring

In large mixer bowl, combine all ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy (one to two minutes). Add additional milk, one tsp. at a time, to reach desired consistency. For a no-mess disposable pastry bag, put icing in a clean zip-top plastic food bag. Seal, snip off a corner and squeeze bag.

Now we celebrate His coming each December twenty-five By giving gifts to loved ones, to our hearts as they arrive.

READERS CORNER

GOOD NEWS
The bells of glad tidings
Rings out the good news
A Savior is given
To save me and you.

Good news of glad tidings
Rings through the air
God's love for mankind
Reaches hearts everywhere.

A babe in a manger
With cattle and sheep,
Angels keep watch as
The new baby sleeps.

All glory is gone
The babe is a man
Good news of glad tidings
Rings through the land.

There on the cross
Bruised and broken for men,
He carried our shame,
He carried our sin.

Jesus brought us all back
With His Precious Blood.
Good news of glad tidings
We're saved 'neath the flood.
— Martha Anderson Peugh

THE CHILD
Of all the holidays I love,
Christmas is the best,
For it represents the Christ
child in a manger laid to rest.
His coming was a blessing,
foretold in the stars,
And as angels led and guided
them, from lands both near and far.

They knelt to give him
homage, bringing precious gifts
in kind,
To lay before the Child King,
that they were sent to find.
One laid before Him myrrh,
one frankincense, one gold,
And as they laid their gifts
before Him, A new custom took hold.

When we left late evening,
we then looked back to see,
a fox lay sleeping in a nest,
there in that big ole tree.

We share the blessed
moments in laughter, love and
joy,
And praise the Virgin Mary
for her blessed little boy.

Our hearts sing out in
anthem, to this lovely little
King,
And every year at Christmas
the bells begin to ring.
Oh come all ye faithful, man,
woman, and child,
Come and see the tiny baby,
so gentle, meek and mild.

Always keep him in your
heart, and hold his blessings
dear,
Not only in the Christmas
season, but each day through-
out the year.

Keep his memories fresh in
our hearts and mind,
And he in turn, will care for
you in kind.
— Evelyn Corbett

"The Hunters Gun"
One day we went a walking,
My young son and me.
We walked down a sandy lane
toward an old, old tree.

We stayed there by the big
tree,
and played and walked
around,
but had to leave for supper
time,
before the sun went down

When we left late evening,
we then looked back to see,
a fox lay sleeping in a nest,
there in that big ole tree.

He looked up and watched us,
as we crossed the fence to
leave,
then tucked his head down in
the nest,
and went on back on sleep.

When we got home, we told
about,
the fox we'd seen that day,
we didn't know, some would
go,

and take his life away.

A hunter heard us talking,
and went and shot him dead!
This cunning little creature,
as he lay a sleep in bed.

Oh, what a dreadful deed was
done,
and all because of me.
he heard us talking about the
fox,
who slept there in the tree.

That's why I hate the hunters
gun.
It's only made to kill.
I still think about the fox,
the one the hunter killed.

Something breaks within my
heart,
when I think of it today,
the hunter took his gun and
shot,
and took his life away.
— Bernice Reed Jones

FOR DADDY
I find it so hard to believe
You've been gone a year
today.

It's been a long, sad year
Since you went away.

They say the first year is the
hardest
There are so many things to
get use to--
Like not seeing you sitting in
your favorite chair
And spending Father's Day
without you.

Of all the things about you I
miss
I miss your laugh most of all.
But I have so many happy
memories
That I can readily recall!

Memories of our fishing trips
And the "42" games that we
played,
The yearly vacation trips we
took --

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Candy expert shares his sweet secrets

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Making a great fudge is like dancing the tango.

"Timing is the key," says Jan Singleton, a dance instructor turned carpenter turned fudge maker extraordinaire. "All the parts have to fit together at the right moment or it doesn't really work."

Like any master chef, he's a bit particular when it comes to the ingredients. For example, he only uses Imperial and C&H sugars.

"The cheaper stuff doesn't come out nearly as good," he says.

He also insists on using real butter, but says any brand will do.

As for chocolate, he tells students to go with Guittard and Baker's brands: "They're the only ones that give you a rounded flavor and all the rich nuances of the chocolate," he says.

Once the proper ingredients are assembled, it's time to stir.

Singleton uses a long-handled, black wooden spoon to gently blend the sugar, marshmallows and condensed milk in his basic fudge recipe. His favorite spoon is worn down to a straight line on the tip after stirring more than 1,200 batches.

He prepares for the key moment of fudge making, taking the melted concoction off the burner at precisely the right time. Not doing so, he warns, is the biggest mistake most people make.

He can usually tell by sight and texture when it's ready, but he warns novices to use a candy thermometer, which should read 245 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Don't use one of those thermometers you buy at the grocery store," he says. "They're cheap and not really accurate. Get one from a bakers' supply company or cake-decorating shop."

When the concoction is ready, it's time to blend it with the chocolate in a mixer. Singleton

uses two classic KitchenAid mixers and tells students to forget their favorite hand-held ones.

"It has to be able to be at least 225 amps to handle it," he says. "Otherwise, it will burn out the motor as it starts to set."

He mixes batches for at least 12 minutes and then stirs in the remaining dry ingredients and spoons the fudge into a greased baking pan.

Singleton lets it set for at least 30 minutes.

COMMUNITY NEWS



A reception for retiring Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray, far right, on Friday drew many of her friends and co-workers from Howard County and beyond. Among the guests from left to right are District Clerk of Howard County Glenda Brazel, Ward County Clerk Pat Finley, retired County Clerk of Winkler, Virginia Healy, Sonja Fuller, County Clerk from Winkler, Ret. County Clerk from Mitchell, Joan Beach, Borden County Clerk, Joyce Herridge, and Ret. County Clerk of Reeves, Catherine Travland.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS of layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties, disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Gregg, of Family Life Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-12 a.m., 5-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

Heap on more wood -- the wind is chill; but let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still.
— Sir Walter Scott

At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's newfangled mirth;
But like of each thing that in season grows.
— William Shakespeare
"Love's Labour Lost"

Continued from
Happy men
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— Billie Sue I

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READERS

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Happy memories, that will never fade

Then, too, I miss your voice
That offered encouragement
when things went wrong.
The voice that was always so
full of love
That even now helps keep me
strong.

There is such a special bond
Between a Daddy and his
daughter.
That even the passing of time
And death can never alter.

You are safe in heaven now
God must have had a special
spot to fill.
But you left a vacant spot
here on Earth
And we all miss you still.

I'll keep your memory safely
in my heart
A special corner that is yours
alone.
So you are always with me
Even though you're really
gone.

Billie Sue Iles Barnes

POP
Today, I have not lost a
grandpa,
But my lifelong idol and best
friend.

I looked up to you in many
ways
And I've called you "Pop"
since my toddler days.
I don't know how that name
came along.
But up to this day our bond
was strong.
You always said if I needed
you, you would be there;
And whenever the time
came, that is when you showed
the most care.

You're the most honest person
I've ever known
And I hope to take after you
when I'm on my own.
I'd ask you on your birthday,
'How old are you?'

And every single year you
said, "About forty-two."
That drew many laughs but
mostly memories

Along with the many others
that will always stick with me.
Sure I wish every football
game of mine you'd see,
But now, throughout my
senior year, you'll be on the
field with me.

Every time I score it will be
for you
Because as long as your soul
is with me,
My success will never be
through.

And when I walk across the
stage with my class of '99,
I will point to you, the one
and only Pop, watching from
the sky.

After 17 years of memories
and for many more,
Your heart and soul will stay
with me now that is for sure.
Even though sometimes I
caused mischief we stuck
together 'til the end,
Now on your every birthday
at your grave I will be.

I don't know why it ended
like this, I just wish God would
tell me!
Pop, if ever I need advice, I'll
call upon you like before.

And whatever signs you send
me, Pop,
They'll be felt I'm sure.
I will keep in touch with you
by talking to your soul,
And when you want to see
me, down from Heaven you
can gaze.

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But good-bye for now, it is I
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Until that day I'll miss you
lots
Oh and Pop — God bless!
His grandson, Cory Walker

Especially for kids and their families

The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Fireplace

The fireplace is a symbol of the holiday season. Just thinking about one gives us a warm, fuzzy feeling.

Even if you don't have one in your home, you know that Santa always finds a way!

A place in U.S. history

Some early fireplaces did not have chimneys. They were made of twigs (wattle) and mud (daub). The smoke escaped through a hole in the roof.

The next step was to add a hood over the fireplace.

Finally, a chimney joined the fireplace to the hood.

This outside view shows a wattle and daub chimney in a cabin built in Colonial times, the 1700s, near Williamsburg, Va.

This inside view shows the cabin's one room where everybody lived. The fireplace was the center of activity.

Wattle and daub chimneys often caught fire. Sometimes people scrambled up on the roof to kick down a burning one. Ladders were always kept nearby.

The seat closest to the fire was saved for the most important person in the room. Kids usually sat farther back.

The custom of hanging stockings might be traced back to an old tale about daughters who needed money before they could marry. Santa threw a bag of gold down the chimney. The money landed in their stockings, which were hung by the fireplace to dry out.

Meet Usher

Popular singer Usher, 20, came out with his first album in 1994. Since then he has had many hit songs.

He was born in Dallas and grew up with a little brother in Chattanooga, Tenn. When Usher was 12, his family moved to Atlanta. His mother worked as an office manager.

At age 11 he won a talent competition. Besides singing, he acts and has been on the TV show "Moesha."

Among the causes he works for are telling kids the importance of an education.

Usher's full name is Usher Raymond IV. He now lives with his mother and brother in Lilburn, Ga. He has two dogs, Star and My King.

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A: It becomes a sourpuss!
(all jokes sent in by Kristina Jenkins)

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Rookie Cookies Recipe

Santa Banana Bread

You'll need:

- 1 3/4 cups whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/3 cup oil
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups ripe bananas, mashed

What to do:

- Combine first five ingredients in a large bowl. Mix well.
- In a medium bowl, combine oil and eggs. Mix well.
- Add bananas to egg mixture. Mix well.
- Add banana mixture to dry mixture. Mix until smooth.
- Pour in a greased loaf pan.
- Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes.
- Remove from pan when cool.

What Are Fireplaces For?

Through hundreds of years, the fireplace has had many uses.

For fun

Gazing into a fire has always been fun. Sitting in front of a fireplace, watching the dancing flames and listening to the crackling logs, makes us all feel cozy.

For heat

For hundreds of years, fireplaces supplied the only heat houses had. In colder areas, water would freeze in the unheated rooms. Having a fireplace in your room was a real luxury. This room is in Colonial Williamsburg.

For cooking

Cooking with an open fire was hard work. Christmas was the time for feasting and preparing special treats. This kitchen is in Tryon Palace in New Bern, N.C. The palace re-creates life in North Carolina before the American Revolution.

For Washington

The kitchen at Mount Vernon had a large fireplace for preparing meals for the Washingtons. It was the custom at Mount Vernon to eat the main meal of the day at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fireplaces often caused fires. Some kitchens in the South were in separate buildings, like the one at Mount Vernon.

"As I drew in my head, and was turning around, 'Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.'"
(From "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Dr. Clement Moore.)

For Santa

The custom of the yule log goes back to Europe. Each family chopped down its own log, which had to burn for 12 days. It was lighted from a piece of the log burned the year before.

Fireplace parts

- Mantel
- Firebox
- Cheek
- Andirons
- Hearth

TARTER

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the unlucky ones, just use your everyday weapons -- soap and water, the refrigerator, a food thermometer and remember the four steps CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK and CHILL.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent -- Home Economics.



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IN BRIEF

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 Texas courses for a \$35 fee.

Both Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 other courses in West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses, as well as by contacting the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-227-2345.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

Major College Scores

- EAST**
Boston U. 66, Manhattan 46
Carnegie Mellon 77, Duquesne 71
Cent. Connecticut St. 72, Northeastern 67
Duke 71, Kentucky 60
Georgetown 94, Md.-Eastern Shore 66
Lafayette 79, Towson 75
Pittsburgh 78, Howard 42
Purdue 80, South Carolina 64
Rutgers 60, Princeton 49
St. John's 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 54
Villanova 86, Rider 73
West Virginia 82, Robert Morris 67
- SOUTH**
E. Tennessee St. 98, Ferrum 58
Fla. International 74, South Alabama 43
Florida 117, Morehead St. 70
Georgia 82, East Carolina 65
Georgia Tech 99, Va. Commonwealth 80
Georgia Tech 66, North Carolina 64
LSU 74, Troy St. 56
Miami 80, Memphis 64
South Florida 85, Long Island U. 54
Tennessee 92, UNC-Greensboro 60
Virginia 82, VMI 64
- MIDWEST**
Bradley 72, Indiana St. 62
Cincinnati 115, Houston 78
Creighton 78, Miss. Valley St. 55
Hofstra 61, Youngstown St. 59
Minnesota 78, Montana St. 64
Missouri 67, Illinois 62
Missouri-Kansas City 103, Cal Poly-SLO 97
Illinois 73, Sacramento St. 58
C.U. 76, Ball St. 64
SW Missouri St. 67, SE Missouri 56
Wis.-Green Bay 77, Valparaiso 50
- SOUTHWEST**
Arkansas St. 74, Oral Roberts 72
Baylor 68, Jacksonville 53
Texas El Paso 67, Ark.-Little Rock 53
Texas-Pan American 84, Louisiana Tech 78
- FAR WEST**
Arizona St. 85, Marist 77
Boise St. 61, Idaho St. 60, OT
CS Northridge 77, James Madison 64
Cal St.-Fullerton 96, Quincy 66
New Mexico St. 66, San Diego St. 55
Oklahoma St. 81, UNLV 69
Oregon 90, Vanderbilt 70
San Jose St. 74, Portland 52
UC Irvine 82, Brigham Young 75
Utah 74, St. Francis, Pa. 49

TOURNAMENTS

- College of Charleston Classic Championship**
Coll. of Charleston 80, Delaware 55
- Third Place**
Charleston Southern 66, Stony Brook 65
- Coors Light Classic First Round**
Fresno St. 94, Chicago St. 71
Miami, Ohio 58, San Diego 52
- Golden Bear Classic Championship**
California 94, SW Louisiana 65
- Third Place**
Mississippi St. 75, E. Kentucky 62
- Pearl Harbor Classic Semifinals**
Alabama 59, Oregon St. 49
Michigan St. 68, Tulsa 58
- Consolation Bracket**
Texas Tech 78, Pepperdine 76, 20T
Weber St. 73, BYU-Hawaii 62
- Puerto Rico Holiday Classic Semifinals**
Ole Miss 75, Oklahoma 74
Ohio St. 81, N. Carolina St. 62
- Consolation Bracket**
Ala. Birmingham 85, Middle Tenn. 60
St. Joseph's 88, American U., P.R. 52
- Stanford Invitational Championship**
Stanford 94, Santa Clara 49
- Third Place**
William & Mary 101, Elon 69

ON THE AIR

- TODAY:**
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
6:30 p.m. — Arkansas at Wake Forest (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — Kansas at St. Louis (ESPN).
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7 p.m. — Louisville vs. Marshall, Motor City Bowl (ESPN2).
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Toronto Maple Leafs (Fox Sports Southwest).

Roger Clemens withdraws trade demand, blasts Houston Astros

SPRING (AP) — Roger Clemens is no longer demanding that the Toronto Blue Jays trade him. And if they do, he can refuse it.

Clemens removed the demand Tuesday and also made it clear he would not play for the Houston Astros under their current management because of remarks they made in Nashville, Tenn., at baseball's winter meetings.

Clemens, the only five-time Cy Young Award winner, said he had no desire to play for Astros team president Tal Smith and general manager Gerry Hunsicker, who called a news conference during the winter meetings to blast Clemens' proposal for a \$27.4 million, one-year extension.

"I'm very upset about what Mr. Smith and Mr. Hunsicker said and how they directed things toward me as a person," Clemens said at the offices of his agents. "I don't know them personally and

they don't know me as a person," Clemens said of Smith and Hunsicker. "The disappointment I feel is that I have no interest in playing for two individuals like that who would make a statement like that and don't know me."

Clemens, who would have gotten \$43.5 million for the next three years if Houston had accepted his proposal, confirmed for the first time he had a written agreement with the Blue Jays allowing him to both demand and veto a trade.

He is guaranteed \$16.1 million in the final two years of his contract with Toronto and said he wouldn't ask for a renegotiation as part of a trade. He said he was walking away from an additional \$44 million in guaranteed money by staying with the Blue Jays — citing offers made by other teams willing to trade for him.

Clemens' decision didn't have much effect on Blue Jays general manager

Gord Ash's agenda. He'll likely resume Clemens trade talks after the holiday break.

"It doesn't mean much of anything if you ask me," Ash said in Toronto. "All it does is remove a lot of the clutter talk we've had the last couple of weeks and clarify their position."

Ash said Clemens' rights under the collective bargaining agreement, which allows veteran players dealt during multi-year contracts to file formal trade demands, would give the pitcher leverage over any deal.

"Any club that is going to give up talent of substance is going to want to know he'll be there beyond the year," Ash said.

When Clemens signed with Toronto, Beeston agreed that the team would trade him if the pitcher became convinced the Blue Jays wouldn't contend. Clemens became disenchanted after

Interbrew SA, the team's Belgian owner, set a budget with a payroll of about \$40 million, and Toronto made little effort to re-sign Jose Canseco, who went to Tampa Bay.

Ash said that if Clemens begins the season with the Blue Jays, he didn't anticipate any negative fan response.

"Once he marches out there, pitches a two-hit shutout and strikes out 15, I can't see it," Ash said.

Clemens notified the Blue Jays in a Nov. 27 letter that he was demanding a trade to a team closer to home or to a contender, citing an agreement he made with then-team president Paul Beeston in December 1996. The Blue Jays made his demand public Dec. 2.

Houston, Cleveland and Texas were the chief contenders for Clemens, with the New York Yankees on the outskirts

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Investigations into biggest ethics scandal in Olympic history continue

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigations into the biggest ethics scandal in Olympic history will be in progress when the IOC meets to deal with another pressing problem — doping.

While the IOC expects to wrap up by Jan. 23 its own probe of alleged bribery in Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games, two other inquiries won't finish until after a worldwide drug summit set for Feb. 2-4.

The latest investigation started Tuesday, when the U.S. Olympic Committee appointed a five-member panel headed by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell.

Mitchell, who helped frame the Northern Ireland peace accords and is expected to play a key role in President Clinton's impeachment defense, said the panel would hold its first meeting next week and finish work by the end of February.

"We have to be thorough, but at the same time we have to do this promptly," Mitchell said.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee, meanwhile, said an investigation by its ethics board would report its findings at a Feb. 11 meeting.

"All we need to do is determine what happened, at whose hand, and why," said Gordon Hall, a former Utah Supreme Court justice who heads the SLOC probe. "I don't envision that it will take a long time to do that."

While the Salt Lake scandal, and allegations of more widespread corruption in awarding Olympic cities, had riveted the IOC over the past two weeks, a

leading member said the doping summit set for Lausanne, Switzerland, would not be delayed.

"That schedule will not change," IOC vice president Anita DeFrantz said. "That affects the athletes, and the athletes are the most important thing."

Mitchell said the goal of his investigation was to ensure that future Olympics in the United States are as clean as fans and sponsors expect them to be.

"I believe the Olympic movement holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans and people around the world," he said. "We intend to investigate what happened in the past and make recommendations to assure that the selection of U.S. candidate cities for future Olympics is fair and above reproach."

Mitchell said he found the accusations "disturbing," but not stunning.

"I spent 30 years in politics and the last three in Northern Ireland, and not much shocks me anymore," he said.

Mitchell said his panel would cooperate with the other investigations and would turn over any evidence of criminal wrongdoing to prosecutors. The Justice Department is conducting a preliminary review of the case.

"We would welcome any information that would help us determine how best to proceed," said Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin.

SLOC senior vice president of public communications Shelley Thomas said organizers would cooperate with the USOC inves-

tigation, as they have pledged to do with the other inquiries.

USOC president Bill Hybl refused to rule out penalties against organizers, but said the USOC had no intention of taking over Salt Lake's Olympic preparations.

"These games will go on," he said. "They will be one of the most successful, if not the most successful, Winter Games ever."

Olympic officials, meanwhile, tried to calm jittery sponsors, who pay an increasing percentage of the multimillion-dollar sports budget and are attracted by an image of quality and high ethical standards.

US West, a major sponsor of the 2002 Olympics, wrote to SLOC president Frank Joklik to protest the "unsavory allegations." Other sponsors have voiced similar concerns.

All corporate sponsors, partners and suppliers in the USOC's marketing programs had been notified about the case and the Mitchell panel's investigation, Hybl said.

"Based on what we know, we have told the sponsors that they can count on full oversight so that it won't happen in the future," Hybl said.

The USOC president also said that American cities bidding for future Olympics and Pan American Games must abide by a 25-page set of ethics guidelines "that say what you can and cannot do."

No such USOC rules were in effect when Salt Lake won the Winter Games in 1995, Hybl said, although IOC rules limited gifts to members to \$150 each.

Third season no charm for ABL

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — A pile of freshly typed paychecks sat on the front desk. A plastic bag full of homemade chocolate chip cookies and a wall covered with holiday cards gave the office a festive atmosphere.

But those trappings did little to dispel the gloom in the offices of the American Basketball League a few days before Christmas.

The nine-team ABL folded Tuesday, midway through its third season, unable to compete with the rival WNBA — which is backed by the money and marketing muscle of the NBA.

As the league filed for bankruptcy protection, ABL franchises canceled their games and began drawing up plans for paying players and employees, and refunding ticket holders' money.

"I can definitely feel for people finding out they just lost a job, because that's obviously what happened," Nashville guard Michelle Marciniak said. "We don't have practice. We don't have a game on Christmas Day. I have a calendar filled up 'til the spring. Now there's nothing."

The ABL had teams in Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Denver; Hartford, Conn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Philadelphia, San Jose; Seattle; and Portland, Ore.

"At this point, the league is out of money," league co-founder and CEO Gary Cavalli said. "This is a sad day for our fans, employees, players and

coaches, and for women's basketball in general."

Cavalli said the ABL was unable to get the necessary TV exposure and sponsorship to survive.

"I am shocked. I never saw it coming," New England guard Jennifer Rizzotti said. "I am thankful for all of the loyal fans throughout this trying season. It's a shame this happened. I'm still trying to figure it out."

The ABL was launched in 1996, riding the enthusiasm of the gold medal-winning U.S. women's team at the Atlanta Olympics and the boom in women's college basketball. When the WNBA began play the following year, however, many began to wonder if two women's leagues could survive.

This year, the ABL hoped to take advantage of the NBA lock-out, which has forced cancellation of at least half the season.

"I'm a little surprised about the timing of it," said forward Katie Smith of the Columbus Quest, which won the league's two championships. She plans to play with a national team this summer and then look into joining the WNBA.

Players, some of whom chose the ABL because it offered higher salaries than the WNBA, were informed of the shutdown when they called the league office.

"We have closed our entire operation," a recorded message said. "The league is currently working on a plan to ensure that you'll be paid as much of

your salary as possible for the month of December. This plan is subject to court approval."

Seattle's Kate Starbird, whose signing two years ago was a major coup for the fledgling league in its battle against the WNBA, had practical concerns. "I talked to my sister at work," Starbird said. "She's got 20 tickets that I think I have to reimburse her for the next game."

The league's board of directors decided late Monday night to suspend the rest of the 1998-99 season that began in early November and file a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, leading to the league's liquidation.

At the office of the Chicago Condors, a woman who answered the phone refused to take a message.

"I don't think you understand, we no longer have jobs," she said, then hung up.

Though ABL attendance increased 23 percent last season to 4,333 per game and the league's TV ads this fall offered it as an alternative to hoops fans dismayed by the NBA lock-out, it could not compete with the WNBA — which averaged 10,869 fans a game last season.

The WNBA, which has 10 teams in cities that also have NBA franchises, plays from June to August. The ABL played in the fall and winter.

"This is an unfortunate setback for the women's sports movement," WNBA president

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Duke rolls

Blue Devils gain revenge while Georgia Tech upsets Tarheels

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke got revenge against Kentucky, and Georgia Tech got some pride back against North Carolina.

Elton Brand scored 22 points as second-ranked Duke beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60 Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

Trajan Langdon added 18 points for the Blue Devils (11-1), who avenged a heartbreaking loss to Kentucky in last season's NCAA South Regional final.

"They had the killer instinct," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "Every time we made a big shot, they had an answer."

Georgia Tech, coming off a 41-point loss to Kentucky, rebounded with a stunning 66-64 upset of No. 7 North Carolina.

The Yellow Jackets (8-2, 1-0 ACC) won even though they failed to make a field goal in the final eight minutes.

"We have a lot of heart," said Jason Floyd, who led Tech with 18 points. "We were really embarrassed (by the Kentucky loss) and we wanted to come out and ... prove that we weren't a terrible team."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 4 Cincinnati 115, Houston 78; No. 6 Stanford 94, Santa Clara 49; No. 9 Purdue 80, South Carolina 64; No. 14 St. John's 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 54; No. 15 Michigan State 68, Tulsa 58; No. 17 Minnesota 78, Montana State 64; Mississippi 75, No. 23 Oklahoma 72; No. 24 Pittsburgh 78, Howard 42; and No. 25 Oklahoma State 81, UNLV 69.

Georgia Tech led 62-50 after Alvin Jones hit a turnaround jumper, but managed only four free throws the rest of the way. North Carolina (12-2, 0-1) cut Tech's lead to 66-63 with 3:52 left on Max Owens' 3-pointer, but couldn't complete the comeback.

"The fact they were blown out like that (in their previous game), you knew they'd come back ready to play," said North Carolina's Brendan Haywood. In their NCAA tournament matchup last season, Duke blew a late 17-point lead to Kentucky, which went on to win its second national championship in three years. On Tuesday night, however, the Blue Devils took a 16-point lead early in the second half and refused to let the Wildcats back in the game.

"We didn't want what happened to us last year to happen again," said Duke guard William Avery, who had seven assists and six rebounds. "So we kept attacking and we played to win."

No. 4 CINCINNATI 115, HOUSTON 78

At Cincinnati, Alvin Mitchell scored a career-high 21 points and Pete Miceal added 20 as the Bearcats routed Houston in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

The Bearcats (10-0) posted their highest point total since a 116-63 victory over Dayton on Feb. 12, 1995. Gee Gervin led Houston (4-5) with 30 points.

No. 6 STANFORD 94, SANTA CLARA 49

Arthur Lee hit five 3-pointers and scored 19 points as the Cardinal won the Stanford Invitational.

No. 9 PURDUE 80, SOUTH CAROLINA 64

In the opener of the Jimmy V Classic, Jaraan Cornell made a season-high five 3-pointers and scored 20 points as Purdue won its eighth straight.

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No. 14 ST. JOHN'S 81, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 54

At New York, Marvis Thornton scored 15 points as St. John's extended its winning streak to seven.

HOW TOP 25 FARED

- How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Tuesday:
1. Connecticut (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield at Hartford, Wednesday.
 2. Duke (11-1) beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60. Next: vs. North Carolina-Greensboro, Wednesday, Dec. 30.
 3. Kentucky (10-2) lost to No. 2 Duke 71-60. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.
 4. Cincinnati (10-0) beat Houston 115-78. Next: vs.-Dayton at Cleveland, Sunday.
 5. Maryland (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas, Wednesday.
 6. Stanford (9-2) beat Santa Clara 94-49. Next: vs. Temple at Oakland, Tuesday.
 7. North Carolina (12-2) lost to Georgia Tech 66-64. Next: at California, Tuesday.
 8. Arizona (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Monday.
 9. Purdue (12-1) beat South Carolina 80-64. Next: at Providence, Sunday.
 10. Indiana (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Drake at Indianapolis, Sunday.
 11. New Mexico (8-0) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.
 12. UCLA (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. American, Wednesday.
 13. Kansas (8-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Wednesday.
 14. St. John's (10-2) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 81-54. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday, Jan. 2.
 15. Michigan State (8-3) beat Tulsa 68-58. Next: vs. Alabama at Laie, Hawaii, Wednesday.
 16. Clemson (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Furman at Greenville, S.C., Saturday.
 17. Minnesota (8-1) beat Montana State 78-64. Next: vs. Sacramento State, Tuesday.
 18. Auburn (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bethune-Cookman, Tuesday.
 19. Arkansas (8-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
 20. Wisconsin (10-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Wednesday.
 21. Iowa (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Coppin State, Wednesday.
 22. Syracuse (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Sunday.
 23. Oklahoma (7-2) lost to Ole Miss 75-72. Next: vs. North Carolina State at San Juan, P.R., Wednesday.
 24. Pittsburgh (8-4) beat Howard 78-42. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday, Dec. 30.
 25. Oklahoma State (7-3) beat UNLV 81-69. Next: vs. Southeast Missouri State, Wednesday, Dec. 30.

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No. 15 MICHIGAN ST. 88, TULSA 58

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BIG SPRING Wednesday

Bowl

All Times CST
Saturday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina

Today
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1)
p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 1
Alabama Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4)
p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1)
7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman

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BOWL SCHEDULE

All Times CST
Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Today
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U.

(8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Muscle City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0),

12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Peace Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), Noon (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 3:30

p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

High-scoring Louisville's Cardinals meet Marshall's Herd tonight in Motor City Bowl

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — John L. Smith gave Louisville an attitude, made the Cardinals work hard and look ahead. It paid off, and tonight they meet Marshall in what should be a high-scoring Motor City Bowl game.

The Cardinals (7-4), who are 3-point favorites, were 1-10 a year ago. But they made a big turnaround in their first season under coach Smith, a free-wheeling offensive guru whose trademarks are a big smile, a fast quip and cowboy boots.

Marshall (11-1), which moved up from Division I-AA to I-A two years ago, returns to the Motor City Bowl after repeating as Mid-American Conference champion. The Cardinals finished third in Conference USA, behind Tulane and Southern Mississippi.

Both teams might put a strain on scoreboard lights.

Louisville scored 63 points twice this season, had 62 points once and 52 another time. The Cardinals never scored fewer than 21 while averaging 40.4 points.

The Cardinals have the nation's No. 1 offense, average 47 passes per game, and sometimes use five wide receivers.

Marshall averaged 29.8 points. The Thundering Herd scored 42 points three times. The only blot on the Herd's otherwise perfect slate was a 34-13 loss at Bowling Green.

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of talks, but Toronto couldn't find a deal to its liking.

"I still have the right to refuse a trade, but I'm just not demanding it," Clemens said.

Agents Randy and Alan Hendricks added that they wouldn't completely rule out the possibility of dealing with the Astros in the future. But Randy Hendricks said the Astros' comments portrayed Clemens as a greedy player.

Hendricks said he has continued talks with Astros owner Drayton McLane.

"What has followed in Houston and around America is an outpouring of condemnation of Roger Clemens and myself as a result of this press conference," Hendricks said. "I want to reiterate that Drayton has been diligent, courteous and he has been dogged in his pursuit of Roger and at this moment still is."

McLane told a Houston television station Tuesday night that he hasn't given up.

"It certainly is disappointing to hear they said that," McLane said of Clemens and his agents. But he added: "I can't help but believe that this problem can be resolved. All you can do is say you're sorry."

McLane told KRIV-TV he remains strongly behind Smith and Hunsicker, saying they "have done outstanding work for the Astros."

Hendricks said one team offered Clemens more than \$60 million for the next four years, and another was willing to add two years at more than \$30 million. He didn't identify the teams.

For their part, the Astros wouldn't rule themselves out Tuesday.

"The goal always has been and still is to secure the services of Roger Clemens if Toronto is interested in trading him," Hunsicker said. "We intend to continue to explore that. Unfortunately, this has become a very complicated situation."

Toronto wanted three or four quality players or top prospects for Clemens, who won consecutive Cy Youngs in his first two seasons with the Blue Jays and went 41-13.

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ing a 15-4 run that gave the Spartans (8-3) a 25-10 lead midway through the opening period. Eric Coley and Tony Heard each scored 15 points for Tulsa (10-2).

No. 17 MINNESOTA 78, MONTANA ST. 64

At Minneapolis, Quincy Lewis scored 27 points as Minnesota beat Montana State.

Kevin Clark added 22 points for the Golden Gophers (8-1), who won despite a season-high 13 3-pointers by Montana State (4-5).

OLE MISS 75,

No. 23 OKLAHOMA 72

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Keith Carter scored 20 points and freshman Jason Harrison hit five of six free throws down the stretch as Mississippi advanced to the final of the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic.

Ole Miss (9-2) went ahead for good with 15:59 left on Michael White's three-point play. Michael Johnson scored 20 points for Oklahoma (7-2).

No. 24 PITTSBURGH 78, HOWARD 42

At Pittsburgh, Vonteego Cummings broke out of a scoring slump with 21 points as the Panthers defeated winless Howard.

The Panthers (8-4), playing for the first time since a one-point loss to No. 1 Connecticut on Dec. 12, led only 27-24 at half-time. But Cummings sparked a 22-4 run early in the second half that broke the game open.

No. 25 OKLAHOMA ST. 81, UNLV 69

At Las Vegas, Adrian Peterson and Desmond Mason each scored 21 points and Doug Gottlieb had 15 assists as Oklahoma State beat UNLV.

Oklahoma State (7-3) led by only two points with 4:32 left before going on a 16-2 run to put the game out of reach. Shawn Marion and Kaspars Kambala led UNLV (4-6) with 18 points apiece.

ABL

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Val Ackerman said. "We applaud the great efforts and passion of the ABL's players

and all the league and team personnel who labored so hard to start and sustain the league."

At one time, the ABL was signing most of the nation's top players. Observers ranked the quality of play as better than that of the WNBA, which used a smaller ball. But the ABL's competitive advantage appeared to drop recently.

The WNBA signed most of this year's top college seniors and was able to lure Dawn Staley, one of the ABL's main attractions. Many ABL players will seek work in the WNBA, now the only U.S. women's pro basketball league.

The ABL's TV package this season was to include two championship series games on CBS and 16 games on Fox Sports Net, which was scheduled to show the New England-Nashville game on Christmas Day and now will revert to an extreme sports highlight show and a sports game show.


"Obviously we are disappointed," said Fox Sports spokesman Vince Wladika. "We gave them exposure on both the national and local level. It's a shame, because they provided us with some high-quality women's sports programming."

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IN BRIEF

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 Texas courses for a \$35 fee.

Both Big Spring Country Club and Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 other courses in West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses, as well as by contacting the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-227-2345.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahan, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

Major College Scores

- EAST**
- Boston U. 66, Manhattan 46
 - Cornell 88, Duquesne 73
 - Conn. Connecticut St. 72, Northeastern 67
 - Duke 71, Kentucky 60
 - Georgetown 94, Md.-Eastern Shore 66
 - Lafayette 79, Towson 76
 - Pittsburgh 78, Howard 42
 - Purdue 80, South Carolina 64
 - Rutgers 60, Princeton 49
 - St. John's 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 54
 - Villanova 86, Rider 73
 - West Virginia 82, Robert Morris 67
- SOUTH**
- Tennessee St. 98, Ferrum 58
 - Fla. International 74, South Alabama 43
 - Florida 117, Morehead St. 70
 - Georgia 82, East Carolina 65
 - Georgia St. 99, Va. Commonwealth 80
 - Georgia Tech 66, North Carolina 64
 - LSU 74, Troy St. 56
 - Miami 80, Memphis 64
 - South Florida 85, Long Island U. 54
 - Tennessee 92, UNC-Greensboro 60
 - Virginia 82, VMI 64
- MIDWEST**
- Bradley 72, Indiana St. 62
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 - Hofstra 61, Youngstown St. 59
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 - Wis.-Green Bay 77, Valparaiso 50
- SOUTHWEST**
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 - Boise St. 61, Idaho St. 60, OT
 - CS Northridge 77, James Madison 64
 - Cal St.-Fullerton 96, Quincy 66
 - New Mexico St. 66, San Diego St. 55
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 - UC Irvine 82, Brigham Young 75
 - Utah 74, St. Francis, Pa. 49

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- College of Charleston Classic**
Championship
Coll. of Charleston 80, Delaware 55
- Third-Place**
Charleston Southern 66, Stony Brook 65
- Coors Light Classic**
First Round
Fresno St. 94, Chicago St. 71
Miami, Ohio 58, San Diego 52
- Golden Bear Classic**
Championship
California 94, SW Louisiana 65
- Third-Place**
Mississippi St. 75, E. Kentucky 62
- Pearl Harbor Classic**
Semifinals
Alabama 59, Oregon St. 49
Michigan St. 68, Tulsa 58
- Consolation Bracket**
Texas Tech 78, Pepperdine 76, 20T
Weber St. 71, BYU-Hawaii 62
- Puerto Rico Holiday Classic**
Semifinals
Ole Miss 75, Oklahoma 72
Ohio St. 81, N. Carolina St. 64
- Consolation Bracket**
Ala. Birmingham 85, Middle Tenn. 60
St. Joseph's 88, American U., P.R. 52
- Stanford Invitational**
Championship
Stanford 94, Santa Clara 49
- Third-Place**
William & Mary 101, Elon 69

ON THE AIR

- TODAY:**
- COLLEGE BASKETBALL**
6:30 p.m. — Arkansas at Wake Forest (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. — Kansas at St. Louis (ESPN).
- COLLEGE FOOTBALL**
7 p.m. — Louisville vs. Marshall, Motor City Bowl (ESPN2).
- NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**
6:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Toronto Maple Leafs (Fox Sports Southwest).

Roger Clemens withdraws trade demand, blasts Houston Astros

SPRING (AP) — Roger Clemens is no longer demanding that the Toronto Blue Jays trade him. And if they do, he can refuse it.

Clemens removed the demand Tuesday and also made it clear he would not play for the Houston Astros under their current management because of remarks they made in Nashville, Tenn., at baseball's winter meetings.

Clemens, the only five-time Cy Young Award winner, said he had no desire to play for Astros team president Tal Smith and general manager Gerry Hunsicker, who called a news conference during the winter meetings to blast Clemens' proposal for a \$27.4 million, one-year extension.

"I'm very upset about what Mr. Smith and Mr. Hunsicker said and how they directed things toward me as a person," Clemens said at the offices of his agents.

"I don't know them personally and

they don't know me as a person," Clemens said of Smith and Hunsicker. "The disappointment I feel is that I have no interest in playing for two individuals like that who would make a statement like that and don't know me."

Clemens, who would have gotten \$43.5 million for the next three years if Houston had accepted his proposal, confirmed for the first time he had a written agreement with the Blue Jays allowing him to both demand and veto a trade.

He is guaranteed \$16.1 million in the final two years of his contract with Toronto and said he wouldn't ask for a renegotiation as part of a trade. He said he was walking away from an additional \$44 million in guaranteed money by staying with the Blue Jays — citing offers made by other teams willing to trade for him.

Clemens' decision didn't have much effect on Blue Jays general manager

Gord Ash's agenda. He'll likely resume Clemens trade talks after the holiday break.

"It doesn't mean much of anything if you ask me," Ash said in Toronto. "All it does is remove a lot of the clutter that we've had the last couple of weeks and clarify their position."

Ash said Clemens' rights under the collective bargaining agreement, which allows veteran players dealt during multi-year contracts to file formal trade demands, would give the pitcher leverage over any deal.

"Any club that is going to give up talent of substance is going to want to know he'll be there beyond the year," Ash said.

When Clemens signed with Toronto, Beeston agreed that the team would trade him if the pitcher became convinced the Blue Jays wouldn't contend. Clemens became disenchanted after

interbrew SA, the team's Belgian owner, set a budget with a payroll of about \$40 million, and Toronto made little effort to re-sign Jose Canseco, who went to Tampa Bay.

Ash said that if Clemens begins the season with the Blue Jays, he didn't anticipate any negative fan response.

"Once he marches out there, pitches a two-hit shutout and strikes out 15, I can't see it," Ash said.

Clemens notified the Blue Jays in a Nov. 27 letter that he was demanding a trade to a team closer to home or to a contender, citing an agreement he made with then-team president Paul Beeston in December 1996. The Blue Jays made his demand public Dec. 2.

Houston, Cleveland and Texas were the chief contenders for Clemens, with the New York Yankees on the outskirts

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Investigations into biggest ethics scandal in Olympic history continue

NEW YORK (AP) — Investigations into the biggest ethics scandal in Olympic history will be in progress when the IOC meets to deal with another pressing problem — doping.

While the IOC expects to wrap up by Jan. 23 its own probe of alleged bribery in Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games, two other inquiries won't finish until after a worldwide drug summit set for Feb. 24.

The latest investigation started Tuesday, when the U.S. Olympic Committee appointed a five-member panel headed by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell.

Mitchell, who helped frame the Northern Ireland peace accords and is expected to play a key role in President Clinton's impeachment defense, said the panel would hold its first meeting next week and finish work by the end of February.

"We have to be thorough, but at the same time we have to do this promptly," Mitchell said.

The Salt Lake Organizing Committee, meanwhile, said an investigation by its ethics board would report its findings at a Feb. 11 meeting.

"All we need to do is determine what happened, at whose hand, and why," said Gordon Hall, a former Utah Supreme Court justice who heads the SLOC probe. "I don't envision that it will take a long time to do that."

While the Salt Lake scandal, and allegations of more widespread corruption in awarding Olympic cities, had riveted the IOC over the past two weeks, a

leading member said the doping summit set for Lausanne, Switzerland, would not be delayed.

"That schedule will not change," IOC vice president Anita DeFrantz said. "That affects the athletes, and the athletes are the most important thing."

Mitchell said the goal of his investigation was to ensure that future Olympics in the United States are as clean as fans and sponsors expect them to be.

"I believe the Olympic movement holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans and people around the world," he said. "We intend to investigate what happened in the past and make recommendations to assure that the selection of U.S. candidate cities for future Olympics is fair and above reproach."

Mitchell said he found the accusations "disturbing," but not stunning.

"I spent 30 years in politics and the last three in Northern Ireland, and not much shocks me anymore," he said.

Mitchell said his panel would cooperate with the other investigations and would turn over any evidence of criminal wrongdoing to prosecutors. The Justice Department is conducting a preliminary review of the case.

"We would welcome any information that would help us determine how best to proceed," said Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin.

SLOC senior vice president of public communications Shelley Thomas said organizers would cooperate with the USOC inves-

tigation, as they have pledged to do with the other inquiries.

USOC president Bill Hybl refused to rule out penalties against organizers, but said the USOC had no intention of taking over Salt Lake's Olympic preparations.

"These games will go on," he said. "They will be one of the most successful, Winter Games ever."

Olympic officials, meanwhile, tried to calm jittery sponsors, who pay an increasing percentage of the multimillion-dollar sports budget and are attracted by an image of quality and high ethical standards.

US West, a major sponsor of the 2002 Olympics, wrote to SLOC president Frank Joklik to protest the "unsavory allegations." Other sponsors have voiced similar concerns.

All corporate sponsors, partners and suppliers in the USOC's marketing programs had been contacted about the case and the Mitchell panel's investigation, Hybl said.

"Based on what we know, we have told the sponsors that they can count on full oversight so that it won't happen in the future," Hybl said.

The USOC president also said that American cities bidding for future Olympics and Pan American Games must abide by a 25-page set of ethics guidelines "that say what you can and cannot do."

No such USOC rules were in effect when Salt Lake won the Winter Games in 1995, Hybl said, although IOC rules limited gifts to members to \$150 each.

Third season no charm for ABL

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — A pile of freshly typed paychecks sat on the front desk. A plastic bag full of homemade chocolate chip cookies and a wall covered with holiday cards gave the office a festive atmosphere.

But those trappings did little to dispel the gloom in the offices of the American Basketball League a few days before Christmas.

The nine-team ABL folded Tuesday, midway through its third season, unable to compete with the rival WNBA — which is backed by the money and marketing muscle of the NBA.

As the league filed for bankruptcy protection, ABL franchises canceled their games and began drawing up plans for paying players and employees, and refunding ticket holders' money.

"I can definitely feel for people finding out they just lost a job, because that's obviously what happened," Nashville guard Michelle Marciniak said. "We don't have practice. We don't have a game on Christmas Day. I have a calendar filled up 'til the spring. Now there's nothing."

The ABL had teams in Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Denver; Hartford, Conn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Philadelphia, San Jose; Seattle; and Portland, Ore.

"At this point, the league is out of money," league co-founder and CEO Gary Cavalli said. "This is a sad day for our fans, employees, players and

coaches, and for women's basketball in general."

Cavalli said the ABL was unable to get the necessary TV exposure and sponsorship to survive.

"I am shocked. I never saw it coming," New England guard Jennifer Rizzotti said. "I am thankful for all of the loyal fans throughout this trying season. It's a shame this happened. I'm still trying to figure it out."

The ABL was launched in 1996, riding the enthusiasm of the gold medal-winning U.S. women's team at the Atlanta Olympics and the boom in women's college basketball. When the WNBA began play the following year, however, many began to wonder if two women's leagues could survive.

This year, the ABL hoped to take advantage of the NBA lock-out, which has forced cancellations of at least half the season.

"I'm a little surprised about the timing of it," said forward Katie Smith of the Columbus Quest, which won the league's two championships. She plans to play with a national team this summer and then look into joining the WNBA.

Players, some of whom chose the ABL because it offered higher salaries than the WNBA, were informed of the shutdown when they called the league office.

"We have closed our entire operation," a recorded message said. "The league is currently working on a plan to ensure that you'll be paid as much of

your salary as possible for the month of December. This plan is subject to court approval."

Seattle's Kate Starbird, whose signing two years ago was a major coup for the fledgling league in its battle against the WNBA, had practical concerns. "I talked to my sister at work," Starbird said. "She's got 20 tickets that I think I have to reimburse her for the next game."

The league's board of directors decided late Monday night to suspend the rest of the 1998-99 season that began in early November and file a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, leading to the league's liquidation.

At the office of the Chicago Condors, a woman who answered the phone refused to take a message.

"I don't think you understand, we no longer have jobs," she said, then hung up.

Though ABL attendance increased 23 percent last season to 4,333 per game and the league's TV ads this fall offered it as an alternative to hoops fans dismayed by the NBA lock-out, it could not compete with the WNBA — which averaged 10,869 fans a game last season.

The WNBA, which has 10 teams in cities that also have NBA franchises, plays from June to August. The ABL played in the fall and winter.

"This is an unfortunate setback for the women's sports movement," WNBA president

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Duke rolls

Blue Devils gain revenge while Georgia Tech upsets Tarheels

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke got revenge against Kentucky, and Georgia Tech got some pride back against North Carolina.

Elton Brand scored 22 points as second-ranked Duke beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60 Tuesday night in the Jimmy V Classic at East Rutherford, N.J.

Trajan Langdon added 18 points for the Blue Devils (11-1), who avenged a heartbreaking loss to Kentucky in last season's NCAA South Regional final.

"They had the killer instinct," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "Every time we made a big shot, they had an answer."

Georgia Tech, coming off a 41-point loss to Kentucky, rebounded with a stunning 66-64 upset of No. 7 North Carolina at Atlanta.

The Yellow Jackets (8-2, 1-0 ACC) won even though they failed to make a field goal in the final eight minutes.

"We have a lot of heart," said Jason Floyd, who led Tech with 18 points. "We were really embarrassed (by the Kentucky loss) and we wanted to come out and ... prove that we weren't a terrible team."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 4 Cincinnati 115, Houston 78; No. 6 Stanford 94, Santa Clara 49; No. 9 Purdue 80, South Carolina 64; No. 14 St. John's 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 54; No. 15 Michigan State 68, Tulsa 58; No. 17 Minnesota 78, Montana State 64; Mississippi 75, No. 23 Oklahoma 72; No. 24 Pittsburgh 78, Howard 42; and No. 25 Oklahoma State 81, UNLV 69.

Georgia Tech led 62-50 after Alvin Jones hit a turnaround jumper, but managed only four free throws the rest of the way. North Carolina (12-2, 0-1) cut Tech's lead to 66-63 with 3:52 left on Max Owens' 3-pointer, but couldn't complete the comeback.

"The fact they were blown out like that (in their previous game), you knew they'd come back ready to play," said North Carolina's Brendan Haywood. In their NCAA tournament matchup last season, Duke blew a late 17-point lead to Kentucky, which went on to win its second national championship in three years. On Tuesday night, however, the Blue Devils took a 16-point lead early in the second half and refused to let the Wildcats back in the game.

"We didn't want what happened to us last year to happen again," said Duke guard William Avery, who had seven assists and six rebounds. "So we kept attacking and we played to win."

No. 4 CINCINNATI 115, HOUSTON 78
At Cincinnati, Alvin Mitchell scored a career-high 21 points and Pete Miceal added 20 as the Bearcats routed Houston in the Conference USA opener for both teams.

The Bearcats (10-0) posted their highest point total since a 116-63 victory over Dayton on Feb. 12, 1995. Gee Gervin led Houston (4-5) with 30 points.

No. 6 STANFORD 94, SANTA CLARA 49
Arthur Lee hit five 3-pointers and scored 19 points as the Cardinal won the Stanford Invitational.

HOW TOP 25 FARED

How the top 25 teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll fared Tuesday:

1. Connecticut (8-0) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield at Hartford, Wednesday.
2. Duke (11-1) beat No. 3 Kentucky 71-60. Next: vs. North Carolina Greensboro, Wednesday, Dec. 30.
3. Kentucky (10-2) lost to No. 2 Duke 71-60. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.
4. Cincinnati (10-0) beat Houston 115-78. Next: vs. Dayton at Cleveland, Sunday.
5. Maryland (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. North Texas, Wednesday.
6. Stanford (9-2) beat Santa Clara 94-49. Next: vs. Temple at Oakland, Tuesday.
7. North Carolina (12-2) lost to Georgia Tech 66-64. Next: at California, Tuesday.
8. Arizona (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Monday.
9. Purdue (12-1) beat South Carolina 80-64. Next: at Providence, Sunday.
10. Indiana (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Drake at Indianapolis, Sunday.
11. New Mexico (8-0) did not play. Next: at Washington, Thursday.
12. UCLA (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. American, Wednesday.
13. Kansas (8-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Louis, Wednesday.
14. St. John's (10-2) beat Fairleigh Dickinson 81-54. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday, Jan. 2.
15. Michigan State (8-3) beat Tulsa 68-58. Next: vs. Alabama at Laie, Hawaii, Wednesday.
16. Clemson (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Furman at Greenville, S.C., Saturday.
17. Minnesota (8-1) beat Montana State 78-64. Next: vs. Sacramento State, Tuesday.
18. Auburn (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bethune-Cookman, Tuesday.
19. Arkansas (8-2) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
20. Wisconsin (10-1) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Wednesday.
21. Iowa (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Coppin State, Wednesday.
22. Syracuse (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Sunday.
23. Oklahoma (7-2) lost to Ole Miss 75-72. Next: vs. North Carolina State at San Juan, P.R., Wednesday.
24. Pittsburgh (8-4) beat Howard 78-42. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday, Dec. 30.
25. Oklahoma State (7-3) beat UNLV 81-69. Next: vs. Southeast Missouri State, Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Mark Madsen added 15 points for Stanford (9-2), which has a 27-5 record in the holiday tournament that started in 1981. Nathan Fast had 16 points for Santa Clara (4-6), which has been decimated by injuries this season.

No. 9 PURDUE 80, SOUTH CAROLINA 64
In the opener of the Jimmy V Classic, Jaraan Cornell made a season-high five 3-pointers and scored 20 points as Purdue won its eighth straight.

The streak is the longest for the Boilermakers' (12-1) since winning 11 straight at the end of the 1995-96 season. South Carolina (4-6) has lost four in a row.

No. 14 ST. JOHN'S 81, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 54
At New York, Marvis Thornton scored 15 points as St. John's extended its winning streak to seven.

Ron Artest and Tyrone Grant added 13 points apiece for St. John's (10-2), off to its best start after 12 games since 1990-91. Baldor Olafsson scored 10 points for Fairleigh Dickinson (4-4), which lost its third straight.

No. 15 MICHIGAN ST. 68, TULSA 58
At Laie, Hawaii, Morris Peterson scored 21 points as Michigan State reached the final of the Pearl Harbor Classic.

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Big Spring Wednesday

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All Times CST
Saturday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina

Today
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1)
p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 1
p.m. (ABC)

Alotta Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4)
p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1)
7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
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Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
North Carolina 20, San Diego State 13

Today
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)

Alpha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U.

(8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0),

12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), Noon (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 3:30

p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

High-scoring Louisville's Cardinals meet Marshall's Herd tonight in Motor City Bowl

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — John L. Smith gave Louisville an attitude, made the Cardinals work hard and look ahead. It paid off, and tonight they meet Marshall in what should be a high-scoring Motor City Bowl game.

The Cardinals (7-4), who are 3-point favorites, were 1-10 a year ago. But they made a big turnaround in their first season under coach Smith, a free-wheeling offensive guru whose trademarks are a big smile, a fast quip and cowboy boots.

Marshall (11-1), which moved up from Division I-AA to I-A two years ago, returns to the Motor City Bowl after repeating as Mid-American Conference champion. The Cardinals finished third in Conference USA, behind Tulane and Southern Mississippi.

Both teams might put a strain on scoreboard lights. Louisville scored 63 points twice this season, had 62 points once and 52 another time. The Cardinals never scored fewer than 21 while averaging 40.4 points.

The Cardinals have the nation's No. 1 offense, average 47 passes per game, and sometimes use five wide receivers. Marshall averaged 29.8 points. The Thundering Herd scored 42 points three times. The only blot on the Herd's otherwise perfect slate was a 34-13 loss at Bowling Green.

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of talks, but Toronto couldn't find a deal to its liking.

"I still have the right to refuse a trade, but I'm just not demanding it," Clemens said.

Agents Randy and Alan Hendricks added that they wouldn't completely rule out the possibility of dealing with the Astros in the future. But Randy Hendricks said the Astros' comments portrayed Clemens as a greedy player.

Hendricks said he has continued talks with Astros owner Drayton McLane.

"What has followed in Houston and around America is an outpouring of condemnation of Roger Clemens and myself as a result of this press conference," Hendricks said. "I want to reiterate that Drayton has been diligent, courteous and he has been dogged in his pursuit of Roger and at this moment still is."

McLane told a Houston television station Tuesday night that he hasn't given up.

"It certainly is disappointing to hear they said that," McLane said of Clemens and his agents. But he added: "I can't help but believe that this problem can be resolved. All you can do is say you're sorry."

McLane told KRIV-TV he remains strongly behind Smith and Hunsicker, saying they "have done outstanding work for the Astros."

Hendricks said one team offered Clemens more than \$60 million for the next four years, and another was willing to add two years at more than \$30 million. He didn't identify the teams.

For their part, the Astros wouldn't rule themselves out Tuesday.

"The goal always has been and still is to secure the services of Roger Clemens if Toronto is interested in trading him," Hunsicker said. "We intend to continue to explore that. Unfortunately, this has become a very complicated situation."

Toronto wanted three or four quality players or top prospects for Clemens, who won consecutive Cy Youngs in his first two seasons with the Blue Jays and went 41-13.

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ing a 15-4 run that gave the Spartans (8-3) a 25-10 lead midway through the opening period. Eric Coley and Tony Heard each scored 15 points for Tulsa (10-2).

No. 17 MINNESOTA 78, MONTANA ST. 64
At Minneapolis, Quincy Lewis scored 27 points as Minnesota beat Montana State. Kevin Clark added 22 points for the Golden Gophers (8-1), who won despite a season-high 13 3-pointers by Montana State (4-5).

OLE MISS 75, No. 23 OKLAHOMA 72
At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Keith Carter scored 20 points and freshman Jason Harrison hit five of six free throws down the stretch as Mississippi advanced to the final of the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic. Ole Miss (9-2) went ahead for good with 15:59 left on Michael White's three-point play. Michael Johnson scored 20 points for Oklahoma (7-2).

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No. 24 PITTSBURGH 78, HOWARD 42

At Pittsburgh, Vonteego Cummings broke out of a scoring slump with 21 points as the Panthers defeated winless Howard.

The Panthers (8-4), playing for the first time since a one-point loss to No. 1 Connecticut on Dec. 12, led only 27-24 at half-time. But Cummings sparked a 22-4 run early in the second half that broke the game open.

No. 25 OKLAHOMA ST. 81, UNLV 69

At Las Vegas, Adrian Peterson and Desmond Mason each scored 21 points and Doug Gottlieb had 15 assists as Oklahoma State beat UNLV. Oklahoma State (7-3) led by only two points with 4:32 left before going on a 16-2 run to put the game out of reach. Shawn Marion and Kaspars Kambala led UNLV (4-6) with 18 points apiece.

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Val Ackerman said. "We applaud the great efforts and passion of the ABL's players

and all the league and team personnel who labored so hard to start and sustain the league."

At one time, the ABL was signing most of the nation's top players. Observers ranked the quality of play as better than that of the WNBA, which used a smaller ball. But the ABL's competitive advantage appeared to drop recently.

The WNBA signed most of this year's top college seniors and was able to lure Dawn Staley, one of the ABL's main attractions. Many ABL players will seek work in the WNBA, now the only U.S. women's pro basketball league.

The ABL's TV package this season was to include two championship series games on CBS and 16 games on Fox Sports Net, which was scheduled to show the New England-Nashville game on Christmas Day and now will revert to an extreme sports highlight show and a sports game show.


"Obviously we are disappointed," said Fox Sports spokesman Vince Wladika. "We gave them exposure on both the national and local level. It's a shame, because they provided us with some high-quality women's sports programming."

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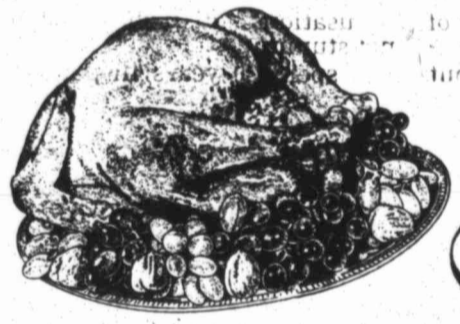
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is now or never. You are confused and unsure of your direction. Clean up any last-minute details ASAP. You'll want to enjoy yourself. Make time for a special loved one before everything gets too busy. Express your feelings. Tonight: Avoid company for personal reasons.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Resist getting caught up in someone's frenzy. You could easily be overwhelmed. Remember the true nature of the holiday. Remain even and be loving with friends. One particular person could be contrary and difficult. Be understanding. Tonight: Pass the eggnog around.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make sure every base is covered. Make phone calls and

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check in. Others really love hearing from and/or seeing you. You could be more in control than you realize. Clearly, you are adored. Don't let a case of "bah humbugs" get to you. Tonight: In the limelight.***

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others seek you out. A last-minute problem might baffle you. Don't let the hectic pace get to you. Remain even and upbeat. Someone has an odd manner of showing his feelings. Be patient, and allow caring to dominate. Tonight: You make Christmas cheer happen.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might still have a lot to complete, but the day is short and Christmas is here. Do what you can. Remain nurturing to others. Let go of any problems. Your true self comes out with family and loved ones. They do understand. Tonight: Slow down, enjoy a nice fire and a hot toddy.***

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Loving and Christmas mix

well this year. Still, you could have your doubts as the day begins. Don't let a friend disappoint you. Be mellow and direct. A child or loved one comes around to your way of thinking. Don't hesitate to say what you are feeling. Tonight: Mistletoe!***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A partner who doesn't always make the right decision confuses you. Right now, you are out of sync. Worry less. Focus on family, home and the holidays. Finish up a few remaining details. Express your caring through actions, not words. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Matters become unnecessarily complicated. You are tired and overly sensitive. Take some time to regroup. Put on your best face and don't permit someone to get to you. Keep communications flowing. Everything works out. Tonight: Exchange gifts and good wishes.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You could be emotionally exaggerating problems. Pull back and be realistic. Let go.

Indulge yourself and others.

Remember, this only happens once a year! You instinctively know what someone needs besides a gift. Follow that hunch. Tonight: Let the celebrations begin.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are the focal point, more than you realize. A boss or parent could be most frustrating. He is unclear, and you certainly aren't getting the message. Adopt an understanding attitude with those who are difficult. Tonight: Be with the people whom you love.***

BORN TODAY Actress Jill Bennett (1931), author Mary Higgins Clark (1925), author-director Nicholas Meyer (1945)

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In-laws' anniversary is high price to pay to party

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws are having a large and expensive celebration for their 40th anniversary. They are demanding that all five children kick in \$250 toward the party. We live in another state and our tickets to attend are very expensive. Abby, we feel the cost of our tickets is enough expense without helping to pay for THEIR party. They invited us!

My father is 80 years old, and he and Mom will have a 50th anniversary soon. That is something to celebrate. I don't mind paying for it myself, and I won't ask anyone to help.

Which anniversaries should be celebrated with a big celebration? And must we help pay for their party? (No one offered to help us with the expense of our plane tickets.) —JACKIE IN COLORADO SPRINGS

DEAR JACKIE: Forty years of marriage is something to celebrate, and a party is appropriate. Usually the couple hosts the party, but if the children wish, they can give the party. If the children planned this celebration, then they should each pay a share. However, if your in-laws planned the party, they are the hosts and the children should not be forced to finance it. It would be gracious to chip in if you can afford to, but if you cannot, let your in-laws know it would cause financial hardship. Perhaps they will excuse you.

P.S. The fifth, 10th, 20th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th are typically celebrated in style, but many couples also celebrate anniversaries in between with small parties with family or close friends.

DEAR ABBY: While my daughter and I were standing at the window, we saw that her 3-year-old had stopped his tricycle and leaned his chin on the handlebars. When we looked again, he was in the exact same position, which was unusual for him. Laughing, we went out to see what had captured his attention for so long.

His face was turning blue. The cord on the hood of his jacket had come unfastened, and when he leaned forward it had become entangled in the pedal. Each turn of the pedal had pulled him tighter against the handlebars until he could go no farther. Thank God, he was fine as soon as we cut him loose.

Children's coats should fasten with snaps or Velcro, and slacks should have no belts to remove. A baby can strangle on any string or cord — even that ribbon used to hold its pacifier. — NAOMI GLENN, A CONCERNED GRANDMA, HILLSBORO, OHIO

DEAR NAOMI: Your grandson's near-miss must have been terrifying for all concerned. Thank you for alerting other parents and grandparents to this potential danger. This

valuable information may save some lives.

DEAR ABBY: Is it appropriate for a couple to announce their engagement at another couple's wedding?

My sister-in-law and her fiancé did that at our wedding — at the request of my mother-in-law. I'm very upset about it, and my husband says I'm being selfish and petty.

Abby, are they right, or am I? (Please don't use my name.) — BRISTLED BRIDE

DEAR BRIDE: You are correct. What your sister-in-law did at her mother's behest was akin to the cute little child actor stealing the star's spotlight.

However, please be generous enough to forgive them, so this sore spot doesn't fester and eat away at family relationships. Harmony is more important than highlighting a breach of etiquette.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter in your column from Mr. Beard of Sacramento, I'm compelled to write in support of his assertion that we CAN all get along. While far from home, Mr. Beard, a black man, was loaned a hearing aid by a white audiologist named Mr. Potter.

When I was a child growing up in the South, my father ran a medical clinic. He worked long hours serving the health needs of a small community. He performed and assisted with many surgeries on black and white people, Jews and Gentiles. He used to tell me, "All people are pretty much the same color on the inside, and THAT'S where you need to look." It was excellent advice.

Mr. Potter, the audiologist, must be one of those who "sees" what is important in all of us, and trusts that which he cannot see.

I agree with Mr. Beard. We can all get along if we look for those things we have in common, and respect what makes us different. — KAREN LAWRENCE, NAPA, CALIF.

DEAR KAREN: I think you put it very well. It is important to the future of our country that when we look our neighbors in the face, we dwell not on their color, but their humanity, and judge them not by their appearance, but by their character.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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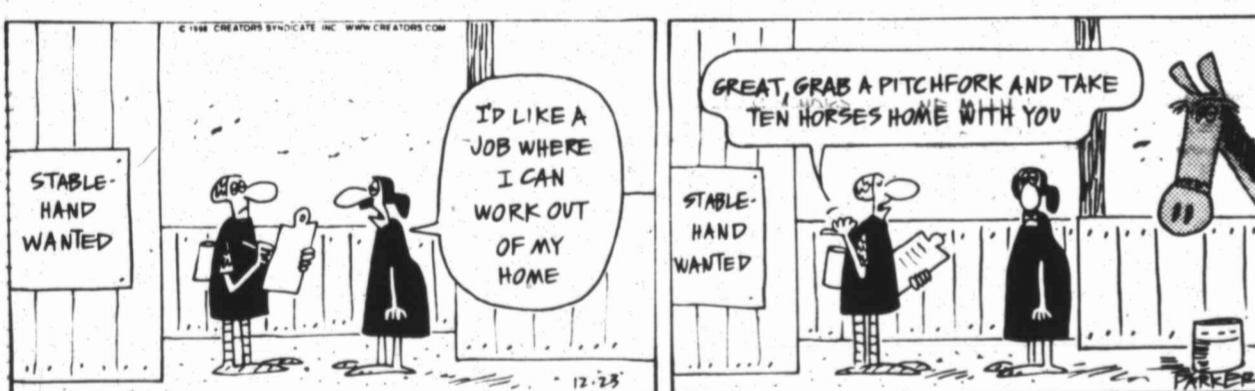
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Wednesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1998. There are eight days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Monday's Puzzle Solved section showing the completed crossword puzzle and the words used.

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon. In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany. In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network. In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo. In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight without refueling as it landed safely at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

In 1995, a fire in Dabwali, India, killed 540 people, including 170 children, during a year-end party being held near the children's school.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II met with Yasser Arafat at the Vatican. The pontiff told the PLO leader he believed Palestinians and Jews had "an identical fundamental right" to their own countries.

Five years ago: President Clinton, under intense political pressure, instructed his attorney to give the Justice Department all records of his investment in an Arkansas real estate partnership linked to a failed savings and loan company.

One year ago: A jury in Denver convicted Terry Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, declining to find him guilty of murder. Woody Allen married Soon-Yi Previn in a small ceremony in Venice, Italy.

Today's Birthdays: Photographer Yousuf Karsh is 90. Actor James Gregory is 87. Actor Gerald S. O'Loughlin is 77. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 65. Actor Frederic Forrest is 62. Actor James Stacy is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eugene Record (The Chi-Lites) is 58. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 55.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information, office hours, and a list of staff members.

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Dear Santa,
I want a barbie doll.
Larissa Gonzales
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a toy blue color.
David Juarez
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a toy and a green bike.
Anthony Duenes
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger set.
Elijah Balcaza
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a power sword set, a red toy and a airplane.
Nickie Sharp
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a Basketball Game, doll, rocking chair and a christ-
mas tree.
Gabbie Torres
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, horse and a bas-
ketball.
Ismael Rubio
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a airplane, truck, and
blocks
Brandon Lopez
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a reindeer, horse, tiger,
barbie doll, and a minnie
mouse.
Jalinda Hernandez
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a apple, power rangers,
toys, and a basketball.
Matthew Zubiate
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want Tiger.
Paige Palmer
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a black choo choo
train, and lights and a christ-
mas tree.
Evan Leib
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a green toy and a
truck.
Anthony Cisneros
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gree, bike, and a
doll.
Belinda Gonzales
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a big bike and a doll.
Rosa Flores
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a
race track, bike.
Jared Jarmon
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a tree, doll, mickey
mouse and flowers.
Kaegan Robertson
Lakeview Head Start room 104

Dear Santa,
I want a computer a skip it a
barbie farris will a celetable
barbie to. a bead set Lisa frank
stichers a basketball goal a rugat
basketball or a Luney
tunes.
Kassie Holbrook
age 8

Dear Santa,
I want a microwave and a bar-
bie jeep. I also want a McDonald
Baby. I have been really good
this year Santa. I love you very
much.
Love Kaylea Holbrook
age 3

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good little
boy. I would like the following:
I want to meet Michael Jordan.
A whole bunch of toys.
Michael Arista
age 3

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I
would like th following pres-
ents: a diamond ring.
Tonia Arista
age 4

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. I
would like a Barbie; a Teddy
Bear; a Barbie ring; a Barbie
necklace; a Barbie watch;
Barbie bracelet; shoes.
Shelby Arista
age 5

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine!
For Christmas I would like a

WCW/NWO Revenge game; a
telescope, a computer, and a
Mortal Kimbat game. For my
cousin, Austin, I want you to
bring him a toy frog, and for my
new cousin, Braylee, please
bring her a new doll. I will have
cookies and milk ready for you
and some hay will be on the
roof for your reindeer. See you
soon!
Love,
Anthony M. Garza
age 6
P.S. For my dad and mom
please give them a new truck.

Dear Santa,
I want a new doll for
Christmas. I also want a doll
house. I love him because he
gives us presents.
Alma
Anderson Kindergarten room
21.

Dear Santa,
I want a car sta-
tion and I would like to have a
fire truck with a station. I love
him because he is nice and he
gives us presents.
Nikolas
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and I also
would like to have a new note-
book for Christmas. I love Santa
because he brings all of those
toys for the kids.
Love,
Raquel
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a new
nintendo, and a new play sta-
tion. I love Sant because he is
nice and he brings us toys if
we're good.
Julian
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, the Barbie doll.
I want a pink doll car.
Your friend,
Colette
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I want a VCR, drums and a lit-
tel collection of "power ranger"
toys and "lost in space" toys.
Help my dad.
Love,
Caleb
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I want a "Barbie Jeep" and a
doll. On Christmas please bring
me toys.
Your friend,
Andrea
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I love you. I like when you
give me presents. Please bring a
Batmas.
Love,
John Lyons
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie trike 'n Go, a
McDonald's Play dough and a
Barbie telephone, rember to
check your list twice, please.
Sometimes I mind and some-
times I don't. Please bring Blake
baby toys. He is one- I am 5. I
will leave cookies and milk out
for you.
Love

Dear Santa,
I want a reindeer- Karten. I
want a Baby trike 'n Go, a
McDonald's Play dough and a
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Love

Dear Santa,
I want a big stuffed reindeer
with a red nose, and I want that
glitter nails. I love you, Santa
and I lover your reindeers.
Your friend,
Jessica
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I wanta Ninja and a power
Ranger. I live in the country.
Love
ZZack
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I think a cat would be nice,
and a cat litter. I want some
clothes. I've been good all day.
Love
Valerie
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas, I want some
presents. A baby doll that turn
flips. A robot for baby brother
and for me a treasurebox. Some
new jeans too.
Your friend
KaShell
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty 'cause I don't
have one. And a Pocohantas
movie.
Ashley
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want skates and a bike for
Christmas. I love you, Santa!
Christa
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want Archer, the Commando
Ship and skates for Christmas.
Tell the reindeer to come to my
house to give me presents.
Alex
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a Teacher Barbie and
another Barbie that I don't
remember the name- the Doctor
Barbie.
Shahala
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

I want a flag for soccer games.
I want a basketball. I want a
Santa Christmas doll. Crayons
for my house.
Love,
Gabbie (Gabriella)
Anderson Kindergarten room
21

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Shahala
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Dear Santa,
I want Crash Bondi Cop III
game and centipede on Play
Station. Ask the elves to make
one a remote-control choo choo
set.
Tommy
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want roller blades and a jeep
for Christmas.
Adrian
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a real bunny
rabbit for Christmas. Merry
Christmas.
Stephanie
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a new Power Ranger
bike and new squirter gun. Tell
Rudolph I like him. I'm moving
to Coahoma. I'm going to give
you a Christmas star.
Brady
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want building blocks and
make-up for Christmas. Tell the
elves I like them.
Merced
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a new Batman, Robin

Brooke Zitterkopf
Dear Santa,
I've been a good little girl. For
Christmas I would like a talking
Bubba with a flashlight, also
some clothes.
Thank you,
Marisol Hernandez
Age 3
P.S. Bring my sister Alicia a
toy & clothes.

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I think I
have been a good boy. For
Christmas I would like a Mega
Fire Winger, Mega B3, Godzilla
toy with controller and clothes.
Thank you,
Timothy Davila
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas
and a pair of maracas (shakers).
Jim
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie skates and Nike
socks.
Taylor
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a robot and an astro-
naut toy for Christmas. Tell the
elves to make my toys.
JJ
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and skates for
Christmas. And for my mom
and dad to get back together.
Happy New Year and
Christmas.
Savana
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a Teacher Barbie and
another Barbie that I don't
remember the name- the Doctor
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I want building blocks and
make-up for Christmas. Tell the
elves I like them.
Merced
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a new Batman, Robin

and Mr. Freeze. Ask the elves to
bring Rudolph the Red-Nose
Reindeer to my house.
Raheem
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a water gun and bike
for Christmas.
Adolfo
Anderson Kindergarten-
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman, Robin and
Mr. Freeze and Buzz Lightyear.
Terrell
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
I want a slinky and a babysit-
ter Barbie for Christmas.
Chelsea
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

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Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
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I want make-up and nail pol-
ish for Christmas
Analysa
Anderson Kindergarten
Mrs. Wynn, Room 22

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us
Christmas. I want a lot of toys I
want a sled, I'll have a truck,
I'll have scissors and lots and
lots of paper. I will leave you
something to eat and drink and
some stickers.
Love, Aristotle
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I Love You. Maybe you will
take me a ride on your sleigh
with the reindeer. I can pick the
toys if you want me to. I want a
Batman toy. I want a robot, I
want a monster truck with a
remote control, and I want a
Robin.
Love, Trevor
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I would like this girl that
rides on this tricycle all by her-
self. This girl that can really
talk to you and tell you what
time it is and this girl that can
eat from this tray and tells you
when she is hungry. I want a
Barbie jeep you can really drive
in.
Love, Jaycee
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a new back-
pack. I want a dolly, a dog, a cat
and a doll. I want you to bring a
cat to my Mom, some trucks to
my brothers.
Love, Abigail
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie car and
Barbie doll and a Christmas
tree with lights. I would also
like stickers and a cup to drink
out of.
Love, Desiree
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Rugrat backpack, a
Ninja Turtle, and a dinosaur,
megasaur, a Taz cup and a crab.

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a turtle, and Rugrat shoes.
Love, Alex
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle. I want you to bring me a puppy dog. I want you to bring my Mom a new dress because she does not have enough dresses.
Love, Shawna
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger, a transformer-the monkey. I want a sled to go sledding in the snow. These big Transformers too. A small soldier toy and I want Archer my favorite one, and a small soldier coloring book.
Love, Micah
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want the Silver Ranger and the Megazord and that's all.
Love, Christopher
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Well, I want a bear and a Barbie set and a house for my Barbies and that's it.
Love, Christina
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I have been kinda good, and I would like a few Barbies, some more Barbie clothes.
Love, Saije
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a play station and that's all.
Love, Kyle
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, a Rugrat's vacation.
Love, Timothy
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo game, some pencils, that's all.
Love, Trey
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, pencils, and a bed, a candle and that all.
Love, Briana
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Polly pocket, and a lunch box, that's all. I want you to bring my Mom a new make-up set and my Dad a new tie.
Love, Laura
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a doll and a dog, that's all.
Love, Shelbi
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Rugrat backpack, and Ninja turtle and a Rugrat watch and a Rugrat toy, a Rugrat CD and a computer and a new school box for my crayons. And a Gotzilla toy and a lunchbox and Rugrat stickers and a pencil, pen and a Taz toy, and books.
Love, Alphonso
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a big Power Ranger and one that talk and silver. I want a Megazord, that bash and ball that you wrestle with.
Love, Caleb
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman toy and a Batman with Robin.
Love, Albert
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
Center

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep, fingernails.
Love, Brittany
Mrs. Bloodworth's class
Anderson Kindergarten
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Center

Dear Santa
what I want is sometheng funny. I want a car a small electric car just my size. everyone loghft at at my gift I atleast hope I get one for my barbie or my doll. everyone is wishing for sometheng else. But I don't care if I get something else for chistmas. I hope for something I like it doesn't half to be what I want. I still like some other thing I love chistmas and all the thing you put on chistmas is the best time becuous it is the day Jesus is born I hope you have a great chistmas I hope the raindear are ok I know you have alot of notes I hope all the kids get something they like does this sound fumileyer mery chistmas to all and to all a good night.
Aimee Maree Appel

Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer. For Cristmas I want a pool table. And the green goblen on spiderman. And Robin because the one I have is a cartoon. My sister wants a Barbie. And one more thing I want for Christmas I want Nintdo 64 games. I don't wake up my dog.
Jared Baker

Dear Santa,
I want a trapelin for Christmas. I want a desk so I can put my cuputer on.
Sincerely,
Corina Ybarra

Dear Santa,
I wade like a my size angle Barb and a barby sidy and last but not lest close. How is raad-off ding we saw a moveg of hem today. jolry on and I also wonte a ring.
Sincerely,
Arealle

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a car and some close and some shose.
Tyrone

Dear Santa,
for chistmas I want a playstation and soupernentendo and I want a telescope and a stereo. Merry Christmas Santa.
Rey

Dear Santa,
I want a fake nail mashen. Some books. And cloths. I'll be sure to give you milk and cookies. How are you doing.
Sincerely Rachel

Dear Santa,
Please can you get me these thigs. a barbie car and shoes and please let my mom be able to have the baby and please let Sarah be my friend and some jelray.
Sincerely,
Cathy Franco

Dear Santa,
I want a fution magic hair set. And some books a new hair brush to go with my fation magic hair set. I want my family to come over and celbrate for gods birthday.
Sincerely,
Theresa

Dear Santa,
hows rudalf and the other raindeers. I want that 5 in one sports table and I want that hockey table. And I want that big screen micrascope set. and I want a hockey goul. and a golf set and colord bag.
Sincerely,
Rance Terry

Dear Santnicklis
I want a manovocs VCR and a camra jewelry and a stroller for Christmas and I hope you have a very good christmas and I

hope you are taking good care of your reindeer santa I hope you are taking good care of Mrs. Clause to and take care.
Sincerely,
Ambrie Schaffner

Dear Santa,
I wantd glay staeion and nittin-do 64 games and close.
Christian

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a camera, some clothes, money, a walet, a phone, shoes, and sweter. Santa how are Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Viton, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen and Rudolph doing hope there doing fine. Jesus has his birthday on that day! but I'm not sure what day it is on Jesus's birthday. Whel Santa that's all I have to say by well write back soon Santa.
Sincerely,
James Norman Celestino Bowen

I want a car to!

Dear Santa,
I want a one clay dough set. a newborn baby doll, new roller blade states, reading book's and new cloths, a new watch, colors, markers, mapcolors, bows, and color box, a computer, a fluffy bunny, a barbie doll.
Sincerely,
Briana Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I what my sizze Barbe doll and I what a swimen ple and I what rill Rinsas clos and I what chrlie har all the time and I what a prinasas things and I what to go to Six flags but must of all I what is my rill Dad and I what to be vary prid.
Priscilla Valimont

Dear Santa,
I want a few of presents. I want a barbie about my sies babie scurp and burp, and a purple finger nail polesh.
Thank you,
Sincerely
Maggie Rubio

Dear Santa,
A penny. high roodoff high santu.
Sincerely,
Farley

Dear Santa,
I want a pupé that start cry in and win you pit it by youer, face and it star lekking. Thz end I love you I will miss you.
Sarah

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine! For Christmas I would like a WCW/NWO Revenge game, a telescope, a computer, and a Mortal Kombat game. For my cousin, Austin, I want you to bring him a toy frog, and for my new cousin, Braylee, please bring her a new doll. I will have cookies and milk ready for you and some hay will be on the roof for your reindeer. See you soon!
Love,
Anthony M. Garza
Age: 6
P.S. For my dad & mon please give them a new truck.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kaitlyn Hector I am four years old. I would like Barbie dolls and a Cabbage Patch baby. I would also like a play vaccum cleaner and some jewelry. I will leave you some milk & cookies.
I luv you
Kaitlyn xoxo

What I want for Christmas is an Sync sidy and my own boom box and a Christmas baby

a soper Nail Creations and a Finger Nail fun. and a pooh doll accessories and a rugrats giggle pet and a tickle Me elmo and lots of sox and lots of clothes and some nicke shoes and a Rugrat move and I want Selena doll and Slena move and i want lion King 2 Simbas pride move and my own bicke back Stree sidy and lots of wide leg and lots of gigle pet and a titanic rose doll and a wiggle pooh loves you i love my pooh plushy chair! and a spice girl doll and a Nail Salon and a Brandy doll and Brandy music.
Ashli Islas
Merry Christmas Santa

Matt Islas's Christmas List
I want lots of cool clothes like jnco shirts & pants adidas & nike windbreakers with the buttons going down the sides and a 64 game like wcv nwo revenge gb club 99 a purple controller and a adapter for my 64 and adidas tennishoe and a fitted black North Carolina cap and a North Carolina nike jersey.

What I Want for Christmas
I want lots of giggle pets a tickle me elmo a cd player boom box and some levis nike shoe a nike jacket I want a rose doll from the titanic, telephone a nike watch.
Cecili Islas
Merry Christmas Santa Claus

Washington Elementary
2nd grade, Mrs. Frey

Dear Santa,
I wish you are well. I hope you are happy. Are your elves are too.
Eli

Dear Santa,
I hope my faimly has a Happy Christmas. I want a new cowboy football.
Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a airpump. I want a Boom box. I want some tape. I want a can of fixaflat.
Edward

Dear Santa,
I want a dog, I want a rabbit.
Ramiro

Dear Santa,
I like chrismes so much. I wish you'll bring good presents. I know you will bring me. I know I will like them.
Jermev

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a doll house with a doll in it, o.k.? Santa, I love you Santa.
Love Amaris

Dear Santa,
I want little rugrats. a bike with a black water bottle. I want a pupey. I want a baby Dil. talking tommy. I want a tommy to big Rugrats.
J.T.

Dear Santa,
I want a race track. I want some shoes. I want a another folder and I want a dog and two computer.
Anthony E. Solis

Dear Santa,
I whan't a bike, a dress, a stoking, a backpack and a skatebord. The end.
Doris

Dear Santa,
I want a house. I want a playstation. I want a jumaji game. I want a football.
Matthew

Dear Santa,
I want a 2 huskys in 2 bull-

dogs 2 KPs in a new cleask in play staste.
Quentin J.A.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike with a blue water bottle. And i want a rugrat and mickey watch. I want a Barbie house with Barbies.
Ventara

Dear Santa,
Can I have skates? And a helmet some elbow pads, knee pads and a rose.
Britani

Dear Santa,
I want a pretty doll. May I have black doll? And "Book it" to.
Your friend, Traosha

Dear Santa,
I want a b.b. gun for Christmas. I want a reindeer and a goose and a duck, and a elf and roodof.
Matthew Deleon

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas. I want a home. I want you to have a nice christmas.
Tony

Dear Santa,
I like christmas because he laughs at me.
Love, Heather

Washington Elementary
Mrs. Lowery, 1st Grade

Dear Santa,
I wut a prest with a azaneigrre ad a bicke.
James Childers

Dear Santa,
I want a presint that is a bike and a candy canes and tos and soirs and an chran seat.
Zecharian Akin

Dear Santa,
Dog puppy pease santa, bike geeep.
Ebony Jones

Dear Santa,
I wont a bike and rotablade and a lodridre bike to and a brbe grte.
Monica Cervantes

Dear Santa,
My sistr Wons a dall I wont a lowridr bike. And a Bee B Gun. and a gotcart.
Michael Gomez

Dear Santa,
i want a brybri dolls and a bike cde payr tow rende and a hat and lorskaeats.
Katie Gross

Dear Santa,
A mzxman skates A small sojrs playstashine A bike postre A red rydr petoe.
Chase Deanda

Dear Santa,
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Daniel Hembree

Dear Santa,
uglbrby. rpunsibrby. naldsinre. rolblads. bike. playdowe. misise brby. hardsinnner. pupy. skatebrby. Courtney Boyd

Dear Santa,
I wante a bicke and Brbie and roitublase and cupudre.
Ashleigh Smith

Dear Santa,
i wut a Loridr bikes i wut a sped scabbtalzls i wut a mush dozre i wut a kaoodor.
Jonathan Saucedo

Dear Santa,
i wat a bike last a shin and a buck. i luv my mom dad.
Johnny Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a bicke I want a prezent I want a playshen and dear santa I want a bre.
Vanessa Guerrero

Dear Santa,
Sant I wonte a football and a mixmah and lorriderbike boot and pladle and red rydr play stafin dinusure cupudre
Rosendo Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I wut ring skatse and dall and bik.
Stacey Enriquez


Dear Santa,
I wonte a pooshin doll and a midonons doll and wirbleas and Borbe and bath tub.
Megan Karwesky

Dear Santa,
A bike and a bots a kite and a raccar and set uv drums a set uv rolrskatse.
Chris Wikerson

Washington Elementary
Mrs. Faulkner, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I wold like to have thes things. I wold like to have a

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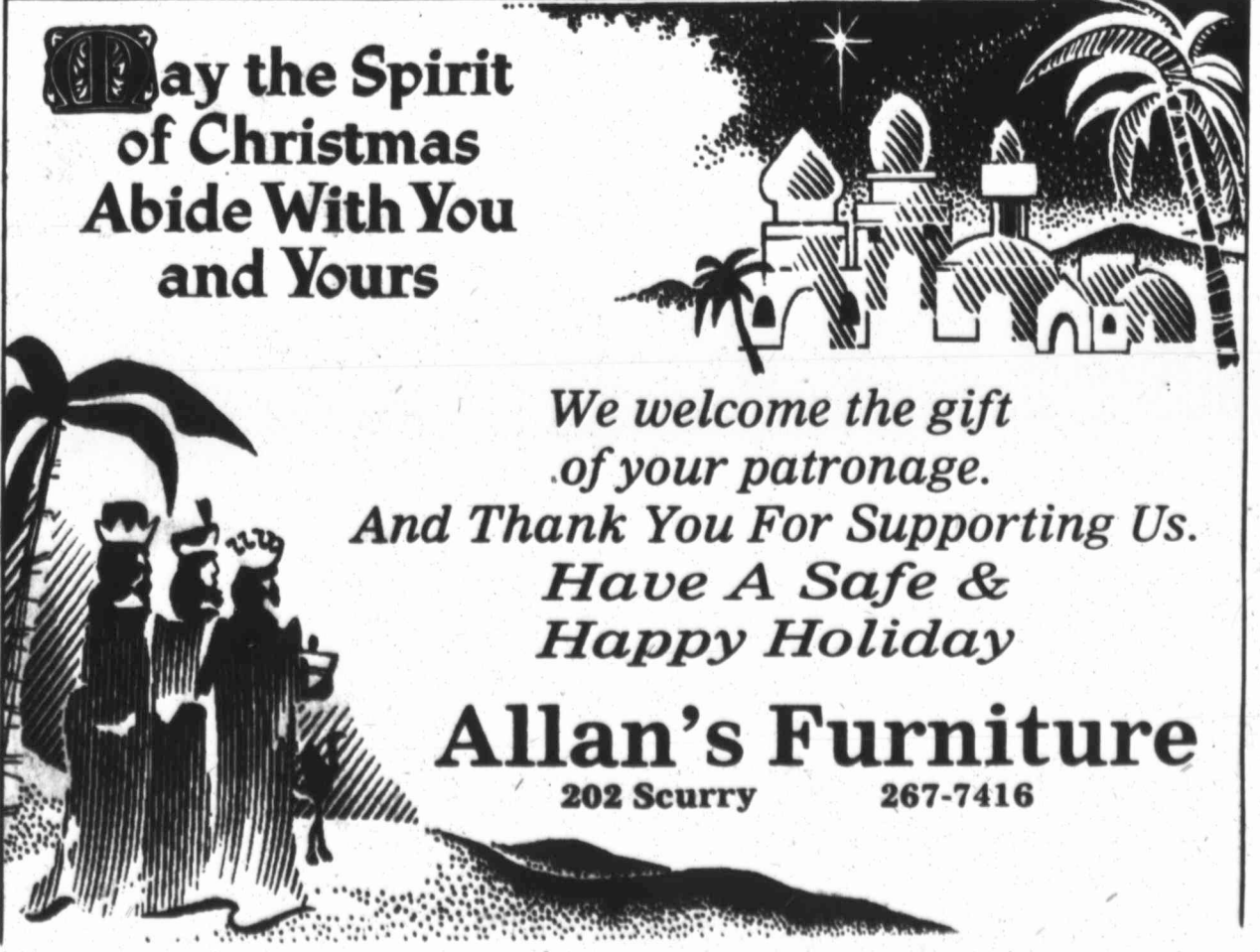


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bick, finger nells, pant set, some new books, a new backpack, some new shoes, new socks, new cloes, and some fance cloes to drees and lots mor thing.
Heather

Dear Santa,
I want a radio I want to give my grampal a gived but I cant aford I because I only got \$17.52 and I want to by hima a big bike like a good bike.
Love, Jacob Rubio

Dear Santa,
I want my mom and real dad curtis to git back to gether and I want a pair of iceskates for Christmas and I want a new radio.
Love Whitney Connaly

Dear Santa,
I'm in 3d grade but i what a bike. in a cd player in a Nitindo 64 in some new cdes. in a new car for my dad in a new radeo for my dad in my mom back.
Daniel Shahahan

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some shoes and a dog Nitendo 64. Some pants and some rolla blades and a ball and a bell.
Love, Carlos

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and rollerblads and a pair of nike shoes and a playstation and a toy gun and the set that gas whith it.
Scott

Dear Santa,
Thes is wat I want for Chrmas thes year. I a bike and there wider dzst and a gragen fey and fire doiers
Jacob Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I'm in 3.d grade But I whant a bike. in a cd player in a Nitindo 64. in some new cdes. in a new car for my dad. in a new radeo for my dad. in my mom back.
Robert

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a bike, a white teddy bear, a barbie, some clothes, a 24 pack of cryda crayns and a toy horse. I hope you come to my and my schoo wich is called Wahington EL I am in 3 grade in Mrs. Faulker's class.
Love, Stephanie Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I want winnie the pooh shuff. and a pack of sock. and something my little sister said that she likes you.
Your friend, Angie Massey

Dear Santa,
Christmas List, What I like for Christmas is a bike, clothes, toys, coputer whith printe rollerbazes soccer playstation go kart car.
Ashley Carrilo

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is EZ Retracts, ECo the electric helicopter that performs 412 foot gump balloon rit and pocket knife.
Apollo D.

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a football.
Love, Mario

Dear Santa,
I want a pare of shoes they were white and black I also whant that breakout in credible hulk, I want my own phone, I want a bat man and mr. feeze and bain and joker and riddler. I also want the rugrat movie.
Charles

Dear Santa,

What I wont for Chrmas is a new tv, nentido 64, a stereo with CD player, new cloes, a vcr, new shoes, a barbe, a new computer, and a trampoline.
Stephanie Williams and a ho! ho! ho!

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a skateboard Cd player, roller blades, bike, sled, ice skates, Nike cap, tape player.
Your best friend, Anthony

Dear Santa,
I have a few things that I want for Chrmas and wate theair are is a tv with a vcr. a fish tank. on and the titanic movie. but thats not all I also want some shorts that have rings in them and the shirt form bells. oh and the barbe furnersher.
Britney McIntire

Dear Santa,
is all I want 4 Christmas...a bike, Nike shoes, G.Xes., talkig baba, cloes, shes, pantys, sockes, watch, pillo, blanket, tie-tanec- shert, jodchesm a stero, beper, rings, necles, bracelets, puppy, or a ketten, overrols tetty bears, toys, CDes, a nanopet, a giga pet, diry a fets, win pants, pictors, contacs, jaket.
Shanin Murphy

Washington Elementary
Mrs. Park, 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I hope your little elfs are working hard, Santa. I've been a good girl and I'd like to have a microphone with all the cuff that gos with it. And a horse and puzzle with. A cat on the frut and so as a bady. Tommy. And my big buther wood like a colsheshen of the. Starware and a got-car and a new born bady and a othe buther wood like a basball. Place if you can.
Love, Audrey Hagland

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me jewelry box with jewelry. And a talking bubba. Bring me a neck-lace. Can I have a spihre ring? And a barbie jeep. Could you get my brother a playstation. And my mom a new bed.
Gabrielle Deanda

Dear Santa,
Can I please have something for m baby brouthor and sister. I want a remtekin trol car, glasses, ice skates, and a puppy. I like you santa very very much. Pleases bring me a computer with games and a cd player. Santa I like your elfs. Can I also have a gegapet, Nintendo 64.
Chris Livingston

Dear Santa,
I like you because you bring presets. I want a sand dart kit, a bed time bubba, a real talking bubba, can I have a gigapet, a jewelry box, some jewelry, Santa a game of monopoly, a baby tubble surprise, a wagon, a toy moter-sickle.
Amber James

Dear Santa,
All I want for Chistmas is toys. I want a puppy and a easy bake oven. My brother would like a play-station. Can I have a finger nail fun toy and new teddy bear. A computer would be nice. Thank you Santa Clausue and have a Merry Christmas.
Sara Davila

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa. And please will you bring my mom a teady bear. please will you give my family some presents. It will be nice have a Tickle me Big Bird

and a Barbie camp Jeep, and a Barbie watch and please will you Bring me a gigapet, I will love to have a Barbie computer.
Kristi Massey

Dear Santa,
I want a speed bike, a toy ship, a bunk bed, and two walky talky's. I wish you and your helpers can come and see me. Santa, can you and your elfs people come and bring me. Some mittens and some ice scates. I wish you a marry Chrmas. By the way me and my brother I would like my freind named Josha to have a red race car, and can you get my mo, a computer.
Jonathan Nieto

Dear Santa,
Christmas Eve is coming soon. Last Christmas you and your elfs worked hard. That why I'm sending this letter. SO Santa Claus can I please have a Barbie motor home, two Barbies, two Ken dolls. some Bed time Bubba toys! Please bring two bikes for me and my sister. And wish my mommy and daddy some presents. And I wish you and your elfs and everyone else a Merry Christmas too.
Carlita Green

Dear Santa,
I want four things. 1. a cd rom game 2. a ten speed bike 3. I want a puppy 4. I want a toy gun. and Santa I want you to give a gift to a friend. The gift is a Nitendo 64. His name is Brian.
Guillermo Barraza

Dear Santa,
I wan a moder sicl. and mi own. T.V. and a rowbot. And a rabbit, a nd a cederom and a plastashen. and a bebe gun/ and a plaeship. and a raskar, and sumeskan. a nd a hooe shoes. and sume cang. and a big bere for mi mon. and a stuff egl. and a laser and a cunputer. Ples
Shane Allen

Dear Santa,
I think you are nice. It is thankful you are giving presents. Can you bring me some presents for Chrmas? Well I want a giga pet, my size Barbie, and I would like some more presents. Plaese bring me a finger nail fun, and Nintindow 64.
Thanks, Heather Gentry

Dear Santa,
Santa do you hav any games? Can you bring me a rase car trake, and for my brthday I want a train set. Can I hav a bed time Bub?
Michael Cox

Dear Santa,
I like skating and basetball. I wot rolerbace skats. And some basetball cars. And a noo tace. And some Hot Weis. And littl cpotter. And a toing bub and a baby Dill and a Jeluskop. Siser I want to get. My siser some barber. And a and a toing Bub. And a puppy for me and my siser and a woch for. My sisert and a Barber hose a tweetee berd. Pleds pleds pleds.
Ashley Gibson

Dear Santa,
I been a good girl. I pay oten-tion to my teacher and make good grades. My teacher saids a have good manors. My brother wants a Firetruck and a Talk Baba. I please want a science book and a Barby. My mom please want a Big Spring T.V. I you don't have the toys we want it all right. Yoy can give us any toys. Merry Christmas
Adriana Cruz

Dear Santa,
When is Christmas? Well, I

will tell you my list. I want a t.v., a new light bulb for my dest That is what you got me two two years ago. I want a slup and burp baby, pooh blankit and a god. I thank your elfs and raindeer are cute. The people who are hurt, I want you give them Christmas presents. Ashely Gibsons little sister is hurt I think she wants a Barbie, tweedy bird pellow, and see you, and breing Ashley Bugs Bunny pellow and a blankit. Plese get my mom a new teddy bear shirt.
Megan Simpson

Dear Santa,
I think you are smart, and fast. You are good to little children. Would you plase get me a Lava lamp. I would really like a Neondoe 64. Please get my baby sister a wastleball. Try not to get cot in a snowstorm.
Brandon Kinard

Dear Santa,
I'm giving my friend a computer. His name is Guillermo. I a so want a playstation for my flamy and I want a gun for me. I want a bike and a toy modo Syco. I want lago people. I want a race car track. I si wabt a water-gun. I want close and candy.
Brian Flores

Dear Santa,
I want a canputer with discks and a new bike. I want my mom to get a clock, and my day a real eagle. I think my sister wants a real red fox. Problmy my sister wants a real red sleigh.
Shawn Hesson

Washington Elementary
Mrs. Burrow, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Nintend 64. in a big tv and kenputr and a now bick and a toy man.
James Long

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike, puppy. I would also like my brother and my sister for chistmas. I wish I have many bike for chistmas and a playstation for chistmas.
P.S. I left you some cookies and milk.
Your friend Zzane

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will like a trampoline and some new friend and a N64 and one more thing git a present for my teacher.
Thank you
Your Friend Thomas Canales

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a low rider bike. and I want a Nineto 64. and I want a skate board. I want a pair of Nike V shoes.
Your best friend
Brandy

Dear Santa,
I been good this year. I want a kitty, a dog, a bike, and ice states. I left you cookies, and milk and pie.
Thank you, Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I would like a play station, pocket watch, a train, a pair of roller blades, and a skateboard.
Your Freind, Colton
Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want you to bring me a hol-luhop, this year! And in my stoking I want a giant candy cane. And the rest what ever you want! And some Nike shoes.

Your friend, Amber Simer
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Would you bring me a Nentendo 64. Whith a game call NFL blitz. I'll leave cookie and milk for you Santa.
Have a good Christmas.
Your very best friend,
Vaugh Lee Medina Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a noo bike and a candy jar and some baging bans and a rabbit and a giant candy cain and a telescope and a CD Player and a teddy bear with a tabble cloth and other presents.
Love, Amanda

Dear Santa,
I would like to bring me a pair of roller blades, my mom and dad, some barbies, but what I really want a pair of Nike shoes, and a giga-pet and just one more thing a Play Sation. I left you some cookies and milk.
Your best friend,
Lacy Masters

Dear Santa,
Want I want is a little treee to decorate for Christmas. I want a baby puppy that is real and is a baby. and I gave you the rest.
Your friend,
Malinda
I love you santa

Dear Santa,
I want some bagy pants, wrestlimg figur, teddy bear, cd player, wolfpac shirt, sonce cold shirt, goldberg shirt, let it snow on Christmas eve, sega, nike shoes.
Your friend, Kristie

Dear Santa,
I wold like a bike play station keybord nintindo 64 nike shoes some present, cd player rollerblade skatebord, trampo-line I left you some cookies and milk.
Your best friend
Augustine

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy this year. SO please bring me some presents. I am 9 years old I have two brother thier naes are Jeffery and James and I have a sister her name is Erin they all have been good to so bring them something too please. I would like a Play Station with one or two games, a bike, a Cross necklace, a CD Player, and a telscope. I left you some Christmas cookies and some white milk.
Merry Christmas Santa!
Your friend,
Johnathan Hearin

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, some rollerblades, Giggapet, hol-luhop, teddy bear, cd played, and some other toys. I left some milk and cookies on the table.
Your best friend
Kailla

Dear Santa,

I have been good if you would i'd like a bike, rollerblades, cd player, n64, skateboard, tv, Sega, trampoline, sled, tape player, Nike cap.
Your friend
Adrian

Dear Santa,
I have ben good this year. I want 4 posters, 5 shirts, the shirts are Austin, Kane, undertaker, DX with all on it, Big Sexy Keven, Nash, Kane, Sable, Austin with half of is face and skettut face DX. And a nineto 64, super nineto War Zone. CD player, Nike shoes, CD WWF Volun two 3,000,000.
Best Friend,
Tracey

Dear Santa,
I will like you to please bring me a nintindo 64, and I will asow like a bike, and can it be a 10 speed and some other toys.
Your friend,
David

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like bike.
Your Freind,
John

Dear Santa,
I would like a giga pet Don't worry about the rests of the presents my mom will buy them.
Your friend,
Chris

Dear Santa,
I want all the litte cities and the trins and let it snow on christmas eve and christmas and telescope, space stuff, four-in-one table.
Your best friend,
Jim

Dear Santa,
For Christmas can you please bring me a Blues Clue's write on pad and Blue the dog. And mealtime magic baby. And Amazing Amy. Santa I love you and Merry Christmas.
Love, Lindsey Deel

Dear Santa,
Please can I have remote control truck and a fishing game and can you bring my baby sister a coat.
Love, Ryan Deel
P.S. Love you Santa and Mrs Claus too!

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a remote control barbie car, baby trike and go. Oopsie daisy, M&M's ring, M&M's bracelet, M&M's necklace, gymnastic Jaime, baby diaper surprise, ring that says Adrain.
Your Friend,
Ariel Fuentes
Love all of ya'll

Dear Santa,
I want a telescope and a microscope. I want a key ring with a smiley face on it and an alien ring, that's all.

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Love, Riley

Ben Avery, 6

Dear Santa,
I love you, I want one of those ice cream toys. I want a smiley, face, I want a ball for my Christmas too, that's all.

Ellyn Avery, 4
P.S. Please bring Cole that carpet thing with cars on it. He also wants a teletobbe. That's all. I want one too.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Kelsea Rae Moore. Thank you for My Teachers at Anderson Kindergarten. Ms. Moss and Ms. Groves are the best. Guess what I have a new puppy his name is T.J. He bites me a lot & I scream and I take care of him and he eats alot. Thank you for the presents last year.

I would like some things for Christmas. Twister game, Smoochie Pooch, Ken Dolls, Bugs Life stuff, some books about Phonics, a Barbie horse and a doll w/black hair and red lips and red cheeks, and some Rug Rat stuff. Mom says we might get a computer after x-mas. Maybe next year I can get some games.

Santa we will leave some cookies & milk out for you.
I Love You Santa! Kelsea!

The following letters are from Miss Fitzgibbons Kindergarten class at Coahoma Elementary.

Dear Santa,

I want a computer, please. I also want a black chihuahua dog. One last thing I want is a blue and red go-cart. Which reindeer is your favorite? I've been good this year.

Love Robert Barlow

Dear Santa,

I want a Mulan doll, any kind of barbie, and a "baby crawl and walk" You're nice I like presents.

Love Shae Carroll

Dear Santa,

I want a dog. I want a cat. I want a blue bike with training wheels. I love Santa. I also want a reindeer! I have been good this year. How do the elves make the toys?

Love Brittany Christian

Dear Santa,

I want a Jesus necklace, a book about "Sam I Am", and a fake M&M. I want some fish. I just love fish. I've been good for my mom and dad.

Love Chance Finnell

Dear Santa,

I want a blue pick-up (not a real one), a big light blue ball. I also want a soccer ball. I've been good. How do your reindeer fly?

Love, Brayden Iden

Dear Santa,

What are you doing? I want a purple bike, a doll to play with, and a soccer ball. What are the reindeer doing?

Love, Katijo Valie

Dear Santa,

I want a remote controlled car, and I want a blue ball, and I want a robot. Reindeer have hoofs and fur. That's all.

Love, Clint Vaughn

Dear Santa,

I like my dog. I want a doll like "Meal Time Magic Baby" I like Winnie the Pooh. I want a slide and a reindeer. I like you. I've been fine.

Love, JoAnna Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a football. I want a T-Shirt that is Nike. I've been good.

Love, Martin Gutierrez

Dear Santa,

I want a stuffed ant from the movie Antz, a necklace and rings, and a white boy bunny rabbit. I want a bag of M&M's. I will try to get you something for Christmas.

Love, Amanda Winters

Dear Santa,

I want a pig. I want a computer. I want a spider-man that sticks on the wall. I have been good this year. How do your reindeer fly? How is Mrs. Claus doing?

Love, Jacob Robbins

Dear Santa,

I want some blocks a computer and some puzzles. I have been good. I've been staying on my green M&M this week. That's all I want to say.

Love, Rosalinda Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I want a puzzle, and a Batman car and I want a N-W-O man that makes sounds. That's all. I have been good.

Love, Riley Thompson

Dear Santa,

I want a car that I can drive in the house. I've been good. I love you Santa.

Love, Ronnie Thompson

Dear Santa,

I would like a red bike. I want a book. I want a car. I don't know what kind. How do your reindeer fly? That's all.

Love, Andrew Toscano

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a toy car, playhouse and the baby dolls that go with it and also a baby dog. And last but not least a remote control bike with a man on it. I Love You and I will have cookies & milk waiting for you. P.S. I want chicken limbo.

Love, Aaron Hanes, Age 4

I would like for you to bring me a flip over doll, a crawl & walk baby doll. Also I want a playhouse. I almost forgot I want a stuffed bear. I Love You Santa. I will have snowmen cookies and a dr. pepper for you.

Love, Emilea Brumley, Age 3

I would like you to bring me a robot, a doggie and also I would like to have a RugRat movie. I like you Santa very much. I would like you to give my teacher - Mrs. Witt a silly bear and Winnie the Pooh. I will have turkey and rootbeer for you.

Love, Dakota Roberts, Age 3

I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll, a Rugrat moving and also a barbie bike. I love you Santa very much. I will have cookies for you to eat. Be Carefull!!

Love, Jesse Rose, Age 4

I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a doll house and a Barbie car. Can you bring Mrs. Witt an angel for Christmas. I Love You!! I will have plate full of cookies to eat adn milk to drink.

Love, Brandie Phillips, Age 3

I would like you to bring me a game called Chicken Limbo, candy bear with candy in it. Also a stuffed bear. I like you alot. I will have you cupcakes and milk.

Love, Bethany Roach, Age 3

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike. I love you, Santa.

Love, Tessa Rhoudes, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, I like Christmas. We get presents. I like Santa a Lot. He lives in the North Pole.

Love, Chaeley Barber, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, Do you have alot of presents for me this year? But this is what I want for Christmas. I want a doll. I want a Barbie doll too!

Love, Sloan Davis, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, please bring me presents.

Love, Juan Garcia, Jr., Kentwood first Grade

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus, My sister and I Love Santa. Santa lives in the north Pole. Santa I have bin very good. Santa is my budy soe is Mrs. Claus. Santa I Love you and Mrs. Claus for a friend.

Love, Zack Gillian, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, Have fun with the snow. I'm going to mack a santa with the snow.

Love, Brody Gutierrez, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, I hope I am on the good list. I want Baby spash and shiver. I wood like a Barby. I like the toy's that you give me. I Love Santa and I love Mrs. Claus.

Love, Rhanda Lee, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, How much I Love you Santa Mrs. Claus to. I hope I am on the list. Santa I Like Vixin. I love Vixin. Vixin is my friend so is Rudolph the red nose reindeer.

Love, Gretchan Pudliner, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, I hope that I will get a Lots of presents! Also I hope that am on the good list. If am on the bad list that is not good.

Love, Callie Shafer, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, I want sum roller blades for Christmas. I wood like a per of chapins close for Christmas. I oso wont a gocart so I can ride with my sister if she gets her Barbycar.

Love, Jonathan Womack, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa, I hope you bring me a lot of toys this year. For Christmas I want a toy bear and a new pair of shoes.

Love, Katie Stutz, Kentwood First Grade

Dear Santa Clause, I want a mountain bike, some beanie babys and some beads.

Love, Kaci Woolf, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dearn Santa Claus, I want 100,000,00\$ and some legos. My mom wants some roses. Jared wants 70¢. Christopher wants to move down to Nedrland and see Trace. So do I. Annie wants Treston to come and live with her. I think Annie does not know what she is talking about. My Dad wants a child.

Love, Sarah Freeman, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want 500 dollars, 5 packs of legos, a computer only for games. My stocking shall only be full wih games and candy. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love, Matt Waguespack, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I want a princess Diana Beanie Babie for Christmas I also really want a trampoline if you please! I Love you, Santa!

Love, Chelsea Hecker, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, Can you please get me a telescope, Tape N'Sink, computer, Giga pet, Barbie, stuffed animal, Rudolph. Stuffed horse, and a stuffed man.

From, Rechah Tasior, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please get me a stuffed ram? I would like it to snow. A new flashlight that is blue and white. Have a Happy Christmas to you.

From, Matthew Paul, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I will want Pochanas II the Movie, a Barbie, Gold Skating Barbie, Tape N'Sink, Benie Babies, Leg, A Sega, a Robot that cleans my and my brothers room.

Love You! Forme, Cristi Farquhar, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I want to get Beanie Babie's, please. I would also like make-up an things for my hair.

From, Larrissa Melchert, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a robot Emelio. And a pear of roller blades. And a ant farm.

Yours truly, Cassidy Sterens, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I want some string and beads. I want some Rugrats movie. I want a hoola-hoop. I want the game Mouse Trap. I want some paint.

From, Samantha Amos, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I have been good all year. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want pearl earrings, a Ballerina Beanie Baby, a microscope, a trampoline, a new puppy, new hair clips and a kitten.

Love, Stephanie Jackson, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I want the Tape N'Sink, and Beanie BaBies for Chrirtmas! And also a Computer, And the Movie Pocahontas, 2. Oh I just want evrething.

Love, Chelsea Castaneda, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Clause, How are things going? I would like to have a couple of things. I hope your reindeer are doing good.

Merry Christmas! Love, Derrick Fast, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I want a new puppy for Christmas. I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a pool for Christmas.

Have a nice flight. Love, Coby Landis, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, Have a happy Christmas. I would like a puppy and a scarf. I love you a lot.

Love, Kyle Larpenter, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Clause, I would really like to be able to have everything I ask for this year but some I'll have to wait. I want a trampoline, a new Beanie Baby named Mystic, a telescope, a microscope, the cute doll with the dog and sled, and a radio. I don't expect to see all of these on Christmas morning. My dog would like a new chew toy. Mom accedently broke her favrot neklas, the golden butterfly one. I'm sure she would like a new one.

Love, Jessica Stone, Kentwood 2nd Grade

Dear Santa Claus, I would like lots of Legos, some Beanie Babies, a Barbie, some Jewelry, some new hire clops, pearl earrings, a pink pen. I would like a new blanket, a hand held computer and a doll. Have a safe ride Santa Claus! Don't fall off any chimneys! I'll be looking forwerd to you coming!

Love, Krista Odle, Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How is it at the North Pole? Hows Rudolph and the other reindeer. I want you to give me some presents and some one else a present who probble won't get one this year.

Your Friend, Breanna Conner, Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a new sweater for my puppy, Sissy. I would also like books about Horses, Dogs, and whales. I would like some Mary Kate and Ashley books.

Your Friend, Katie Tompkins, Kentwood - 2nd gr.

Dear Santa, My little brother wants a big red truck. He also wants a talkin bubu. I want a baby spice girl. I also want a little kichin bakerears.

Love, Whitney Worthan

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph and your elves I bet fine. How is it going at the North Pole? Now to the list. I want some games for my Nintendo 64. Bring something like a Little play Rudolph. Oh yaw bring Ty one to.

Your Friend, Lanny Hall, Kentwood - 2nd gr. P.S. I will leave you cookies.

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus. I hope she is fine. I want a race car. I want a TV to. how is Rudolph. I hope I'm on the good list.

Your friend, Cade Hollandsworth, Kentwood - 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus, How is Rudolph doing at the North Pole. Has it snowed since last Christmas. This year for Christmas I want a hydro strike and a hydro-zap.

Your friend, Kade Parker, Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa, I want a telescope and a bug cage. So how is rudolph and Mrs. clause. How is frosty and jack Frost.

Your friend, Jace Avery, Kentwood-2nd grade

Dear Santa Claus, How is Mrs. Claus doing. I bet your elves are pretty busy. Oh I almost forgot to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like angel barbie, super nail creation, twister.

Love, Arile Johnson, Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa, Santa how is th elfs. Is it o.k. if you check on the reindeer and say that hi to Rudolph for me. And I would like Super nail creations. And Super hair creation.

Your friend, Mallory Smith, Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus, There are three things I want. A nintendo 64, Banjokazoe And Mario 64. Please bring them on Christmas evening.

Your friend, Kacey Freshour, Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus, how it Mrs. Claus. And rudolph. I would like a real puppy.

Your friend

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Kentwood 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I am wondering if Rudolph is doing. I hope you have a nice Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi. HoHoHo.
Your friend,
Kassie Anderson
Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I would like a copoter. I would like a posolan doll.
Your friend,
Caitlin Carlisle
Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus. Say hi to the other elfs for me. I only won't one presents this year that is a bike.
Love,
Kara Fraley

Dear Santa,
Are the elves bisey? For Christmas I want peace the beany baby. And a parit. Whell by.
Your friend,
Jordan Fair
Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the present you gave me I like them. I las play wiht thim. Santa is my favrent.
Your friend,
Brionna Palmer

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninteno sixtyfour. A cupple boxes of cards. A little black puppy to.
Your friend,
Chris Brooks
Kentwood 2nd gr.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer and how is Mrs. Claus? I hope they are doing really good. This is what I would like for Christmas. I would like a police play set. and a bunch of other toys.
Your friend,
Kody Willis

Washington Elementary
Mrs. Downey, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Bobbey car I want a sum cloo no.
Allison Carrillo

Dear Santa,
I want a playstion. and gameboy kace, I promise to be a good boy next year too.
Christopher Hale

Dear Santa,
I want two biseick sikl Barbie dall Kim dall Makeup two chrikes.
Love, Tahlea Green

Dear Santa,
I want a rask of got kor km audrluv.
Freddy Castillo.

Dear Santa,
I luv santa I yunt bopit? Luv ana I luv santa. I want bopit I want two bolt. I want fourth bolit luv ana?
Anastacia Gaitan

Dear Santa,
I like a shopping borbe and I wot a borbee close and I like a bugs life.
Jacobie Shellman

Dear Santa,
I want you tow get me. a spise gile and a dog. and a brbeey gile.
Love, Desaray Muniz

Dear Santa,
hi santa wut are you doing I wot a bike for crisms and I cumpdr.
Love, Lindsey Barraza

Dear Santa,
Can I hav a batman ruarerim-is, a tv s hot. wot wond foo sres the cpichrathop.
Luv Ruben Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a blues clues? Note pad and blue puppy and a barbie? and a angl barbie?
Lindsey Deel

Dear Santa,
I want you to get me a cat and a dog and a hash to and a got a cumpdr.
Love Sonia Herrera

Dear Santa,
I am and tensrakets. Hosis and lot ovrols.
Luv Timothy Lane

Dear Santa,
i like your randirse. I want a vok a no bloa wl. I want a gtor.
Love, Landon Rowden

Dear Santa,
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Luf Albert Gonzales

Dear Santa,
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Luf Eddie

Dear Santa,
brEd hick as bo e
Veronica Price

Dear Santa,
Bick a facrhles borbe a fac rabbit and a brnaeseas.
Luv Kara Hembree

Dear Santa,
fbsnrdivs ol
Cody Wilkins

Washington Elementary
Mrs. Drake, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I wot a bike plese. and my stir wasa brbe.
Love George Ballier

Dear Santa,
O want a baby cat amd baby dog and barbie.
Love, Monique Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a cuputre and puppes lito puppes. Har aer randers.
Love, Marissa Nieto

Dear Santa,
I want a computer bab bike hooray.
Lvoe, Halie Burrows

Dear Santa,
I want a computer.
Love, April Solis

Dear Santa,
I want a dog. and i want a cat.
Love, Mercedes Fierro

Dear Santa,
Haw is yor rane deer dooing I want a dog and my sistrs do to.
Love, Shannon Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I will like four krissmis a barbie car.
Love, Chaneel Dykes

Dear Santa,
I want a real cat. I want a puppy. I want a barbie.
Love, Stacie Hilario

Dear Santa,
I want barbie bike i want a baby computer and 4 dogs.
Love, Olivia Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I wot a bik I wot a Leto puppe.
Love, Aaron Lang

Dear Santa,
I want for crimis a new fake dog for crimis an a bike for crimis.
Love, Cory Wilkins

Dear Santa,
I wot a clan and a cutpodtr I wat a bike.
Luv Wayne Williams

Dear Santa,
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Love, Ryan Deel

Dear Santa,
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Lov Terel

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. and a palitgun.
Love, Armando Cervantes

Dear Santa,
I no want I want four crmis. I want a play stasin game.
Love, Justin Villareal

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a brbee.
Love, Ashley Guerra

Dear Santa,
a bike, as trampoline a new wagn.
Love, Joseph Martinez

Dear Santa,
I wut a blakhut I wut a bra boots I wut a drdootat.
Cory Wilkerson

Dear Santa,
Thanke you for the snow and thake you for the presins fram last year. And I want a yelleo lab puppy so I ken hav a lot of puppys and a manneocemru.
Love, Jesse Loter

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bikes. I want a chihuahua. I want a camera.
I swimming pool. I want a gigupet.
Love, Brittany Hodges

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the snow. I bin vere good. And can you give me a dog? I want a littl pup and a computer?
Love, Tim Ortega

Dear Santa,
I wut a computer foo Santa.
Love, Justin Holsnebeck

Dear Santa,
Please giva mee a swimming pool and beat wars and king hat and United States and mystic knight.
Love, Stefan Martinez

Dear Santa,
I need this letter maild Mis Simon. I want a bunch of beast wars and wildthing. Thank you.
Love, Cole Campbell

Dear Santa,
I want a kinghat. I want 2a christmas. I want 2 cats.
Love, Justine

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for the other Christmas presents fram the other Christmas. I want a dalmation for Christmas. I want a trampoline.
Luv, Kade Rhodes

Dear Santa,
Wut I wut for Christmas is a beast wars and the mystic knight.
Love, Stephen Powell

Dear Santa,
I hav bin good this yir and I wot this, a swimming pool and a trampoline and a gote car and a remote kindchrol su bmrene and a computer and some hotwils and the vacano blast.
Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I want three Chihuahuas. I want for that it is a boy die for my dad, one for mom, one for me too. We will name them. Santa, pulesse, Santa!
Love, Alex Ortega

Dear Santa,
I want 4 puppys, a doll, a king hat, a swimming pool, a computer. I hav ben good this yier.
Love, Chelsea Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like beast wars. Sata, I need a computer. I would like a mystic knight.
Love, Cody Freshour

Dear Santa Clause
i want a lot of toys i want a barbie i want a priety bell i want a callender i want some books i want a computer i want a new backpack i want a new coat i want a new bed i want my own room i want a city i want a puppy i want a scurt i want a lot of cloths i want a doll i want some doll cloths i want some barbie cloths i want a clock.
Love Kessandra

Dear Santa
I want for christmas is an bike,money, race car, goccart car, computer, train, puppy, city, a reslers game boy, pocket knife, playstation, close, glue,many games, a whatch, Tommy, all of the carocters of rugrats, movies, a screm tv, a backpack, gloo, a Nintendo 64, a rich house, a play jeep, 40 football, as ball and a bat, some toys, a farmset, a giant ball, a ston cold, all of the reslers, all of the caracter of bobby's world, how does Santa

Clause get down the sheming?
Love, Brian

Dear Santa,
I want new shoes and clous and a Bugs life move and line Kingll Simbas pride move and the Rugrats move and cd plaer and Cds and games, and kinten and a puppy and doll-mashin toys and a purple lava lamp and marbles and Santa am in El paso
Santa am i on the bade list?
Santa how do you com down the chimuny?
Love Cecill

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a manksca to cover tons cholat chip ice cream and a garden of flowers oh and one more thing my family love. I also want a gown and a picur of Alaska.
Love, Lauren

Dear Santa,
I want a amazing amy and a book it is at walmart I hop you cant get it for me if you cant well that okay. Santa I belev in you but come peopl in my klass dont but I do and I want a bidd dool of angelik and a chewowa I will love you forever if you get me a chewowa. That is oll I want from you.
Love, Marisa

Dear Santa
I want a bike, a santa note book, a neckless, a ring, a stereo, a rugrat whatch, a computer, a braslett, a WWJD braslett, a Big bear doll, a Little tea things, a Little randear book, a big santa toy, a T.V., a soft Jacket, a soft sweater, new shoes, a rugrat shirt and pants.
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,
I want a baby Dill and Tommy and Chuckie and Phill and Lill toy. and a cd of Rugrats fram my Play stagnen. A in sink cd, everything of Rugrats. I want a newtindo 64, and a Rugrats wach and a tommy wach and a riptar wach. and a chuckie wach. Lean Rimms cd. I want a cd of Titanic
Love, Santa Ronny

Dear Santa,
I whort a play stasion and a small soldiers c-de, and Rugrats cde, and a Rugrats toy. I whont Tommy toy and Chuckie and Phill toy and a Lill toy and Nietdo 64 and a Tommy watch and Chuckie watch and a Reptar watch and a small soldiers cde and a three camados.
Love, Oscar

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a Playstation, a Play Jeep, a Pocketknife, a bigger Bike, a Wolf pack shirt, pants, socks, shoes, and hat, a Game Boy coler, a Gocart Air Jordan's, Air Nikes, and a Tommy Watch.
Love, Zachary James Stephens

Dear Santa,
From :Leon
1. I want a tommy toy and a dill toy a chuckie toy and a Phill toy and a Lill toy.
2. I want a planstaysion
3. I want a cde of N.SYI
4. I want a T.Shirt of Stone Cold Steve Astien
5. I want a wolfpac T.Shirt
6. I want a nitindo 64
7. I want a Tommy Whach and a Reptar whach and a Chuckei whach
8. I want a cde of TITANTIC
9. I want a cde of small soliers
10. I want a Goldberg T. Shirt
11. I want a game boy
12. I want a Matthew road but
13. I want a Oscar whach
Love Santa, Leon

Deaar Santa,
I want some skates and a boxing bag and some boxing gloves.
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,
Some children say that you aren't real. Santa I want a computer, and a bike. I want a lot of things like a checker game and a wolf pack shirt and a shirts and pants and socks and shoes and a pet, and a goldberg shirts and a stone cold shirts and a watch and a Leon robot and a cd player and cds and a steers jacket and gum and candy and a play jeep and a small soilder toy and a big bed and a lots of books and a rugrats gigi pet.
Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I want a plashtashen and gin-tar and color book.
Love, Ace

Dear Santa,
Iwut toy for me, I get cert a gobrode cert big, a gobrode cert little, a wofpac T. Shirt, a kite, a toy restler, a big toy and a little toy.
Love, Bobby

Dear Santa,
For christmas I wan a bike and a wolfpack shirt and a sting shirt and a computer and a game boy color and a rugrats watch one of all and a small soildger giga pet and pants and soxes and shoes and a pocket-nife, playstaion and a color rv. bagy jeans and shirts. thats all.
Love, Ray Garcia Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a TV, VCR Steanraybestwor playsyashin with, twested metle, lot of bookes, a real kitten, a real peret, legoes, a real snake in a fish tank, small soeljers, all the Gorgunits.
Love, Dalton

Dear Santa,
I won't a bike and to live with my Dad.
Your friend Brandon Mindling

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a rabbit. I want puppy. I want a friend. I want longer hair. I want a Barbie bike with training wheels.
Merry Christmas, Your freind, Martina Deanda

Dear Santa,
I want a transformer for my brother. I want a vidyo game for my mla stashin and aamoo be be gun, nitindo sixty four.
Your friend, Jesse Partlow

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, fake nells, doll, dog, cote, shoes, close, her things, puzzls, and a stuff bear.
Your frind, Amber Flores

Dear Santa,
I want for christmas are a bear and a doll. But their is one more thing that I want for chismas is a baby doll. are your elffs still their?
Your friend, Yvette Cervia

Dear Santa,
I wantn't a playstashiin and a game boy and a beb gun and iwolp i have a mere christmas and a good Christmas vkashin.
Your friend, Justin Solis

Dear Santa, I want a doll, I want a brubbar. I want a ninanthscern, I want a new shos. I want a pet. I want a bow. I want a toy, I want a book. I want s stuff toy.
Your friend, Marci Grissom
Dear Santa,
I want a gameboy for Christmas Santa Claus. There is

lot's of things I want to tell you these are the things I want for Christmas a nintendo 64, and some Hot Wheels, control car with no string. Please Santa Claus.
Your friend, Marcel Garza G.

Dear Santa,
I want a barby and a baby doll and a book and a calerin book. and a cat and dog.
Your friend, Patricia Silva

Dear Santa,
I want a car and race car for christmas and a row bout and a book and a mathpack too.
Your frind, Emillio Aguinaga

Dear Santa,
I want a gocart for crismis. I wont some gorgnits and smal sogrs and the moove too. and a plat monke. And a poruer an for my prezt for my mom.
Your frend, Benjamin Mancha

Dear Santa,
Do you no what I want for Christmas. Bead Blast barbie and movie plus a kite and a baby cat.
Your friend, Dominique Eagle

Dear Saint Nick,
for Christmas I would like a bunny. and the next thing I would like is a Pinnocchio Video. And The next thing I would like is a pair of scissors for school. Then I would like a Collectable Barbie.
Kassi Roach

Dear Santa,
All I want is my family to be happy and I want a little dog.
From your freind, Junior Landin

Dear Santa,
I wood like a baby puppy and a baby kitten to. It wood be a very nice if you can bring a computer. Crismas is a fun time that kids have fun.
YOUR FRIEND, Samantha Plumlee

Dear Santa,
I want a baribe, a bike, and a happy Chrismtas and no fight and lots joy.
Sincerely, Lisa Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas in Ninetendo 64, Comuter, basket-ball shoes, a lot of books to read, barbie jeep, a tiny T.V., marker. Those things are what I like. But what I really like is to have a great Christmas with my family. And have a wonderful Christmas for all.
Sincerely yours, Desiree Yanez

Dear Santa,
I wod lick only one thing or tow. I wod lick ol of the little pour children to hav a Mery Christmas and I wont my family to be healthy and every won is happy and is safe.
Sincerely, your friend, Gloria Zavala

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer, plas-tation with two games, saga saturday, and a happy good christmas for my family.
From Your Friend, Daniel Munoz

Dear Santa,
I want a super nintendo, a playstation, Sega, DukVukem forever, Dukenukem time to kill, and two sega contollers, and Duknukem Platoon. A big

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