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## WEATHER

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## Volunteers sought for income tax training classes

Volunteers are needed for the income tax assistance program. A training class by the Internal Revenue Service will take place at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, 1901 Simler Drive, Monday, Jan. 10 through Friday, Jan. 14 from 9 a.m.-noon each day.

Volunteers who attend the training and pass a test given by the IRS will provide free tax assistance on a volunteer basis during February and March to senior citizens and needy persons.

Call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522 or the senior center, 267-1628, for more information.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideon's International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

### FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

### MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

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## DPS will have zero tolerance for drunk drivers this holiday period

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Failure to use seat belts, driving while intoxicated and speeding are the three primary reasons the Texas Department of Public Safety is estimating that as many as 62 people could die in highway traffic accidents between now and Jan. 2.

"We'll be focusing on some of the things we always look for — factors that might contribute to an accident," said Sgt.

Lawrence Meadors, DPS trooper out of Big Spring. "We'll have zero tolerance on DWI of course. If we do apprehend you for driving while drinking, you will go to jail."

The DPS is predicting as many as 30 people may die from traffic accidents between Christmas Eve and Dec. 26, and 32 more from New Year's Eve to Jan. 2.

That number could escalate, depending on the weather, said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, direc-

tor of the DPS. If the weather turns bad, the number of accidents "is going to go up just as sure as we are sitting here," he said.

According to DPS statistics, 61 percent of the people killed around Christmas last year in traffic accidents weren't wearing seat belts. Eleven percent of the those killed in vehicle accidents during the New Year's holiday in 1998 weren't wearing seatbelts.

"Be sure and buckle up and

buckle your children up," said Sgt. Meadors. "It's one of the biggest problems we have, people not wearing their seatbelts."

Last year, 68 people died in car accidents — 33 in the 78 hours leading up to and after Christmas and 35 in the 78 hours around New Year's. Of those, some 45.6 percent, were alcohol related.

Because of that and because of people expected to be celebrating the millennium — the DPS is especially concen-

trating on the New Year's period.

"During the New Year's weekend period, Dec. 30 through Jan. 3, everybody will be available across the state," said Meadors. "Those who aren't actually on shift will be available if called."

"We'll try to have as many as possible out during the Christmas holiday, but of course some people will be off to be with their families," he said.

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## Christmas comes to Angel Tree recipients

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

More than 200 families received Christmas presents Tuesday, as the Salvation Army Angel Tree program came to its conclusion.

"All the Salvation Army angels were adopted, but some people have not returned their angel gifts to us yet. As they trickle in, we will call the families intended to receive those gifts so they can come back and pick up the rest of their packages," said Danelle Castillo, Salvation Army social services director.

And Maj. Roy Tolcher, commanding officer of the corps, said donations have reduced significantly this year.

"We're nearly \$3,600 behind where we were last year with our mail appeals and the kettle donations," Tolcher said.

He added that kettle donations, which are located at the post office, the Big Spring Mall and Wal-Mart, have received contributions this year.

"The difference is in our mail appeals. Those are down, and as of Monday we had hardly anything being returned," he said.

The Salvation Army Angel tree program, which allows community members to participate and provide Christmas for those less fortunate, proved successful this year, as all angels were adopted.

However, Castillo urged those who who adopted angels by taking the cards off the Christmas trees to return those cards or presents before Christmas.

"We call these our Forgotten Angels, and

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Danelle Castillo, left, Maj. Mary Dell Tolcher, Robbin Hutcherson and Jonathan Tolcher Tuesday organize Salvation Army Angel tree applications and give away the gifts purchased by the Big Spring community for children and seniors.

## HOG helps brighten holidays for less fortunate

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

One reason the Salvation Army Angel Tree program was successful this year was because of good HOGs.

The Harley Owners Group adopted the last 82 angels. A group of 25 or more bikers, some big, burly, and bearded, traversed a local department store, discussing pastel colors, tea sets and baby dolls.

"We made quite a sight I'm sure Friday night when we all went into Wal-Mart to do the Angel Tree shopping. I'm sure a lot of people looked at us

strangely, and I guess it must have looked different for these big macho guys to be in the kid's clothing section, holding up pink dresses with ruffles asking about sizes," said Lezlie McCurdy, newly re-elected director of the Harley Owners Group.

"We really had a good time. It was a lot of fun," she added.

McCurdy, who has not completed her personal Christmas shopping, took time out to make sure all the angels received presents, along with other Harley Owners Group members.

"Actually, it was kind of tough, because it's hard to know what someone will like, especially if you don't know them. But we had a goal and we met that goal, and we had a wonderful time doing it," she said.

All of those angels whose

cards had remained on one of the Salvation Army Christmas trees throughout the holiday shopping season were selected by the group for adoption.

The motorcycleists had a Seafood Fest fundraiser in November, with the intention of all of the money minus operating expenses going toward Salvation Army Angel tree presents, she said.

"We wanted to spend \$1,000, and we were able to do that," she said.

They attempted to set a budget on the amount of money per child to spend. Once all the angels had gifts, the group was also able to donate \$150 worth of shoes and underclothes to Children's Protective Services.

"We bought lots of shoes, and this was something we really wanted to do for those children," she said.

In all, when the purchases

were selected and the baskets pushed to the check out counter, at least 16 buggies were filled with presents, she said.

"I'm sure a lot of the other customers wondered what we were up to," she said.

In addition, the group also purchased 16 turkeys that were distributed to the largest qualifying families within the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer program.

Danelle Castillo, social service director for the corps, said the generosity shown by the group was overwhelming.

"They are so community oriented, and I'm glad to see Lezlie was re-elected. She's a take-charge kind of woman. What they have done for this program is really great and so much more than I ever imag-

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## Howard College began preparing for Y2K several years ago

*Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of articles explaining how local entities are preparing for Y2K. Coming Thursday — how Big Spring ISD is addressing the problem.*

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Howard College began preparing for Y2K several years ago, and all is ready for the turn of each computer clock Jan. 1, 2000.

"We have followed the path we needed to take. We have looked at all our hardware and software, and made sure that they are Y2K compliant," said Tessa Covert, Howard College director of computer services.

And with more than 650 computers within the college's network, or linked together, and 900 computers district wide, just 14 computers have to be replaced.



"We're on a fourth replacement plan anyway, which means we replace one-fourth of all our computers every year, budget allowing," she said.

Covert said the most important computers in the administration and financial departments, as well as student records, were the first remediated, then tested and prepared.

"These are our mission critical systems, and we require those to be operational at all times. Student records carry all student data back to 1990, and we do not want to lose any of that information," she said.

Backup disks for all data have been made, and those comput-



Howard College officials say they have been preparing for some time and will be ready when the clock turns to midnight on Dec. 31.

ers that stand alone, or are used for interdepartmental work were also tested.

"We met with all the PC (personal computer) users, and prepared those computers as well," Covert said.

All computers were tested, and special attention was also given to the mini-computer that links all the networked computers and is basically the brains of the administrative system.

Also, e-mail availability and

financial data files were checked. Covert said e-mail is so often used as a form of communication today that it is necessary that it continue to function.

"And when we do registration in the coliseum, all those are networked PCs and we need them to register each student. We can not afford for those computers to go down in any form or in any fashion," she said.

Covert said she expects minor glitches with Y2K compliance throughout the world, but she is confident the entire system at Howard College will remain unaffected when the new year hails.

"We've done our homework, and we've evaluated every computer and done district-wide testing."

"And I'll be here that morn-

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## Death

### Big Spring man dead near Miles, Concho Valley couple charged

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

MILES A Concho Valley couple has been charged in connection with the death of a Big Spring man, whose body was found early Monday morning at a rural residence near here.

Runnels County law enforcement officers were called to a residence six miles north of Miles at 5:20 a.m. Monday, where they found the body of 21-year-old Wesley Craig Kerby of Big Spring.

The owner of the residence, 48-year-old Gerald Fritze, of Miles, and 39-year-old Donna Mayhugh, of San Angelo, were arrested at the scene Monday and taken to the Runnels County Jail.

Mayhugh has been charged with manslaughter. Her bond was set at \$50,000. Fritze has been charged with destruction of evidence. His bond was set at \$25,000. Both were released Tuesday evening after posting bond.

"The charges were based on our investigation and interviewing other people there and what they told us," said Runnels County Sheriff Bill Baird. He said the couple may also be charged with making alcohol available to a minor.

According to the complaint report filed with the justice of the peace office, Mayhugh allegedly caused Kerby's death "by delivering or selling the said victim several methadone tablets."

The complaint states that Kerby told a witness that he had taken "6 methadones" purchased for \$3. Another witness said that Mayhugh told her she gave Kerby a bottle of cough syrup containing codeine and that the victim drank nearly all the bottle.

Another witnesses, according to the complaint, saw the defendant give the victim pills on at least two occasions.

The complaint also alleges that law enforcement officers found a bottle of prescription medicine containing

OBITUARIES

Wesley Kerby

Wesley Craig "Wes" Kerby, 21, Big Spring, died on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, in Miles. Service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on May 12, 1978, in Big Spring.

He moved to Hewitt in the early '80s and attended Midway schools there. In 1990 he returned to Howard County and attended Coahoma schools. He was a very outgoing and free spirited person. He was the type of person that even if you were upset with him he could make you smile. He never met a stranger and always had a compassionate heart for anyone.

Survivors include: his father, Troy Kerby and his mother Cindy Kerby of Big Spring; four sisters, Misty Baker and Krista Kerby, both of Big Spring, Hiliary Kerby of Lafayette, Ind., and Dana Kerby of Temple; one brother, Blaine Kerby of Big Spring; his maternal grandmother, Ellen Thomason of Big Spring; his paternal grandparents, Leon and Nellie Kerby of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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

Wanda Bruce

Mrs. Buster (Wanda) Bruce, 77, Abilene, formerly of Glascock County, died on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, in Abilene. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating.

She was born on April 12, 1922, in Amarillo, and married Earl "Buster" Bruce on May 29, 1948, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 1999.

She proudly served her country in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1946. She worked as a LVN at the Veterans Administration Medical Center for 22 years.

Mrs. Bruce was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include: a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Gary Prescott of Ovalo; a son, Timothy Bruce of Silsbee; two grandchildren, Kent Beck of Tuscola, and Amy Clemmer of Colorado City; six great-grandchildren; three nephews, Charles Stroud of Amarillo, Mark Stroud of Sargent Bluff, Iowa, and Tom Evans of Big Spring; and three nieces, Debra Maas, Linda Stephens, both of Big Spring, and Jonita Ferguson of Sand Springs.

The family suggests memori-

als to: Hospice of the Big Country, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene 79604.

Pallbearers will be Marck Shafer, Joseph Benford, Kent Beck, Charles Stroud, Curtis Clemmer and Darrell Stephens. Honorary pallbearers will be Gary Prescott, Tim Bruce, George Ferguson and Mark Stroud.

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

*Paid obituary*

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ing, to check on things. We have battery power, just in case there is a problem with the electricity, and I want to be here to make sure everything is running smoothly," she said.

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methadone tablets in the defendant's purse.

There was no obvious sign of the cause of death and the body has been sent to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office in San Antonio for an autopsy, Baird said.

"We've gotten the preliminary autopsy back and as we suspected, it does not indicate the cause of death," said Baird. "We are waiting on bloodwork and a toxicology report and it may be several weeks before get that."

Kerby is the son of Troy and Cindy Kerby of Big Spring. He was born in Big Spring, moved in the early 1980s to Hewitt and attended Midway schools. He returned to Howard County in 1990 and attended Coahoma High School.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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ined. "Christmas just wouldn't be possible for our angels if it weren't for them," Castillo said.

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these presents always come trickling in this week just before Christmas. Some people just forget, but if the card has been taken, we always assume somebody will be bringing those presents," she said.

Castillo and Maj. Mary Nell Tolcher sorted each family application for the Salvation Army Angel tree program, which had been assigned a number when approved.

From those applications, specific categories were created, from food baskets, to toys, to food and toys, and families were assigned a category based on need and family size, Castillo said.

Through a system that require many hands and several strong backs, the presents for the angels were then distributed Tuesday as each family representative appeared at the corps offices.

At least 10 volunteers distributed sacks filled with these presents and boxes of food to more than 234 families who qualified for the program this year.

"We had great need this year,

and had more qualify this year than last year," Castillo said.

All the presents issued and all the food provided these families was from benefactors throughout the Big Spring community, she said.

"Our senior angels moved slowly this year, and that's generally because we tend to think of Christmas as a time for children.

"But those elderly people are just as excited to get a present at Christmas as the children, and we remember our elderly are children at heart," she said.

In all the program concludes Saturday with a community Christmas dinner at the Salvation Army lodge, 308 Aylesford.

"We have a very caring community, and a very giving bunch of people who live here. Now, if we can just get those Forgotten Angels presents back to us," she said.

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"We wish everyone a happy holiday period and a safe trip on the road. For that to happen, we need people to buckle up, slow down and don't get behind the wheel after they have been drinking," Meadors said.

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.

•Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.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 of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call 267-9459.

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

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests between Dec. 16 and today:

• DAVID ARTHUR WITREIN, 19, was arrested on charges of theft more than \$50 less than \$500 and assault with physical contact (HCSO).

• LENNY LEROY REDFORD, 19, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in possession of alcohol and consumption of alcohol by a minor (BSPD).

• TONI SUE WEGNER, 31, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, assault on a public servant, disorderly conduct and failure to identify (BSPD).

• DELGADO LUCIANO, 24, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, speeding and violation of a promise to appear (BSPD).

• ADOLBERTO ARIZMENDI, 48, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and no liability insurance (BSPD).

• MICHAEL EARNEST MCCORMICK, 27, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated (BSPD).

• STEVEN JOHN ALVAREZ, 35, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and having no liability insurance (BSPD).

• JOSEPH DEWAYNE TURNER, 22, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and having no liability insurance (BSPD).

• MATIAS LOPEZ PEREZ, 73, was arrested on charges of assault of a public servant and fleeing a police officer (BSPD).

• ERIC HOWARD LANSFERY, 43, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense (DPS).

• DAVID MIRAMONTES, 44, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended (DPS).

• JOSUE JONNATHAN PENA, 18, was arrested on a charge of theft more than \$50 less than \$500 (HCSO).

• GEORGIA DENISE CHANDLER, 56, was arrested on a charge of delivery of marijuana less than or equal to five pounds, more than four ounce (DPS).

• RICHARD KEITH HUCKABEE, 39, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended (HCSO).

• CHESTON PHILLIP LANE, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid (HCSO).

• JOE DIAZ, 39, was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check (HCSO).

• FLOYD PHILLIPS JR., 39, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle (BSPD).

• SYLVIA RODRIGUEZ, 27, was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check (HCSO).

• RAY URIBE, 25, was arrested on a charge of sale of alcohol to a minor (HCSO).

MARKETS

March cotton 49.25, down 18 points; Jan. crude 25.84, down 42 points; cash hogs steady at 36; cash steers steady at 69 even; Feb. lean hog futures 56.20, up 25 points; Feb. live cattle futures 68.95, down 20 points.

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FIRE/EMS

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

- TUESDAY 10:20 a.m. - 3200 block Highway 350, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 1:04 p.m. - Northwest First and Trades, grass fire, extinguished by responding units. 5:35 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 10:59 p.m. - 500 N.W. Seventh, medical call, service refused.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 48  
Tuesday's low 20  
Average high 57  
Average low 28  
Record high 84 in 1981  
Record low 2 in 1983  
Precip. Tuesday 0.00  
Month to date 0.00  
Month's normal 0.49  
Year to date 11.84  
Normal for the year 18.14  
Sunrise Thursday 7:44 a.m.  
Sunset Thursday 5:46 p.m.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

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# Man sues TxDOT for reverse discrimination

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Department of Transportation unconstitutionally discriminates against some contractors by doling out jobs to women and minorities, a white businessman said Tuesday.

Erosion specialist Robert Kossman is suing the state agency for reverse discrimination.

The schoolteacher-turned-contractor asked U.S. Judge David Hittner to block the department from using race, ethnicity or gender in deciding which companies will be hired for projects.

"Any time the government bases decisions on race or ethnicity, a very strong presumption kicks in that that's ille-

gal," said Corbin VanArsdale, Kossman's attorney. "That's been true ever since the Civil War."

The state wants to keep the system of granting bids intact. Studies indicate lingering discrimination in the awarding of state projects, said Ted Delisit, spokesman for Texas Attorney General John Cornyn.

A 1994 state study concluded that 22 percent of minority and female business owners suffered from discrimination. The state's Historically Underutilized Business program was introduced in 1991 to spread funds to companies owned by women or minorities.

But squinting at the graphs and equations in the 100-page

study during Tuesday's hearing, Hittner appeared unimpressed.

"This looks like something from a science class," he said. "I mean, I have no idea. Either there's discrimination or there's not."

Kossman asked Hittner to ban the transportation agency from using racial or ethnic criteria in the two contracts that have yet to be awarded this year. Hittner refused to intervene, but set a court date for Feb. 22.

Some transportation department projects specify how many minority- and female-owned companies must be awarded work.

Kossman insists the solution

of quotas misses the mark. Before squaring off against the transportation agency, the businessman filed lawsuits against the city of Houston and the regional transit authority.

Though his bids are often the lowest, Kossman has frequently been turned down because government groups prefer to hire companies owned by women or minorities, VanArsdale said.

Kossman's staff of 20 — all but two of whom are black, Hispanic or female — have suffered from the loss of contracts, VanArsdale said.

"People try to couch these policies by saying they protect minorities," the lawyer said. "But that's a bunch of garbage."

# DEA Agent's arrest prompts support from fellow agents

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A drug enforcement agent accused of trying to hire someone to murder his cousin's alleged killer is receiving support — and financial aid — from fellow agents.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Agent Salvador Martinez faces federal murder-for-hire charges. Martinez has been suspended without pay and has been represented in court so far by a court-appointed attorney.

But current and former DEA agents have rallied to Martinez's side and donated money to a legal fund set up for him in Plano. As of Tuesday morning, there was more than \$15,000 in the account, said Martinez's cousin Phil Jordan, a former high-ranking DEA official.

"We've gotten an outstanding response," Jordan said, adding that non-DEA agents who've

heard about his cousin's legal troubles have also contributed.

Martinez, a DEA agent for the past eight years, was arrested last week in Brownsville for allegedly trying to arrange the murder of Miguel Angel Flores.

Flores was tried three times for the murder of Martinez's cousin, Lionel "Bruno" Jordan. Jordan was killed during an apparent carjacking on Jan. 20, 1995 in El Paso.

Flores was 13 at the time of the killing. Though he was convicted at his first trial, the verdict was overturned and two successive juries failed to reach a unanimous decision. He was freed earlier this year.

The Jordan family has contended the slaying was not a simple carjacking, but rather a warning to the DEA and the Jordan family to stay away from Mexico's Juarez drug cartel.

# Tour bus crash kills 3, injures dozens more

CANON CITY, Colo. (AP) — Two people were in critical condition today after their tour bus spun out of control on an icy highway and rolled down an embankment. Three of those aboard were killed and dozens of others were injured.

The bus was carrying 57 people returning to Texas from a church-affiliated ski trip. The bus spun before it left the road Tuesday night and rolled at least three times before stopping in a gully 100 to 150 feet away, Canon City Police Chief Martin Stefamic said.

Passenger Casey Dubbelde said the bus was carrying mostly high school students from Houston on their way back

home from the Crested Butte resort in western Colorado.

"The bus started to rock and started to turn to the right and went off the right side of the road," he said. "I woke up in the dirt. I assume I fell out a window."

The crash happened on twisting Colorado Highway 50 about 10 miles west of Canon City, or nearly 100 miles southwest of Denver.

Fire Capt. Dave Boden said it had been snowing in the area and the highway was icy.

The ski group has ties to the Windwood Presbyterian and Bethel Independent Presbyterian churches in Houston. State Patrol

spokesman Ron Loven said. Most of those aboard were between the ages of 14 and 18.

Names and patient conditions were not immediately released.

St. More Hospital spokeswoman Jennifer Kemp said the Canon City clinic had seen at least 48 patients, and was so overrun that a waiting room was transformed into a triage center.

Four people were taken to Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs. Two were in critical condition, spokeswoman Rita Burns said, and more patients were expected to arrive today.

Survivors of the crash were taken to Grandview Christian Church in Canon City to spend

the night.

Investigators at the crash site were trying to recreate events that may have led to the crash.

"They will look at skid marks and various other information at the scene to help determine what may have caused the crash," Loven said. "They will also be inspecting the bus itself to see if any mechanical problem may have contributed to the crash."

Houston television station KHOU-TV is reporting two other Houston churches — Memorial Drive Presbyterian and Grace Presbyterian — also chartered buses for the ski trip. But those buses weren't involved in the accident.

# Federal jury awards \$1.24 million

MIDLAND (AP) — A jury in federal court on Tuesday awarded \$1.24 million to six former Unocal workers after finding that the oil company discriminated against them because of their age.

"I feel real good," one of the plaintiffs, Donald R. Powers, told the Midland Reporter-Telegram. "I felt all along that they did me wrong when they laid me off."

Calls to a Union Oil of California attorney were not returned to The Associated

Press on Tuesday.

Damages were divided among the former employees, each who were between 53 and 55 years of age when they left the company in 1997. However, U.S. District Judge Royal Ferguson said he will likely reduce the total to about \$890,000.

The six all worked for Unocal in the West Texas counties of Midland, Ector, Crane and Andrews. They contended they were fired by Unocal or put in circumstances that effectively amounted to their discharge.

# Police arrest mother of toddler found drunk

DALLAS (AP) — A 16-month-old boy who tumbled down a flight of stairs at an apartment complex was legally drunk, and his mother has been charged with injury to a child.

Police say Latrece Deane, 32, of Euless was arrested Sunday after the toddler's blood-alcohol level was found to be above the legal limit of 0.08 percent. The woman and her 13-year-old son also were intoxicated when police arrived at the complex about 16 miles northwest of Dallas.

The two boys, who were taken to a hospital and released, were taken into custody by state

Child Protective Services, along with their two sisters, ages 12 and 15, who were in the apartment but not intoxicated, police said.

Several neighbors told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Ms. Deane and some friends were having a party Saturday.

"We have no idea how the kids got (the alcohol), other than the mother giving it to them," Euless police Capt. Joey Ziemian told The Dallas Morning News.

"She had left earlier to get more alcohol and came back and passed out in the parking lot," Ziemian said. "The 15-

year-old and the 13-year-old were summoned, and the little one came outside and tumbled down the stairs."

It's not uncommon for children to consume alcohol during the holiday season, but it's usually not on purpose, said Beth Solomon, a spokeswoman with Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

"The parents have a holiday party, they leave the cleaning up to the next day and a toddler finds a drink and finishes it off," she said.

"It's one of the holiday dangers we warn about," she added.

# Sheriff didn't mention AWOL in 1996 deposition

DALLAS (AP) — The Tarrant County sheriff who admitted last week to being AWOL in 1976, testified three years ago that the only punishment he received from the Army was for tardiness in 1973 or 1974.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that Sheriff David Williams in a 1996 deposition for a civil case said a tardiness reprimand was the only punishment he could recall.

Williams on Tuesday declined the newspaper's written request for an interview.

He released a letter detailing his military service. The letter

did not address differences in statements and records concerning his military career.

Tarrant County District Attorney Tim Curry, who was shown the deposition Tuesday afternoon, said he saw nothing for his office to investigate.

At a news conference Friday, Williams admitted going AWOL as a 22-year-old military policeman in 1976. However, he said he got an honorable discharge and displayed about a dozen documents, including letters of commendation, letters of appreciation and efficiency reports that described his military conduct and ser-

vices as excellent and outstanding.

Williams said he went AWOL in a desperate attempt to reconcile with his wife and small child.

"It was an aberration in judgment on my part that I will always regret," he said.

He also called it a "personal and spiritual crossroads" in his life. He declined to say where he was for the five weeks he was missing.

"There are parts that I don't remember where I was at," he said.

"I was drinking pretty heavily in those days."

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OUR VIEWS

Don't let tragedy put a damper on your holidays

While the holidays are a time of joy and excitement, they can also become a time of tragedy in the blink of an eye.

Already, the Texas Department of Public Safety has issued its Operation Motorcade estimates for the number of highway deaths over the Christmas and New Year's holiday period.

The DPS estimates as many as 30 persons could die during the 54-hour Christmas holiday that runs from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Sunday and another 32 persons for the New Year's weekend.

Be careful when driving and don't drink and drive. If you plan to attend a function where alcohol is to be served, remember your designated driver to get you and yours home.

But holiday tragedies aren't the only ones that dampen the holiday spirit.

Here are a few cautions to remember:

- If you use a live Christmas tree, be sure to keep it watered, so that it doesn't get dry and become a fire waiting to happen. Remember that many of the trees we purchase commercially have now been cut for more than a month and can easily dry out and ignite.
- Follow instructions on your Christmas lighting packages and never string more lights together than the packaging says is OK.
- Don't burn Christmas wrapping paper in your fireplace, if you have one.
- Keep a watch over open flames in your home and place of business.
- Unplug or turn off your Christmas lights when no one is home, your place of business is closed or you are asleep.

And remember, have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OTHER VIEWS

The telegrams of condolence that are reaching Croatia's government from western capitals are at least politically polite.

But between the lines one can clearly read the hope that an autocratic system defined by militant ethnic nationalism will go to the grave with the late Franjo Tudjman.

Balkan experts in European Union foreign ministries are, for once, sketching a rose-tinted outlook for the future.

A more democratic Croatia could become a true stabilizing influence

in the region.

A domino effect could be unleashed if the country casts off Tudjman's fantasies of a 'greater Croatia.'

The peace process in Bosnia would get a new chance, and a change in Croatia also would give a positive signal to Croatia.

Croatia's citizens can take the first step themselves in the next few weeks, when they choose a new parliament as well as a new president.

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If the power goes out, we might even enjoy it

There's a part of me that hopes the lights really will go off in a few days, as the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31. Not for long, mind you, certainly not long enough to cause any real hardship or mishap for anyone. Just long enough to hear the silence, to experience the night sky with only stars and moon to light the dark, with no television to distract, and no place to go.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Maybe I've spent too much time in airports and malls this week, jostled and poked by people in a rush, lights flashing, bells ringing, holiday Muzak invading even the restrooms. Now, I want some respite. Life in the 20th century has become so bright and noisy, so hectic, so filled with the pursuit of material wealth and all that money can buy. People no longer

depend on each other but on machines, on things. Time has become our most precious commodity. We are, all of us, constantly in a hurry, afraid we might lose a few minutes.

But what if the clocks suddenly stopped, their digital displays disappeared? What if dad and mom had no office to go to, schools closed, the SUV wouldn't start?

What if, instead, all of us were forced to contend with what has preoccupied mankind for most of existence: trying to keep warm, to feed, shelter and protect ourselves and our families?

I got a chance to live out this fantasy, if briefly, last winter when a bad storm blanketed my home in the Shenandoah Valley.

We had moved to a log cabin in rural Virginia only a few months earlier from the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Although we frequently experienced power outages when we lived in the city, we could always seek out the warmth and light of a nearby mall. But not this time.

The power went out without warning in the early evening, with winds howling and snow

falling rapidly. Our first concern was to keep the cabin warm enough, not only for ourselves, but for the menagerie of pets our middle son had left for our safekeeping: several lizards, a snake, a young parrot, plus, our own bird and four dogs. Since we draw our well water with an electric pump, we also had to worry about our water tank running dry if the power lasted more than a day.

We spent the early hours gathering wood for the fireplace, placing reptile tanks near the hearth, and covering bird cages with layers of blankets to trap in body heat. When all indoor creatures were safe and warm, we turned our attention to our horses in the pasture. With the blizzard swirling about us, we tried herding them into the walk-in shed that would give them some protection from the vicious winds. But as quickly as we would gather all three into the shed, one or another would break loose and gallop across the fields. After a few futile attempts, we gave up and stood watching in awe as they cavorted by moonlight, seemingly oblivious to the bitter

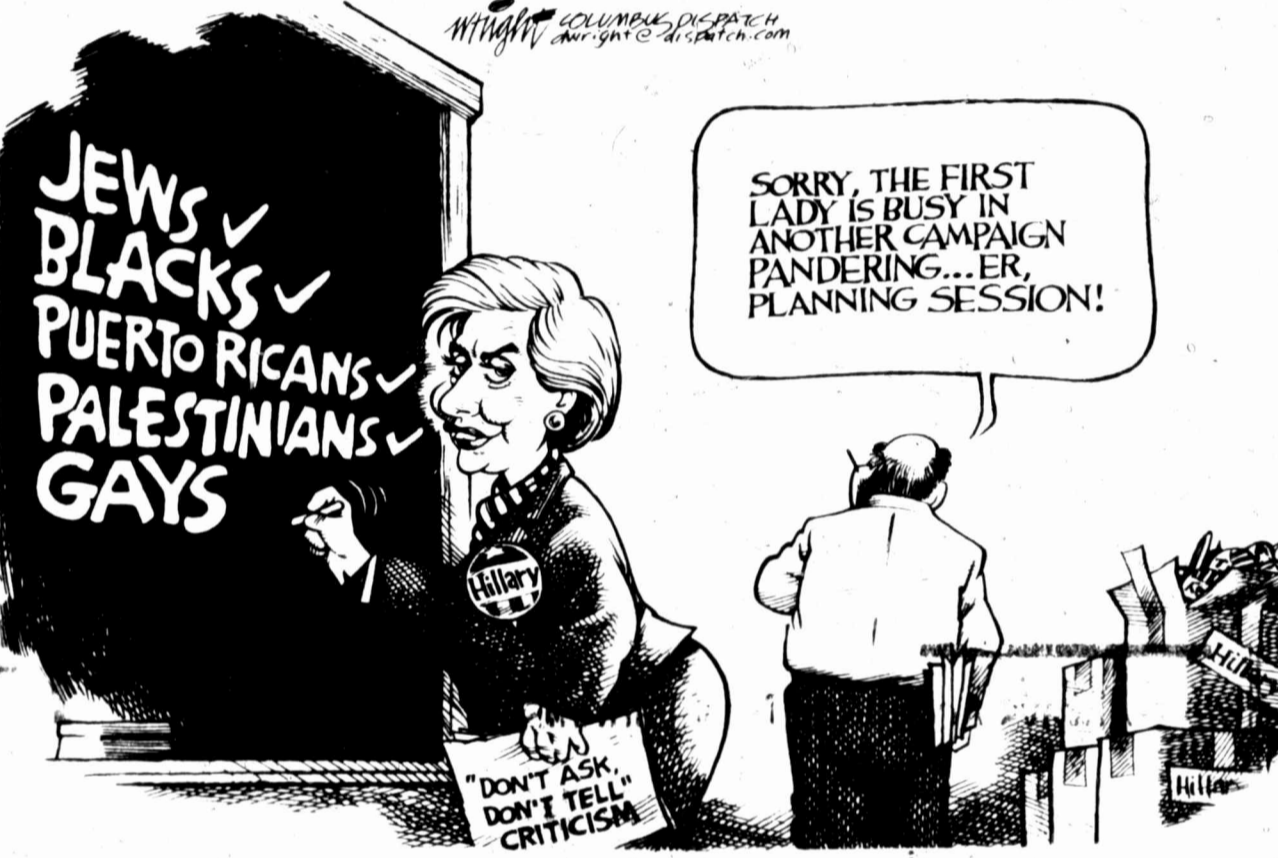
cold. Chilled, wet and tired, we retreated inside to get ready for bed. Thankfully, our alarm clock was battery-powered, since we would need it throughout the night. We took turns every two hours to tromp downstairs to add more wood to the fire. Despite our efforts, the temperature dropped into the 40s. Only the animals on the fireplace hearth enjoyed any semblance of warmth. By early morning, we were anxious to be up and about just to keep warm.

Throughout the day, neighbors checked in to make sure we newcomers were OK. The electricity came on again in the afternoon, none too soon for the cold-blooded critters gathered round the fire. But as the refrigerator started humming, the furnace whirred, and the TV blared out the news that "thousands of customers are still without power," I found myself missing the quiet challenge of fending for my 'family' of two- and four-legged creatures.

So, if the power goes out again, we'll manage. We might even enjoy it, at least for a while.

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Paramore's work is never boring

Chances are you've seen some of Charles Paramore's work. He designed Dr. Pepper floats for the Cotton Bowl Parades. He created the multi-media theater at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs. He built exhibits for oil museums in Midland and Kilgore. He did the Texas State



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Aquarium in Corpus Christi and the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon. Charles Paramore is president of Museum Arts, a company he founded in 1962. His educational background is in graphic design and illustration. He has assembled a team of talented designers, engineers, audio visual specialists, computer programmers and carpenters who go around the world building exhibits for all sizes of museums, corporations and cities.

His theaters do more than show movies or slides. They feature revolving stages, rotating globes, moving platforms and the latest high density television and surround sound.

"We find ourselves in the museum business competing with all sorts of entertainment and other activities," he says, "so museums are becoming more user friendly."

The petroleum exhibit he did for the museum of science and industry in Chicago features what he calls the Argonaut. "It's a machine that you get in and it drills into the center of the earth. It's a ride that's fun, but also educational."

The first museum he built was the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum in Midland. "With that project in 1973 I discovered one of the most personal and satisfying ways to practice my craft. Things haven't been the same since."

He says his work is never boring. "All of the research is really part of the fascination because every job is different. We're working on a Formula One project right now for racing that's coming to the United States next year. I'm having to

study up on those cars and how they're built and what the public might want to see."

At last year's State Fair of Texas he designed the showcase exhibit, The Operating Room of the Future. "Here we are learning about how they're using minimal penetration into the human body to do major surgery with little cameras and robotics. Then the next thing I know I'm trying to figure out how the Norden Bomb Sight works. It's fun."

At the telephone museum in Dallas, school kids will sit through an 18-minute film on the history of the telephone. "They sit there because they're waiting for the next surprise."

Surprise is a big part of Charles' work. He immerses his audiences totally into the presentations he creates. They feel what it's like to experience the gush of an oil well from the drilling platform or a ride down river rapids in a raft or a volcano eruption from inside the volcano.

"The one thing our team has in common is we're all dreamers," says Charles. "And whatever we dream, whatever we imagine, we can create." Museum Arts is in Dallas.

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# Social Security will take Y2K precautions to ensure on-time benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a precaution against Year 2000 computer problems, the post office and banks will receive January Social Security checks and electronic files for direct-deposit benefits a day earlier than usual.

The 44 million elderly and disabled Americans who collect Social Security benefits should expect to get their money on time, said Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S.

Apfel. For most people, that's Jan. 3.

"So many Americans rely on Social Security for that benefit," said Apfel. "We had to be there, and I believe we are."

Social Security transferred to the Treasury Department on Tuesday the last of the necessary Y2K-compliant files for electronic payments through bank accounts. From Treasury, they will go, through the Federal Reserve, to banks

across the country by Dec. 30, a day earlier than usual, to ensure on-time posting of direct deposits to individuals' accounts.

About three-quarters of Social Security recipients have benefits deposited electronically into their bank accounts. For those who get mailed paper checks, they are printed and will be in the U.S. Postal Service early, Apfel said.

Supplemental Security

Income benefits, known as SSI, which go to 6 million low-income older people and disabled Americans, are not affected because they normally are delivered on the last business day of the month. That's Dec. 30 this year, since the 31st will be a federal holiday with New Year's Day falling on a Saturday.

The Social Security Administration — among the first organizations to detect and

begin to rectify Y2K problems, a decade ago — has been using Y2K compliant computer programs to send benefits out for more than a year.

"In many ways Social Security has been a leader in the federal government in dealing with the Year 2000," said John Koskinen, the White House's top Y2K advisor.

However, in case delays somehow occur in the first benefits payments of the new year, pos-

sibly caused by problems at local banks or with the nation's transportation system, the agency has emergency plans.

The 1,300 local Social Security service centers across the country, for example, will be capable of handing out checks to people in serious financial trouble, up to \$999 per person.

In a normal month, about 40,000 people's Social Security benefits are reported late or missing.

# Secretary of State Albright blocks loan to benefit Russia, United States companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is blocking \$500 million in loans to an oil company partially owned by the Russian government. Proceeds would have gone directly to American companies.

With U.S. officials expressing concern about dealings of Russia's Tyumen Oil Co. and about maintaining "the rule of law" in Russia, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright invoked a provision late Tuesday that compelled the U.S.

Export-Import Bank to temporarily reject guarantees for the loans.

The Russian Fuel and Energy Ministry declined to comment today on the move.

Administration officials denied her decision was related to strong U.S. objections to Russian military actions in Chechnya, although it came amid calls for a halt to such loans over Chechnya from members of Congress and Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley.

"He welcomes the State Department decision," Bradley spokesman Eric Hauser said, noting that for several weeks the candidate has been saying it is inappropriate to give assistance to Russia while it is engaged in "the brutal war in Chechnya."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., had called for the bank to stop the loans to Tyumen because of reports it forced a company with partial American ownership into bankruptcy to obtain its oil fields.

She also praised Tuesday's decision, saying it will allow "scrutiny of the report of manipulation of bankruptcy law involving this company."

Albright, in an unusual meeting with bank chairman James Harmon, at first tried to persuade the bank, an independent federal agency, to act on its own

Tuesday. Later, she sent a letter to the bank, formally invoking a law that allows the administration to intervene in its decisions.

# Americans warned they could be targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is telling Americans all over the world it believes terrorists may target them from now through mid-January, especially at holiday gatherings and millennial celebrations.

Airport security is being tightened, and manhunters are under way for up to three people suspected of ties to an Algerian arrested last week at Port Angeles, Wash., and for a California man said to have ties to a terrorist network headed by Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind of the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa last year.

The stepped-up warning Tuesday night from the State Department, the second in 11 days, said the arrest of 13 suspects in Jordan may have forestalled attacks on hotels, tour buses and tourist sites in the Arab kingdom.

"We cannot rule out the possibility that attacks still may be planned for this and other parts of the world," a department statement said.

The Federal Aviation Administration said travelers at U.S. airports should expect tightened security precautions, including stricter enforcement of parking regulations.

The agency said it would make more use of devices to check airline passengers for

small traces of explosives and additional bomb-sniffing dogs and uniformed police would patrol airports as the new year approaches.

The new warning to Americans was stated clearly: "The U.S. government believes that terrorists may be planning to conduct attacks, including against official and non-official Americans, in and around the New Year period, from now

through mid-January 2000."

In another development, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press they were searching for as many as three people who may have been accomplices to Ahmed Ressam, who allegedly tried to enter the United States from Canada with nitroglycerin and other potential bomb-making materials in his car on a false passport when he was arrested at Port Angeles.

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# Cuts in vehicle emissions, gas sulfur content are announced

WASHINGTON (AP) — To cut auto pollution by about three-quarters, sport utility vehicles will have to meet the same emissions standards as cars and sulfur in fuel will be reduced dramatically under regulations announced Tuesday by President Clinton.

The changes would prevent thousands of asthma attacks and respiratory illnesses nationwide, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

"It will be the most dramatic improvement in air quality since the catalytic converter was first introduced a quarter century ago," Clinton said. "And manufacturers will be able to meet these new standards while still offering the kinds of models popular with consumers today."

With more cars on the road each year driving more miles, the president said tougher air quality measures were needed. Otherwise, "air quality in many parts of our country will continue to worsen in the coming decades."

The cost increase at the gas pump would be about 2 cents more per gallon; and about \$200 would be added to the price of a light truck and \$100 to a new car, the EPA estimated.

For the first time, cars and light trucks — SUVs, minivans, vans and pickups — would all be required to meet the same strict emissions standards. Nearly half the vehicles sold now are light trucks, and they produce three to five times as much pollution as the average passenger car.

The standards are meant to address pollution in the coming decades.

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## Northerners desperate for snow are buying their own

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — With no snow on the ground and only flurries in the forecast, New Englanders desperate for the white stuff are shelling out the green stuff.

Bill Hurlley, the owner of Snow Meisers, has orders for a white Christmas from more than half a dozen people willing to pay at least \$400 for a few inches of snow.

Mark LeBlanc of Goffstown is one of them. His 5-year-old daughter wanted to go sledding and his family wanted a white Christmas, so LeBlanc ordered snow for his front yard.

"Hopefully we'll have it now to sled on for a couple of days," LeBlanc said Sunday as the snow poured across his lawn.

A photograph Monday in the Union Leader newspaper showed a snowmaking machine hooked up to a fire hydrant and dumping snow across his yard and house. It got people around the state scrambling to be next.

"Our phone started ringing off the hook at 7 a.m.," said Colette Veilleux, who works with Snow Meisers. "Everyone wants snow."

And the \$200-an-hour price to make it snow didn't deter some.

"That's OK," LeBlanc said. "It's like a vacation. If the kids are happy that's all that matters."

Snow Meisers has orders to blow snow on the yards of four

homes on Christmas Eve and several others the day before. But even making snow requires some cooperation from nature.

Although LeBlanc had ordered a foot of snow, he ended up getting only 4 inches after eight hours of off-and-on snowmaking.

"If the weather's cold you can make 3 to 4 inches an hour," Ms. Veilleux said.

## TURKEY

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heat to 235 degrees F. Cooking times for an 8-12 pound turkey is about 2 to 3 1/2 hours. Birkhold suggests a meat thermometer be used even if a pop up thermometer is found on the turkey. "This adds to the margin of safety and helps to assure doneness."

"The turkey is done when the inner thigh reaches 185 degrees F, juices run clear and the

joints on the bird move freely." While cooking, remember to baste the turkey with natural juices, with 15 minutes of cooking time left cover with the pan lid or a tent of aluminum foil. This will help it to remain tasty and tender.

A tip to help keep the bird savory is to allow it to rest 15 to 20 minutes. This prevents the juices from escaping and

allows them to settle into the meat.

Any leftovers should be refrigerated promptly; food safety experts recommend no longer than two hours from serving to refrigerating the leftovers.

Leftovers can provide a good snack but be sure to reheat the turkey to 165 degrees and gravies should be brought to a

good boil when reheated.

This should help take a little of the guesswork out of preparing your holiday meal. Remember get an early start on thawing out that turkey, and don't spend the entire holiday in the kitchen. Merry Christmas!

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — family and consumer science.

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## LEARNING

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dren, recent budget cuts have forced states such as Texas to accept only extreme cases in state schools.

"It was always in the back of our heads that this might be a place for him to go when we passed away," Maurice said, "because we didn't know what kind of family situations our other kids would be in."

For older parents such as Maurice and Marie Fikes, the idea of sending their mentally handicapped child into a private apartment or home can be frightening, said Kenneth Keith, psychology chairman at the University of San Diego and an expert on quality-of-life issues for people with mental retardation.

"Even if as parents we could live forever, I don't think it would be in our children's best interest to live with us forever," he said. "What we understand now is that even when parents provide good, quality care, it does not allow a child to develop independence."

Today, Leslie's brain continues to function as if he were 4 years old. Sometimes his words don't always make sense to strangers.

Leslie said "No, bowling next week" one Thursday night when his niece Lori, an education major at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, arrived to take Leslie to his weekly bowling league. "No, silly, we're going bowling tonight," Lori responded.

But more often, Leslie demonstrates a special closeness and feeling for others. Like holding the door for his parents when they walk into the restaurant. Hugging people shortly after he gets to know them. Or comforting his aunt at her mother's funeral.

As Leslie and his dad fall into their morning routine, each task completed assures them this day will be as sure and steady as the day before.

After washing up in the bathroom, Leslie goes into his bedroom and picks out a polo shirt and pair of jeans. His socks, keys and wallet are on the side table next to the front door.

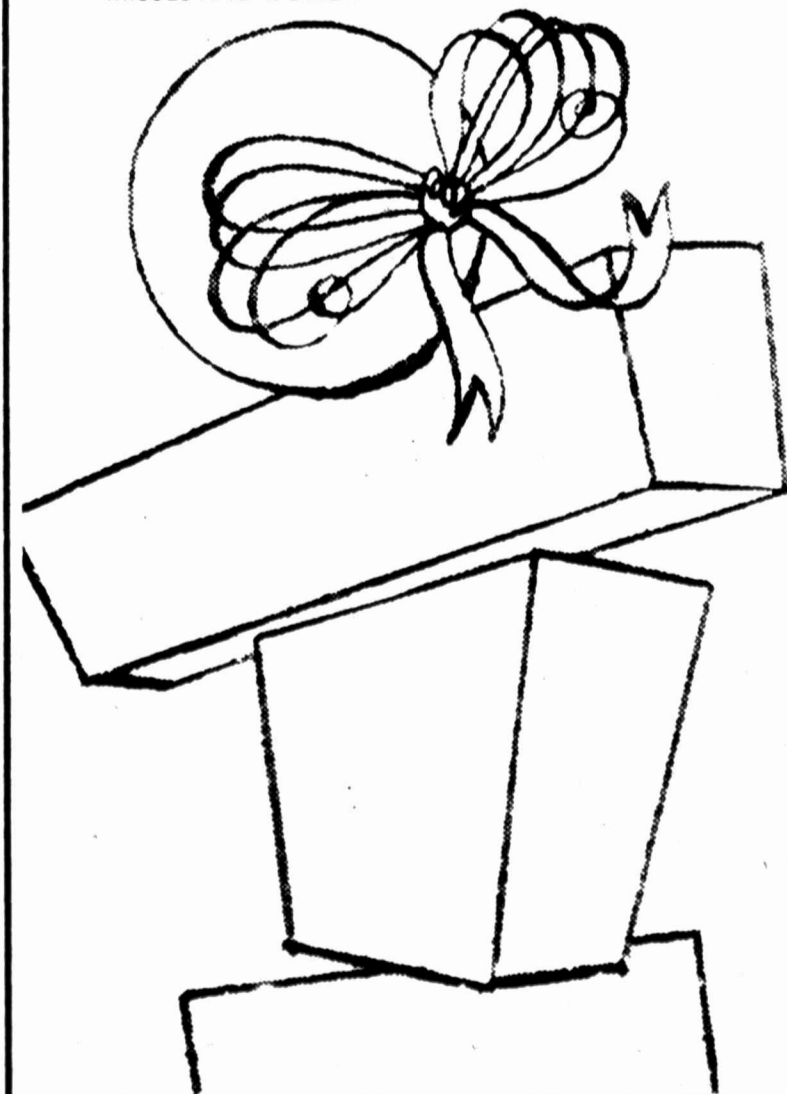
When he puts on his shirt and freshly pressed Wranglers, Leslie threads his belt through the pants' loops. He slaps each loop as he goes, making sure he doesn't skip any.

"Yes, yes," Leslie said, gazing out a window.

Later, a special bus for handicapped adults waits outside. Leslie grabs his tote bag and keys as his father follows him out the door. Leslie and Maurice walk to the bus and Leslie climbs aboard.

Maurice turns and walks up the driveway as the doors close and the bus pulls away.

"When he's not home, and we don't know exactly what he's doing, it's a scary feeling," Maurice said.



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## Babies' ear infection tendency may be inherited

CHICAGO (AP) — Babies' vulnerability to ear infections appears largely inherited, according to a study that suggests doctors might want to closely watch siblings of children who are prone to such ailments.

Researchers tracked 168 sets of newborn twins and seven sets of newborn triplets for two years. They compared episodes of middle ear disease in identical siblings with those in siblings who were not identical.

Identical siblings were found to suffer far more similar rates of recurrent middle ear effusion — a buildup of fluid that can impede hearing and speech development — than were nonidentical siblings.

The researchers calculated that heredity accounts for 73 percent of susceptibility to middle ear effusion in children under 2.

The study, led by Dr. Margaratha L. Casselbrant of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, was published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Middle ear infections are the most common illness in children next to the common cold. Previous research has shown that environmental factors can increase a child's vulnerability, including cigarette smoke and bottle feeding rather than breast-feeding.

An editorial by experts not involved in the study said the findings indicate that siblings of children prone to ear infections should be monitored more closely.

That could include more frequent hearing tests and perhaps more aggressive treatment, wrote Garth D. Ehrlich and Dr. J. Christopher Post of Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

## Dad spreads Star Wars across walls of son's room

LUBBOCK (AP) — When the new Star Wars movie "Episode I: The Phantom Menace" opened in theaters recently, fans both young and old made a point of snatching up memorabilia and collectibles from the sci-fi action movie.

But 6-year-old David Meister literally surrounded himself with the movie and its older sequels when his father Mike took his artistic skills to his bedroom walls.

The older Meister is vice president and executive art director at Price Communications. So he's no stranger to pen and ink or even a colorful paint palette.

"I've painted all my life," Meister said. "I had done a wall mural for my wife before we were married."

A native of Clovis, N.M., Meister worked as a sign painter and billboard artist in his younger days, graduating from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M) with a commercial art degree.

Lately, however, his artwork is done more on computers and is more design-oriented for advertising and businesses. He does some illustration work and designed the Texas Tech Masked Rider design for Citibus.

But Meister returned to his originally artistic roots for the Star Wars project, which he said took two months to paint after several weeks of drawing the basic design in chalk. Meister used acrylic paints for the walls.

The walls started as simple pencil sketches, then Meister scanned some images from the movies and arranged them in a collage form before transferring the pictures onto the wall in chalk.

Meister, himself a big fan of the original Star Wars trilogy who enjoyed the project, though it took lots of work and he was happy to finish it during the past Labor Day weekend.

"We had a big open house to kick off the completion," he said. "We played the old movies and had friends over."

As for David, he's thrilled with his new decor and his friends all envy the artwork. He's also a big fan of the Star Wars movies, which his dad said made it easy to choose.

The wall paintings cover every inch of the wall, excluding outlets and windows. The decor is a visual timeline of the Star Wars series, beginning with a wall devoted to the original series and characters, including Chewbacca, Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Another wall is devoted to the "Phantom Menace" prequel, featuring Anakin Skywalker, Queen Amidala, the city of Naboo and Qui-Gon Jin. The menacing Darth Maul is featured in larger-than-life fashion, but Meister said he placed the villain in the corner where David's open closet door would shield it from view at night.

The decorated walls were actually not the first project Meister has done for his young

son. He decorated the room initially with cartoon characters when David was born.

"He outgrew the cartoon stuff, and we kept trying to decide what to do," Meister said. "We considered dinosaurs or super heroes, but Star Wars just seemed the perfect idea."

"He's been to see 'Phantom Menace' about four times; he's already got the other three memorized," he said.

So what about the day young David suddenly decides the Star Wars motif is outmoded?

That's the day, Meister said, when David moves into another bedroom and Dad makes the Star Wars room his studio.

"This took way too much work; we're not planning on changing it again," Meister said, laughing.

## Irving Berlin special: From his first song to his last

NEW YORK (AP) — Among his own songs, Irving Berlin's favorites varied from year to year. "White Christmas" was usually in his list, along with "Always," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Easter Parade" and "Cheek to Cheek." But at the top every time was "God Bless America."

So says his oldest daughter, Mary Ellen Barrett, speaking of her father and of "Irving Berlin: an American Song," a two-hour "Biography" special about the man who wrote tunes and lyrics for nearly 1,000 songs, many of which define popular music to this day.

The film, airing Sunday at 8 p.m. EST on cable's A&E, tells his story "in a most delightful and touching way," showing all the aspects of his creativity, she says.

"It's moving to see this life and body of work go through the decades. It's so American," Barrett said in a telephone interview. "He wrote his first song in 1907 and his last one, 'An Old-Fashioned Wedding,' for a revival of 'Annie Get Your Gun' in 1966."

Berlin died at 101 in 1989. Barrett, 73, and her sisters Linda Emmet, 57, and Elizabeth Peters, 63, are quoted in the film, along with biographer Philip Furia, musical theater historian Miles Kreuger, singer Susannah McCorkle and others.

Asked her favorite part of the show, Barrett says, "I thought they caught the early days wonderfully; they brought them to life. The whole sequence of 'This Is the Army' was done marvelously."

Berlin began writing "Blue Skies" when she was born, Barrett says, and finished writing it as a vehicle for singer Belle Baker. "I have a piece of sheet music of

*Sister Linda Emmet shares an anecdote about their mother telling her to take her elbows off the table. When she protested that her father, too, had his elbows on the table, her mother replied, "But your father is a genius."*

"Blue Skies" where he wrote 'For Mary Ellen with love from Daddy' in a songbook he made for me," Barrett says.

Berlin took music lessons and learned to read music and write notes probably after World War I, she says. "There's evidence in the files. There's a lead sheet — where you write down the melody, before it's harmonized — of 'Soft Lights and Sweet Music' in his hand and at the bottom he wrote 'First lead sheet ever written down by Irving Berlin.'"

But he still continued his method of writing songs, working on the melody at night, writing the words by day in pencil, then hunt-and-peck typing them. He'd play the new song on the piano for his musical secretary who wrote it down. Then the secretary suggested various harmonies, and Berlin approved when the harmonies represented the sounds in his head.

In the biography, sister Linda Emmet shares an anecdote about their mother telling her to take her elbows off the table. When she protested that her father, too, had his elbows on the table, her mother replied, "But your father is a genius."

That became a favorite family story. Alan Anderson, stage manager of the

movie "This Is the Army," tells of hearing Berlin sing "Oh How I Hate To Get Up in the Morning." An electrician working nearby said, "If the guy who wrote that song could hear this guy sing it, he'd turn over in his grave."

Again, a favorite story, Barrett says. "Father told it many times on himself."

Five years ago, Barrett wrote "Irving Berlin: A Daughter's Memoir," based in part on memories and things she wrote years ago. When she was 7, her father took her to "As Thousands Cheer" at Broadway's Music Box Theater, which he built and of which his estate is still half owner.

She had known he wrote songs but, when he took her backstage at the intermission, she realized for the first time he was important in popular music and show business. "Something clicked. It was the first of many clicks."

Around the house, Barrett says, her father "was funny, a worrier, restless. He'd look over your shoulder at your homework and be gone. He was a warm person but he could get pretty cross about certain things."

Berlin had a bout of depression at 40, Barrett says, when his infant son died and he was writing songs he thought were terrible. Two of them, "How Deep Is the Ocean" and "Say It Isn't So," proved better than he first thought. Another depression hit him at 60; he came out of that by writing "Call Me Madam" for Broadway.

Toward the end of the special, an announcer says that Berlin wrote close to 1,000 songs. No fewer than 35 went to No. 1 on the pop charts. But perhaps more amazingly, fully half of his output became hits.

## Studies tie battering to alcohol, drug abuse

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Men who abuse alcohol and drugs tend to batter their wives and girlfriends more often than others, two studies show.

Other factors tied to domestic violence include unemployment and a breakup of the couple, according to the researchers.

The studies were published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine.

One domestic violence study at eight emergency departments around the country looked at 915 injured women, including 256 hurt by husbands or male partners. The women were asked about the habits and lives of the men.

Another study analyzed the factors for both domestic and other violence against women in west Philadelphia.

The first study found more than three times the risk of domestic violence when husbands or male partners abuse alcohol or drugs, go in and out of jobs, or break up with the women.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Cancer Society offering Texas Golf Pass again

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The pass, which provides golfers with more than 450 rounds of golf at 273 Texas courses, is now available for a \$35 donation.

Both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club are participating in the program, as is the Stanton Country Club.

Those wanting to order the pass can do so by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at [www.acs-tx.org](http://www.acs-tx.org). Details are also available at all three local courses.

#### YMCA registering players for its basketball program

The Big Spring YMCA is now registering girls and boys in grades K-6 for its youth basketball program.

The fee includes a T-shirt, individual award and a full YMCA youth membership for January and February.

YMCA full members may register for the program for \$15. Basic program members will pay \$25 and non-members will pay \$32.

For more info, call 267-8234.

#### TP&WD official releases hunt recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have suggested harvest recommendations for the general deer hunting season which continues through Jan. 2 in Howard County.

The legal bag limit for Howard County is four deer with no more than two of them being bucks.

No special permits are required for harvesting antlerless deer, but both antlerless deer and bucks must be tagged with an appropriate tag from a valid hunting license.

TP&WD wildlife biologist Kathy McGinty has recommended that landowners allow the harvest of one antlerless deer per 800 acres and one buck per 1,700 acres.

For more information, call McGinty at (915) 795-2238.

#### Utah's congressmen defend Olympic monies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Utah congressmen are defending federal spending in their state after congressional investigators reported the government plans to spend \$1.4 billion on the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

"The delegation's been out in front for Utah trying to get everything we can for our Olympics. Here in the hometown, we are honored for doing that," said Rep. Merrill Cook, a Republican who represents Salt Lake City.

The report released Tuesday by the congressional General Accounting Office says about \$1.1 billion of the Olympic-related spending will be for transportation projects such as highways and a commuter railway that probably would have been built anyway.

### IT'S MISSING

Results from Tuesday's girls basketball game between Coahoma and Odessa Permian are not included in today's edition.

Coaches from those schools did not report their scores.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 p.m. — Cincinnati at Oklahoma, ESPN.  
11 p.m. — Texas at Utah (taped), ESPN.

#### NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN.

8 p.m. — Utah at Miami, TBS.

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

7 p.m. — Pro Bowl Selection Show (same-day tape), ESPN.

#### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m. — Mobile Alabama Bowl: TCU (7-4) vs. East Carolina (9-2), ESPN2.

## Mobile Alabama Bowl gives glimpse of college game's future

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Above everything else, the inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl will be a glimpse of the future.

The game will give Texas Christian a chance to get a jump on next year's Heisman Trophy race — the Horned Frogs think they have a qualified candidate in running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

And it will give Conference USA a chance to see the birth of a rivalry.

Even though Wednesday night's meeting between TCU (7-4) and No. 20 East Carolina (9-

2) will be the first between the two schools, it won't be the last.

The Horned Frogs are leaving the Western Athletic Conference for C-USA, which East Carolina already belongs to, in 2001.

Tomlinson won't be around for TCU's venture into its new league, but this year's NCAA rushing leader is ready to put on a show Wednesday night.

"I'm just going out there to play," he said. "If my offensive line blocks well, I know we'll have a great game."

Tomlinson likely won't match

### MOBILE BOWL

WHO — TCU Horned Frogs (7-4) vs. No. 20 East Carolina Pirates (9-2).

WHEN — 6:30 p.m. tonight

BROADCAST — ESPN2

LINE — East Carolina by 4 1/2

his best game of the season, when he ran for an NCAA Division I-A record 406 yards against UTEP.

But if the junior can put up some decent numbers, the Horned Frogs will have something to build their Heisman campaign on.

"I'm not even thinking about the Heisman Trophy now," Tomlinson said. "I'm just going to try to beat East Carolina."

But East Carolina coach Steve Logan is thinking about it, mainly because he knows Tomlinson is a legitimate contender.

"This kid is a great player and I know they are talking about a Heisman Trophy run for him

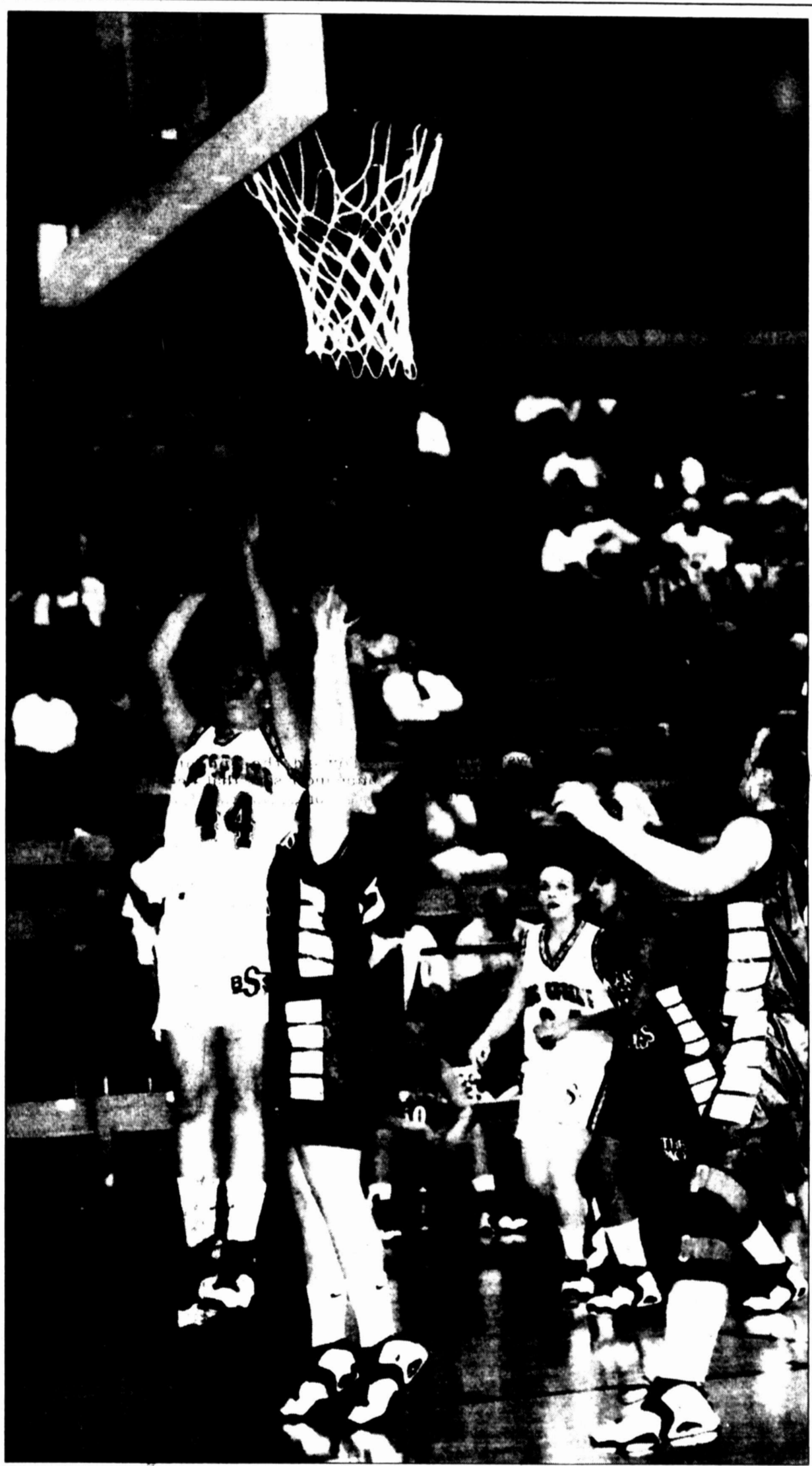
next year," Logan said. "I think that is an appropriate conversation for them to be having."

Logan isn't overly worried about stopping Tomlinson because of the Pirates' much-improved defense.

Under first-year defensive coordinator Tim Rose, East Carolina has improved in every recognized defensive statistical category and risen from No. 65 in the country in total defense to 38th.

Rose said Logan's faith in him

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Big Spring Lady Steer sophomore Meghan Pudliner goes up for a shot in an earlier game this season. The Lady Steers, off to a 9-5 start, return to action Dec. 29-30 in the Abilene Invitational. The next home game for the Lady Steers is on Tuesday, Jan. 4 against Lorenzo.

## Rae Carruth

### Former NFL player settles in for what could be long, lonely wait behind bars

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Now that he's back behind bars, Rae Carruth is likely to stay there for at least several months.

In a ruling that could signal the start of a long, lonely wait for Carruth to be tried on charges of conspiring to kill his pregnant girlfriend, a judge ordered him held without bond.

Mecklenburg County General District Judge David Cayer gave defense attorney George Laughrun a chance to ask that bond be set for Carruth. But Laughrun, whose client was free on a \$3 million bond last week when he fled more than 500 miles to western Tennessee, decided against trying to get Carruth out of jail again.

Authorities said it could take a year or more before Carruth goes on trial for first-degree murder and related charges in the Nov. 16 drive-by shooting of Cherica Adams, 24, who died last Tuesday. Adams' son Chancellor, delivered by Caesarian section shortly after the shooting, continues to improve at a Charlotte hospital.

Today, Cherica's mother, Sandra Adams, who has emergency custody of Chancellor, will seek a more permanent custody arrangement during a closed court hearing before Judge Yvonne Evans. WSOC-TV reported that Adams also plans to seek a court order requiring Carruth to pay child support.

Carruth, a former wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers, was hiding in the trunk of a Toyota sedan when federal authorities captured him the day after Adams died.

While Carruth awaits trial, he is being held in a protective-custody cell at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County jail. The 52-square-foot cell is outfitted only with a few basic steel furnishings: a small bed, toilet, sink, desk and stool.

Carruth has no access to television, radio or video games, and his meals are delivered to his cell. He can read books, newspapers and magazines, and he is given one day each week to meet with visitors for up to 30 minutes.

He is permitted three one-hour recreation periods each

week in a concrete-enclosed patio. Should Carruth elect to use the recreation periods, he would be the only person on the patio.

Authorities said isolating prisoners is a standard practice when several defendants from one case are being housed at the same jail. Separating the defendants prevents them from being able to compare stories, and it also reduces the likelihood of other inmates coming in contact with them and causing problems.

Carruth is one of four defendants in the case, and all are at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg jail. Also being held without bond on first-degree murder and related charges in Adams' death are William Watkins, 44; Michael Kennedy, 24; and Stanley Abraham Jr., 19.

When deputies led Carruth into the courtroom Tuesday, he was sporting the makings of a goatee and wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, handcuffs and leg irons.

The judge and lawyers discussed the charge, bond and upcoming hearings. Cayer also noted that a second lawyer will be representing Carruth, a standard practice in cases where prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty.

Laughrun, who has tried nearly a dozen capital cases, is being joined by Harold Bender, another high-profile defense attorney in Charlotte whose client list includes television evangelist Jim Bakker and Winston Cup team owner Rick Hendrick.

Laughrun and Bender now turn their attention to a player who became the Panthers' first-round draft choice in 1997. The first active NFL player to be charged with murder, Carruth, 25, was cut by the Panthers after fleeing Charlotte.

His flight came after he was originally arrested on charges of attempted murder and related offenses, leading to him spending 12 days in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg jail before posting bond. The terms of his bond required him to surrender immediately if Adams died, but when she did, Carruth instead elected to flee.

## Spurs survive another big performance by Jason Kidd

### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Of little solace to the Phoenix Suns was yet another triple-double for Jason Kidd.

With 15 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in a 91-90 overtime loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night, Kidd posted his 29th career triple-double to move ahead of Michael Jordan into sixth place on the career list.

"It's a lot of luck," Kidd said. "I'm just trying to help the big guys rebound. I'm just trying to help them for 48 minutes, so if I can help them in that aspect, then my big guys and shooters help me with the assists. That's what this game is all about."

"Even though we lost, we had a great time out there," said Kidd, whose Suns had their four-game winning streak snapped.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was

Indiana 113, Seattle 103; Toronto 116, New Jersey 87; Washington 97, Detroit 83; Portland 89, Houston 79; and Sacramento 108, Milwaukee 95.

A steal by Mario Elie led to his game-deciding free throw with 3.1 seconds remaining in overtime, breaking a 90-90 tie.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 25 points and 16 rebounds, while David Robinson had 21 points and 15 rebounds.

Elie came up with his steal after Avery Johnson's miss was rebounded by Rex Chapman near the free-throw line. As Chapman turned upcourt, Elie swiped the ball away and was fouled.

He made his first free throw and missed the second, but Johnson came up with the offensive rebound and ran out the clock.

San Antonio improved to 12-1 at the Alamodome with the win.

"We played the kind of defense we haven't been playing for a while," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "We played a great team in Phoenix who's been real hot lately. We just kept playing and kept playing. We didn't get down. That's this team's personality."

The loss was the first for Phoenix coach Scott Skiles since being named the Suns' head coach on Dec. 13.

#### Pacers 113, Sonics 103

Reggie Miller scored 31 points and Jalen Rose had 19, and the two combined for 19 points in the pivotal third quarter.

Indiana ran its home winning streak to seven games as Miller shot 12-of-19 and Rose and Mark Jackson each had 11 assists.

Gary Payton, who had 12 assists, scored 28 points by sinking 10 of 17 field goals. Vin Baker scored 24 points and

Vernon Maxwell added 17. Brent Barry (12 points, 13 rebounds) and Horace Grant (10 points, 10 rebounds) had double-doubles for Seattle.

#### Raptors 116, Nets 87

At Toronto, Vince Carter had 24 points and Doug Christie made a strong return to the starting lineup as the Raptors snapped a three-game losing streak.

Christie, who missed four games with a sprained right ankle, made four 3-pointers and finished with 20 points — 14 of them in the first quarter.

Alvin Williams, nursing a sore right foot, had a career-high 12 assists, including a team-record eight in the first quarter, and Tracy McGrady had 15 points and four blocked shots off the bench.

Johnny Newman had 22 points for the Nets, who had

their two-game winning streak snapped.

#### Wizards 97, Pistons 83

Mitch Richmond scored a season-high 33 points, and Washington overcame the ejection of Rod Strickland to win at Detroit.

The Pistons, who lost coach Alvin Gentry to an ejection, have lost four of six.

Juwan Howard added 16 for Washington, while Chris Whitney had eight points and eight assists in place of Strickland. Grant Hill led Detroit with 25 points, and Jerry Stackhouse added 20.

#### Trail Blazers 89, Rockets 79

Scottie Pippen was booted every time he touched the ball, but that didn't stop him from making two baskets in the tight

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Today is Wednesday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1999. There are

nine days left in the year. Winter arrives at 2:44 a.m. EST. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-

Semitism. Dreyfus was eventually vindicated. On this date:

In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to create peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln: "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

In 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly said, "Nuts!" to German demands for American surrender.

In 1963, the official 30 days of mourning ended following the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to ratify the election of Kurt Waldheim as secretary-general.

In 1984, New Yorker Bernhard Goetz shot four black youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1990, Lech Walesa took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

Ten years ago: Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. Playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83.

Five years ago: North Korea handed over the body of American pilot David Hilemon, killed when his helicopter was shot down over the communist country three days earlier. House Democrats chastised Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich for accepting a \$4.5 million book advance from Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

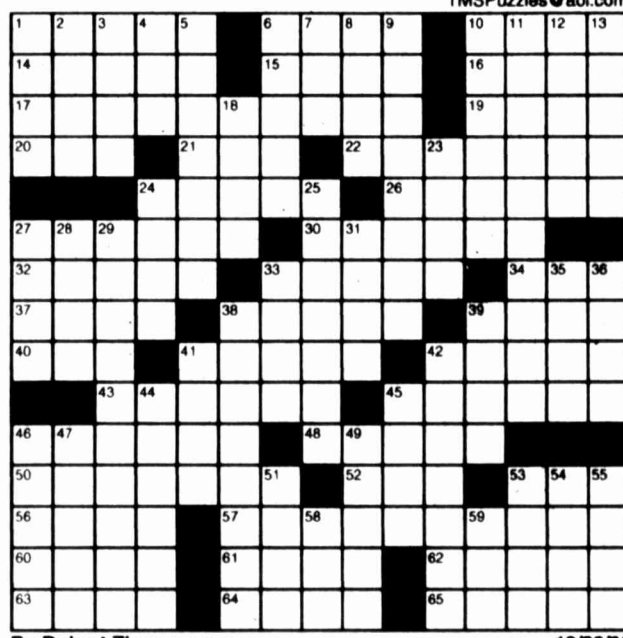
One year ago: A third Chinese dissident, Qin Yongmin, was sentenced to prison for trying to organize an opposition party.

Today's Birthdays: Lady Bird Johnson is 87. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 77. Actress Barbara Billingsley is 77. Actor Hector Elizondo is 63. Country singer Red Steagall is 62. Baseball Hall of Famer Steve Carlton is 55. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer is 54.

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
1 Chatter
6 Labyrinth
10 Dance movement
14 Spread like wildfire
15 Tennis situation, for short
16 Shortened preposition
17 Solitaire?
19 go brag!
20 Deg. with teeth
21 Dent starter?
22 Gather
24 Fetsh
26 Solidarity leader
27 Errand boys
30 Early mainframe
32 False name
33 Boulder
34 Pres. after JFK
37 Guns it in neutral
38 Nasal tone
39 Unadulterated
40 Caviar
41 Muse of poetry
42 Nail-biting or smoking, e.g.
43 Tight spot
45 Removes suds
46 Papaya enzyme
48 Enact
50 Metrical foot
52 Volcanic fallout
53 Gambler's marker
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57 Serving of artichokes?
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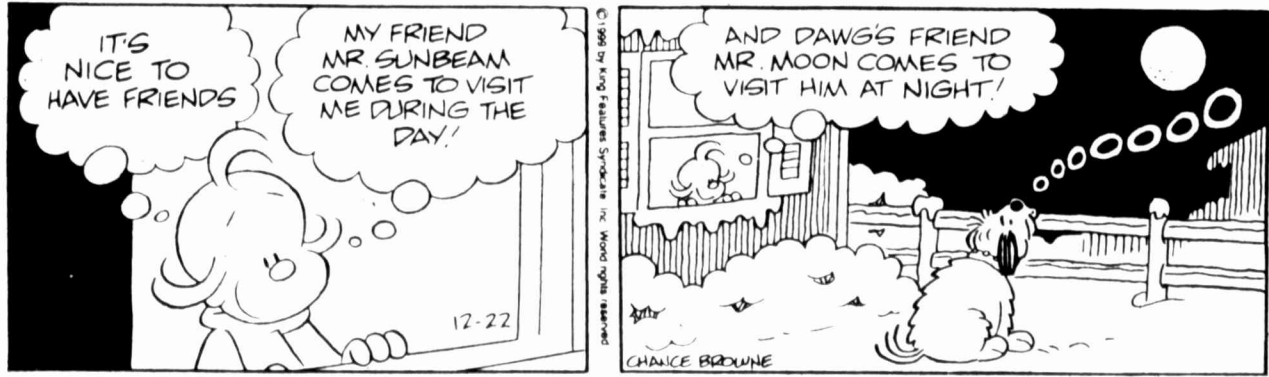
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2 Author Ayn
3 Grows older
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31 Taboo
33 Exchange
35 French cheese
36 New York team
38 Hand over
39 Piece of glass
41 New York canal
42 Superlatively elevated
44 Choice chickens
45 Headstrong
46 Metal disk
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54 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
55 Word before friendly
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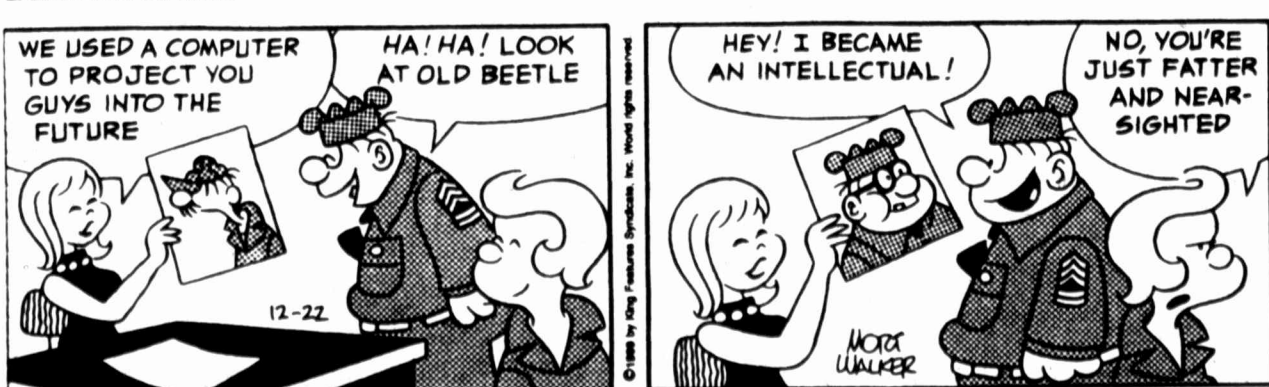
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# Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,  
 My name is Trevor and I'm 7 years old. My mom said I was good this year but I need to be more nicer to my sister, which I will work on. Please bring me some skates, wrestling toys, remote control car, cd's and playstation games. Also, this letter is from my sister Savannah who is 3 and she would like some skates, baby doll, and a doll house. Thank you and be careful on your trips.  
 Love,  
 Trevor and Savannah

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a remote control barbie car with 10 seats, a new doll, a skating barbie, "Woody" from Toy Story 2, Woody's girlfriend from Toy Story 2, and the horse from the movie. My brother wants a small hot wheel car, a Mr. Potato Head, and a dinosaur.  
 Love,  
 Sarah Meek  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a brown puppy, a bicycle, and a computer. I've been really good this year.  
 Your friend,  
 Josis Chavira  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a Shopping Bop Baby, a bicycle, and a remote control barbie car. I have been very good this year.  
 Love,  
 Katy Multer  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a teddy bear and a horse. I've been good this year.  
 Your friend,  
 Kimberly Mier  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a CD player, a BB gun, a pretend plow, a computer, a tape player, and crayons. I've been real good this year.  
 Love,  
 Reggie Halfmann  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a baby white mouse, a barbie radio, a horse, a barbie car, an angel necklace, and some new crayons, and a tinkerbelle costume. My brother Stone wants a star wars book, Nike sandals, a puppy and a remote control car.  
 Love,  
 Sherri Sotelo  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a CD player, a remote control car, power rangers, and a castle. My little sister Ami wants a barbie house, a goldfish, and a remote control barbie car.  
 Your pal,  
 Michael Lopez  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a puppy, a barbie, barbie dresses, a remote control barbie car, and some goldfish. I've been really good this year.  
 Love,  
 Jessica Jones  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a money safe, a remote control Jeremy McGraff motorcycle, and a Harley Davidson. I've been real good this year.  
 Your friend,  
 Jacob Dalton  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a desk. My brother, Cole wants a star wars t-shirt. I've been super good this year.  
 Your pal,  
 Shelby Schwartz  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a remote control car, a kitty, a horse, and a new book. I've been nice this year.  
 Love,  
 Calleen Jansa  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a motorcycle, a ball, and a godzilla toy.  
 Your friend,  
 Marcelino Najera  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a bike, a car, and a new ball. I've been good this year.  
 Love,  
 Jose Zuniga  
 Mrs. Burks' Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a computer and that is all.  
 Love,  
 Andrea Cansino  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want some new clothes and coloring books. I want some CD's and a baby doll. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Amanda Olgin  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to have a jewelry box. I have been good this year.  
 Love,  
 Shanna Halfmann  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to have a skateboard. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Blayne Batla  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

have been good.  
 Love,  
 Jordan Kight  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a motorcycle that I can ride. I want a football adn football player. I want a scientist kit to play with and a mountain rider and a cowboy. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Ruben Mier  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a Barbie car with a remote control I want a real baby to live at my house, I want a stroller and baby carriage and some diapers and wipes and lots of baby food. I have been really good.  
 Love,  
 Brinni Cook  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bike that is pink. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Gustina Wiebe  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a tumbling Barbie and new tires for my bike. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Cassie Hirt  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bike. I want some toys.  
 Love,  
 Daniel Deluna  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a surprise.  
 Love,  
 Jessica Olveda  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a playhouse for my room. I want a Bowling Stacey and a barbie that blows up a balloon. I want some new shoes and clothes. I want a book. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Sarah Avery  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a motorcycle and a new bike. I have been good.  
 Love,  
 Michael Correa  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a bike and a horse. I want a swing and that's it. I have been kinda good.  
 Love,  
 Frankie Zuniga  
 Mrs. Meek's Kindergarten Class  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 This year I want a...  
 barbie, Driney Spears, play station with Spiro the Dragon,

game boy color wth Ocean Discovery, clothes, Skate Bord, inflatable chair, Bible, friend link, blue tv and chair, key chain, juice bar, football.  
 Love,  
 Samantha Dale Pitts  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas I would like,  
 purple glow in the dark nail polish, Pooh baby, game boy, football, soccer ball, Pooh shirt and blue jeans, Pooh friend link, tweety bird chair, pooh mouse and pad, sale board, orange tv, tweety books.  
 love,  
 Sydney Brooke Halfmann  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 This year I want a game boy color with the game Pokemon yellow version, a 223 with bullet and a good football and anything else you want to give me. If that is alright with you. Now I have some question for you. How do you eat all those cookies and milk? How do the reindeer fly? How do you go to every house in the world? How do you fit in the chimneys?  
 From Cole  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 This is what I want for Christmas I want a skate board and a pair of clothes. That's all I want. How are your elves doing? Is Mrs. Clause baking cookies yet. Are you getting ready? ARE you ready for the milk?  
 Your friend,  
 Macy  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 All I want for Christmas is a couple of playstation game. How is the reindeer I also want a motorcycle.  
 Love, Jacob,  
 P.S. How is Mrs. Clause?  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Will you just take a couple of minutes to read my letter. I just want three simple things. I want a little house and I don't care what kind, I want interesting books, and warm clothes.  
 Sincerely,  
 Britton  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 It's all most Christmas! Here's what I want: A castle with 20 fairys, a barbie, a football, water balloons, six barbie clothes, barbie car and bicicle, bop it etreme, silly slamer.  
 That's all I want. O.H. by the way, say hi to Rudolf. He's my favorite reindeer.  
 Love,  
 Eva D.  
 P.S. I like comet too!  
 P.P.S. Say hi to the elves!  
 Mrs. Pool's Thrd Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa, the things I want for Christmas are any kind of Star Wars action figures, a Playstation, and a football.  
 Michael  
 P.S. How do you eat and drink all those cookies and milk?  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I've been thinking about what I want for Christmas Eve this year. I want a motorcycle this Christmas. I think that you're the only one who brings me good presents. I have many prestnes for Christmas for my family because you bring me presants. Santa you're the best of all and you will always be the best of all. I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
 Sincerely,  
 Edgar Guadalupe Najera  
 Aguilar  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 please bring me a barbey cashier, computer, tv, books, shoes, clothes, playstation oh and I got questions for you. why do you have reindeers? how do your reindeers fly? Thank you, your friend,  
 Cindy Lopez  
 P.S. I wonder if you will bring all this stuff.  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a chewing toy for Lawn, my puppy. I also want some blue and purple nail polish swirls. I want a remots control car that says the Cootsalator on it. I want some bops and a present that really is not Christmasy. But most of all I want to win the New Jersey contest. Oh how are you? I am great. Did you have a nice Thanksgiving? I bet you ate alot. Because you have to get fat.  
 Your snow friend,  
 Kaci  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a lot but I can't tell all of them. Here are some. a watch, a coloring book, barbie clothes and some markers.  
 Thank you so much for all the toys you have brought to me. I hope you bring me all these things.  
 love, Anita  
 Mrs. Pool's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Santa will you give me all I want, because I been a good girl. I've only done one or two things rong. You don't have to give me everthing, just the things you can give. This year I don't want everything for me. I want a lot of things that other people don't have, and things that they need. I'll wright you a list of things I want at my hosue. But I want other poor people that need food, shelt and clothing, I want them to have it. I hope you will bring me all I need.  
 Yours truly,  
 Melissa Hirt  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa, I want a Pokemon Yello version and a Trading cord so I can trade pokemon with my blue version game.  
 I would also like a Mountain bike so I can rid with Ryan and Wade. Don't forget to give the poor food, water, shelter and clothes. How are you doing.  
 Love,  
 Jake Schwartz  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 How are you? Has time Today I am writing to you because I

want to tell you what I want for Christmas and what I want other people to have. First, I want other people to have faith, enough clothing, toys, shelter, a house, and food! Now, I will tell you what I want for Christmas! I want some clothes, like a dress, a shirt and pants. Next, I would like to have a bop it and a new Hank the Coddog book. I doesn't really matter wich one you get me. I would like anything else!  
 Love,  
 Lauren Eva  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 Will you please bring me a Nintendo, a finger nail kit and lots more?! I hope you are having fun! Are your elfs making a lot of toys? Can you bring my baby sister a barbie? Bring my other sister a cat. Will you please bring my brother a new batman kite and last of all bring my mom and dad something real good. I hope you and your reindeer hafve a very, very safe ride here.  
 Love,  
 Brooke  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a red safe with a Key. I have a Christmas list below.  
 A Jet ski, make up, Nintindo, camra, vidio camra, computer chalkboard and Lacericia my cousin to become my sister. Also I want more things for kids across the world. I want you to get girls 2-6 years old a Barbie, makeup, yoyo, cloase, stuff animals, stereo, desk, pen, pencil, paper, markers, crayon, glue, books and sticker. 6-10 years old want a camra, pencil, pen, marker, crayons, bookds, dolls, stuff animals and paper. That's all a want.  
 Love,  
 Cayla  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 For Christmas this year I want a bunch of things. But first how far do you have to travel to get everybody's house? I want a NFL BLITZ 2000 for N64, I also want a Pokemon snap game for N64, a remote control speedboat that can go on water, a pair of roller baldes, a X brain yo-yo, and Pokemon Yellow Version for Gameboy. I hope you can get all that. Good bye!  
 Love,  
 Levi Schaefer  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Pokemon Official Handbook taht includes Dragonite, Dragonair and Dratini. I want it because I want to know all the Pokemon on earth. I especially want to see Sandshrew and Sand slash. I have been a good boy, very good. Have a Merry Christmas. I hope there's no blizzard on such a happy Christmas. Your reindeer should be strong enough shouldn't they?  
 Your friend,  
 Israel  
 Mrs. Byrne's Third Grade  
 Garden City

Dear Santa Claus,  
 I wihs other people could have what they want like toys. I wish my grandpa will get better because he has 8 of a chance of dieing. So I want to give him good Luck. I want a Blue bike, I



Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control Bull car. I want a monster truck computer. And I want a Swing set and I want a fake snake, because if I had a real one it would make me dead. And I just want a see-saw. That's all  
Love,  
Brandon  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a little fake reindeer with Santa Claus. I want a little fake bell and that's all.  
Love,  
Haleigh  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want Santa to buy me a Tweedie Bear and some toys. I want some books and a stocking. I like you.  
Love,  
Brittany  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a bike. I also want a puzzle and a crayon book. I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Bianca  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy and a ball and a bear. I want make-up and a doll.  
Love,  
Essence  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a stereo and a Christmas tree. I want to give you a hug.  
Love,  
Larissa  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a coloring book and a crayon box. I want scissors and glue and a cat and a dog. I want a swimming pool and a snowman and a bear. I want a duck and a rooster. I love you, Santa!  
Love,  
Eva  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy guitar from Wal-Mart, and I want a bunk bed. I also want Santa clothes to go with my Santa hat. I want a toy stocking and a radio with N-Sync, and the Spice Girls and the Back Street Boys for my big sister and my little sister.  
I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Dakota  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a little motorcycle with a control on it, and a ring, and a monster truck, and my toys, and Power Rangers and that's all.  
Love,  
Miguel  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
Bring my toys and a baby, puppy and a rabbit and a cat.  
Love,  
Alexis  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunk bed and a book that goes with a key. I want roller blades.  
Love,  
Carlee  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station. I want a motorcycle and a dirtbike. I want a Christmas tree for Christmas, and I want a bike.  
Love,  
TyRal  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
Santa is cute. I want a present. I want to give you a hug.  
Love,

Miko  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an airplane.  
Dezmond  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me football gear and football.  
Joseph  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a fire fighters truck.  
Bret  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rock raider.  
Noel  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie tattoo.  
Tylor  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring Barbie makeup.  
Teryn  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me new colors.  
Jessica  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll.  
Tandace  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a little bike.  
Elizabeth  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike.  
Ashley  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big kids boys.  
Hayden  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a motorcycle.  
Brandon  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll, spit rag and new baby brother. Please also bring Mrs. Witt some new candy for her classroom.  
I love you!  
Love Breana Madry  
Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big tree and a wagon and also a dragon thing. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I will have broccoli and lemonade to drink.  
Love Kelcy Truszkowski  
Age 3  
St. Mary's School,

Dear Santa,  
plees santa can I have sum skates. haw are you doing please can I hav a toy bote plees can I hav a coputer.  
Joshua Kelly  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees can I have a vezer and a brbeey and a new baby doll.  
Alison Platte  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Ples mai I hav a brde plea mai I hav a lital dog ples mai i hav a bick ples ma I hav a cputr.  
Love Mercedes Chavera  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees can i have a conpyuter plees can i have a lital car plees can i have a chock plees can i have a toy.  
Love Adrain Perez  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I bin a good gril evredays Thake you for the presias lasht yir ma i have a lap top.  
Love Tonya Ayers  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Der sato i wollle a cat dog ples.  
Love John Williams  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees can I hav a radieae plees can i hav a kinputr plees can I have a spiscrisesfis I hav bin a good girl.  
Love Laura Menezes  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees ma i have a cpeoer plees ma i have a car plees ma i have.  
Love Timothy Horton  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I hav a bolneroe and a sonee plaStashan plees can I have a drthe Mol LiteSaver plez.  
Love Kevin Berner  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
frum Holly Santa i haf din a vie girl pess i hav a rugbike an kan i haf a frbe thakyou Santa.  
Love Holly Kennedy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees can i get a computer can i git a bicke plees can i hav a dol can git a girl dogs.  
Love April Solis  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Sedtan wur yuo I bin a good boy I plees notahotunsed wiso cpid plees.  
Love Trey Schaaf  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Ples santa I want a yoo ples santa I want 3 bicks ples santa a wunt 2 cats ples santa I want a chuncir.  
Love Elijah Salazar  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I was a good boy I wot a foot-boil I wot a kptirre I wot a yo-yo.  
Love Tristan Ward  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
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Love Daniel Lozano  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
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Love ZZack Olyer  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my puppy home on Christmas. Thank you Santa. I hope you have a Merry christmas, Santa.  
Love Kara  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a merry Christmas. Please can I have a baby doll and something for my puppy dog?  
Love Mindy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a horse for christmas? I love you.  
Love Jonathan  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice trip to Big Spring I hope you have a good Christmas I love you Santa.  
Love Trevor  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a cat for Christmas.  
Love Tastine

Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring a littel kittin for me? thank you  
Love Krista  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you hav a Merry christ-nas. Could you bring me a bat men and please bring me a robin.  
Love John  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring Me a dog for christmas. I hope you have good Christmas.  
Love Kyle  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good day at the northpole. Can I please have a toyhorse?  
Love Cory  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice trip to Big Spring. Could you please bring me a dog for Christmas please.  
Love Tammy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a doll for Christmas.  
Love Ashley  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Skeeter  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa please bring a cat to me.  
Love Briana  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Barbie? Can I please have a dress? Can I please have backpack?  
Love Taylor Joy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want some clos plea. I want some shoos ples. I want a mogoos bike ples.  
Love Albert Gonzales  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please Have a bike Hal is the Nathpole!  
Love Tracy Russell  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I hae ntidole sixty four, can I plees hae Buss can plees hav Woody.  
Love Amanda Cortez  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
How is the North pole. Can I plees have a cat. Can I plees have ntosixfor.  
Love Michael Starr  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a bike? How is the Raindeer?  
Love Montsha Lara  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees can I hav a game. How is the North pole?  
Love Patrick Flores  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plees hav a gocrtre And a bicke And Sclase And A tant And a pach of mocat And a bunee.  
Love Haley Sims  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
How is the North pole? Can i please hav some nou tires and some nou toys.  
Love Karlie White  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees Ken i hevu bik boy cat. pokenon plez. hool hoo plees kan rado.  
Love Michelle Granado  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees Ken i heu noo bike and a pokenon pleez ken i he plez u prshruvu u r mi fevrit. Pleez Love Darce Nichols  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please Have a Game Boy How is the North Pole.  
Love Daniel  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can i plias have a Britny Spirs Barbby.  
Love Tabitha Coker  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plees hav a bike. how is you randers.  
Love Ashley Barrientes  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plees hav a nintino and a plastashin and a bike plees a gam plees can I gamboy Thake you santa.  
Love Ben Klassen  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plesse hatschbord Can I please ha thue neklis Can i plesse hat hupiasdash in foo kris-mis Can i plesse ha the u bonce bal foo krismic.  
Love Drew Breckenridge  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

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Anderson Kindergarten  
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Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

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Love,  
Haleigh  
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Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

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Anderson Kindergarten  
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Dear Santa,  
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Love,  
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Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy and a ball and a bear. I want make-up and a doll.  
Love,  
Essence  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a stereo and a Christmas tree. I want to give you a hug.  
Love,  
Larissa  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a coloring book and a crayon box. I want scissors and glue and a cat and a dog. I want a swimming pool and a snowman and a bear. I want a duck and a rooster. I love you, Santa!  
Love,  
Eva  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

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I love you, Santa.  
Love,  
Dakota  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
I want a little motorcycle with a control on it, and a ring, and a monster truck, and my toys, and Power Rangers and that's all.  
Love,  
Miguel  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
Bring my toys and a baby, puppy and a rabbit and a cat.  
Love,  
Alexis  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

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Love,  
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Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

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Love,  
TyRal  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
Santa is cute. I want a present. I want to give you a hug.  
Love,

Miklo  
Mrs. Bloodworth's Class  
Anderson Kindergarten  
Center

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me an airplane.  
Dezmond  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a car with buttons on the back.  
Joe  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me football gear and football.  
Joseph  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a fire fighters truck.  
Bret  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a rock raider.  
Noel  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie tatio.  
Tylor  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring Barbie makeup.  
Teryn  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me new colors.  
Jessica  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike.  
Kendra  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll.  
Tandace  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a little bike.  
Elizabeth  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike.  
Ashley  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big kids boys.  
Hayden  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a motorcycle.  
Brandon  
3's/4's Class  
Jack & Jill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll, spit rag and new baby brother. Please also bring Mrs. Witt some new candy for her classroom.  
I love you!  
Love Breana Madry  
Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a choo choo train, basketball and a race car. Please bring Mrs. Witt a basketball, because I love her. I will have you milk and cookies for you! Tell Mrs. Claus hello!  
Love We Meuth  
Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie doll, Barbie dream house. I love you! I have been good.  
Love Gabbie Trevino  
Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck, and ice cream toy. I will have milk, ice cream & cookies for you.  
Love Dylan Wegner  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a game, backhoe and a ball. I love you,  
Love Brady Mieska  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer, motorcycle and a real car. Please also bring Mrs. Witt a new car. I will have cookies and ice water for you.  
Love Parker Lewis

Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a big tree and a wagon and also a dragon thing. I love you and Mrs. Claus. I will have broccoli and lemonade to drink.  
Love Kelcy Truskowski  
Age 3  
St. Mary's School

Dear Santa,  
plees santa can I have sum skates. haw are you doing please can I hav a toy bote plees can I hav a coputer.  
Joshua Kelly  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees can I have a vezer and a brbeey and a new baby doll.  
Alison Platte  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Ples mai I hav a brde plea mai I hav a lital dog ples mai I hav a bick ples ma I hav a cputr.  
Love Mercedes Chavera  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees can i have a conpyuter plees can i have a lital car plees can i have a chock plees can i have a toy.  
Love Adrain Perez  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I bin a good gril evredays Thake you for the presias lasht yir ma i have a lap top.  
Love Tonya Ayers  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Der sato i wollle a cat dog ples.  
Love John Williams  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees can I hav a radieae plees can i hav a kinputr plees can I have a spiscrisesfis I hav bin a good girl.  
Love Laura Menezes  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees ma i have a cpeoer plees ma i have a car plees ma i have.  
Love Timothy Horton  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I hav a bolneroe and a soonee plaStashan plees can I have a drthe Mol LiteSaver piez.  
Love Kevin Berner  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
frum Holly Santa i haf din a vie girl pess i hav a rugbike an kan i haf a frbe thakyou Santa.  
Love Holly Kennedy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees can I get a computer can i git a bicke plees can I hav a dol can git a girl dogs.  
Love April Solis  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Sedtan wur yuo I bin a good boy I plees notahotunsed wiso cpid plees.  
Love Trey Schaaf  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Ples santa I wunt a youo ples santa I wunt 3 bicks ples santa I wunt 2 cats ples santa I wunt a chuncir.  
Love Elijah Salazar  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I was a good boy I wot a foot-boll I wot a kptrre I wot a yo-yo.  
Love Tristan Ward  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
frum Adrienne dir sana hav bin a good grl I lick mlke presi I wot a bike and a cat.  
Love Adrienne Gonzales  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I awtnaeio a unmoihmio wim-nauh.  
Love Daniel Lozano  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Diese d ci plees had a a tod Diredhad a idelllusren. Dsidniha Pesan Dsincl phantnsf.  
Love ZZack Olyer  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Downey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Please bring my puppy home on Christmas. Thank you Santa. I hope you have a Merry christstmas, Santa.  
Love Kara  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a merry Christmas. Please can I have a baby doll and something for my puppy dog?  
Love Mindy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a horse for christmas? I love you.  
Love Jonathan  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice trip to Big Spring I hope you have a good Christmas I love you Santa.  
Love Trevor  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a cat for Christmas.  
Love Tastine

Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring a littel kittin for me? thank you  
Love Krista  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you hav a Merry christ-nas. Could you bring me a bat men and please bring me a robin.  
Love John  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring Me a dog for christmas. I hope you have good Christmas.  
Love Kyle  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good day at the northpole. Can I please have a toyhorse?  
Love Cory  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a nice trip to Big Spring. Could you please bring me a dog for Christmas please.  
Love Tammy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Could you please bring me a doll for Christmas.  
Love Ashely  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a Merry Christmas.  
Love Skeeter  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa please bring a cat to me.  
Love Briana  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Collins 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a Barbie? Can I please have a dress? Can I please have backpack?  
Love Taylor Joy  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want some clos plea. I want a mogoos bike ples.  
Love Albert Gonzales  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please Have a bike Hal is the Nathpole!  
Love Tracy Russell  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I hae ntidole sixty four, can I plees hae Buss can plees hav Woody.  
Love Amanda Cortez  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
How is the North pole. Can I plees have a cat. Can I plees have ntosixfor.  
Love Michael Starr  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have a bike? How is the Raindeer?  
Love Montesha Lara  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees can I hav a game. How is the North pole?  
Love Patrick Flores  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plees hav a gocrte And a bicke And Sclase And A tant And a pach of mocat And a bunee.  
Love Haley Sims  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
How is the North pole? Can i please hav some nou tires and some nou toys.  
Love Karlie White  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
plees Ken i hevu bik boy cat. pokenon plez. hool hoo plees kan rado.  
Love Michelle Granado  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Plees Ken i heu noo bike and a pokenon pleez ken i he plez u prshruvu u r mi fevrit. Pleez Love Darce Nichols  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please Have a Game Boy How is the North Pole.  
Love Daniel  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can i plias have a Britny Spirs Barby.  
Love Tabitha Coker  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plees hav a bike. how is you randers.  
Love Ashely Barrientes  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plees hav a nintino and a plastashin and a bike plees a gam plees can I gamboy Thake you santa.  
Love Ben Klassen  
Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I plese hatschbord Can I please ha tuh nekliis Can i plese hat hupiatash in foo kris-mis Can i plese ha the u bonce bal foo krismic.  
Love Drew Breckenridge  
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Mrs. Lindsey 1st Grade

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Love, Daniel  
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Dear Santa,  
I wish for a kitten.  
Love Annalee  
Miss Crandall  
Anderson Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a bike.  
Love, Rosie  
Miss Crandall  
Anderson Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a teddy bear.  
Love, Ivory  
Miss Crandall  
Anderson Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a toy alligator.  
Love, Tyler  
Miss Crandall  
Anderson Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a bear.  
Love, Albert  
Miss Crandall  
Anderson Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a robot.  
Love, Caleb  
Miss Crandall  
Anderson Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Toby Flores. I am 3 years old. I am sending you this list of things that I want for Christmas. I want a NWO Wrestling ring, spider man action figure and a blue power ranger. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.  
Thank you,  
Toby Flores

Dear Santa,  
Hello my name is Cody Flores. I'm 6 months old, so my mom is writing you my Christmas list. I want some soft toys and some clothes.  
Thank you,  
Cody Flores

Dear Santa,  
Hello my name is Rosa Marie Flores. I am 4 years old. Here is my list of things I want for Christmas. I want a Barbie doll with suitcase, barbie car & a bike.  
Thank you,  
Rosa Marie Flores

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want: a huge sucker, Grandam heavy yarms (collectible), lego-mos ESPA podrace, Millennium teddy bear, an outdoor companion, and whatever else you want to get me.  
Love,  
Jonathan Ray

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa can I please have a bike. I made this picture at Girl Scouts.  
From  
Monte Lara

Dear Santa,  
I have bin a gud girl may I have a boom box.  
Love,  
Saije

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Justin Almazan- Toy Stor video, bike  
Rodolfo Brito- Clothes, toys  
Ashley Buck- Barbie, bike  
Mariana Chavez- Clothes, ball  
Ariana Diaz- Bike, toy Barbie  
Dustin Fraley- Football, soccerball  
Daric Gill- Toys, Toy Story vide  
Brent Lambdin- Hot Wheels, shooting game  
Elizabeth McCutchan- Toys, Barbie  
Jimmy Olivares- Toys, cars  
Dylinda Salazar- Doll, toys  
Andrew Shober- Toys, clothes  
Kiowa Spears- Barbie, toys  
Joshua Spivey- BeBe gun, clothes  
Raquel Valencia- Bike, Barbie  
CeLebritie White- Doll, play food  
Anthony Slate- Toys, Power Ranger

Dear Santa,  
Your friend, Eric you rock Santa. I want Wreslmanina 2000 on Nentendo sixty four Resedents Evil two bike and a play station games like driver bandicook a bike a screen tv the biggest house in the univrs and s Sagagenises Saga and games and have six flag in the back of my house. And a movie theater in my house. And a computer and the enter net and

disk, and games.  
Signed  
Eric Justin Hernandez  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Hi santa, It is me Andrea Nicole Claxton that lives in Big Spring Texas. I just wanted to ask for a few things on my Christmas list this years. Can I please have a bike, train, blanket, candy, gummy wermey reces lots of reces candies. I think this is all I want but there is one more I want a good life to live with my mom and dad and I want them to have a happy life. I want everyone to have a happy life to. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.  
Signed Andrea Claxton  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a robot, Spyro 2, memory card playstation, remote control airplane, Game Shark, cotroler playstation. I want to stay at my house for Christmas not somewere else. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.  
Signed Your friend  
Hutton  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This is your friend Johnny Ray Frausto. I have been real good this year. I mind my parents and do my homework. This year I would like yaltzee and some hot wheels. A remote control race car. For my sister I would like a doll. For my brother I would like a remote control car also.  
Signed Johnny Frausto  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I am very glad that you are you because no body in the world would get any thing at all. So I am extemely glad there is a santa clause. But now lets get to the the presents. What I want is to spend a safe Christmas with my aunts Sheela and Pam mu uncles Bowie, Jeff, Jamy, Joey and my mommy. Thats all I want for Christmas.  
Your's Truly,  
Kathy Gill  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Nentendo 64, Dolls, bike, scene tv, makeup, neckless, bird, millino dollars, camera, computer, winne the pooh book, tain, raindeer. I want to meet Michel Jordan.  
Signed Kimberly Nocle Gutierrez  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Saleena Juarez. This is what I want for Christmas. A bombox, T.V., computer, clothes, a baby brother, and sister, and get to meet Rrodaff the red nose raindeer. Merry Christmas.  
Signed Saleena  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a nice year Santa. How is it like in the north Pole? Now I am going to tell you about what I want for Christmas. I whanta stareoe, and a nice Christmas, and a race track, and a can of pickles, and if I be real good this year. And what I really want is a good Christmas I even want more friends, and I want a beter name I hate the name Lee. I wonder what house you go to first answer this question where do you go to first here are the answers Alabama of Texas or New York or Mexico? I hope you get my letter and make shor to read it. And I hope I get all the presents that I asked for and I am going to make sher that you get my letter. and I hope that you are going to have a good Christmas. and I hope that I get a good Christmas to. and the presents I asked for we are goin to have caeing out for you.  
Signed, Lee Klas  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
how ya doin'? what I want for Christmas is a nintindo 64, a new puppy, a baby sister, a baby brother, a tv, a stereo, a phone, daddy not to work on Christmas, a porslen doll, peace and a ton of lotery tickets. I want some candy, and chess.  
Signed Ho, Ho, Ho, Catherine Leubner  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I know that you have been working your best to look at letter and get our toys ready to give us presents. And I can tell you what I want for Christmas. I bet that you are giting kind of tierd. I hope that you santa don't get to tierd to do my presents. I love you Santa. And I hope that you love me to watch I know that you do becuse I be good and sometime I am not so good and I get punished for being bad. Do your children ever get in troble becuse I rely do not like geting in a whole lot of troble I bet that your children do not get in troble becus thay all was be rely good I try.  
Signed Jace Mince  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I am doing fine this year I have been very nice I made new friends, I shared adn I am on A honor roll. My teacher is very nice, the best teacher ever. My birthday was on December 6th 1999 but I was born in 1990 I am 9 years old and I'm in the 3rd grade. What I want for Christmas is a dog. My old dog Buster who we have loved very much had been given away. I want him to be a black and pepper minature schnauzer, an inside dog. I am thankful for my family. my mom I'm thankful for her being kind, loving and caring. Jjinglingling.  
Signed Bianca Nicole Mireles  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good summer. Now that it is Christmas can you bring me some of the's toy's. I want a few CD's and lots of snow. I want a rase care that can pop a willie and I want a new pare of reebok shoes that are white and very clean. And I want one of your smallest elves that make toy cars. You rock!  
Signed Zachary Moran  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. I now you have been working but I want to ask you some stuf for Christmas. I want a game boy game, some starware toys, a comuter game, a thing for my game boy thajt is a camar, and a basketball, and one Hot Wheels car. I'm doing good. I have been good. I olsow want a C.D.  
Signed Jordon Pointon  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How have you been dong? I just want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a rabbit, new bike, a limou, helicopter, bb gun, a new monitor, a nice cat, rifal 22, and a whit Christmas and I have the best teacher in the world be ride Mrs. Rainwater. Mr. Tipton, my cason Robe to come back our class to be the best in the school, a baby. Marry Christmas I love you Santa!  
Signed Joey Rios  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Anyway I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want for my baby cousin to get better because he is in the hospital. I also want to my brother to come home from colledge. I also want to have a good Christmas. Joyfully,  
Signed Theresa Rodriguez  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a good Christmas St. Nick and what I want for Christmas is P.J.'s jewelry clothes and a karoka and some nice tinnis shoes.  
Signed Ambrie S.  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I hope you having a great Christmas at the North Pole. I wish I could go to the North Pole. What I want for Christmas is a Hermit crab, a new computer game, a new comforter. I want my grandparnts to come here but most of all I want a happy Christmas and a great new year. I wish you could come to our Christmas program it is called Santa is stuck in the fifties.  
Ho-Ho-Ho!  
Signed Haylea

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Rance Terry how are you dong Santa I would like a ten speed bike that's all I want. This is the year 1999 and it's getting time for the new millinim and this will be the last Christmas in this century so have a happy christmas and new year. I live at 1731 Purdue but I know you know were every kid lives. So can you please get me that ten speed bike I know you might not get it for me it's okay. So Santa I want you to have a very happy Christmas and new year and until christmas enives keep making those toys.  
MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!  
Signed Rance C. Terry  
Mrs. Ferrell 3rd Grade  
Moss Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I been good Santa. Will you give me a presit? Plees bring dishes and two steer shirts.  
Love, Abigail  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. All I want is just my famalie back that is just what I want for cristmas.  
Love, Loryn  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I what a coputer I what a fooball I what a shoop brush I what a buzz lite year.  
Love, Frank  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog and a bal and a teteder and a neckles and a saga and a snowflack.  
Love, Jessica  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I what rood of redbis little puppy littel kite for me Santa a cany yu se me.  
Love, Josie  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I what a bike rado and sedes play stashin stor jmiss jame.  
Love, Stormi  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I bin a goo boy i wta bike I wtorK I wi roomr.  
Love, Andy  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good.  
Love, Micaela  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I like to have been goo bear Santa I like a hous.  
Love Amanda  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elemenaty

Dear Santa,  
I have been good Santa I wood like ti ir you brot me a air hoge and some clos.  
Love, Michael  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Ho Ho HO. Pleeze breeng a bike to.  
Love, Jacob  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a poke mon.  
Love, Gilbert  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I would like a robot pokemon Santa doll and a tigr toy. Thats all.  
Love, Quinton  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I want a bike. I want Jesse. I want a fooball I want soocrball.  
Love, Mistika  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. I want a bike. I want a game. I want a computer. I want a fooball.  
Love, Ryan  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good Santa. I wot a toy car to.  
Love, Alberto  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and little scatbord. For my bruther want a bike like me. I am go to nak a cak for mom and dad.  
Love Angel  
Mrs. Ward 1st Grade  
Bauer Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good groel. I want a Space Ship and a air eplan cool boging.  
Love, Cassie  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have bin a good boy. I want a play Station How Do you make The toys?  
Love, Brady  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
can I ask a question to Mrs. Clause? do you no how to make dresis, I have ben good, I want a swim plood how are the eles.  
Love, Kelsea  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,

I had benn a good girl. How do ya liv in the cod winter. I wut a Nintendo 64.  
Love, Lacey  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have dn a good boy haw is Ruddolph duing haw is yr efs duing. I want a computer. haw are you duing.  
Love, Tyler  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I bin a good girl I want a little puppy I have cooky and milk at my hose.  
Love, Caprise  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been good Boy. I want a space ship and a airplane hav a nice trip on Christmas nite.  
Love, Stetson  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. What I want for Christmas is a Rudolph that sings is Rudolph real? Well merry Christmas Santa. What are the randeers Names? I jest no Rudolph. Do you no what my sisten want? no you no what what I hope Mrs. Clause is O.K. what are the elves names. I hope you like you cookies. Have a nice day.  
Love, Nicole Amos  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been kind of bad and good. I want a ril horse and a neeu baby brother. I wont foo no haw you ben. Hav had a good day.  
Love, Heather  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I was good. How are you? May I have a Barbie. My Family is fine. I will have cook and milke.  
Love, Saije  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. I want a nintendo 64 gaem. I can't wait.  
Love, Trey  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I am being a good girl. I woud like a Brabie. I hav cookies for you.  
Love, Illiana  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

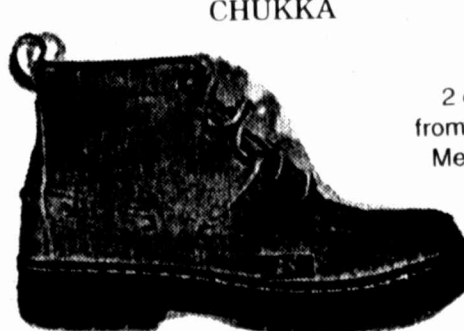
Dear Santa,  
I lov yee or vere nice I wot a hoos I hav bin good. I hav fun rudolph.  
Love Lee  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I ban Good and I want a mojoos bike. I want a bayby girl. I will have milk and cookiiss.  
Love Erika  
Mrs. Hendrickson 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I have ben a god giibl.  
Love, Whiteany

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Dear Santa,  
I want a bike for Christmas and drums. My Rad works fine. I love my thags. I want a base gitar.

Love, Garrett  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have a Bomberman Hero Nintendo 64. Please can I have Battle Tanks Nintendo 64. Oh! yes Please Santa Claus! I hope you have a very merry Christmas and Mrs. Claus to! and all your elves too!

Love, Ben  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is the north pole? I want wo rabbit and a fish and a dog and a turtle and ples sind snow Santa Claus. And i want a per a skates and a swing and a sweet sweet dog.

Love, Mattie  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want lots of tattoo. And I want a feegrpaner. I want new pjamus. How are you? Yor are going to by tierd Hapy christmas santa.

Love, Jessica Womack  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new woch cold timex. How about fifty dolars and the new optims pright that can transformis four times. I would like a go-cart with a track that goz throou my house.

Love, Joshua Castilaw  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Our family really is waiting for you. I don't know what I want for Christimas.

Love, Sara Overby  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I want A kindgardin baiby for Christmas. And A bike Santa can I have all those things please. How is Mrs. Claus doing?

Love, Tori Truelove  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
What are your reindeer like. and what are your elves like. is Rudolphs nose really red. and I like the way you Laft. wood you brane me a toyber and some makeup.

Love, Taryn  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want something for christmas I wnat a spigrils mikerfone. Santa, you are so nise. I lik yor slave and yor randirs.

Love, Patricia Morales  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a lab. and I want bile in of chex. and I want a computer. I wish that evre bude to he happy. I want evre thags in the world. exopt Barbees. merry cristmas. santa.

Love Lucas Ontiveros  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want sum money ples for my Mom and Dad and my sistrs.

Love, Elle Torres  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santaw,  
How are you? I would like a new bike with breax on the bars. How is mrs. claus? Wut the north pole like? I hope you hav a chrimis.

Love, Kala Long  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want to no how are you? I want make-up. I whont to have one of Mrs. Claus rucipes pleas. What are your reindeer's names? I love Christmas. I want to no if you hav a star on your tree. Is it cold over ther?

Love, Berklie Pierce  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want the Power Ranger movie but my mom doesn't like it. I will get Batman and Robin movie.

Love, Shane Farqhar  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Please may I have a doll for Christmas and a liftl dress for Christmas.

Love, Kynnne Campbell  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I like the way you lafe. But is Roodoff's Nose rilly red with a light in side. Is evrething invizible in the nothpol? What are your elfvz like and randir like? Will you bring me a bike for my dad. For me and my sistr a Big Toy Cat and Dog.

Love, Belle Feaster  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy and a kitten. Please bring my mom a ring and my day a new nife.

Love, Rachel Johnston  
Mrs. Phillips 1st Grade  
Kentwood Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wont a brobe and a poll and hos I love you Santa.

Love, Angela  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I luv u uanta.  
I wish Ken see rduresh  
I like uu uanta  
I wish to see rduresh  
I wish to see santa  
I wish to see santa  
Abigail  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I Love You  
Where is Roodoff  
to see you Santa  
I Love you  
Brittany  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wish I can see Rudolph I like to see Rudophs nose

Eric  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I Love you  
Santa I wouch to see you Rudophs with you.

Sarah  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wnat a cool too for a porayrtr-ba.

Jacob  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I Love you Santa Clos. I will like to see you one day santa clos and rodoff.

Love, Kaylesha  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
for cares i wat a boremberr hass for cares. Mec cel fo you. I luv you green.

Mallory  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
the sem I lu wy yoo wum a plsefwam se ros I au bheh I Luy setna bema.

Collette  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a Pokedex and a Sperirot woand I ben good.

Kyle  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I lve you  
I hop I get a gad evest I lke Crimas inills steta.

Terrell  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I wish I can see Rubof I love Santa.

Jana  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I love you.  
How is the Randeer Shahola will see you winis chrimis So I

love you Santa.  
Shahola  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I Love You I want Gidd up Girl and I like You.

Hayly  
Mrs. Cooke's First Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a Movie and a toy. Can I have a base ball please? I want a TV for my Dad. Can I have a base ball mitt and a base ball bar.

I nead a new air hocky game. I nead a Nintendo game kold Donky Kong.

Your friend,  
Mike  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Digeemon, Pokemon, clothes, watch, and a neckless. My brother Sean wants the toy's from toy story. My sister amirah wants a Pikashu and some barbies. My little brother Nathan wants some Pawer Rangers, and a toy modercycol. My Mother Nelda wants 6,000 dallers.

Your friend,  
Geordan  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Would you get me a new c.d., a new toy and a new N 64 game? I would like a skateboard. Could you bring my mom a new tv.? Can you bring my step-dad a new c.d. player? Could you bring me a phone?

Your friend,  
Joshua  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christams is a trick Bicke and a real Dog. My sister whats a crib for her bay. What she really wante is soem gold reangs and necleses. My Brothers whont a new skateboard. I wont a new skatbrd too. I wont to live with my Dad.

Love, Brandon  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real dog and cat. There is also on my list a big skreen T.V. tooo a long with the T.V. I would enjoy 5 Pokemon Morie Sand a Pokemon poster would be nice. I need a few new clothes. My mam wants a new car and truck. Those would be fun for all of us. There are many things I wnat and I hope to get them all.

Thanks,  
Joey  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have a list of htngs I want for Christmas. I'd like a bike like my friend Shalens. Could you bring me a trapoline? Would you bring me a specil presnt, I'd like my cousin James to come live with me. I would also like a few barbies. Could you bring me a new baby born doll for Christmas? Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your friend,  
JoAnn  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I've always wanted a real dog, one that stays small. I also want a Britney Spears blow up chair. Can I also have a Britney Spears doll. Can I please have a pluto dog? Can I also have a Selena doll that comes iwth posters. Please put three Selena cds, real ones. I would like a 200m shirt from Beals too. Can you give me some pants that are baggy and have butterflys? Can you give me 3000 dollars, so I can got to Toys-R-Us? Merry Christmas to you, Mrs. Clause, and to your elfs.

Your friend,  
Ariel  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I what a new bike. My sister wants a doll. My big sister wants a Barbie. My mom wants some new shoes. My dad wants some new shoes and some clothes.

Love, Maria  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is an Electronic Pikachu. I would

also like a real baby bunny so I can take good care of it. I would like the N64 Donkey Kong. I would like a real Pikachu and a real Tocapi. Please bring Electric Poke Ball. Last I would like an Electronic Pokedex and the Pokemon the first movie.

Thank you, Santa.  
Your friend,  
Kacey  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
What I've been wanting is a beebie gun, some clothes, and the most thing that I want is a family ticket to Six Flags. I also want a computer and a T.V. for mom. I want some money or a big roll of carpet just for my mom. I wnat a camera to for Christmas.

Thanks,  
Jay  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus and the elves? I want a dog, please. I would like a couple Legos and Pokemon toys. I want some Kinex. I would also like dinosaur models. I want some books.

From,  
Daniel  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas alot. Thanks you for working hard. These are the things I want for Christmas. I want a barbie doll, airplane, baby clothes, and baby stuff. If you come to my house, please give me at least two presents. I hope you know the other presents I want; I will give you a lot of cookies and milk. If you do not, I will still give you some Merry Christmas.

Love, Karla  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want money to move to Georgia agian. Can I please have a new bike to ride? o I almost forgot I need that money you own me. My sister and I wand a Nintendo. My brother and I want baseball stuff. I want some other toys that I can not spell. Will it better let you get back to business, making your elfs make toys for us.

Your friend,  
Mykel  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a cd and a tv. Can I have a real cat and atoy shark? I wish school was never over in the first place. When can we open Christmas presents. When will it snow in December. My mom whats a car my dad wants a Ford.

Your friend,  
Emillio  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a bike to ride on. Also I want a doll house to play with. I also want new clothes and new shoes. I would like new sandles and a pretty dress. I want roller baldes so I can leade around my neighborhood. Thank you so much.

Love, Stephanie  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me A bike? A game table. That has pig-pong and hocky and Basketball and Foot ball on it. A breakabul Angle for my sistrs. For my mom and neckles. For my dad and ring saying I Love you.

Your friend,  
Brandon  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a barbie doll, a bike, and a teddy bear. I want a spice girl doll. This year I'm a good girl. That's all I want for Christmas this year.

Love, Antoinette  
Mrs. Monger's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
This is what I wnt for christmas is a mentindo 64. My gold-er brother want's a bike. My Mom wants a CD player for her C.D's. My grandmother wants a new house. me my brothers want a lot of candy in are stock-ing.

Love, Maria  
Mrs. Monger's Class

Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I hope that I weall have a comeputer and gamas and toys like dokes.

Nakita  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a Low Rider bike, and a mountain bike that is gold and a Harly Davoccen bike, Fuby Sherts and Jeans, and 100 dollars, and aJet, and a Low Rider car with gold rinbs.

Love, Joel  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Whats up man how are you? I want a 100 dollar gift certificate at the mall, a beanbag chair and some very big set of Legos. I don't know if I have been realy good but I do know that I have been good if you don't bring me any presents I won't give you any cookies and milk OK!

Your friend,  
Jimmy  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa? if you can bring me a sly, low rider bike, fith gold rims, games for my plastasan.

Raddy  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Wut up I am this chiling at AAtums House and I want to tell you wut I wit for christmas is a lowrider bike band I want a neckles with a and I want you to trie to give Micheal Scaggs a twisled meadle. twisled meadle.

Love, Johnny  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you, I want a puppy for Christmas twisted metle 4, twisted metle 1, a bike, a sum-brine that can go under water with a whireless control whith no batterys whith five toy misles that are black, that you have to match words, the monopoly game.

Your friend,  
Michael  
Mrs. Shafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Have you seen Rudolph the red nose riender. How are the Elfs. Do you live in teh northpole? Have you seen many Singers have I lbeen goor Santa. has Mrs. Schaefer been good? Have you been to the moon. I seen a movie about you. Have you lost some weight. Do you have lot of magic. Do you live in a great big house.

Love, Jesse  
Mrs. Shafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a game that is called 1080 for Christmas and a playstation called Tony Hawk pro skater.

Love, Matt  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I know want I what to fly with you may I. I like you I have some things I want a coat, shos, dog, and a family that is happy. Thank you.

Love, Azure  
Mrs. Shafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I don't want very much all I want is a bake stage pass to see Nsync. thats all I want, but I want Jesus to hav a good birthday. I hope you a good Christmas.

Love, Ashton  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a football, some clothes, Playstation, games, bike. I'm doing fine. I havent got my tag cut. I've been good in school. Thank you! Merry Christmas

Love Robbi  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. This are the thing I want from you. I want a barbie a dollhouse a barbie ar a computer a puppy a cat a pony. Thank you.

Love, Sandra  
Mrs. Schafer's Third Grade  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a computer. Pleas bring me some toys and can you bring me a pool table.

Your friend,  
Andrew  
Mrs. Carroll's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Santa, can you pleas bring me a gigapet. I was waiting for chrimis to come up. I been bying chrimis presents we now how you love good kids who are good. Oh who els can be as good as your riender rudolph.

Your friend,  
Tasia  
Mrs. Carroll's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
May you pleas bring me a playstahoun. And a pool table also a bebe gun.

Year Frendy  
Jon Speck  
Mrs. Carroll's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
Can you pleas pring my sister's cd player? Can you please pring me Barbie shop with me? Can you please pring my mom some flowers? Can you please pring my dad two milliein dollars? Santa I have bee good.

Your friend,  
Audry Hartman  
Mrs. Carroll's Class  
Marcy Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I've ben a good boy. Can you pleas give me a nicktendo? My sister has ben a good girl pleas she wants a doll. My mom has ben a good girl pleas give her a neckles.

Your friend,  
Steven Islas  
Mrs. Carroll's Class  
Marcy Elementary

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