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The Texas Department of Health will be giving flu shots Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 unless you have Medicare or Medicaid. Please be sure to bring Medicare/Medicaid information. The Texas Department of Health is located in the College Park Shopping Center on Birdwell Lane.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Cossacks Motorcycle Club member Art Williams cranks up his bike in preparation to head out to another delivery of Christmas gifts Saturday. Club members headed a convoy Saturday delivering toys, food and poinsettias to 38 families in Big Spring.

## A Cossacks kind of Christmas: Lighting smiles in children's eyes

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Grizzled-looking, black clad motorcycle riders are used to causing a stir when they enter a room, but on Saturday they were guilty of causing a spectacle of another kind.

Cossacks Motorcycle Club members on sleek-looking choppers headed an impressive convoy of cars, SUV's and pickup trucks towing toy-laden trailer beds down Big Spring streets and dropping off Christmas presents to area families.

*"The thrill in kids' eyes when they see everybody pull up with all the motorcycles. Ahhh, that's reason we do it as one group and why we do it all day long."*



Carl Hart, Cossacks Motorcycle Club president

"We doing about 38 families today," Carl Hart, president of the Cossacks, said Saturday morning. "We're probably going to be moving really quick, so we can get them all in. We're going to break for lunch about 12:30 p.m. and we'll probably be through about 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m."

The club has been gathering toys and bicycles for the past two months, Hart said, an effort that paid off with three trailers overflowing with toys, bikes and canned goods.

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## GOD'S LOVE

More area youth to have opportunity for a brighter holiday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

For almost 300 area children that might not have had a gift under the Christmas tree this holiday, things are beginning to look a little brighter.

Spring Tabernacle Church has held its annual holiday toy giveaway and, according to program coordinator Mona Lue Tonn, the number of people that benefited from the drive is enormous.

"We had 98 people sign up for the program," said Tonn. "We provided three presents each for 296 kids. We started around 12:30 in the afternoon and finished up around 5 p.m. "It was quite a sight really. We had cars lining the streets near the church all day."

Although the number of toys given away may seem staggering to the average resident, Tonn said it comes as little surprise to her and her staff. "We figured it would be close to those numbers," she said. "Last year we gave away 224 presents, so we expected to go through that many or more this year."

"This is the eighth year we've done

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*"It's a lot of work, but that's what makes life worthwhile... when you're doing something worthwhile."*

Mona Lue Tonn



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Howard County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher Nicci Grigg, left, and Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett go over daily business at the sheriff's office. Grigg was recently awarded the civilian employee of the year award, and Pritchett received the deputy of the year award.

## Sheriff's office honors its own

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The Howard County Sheriff's Office has honored two of its own, with Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett being named Deputy of the Year and dispatcher Nicci Grigg named Civilian Employee of the Year.

Pritchett, who came to the

sheriff's office almost four years ago when he was named chief deputy by Sheriff Dale Walker, is no stranger to the Howard County area, having cut his law enforcement "teeth" in Big Spring many years ago.

"I really broke into law enforcement right here with

the Big Spring Police Department," he said. "I stayed with Big Spring for a couple of years then moved on to other things. I felt pretty fortunate to be able to come back to Big Spring and work with the sheriff's office."

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## Jobless rate spirals down to 4 percent

Drop following a trend, workforce manager says

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Unemployment dropped for both Howard County and the city of Big Spring in November, according to statistics released by the Texas Workforce Commission.

"It appears that most of the Big Spring State Hospital and Covenant Malone Hogan clinic employees were reabsorbed into the employed category quickly, therefore not making a significant impact on our local statistics," said Virginia Belew, area manager for the Workforce Network. "At this time, the only layoffs we expect in the next few months are from seasonal jobs typical in retail and agriculture."

November's statistics indicate a potential civilian labor force of 14,303 for Howard County, of whom 13,724 were employed. The remaining 579 citizens who were unemployed but seeking work indicates an unemployment rate of 4 percent. That compares to 4.3 percent in October and 5 percent in November of 2002.

Big Spring's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent, compared to 4.8 percent in October and 5.6 percent in November of 2002.

The unemployment rate for the Permian Basin Workforce Development Area dropped in November to 5 percent.

"It is expected to decrease again next month, according to historical trends," said Belew.

In comparison, the Texas unemployment remained at 6.1 percent from October to November while the U.S. rate remained at 5.6 percent.

Area counties experiencing a drop in unemployment included Andrews, 4.8; Dawson, 5.9; Ector, 6.1; Glasscock, 3; and Midland, 4. On the other hand,

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# Obituaries

## Delbert W. Dickenson

Delbert W. Dickenson, 71, of Stanton, Texas, died on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Assisting will be Van Pendergrass, minister of Downtown Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Mr. Dickenson was born on Oct. 14, 1932, in Lamesa and married Willodean Haggard on Feb. 24, 1952 in Lamesa. She preceded him in death on Jan. 15, 2003.

He came to the community in 1967. Mr. Dickenson was very kind, loving and generous to his family and friends. He was an avid sports fan and loved spoiling his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Stanton.

He was a deacon, a Sunday school teacher, and a devout disciple of God. He was past President of the Stanton School Board, a Mason, a member of the Evening Lions Club, and had coached Little League for many years.

His survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Robby and Linda Dickenson of Coahoma, Ronny and Sandi Dickenson of Stanton; his daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Elvin Brown of Midland; his brother, Eddie Dickenson of Longview; 10 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

The family suggests memorials made to a charity of one's choice. The family will receive friends Monday, Dec. 22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

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## Clarence E. Williams

Clarence E. Williams, 62, of Forsan, died on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Williams was born on November 11, 1941 in Beckville, and married Judith Bondy on July 18, 1974, in El Paso. She preceded him in death on Feb. 21, 2001. He then married Ronda Campbell on Nov. 23, 2002.

Clarence had lived in the community since 1956. He had served in the United States Army. He worked as a truck driver for Unichem. Mr. Williams had served on the Forsan City Council for twelve years and as the chief for the Forsan Volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was a loving husband, father and PeePaw.

Survivors include his wife, Ronda Williams of Forsan; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Teresa Williams of Del Rio, Chad and Angie Williams of Big Spring and Robert and Jennifer Williams of Big Spring; three stepchildren, Marcus, Kynnne and Katyanna Campbell, all of Forsan; two brothers, Willie

Williams of Big Spring and James Williams of Odessa; four grandsons, Trevor, Caden, Brandon and Christopher; one granddaughter, Hannah; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the GIFT Fund at Allison Cancer Center, 301 North N, Midland 79701.

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

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## Jacob Franklin Hausenfluck Jr.

Jacob Franklin "J.F." Hausenfluck Jr., 86, of Christoval died Saturday, Dec. 20 at his home surrounded by his wife; children and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23 in Christoval Church of Christ. Interment will follow in Ivy Cemetery.

Mr. Hausenfluck was born in Georgetown on Sept. 24, 1917 to Job Franklin and Maggie Williams Hausenfluck. He graduated from Georgetown High School in 1935. He was an active member of the Christoval Church of Christ. He was a rancher his entire life and his greatest love was his horses. He was married to Etta Merle Montgomery on Sept. 23, 1939 in Georgetown.

His survivors include his wife Etta Merle Hausenfluck of Christoval; son, Billy Hausenfluck and wife, Janell, of Eldorado; daughter, JoAnne Poyner of Big Spring; grandchildren Troy Headrick, Patti Harris, Cindy Hardee, Bobby Headrick, and Jeffrey Hausenfluck; great grandchildren Jennifer Grelle, Kaleb Headrick, Nick Headrick and Jeffrey Hausenfluck; sisters Lois Guttman of Austin, Laura Nell Ted of Merced, Calif., and Betty Chapin of San Angelo; and many nieces and nephews. His parents, three brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

The family wishes to express a special thanks to Vista Hospice. Memorials may be made to Vista Hospice.

## Laura Hunter

Laura Hunter, 78, of Big Spring died at 7:58 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Heritage Oaks in Lubbock. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at The Monahans Cemetery in Monahans with the Rev. Marshall Fair of Roswell, N.M., officiating.

Mrs. Hunter was born March 21, 1925 at Ranger. She grew up at Lingleville. She lived most of her life in Kermit. She moved to Big Spring 15 years ago. She was a Baptist and a licensed vocational nurse.

She is survived by one son, Travis Hunter of Lubbock; one brother, the Rev. Marshall Fair of Roswell; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

## Leroy "Bud" Hammonds

Graveside services for Leroy "Bud" Hammonds, 75, of Andrews will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003 in the Andrews North Cemetery with Rev. Jimmy

Braswell, Home Hospice Chaplain, officiating.

He died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003 at the Home Hospice House in Odessa. He was born Dec. 5, 1928 in Prague, Okla. He married Clara Dill on Aug. 11, 1962 in Boswell, Okla. They had lived in Andrews and Arkansas, and moved back to Andrews in 1976. While in Andrews, he worked for Carl S. Ham Well Service, and then Harvey's Well Service for 23 years. He was preceded in death by his daughter Carla Hammonds in 1963. He attended the Assembly of God church.

Mr. Hammonds is survived by his wife Clara Hammonds of Andrews; two sons, Wayne Hammonds of Andrews and Carl Hammonds of Granite, Okla.; three daughters Rhonda Lopez of Big Spring, Darla Ohta of Galt, Calif., and Tammy Ashabraner of Andrews; one sister Anna Beatty of Bokchito, Okla.; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Home Hospice House, 903 North Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas 79761. Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. today:

- CATHERINE SCAGGS, 32, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Sunday on a parole violation and charges of possession of marijuana-two ounces or less, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- JIMMY KILMAN, 54, of 310 Denton, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GERONIMO CALDERON, 21, of 1602 Wren, was arrested Sunday on two local traffic warrants.
- ROBBERY was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 1700 block of Purdue.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
  - in the 400 block of Main Street.
  - in the 1200 block of Harding.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of Mesa.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Highland.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 3800 block of Highway 80.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following recent activity:

- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near mile marker 177 of Interstate Highway 20. Deputies responded along with DPS. Accident report to follow by DPS.

## Store

By ANNE D'

AP Business

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# Stores worry as consumers hit last weekend before Christmas

By ANNE D'INNOGENZIO  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The nation's retailers spent a glum weekend before Christmas after a much-hoped-for sales bonanza failed to materialize, though business at discounters and luxury stores appeared to be brisk, according to analysts.

The federal government's raised terror alert status was the latest headache for merchants, which are now counting on heavy shopping this week to meet their goals.

"The threat won't have an effect this weekend, because most people don't know about the alert," said C. Britt Beemer, chairman of America's Research Group, based in Charleston, S.C. "But it could reduce retailers' ability to have a huge business on Monday and Tuesday, and the week after Christmas. It may likely make people who are close to being done decide they've purchased enough."

Some representatives of retail firms and organizations disagreed.

"Consumers learned to be vigilant, and I don't think this will have an effect" on their shopping, said Karen MacDonald, a spokeswoman at Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages 31 shopping centers in 13 states.

Ellen Tolley, a spokeswoman at the National Retail Federation, agreed, saying that "since Sept. 11, consumers have learned to go on with their lives," and she doesn't foresee traffic being hurt.

Traffic and business was heavy over the weekend at discounters and luxury stores. But at mid-priced department stores and mall-based apparel chains, which deepened price cuts on sweaters, jewelry and other items, sales were uneven, continuing the trend seen throughout the season, Beemer said.

"I think it was a very strong weekend, but I don't think it was as big as retailers needed," said Beemer, based on interviews with retail clients. He added that consumers "were looking at the lowest price in each category of merchandise."

At the Valley West Mall in West Des Moines, Iowa, Connie Ferree, was shopping with her mother for 50 to 60 gifts for her relatives, but she said she's spending far less this December.

"The job situation is bad," said Ferree, who has been struggling to find a job in Ames, Iowa. She said she had begun her shopping last week, and was hunting discounted items.

Despite a recovering economy, merchants struggled with modest



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Jose Davila, left, and his wife, Sarah, work on their Christmas shopping Saturday at the Big Spring Mall, as Wilson Money shows off his hand-made ink pens. Money uses such materials as turquoise and sunflower seed husks to make the pens.

sales throughout the season and were counting even more for a sales surge this past weekend after two weekends of Northeast snowstorms. Retailers also are holding out hope that the last-minute spending in the three days before Christmas will help merchants meet their sales goals.

"Traffic was about the same as last year, and

stores were very busy," said Tolley. "And if some stores were a little short of their goal, there's plenty of time for that to change."

She noted that the National Retail Federation is still sticking to its holiday forecast for a 5.7 percent gain in total sales from a year ago.

In the past few years, the Saturday before

Christmas has been the busiest day of the season. Last year, the Monday before Christmas was the second biggest sales day.

In 2002, the last week before Christmas accounted for 41 percent of holiday sales, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

This year, consumers appear to be waiting longer. According to the association's survey, con-

ducted from Dec. 4-10, 10 percent of the approximate 6,800 consumers polled had completed their shopping, compared with 15 percent during the same time a year ago.

Many stores, particularly department stores and apparel stores, had refrained from aggressive discounting earlier in the season, hoping consumers would be willing to pay full price.

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"The community has changed as far as the businesses and the progression of the community, but I think we still have a way to go. Some of the people that I was dealing with back then are still going through the system, but that's not just here. That's everywhere."

Pritchett said being awarded the title of deputy of the year isn't testament to his effort alone, but to the staff that aids him every day.

"I was pretty honored," said Pritchett. "I think I just work with a great bunch of people and any success that I have goes back to the people that I work with. I'm just really pleased that I have the staff that I do, because everyone on it is willing to do just about anything I ask them to do."

As challenges are faced and met daily at the sheriff's office, Pritchett said they face many of the same problems as similar-sized departments. Fortunately, however, they are able to manage the enormous task one

day at a time.

"Every day is a new experience," said Pritchett. "There's a new challenge for us almost daily. It's probably typical of every sheriff's office our size, but we don't have enough people or money to work with and new problems are always popping up."

"There's lots of prayer that goes into this job. There's a lot of thought to it, and again, I have a great staff that I can rely on. They don't let me down."

Speaking of challenges, Pritchett said there's cer-

tainly no shortage of them these days, as the sheriff's office battles the woes of a decaying county jail on a daily basis.

"The biggest challenge we're facing right now as a department is the county jail issue," he said. "This jail was built back in the '50s, and we're dealing with a jail population and crime rate indicative of 2003 and 2004, and they just don't match up. I'm sure the facility was sufficient back in the '50s and the '60s but it's not any longer, and we're going to have to deal with that."

"Current budget

restraints countywide are a large factor in this, but we're going to move forward through this and work our way through it the best we can."

The award for civilian employee of the year went to Grigg, who has been a part of the sheriff's office team for four years. Grigg said the award came as a total shock to her.

"This really came as a huge surprise," said Grigg. "It's a great honor to be nominated by the rest of the staff for such a big award, much less actually receiving it."

"When they told me I

couldn't even speak," she laughed. "I was just so surprised, and so honored."

Grigg said the dread many people feel as they get ready for work in the morning isn't part of her daily regimen as a dispatcher.

"I love my job," she said. "It's just so much fun to come to work every day not knowing what to expect. Each day is different, and that's what really makes this job great."

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this. The number of toys we've given away has gone up each year, so this has really grown quite a bit."

Tonn said the program isn't just a holiday effort, but a year-long task she and other members of the church work at diligently.

"We don't ask anyone for anything," said Tonn. "If they want to donate,

then they'll donate. We go through whatever comes in through the clothing ministry. Lots of clothes, coats, blue jeans, shoes and things like that come in all year long. We also get some things like teddy bears and dolls."

"It's something we work to put together all year long," she added. "The last three or four months we've really worked hard to get everything ready for this."

Tonn said work of this

magnitude calls for help from the church's members, which they have provided in fine fashion.

"Trudy Carter and Ethel Pringle really helped make the program possible this year," Tonn noted. "They're members of the church and they've been there helping for years. They took teddy bears and coats and things like that home and washed them. They cleaned them up and helped make any minor

repairs to them.

"Ann Fox and Rosa Marcus have also been really helpful to the program. We've also gotten a lot of help from Johnnie Callahan, who is really good at fixing some of the items that were maybe marked up and that sort of thing."

While the parishioners and volunteers that make the program work each year are vital, Tonn said the most important people in the program are those

that give the gifts that make it all possible.

"We couldn't be a ministry to hurting people if the good people of Big Spring hadn't cleaned out their closets and donated so many good things," she said. "It's really been very exciting to us. It's a lot of work, but that's what makes life worthwhile... when you're doing something worthwhile."

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"We're going to give out more than 100 bikes, numerous toys, Christmas dinners, poinsettias, ice cream — everything we had donated to us," Hart said.

More than 60 people, ranging from the young to the young-at-heart,

traveled with the group, helping to hand out the donations.

Hart said the funds to purchase the gifts come from donations to the club, the Eagles Lodge and the American Legion.

"We don't advertise for anything," he said. "We don't solicit money. It's just through people realizing what we're about and what we're doing."

Although club members

could have split up the list and finished the job more quickly, Hart said delivering the toys as one group is a precious gift for many of the members.

"The thrill in kids' eyes when they see everybody pull up with all the motorcycles," he said.

"Ahhh, that's reason we do it as one group and why we do it all day long."

Also assisting in the convoy were Big Spring police officers, who provided escort and traffic control services.

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Martin county's jobless rate rose from 3.5 percent to 4.6 and Borden County's increased from 3.1 to 6.

"It appears they have had layoffs in seasonal employment that typically occur in January and February," explained Belew.

"Affected, laid off workers should know that they will be eligible for services that provide job search assistance, job

matching and support services at the time of their layoff," said Belew. "Retraining is available for those that want to return to school if they discover their skills are obsolete or are no longer in demand in the area."

Laid off employees may file for unemployment benefits at [www.texas-workforce.org](http://www.texas-workforce.org) or they may call the unemployment telecenter at 1-800-939-6631.

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# EDITORIAL

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## OTHER VIEWS

# Community deserves bow for its giving

**B**ig Spring, take another bow. Better yet, all of you who responded to any one of the several Christmas drives for the needy need to take a bow. This community's response was nothing short of astounding.

You made sure that the *Herald's* annual Toy Drive, the Salvation Army's Angel Tree and Christmas Kettle programs, as well as the Giving Tree projects were a success.

It never ceases to amaze us. The call goes out to help those in need and the people of Big Spring and Howard County respond.

You open your hearts and your pocketbooks, and you do amazing things.

In the process, you turn situations that in other communities might be deemed impossible to solve, into the doable.

But it doesn't stop there. Kudos are in order for those who volunteered to help erect Festival of Lights displays in Comanche Trail Park. That's also true for those who participated in the *Herald's* Community Christmas Parade, and participants in the First United Methodist Church's Living Christmas Tree performances and the Drive Through Nativity at Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene.

And we would be remiss without mentioning the group of women who organized the drive that provided the holiday banners that are placed along Gregg Street this Christmas season. The organizations and businesses who donated to that project also deserve recognition.

And when one considers that all this community activism and generosity comes on the heels of another successful United Way campaign that exceeded its \$260,000 goal, it's nothing short of humbling. And it reminds us once again why we love living and working here in Big Spring.

Hopefully, you all have the satisfaction of knowing that you've made a real difference in countless lives.

While we make our living with words, there simply aren't enough of them for us to truly express how much we appreciate your response during the past few weeks and how proud we are to call you our neighbors.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be as considerate of one another, Lord, as you are with us.

Amen

# Return of mudslinging Pamphleteers

**R**eaders looking for a good book this season should pick up William Safire's historical novel "Scandalomger." Beginning in 1792 and following Philadelphia's mudslinging pamphleteers — who hurled crude personal invective and unsubstantiated charges against America's early leaders — the tale should take on added import with the U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 decision to uphold the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform law.

Safire's book explores an age when voters got their information not from newspapers with modern standards for balance and accuracy (imperfect as they may be) but from highly partisan pamphlets that baldly eschewed information in preference of propaganda.

Sort of like many Internet sites today. But back to McCain-Feingold. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., wrote their bill to reduce the influence of big money in federal elections. Thus, their measure limited donations to political parties to \$25,000 per donor per year, with a \$2,000 cap on contributions to candidates. No longer could millionaires cut six-figure checks for either party.

To prevent big donors from simply shifting their money to independent organizations in order to influence elections, McCain-Feingold also prohibited the airing of issue ads funded with "soft money" — money that exceeds the \$25,000 limit — during the last 30 days of a primary and last 60 days of a general election.

Oddly, Washington Democrats, Republicans and grass-roots political organizations largely reacted to McCain-Feingold not based on

what was best for them but on principle. Really.

Arguing that it was important to chase big money out of politics, Democrats largely supported the 2002 measure, even though they expected its prohibition on huge donations to hurt the Democratic National Committee. (Not entirely selfless, the California Democratic Party filed a lawsuit against the law.)

Republicans tended to oppose the bill even though it is expected to help the GOP, which historically does a better job of raising small donations. Conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia captured the GOP's objection when he wrote in his dissenting opinion that he was surprised the Big Bench's majority "would smile with favor upon a law that cuts to the heart of what the First Amendment is meant to protect: the right to criticize the government."

Independent groups such as the National Rifle Association and American Civil Liberties Union challenged the measure — even though they stood to gain as the bill could prompt partisan millionaires to write seven-figure checks to their organizations.

My fave: Over the years, billionaire George Soros has donated some \$18 million to groups pushing for campaign-finance laws to limit big donations from fat-cat donors such as himself.

Then, last month, Soros told *The Washington Post* he would donate \$15 million to organizations working to defeat President Bush.

It makes you wonder: Was Soros trying to put a check on the power of (other) rich donors or aggrandize his own power?

Under McCain-Feingold, both major parties will be weaker because their coffers won't swell with donations of more than \$25,000. Meanwhile, fat cats — read: Soros — can give unlimited beaucoup bucks to Internet-based

organizations like the Bush-hating MoveOn.org, to which Soros made a \$5 million matching pledge.

California election law attorney Chuck Bell predicted that because the big-money independent ads will have to run 60 days before the actual vote, "they'll have to be very negative ads" in order to have an impact on the election.

The conservative Club for Growth, which ran spots against Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean, and the liberal MoveOn.org lack history. They have no long-term constituents. The GOP and DNC advertise, aware that their members will be accountable for what they say. Party leaders also know that if they ratchet up the negativity, it can backfire on their candidates. But groups that have popped up on the Internet, like children, can say anything.

Sort of like the pamphleteers in Safire's "Scandalomger."

The worst part is, while voters often are skeptical of claims made by the political parties, the Internet surfer can be astonishingly credulous. MoveOn.org's Web site has a contest for people to submit ads that tell "the truth" about Bush. The truth, as opposed to all that twaddle in articles and broadcast news, I presume.

"The truth," in 30 seconds.

Sens. McCain and Feingold did a brave thing when they set out to sever big money from D.C. politics. But in the end, their bill may not chase big money away from politics so much as drive big money and politics together into cruder arms.

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# Gore almost messed up big day

**L**eave it to Al Gore to screw up his big day. He wanted to make a big splash by endorsing Howard Dean. And he did. But he made almost as big a splash by stiffing Joe Lieberman.

Joe Lieberman as a presidential candidate has not been doing that well this year. But Joe Lieberman as a victim has been a triumph this week. There have been press conferences! TV interviews! Front page stories!

It seems that before the endorsement story leaked, Al Gore did not call Joe Lieberman, his former running mate, to tell him that Gore was going to endorse Dean.

Ever since, Lieberman has been going from TV network to TV network boo-hooing this terrible snub. But he is also keeping a stiff upper lip and claiming that this awful slight has revitalized his campaign.

But why, exactly, did Gore owe Lieberman a call? First — and this very obvious point keeps getting overlooked — Gore did not control the leaking of the story.

The endorsement was not supposed to be made public until last Tuesday morning, which would have given Gore time to call Lieberman. According to one account, Gore was planning to call all the other candidates at 11 p.m. Monday.

Instead, the story broke Monday afternoon, before Gore could call anybody. But is that Gore's fault? Second, what does Al Gore really owe Joe Lieberman?

Ever since the last presidential election, Lieberman has been

attacking the central theme of the Gore-Lieberman 2000 campaign, which was "people vs. the powerful."

Lieberman has gone on TV and said the theme was misguided because it was "not expressive of the fiscally responsible pro-growth, grow-the-middle-class campaign we were running." (During the campaign itself, Lieberman made no public complaints about the theme. It was only after he lost that he found it wanting.)

In response, Gore argued in an op-ed piece in *The New York Times*: "Standing up for the people, not the powerful, was the right choice in 2000. In fact, it is the ground of the Democratic Party's being, our meaning and our mission."

So what does Gore owe Lieberman now? Lieberman attacks the very campaign he was part of, and he still expects a sympathy call from Gore?

But wait, the Lieberman camp argues, Joe held off on his own campaign plans until Gore decided not to run, thereby setting back Lieberman's fund-raising and campaign efforts this year.

Very true. But who asked him to? Gore didn't.

If you want to run for president, you run for president. You don't go around telling people that you are your own second choice.

Having said all this, now let me say that I am sure Gore couldn't care less about the feelings of the other candidates. I am also sure that calling them was one of the last things on his mind.

Gore often doesn't care about the feelings of others very much. Which is not to say that should the polar ice caps melt from global warming and 90 percent of humanity drown, that Gore would be indifferent. He would not be. He cares very deeply about humanity. But caring about specific human

beings is an entirely different story.

His former aides can give example after example (he didn't treat some of them very well after the election, especially considering how hard they worked for him). But let me give you one: At the end of 2002, Gore summoned a gaggle of reporters to Los Angeles, where he was on a book tour, to give them individual interviews. Speculation was rampant that Gore would run for president again, and that is why the reporters were interested in Gore.

As it turned out, however, it was all just a scam to promote his book. Gore had no intention of running. (I was offered the "second magazine exclusive" interview with Gore in Los Angeles. I turned it down.)

After the scam became apparent, I asked a former Gore aide whether Gore felt any guilt at making all those reporters schlep out to Los Angeles to do stories about a campaign that he knew was never going to take place.

The former aide laughed. "Gore doesn't think about other people in terms of their feelings," he said. "Not at that level."

So does Al Gore feel bad about not calling Joe Lieberman?

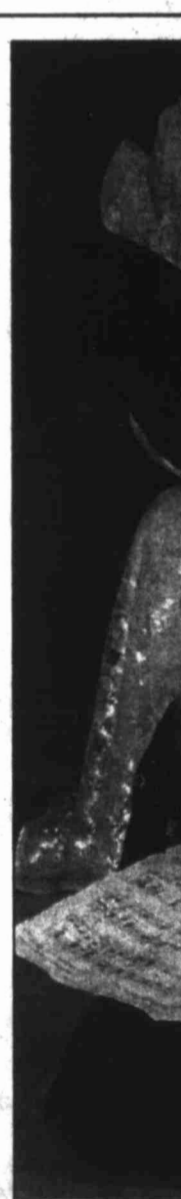
Naw. But does Joe Lieberman have a legitimate beef that he didn't get a call?

Nope. The old saying is true: In politics, if you want a friend, buy a dog.

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**Denise Smith, left, receives a pin by Bauer Elementary School aide Sally Grove after she was awarded a lifetime membership in the Parent-Teacher Association during a school function on Monday, Dec. 15. Smith also received the National PTA Life Achievement Award which is the highest honor a PTA can bestow. The award is given to pay tribute to those who have given outstanding service, demonstrating they care about young people.**

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## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

It takes many volunteers to make an undertaking like the Festival of Lights a success, and the people in this group are by no means all who have helped with the endeavor. However, without them the display would not have been possible. The Festival of Lights runs through Dec. 31 at Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring.

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**Bauer Elementary fourth-grader Brittany Hill plays along with other students during a school program for the Parent/Teacher organization.**

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



**Denise Hester, Victim Services victim's coordinator, left, visits with Big Spring High School Key Club members Alvin Russell II and Melody McDaniel Thursday. The club donated 30 stuffed animals and half-a-dozen cell phones to the organization, which provides services for victims of violent crimes.**

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# Flu hitting low income families in their pocketbooks

**DALLAS (AP)** — This flu season is costing low-income families more than their health — it's hitting them in their pocketbooks.

While flu cases aren't tracked by income, nine community clinics in the Parkland Health and Hospital System reported more than 100 cases of flu since mid-October.

That's five times the number of cases from last year.

The clinics serve mostly clients who use public

assistance to pay their bills.

Many families who use the clinics have low-paying jobs with no sick leave and no insurance, health officials said.

"These kinds of things middle-class Americans ... never think about because we're so used to getting sick days, and days off, and calling a doctor," clinic director Nancy Volk told The Dallas Morning News in today's online edition.

Flu cases were reported

**"People talk about being one paycheck from homelessness or disaster. Well, these people could be one flu infection away."**

**Diana Zuckerman  
President, NCPWF**

in Texas as early as September, making it the first state where the virus was considered widespread.

Dallas County has reported 1,200 cases and

three children have died.

The number of cases could rise by March, health officials said.

Some Texas school officials in November reported as many as 10 percent

of their students were absent because of flu symptoms.

Some North Texas county health departments this month have reported they are running out of vaccines and limited vaccinations to high-risk patients.

Dallas mother Graciela Hernandez said she was forced to quit her job at a factory to care for her sick infant.

She said she's had to ask her landlord for an extension to pay her rent, and

fears she might not be able to get her job back when her daughter recovers.

Now Hernandez is starting to feel sick.

"People talk about being one paycheck from homelessness or disaster," says Diana Zuckerman, president of the National Center for Policy Research for Women & Families, a Washington-based think tank.

"Well, these people could be one flu infection away."

## From zero to healthy in 15 minutes flat: Getting the most from your check-up

**I**n today's hectic health care system, the standard check-up rarely exceeds fifteen minutes. It's up to you to make every minute count. Get more mileage out of your office visit by following these seven steps to a successful check-up.

1. Write your questions down in advance. Many people—myself included—forget their name the minute they walk into a doctor's office.



**DR. PAMELA GALLIN**

No matter how poised you are, it's a good idea to write down a list of questions, hand a copy of the list to your doctor, and he or she will work the questions into the exam.

This will ensure that each of your concerns is addressed and help you broach awkward—but potentially serious—questions or complaints that might otherwise escape mention.

2. Keep an open mind. Everyone is always diagnosing their own problems—incorrectly, I might add.

Instead of going into the visit convinced that you know what is wrong with you and what should be done to fix it, keep an open mind and tell your doctor about all irregularities.

Also, be open to the possibility that nothing needs to be done at all.

3. Tell the doctor everything you're taking. This one sounds simple, but when I say "everything," I mean everything. Be it a prescription drug, an over-the-counter medication, an herbal supplement, or a multivitamin, make sure your doctor knows you're taking it.

4. Don't belittle your concerns. The dynamic of doctor appointments is such that, typically, the patient feels embarrassed and the doctor is busy. But don't write off your concerns just because you feel they might not be "medical" enough to merit attention.

Remember, your doctor's job is to help you, and you're entitled to ask for help.

5. Be honest about your level of compliance. We're all cagey about

these things.

The doctor tells you to do X, Y and Z, and you only do X and Y.

If you're honest about your compliance, the doctor can better understand why a given treatment didn't work.

6. Don't save the best for last. I can't tell you how often I'm halfway out the door after what I thought was a complete examination when the patient raises a topic of great concern.

People often downplay the importance of scary symptoms, such as chest pain, or spend the bulk of the session summoning the courage to bring them up.

Since people tend to be more candid when the listener isn't looking straight at them, try bringing up an awkward or intimidating concern when the doctor's back is turned—and make sure to do so early on in the visit.

7. Call with questions. Chances are no matter how many questions you ask during your visit, you'll think of a few more as soon as you walk out the door.

This is why it's good to know the best way to get in touch with your doctor.

Every doctor has his or her own preferences. For example, your physician might prefer e-mail over phone calls to the office. Or pediatricians, who know that parents often aren't able to discuss their children's visit until after the children have gone to bed, may offer after-hours numbers at which they can be reached for more in-depth discussions of any concerns.

You may think that a medical check-up is something that the doctor does to you. But guess what: you're doing it together.

In any exam, your doctor is examining you with you, and the more you participate, the more effective the exam, and the better your health.

*Dr. Pamela Gallin, is the author of **How to Survive Your Doctor's Care: Get the Right Diagnosis, the Right Treatment, and the Right Experts for You. It is available from LifeLine Press at 1-800-933-9205 or through Amazon.com.***

## Safety first when it comes to buying toys

**A**s you start making this year's holiday gift list, be sure to check it twice before heading to the stores. Hazardous toys remain on store shelves making it more important than ever to be careful when choosing gifts for loved ones.

According to the Consumer Product and Safety Commission, toy-related injuries caused 255,100 emergency room visits and 25 deaths in 2001. Take time this December, which is Safe Toys and Gifts Month, to make sure your holiday gifts are safe.

Here are a few toy safety tips:

- The Matching Game — Toys should be matched to a child's abilities. The manufacturer's recommendations serve as a useful guide. A toy that is too advanced or too simple for a child may be misused, which can lead to injury.



**DR. RUTH BERNAL**

Lastly, think big when choosing toys. All toy parts should be larger than the child's mouth to prevent injuries.

- Purchasing Tips — Before buying a toy, read the instructions. If the toy is appropriate for the child, read the instructions to the child for proper use of the toy. To avoid risk of serious eye or ear injury, avoid toys that shoot small objects into the air, or make loud or shrill noises. Parents can hold the noise-making toy next to their ear to determine whether it will be too loud for the child's ears. Look for sturdy toy construction. The eyes, nose and other small parts on soft toys and stuffed animals should be securely fastened to the toy. In addition, avoid toys with sharp edges.

Another potential danger is choking which continues to be a leading cause for toy-related deaths. Balloons and small balls are the most common culprits. Parents should inspect all toys for small pieces on which a child might choke. A toilet paper roll can create a great at home test

— if the toy (or its pieces) can fit inside a toilet paper roll, it is a potential choking hazard for a child under three. It's important to make sure that all toys are age-appropriate.

Because most toy-related deaths occur in children under age four, children in this age group should not play with toys intended for older kids. Toys geared toward older kids often have small parts that could cause an infant to choke.

Parents should take precaution with all "Riding" toys such as tricycles, wagons and scooters. When using these toys, children should wear the appropriate safety gear. This typically includes a helmet and pads for the knees, elbows and wrists.

Not only should parents follow these precautions when buying toys for their child, they should carefully inspect toys bought by others before allowing the child to play with them. It is also important to inspect existing toys regularly, discarding any that cannot be fixed.

Be sure to check the

most recent toy recall list before hitting the stores.

The Consumer Product and Safety Commission (CPSC) maintains a list of toys that have been recalled during the past year. If you've already purchased your holiday gifts, you can also contact the CPSC for information about returning the recalled toy. Their Web site address is [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). Another useful site on toy safety is [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org).

No matter how careful you are in selecting toys this holiday season, there is always potential for accidents to occur. In the event your child does have a toy-related accident, take him or her to the nearest emergency room immediately for treatment. Following these guidelines and using good common sense about the toys your child receives can help assure a safe and happy holiday.

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## Could your child be at risk for heart disease?

When you think of heart disease, you probably don't think of your kids. But maybe you should.

Almost 40 percent of children in Texas are considered overweight or obese, significantly increasing their risk for type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke — even cardiovascular disease. The number of overweight adolescents has tripled over the past two decades, up to 15 percent. And an overweight child has a 75 percent chance of growing up to be an overweight adult.

Type 2 diabetes, once considered an adult disease linked to obesity, is being diagnosed in our children in unprecedented numbers — most likely a direct result of eating too much and not exercising enough. In fact, type 2 diabetes can promote the development of heart disease at younger ages.

Although smoking is still the leading preventable cause of cardiovascular disease, obesity is quickly gaining on it. An estimated 300,000 deaths nationwide each year can be attributed to obesity. Child obesity has become an epidemic that is threatening the future of an entire generation of Texans. There are close to 6 million children living in Texas, and the prevalence

of overweight and obese children in Texas is higher than the national average. If we don't take action now, this generation of children may not outlive their parents.

For the vast majority of our children, there is a sensible solution — eat better and exercise more. As with many, if not most, of our lifetime habits, nutrition and exercise habits are developed in childhood. It sounds simple enough, but changing the nutrition and exercise habits of a generation is a unique and profound challenge — one that requires coordinated efforts from parents, schools, elected officials and health care organizations.

Our school system can be an ideal environment for children to learn about the importance of nutritious eating. Children consume roughly 30 percent of their daily calories at school. But only two percent of children receive the daily recommended number of servings of fruits and vegetables, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Fortunately, this school year, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) was named the administering state agency for the Child

Nutrition Programs in public schools, and, under the leadership of Commissioner Susan Combs, has implemented bold changes regarding foods of minimal nutritional value. The sale of certain junk foods and sodas in elementary school vending machines and cafeterias is now prohibited, and access to junk foods in middle schools has been restricted.

Good nutrition, combined with regular physical activity, can combat the incidence of obesity. A recent study from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, however, found that almost 62 percent of children do not participate in any organized physical activity during after-school hours. The American Council on Exercise has reported that 63 percent of children are no longer active by the time they reach high school.

We know that the most effective weapon in the fight against obesity is preventing poor health choices now instead of treating chronic illnesses later. Now let's act on that knowledge.

Try this recipe: Make these low-fat sugar cookies for your kids (and Santa) to snack on this holiday season!

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup margarine, softened
- 1 egg or egg substitute equivalent
- 2 tablespoons fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Vegetable oil spray

**Directions:**

In a large mixing bowl, combine sugar and margarine. Beat in egg substitute, milk and vanilla. In a medium bowl, sift together remaining ingredients except vegetable oil spray. Gradually beat into sugar mixture. Cover and refrigerate dough until chilled thoroughly, about 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray baking sheets with vegetable oil spray. Form dough into about 48 balls 1 inch in diameter, and put on baking sheets. Lightly press thumb in center of each cookie.

Bake for 8 minutes or until light brown. Remove cookies from baking sheet and let cool on cooling rack.

Serves 24; 2 cookies per serving.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

### IN BRIEF

#### Basketball officials needed for season

Basketball officials are needed for the upcoming season.

Persons interested in officiating local games this fall should contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 (home) or 517-0300 (cell).

#### Ten Star seeking all-star applications

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply.

Camp locations include Commerce, Texas, Sterling, Colo., Atchison, Kan.

For more information call (704) 373-0873.

#### Hawks to return to court against CVC

The Howard College Lady Hawks will return to action on Jan. 3 when they travel to Lancaster to face Cedar Valley College.

The Hawks, who will open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on Jan. 12 against Frank Phillips, entered the holiday break sporting a 5-3 record.

#### Steers to participate in Lamesa tourney

The Big Spring Steers close out the 2003 year with an appearance in the Lamesa Invitational Basketball Tournament, beginning Monday, Dec. 29.

The BSHS junior varsity will also play in the three-day tournament.

Big Spring, 3-11 overall, is scheduled to open District 4-4A play on Jan. 16 with a bout against Frenship.

#### Bryan is president of NTPGA chapter

Big Spring Country Club's Larry Bryan was elected president of the West Texas Chapter of the Northern Texas PGA organization on Dec. 15 at the group's annual meeting at the Hillcrest Country Club in Lubbock.

Joining Bryan as newly elected officers were vice-president Chris Carpenter (Green Tree CC), Tournament Chairman Peter Peterson (Lakeridge CC), Junior Golf Chairman Greg Sikes (Hogan Park CC), At-Large directors Alan Coe (Tascosa CC), Dell Wood (Amarillo CC), Chad Davis (Levelland CC) and Brett Lossin (Odessa CC).

#### BSHS swimmers face 4-4A meet on Jan. 23

Big Spring High School swim team will try and nail down the District 4-4A swimming title on Jan. 23 when they travel to Fort Stockton.

The Steers, under coach Harlan Smith, finished second to district rival Pecos at the recent Aqua Tribe Invitational Swim Meet in Seminole

### ON THE AIR

Event, Time	Station
Sports Broadcast Schedule	
Event, Time	Station
Sports vs. Clippens, 7 p.m.	1490
Event, Time	Station
Monte Carlo vs. Sacramento, 4:30 p.m.	1490
Event, Time	Station
Sports vs. Ontario, 7 p.m.	1490

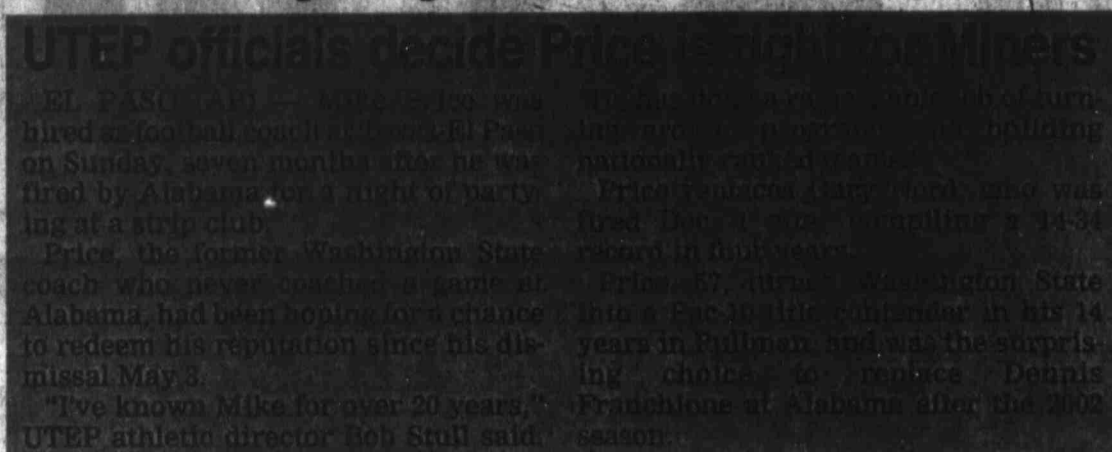
## Cowboys clinch playoff berth with over Giants

DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys clinched their first trip to the playoffs since 1999 Sunday afternoon by claiming a 19-3 victory over the New York Giants.

With the win, the Cowboys improved to 10-5 in their first year under head coach Bill Parcells. The win also gave Dallas one of two NFC wildcard playoff berths.

Billy Cundiff highlighted the Cowboys' win, accounting for 12 of Dallas' 19 points with four field goals.

Defensively, Cowboys defense dominated the



Giants. Defensive end Greg Ellis recorded three sacks and helped Dallas' No. 1-ranked defense hold New York to just 212 total yards.

Offensively, Quincy Carter led the Cowboys, throwing for 240 yards and a touchdown by completing 17 of his 25 passing attempts. He was

sacked three times. His 240-yard performance, Carter surpassed the 3,000-yard plateau for the season. Cundiff opened the scor-

ing for Dallas in the first quarter by booting a 24-yard field goal.

The Giants managed to tie the score at 3-3 minutes later when Matt Bryant capped the Giants' first series with a 45-yard kick.

Carter gave Dallas the lead for good with 2:55 remaining in the first when he hit tight end Jason Witten with a 36-yard touchdown strike.

Cundiff finished off the win with field goals of 42, 21 and 49 yards.

Dallas will close out its regular season next Sunday in New Orleans.

## Mustangs add to 'Dogs' woes

### Bulldogs drop third straight decision, fall to 6-6 for year

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs' latest effort was enough to leave veteran head coach Kim Nichols sitting on the bench in disbelief.

Despite getting a game-high 29 points from senior forward Kelby Kemper, Coahoma saw its losing streak grow to three games as the Midland Christian Mustangs rode the strength of a 22-13 second-quarter run to a 64-49 decision Saturday afternoon in front of a small crowd in the Coahoma Elementary gym.

With the loss, the Bulldogs slipped to 6-6 for the year. Midland Christian evened its mark heading into the Christmas holidays at 7-7.

The Bulldogs managed to hold their own early against Midland Christian. Kemper pushed in three shots from the floor in the first eight minutes to help Coahoma pull to within 13-10 heading into the second.

Isaac Brewer and Lance Roberts also pushed home baskets in the opening frame.

The Mustangs turned

up the pressure in the second, however. MCA sank nine shots from the field in the frame and streaked to a 35-23 half-time advantage.

Kemper shouldered much of the Bulldogs' offensive load in the second, scoring 11 points — six of which came on two three-point shots.

Coahoma looked as if it had shaken the slump at the start of the second half. Kemper and Brewer sparked a 6-0 run to open the third quarter and cut the Mustangs' lead to six, at 35-29.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, Midland Christian followed with a run of its own. Following Kemper's second basket of the third, the Mustangs reeled off a 7-0 run and never looked back.

Midland Christian held a 47-33 cushion heading into the start of the fourth.

Coahoma attempted to rally once more in the final minutes. The Bulldogs opened the fourth with a 7-2 spree and pulled to within 49-40 before MCA slammed the door shut.

Brewer was Coahoma's second-leading scorer with six points.

### Morgan, Yeater help Coahoma girls rally past Lady Mustangs

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Mendy Morgan scored 20 points and Lauren Yeater added 10 more Saturday afternoon and spirited the Coahoma Bulldogettes to a rousing 57-52 come-from-behind win over the Midland Christian Lady Mustangs.

Coahoma, with Midland Christian's two posts hampered by foul trouble, cinched the game in the final seconds by sinking several shots from the

free throw line and forcing an MCA turnover with time running out.

The Bulldogettes, who also garnered 10 points from Miranda Hester, held a slim 24-22 lead at the half.

The Lady Mustangs answered back in the third. Midland Christian built a 10-point cushion in the period before foul trouble enabled Coahoma to power its way back.

Coahoma hit 11 of 18 attempts from the free throw line. MCA converted just seven of 23 tries.

### St. Johns snaps ends Mount Union's stranglehold on title

SALEM, Va. (AP) — John Gagliardi's record-breaking season ended perfectly, too, with St. John's as the Division III national champion.

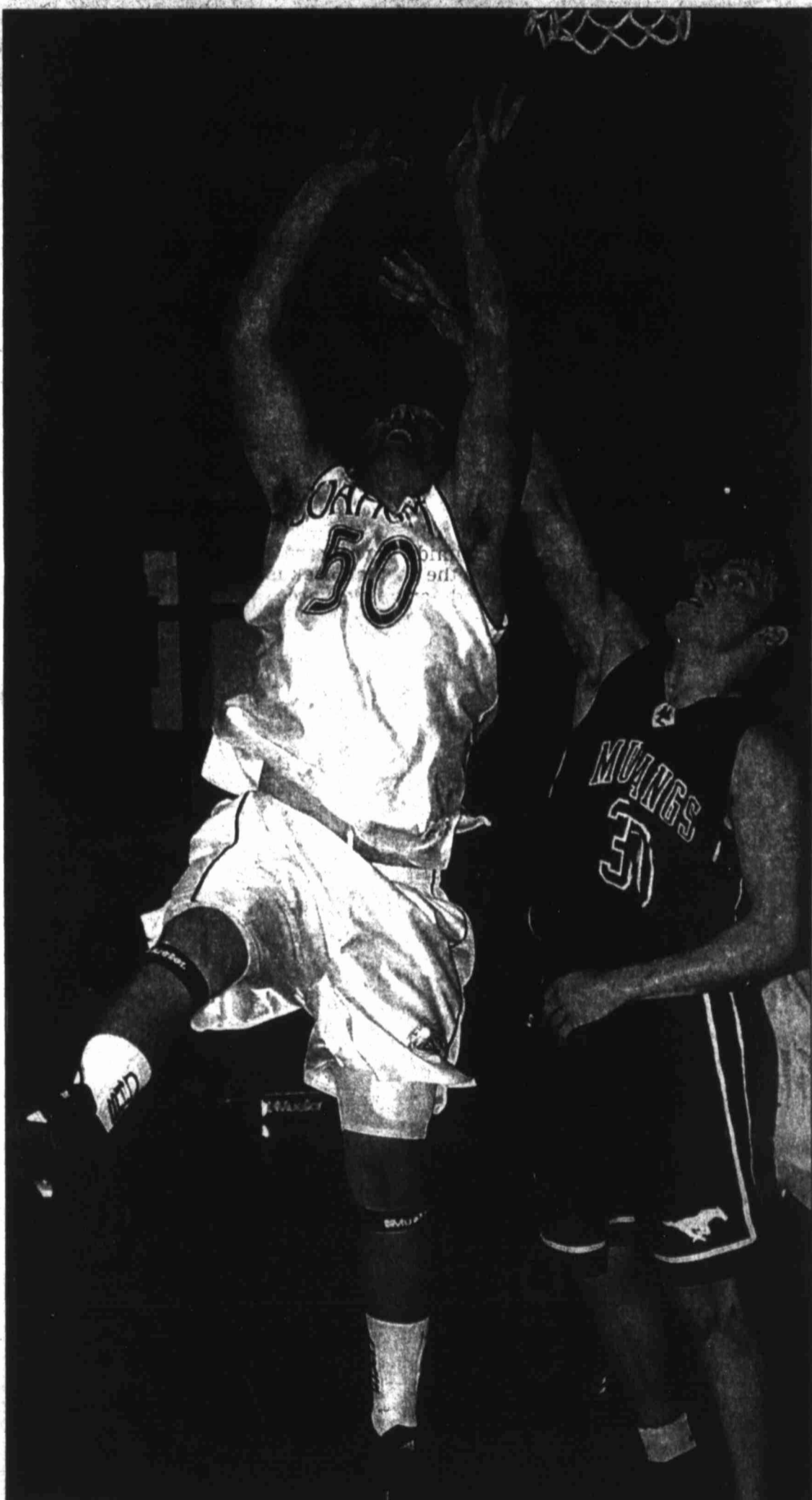
The Johnnies snapped Mount Union's NCAA-record 55-game winning streak with a 24-6 victory Saturday in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, giving their 77-year-old coach his first national championship since 1976.

"Maybe it's my year," Gagliardi said after winning his fourth national

championship in 55 years.

Gagliardi passed Eddie Robinson as the career victories leader among college coaches earlier this season, and improved to 414-114-11 overall.

Mount Union (13-1) had won three consecutive Stagg Bowls and 109 of its last 110 games. But St. John's intercepted four passes, returning one 100 yards for a score, to deprive Mount Union of an eighth national title.



Coahoma senior Kelby Kemper drives past Midland Christian's Reese Madrid for a shot during the third quarter Saturday afternoon. Kemper scored 29 points in the Bulldogs' 64-49 loss to the Mustangs.

HERALD photo/  
Bruce Scholer

Members of the Big Spring YMCA gymnastics classes go through tumbling exercises during a recent class. The YMCA offers gymnastics classes on Monday and Wednesday. Classes, which are conducted by the Big Spring Sidewinders team, will resume following the Christmas holidays.

### Lady Hawks to compete in NMJC tourney

The Howard College Lady Hawks will close out their non-conference schedule on Jan. 5 with an appearance in the New Mexico Junior College Invitational Tournament in Hobbs, N.M.

Howard College, 8-8 overall, is scheduled to begin Western Junior College Athletic Conference action on Jan. 12 in Borger against the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen.

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7:30 PM	Threat Matrix (CC)	Threat Matrix (CC)	Valo de Nova	Simpsons Stan Hooper	Yes, Dear Still Standing	Amor Descarado	Fear Factor (CC)	Movie: Deep Blue Sea	Upstart	Antiques Roadshow	Monster House	Movie: The Horse	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Movie: Soul Food	Movie: Soul Food	Movie: Full Court Miracle	Courtown (CC)	vs. North Carolina State	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: Sideways of
8:30 PM	NFL Football: Green Bay	NFL Football: Green Bay	Te Amare en Stereo	Malcolm-Mid. Annotated Dev.	Raymond TwoHalf Men	El Alma Herida	Las Vegas (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Great Performances	Great Performances	Monster Garage	Whisper	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)		Comedown	Sister, Sister	SportsCenter	Johns at Texas Tech (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims	What's the Worst
9:30 PM	Packers at Oakland	Packers at Oakland	Cristina	7th Show Chama-Greg	CST: Miami (CC)	La Presencia de Arica	Las Vegas (CC)	10 Movie: National	Great Performances	American Chopper	45 Movie: Hud (CC)	Comedown	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Nightly News Hey Mona	Kim Possible Proud Family	Gymnastic World Champ	Billie Joe	Law & Order: Special Victims	45 Movie: The Worst	
10:30 PM	Raiders (CC)	Raiders (CC)	Primer Impacto Holístico Univ.	7th Show Raymond	News Late Show	Holistic Laura	News Tonight Show	Lampoon's Vacation	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Monster Garage	12:10 Movie: Missing (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Midnight Love	Ever Stevens Sister, Sister	NBA Football Streetball	SportsCenter	Peacemakers (CC)	Diagnosis Falling (CC)	
11:30 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	En las Mejores Familias	Backler (CC) Spin City	(CC) Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo	(CC) Late Night	(CC) Movie: Tommie	Rev. J. Heron	Monster Garage			X-Files (CC)	Comedown	Boy World Pieces (CC)	Winter X-Games Classic	Outside-Lines SportsCenter	Nash Bridges (CC)	12:15 Movie: The Smokers	
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**DENNIS THE MENACE**

George, Dennis came over to spread some Christmas cheer.

I'll do my cheering when he leaves.

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

Christmas isn't even here yet and PJ is untrimming the tree!

**HAGAR**

HELGA, REMEMBER LAST NIGHT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO PRAY FOR A WHITE CHRISTMAS?

YES?

I THINK YOU CAN STOP PRAYING NOW !!

**BLONDIE**

TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF WINTER.

SSSSSSHHH...

YOU HAVE A BIG MOUTH!

**WIZARD OF ID**

GUESS WHAT TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF?

WINTER.

THAT'S NO FAIR, YOU WERE TIPPED OFF!

**AGNES**

THE KING IS MOVING YOU TO MINE DETAIL.

YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE NEW SAFETY OFFICER.

TO WHAT DO I OWE THIS HONOR?

THE CANARY DIED.

**HI AND LOIS**

HELLO. ARE YOU A COMPLETELY DOWNTRODDEN SOUL?

NOT COMPLETELY, NO.

DARN! CHRISTMAS CHARITY WORK IS SO MUCH MORE UPLIFTING WHEN THE SUBJECT IS THOROUGHLY WRETCHED.

SORRY... I STILL HAVE A SHRED OF HOPE.

IS THERE ANYBODY YOU LORD THAT OVER IN POLITE CONVERSATION?

**MR. HOUSEWIFE**

IT JUST DOESN'T LOOK VERY NICE, CHIP!

BUT, MOM! THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF BUYING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ONLINE!

THEY COME ALREADY WRAPPED!

**SNUFFY SMITH**

HOW WUZ YORE SECOND HONEYMOON TRIP TO PINEY FLATS?

EVEN BETTER'N TH' FURST !!

THIS TIME WE SEEN TH' SIGHTS !!

**BEETLE BAILEY**

WOULD YOU LIKE SECONDS, SARGE?

YES MA'AM!

WHILE YOU'RE IN THERE, COULD I HAVE THIRDS, TOO?

**This Date In History**

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 2003. There are nine days left in the year. Winter arrives at 2:04 a.m. Eastern time.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied "Nuts!" when the Germans demanded that the Americans surrender.

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 force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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SERBS	SSE	GIRDS

**Newsday Crossword** CHRONOLOGICAL DEVICES by Sally R. Stein  
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

1 Play the guitar

6 Auditioner's tape

10 Pile

14 Michelangelo sculpture

15 Abel's dad

16 podrida

17 Artist's stand

18 Actress Sorvino

19 Takes advantage of

20 ... on your arm

22 Take a break

23 Fri. follower

24 Brain-wave chart: Abbr.

25 Buenos Aires country: Abbr.

27 Take care of

30 Second-level strategy

34 Endured

38 Disney Studios employee

40 "... saw Elba"

41 Actress Burstyn

43 Emphatic agreement, in Mexico

44 Devoid of bacteria

46 Trio times two

48 Cavalry sword

49 Posed a question

51 Balloon-breaking sound

53 de Cologne

54 Taxi

57 Tubelike pasta

60 ... on your night table

64 Singer Adams

65 Standard

66 Hearing-related

67 Sir Guinness

**DOWN**

1 Shoots forth

2 Jewel-studded headwear

3 Pose again

4 Western Indians

5 Like a fictional falcon

6 Cause harm to

7 Do publishing work

8 Antony

9 Nebraska city

10 ... in The Wizard of Oz

11 Otherwise

12 Pub brews

13 Beyond

21 Garden tool

26 Record-spin unit: Abbr.

28 Narratives

29 Smallest paper currency

31 Working hard

32 Mustache neighbor

33 London native, for short

34 Table's foursome

35 Neighborhood

36 Eastern European

37 General term for each theme answer

39 Pants measurement

42 Grassy field

45 To and

47 Teach

50 Muppet frog

52 Bearlike mammal

54 The Marines, for example

55 ... of mistaken identity

56 NYC borough

57 Enthusiasm

58 Without purpose

59 Wedding-cake level

61 Beef cut

62 Operatic solo

63 San Obispo, CA

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**Garden City Grade**

Dear Santa, I have been good and Mrs. I will leve you Please can you gi American doll.  
Love Daeley

Dear Santa, I ha good. How are yo I Like you Clos. I bike and i wont player. I wod lik good presents.  
Love, Susana

Dear Santa, I have been good give Me vedeo no snobole rel sled rele enjin and d gete My Litl Brut I will giv yoe cok  
Love Chris

Dear Santa, I have been good are your elves?F you and Mrs. Please bring me the Tran sets. a Trax. Have a safe love Brazos Hirt

Dear Santa, I hav been good Pleasa doe frgit Trisen. He is brother. Please g siled and a doll an sister.  
Love, Hope

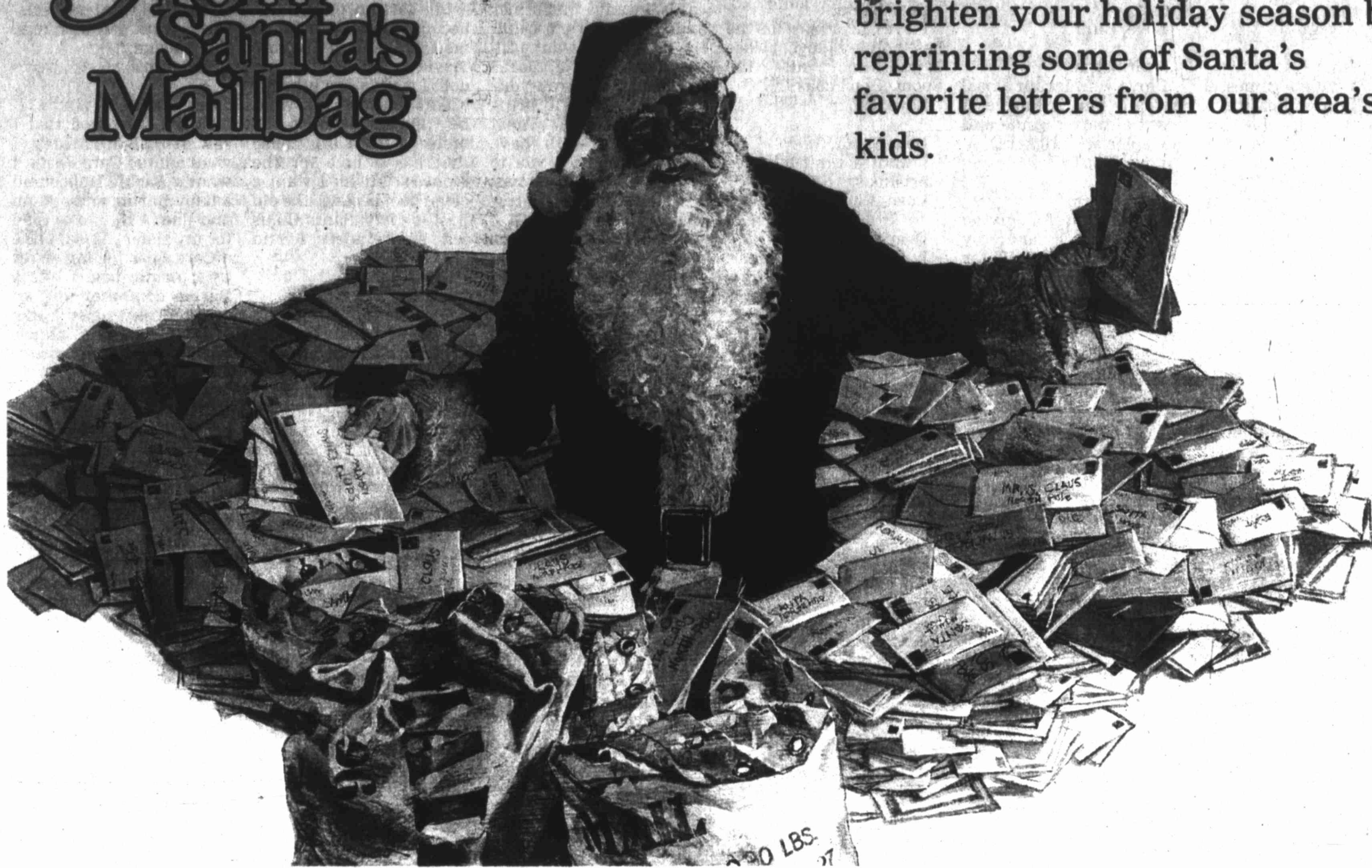
Dear Santa, I hav been good are you dooing? J getting redy Christmas? I will sum cookies an Please will ou g little see-d pler w fones and "Hole please donte fr little sister shee ba bee.  
Love Brylie.

Dear Santa, I have been good are your elves? F ou and Mrs. Clou bring me a cd pla



**From Santa's Mailbag**

Forwarded directly from the North Pole, we're pleased to brighten your holiday season by reprinting some of Santa's favorite letters from our area's kids.



**Garden City 1st Grade**

Dear Santa, I have been good. How are you and Mrs Claus? I will leve you cookies. Please can you give me a American doll.  
Love Daeley

Dear Santa, I have been good. How are you Santa? I Like you Clos. I wont a bike and i wont a Cede player. I wod like a ver good prisents.  
Love, Susana

Dear Santa, i have bee good please give Me vedeo now and a snoble rel sled with a rele enjin and dont for gete My Liti Bruthr AND I will giv yoe cokes  
Love Chris

Dear Santa, I have been good How are your elves?How are you and Mrs Claus? Please bring me the Tran sets. and Geo Trax. Have a safe trip!  
love Brazos Hirt

Dear Santa, I have been good. Santa Pleasa doe frgit about Trisen. He is mybabe brother. Please giv me a sled and a doll and a doll sister.  
Love, Hope

Dear Santa, I hav been good. how are you dooing? Are you getting redy for Christmas? I will leev you sum cookies and milk. Please will ou give me a little seed pler with hed fones and "Holes" and please donte ferget my little sister shee wants a ba bee.  
Love Brylie.

Dear Santa, I have been good How are your elves? How are ou and Mrs. Clous? Pleae bring me a cd plare and I

will giv you milk and cookese  
Love Madeline

Dear Santa, i have been good Dear Santa How are you and Mrs. Claus? I will let sum cookies on my table. Can you Please bring me a braslat and bon't forget about my famely.  
Love Araceli

Dear Santa, I been good Please can you bring me a computer.  
Love Vanessa

Dear Santa, I have been good. I Want a good toy. Plese give me alots of toys .Don't fogit my baby sister.  
Love Casandra  
P.S. I will give a glass and a plate of cookies.

Dear Santa, I have been good all year. how are you? Please bring Me 100 Yo Gi. O cands don' tikit my big brother.  
Love Ismael

Dear Santa, I hve been good all year How are you and Mrs. Claos? I will leve you some cookies and milk. Please can you give me a videoe game and 100 paxs of Pokemon cands and don't fkit my litool brother.  
Love Antonio

Dear Santa, i have been good How ae you. Don't forget Marissa. Pleas bring me a toy horse  
Love Elizabeth

Dear Santa, i have been good. How are your elves and your reindeer and you and your wife?  
Woud you please bring me a motor sled.  
Love Kadden

Dear Santa

I have been good. I have been good at School. Please bring me a snowboard.  
Love, Colten

Dear Santa, I have been good. how are you and your reindeer? I am not for giting Misis Claus. Pliease can ou bring me a Snow board and iceskates and skies.  
Love Ty

Dear Santa, I have been good. How are your reindeers and your elves? Santa please bring me a computer.  
Love Rico Mier.

Dear Santa, i have been good. Please bring me some tos Santa bring Power Ranger or I bring a cookie  
Love Oscar.

Dear Santa, I have been good. Can you please bring Me a Barbie of Swon lake?  
Love Marley

Dear Santa, I have been good. I Would like to hav a CDplayer and a hipclip and a CD that has "some uv the south" and a bike.  
Love Holly

Dear Santa, I have been good. PLease I wish I can have a Skateboard. and I Will have milk on the table for you.  
Love Aaron

**1st United Methodist**

Ms. Raines' and Ms. Witt's class  
Dear Santa, Please bring me a Big Tiger and little tiger too. I will leave you cookies and milk or something!  
Rowan Colette, Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like some more

barbie clothes, a toy tiger and a little baby tiger. toy frog. I will leave you ham and juice.  
Calie Petree, Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like a big Tiger, blocks and a movie. I will leave you cookies and water.  
Trent Slate, Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me some Barbie clothes, Barbie, paints and bathing suit. I will leave you ham and coffee.  
McKinna Hector, Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like a train, bulldozer and paints! I will leave you cookies and water!  
Matt Hernandez, Age 3

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bathing suit, toy dinosaur and a clock. I will leave cookies and coffee!  
Bree Matthews, Age 3

Dear Santa, Please bring me Buzzlight year and all toy story stuff. I will leave you pizza and coke!  
Gabe Williams, Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like a Babybed, Ariel Stroller and a Jesus doll. I will leave you cookies and coffee!  
Hayley Allen, Age 4

Dear Santa, Please bring me some Barbie clothes, paints and Stuff! I will leave cookies and coffee!  
McKenzie Schrecengost, Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like a Nemo movie, Little Foot movie, and a Barbie. I will leave a cookie, candy and a dr. pepper.  
Abbey Bryan, Age 3

Dear Santa, Please bring me a music box, bike and a doll. I will leave you cake and milk.  
Medina bancroft, Age 3

**Bauer Elementary**

Mrs. Willoughby's Class  
Dear Santa, I want one of those cars it Midland and X-box games.  
Love Rene

Dear Santa, I want some lipstick omb on ice cream maker, a puzzle, playdough, paint, and a computer.  
Love Alexi

Dear Santa, I want a toy with a remote control that has a little racecar with a man  
Love, Timothy

Dear Santa, I hope you have A nice night. Thank you for bringing all the presents.  
Lov Macie

Dear Santa, I wot a Rimot Cntrol Truck.  
Luv, Sunil

Dear Santa, I want a rocket ship AND little men to go on the rocket ship.  
Love David

Dear Santa, I want A rbig truck. I can drive on the ground.  
Love, Jimmy Roper

Dear Santa, I want 2 Monter trucks for My dad and a Chevy Silverado for me.  
Love, Ethan

Dear Santa, I would like a Bratz doll, a Barbie, clay, and a fish  
Love, Serena

Dear Santa, i want A computer, socks, and shoes.  
Love, Cynthia

Dear Santa, I want a Batman toy. I want a Christmas toy And a Megasaur.  
Love Aaron

Dear Santa, i want a Barbie braclet, Swanlake Barbie, light up shoes, Barbie skates and a Barbie scooter  
love, Ana

Dear Santa, I wot lipstick and cant and kitin and puppy  
Love Kelli  
Happynew year!

Dear Santa, i want candy canes And presents. ornaments  
Love Remy

Dear Santa, I Wish You Woud cum To MY hous. I Wat a citN and Lots uv Presins  
Luv, Lexus

Dear Santa, i want some Bratz dolls, a Barbie jeep for Me, playdough, a new Barbie dress, and some puzzles.  
Love, Jessica

Dear Santa, I want a Buzz Lightyearadoll that shoots, a dog with a toy, a computer, some clothes and new shoes.  
Love, Oscar

Dear Santa, i want A helicopter.  
Love, Shiu

**Mrs. Bloodworth's Class**

Dear Santa, I would like to give you a hug. Are you giving a lot of toys for presents? i would like a G.I. Joe. My dad did the Christmas tree really pretty with a star up on the top. My mom is making socks. There is gold on my Christmas tree.  
Love, Alex

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*With Best Wishes*  
We're thinking of you this holiday season and we thank you most sincerely for your generous support.  
**Bob Brock Ford**  
Lincoln • Mercury • Nissan  
500 W. 4th  
267-7424

**Huletide Greetings**  
May faith be your guide during this holiest of seasons.  
We thank you kindly for the gift of your friendship.  
**Jiffy Car Wash**  
807 W. 4th  
263-4545  
**Gillihan Paint & Body**  
821 W. 4th  
264-5628

*Season's Greetings*  
Wishing you a festive season filled with good friends, good times, and good tidings. We're grateful for the good will you've shown us this past year.  
**Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union**  
1110 Boston Member NCUA 263-8383



Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some lipstick for me and my sister. and one of the Bratz dolls. Some papers so I can do some school work on. I want you to help my mom an angel. I want my dad to get a blue stocking with paint to draw pretty pictures. My baby sister Maribel to get a high chair.  
Cindy Chavera

Dear Santa,  
I want a car. I want a new dog. Bring my Mom and Dad clothes. Please bring my little sister dolls.  
Manuel Galvan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie car and a Barbie with it. I want you to buy for Grandma a shirt. I want you to buy my Mom som pants that fit her.  
Maribel Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a bird for Christmas. I also want a dirt bike. I want a low rider and a zebra. I want my little sister to have a Winnie the Pooh. I hope my Mom get a new car like D.N.C. My Daddy likes to collect low rider cars and friends. I want my Grandmother Ester to get a new dog. My Grandpa wants a B.B. gun.  
Jeremiah Holguin

Dear Santa,  
I want a car. I want an angel. I want a little table. I want a Barbie for my sister. I want a hat. I want a Power Rangers for my little brother. Bring my big brother Power Rangers guns. I want my Momma to have an angel. I want my Dad to have some candy.  
John Rios

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a fake diamond ring. Some black or brown baby dolls. I want a fake motorcycle to ride on. I also want a C.D. player with JaRule music Ashanti Christmas songs. Uncle D. Boe wants a car. My Momma want a new house. Daddy David wants a new car. Daddy Boe wants a car too. Uncle Bubba wants new clothes like Green Bay Packers. I love you, Santa  
Trandesha Smith

Dear Santa,  
Bring me candy, a box, toys, games and a T.V. Bring Mommy candy.  
David Moreno

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a Bratz doll with a horse. My baby sister wants a little baby doll. Leticia wants Barbie things and I want to see Rudolph. Shahala wants Dora the Explora things. My mom wants a bracelet.  
Analicia Galan

Dear Santa,

I love you, bring me Dora Explora, Dora boots. I want a star. Bring birds for my mom. I want puzzles for my sister. Bring my brother diapers, milk, bottles. I want candy, telephone. My dad wants a car. My grandma wants pigs.  
Jasmine Ceballos

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a Spider Man remote control truck. I want a Power Ranger remote control dirt bike. A dinosaur remote control truck. My isiter wants Barbie stuff. My mom wants a wedding ring. My dad wants a work rings.  
Dylan Hendricks

Dear Santa,  
I want my Momma to have a T-shirt that fits her. I want new shoes and socks. I want my Daddy to have pants that aren't tight on him that are warm ups. I want to have a new pair of shirts. I want to have a cute little costume that is a witch. I want a new pair of letter cards. I want my Mommy to have a new pair of cards. I am happy.  
Shanca Mayberry

Dear Santa,  
Yo quiero una Barbie, y muchos toys, colors un angel. Yo quiero una sweater. Mi apa quiere una chaqueta. Yo quiero make-up para ninas. Te quiero mucho.  
Leonor Martinez

Dear Santa,  
Bring me trucks, cars, vans, the Hulk toys. Bring my mom perfume and my sisters dolls. Demetri wants bus like a toy. I want some drums, some clothes.  
Marcos Moreno

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a fake BB gun with little balls. I wish I had a air pump for my bike and the little green thing with a needle to stick in the bike to put air in it. I wish I had a fake air car with a trunk. I bet you are watching us. I wish my Mom had a jewelry box with music. I wish my Daddy had some new clothes. I wish my little baby sister could have a Barbie doll and a Barbie chair and bed. I wish my little sister had a music box. I want my Grandma to have a chain for the dog.  
Gabriel Crossman

Dear Santa,  
Por favor traime una Barbie con ropa. Y una monita que llore como una bebe. tambien quiero trastesitos con comida de mentiritas y cucharas. Y a mi mami una blusa y ami papi pantalones. Rolando quier Max Steels y movies.  
Tania Hernandez

Mrs. Carrillo's Class

Dear Santa,  
I want a kitchen set so I can make some cookies. Could you bring me some skates and a pretty ring and a necklace. I am doing great at school. My teacher says I am a good listener.  
Love, Alljah Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some Hot Wheels and a T-Rex because I love dinosaurs. could you have your elves make me a toy shark?  
Love, Xavier Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a play octopus and a United States flag. I would also like some Barbies. That's all? I am very good and I know how to read.  
Love, Tiffani Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a Barbie castle. I would also like a Sponge Bob lunchbox just like Tiffani's. I would like a chalkboard too. I have been really good this year.  
Love, Briana Bland

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like you to bring me a dragon and wrestling man. I would like a motorcycle also.  
Love Manuel Osorio

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie. Could you bring me a Barbie backpack? I would like some pattern blocks to make patterns. I am doing great in school.  
Love, Kami Miramontes

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had alot of Barbies and a teddy bear to sleep with me. Could you bring me a jeep? I promise not to wreck it. P.S. My teacher says I am very good!  
Ivy Valenzuela

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie and a trampoline. I also want a swimming pool and a kitchen. Please bring me a telephone. I love you.  
Love, Meranda Guitierrez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a blue bike. I would also like a watch and a motorcycle that I can ride really fast. I have been very good.  
Love, Angel Villa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a little baby cat. I would like it to be white and black. Please bring me some Hot Wheels. Say hi to Rudolph!  
Love, Anthony Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a big Barbie car. I will bring it to school for Show and Tell and everyone will get a ride. I would also like some doctor toys cause I

want to be a doctor. Last of all-Please bring me a wedding dress costume.  
Love, Esmeralda Rogers

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a trampoline and a paint set and a motorcycle and a basketball and a box to keep my basketball in my room. Last of all I'd like a race car set.  
Love, Micheal Duffer

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike and a watch. I want a fan and lots of toys.  
Love, Aaron Munoz

Dear Santa,  
I would like a cheerleader Barbie and a Swan Lake toy cause that is my favorite movie. I want a telephone toy to call my teacher. I want a Kim Possible toy. I have been very good.  
Love Priska Zegara

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real motorcycle so I can race on it and a speed boat that I can ride on. I want a robot Buzz Lightyear that can really fly.  
Love Tevin Decker

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie and a Hello Kitty. Please bring me a trampoline. Could you bring me a bear and a Santa toy? I would like a telephone and a new baby.  
Love, Sianna Baltazar

Dear Santa,  
Just bring me toys. I don't care what kind. I also want some chalk. I am a very good reader. P.S. I'd like some skates!  
Lindsey Woodard

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie toy and a swimming pool and a trampoline so I can jump really high. I would also like a kitchen set so I can make stuff. Last of all I'd like a necklace.  
Love, Desiree Ruiz

Mrs. Miles' Class

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want a snake in a cage. Can Santa bring anything? Even things that might hurt. I'll take a spider in a cage. That would be good. Those would be things I never had. A wrestling arena and some wrestlers to go with it and a Playstation 2.  
Love Christopher Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I want my family. My Granny first, my Daddy, My Mommy and my sisters, Kelly and Sarah. I want a Barbie car, a family doll, a Barbie house, and I want playdough with colors and a movie and I want for Christmas a book so I can read. And I want a pink paper, a pink book, a color book, a

dolly, a tea party toy. And we're done!  
Love, Reagan Munoz

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a jumping rope, a little toy that looks like a rabbit. I would also like a little house so I could open the door. I want a little heart that looks like on your shoulder, like a purse. Finally, I want a little Santa Claus toy to play with like a pillow.  
Love, Gracie Escobedo

Dear Santa,  
Please can I have a tank and army men, a tiger, blue play dough, a remote control airplane, a clock. One of those things you put it on the airplane and on the truck and it flies up in the air, I don't know what it is called. An ice cream maker, legos, a puzzle, a desk, marbles, a raccoon and a computer.  
Love, CJ Bigelow

Dear Santa,  
I want a desk and a computer and a radio, some CDs for my radio. And I want some Barbie house with fake little people like Barbies. And I want a movie. And I want an Indian toy. And I want a little Christmas tree to go on my desk. And that's all.  
Love, Camry Daughdrill

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a house, and a car. I want a satellite, a bike, a TV, and a VCR. I want a dad. I want a killer bug thing, because bugs get in my house. I think dress-up things for fake. A video game, a Mario game and I want, I always wish for I had another baby sister so I can play with both of them.  
Love, Patricia Rios

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Incredible Hulk hands and a robot and a little one robot that turns into an airplane, a CD player and a chalkboard and chalk and new crayons. Does Santa do clocks? And a wallet too. And a puppet.  
Love, Dominic Saenz

Dear Santa,  
I want playdough, red, and a Playstation and games and a movie-Aliza. Cowboy's clothes and Indian clothes and soldiers clothes and turtles with a box. Two trolls for the games. Airplane the toy and Legos box, a game boy, airplane paper and homework and a firemen game.  
Love, Lazarus Yanez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want a computer, a radio, make-up and a clock. A Kim Possible room and a new Daddy. A telephone and a purse, a wallet and some

money. I want new school clothes and new shoes. A piano and a desk and some chairs with it. I want my very own box of crayons, glue and scissors.  
Love Alexis Henry

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I just want a big remote control car so I can make it jump. I would also like a Spider Man toy to throw.  
Love, Jose Moran

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want a Barbie house, a Barbie car, a babydoll, an Indian toy, a book, a movie, a baby doll, a little Christmas tree, blocks. It's too hard to think. I would like Checkers and a yo-yo.  
Love Mykal Mahaney

Dear Santa,  
I want a little bear and I want a new little doll Barbie cheerleader. Ariel style stuff, where you can do her hair, with a blow dryer and stuff. I want this little baby thing with doctor stuff and purse that goes with it. And a telephone. I want a little reindeer thing that you put on your head and pretend your a reindeer.  
Love, Ashlen Eckert

Dear Santa,  
OK, I want an ice cream maker, a little Christmas tree and new clock to wake me up in the morning because mine broke and scraped my finger. A Lego box too. A box of Legos. A new parrot, a radio, a yo-yo, an army hat, one that has a brim so it will match my army pockets. and one more, a reindeer toy.  
Love, Spencer Huggins

Dear Santa,  
Please can you bring me a teddy bear, and an angel, playdough, a little puppy, a play one. Also a baby doll, and a toy dog. I would also like a pink yo-yo and a play house. And lastly, I would like a play animal, like a tiger.  
Love, Haley Mize

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want a computer and I want a puppy and a cat and a play Indian.  
Love, Quorcindra Lewis

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a thingymajigger to check your heart like a doctor? I love you Santa Claus. I would like a remote control car with a wire on it on both sides with thingamajiggers that go left and right and go straight. I used to have one but I broke it.  
Love, Charlie Baker

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike and a four wheeler, a motorcyle.

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Mass: 7:00 pm St. Thomas  
Mass: 9:00 pm Sacred Heart  
Christmas Day - Thursday Dec. 25  
Mass: 9:00 am Sacred Heart  
No Mass At St. Thomas On Christmas Day  
Merry Christmas!



Garden City, Texas. My Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even help my Mom. So, for Christmas, I would like: a Barbie doll, some doll clothes and a little horse. Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you a hot dog for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend, Mayra

Dear Santa,  
I am Diana and I live in Garden City, Texas. My Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even listen to my Mom. So for Christmas, I would like: a puppy, a Barbie doll and a new doll.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you an apple for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend, Diana

Dear Santa,  
I am Sixto and I live in Garden City, Texas. My Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even play with my sister. So for Christmas, I would like: a star, a Gameboy and a tag game.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend, Sixto

**Lakeview Head Start Room 113**

Dear Santa Claus,  
We are writing you from Lakeview Head Start classroom 113. Here is a list of what we would like for Christmas:

Matthew Cervantes-4 wheeler, turtle, a fish like Nemo and a fish tank.

Colby Cruz-Dirt bike, Power Rangers, and a 4-wheeler

Trenton Garling-Transformers, bike, Ninja turtles and Power Rangers.

Ian Gonzales-Motorcycle, Sponge Bob toys and a Playstation 2.

Austin Hilario-Hulk

gloves, big Power Ranger motorcycle and a jack-in-the-box.

Tera Hilliger-Barbie bike, Barbie car and a doghouse for my doggie.

Jose Juarez-Power Ranger, helicopter and a Ninja turtle.

Juan Mier-Hulk shirt, Ninja turtle sword and a big Power Ranger motorcycle.

Tyson Ramirez-Gameboy advance, remote control Hummer and leap frog books.

Kristalyn Randle-Bike, turtle, Barbie, Barbie car and Barbie clothes.

Tristin Rangel-Spiderman toys and Incredible Hulk toys.

Dylan Rodriguez-Hulk gloves, jack-in-the-box, teddy bear and a Power Ranger motorcycle.

Samantha Rodriguez-Bike, Cinderella slippers, scooter and Barbie sandals.

Gabriella Rubio-Barbie, Nintendo game cube, Barbie bike, Barbie chalk board, Barbie clock and Barbie slippers.

Mariah Sarmiento-Princess scooter, princess clock, princess sandals, princess shoes, princess lamp, princess table, princess C.D. player and princess C.D.s.

Makenzie Torres-Barbie scooter, princess scooter, tweety bird clock and a refrigerator for my room.

Reneja Tuitt-Barbie flip flops, Barbie scooter and a bike.

Ryan Wallack-Hulk bike, Hulk toy and Hulk gloves.

Leah Yanez-Barbie bike, Barbie clothes, Barbie shoes and Barbie boots.

Thank you, Mrs. Baeza and Mrs. Rosas  
P.S: Merry Christmas!

**Girl Sout Troop 157**

Dear Sant Nick,  
What I want for X-mas is a dog, a bird, a new hamster, a ham ham and I wish I was made of sugar and spice.

From your friend,  
Krista Michelle Bailey

Dear Santa,  
I want a fur real catia cat, a Jam & Glam Barbie Bus and a Barbie airplane

Love,  
Kaya Dickey

Dear Santa,

I want a new puppy and a new book and a new comeputre and a polly doll.

Love,  
Rebecca

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Braz doll, a DVD player and a dad-daca DVD.

Love,  
Krissey Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Playstation 2 for Christmas. I would also like some game to go with it.

Cody Thomas  
Age: 7

**Kentwood 2nd Grade Mrs. Maberry's class**

Dear Santa,  
I would like, a care-a-lot castle, care bears, clothes, shoes, a DVD movie care-bears, a Barbie horse, a stuffed reindeer, my own desk and another cat stuffed animal. Please bring me a mustang barbie car, new stockings, Monsters Ink the movie, a Mike toy from Monsters Ink, a bouncing get on horse and a new car. I want a teacher's set, my own computer, a sleigh, a candy cane, a new watch, a new back-pack, the cat in the hat with a fish in the front. How are your reindeer?  
Merry Christmas.

Love,  
April Valle

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike and a puppy. But most of all I want a swing set. Have a happy christmas. I decorated the Christmas tree. How are your reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Santa Claus? Im doing good. We have a lot of presents. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Alexiah Zuna

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuff Eagle, a big dog a bike and a game and a tank and a star wars game a army game and a dirt bike and a go cart.

Love,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I want a T.V. and a V.C.R. and a go cart, and the Crison Chin. His a super hero and most of all

Love,  
Marissa

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new skateboard and new cards. I want a bike and an X-box and game cube with new video games. I want a snowboard, a surf-board, a dirt bike, a motorscooter and a new gameboy.

Love,  
Alex

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy for christmas and I hope I get it. I want a T.V. too, Santa. I hope you are doing good.

Love,  
Jesse

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirtbike, and a necklace, and some

rollerblades. Please bring me some socks, a belt, some shoes, a fish and some pants. I would like some books, a boombox, sockhat. I also want a computer, a new backpack and a playstation 2, a drum set and a head band, and a ramp.

Love,  
Matt

Dear Santa,  
I wuld like come care-bare sing a lot castle. A remote control truck, T.V. with a V.C.R. A one seater stroler, a new baby doll. a teddy bear as big as me.

Love,  
Nichole

Dear Santa,  
I want a present for Christmas. I would want a scooter for Christmas, some skates, a train, a puppy, a remote control car and fish.

Love,  
Marayia

Mrs. Hendrickson's class

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you have been resting for your long trip. I can't wait till Christmas because I love it. Here are the things I want, a bicycle, a cartoon vidoe and a Bratz Run-way, a purse and a Button Blast.

Love,  
Kinsey

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good year. I wuld like a movie of Mary-Kate and Ashley, come karaoke CD's, some Christmas books and Game Boy games.

Love,  
Sarah

Dear Santa,  
How are the elfs and how are your? I would like a video game called Tony Hawks Proskater Underground. I wuld also like an electric scooter. i want an X-box. I also want a DVD called "Hulk".

Love,  
Tony

Dear Santa,  
How do you go around the world so fast and so quietly? Santa, can I have Coconut the dog and accessories and Licorice the cat, please? Thank you, Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Kristina

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Now Santa, you don't freak you still have 3 weeks. I would like a Polly pocket,

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I would like a Bratz. I would like a Lizze McGuire doll and a make up set.  
Love,  
Amie

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas. Have I been good? I would like a Mountain bike.  
Love,  
Taylor

Dear Santa,  
How are your doing? Don't freak out, you still have 3 weeks until Christmas. I want a Miniture Rocking Horse for my dolls, a Scooby-Doo movie, and a toy stuffed giraffe.  
Love,  
Brianna

Dear Santa,  
How are the elfs and how are you? I hope you get your job done. I want an electric scooter, drum kit, Samural costume and a tool kit.  
Love,  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a great year. I hope you have a great flyt. I would like to have a Land and sea, G.I. Goe snake eyes, transformers 2, a bad guy and a good guy. But hey you have 3 weeks in till Christmas.  
Love,  
Tate

Dear Santa,  
I hope you get a lote of rest. I would like a puppy and a X-box.  
Love,  
Bryan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mario cart and Mario golf game cube, The cat in the Hat game cube movie and the action figure, Batman, Superman, Flash, Spiderman stickers and Hulk book.  
Love,  
Matthew

Dear Santa,  
Enjoy your Christmas Eve. I like a real meal oven and a Baby Born.  
Love,  
Tanaysia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Game Boy, a photo album and a new Swing. How do yo see us from the Northpole?  
Love,  
Meagan

Dear Santa,  
Have a good Christmas. I like skates and the movey The Hulk in video.  
Love,  
Alyssa

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. I would like a bike, a Tv and a karaoke machine.  
Love,  
Crystal

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to have a nice day, I would like a Transformer Cold smoke Screen, a remote car and a Little Monster truck.  
Love,  
Colby

Dear Santa,  
How do you fly your reindeer? May I have a townhouse? May I have a Mommy's Little Shoe-Shoe?  
Love,  
Kelsey

Kentwood 1st Grade  
Karen Adams Class  
Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: Barbie Brats, Motorcycle AWD 900 give evrebutte in my famle, a kitten and some hippie pants.  
From your friend,  
Ashton Henderickson

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: jet power skates, controler for skates with hiper speed and a dirt bike.  
From your friend,  
Colby Williams

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a computer and choo-choo Indin  
From your friend,  
Haree Tab

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a leather jaket, motorcycle, 4-sheeler and clothes.  
From your friend,

Blake Baldock  
Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a tent, bike, scooter and a blanket.  
From your friend,  
Iris Freshour

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: games, toys, a puppy dog.  
From your friend,  
Tyler Powell

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: Horse Adventures, a rabbit, a choo-choo train, X-Box, a puppy and a marshmellow gun.  
From your friend,  
Autumn Moore

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a Easy Bake, a computer, a Game Boy Advance and puppys.  
From your friend,  
Marissa Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: Ice Age, a playhouse for my sister, a motorcykle and a Spiderman costum.  
From your friend,  
Anthey Lozano

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: games, a puppy, a computer and a T.V.  
From your friend,  
Brianna Eagle

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a DVD player, computer game, playstation 2 and puppys.  
From your friend,  
Cami Chandler

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good! Please bring me: DVD, Easy Bake, Gam Boy, X Box  
From your friend,  
Deliljah Perez

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good! Please bring me: a bike, a comput, a see splash sisters, sum gimes.  
From your friend,  
McKenzie Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: money for my Mom, a bike, 4-wheeler and a Barbie house.  
From your friend,  
Ashley Trent

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a puppy, games, horses and a DVD player.  
From your friend,  
Valarie Haro

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a computer, electric drums, a Yorkie puppy and Chers CD.  
From your friend,  
Stevi Ward

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: Easy Bake, Boston Terrier puppy, rat, Chers CD.  
From your friend,

Erin Pollard  
Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: computer Dell, Brats book, art stuf, trampoline.  
From your friend,  
Nyola Arenvar

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: play shot-gun, roller blades, marshmellow gun, gamboy.  
From your friend,  
Zachary Shane Hollis

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: sae spach sisters, toye trian, kitte, roller blades.  
From your friend,  
Marcela Norman

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a race car, marshmellow gun, dirt bike, 4-wheeler.  
From your friend,  
Brycen Kiker



*Merry & Bright*

We hope each day of the holiday season is filled with good times, love and laughter. Merry Christmas and many thanks for your business.



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**Big Spring/McDonald Realty Real Estate**  
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**Rejoice!**

In the spirit of the season we offer you our sincere best wishes and deepest gratitude. Have a joyous Noel!

**Dr. R Marc Schwarz, M.D.**  
1608 W. FM 700  
Suite B  
267-3655

**Cheers To You!**

Here's hoping your holiday delivers much joy every day. You deserve it!

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*Thanks For Coming 'Round This Year!*

May the coming season bring renewal, growth and good times to you and your loved ones, just as you have brought us so much joy this past year.

Merry Christmas!

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**To Our Friends And Neighbors**

It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you. Thanks!

**Big Spring Farm Supply Inc.**  
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**Here Comes Christmas!**

As the big day draws near, we'd like to thank you for filling our days with so much joy. We've truly loved every minute of serving you.

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*Merry Christmas!*  
*From All Of Us!*



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**Happy Holiday**

We couldn't have come this far without the support of good friends like you. Merry Christmas and many thanks for helping us go the distance.

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Next Class Starts January 12th



**Merry Christmas**

A world of thanks and best wishes to our neighbors, customers and friends. We feel fortunate to serve great folk like you!

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