

MONDAY

December 22, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:

TONIGHT TOMORROW 65°-67° 85°-87°

BRIEFLY

Herald holidays

The Herald office will be closed at noon on Christmas Eve and will open again at 7:30 a.m. Friday. There will be no Christmas Day Subscribers paper. who do not receive their Christmas Eve. paper should call the Herald that evening between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Flu shots offered

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 preperation to head out to another delivery of Christmas gifts Saturday. Club members headed a convoy Saturday delivering toys, food and

"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

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 use 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, SVU'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."

Cossacks Motorcycle Club president

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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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 Hogan clinic Malone 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

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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 dropped in Development Area 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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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,

"It's a lot of work,

but that's what

makes life

worthwhile...

when you're doing

something

worthwhile."

Mona Lue Tonn

according to program coordinator Mona Lue Tonn, the number of peo-

ple 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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Howard County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher Nicci Grigg, left, and Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett go over daily business at the sheriff's office. Griggs 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

"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 for-tunate to be able to come back to Big Spring and work with the sheriff's office.

See HONORED, Page 3A

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

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. Dickerson 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

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-inlaw, 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

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

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, Kynnie and Katyanna Campbell, all of Forsan; two brothers, Willie

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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 www.npwelch.com

Jacob Franklin Hausenfluck Jr.

Jacob Franklin "J.F." Hausenfluck Jr., 86, of Christoval died Saturday, Dec. 20 at his home sur-rounded 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 grand-

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 Clora 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 Clora 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 Ashabranner 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

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.

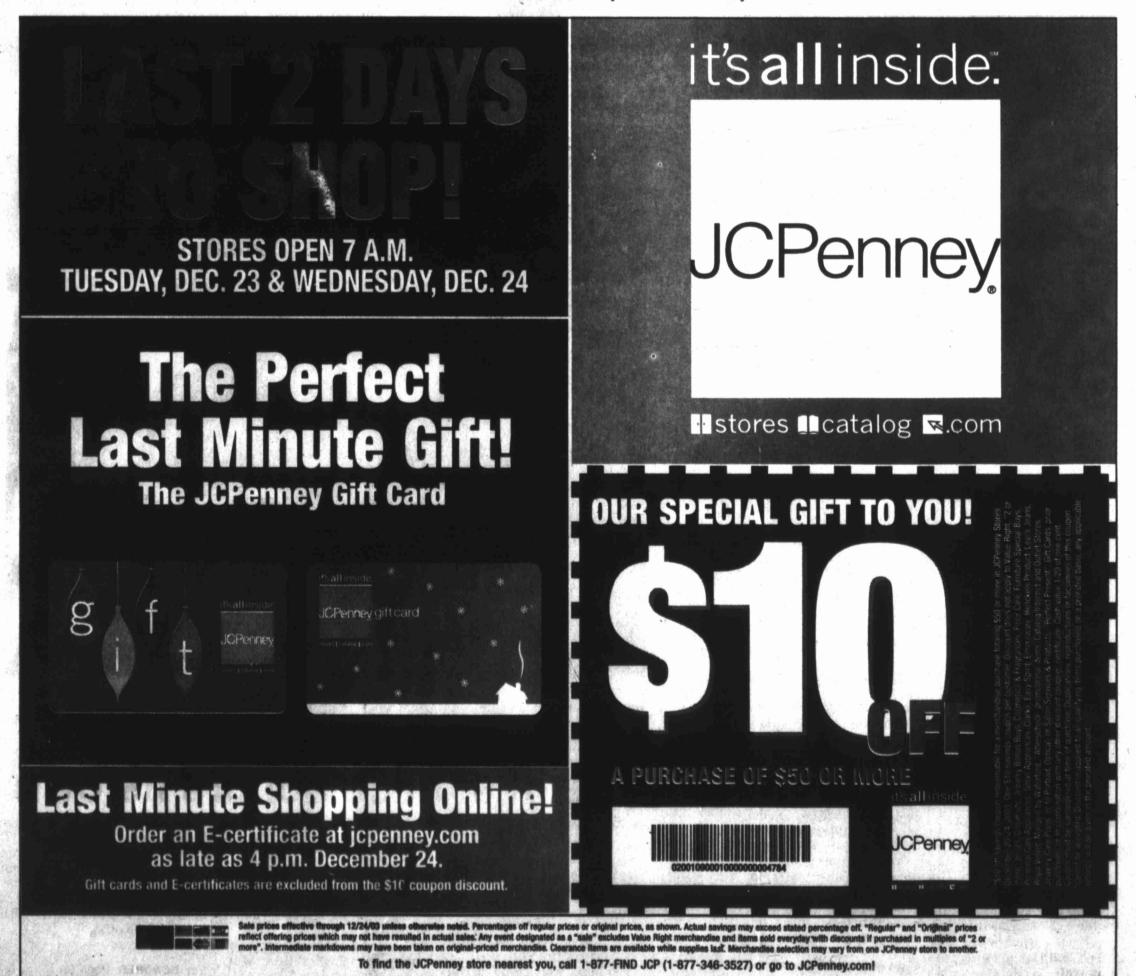
 ASSAULT was reported in the 1100 block of Mesa. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in

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.



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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

Taubman Centers Inc., which owns and manages 31 shopping centers in 13. states.

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"The community has

changed as far as the

businesses and the pro-

gression of the communi-

ty, but I think we still

have a way to go. Some of

the people that I was deal-

ing 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

Ellen Tolley, a spoke voman at the National Retail Federation, agreed aying that "since s 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 midpriced 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

"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

As challenges are faced

and met daily at the sher-

iff's office, Pritchett said

they face many of the

same problems as similar-

Fortunately, however,

they are able to manage

the enormous task one

departments.

I ask them to do."

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 lastminute spending in the

"Traffic was about the same as last year, and

days

Christmas will help mer-

chants meet their sales

three

day at a time.

before

"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.

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-

In the past few years, Saturday before the tainly no shortage of them these days, as the sheriff's

office battles the wees of a

decaying county jail on a

stores were very busy,"

said Tolley. "And if some

stores were a little short

of their goal, there's plen-

ty of time for that to

She noted that the

Federation is still stick-

ing to its holiday forecast

for a 5.7 percent gain in

total sales from a year

change."

National

Jose Davila, left, and his wife, Sarah, work on their Christmas shopping Saturday at the Big Spring Mall, as Wilson Money

Retail

Christmas has been the

busiest day of the season.

Last year, the Monday

before Christmas was the

restraints countywide are

a large factor in this, but

we're going to move for-

ward through this and

work our way through it

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

Grigg. "It's a great honor

to be nominated by the

rest of the staff for such a

big award, much less

the best we can."

total shock to her.

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 "There's lots of prayer 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

actually receiving it. "When they told me I

that give the gifts that make it all possible. "We couldn't be a min-

istry 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 some-

Contact Staff Writer

second biggest sales day. their shopping, compared In 2002, the last week with 15 percent during the same time a year ago. before Christmas accounted for 41 percent of holi-Many stores, particularday sales, according to ly department stores and apparel stores, had refrained from aggressive

the International Council of Shopping Centers. This year, consumers discounting earlier in the appear to be waiting season, hoping conlonger. According to the sumers would be willing to pay full price. association's survey, con-

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

ducted from Dec. 4-10, 10

percent of the approxi-

mate 6,800 consumers

polled had completed

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 dis-

patcher. "I love my job," she said. "It's just so much fun to come to work every This really came as a day not knowing what to

huge surprise," said expect. Each day is different, and that's what really makes this job great." Contact Staff Writer

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aids him every day.

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 Johhnie 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 thing worthwhile."

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Laura Hunter, 78, died Graveside Saturday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at The Monahans Cemetery, in Monahans.

Linda Hall

formerly of Tonya's

has moved to

Brazo's

1508 E. FM 700

She invites all her former

clients to visit her new

location for all hair

services.

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"We're going to give out more than 100 bikes, numerous 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 a gift for many of the members.

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

Allan's

"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.texasworkforce.org or they may call the unemployment telecenter at 1-800

939-6631. Computers and telephones are available at the Workforce Network of Big Spring.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Boan of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

OTHER VIEWS

Community deserves bow for its giving

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

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

Return of mudslinging Pamphleteers

eaders looking for a good pick up William Safire's historical novel "Scandalmonger." 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.

DEBRA SAUNDERS

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

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 sixfigure 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 rganizations 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 lational Committee. (Not entirely selfless, the California Democratic Party filed a lawsuit against the

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 govern-

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-hatin loveOn.org, to which Soros mad 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 "Scandalmonger."

. 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

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

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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.

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 power-

Lieberman has gone on TV and said the theme was misguided because it was "not expressive of the fiscally responsible progrowth, 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? But does Joe Lieberman have a legitimate beef that he didn't get a call?

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

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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.



FESTIVAL

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 solve advended this bedlen 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.



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

Do you have photos or stories you'd like to submit for the Good News page? If so, bring them by the Big Spring Herald at 710 Scurry or e-mail us at newsdesk@crcom.net



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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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lu season is costing lowincome 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

The clinics serve mostly clients who use public assistance to pay their

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, NCPRWF

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

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three children have died. The number of cases could rise by March, health officials said. Some Texas school offi-

cials in November reported as many as 10 percent 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 Hernndez 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

of their students were fears she might not be able to get her job back when her daughter recov-

Now Hernndez is start-

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

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

n today's hectic health care system, the standard checkup 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 includedforget their name the minute they walk into a doctor's office. No matter

PAMELA GALLIN

how poised you are, it's a good idea to write down a list questions, hand a copy of the or she will work the uestions 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

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 doc-

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 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 on the toy. In addition, avoid toys with

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

sharp edges.

- 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 ageappropriate.

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. Another useful site on toy safety is 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.

Dr. Ruth Bernal specializes in pediatric medicine. She can be contacted at The Family Medical Center, 2301 S. Gregg Street, Big Spring 79720. Telephone: (432) 267-5531.

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 Nutrition Programs in 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. Texas Department Agriculture (TDA) was named the administering state agency for the Child 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 in elementary sodas school vending machines and cafeterias is now prohibited, and access to junk foods in middle schools has been restrict-

Good nutrition, combined with regular physical activity, can combat the incidence of obesity. A recent study from the of Disease Centers Control and Prevention, however, found that almost 62 percent of children do not participate in any organized physical activity during afterschool 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, soft-

1 egg or egg substitute

equivalent 2 tablespoons fat-free milk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

all-purpose 2 cups flower 2 teaspoons baking pow-

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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Hawks to return to court against CVC

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

The Hawks, who will open Western Junior **Athletic** College 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 sity will also play in the three-day tourna-

ment. 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

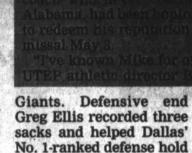
Cowboys clinch playoff berth with over Giants

DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys clinched their first trip to the playoffs since 1999 Sunday after-noon 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 yards.



New York to just 212 total

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 24yard 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 36yard 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.

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

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

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

Despite getting a gamehigh 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

With the loss, the Bulldogs slipped to 6-6 for Midland year. 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 halftime 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 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. 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 with six points.

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

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 comefrom-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

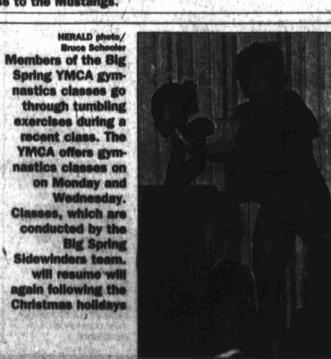
SALEM, Va. (AP) -John Gagliardi's recordbreaking season ended perfectly, too, with St. John's as the Division III national champion.

The Johnnies snapped Mount Union's NCAArecord 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, improved to 414-114-11 overall.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can get ahead by using publicity in a creative way. As people are increasingly familiar with what you stand for, they donate help, encouragement and even money to your purpose. Tonight, solitude informs you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All the fun is in making career progress; your ambitions are awakening, and those who doubted are starting to believe in you. Bosses let you know what positions are opening up above you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Enjoy your new influence with family members who show respect for your knowledge and position. Even the wisest of your friends could gain from your input. But can you follow your own advice? Handle unfinished business.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Passionate relationships are the focus. A Gemini spices up your social life. Temptations of all kinds are plentiful, but your willpower is also at an all-time high. Work is a little on the boring side, so you're

asily distracted. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Once you lock eyes on the target, success is not a problem. But figuring out the right tar-

get is key. What you buy, sell or renovate brings cash. Jealousy can make complications in your love life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your skills as a coach or instructor are in demand. Also, some of you will meet new love while taking on a position of authority. Make sure it's really you and not your position that people are in love with!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Accept positions of responsibility in organizations. They need your resourcefulness and enthusiasm. Whatever goal you've set, people in the right places can get you a crack at it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). It's likely that your goal is diametrically opposed to your partner's. By the end of the week, you could come up with a compromise, but don't bother negotiating until then. Fantastic news includes an opportunity to get out of debt.

CELEBRITY FILES: "The View's" Meredith Vieira is a regal Capricorn. I predict Vieira will act very true to her sign's nature this year as she starts a new, non-profit organization from the ground up. Capricorns are not only a climbing sign, as signified by their symbol, the goat, but they are also a building sign, erecting structures where there was nothing before. This can be done literally or figuratively.

If you would like to write to Joyce Jillson, go to www.creators.com.

Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: I have two children, ages 6 and 3. My mother-in-law bought expensive toys for the kids' birthdays. Thoughtful, you say? Think again.

These gifts have to stay at my mother-in-law's house as a bribe to get the children to come visit. Now, all I hear is, "I want to play with my jeep at Grandma's." Or, "Can we go to Grandma's so I can play with my doll?" When I pick them up, they cry, saying they want to play some more.

Is this something grandparents do to blackmail kids into coming over? I cannot afford to buy them duplicate toys to keep at our place. The kids already have begged to take their gifts home with them, but were told quite clearly by their grandmother that those toys had to stay

Grandma's house. This has become a major sore spot, and I don't know how to handle it. Any advice? -**Frustrated**

Outmaneuvered Dear Frustrated: While this isn't common grandparent behavior, it's not unheard of, either. If the kids did not beg to see the toys, would you visit Grandma anyway? She thinks not.

Grandma is being manipulative, but you're not going to change her. so let her win this one. Explain to the children that Grandma's "presents" belong to her. Take them to visit the toys only as often as you wish, regardless of their whining. They eventually will decide how valuable her gifts are with all those strings attached. and if you're lucky, Grandma will learn that love cannot be bought.

Dear Annie: I have nowhere else to turn, so here I am. I have a serious problem with my breath. It's not just bad, it's amazingly gross.

I've seen a dentist and have had a lot of work done, to no avail. I'm at the end of my rope. Am I the only person suffering from this malady?

Stinky in New York Dear Stinky: According to the American Dental Association, there are many common causes of halitosis, including smoking, drinking, cer-tain medications and eating odorous foods. Mouthwash will help. It also is important to brush and floss, because food stuck between teeth will decay and leave an unpleasant odor. Be sure to brush your tongue as well, because bacterial deposits can accumulate

More serious causes of



bad breath include periodontal disease, dry open-mouth breathing, a respiratory tract infection, chronic sinusitis, postnasal drip. chronic bronchitis, diabetes, gastrointestinal disturbance or a liver or

Dear Annie: Thanks for and others.

I recently donated 17 inches of my thigh-length hair to Locks of Love. I can't explain the great feeling it gave me to know that I was helping regret: I wish I'd cut off even more. My hair is growing back fast, how-

If anyone is considering donating their hair Growing My Hair Back in California

Dear Growing: Thank you so much for urging our readers to be as generous as you. Once again, the information is: Locks of Love, 2925 10th Ave. N., Suite 102, Lake Worth, FL 33461, 1-888-896-1588 (locksoflove.org); or Wigs for Kids, 21330 Center Ridge Rd., Suite C, Rocky River, OH 44116 (wigsforkids.org).

written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators. com.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. 24036 APPLICATION Glasscock County Co-Op. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 24036 which would authorize continued operation of retrial No. 2435 which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 300 County Road Co-Op, Gargadero-City, Glasscock County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 nicrons in diameter, organi

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 10, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office; the

a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at

compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and sulfur

at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

case hearing to the TCEO Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEO will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEO's jurisdiction to address in the permit process. After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments.

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TCEQ.
The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that-this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously

criteria are met.

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decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those ssues raised during the publi comment period and not withdrawn
A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax

phone number, and fax number. If any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your properly relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is mad by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments. submit your proposed adjustments to the

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the Chief Clerk at the address below. If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be timited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside. property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction o address in this proceeding.
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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

mouth. kidney ailment.

If your dentist can find no reason for your halitosis, please talk to your regular physician and schedule a complete

checkup. letting people know about Locks of Love and Wigs for Kids, organizations that accept hair for chemotherapy patients

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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.

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

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a courtmartial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)
In 1941, British Prime

gift the city of Savannah."

Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with Franklin President Roosevelt. In 1963, an official 30-day

mourning period following assassination the President Kennedy came to an end. In 1984, New York City

resident Bernhard Goetz shot four black youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. Today's Birthdays: Lady

Bird Johnson is 91. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 81. Actor Hector Elizondo is 67. Country singer Red Steagall is 65. Baseball Hallof-Famer Steve Carlton is 59. ABC News correspondent Diane Sawyer is 58. Rock singer-musician Rick Nielsen (Cheap Trick) is 57. Baseball All-Star Steve Garvey is 55. Singer Robin Gibb is 54. Golfer Jan Stephenson is 52. Actress BernNadette Stanis is 50. Rapper Luther Campbell is 43. Country musician Chuck Mead (BR549) is 43. Actor Ralph Fiennes is 41. Actress Lauralee Bell is 35.



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

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 - Marines, for paper currency example
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Garden City Grade

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Dear Santa.

i have bee good

give Me vedeo no snobole rel sled rele enjin and d gete My Litl Brut I will giv yoe coke Love Chris

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love Brazos Hirt Dear Santa, I hav been good Pleasa doe frgi

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Love, Hope Dear Santa,

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ba bee. Love Brylie. Dear Santa,

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I have been go are your elves? I ou and Mrs. Clou bring me a cd pla



orwarded 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 Please can you bring me a good prisents.

Dear Santa,

Love, Susana

i have bee good please give Me vedeo now and a snobole rel sled with a rele enjin and dont forgete My Litl 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 Thoms the Tran sets. and Geo Trax. Have a safe trip! love Brazos Hirt

Dear Santa,

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 geting redy for Christmas? I will leev you sum cookies and milk. Please will ou give me a litle see-d pler with hed fones and "Holes" and please donte ferget my litle 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 cookes on my table. Can you Please bring me a braslat and bon't forget about my famely. Love Araceli

Dear Santa, I been good computor.

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' tfkit my big brother.

Love Ismael

Dear Santa, I hve been good all year I hav been good. Santa How are you and Mrs. Pleasa doe frgit about Claos? I will leve you and a CD that has "some some cookies and millk. uv the south" and a bike. Please can you give me a videoe game and 100 paxs of Pokemon cands and don't fkit my litool broth-

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? Lam 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 computor. 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 hav been good. I Would like to hav a CDplayer and a hipclip 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 vou.

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

Jiffy

Car Wash

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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 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 cook-

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

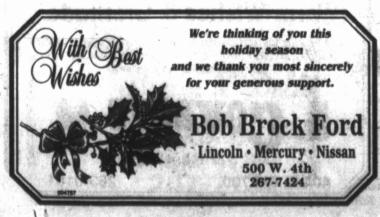
Dear Santa, i want Ahelicopter. Love, Shiu

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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Dear Santa, I want video games. I want Batman paint. I want Cat in the Hat toys and the DVD. i want a new pencil and new Christmas lights. I want you to bring a ring for my mom. I want a Hot Wheels car. You're the best Santa.

Love, Andrew M.

Dear Santa, I like you for bringing us toys. I would like a new bike. I like your reindeer. how big are the bells on your reindeer? I want a big toy remote control truck. How big is your sleigh? How little are your elves?

Love, Andrew P.

Dear Santa, My sister needs and indian costume. My dad needs a back scratcher because we lost ours in New Mexico. i think my mom needs a new dress because she never gets anything new. i need a stickhorse and a toy harp. I need an angel costume with wings. I'm really hoping for water paints. Love, Bailee

Dear Santa, I want the Cat In The Hat movie and I want Mega Zord toy Power Ranger green, a cowboy hat. I want a book mark, and a Power Ranger tent, and a pencil. I love you Santa. I like your reindeers, your toys, and your sleigh. em photo Derek

Dear Santa,

I ike the day you gave us and the presents you gave us. I would like Barbie clothes and a Barbie house and a Barbie toy. I want a Power Puff doll. How do you fly with the reindeer? Love Destiny

Dear Santa,

I want a new four wheeler because mine is old. I want some toys that are Santa Claus toys. I want decorations. I want a water gun. I love you Santa.

Love, Devin

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie. I want a motor scooter. I want a pencil sharpener. I want a swing. I want a book and stickers. I want a lunchbox with Barbie and a star.

Love, Esmeralda

Dear Santa,

I love you a lot, thank you for the presents. Tell the elves thank you too. Thank you for lots of presents, and I wish for a Spiderman glove thing that you put round things in glove and shoot them out. I want a big giant race car that I can fit in so I can drive it.

Love, Frank

Merry Christmas,

Santa! I love Christmass and toys. I love my brothers and my sister. I would like a Barbie and a Barbie car. Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas! Love, Isa

Dear Santa, i love you. I wish ou could give me some toys. -I would like a motocycle, a doggie, a CD player. Why do you have those little things on your head, I mean the reindeer's head? Love, Kain

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a bas-

ketball, and a Barbie. I want a marble game and a stapler and sticker Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa, Thank you for giving me presents. I want a toy robot that does stuff for you, skates, and a swimming pool. I want my own trampoline and my own bike with no training wheels. How do you come to our house? Love, Kiowa

Dear Santa,

I want a sleeping bag, and a puzzle. I want a toy box. I want toys to put in my toybox. I would like Santa to bring me a stapler. Are you going to bring me some toys to my house?

Love, Louis

Dear Santa, Give me presents please. I love you. I would like Spiderman. Thank you for giving me presents. Thank you for getting me a computer. I would like some bananas. Love, Mayvin

Dear Santa, i want a go-cart. I want a stapler. I want a black mask with a string, and an airplane that flies and a dog. Love, Terry

Dear Santa. i want a Woody toy. I want a stapler. Thank you for the toys. Love, Travis

Mrs. Wynn's Class

Dear Santa. i want a teddy bear and roller skates and a computer. Do you have a home?

Love, Brittney

Dear Santa, I want an X-Box, a beagle and a Power Ranger game. How do you make

presents? Love, Lorenzo

Dear Santa, want a Barbie Computer. Love, Brianna E.

Dear Santa, How do the reindeer fly? Bring me a computer.

Love, Ashley Dear Santa, Thank you for all the toys at the stor. Thank you for all the presents. i want Barbie and a Barbie

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa, I want a Gameboy and a Play Station II and a computer. Thank you for the nice day of Christmas! Love, Steven





Dear Santa, I want for Claus Christmas: a G I Joe tank. Why do you have rein-

Love, Jesus

Dear Santa, I love Christmas! It's the best holiday I love. please bring me all SpongeBob books. Love, Ethan

Dear Santa, I want a pink bike for Christmas. Love, Vickie

Dear Santa, I like your reindeer. Please send me a Play

Station, a race car game,

a boat game and a pirate Love, Lance

Dear Santa, Can I have a present? A Barbie Bike. Love, Stacy

Dear Santa, I want a pink bear for Christmas. Could you bring me something else for Christmas? Love, Brianna M.

Dear Santa, I want a deer and a Monopoly game. Love, Rafael

Dear Santa, I want a bike and more toys. Love, Bryce

Dear Santa, I want a toy train and other toys.

Love, Alstion Dear Santa, I want a computer and computer games.

Dear Santa, I am a friend. I'd like three presents in a row: ablue present with a Game Buy, a ... Power Ranger, and a Hot Wheels car. I have been a good

Love, Jimmy

boy.

Love, Justus

Dear Santa, I want a present: a computer. I have been a good

Love, Noe

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie and skates.

Love, Alexis

Dear Santa, How do the elves make toys? I want a

Transformer car. Love, Sebastian

Dear Santa, Can I have a red bike? And I want some blocks and a Spiderman video game. Merry Christmas. Love, Ryan

Marcy Kindergarten Mrs. Williamson

Dear Santa,

I want a robot doggie and a robot cat. I want a new Spider Man video game. I want a monster video game for Charlie. My mommy wants makeup. Dad wants a BB gun.

Grandpa wants a magical change so he won't be I want to tell your elves _ sick. I love you Santa Kevin

Dear Santa,

I want an action figure and some Yugio training cards. I want a trasformer and some colors, a coloring book and I want a little dog. This little. I would like to borrow your reindeer and I will bring back them next Christmas. I will have them in time for you to use them next Christmas. I would like to borrow some reindeer food too. I will take good care of the reindeer. They will be in my back yard if you need them.

Goodbye Santa Jeff

Dear Santa, I want a Hulk game and a sword and a new red jacket. I want a new shirt, red and I want a new

friend. His name is Devin. My sister wants a Barbie car and a mirror. Goodbye William

Dear Santa,

I want a little dog. I want a little book and a red stocking. I want a little pumpkin and I want something for my isiter. I want to give her a bear. I want a piece of paper to write on. I want a little diamond and a green blanket. Thank you Raelynne

Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline and a big bouncy ball. I want a remote control helicopter. I want a nice little dog and a little cat too. I want a sword and a mask and some toy snakes. Thank you. Dylan

Dear Santa, I want a dirt bike and a real horse. So when I grow up I can ride it. I want a bike motorcycle. I Danta

Dear Santa.

I want a cross with God on it. I want a Power Ranger toy. I want a cat. I want an Aladdin movie. I want a Spider Man game. I love you Santa. Marcus

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie computer. I want some colors and a Barbie house. I want an alphabet book and a color book and a new sweater. I love you, Santa Analicia

Dear Santa.

I want a little doggie. I want a little kitty cat. I want to go to my Daddy's dads house and my Aunt Sherry's house for Christmas. I want a new clock for my bedroom. I love Santa Claus. Sami

Dear Santa,

I want an airplane. I want a game and a remote control for my CDs. I





want a car with a remote control. I want a scooter and a new bike and a computer. I want a little dog. I love you, Santa. Fommy

Dear Santa, I want a toy motorcycle, a toy car, an orange cat because my cat is mean to me. I want a Barbie movie and a new Barbie doll. I want a dirt bike for Mikey cause that's what he wanted. I want a toy mouse with a big house that has a hole for the mouse to fit in. I want a clean pool because the old pool is dirty. Santa Claus tell the reindeer I said Brook

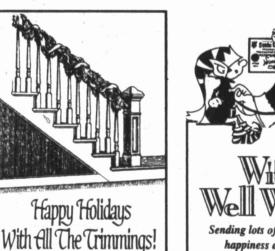
Dear Santa, I want a Barbie computer, a Barbie doll, a Barbie doll thing that I can play with and new black pants for my momma. I want a Mary Kate and Ashley movie. I want a Clifford book and play station and a remote control. Merry Christmas. Janisha

Dear Santa, I want a remote control dirt bike, a Spider Man watch. I want a plain remote control car. I want a sword, I want a elephant stuffed toy. I want a flower for my Mom. I want a plain remote control airplane. I want a Spider Man game. Say "hi" to the reindeer for me. Dustin

Dear Santa,

I want a little car and a Spider Man glove that have a web in it you can spray. Want do you want for Christmas Santa? I want a big car, a Sinbad movie, Home Alone Taking Back the House, a robot cat, a Mrs. Williamson robot. I want ca gold ring for my mom. I want a new remote control Spider Man that lifts Merry Christmas, Santa. Nathan

Dear Santa,



Hope another great holiday is in-store for you. We're truly thankful for your patronage Merry Christmas!

Big Spring Printing Co. 112 W. 2nd • 263-7644 I want a Barbie computer. I want my momma to have a new movie. I want a robot cat. I want a new Barbie remote control. I want a new tools for my daddy. I want a new umbrella. I want a new picture. I want new crayon books, I want new scissors. I want new blankets. Your friend, Samantha

Dear Santa

I want fake food that saw at HEB it is a toy. I want a lot of Care Bears. I want a Barbie House and a baby Barbie and a mom and dad. I like fake food for my sister, Arisa. I like a Care Bear for my sister in a plastic bag. I like a Barbie computer and an other for my sister. I like a Barbie music player and Barbie for my sister. Good bye

Dear Santa,

I want a pony, a little puppy, and those things when you have a pin and you press something it makes a sound and it tells a story. I want a bunny rabbit, a robot toy and a little cat. I want a blanket and a rocking chair for my baby and I want a Christmas present. I love you, Santa claus.

Diamonique

Mrs. Hess' Class Dear Santa,

Please bring me some Bratz dolls. I want a toy dog, a Barbie, a baby doll that cries. A toy car, a cowgirl with a horse. Bring my mom a ring. My dad need new shoes. My baby sister wants a squeaky toy. Papi Chulo wants a baby boy toy. Brenda needs a new dress. My dog wants a new bone. Nancy

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some want a cat for my dad. I pizza, a skateboard lightning, some candies, cars, firetrucks. Bring my want a remote control car it's arm up and shoots Angelica some Barbies that goes up and down. I webs. I want a new train. and a white dress. My Grandma likes money. Bring Mike some bananas and cookies and a shorty. Domingo Cantu



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Dear Santa sister. and Bratz dolls. so I can do work on. I wa my mom an a my dad to stocking wit draw pretty baby sister M a high chair. Cindy Chav

Dear Santa, I want a ca new dog. Brin bring my l dolls. **Manuel Galv**

Dear Santa, I want a Bar a Barbie with you to buy by shirt. I want

fit her. **Maribel Rody**

my Mom som

Dear Santa, I want a Christmas. I dirt bike. I rider and a ze my little siste Winnie the Po my Mom get a like D.N.C. likes to collec cars and frier my Grandmoth get a new Grandpa wan gun.

Jeremiah Hol

Dear Santa, I want a car. angel. I want a I want a Barl sister. I want a a Power Range little brother. brother big Rangers guns. Momma to hav I want my Da some candy. John Rios

Dear Santa Please bring diamond ring. or brown bab want a fake mo ride on. I also v player with Jal Ashanti Christ Uncle D. Boe w My Momma w house. Dadd wants a new Boe wants a car Bubba wants n like Green Bay love you, Santa

Dear Santa, Bring me car toys, games a **Bring Mommy** David Moren

Trandesha Sr

Dear Santa, Bring me a with a horse. N ter wants a lttl Leticia wan things and I v Rudolph. Shal Dora the Expl My mom wants Analicia Gala

Dear Santa,



Come S

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 het my mom an angel. I want my dad to get a blue stocking with paint to draw pretty pictues. 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 by Grandma a shirt. I want you to buy my Mom som pants that fit her.

Maribel Rodriguez

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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 a 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.

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 brother Power Rangers guns. I want my Momma to have an angel. I want my Dad to have some candy.

John Rios

anna Dear Santag Santa 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 lttle 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 m 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 dinasaur 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.

Dear Santa, Yo quiro una Barbie, y muchos toys, colors un angel. Yo quiero una sweater. Mi apa quiere

una chaqueta. Yo quiero

Shanca Mayberry

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.

Marcus Moreno

Dear Santa, I wish I had a fake BB Please bring me a fake gun with little balls. I diamond ring. Some black wish I had a air pump for or brown baby dolls. I my bike and the little want a fake motorcycle to 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 . I have been very good. to have a chain for the

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

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

Love, Alijah 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 lke 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 llike 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 packpack? 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,

and a trampoline. I also necklace. want a swimming pool and a kitchen. Please bring me a telephone. I love you. Love, Meranda

Guiterrez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a blue bike. I would also like a watch and a motorcycle

that I can ride really fast. 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

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

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a tram-poline and a paint set and a motorcycle and a bas-ketball 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 I would like a Barbie stuff. Last of all I'd like a

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 ride. I would also like I want a pink paper, a some doctor toys cause I 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.

Camry Love, 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, makeup 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 scis-

sors. 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 à 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 yoyo, 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.

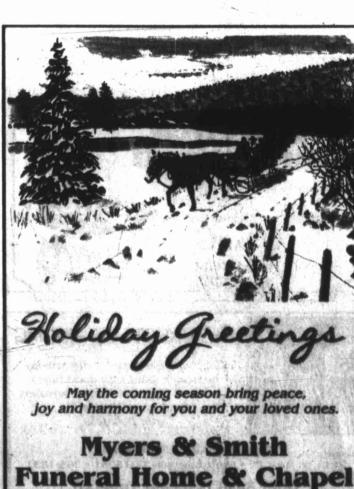
Can you bring me a thingymajigger to check your heart like a doctor? I love you Santa Claus. I would like a remote control car with a wire on it on both sides with thingamajiggers that go left and right and go straight. I used to have one but I broke it.

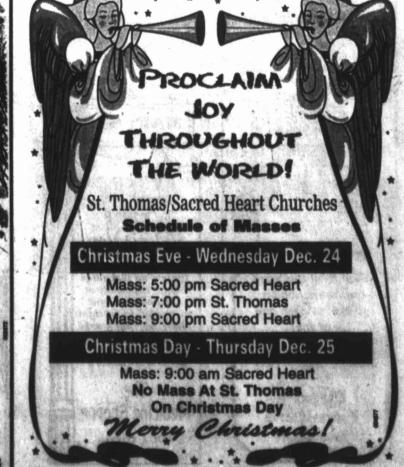
Love, Charlie Baker

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike and a four wheeler, a motorcycle.







Love, Thomas Cruz

Mrs. Marbeiter's Class Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa.

love you. I want a Barbie house and a tea party thing and a stroller and a teddy bear. Jimeka Post

Dear Santa,

I want a BB gun with bullets, a hot wheel and a Playstation 2. I want Yugi-o cards and a X-box. Gage Mills

Dear Santa,

I want a Playstation 2 and a little motorcycle at Walmart. I want a reindeer and hot wheel cars. I want a GI Joe movie too. Oscar Mier

Dear Santa,

I want a Playstation 2 and a hot wheel world racetrack. I want Mexican jumping beans and thats all I want.

Triston Seay

Dear Santa,

I want you to buy me a computer and a race track and a Spiderman comic book.

Dylan Marquez

Dear Santa, Give me a present and some army mans. I love

your reindeers. Joseph Herrera

Dear Santa, Give me a Dora pillow and a Barbie toothbrush. I want a Dora watch. I want a Barbie shirt and a flower necklace.

Ashley Saiz

Dear Santa, I want a bike for Christmas and some new toys and blocks. I wish I had a new costume.

Leon Mathews

Dear Santa, I want a rocket and a guitar, a real one because the cone of got last year broke. I want a wrestling game a a Nintendo.

Dear Santa,

Archie Hodnett

I want a X-Box and I want a Blade game and Sponge Bob game and a robot game to blow up toys and play dirt bike game.

Manuel Castanuela

Dear Santa,

I want a hot wheel and a spider costume. I want a power ranger toy and a robot. I want you to give us some money, play money.

Richard Martinez

Dear Santa.

I want a nintendo 64 and a playstation 2 with all the games that go to it, I like shooting games and a playstation I.

Anselmo Rangel

Dear Santa,

I want a gameboy hot wheel and 4 dinosaurs for my brother. I love you Santa. I want some blocks. I want some block cars.

Marcus Arrendondo

and from the heart,

too, warm holiday

wishes to each one

of youl

Dear Santa,



I want a Barbie laptop and a Barbie phone and a Barbie doll. I want a Barbie bed and a pencil and a shotgun for my dad. Mady Buck

Dear Santa. I want a Barbie doll and a car for my brother and a motorcycle for my dad. I want a little plate for my mom.

Isabel Bernal

Dear Santa, I want a toy, a toy dinosaur and a toy reindeer. I want a box of crayons and a pet dog and a pet cat too. I want a school box. Cory Hilario

Howard Cottage

What I want Santa to bring me Ear muffs and ah ah ah

ice cream. Kennedie, age 3

ah ah ah he want bring ah ah big animal Anthony, age 3

Elmo, Cinderella doll. Shania, age 4

Dora Explora Autumn, age 3

ah ah a movie Rug Rats Mercedes, age 4

Go Go, a puppy Go Go Samantha, age 3

ah telephone Katelynn, age 3

I don't know Gavin, age 3

A bike, ah dirt bike Garrett, age 4

Barbie shoes Makayla, age 3

I don't know Dakota, age 3

Barbie Jeep

Kierstin, age 3

horsie, barbie Elyssa

Dear Santa, I want a playhouse, a crayon machine, a dog with real conditioner & shampoos, a playing little bomb.

Love, Breanna age 5

Dear Santa, I want a bracelet, a Rudolph toy

Love, Faith age 4

Dear Santa, I want a bone for my doggie, a deer for me, a Jurassic Park Movie III, a doggie for Daisy, red helicopter.

Love, Zach age 4

Dear Santa, I want a baby, a Barbie, a book

Loree age 4

Dear Santa, I want a Bratz doll, a blue thing to go up and down.

Love Caitlan age 4

Dear Santa, I want a big truck. Love, Brandon H. age 5

Dear Santa,

I want a slide and a pole, telephone and Love, Luke age 4

Dear Santa, I want a handshake, a trailer and a pawprint

with notebook. Love Brandon C. age 4

Dear Santa, Happy Birthday Daddy. want a trailer. Love, Daniel age 4

Dear Santa, I want a wrestling, rescue heroes, and firetruck and a zebra. Love, Joshua age 5

Dear Santa, I want a megasaur and a just feed, and a truck and a guitar.

Love, Isaac age 5

Dear Santa, I want a treehouse with a light and a man inside

Love, Swethal age 4

Dear Santa,

I want a snowman, a backpack, some boots, fireturck, fireman and glasses.

Love, Francisco age 5

Dear Santa, I want a car and another car, airplane, that's it. Love, Royal age 4

Dear Santa, I want a treehouse, big motorcycle and a yellow motorcylce for my sister. Love, Trevor age 4

Dear Santa, I want a reindeer and a moon. I want a treehouse and a 400,000 four wheel-

Love, Blantyn age 4

Garden City Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I am Hope and I live in Garden City, Texas. My family 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 write letters. So for my Christmas, I would like: some marbles, my very own ring and some butterflies.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you fruit roll-ups for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend, Hope

Dear Santa, I am Alicia and I live in Garden City, Texas. My mom 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 helped my mom. So for Christmas, I would like: a unicorn, a horse and a

Barbie. Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you ice cream for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend, Alicia Dear Santa, Garden City, Texas. My

write to you and let you know what I want for

I have been a very good boy this year, I even have been good in school. So for Christmas, I would like: an airplane, a football and a basketball.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies fo your visit to my house on Christmas Eve! Your friend, Isaiah

Dear Santa,

I am Talia 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 helped my mom. So for Christmas, I would like: a puppy, a doll and some new clothes.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you chips for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend, Talia

Dear Santa,

I am Mikaela 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 helped Vikki with her adding. So for Christmas, I would like: a race car, a Swan Lake Barbie and cheerleading outfit.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you ice cream for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve.

Your friend, Mikaela

Dear Santa,

I am Brooklyn and I live in Garden City, Texas. My mom, dad and brothers told met to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even helped my mom in the garden. So for Christmas, I would like: a Barbie, a dress-up clothes.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you chocolate chip bars for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend, Brooklyn

Dear Santa,

I am Isaac 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 hve been a very good boy this year, I even helped my dad. So for Christmas, I would like: an airplane, a robot and a baseball and cap.

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

Dear Santa,

I am Kelly and I live in Garden City, Texas. Mom 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 I am Isaiah and I live in helped Mommy. So for Christmas I would like: mom and dad told me to Dress-up clothes, a Barbie

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you ice cream for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve! Your friend, Kelly

Dear Santa, I am Carlie and I live in Garden City, Texas. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know

Christmas. helped my mom with the So computer. Christmas, I would like: the Barbie in Swan Lake, the prince that is 3 feet

Thank you Santa! I will be wure to leave you M&M cookies for your visit to my house on **Christmas Eve!**

Your friend, Carlie

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Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

I am Cristopher 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.

boy this year, I even help my baby sister. So for Christmas, I would like: a toy, a toy with a car connected to it and a toy Thank you Santa! I will

be sure to leave you ice Kaley doll and some cream for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve! Your friend, Cristopher

I am Bailey 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.

helped my sisters. So for Christmas, I would like: toys, a baseball cap and an action figure. Thank you Santa!. I will

be sure to leave you cereal for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve! Your friend, Bailey

I am Emily and I live in Garden City, Texas. My Mom, Dad and brothers 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 helped my Mom. So for Christmas I would like: a dog, a brush and some hair things.

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Your friend, Emily

I am Ruby 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 helped my Mom. So for Christmas I would like: a pair of boots, a castle and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you milk and cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas

Your friend, Ruby

Dear Santa.

I am Karen 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 helped my Mom. So for Christmas I would like: a Barbie, a bicycle and a new puppy.

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, Karen

Dear Santa,

I am Damian 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 helped my teacher. So for Christmas I would like: an action figure, a Nintendo and a race car.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you a rice crispy bar for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend, Damian

Dear Santa,

I am J.J. and I live in Garden City, Texas. My Daddy told me to write to you and let you know want for what I Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even cleaned my room. So for Christmas, I would like: a Gameboy, a Transformer and a Ninja Turtle game.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you peanut butter crackers for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend, J.J.

Dear Santa, I am Gerardo 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 share with my friends. So for Christmas, I would like: a toy airplane, a race car and a cow.

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

Dear Santa, I am Mayra and I live in



what I want for

I have been a very good girl this year, I even tall and the fairy queen that is three feet tall.

Dear Santa, I am Tristin and I live in Garden City, Texas. My Grandma, Grandpa and Krystal told me to write to you and let you know what I want for

I have been a very good boy this year, I even helped my Grandma. So for Christmas, I would like: a football game, and action figure and a race

Your friend, Tristin

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. I even

Dear Santa.

Thank you Santa! I will

will means a lot to us Thanks! ${f C}$ bar ${f G}$ 1600 Gregg 264-7596 a season of giving We hope each day of the holiday

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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-4wheeler, turtle, a fish like Nemo and a fish tank. Colby Cruz-Dirt bike,

Power Rangers, and a 4wheeler

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

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

Austin Hilario-Hulk

gloves, big Power Ranger motortycle and a jack-in-

Hillger-Barbie ike, Barbie car and a doghouse for my doggie. Juarez-Power

Ranger, helicopter and a Ninja turtle: Juan Mier-Hulk shirt, Ninja turtle sword and a

big Power Ranger motor-

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 san-

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

Mariah 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. Wallack-Hulk Ryan

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, balben What I want for X-mass 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

Kaya Dickey

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I want a new puppy and a new book and a new comepurte and a polly

What I want for Christmas is a Braz doll, a DVD player and a daddacae DVD.

Krissy Thomas

Dear Santa I would like Playstation 2 Christmas. I would also like some game to go with

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 carebears. 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 wold 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 Mrss. Santa Claus? Im doing good. we have a lot of presents. Merry Christmas.

Love, n 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

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa. I want a T.V. and a V.C.R. and a go cart, and

505 Scurry

the Crison Chin. His a

super hero and most of all

a pet dog. I am going to name him sparky.

Love, Drake

Dear Santa,

I would like a remote control dirt bike, and a remote control rc tank that transforms into cool stuff and a remote control speed boat so when I go to my Aunt Jaleen's house so I can play with it. I hope you have a happy christ mas and your family. Best wishes to Santa and his family.

Love, Nathan

Dear Santa I would like a bike, a green scooter and a toy motorcycle and a VCR a new car and a robot. I like

christmas Love, Justin

Dear Santa,

I would like to know how you are doing? I would like a big scooter with air up wheels and this soft penguin at Walmart and I want the scooter blue. I also want a remote control pickup that switches geers.

Love, Brett

Dear Santa,

Santa Claus how are your reindeer? Santa Claus how are the elves? Santa Claus this year is a very great holiday. Santa Claus I want a big toy to play with.

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 surfboard, a dirt bike, a motorscooter and a new gameboy.

Love, was good noons family told me to wxelAto

Dear Santa,

Santa, how are you and your reindeer. 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**

To all our valued patrons, we wish a very merry

holiday season and we thank you for making every

day special for us this year.

AJ PIRKLE JR AGENCY

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

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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, Chris

Dear Santa,

Could you bring me some toys like a play station 64, or an X-box, and jewelry and fake makup, dress-up clothes, like dresses and some shoes with it. Please bring a real horse and belts too and can I get a nut-kracker and a piano and some ornaments, some of coloring books and lots and lots of presents and a C.D. player. Love,

Shiloh

Dear Santa,

I would like the spy eye, How are your reindeer? I want real tools, a Santa Claus coloring book, markers, a jagwire stuffed animal, I want a Power ranger in go storm, brush and a skateboard.

Love, Gunner

Dear Santa, 99

I would hike a game called Sorry and lot of presents. Please bring me a T.V., playhouse and hang man. I am going to leave cookies for you and milk. Have a Happy Christmas.

Love, Joshua

Dear Santa, I would like a sled ana toy jeep that works and a toy ring and a Barbie tent and a toy kitchen and a toy furniture and a horse.

Alysha Swinney

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would like a new Barbie for Christmas. I also hope you have a Merry Christmas too. I also want some new Crayolas. Merry Christmas.

Love, Preslie

Dear Santa, How are you doing? What is it like in the North Pole? Is it great or bad? How are your elves? How is Mrs. Clause? Was I nhotie or nice? I want a snowglobe for Christmas this year.

Love, Marayia

Hendrickson's Mrs.

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 karoake 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, and a militar 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.

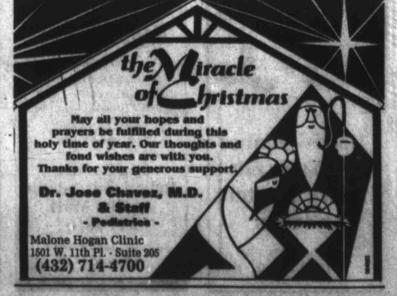
Love, Kristina

Dear Santa,

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













From your friend, Delilijah Perez

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Dear Santa,

From your friend,

McKenzie Lopez

and a Barbie house.

Ashley Trent

Dear Santa,

player.

From your friend,

From your friend,

puppy and Chers CD.

From your friend, Stevi Ward

puppy, rat, Chers CD.

From your friend,

Valarie Haro

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I've been very good!

Please bring me: a bike, a

comput, a see splash sis-

I've been really good!

Please bring me: money for

my Mom, a bike, 4-wheeler

I've been really good!

Please bring me: a puppy,

games, horses and a DVD

I've been really good!

Please bring me: a comput-

er, electric drums, a Yorkie

I've been really good!

Please bring me: Easy

Bake, Boston Terrier

Cheers To You!

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your holiday

delivers much joy

every day.

You deserve it!

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

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, Samurai 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.

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 town house? 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 evrebute 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 Wiliams

Dear Santa,

I've been really good! Please bring me: a computer and choo-choo Indin

From your friend, **Haree Tabe**

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

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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

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 Spiderman costum.

From your friend, **Anthey Lozano**

Dear Santa, I've been really good! Please bring me: games, a puppy, a computer and a

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



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Erin Pollard I've been very good! Please bring me: DVD, Easy Bake, Gam Boy, X

Dear Santa. I've been really good! Please bring me: computer Dell, Brats book, art stuf, trumpoline. 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 goo Please bring me; sae spa sisters, toye trian, kitte,

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





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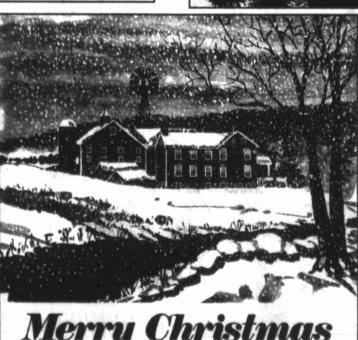


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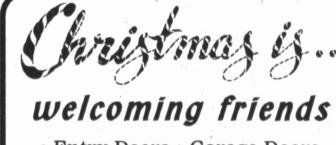
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