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WISD, WPD to review emergency protocol

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS— After last week's tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, school districts across the country have reacted responding to teachers, students, and parents' concerns about the safety in campuses. In Winters, this event brought the attention of local law enforcement and school officials down to our local reality.

Tuesday, December 18, 2012, Winters Independent School District Superintendent Don Kuempel, Jr. and Winters Chief of Police Nathan Johnson

presented a new approach to school safety that will be taking place in order to better protect the safety of local students. The presentation was made at the Winters Lions Club weekly meeting.

"We know that we can't build a wall around our school, but there are certain procedures we can enforce within our buildings," said Kuempel.

Starting this week doors will be locked. School officials will be making sure that all the doors can be locked from the inside. Procedures will be reviewed to avoid unsupervised children going from one campus to another.

"I believe in our teachers and principals building a one-on-one relationship with each and everyone of our students, they can detect when something is not right," Kuempel said. Kuempel also said that after the Christmas break a lockdown drill will be held.

According to Chief Johnson, dangerous situations in schools can not be stopped, but there are several measures to retard or suppress such situations.

"Some say that gun control is needed, but truth is that there are many ways to hurt people without having access to guns,"

Johnson said. "I believe that every single school should have an armed police officer to protect students, originally peace officers were in schools because of gang related activity, but now they are needed to protect the students."

Johnson said that having a peace officer on campus can cost up to \$100,000 a year, and even though it seems like a big price to pay it really isn't compared to how much is spent in fire prevention. "And during the last 50 years no kid has died in school fires across the country," he said.



'Drive-thru' water leak

A burst water line on the 1000 block of North Main Street, in Winters, gave the northbound drivers an unexpected shower last Tuesday, December 18, 2012. The City of Winters Water Department was working on the site to stop the leak.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU RODRIGUEZ



Retirement reception for outgoing officials

Monday, December 17, 2012, a retirement reception was held in honor of Precinct 3 County Commissioner James Thurman Self, and County Attorney Stuart Holden at the Runnels County Courthouse.

Monday, December 31, will be the last day in office for both elected officials. After 23 years serving the community as a County Commissioner Self will be going home, in Wingate, to spend more time with his family. Holden served as County Attorney for 12 years and starting on January 1, 2013 will be dedicated full time to private practice.

Sam Scott was elected as the new Precinct 3 County Commissioner and Ken Slimp was elected County Attorney. Both will be taking office starting on January 1, 2013.

PHOTO: RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

Historical Commission celebrates Christmas in Ballinger

CONTRIBUTED BY BETTY THOMASON
WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER— On Saturday, December 10, 19 of the Runnels County Historical Commission members met at Bobbie Campbell's house, in Ballinger, for their annual Christmas party luncheon. Two guests, Susan Conner and Jerry Coleman, also attended.

Each person brought a toy to donate to the Runnels County Sheriff's Christmas Drive as well as delicious food to share at the sit-down luncheon.

For several years in a row, Bobbie Campbell, has been gracious enough to open her beautiful, spacious, Victorian home in Ballinger for the occasion. The Christmas spirit abounded with all the decorations, holiday foods, and the singing of Christmas Carols by the group led by Roy Rice.

Beginning January 12, 2013 the commission will elect new officers for the next two years and resume regular business meetings with continuation of old projects and



PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED
Bottom row left to right: Diana Rozmen, Alton O'Neal, Sally Spill, Randall Conner, Bobbie Campbell. Second row: Roy Rice, Keith Thomason. Back row: Wanda Brewer, Ruth Cooper, Elaine Coleman, Linda Duggan, Ann Baldwin, Noleta Rice, Betty Thomason, Anthony Lange, Marilyn Egan.

begin new ones in accordance with the Texas Historical Commission

guidelines. All business meetings are open to the public.

Former Winters resident wins top book award

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

MIDLAND— A historical biography written by long-time Midland resident and former Winters resident Bill Modisett was honored in the 2012 USA Best Book Awards. The book is "The King of Monument: The Life and Times of Henry Clay McGonagill," published late last year.

Modisett's book was competing with 1,500 other entries from mainstream and independent

publishers. Winners were announced by Jeffrey Keen, president and CEO of USA Book News.

McGonagill, who lived his early life in Midland in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, was World Champion steer roper in 1901 and a colorful cowboy whose contemporaries said was the best steer roper of all time.

Modisett, who grew up at Winters, Texas and worked for newspapers in West Texas, said he was very pleased with the book

award. "It was an endeavor that took a number of years to complete — the research, writing and publication. I was very glad to have the assistance of Mike Capron, the artist who did the illustrations; Christi Callicoate, the editor; and Patrick Dearen who wrote the introduction."

The book is available at the Haley Memorial Library in Midland, at Lea County Museum in Lovington, N.M., Cactus Book Store in San Angelo and other locations.

North Runnels Clinic and Home Health to hold open house

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

WINTERS— The North Runnels Clinic and Home Health will be holding an open house on Thursday, December 20, 2012 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The clinic and home health facilities were recently relocated to the former Selkirk office building, located on State Highway 153 one half of a mile west of the intersection with U.S. Highway 83.

North Runnels Hospital purchased the building from Selkirk and renovated into a clinic to accommodate four providers. Also, North Runnels Home Health, formerly located downtown Winters has moved into the building with the clinic.

This move improves the North Runnels Hospital ability to provide services to the community in Winters and surrounding areas, while investing in their own facilities. Previously and for many years, the clinic was open in the building located on Highway 153, next to the parking lot of the North Runnels Hospital, in a building that is not owned by the hospital district.

The new building has larger areas and new furniture, with two exam rooms and an office for each physician, a new and improved waiting room, and a large meeting room suited to accommodate public meetings among other improvements.

Please come and see the new clinic that is a very nice addition to the Winters area and North Runnels Hospital District.

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Christmas spirit fills the WHS auditorium

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WINTERS- Winters Junior High One Act Play and Winters High School Theatre Arts class will presented their annual Christmas plays on Sunday, December 16, 2012 at the WHS Auditorium.

The program included the voices of Iesha Tamez, Grace Bryan and Alycia Nesbitt and Kamri Soto and Justine Garcia performing Christmas carols to compliment the shows. The program was cost-free and open to the entire community in the Christmas spirit with these holiday season festivities.

The junior high presented "The Christmas Gazebo" by Pat Cook and published by Pioneer Drama Service. Christmas is just around the corner, but you'd never know it the way Delia is acting. She wants to get rid of the park's old gazebo, the eyesore which is right across the street from her café.

When Eudora silently puts a poinsettia on its steps, Delia learns that this "eyesore" holds a lot of lovely memories for people. Doing a one-eighty, Delia fervently works to reverse the demolition plans and get people to help her fix it up instead; easier said than done.

The whole town seems to have an excuse for not helping. Luckily, Sandy, a carpenter, lends some advice. "Just be honest with them. All people really need is a chance, you know." Sure enough, after Sandy pitches

in, oddly wonderful things begin happening. A department store Santa Claus suddenly starts enjoying kids again, Marcy finds some nice ribbons to decorate the bandstand, even the two town gossips find room in their purses — and their hearts — for needed help.

This yuletide yarn is full of both laughs and sentiment, showing along the way the real meaning of Christmas as everyone pitches in to decorate The Christmas Gazebo.

The high school presented "Twas the Fight Before Christmas" by Anne Coulter Martezns and published by Baker's Plays. In the story the Langfords and the Riders have been neighbors and close friends for years. Event their children have been playmates and pals. They completely understand and admire one another — that is, until one day when Mrs. Rider phones the Langford home to leave a message and Ranny (yes, he's the youngest) answers the call. He is engrossed at the time in a comic book, so how could anyone expect him to relay Mrs. Rider's words correctly.

He gets the message so garbled that everyone goes far afield and both families are embroiled in a real spat — and right before Christmas!

Ranny finds himself in the middle of all the turmoil, brings to light what actually caused the misunderstanding and tops everything by filling in at the last moment in the church pageant.



PHOTOS: JOE GERHART

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Fine Arts League of Coleman holds Christmas party

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

COLEMAN- Fine Arts League members gathered for their annual League Christmas party — this year at Heritage Hall. Fifteen members and two guests enjoyed the fun, food and friends. What better way to start a new year!

A Christmas Card was signed by all to send to our members who have moved away — Theda and Sherrell Hazlewood. Theda is recovering from a fall and needs our thoughts and prayers.

The group brings foodstuffs for delivery to Loaves and Fishes. Presents are exchanged in a very unique order. It's called "Chinese something or other." Reminds me of Forrest Gump "You never know what you're going to get." Some of the items were exchanged three times! But at the end everyone is happy with whatever it was!

Plans for an exciting year 2013 - New members are encouraged to join in and support the efforts of the Art League to bring art into everyone's life. One does not have to paint, draw, sculpt etc. Just be willing to get the arts into lives that will benefit. During the meeting, a donation was made by the Fine Arts League to Heritage Hall/Chaps Museum Director, Maxine Cope.

Officers installed for 2013 are: President - Bill Shields, Vice President - Lois McCarty, Secretary - Bitsy Murchison, Treasurer - Sue Shields, Telephone - Sharon Dick, Parliamentarian - Bob Murchison, Publicity- Marian Johnson.

A Youth Art Show, tentatively planned for April, 2013 takes many hands and hearts (and heads) to make happen, but what a "rush" once you witness the excitement and creativity of the young artists. (Tammy Jo Turner, Chair). Other events discussed were fund-raisers such as an auction or raffle of art, tasting tea, garage sale.

The January Program will feature member, Ruthann Taylor, on "Art in the School." Save the date Saturday January 19, 2013, 2 p.m. at Heritage Hall. For more information, you may contact President, Bill Shields or any of the members.

NEWS NOTES

Chamber of Commerce news

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will be having an Open House and chamber meeting on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at 200 Tinkle St.

Nominations for Man and Woman of the Year are being accepted by the Winters Area Chamber of Commerce at 200 Tinkle St. by February 1, 2013.

On February 16, 2013 the chamber will be having the WACOC Ball.

Winters Elementary holiday schedule

Thursday, December 20, the Third Grade classes will have their annual Christmas program for parents and the community at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium and Friday, December 21, students will have an early release at 1 p.m. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7, 2013 at the regular time.

Flu immunization clinics

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be having two flu immunization clinics in Rannels County.

Flu vaccine will be available in Winters on Thursday, January 3, 2013 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Professional Building, located on 110 South Main, Suite 108. For your convenience please use the rear entrance on Great Street.

The immunization clinic will be held in Ballinger Thursday, January 10, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. at 608 Strong, behind the Courthouse.

For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment, if no answer leave a message.

Please bring child's immunization records. If child has Medicaid please bring card. For more information call at (325) 754 4945

Pray Until Something Happens

Every first Friday of the month the First United Methodist Church will be having PUSH "Pray Until Something Happens" everyone is invited to come and pray from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA Meetings

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings

Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings

Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

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Granbury Doll House opens in Granbury

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GRANBURY- The Granbury Doll House, a new doll museum featuring a variety of modern dolls, is now open in time for the holiday season, inviting visitors to enjoy a collection of celebrity dolls, international dolls, religious dolls and other special displays. The museum opened for a preview for Granbury's Candlelight Tour of Homes in November, and the formal grand opening celebration will take place at 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 7.

Designed to look like an actual doll house, The Granbury Doll House is housed in Granbury's historic district off the square. Some of the famous dolls in the collection include Prince William and Kate Middleton, Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Little Debbie, the Campbell Soup Kids, and an extensive array of international dolls, Native American dolls and Madame Alexander dolls, among many others.

An exhibit near the museum's entrance expresses the heart of the Granbury Doll House's purpose, demonstrating some of the types of dolls made of different, and sometimes unusual, materials. To encourage doll collecting and doll making, museum directors hope to host events in the future that will showcase doll making techniques and mini collections of different types of dolls.

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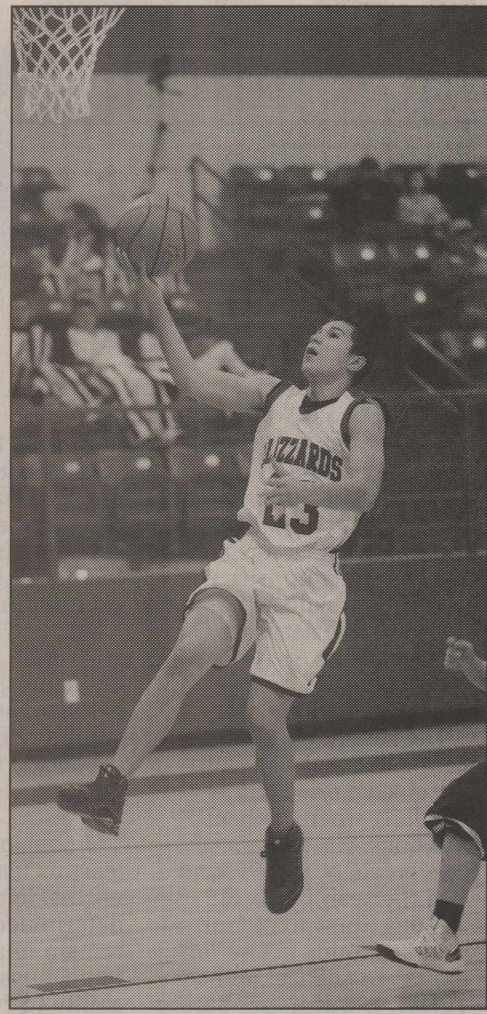
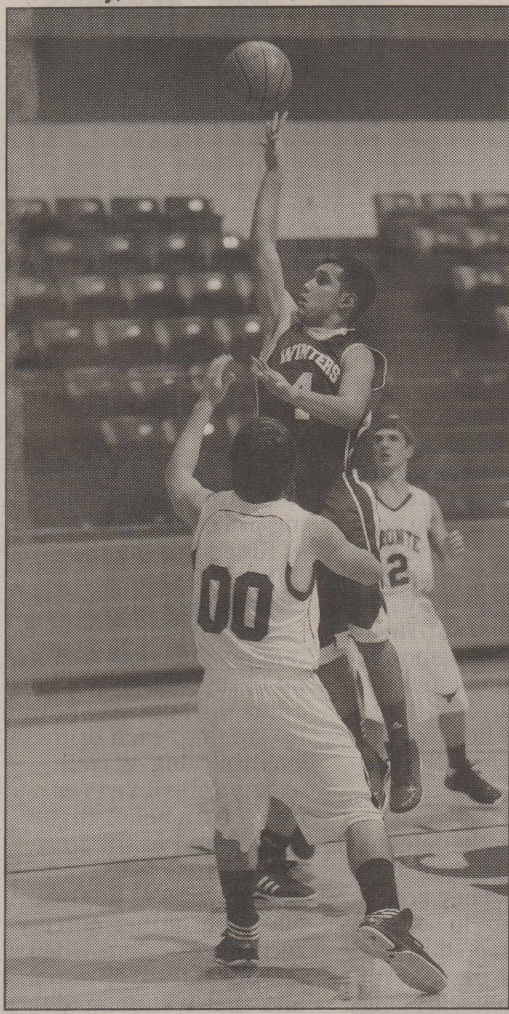
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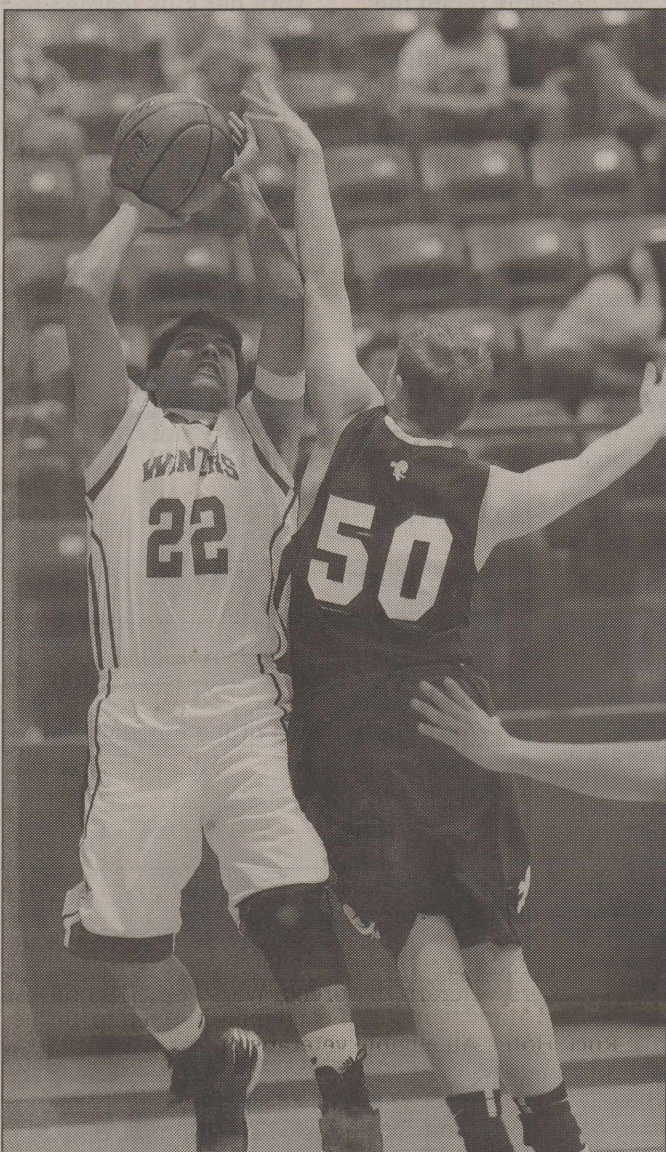
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PIPs Players in Progress, performing at the WHS Gym at halftime during the Winters vs Eula game on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.



ABOVE LEFT: Nick Perez shooting in the Varsity Boys game vs Bronte on Friday, December 14.

ABOVE: Junior Varsity player Julian Soto going up for a layup at the game the JV Blizzards played against Eula on Tuesday, December 11.

LEFT: AC Mata shooting at the Varsity Boys vs Eula game.

High School Girls' Basketball Scores
Dec. 11 and 14, 2012

Winters Varsity vs. Christoval

Winters	1	2	3	4	Final
Christoval	4	6	13	4	29
Christoval	7	23	11	19	60

Leading scorer: Ashley Guy 11, Lauren Bredemeyer 10

Winters Junior Varsity vs. Christoval

Winters	1	2	3	4	Final
Christoval	3	7	0	2	12
Christoval	8	9	12	7	36

Leading scorer: Gabby Jiminez 6

Winters Varsity vs. Miles

Winters	1	2	3	4	Final
Miles	12	8	10	7	37
Miles	14	9	10	15	48

Leading scorer: Lauren Bredemeyer 15, Kat Lindley and Ashley Guy 8

Winters Junior Varsity vs. Miles

Winters	1	2	3	4	Final
Miles	5	5	10	5	25
Miles	10	10	13	6	39

Leading scorer: Jaymee Pritchard 10, Gabby Jiminez 6

Blizzard of the Week



Lauren Bredemeyer - Jr.

Lauren Bredemeyer is this week's Blizzard of the Week. Lauren, a Junior, had a solid week on the hardwood averaging 12.5 points per game last week for the Lady Blizzards against Miles and Christoval. Lauren is quite the performer in the classroom as well as being involved with Student Council at Winters High School.

CAFETERIA MENU
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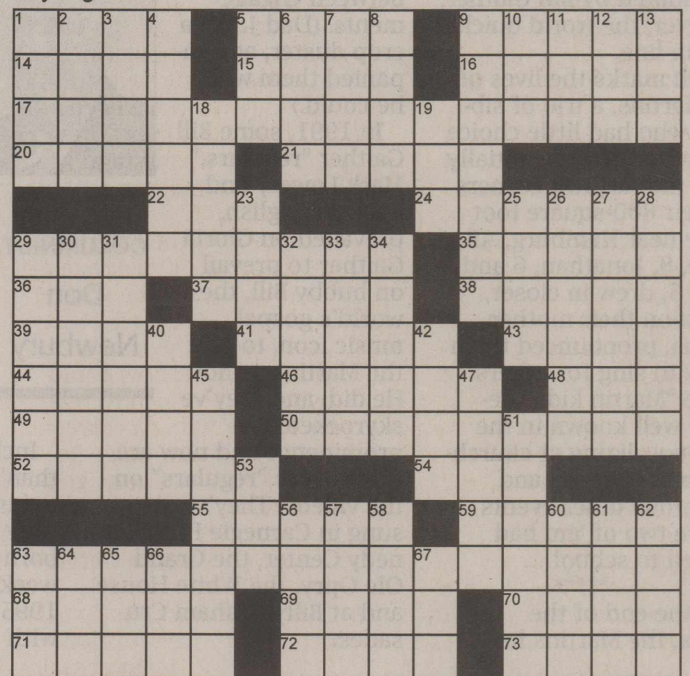
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- "No __, no gain"
 - Prefix with physics
 - Rattails, e.g.
 - Patron saint of sailors
 - Like the Sabin vaccine
 - Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood, for two
 - Lucky Lindy's plane
 - In great shape
 - Operation Desert
 - __ Blo fuse
 - Is mad for
 - Popular charity
 - "Pagliacci," e.g.
 - Several reps, in the gym
 - '54-to-'77 alliance
 - "Glengarry Glen Ross" playwright David
 - "My stars!"
 - Rudely sarcastic
 - Unescorted
 - "Gesundheit!"
 - Make corrections to
 - Sturgeon delicacy
 - City on the Mohawk
 - Helen Reddy chart topper
 - It makes jelly jell
 - Source of iron
 - Actor Max von __
 - Butler's word
 - High school subject
 - Bacall mate, familiarly
 - Beehive State natives
 - Quaker State city
 - Fowl buildings

Sky High



American Profile Hometown Content

12/9/2012

- DOWN**
- Roach or rat
 - Bowful for Bowser
 - Chip-tosser's utterance
 - "__ for the weary"
 - Witty remark
 - Libidinous god
 - Our last mustachioed president
 - "Not to mention ..."
 - Movieland
 - Altar assent
 - Bud's comedy pal
 - Brother of Peyton
 - Draft letters
 - Runs while standing
 - Orange or Rose
 - Thieves' haunts
 - La-la lead-in
 - Keats offerings
 - Australian mine find
 - Shark sucker
 - Heretofore
 - Glossy fabric
 - Exhausts
 - Make invalid
 - Right-leaning?
 - Tapered off
 - Grisham's " __ to Kill"
 - Alpine air
 - Tear carrier
 - Prefix meaning "within"
 - Oxeye and others
 - Has the guts
 - In need of body work
 - UN locale
 - Apply crudely
 - Not fooled by
 - "That's a relief!"
 - Barreled along
 - Ms. Brockovich
 - Bar selections
 - Pie equivalent?
 - Guernsey's greeting
 - Freudian topic
 - Saw with the grain
 - Christmas or Easter: Abbr.

ANSWER GRID

Anyone for Tennis?

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Weather Whys

Q: Why do some clouds seem to have striped patterns?
A: Clouds that form in long linear stripes are fairly common, and they are formed by a phenomena known as gravity waves, explains Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. "Air generally flows along a horizontal path, but sometimes imbalances in the density of the air cause it to oscillate up and down as it moves along," he notes. "In striped cloud patterns, the air is flowing perpendicular to the cloud lines. When the air is moving up, the moisture within it condenses, and while the air is descending, the moisture evaporates leading to clear skies. Not all gravity waves, however, lead to these striped cloud patterns. If the air is very moist, there will be full ripple clouds with no clear sky slots in between, and if the air is too dry, there will be no clouds at all. But in all cases, the air is moving in a wavelike pattern."

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Soaring spirits in singing siblings...

Commetary by
Dr. Don Newbury

Mothers intuitively sense potential in their children that may be oblivious to practically everyone else on the planet. When their offspring's musical talent is validated by Bill Gaither, however, the world quickly falls in line.

Such marks the lives of the Martins, a trio of siblings who had little choice but to harmonize, initially from the farthest corners of their 800-square foot home near Hamburg, AR. Joyce, 8, Jonathan, 6 and Judy, 5, drew in closer, and soon their mother, Wylma, pronounced them ready to sing for others.

The "Martin kids" became well known in the area, vocalizing at churches, homecomings and numerous other events before two of 'em had started to school....

By the end of the 1980s, the Martins had

performed thousands of times throughout the nation, getting "from here to there" in cars, vans and buses. They logged more than 1.5 million miles, the kids singing and mom in tow to provide "road schooling" between engagements. (Dad J. W., a crop duster, accompanied them when he could.)

In 1991, some Bill Gaither "regulars," Mark Lowery and Michael English, prevailed on Gloria Gaither to prevail on hubby Bill, the world's gospel music icon, to give the Martins a shot. He did, and they've skyrocketed to prominence and now are themselves "regulars" on the videos. They've also sung in Carnegie Hall, Kennedy Center, the Grand Ole Opry, the White House and at Billy Graham Crusades.

Life was good, but it also became complicated. They chose to go solo in 2002, but half a dozen years later, they were reunited — picking up where they left off....



TEXAS
COLUMNIST
Don
Newbury

A trio again, they no longer reside in "LA," Jonathan's initials for "Lower Arkansas." He lives in Tennessee and Judy in Georgia. They maintain rigorous concert schedules, and likewise try to keep family life as normal as possible in their respective homes, where spouses and an even dozen children reside.

Included among Jonathan's half-dozen are twins Michael and Taylor. Now 16, the boys were born prematurely at 30 weeks on New Year's Eve, 1995. Michael was born with only one eye fully de-

veloped, and Taylor with cerebral palsy.

By age two, Michael was fitted with a prosthetic eye. "He's had a terrible time keeping up with it, and we've made a game of innumerable searches for his eye in the early years," Jonathan said....

The family well remembers a delayed departure for church one Sunday morning when Michael was four. His prosthesis was nowhere to be found, and the search was on.

Halea, then six, found it in her room — one "off limits" to Michael and Taylor. It was in her Barbie doll house — even further "off limits."

All eyes turned to Michael, who meekly explained he thought it was important to "keep an eye on the Barbie dolls."...

Taylor is a piece of work, too, refusing to surrender to cerebral palsy. Since his earliest memory, he's

wanted to become a fireman. No one in the family dared to dash his dream.

Some years ago, he was spending hours perusing the phone book. His folks couldn't imagine why.

Quizzed about it, Taylor answered, "I'm memorizing names, phone numbers and addresses." That should really help me out if I decide to be a fire dispatcher....

On balance, the talented Martins lead remarkably normal lives. They are determined to do so. They remain unaffected by their fame, possessing that rare ability to "walk with kings" and doggedly retain the common touch.

They've won multiple Dove awards, received several Grammy nominations and tons of other recognitions. Humility still reigns.

Still, they understand "smallness." Jonathan swears their church was so tiny, there wasn't even room for an unspoken

request. Now, they live in a vast world, masterfully singing praises to the "King of Kings and the Lord of Lords." They've traveled most of life's roads — some with unforeseen bumps and some that rise up to meet them.

But the Martins show up singing, each of them exemplifying as well as any folks I've ever met a firm belief that the ground at the foot of the cross is exceedingly level. I'm mighty glad Bill Gaither quickly recognizes talent when it's beyond exceptional, and that Wylma made sure her kids learned to harmonize....

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Financial Focus

Time for year-end review of your financial strategy?

Financial Focus

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Now that 2012 is drawing to a close, you may want to review the progress you've made this past year in many areas of your life — including your financial situation. By going over your investment portfolio and other key areas related to your finances, you can learn what moves you may need to make in 2013 to stay on track toward your important objectives, such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave the type of legacy you desire.

To get a clear picture of where you are, consider asking yourself these questions:

Am I taking on too much risk? Although 2012 has generally been a pretty good year for investors, we've certainly seen periods of considerable volatility. During these times, did you find yourself constantly fretting about big drops in your portfolio value? In fact, have you consistently experienced this type of worry throughout your years as

an investor? If so, you might be taking on too much risk for your individual risk tolerance. Review your holdings to determine if you can lower your risk level without jeopardizing your overall investment strategy.

Am I investing too conservatively? Just as you can take on too much investment risk, you can also go to the other extreme by investing too conservatively. If your portfolio contains a preponderance of investments that offer significant preservation of principal but very little in the way of growth potential, you may be endangering your chances of accumulating the resources you'll need to achieve your long-term goals.

Am I contributing as much as I can afford to my retirement plans? If you have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), 403(b) or 457(b), consider yourself fortunate. Your plan has the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and you typically contribute pre-tax dollars — the more you put in, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your employer may match part of your contributions. So if you've been under-funding your retire-

ment plan, ratchet up your funding in 2013. At the same time, you may still be eligible to contribute to an IRA; if so, try to "max out" on it. A traditional IRA grows tax deferred while a Roth IRA can grow tax free, provided you meet certain conditions.

Am I adequately protecting my income — and my family? Over time, you'll experience many changes in your life — marriage, children, new job, new home, etc. Most, if not all, of these changes will require you to make sure you have adequate life insurance in place to help guard your family's future, should anything happen to you. Furthermore, to help replace your income should you become disabled, you may well need to purchase an adequate amount of disability income insurance.

Do I need professional help? As the above questions indicate, maintaining control of your financial situation can be challenging — especially if you try to do it all on your own. You might benefit from working with a financial professional — someone who can analyze your situation objectively and make recommendations based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and specific goals.

Before the clock runs out on 2012, take the time to ask yourself the above questions. The answers may well spur you to take positive action in 2013.

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Luis Rodriguez	36	TDPS
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Ryan Chanon	21	DPS
POM < 2oz		
Leo Manley	47	WPD
Public Intoxication		
Billy Gray	47	WPD
Assault Class C		
David Ferguson	43	RCSO
Sent to SA PRP		
Kyla Collins	--	RCSO
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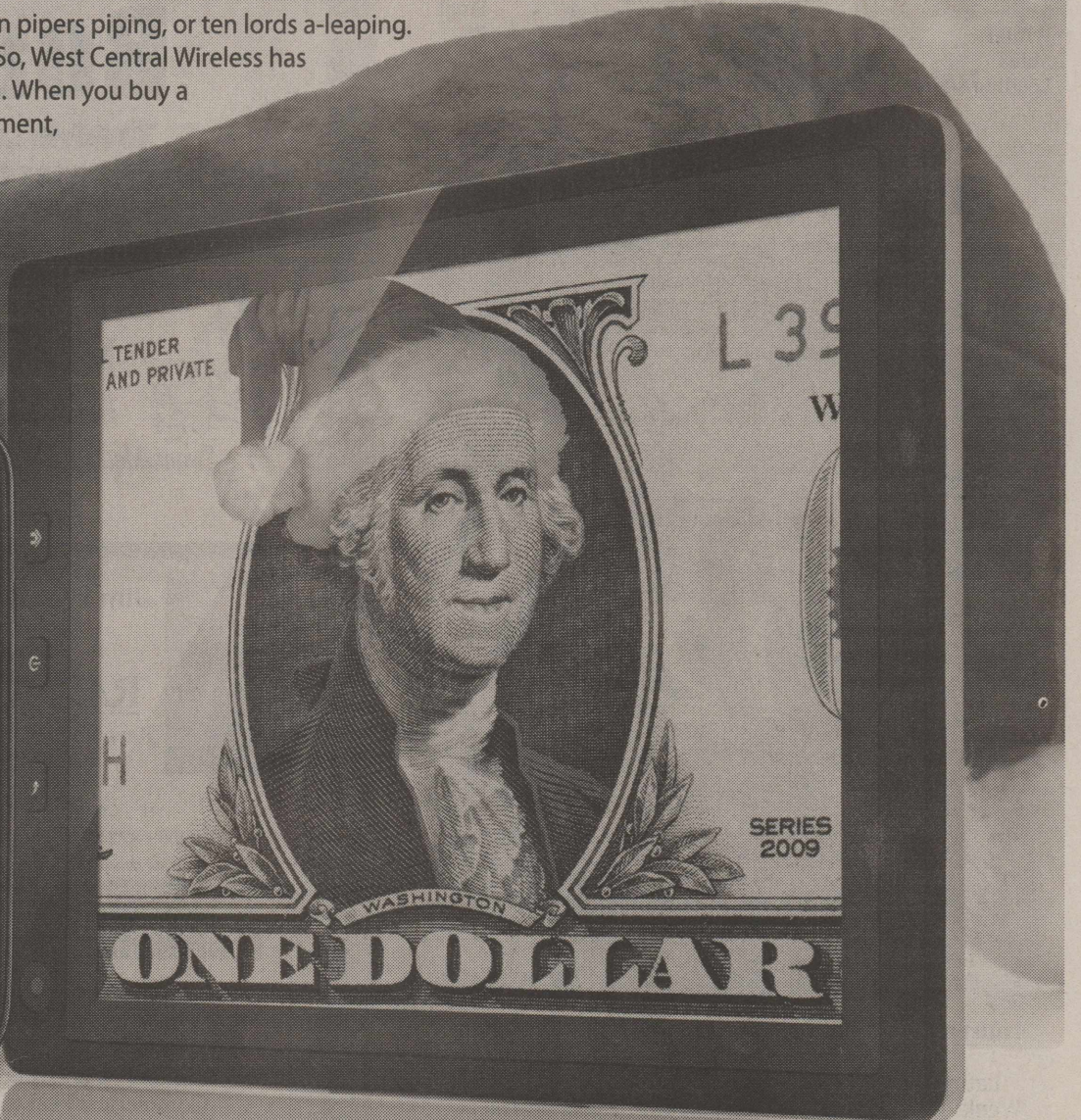
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Texas A&M poll: Americans favor renewable energy but not paying more

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STAFF REPORT

COLLEGE STATION—Americans generally favor policies that support renewable energy, but they don't want to pay more at the pump — so finds a survey conducted at Texas A&M University.

Fifty-nine percent of Americans support increased funding for research and development of renewable energy sources and 60 percent support tax cuts for companies to develop renewable energy technologies, the survey showed. Additionally, 78 percent of the public strongly favors better fuel efficiency for cars and trucks. However, 68.3 percent of those surveyed are against increasing the price of gasoline to encourage energy savings.

Those are among the findings of the Texas A&M

University National Energy Opinion Poll, conducted by the Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy (ISTPP) at the Texas A&M Bush School of Government and Public Service in cooperation with the Texas A&M Energy Institute.

The survey also found that Americans are concerned about the national security impacts of foreign oil, with 43.2 percent saying they believe that dependence on foreign oil threatens national security "a great deal" with an additional 36.5 percent saying that oil dependence threatens security to "some" extent.

Of the respondents, 64.8 percent feel that it is "very important" for the U.S. to reduce its dependence on foreign oil. Furthermore, 60.6 percent acknowledge that the U.S. is "likely" to

"extremely likely" to face a critical energy shortage in the next 10 years.

The national survey of U.S. adults over the age of 18 was administered online from May 11-May 26, 2012, and includes 1,525 respondents.

The survey also measured opinions about hydraulic fracturing, a process that is increasing domestic oil and gas production, reducing dependence on foreign sources. The public reports limited understanding about hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, with only 21.4 percent reporting significant knowledge. However, the public's overall concern about hydraulic fracturing/fracking is moderate and respondents made no distinction no matter which term was used.

According to ISTPP Director Arnold Vedlitz,

"there seems to be no advantage or disadvantage to any group for using either term."

Vedlitz says that Americans are not significantly polarized about potential solutions to energy issues, including hydraulic fracturing.

"The public is relatively neutral regarding support for strict government regulation on natural gas," he said.

Initial analyses of the survey results seem to indicate that Americans need information on energy issues, particularly regarding the questions surrounding government regulation. While a minority responded "false" to the poll statement, "This energy source is sufficiently regulated by the government," in all six examples of energy sources, most responded "unsure."

DPS increases holiday DWI enforcement

WINTERS ENTERPRISE
STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols from December 21 - January 1, which includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target intoxicated drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"Drinking and driving are always a concern during holidays, and there is no doubt that increased enforcement by DPS and other law enforcement will help save lives," said Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw.

"But the public must also do their part to help make sure all travelers on our roads have a safe and happy holiday season. Plan ahead. Designate a non-drinking driver or find alternative transportation if you plan to drink, and never get in a car with an intoxicated driver."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests, and approximately 350 were the direct result of the increased patrols.

DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,000 speeding citations, 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 18,000 other citations. In addition, troopers made 1,020 fugitive arrests and 623 felony arrests during routine patrol operations.

Texas State Parks again offer guided hikes on New Year's Day for First Day Hikes program

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STAFF REPORT

For years, two of the most popular New Year's resolutions have been to begin a fitness program, and spend more time in nature. Now, for the second year in a row, you can combine both by participating in First Day Hikes at a Texas State Park near you on January 1.

The second-annual First Day Hikes program is part of a national umbrella coordination by the National Association of State Parks Directors (NASPD) to encourage a new tradition at the beginning of each year to get people outdoors, and promote the numerous physical and emotional benefits of hiking.

During the inaugural year of First Day Hikes at the start of 2012, more than 1,100 people showed

up at 47 state parks across Texas. For 2013—which is just a few weeks away—more hikes and locations are scheduled, and they range from short, leisurely walks, to birding hikes, to nature tours along the Gulf Coast, to challenging treks in mountainous terrain.

"In addition to drawing new users to parks on January First, we hope to see return visitors from last year as families start to embrace First Day Hikes as a beloved tradition from year to year," said Interpretive Services Assistant Director Karen Blizzard, the Texas coordinator for First Day Hikes.

Most all hikes will be guided by state park staff or expert volunteers and feature an interpretive message about native plants, animals or park history.

The walks average one to two miles in length, but many also offer shorter or longer trek options as well.

Participants will want to make some modest advance preparations. Some hikes warrant call-ahead reservations, and in most instances, folks will want to wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a hiking stick. Park entrance fees apply in most places, and many parks are leading the First Day Hike at no extra cost.

Recent on-site visitor surveys in Texas parks revealed that hiking / trails were the most sought-after amenity by park visitors, and many Texas state parks have added newly built or recently improved hiking and biking trails in order to meet growing demand.

The concept of hav-

ing an official "First Day Hike" in a park on New Year's Day originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts, with the intent to promote both wellness and year-round recreation at parks. Since then, other states have offered similar New Year's programs. It has, however, grown into a nationwide event today, with most state park systems participating.

For more information about First Day Hikes in Texas State Parks, visit the Web site at www.texas-stateparks.org/firstdayhikes, which lists detailed hike locations, descriptions, and park contact information.

For national participation in First Day Hikes, visit the NASPD Web site at www.americasstateparks.org.

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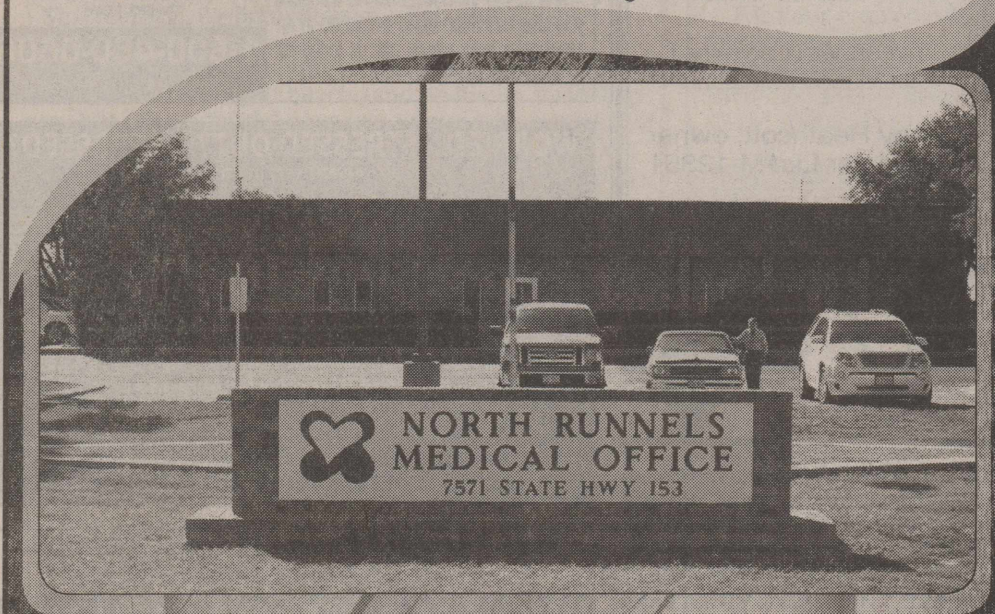
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**Preparing
landscapes
for Old Man
Winter**

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STAFF REPORT

SAN ANTONIO — With temperatures dropping and the winter solstice approaching, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert has some suggestions on protecting South Central Texas landscapes from the icy fingers of Old Man Winter.

"In dealing effectively with South Central Texas winters, one fact that should be taken into account is that there is no such thing as a 'typical' winter," said David Rodriguez, AgriLife Extension agent for horticulture, Bexar County. "But stable winter weather patterns do exist, and these are helpful in establishing a plan of action for 'winterizing' outdoor landscapes."

He said landscape winterizing actions should include moving container plants away from areas of wind exposure, especially from the north wind. Locate them indoors or in exterior areas with some type of overhead cover - e.g., covered patios, or under eaves or trees.

"Tender and tropical plants should be moved into a greenhouse or other suitable protected areas, he said. "If your house has adequate light and other conditions favorable to plant survival, it will make a good winter storage area. If conditions are unsuitable, or space is a limiting factor, place your containers and baskets near the garage door or a similar area where they can be easily moved inside during freezing weather."

Before freezing temperatures occur, water the landscape thoroughly. "Water displaces the air in the soil interspaces," Rodriguez said. "Water is much slower to cool than air, so moist ground stays warmer than dry ground. Besides, there's less humidity this time of year."

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The
Winters Enterprise

Pictured: Winters Pre-K
Mrs. Bergman and Mrs. Mills' classes

2012 LETTERS TO SANTA

WINTERS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Dear Santa,
Are you and all the elves ready for Christmas? I have been a very good girl this year. I know you are busy but I would like to ask for a pink power wheels jeep, lots of pretty pink bows, and a pink kitchen so that I can cook for my mommy and daddy. O am leaving you and Rudolph my favorite snack-sugar cookies and milk! I hope you enjoy it!

Love, Karmyn
18 months old

Dear Santa,
My name is Reese. I am 4 years old. Would you bring me a Barbie doll princess and a BIG Barbie dollhouse for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I will leave you a cheese sandwich and chocolate milk. Thank you Santa!

Love, Reese

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddie. Would you bring me a baby doll with a stroller, LOTS of shoes, clothes, and BIG hair bows, and a tricycle!!! I want a kitchen set and dishes so I can have tea parties with my sister. We will leave you chocolate milk and granny Gerharts FAMOUS chocolate chip cookies!

Love, Maddie
20 months old

Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob. I am 15 months old. Would you bring me cars to play with on the floor. I want balls to play with my daddy. I want books for my mom to read to me. I want some clothes and shoes too. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
My name is Nolan. I am 3 years old. I have been a good boy! Would you bring me a sprayer remote control. I'll spray my TV with it. I need an excavator so I can do work. I'll dig some dirt and push it around and then I'll push the button on the remote control and it will sing to me. I will leave you some pepperoni pizza and soda. I'll have Sprite though. I'm done.....

Love, Nolan

Dear Santa,
My name is Amick. I am 2 years old. I would like an airplane, truck and trailer to haul my farm animals in. I would also like a new cowboy hat. I'll be sure to have some cookies and milk for you and some hay for the reindeer.

Love, Amick

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava. I am 2 years old. Would you please bring me a princess and pink pony. Please bring my baby

brother Stryke a toy. I will leave you some gummies to eat and Dr. Pepper for you to drink.

Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
My name is Alyssa. I am 17 months old. I've been a really good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a doll house, barbie, a Barbie car and some bedtime books.

Love, Alyssa

P.S. Cookies and milk will be above the fire place.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason. For Christmas I would like a TV and BIG truck. I have been a good say, I am 2 years old.

Love, Mason

Dear Santa,
My name is Karstyn. I am 2 years old. I would like MORE baby dolls and clothes to dress them up. I would also like more books to I can read them. My favorite thing I want would be shoes!!

Love, Karstyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Averie. I am 2 years old. I have been a good girl. Would you please bring me a princess doll for Christmas. I would like books about Dora and princess books. I will leave you pink ice cream for a snack and some juice.

Love, Averie

Dear Santa,
My name is Minnie. I am 2 years old. I have been a good girl. Would you bring a BIG baby doll. I would like a blanket and bathtub for my baby. I will leave you Chuck E Cheese pizza and a BIG Dr. Pepper. I love Santa.

Love, Minnie

Dear Santa,
I would like a babydoll with a stroller, a dollhouse with furniture, and a purse with make-up.

Thank you!
Kymari
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
I want a JetPack Scooter. I would also like a basketball and a remote control dirt bike and car. I want a red DSI with a black pen.

Thank you!
Jarred
Age: 5

Dear Santa,
My name is Bentley. I just turned 1 years old on November 29th!! I have been a good boy. Would you bring me a truck and a BIG ball so I will have my own and won't have to use my bubba's.

Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,

My name is Austyn. I am 2 years old. I have been a good girl this year. Would you please bring me a kitchen set and a dollhouse for Christmas. I also want a pickup truck to play with. I will leave you a snack on the table.

Love, Austyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Trinity. I am 4 years old. I've been a good girl. I want a toy doll and an easy bake oven. I want a guitar so I can play Ariel song and sing. I will leave you Christmas Cookies and soda. I love you.

Trinity

Dear Santa,
My name is Braden. I am 2 years old. I have just been a good boy. Where are you Santa? I want you to bring me a BIG white truck with hay. I want a BIG trailer. I will hok up the trailer in the truck on the floor. I will leave you a juice box and my brown sandwich. I love you.

Braden

Dear Santa,
My name is Carter I am 3 years old. Where are you Santa? I want you to bring me presents. I will be good now for presents. I guess you're busy at the North Pole. Bring me a sprayer remote control. I'm just gunna spray outside my house. I want a green tractor set. Bring my baby sister Charli a tractor remote control. She's still little so she won't do nothing with it. I'll leave you a peanut butter sandwich and chocolate milk.

Love, Carter

Dear Santa,
My name is Rylan. I am 3 years old. Would you please bring me a Thomas the train, spider, a Dodge truck, and a Friend Card. I will leave you some noodles and put some milk in my cuppy for your snack. Thank you

Love, Rylan

Dear Santa,
My name is Brailee. I am 2 years old. Please bring me a baby and another baby. I want Barbies too. I would like a kitchen to cook for my babies. I will leave you a superise snack and drink on the table.

Love, Brailee

Dear Santa,
My name is Donnalyn. I am 3 years old. Please bring me a horse named Buttersctch, a Barbie cruise ship, and a LaLaLoopsy doll. I have been a very good girl. I will leave you cookies and milk a NaNa's by the chimney hearth.

Love, Donnalyn

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gun scope, an air-soft gun, a computer and an iPad. I want a stuffed giraffe and basketball foal in my room. My sister wants a Barbie doll and my brother want a tool set.

Love, Corley

Dear Santa,

I want a Brachiosaurus dinosaur. I want a Batman motorcycle and Robin motorcycle. I want a Batman and Robin. I want some cars and a Mickey Mouse stuffed animal.

Love, Cash

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and an iPad. I want a puppy and a purple bike. My sister want a doll, iPad, puppy and a coloring book.

Love, Armani

Dear Santa,

I want cars and Batman. I want a cidwo game. Ciro need toys too.

Love, Cesar

Dear Santa,

I want a blonde dog with spots. It has a pink leash. It talks and makes noise. It has sharp nails, a bone and is in a box. I want a princess dress the same size as me. My sister needs a new car and my brother needs a band new truck.

Love, Ashleigh

Dear Santa,

I want a toy puppy. My sister needs a doll.

Love, Aliyah

Dear Santa,

I want a scooter and Barbie and a house. My brother wants a Spiderman and a scooter.

Love, Delilah

Dear Santa,

Bring me a helicopter and I want a gun. I want a new hot wheel. I want a volleyball net and a big pool with a slide. I want stompee! They pop to life! Also, I want an airplane. My sister Chelsea want a brand new slushy maker. Brittany wants a brand new scooter. Taylor wants a brand new bike and a rip stick.

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,

I want a Leap pad 2 and a Mobigo 2. I want a Batman and a racecar. I need a helicopter and a race track.

Love, Jonah

Dear Santa,

I want a Batman toy and a toy helicopter with a remote. I want some race cars. I want a Spiderman web shooter and an Incredible Hulk toy. My cousin needs a big race car. My sister needs a doll.

Love, Luke

Dear Santa,

I want a new pink scooter. I need a new purple bike. I want new clothes and new blue boots. My brother wants new clothes and my sister wants a new doll and doll house.

Love, Morgan

Dear Santa,

I want a rabbit like my sister cause I don't have one. I gave my other rabbit to Peyton. I want my bike to be purple, pink, red and blue with training wheels. I want a new shirt too. I want a new computer. Bring my big sister another rabbit. She wants a Barbie and a baby. My little sister needs a little baby.

Love, Madyson

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. I want a cleaning trolley with a broom and a mop. I want a play kitchen set. My sister need toys too.

Love, Fernanda

Dear Santa,

I want a Jesse doll from Toy Story. I want a Woddy, Buzz Lightyear and Slinky too. I want a Ham and Tato Head too. I want a Mastor Car.

Love, Mason

Dear Santa,

I want a Princess Dress. I want a doll house and a cash register. I want a tea set. I want a baby doll. My sister needs a baby doll too.

Love, Serenity

Dear Santa,

I want a small baby that can rock and bath. I need a baby doll bed and blanket. I need a stroller for my baby and a kitchen pan. I need vacuum cleaner. Jarred wants a Spiderman costume that doesn't rip. He wants cars.

Love, Kymari

Dear Santa,

I want a red Monster truck. My sister wants a blue baby.

Love, Brian

Dear Santa,

I want cars and an Angry Bird stuffed animal.

Love, Rico R.

Dear Santa,

I wish I could get a gun that shoots green shooters so I don't have to step on snakes. I wish I could have a new sword to cut snakes in half. I wish I could have a new toy that looks like Batman. Peyton just wants what Santa gives him. He doesn't care. Peyton want a Batman cave, new monster toy, a new dragon toy and toy frog. We want a new racer cause the other ones are dumb. Peyton needs a new Ironman mask. I want a new ninja costume but Santa doesn't bring costumes. This is a lot if things. We will get a house full! That's all I need!

Love, Landen

MRS. MILLS' PRE-K CLASS

Dear Santa,

I love you! I hope you have a fun Christmas. Last year, I got some pretty cool toys. Thank you. This year, I want a trampoline, a dollhouse and dolls.

Love, Carson

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car, bicycle and a toy robot. I want a spy car, too.

Love, Jasiah

Dear Santa,

I love you! I want a Mario game and a Batman game. I want a Teddy Bear Scientist game, too.

Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys last year. This year, I want a Barbie and a baby doll.

Love, Mackenzie

Dear Santa,

I like you! I want a toy motorcycle. I want a police car, too. A bus would be fun. I would like toy handcuffs, too.

Love, Caine

Dear Santa,

I would like to see your reindeer. Please bring me a real cat. I want to name her Stamp.

Love, Serynidy

Dear Santa,

Hi! I like your workshop. I want a Dora doll. I want a diary and a pencil.

Love, Bethany

Dear Santa,

I like your reindeer. I want a stuffed frog. I want a toy dog, too.

Love, Ebony

Dear Santa,

I would like a princess doll. I want a baby doll, too. I want one that laughs. You are cool, Santa.

Love, Sonahia

Dear Santa,

I want Legos, a new flashlight, and an iPod. I like the fire truck Legos. I love you, Santa.

Love, Trenton

Dear Santa,

I would like a train for Christmas. I want a train track, too. Will

you make the train for me, please?

Love, Junior

Dear Santa,

Hi! I like your reindeer. Please bring me a toy dog. I would like a Barbie.

Love, Angel

Dear Santa,

I love you. Thank you for the toys last year. This year I want a scooter and a stuffed cat. I want a pen to write with.

Love, Shayla

Dear Santa,

Hello! I want a motorcycle. I want a Jeep. My other is broken at Mimi's. I want a remote control for the motorcycle.

Love, Mason

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2012 LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I would like a tractor for Christmas. I would like a bicycle without training wheels.
Love, Mark

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want a red fire truck- a big one. I want a green truck, too. I want a Bob the Builder toy, Too.
Love, Sebastian

MRS. BUTLER'S KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Dear Santa,
I love you! I play with toys, so could you bring me a Cinderella doll, a stuffed monkey and a book. Iziah wants a tractor and Joshua wants a

tractor with a car. Mommy wants some clothes. Hector wants work clothes. I have been good. I will leave you a gingerbread snack.
Love, Marisa

Dear Santa,
Can I have a laptop? I want a motor scooter and a fake army gun. My sister wants a thing that says Montser High. She wants a purple one. My mama wants a pair of glasses. My daddy want might like a pair of red glasses. He might also want a bear to sleep with. I have been kind of good. I will have cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeers.
Love, Todd

Dear Santa,
I want an iPod, an iPad cover, and a Dora car. Querstin wants a iPod and a bed spread cover. Katie wants an iPhone cover and a journal to color in. Mama wants a new blizzard t-shirt. Daddy wants a new motorcycle. I have been good. I will leave you're a chocolate cookies and some milk.
Love, Janie

Dear Santa,
Choloe loves mermaids, Xavier wants a shark car. I want an iPod, a real monster truck that is high. Grandma would like love a sparkly ring. Grandpa wants a big trophy. My Dad wants big T.V. I have been good at home and school. I will leave you some pretzels and a coke.
Love, Atilla

Dear Santa,
I want a jet scooter, a rocket ship, some ice skate and roller skates. My sister pluggger for phone because hers is broken. My other sister, Micah doesn't want anything. My Mom wants a phone. My Dad wants some ice skates, too. I have behaved very good, but sometime I got sad faces. I will leave you some pizza.
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want one of those kid car that I drive in, an iPod and some coloring books and jewelry stuff. My sister wants a Dora toy. My baby sister likes monkeys. My brother likes race cars. I have been really, really good. I will leave you pizza with ranch dressing and some milk.
Love, Marissa

Dear Santa,
I want a jet pack scooter, a jet pack skateboard and my own bike without training wheels. My sister wants a dolly. Zander wants a tablet with Angry Bird game. I want one, too. Ashton wants a scooter and a skateboard without a jet pack or motor. I am good most of the time. I will leave you milk, cookies and a honey bun.
Love, Jarred

Dear Santa,
I want a toy that lights up and moves. It can pick up things. I want a bear that lights up, too. My sister wants some heart green jewelry or maybe blue. I have been good and have never, never been bad. I will leave you cheese and crackers and orange juice.
Love, Brandon

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, and iPod, and a computer. My brother and sister want a play station. Grandpa would like a hat, Nanny wants a jewelry box. I have been really good. I will leave you a ginger bread man cookie and some milk.
Love, Kaelin

Dear Santa,
I want a present that had a toy in it. Maybe a race car! Michael wants a monster truck. Brooke wants a girl car. Mommy wants a camaro. Daddy wants a fast mule. I have been really, really good. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk.
Love, Dakota

Dear Santa,
Can I have a doll, please? Also, a little bear. My baby brother wants a spider-man toy. My brother said he wants a toy fish. Mommy wants a new phone. She broke hers. My Daddy wants a computer, please. I know I have been good! I will leave you a cupcake and some milk.
Love, Addison

Dear Santa,
I want a phone, an iPod, an Iron Man toy and a toy bear. Zaden wants a trash truck. My little sister, "Minkey" wants a baby. I have been really, really nice! I will leave you some regular cookies and some milk.
Love, Aven

Dear Santa,
I want skating shoes, cars, and a helicopter that flies. My Mom likes shoes and she is always getting them when we go to Abilene and she likes clothes to wear to parties. My Dad likes boxing gloves and wrestling. I have been good at my Grandmas. I will leave you chocolate candy bars.
Love, Ethan

Dear Santa,
I want Hot Wheels for Christmas. I want my Grama and Poppa to come over. My sister wants Barbies. Mom wants dishes and Dad wants army stuff. I have been good. Maybe, I will leave you a marshmallow cracker with chocolate on it! I will leave some horse food for the reindeer.
Love, Weston

MRS. MEYERS' KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Kinght Suit and boots, a race car, Cowboy gloves and a whip for a horse, and a Choo Choo Train. A helmet, a race car shirt.
Love, Ian

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a locker, some new clothes, a toy gun with bullets, a horse for pet.
Love, Diego

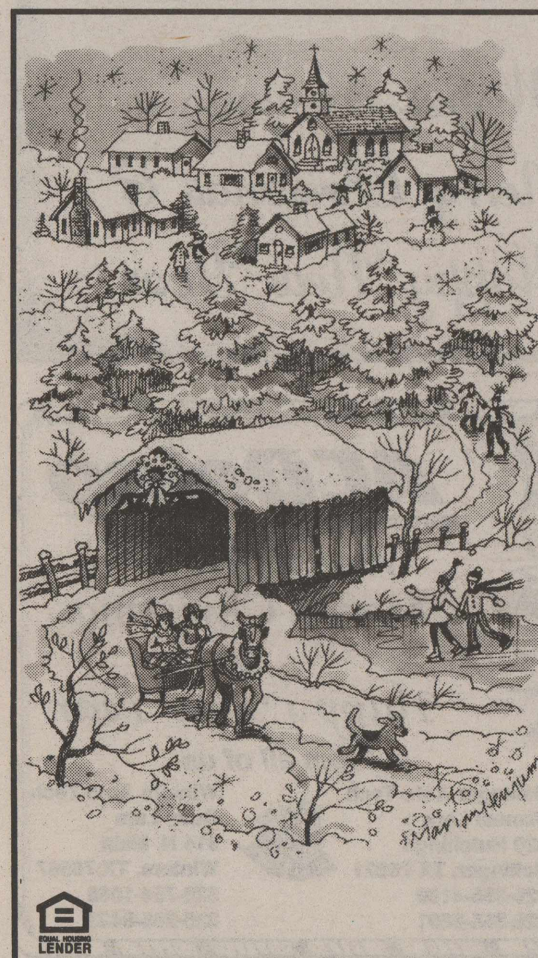
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Babydoll, checkers, Baking Oven, some new clothes, some new shoes, boots, and high heels. Please bring some clothes for my babydoll.
Love, Skila

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Big Race Car, a Spiderman, some new clothes, a Santa Clause book, and new shoes.
Love, Adrian

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, Barbie doll, with clothes, a dog, with a dog toy, some new clothes, and new shoes.



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Love, Daniella

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie car, a Barbie dress, and one for me too. A big bag of Cheetos, a toy battery operated rabbit, a Helicopter with a remote, a Barbie hat, and Barbie doll.

Love, Jayleigh

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Babydoll, a heart necklace, a stuffed toy rabbit, a new pillow, and cober. Also some new rings and bracelets. Please bring me some fakes nails.

Love, Avery

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a Shark toy, new shoes, some new clothes, a new Back pack, a puzzle, some draving paper, and pencils, a and a basket.

Love, Erin

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Coloring Book, a dog cage for my puppy, a new blanket, a Doll house with stairs and a puppy.

Love, Raimey

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me an Ameri-can doll, and some clothes for her. Please bring me a little Baby doll, some baby clothes, some pajamas, a little pony that talks.

Love, Resse

Dear Santa,
Please bring Presley a Baby doll, a Barbie, a stroller, diapers for my baby, fake food, new clothes for Presley and my Barbie, new shoes, a new dress.

Love, Presley

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a giant Sky lantern, a new video game like Giant Sky lander, a Sky lander book, a Batman toy, a Sky lantern pen, movie tickets to watch Sky lantern, and Sky Lantern action figures.

Love, Zachary

MRS. CHRIS PARRAMORE'S KINDER-GARTEN CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a toy puppy that has a string and a push button and it walks, a stuffed toy puppy, some jewelry, and a doll. My baby sister wants a walking baby doll and my big sister wants a necklace and toy rings. My mom said we could you chocolate cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Felicity

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck that's red, black, and white, and ha a remote control. I want a red basketball, a toy jungle with fish, a dog toy, a toy farm with animals and tractors, and a Santa pin, I want you to have a snack so I will

leave you M&M cookies and milk. I love your reindeer!

Love, Ryder

Dear Santa,
Bring me an airplane that flies and had a remote, and a remote control truck, an iPad, a new ducky that sprays water, a pretend hammer with nails and a construction site, and colors and a coloring book. My sister wants a coloring book too, and a doll house, and my baby wants a rattle. I will leave you a snack that's chocolate cookies and coke.

Love, Christopher

Dear Santa,
I want new shoes, the kind that are red shoes stuck to black and blue shoes. My dad wants cowboy boots and ribs. I want a pet dog that's tiny and black and it's eyes are black top, and a little gingerbread man, and sour candies like gummy worms. My sister wants a princess doll and Aiden wants xBox 3. I will give you a present, a cheesy cookies and coffee.

Love, Traegan

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll, a stuffed animal toy, a new scooter because my other one got broke, and a pink bike, a coloring book and crayons, makeup, and some books. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some soda.

Love, Sahaylee

Dear Santa,
I want a big monster truck, a doggie puppet, a real puppy that's black, a little suitcase, a toy stove, a bike, legos, and a computer. How are you doing Santa? How are your reindeer? How do you make your reindeer float? PlI sane you some cookies and milk.

Love, Romeo

Dear Santa,
I want another control for my Wii so my cousin can play, and some new clothes, new shoes, a hat, a new jacket for me and one for my puppy, and gloves too. I will hive you Christmas cookies Santa. I have been good.

Love, Luzion

Dear Santa,
I want a Ninja video game with a red controller, a remote control monster truck, transformers, a remote control plane that flies and lands and has mis-sals in it, a remote control heicopter, and a castle with dragon and a knight. My baby brother wants a chewy toy and dad wants a watch and mom wants jewelry. I'm going to leave you candy canes and milk, but my dad said he wants you to have ribs and coke.

Love, Braiden

Dear Santa,
I want a guitar and a microphone with a little stand so I can sing. I need a

new bike because I have a little one but it doesn't fit me anymore, and some Lego friends that have hair cuts, some more dishes for my little kitchen and a clothes. My mom wants clothes too, and my dad needs some more because he gets his all torn up. I'll make you some cookies in Christmas tree and gingerbread man shapes.

Love, Kaelynn

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman suit with the glove hands that slicks out the webs, and it has two cups of water to spray water out. It has a mask that makes you have powers and you mash a button and the eyes glow, and it has a rope. My baby sister needs a doll and my mom needs a rolling pin to make pizza. I will leave you gingerbread man cookies. Are you watching me? I am being good.

Love, Guillermo

Dear Santa,
I want an Easy-Bake oven, Barbie dolls, a playhouse, a real gold fish, a pencil and a pencil sharpener, some blue bonnets, markers, and a book with plain paper for drawing because I like drawing pretty things, and my own jewelry and a jewelry box to put it in. Shelby wants a playhouse and an Easy-Bake oven too. We will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk. When I hear you come in, I'll come see you.

Love, Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want an Xbox and a controller, a superhero game, a transformer game, a karate game, a real dog with a dog toy, some Santa pins, and a little snowman. Get my brother a remote control car, and my sister wants a Cinderella tower. Get my mommy a present, an Xbox, and my Grandma wants new glasses and necklace. I've been good. I will give you come candy and crackers and orange juice.

Love, Abel

MRS. PRINGLE'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
Thank you four the present last year. Can

I have a 3DS and a bike and a monster truck.

Sincerely, Christopher

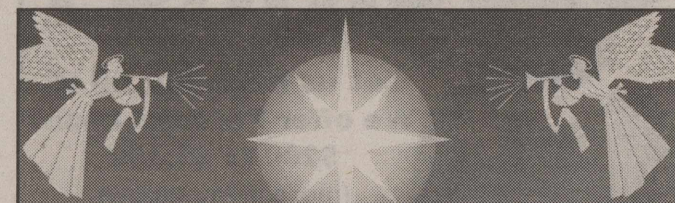
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus. Thank you last presents. I wud lic a psp and bike and macj car.

Sincerely, Ernest

Dear Santa,
Think you for my presents from last year. Haw are you and Mrs. Claus? I waa'n't a lpod and a pilo pet.

Ariel

Dear Santa,
how are you and Mis claus. Think you for the presents from last year. I will like a moreo ras car, dsi game and a



¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. John 3:16-17

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Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus. I want a Kung fu Panda.
Sincerely, Carlos

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Are you dun with are presents? I won't a bike.
Alexus

Dear santa,
How are you doing. Thank you for the presents last uear. I wuht a electric scooter. I love you.
Simon

Dear Santa,
Thank you four the presents last year. I wunt a scooter and a dog.
Xavier

Dear Santa,
How are you are you and Mrs Claus how are the remindeer. I would like a monster truck and a remote control car.
Sincerely, Gannon

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. Haw are you and Mrs claus. Is it cold. I want a iPod, and a bratzilla
Morgan

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have good. Ipad, red colors and pillow pet, Hello Kitty, and Santa pilo, a real elf, tree house, woth a elf real.
Love, Kacie

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox 360 with black opston, iPad, Angry Birds strwars, bring Mrs. Cary lot of chock and a big wit flue tetebr.
Love, Adrian

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. I would like a phone, color sand, play house. Also I would like a pillow pet, iPod. Santa would you please bring me a Hello Kitty, coloring book. Santa I will leave you home maded cookies and milk. I love you Santa.
Love, Mercedes

Dear Santa,
I will wot for Christmas is iPod, and a Hello Kitty, mrock play car. Terb ber for my sister and play house and balhie pizeh, calor boor dog toy.
Love, Janei

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Santa how is Mrs. Clausa doing? Santa, I would like an iPad. Also, I would like a football. Santa, would you please bring me a computer game. I will leave you cookies and some milk out.
Love, Ciro

Dear Santa,
I love Santa! Wot a Hello Kitty, play remot control car. Coloring Book, Hello Kitty coloring book and crayon, princess book. I wot a dolhouse and dols and a dol car, I wot a princess dress, I wot a blue hi hieel.
Love, Olivia

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. Can you give me a Xbox 360 and Batman, and lagos.
Love, Nicolas

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been good this year. I wou kike fac gun, a gbsit, to wtopepe, ginadiltre ha ws mustructure, fitgamtwo plaeers, snacbit.
Love, Gabriel

MRS. PARRAMORE'S FIRST GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. Hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a color splasher, also a Aneracan doll, and some julry that has string in the box. And a kitten. And some candy. And a walking baby. And I want docter mommy. And new shoes. And love from you!
Love, Mikaela

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. You're nice, Santa. I want a monster high doll and a big, big, big monster high house.
Sincerely, McKenzie

Dear Santa,
Haow are you, Rudolph, Mrs Claus. For Christmas I would like a blnkit, and a bog and a lole doll. Thank you for avrtherg.
Stephane

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Presents. And Haw are you doweneing and haw Mrs. Claus dowe-neing? I what a iPod and a bratzilla boll and a kitten.
Makayla

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Is it cold there. I want a Cinderella doll house and a trampoline.
Sincerely, Alexis

Dear Santa,
Mrs. Claus how are you dlirg? I caure about yo. I want a bat, easy bake kitchen, doll, and pillou princess.
Sincerely, Jozlynn

Dear Santa,
Mrs. Claus How are you doing? How are you Reindeer. For Christmas I wish for a 3ds.
Sincerely, Fabio

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this Christmas? Are you dun with the toys yet? I wood like a race car and a leapster for Christmas. I hope Rudolph the red nose reindeer and the uthr reindeers are doing fine? I love you.
Payton

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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a big book and a hat and a big brown teddy bear with a big red bow. Hav a great year!
Love, Rylee

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a little pupupy for Christmas and a little kitin for Christmas to. I hope you have a good yeer!
Love, Cera

Dear Santa,
Mery Christmas! I want a iPad and a 3DS and a play sashin. Happy Now Yeer!
Love, Kyle

Dear Santa,
Haw are you? I want a bike. I want a got car. I want a baby kittn. I want a dog. I want a ninja. I want a bakpak. I want a basbal.
Love, CJ

Dear Santa,
I want presents. I want a toy. How are you? I want a dog. I want a bike. I want a book. I want a futbal. I want a toy. I want a kols. I want a cat. I want a back patk. I want pes. I want a gam. Mere Christmas!
Love, Alejannro

Dear Santa,
How are? You dowing Santa? You having a great week Santa? I want a guit for Christmas and I want a drum and I want a kintin and a Christmas chree for are classroom.
Love, Nicolas

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wut sum tites and sum shrts and sum peek boots and I dot nor whot els.
Love, Charisma

Dear Santa,
How are you? Did you hav a good week in yes, I did hav a good week in! I ront a moovee for Christmas and a toy.
Love, Xavier T.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good I want a stufft kitty. I want a Xbox 360. I want a DS. I want a coute for my dog. I want some wormy clause. I want a driving car a toy.
Love, Shelby

Dear Santa,
Meree Christmas! I love you. I want a Christmas hat and a now stuftaneml. I no where my elf is going to be and he is a sneekee elf. I thacke he is my fafravrit. Plase to be.
Love, Payton D.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a water gun. I want a hoon shoes. I want a cow boy hat.
Love, Martin

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing good! I want a dres and som new pen of shis, and a babee cittn, and some cew chuncklus, and a new tablit, and a new tablit, and a new computr, and a new peror hils, and a new DS.
Love, Jasmine

Dear Santa,
Haw are you doing? I wot a Angry Birds set. Thank you for the presents las yeer. I wot a bick.
Love, Adam

Dear Santa,
I wot a kite. Santa I wot two fish. I luf Santa. I wot a monster truck and a dump truck. O wot art supplies.
Love, Xavier S.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wunt a book. Iwunt a per of shos. I wunt som clos. Mere Christmas!
Love, Jacob

Dear Santa,
How r you? I wont a ninga. I wont a transprter. I wont a bint alien. Thank you!
Love, Xavier L.

MRS. BELEW'S SECOND GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
I have been good girl. I will leave you milk and cookies. I want a dream light and pony stompeez. I want some sham-poo for my hair when I take a shower.
Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want a play Stachion 3 and I'm going to give you some cookies by the way. I'm going to make you a present too. From Felix to Santa!
Love, Felix

Dear Santa,
I have been good becas I have been helping my mom clen the hous. I want a remote control helieopter and a whit boord and new shoes. And I will leave you some cookes.
Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I'm going to leule you cookies and milck. I wunt a dream light and DS. I here is a cat stompys. I want too. Santa don't forget that I moved.
Love, Crystal

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. What I want for Christmas is new earrings. I would also like some necklaed and a baby dall. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Brianna

Dear Santa,
I help my mom wash the dishes sometimes. I want a baby doll and

bunny stompies. Please bring me a toy dog too. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I have been good.
Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I help my family and when you come I will make you a gingerbread man and a glass of milk. I want a fat hamster and a 3 DSI and a fuzzy chian. I love you Santa and my family to and when you see our Christmas tree you would like it a lot and a lot.
Love, Jessie

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. I want a dirt bike and a 1,000 dollars. I want my thampotene to hale snow an it so I can slide.
Love, Johnny

Dear Santa,
I help my mom clean dishes. I want a remote control helicopter, stuffed turtle, and a trampoleme. I will leave some cookies for you.
Love, Kayden

Dear Santa,
I want a monster high doll, dog, stompies, Hello Kitty stuff. I been good this year. I'll leave you some cookies and got coco.
Love, Shelby

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing? I have been being good. I want a nerf gun and flat screen T.V. I would like a Xbox 360. I will out some cookies and gingerbread man.
Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I help my mom and dad. If you come I will leve you cookies and milk. I want a nerf gun and a new 3DPS game and play statuib 3 and a pet turtle.
Love, Zander

Dear Santa,
I have been a good kid! I made a gingerbread house with frosting and candy. I can't wait to open present. I want a bow and arrow for kids. I also want an flg. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Andrew

MRS. DAWN AND MRS. BRYAN'S SECOND GRADE CLASSES

Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer? How are you doing? I would like a vido games an a Xbox 360 and a playstan 3 for Christmas. Happy New Year Santa!
Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a play station 360, a sleigh, and a laptop. I will leave cookies and milk.
Merry Christmas
And Love, David

Dear Santa,
I want a DES and my femly and a foge. How are you doing? All the ran-

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dis. I just want to no and I kant wate. I love Christmas!
Love, Mekayla

Dear Santa,
I've been good sharing and all that. For Christmas I want a spy net wach and a Nerf gun and a labtop for Christmas. Marry Christmas Santa and Happy New Year Santa. O and how is roodoph and all the rest of the raindear. Happy New Year!

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Dear Santa,
I hibe ben very good this yar. I wood like for Christmas a little sock monchey and a now gacit for Chrismas and a now pair shoos for Christmas. And is Rudolph is he dowing good and are you dowing good to.
Love, Raven

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a deaes and a dog that sena and a iPod and some new close and and Litne Rudohph off toy. Merry Christmas. And a lot of presents Land thore is are you and Mrs. Claus and the elfs and Rudolph. I'm finde har and are you Love Kira and I'm ben good and nise and my bruther and siter. And my siter wants a iPod and lot of games.
Love, Kira

Dear Santa Claus,
What I realy want is a shot gun, like a pelit gun for Christmas and I want a real raindeer for Christmas and Chramp-pleen for Christmas and I want Rofolph for Christmas and a thirty-thirty shot gun, Thirty-thirty for Christmas a shot gun for my sister to.

Love, Charlie
Merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Dear Santa Claus,
O want some class and some shoos and some toys. So how are you doing? How is Rudolph is he ready to fly on Christmas? Is his nose redey. I will make coolies for you if my mom sas good by.
Love, Mary Ann

Hi Santa,
I wot my iPad and iPad for krismas. Please
Love, Moiseis

Dear Santa,
My name is Nico and can you pley give me a sporos and pley pley gove me a pack of toys big or small. O do not cer this is the last

theing a all. Thaat is all and give me one mor thing a spris for Emma in San Atonyo. Merry Christmas for All and All good Night!
Nico

Merry Christmas Rudlph,
I wot a Bow Ron, I wot a shot gun for my grapa, I wot a bebe gun, I wot a toey sot gun.
From, Adrian

Dear Santa,
I wunt a bike in a fon a dog. I'm going to leve you milk and cookies . I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Love, Adrian

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a iPad and a iToch, a new car. Real car for my mom, a new fwor weir real a little. For weir, and a nono dirt bike.
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
I would like a aletrick scooter that I can sit on. I've been good this year. And my family has been good this year too, and I just want an aletrick scooter, please. And I just want to no are you rain dear o.k. tell them I said hi. Merry Christmas. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on the table.
Love, Abanea

MRS. MOSTAD'S SECOND GRADE CLASS

Dear Santa,
I want a mp3 player like my siser and a remote control monster truck, and legos with cop cars. I hope you have a safe Christmas!
Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I would like football cards. I would like some basketball cards. I would like some baseball cards. I will leave some milk and cookies.
Love, Nick

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are your elves Santa? Are your elves good are bad? How is Rudolph? I want a Wii and a new bike. I love you a lot Santa.
Love, James

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? I want a real gun with ammo. I also want a iPhone, I also want Call of Duty Hackops two.
Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? Are you good? Santa this is what I really want for Christmas. I want the game Call of

Duty Black asp two for the Xbox 360.I will leave you some milk and cookies
Love, Anthony

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing and how are the reindeer doing? Can you get me a iPod. Can you get me a iPad? May you get me an iPhone 4s? I will get you warm milk and cookies.
Love, Kolton

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How are the randeers? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a guitar and a drirt bike and get my sister a set of drums and my brother Graesom a set of cars. I will leave you a note.
Love, Courtney

Dear Santa,
I want an iPad that has lots of games and a cool computer because I fon't have anything to play with at home. I also want a cupcake maker. Santa I hope you have a safe trip.
Love, Lucs

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? Mrs. Claus are you feeing well? I like your reindeer. Santa I want an ipad and a snowman toy. I love you with all my heart.
Love, Jazelyn

Dear Santa,
Get ready for THE BIG DAY! I want a bike and a toy monster. How are you? How is Mrs. Clous? I like Christmas! Have a safe trip.
Love, Maddox

Dear Santa,
How do you do Santa Claus? How is Mrs. Claus? How is it in the North Pole Santa? I want an iPod and new rings with diamonds. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love, Serenity

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I want a Wii and a iPod with head phones. I also want a bike that's airedup. I like you Christmas suit.
Love, Mac

Dear Santa Clause,
I want a iPhone 4 and a good dog. I also want new chain for my dog. I want stuff to go on my bike that lights up. I also want some legos.
Love, Jerymiah

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are Mrs, Claus? I like your reindeer Santa. I want a iPod and I want five books and I need a now bed.
Love, Maelynn