

Laugh Laugh

by Catherine R. Smith



## The Story of Christmas and the Christ Child

When Rome was a great Empire ruled by Caesar Augustus and Israel was governed by King Herod, in the village of Nazareth lived Joseph and Mary. Joseph was a carpenter and Mary was a young virgin who would become his wife. Mary told Joseph of a dream in which she was visited by an angel who told her she had been chosen to bear the Son of God and his name was to be Jesus. One day the emperor sent notice that all persons were to register for a new tax. They were instructed to return to the towns of their birth. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth for Bethlehem. Mary who was with child, and close to the birth, rode on a donkey while Joseph walked beside her. They traveled for many days and only rested at night.

When they reached Bethlehem it was night. They looked for a place to rest but there were no empty rooms when they reached the inn. As they were being turned away Joseph mentioned his wife was with child and close to birth. The inn keeper took pity on them and told them of some caves in the nearby hills that shepherds would stay with their cows and sheep.

So Joseph and Mary went up into the hills and found the caves. In one cave was a stable room. Joseph cleaned it and made beds of fresh hay. He found a feeding trough which he cleaned and filled with hay to use as a crib. The next night Mary gave birth to a son and they named him Jesus, as the angel had said.

When the child was born a great star appeared over Bethlehem that could be seen for miles around. In the fields nearby shepards were tending their flocks. An angel appeared to them surrounded by bright light. The shepherds were frightened and tried to run.

"Fear Not," said the angel, "For I bring you tidings of great joy. For unto you is born this day in Bethlehem - a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.'

"And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was filled with angels, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men."

After the angels departed the shepards set out for Bethlehem. When they reached the cave they found the stable and inside was the child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

As the star shined over Bethlehem, in the east three kings would see it. They knew it was a sign and they set off to follow the star. There was Caspar - the young King of Tarsus, Melchior - a long bearded old man and leader of Arabia, and Balthazar - the

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# The History of Christmas

The history of Christmas dates back over 4000 years. Many of our Christmas traditions were celebrated centuries before the Christ child was born. The 12 days of Christmas, the bright fires, the yule log, the giving of gifts, carnivals(parades) with floats, carolers who sing while going from house to house, the holiday feasts, and the church processions can all be traced back to the early Mesopotamians

Many of these traditions began with the Mesopotamian celebraof New Years. The tion Mesopotamians believed in many gods, and as their chief god -Marduk. Each year as winter arrived it was believed that Marduk would do battle with the monsters of chaos. To assist Marduk in his struggle the Mesopotamians held a festival for the New Year. This was Zagmuk, the New Year's festival that lasted for 12 days.

The Mesopotamian king would return to the temple of Marduk and swear his faithfulness to the god. The traditions called for the king to die at the end of the year and to return with Marduk to battle at his side.

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Mesopotamians used the idea of a "mock" king. A criminal was chosen and dressed in royal clothes. He was given all the respect and privileges of a real king. At the end of the celebration the "mock" king was stripped of the royal clothes and slain, sparing the life of the real king.

The Persians and the Babylonians celebrated a similar festival called the Sacaea. Part of that celebration included the exchanging of places, the slaves would become the masters and the masters were to obey. Early Europeans believed in evil spirits, witches, ghosts and trolls. As the Winter Solstice approached, with its long cold nights and short days, many people feared the sun would not return. Special rituals and celebrations were held to welcome back the sun.

In Scandinavia during the winter months the sun would disappear for many days. After thirty-five days scouts would be sent to the mountain tops to look for the return of the sun. When the first light was seen the scouts would return with the good news. A great festival would be held, called the Yuletide, and a special feast would be served around a fire burning with the Yule log. Great bonfires

would also be lit to celebrate the return of the sun. In some areas people would tie apples to branches of trees to remind themselves that spring and summer would return.

The ancient Greeks held a festival similar to that of the Zagmuk/Sacaea festivals to assist their god Kronos who would battle the god Zeus and his Titans.

The Roman's celebrated their god Saturn. Their festival was called Saturnalia which began the middle of December and ended January 1st. With cries of "Jo Saturnalia!" the celebration would include masquerades in the streets, big festive meals, visiting friends, and the exchange of good-luck gifts called Strenae (lucky fruits).

The Romans decked their halls with garlands of laurel and green trees lit with candles. Again the masters and slaves would exchange places.

"Jo Saturnalia!" was a fun and festive time for the Romans, but the Christians though it an abomination to honor the pagan god. The early Christians wanted to keep the birthday of their Christ child a solemn and religious holiday, not one of cheer and merriment as was the pagan Saturnalia.

But as Christianity spread they were alarmed by the continuing celebration of pagan customs and Saturnalia among their converts. At first the Church forbid this kind of celebration. But it was to no avail. Eventually it was decided that the celebration would be tamed and made into a celebration fit for the Christian Son of God.

Some legends claim that the Christian "Christmas" celebration was invented to compete against the pagan celebrations of December. The 25th was not only sacred to the Romans but also the Persians whose religion Mithraism was one of Christianity's main rivals at that time. The Church eventually was successful in taking the merriment, lights, and gifts from the Saturanilia festival and bringing them to the celebration of Christmas.

The exact day of the Christ child's birth has never been pinpointed. Traditions say that it has been celebrated since the year 98 AD. In 137 AD the Bishop of Rome ordered the birthday of the Christ Child celebrated as a solemn feast. In 350 AD another Bishop of Rome, Julius I, choose December 25th as the observance of Christmas.

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## Let us replenish the seed of faith through . . . DAILY BIBLE READING, PRAYER & REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

#### <u>Spearman</u>

Apostolic Faith Church 822 S. Dressen • 659-2870 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m. Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God 401 N, Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7.30 p.m. Youth: 7:30 Wednesday Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

**First Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School. 9:45 a.m. Worship. 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

**First Baptist Church** 

First Baptist Church 123 N Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m. Wed. Joist. Time: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Mtg. 8 p.m. Pastor - Patrick Six

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed: 7:30 p.m. KRDF Radio Frogram Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m. Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

(Worships with Lutheran) 1021 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bidg.) Patter, Beyrby Cook

**First Presbyterian Church** 

Pastor - Beverly Cook Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252

1101 Bernice • 659-2252 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church)

**First United Methodist** 407 S. Haney + 659-5503 Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist VorthvAdult Serv. 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster

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Soz E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship. 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

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First Baptist Church 402 E. Broadway ◆ 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunda Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednes Pastor - Scott Curry Sunday

**Church of Christ** 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church** 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Paul Fiske **Gruver United Methodist** 

Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - Jerry Moore

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m

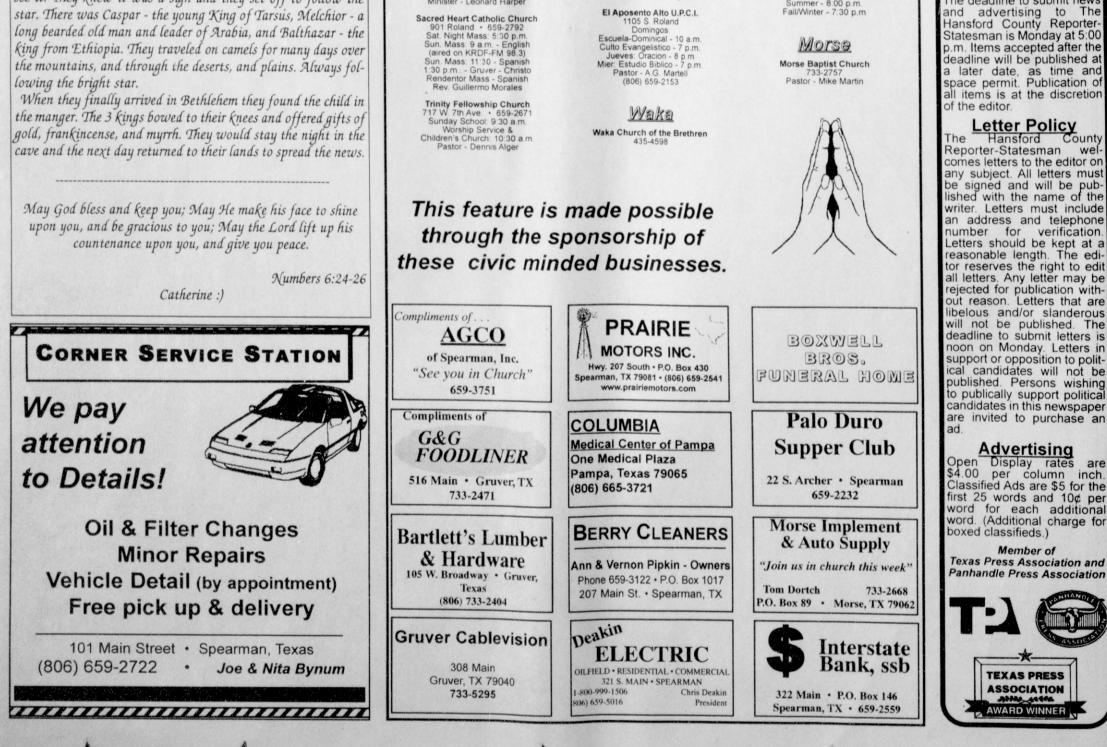
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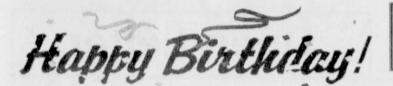
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#### December 23

Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marty Rasor, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Peddy, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Bevill December 24 Birthday Clender Etiles

Birthday - Glendon Etling. Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn (Edwards) Miller, Sandee Smith, Mark Eisfeld, Gabby Bravo, Chris Bravo

Anniversary Oscar Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, Mr. & Mrs Woody Fulkerson, Mr. & Mrs Gary Davis

December 25

Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Freeman, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean

Womble, John Cass Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Red Byrd, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shook December 26

Birthday - Jennifer Dahl, Glenda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris Perez

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. L.T. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough, Cari & Brandon Baker

#### December 27

Birthday - Lance Sparks, Sue Close, Jesse Renteria Sr., Shane Abel, Lynn Vernon, Edna Grimmer, Judy McCloy, Julie Deakin, Nicole Burgess, Chad Knowlton Chad Knowlton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs Jerry Younger, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Blodgett, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Todd Parker

#### December 28

Birthday - Autumn Gruver, Delbert Williams, Billy Dave Hand, Frank Edwards, Jennifer Wells, Kenneth Bullard, Ann Flowers, Fred Mayfield, Pauline Mayes, Tina Breedon, Joyce Vanderberg Mary Hart, Samantha Cummings, Debbie Hornsby

Mr. & Mrs

McLeod, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Shapley, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Deeds, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Holt, Annetta & Charles McIver, Larry & Robbie Butts December 29 December 29

Birthday - Bray Armes, Erin Bergin, Tony Cazares, Amy Tolleson, Cecillia Trejo, Jerry Williams, Mrs. W.T. Woodward, Sharon Rhea, Deanna Martin Del Baskin, Julie Barkley Stedje, Thomas Reyes, Robert Elliott, Ed McIntyre, Deann Rosales, Martin Rasor, Brittany Taylor, Connie Wood

Anniversary - Don & Gwen McLain, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Papay, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Spivey, Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connell, Mr. & Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Harris, James & Karen Schnell

#### December 30

Birthday - Julie Meyer, Edith Pipkin, Kim Younger, Angela Van Buskirk, Robert Cochran, Fern Robinson, Robert Black, Traci White, James Red, Sammie Goehring, Kelley Ogilvie, Joyce Simon, Angelica Huerta

Huerta Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Behne, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Renner, Mr. & Mrs. Perry Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Josephson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Thoreson, Mr. & Mrs. Van Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Ferguson Doug & Linda Doug & Linda Cummings December 31 Lera Ferguson,

Birthday - Lera Beasley, Justin Pressley, JoAnn Schneider, John Gaither, Jery Ross Jr., Hazel Stumph, Rick Morris, Helen Boyd, Seth Deductor, Vala Billy Redwine, Andrew Vela, Billy Joe Boyd, Heather Gammon, Lucy Gilmore, Delfino Parra, Kare Thompson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rojas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. John Gaither, Michael and Patricia Quillin, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Arrington, Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page, Mr. & Mrs. James Smith, Jim & Marlene Miller

January 1 Birthday - Teresa Boyd, Kenneth Stewart, Daylynn Brummett Johnson, Virginia Trindell, Carolyn Cummings, Andy Francis, S.B. Sheets, Alberto Rosalez, Rhonda Ross, Willie Salgado, Craig Vinson, Bertie Frazier, Elizabeth Sumner, Melba Olsen, Audrie Behne, Carl Baumgardner, Colby Odegaard, Kim Vera Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Connelly, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fairbanks, Mr. & Mrs. I.W. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Ramsey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wall Wall

Our Deepest Sympathy

### DOVIE PHILLIPS

GUYMON, OKLA. - Dovie Phillips, 94, formerly of Texline, Texas, passed away Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at Hansford Manor in Spearman, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 26, 2002 at Henson-Novak Funeral Directors Chapel in Guymon, Oklahoma with John Scott and Fred Selby officiating. Interment will follow at Hartville Cemetery, in Hardesty, under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

Mrs. Phillips was born July 22, 1908, in Hardesty to Ida S. Hilton and Ocie M. McBride. She married Marion A. Phillips on July 22, 1935, in Guymon. The Phillips family lived in Texline, Texas where they ranched and Mrs. Phillips taught 4th grade for more than 21 years. She was a member of the Texline Church of Christ. She was married to Berry Rist in 1986.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marion, in 1975, and her second husband, Berry, in 1992; a son, Mack Evertt Phillips; two sisters, Johnnie Campbell and Ethel Collinsworth; and a brother, Edwin "Jack" McBride.

Survivors include a daughter, Ethel M. Benningfield and husband, James of Fritch, Texas; a sister, Sabra Wray of Adams; a sister-in-law, Edytha McBride of Dalhart, Texas; and four grandchildren, Jamee Benningfield of Searcy, AR, Monty Benningfield of Beaumont, TX, Tonya and husband, Trey Davis of Taylor, TX and Kirk Benningfield and wife, Sejal of Alexandria, VA.

The family suggests memorials be to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in Dallas, Texas; or to the High Plains Children's Home of Amarillo in care of the funeral home.

Thank You

Dear Staff of Spearman Elementary, Thank you so much for all you do and especially a great big hug and thank for the wonderful gift certificate. Have a terrific holiday. Susan Kelly

Thank You

Dear friends and family,

I would like to thank each of you for all your prayers, kind words and houghts during these last couple of months. As you know, I have been oo sick to thank all of you individually. You have all been so supportve and I am grateful.

So many of you have brought food, sent flowers and plants. It has been comforting.

I, with my family, would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, **Opal** Archer



## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 7-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend

Register Tapes for Education The Spearman 7th and 8th Grade Gifted & Talented class began accepting register tapes from Lowe's Marketplace on September 1, 2002 and will continue until March 31, 2003. These tapes will be turned into valuable and important educational equipment, free of charge, for the Spearman Junior High campus. Tapes may be given to any Spearman lunior High student, or may be taken to the Spearman Junior High office

#### **Campbell's Soup Donation**

Campbell's Soup is donating a can of soup (up to 5 million) to area food banks just by clicking on a football helmet at their website. It's quick, easy and can be done once a day. http://www.chunky.com/click\_for\_cans.asp.

Nomination Forms Available for Governor's Volunteer Award The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service TxCVCS) is accepting nomination forms for the 2003 Governor's olunteer Awards. These awards, administered in partnership with the Office of the Governor, acknowledge Texans whose commitment to community and service to others is exemplary. Individuals may nominate hemselves or others in one of 11 award categories. Finalists will be chosen by a governor-appointed blue ribbon panel in March. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 donation to their charity of choice courtesy of H-E-Recipients will be honored at a recognition ceremony in Austin on May 2003 during National Volunteer Week. For more information or to download a nomination form, visit <u>www.txserve.org</u> or call the Governor's Volunteer Awards Hotline at 5120-475-4432. Forms must be eceived by 5 p.m. on December 31, 2002.

Holiday Hours for Hansford County Library The Hansford County Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only on Monday, December 23rd and Friday, December 27th, and will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Thursday, December 26th. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, December 30th, and will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st, and will remain closed on Wednesday, January 1st. The library will resume regular busi-ness hours on Thursday, January 2, 2003 less hours on Thursday, January 2, 2003.

#### Texas Historical Commission Seeks Nominations for T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will accept nominations for its annual T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award until December 31, 2002. The THC will award up to three \$1,000 cash prizes to authors of Texas history books published in 2002. The book award encourages original research of Texas history. The award is named for historian and THC commissioner emeritus T.R. Fehrenbach of San Antonio, one of the state's lead ing authorities on Texas history and the author of 18 books. For guide-lines and a nomination form, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the Marketing Communications Division at 512/463-6255. The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of program to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas

#### New GED Enrollment & Orientation

Enrollment and orientation for new GED students will be held January 7, 2003 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Spearman High School. For more infor-mation contact Claudine Hardy at 659-2563, Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Glenda Guthrie at 659-2584.

#### Annual Community Health Fair

Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center will Co-Sponsor the Annual Community Health Fair at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, January 18, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. unti 2:00 p.m. There will be various health-related services represented in addition to a blood drive and lab tests at reduced prices. The theme of this year's health fair is "New Year's Resolutions for Healthy Life Style Choices.

Medical Fund Established for Holly Tercero A medical fund has been established for Holly Tercero at First State Bank. Holly was injured in an automobile accident in Hansford County on November 30, 2002, and is still in the hospital in Amarillo.

#### **Power Wheelchairs Available**

Miracle on Wheels makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old & up) usually at no out of pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required. The electric wheel-chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living guarters and who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. Please call 1-800-749-8778 or visit our web site at www.durablemedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Everett Tracy, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy



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Anyone with a computer connection to the Internet can now take a driving safety course. TxDriving. Com has been approved by the Texas Education Agency to provide driving safety courses on line. To take the Internet course, students must have a computer, and Internet connection and some standard browsing and viewing software. Completion of the course makes students eligible for ticket dismissal under the Texas Transportation Code. The ten percent insurance discount also applies. Students may complete the course at their own pace and are allowed to log on and off the program with the computer keeping track of the student's progress. The course will take a minimum of six hours to complete. For more information you may access course information a http://TxDriving. Com or call 888/595-1911.

#### Gardening Hour at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens

The Amarillo Botanical Gardens invites anyone interested to bring a brown bag lunch to 1400 Streit Drive in the Harrington Regional Medica prown bag lunch to 1400 Streit Drive in the Harrington Regional Medical Center Complex on the third Wednesday of each month from 12-1 p.m. Each month, horticulturist and industry leaders from Amarillo Botanical Gardens, ABG associated garden clubs, and other area organizations discuss, in detail, topics that allow garden enthusiasts to more efficient-ly maintain and enjoy their gardens. For more information, call Amarillo Botanical Gardens at 806-352-6513.

#### **Prairie Rivers Musical**

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

#### Hansford County Library Memorial Fund Established

A Memorial Fund has been set up at the Hansford County Library for the purpose of purchasing a microfilm reader/printer for student & genealogy research at the library. If you would like to donate to this fund please contact Sheri Benton at 659-2231.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman, Jamie Casdorph, Outreach Caseworker, is scheduled to be at that location each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and Children's Advocate, Marsha Neely, will continue to be in Spearman each weekday. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's servic

Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are avail-able throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights. quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volun-teer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

**SHS November** Students of the Month



The Spearman High School November Students of the Month are dindee Gillaspie and Garrett Griffin.

Mindee is the daughter of Dick and Leann Gillaspie

She has received the following honors during high school: 1st eam All-District Basketball, 1st team All-Region Basketball, 2nd All-State Basketball, Lynxette Basketball Player of the State Track Team Champion, TAAS Academic Recognition in English and Reading, Texas Baptist All-State Choir (2 years), All-State Solo in 2001, All-State Solo in 2002, All-State Ensemble in 2002, and Hugoton All-Tournament Team in 2001. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity basketball team (4 years), varsity track team (3 years), varsity tennis (1 year), and varsity cross country (2 years).

Mindee stated that the teacher who was most influential in her Ms. school was vears Blankenship.

Following graduation she plans to attend college and major in International Business or Athlete Training. She would also like to play college basketball.

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Garrett is the son of J.L. and Jo

Lynn Griffin. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years, was elected class favorite his freshman and sophomore years, and has been on the student council for three years, currently serving as vice-president. He has participated in cross country, tennis and basketball for three years He received the Speech award his freshman year. He is a member of the First Christian Church.

Garrett stated that the teacher who has been most influential in school is Mrs. Turner and Mrs Jones

After graduation he plans to attend Texas Tech University or West Texas A&M University and major in business management or financial consulting. His goal in life is to be successful in whatev er he decides to do.

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## **Booth Completes** Internship with Stenholm

Katie Booth, a senior at Texas Tech University, recently completed a Congressional internship in the Washington, D.C. office of Congressman Charlie Stenholm. She was one of seven students selected for the fall semester of the Texas Tech President's Congressional Intern Scholarship Program.

"Living in Washington, D.C., working on the Hill, and touring the East Coast has been the experience of a lifetime. I would recommend this opportunity to anyone interested. Were I given the chance, I would do it all over again," Katie commented.

As a part of the internship, Katie participated in various activities including researching legislative issues, corresponding with constituents, and leading United States Capitol tours. "During the three-and-a-half months I interned in D.C., I was able to witness so much: the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy; the Iraq Resolution; a winning election for Congressman Stenholm; a lame duck session; the passage of the new

Homeland Security Department; and many more top experiences." Katie particularly enjoyed being able to work for a Texas Tech Alumni, Congressman Stenholm. "It is a real treat to see a fellow Red Raider who has done so well for himself and continues to do great things for not only the 17th District of Texas, but the nation as well

Though Congressman Stenholm is not her hometown Representative, Katie did appreciate the opportunity she and the other Tech interns had of meeting with Amarillo's Congressman Mac Thornberry and Texas Tech's Congressman Larry Combest.

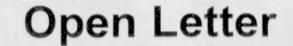
While in Washington, Katie was able to extend her learning experience beyond D.C. to see much more than the local attractions. While ventur-ing across the East Coast, Katie was able to visit areas of Maryland such as Annapolis and Monticello in Virginia. Katie even ventured as far as Boston, Massachusetts, Boothbay, Maine, and Niagra Falls, Canada.

Katie is a 1999 graduate of Tascosa High School and is the daughter of Richard and Becky Booth of Amarillo. She will receive her degree in Business Finance and Economics from texas Tech University in May 2003. She is the granddaughter of John and LoRee Booth of Spearman.

Dr. Rick Sheppard, D.D.S.

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To whom it may concern

As a combat vet I see the horrible side of war. Not like our president who was guaranteed to not be on the front line and saw the good side (MONEY SIDE) of war.

I am worried about us going to war. It's something that most American public only understand from the point of view of success, or at least no effect

I believe if our president had actually seen combat he would not be doing what he is doing. If you read his history, his dad made sure he did not see combat. Which is interesting because he, the dad, did see combat!? Maybe he knew his son should not see it.

Please read the history about one of our past presidents, Eisenhower his thoughts etc. He was one of our greatest presidents.

I believe that most Americans do not have a clue what they are getting into.

God bless America. Will He, GOD, agree if we are the aggressors? Especially if we cannot prove the man has the ultimate weapon? Is it clear and present danger? Who is really wanting this war? Is this a son trying to take up the downfall or finish what a father did? I do wonder about that.

Just who is going to benefit from this? The oil and weapon lobbyist are very strong in Washington. Would you let a family member go and fight at this point?

I know 9-11 comes into play here (or does it?). But does it justify this action? Do we want the U.S. to be the aggressor? Please think before people are killed (and Americans will be).

If we prove the monster, (who I think was abused as a child himself) is making horrible weapons, lets go for it.

I know I am a minority. But I was a minority during the Vietnam war -I actually had to fight. As a Christian man I have to think, would God approve of this. In my mind He would not approve of this unless it was lear and present danger

The poor and minority's will do most of the fighting. The rich will profit. That seems to be the American way, especially from the time of Vietnam. You can call me a callous old war vet if you like, but who better to talk about war than those that have experienced it and suffered from it – not those who have seen it from a distance. GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Glen Ayers U.S.M.C. Vietnam 1969 and 1970





# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I want a jeep car my brothers? with flowers. I love you! I wonder Love, Jaym if Rudolph is ok. I like your sleigh. How many elves do you have? Bring something for my sisters. I also want a Lilo and Stitch doll. I will leave you cookies.

Love, Brigette Vargas

Dear Santa, I've been good this year! Santa, you are cool! How does Rudolph take off? Your elves make good toys. I want a horse and a cowboy, big ones! I want a baseball set. I hope you're working hard. I love you Santa! Bring Blayne something.

Love, Brock Schroeder

Dear Santa, I want a sassy cat and a pony for me to ride, a real one. I want most of all a bell from your sleigh. I've been good all year. Ashley has been really good too. Do you have lots of toys made?

Love, Klara Keim

Dear Santa, Thank you for the presents. do you have a good time at the North Pole? I like you because you are so sweet to me! I want a skateboard with a helmet. I want a pretend army gun. Trenton wants a skateboard too. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and reindeer food.

Love, Tanner Baird

Dear Santa, I want a new game. I want a dalmatian chair, and I want a new Game Boy Advance. I've been good. Are you making presents? Is it snowing there? Make sure everybody is good! Love, Alan Biggers

Dear Santa, I want jewelry. How is Rudolph? I would like some wood for my playhouse, and a bed for my playhouse, and even some books for my playhouse. I would like a bathrobe. How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a beauty shop. Can you please bring some toys for Love, Jayme Pack

Dear Santa, I want a laptop Barbie computer and a Barbie camera. I would like a life size Sleeping Beauty. I want al cross necklace for my dad and a cross with lots of flowers on it for my mom. Don't fall off my roof when you come, because it might be snowing!

#### Love, Tyann Hight

Dear Santa, 1 love you! Please bring me a doll that looks like my mom. Please bring my dad a present. Have a happy day, Santa. i will leave milk and cookies for you. Bring some presents, like dolls. Love, Jessica Holguin

Dear Santa, You give me good presents. I would like a Spider Man toy. I will give you chocolate chip cookies. You ride on a sleigh. I would like a Batman toy. Please bring something for my brothers and sister.

Love, Ruben Freayre

Dear Santa, how are your reindeer? Is it cold in the North Pole? Be careful with your reindeer when you leave the North Pol.e I would like a bear with a snowflake on it. I would like a Barbie Motel and Barbies. Bring something for my sisters. I will leave you a cat. Love, Anne Marie Comp

Dear Santa, I would like a barbie. Santa, you are nice. You are good. I have been good too! Bring a car for my brother. I want a barbie car too

Love, Clarisa Hernandez

Dear Santa, I would like a truck for Christmas. I want a racecar tool. For Gabby, please bring some barbies. We are learning about letter "li." I will leave some cookies for you! I like your reindeer Santa! I like you too, Santa!

Love, Chris Bravo

Dear Santa, I would really like a Barbie. I would like a Barbie airplane. I would like a dog robot. You are so cool. I love you very much. I would like a Wishy Washy toy. I would like yellow stars. I have not been naughty - just nice. Love, kristin

Dear Santa, I want a game boy, Pokemon, and Driver video game. I want a sling shot but I will only shoot it when no one is looking. I have been very good, Santa. I'm going to leave you milk and Christmas cookies. Love, J.D. Reed

Dear Santa, I want Banjo and Kazoey (a bear and bird video geme). Also Mario Party 2 for Nintendo 64. I like Power Rangers movie and a dragon movie. I would like a red super soaker water gun. You are majorally cool. I would like a sling shot. Love, Jose Corralejo

Dear Santa, I want a BB gun, Santa. I have been so good. Ask my mom and Mrs. Howard. I hope I get a toy tractor. i will leave you a glass of milk. Come in my front door. I probably won't be asleep. Love, Blake Burgess

Dear Santa, I would like a toy remote control gray pickup. would also like a Trampoline. will be very careful. I also want a Digemon toy. I have been so good. I will leave you chocolate milk. Love, Houston Vela

Dear Santa, I would love to have some powder puff dolls and some Barbies. I should be home. I hope you like my Christmas tree. I am a good girl! I love my family and school. Could you bring my brother, Justin, some Pokemon movies? Love, Nikki Rindlisbacher

Dear Santa, I would like a color game boy and a Santa toy. I love you Santa and I do not think you are too fat. I also want a Spiderman toy and Leo the lion toy. I want turkey and coke. I'll share with you. I've been good.

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### Love, Leo Holguin

Dear Santa, I would like a web blaster. I would also like a remote control choo choo train. I want a bed for my dog. I want my dad to get a good shaver and a diamond ring for my mom. I am going to leave you milk and cheese. Ho Ho Ho. Bring all the toys please. Love, Cooper DeArmond

Dear Santa, I would like to get a Barbie mermaid. I want a Christmas movie. I want a real horse. (I hope I can keep it in town.) I love you so much. You are so nice. Would you give my mom a recipe to make cookies? Love, Vanessa Vela

Dear Santa, I want a Spiderman web blaster and also a new waterbed. I would also like a soccer ball. I will leave you pizza (my mom works there). I will also need 2 pairs of pants, 2 shirts, and tennis shoes please.

Love, Juan Davila

Dear Santa, I would like a ballerina doll that dances. (She comes out of a new skirt.) I would like a glow in the dark ball. I hope your sleigh will hold all the presents for all our seven kids. i would like a movie, Sleeping Beauty. Love, Slade Garnett

Dear Santa, I would love to have some pretty Barbies. And I would like some play hearts and an Easy Bake oven. I just moved from Clovis and I hope you can find my house in Spearman. I have been so ood. I love you. Blake Kileski

Dear Santa, I would like a Hello Kitty television. I would also like a lamp. I would like a doll. I have been so good. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I had my tonsils out and I am feeling better. Love, Loren Temple

Dear Santa, I would like crystals. I want a new bike. Have a Happy Good Christmas. I want a picture frame.

#### Love, Brooke Walker

#### Dear Santa, I love you, Santa. You are so good to me. I want a computer. You make all the babies fun. You are good to all the babies. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love, Daniel Avila

Dear Santa, I like Santa. I want a transformer wolf. I want a barbie for my sister. I want my transformer to be black. I want the barbie to be pink. Would you bring my mom and dad a bike? That way everyone will have a bike. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Javier Caro

Dear Santa, Please bring my baby sister a dress and bring me a trampoline. Could you bring a swimming pool for the summer? I have been a good girl sometimes. I do help my mom. Love, Emily Vela

Dear Santa, I would like a powder puff girl and a web blaster for my brother. He is good sometime's. Bring my mom a necklace andn a ring for my dad. I'll leave some cookies and milk just for you. Love, Adriana Reza

Dear Santa, I would like some Spiderman pajamas and a little car for my baby brother. He does not have one. I would like some new swings for outside. I promise to be very good for Mrs. Stinson. Love, Gabriel Briseno

Dear Santa, I would like a remote control tractor and some trucks. I'll leave some carrots and some reindeer feed for your reindeer. How did you teach your reindeer to fly? Love, Beau Brown

Dear Santa, I want some gloves. Please bring my step-sister a doll and my brothers, Dillon and Devin some boxing gloves. Bring my mom a diamond ring. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! Love, Kelsi Sumner

Dear Santa, I'd like to get some chaps and spurs so I can be a real cowboy. Can you bring my little brother a spider web blaster? My mom needs some new earrings and bring my dad a new hunting gun. Love, Cayton Limbocker

Dear Santa, Can you bring some earrings for my mom? My dad needs a deer gun. I would like some brown cowboy boots and a new shirt for my brother. Can you bring me a new red wagon? Love, Travis Trammell

Dear Santa, Please remember to come to my house. Do you remember where I live? I would like a spider-web blaster. I'll leave some cauliflower and ranch dressing by the Christmas tree. Love, Enrique Vargas

Dear Santa, Please bring me a doll and a doll for my sister. Bring my mom a ring. I promise to be very, very, very good all the time. Love, Lizeth Chavez

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me three books, some pencils and markers. Also, please bring me a Barbie doll. Bring my dad a suit and a pink suit for my mom and clothes for my brothers and sisters. I love you. I will leave some cookies and hot chocolate and an apple for you. Love, Mariela Sanchez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a remote control truck and a play yellow car. Bring my mom a dress and a real truck for my dad. Please bring my brother Uriel a car and my brother Alejandro a truck. My sister Ariana a pretty dress, for my baby sister, some shoes. I will leave cookies and milk. I have been a good boy.

Love, David Aguilera

Dear Santa, I would like a truck and trailor with a cow, horse and bull. I will need a feed truck. Please bring me mom some apples, so she can make an apple pie. Love, Samuel Mendoza





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The last of the old year ... A Glimpse of the New .... Holidays are truly a time of remembrance. anticipation and faith. Wishing you a joyful holiday and an even more prosperous New Year. These wishes come from all your friends at KRDF.

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Dwogne **Dwayne** Smith Cummings

Jeone George Young

Jendy Longoria

Juan and Maria Avila ....

and your sports team: Gary Ellsworth --- Leonard Harper ----

Danny Parker

# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I really like you! My brother wants a web blaster. My mom needs a cooking glove. My dad wants a basketball court. I want a real motorcycle. Please tell Rudolph I said, "Hello!" Love, Chanz Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a hot shot transformer. I want a by uncle. I want a little baby puppy that is real. I want a bike with NO training wheels. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Zane Hughes

Dear Santa, Would you bring me a hot shot and a BIG motorcycle? Thank you. I will bring you one of my toys to give to the kids. Love, Israel

Dear Santa, I like you you are nis. wic one is your favrit Randr I mis you My favit Randr is Roodof I hop you rid saf From, Ashley Keim

Dear Santa, I wut a Barbi and a cur of Barbi. I will tra to not fit weuth my sestr. Thank you for Mrs. Ramon. Miriam Jimenez

Dear Santa, I been good I am geting a lieytindo I like lieytindo I like you. Lalo Jurado

Dear Santa, I want a bored (barbie) that has acar and I want the bored (barbie) tohas (that has) a big erplan and want los ov tows and los of car trnee. Merrylu Ramos

Dear Santa, I been a good kid all this year my cookie are good I will leav you some good milk. Jacey Neal

Dear Santa, I want thee niffs and one mushede and a pet dog that duzit bit and duz it dig. Love, Carson Pearson

Dear Santa, Can I have a comupter and cloths and jlrer (jewelry) and a nwe bike to.

Kelsea Miller an Eller Dear Santa, I want a playstashin er one and I want a game I want the game a bawt shwaing (shooting) mans. Juan Garcia

Dear Santa, I try to be good. Whene you come wake me up. I have a list I want U.R.U.A (uras), snowbard, a scanra. James Sowder

Dear Santa, My name is Richard Jarvis. I want thee mchs (machette) and one made and one 22 gug.

Dear Santa, I wat a Big car and I want a big rmot car. Alyzar Mata

Dear Santa, I wut for cismis is my mom a green chok (truck). And for me wer I dont git my fling hrt (where I don't get my feelings hurt so easily)

Love, Miranda Hargus

Dear Santa, I want a powr ranger forme to play after school. I want a game like gameboy. Aron Mendoza

Dear Santa, I hop you beg (bring) me presets to. Wud you like sum cuces too. I hop you wud like sum cukes too wud you like sum melk too I hope you wud too. Thank you. Yur frend, Kathrine Soliz

Dear Santa, I want a plctasin tow

and I want a molkintrol dert bike and I want a computer to. Devin Wells

Dear Santa, I want a noow game for my plastasne and i want a noow bick and I want a Nitido 64. Your find, Bradly Duvall

Dear Santa, I have been a good little girl. I want a fashion puppy. I want an A to go with the other letters on the refrigerator. I want a toy tool set. I want a toy barbie that lights up. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Emily Miser

Dear Santa, I want a big barbie doll house. I want my brother to have some hot wheels. I would really like My Seen Doll. I would like some art stuff. I would like a new fuzzy pencil. I will leave you cookies and milk. Love, Cheyenne Evans

Dear Santa, I love you. I like you. I want a barbie doll. Gladys

has been good. Fernando has been bad. I will leave you cookies and milk. Victor has been bad. Baby is being good. Mom is good. Love, Susy Flores

Dear Santa, I want a red power ranger. I want some transformers. 1 want a race car. I want some building pieces like we have at school. I want the big kind of roller skates. I want some Jimmy Neutron shoes, shirt and backpack. They are cool. I have been good.

Love, Peyton Garnett

Dear Santa, I want a barbie house. I want a fashion puppy. I want a baby doll that talks. I want a little Santa tree. I want a kitchen set that has a cookbook. I have been a good girl. I hope you have a good day.

Love, Kelsea Porter

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a Karoke machine. I want a Brat Doll. I am going to have a baby brother for Christmas. I want a new kitty. I want a computer. I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a magic wand like my sister has.

Love, Hannah Patterson

Dear Santa, I would like a barbie beetle. I would like a fashion puppy. I want some dishes. I want a Christmas book, a coloring book, and a Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer book. Ii have been good. I love Santa

Love, Callie Yarbrough

Dear Santa, I want a fashion puppy. Would you bring my mom some jewelry? I want a barbie bed. Can I have a Dora backpack? I want some clothes. I want a bunch of kittens, be sure to put holes in the box so they can breathe. Would you bring Chris a transformer? 1 want a barbie house. Love, Gabby Bravo

Dear Santa, I want a remote cantol car.

Your fiend, Jackson Davis

Dear Santa, how are the Deer. I want army gies. I'm genee git your Deer some Deer food.

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie. I would like ak new sister. I want to computer. And a Secret Listener. I am good all day. I am goiin to Live you some cookes and mik

Hernandez

Dear Santa, I wat a barbie remotoor and I bin gud and I win lev you sum cuces and melk and a now sistr and a nowbun. your friend, Leha Holguin

Dear Santa, I want Secret Listener. Ples. I want a Rupunzel.

Your friend, Kim Gibson Dear Santa, I want a Spiderman web blaster. I am goun to giv you

suo me cumi. Your friend Randy Rojas

Dear Santa, I am a good boy. I would like a hamser. I would like a new bike. I would like a x-box. I would like a cot in candy macken. I would like a secret Listener. IL will live your raindeer deer feed. Your friend, Geoffrey Patrick

Dear Santa, I would a Bop It and would a spidermam web blaster. I will leave you cookies. Your freiend, Omar Mendoza

Dear Santa, I wish I can have a Barbie and a Mary Kate and Ashley. I will let you have cookies. Your friend, Rebecca Hernandez

Dear Santa, I would llike a Lord of The Rings action Figure his Name is Leg less. Be wating for your prize.

Your frind, Ryan Schnell

Dear Santa, I love you I wanta Barbie Rupunzel. Your friend, Katy Soliz

Dear Santa, A new sister please! please! Oh and a cotton candy maker. And a rabow art set please. And a hepster. And a hours and a secret Listener. how are your reindier? I will liv you cookies and millk

you friend, Katie Beth Miesner

Dear Santa, I would like a action figures the action figures just like Spiderman and GI Joe and I leave some cookies for you and deer food for your rain deer. Your friend, Jerry

Dear Santa, I want a Small Soldier and a wed blaster. I bin good. I will leave you some Pizza. Your friend, Christian Ortiz

Dear Santa, I would like want Barbie Rapunzel. leave you some cookies You friend, Tristian Hughes

Wish List: Spiderman webblaster, horse, lizard, monster masks, monster robots, speed shoes. Seth Carson

Wish List: Tex Dex spaceman, Tex Dex downhill racet rack, x box hare potr and the chamber of secrits **Rion Lamb** 

Wish List: cat, horse, hampstr, dog, sno boots, bird Gladys Flores

Wish List: horse, ecxbox, dinsor, mask, robot Michael Olsen

Wish List: Gameboy advanced and with the games and Super Mario Sunshine, electr guitar, deved playr, snow cone macer, for wheelr, paintbols Alec Ceniceros

Wish List: horse, Barebeie, uncorn, Roibot cat, Barbeie boots, and for my Brother he wos a boots Fernandeo Calderon

Dear Senta, I love you. I want a pupy and a bird and a cow and a hores and a horse for Beau and a robot. Allison Smith

Wish List: Hampstr, horse, Lordof the rengs moovee, Heree Poter and the Chamber of Seecrits. Heree Potr and the Sororis Stone Sydney McDonald

Wish List: White horse, White kitin, scooter, zebra, fish, dog Oscar Gines

Wish List: I want to noif your rel. Bast tages int wrd, Raobot, I wat to lev out fom. Here potar end the Gobenn of Fiur, ranber Kane Pittman

Wish List: \$, snake, Howil, Herey Poter jellie beans, Here Putr and the Chamber of Secret, Spy Kids two, Spy kids stuff. Octavia Villareal

Wish List: helicpoter, he man. harey poter, spiderman, gameboy advanced, computer. Javier Rosendo

Wish List: cat, dog, horse, mouse, snowboots, elphat Clay Getz

Wish List: horses, dog, boots, van, toys, robot Alejandro Aguilera

Wish List: rope, a horse, a cow, boots, foot ball helmet and a hat Hector Juarez

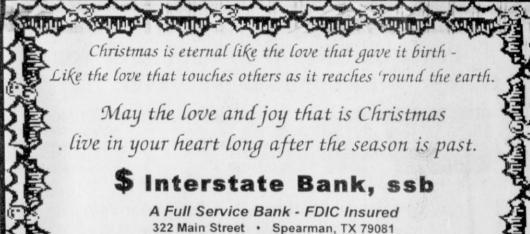
Wish List: Barbeie, horse, kitten, unicorn, skooder, toy tracter Vanessa Briseno

Wish List: Game Boy, Play Station, Computer, Piano, dinosaurs, Necklace Alan Robledo

Wish List: game, bike, Gi Joe, powerrangers, racoon, dinosaurs Alex Salazar

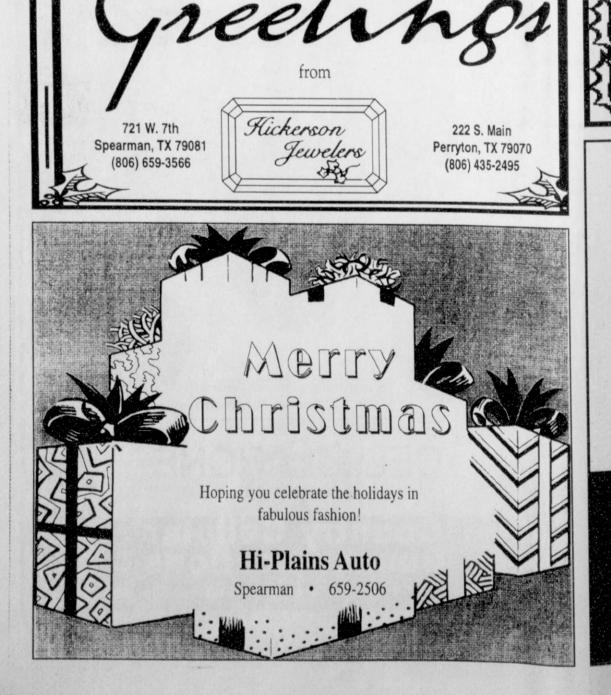
Wish List: Barney, Rudolph, Zebra, giraffe, cat, dog Paloma Mendez





Your friend, Eulises Mendoza

Your friend Stephania



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May the love, peace and hope of this holy season bless you now and always.

Llory to God in the Highest

.... For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,

lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Luke 2:11

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# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, What I want fir rainder? Christmas is a watch. I want a real cat and dog. I want a hamster. I can't wait to see the presents you will get me.

Your friend, Crystal Cantu

Dear Santa, What I want is a bralisit and a new bike. I will give you some cookies and millk. I know the reindeers names Dasher, Daser, Pranser, Vixsin, Comit. Quowpid, Doner and Blisin. Your friend, Kyla Walker

Dear Santa, You are nice to peple. You are a good man. Can you get me a bike. I bet your home is cool. AND NICE YOUR COOL I BET YOU ARE GOOD TO PEPLE. SANTA CAN YOU GET A COOL TOY FOR ME.

Your friend, Gregorio Torres

Dear Santa, I want a chalkboard. I want a bike to. I want a dog. I want a wooden horse. I hope you like the cookies and milk. How are the raindeer doing?

Your friend, Erynn Saenz

Dear Santa, Please bring me a bike beacuse they stole my bike. I want a gameboy anvace cuse they are so cool. Do you want mem to put cookies? How are yours raindeers? I leave you some milk to eat

Your friend, Alexis Mendoza

Dear Santa, I would like all the dogs and cats to have a home on Christmas morning. I have allready writen to you once. I no you have a lot to do to get ready. If you have time could I have a hamster named Hamtaro. What kind of cookies do you like? What kind of food do the raindeer like? I am going to get a sack and put lots of toys in it for the little boys and girls.

Your friend, Paige Pierson

Dear Santa, I would like a frog. I would like a play staeshn 2. I want a Herry poter game. How are you. Do you like choclit milk? can 1 take your pikcher? how are the Your friend, Katy Miser

Dear Santa, you are nice becos you Geb toys to the kids that there are I Love Santa.

Your friend, Marcos Aguilar

Dear Santa, I want a game boy and a cowboy boots and a cowboy hat and a cowboy shirt and a cow-

boy pens. I will leve you a glass of milk and some cookies.

Your Friend, Alfredo Rosendo

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a Puppy that is brown and has flufy far and by the way I will give you some cookies. Your friend, Itzel Meza

Dear Santa, I want a camaflog coat. A now par of snow boots. I woald lick a par of bollriding shaps. I want a now par of glovs. A cupl of arroes for my bow. Your friend, Audy Reed

Dear Santa, I am so sorry for have wasted all your money. But I need lots and lots fo stuff. One day will give you one big thing to thankyou for all you done. I hope you have a nice Christmas and sleep well because you go give all the things kids want. This year I want a barbie CD for my comput-

Your friend, Cynthia Mendoza

Dear Santa, I have ben doing super in school. I can't whate until cristmas. You no what everybody wants. You may be big and round. But it's on the inside thta maters. Your a great person. We love you. Arik Mires

Dear Santa, I want you to be spiesl, and I want to bring me a play station and a computer and that is all and be kind. Love, Nestor Hernandez

Dear Santa, You are nice. I have been good. I want barbie train with barbies. I want two bratz and boy an gril to be best friends an a car to go with it. I want my buteful meri-

#### ad. And my seneing with a car. Your friend, Laura Anima

Dear Santa, I am sorry for makeing your elves work so hard each year. Cristmas comes so do you want to get a little in to the presents? I want a come puter or a playstaethen to and i will thank you and your elves.

Love your frind, Jimmy Munoz

Dear Santa, I have bene a good girl this year. Thank you for my Darck Martens even tho they woer to little for me I stil liked them. This year I want a Violin. And a Fidle Bow. And al PS2 games. Wight me back.

Love, Mabry Sutterfield

Dear Santa, I've been a good girl this year. I'm sorry if our chimney dirty it needs to be cleaned. What do you what for Christmas? And polease DO NOT wakeup our dog Aibbie. I would like a CD player with a CD please. And a jar of dill pickles please. And anything like a horse please. And any stuff aiimal is fine with me.

Love, Rebekah Jones

Dear Santa, Thank you for everything last year. I appreciate everything. You are the nicetes person I have ever met. I will make sure that I leave cookies on the table. This year I would like a new born baby an some stuffed animals.

Love, Kylee Porter

Dear Santa, If you can bring a play station to me. Can you bring a 4 wheeler and a motor cycle with a control.

Your friend, Jesus Carrasco

Dear Santa, I am happy Christmas is coming on wedsday I hope you bring me a sister I LOVE you and a 4 wheeloer.

Your brother, Luis Vela

Dear Santa, Your the nicetes person ever met in my intiger life and you are so nice to kids and I appreciate it. I whont a boy brhat dall and a bril one to and I thanck that will be it for this year. I will make sure that I leave you some millik and cookes out for you, andI will make sure that I Leve you alote of cookies where jyou will be full when you leve jmy house

#### Your friend, Kassy Getz

Dear Santa, Thank you for the

presents last year. Has rodofe bene

good this year. I want a driver for

my play station and army too. be

Dear Santa, You are kind. I want

bratz and boy and the ghril with

the car. I will make srue I put cook-

ies. And I want the Rapunzel doll.

Thankyou for the tent I got last

year. How is Mrs.Claus doing?/

How id Rudolph? dose he have a

brighter nose? Could I have

clothes, Britney Spears CD, Could

Love, Melissa hernandez

Dear Santa,

your friend, Anthony Ochoa

Dear Santa, I would like a Bike, a Bratz doll, a science kit, and please remember I will leave milk and cookies for you. I hope you will come to my hose first. Love, Allison Bravo

Dear Santa, Could you please bring me a dirt bike and a chapter book.

#### Love, Rene Pena

Dear Santa, What I want is a doll. A bike with a helmet. I would like a toy gold fish. A toy dog but a pretty one. Could I have a barbie. Could I have a lot of books. Merry Christmas. Love, Danielle Garcia

Dear Santa, I would like a pair of go go boots and a furry black sweater and a pair of bell bottoms. I will leave you a glass of milk and a cookie Love, Holli Mans

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a bike and a Christmas tree.

Love, Alan Ortiz

Dear Santa, I would like a easy bake oven and a bratz doll and a pink cd I will leave your moilk and cookies by the tree. Love, Amber Gregg

Dear Santa, Can I have a blondish brownish wig, a clip together, roller coaster kity, Yu-Gi-Oh cards the good ones, I would also like the Bratz collection and please don't forget coady and the rest of my famliey. Love, Cassidie Jarvis

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a skateboard, a police car, and some tools for Christmas. I also want a doll that looks like you and big black dog that is mean. Yesterday I behaved well at school. I'm going to be up waiting for you and I'm going to give you a hug.

Love, Alexis Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I want a monster truck and a dirt bike. I have been nice to my little cousiin. I will have cookies, banana and kool-aid for you at my house. I will leave a pic-ture that I colored for you. I love Santa Claus.

Fabian Zapata

Dear Santa, I want a telescope and a castle that has a trap door for Christmas. I have been good to the cat that comes to my house to play. I play with him. I would also like a skateboard if you have room in your bag. I love you Santa Claus. Hunter Hopkins

P.S. 1 know some pluses like 1 plus 2 equals 3

Dear Santa, I want a pink bicy-cle and clothes for my Christmas. Leave my bicycle outside so my Mom cang et it iin the morning. Put my clothes inside my car before my Dad goes to work. I have been good and I love you. I'll be leaving you some cookies and milk.

Lupita Melendez

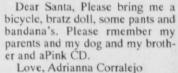
Dear Santa, I want a gold rubber penny and Barbie roller skates. Please make the Barbie skates pink. I will leave some cheese on the table for you. I think Cooper wants a penny thaqt's rubber, too. I will be sleeping at my house when you come.

Love, Kate Lieb

Dear Santa, I would like a big trampoline that is purple and a blue jeep that I can drive. I am going to leave 4 chocolate cookies and milk for you at my house. I love Santa. Ella Speck

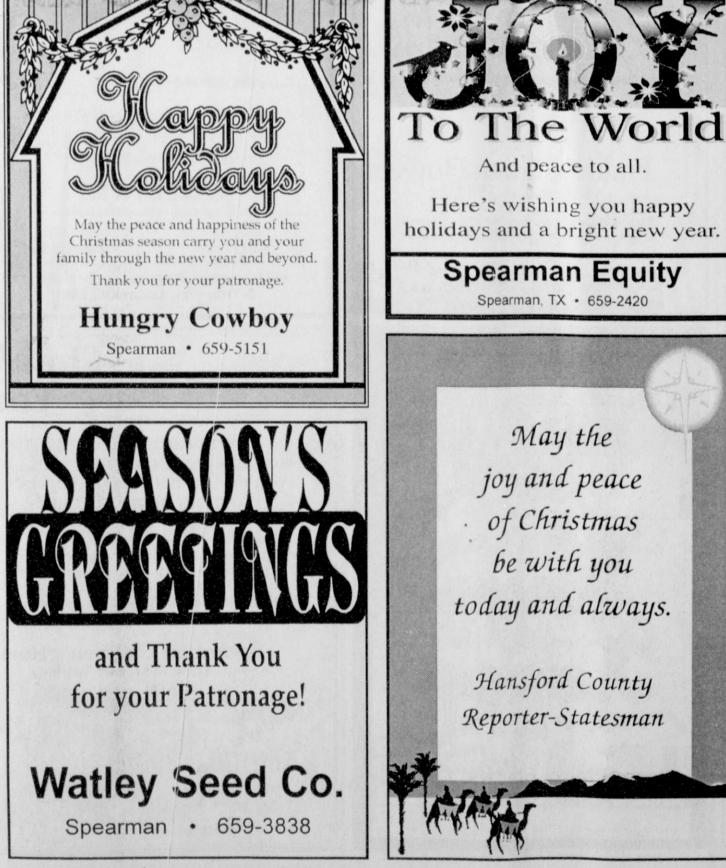
Dear Santa,

How do the reindeer fly? Are the eloves working very hard? I am being good. Do you remember when I saw you in Borger? You took your picture with me. I what to go to the North Pole with you. Be careful when you are flying. Love, Kalob





May the



I have a trampoilen, Seckret listener, and a BIG karoke. Could you bring a four wheeler. You friend, Taylor Orr Dear Santa, I relly relly wont a hair Bratz please. I hope you remember. I wont you to git my

sistr an brothr and my little baby brother a gift.

mom an dad a gift. Please git my

Love, Celina Perez

Love, Aracely Lujan

Love, Kagen Breeden

Merry Christmas

wants a bike.

the North pole.

a Merry Christmas.

Love, Jeb Cantu

Dear Santa, I would like two things. A half face Bratz named Jade, and a doll named Chelsea. Have a nice trip! Love, Maria Pena

Dear Santa, I would like a Bratz

Dear Santa, I want a army set

and a raindeer. Have a merry

christmas Santa. Have a nice trip to

Dear Santa, I would like a new

science kit and a telescope. I would

like a rock polisher kit and a

remote control airplane. I wish you

that it has things with it and rmemeber my sister. My brother



In the rush of the holiday season, we sometimes forget to say "Thank You." All of us at Simple Simon's Pizza want you to know that we appreciate your patronage all year long. And we wish you the happiest of all Christmas days.

**Our thanks** 

to you this

holiday

season.

Christmas is deeply meaningful to us as we share in the joy of celebrating Christ's birth. We hope you will join us in giving thanks for God's most precious gift - Jesus Christ.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Your friends at Simple Simon's Pizza

# Dear Santa,

on the reindeer and take me to the North Pole? I want you to give me a penguin. Will you give me a hug? Can you give me some toys? I am very good. Come to our school to see me. Please give all the children toys

Love, Ramon

Dear Santa, Can I go to the North Pole with you? How is Rudolph? Can I see Rudolph? If one of your reindeers get born, can I have one? How do reindeer fly? I hope you give me some toys. I have been good. How is Mrs. Claus? Be careful when you come to see me and don't let your reindeer give up flying.

Love, Juan

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? Are you ready for Christmas? Is Rudolph's nose shiny? Please bring money. I want to buy something because I like to shop. I am a good boy.

Love, Misael

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? How is everything over there? Is it cold there? Do you have snow? Is it beautiful over there? Please bring me a Barbie car. I have been a good girl.

Love, Griselda

Dear Santa, I want some sunglasses. I really want a kitchen. I am going to play with my mommy in the kitchen. Does Rudolph have a shiny nose? I love Santa. Love, Michael

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie and a baby doll.

Love, Lupita Mendoza

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a puppy dog and a kitten.

Love, Jennifer Crowl

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me an easelo. Love, Lisa Sims

Dear Santa, I have been a good

Dear Santa, Would you put me boy. Please bring me a toy car and motorcycle. Love, Israel Ortiz

> Dear Santa, I have ben a good boy. Please bring me boxing gloves. Love, Shaokta Field

Dear Santa, I have been a good

boy. Please bring me a sling shot with a wrist guard and Lelo and Stutch and Grinch. Love, Jace Lane

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me and my sise Barbie, al tea set and cool clothes. Love, Ellie Irwin

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a 3 foot tall Barbie and a Barbie house. Love, Hannah Boyston

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a toy rabbit. Love, Maggie Gaspar

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me a my size Barbie, a Barbie house, and a baby crib.

Love, Gena Gillispie

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. Please bring me Barbie roller skates and a BB gun. Love, Molly Lieb

Dear Santa, How are you Mr. Santa? I rote a song here it is. Mr. Santa bring me some toys bring Mary Christmas to all girls and boys. At night I'll go to sleep sing a diming about the presens yoll be bring! Mr. Santa promes me give every raindeer a hug and skees. Mr. Santa donet forget me! And that was my song I rote. I believe

### Merry Christmas, Reese

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? How is Prancer too? Will you please give me a cat and a game boy acvanse Love, Derreck Easley

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph? I know that it takes a long ride from the north pole. I want two pakegs full of gumey bears. I also want a rill go-cart that is a two seter. Santa please give me the best Merry Christmas

Your friend, Nathan

Dear Santa, Halle is Ruduf? Would you breag me a arme tank. Would you breag me a gocart. I hop you have inuf mone. Love from, Lupe Pena

Dear Sante Nick, How is Roofoff? I would like a American doll, and 5000 buck, and other things you thank I might like. I love you Santa, Audrey

Dear Sant, How are you Sant, I love you. How is the Noth pole? Will you give me a baby rainder and a gocart for rel. I wish you would let me drive a rainder and a game by avave. I love, love you Sant.

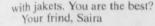
From, Beto Ruiz

Dear Santa, Is it cold up at the north pole? My mom said one day if I see you I could go on a ride in your sled to the north pole. Could 1? What I want for Christmas is a pet puppy and a two wheeled bike. A pogo stick and most of all I want a puppet stage princess). I believe in you so much Hannah Speck

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been fine. Can you bring me a cd player and cd's, m&m and Nelly. Thanks

Your friend, Diego

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. Could you please bring me a Barbie head and the twin baby bruthers. Three pairs of swet pants



Dear Santa, I want a Daphne, the one on Scobby Do for a Barbie. I also want a Barbie car that can drive if I click one button and turn it off. I also want a house for the Barbie. I also want Nike shoes. I also want bells from Reindeer Comet. I wish I want for all my life is a frame of an angel. I want a clock that rings so I can wake up to go to school or to somewere els. I want a diary that has a lock and has a pink pen. Santa you are a good boy. So I want to tell you to please Santa can you bring presents to all girls and boys? I will leave you a cookie and milk if you do that. Santa do you think that I was goodth is year. I do not now please anta please give them presents.

Love, Sury Rodriquez, a good girl

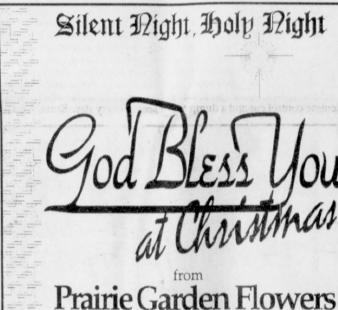
Pleas bring your raindeer to my house. Can I tell you what I want for Christmas? I want a blue gameboy color. I want some soccer sport cards, and a game cald Thunder Tank to come with the blue gameboy color. Well that's all I want deer Old Saint Nick. Mary Christmas Santa.

to give you my Christmas list I will read it to you. I whant a rill horse brown hores and evry kid in the world to be happy. A rill blue go-

Love, Tori Boydston

like a cellie. I want Like Mike and

Dear Santa, You are a nice boy.



#### Dear Old Saint Nick,

Love, Alex Ramirez

Dear Old Saint Nick.

I have ben good this year. I have

cart.

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like the Lilo and Stitch movie. Also I want Spiderman in movie. Also i would

Stuart Little 2 in movie Love, Alexis Ceballos

Can you bring presnts to all girls and boys? And bring me a Tweety that is real and a big house to play

in. And a big Barbie of Daphne and a movie of Lilo and Stitch and a laptop and a cellular phone and a little school, al TV, and a Santa. Love, Ysenia Mendoza

### Dear Santa Clas,

I wabt yiy ti be very carful and don't get sik and bring Rudolph and wake me up and let me see Rudolph's nose because I like his nose lit up. And for Christmas I want a set of baby clothes and I want to have a new toy driving car and geve me a set of cowgirl boot and a hat. And give me enething you want and also I love you Santa Clas.

Love, Ashley Scarborough

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Mega Growing Ball that is alfly clolorful and connected by plastic colorful snaps. I also want a minachur drum set that is purple. I want a TV that is a real one that you can put videos in it.

Love, Katelyn Wilson

P.S. I also want Paul Overstreet's CD besides the one that has ball and chain on it.

Dear Santa, Santa you are cool. Mrs. Claus is too. When you come to my house on Christmas Eve you mite find cokies and milke and a note. For Christmas I want a labtop, play stasin 2 and Pj's that have Tweety on them. The movie Lilo and Stich and Spiterman the movie, and a blue cellie and a telephone. Well bye. Love, Alejandra Medrano

P.S. and a cd player

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a Shelby the toy. I would like you to bring my hole family a present. My mom wants a clean nouse. My dad wants a new horse. My sister Meagan wants a fish aqartam. My sister Sierra wants a

Sincerely, Lynne Shelby Wagner Dear Santa, I want a play-mobil fort, and two playmobil wagons (a mail wagon and a stagcoach). I would also want the John Wayne movie Hores Soldiors, and a portable CD player. I live in

new doll house. My brother wants

Gruver texas one mile away.

P.S. I love you

Harry Potter legos. I live in

Hutchinson County, road E in a white house with lots of trees. Thank you, Jacob Lieb

P.S. There will be cookies and milk for you too. Merry Christmas!

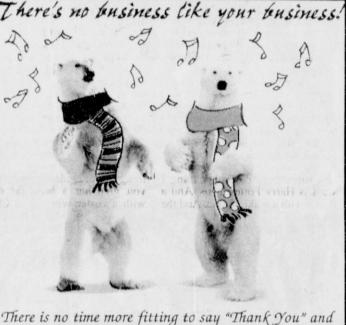
Dear Santa, I am in forth grade. It is so fun!! Mary Sue Adams is my teacher this year. This is my wish list this year. First I want my dad to not have to feed as much so I can see him more often. I want my mom to get a real diamond ring. For myself I want a go cart, a 22 rifl, and a big tool box for my dad. And for one of the two best teachers Mrs. Adams a real diamond necklace. These are the things I want this year.

Sincerely, Wil Carson McCloy P.S. I live out in the country in the middle of nowhere. Merry

Christmas!!!

Dear Santa, I want a family of Golden dogs. I also want a phons so I can call my friends any time I want to call them. I also want a TV so I can watch what ever I want to watch. I also want a VCR so I can watch movies. I also want a desk so I can do my homework. The last thing I want is the movie Where the Red Fern Grows part one and part two. I live in Morse TX on 5th street.

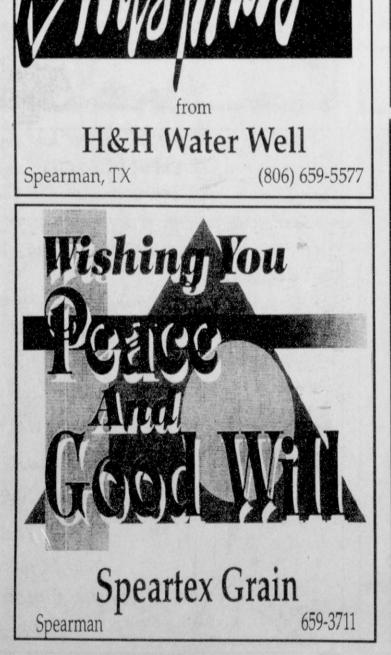
Sincerely, Marci Forrest



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in you Santa. I want a slay and some raindeer. Love, Kristen Dear Santa, Would you please send me a picture of you aknd I'll send my picture. Would you get me a trailer for my gokart? Your the best!



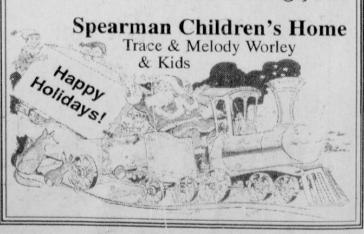


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surrounding communities for all you do for us through the year. From our home to yours! **Happy Holidays** 

Enjoy the magic and merriment of Christmas. May the season bring you all your hopes and dreams. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.



# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I was wanting a bike, a puppy dog, a new house! My little brother wants mostly any thing spider man. My mom wants a new house to! My dad wants a new house and a good Christmas! But what I want the very very most is for every body to get what they want and also for my dad to get Christmas day off!!! That would be the best Christmas gift I would ever get!!! I also would want a play staishon 2 and some games to go with it. Please Dear Sant Nick will you give us all the Best Christmas Day wwe will ever have

P.S. 1 will be in Lubick TX for the holiday. Merry Christmas and a Merry Christmas to all. Sincerely, Makenzie Crane

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. I want to tell yall what I want for Christmas. I want a cd player so I can lisen to music on the bus. Sincerely, Rito Mendoza

Dear Santa, I am in fourth grade. I would like a Dalmation dog for Christmas. I would like to have a VCR and a DVD. I would like to have a new game for my Play Station. I would like a computer. Tell your reindeer hi for me. I live at Palo Duro Feedlot.

Sincerely, Jesus Lopez

Dear Santa, How are you? I am fine. Will you bring me a gocart, and legos. I live in Morse, Texas on fifth stret. Can you bring my mom a fake pig and a fake horse. Sincerely, Danny Bonilla

Dear Santa, I hope you have a safe trip around the world. I hope I get all my presents I wished for. I am going to let you have some coockes and milk.

Sincerely, Quinton Easley

#### Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a remote control air plane. And please get my whole family a special gift please. Oh, and I would like to have a big white tiger maybe a 20 ft. one. And I would like a Game boy Advence. And anther thing I want is Harry Potter legos. And a watch with a wakie-talkie. And the

Sincerely, Guadalupe Trejo

Dear Santa, I would just like to tell you what I would like to get this Christmas. First of all my Mom would like to have a pool table because we have a pin ball machine. My dad would like to have some tools. My big brother Justin would like to have a Nintido Game Cube and some other stuff too. I would like to have Kit my American Girl doll winter accessories. I also would like to have a Nintindo Game Cube as well. These are some of the things I would like to have.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Hart P.S. I will be home for Christmas Eve

Dear Santa, I want a lot of things like the Millennium Falcoln. It is the toy that I want the most. Tell your elves hi for me. I will leave milk and cookies for you! Bye!

Sincerely, Haden Hart P.S. I live by Palo Duro Feedlot

Dear Santa, I love you so much and I would like for you to bring me a playstation so I could play every day. I would buy a cd about reseling. I would like for you to bring me a game cube because I could buy any video or cassette to play. If I could buy a video, I would buy a soccer video. And another thing that I want is money so I could give to the people that don't have food and money. Thats what I want for Christmas. Sincerely, Hugo Ortiz

P.S. I live at Palo Duro Feedlot

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a big toy tiger that is realy soft. The next thing I want is a game boy color or a game boy advance. I want a van for my babies and a house for them too. I also want a barbie train. I also want the toss test to be no problem. I want my family to be happy. I want a big white tiger for one of my sisters, for my other sister I want a little white tiger. For my dogs I want a bed they can't chew on. I only want two more things, the first thing I want is for my mom. Could you give her a beautiful candle with a coster with Santa Clauses

With love, Kaitlyn Howell P.S. 1 live in Spearman, Texas. Hope you like the milk andn cookes. Have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa, I want to hug you. I want some new Legos. Love, Adam Casdorph

Dear Santa, I want the key to the

## Love, Ady Garcia Dear Santa, I want a guitar. Love, Andy Borunda

Barbie house.

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie and a car for my brother. I want puzzles

Love, Antolina Mendoza

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie. Love, Daisy Lopez

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie car. I want a real car. I also want scis-Love, Dara Arrington

Dear Santa, I want a train. Love, Lalo Barrera

Dear Santa, I want a toy that makes real food. Love, Lesley Bernal

Dear Santa, I want a big racecar with a remote control, and I want batteries to put in. Love, Matthew Foster

Dear Santa, I want blocks. Love, Miguel Perez

Dear Santa, I color pretty. I want a Barbie for my teacher. I want a racecar, motorcycle and swing. Love, Ramiro Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a big truck. Love, Ulysses Valverde

Dear Santa, I want a Game Boy. Love, Raul Melendez

Dear Santa, I want to tell you a secret. I want a car. Love, Tyler Martinez

Dear Santa, I want a train.

Love, Tyden Austin

Dear Santa, When you come to my house would you like three presents? Will you give me some presents? Will you give me a remote control car and a dumpster?



We will leave some food for your reindeer. We will give you some cookies and milk. I am going to be good. That's all! I love you, Marco Trejo

Dear Santa, I want two cars that go on an airplane. One car gets on the airplane - the red one is a trap and the black one takes you up in the air. That's all! I like Christmas, David Lopez

Dear Santa, Do you know where my house is? I live in Gruver, Texas on Richardson Avenue. I want a stuffed animal. That's the end of my sentence!

Love, Kelcie Swink

Dear Santa, Can you bring me a little go-cart? (A real one) And a wooden horse to practice my roping. Why are you so chubby? Can I have a toy beard like yours? I would like all the "Winnie the Pooh" movies, and my Nana Judy some more computer thinking stuff for her computer, and a Playstation 2. Can I see Rudolph? That's all! Love, Ranten Lambert

Dear Santa, How come your elves always have to work? How come your elves always have to fix stuff? I want a tractor with a trailer, and a Scooby Doo, and a little motorcycle (but not a real one). I like Santa Claus.

Your friend, Dakota Lopez

Dear Santa, I want a CD walk-man, and a TV in my room because the one I have is broken. I want a ballerina CD and one of these dolls that you can put your hair clips on. I want a shirt with feathers all over it (little feathers not big ones). That's all! Your friend, Bailey Stedje

Dear Santa, Can I have some Barbies and a Barbie house and some clothes for them? Santa, we are glad you give all of us presents with toys in them. I am glad you brought me that firetruck and those play tools. Thanks for the clothes and all the other things you brought me for Christmas, and for my cousins' things, too. Santa, you gave us one of Ben's presents, but that is really O.K. And, Santa, we could get a lot of presents from you. I have been really good at my house. We have been good at school every day. Santa, we know

that you have a long beard, but why do you? We are glad for ali these things. I love you, Megan Sparks

Dear Santa, I want a go-cart, and a go scooter, and a pet hamster, and five more kittens (my mom is going to be mad). I want a real kid motorcycle so I can go by and take my friends to school. I need lots of gas for the machines, and an underwear hat. (Do you know how to make it? First you need a hat, next you get undies and put them on the circle of the hat and then put fishing hooks with little things on the ends where the holes are in the undies. Then you can wear them. That could be a new toy for people!) Have I been nice enough for all this stuff?

Your pal, Carson Williams

Dear Santa, I want a doll and I want a CD player. I want a CD by Selena, a teddy bear, and a remote control buggy car. I want a Barbie, and a stroller to carry babies in, and a doll house. I will leave something for you to eat. I love you, Serena

Dear Santa, Why do you have a long beard? Are you hungry? Can we play with you? I have been nice. I would like a toy - a remote control four-wheeler. Thank you for coming. Good by, Santa. Love, Israel Flores

Dear Santa, I want a roller backpack, and a Barbie doll, and a real pet dog. I want a baby doll. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. That's all!

I love you, Cheryka Kelly

Dear Santa, I want a Barbic. a baby doll, a coloring book of Dora (like that doll that I have), and I wouold like pretty walkic-talkics. I would like an American Girl Doll. And I would like for my mom to stop my sisters cleaning my room, because I want ot clean my room. I want a radio and a camera.. That's

I love you, Tania Bernal

Dear Santa, I want a pink mermaid Barbie. I want some earrings, some Barbie books to read, a Barbie car, and a wedding Barbie. And I want a Barbie that sings, some rings (I only have one), and two necklaces, and a deal with glass on it that you turn and it snows inside the glass. I want some pretty clothes for my Barbie, an ABC book, and a deal that helps me read, andn that's all!

I love you, Shianne Chisum

Dear Santa, I want dinosaurs, a glow Buzz Lightyear, and a glow in the dark Allodar (it is a dinosaur from that movie that I have), a talking small soldier, and an arrow gun, and the soldier with the gun on his back. And that's all! I love you, Calvin Cazares

Dear Santa, I want a real live megazord that can fly! I want a falcon that you can fly in, and all the White Power Ranger things. I want a play computer and a play printer. I want to help my dad stop smoking! And I want my mom to not get sick while the baby's growing. And, Blaise to quit jumping on me. Love, Michaela Davis

P.S. I hope you have a great trip. (and I want a new mat)

Willis Boyd Dirt Service 806-659-3844 · Spearman, Texas Merry Christmas to all our

customers and friends!



# Dear Santa,

and a Barbie. Love, Thaily Martinez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a guitar and I need those Play Dough things that you can make cookies with. I want the Play Dough I saw on the television that had a house and some toys. And I need some clothes. And there was a little Barbie and a big Barbie with sprinkles and a spoon and a toy house that I want. Love, Kisha Borunda

Dear Santa, I want a race car track that has an octopus and I want Play Dough that you make cookies with.

Love, Alex Melendez

#### Dear Santa,

I want a big baby doll and a Barbie. I want a basketball and a big teddy bear. I want a backpack that I can pull and a lamp. Love, Patty Garcia

Dear Santa, I want a red man with a 4 wheeler and the 4 wheeler needs to be blue with some words on it. I want a gray Power Ranger with a motorcycle that looks like an alligator.

Love, Valentin Trejo

Dear Santa, I want a doll with curly hair. I want a book with Fairy Tales in it.

Love, Reagan Haynes

Dear Santa, I want a real motorcycle, a car, a bike, and a football. Love, Oziel Rey

Dear Santa, I want a Texas Tech football helmet. I want a Buzz Light Year, a Woody doll and a Wild Force Power Ranger. I want

Dear Santa, I want a computer men and an octopus race car thta I saw on TV. I want a new shirt, new pants, new underwear and some new Power Ranger shoes. I want another race car and I want a new rolling backpack. And I want a new flashlight and some colored paper. I want a new Wild Force movie.

#### Love, Dax Haight

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a stuffed teddy bear. I want a new crazy car for my brother. I want a play fishing pole with a fish. I want some new clothes. Will you bring me a new Barbie? I want a picture framem to put a picture in. I want a new book. I want new toys, it doesn't matter what kind. Love, Bailey Rae Poer

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I want a new car for my mom and I would like a play car for my Barbies. I want two more Babies for Christmas so I will have four. Love, Jenny Smith

Dear Santa, I want to have a blue race car. That is all I want because I have a lot of toys. Love, J.J. Anaya

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie, a goldfish, a globe (my brother has one), and some mittens. And I want a Cinderella book. The last thing I would like is a princess picture to hang on my wall

#### Love, Rayel Anderson

Dear Santa, I want a remote control airplane that flies. And a car that has a remote control that can roll. I want a Spiderman Web Blaster. And I want a play sword too. I want a race car track. I want a play snake and I want a play

I want a gray Power Ranger that is on a motorcycle. Love, Mason McLain

Dear Santa, How are you and your riindeer? For cristmas 1 would likek a little car. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Love, Manuel Borunda

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Barbie that has differentn skirts and dresses. I want some make-up for toy dolls. I hope you have a good Christmas! Love, Sabrina B.

Dear Santa, Is it going to snow tomorrow? I want a race car and big play house. I would like a mask. I hope you are doing fine. I hope you have a great time

Merry Christmas, Victor Serrano

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I hope you are doing well. I want an American Jeep, an American home and American furniture. I would also like to have some doll things. I want a stroller wiht a doll carrier. I want everthing! I hope you have a good Christmas. Love, Madison Williams

Dear Santa, I would like a wild dog I want it to be white and brown. I have been good. How are your reideer. Is it cold ove there? Are there polar bears over there? How is Mrs. Claus? Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Cesar Mendoza

Dear Santa, I like big toys that are cool. I want cool cars, a bunch fo cars. Santa, how do you know how to drive your reindeer. I bet it is hard to do.

Christmas, Merry Eddie Borunda

Dear Santa, I am going to build a snowman for you. I would like to get lots of gifts. The gift I really want is a compter and a remote control car. Christmas, Eddie Merry

Dear Santa, I want some neat things for Christmas. I want a Barbie, a doll, a toy Santa, and a play house. I would also like a Barbie car. Do you drink cocoa? How are you little elves? How is Mrs. Clause? Is it fun to ride on a sleigh? Have a great Christmas Day!

Love, Ana Lora

Dear Santa, I love Christmas because you bring us toys. I would like you to bring me a bike. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Claudia Garcia

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I am doing good. Will you bring me a puppy dog, please. Would you bring me a new bed, teenager clothes, a fashion Barbie, and a flashlight radio that plays music. Have a Merry Christmas! Love, Shyanne

Dear Santa, I want a motorcycle, bike and a tractor. I want a big box of toys. I want a farm with horses, cows, and a pig. I also want a Nintendo with CD's. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love, Israel Mendoza

Dear Santa, I would like a crystal ball and a disco ball. I would like a Rapunzel and a Britany Spears Barbie. I would also like a chick-a-boom-boom, radio flashlight, a real cell phone, and a gentle puppy. A warm snow hat would be good to play in the snow with. How are you doing? How are your reindeer? How are your elfs? How s Mrs. Claus?

Merry Christmas, Zoe Cantrell

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo and a real parrot. I want a Nintendo for rainy days. I would also like

favorite game is the Jackle. I would like a cool bird cage for the parrot. I hope you have a good sleighride Love, Beau Blankenship

Dear Santa, I love you so much like my mom. Do you know what you are going to get me? Set it under the Christmas tree. I wish my dog had puppies. What do you do when it is not Christmas? Love, Yadira Mendoza

Dear Santa, I like you very much. I hope I get a dirt bike for Christmas. Is Rudolph in the very very very front? I hope it is not very very cold upu at the North Pole Love, Efrain Santillan

Dear Santa, I hope I am on your good list. Did vou have a baby? I hope you have lots of toys for children. Would you get me a bunny? I hope you have a Happy Christmas! Love, Victor Barrera

Dear Santa, I hope that I have been good and I hope that I get a motorcycle for Christmas. I hope that you like the cookies. I hope that you don't fall off your sleigh. Love, Armanda Guereca

Dear Santa, I'm excited when you bring toys. Have a Happy, Merry Christmas. I want a motor scooter. Be careful on your sled. Your friend, Luis Perez

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? What is your house like? Please bring my teacher a nice gift. Please bring me a train on rails and a gift for my family. Love, Gabriel Mundo

Dear Santa Claus, I hope I will see all nine of your Christmas night. I hope I am on the nice list. Will you please get me a big book? Do you have a baby Santa? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Travis Stedje

Dear Santa, How are Mrs. Claus, ou, and your 9 reindeer doing? I like how Rudolph's nose shines. Well I want a dictionary and a new house for Christmas. Have a Haplpy Christmas.

Your friend, Grace Guthrie

Dear Santa, I've been wonderingn how has it been up there? And how are you and your 9 reindeer? Santa, may I pretty please have a Barbie'

Love, KyAnn Thomas

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph and the other eight reindeer? Are the deer being good for you? I would like a four wheeler! I love you. Love, Dillon Payne

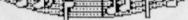
Dear Santa, How are you doing? I would like a kitten for Christmas. What do you do when it's not Christmas? Is Rudolph the reindeer always at the front? I like it when you come. Love, Madison Foster





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As another year draws to a close, we thank you for your friendship and good will and sincerely wish you all the happiness that a prosperous and successful New Year can bring.



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Best wishes for a Happy Holiday season and our sincere thanks for your loyalty and good will, throughout the year.

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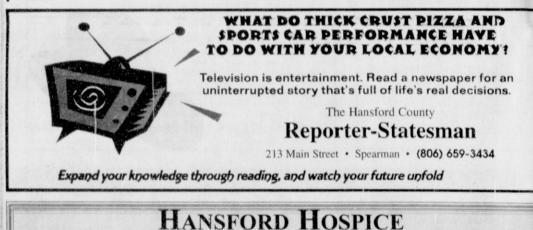
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On Thursday, December 19th, Santa borrowed a U.S. mail truck to deliver gifts to families whose names were on the Angel Tree at the Spearman Post Office. Local residents took angels from the tree and purchased gifts for that person.



### Eta Alpha Chapter News

The Eta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Williams Elementary in Perryton on Saturday, November 9, 2002. President Bobette Doerrie called the business meeting to order. Officer committee reports were given by Barbara Richardson and Minta Wilson.

Patt Howard, Legislative Chairman, handed out a booklet with information on the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision. The information included addresses, email addresses, and a sample letter that each member might use as a guide in contacting our representatives in Washington in an effort to get these bills repealed.

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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED December 23rd-January 3rd. For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434 or CathyRSmit@aol.com. Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

# Auxiliary Heads Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser -Operation Christmas Greeting." Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor. The following have made donations:

Merry Christmas

**Grace Simpson Dortha Keys** Granville & Muriel Boyd Olive "Babe" Pendergraft **Mary Fern Terry Alva Garner Robert & Jackie Graham** John & LoRee Booth Verna Gail Keim **Rosa Lee Butts Adalyn Barnes Ruth Crawford** Don & Gwen McLain **Estelle Jackson** Willie Clement Verna Brown **Gwen Smith** John & Virginia Trindle J.D. & Rubyjo Wilbanks I.W. & Maylynn Ayres **Ralph & Joanne Blodgett Thane & Sue McCloy** 

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