

IN THE NEWS

Will Shiites Hold Their Fire?
Sunday's bombings in Shiite holy cities - the deadliest insurgent attacks since July - appeared aimed at sparking sectarian strife.

Foreign Troops May Stay in Afghanistan Indefinitely
Foreign troops may remain in Afghanistan indefinitely even as Afghan forces take on growing security responsibilities, U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad said on Tuesday.

Army Says 19 U.S. Soldiers, 3 Others Killed in Mosul
Nineteen U.S. soldiers and three others died in an explosion on Tuesday in a dining hall at a base in the Iraqi city Mosul, and investigators are examining whether it was the work of a suicide bomber, an Army official said.

Bush Says Troops Were on Mission of Peace
A somber President Bush said on Tuesday U.S. troops killed in a deadly attack in northern Iraq were on a mission of peace as the heavy death toll presented him with a fresh challenge amid dwindling U.S. support for the war.

Annan: Won't Resign Over Iraq Oil, Food Scandal
U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Tuesday corruption allegations in the Iraqi oil-for-food program had cast a shadow over the United Nations but said again he would not resign as the world's top diplomat.

Turk PM Urges Bush to Act on Kurd Rebels in Iraq
Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan urged President Bush to act against Kurdish separatists in northern Iraq during a telephone call on Tuesday, Turkish officials said.

Two French Iraq Hostages Freed in Iraq-French PM
Two French journalists held hostage in Iraq have been released, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin told parliament on Tuesday.

Karzai Agonizes Over Choices for Afghan Cabinet
For a man whose election victory in October was never in doubt, Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai is taking his time picking a cabinet from a lineup of military strongmen and civilians returning from the West.

Group Says Records Show U.S. Detainee Abuse Cover-Up
American commanders in Iraq prevented an autopsy on a detainee who died in U.S. custody with multiple wounds, an Army document made public on Tuesday showed, in a case that rights activists said suggested a prisoner abuse cover-up.

Giving New Meaning To 'Every Vote Counts'
The interminable race for Washington governor may hinge on whether 723 originally untallied votes count.

U.S. Stocks Rally, Dow at 3 1/2-Year High
U.S. stocks rallied on Tuesday, with the Dow closing at its highest level in 3 1/2 years, boosted by a rebound in beaten-down drugmaker Pfizer Inc., while tech stocks got a lift from a broker upgrade of Intel Corp.

Protests Planned for 2nd Bush Inauguration
Just a month before President Bush's second inauguration, protesters on Tuesday offered plans for an anti-war rally, a counter-inaugural ball and a show of backs turned along Bush's parade route.

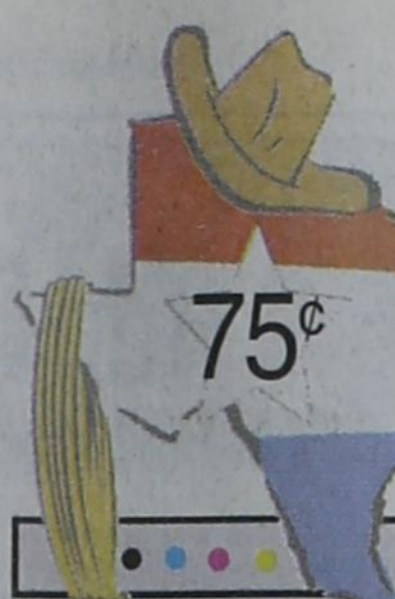
Safe Drug Imports Would Be Difficult
Importing cheaper prescription drugs should not come at the expense of safety, said a U.S. government report issued on Tuesday that highlighted the problems of ensuring the medicines are equivalent to those in the United States.

Bush Social Security Plan May Face Hard Sell
A decade after President Bill Clinton's ambitious scheme to overhaul U.S. health care turned into a political debacle, some are wondering whether President Bush's Social Security plan could go the same way.

Poll: Rumsfeld Support Slipping
The majority Americans think Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld should step down, a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll published Tuesday said.

W.House Expects Probe of Iraq, Guantanamo Abuses
The White House said on Tuesday it expected a full investigation of prisoner abuses in Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, after new FBI memos described detainees facing beatings and having lit cigarettes placed in their ears.

Trucker Faces Charges in Pileup
A truck driver faces charges of driving at an unsafe speed during a whiteout Sunday, allegedly causing a pile-up involving 80 vehicles on I-80 in Pennsylvania.



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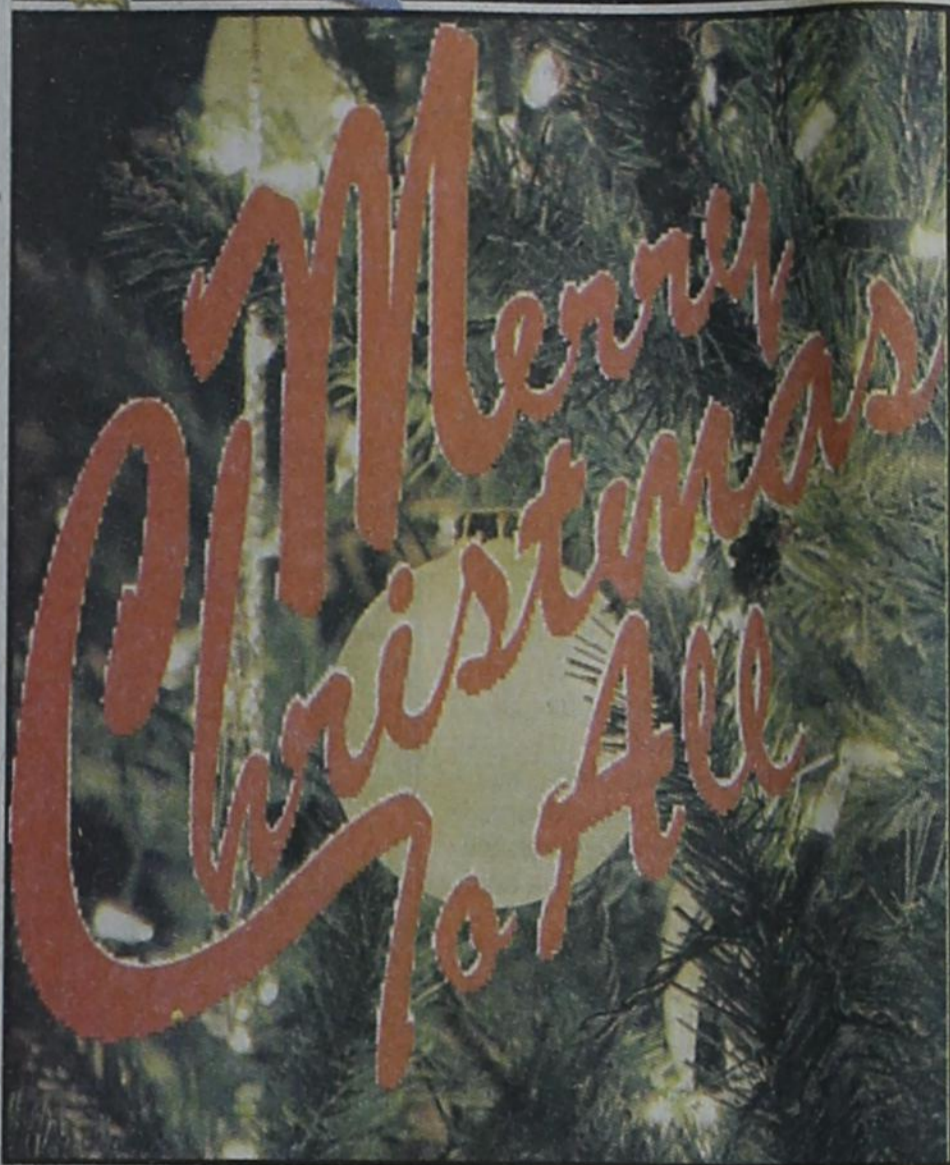


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I've been good, Santa. I promise! — Meghan McNulty poses for a picture while waiting to see Santa. Meghan is the daughter of Jennifer and David McNulty of Crofton, MD and the granddaughter of Gary and Catherine Smith of Spearman.

Christmas wishes times two — Twins Blake (left) and Brett Willis extend double greetings of the season to Hansford County residents. The second-graders are the sons of Dana and Kent Palmer of Gruver.

Look for 'Letters to Santa' and Christmas wishes in this week's issue!



Unique opportunity to help the troops

Operation Hero Miles was created by the US Airlines and Congressman Ruppberger to meet the needs of our soldiers deployed overseas.

station at Fort Hood, Texas to attend to the funeral of his mother-in-law in Pennsylvania. However, he must personally pay the cost to travel to Pennsylvania for himself and his wife and children who are stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado at his permanent duty station.

Donations are currently being accepted from the following airlines: Delta, Northwest, and Southwest. The following airlines are participating in Operation Hero Miles by providing free flights to soldiers and their families...

About Operation Hero Miles Operation Hero Miles provides a way for you to help our troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan by donating your unused frequent flyer miles.

The Hero Miles Story: In September 2003, the Pentagon started giving soldiers stationed in Iraq two-week leaves in the largest R & R program since the Vietnam War.

Signed Into Law Operation Hero Miles was signed into law by President Bush on October 28, 2004 as part of the 2005 Defense Appropriations Bill.

Reimbursement Soldiers who paid their own R & R travel expenses from 9/25/2003 through 12/18/2003 can qualify for reimbursement from the Pentagon.

Reimbursement Information Existing law in 2003 required soldiers to pay for their own flights home from these three airports.

Not long after the Hero Miles program started, the U.S. Army contacted the Congressman and requested that donated tickets also be made available to soldiers who must return home on Emergency Leave.

Even today the military does not pay for any domestic travel for these soldiers or their families once the soldier arrives in the U.S. and their military base. For example, a soldier might be returned from Kirkuk, Iraq to his U.S. departure

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--December 17, 2004--32.89 feet (-0.14) Jim and I wish to thank all of you who told us stories about life on the Palo Duro Watershed and other places, too.

Don Hudson remembers a jack rabbit drive in probably early 1932 that started in Oslo and worked toward Gruver. He did not participate. My memory is that the rabbits were so numerous that they were eating more of the grass and crops than normal.

Children's Christmas Checklist

- 10 Ways to Involve Children in the Holiday (with a few to free up time for you!) Every young child wants to be like Mommy or Daddy. Here's a way you can help them understand why you're extra busy at Christmas time - give them a "to do" list of their own!



Loomis gives "Locks of Love"

At this joyous time holiday season, many people think about giving gifts for family and friends, but one Amarillo girl recently gave an unusual gift.

Dawn first learned about this wonderful organization in 1999 while at school in Abilene. Hair is collected from local beauty shops and craft wigs for young people on chemo who have lost their hair.

After watching an Oprah show several weeks ago, she cut it again. A little girl was featured on the show who's wish is to have a wig. Two of the audience members cut their hair on the program and at the last of the program, Oprah present the girl with eight more ponytails.

Dawn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIver of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Loomis of Lakeland, Florida.

Dawn Loomis recently cut her hair and donated it to "Locks of Love."



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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Lows around 14. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
THURSDAY - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Highs around 20. South winds 5 to 10 mph shifting to the west in the afternoon.
THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Lows around 6. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the southeast 5 to 10 mph after midnight.
FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16.
CHRISTMAS DAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.
SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.
MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Temperatures across the district were above average throughout the week. Some precipitation occurred early, but warm conditions existed during the remainder of the week. Precipitation amounts slowed harvest for a short time. Drier conditions at the end of the week allowed cotton harvest to make progress. Yield and quality have been reduced as a result of extended wet condition. Harvest is about 45 percent complete. Sorghum harvest progressed and is 65 percent complete; no yield reports have been received. Drier conditions are allowing sunflower, soybean and peanut harvest to near completion. Wheat is rated mostly good to excellent. Drier conditions allowed stocker cattle to be moved from muddy pens to excellent wheat pasture. Range conditions vary from poor to excellent. Cattle are in good condition, but they are stressed from an extended wet and muddy period. Supplemental feeding continues.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
 I loved to see you on the air-plane. The candy cane was good. Thank You for the candy cane.

Please bring me seraphina the princess and the pauper cat and the violet doll from incredibles. I would want incredible pajamas too. I want the birthday Barbie and the incredibles sleeping bag. Maybe something for Kelly.

Please give my baby sister or baby brother baby toys and toys and some baby toys and some baby and kid toys.

Bring me one bottle, that is all we need.
 Love,
 Meghan McNulty

Dear Santa,
 How are you? This year I have been good. I want a puss in boots doll that talks.
 By Serena

Dear Santa,
 My name is Braedon Dace Ralston and I am 3 years old. This year for Christmas I would really like a choo choo train, spider-man, trucks, and power ranger. I like the red one. Please bring something for my sister, she's 14 years old and I'm sure she would like make up or maybe something pretty. Don't forget my puppies. They would like a bone. I will leave some milk and cookies for you. Tell all the reindeer that I said HI.
 Braedon

Dear Santa,
 How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer? I hope all is doing well. I miss Rudolph so much. He is my favorite reindeer. Thank you for all of my presents that you gave me last year. Especially the star ring. This year I would like to have a mini Nutcracker soldier, a christmas coloring book, a picture of Spongebob and friends, a mini Cabbage Patch Kid, Fit and Fun Care Bear, Bella Dancerella Video, Chalkboard ad Chalk. Thank you for letting me be your helper at the manor.
 I Love You!
 Brandi Cogdill

Dear Santa,
 The Pringle-Morse Pre-K class can't wait to see you! Here is a little message from each of us:
 Creed Spivey - I love you, Santa Claus. For Christmas I want a bulldozer and a pretend motorcycle.
 Tyler Stedje - I want one truck with a grain cart on the back. I'm going to leave you some cookies.
 Jacob Miller - I want a go-cart for Christmas. I love you Santa and I will leave you some cookies and milk.
 Monte Cluck - For Christmas I want a tractor with a combine. I love Santa.

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I'm going to leave cookies for you, Santa Claus. I'm going

David Emm - I want a black bicycle. I love you, Santa.

Nikola Branstine - I want a new toy machine gun with a scope on it. Hpy Birthday, Santa.

Kanji Murray - I want a real vacuu cleaner and a guitar. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Csandra Briones - I want some car to play a game with and a toy kit cat. I'm going to stay up real la and watch for you.

Braxton Aguilar - I want a guitar with a microphone. I'll be asleep when you come.

AC Van Staden - I want a spider-man toy for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies.

Felix Chivera - I want a red and blue bicycle for Christmas.

Ry Clark - I want you to bring me a guitar. I am going to leave you some cookies that my mom baked.

Wyatt Womble - I like you, Santa. I want a toy tractor!

Have a Merry Christmas! Share some cookies with Rudolph! We love you!!!

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I'm going to leave cookies for you, Santa Claus. I'm going

to leave a glass of milk too. I would like to have a scooter for Christmas. I miss you, Santa.

Love,
 Dy'Anna

Dear Santa,
 Is Rudolph being a good reindeer? I'm going to leave some milk and cookies for you. Are you cold up there? I want a play toy.

Love,
 Jon

Dear Santa,
 How are your deers doing? Santa, I miss you. Please bring me a jeep for Christmas. I love you Santa.
 Paloma

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph? How have the girls and boys been this year? I would like a Spider Blaster. How is Mrs. Claus? how are the elves?
 Love,
 Chris

Dear Santa
 How are the reindeer? I will save you cookies and milk. How are the other reindeer? Does Rudolph have a shiny nose?
 Love,
 Joslyn

Dear Santa,
 I would like a bicycle for Christmas. I want to see the reindeers. I miss you. Be careful.
 Love,
 Getsy

Dear Santa,
 I want a watch and a toy backhoe. I love you. Is it cold at the North Pole? I will leave you some cookies on Christmas Eve.
 Love,
 Joshua

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Love cub, kitchen set, and love cub stuff.
 Love,
 Ella Speck

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Carmen Cortez

John Delarosa

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Rose Lopez

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a 3D space projector, elves like Mrs. Haight, and a 5 in 1 table top game.
Love,
Hunter Hopkins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Game Boy, a doll, and a bike. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Ryenne Howell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a Barbie, Paints, and a scooter.
Love,
Lupita Melendez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a pony, horse, and Polly Pocket.
Love,
Katie Lieb

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a dirt bike, games, and guitar.
I love you,
Fabian Zapala

Dear Santa,
I would like to wish you a merry Christmas. I know you have lots of gifts to take care of. My wish is for peace on earth and freedom to everyone. Thank you! Merry Christmas!
Misael Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I am trying to be a good boy! Please bring me a bottle of bubbles. I would also like a space blanket. I will leave you cookies.
I love you,
Michael Trejo

Dear Santa,
My name is Griselda Lopez. I think you are very nice! I would like a boike, a Christmas tree, a tunnel, please. Thank you for my gifts.
Merry Christmas,
Griselda Lopez

Dear Santa,
hi! I hope you are having a good day. I know you're busy. i know your elves help you. I would like a control truck and a playstation two, please. Thanks for remembering me.
Merry Christmas!
Ramon Ortiz

Dear Santa,
Are you good? How does your magic work? Does your sleigh

crash? I have been good! Please bring me a 22 rifle and a robot with legs (no wheels). Please bring me a motorcycle. Dont forget Michael and Lupe! Thanks for everything!
Merry Christmas,
Juan Trejo

Dear Santa,
I would like a kerokey machine. I would like some more CD's. I would also like some more clothes for my dolls. You could send them some shoes, too. In the Christmas crafts book, the feelings book, Samantha an America holiday movie and other neat stuff in my stocking.
Love,
Audrey Lieb
P.S. Thank's

Dear Santa,
I don't think i have been extra good, but i have been good. Hopefully good will get me a PlayStation 2. I want a PlayStation2 with a screen, the game driver 3, and a blue controller. I also want some cowgirl boots. I will wear them every Sunday.
Love,
Saira
P.S Please bring me the PlayStation2

Dear Santa CLAUS,
I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a PlayStation and an air rifle. I could shoot some Blue Quail. I would fry the quail so I can eat them. I want the rifle really bad. I can play the PlayStation with my friends. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Nathan Forrest

Dear Santa,
I don't mean to be greedy, but I want one of those things silky pillows that have lots of little beanie inside them. You can only get them at Wal-Mart. They are so cool. I could keep it in my backpack and when I get home from school, I can take it out and go to sleep with it.
Sincerely,
Clancy

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good all year so I want a PlayStation2 with cool games. I want a bike, four wheeler, dirt bike, and another Chihuahua.
Lupe Pena

Dear Santa,
Can I get a PlayStation2? I will mind a hundred times better. Please tell my Mom, and Dad that I want one. The games I want for it are Need For Speed and Need For Speed Underground 2. So please

get all these things.
Sincerely,
Reese Clark

Dear Santa,
Christmas is a time when children are laughing and playing with things they got from you. I want a pink leopard bean bag. I will have a better place to sit than just my boring bed. I will also believe in you the rest of my life! I really want that pink leopard beanbag! I think it will help me have some where to sit and read my AR books on. I think it will be great when you get me that pink leopard beanbag!
Sincerely,
Hannah Speck
P.S. I really, really need that pink leopard beanbag!!!

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an easy bake, Horse things, new clothes, a new book, the Kaya stories or the doll and horse. Santa I would like the movie of Polar Express or Elves at the Plaza.
Your friend,
Kaysya

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer Santa? Santa I want a go-cart helmet. I wish I could go to the North Pole to see the reindeer and elves. How can you go around the world in one day? How can the reindeer pull the sleigh in the air?
From,
Beto
P.S. Be safe Santa!

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler for Christmas. I also want a scope for my Davy Cricet twenty-two. Will you make sure the four weeler is a gas for wheeler not a battery four wheeler. I want a new head rope, and a knew roping glove. the rest just surprise me.
Your friend,
Jace Lane

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car and a game. I also want a present for Kisha and Andy. I also want to get boy blocks for Andy and me. I want some girl blocks for Kisha. I want to get an orange car for me and a green one for Andy. I want to get a girl car for Kisha.
Love,
JT

Dear Santa,
I love you! I like you a lot. I want a barbie. I hope that you come to my house and give me lots of toys. I hope you give us a new computer.
Love,
Enrique

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and I would like a PlayStation two. Also I would like a fun gameboy advanc game like Shrek two with the cat on the front, or Donkycong versus Mariow. Also I would like a Moriow game. Merry Christmas!
Your pal,
Shakota

Dear Santa,
I want a game that is a 64 that has 3 games and are the fighting one the green soldiers the cars.
Your friend,
Ismael Ortiz

Dear Santa,
I hope you are real because my friends don't think you are. I want to know if you are real. I really wish is to know and I wish for a Barbie head with arms. I wish for a stuffed animals too. Those are my wishes. Merry Christmas Santa
Love,
Molly
P.S. I think you are real.

Dear Santa,
I've been really good this year. There are 4 main things that I want this year, a gymnastic mat, sculpy dough, sculpy dough modeling book, and glaze. Give my parents a break. They need it. Well bye.
Love,
Gena

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a Pixtur cartreg so i can play some more games on it. So i hope I get that and I want a car off of this movie in the movie a girl drove the car. I really like that movie. I hope I get that to. I hope I get that stuff.
Love,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I'm reall sorry I ben a reall bad boy so just give me for Christmas Cola and Merry Christmas!
Enrique

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Love,
Enrique

Kaycee
Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. I want a boy Barbie.
Love,
Ruby

Dear Santa,
I want a computer. I want a fake gun. I love you.
Love,
Jack

Dear Santa,
Please give me a Barbie. I also want a new toy horse, because my other one broke. I also want a toy goat. I also want a toy cow. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I love you.
Love,
Sierra

Dear Santa,
I want a Beyblade. I also want a ball. I would like a doll for my sister Tania, and I balloon for my sister Sydney.
Love,
Pablo

Dear Santa,
I want a water gun. I want a water gun for my bother Favian, too. We are going to hide and get wet.
Love,
Julian

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora the Explorer doll.
Love,
Alondra

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want some presents.

I like make-up. I would like a Barbie. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Ashley

Dear Santa,
I want Power Rangers. I would also like a Dora doll.
Love,
Luz

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger, a motorcycle, and a Hot Wheel and that's the end.
Love,
Ariel

Dear Santa,
Please give me a Barbie. Let it snow again.
Buy me a computer. Thank you for all of my family.
Love,
Jamey

Dear Santa,
I want some presents for my home. I want you to come to my house. I want a Christams tree for my mom. I want a clown and volleyball.
Love,
Emmanuel

Dear Santa,
I want a princess Dora. I also want Scooby Doo football player. I want a Dora clock. I have been good. I will leave you crunchy cookies and chocolate milk.
Love, Johana

Dear Santa,
I want Barbies and one bicycle. I also want one bigger bigger toy car. I also want one toy that is ice cream.
Love,
Aneth



Thank You

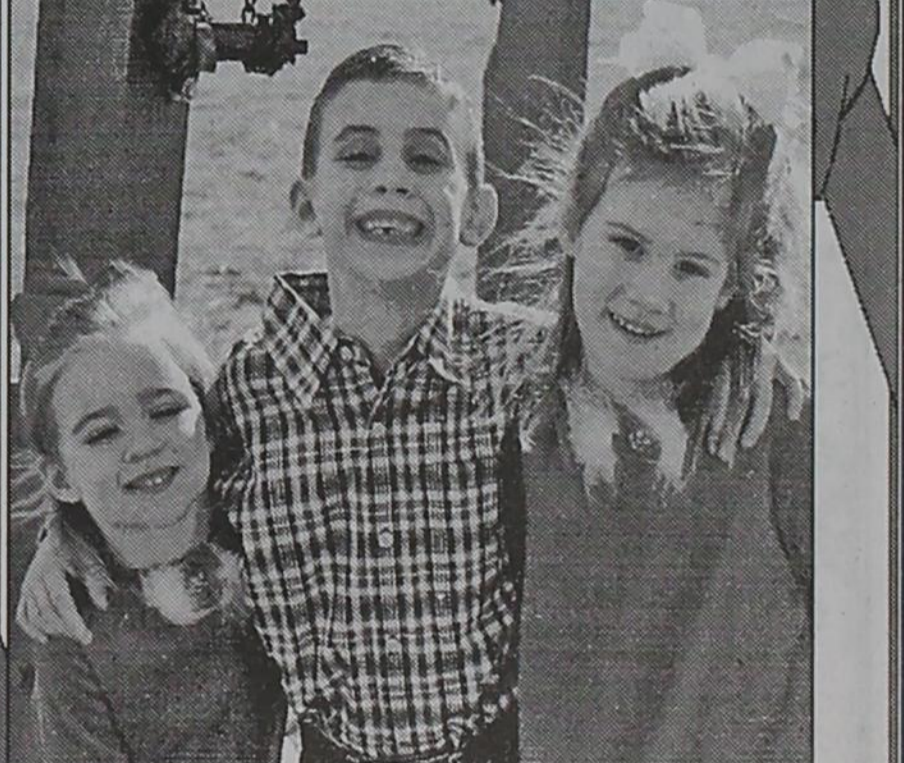
to Spearman and the surrounding communities for all you do for us through the year. From our home to yours!
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Enjoy the magic and merriment of Christmas. May the season bring you all your hopes and dreams. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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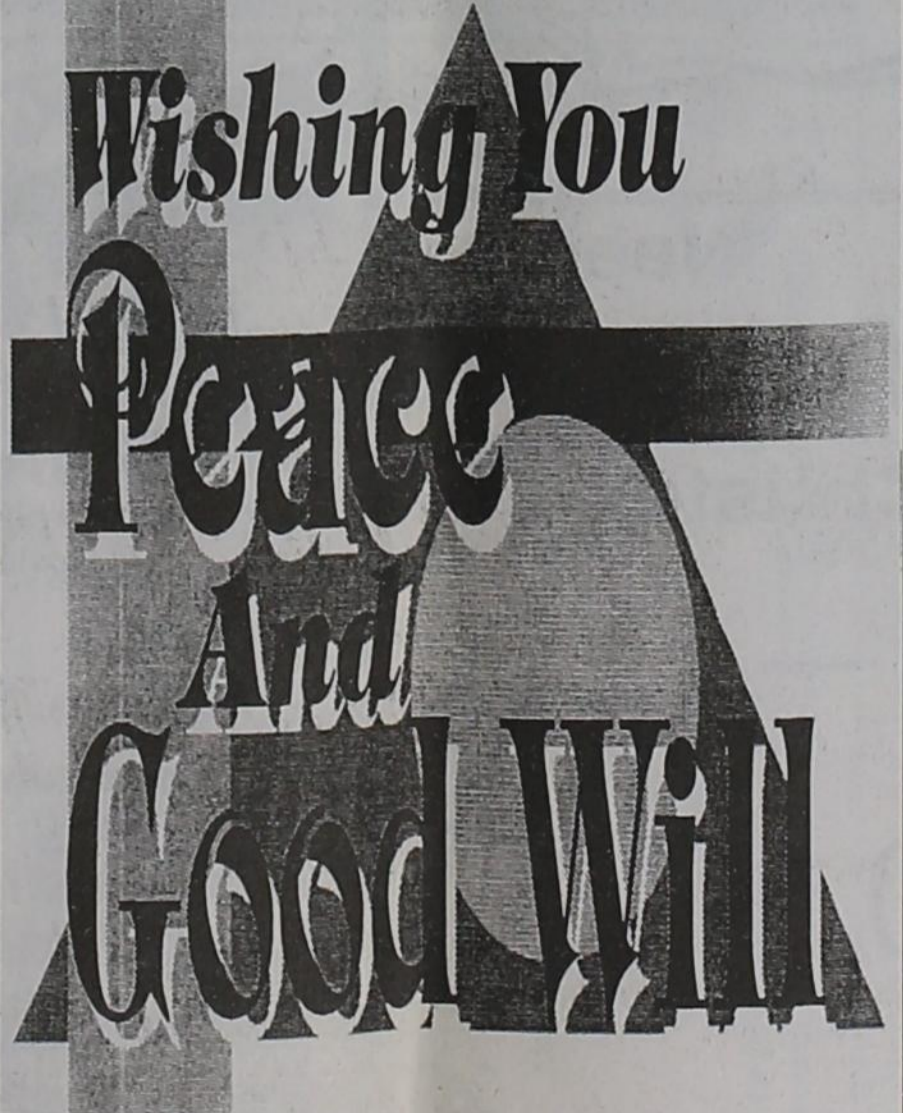
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Christmas

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I want macaroni and cheese. I also want a basketball. I also want a pink horn.
Love,
Sammi

Dear Santa,
I like you. We have our Christmas tree up. I want a pony castle.
Love,
Sierra

Dear Santa,
Please get me a Christmas toy car.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
I want a Spinder-Man House. I also want a hunting man.
Love,
Carlos

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and some earrings. I want a swimming pool and a new jacket. I want a new backpack and some Barbie stickers. I want some Barbie pencils too. I have been good.
Love,
Abigail Trejo

Dear Santa,
I want a new Nintendo and some games to play on the Nintendo. I want a new computer. Come see me soon.
Love,
Edwin Pena

Dear Santa,

I want some cars and a remote control car. I want dinosaur toys and a lion. I want a Nintendo and some games play.
Love,
Gustavo Lora

Dear Santa,
I want scooter and a trampoline. I want a real pony and a Barbie and a pretend baby. I want a little kitchen to play in like at school. I want a computer and a house for my Barbies. I want a little Christmas tree and a desk for playing school I want a picture of you and Rudolph. I also want a white board to draw on. I have been good.
Love,
Jazmin Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want remote control car and a bike. I have been good.
Love,
Juan Perez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a new Barbie car with remote control and I want some new knee pads and elbow pads. I want a new helmet. I don't need a skateboard because you can take the handle off my scooter and it becomes a skateboard. I don't need Barbie dolls, I have a whole suitcase of them. I want some new pink and purple playdough. I want a new Princess and the Pauper nightgown for me and two for Princess and the Pauper.
Love,
Kennedy Venneman

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a trampoline and some shoes. I want some new clothes. I want some pants and shirts. I want a Clifford movie too. I will make you some cookies. I have been good.
Love,
Lizi Tarango

Dear Santa,
I want to have a Power Ranger and a Hulk and a Wolverine (the X Man one that can put his claws down and up). I want a toy van with wheels that spin. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Meny Terrazas

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a little car for the Barbie. I want some clothes. I want some new dresses. I want a book and a doll. I want a toy Santa Claus. I have been good.
Love,
Paola Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control truck with spinners in the wheels. I want a skateboard and a necklace that says my name. I want some clothes. I need some new pants and one shirt. I have been a good kid.
Love,
Ramiro Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some candy canes and buy me toys and teddy bears. I want a new Barbie and a new jacket. I want a new pencil and some cd's. I want you to buy me a Dora movie. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Sarah Olmos

Dear Santa,
I want a Web Blaster and a new bike. I want a picture of you and Rudolph. I want The Incredibles movie and a new basketball. I have been good. Love,
Wyatt Poer

Dear Santa,
I want Bratz and I want make-up. I want little kid bras. That's it. That is all I want for Christmas. I like it when you left crumbs from the cookies.
Love,
Randi Jines

Dear Santa,
I want to get presents. I want to get some books, clothes, and a baby doll. I want to give you a hug! I want to get presents under my Christmas tree. I am happy after you bring the presents. I am happy after Santa Claus comes. I want my mom to put out cookies and milk for you. That's all of my sentence!
I like you,
Tania Ortiz

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a princess dress, a triangle crown with the scarf coming down from it, tall shoes to go with it, and a baby mouse that has two bows by its ears with a red suit. I want a robot sister

that talks that you can change her clothes. I want clothes that come with her, like a dress and a shirt and shorts. I want a play Corduroy, and that's it!
Love,
Kylie Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie. I will be good. I will leave you a drink. I will leave you some cookies and chocolate candy.
I love you,
Leslie Germany

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring presents to me. I love you like a friend. Can you be my friend forever? Will you bring presents for Daisy? I pray for my friends. That's all! I have been good.
Love,
Clarissa Soto

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car and a little drum set. I want a baseball bat, a basketball, and a rope. I will leave you cookies and milk. That's all!
I love you,
Tate Tyler

Dear Santa,
I want a princess dress and a princess doll, a Cinderella Movie, a play map, and a fairy doll, and a

star globe. I have been good. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Your friend,
Brittney Grimes

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control rocket-ship and a new radio. That's all I want. I am trying to be good, Santa. I will leave out cookies and pie and milk for you. That's it!
Your friend,
Blaise Davis

Dear Santa,
I want Barbies. I want a Corduroy. I want a puppy that walks like is on T.V. (it is a pretend puppy). I want a Teddy Bear that has a bottle and a pretend horse. I want a little Christmas tree with lights. I will leave you cookies with M&M's.
I love you,
Jessica Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a play gun? I like to play with a gun. I like everything about Santa. I like to build a snowman. I like to go fishing and eat a bunch of fish. I like to get my Christmas tree. I like to see the stars. I like for Santa to come. I am being good. I will leave you some cake.
I love you, Santa.
Favian Ortiz

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car and a few Barbies, a toy Santa, a bicycle, a toy lawn mower, and a toy grill. Santa, I am going to leave you a few cookies out and some milk. I have been trying to be a good girl. That's all!
Love,
Amber Johnson

Dear Santa,
I want a PlayStation, the Sponge Bob Movie Game Boy Game, Rock 'Em Sock 'Em Robots, and Robo Sapien, and a PlayStation game: Crash Insanity, and the Game boy game, Bloody One. I want an Icle R C, a Rudolph toy, and a Santa Claus toy. I want a game called, "Don't Wake-up Daddy." I want the "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" movie. I am trying to be good.
Bye,
Braxton Crane

Dear Santa,
I hope that you get through the snow. I hope that you come to our house. I hope that everyone in our class gets a Christmas present. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! I hope that your elves make a bunch of toys for the girls and boys. I hope that you don't get ill. That's all! I love you.
Your friend,
Macy Haight

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a Bratz doll, a Barbie Princess book, and a new work jacket for my grandma, and new socks for my Hun (grandpa). I will leave out cookies and milke for you.
I love you,
Jasmine Puebla

Dear Santa,
Have you been very good at the North Pole? Are your Elves doing good? I want a truck that has spinners.
Love,
Jahin Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you very very much! What have you done in the past few weeks? I've been good! I know you said if I be good all December I could have something. I want the Clutch!
Love,
Trenton Finley

Dear Santa,
It has been cold in Gruver. Is it cold at the North Pole? I have been good. I had a lot of presents last year. I want a karaoke machine.
Love,
Shaylee Chapman

Dear Santa,
I hope you have so much fun. Can you come to Gruver? How many days will it be until you come to gruver? Can you give me a PlayStation?
Love,
Lab Barrero

Dear Santa,
I hope you come soon. I think your reindeer are pretty. I love you. Is it cold at the North Pole? When will you come? Can you bring me a remote control Escalade?
Love,
Ulysses Valverde

Dear Santa,
I hope you have fun and you be safe on your slay. We live in Gruver. I am very good. I want a hummer.
Love,
Justin Moreno

Dear Santa,
I hope you are happy Santa. Are you watching us? I moved to a new town. We are at Gruver. Santa can you bring me a watch?
Love,
Aaron Felderhoff

Dear Santa,
We love you very much! Is it cold at the North Pole? I hope you have a safe trip to Gruver. I want a CD player and rap music please.
Love,
Kolt Casuaus

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you, is it cold at the North Pole? I bet! how are your reindeer and how is your wife? Can you please bring me a CD player and CDs.
Love,
Antolina Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house. Santa, has it been cold at the North Pole? I hope you have a safe trip. Santa, I love you so so much. Santa, has it been snowing at the North Pole? Santa, please can you give me CDs of Usher and Dive In.
Love,

Lesley Bernal
Dear Santa,
My sister woke me up one day. She said somebody ate the chocolate chip cookies. We looked out the window. We saw Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and your slay. Dear Santa, I want a corvet.
Love,
Mattie Mayfield

Dear Santa,
We love you very much. santa, has it been snowing at the North Pole? I hope you have a very safe trip to Gruver. I want a karaoke machine
love,
Dara Arrington

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? How many kids are there in the world? For Christmas I want a driveway racer. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Nicholas Key

Dear Santa,
what are you doing this year? Where is Mrs. Claus? Will you birg me new sheets? I have been good this year. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Makayla Wheskel

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Is he ready to fly? I want a new red bike with stickers. I am being good. I will give you a cake.
Love,
Zachary Chapman

Dear Santa,
Have I been good? I am sorry if I have been bad. Will you please bring me a puppy? Have a happy holiday!
Love,
Hadlee Spivey

Dear Santa,
I have been a ggod girl. Are you ready for your big night? I bet your bag is heave from the presents. I think you are nice to all of the reindeer. Does Mrs. Claus help you? Will you bring Clickster pencils. Be safe!
Love,
Brennyn Seagler

Dear Santa,
Are you ready Santa? For Christmas I want a football. Thank you for the toys.
Love,
Anthony Cruz

Dear Santa,
Are you coming to my house? I wonder if Rudolph is ready for the

big night! I want a bike for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you. have a merry Christmas!
Love,
Kennedy King

Dear Santa,
Are you good today? I want Incredible toys. Mrs. Claus is pretty!
Love,
Adam Casdorph

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for the big night? Will Mrs. Claus let you go this year? Do you train your reindeer to go up so high? How does it feel to go up so high on Christmas? Do you like delivering presents? Will you bring me a real football? Have a happy Christmas!
Love,
Karsten Irwin

The second grade class in Gruver has been working on persuasive writing. We decided to take a little different twist on the traditional "Santa Letter". We told Santa what NOT to bring a member of our family and why. we hope you enjoy these letters as much as we did

Dear Santa,
I think I might be able to help you with some of your delievering. I would appreciate it if you would not bring Sammi a drum. She might scare the fish since our fish is a scardy cat. Drums will be too noisy. And besides, there is not a place to keep the drums. Maybe barbies would be good. My sister probably wants my barbies. I love barbies anyway.
Love,
Megan Sparks

Dear Santa,
I am Alonso's sister. Are your raindeer ready to fly on Christmas Eve? I think it is not a good idea to bring Alonso a frog. It will pee on your hands. It will hop in to your pants. You should bring him a four wheeler instead.
Love,
Thaily

Dear Santa,
How is Comet? I don't think it would be a good idea to bring Cole a skateboard. He would skate board in the house and the wheels will come off. It will get ran over. I think you should bring him an electric guitar.
Love,
Brett Wills

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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
I am Tabby's very little sister. I think I can tell you what my sister needs. Please do not bring a real car because she will go crazy. Mom will take it, and mom will wreck it. I think I can help you with Christmas. I know what you can bring her. She needs new high heels.
Love,
Jennifer

Dear Santa,
I am Claudia's sister. I don't want you to bring Claudia another cat because she kicks them. She thinks they smell bad. she says the scratch hard, you can bring her a computer.
Love,
Patty Garcia

Dear Santa,
I am Blake and i dont think that you should bring Brett more CDs. It won't be fair to me. Jacob would be fighting over them too. He wouldn't share with me, and he doesn't have anywhere to put them. Just dont bring him anymore CDs please. Instead of CDs, I think you should bring him a scooter.
Love,
Blake Willis

Dear Santa,
I think you should not bring my Daddy a dress. He will look funny. i think you should bring him tools instead. He would like them so much. He also wants a bow-tie.
Love,
Calvin

Dear Santa,
how is your wife? I don't think you should get Reed a horse for Christmas. He will run all around the house. he will color all over it to. Reed and I will fight over it I bet. Maybe you could get him a football.
Love,
Rayel

Dear Santa,
I am Keila's little sister. I don't think you should bring her a book because she is annoying when she reads. Books make her laugh weird. I think she reads too much. I think you should bring her an art set.
Love,
Tania Bernal

Dear Santa,
I am Madison's brother. Please don't give Madison a pig. It's too messy. It'll take up too much room. It could even poop in my room! Maybe you should give her a laptop. She's been wanting one her whole life.
Love,
Mason

Dear Santa,
Santa how have you been doing? I think I can help you. I think my sister doesn't need dolls anymore because she hits me. She makes a big ugly mess and nobody can walk in her room. She yells when I do my homework. You can bring her a Dora pillow.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
I am Romoldo's son and I don't want you to bring a dog. My dad is allergic to dogs, and it gets us in trouble. The dog poops everywhere

around the house. Once I had a dog named Puddles Duddles. When he was 9 years old he died. I loved him, except when he was barking at 5:00 am. Santa, can you bring my dad a real car? His truck is old.
Love,
Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I am Jenny's brother. How are you? I don't think you should bring Jenny a baby doll. She fights for it all the time. She bites the baby's toes. She takes it every where. I hate it. Maybe you could bring her a Dora toy.
Love,
Israel

Dear Santa,
How are you and your raindeer? Maybe I could help you and your elves on what to make Luke for Christmas. Maybe you shouldn't get Luke a baseball bat. He might tear up the house, or he could hit Jobi's head. He might even hit my mom when she is sleeping!!! Maybe you could get Luke an exercise ball because Blaise won't let him mess with his balls.
Love,
Michaela Davis

Dear Santa,
I am Alexis' sister. how are you and your raindeer? I think you should not bring Alexis a dog for Christmas. She is mean to my Nana's dog. We don't have a dog house. We also have no dog food. I think you should bring Alexis a book for Christmas because she likes to read a little.
Love,
Victoria

Dear Santa Clause,
I liked your gifts that you gave me last year. I hope their even better this year! Ok, Santa lets get back to the subject! My sister, Callie does not need a dress for Christmas! She wil not wear it even if anyone makes her. She will rip it apart and she always wears jeans. Please do not get her a dress for Christmas! She might want a Randy Moss jersey. Have a happy Christmas!
Your little elf,
Bailey Stedje

Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer have been practicing flying for Christmas. It's

almost here. For Christmas mommy does not need football stuff, because she is a mom and mom's don't play football. My mom doesnt watch football games. She likes to cook not play football. A double broiler would be nice for her. Have a very Merry Christmas!
Love,
Blake Verdel

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas my brother Andy does not need a game boy. So please do not give him one. He will not play with it. He will spend the whole time with his friends and family. A great gift for Andy would be a basketball. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Hisha Borunda

Dear Santa,
I hope your elves have not been working to hard this year. My brother dosent need a four wheeler for Christmas. He dosent know how to dive one and he sirves all over. He might run over me. He is also to young to drive one. A football would be a great gift for him. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Dakota Lopez

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? I can't wait. Manny has asked for anew dog. Please don't bring him a dog because it will chase me. I would have to take care of it. A dog would pee in our house. He needs a toy for Christmas. Have a great Christmas!
Love,
David Lopez

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? How are you? for Christmas this year please don't give Wyatt a guitar. He wouldn't know how to play it. His hands aren't big enough use the strings. It would get on my nerves. You could bring him a web blaster instead. Hope you have a nice Christmas! Truly yours.
Love,
Bailey Rae

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents from last year. Bianca wants a trampoline, but please do not bring her one, because she jumps so high that she makes me fall down. She also will get mad if I make her fall down. I know that I am not to do that. She also gets mad if I play with Carlos' football on the trampoline. These are three reasons

why not to bring a trampoline. You known what could be nice for her the internet. I hope Santa you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Vanessa Garcia

Dear Santa,
I hope the reindeers do what you say. For Christmas Julius doesn't need a Barbie House because he will make a mees and tear it all up. But I know what you can give him for Christmas. You can give him a electrical monster truck. Happy Holidays Santa.
Love,
Serena Diaz

Dear Santa,
Have your elves got all the toys finished? I hope the do because Hadlee my cousin wants a mouse. I don't think that Hadlee needs a mouse because her mom would scream. Her dad would yell and say "Get that mouse out of here." It would poop everywhere, that would make her mom scream even more. The mouse would probably get out of his cage. She likes lipstick. That would be thing to get her. Have a happy holiday.
Your Friend,
Reagan Haynes

Dear Santa,
I hope you and reindeer are ready for Christmas. This year my dad asked for a motorcycle, but please don't bring him one. He would drive crazy and get a ticket. He wouldn't know how to dive it and he would crash. My dad wouldn't take good care of it, but a four wheeler would be nice for him. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Valentin Frejo

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ready for Christmas. Santa, please do not bring Madison some cologne she would not wear it at all. If she wore it she would put too much on and she would stink. She is too young to wear cologne. Santa will you bring her some lottery tickets? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Carson Williams

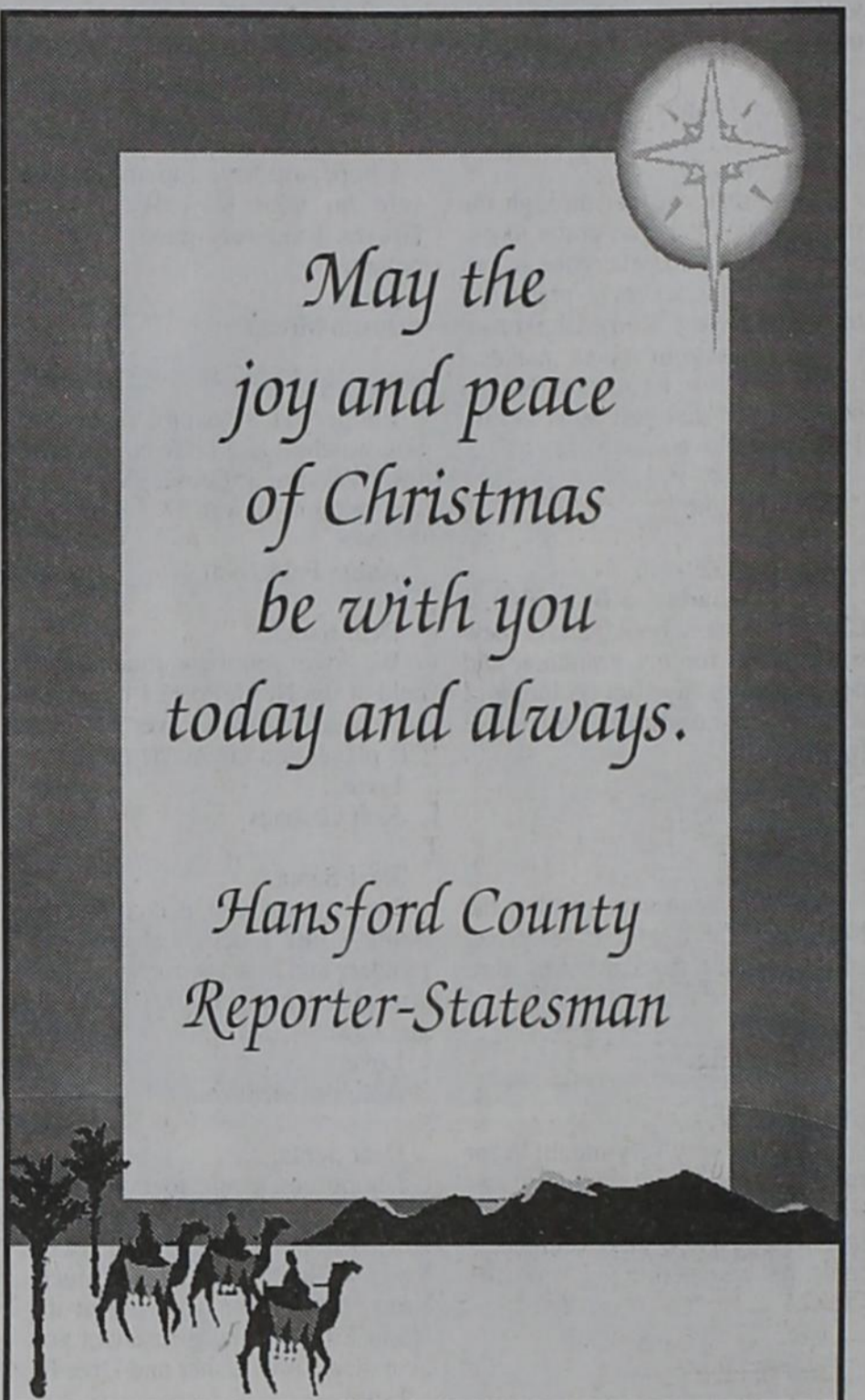
Dear Santa,
I hope your reindeer aren't tired of flying. I can't wait to see you for Christmas. Tony, my cousin, wants a car. If he gets a real car he might get a ticket and have to go to jail. A play car would be a good gift for him. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love,

Oziel
Dear Santa,
I hope you have not been working to hard. For Christmas this year I hope you don't bring my cousin Colton a dress. He can't play football in it. That would be so funny. When we tackle him, we could see his underwhere. That would be so so funny. He will be freezing when he plays football out in the cold. Colton doesn't need a dress. Maybe a bike would be nice. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Dux Haight

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please don't bring my sister Clarissa a car. She wouldn't take me anywhere. She is also to young and would wreck. Have a merry christmas.
Love,
JJ Anayo

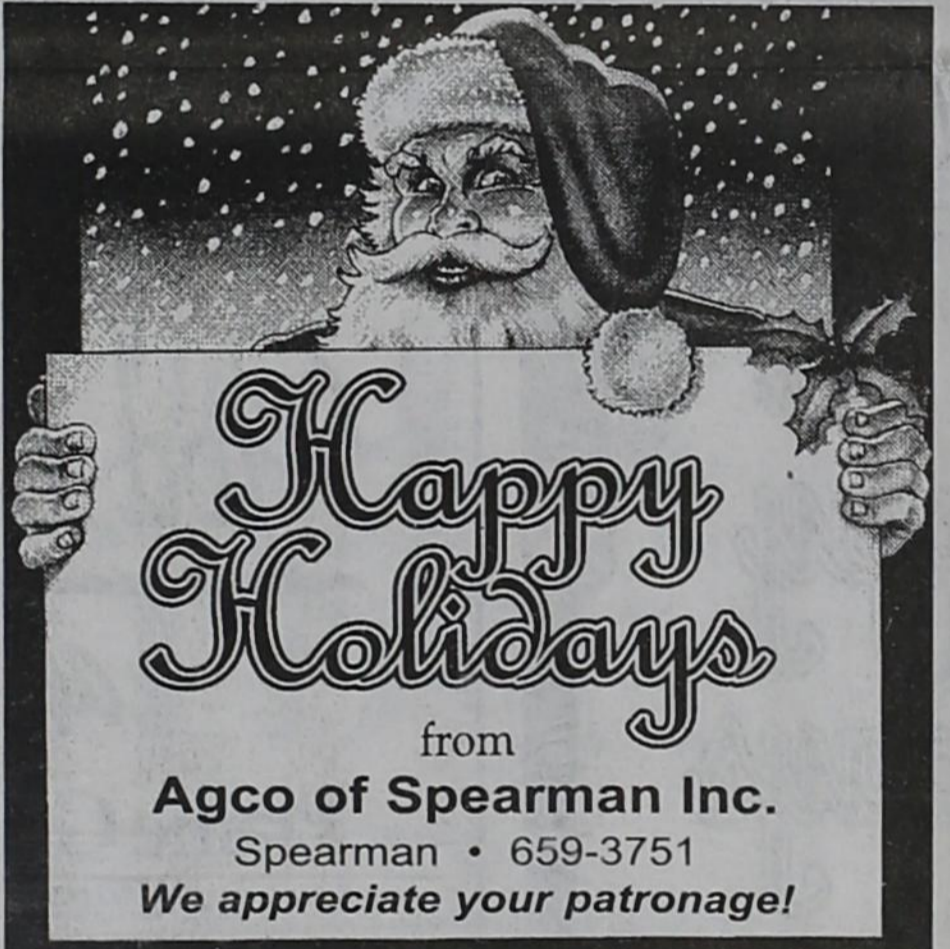
Dear Santa,
I hope you and your elves have not been working hard this year. Don't give Mikey a dog. A dog would be lazy all the time. We would just have to feed it. Besides, we have about fifty dogs. They also poop everywhere. Please bring him a bodle car instead. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Love,
Jacob Collier

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing great. My sister Iselda has been good but she doesn't need a computer for Christmas. She doesnt know how to type or use a computer. She might push the wrong button and erase everything. Please bring her something else
Merry Christmas!
Itzel Esparza



May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you today and always.

Hansford County Reporter-Statesman



Happy Holidays

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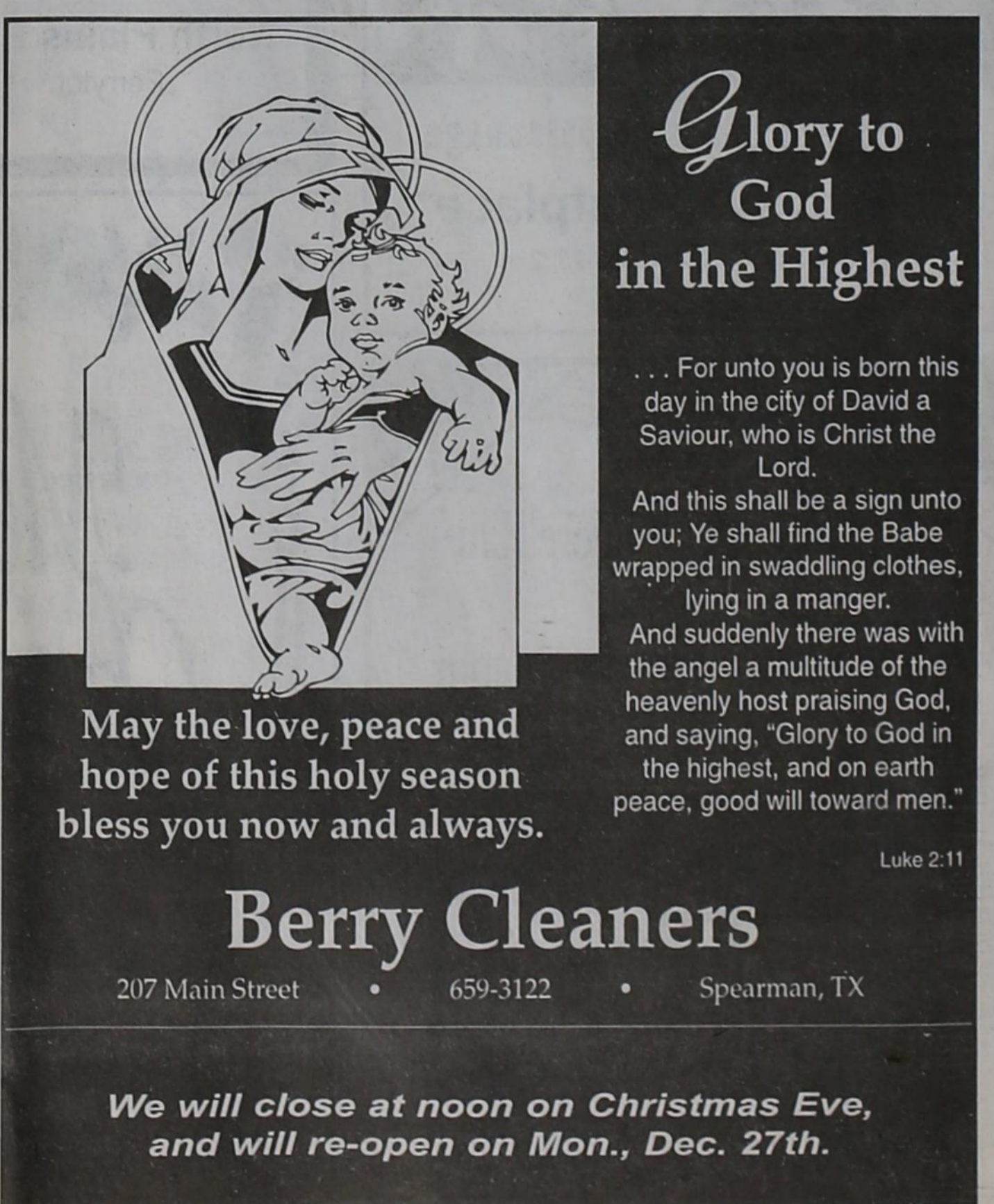
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Benny Wilson
Hansford County Judge
3(12-02-04)B

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Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman, Texas

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2(12-23-04)B

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Morse cowboy hooked on bullfighting career



Evan Schmidt is making a name for himself as a bullfighter in the rodeo world.



Putting the spin on a bull at the Bull Fest Range War in Guymon, Evan Schmidt scores high with judges.

by Harietta Carthei

Monica Schmidt didn't take Willie and Waylon's advice but let her son Evan grow up to be a cowboy.

In fact, Schmidt's mother has been his best fan since his earliest rodeo days. Her support has even included stopping to watch him in a calf-riding competition on her way home after the birth of Evan's sister.

"I remember my first rodeo well," Schmidt said. Although I had ridden calves at the feedlot where my dad worked, my first calf-riding competition was at Spearman when I was five. Dad and I had picked my mom and new sister up at the hospital and stopped at the rodeo on the way home to Morse so mom could see me ride."

Since that time, Schmidt, now 21, has honed his skills by competing in bull riding at high school rodeos and, later, college rodeos. He has gained both expertise and experience, but not without a price.

"I've torn my ACL, MCL, PCL and meniscus," Schmidt said. "I've also been knocked out three or four times."

One serious injury confined Schmidt to a wheelchair for several months during his junior year in high school. Even so, the wiry cowboy's love for the sport intensified, and when a new opportunity presented itself at a high school rodeo in Vernon, Texas, he was ready for the challenge.

"In college, when some of the rodeo team members were riding bulls in the practice pen, we needed someone to step in and protect the rider from the bull," Schmidt said. "I took a turn at it, made a good save and have been hooked

on bullfighting ever since." Schmidt's first experience as a bullfighter in competition came as a fluke.

"My sister Jessica was in a high school finals rodeo in Vernon, and one of the bullfighters didn't show up so I volunteered to take his place," Schmidt said.

Since that time, the fledgling bullfighter has used his animal knowledge from bull riding days and learned from other bullfighters the skills he needed to turn his passion into a profession.

"The main skill a bullfighter has to have is a lack of fear," Schmidt said. "You also have to be quick. My earlier bull riding has taught me a lot, and that has definitely been a help."

In addition to the traditional role of bullfighters to protect cowboys during competition, Schmidt also competes in free-style bull fighting where only the bullfighter and bull are in the arena.

"Free style bullfighting is more or less like dancing with the bull," Schmidt said. "It is like the traditional matador with a cape except we use ourselves instead of a cape."

Just like his earlier sport of bull riding, bullfighting is not for the faint of heart. In the arena with a two-ton animal, bullfighters are each scored for 40 seconds as they show their bull fighting skills with an extra 30 seconds give as an option.

"You can get extra points by jumping over the bull or by getting as close as you can to a bull and not

getting hooked," Schmidt said. "A lot of the score depends on how agile you are."

Schmidt is already making his name in the highly competitive sport. He was named Texas Cowboys' Rodeo Associations Bullfighter of the Year in 2004. In freestyle bull fighting, he won first place at the Range War Bull Fest in Guymon and co-shared the title in the cowboy protection match. He placed fifth overall in the World Champion Rodeo Bullfighting Finals, and most recently competed in the National Finals Rodeo Bucking Stock Sale in Las Vegas, Nevada where he earned a buckle in free-style bullfighting.

As Schmidt now focuses on his goal of building his career in the very competitive and dangerous field of bullfighting, his mother Monica is often asked how she copes.

"I think it's wonderful," Monica Schmidt said. "Evan is living his dream. And there are not many people who get the chance to do what they love and make a living at it."

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