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DA Lynn Switzer not to seek reelection

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District Attorney Lynn Switzer will not be seeking reelection. Switzer, whose 31st District

includes Gray, Wheeler, Roberts, Hemphill and Limpscomb counties, made the announcement through an e-mailed statement on Monday morning.

"In March of 2005, Governor Rick Perry appointed me to the office of 31st District Attorney," Switzer wrote.



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31st District in their District Attorney's office. "I have accomplished that goal.

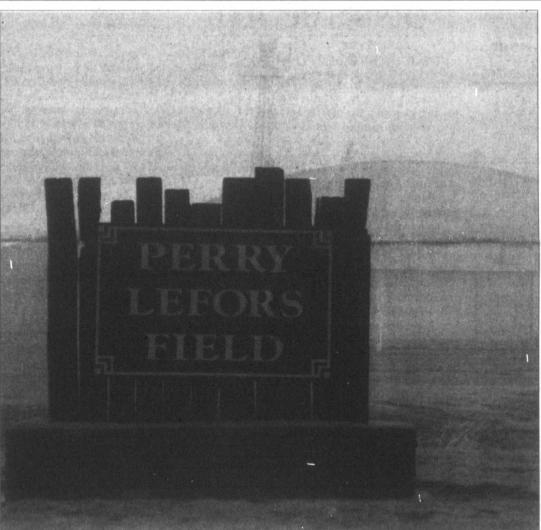
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"I took over Our office is strong and ethical office and filled with talented and dedicated people. I am ready to set at a time of turmoil and new goals and new opportunities, scandal. My so I will not be filing for the position again. It has been my honor was to serve as your District Attorney to turn the for the past eight years." office around Switzer succeeded Rick Roach and restore confi-

as D.A. after stints as assistant district attorney for the 31st, 51st, 119th and 106th judicial districts. Her tenure as District Attorney may be remembered for her staunch refusal to allow convicted

murderer Hank Skinner access to DNA evidence left untested during his original trial, a decision that led to Skinner suing Switzer and the ensuing case being heard by the United States Supreme

Court. Switzer's announcement currently leaves Franklin McDonough as the only candidate vying for the D.A. position. McDonough announced his candidacy in November at the Gray County Courthouse.



staff photo by Randy Pribble

Pampa's Perry Lefors Airport will soon have a new terminal building thanks to grants from the state and from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

Funding secured for new terminal

MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

Texas Department Transportation has approved funding through its Aviation Facilities Grant Program to go towards the construction of a new terminal building at the Perry Lefors Field Airport.

The project, estimated to cost \$720,000, will receive \$300,000 in funding from the state and \$300,000 from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC). Additional costs that pertain to removal of the current building will be taken on by the county.

The new terminal will be larger than the current building, and will include a private lounge, conference room and a larger area for flight planning. Construction is expected to begin in early March.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet looks forward to the facelift the project will give to the area's airport.

"I appreciate the PEDC willing to contribute and be a part of this project," he said. "It assists us, Gray County and Pampa. I think the people of Gray County will be very proud of the facility, and it will be inviting to people who come in."

Conservation Stewardship Program applications due Jan. 13

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the USDA has set a January 13 deadline for the first ranking period of the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Anyone interested in the program should submit their applications to the local NRCS office.

CSP is a five year program available to landowners with cropland, pastureland, rangeland, and nonindustrial forestland and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of Indian tribes. Program participants may receive funding to support activities that promote improved water quality, soil quality and wildlife habitats. To measure applicants' eligibility, they will work with an NRCS representative to determine effectivity of current and future conservation prac-

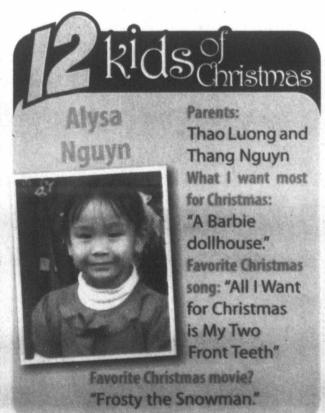
"CSP gives conservation minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts," said

State Conservationist Salvador Salinas. "Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in natural resource conservation practices have the opportunity to earn financial rewards through CSP.'

During 2011, farmers and ranchers received 206 CSP contracts in Texas, with a total of \$5.1 million in payments to assist with implementation of conservation practices.

"CSP is a strong program in Texas, and we are hopeful more farmers and ranchers with stewardship goals will participate in the 2012 CSP," said Salinas.

"I encourage farmers and ranchers actively involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain or improve existing conservation activities, and implement additional practices on their land," he





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High 35 Low 16

Today: Areas of blowing snow and a chance of snow before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 31. Wind chill values between 4 and 14. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Wind chill values between 10 and 15. Northwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 39. West southwest wind between 5 and 10

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 35. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph. with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Margaret Lou Stewart Colson, 80

AMARILLO-Margaret Lou Stewart Colson, 80, died December 16, 2011.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at The Church Of Christ At The Colonies with Dick Marcear, minister of The Church Of Christ at The Colonies officiating. Arrangements by Cox Funeral Home. Burial will be in Dream- Colson

land Cemetery, Canyon.

Mrs. Colson was born April 30, 1931, in Mangum, Greer County, Okla. to Clinton and Zella Mae Smoot Stewart. She grew up on a farm seven miles west of Willow, Okla. She met her husband at the age of 15 while she was pulling cotton and he was walking across the field towards her singing "Buttermilk Skies". Margaret married Radford Milton Colson on November 22, 1947, in Wellington. The couple farmed and made their first homes in Mangum, Willow, and Plainview, all in Oklahoma. They settled in Pampa in 1954 and lived there until 1977 when they returned to Sayre, Okla., to farm again. The Colsons moved to Amarillo in 1988, when they retired from farming. Margaret was an interior decorator and loved designing flower arrangements and centerpieces. She was a buyer for Gibson's in Pampa where she later owned The Copper Kitchen. Margaret was a member of the Church Of Christ At The Colonies.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Radford Colson; and a grandson-in-law, Rick Owens.

The family will receive visitors at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

wife Winona of Amarillo; her daughter, Brenda Dian Downs and husband Johnny of Pampa; her brother, Marvin Randall Stewart and wife Loreta of Sayre, Okla.; her sister, Mary Zell Stewart Sharp and husband, Alvin

of Amarillo; three granddaughters, Cassie Diane Gregg and husband, Daniel, Angela Gail Thornton and husband Landon, and Brandi Kay Sheffield and husband Colby, all of Amarillo; three grandsons, Jason Ryan Handley and wife Deann of Am. rillo, Jason Downs and wife Brie of Borger, and Jeremiah Downs and wife Keely of Pampa; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.coxfuneralhomeamarillo.com.

Martha Lorraine Riemer Van Huss, 95

McLEAN-Martha Lorraine Riemer Van Huss, 95, died Sunday, December 18, 2011, in McLean.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in Robertson Funeral Directors Route 66 Chapel in McLean, with Rev. Thacker Haynes, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of McLean, officiating.

Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangement are under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Mrs. Van Huss was born February 16, 1916, in McLean to Oscar and Lucy Robinson Riemer and had been a resident of McLean most of her life. She married George Perry Van Huss at Pampa and he preceded her in death in 1996. She was a homemaker and a member of the McLean Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three brothers, Oscar, Paul, and Otto Riemer; and two grandsons, Vandon Renfro and Cole Van Huss.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra Renfro of Amarillo, Peggy Simpson of McLean; three sons, Calvin Van Huss of Del Valle, Curtis Van Huss of Bixby, Okla., Don Van Huss of Franklin; one sister, Katherine Burk of Dallas; a sister in law, Margie Riemer of Pampa; six grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be to Loaves & She is survived by her son, Sammy Clint Colson and Fishes Ministry in McLean or the McLean Care Center

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For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, December 19 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 71 traffic related incidents. Animal Control officers

and Pampa PD reported 16 animal related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department

Friday, December 16

the 1200 block of North

A threat was reported at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company. An accident was report-

Fraud was reported at the 1900 block of North

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curred at the 600 block of North Wells. A suspicious person was

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reported at the 1300 block of North Russell. A theft occurred at the

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An assault occurred at the 1300 block of North Garland

A theft occurred at the 1100 block of Crane.

Harassment occurred at

the 900 block of Cinderella. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 300 block of North Warren.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of Sirroco

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of South Finley.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Frost.

A canine search was re-

ported at the 1800 block of North Coffee. A suspicious person was

reported at the 100 block of South Wells. A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 2400 block of Navajo. Saturday, December 17

A gas drive off occurred at the 1000 block of West Wilks. A suspicious person was

reported at the 1400 block of West Alcock. A suspicious vehicle was

reported at the 1100 block of South Huff. A domestic disturbance

was reported at the 400

1900 block of North Ho-

block of North Christy.

A theft occurred at the Hobart.

A suspicious person was East Frederic.

North Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at Duncan and Perryton.

Phone harassment was reported.

vehicle occurred at the 500 block of North Dwight. A theft was reported.

A suspicious vehicle was ported at the 2300 block of North Aspen. Criminal mischief oc-

North Nelson. An accident occurred on County Road 6 1/2.

at the 200 block of West

A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of East Francis. West Browning.

reported at the 600 block of North Powell.

reported at the 600 block of of North Naida. South Gray.

A theft was reported.

A burglary was reported. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1800 block

of North Faulkner. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2200 block

of Perryton. A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 100 block. of Village.

A threat was reported. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of East Fisher.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported at Foster and Low-

A runaway was reported. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 900 block of East Campbell.

A suspicious person was reported. A burglary occurred at

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reported at the 600 block of North Magnolia. A burglary occurred at

the 500 block of Panhandle. An assault occurred

Houston and Browning. Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2100 block of North Dwight. Suspicious persons were

reported at the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of North Naida. A suicide attempt oc-

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Sheriff's Office

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day, December 19 at 7 a.m. Friday, December 16 Yolanda Nunez, 52, was arrested by DPS agents for theft of property over

\$1,500 and under \$20,000. Paul Allen Thias, 50, was arrested by DPS agents for theft of property over

\$1,500 and under \$20,000. Parker Rae Kerlee, 32, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license is invalid. Saturday, December 17

Gayther Franklin Cowett, 35, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated. Cheri Elizabeth Chaffin, 24, was arrested by police

cated. Arthur Frank Murphy, 51, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

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Kimberly Nichole Guenther, 27, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

William David Hiser, 29, was arrested by deputies for driving while intoxicated. Charleie Edward Broad-

bent, 54, was arrested by deputies on a blue warrant, Lonnie Wayne Kirklin, 50, was arrested by deputies on charges of driving while intoxicated with two prior convictions and possession of marijuana.

Sunday, December 18 Fernando Dominguez-Hernandez, 29, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury and illegal entry.

Melodee Brooke Marlow, 33, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram and less than four and forgery of a financial instrument.

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HOUSTON (AP) - An industry group expects 7.5 million Texans will hit the road for the holidays.

Texas troopers will be on patrol to help keep them safe. AAA Texas on Monday predicted those travelers will go 50 miles or more from home, starting Friday, to Monday, Jan. 2, 2012. That would be a 2.6 percent increase from year-ago numbers.

AAA Texas estimates about 6.9 million Texans plan to drive to their holiday destinations.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers will be out

in force, from Tuesday through Jan. 1 and especially during the Christmas and New Year's weekends Troopers, during the same period last year, made 1,264

DWI arrests, plus issued 17,436 citations for speeding. Troopers also made 1,284 felony and fugitive arrests and recovered 50 stolen vehicles.

EPA suggests asbestos exposure

FORT WORTH (AP) - A report from the Environmental Protection Agency says an experimental asbestos demolition method used at a Fort Worth apartment building may have exposed workers and the public to carcinogenic fibers.

The EPA's inspector general says the agency should notify anyone who was in or near the building during the

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (http://bit.ly/s08K5C) on Sunday reported that testing of dust from the Oak Hollow apartments and another building in Fort Chaffee, Ark., showed the release of asbestos fibers.

Fort Worth was believed to be the first urban area to test a "wet" demolition method in which crews take down a building without first removing asbestos. The walls and ceilings are soaked to try to keep fibers from being released.

City officials say the report is unclear.

FBI hunting female bank robber

HOUSTON (AP) - FBI officials in Houston believe they are hunting a female serial bank robber.

An FBI bank robbery task force in Houston said Monday a woman who held up a bank Friday is believed to have pulled off at least two other similar robberies in the last month. Each has occurred in the city's northern

No one has been hurt in the holdups and so far there's been no sign the woman is carrying a weapon but she has passed threatening notes to the bank tellers she's

FBI spokeswoman Shauna Dunlap says while women often are accomplices in robberies, it's not very common for a woman to be the lone robber and it's a little more unusual for a woman to become a serial bank robber.

Sheriff fires five over drugs

EDINBURG (AP) - Four South Texas law officers have been fired for violating their department's drug policy and a fifth resigned during the investigation.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said Monday the firings came at the conclusion of an internal investigation into illegal drug use among deputies and detention

Two of the former employees were deputies, two were detention sergeants and one was a detention officer. The agency conducted 879 drug tests on its employees in

Trevino says the department's internal affairs unit will also audit drug cases worked by the former deputies to ensure that nothing was compromised. He says none of the former employees will face criminal charges.

Trevino on Monday ordered all executive command staff to undergo drug testing.

Driver hurt in crash with train

HUTTO (AP) - An Amtrak train en route from San Antonio to Chicago slammed into a tractor-trailer rig carrying a car at a Central Texas crossing north of Austin, critically injuring the truck driver.

The crash happened about 10 a.m. Sunday. Amtrak spokesman Steve Kulm says the Texas Eagle was carrying 211 passengers when it slammed into the truck.

Trooper Michael Knight of the Texas Department of Public Safety says the engineer sounded his horn, but the truck was onthe tracks and the driver ejected on impact. He was taken to Williamson Seton Hospital in nearby Round Rock, where Knight said he was in critical condition. No name has been released.

Kulm said two passengers were injured slightly but refused treatment. Passengers were bused to Fort Worth to board another train.

Texas drought claims 500M trees

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Preliminary estimates from the Texas Forest Service show the yearlong drought in Texas may have claimed as many as a half-billion trees.

The agency surveyed forestry professionals from regions around Texas, which has a total tree population of about 4.9 billion. Researchers analyzing the information have determined from 100 million to 500 million, or from 2 to 10 percent of all trees, have been lost.

Burl Carraway, who heads the agency's sustainable forestry department, says the exceptional drought, high winds and record-setting temperatures left trees dead or struggling to survive.

The survey results released Monday found hardest hit areas include Sutton, Crockett, Kimble and Pecos

counties in West Texas; Montgomery, Harris, Grimes, Madison and Leon counties in Southeast Texas; and Bastrop and Caldwell counties in Central Texas.





Occupy America through your generosity this holiday season

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Let's Occupy America this holiday season. Instead of sitting in parks and protesting, instead of lamenting our political choices, instead of waiting for the government to figure it out - let's occupy

This is not my traditional yearend financial advice column, outlining steps you should take now to lighten your tax burden and improve your chances of a successful retirement — though I will give those reminders at the end.

While important, that advice seems to melt in the context of all the e-mails and blog posts I receive these days — comments that are overwhelmingly reflective about their adult children who have Adult children worry about their parents or widowed mother who used to live on interest income that is now nonexistent.

permeate both our conscious and subconscious thinking this holiday season. Who can blame us if we attempt to carry on with the traditional shopping and gifting tradiright in our world? So we tally the consumer spending statistics, not the consumer-giving figures.

Yet even as you shop for your loved ones, you know in your heart that many children won't receive sparse, and groups that are dedicated to giving are low on resources.

So do something! Yes, you. No matter how comfortable - or per or bank. bleak — your personal situation, do will help others who are not wrapfor a dinner they won't cook.

The Savage on money

Occupy America this holiday seaour country with the generous spirit son. Occupy America with goodness and generosity. Don't just sit there and wait for the government to give; do it yourself, whether you're giving time or money. Here to get the "free money" in the are some suggestions:

Visit your local food bank with groceries. Yes, it's unbelievable that people go hungry in America when we shop in stores that are bulging with goodies. Take your children with you so they can see the difference.

- Adopt a family though your cash of an economy that has failed to church, temple or community orgagrow and create jobs. Parents worry nization. Many shopping malls have gift trees, listing kids' wishes. lost jobs and are losing their homes. Don't disappoint a 7-year-old who only wants a warm jacket.

Don't forget seniors. The saddest e-mails I receive are from elderly women with no one to Worry about money seems to remember them on holidays. Don't just carol at a senior center; sit and talk with an elderly person. Maybe you'll learn something about surviving

Buy dog and cat food, and take tions to make it seem as if all is it to your local animal shelter. With so many people unable to feed their pets and abandoning them, shelters are burdened

And if all of that is too personal and too emotional — write a check. Write several checks. Every compresents, food bank shelves will be munity has an organization appealing for funds to make the holidays brighter, likely the United Way or a fund started by your local newspa-

If you have money to give but something. Pick one thing to do that don't know which charity to support, go to Guidestar.com, the webping presents for a tree they won't site that evaluates charities based have and are not checking recipes on performance and expenses.

There you can search by your area of concern, whether animal welfare or domestic violence or arts and culture. There are plenty of worthy organizations.

So that brings me to my yearend Terry's Tips, starting with a reminder that, yes, those gifts are all deductible (except for your time and love). And here are a few more things you should be doing this holiday season to plan ahead:

Top up your 40l(k) — at least employer match. Ask HR to take extra pre-tax money out of your final paycheck.

Prepay your real estate taxes so you can take the deduction this year. In fact, maximize all your deductions, such as state income tax, by pre-paying if you have the

Make energy-efficient home improvements before year-end to get tax credits

Use your annual gifting ability. Every year you can give up to \$13,000 to any recipient, or many recipients, without paying gift taxes, reducing your estate tax obligations down the line.

If over age 70-and-a-half, gift directly from your IRA and the withdrawal is tax-free, a provision that is set to expire at year-end.

For details on all of these yearend tax tips, consult your accountant or professional tax adviser.

But for taking action on the giving ideas at the start of this column, don't wait: Consult your heart! Your gift of time and money will be at least as rewarding as any tax tips. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?

ESPN analyst James runs for U.S. Senate as a Republican

AUSTIN (AP) - ESPN college football analyst Craig James, who starred as a tailback at Southern Methodist University and with the New England Patriots in the 1980s, announced Monday he was running for the U.S. Senate as a Republican from Texas, a GOP fundraiser said.

James, who appears on the cable network's weekly game broadcasts, has been flirting with entering politics for more than year. Republican fundraiser and close friend Roy Bailey told The Associated Press on Monday that James informed him he was running for the 2012 Senate seat and was in the process of dropping off his official candidate papers in Austin.

"I think it's great for Texas. Anytime you have someone with Craig's street smarts and business sense and willingness to serve the public, it's a great thing," said Bailey, who added that he would help raise money for James. Messages left for James were not immediately returned.

Though James' name recognition could be an advantage in the race, it also could hurt him.

James is a polarizing figure who was embroiled in Texas Tech University's big-time college football 2009 decision to fire popular football coach Mike Leach over allegations the coach mistreated James' son, a Red Raiders player, after he sustained a concussion. He also was a member of the record-setting SMU football team in the early 1980s when the program entered a series of scandals that ultimately forced the NCAA to shut it down.

His late entry into the Senate race puts him a in a primary field already crowded with well-known and wealthy candidates who are vying for the seat vacated by retiring Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, former Dallas mayor Tom Leppert and former Texas solicitor general Ted Cruz have spent months raising money and collecting endorsements from prominent Republicans. The deadline to enter the race is Feb. 1.

James, 50, who lives in Celina north of Dallas, has been a board member of the influential conservative think tank the Texas Policy Foundation in Austin and recently founded Texans for a Better America to promote conservative policies. He is likely banking on name recognition from his work for ESPN and his ties to

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to overcome his late start. But that name recogni-

tion could prove to be a double-edged sword. Texas Tech fired Leach, who had the most wins in school history, after James

complained to school administrators that Leach mistreated his son, Adam James, by twice ordering him to stand for hours confined in a dark place after he got a concussion.

JAMES cont. on page 7A Friday, December 16 through Thursday, December 22. Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Fri 7:30 10:00 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 10:00

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Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 2011. There are 11 days left in the year. The Jewish Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, begins at sunset

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 20, 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union as all 169 delegates to a special convention in Charleston voted in favor of separation.

On this date:

In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed oneday visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

In 1978, former White House chief of staff H.R. Haldeman was released from prison after serving 18 months for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

In 1987, more than 4,300 people were killed

when the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with the tanker Vector off Mindoro island. In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

In 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded couples of the opposite sex.

Ten years ago: Argentine President Fernando de la Rua resigned, hours after his economy minister, following two days of anti-government unrest that left about two dozen people dead and more than 200 injured.

Five years ago: Acknowledging deepening frustration over Iraq, President George W. Bush told a news conference he was considering an increase in American forces and warned that the next year would bring more painful U.S. losses.

One year ago: In the biggest anti-terrorist sweep in Britain in nearly two years, police arrested a dozen men accused of plotting a large-scale terror attack on targets inside the United Kingdom. Former Mexican presidential candidate Diego

Today's Birthdays: Actress Audrey Totter is 94. Actor John Hillerman is 79. Actress Kathryn Joosten is 72. Rock musician-music producer Bobby Colomby is 67. Rock musician Peter Criss is 66. Psychic/illusionist Uri Geller is 65. Producer Dick Wolf ("Law & Order") is 65. Rock musician Alan Parsons is 63. Actress Jenny Agutter 59. Actor Michael Badalucco is Actress Blanche Baker is 55. Rock singer Billy Bragg is 54. Rock singer-musician Mike Watt is 54. Actor Joel Gretsch is 48. Country singer Kris Tyler is 47. Rock singer Chris Robinson is 45. Actress Nicole deBoer is 41. Movie director Todd Phillips is 41. Singer David Cook ("American Idol") is 29. Actor Jonah Hill is 28. Singer JoJo is 21.

Thought for Today: "All the mistakes I ever made were when I wanted to say 'No' and said 'Yes.'" - Moss Hart (1904-1961).



And was the mission accomplished?

For the Army and Marines who lost 4,500 dead and more than 30,000 wounded, many of them amputees, the second-longest war in U.S. history is over. America is coming home from Iraq

On May 1, 2003, on the carrier Abraham Lincoln, the huge banner behind President George W. Bush proclaimed, "Mission Accomplished!"

That was eight years ago. And so, was the mission accomplished?

Two-thirds of all Americans have concluded the war was not worth it. And reading the description of

Iraq from the editorial page of the pro-war Washington Post, who can answer ves?

"Al-Qaida continues to carry out terrorist attacks. Iranian-sponsored militias still operate, and a power struggle between Kurdish-ruled northern Iraq and Mr. Maliki's government goes on. More Iraqis worry that, after the U.S. troops depart this month, the sectarian bloodletting that ravaged the country between 2002 and 2007 will resume."

And not all the Americans are really coming home.

Some 16,000 will remain in the huge fortress that houses the U.S. embassy and in fortified consulates in Basra, Irbil and Kirkuk. All four sites will be self-sufficient, so U.S. personnel can stay clear of what The Wall Street Journal calls "the perilous security situation on Iraq's city streets.

In each diplomatic post, the State Department employees will be outnumbered by private security contractors, 5,000 of whom will provide for their protection and secure travel.

U.S. Ambassador James Jeffrey warns of the dangers that await U.S. diplomats who venture outside the compounds: "If we move out into the Iraqi economy, out into the Iraqi society in any significant way, it will be much harder to protect our people."

NBC reported this week that two five-vehicle convoys loaded with Blackwater security types were necessary to escort two U.S. teachers to a meeting in a Bagdad hotel.

What kind of victory did we win if, eight years after we ousted Saddam Hussein and helped install a democratic government, Americans in Iraq should fear for their lives?

Did we win the "hearts and minds" of the Iraqi people when they are burning

American flags in Fallujah to celebrate our departure? Why was no parade held, so Iraqis could cheer departing Americans for having liberated them from the tyranny of Saddam?

What did we accomplish if hatred of America is so widespread our diplomats live in constant peril?

Neooconservative Fred Kagan writes that people who think all will be well after America leaves believe in a mirage.

The Obama administration lacks a vision and a strategy, and the regime in Baghdad lacks the assured capability of securing U.S. "core interests" in Iraq, he writes. Among these are ensuring that the state does not collapse, that civil war does not break out, that Iranian influence does not surge, that al-Qaida or Iranian militias do not establish sanctuaries.

Moreover, writes Kagan, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is 'unwinding the multi-ethnic crosssectarian Iraqi political settlement."

To Kagan, an enthusiast of the war, everything vital that we won in almost nine years of fighting is

But if we have no assurance that the disasters he lists will not occur, perhaps within months of our departure, what kind of victory is this?

What did we accomplish with a war whose costs in blood, Iraqi as well as American, and treasure were so high?

"We are leaving behind a sovereign, stable and self-reliant Iraq, with a representative government that was elected by its people," President Obama told the troops at Fort Bragg. Are we?

The Kurds are cutting deals with U.S. oil companies that Baghdad refuses to recognize, seeking to incorporate Kirkuk, and **BUCHANAN** edging toward independence, which would cross a red line not only in Baghdad

but Ankara.

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Muslim pogroms have uprooted half the Christians, and half of these Christians have fled the country, many to Syria.

Maliki is moving against the Sunni Awakening warriors whom Gen. David Petraeus persuaded to fight al-Qaida in return for their being brought into the army.

The Sunnis sees themselves as dispossessed and marginalized in a country they have historically dominated. Al-Qaida continues to launch terror attacks on civilians to reignite sectarian war. And as the Americans head down the highway to Kuwait; Iran works to displace America as the dominant foreign influence in Baghdad.

That we were deceived into believing Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction ready to use, and that he was the man behind 9/1 F -- that we were lied into war -- is

established fact. But, equally astonishing, though Bush & Co. planned this war from Sept. 11, 2001, if not before, no one seems to have thought it through before launching it. For as John McCain said yesterday, as of 2007:

"the war was nearly lost." Yet the disaster that may still befall us in Iraq has not in the least inhibited the war hawks who, even now, are advancing identical arguments for a new war, on Iran, a country three times the size of Iraq.

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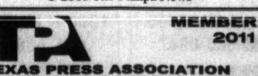
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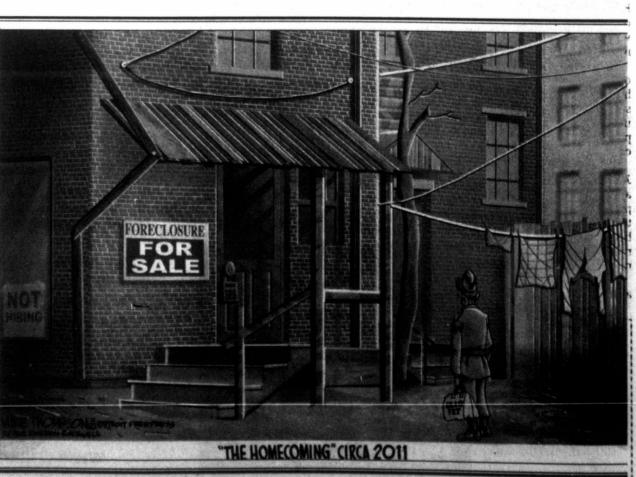
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Redistricting creating chaos in 2012 primary

CHRIS TOMLIN Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -Another attempt to redraw political districts in Texas brings yet another appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of politicians are anxiously waiting to see if the nine judges in Washington will give them a fighting chance to keep or win a seat in the Texas House, Texas Senate or Congress. With dozens of incumbents retiring, the stakes are high and who ends up winning depends largely on what the final district maps look like.

One proposed map guarantees Republican dominance for the next 10 years. The other would likely give Democrats a big boost. And the Supreme Court could order a new, third version.

American politicians face this problem every 10 years when states

based on the latest census. The state needs to ensure every political district has roughly the same number

of people. Texas law gives that task to incumbent members of the Legislature, and they seize upon this rare opportunity to choose the voters they want. Since their first priority is to get reelected, they draw their districts to suit them. Then the party in power usually tries to draw districts that will hurt their opponents.

To keep this process from being too unfair, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act in 1965 to make sure majority whites couldn't draw districts that would hurt minorities. Texas is one of 16 states with a history of racism that can't change any of its election laws or maps without getting preclearance from either the Department of

Justice or the federal court in Washington.

Texas Republicans, who controlled the 2011 redistricting process, got to draw a map that adds four congressional seats in Texas because of population growth. The problem for Republicans, though, is that 67 percent of those new Texans are Hispanic or black, two groups that don't traditionally vote for them. Nevertheless, they produced a map that would help Republicans.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott didn't think the Obama administration would approve the Republican-drawn maps, so he asked the federal court in Washington to approve them. After Justice Department lawyers argued the maps discriminated against minorities, the court scheduled a trial from Jan. 17-26, effectively putting the maps on hold.

Simultaneously, a coalition of minority activists immediately filed a lawsuit at the federal court in San Antonio, also arguing that the maps discriminated against them and should not be used. The San Antonio court also decided the maps should go to trial, but the judges also recognized these trials would not be finished in time for the 2012 election. So they decided to

draft temporary maps.

The San Antonio judges used the old maps as a starting point, looked at where people live now according to the new census and considered racial factors. Their new maps ended up radically different from the maps drawn by the Republicans and gave Democrats hope for winning more seats.

That's when Abbott asked the Supreme Court wanted to hear more of Abbott's arguments on Jan. 9, and put the San Antonio court's maps on hold, too.

With no maps, there can be no elections, so the political parties have had to delay the primary votes to April 3 from March 6, assuming the federal courts can agree on a temporary map by late January. If the process drags on, the primaries could be pushed back further.

What the Supreme Court decides in January about the Texas maps could change redistricting law across the country. Conservatives have always expressed reservations about the Voting Rights Act, particularly the requirement that changes in election law are subject to pre-clearance by federal bureaucrats or judges.

Abbott argued that bar-

use the Legislature's maps for the 2012 election pending the outcome of the court cases.

The Supreme Court could decide that the judges in San Antonio did just fine, or give them new instructions to draw them again in a different way.

The Supreme Court, though, could choose a most radical option and insist the state use the Legislature's maps for the 2012 election while the Washington and San Antonio courts hear the challenges against them. Such a decision would wipe out the preclearance requirement so many conservatives oppose.

Incumbents and candidates on both sides of the aisle will be watching closely. Their prospects, and the future of Texas politics, are on the line.

BLM sued over NV mustang castration, roundup plans

coalition of conservationists and wild-horse activists is suing the government to block its implementation of a precedentsetting plan to castrate hundreds of wild stallions in eastern Nevada.

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The lawsuit, filed by the Western Watersheds Project, the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign and the Cloud Foundation, follows the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's decision in July to back off a similar plan to castrate hundreds of wild stallions in Wyoming.

The suit, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., challenges the BLM's plans to remove roughly 1,800 wild horses from the sprawling Pancake Complex near Ely over the next six to 10 years, and to castrate 200 wild stallions before releasing them back to the area as geldings.

The complaint contends the BLM's "scientifically unsound, controversial, untested and radical approaches" to managing mustangs in the 855,000acre complex violate federal law, and the agency continues to authorize thousands of sheep and cattle to graze on public lands in the area.

"The BLM has violated the law by failing to analyze impacts of domestic livestock and wild horses," said Jon Marvel, executive director of the Idahobased Western Watershed Project. "I hope this case ends once and for all BLM's illegal bias in favor of cattle and sheep over wild horses and all other native wildlife."

The BLM in July backed off a similar plan to release hundreds of castrated wild stallions back to the range in Wyoming after the same plaintiffs challenged it in court.

BLM spokeswoman JoLynn Worley said the agency views the pilot project as another way to reduce growing horse herds that are damaging rangelands to the detriment of native wildlife.

"That's one thing people always ask about, when

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A they comment on this, whether we can try to do some birth control on stallions in addition to mares," Worley said. "We want to see if this will be one more way to reduce the number of horses and slow down the population."

> The BLM plans to remove horses from the Pancake Complex in phases over the next six to 10 years because it lacks sufficient space in its holding facilities, Worley said. Plans call for a reduction in the complex's horse population from about 2,200 to 370 over that period.

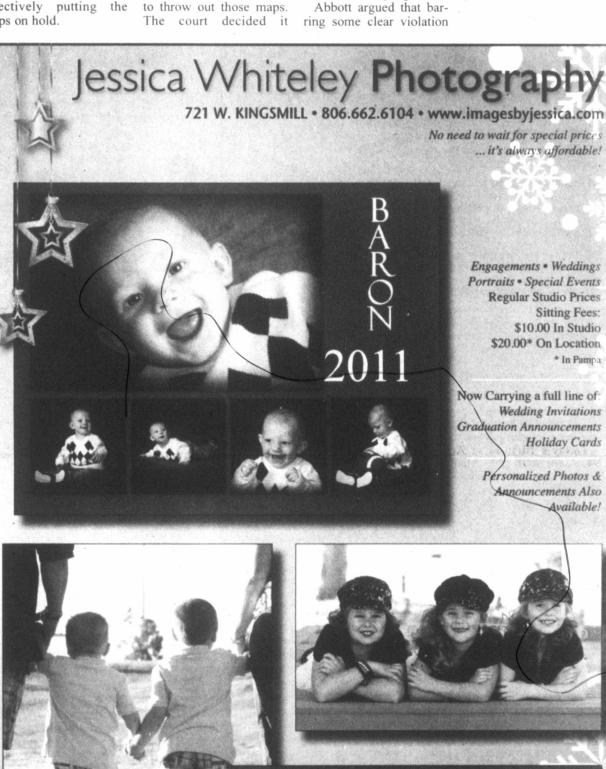
> "We don't have enough room in our holding facilities to bring in all of those numbers at once. So we're going to break it down into three to four gathers over six to 10 years to make the reductions," Worley said.

> Activists have complained the agency's ongoing mass removal of mustangs from public lands has resulted in the stockpiling of horses in long-term facilities in the Midwest at growing taxpayer expense. Captured horses are put up for adoption, but sent to the government-funded facilities if they attract no owners.

> There now are more horses in holding facilities -41,000 - than free-roaming horses in 10 Western states - 33,000. Over the 2011 fiscal year, holding costs accounted for nearly 50 percent of the BLM wild horse and burro program's \$75.8 million budget. About half of the West's wild horses are in Nevada.

> "After four decades of mismanagement, it's time to draw a line in the sand," said Ginger Kathrens, executive director of the Colorado-based Cloud Foundation. "The agency's policy of destroying America's wild horse herds for the benefit of the livestock industry must come to an end."

> But BLM officials maintain public rangelands are not able to withstand the impacts from overpopulated horse herds, which include soil erosion, sedimentation of streams and damage to wildlife habitat.





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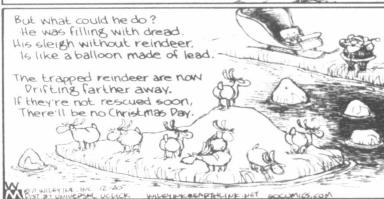
By Bil Keane



"What's the weather gonna be like on Christmas, so I know if I want a skateboard or a snowboard?"

Non Sequitur





Nest Heads





HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec 20, 2011:

You express an unusual intensity this year. Often, you are overwhelmed by the many opportunities and choices that drop in your lap. Before making a decision, you might want to further explore a new concept. You hold many feelings in. You could be seen as remote or unavailable. If you are single, you might put a suitor on a pedestal. This tendency could damage a potential bond. If you are attached, you, too, might not be seeing your sweetie clearly. When this person falls off his or her pedestal, don't blame him or her, but you -- you put this person there. SCORPIO makes a good healer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You are known as the Pioneer of the Zodiac, yet you also work well with one other person. Together you could clear the decks more easily for the upcoming weekend. Be sensitive to what appears to be too good to be true. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others dominate. Don't worry -- they do value your opinions. You could have difficulty understanding where others are coming from. A true gentleness emerges because of the interaction you have with a loved one. Tonight: You can only say "yes" to an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Dive into work. You know the possibilities. Don't sell yourself short. You have the ability to get past a problem. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a friend or someone around work. Flex and understand. Tonight: Make nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Allow your ingenuity to flourish. You will not only complete a task but be able to finish any last-minute details. Just because you look up to or respect someone doesn't mean either of you might be suppressing strong feelings. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Stay close to home, and don't venture far. Not that you will get lost, but your imagination could encourage an adventure when you don't have time. Still, you just might not care, as you adapt your situation seems hazy. Detach, and you will plans accordingly. Remember, for every ac- see clearly. Use this information to elimition there is a reaction. Tonight: Head home nate a problem that could affect you and

VIRGO (Aug. 2 3-Sept. 22)

*** You feel inspired, no matter what you are doing. You have a lot going for you, though it might be hard to tell. You have a tendency to go to extremes. Make calls, return calls and schedule meetings. Let more caring in. Tonight: On the phone, the computer and/or sharing with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Allow greater give-and-take. If you're wondering about a few last-minute gifts, know that not everything has to be a material manifestation. Consider a valued experience as a present. Understand what might be ailing a family member. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Tonight: Anchor

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Methodically enter the next few days. You might have too many lists, but you will burst through them like lightning. A child or new friend might need your time. Don't overthink things. You might not be comfortable with a personal matter. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** The best of attitudes can sometimes tumble during times of stress and fatigue. For a brief moment, the holidays or another situation could stress you out. A little distance could help you recuperate. An optimistic attitude helps you recharge. Tonight: Take a night off from the hectic

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

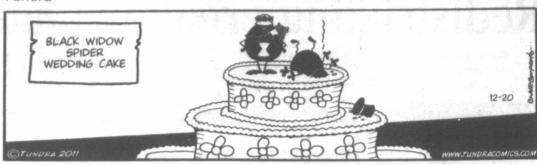
** Your instincts play out when dealing with a partner or someone you care about. Pitch in with suggestions while completing a key project. Don't skip an important meeting. Recognize that you can stall a child's or someone else's requests. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Take a stand, though you might need to handle a personal or domestic issue. You have what appears to others to be an endless source of energy and optimism. Listen to your instincts with finances. You cannot keep postponing a decision. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Read between the lines with what is occurring in a friendship. At first the others. Tonight: Orchestrate with music.

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Candlelight Service set for Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church invites the community to join them for their annual candlelight service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The service will be focused on the lightning of the five advent candles. The service will conclude with a candlelight ceremony by everyone in attendance. Music pastor Gary Jameson said that's his

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favorite part of the service. "It's very meaningful," candle and watch the light he was fired. spread across the room.

Calvary Baptist is locat-23rd Street.

across the world."

SA ringers go bell to bell

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - Two Salvation Army bell ringers are going head-to-head in a contest of endurance intended to make the coins jingle in their

The winner: Charles Miller outlasted Floyd Felan in the bell-ringing duel at kettles in front of separate Walmart department stores in Corpus Christi.

Felan told KRIS-TV of Corpus Christi that he began his performance about 11 a.m. Friday. But Miller said he had reason not to be beaten. He told the station that his family lost all it had to natural disaster or fire twice in the past few years - and the Salvation Army came through for them

West Texas - 3rd earthquake since late November

LUBBOCK (AP) - West Texas has recorded its third earthquake in less than a month.

The U.S. Geological Survey website says a 3.2 magnitude earthquake happened at 8:46 a.m. Saturday, centered 5 miles north-northeast of Snyder, in Scurry County. The area is 78 miles southeast of Lubbock.

Authorities had had no immediate reports of injury

A 3.4 magnitude quake happened Dec. 9 and was centered 15 miles north of Snyder. USGS says on Nov. 24, a 3.0 magnitude quake was centered 17 miles north-northeast of Snyder.

The federal agency says a 2.7 magnitude earthquake on Dec. 7 was centered about 29 miles southwest of Dallas.

A rare South Texas earthquake happened Oct. 27, with a 4.8 magnitude and epicenter about 37 miles northwest of Beeville.

Soldier killed in 'game'

FORT HOOD (AP) - Military prosecutors say a soldier from Massachusetts who died in Iraq was killed by his roommate during a game in which they tried to see how fast they could draw and aim their 9 mm pistols at the other.

Authorities say Sgt. Matthew Gallagher of Falmouth was shot in the head by Sgt. Brent McBride on June 26. Gallagher died a week before his 23rd birthday.

The Cape Cod Times reports that the Army held a hearing Saturday at Fort Hood to determine what charges McBride should face. Both soldiers were with the 1st Cavalry Division.

McBride's attorney called Gallagher's death "a tragic accident." The attorney said McBride and Gallagher were friends who often played the dangerous game and his client did not know his gun was

Amtrak train slams into truck

HUTTO (AP) - An Amtrak train en route from San Antonio to Chicago slammed into a tractor-trailer rig carrying a car at a Central Texas crossing north of Austin, critically injuring the truck driver.

The crash happened about 10 a.m. Sunday. Amtrak spokesman Steve Kulm says the Texas Eagle was carrying 211 passengers when it slammed into the

Trooper Michael Knight of the Texas Department of Public Safety says the engineer sounded his horn, but the truck was on the tracks and the driver ejected on impact. He was taken to Williamson Seton Hospital in nearby Round Rock, where Knight said he was in critical condition. No name has been

Kulm said two passengers were injured slightly but refused treatment. Passengers were bused to Fort Worth to board another train.

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Leach denies mistreating the younger James and has said Craig James had called coaches trying to get his son more playing time. Leach also said Jameson said. "You start he suspects an \$800,000 with a blacked out room, bonus he was due on Dec. then light each other's 31, 2009, was the reason

Leach sued the universi-The light is symbolic of ty and named Craig James the light of Jesus spreading as a defendant. The case is pending before the Texas Supreme Court. Leach ed on the 900 block of E. also has sued ESPN Inc. and a Dallas public relations firm, accusing them of libel and slander after he was fired.

From 1979-1982, James was a star player at SMU and was part of the recordsetting "Pony Express" backfield with Eric Dickerson. Though the Mustangs won Southwest Conference championships in 1981 and 1982, the team was also embroiled in several NCAA investigations.

In 1987, the NCAA hit SMU with the so-called "death penalty" for repeated infractions, shutting down the program for a year after finding SMU had continued to pay players after promising in 1985 it would stop. SMU also chose not to play in 1988 because the NCAA would have limited the Mustangs to only seven games, none at home.

The scandal is generally considered among the worst in college sports history. The sanctions leveled

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County, Delta Bail Bonds,

submitted a \$525,000

appraisal of a property to

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Bond Board to secure its

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review board lowered the

by the NCAA decimated the Mustangs program and .SMU remains the only school to be given the "death penalty."

James was never directly implicated in the NCAA transgressions and he has consistently denied any involvement.

But James also has had a close relationship with Dallas real estate developer Sherwood Blount, one of the key boosters involved in the pay-forplay scandal. Blount, who reportedly insisted SMU had a "payroll to meet" even after the school promised the payments would stop, was James' agent when he played in the NFL

In his book "Gameday,"

cont. from page 3A James wrote: "I'm not going to sit here and tell you I never received a nickel during my playing days. But I can say with certainty that no benefits were ever extended to me from anyone associated

tion.' After college, James was drafted by the Washington Federals in the USFL and signed with the Patriots before the 1985 season. He retired from football in 1989.

with the SMU administra-

As a businessman, James has been involved in ventures providing video content for the Internet as well as real estate holdings and development, according to the Texans for a Better America website.

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made a good deal and I don't think anybody should criticize me for it," he said. In fact, he has protested the appraisal district's

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value of real estate accepted by Texas bail bondsmen as collateral for the bonds they write often falls short of covering the amount of the bail, according to a newspaper study. The Texas Occupations

DALLAS (AP) - The

Code allows bail bondsmen to issue bonds worth up to 10 times the value of the collateralized real estate in the state's larger counties. As a result, counties often collect cents on the dollar from bond forfeitures, The Dallas Morning News reported in Sunday's editions.

Tarrant County has tried to sell some forfeited properties and received no bids, said Assistant District Attorney David Hudson, who advises the county bail bond board. He said he would favor "some kind of neutral authority" to set the values of real estate collateral, rather than private appraisers working for the bail bondsmen.

"But the bail bondsmen are very influential in writing these laws," he told the newspaper. "The bondsmen are the ones who are giving to the politicians, so they get what they want to

a certain degree.' Bail bondsman L.G. Cornish Jr. runs his business from a converted house in the Fort Worth suburb of Haltom City. He uses the 1,220-square-foot office to secure his bail bonds and has told the Tarrant County Bail Bond Board that a private appraiser valued it at \$115,000.

A few months later, when he protested the taxable value reached by the county appraisal board, his agent claimed the building was worth \$40,502, the newspaper reported.

However, state requires the bail bond board to accept Cornish's private appraisal and to allow him to write bail bonds worth 10 times that value - up to \$1.15 million.

"Either way is legal," Cornish told The News. He said he saw nothing wrong with using one value for the bail bond board and placing a much smaller one before the appraisal district review board.

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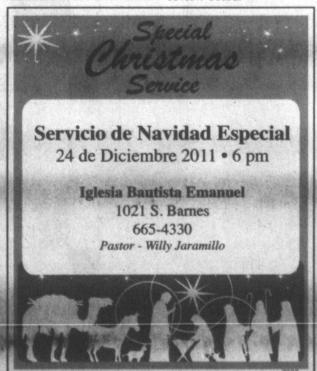
There was an error in the headline of a story that ran in the weekend issue of The Pampa News.

The headline, "Wreck sends woman to hospital," appearing on the front page, should have read, Wreck sends man to hos-

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Mexican 'paisanos' head south for Christmas

LAREDO Mexican nationals and descendants are making their annual migration from Texas to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their extended families in Mexico.

The holiday traffic of "paisanos," or country-men, is a familiar sight at the Laredo, Texas, entrance to Mexico. From noon Friday through Saturday evening, 785 paisanos had made use of a holiday rest stop set up on Interstate 35 southbound 13 miles from the border, the Laredo Morning Times reported.

The rest stop includes refreshments and Mexican consular officials to help with visas and passports.

Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau manager Blasita Lopez clocked the paisanos heading south. She told the Times that the traffic this year is on a par with last year, when about 2,000 people checked through in a 48-hour span.

Cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles and recreational vehicles displaying license plates from as far away as North Dakota and Georgia lined up at the rest stop.

Norma Villa is heading south from North Dakota to Mexico City, where she has four sons the rest of her family doesn't know. She said her husband in Mexico has already warned her about what lies

"He said the police will

stop me every so often. They see the license plates are not Mexican, and they think it's a good chance to get something out of you," she told the newspaper.

That and the wellpublicized drug wars in northern Mexico leave her uneasy, she said.

"We're having escorted caravans to out in order to provide safety in numbers," she said. Mexico's National Civil Protection System began providing the escorts two years ago in response to the escalating crime rate along the highways of northern Mexico.

The escorts convey the travelers as far as Mexico's inspection station 26 kilometers (16 miles) inside the country. "From there, federal police plan to lead caravans into the interior," Lopez said.

Travelers tend to arrive in Laredo at night, spend the night and get in line around dawn the next morning to cross into Nuevo Laredo, Mexico "so they have daylight when they drive in Mexico," Lopez said.

The rush is making motel rooms and, in some cases, fuel scarce. Lopez appeals for understanding from Laredo residents.

"It's understandable people get annoyed with the traffic, but there's great economic benefit to the city," she said.

BANANAGRAMS! Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA LEVEL BITES provide hints. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid. BANANA BITE: BANANA BITE: "duplicated." One word is a Yesterday's Answer: ONLINE, ONWARD, AFLOAT, COPIER 12.20

More crashes at intersections with flashing lights

(AP)Intersections with flashing lights have three times more accidents than those with only stop signs and intersections with highway frontage roads are high risk, a University of Texas study released Monday said.

A civil engineering research team led by professor Chandra Bhat determined which intersections were the most dangerous so that future studies can consider how to make them safer. They used data

Dept. of Transportation. Roughly 40 percent of

all traffic accidents take place at intersections, Bhat said. His study could not determine if flashing lights at intersections confused drivers or if traffic engineers have placed flashing lights at the most dangerous intersections.

Drivers exiting highways are also more likely to crash, either because they are going too fast or switching lanes in a dangerous manner.

"Understanding their collected by the Texas causes should be a prior-

ity for transportation and safety professionals, so that we can develop countermeasures to reduce the high incidence of crashes and resulting deaths and injuries at intersections," Bhat said. A key finding of the

study is that intersection accidents are affected by the larger traffic network around them, and that fixing a dangerous intersection will reduce accidents on neighboring streets.

"If you don't account for this dependence, which is what almost all earlier studies have done, you underestimate the value of roadway and traffic control improvements," Bhat said. Intersections with traffic

lights are the safest, the study found. But once an accident begins to develop, it is harder to stop, Bhat said.

Researchers will present the findings at the National Transportation Research Board Meeting in Washington next month.

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Sinton ISD using grants to build two wind turbines

SINTON, Texas (AP) -A South Texas school district has announced plans for two wind turbines to help power campuses and provide high-tech learning for students.

The Corpus Christi

Monday that the Sinton Independent School Display will use nearly \$1.5 million in federal grants to help build the 100-kilowatt turbines.

Superintendent Steve VanMatre says construc-Caller-Times reported tion could start in late

January. He says the district is projected to save about \$50,000 annually in energy costs by using the turbines.

VanMatre also says that students in science, technology, engineering and math programs will benefit by following the construction and use of the wind turbines.

Sinton is a town of nearly 5,700, located 25 miles north of Corpus Christi.

Former Dem Rep. Sadler announces for Senate

AUSTIN (AP) he will run for U.S. Senate Democratic primary.

Sadler told The Associated Press on Monday that he sees an opportunity for a Democrat to win in 2012. He filed his paperwork after the only major candidate, retired

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, Coalition, a lobbying Former state Rep. Paul announced Friday that he Sadler has announced that was dropping out of the

> Sadler served in the Texas House from 1991-2003 and was the chairman of several committees working on education issues. Most recently he has worked as the executive director of The Wind

group for the wind energy industry.

If he wins the nomination, Sadler will face stiff competition in where no Democrat holds statewide office. Four major candidates are competing for the Republican nomination.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

been married for 13 years to a good guy who is a greatdad. We have two boys, ages 9 and 11. The problem is, we don't communicate. We hardly have sex and we don't get along at all.

I feel like I have sacrificed physical and emotional intimacy so my kids can have both parents in their lives full-time. When I think of writing down my husband's attributes, all I can think of is that he's a good dad, good worker and helps out around up YET?" when I have been the house. But I have no problem coming up with a list of bad things.

smother my emotions and go up YET?" Then they might on like I have been all these years? — UNFULFILLED IN GEORGIA

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that you make it your first New Year's resolution?

DEAR ABBY: Right now I'm so tired I can hardly write this letter asking for the advice I need. I work the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift at a prison. Because I'm home during the day, everyone assumes I am available to socialize. How do I get through to them that I sleep during the day and work at night? A lot of people including my husband - will say to me, "What? You're not asleep for only three hours.

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ARILLO, TEXAS DEAR JIM: I think of humor where you misplaced it, and stop looking a gift horse in the mouth. The kind of party you describe is done for laughs, and none of the gifts is selected with one specific person in mind if it can be claimed by another.

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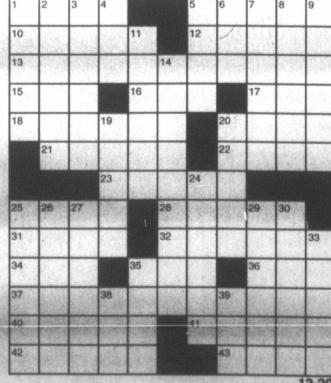
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Sports

Caprock Tournament can provide momentum boost

The Pampa Harvesters and the Lady Harvesters have wrapped play before Christmas break. Coming up next is the Caprock Tournament, which could be key to both teams gaining momentum before district.

Last year, the Lady Harvesters only won one game entering the tournament. Pampa won two out of three games, winning the

consolation bracket. Their tournament wins started a four-game winning streak. This season, the Lady Harvesters are entering with a much better record as they have equaled last season's win total of six. Pampa has a chance to leave the tournament with a .500 record.

The Harvesters went to the championship game last season, jump starting the momentum that culminated into their regional run. Pampa enters the tourna-



ANDREW GLOVER

ment on a three-game losing streak. This season's tournament could help the Harvesters figure out their roles as they prepare to defend their district title.

For the Lady Harvesters and Harvesters to have a successful tournament, they have to get off to stronger starts. The Lady Harvesters have led after the first quarter in five games including the last two. Pampa won all five but is 1-9 in the games they tied or trailed. The Harvesters have led after the first quarter in four

games and won all of them. Pampa is 3-4 in the other games. Both teams are going to play pretty good teams, so avoiding an early hole will be key. In the games, the Harvesters won they had to use their energy to get back in the game. In the Lions Club Tournament, that affected them in the championship. In this tournament, it's likely that both teams could play multiple games in a day. It could be a long second game, if Pampa comes

out flat.

One of the ways the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters can get off to a good start is if they look for more quality shots. In the last few games especially in the first half, they just pass around the perimeter and settle for threes. That's fine if they are hitting but if they aren't it could give their opponents transition baskets. The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters can afford to be patient. Unlike college and professional basketball there is no shot clock. Pampa can pass the ball around until they get a good look. Both teams have good inside players. Senior Kailyn Troxell and junior Derrek Pollard can both hit shots close. Both players are taller than most of their competition. If Pampa can get the ball inside it gives it a better chance of getting fouled which could lead to more points.

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters need to take advantage of what this trip can give them. That's the chance to bond and grow closer as a team. During the tournament, both teams will be spending two to three days together in Lubbock and stay in a hotel. The teams will be spending a lot of time together. It's important for both teams to develop a strong bond with each other because two weeks after the tournament, both teams start district-play.

The Caprock Tournament gives the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters a chance to start momentum. The major key if they are successful in the tournament is to build on that success. Last year, the Harvesters built on their success and made it to the regional finals. The Lady Harvesters weren't able to, finishing 3-7 and missing the playoffs for the third time in the last four seasons. Both teams have potential to finish the season strong and hopefully the Caprock Tournament can start it.

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First-place Cowboys look to finish regular season strong

Tony Romo and the Dallas Cowboys came out with a sense of urgency, as though they had something to accomplish.

They wound up having a great weekend that put them back in first place in the NFC East.

"We just can't let up," receiver Dez Bryant said. "We know where we want to go and it don't matter who comes in here, we're going to keep the same intensity and just play hard and hopefully we can win out. ... We just got to keep focusing and keep playing hard."

Dallas (8-6) reclaimed the division lead by a game over the New York Giants with two to play. A week after winning at Cowboys Stadium, New York (7-7) lost at home Sunday to Washington knowing the Cowboys had already won 31-15 at Tampa Bay the previous night.

"We really needed to get back on track," said Romo, who threw three touchdowns and ran for another as the Cowboys took a 28-0 halftime lead against the Buccaneers.

Coach Jason Garrett spoke Sunday about how his team practiced well and with purpose all last week, and then played that way against Tampa Bay.

So what kind of added boost did the Cowboys get by the Giants losing?

"It doesn't matter to us. What we are focused on is our football team," Garrett said. "Again, processing this game (against Tampa) and going forward is the challenge we have this week against Philadelphia."

One thing that hasn't changed is that the Cowboys can clinch the division by winning their last two regular season games — or with a win next weekend in their home finale against Philadelphia combined with a Giants loss to the Jets. Dallas finishes the season on the road New Years' Day against the Giants.

"We've got to get the wins. We've got to get in," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said after the game in Tampa Bay. "Best way to do it is win this thing."

While there is a clear-cut way to get to the playoffs, the Cowboys have already lost this season to both of the division foes that combined for 71 points and 1,005 total yards. That included a 34-7 loss against the Eagles at the end of October before Dallas swept through November with four consecutive wins.

Then came December, when the Cowboys lost in overtime at Arizona after rookie Dan Bailey's apparent gamewinning kick at the end of regulation was erased by Garrett's timeout. They blew a 12-point lead over the final 5 1/2 minutes and lost 37-34 to the Giants after Bailey's potential tying kick was blocked at the end of the game.

"It's a big win for us (because) we know about the December woes," tight end Jason Witten said. "The only way to put that behind you is to get a big win."

So different than the gloomy feeling the past two weeks.

"We are a very confident team. ... I don't think we look at it as 'Hey, we win two we get in.' I think we just take it one day at a time, one week at a time," Witten said. "Obviously, Philly got us good earlier in the year and they are coming to our place. It is going to be a tough challenge and that is where our focus is."

Mississippi after a 19-17

loss to Southern Miss in

the season opener and

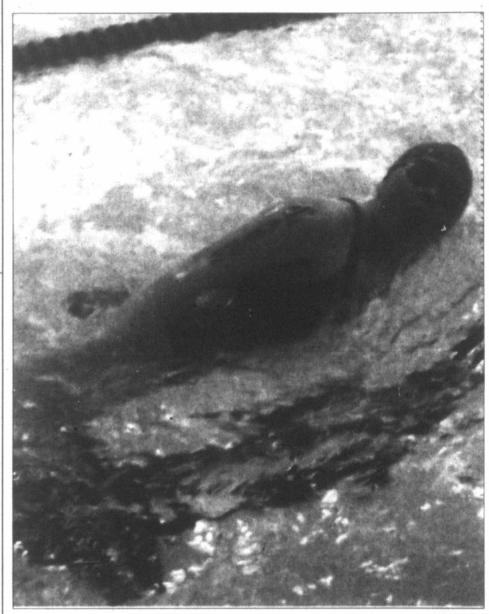
26-20 at Mississippi State

in overtime one week

after blowing a huge lead

against Houston.

WADING ALONG



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Andrew Glover

Freshman Sierra Adams breathes during
the 100-yard freestyle
Saturday at the Pampa
Youth Center. Adams
finished fourth and
Pampa lost 450-442 to
Amarillo Tascosa. The
Lady Harvesters compete in district January
27-28 in Lubbock.

TCU to finish busy '11 season

It was less than a year ago Texas Christian University was completing the finishing touches of its Rose Bowl win against Wisconsin and finally garnering the respect it had so long been seeking.

It's been a busy year for the Horned Frogs, from their move to the Big East to coming back to the Big 12 in October after the conference caved in and let TCU join the big boys.

TCU had its opportunity to play in back-to-back BCS games, but the Sugar Bowl went elsewhere.

Instead, the Purple and Black will make a second trip to California in many years, heading two hours south of Pasadena this time to play Louisiana

Tech in the Poinsettia Bowl on Wednesday.

Casey Pachall has admirably filled in for the departed Andy Dalton and has 24 touchdown passes to only six interceptions.

The difference should be in the running game, where the three-headed monster of Waymon James, Matthew Tucker and Ed Wesley has combined for more than 2,000 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns. They go against a Bulldog defense which has allowed only two 100-yard rushers all season.

Louisiana Tech has a seven-game winning streak for the first time in almost four decades, falling eight points short of sweeping the Big Three of

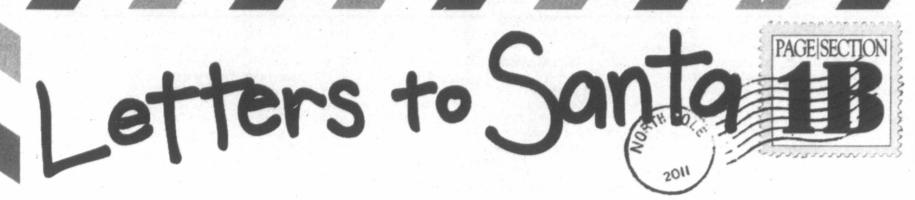






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From: The kids of Lamar Elementary

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Thomas, age 7

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Noemy, age 7

yo quiero un carro de muñecos y tabien my amigos de muñecos y estan vien chidas Feliz Navidad Santa y quiero estar bueno.

Andres, age 6

yo quiero una Barbi. yo tambien quiero una corona yo quiero muñecos y pelleches. yo quiero unas peliculas. Feliz Navidad1

Bernice, age 7

yo quiero Hello Kitty y tamien lalaloopsie. mi tia ciere un bracelete. y yo una compuradora y un intendo y yo quiero un telefos.

Dayanoria, age 6

yo quiero un jeugo de nintendo ds. yo quiero Iron Man.

Alonzo, age 6

yo quiero una latpe y un perito chiuaba y un duende tullo y una barbi ave camara mii bolares

Kenen, age 6

yo quiero una camisa de Lucha Libre. y yo quiero el Libro de Lucha Libre. y para Mis amigos son Thomas y Andres. y para Noemy una Barbi Girl.

Osvaldo, age 7

yo quiero una muñeca de Hello Kitty y tambien quiero un libro de bebes y tambien Lorena, age 7

yo quiero una computadora que tenga internete y me gusta un traroporiny un tren que tiene animales y un peluche he wini da pu y un perito chiwawa

Gustaro, age 6

yo quiero un carro de maracas y tamien quiero un arbol de navida y tamien quiero una computadora.

Hector, age 7

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Lesly Luna

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Mario, age 6

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yo quiero un jugete de Iron man y de pinquino y de Carro.

Erik, age 6

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Kevin, age 6

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I am asking for a macup sat. And a whole lot more. Just Let me tel you two more. a caru a cuprter.

I hope you are doing well. I want for chriStmas is an ipod an a laptop an i want to spend more time with my fmily. Sincerely,

Avery Boling, 8

How are you doing? 4 Chrismas I whould like a iPod touch. If you can get me a tearea also aDq maker.

Macey Hatfeild, 8

I hope you are doing well. For Christmas I want a ipod touch. The second thing I want is a nintendo 3DS. It is fun. The last thing I want is marioKart7 because I like racing games.

Alex, 8

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Mallory, 7

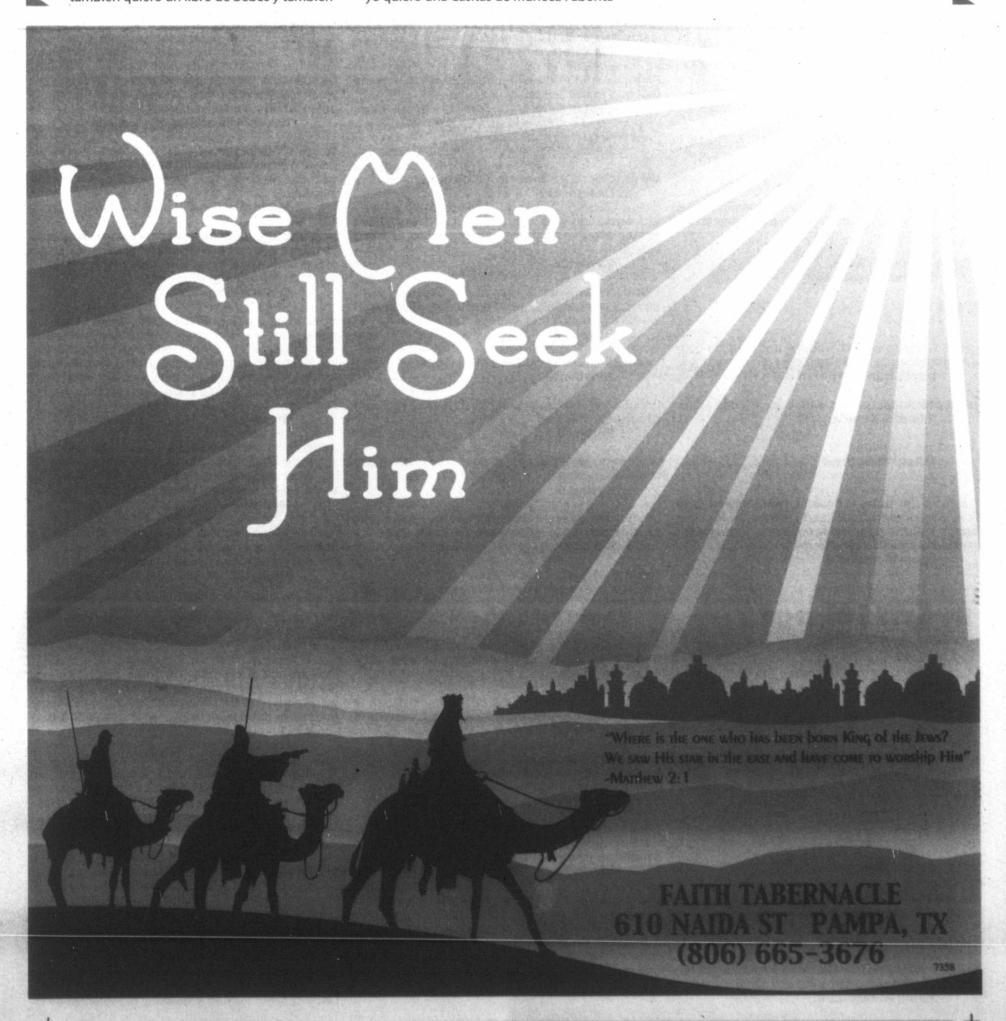
I want an iPob and I want a mostertruck and I want a We.

Juan, 8

I hope you are going Well. For christmas I want bop it. I would like to have a fake gun. The last thing I want is A Xbox 360.

I would like a Moster high doll. And a Moster high cloring bag. And one more thing a good family chismista With two of my friends A vervy and Pairs

lilian, 7



Alexis Henninger, 7

When It's christmas I would like a computer also a new pear of roller skates to. And a real puppy to. I hope you are doing very well giving all the presints in town.

Anahi Lopez, 7

I would Like for Christmas is My dad and a Justin Bieber doll and be my presint Justin Bieber. Are you doing Good Santa

Memorie Davis, 7

I hope you are doing well. I hope my dog will come back. I would likex dox3 bocannect, and a new bike. Maddox Nieto, 7

Thope you are doing well. I would like a lap top. I would like a avator Game! I want a ipod tuch. Jacob Howe, 7

I would like a PS3. an a I Pad2 Because it is Big. This is my last thiag a comper with internet. Julian Ruiz, 7

I want a ipod for christmas. Santaclose I want a monstertruck with a remote control. I want a games for christmas Santaclose.

wyatt Eppevsoh, 8

I hope you are doing well. for christmas I would like for axboxe boconnect I want a fragcadge I wanta newnerf musen gun.

Christian Eubank, 7

I hope you ARE WELL. I WANT FOR chRIStMAS A X-BOX 360 AND A WII AND DS. AND GAMES Isaiah, 8

I hope you are duwing well. For Chrismas lowld LiKe 3 Pupu dogs I even want a more ow carte journe For ntendo ds Last I wont a Ipod Gabriel Mellr, 7

please can I have a reddit bike please can I hove a remote cont shark and I really really want a x-box Trevor, 7

I want a ipode and a dirtbike and a pit bull. Sandan, 8

I want a Ipad a please. I want a PsP. Last but not least Iphone touch.

Coultyn Mcgahen, 8

I hope you are doing good. For christmas I want a lpod and I wont a chihuaah and o wii.

Esteban, 8

I want a Baribe car from! Santa and a Baribe from Santa. I want my Baribe car to be pink! Gabbie, 6

I would like a new football Aiden, 5

I wish you could bring be a Hello Kitty Pillow and a also a barbie doll for me and my little sister for

Ada Mari, 5

Monster High Doll **Emori**

I want a IPod for Christmas. DS game. New Pink bike. A car for my granny (New) and a Happy Christmas. Ki'sha, 5

I want a computer please. Miranda Benjamin, 6

I want a ipod

Bryan, 5

I need 1 computer and 1 puppy and a teddy bear and a barbie and a neckalace. Merry Christmas! Lizeth Nunez, 6

I want a trasformers. and I want a some legos. **Keundre Kordde**

I would like a toy drmy set Ethan Winborne, 3

I want for Christmas is i want a new televion from a flat screen fro my room and i want a wii for i can learn it and i want a new Nitendo DS Game i want the kind of squinkies. The Game

Laura Montaño, 8



You know what I what I want a PS3. I wanted that sence my birthday but my said into Christmas. Angel Garcia, 9

What I want for christmas Is the unitforms of Batma. en Robin and I want the Bataman 9 and the grapeling hook and I want a Samsung and a light saber. Yanir Hernandez, 8

I want a video game of Halo, a action figures of Halo, a iphone

Ivan Mejia, 9

I woold wive my mom a little heart of chocolate and for my dad I am give em a car that car mustang, and for my brother and sister i am gona give them a ice cream and a car.

Osiel Ayala, 8

Waat I want for Christmas is for evre famele to be save and to have fun. Let teme have a happy chiismas and happy new year. Mery Chistmas.

Brayan Martinez, 9

What i want for Chistmas is a Barbei 3 story house. I alsow want a baby alive that eat. I want a Baby that you can thague a shower. I alsow want a happy day. Cassandra Madrid, 8

I want I toy ov transformers. I big wan in my litte brodr. I bog toy and I dig. (look Bak)

José Silva, 8 Santa Clos yo quiro que me traigas el aipo como

el de mi primmo Dani y poquito moni por que no

Rodrigo Tarango M., 8

tengo.

I hope you are doing good, up in the North! For Christmas I will like you to bring me a Skate board. I will allsow lik a scooter, and a basket ball. I will allsow like a monster high doll. Can you please give my cat a scratch post.

Diana Perdomo, 8

I want a new XBox 360. 4 new XBox controls and new games, new kinect and 4 year gold membership 4 microsoft points. Also evriting for XBox 360. Carlos Madrid, 8

I woud like you to bring me a toy story Game that my little siter got like whith the difrent colered balls and it is realy sad that nodoby gets you eny Presents so im going to give you some presents for Chritsmas. Jaemin Ledeema, 8

What i want for Christmas. Is a lote of stufe. I want a barby hous. I want sum barbes but tat or prty and I want is of a Game that is for Nitendo DSIXL. and a new campeter. Look back

Victoria Medina, 8

What I want for Christmas is I Barbie because I like that alot and a house that has three steps up and that is all but I want I brand new shos and I want Sketchers.

Paola Martinez, 8

Wat I want for Christmas is a remote monster truck with Hulk in it. and a car of Spiderman and Spiderman in it and nintendo DS and I wan i Green. and i want a laptop and new clothes.

Roger Montere, 8

I want to mit the rock. he is asom I lik name. and I want a dog a baby Dog is real, and I want a 3D Lators. Sol Zarate, 9

I want wwe 12 and a nintendo 3 DSi. also a airplane

that plys to 100 feet tall. **Gustan Garci**

I wut your ga me Julian, 7

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Kavden, 6

I wont a hennmnten u wig. I wont a chledaft. I wont books, I wont a doll. I wont a craons I wont a aron wutisa tosl wont a dog. I want a xbox

Bobbie, 7

I want a Wii I wanta can2 I wanta rolcostr Jonahan, 6

I want a 360 xbox and moedr sikel toy and a 3dds ad a rookit toy and a wii Korbin, 6

Wiy do you give me some dresses on christmas day Love Kaylee Edlin

Kaylee, 6

I want a baby peppy and a mamad toys and a pink car and make up and cookie doo stuf and a wii.

Caydence, 7

I want a tetye Bare I want a bobby cat I want a toy I want a family conputer I want boots and Jacet to.

Amsala, 7

I want a xbox 360 and a Blue car a xbox and a puppy that is black and his name is Happy and a 3d and a drum and a book

Bobby, 7

I want a 3DS DSI and m6m love degs. I love you is santa! you the bast I wonder if I can hav 3DS for Christmas ya! hhhhhooooo

Chris, 6 I want a toy air plane for christmas and happ christmas and mrry christmas.

Bruce, 6 I waht a cupcake necklace I waht a drum and guitar I waht a puppy Blak Lab I waht a rine bew cpott I waht

a mohstr hghi fown. Lorell, 7

Querido Santa Caus yo quiero regalos y estos son easy bake, bratz mas kirey, barbie hair style, nintendo 3ds, xbox 360 kinet y no se que mas. Santa te voy a dar galletas de chocolate con leche y zanahorias pra tus venados con aqua. Santa yo ya re que los ninos que se pontan mal les das una roca negra.

Rocio Mares, 7

yo quiero un juego de baile de wii. I una bicicleta y una ropa y un juego de barbie. para mi hermano unos carritos y para mi otro hermano una troca de pilas y una moto unos carritos.

Maria Horales, 8

Yo no se que quiero Pero usted escoja para mi. Santa Clas o yo se que quiero es un carro de muñeca no nesesito una muñeca.

Gabriela, 8

Yo quiero alludar a los niños o niñas y porfavor se los das, yo quiero que nos das a los niños ub juguetes de sarmen y ala niña una ropa y sapatos muchas.

Brianna, 8

Santa yo te ido wwe12 para xbox 360 y un telefon tambien. Una computadora con internet y tepido un bebe papr mi hermanita baby y ami Leth una Planta para el pation, un angelito para mieth. Rubice Huera, 8 yo voy agayrar un luchodor que se llomo John

Morrison y sin cara y un ring. Tambien un telefono y una computatadoro. Tambien comida para la personas pobres y una tele y juguetes.

Abram, 7

Yo santa te quiero pero uste es de berdad. Santa clos yo te vov aser esta nota y las catas que te voy a ser las hare bondas. Santa somos amigos es verdadr como supe que eres de verdad Perdon Santa. Roxangel, 7

yo quiero a Navida una Perrita en Vavida ER navida yo voy a ser vor snow angol en la nieve. Yo voy a ser uno juguetas para Santa y Leche Para Santa Clas. Jessica, 7

Santaglos nos puedes traer regulos ami y familia. Tambien a mi tia esta n Mexico. Por Favor nos trase los regalos por favor y gracious.

Joselyn, 8

Santacious regalale ropa y zapatos a los niño que o tienen rora y zapatos. Que no lloren por un regato. le vas a dar tu un regalo. y los que estan en el hospital enfermos regalale lo que tengas con tigo santagos.

Ashley Collaze, 8

Yo quiero un control y dieso. El control de el color quiero de control rosa, amarillo. Gracias santa por todos los realos tullos y tabien dales a los niños pabres un regalo. Alejandra, 7

Esta Nadidad yo quiero que le trigas. A los niños. Queles triges a los. niños del hospital.

Ivis, 8

Yo quiero a navidad ¿Porque? all mucha nieve. Santa me dijo que me va trajera galletas de cookies de chocolate. una rez santa me trajo un Manzana tan rica con dulche y brillo estaba diliciosa y me la comi en mi casa.

Ashley M., 7

Yo quiero el juego de wipe out wimens. y el juego de WW12. Y el Juego de careras te Shuck. Y el juego de matar venados y que tenga la pistola. y un Ipot de color azul bajito. y una moto de 4 llantas. y una visicleta verde que tenga tabos. y para mi hermanita quiere un beb y unas barbis de juguetes. Govahhi Villalobos, 8

Verido santa porvavor es regalos para los niños

pobre que no tiene apatos y ropa y no traen dincro y los que no tienen casa. Le das pala que se sientan felices.

Maria Morales, 8

yo quiero un juego de wwe para mi wii. Santa cios yo quiero que tu he lleves un regalo a un niño que este en el hospital. yo queiro unos monos de wwi y la caja dorde pelean.

Cristian Vazquez, 8

How are you doing at the North pole? Cause I'm doing great at school today, and me and my brother would like knik xbox three sixty and my brother will like a snowglobe with a penquin in it and my sister will like stufe animails and baby animails, and I want sport balls and a skate board and tell Jesus Happy Birthday.

Bryson, 7

Salutations! Santa, How are your elfs? You are so awesome. Well thank you. May I have a real frog for my sister and my big sister? How are you feeling santa. I want a monster high doll. Merry Christmas

Meraya, 7

How are you doing? I'm doing good. Will you please give my mom a new car and a necklace? I want big toy and monster truck please Merry Chritmas. Miquel, 8

Hello Santa! How are you today? Can I have a toy that can do anything please can you tell god I love him? I love you santa! Gissel, 7

How are you doing today I'm doing whel. My family liked their presents I like mine ao. This year my mom will like a basket full of perrfum. My dad wants some mitens, my sister wants make-up and I want a happy christmas Ernesto, 7

Thank you Santa, ave you gov Ho Ho HO! Do you have a good Christmas? What do you want? may I pleas have a BB gun, a tRex dirt bike. Shaha Tell Jesus Happy Birthday. Gabine, 7

How are you doing today? I am doing geat! Can you please give my little sister a lot of ladybug stuff. Because she likes ladybugs. I want a lot of art stuff. Theseare all the stuff I want paint, markers, colors, construction paper and gliter. Santa don't forget to say happy birthday to jesus. Amanda, 7

What are you doing at the North Pole? I'm doing my work. What work? my work doing toys, are you coming to to .1? Can you bring my little brouther

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How are you doing? I'm doing good. Can my brother have an batman house and some people? I wan't the same as him. thanks Keundre, 7

What Are you doing? Are you going to work? Are you goin to town? Yes, but it is very fogey! Rudolph will help you OK. i'll Try To rind him HO HO HO Merry Christmas

Trihiey, 8

HOw are you doing at the north pole? I am doing great! Are you reindeers ready to fly? I want a magic eyeball for me and my sister. I want a new PS3 game for my brother. I want new clothes for my mom. I want a new dog house for my grandmas dog. Thank you santa claus marry christmas santa. say happy birthday to Jesus.

Hortensia, 8

How have the reindeer been doing so far? How have you and Mrs. Claws doing at the north pole? I was just asking if you could get me a bike, remote control helacopter, and a kinect for christmas. And tell jesus that i said happy birthday.

Abram, 7

Are you good? you ar yes I am. may you give my baby Kuzin some earrings. Can you give her a ring? She will be pleased to have a play house. Can you give her a toy? Yes I can. Merry christmas happy birthday jesus

Jaiden, 8319

How are doing at the north pole may my frend have a flat screen tv. and may I have a dolls and princess and my mom and dad like to have a puppy. my brother would like to have a bed and please tell jesus happy birthday **Destiny Danae, 8**

How are you doing today. im good. how are your reindeers. May I please have a legos. Can my brother have another box of legos. thank you santa Connor, 7

How are you doing at the North pole? and How is mrs claus doing? May my Brothr have a toy car? May my sister have a I tuch? May My mom have some shoes and hihels? May my grama have some clos? My I have a DSi and my step Dad have tols plese.

Dayanura, 7 How are you doing at the North pole? where are you going to the work shop Santa? i would like a pair of skates and if you cant plese get me sum hilles and a xbox 360 for me a doll, and my brother a pair of shoes and do not forget to tell Jeses happe birthday.

How are you doing? With your elf making toy and plase can you give us all of transformers and all of legos and tall Jesus happy birthday!

Sammy, 7

Kareana, 2

How are you doing I am doing great, at the north Pole may I. Please have a toy in my Present. When I open my Present. We saw a toy in my present Yesenia, 8

How are you doing at the North pole I am doing grat! May I have a Star wars toy, and give my brothers a coloring book and a santa toy, and my dog. Merry Christmas

Jonathan, 8

Yo quiero uha conejo para navidad. Nayeli, 5

Yo quiero un perito para navidad. Jolette, 6

Yo quiero unas aBejas para navidad. Itznel, 6

Yo quiero una cosinita para Navidad Vivian, 5

Yo quiero un quego para Navidad

Jessica R, 5

Yo quiero un wugo pet para Navidad. Marisol, 6

Yo quiero una bicicleta para Navidad. Ashley, 5

Yo Quiero una cosina de barbies para Navidad. Katie, 6

Yo Quiero un moto para Ndvidad. Mario, 6

Yo quiero unos zabatos de tacon para Navidad. Yoceli, 5

Yo quiero una casa de barbies para Navidad. Xudith, 5

Yo quiero una bicicleta para Navidad. Ricardo, 6

Yo quiero un libro de careras para Navidad. Jorge, 5

Yo quiero una cosina de comida para Nanvidad. Jessica M., 5

Yo quiero un robot para Navidad.

Dario, 6 Yo quiero unos tacones de princesa para navidad.

Jaqueline, 5

Yo Quiero una cosina para Navidad.,

Leslie, 5

Yo quiero uno casa de barbies. Para navidad. Sandra, 5

Yo quiero un cavo para Navidad.

Jose, 5

Yo Quiero un nintido or Para navidad.

Brandon, 5

Yo qieiero un quego de sonic para navidad. Diego, 5

I love you santa you are the bact santa in the wad of christmas you give as toys.

Brejaiah, age 6

I wunt to have a mak up kit and a dress up and that will be all.

Savannah, age 7

I've been a good boy this year, I would like the game operation and other games. Please don't forget the other kids too

River Dunn, age 7

I WANT A COMPUTER! Anthony, age 5

please bring me a telescope! please bring me psp please bring me kinest.

Ashton, age 5

I want a virels and Ferb ghut. I want a birio loe t wan-Qt soeogts I want a red truk Maynon

Toctor

OX Hector

would like a bike for Chriztmas I have been very Good thiz yeay Ozlynn, 6

I want a monster high scooter. Lala Lopsy doll and a strawberry shortcake house. Ximena, 5

I want DS I want a I want a Baer cLocik I want a Blue bike I want Blue phoe

Alarcee, 6

I what a ps3, I what a blue bike to please. An I what a Neof gun to with that. You Know those soccer balls one of them to. Those airplane that you got those remote that can go with it. George, 7

A stuff animal. A DSI, BUZZ lightyear, A dinosaur, a (new) bike, a grinch toy. Alex, 6

I want for christmas is a DSC3DI and laptop, baby doll, the hambuger game, pink zebra purse, my own bed, A book for my mom can read to me, Grinch toy Ananni, 6

I have been reasonably good good this year and I would like to have a barbie doll. Jayden Huff, 5

I want DSI games and bike with red and blue Cristphoper, 6

I want a buzz light year.

Aanan, 5

princess tent. princessi book. gingerbread kit. DSi princess one.

Abbie, 5

I want a mighty and Mac and also a heavy a cranky and Flynn saves the day. For my cats I want blue yarn snow but not in my dirt. Some Thomas.

ball. one for fancy parts and one for lucky. also some Dominic

I would like a Flute Electric Guitar Trumpet. Barbie

Cassie, 6 I have been a good girl. May I please get a new Barbie

Makaylee, 6

Princess Charm school

Gabreal, 5

3d. prs geo. cat.

I wat a Barbie doll. Angela, 6

Brat doll, plat dough dentist man baby zuzu pet mp3 player EZ bake oven

Patience H, 6

I have been a pretty good girl this year. I would like to have a teddy bear, camera, hamster, Barbie doll, angel doll, and new back pack.

Nancy, 5 I want a video camera, a new jacket, a new barbie movie, and lots of money.

for Christmas i only want a PS3 Noel Romo, 5

Jayde Rhones, 5

I would like a lpod and a ihome! I also hope that can spend time with my family! That's my three christmas presents!

Makenzie Anguiano, age 8

I want a baked potatoe teddy bear. I also want a x box 360. Also I want a Santa Claus teddy bear. What I really badly want is my family to share my love with so I can see them. I really miss them.

Katriena, 9

We will be will be good all week and we will be harde the presents and stockings and most of the tree and the lingts and this will be the best Chismas ever.

Isabelle, 8

this crhistmas i want a beeby gun and a pelet gun anda skate board and a rip stick how are things going on down there now. **Tobi Highwalker, 9**

I wanted a ipad cause mu mom said made be Santa will get one for you. Will you oh please i bin wishing for it. you are the best Santa in the world for Christmas.

Lazariae Mayes, 8

I would like a toy cat and a toy dog. I would like a Just Dance 3. I would like to spend time with my family. I would like a monster high doll. I would like a lalaloopsy Doll. I would like a kindall. Merry Christmas!

D'Laytis Esparza, 9

I would like to have a new kamra for crismas and sume close and snow bots.

Dajah Dnff, 9

How are things going there in The north pole? Well let's cut to the chase will you please bring me a compound bow with sharp tips to hunt with. How is Dasher Dancer prancer vixen Comet, Cupid, Dancer, Blitzen but most of all Rudolph the red nose reindeer feeling

Warren Duff, 10

I want a map that the elves can build a robot and I want se blitzen Hes realy nice God Bless You.

Xstaviah WIlliams, 8

I what a book for Christmas and i what my family to be there becase i am go to alabret Christmas whth them love Santa Adryanna Rodriguez, 8

I want a new car fr christmas. Because car are cool. You are nice Santa in the wounld. I Like you. Have a nice Christmas

Mahew Hardy, 10

For Christmas! I want a PSP, mony, dirtbike thats all. Cameron Lillefield, 8

Want I want for cristmas is a dritbike. Also a nentento 3b with two countrollers and didi kong racing. Ty Villareal, 9

I want a Punching Bag and a good cheirems. Jacobi Carroll, 8

For Christmas I was a girl diary. What has lights and rainbow with a peace too. It has a lock on it because I don't want nobody to get inet. Jacqueline Villanueva, 9

For Christmas I want pants and shurts and an Bebbie gun a scateboard and and a iPhone and some new shoes eny kind of shoes.

All I want is a for chirmasis that ismael to be my

Ismael Juarez, 9

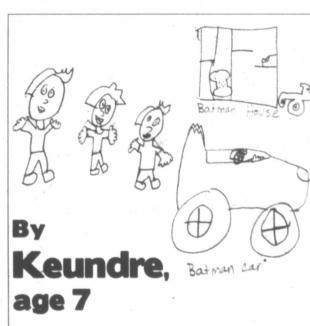
Jesus Soto, 9

friend. Tristan Gallegos, 9

All I want for Christmas is shoes and a Suites.

All I want for Christmas is a book or two mabe a ornament. And the thing that I want for Christmasis everyone gets everything that you can make that

you can provide Rhianna E.J. Mears, 9



I want for Christmas is a new bed cantaped bed and some rollerskates and a chrismas ornoment. an pink sparkle reindeer and shoes!!!!!!

Krista Finny, 9

I want a letter from Santa and a copcar a skateboard and aday from your friend issac

Issac Rodriguez, 8

I want a ipod and ipad, I want some new shoes, A new jacket and warm inside, A gameboard, An new purse with zebra and want it blue, A laptop with a cover of bugs bunny, A cover or bugs bunny. Diamond Chavez, 9

I would like a computer for chirstmas And a makekit so me and my sister can play.

Dynesha Darton, 9 I want a labtop computer thats hot pink! Also I want

100,000 dollers and I want a cd player and a Rianna cd to! Also I want a bulldog and a shipperke to! So please get me all of this stuff! Also one more thing get me a bunny! Thank you santa. Maddison Lynn Been, 10

I want a xbox 360 and a birtbike. I want new games for my will and PSP. Also a labtop. Oscar Jimenez, 8

I would like a buch of toys, chohls, music stuff, and more. Plus i want games for my Dsi. I also want a laptop and a litte chir.

Estefania Castillo, 9

I would really, really have a backpacke coler of a tiger with markers and. I would wante my dad with us he is at dalls the lowe does not want him to go. Valerie Hernandez Valdez, 9

I want a ipod. Ds Three a wit cooking mama alse a pupes game to. I want a mine computer and peace sign poster. Also peace sign duck tape. also zabra duck tape. Also lots uv Lips stik and Lip gloss. Peace sign CD playar with zeber on it. and a ipod chagr and ipod case diamond case and zebra with peace sign.

Cassie Estrada, 8

I would really really like a new fashionable Barbie house. This one barbie too is at the Dollar (General) store and it is \$12.00 but I want 3 more the same kind but there fashionbles are differnt barbies. I want differnt stuff too though, but thats it to write.

Celest Ostercamp, 9

What I want for Christmas is a really cool remote control monster truck that's black with fake fire picture on it, that's what I want for Christmas. Jamal Johnson, 8

I have been really good this year. So could you come to my house. If you do I would like a new bike, clotes and shoes. Also, I would like a boy chihuauh for my orther chihuauh to have babies. That will make this Christmas the best Christmas ever.

Maribel Cabrales, 8

I want a squikies water park for Christmas but what I really want for Christmasis that hospital lps house. Santa do you sleep all for one year and wake up at December? That's all I ask for Chrismas squikies and lps hospital house. Thank you.

Olivia Flores, 9

I would like you to bring me a new iphone 4G and a new mustain that is yellow with a black stripe in the middle. I even want a 3DSi and a game with it.

Yasmin Recendiz, 9

I would like a mit Chrle car for christmas. And a really really fast car. And Ds games I like vide games and lost of toy.

Moises Juarez, 9 I want a monster high Doll and a happy naper and a laptop and one more thing a phone. Kimberleigh Pulatie, 10

I would like you to bring me a now jaket for next yaer and a laptop and a dc player. Maby a ipod and a iPhone.

Alxis Salazar, 9

I want a XBox 360 with Knict Because I like to play games with out the cancheroler and a

Payton Ledgerwood, 9

this Year I what a WWE capen some new shoes nitendo 3DS and apak of games with It

All I want for cristmas I legos. I hope you like choclate chip cookies andcoffie Carlos Soliz, 8

What I want for chrismas is a ps3. Then for my little brother want's a #Ds for chrismas. Then for my sister a new car.

Luis Venzor, 9

Wut I wont for cristmas pone lump yotr doll edogs albbrey all Inc uve thehing Bibel pig flauur haar amonte and Justin Bill

Lizzy, 6

I bin a good grul and I wut a labtop and I wut a noou crismis trey and I wut sum clos.

Gabriela, 73/4

I wu s god and will you brang me u knfe ples santa vet is ol.

Ceiton

Will you brin me a rasling toy and a moter sichol plays plastin and a wey ples and thak you Justin, 7

I want a new toy for chresnis and a new toy car and a dog and a camera and a toy robot and a new xbox cont

Jayden, 7

Will you bring me a lolaleps and I want a princss and I want avictorious toy and I want a Big time rush toy and a I crieiy toy.

Kimberly, 6

Will you Bring me some mkup and a box to my mkup init so me and my sistr can git my mkup. Mercey, 7

I wut a b thur thes yes. Pete, 7

I wut mak-un and sand dog and sum play bllos and a bnbd of and a bras and plado and sum thesisis.

Harley, 7

Will you get me a baby alive and a toy thang what I had at my old house when you clean your doll cloths

Shayla, 7

I my agd ed MY Devin

For krismis so i wont a dog go krismis.

Gehnett, 6

and bone swaterair weworms Denise, 6

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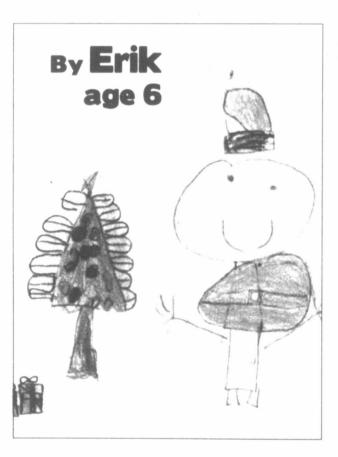
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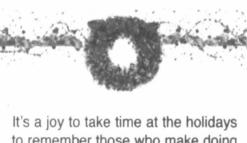
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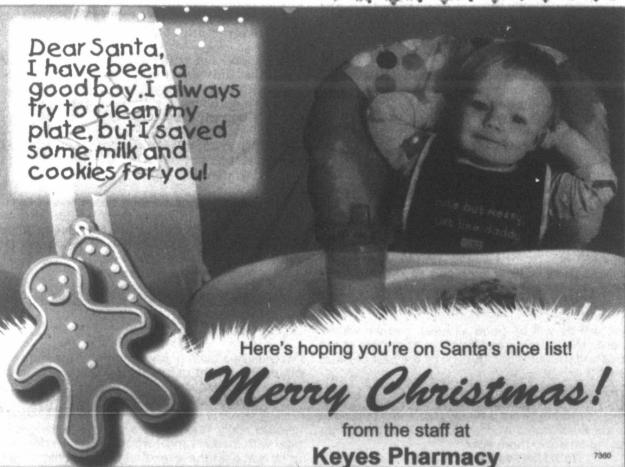


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