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Christmas in Knox County

BY TAMARA SMART

Not many people in Knox County know much about the editor of this newspaper. God has blessed me with the turn of events in my life the last few years by gracing me with meeting and marrying the man of my dreams who grew up in Rochester and then provided us the opportunity to move and settle in the Knox County area and making our home here.

I have come to call Knox "God's Mayberry". The people in Knox are the reason that the towns are so amazing and the pride is so deep. The youth are really raised in a "village" environment and the product that "village" turns out with the youth is marvelous.

As I have pondered about this ever-important "Christmas Issue" of the Knox County News, I have wondered what there is to say to Knox County citizens about Christmas and the spirit of the season that needs to be said. It is only when riding around the county with my wonderful husband and new baby that I realize that I have nothing to say to a community about a season which they seem to

have embraced, but need to let you, Knox County, know what you have said to me, a former outsider; now a proud member of the community.

I have literally traveled the world. I lived all over the state of New Mexico, from south of Las Cruces to the northern cities of Farmington and Santa Fe. I went to college in Los Angeles and called several towns in the surrounding areas of LA "home" for years. I lived in Italy for a time while singing Opera. I have spent many nights gazing at the stars from New York beaches and searched for the moon on countless occasions between the high-rises of NYC. I spent several years as a "marketing manager" where my job afforded me the ability to visit Chicago, the Carolinas, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Arizona and various other places... yet, never in my life have I ever been able to find the Christmas spirit as alive and well as in Knox County. Not only do the people of Knox display this spirit once a year, but I have been able to witness the giving, the laughter and the cheer, the counting of blessings and the "glad tidings" from January to December everywhere I turn in Knox County.



The decorations with which the houses of Knox are adorned are very cheerful and bright. The lampposts and streetlights from Benjamin to Knox City to Munday are laden with Santa décor, glimmering stars, red-and white candy canes, and depictions of elves who must be hard at work. Yet, one thing that stands out

in many a decorated yard is the presence of manger scene upon manger scene. The notable "reason for the season" is not centered on Santa and gifts (although that is a huge part of the fun of this holiday) but the reminder as to why the holiday exists in the first place.

From Christmas in November to the Rockin'

Ranch Christmas festivities, Christmas parties have been happening since late November in and around Knox communities, most of which are not exclusive but INCLUSIVE for all brethren to celebrate their Father's birthday together.

What amazes me though, is that even after the celebrations which have

taken place for the last month, and will continue throughout this weekend; even when the lights are rolled up for one more year and the inflatable Santa's are deflated and back in sheds awaiting Christmas 2010, the spirit will still be on display everywhere throughout Knox County.

Commissioners Pledge Half of Salary Request for Economic Development Director Position

During the regular meeting of the Knox County Commissioners Court commissioners heard a presentation from Remelle Farrar concerning the Economic Development Director position. Commissioners voted to pledge \$27,000, or half the salary request for a one year contract, contingent on the fact that the Visioning Group can raise additional funds for programs. The motion was made by Commissioner Godsey and passed unanimously.

Commissioners also accepted the bid of \$110 made by Naomi Pape for parcel #9964 Block 41 in Munday.

After consideration of a request from the Munday Chamber of Commerce in connection with City/County Library the issue was tabled until a later date; Commissioners acted to pay Sonny Correll's insurance through Jan. 31, 2010; The group approved a resolution in "Violence Against Women Act" Program-E-Grant Application; approved the purchase of a new computer and printer in the Justice of the Peace office; approved the motion to obtain services from Allison, Bass & Associates regarding 2011 Redistricting of Commissioners Court and Election Precincts



KNOX COUNTY KIDS WRITE LETTERS TO SANTA

On December 8th, Santa Claus visited Knox City Elementary and Benjamin School. Children had an opportunity to hug Santa and whisper their very special Christmas wishes in his ear. The magic Santa Mailbox was on hand too, and Knox County News Editor, Tamara Smart, took a minute to sneak a peak at the letters before sending them on to the North Pole... the wants and desires of each child warranted so much of the Christmas season in her that she spent the next few days typing them up so that the readers of the Knox County News can enjoy the wonders of youth during this season of celebration dedicated to the most special child who ever lived. Check out the letters and pictures beginning on page 6. (Photos by Tamara Smart)



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OPINION



The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

A Christmas Lesson

There is nothing like children and Christmas. Some of my best memories are of holidays past.

For those of you working hard to make Christmas special for your children and grandchildren, God bless you! It is not an easy job making sure things go as you plan and envision during the holidays, but you deserve credit for taking on such a task.

I will always appreciate my parents and grandparents for making my Christmases so fun. Mom always made sure my sister and I knew exactly what we were celebrating as her parents had done for her. My wife and I convey the message to our children frequently and their sweet prayers each night reflect the fact their hearts are in the right place.

One of the neatest memories I have was my Dad delivering a meal to a needy elderly lady one Christmas Eve. I waited impatiently on the porch for Dad to hurry up so we could get on with our day. Needless to say, I was pretty mad when Dad said goodbye and came out of the house.

Angrily, I asked, "Why did this take an hour?"

"I took some time to visit with her," was his reply.

Well that wasn't a good enough answer so I continued to illustrate my unhappiness with my father.

Dad said, "Christopher, she doesn't have a family to spend Christmas with. She is lonely and she wanted me to stay and visit with her awhile. I may be the only person she speaks with for the next few days and I felt the need to sit and listen."

Dad and I never discussed it again. My Dad knew what Christmas really meant and his actions still resonate with me.

There are many of you who've donated to various causes during the holidays. Some of you have been Santa's helpers, sent care packages to those serving in this country or perhaps you rang the bell for the Salvation Army. Maybe you've baked some cookies for someone in need, or volunteered your time for Toys for Tots. You have not only illustrated the true meaning of Christmas, but you have made a difference to someone.

In an age where technology takes center stage and there are distractions at every turn, it is important to realize that a miracle in Bethlehem continues to bring out the best in people.

How many of you are so set in your ways that you refuse to even consider change?

In the U.S., it is common to see regions change very little when it comes to politics. The more local, the less change you see.

In rural Texas and Oklahoma, former national Democratic strongholds, there is one constant, the majority of local elections are won by those running as conservative Democrats. I know of several in office at the local level who've run as Democrats, but would never vote for a liberal Democrat at the national level.

For rural Americans, it boils down to their conservative roots. Democrats at the state and national level from the south were once conservative. Over the past 30-40 years, there has been more of a flip-flop beyond the local level - hence the heavy Republican numbers at the state and national level.

The other day, I was reading a liberal opinion piece in the New York Times. The subject was health care and the premise was pass anything you can now and make changes later. I was on my computer reading the column, which was accompanied by several "replies."

I must say the intelligence level of those replying on the topic was impressive. The replies were concise and I have no doubt those replying are extremely bright.

Despite the fact that I disagree wholeheartedly with the mentality that passing "anything" on health care, it is obvious there is passion on both sides of this issue. Then it hit me. The reason we are seeing such a disconnect between those on the left and those on the right is because there is little communication between the two. That has led to the kind of politics Americans hate.

In 2001, when Vice President Dick Cheney was meeting behind locked doors with big oil about the U.S. energy policy, Americans did not like it.

Likewise, Americans overwhelmingly think these current sneaky tactics by the left are wrong and they are growing tired of it.

The sole reason Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton are regarded as effective presidents was their ability to communicate and govern as centrists.

Somewhere along the way, many of those currently in office have lost touch with the reality we live in. They have no more in common with rural Americans than Europeans do and it's wrong.

Until we see some sort of unification in Congress and the White House, it will remain politics as usual. That will eventually lead Americans to the polls for more "change."

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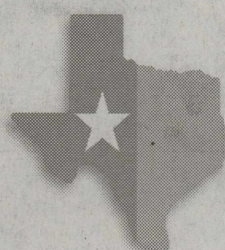
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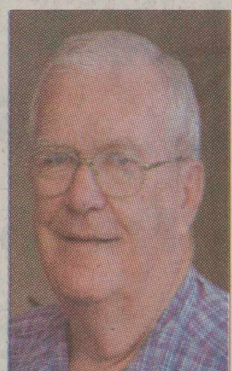
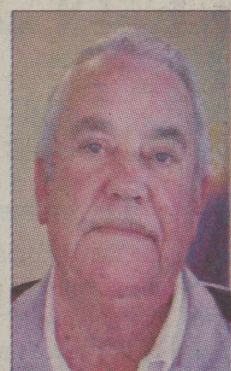
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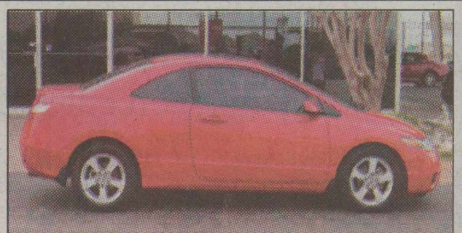
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BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

It's finally here- At least, that's what the youngsters are saying- Christmas week is now a reality one more time. It's been busy (& still is) but come Sat it will history for another year. It's a very festive time.

Sports

Another good week in basketball for the Mustangs & Lady Stangs. On Tues nite, Patton Springs came here & our teams both won, then on Fri nite we went over to Rule & again were victorious. That took them up to holiday break & play resumes after the Christmas break is over. So, far, both boys and girls have had a very successful season. District play begins Jan 8 at Harrold.

Christmas "goings on"

It's been a very busy time over here- not only is everyone getting ready for Christmas with their families but lots of parties, dinners, etc have been taking place. On Wed. night, the Baptist church held an all-church pot luck dinner at the

community center. And at the same time the faculty, staff & school board members were being treated to a delicious meal at school prepared by the school dietician, David Lindsay. Reports are that it was a wonderful "feed".

Thurs. nite found lots of locals and som out of town enjoying the Rocking Ranch Christmas in Benjamin. The Stores were open til late & Santa made his arrival taking the boys & girls orders. An enjoyable evening for everyone-

And if after all that one still was not in the Christmas mood, Dennis and Pam Duke hosted, once again their annual Christmas party in their beautifully decorated home (I had to miss it!). Reports from the many who attended said, as usual, it was wonderful & we always express appreciation to Pam and Dennis for doing this. It's a lot of work & takes a lot of time to get something like this together but it is enjoyed by everyone.

Here N There

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church

This is the Christmas season and moods seem to be bright and cheerful. Children are gleaming with excitement. Christmas trees are adorned with ornaments and gifts are stacked around to bring

joy. Families are looking forward to spending time together with one another, some of which they may not have seen in some time. No question about it; Christmas is fun! We all realize that this

Jane Gideon & Weldon Gideon had their Christmas this past weekend with their kids Sue Terry & family of Dallas & Lana Mendoza & family, who live here. Their son, Oscar & his family live in Arizona & were unable to be here.

Mark Brown was in Dallas last week to see his Dr. He's moved up to 2nd on the transplant list (liver) & plows to move closer to the Dr. very soon as he needs to be close when they call.

Employees at Bud's café held their Christmas party Mon. nite at the Café in Knox City. A potluck meal was enjoyed by employees & some of their families. Before the party began, two of the cooks, San Juana & Michael, exchanged wedding vows with JP Vonnice Ivie performing the ceremony. A reception for the newlyweds followed the party. It was a fun evening for everyone.

Stacia Propps was r-to go to Dallas today to meet their son, Chance, who was to arrive at DFW. Chance lives in LA now and we all look forward to his West Coast stories. I bet he has some interesting ones.

Merry Christmas to everyone & let us not forgot the real meaning of this special time. If you are traveling be careful. I'll see you next week with lots of news-



season is special because of one reason. The Christ child given of God unto all mankind. Given to bring peace and goodwill to all those with whom He is pleased. Salvation unto eternal life born into humility and unconditional love. I know that you recognize Christ in Christmas and it seems almost redundant to say, "Jesus is the reason for the season". But what is never redundant is to express this joy unto others. The joy of God's grace, given freely unto all who seek Him.

I pray God's blessing upon your family and friends who seek Him. May your household truly lift up the name of Jesus this Holiday season.

7And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.

9And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

10But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;

11for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12" This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14" Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Luke 2: 7-14

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Correction:

A sealed bid was received for the following property:
Parcel number#6742, account 00600-00020-001400-000000 further described as being, lot 17-18 & N 50' 15-16 in Block 26, Orig, Knox City, Knox County Texas. The Knox County Appraisal District, acting as trustee for the taxing units is offering this property for a sealed bid to all interested parties. Sealed bids may be sent to Knox County Appraisal District, PO Box 47, Benjamin Texas 79505, along with cashiers check or money order for the amount of the sealed bid. Please put the parcel number on the outside of the envelope of the sealed bid. The taxing unit, owners of the property, reserve the right to reject all sealed bids. If your bid is rejected, your cashiers check or money order will be returned. Sealed bids will be opened and considered at least quarterly. For further information please contact the Knox County Appraisal District at the above address or phone: (940) 459-3891.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Knox City will hold a public hearing on the 28th day of January 2010, at City Hall, 902 E. Main, Knox City, Texas 79529 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. It is the intention of the City Council to call a special election to be held on May 9, 2010, to present to the voters propositions to determine whether the Knox City 4A Economic Development Corporation should be authorized to undertake projects or categories of projects which are authorized by Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code for Type B Corporations. The purpose of the hearing is to receive input from the public and to provide information regarding the potential cost and impact of the following projects or categories of projects.

1. Projects for the promotion of professional and amateur athletics and sports, including children's sports, including stadiums, ball parks and related stores, restaurant, concession, and automobile parking facilities and related roads, streets, and water and sewer facilities and other related improvements and also including future maintenance and operating cost.

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Total Rainfall for month		.59
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-love Ethan

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryan Shaver. I love in Knox City Texas on 3rd street. I would like a toy T-Rex, a newspaper for my daddy. I would like a wallet and transformers. I will leave you some hot coffe and donuts. I have been a good boy this year. Oh, I would also like a spiderman car. If you have room in the sleigh. P.S. Buddy and Harry stay away from Santa's coffee and donuts. P.S.S. I will leave you some of my birthday cake too.

Dear Santa,

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live in Knox City. I try to be a good boy all the time. Boy, it's hard at times though. I love the goodies you gave me last year I need a Thomas the Train Track set. If I cannot have that, a bigger bike with training wheels would also be nice to have. I think my sister needs that digital camera that she has been dreaming of. My mom and dad will be happy with anything you send their way. I think my sister is going to make her 4-H food show dish for you as a treat. They sure are yummy, I will put out a glass of milk. I am so glad that I was brave enough to take my picture with you and chat with you at Christmas in November a couple of weeks ago. I love you Santa!

Your Best Little Boy,
Kyle Adkins

Dear Santa,

What I would like for Christmas this year is a pair of John Deer boots. I would also like a four wheeler & jet Ski. As for being a good boy this year, I have been a very good boy. Thank you Santa,
Caleb Arrieta

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year I would like for you to bring me for Christmas a firetruck, a big truck, ride on monster

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truck. I will leave you milk and cookies. Yes, I have seen you at school and on T.V. I live at 903 South Aspen Street, Knox City. I can't wait to see what you bring me. Tell your raindeer hello for me.

Love,
**Dakota Shane Gaston
(age 4)**

Dear Dear Santa,

My name is Alicia Garcia Martinez. I have a sister named Naveh Jol Martinez. Please bring me a toy. And a tractor for sister also 2 small cars. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I have seen you on T.V. We have both been good girls.

Love always,
Alicia & Naveh

Dear Santa,

First of all please do not be upset with me for not talking to you at Christmas in November. I'm a shy boy, but I have tried hard to be good all year. Second, we moved to a new house in Rochester, so that is where you can find me this year. For Christmas I was anything that has to do with SpongeBob and some more trucks. Please don't forget my little sister, Bre' (she likes Dora stuff). Last of all, have a safe and merry Christmas.
Seth Ortiz

Dear Santa,

My name is Devin Guillory. I have been a good boy throughout the year. For Christmas, I would like a play beebee gun, football, big truck, hot wheels, Mario game. I hope you and the elves have enough time to make all the presents for me and my friends until them Santa.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want the Woody and Buzz Lightyear move and the Woody and Buzz action figures. I am five and my name is Kelby. I go to school everyday in Knox City. I live in an orange wood house. I moved here from cotton center.

I love you,
Kelby Peralez

Dear Santa,

I want some thing with lots of animals and betteries for my v-motion and the toy story movie. I also was a big box of transformers and a rock wall for my people.

Carey Mize

Dear Santa,

My name is Zoe Reid and I am 5 years old. I have been a very good girl this year and I would really like to get a strawberry shortcake house, Thank you very much,

Zoe Ann Reid

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a bike, and one for Bubba and Klarisa. I also want a pet show and a motorcycle 4 wheeler. I have been very good. We seen you at Walmart on Saturday.

Love your friend,
Devon Lane Martinez

I have been bad but I still want a Nintendo DS for Christmas and I will have you some turkey and milk. and my sister a doll that will walk and talk and all my family of food. I will start being good right now. Thank you Santa
Kwame Collins

Dear Santa,

My name is Riley Paige. I have been a very good girl this year. I really want a microphone so I can sing like Taylor Swift. I also want a Bingo game. I will leave you milk and cookies and maybe a present

Merry Christmas,
Riley Paige Carver

Dear Santa Claus,

This year I am asking for a skateboard and a X-box 360 and a little little shotgun. Merry Christmas.

Tyler Michael De Los Rios

Dear Santa,

I hope your reindeer are okay. I hope you will be okay. Can you bring me a blanket that is shaped like a Christmas tree and a laptop? Are you having a good time at the shop?

Love,
Gracie Howeth

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope your deer are doing

well. I want you to get me a present. I hope you sleep well and I hope you had a good day. I am going to put some cookies on the table and I am going to put some milk.

Love,
Angel Perez

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? Thank you for the gifts from last year this year I am asking for presents.

Merry Christmas,
Kimberly McGavick

Dear Santa Clause,

How are you? Thank you for the gifts from last year. This year I am asking for a drum and a skateboard and some ramps.

Gabriel Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing okay. I want a dog, night vision glasses, a walkie-talkie, a telescope, Optimus Prime, a sleigh, restlign robots, go-carts, a dog sleigh, and a siren for my motorcycle. I hope you get enough cookies.

Love Mayson McGaughey

Dear Santa,

I hope your reindeer are feeling good on Christmas Eve. I want a kite and a skatboard. Don't get too cold!

Love
Tres Frausto

Dear Santa,

I wish you a merry Christmas! I want a real science set. I am going to put the cookies in the kitchen.

Love,
Benjamin Goodnight

Dear St. Nick,

Hello, how are you? Can you bring me a cat, dog, Barbie doll and some Bratz? Don't forget about my friends!

Love,
Jalista Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I hope you are okay. I want a desk, cat, wagon, bicycle, blocks and a trampoline. I hope you are feeling good.

Love,
Tanner Strickland

Dear St. Nick,

Are you doing good? I want a GI Joe set with the bad guys and the good guys, and I also want the movie Ice age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs. Gingerbreadmen, Christmas Cookies and milk will be on the table with the lamp.

Love,
Carson Carter

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,

I hope your reindeer feel good on Christmas Eve. Have a great Christmas! I would like a laptop, a blanket, and clothes for my stuffed animals. I will put milk and cookies on my table.

Love
Chelsey Castorena

Dear Santa,

I want a phane. Fashlite and a xbox360.

Mason Lee Magana

Dear Santa Claus

I want a Strawberry Shortcake house, a talking zebra, and some Santa Claus gloves.

Love,
Melanie Ruiz

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? Thank you for the gifts from last year. This year I am asking for a swimming pool. Tell Rudolf hello.

Merry Christmas
Michael Rutledge

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? Thank you for all the gifts from last year. This year I am asking for an x box thee sixte.

Love
Patience Warren

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you thank you for the gifts from last year. This year I am asking for a dall. Tell Rudolf hello.

Brittany Andrews

Dear Santa Claus,

What I want for Christmas is an ax Box 360 and a pet mouse and some crayolas. Bye Santa Claus.

Samuel Barnard

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a skateboard, x box 360, and some games.

Love,
Justin Baker

Dear Santa Claus,

Are you feeling good this evening today? I hope you bring me a teddy bear. I will leave you a thank you note. Please bring a Barbie Doll for my niece.

Love,
Evlyn Bañnum

Dear Santa,

I hope your reindeer are feeling good on Christmas. Would you bring me a playstation 3 and I want a Mario Wii. Well, I hope you have a good trip.

Love,
Gilbert Trevino

Dear Mr. Claus,

Hello, how are you? Can you Bring me a Nintendo D.S. and a computer? Have a good trip.

Love
Kiyanah Gonzales

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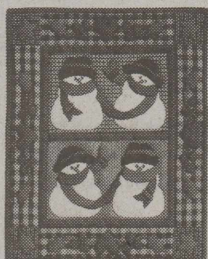
I hope your reindeer are feeling well. Please can you give me a new bike, Bratz dolls, a dn new clothes? Have a good trip!

Love,
Brittany Casillas

Dear Santa Claus and Reindeer,

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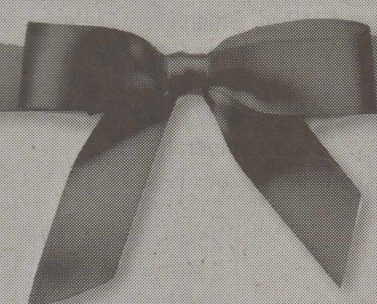
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Martin Hernandez

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How are your reindeer? Can you bring me some teddy bear clothes and some shoes for my teddy bear? How is your house?
Love,
Caitlyn Wilson

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I want a highway control car with a man. I will put cookies and milk out for you.
Love
Jacob Ruiz- Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Thank you for the gifts from last year. This year I asking for a mini rampset. Tell Rudolf I said hello.
By
Carson Lewis

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I hope your reindeer make it! Can you give me a top and a pinball machine. Tell Rudolf hello. Merry Christmas.
Anthony Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? May I have a laptop and a doll. Merry Christmas.
Angelica Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I am Matthew. I live in Texas. I am 5 years old. I know you are real, Santa. I know you have elves, presents, a sleigh, and Rudolph. I like your suit and your belt. I like your presents. For Christmas I would like a Santa suit. Santa, for Christmas I want you to stay with me because I know that you are real! I want you to bring me a cool guitar with fire on it so I can be Matthew Rockstar. I would also like a teddy bear and one more thing I want is to see the North Pole. You are cool, Santa. I will leave you cookies and chocolate milk.

From,
Matthew Jimenez

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel Duke. I would like a Star Wars Light Saber Sword, a Storm Trooper Blaster, a Storm Trooper Helmet, and a vet kit. I would like a Star Wars Leapster. I will leave cookies and milk. I would also like a microscope and a bug collector like Mrs. Manning has in the Science Center. And then that's all.
Love,
Daniel

Dear Santa,
My name is Saige LeeAnn. I am 5 years old. I live in Texas. I would like a little Chihuahua dog (a fake one), real jewelry, real make-up, and lots of Barbies and Barbie stuff. I will leave cookies and milk on my table for you. I need a new jacket, mine doesn't zip. I want a little tiny piggy bank. I want a new shirt, new pants, new shoes, and socks. I want a new purse. I love you, Santa Clause. I love your reindeer. Your friend,
Saige Turner

Dear Santa Clause,
I am Ashten. I am 5 years old. I want a Thumbelina doll, a Carusel Barbie, and a bulldog toy. I would also like make-up, a white horse doll, a play puppy, and a playhouse with a playground. I will leave you chocolate cookies and milk. How do you fly your sleigh Santa clause? I would also like a pretty dress-up dress.
I love you,
Ashten Pepper

Dear Santa,
My name is Sabrina Sanchez. I live in O'Brien. I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a Dora kitchen, a cat named Lulu. I want a table for me and my brother to eat. I want a Dora house with Dora stuff. I want you to give me a big bow for my hair. I also want a swimming pool for me and my brother. My pool busted when my cat put his nails in it.

Love,
Sabrina

Dear Santa,
My name is Jake Byers. I am 5 years old. I live at Knox City, Texas. My house faces west. I would like a dirt bike, a mini-motorcycle, and a mini-four wheeler. I would like some Bendaroos and Nerf toys. I will leave chocolate cupcakes and a glass of milk.
Love,
Jake

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! My name is Jonathan Martinez. I live in Knox City. You go straight, turn, turn this way, and stop. I am 5 years old. I would like a computer, lights on my house, some Cars toys, and a tractor. I will leave pizza, coke, cookies, and milk.
Love,
Jonathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Katelynn. I live in Rochester. My house is pink. I am 7 years old. I am in Kindergarten in Knox City. I would like a laptop computer for Christmas. I would like a cell phone and a camera. I will leave coke and cookies on the table in the living room for you. I love you, Santa.
Love,
Katelynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Yania. I am 5 years old. I live by that old grandma. I like for you to bring me presents. I would like a Nintendo DS. I would like some crayons for my house. I will leave crackers and cheese for you. My little brother, Yonce, is 4. He wants a Playstation 3. My other brother, Yami, wants a scooter that goes by itself.
Love,
Yania

Dear Santa,
My name is Woody. I want a long Nerf gun with darts in it. I wish I had a tall, tall, bb gun. I wish you could bring me a fantastic bike with training wheels. I wish I had a Christmas tree that was just my size. I wish it would snow on Christmas day. I wish I could see your reindeer. I wish I had a toy reindeer that could fly like yours. I live in Knox City in a really tall house with an attic. I am 5.
Love,
Woody Stiewart

Dear Santa,
This is what I want: I want a stuffed deer and a stuffed giraffe that is large. I want a little motorcycle and my mailbox number is 504.
Love,
Becca Ruiz

Dear Santa,
This is my first Christmas because, I was born on Valentines Day. I like Christmas because I can crawl to the tree and find some low ornaments to touch. My brother, Branson, knows all about Christmas. Will you bring him a new video game, please? My sister Ashley, would like some new clothes. They told me to ask for a doll. I will leave you a treat at my house in Odessa.
Love,
Brinley Bowen

Dear Jesus,

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Happy early b-day. I'm so glad that you are not letting the devil defeat you. I love you.
Love,
Corban

Dear saint Nick,
Thank you for the b-ball last year and I enjoyed it. And I will leave milk and cookies out and for your reindeer corn. Oh yes presents. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth. JK! I want... PSP, DS, DSI, bike, TRANSFORMERS, Go-Kart, 4 wheelers, Lawn-mower.
Love,
Corban

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a rope, leapster and a game for my leapster. Can you also bring my baby brother, Bronc, a little rope and my big sister Jaedon a Breyer horse. I will leave you a Dr. Pepper and some cookies. By the way Santa I have been good most of the time.
Love
Ryder Wayne Gass

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents and toys you brought me last year. I have been good this year, so please bring me an X-Box 360, a Halo Reach, a PSP charger, a Build Your Own Light Saber Kit, and a Nintendo DSI. I will leave

food for your reindeer and cookies and milk for you. Please remember my as well. Thank you so much.
Love,
Ethan King

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the last years gifts. I love Christmas. I love gifts. And the mots of the things that I love is you and thank you for the Hanna Montana bike. And I liked it. I want a phone and a new bike.
Love,
Tori

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my DS you gave me last year and I was connected to it. I am leaving you cookies and milk for you and your reindeer. And for Christmas I want Intendo DSI, feal frogs, Wii games and a great Christmas.
Love,
Reylee

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MAY YOUR DREAMS BE MERRY & BRIGHT

BJ Country Store

Happy Holidays

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O'Brien, TX

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for all of the things you do for me. I hope you have a very good birthday and I love you.

Love,
Ainsley

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my sleeping bag set. I really enjoy it. I have been very good this year. Could you bring me a Nintendo DS, a Wii and a four wheeler. You have red cheeks like roses and a red nose like a cherry. No matter what you will always be awesome. I love you Santa.

Love,
Vivica

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toy horse you got me last year. I have enjoyed it. I am leaving you milk and cookies. I will leave reindeer food my brother or sister made. I want some DS games, a case for my games, littlest pet shop, and Hanna Montana the Movie.

Love,
Klarisa

Dear Santa, Thank you for last years gifts and what I really love is my DS I am leaving milk and cookies for you and your reindeer. What I want for Christmas. I want a razor spark scooter and a razor pocket rider and a Nintendo DSi and Uno on gameboy and a new skateboard, and a Wii and new games for my DS and a horse and a bull.

Love,
Abraham

Dear Santa,

This year I want a play computer also I would like a new bike that is pink and blue. Ipod touch would be nice something else would be a High School Musical lamp. Oh and this year I've been good so all those things are the only things I want.

Love,
Ella Hunter

P.S. a new pair of bell bottoms

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for the Barbie computer. I like you and I am going to give you cookies and milk. This Christmas I want a bike and a makeup set for Christmas. I also want a four wheeler, glitter and clothes. I want Mrs. Clause to come to my house and wake me up.

Love,
Raevyn

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the scooter. You gave me last year. I rode it at full speed and loved it. So I'm going to leave some cookies and milk. So you enjoy giving presents and gifts. And were going to buy deer corn so your reindeer has strength. Please I would like a DSi and dish and the game Starfire and a trampoline.

Love,
Dawson

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the guitar you gave me last year. I love it. This year I want a dirt bike and a spark scooter. I want a DS, DSi, DSN.

Love,
Aaron

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the makeup set you gave me last year. I looked like a princess! I enjoyed having it. I will leave you milk and cookies and cereal for your reindeer. I hope they eat it all. I hope you like my Christmas lights. I want a pink DS and a makeup set for Christmas. Socks and some Christmas panties a purple portable DVD player. Dr. Pepper and popcorn. Play frogs and some games for the Wii.

Love
Ainsley

Christmas List

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents I in joyed them I want littlest pet shops in a big box Nintendo DS games in a big box pillow pet in a big box and Anna to be my sister. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like all of the 39 Clues books, Book 2 One False Note, Book 3 The Sword Thief, Book 4 Beyond the Grave, Book 5 The Black Circle, Book 6 In Too Deep. I would also like the following: mini refrigerator, more information on the galaxy, a smart board like my teachers in class, touch screen cell phone, a diary that writes in invisible ink and revealer, electronic organizer with radion and dictionary, and a scratch it. I also like rocks and minerals. A DSi would be nice as well. If none of this will fit into your schedule, one million dollars would be nice!

Love,
MacKenzie

Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? I hope you and your elves are doing good. Thank you for everything you brought me. This year, can you please get me a Nintendo DSi, D-Rex, and some games for my PS1?

Love
Terry Tatum

Hi Santa!

How are you? What's it like in the North Pole? Well, anyways, can I please have a PS3 with Stranglehold, Area 51, Mortal Kombat vs, DC Universe, and the most of all- Peace on Earth! Your friend,

Dustin Ledesma

Dear Santa,

Are you having fun? I want a Nintendo DS and a Ben Ten Alien Swarm, the movie, and a Ben Ten Alien Force the game that goes to a Play Station 2. Thank you Santa from last year. But, did you like the cookies? I love the toys. I want to be your friend.

L o v e
L.A. Bonner

Dear Santa,

How's it going with the reindeer, and does Rudolph's nose really glow? I loved

those toys you brought me last year. I would like a Playstation 3 and some games to go with it. Also I would like a guitar for Rock Band. Hope you have a good Christmas this year.

Sincerely,

Preston Lynn

P.S. Would you like Chocolate or White milk?

Dear Santa,

Hi, how are you doing? Thank you for what you got me last year. My list for Christmas:

1. pocket rocket
2. nerf gun
3. Nintendo DSi
4. Smartboard
5. laptop
6. skateboard
7. pocket knife
8. BB Gun and a .22
9. bed det
10. loveseat
11. flatscreen TV
13. German Shepard puppy
14. Vibrating chair
15. Mini trampoline
16. mini refrigerator
17. 5 boxes of Mountain Dew

18. jet-ski

Sincerely,

Nathan Williams

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North Pole? We are good in America! I guess you are wondering what I want for Christmas. Well I don't want much! I want a skateboard, a paintball gun, and a pocket rocket. For my stocking, I would like some hunting games for the Wii. Thank you for last year. Remember, you are welcome into the kitchen!

Sincerely,

Mason Shipp

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good time at the North Pole. For Christmas, I want a DSi and if you can't I want the new game Draw to Life the Next Chapter. Please. Oh, I forgot, how is your reindeer? Thank you!

Sean Logsdon

Dear Santa,

How is it at the North Pole? I hope it is going good and how is Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer? In the United States, we are doing good! Thank you for the robot dinosaur. I am going to make you milk and cookies. And save some cookies for Mrs. Claus! What I want for Christmas is a PSP and a game for the PSP.

Love,

Jesse Munoz

Dear Santa,

I would like a X-Box 360 Live. Also a Wii and a new bike and a trampoline. I hope you have a holly jolly Christmas!

Love,

Issac Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want a Wii for Christmas. I am going to leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,

Chris Gonzales

Dear Santa,

How are you today? Are you O-K, sad or excited? Santa Claus, what I want for Christmas is a stuffed moose and a new bike I also want a poster of you and the deer and the elves. I want a new movie called Santa Buddies, a puppy that looks like my dog Tiny and a stuffed deer would be nice too.

Love

Naomi Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I want a DS for Christmas and a DSi. I want a Wii also. I have been a good girl.

Love,

Myleshia Manuel

Dear Santa Claus,

I love Christmas very much. I want a trampoline for Christmas and a scooter, a game for my DS, a screen TV, a puppy and DSO and a Smartboard.

Sincerely

Melissa Rogers

Dear Santa,

I want nail polish and a DS. I would also like to have a phone, a camera, a doll and a laptop.

Kaetin Ledesma

Dear Santa Claus,

What I want for Christmas is a Wii, boots, dark pants, a flat screen TV and a big 4 wheeler. I also want to see your reindeer and I want my family to have the best Christmas ever! We celebrate Jesus and God and I love to have Christmas because I get presents. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I cannot wait till Christmas. I hope I get to see you and Mrs. Claus too. I also want to see your reindeer.

Love,

Priscilla Contreras

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Nintendo DS, a laptop, school stuff, a 4 wheeler and some shoes. How are your reindeer doing? Are they good? I hope they are! I hope you come down here safely and I am going to leave you some milk and cookies and a napkin. And

you can also read a book.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Roberson

Hola Santa Claus!

I'm glad it's Christmas because we get presents. Can you give me an Xbox and a Wii. Also a trampoline and a Nintendo DS.

Gracias!

Josue Hernandez

Dear Santa Clause

How are you and your reindeer doing? What I want for Christmas is a Wii and a Nintendo DSi and I hope you can bring my sister a laptop and a cell phone. I hope you can bring a Mickey Mouse snow glove for my mom and dad. I hope you and your reindeer have a great Christmas, and your elves. So I hope you have a good time to fly!

Love,

Erica Trevino

Dear Santa,

I want to know how are you? And I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. Here I go! Mp3 player, a jacket, shoes, clothes and a laptop are the stuff I want for Christmas. How are all of the reindeer? And I already put up my Christmas tree! I am going to leave you some milk and cookies and a mapkin

Love,

Yesenia Perez

Dear Santa Claus,

I really want to see you, but I always go to sleep! I want a bell off your sleigh. So how are the reindeer? I don't want that much stuff for Christmas. I want a dolled up mails so I don't have to put stickers on my nails. Santa, I really want presents because you have been giving my brother a lot of presents. Santa, I really want a baby reindeer because I love reindeer. Santa, I am celebrating Jesus birthday too. I am going to leave you milk with cookies. I love Christmas because you come to my house every year. Next year I will do better. You are the best Santa ever!

Love,

Tyresha Collins

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I would like a DSi and a portable DVD player. I try to be a good girl, but sometimes it is hard.

Your friend,

Abby Manning

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. For Christmas, I would like a go cart science lab and a G-Force CD. I will leave you milk and cookies. I live on 903 Aspin Drive.

Your friend,

Weldon Fitzgerald

Dear Santa, For Christmas,

I would love to meet Robert Pattinson (Edward Cullen) I would also love New Moon if you can get it. I saw it in the theaters the first day it came out. It is a very good movie. Next I would like a gift card to Peppers because they have neat crosses and sunglasses.



Warm Christmas wishes at our door!

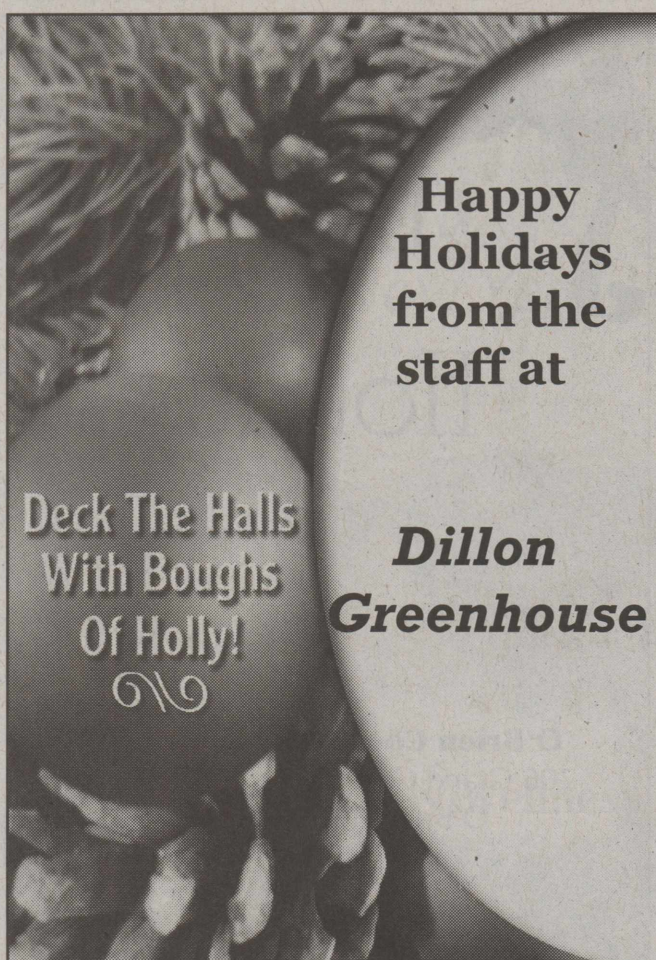


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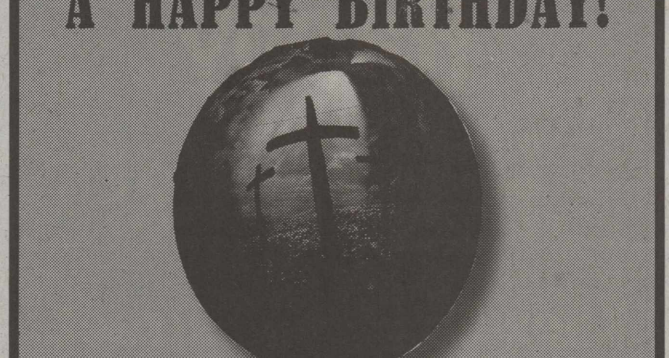
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I could also use the gift card to Justice. They have great clothes. (and shoes) As far as the electronics go, I would like a DSI or an I phone. Any touch would work I guess. If you cannot get any of these, a lap top would do I suppose. Sincerely yours,
Kailyn Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer for Christmas Santa. I would also like a dollhouse and a tennis racket. A nice candle would work as well
Love,
Laura Rose Maberry

Dear Santa,
I would like the guitar Hero with an XBOX 360 and a DSI. I laptop would also be nice to have. Santa, I want a cell phone or an iPod. I am a nice boy. I am a big helper.
Love,
Jackson Meadors

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph? Is he being good? I would like a DS. It is a game. I would also like a pink case to put it in. I hope you get down my chimney ok. I sure would not want you to get stuck. One more thing, my little brother is one. He is a good boy too. He likes cars. I hope I get to see you!
Love,
Brittney Gibson

Dear Santa,
The presents and toys you brought me last year were awesome. I have been good this year, so please bring me a Texas Tech drums, a guitar, Texas Tech tree house, a plain brown BB gun, and Texas Tech football helmet. My family has been good this year, too. Please bring Aunt Tammie earrings, a necklace and a ring. For Uncle Jim bring a power Drill and new office stuff for his desk. I want my family to have the best Christmas ever.
Love,
Bradyn Durham

Dear Santa,
I would like a hot wheel track and a 22 shot gun. I would also like a big Christmas tree for my room. I want to get my brother, Lyndon, a new bow and arrow. Sheldon would like a new shot gun. Thank you for all the gifts you brought last year. I will leave milk and cookies for you and hay for your reindeer.
Love,
Chance Baty

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. You are the best Santa. I would like pretty Santa red fingernails, a santa scooter, make-up and a baby doll. I would also like a book about Santa and his reindeer. My family could use a grill for making bacon and eggs. My sisters would like a doll and fingernails, also. Thank you for bringing me gifts last year.
Love,
Valerie Andrews

Thank you so much for the gifts last year. I will leave

some presents for you. This year I would like a phone, a laptop, and a hot wheels car, a Nintendo DS, and a hot wheels car game.
I love you Santa.
Thank you so much.
Love
LJ

Dear Santa
Thank you so much for the gifts last year. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you. This year, I would like a pink computer, a Barbie doll, a Christmas tree, a toy reindeer, a gold fish, a toy penguin and a Wii. I love you Santa. Thank you so much for these Christmas toys!
Love
Raquel

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the gifts the gifts last year. I will leave you some cookies and milk. This year I would like a baby that uses the bathroom, a computer, an art station that comes with chalk and paint, a pink or purple motorcycle, benderoos, a Christmas tree, a white play horse, a Moxie grill, and a Barbie girl. I love you Santa, Thank you so much,
Noemy

Dear Santa Claus,
What kind of weather do you have at the North Pole? My name is Joseph Garcia. I am six years old and I am in Kindergarten. I want an X-Box and a little motorcycle for Christmas. I will leave you chocolate cookies and a warm glass of milk.
I love you,
Joseph Garcia.

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kobe Ryan Roberts and I am 5 years old. How do you buy stuff for everybody? Where do you go to the store? I want a little motorcycle that is real.
Love, Kobe

Dear Santa Claus,
I am five years old and I am going to my mom's house for Christmas. Can you please bring the presents to my mom's house? I go to school in Knox City. Santa, I want a trampoline for Christmas. I also want a High School Musical tee shirt that sings when you push the button. Your friend,
Julie Kristine Saldana

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring my mom and my dad some presents and some candy in their stockings. My dad needs some close and my mom needs some pants and some shirts. I want a monster truck and a toy boat with a truck and a trailer. My name is Nathaniel and I am going to leave you some sprinkled cookies. I hope you be careful on the way to my house because you are the best Santa I ever heard about. I am hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend,
Nathaniel Robert Dickson

Dear Santa Claus,

What does your North Pole look like? What do your reindeers do when you are at your North Pole? I am five years old. I live in Knox City. I would like a new Spencer train; I broke the other one when I was trying to unscrew it. My other train, Henry, also broke. I like trains. I also want a play boat.
I love you,
Gannon Pryor

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a little motorcycle for Christmas. Could I get a lazar race car, too? I will give you some cookies for Christmas. What do your reindeers do in the North Pole? I moved to Knox City this year. Your Friend,
Tristian Estrada

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Briana and I live on Main Street. I am six years old. I want a Wii and a real camera. How do you get in my house since I do not have a chimney?
I love you,
Briana

Dear, Santa
I have been pretty good. And if not to much. I want a laptop, a D.S.I, a new puppy, a Mp4 player, a peace purse, sparkely sneakers, and maybe a car, and a monkey. So santa I've be that good that's all I want for Christmas?
From: Avery Frausto

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas are new pretty boots. I would consider you bring me a stuffed animal monkey. I would also want a Twilight poster. I would probably want a brand new laptop because my is getting to old. I want jewelry, clothes, tinkerbell poster, ans a new jacket. I could explain it if I'm naughty. I always wanted a Texas Tech shirt. I would also like jeans that are the best in t he world. Bring me an I pod touch, signature from Taylor Swift. Thats my gifts I want for Christmas. Have a good Christmas.
P.S. Do you really have real

life reindeers that can fly.
Sincerley,
Jessica Perez
Dear Santa Clause,
All I want for christmas is an I pod, to join gymnastics, gymnastics leotards, paint set, shoes, shirts, pants, pencil pouch, female parrot, moxie girl, drawing set, jewelry, monkey, and most of all I want my family to have a great, fantastic Christmas.
Love, **Hayden Rachelle King**
p.s. I can explain if I am on the naughty list! And do not go down the chimney use the front door!

Dear Santa,
Can you please bring me a Nitendo DSI, cloths, games for Nitendo DSI, PSP with games, a lot of hot wheels with a racing course, phone watch, drawing set, DC shoes, cool hat, and a awesome BiBi guns.
Joe Espinal

Dear Santa Claus
I would like som makeup, pink Ipod, Ds, a designer maker, Texas Tech pencil pouch, shirt, pants, socks, a nice Christmas with my family, sparkly shoes, glitter pencils that light up. Ipod touch of Texas Tech, Texas Tech backpack, barbies for my sister, some more boots, skooter, hound dog, make up box, glittery shoes, jerwey Texas Tech laptop, and a case for it.
PS..... I am sorry that I write sloppy
Love Genesis Martinez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I would like a pet hamster or bunny. I also want a print polish for my nails. I really need contacts too! I would relly love a Wii and a laptop too. Damond Earrings would look great on me. I also would like a big cross. I mostly want my family to have a great Christmas.
Thankyou,
Zinziley McCrary
Dear, Santa I want a game

called Dragon BallZ Budokai Tehiechi 3 and Call of Duty 2 Warfare. And another dirt bike too. Also a xbox 360 and a will, playstation III. Also need for speed shift and need for speed prostreet, also a PSP portable. Also a horse, Nintendo DSI, super Mario brothers.
From, Jeremiah

Dear, Santa.
I want a \$50 gift card to Justice, and a \$35 gift card to Books-a-Million.
And things from pepper.
Love, **Kassie**

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a DSI with Games, a Wii with of course games. I would like new clothes, also for my best friends grangoobies to get better. Thanks a lot Santa!
Love,
Amy

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is... Nintendo Ds I, Clothes, Ipod, shoes, Heely's 'pj's!
Love, McKenzie King

Dear Santa,
I am sorry about me being bad but please can you get me a DSI, clothes, phone, laptop, shoes, camera and that's all the stuff I want for Christmas and I promise that I will be on my best behavior.
Love Kirstin Tuckness
P.S I want some peace clothes and other peace stuff. Peace Out!

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa..... hows it going? You know what I want? I really want my grandmother to be well. That would be nice..... Oh yeah, I have a question, do you get paid? Just wondering. So, that's pretty much it. Hope you have a great Christmas (if you want to throw in some candy that'd be fine)
Hallie Cox

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts

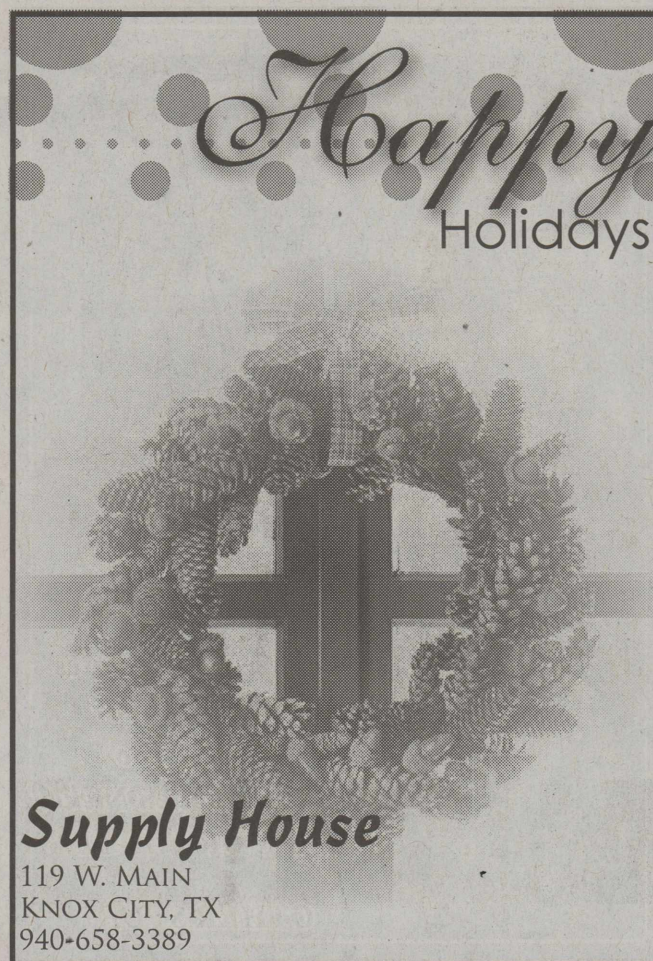
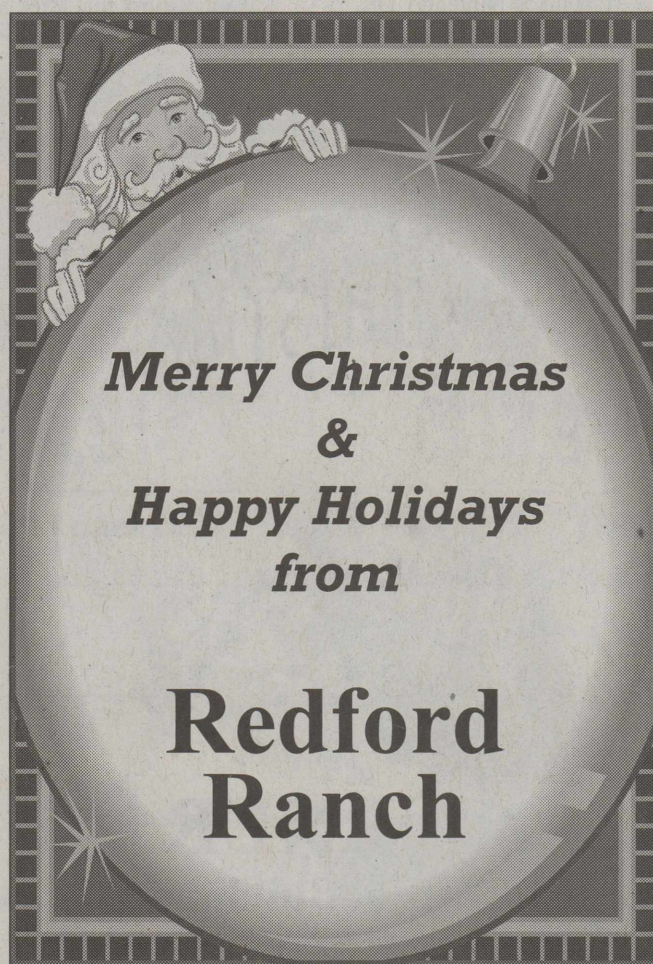
last year. I have been good this year, so please bring me a pink computer, a Barbie Doll, a phone, a tent, a radio, a paint ball gun, a Nintendo DSI, DSI games, and a toy reindeer. I will leave some cookies and milk for you. Please remember my family as well. Thank you so much.
Love, Breanna Pryor

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents and toys you brought me last year. I have been good this year, so please bring me an X-Box 360, a PSP, a bow and arrow set, a la[top, a tent, a phone, a dirt bike, a Nintendo DSI, a 30/30 gun, and a car. I will leave some cookies some milk and a present for you. Please remember my family as well. Thank you so much.
Love, John Shaver

Dear Santa,
Thank you, for the presents and toys that you brought me last year. I have been good this year, so please bring me an X-Box 360, a Halo Reach, a PSP charger, a Build Your Own Light Saber Kit, and a Nintendo DSI. I will leave food for your reindeer and cookies and milk for you. Please remember my family as well. Thank you so much.
Love,
Ethan King

Dear Santa,
Thank you so much for the gifts last year. I have been good this year, so please bring me a girl puppy and everything it needs. I would also like bendaroos. I will leave some chocolate milk, cookies, and a present for you. Please remember my family as well.
Thank you so much.
Love, Faith Sliger

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys and presents you brought us last year. I have been good this year, so please bring me a Guitar Hero game, a 4 wheeler, a dirt bike, a tree house, and a skateboard.



My family has been good this year, too. Please bring my little brother a little bike. Bring my sister a pair of new shoes. My Dad wants a new gun and my Mom wants new earrings and new necklace. Please make this the best Christmas ever for my family and my friends.

Love,
Andrew Casillas

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Quincey Sorrells. I live in Anson with my Mommy and my Gramma and po-po live in Knox City. Gramma is helping me write this letter. I am 2 years old. Gramma says I have been a very good boy all this year. I really like toys and hope you have something for me in your bag. I will leave some cookies and a Dr. Pepper under the tree for you and some carrots for the reindeer. I love you Santa please leave me some gifts under Po-po's and gamma's tree for me. I am going to be good this year. Love your Friend,
Quincey Sorrells

Dear Santa-

I love you Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? Wood you please bring a brbe, wood you please.

Your friend,
Grace

Dear Santa,

I've been trying to be good. I want a mp3 player, some fake stick on fingernails, real play makeup and some spy stuff with some binoculars, a Ipod. How are you doing at your workshop? Your friend,
Hope Donham

Dear Santa,

I hope I am on the good list. How are you doing Santa? Will you please bring me a Nintindo DIS and a laptop. I am sending love 4 you. Your friend,
Christian Speck

Dear Santa,

I want my little pet shop, cooking mama for DS.

I love you and have a mery Christmas. How are you doing?

Your friend,
Jacelyn

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. How is Mrs. Claus? I will give you sum cookies for you. I love Mrs. Claus. How are you? I hope you have been a good girl.

Your friend,

Madison

Dear Santa,

I hope I'm not on the naughty list because I have been good this year. I hope u or having a good day. Santa can I have an Ipod, a Nintendo DS with games, a boxing game and a army game?

Your friend,

Jalen Barrientez

Dear Santa,

I hop your having fun. Can I hav Madun o 10 for Wii, a futball set, pleas, ad a Xbox 360.

Your friend,

Abraham Nevarez

P.S. I want an Ipod too pleas.

Dear Santa,

I will like you all da. Will you bring me a motorcycle?

Merry Christmas!

Your friend,

Wessoln

Dear Santa,

I was a good boy, Santa. Id lick a play stashen tree. Merry Christmas santa.

Your friend,

Nicholas

Dear Santa,

Santa, I have been a good girl this year and my bruthrs have been good. Santa, can you bring me a Barbie.

Your friend

Lezleigh

Dear Santa,

I hope I am not on the naughty list. How are you? I want Ultimate Alliance 2 for my PS 3.

Your friend,
Braden

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I miss you so much. Will you bring me a clone helmet, Pokemon cards, Alvin and the Chickmunks, and a Giants football helmet.

Your friend,

Dylan

Dear Santa,

I want a train and a motorcycle and a truck. I have been good enough,

Love,

Ricardo Solis

Dear Santa,

I would like a Strawberry Shortcake doll with lipstick. I would also like a Hanna Montana doll. I have been really good

Your friend,

Wendy Uribe

Dear Santa,

I want a bow and arrow, motorcycle, scooter, and a race car track, cowboy hat and boots and that's all.

Love,

Joshua Brumley

Dear Santa,

I want a scooter that fire pops out of that I saw on TV. I want letters to play with at my house.

Love,

Nicholas Stovall

Dear Santa,

I want a dinosaur and a dragon and building blocks. I've been very good. I want a coloring board.

Your friend,

Brody White

Dear Santa,

I want a Play-Dough Make-up cupcakes and Moxy Girls. I would also like a Nintendo DS. I hope you have a nice trip Thank you for all the toys.

Love,

Maggie Kuehne

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo DS.

I've been good today. I want a shirt with 2 reindeer on it. I would really like new shoes with Spiderman on them, and a jacket with really soft fur. I will make you gingerbread houses. I want to give you a hug when I see you.

Love,

Matthew

Dear Santa,

I want an EasyBake Microwave, some dolls, a kitty and a puppy. I would also like to have a pony. I love you Santa.

Love,

Briley Hale

Dear Santa,

I like you Santa. Want a cake Bakery and a Barbie bus that opens up like a house. I would also like a Barbie and a Barbie purse , a Barbie computer, Moxy Girls, and a dress-up house.

Love,

Meghan Finley

Dear Santa,

I would love to have an electrical train, a big red remote control bull dozer.

Love,

Dal Everson

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I would like a John Deere game for Christmas. I hope you have a good trip.

Love,

Jarried

Dear Santa

I wish you a Merry Christmas on and all. I love you Santa Clause. I would like to have an EasyBake Over and a real puppy dog.

Love,

Kinsey Benson

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer, bulding blocks anda airplane. I have been good. I will leave milk and cookies.

Love,

Rance Redford

Dear Santa,

I want a bird that flies

so that I can shoot it. It's a game. I want a dinosaur that eats a little dinosaur.

Nicolas Ham

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a hot blonde girl with a pretty voice, guitar playing abilities and bodacious cooking skills. I will leave a turkey leg and a Mountain Dew by the fireplace.

Your Buddy,

Will Moorhouse

Dear Santa,

Santa will you please bring me a sivler PSP and a game for it and an IPod touch. We will have cookies and milk for you Also, will you bring me and my sister a Nintendo for Christmas? I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,

Joseph Macias

Dear Santa Claus,

I have some things that I want, so can I please have an Ipod, bendaroos a scooter, and a picture of you and Mrs. Claus. But, most of all I would like a Christmas with my dad, Dale. The rest can be a surprise. I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas.

Love,

Mechelle Knapp

P.S. How are the elves

Dear Santa Claus,

Santa, how many elves di you have? I bet you have more than a billon elves. Santa, thank you for last year when you gave our cat "Tiger" a toy. He would not stop playing with it. Would you bring me some toys. (if you can.) Like Smackdown vs Raw 2010, Hot wheels cars. and Spongebob movies. Santa, tell your reindeer and Mrs. Claus "hi" for me. Merry Christmas,

Aaron Gentry

Dear Santa Claus,

This Christmas I want to meet Dasher and Dancer. They're my favorite! But most of all, Id love to get a Nintendo with a cooking mama! Well, that Nintendo is all Id want. Thank you, Merry Christmas,

Laurie Beck

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer up in the North Pole? I bet it's realy cold there. I hope it snows this year and is it snowing in the North Pole? I would really like is I got more football cards. For you and Mrs. Claus and everyone, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Caleb Barrientez

Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me an American-Girl Doll and would you consider on bringing me an American-Girl Doll bed. I would also like a doll head to put makeup on. I would also like a camera

please. Merry Christmas!!!! Love,

Brogan White

Dear Santa Claus,

Will you please bring my dog a bone and put it in her stocking. Go ahead and give the other dogs one too. Please bring me a picture of the elves, reindeer, Rudolph, and the Workshop. A picture of you a Mrs Clause would be really nice. Would you please bring me a Nintendo DSI, and I Pod touch, a computer, a Wii, a hermit crab and the Game Cooky Mama 2. I would also like the movie Santa Buddies.

Merry Christmas,

Halie Macias

Dear St. Nick,

Can I see a picture of the factory? Can I please ride in the sligh and help you deliver the toys? You need a break. I am going to give you a present! Say hi to Comet for me.

Merry Christmas

Dale Knapp

Dear Santa Claus,

Can you please bring me a Zelda Twighlight Princess, SIMS 3, SIMS University, Alvin and the Chipmunks: the Squeakquel and Barbies Dreamhouse.

Merry Christmas,

McKenzie Grey

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? Is the workshop busy and how is Rudolph doing? Santa could you please bring me to see. Is Mrs. Claus coming? Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Merry Christmas,

JC Espinal

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to just ask for a sleigh ride with you and your reindeer. Could I pet Rudolph and the others? Could you make it snow on Christmas? I do hope I'm on the "Good List" and I really want to be on it. Only two more things- Santa Claus , I want a picture of you and Mrs. Claus together. Would you please sign it? I really want a picture of the reindeer. If you can't do it, that's ok.

Love,

Lexey Mendosa

Dear Santa,

Can I have a pink camera (a real one), please. Will you bring Bren back alive for Aunt Barbra? We all wished it was just a dream when Brent died. I want to tell some things about my brother, Christian. Can you give him arty stuff? It is ok if you don't bring all this, but please bring Brent back to us.

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Emily Speck

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The 501

by
Hanaba Munn Welch

Named for the historic FW&D Engine 501, The 501 is always exactly 501 words and dashes long, whatever the topic. Welch, a freelance writer for Blackburn Media Group, divides her time mostly between Abilene and the family farm north of Vernon.

"The one who dies with the most toys wins."

Back when I was a letter carrier, I read that message on the chrome bumper of a fancy short-bed pickup every day I walked the route by the high school. It never ceased to puzzle me — not the saying but whether the kid who drove the pickup knew its meaning. Now I wonder if I know.

At the time, I suspected that youngster had missed English class when the teacher explained irony. Or that he'd missed the Sunday school lesson on the rich guy intent on building more barns to hold his crops, not knowing he wouldn't live till sunrise.

In retrospect, I think maybe the sticker meant what it said: Eat, drink, be merry and drive the best-looking pickup you can afford or can't afford.

As for dying, it's an abstract concept when you're young -- just a foil for what really counts in the here and now, like a well-appointed flashy truck, the perfect toy for the life stage after Tonka.

I should talk. I'm 62, and I still have my Tinker Toys, not to mention my Lincoln Logs and electric train and most of my dolls and just about every other toy I ever got for Christmas. My excuse? I was saving everything for my own children I never had. Now that I have grandchildren by marriage, well ... the true me is emerging. I'm keeping my toys.

Sure, I know Christmas is all about giving and that it's more blessed to give than to receive. There's a big new yellow dump

truck in my car right now for grandson Cutter, age 3. It'll be great to see him open that package Christmas morning. But I'm not going to gift-wrap my vintage John Deere tractor that looks like the one we had on the farm when I was 3 or my little red M Farmall that looks like the one we didn't have. I'm not ready to part with those toys. I'm still alive.

As for my Tinker Toys, I really should take a deep breath and pass them on, but my batch never had enough sticks and wheels to build much. Such a limited collection probably wouldn't impress either Cutter or his big sister, Rylee, 7. Besides, they've got Legos. I never had Legos. When were they invented? I would have liked Legos.

My Lincoln Log collection is also quite modest. Should I be expected to share my one cabin's worth of logs?

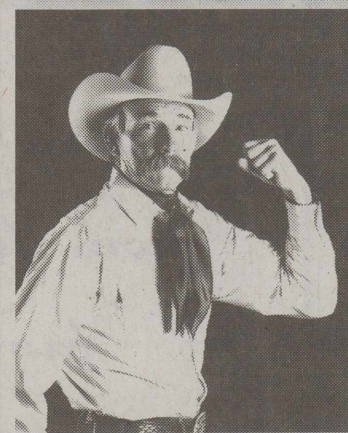
Ah, sharing. Another confusing concept. It sounds good but doesn't jibe with "neither a borrower nor a lender be."

On second thought, maybe sharing is the way to go. Consider this scenario:

I buy new Tinker Toys and Lincoln Logs for Cutter and Rylee. Then we consolidate our collections and end up with enough shared pieces to build lots of stuff together. No shortages. Yes!

I, of course, would be the keeper of the expanded collections.

It doesn't get much better than being a grandmother.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,
DVM

THE LUDDITES

The anti-progress Luddites have taken some serious blows in the last six months. A British study shows that animals and crops raised under strict organic parameters, have no nutritional or health benefits over animals and crops grown with FDA/USDA approved insecticides, pesticides, parasitacides, antibiotics, chemical disinfectants and growth stimulants. Then, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative medicine completed a 10-year, 2.5 billion dollar study that determined the unproven, but heavily-promoted benefits of "Alternative Medicine", for the most part, have zilch medicinal value just as their label proclaims.

Food safety issues have been in the news lately. Outbreaks have stimulated greater scrutiny as each incidence of illness occurs. Recently E coli in hamburger and the demand to legalize the sale of raw milk universally are making us examine the debate between 'the common good' vs. 'right to personal choice.'

Standing in the room of the hysterical hamburger hoorah is the John Wayne of solutions ... IRRADIATION! That's right! X ray your ground beef and it eliminates E. coli and salmonella. But standing in the way of this immediate solution are the LUDDITES! These cautious obstructionists have managed to prevent the use of irradiation, thus the elimination of bacterial poisoning at the source, the packinghouse. Granted, mishandling by retailers and consumers down the line can still allow these potentially disease-causing organisms to propagate, but gosh! Why let them in the backfield if you can stop them at the line of scrimmage? Raw milk, meaning unpasteurized, was a common source for the tuberculosis organism. When pasteurization was established and required by law, uncountable millions of cases of death and disease were prevented.

But...do individuals have the right to drink raw milk and consume un-irradiated ground meat if they choose? And further, do they have the right to prevent others, often the majority, from benefiting from the health advantages of pasteurized milk and irradiated hamburger? In my opinion, the answer to the first is yes...they have the right to choose for themselves, the same as vegetarians, smokers, steroid users, long distance runners, over-eaters and bull riders can choose their own abnormal lifestyle as long as it is available and legal.

The answer to the second is no. The LUDDITES do not have the right to prevent others from making their own choice. The tricky issue is: do parents have the right to give their own children raw milk, irradiated hamburger, BBQ, raw fish, vitamin overdoses, peanut butter or too much ice cream? OR the right to decline for their children to participate in Meatless Monday or Fruitless Tuesday or flu shots? Does the community have the right to intervene?

In any civilization, courts, legislators, bureaucrats, and occasionally the voters make choices for us all and there is no guarantee that common good, common men or common sense will prevail.

The less you know, the easier the decisions. With knowledge comes responsibility, and that's the rub.

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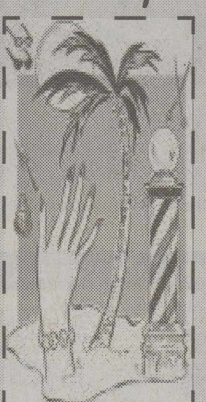
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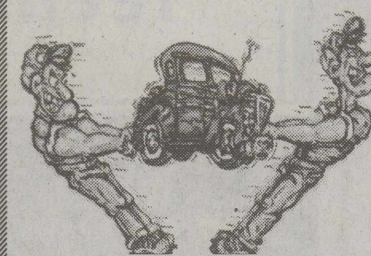
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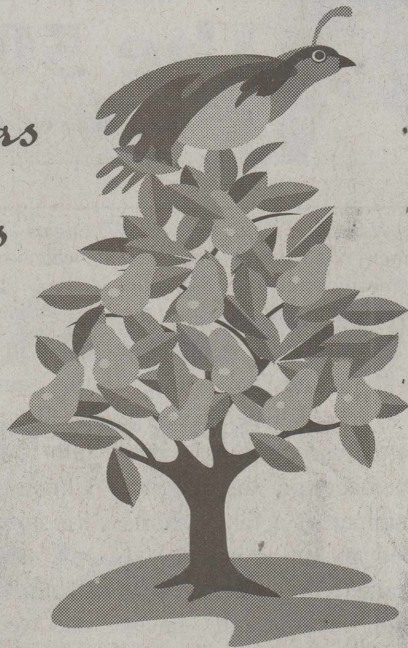
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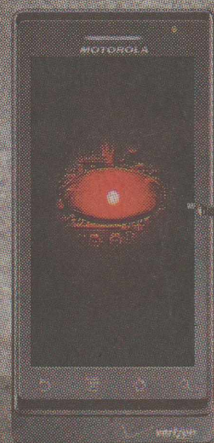
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