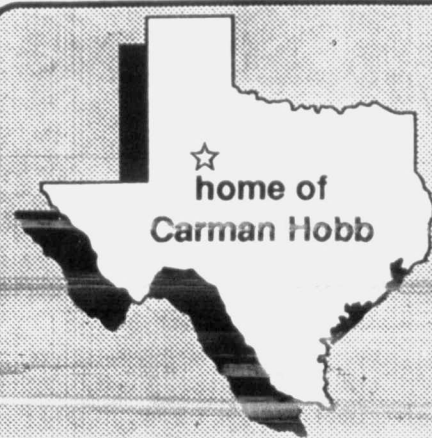


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TUESDAY

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Ask Us

Q—What time will Santa Claus be coming through Scurry County tonight?

A—A flight coordinator at the North Pole said Santa may be delayed slightly due to flooding in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, but he should arrive in Scurry County early Christmas morning, about 3 o'clock.



In Brief

Replace gifts

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Dozens of area residents took time out from their Christmas shopping to donate hundreds of gifts to replace ones stolen from a foundation for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Local

No paper

Christmas Day will be observed as a holiday by the Snyder Daily News. Publication will resume on Thursday.

Dinner served

Snyder Nursing Center invites anyone who doesn't have a place to go for Christmas dinner to eat at the center Wednesday.

The meal, to be served at noon, is free.

Pattersons

The wife and five-month-old daughter of Snyder High School Principal Gary Patterson are still in Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, according to relatives.

Doctors at the hospital elected to have Dana Patterson and daughter Bobbi Dee Patterson stay a few more days for observation. There are no major complications, relatives said.

The family was involved in a traffic accident Friday night in Lampasas.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 51 degrees; low, 28 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 28 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 27.98 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 30s. Light wind. Christmas Day, partly cloudy. High in the lower 50s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:57 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:40 a.m. Sunset Wednesday, 5:48 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:41 a.m. Of 357 days in 1991, the sun has shone 339 days in Snyder.

Heart transplant recipient home in time for holidays

By MISSY TRULL
SDN Staff Writer

Charles Clinkinbeard is home in time for Christmas. But no gift he receives will equal the one he got earlier this month.

"Not everyone gets a new heart for Christmas," said the 56-year-old retired roustabout.

Clinkinbeard has the distinction of being only the second heart transplant recipient from Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. The

hospital's first transplant was performed Sept. 15 and Clinkinbeard became the second with his operation just a month ago.

He became a candidate for the transplant after three major heart attacks which left him close to death each time. Without a transplant, he was given a 50 percent chance of living only six more months. Three months later, he was having a transplant.

"This is a new experience for

me. I thought I was mean, and I thought I was tough. But this was as mean and tough as I am," admitted the spunky Clinkinbeard. But he has bounced back and has come through the operation "meaner than ever" according to his friend, Doris Matthews.

"I feel better than I have in years," he said with a grin, although he admits to being sore and stiff.

Clinkinbeard spent three months waiting for a donor heart. But the waiting was over when the call came that a match had been found that it was only a matter of hours before he was on the operating table receiving a second chance at life.

The donor was found just in time. "After the surgery, the surgeon told me my other heart wouldn't have lasted me another week."

Clinkinbeard's staff of doctors has told him that after his recovery he can lead a normal life and that 85 to 90 percent of transplant patients live at least another 10 years.

"Ten more years and I can see my grandkids grown," he said.

"But a lot of it is up to me. I have to take care of myself."

He has Doris to help him out. She has an interest in keeping him healthy.

"I didn't go through all of that for nothing," said Doris of her (see TRANSPLANT, page 7A)



SANTA INSPIRED SMILE — Seth Cooper, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bid Cooper, counts down his wish list on a recent visit to Santa, alias Kenneth Wood. (Contributed Photo)

Overton man hurt in major accident

A 25-year-old Overton man was airlifted to a Lubbock hospital following a near head-on collision five miles southeast of Snyder on U.S. Hwy. 84 Monday.

Ricky Dale Gibson suffered a ruptured spleen and a broken pelvis in the two-vehicle accident. He was listed in stable condition in the surgical intensive care unit at University Medical Center this morning.

Gibson was one of four people transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room by Snyder EMS.

Also taken to Cogdell were Victor Paul Wilkinson, 33, of Overton; Helen Louise McEnaney, 60, of Lubbock; and Daniel McEnaney, 68, of Lubbock.

Wilkinson and Helen McEnaney were in stable condition at (see ACCIDENT, page 7A)

Armed robbery charges filed

Twenty-four-year-old Ricardo Alaniz of Hermleigh was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery late Monday afternoon in connection with separate robberies of the Allsup's convenience store in Hermleigh.

Alaniz remains in Scurry County Jail where he is being held in lieu of a \$15,000 bond for each count.

He was arrested at his residence just four blocks from the store shortly after the Saturday night holdup in which the suspect, armed with a pellet gun resembling a revolver, ordered the clerk to empty the safe.

The Sept. 12 burglary occurred about 5:40 a.m. At that time, two clerks were in the store preparing for a shift change when a man wearing a ski mask and carrying a gun came into the store. After demanding money, the man ordered the clerks into a storeroom before fleeing.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Merry Christmas."

The author is unknown, but certainly must be a native Texan. You'll agree when you read the Lone Star version of the Night before Christmas.

Twas the night before Christmas in Texas, y'all know,
Way out on the prairie (without any snow).
Asleep in their cabin were Buddy and Sue, A-dreamin'
of Christmas like me and like you.
Not stockings, but boots at the foot their bed,
For this was in Texas, what more need be said?
When all of a sudden from out of the still night,
There came such a ruckus, it gave me a fright!

And I saw 'cross the prairie like a shot from a gun,
A loaded-up buckboard come out at a run.
The driver was 'geein' and 'hawin', with a will.
The hosses (not reindeer) he drove with such skill.
"Come on there Buck, Pacho and Prince, to the

right!
There'll be plenty of travelin' for you-all tonight."

The driver in Levis and shirt that was red,
Had a ten-gallon Stetson on top of his head.
As he stepped from the buckboard, he was really a sight,
With his beard and his moustache, so curly and white.
As he burst in the cabin, the children awoke,
And both so astonished that neither one spoke.
And he filled up their boots with such presents galore,
That neither could think of a single thing more.
When Buddy recovered the use of his jaws,
He asked, in a whisper, "Are you Santa Claus?"

"Am I the Real Santa? Well, what do you think?"
And he smiled as he gave a mysterious wink.
Then he leaped in his buckboard and called back in his drawl,
"To all children of Texas, Merry Christmas to you-all!"

Top ten listed...

Chevron county's top taxpayer

As expected, the major oil companies continue to be the top taxpayers in Scurry County, according to information released by the tax assessor/collector's office and appraisal district.

Southwestern Bell Telephone pays out the most in city taxes.

Information released by the county office includes the top 10 taxpayers for the county, Snyder Independent School District, Western Texas College and the City of Snyder. The appraisal district handles Ira ISD and Herm-

leigh ISD taxes.

Top 10 taxpayers for the county, community college and local school district are the same. Chevron USA is the leading taxpayer, followed by Exxon Corp., Texaco Producing, Oryx Energy, Southwestern Bell, TU Electric, William M. Fuller, BHP Petroleum Co., The Cynara Co. and Texaco Inc.

Chevron USA's tax bill includes \$1,940,274.27 to Snyder ISD, \$662,696.50 to the county

and \$336,259.40 to Western Texas College. While the amount to be paid to Snyder ISD is up slightly from \$1,933,604 in 1990, Chevron's bill to the county and college have dropped. Last year, Chevron paid \$682,610 in county taxes and \$385,280 in college taxes.

Chevron's bill of almost \$2 million in school taxes for 1991 includes both Snyder ISD and the County Education District. It should be pointed out that Snyder

ISD does not receive all those monies.

Snyder ISD's tax rate is 43.30 cents per \$100 valuation and is combined with the CED rate of .7543 cents for a total of \$1.18. The county tax rate is 37.87 cents per \$100 while the community college district tax rate is 20.45 cents per \$100.

Exxon Corp., the second leading taxpayer in the county, pays less than half of Chevron's bur- (see TAXPAYERS, page 7A)

SCURRY COUNTY		SNYDER ISD		WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE		CITY OF SNYDER	
Chevron USA	\$662,696.50	Chevron USA	\$1,940,274.27	Chevron USA	\$336,259.40	Southwestern Bell	\$20,206.00
Exxon Corp	\$240,929.21	Exxon Corp	\$752,107.05	Exxon Corp	\$130,343.98	TU Electric	\$14,435.02
Texaco Producing	\$111,073.58	Texaco Producing	\$346,096.71	Texaco Producing	\$59,980.32	Grimmett Bros.	\$10,833.64
Oryx Energy	\$102,621.05	Oryx Energy	\$320,351.42	Oryx Energy	\$55,518.53	Bluebonnett Savings	\$10,421.43
Southwestern Bell	\$44,412.42	Southwestern Bell	\$138,385.68	Southwestern Bell	\$23,982.94	Consolidated T&S	\$7,722.29
TU Electric	\$40,181.17	TU Electric	\$125,201.42	TU Electric	\$21,698.04	Seidenfeld Lilly	\$7,054.46
William M. Fuller	\$25,014.01	William M. Fuller	\$77,941.71	William M. Fuller	\$13,507.70	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	\$6,903.01
BHP Petroleum Co.	\$15,956.17	BHP Petroleum Co.	\$49,718.20	BHP Petroleum Co.	\$8,616.42	Key Bros. Implement	\$6,626.89
The Cynara Co.	\$15,491.35	The Cynara Co.	\$48,359.23	The Cynara Co.	\$8,380.90	West Texas State Bank	\$5,377.04
Texaco Inc.	\$13,772.56	Texaco Inc.	\$42,914.24	Texaco Inc.	\$7,437.26	Pride Petroleum	\$5,376.01

Christmas Day like any other in prison

There will be no bright lights, Christmas decorations or packages marking the Christmas season at the Price Daniel prison unit.

"It is a day pretty much like any other," said Warden Leslie Woods. "Just another day in the penitentiary for most of the prisoners."

There are a few reminders of the holiday season with a special meal and church services planned. Classes for the Windham school and Western Texas College extension courses are recessed for the holidays, and inmates were entertained by carolers from the senior center on Monday.

Other than these events, no special provisions are made. Inmates are allowed to receive cards, as they are throughout the year, but no packages are allowed inside the unit.

"It is not your typical Christmas," said Woods. "The inmates will have a good meal and watch television, but it is still not the American dream — celebrating Christmas at home with family and friends."



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having a sonogram, I've been told I have an enlarged adrenal gland and an enlarged aorta. Can you explain this to me and indicate what I can do about my condition?

DEAR READER: Each adrenal gland lies close to a kidney, which — in turn — is close to the aorta, the major artery supplying blood to the lower body. Thus, a sonogram (ultrasound exam) of the upper abdomen often shows the size of the aorta, the kidneys and the adrenal glands.

The most common cause of an enlarged aorta is an aneurysm: Part of the aortic wall weakens and bulges. This condition is serious because as the aortic wall stretches, it becomes weaker and, after a time, may burst, causing instant death. More commonly, small amounts of blood leak through the dilated tissue, causing abdominal pain.

The only way to cure an aortic aneurysm is to remove it and replace the damaged area with a synthetic

graft. As you can imagine, this is major surgery that carries risks.

Experience has taught vascular surgeons that not all aneurysms must be repaired; small weaknesses can be monitored by sonograms, then surgically corrected only if they leak or reach a critical size (usually 6 centimeters in diameter). Therefore, I cannot comment about your options without knowing the size of your aneurysm and whether you have had symptoms. Follow your doctor's directives.

I suspect the adrenal enlargement was discovered by accident during the ultrasound exam of your aorta. The adrenal glands manufacture cortisone and other substances necessary for good health. Sometimes one or both adrenal glands enlarge; this may be due to a tumor or simple overgrowth of the glands.

To determine if your enlarged adrenal needs treatment, you'll have to undergo further testing. For example, serum cortisol and ACTH levels will tell your doctor whether your adrenal gland is functioning normally. If so, no therapy is necessary. Adrenal malfunction, however, would require an operation to remove part of the adrenal gland or a tumor. Again, you should follow your doctor's advice about how to proceed.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have gas. It pops out at the most inopportune times and goes on all day long. At my doctor's recommendation, I have stopped drinking milk or eating foods that cause gas, yet the problem continues. Fortunately, there is no odor, yet people can hear me. Help!

DEAR READER: Intestinal gas is usually caused by swallowing air while eating or drinking. Also, certain foods, such as beans and legumes, are associated with excess gas.

If you are unable to control the gas by altering your diet, I suggest you try a new product called Beano. This natural substance is available in supermarkets and drugstores. A few drops a day in your food should relieve your

gas.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Digestive Gas." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please provide information on stasis dermatitis. My doctor has prescribed a topical ointment. Is he on the right track?

DEAR READER: In order for skin to remain healthy, it has to have a good blood supply. Fresh arterial blood must replace used, oxygen-deficient blood, which returns to the heart in the veins.

Many people suffer from venous disease of the legs. Most often this takes the form of stasis: As the leg veins enlarge and swell with age, venous blood pools in them, preventing fresh blood from entering the lower legs. This stasis causes a type of dermatitis marked by dry, scaling, itching, thickened skin that darkens with time. Fundamentally, these skin changes are a consequence of poor blood circulation to the skin. Stasis dermatitis is common in adults with varicose veins.

Your doctor has prescribed an ointment that may contain cortisone (to reduce inflammation), emollients (to moisturize the skin) and antibiotics (to prevent infection). This treatment is on the right track — but doesn't go far enough. You need to improve circulation.

I recommend that you elevate your legs whenever possible (gravity will help drain the veins), use elastic stockings (to prevent further venous dilation) and consider having the most troublesome veins treated either with injections (to obliterate them) or with surgery (to remove them). You may not wish to consider aggressive therapy at present, but you can help the situation by following the other suggestions I have offered.

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Drug dealer loses cocaine

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A drug dealer apparently lost track of 132 pounds of Colombian cocaine in the trunk of a car parked near Los Angeles International Airport, an official said.

The cocaine was in packages marked with the word "uno," Spanish for "one." That indicates it came from the Cali Cartel, a Colombian group that is the main supplier for Southern California drug dealers, said John M. Marcello, a spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"It's not going to be a white Christmas for some of these traffickers," he said.

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Guardian with HIV virus convicted of sexual assault

HOUSTON (AP) — A 48-year-old man convicted last week of aggravated sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl has passed along to the child the virus that causes AIDS, police and prosecutors say.

Lyonell Gassery, guardian for the girl, was sentenced Friday to 75 years in prison for assaulting the girl in a Sugar Land residence, where he was watching over up to six girls while their mothers were either in jail or living out of state.

The girl has tested positive for the HIV virus, authorities say.

Two similar cases are pending, including one in which Gassery in 1986 allegedly spread the HIV virus to a 13-year-old who later gave birth to an AIDS-infected baby.

"It's just unreal," Gordon White, assistant district attorney for Fort Bend County, who prosecuted Gassery, said Monday.

"What I believe is that this guy took these girls and was raising his own little harem. It really is pretty perverse," White said.

Gassery declined to testify during his first trial last week, but told

The Houston Post in an interview Sunday at the Fort Bend County Jail that he is innocent.

He described a plot by county Children's Protective Services officials, who he claims beat the girls to force them to testify against him. He said CPS was out to get him because he told the FBI about the beatings.

"It's a big cover-up," he said. "I've never had sex with any of them. That's not right. They just forced those girls to say all that."

White said Monday that he didn't know whether Gassery contacted the FBI.

Carpenter convicted for killing, barbecuing his neighbor's pet dog

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A carpenter who bludgeoned and barbecued his neighbor's dog and then placed the animal's severed head on the neighbor's gate was convicted for felony animal cruelty.

A jury deliberated two hours Friday before finding Joseph Vera guilty of cruelty for eating the mixed collie-pit bull terrier on Sept. 19.

Vera, a resident of the desert town of Adelanto, faces a maximum three-year sentence. Defense attorney Mark Shoup said he would appeal.

Vera, 29, said he killed Astro when the dog attacked him in his back yard. He said he had not

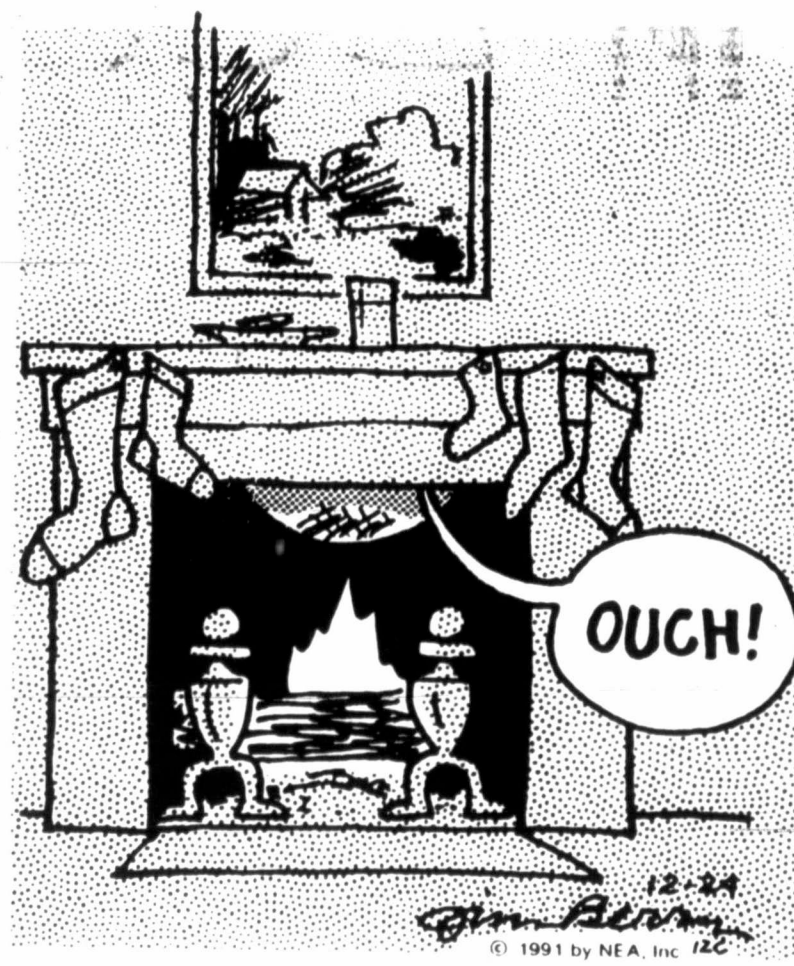
eaten in two days because he hadn't been paid.

"I stood over him, looked at him," Vera testified. "I saw different types of meals I could make out of him." He said he learned to butcher animals from his grandmother.

Vera said he planned to freeze the dog meat for future meals and barbecued part of Astro in his front yard, flavoring the pet with salt, pepper and lemon.

But Prosecutor John Tomberlin said the motive was not hunger or fear of the dog but revenge against Astro's owner, Howard Pinchbeck, with whom he had quarreled. Vera bragged about the deed in jail, Tomberlin said.

Berry's World



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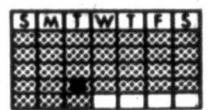
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 24, 1991

Today is CHRISTMAS EVE. It is the 358th day of 1991 and the 3rd day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, the United States and Great Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kit Carson (1809-1868), U.S. frontiersman-soldier; James Joule (1818-1889), physicist; Matthew Arnold (1822-1888), poet-critic; Howard Hughes (1905-1976), industrialist; Ava Gardner (1922-1990), actress.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was selected to arbitrate a dispute between the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Amateur Athletic Union.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "For the loot, honey, for the loot." — Ava Gardner, on why she came out of retirement to appear on a prime-time soap opera.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1983, record high pressure for the 48 states was observed at Miles City, Mont. Chicago (-25 degrees) and Wichita, Kan., (-10 degrees) reported record December cold.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 21) and last quarter (Dec. 27).

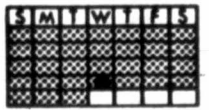


TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET Ah, the rituals of the holidays: thawing frozen cookies in the microwave! © 1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 25, 1991

Today is CHRISTMAS. It is the 359th day of 1991 and the 4th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 800, Charlemagne was crowned Holy Roman Emperor.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clara Barton (1821-1912), founder of American Red Cross; Humphrey Bogart (1899-1957), actor; Ken Stabler (1945-), football star, is 46; Larry Csonka (1946-), football star, is 45; Barbara Mandrell (1948-), singer, is 43; Sissy Spacek (1949-), actress, is 42; Rickey Henderson (1958-), baseball player, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, Garo Yepremian kicked a 37-yard field goal in the second overtime to give the Miami Dolphins a 27-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in the longest game in NFL history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "People perceive me as a happy-go-lucky, stable person, and it's perfectly true. Maybe I can be the way I am in real life because I get paid to freak out." — Sissy Spacek

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, heavy snow paralyzed much of Colorado. Denver's Stapleton Airport was shut down for 33 hours, and all highways out of the city were closed.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 21) and last quarter (Dec. 27).



TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET After the folks take the paper and ribbons off the gifts, that's when the real gift "rapping" begins. © 1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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NEW OFFICERS — Leading AARP next year will be, from left, Ruth West, president; Leighton "Doc" Griffin, vice president; Velma Lunsford, secretary; Ben Odorizzi, treasurer; and Mildred Pevehouse, chairman of the nominating committee. (Contributed Photo)

Best selling books

- FICTION**
1. "Scarlett," Alexandra Ripley
 2. "No Greater Love," Danielle Steel
 3. "Needful Things," Stephen King
 4. "The Sum of All Fears," Tom Clancy
 5. "The Domsday Conspiracy," Sidney Sheldon
 6. "Sapphire Rose," David Eddings
 7. "Gone With the Wind," Margaret Mitchell
 8. "Remember," Barbara Taylor Bradford
 9. "Night Over Water," Ken Follett
 10. "All the Weyers of Pern," Anne McCaffrey

- NON-FICTION**
1. "Me," Katharine Hepburn
 2. "Memories," Ralph Emery
 3. "Under Fire," Oliver North
 4. "Uh-Oh," Robert Fulghum
 5. "More Wealth Without Risk," Charles J. Givens
 6. "The Frugal Gourmet Celebrates Christmas," Jeff Smith
 7. "Awaken the Giant," Anthony Robbins
 8. "Childhood," Bill Cosby
 9. "The World Is My Home," James A. Michener
 10. "The Best Treatment," Dr. Isadore Rosenfeld

(Courtesy of Waldenbooks)

A tornado is a violent rotating column of air forming a pendant, usually from a cumulonimbus cloud, and touching the ground. It usually starts as a funnel cloud and is accompanied by a loud roaring noise. On a local scale, it is the most destructive of all atmospheric phenomena.



HOSTESS CLUB — Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club hosted the Christmas party for all extension clubs in the county. From left, back row, are Odis Craig, Ruby Gregory, Pauline Withers, Evelyn Shifflett, Verlene White and Joy Early. On the bottom row are Dale Neves, Pauline Broyles, Marie Pratte and Sheila McCormack. (Contributed Photo)

Installation held at Inn

Willow Park Inn was the site for the AARP Chapter 2063 banquet, held on Dec. 16. Highlighting the meeting was the installation of

officers. Paul Gentry, assistant state director, installed Ruth West as president; Doc Griffin, vice president; Velma Lunsford, secretary; Ben Odorizzi, treasurer; and Mildred Pevehouse, chairman of the nominating committee.

Following the recognition of the out-going officers, Gentry reviewed the chapter's by-laws.

He reminded the group of the Biennial Convention to be held in San Antonio June 2-4, 1992. Suggesting members make their reservations early by contacting the secretary, he advised a bus will be available for attending.

Forty-two members voted to give \$100 to the Goodfellows organization. Two guests attended.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-24-91
 ♠ 7 6 4
 ♥ A 7 6 5 2
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ 9 3 2

WEST ♠ 8
 ♥ J 8
 ♦ Q 9 4 2
 ♣ Q 10 7 6 4

EAST ♠ 10 9 5 2
 ♥ 10
 ♦ 10 6 5 3
 ♣ A K J 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A K J 3
 ♥ K Q 9 4 3
 ♦ A K J
 ♣ 8

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2♦	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Matchpoint duplicate bridge, like the push-me-pull-you in "Dr. Doolittle," is a strange beast. Sometimes you have to risk your "laydown" contract in quest of an overtrick. At other times, you should double the opponents when you have no assurance of success.

Some of the mystique has been removed in a new book by Ron Klinger, "50 Winning Duplicate Tips" (Gollancz, \$11.95, 212-866-5860). The tips are practical, not esoteric. Applying them at the table will improve your scores.

Tip 37 is: "If you have two ways to try for an overtrick, take the line that offers the better chance of success without jeopardizing the contract or a good matchpoint score."

How would you play in either six hearts or four hearts, the defenders starting with two rounds of clubs?

In six hearts, you are faced with two finesses. In this situation, start by cashing the A-K of the suit in which you have the greater number of cards. If the queen doesn't drop, finesse in the other suit. Here cash the A-K of spades. If the queen doesn't appear, cash the diamond ace, cross to dummy with a trump and take the diamond finesse. If it wins, you are home. If it loses, probably you will finish two down, but even one down would be a poor score.

In four hearts, you should ensure 11 tricks. Cash the A-K of diamonds. If the queen doesn't drop, cash the spade ace, ruff the diamond jack in the dummy, and take the spade finesse. If it wins, you collect 12 tricks. If it loses, you still win 11 and should get a decent score.

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Mother-Daughter Relationship Is Toppled by Mountain of Debt

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, I lent my daughter and her husband \$35,000 so they could purchase a home. I told them that they could pay me back when they were financially able. (No mention was made about "interest.")

After two years, there was nothing said about repaying the loan, so I asked them when they intended to pay me back. They just looked at each other, then changed the subject. By the way, their combined incomes come close to \$100,000 annually.

Now they tell me that they considered the money a gift, and they will not be paying it back! Needless to say, we are not speaking. Is there anything I can do to get my money back? Can I take them to court?

BESIDE MYSELF IN
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR BESIDE: Can you take them to court? Of course you can, but in the absence of a written note stating that the \$35,000 was a loan, you not only bought them a house — you bought yourself a headache. Your first order of business: Call your lawyer.

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old, and my best friend just died. Her name is Beeper. She is a bird — a finch, to be exact.

Beeper died all of a sudden. She wasn't even sick. Yesterday, she was fine. It really hurts to lose a pet without any kind of warning. Some people might think losing a bird is nothing to feel miserable about, but Abby, Beeper meant the world to me, and I can't even weep for her because I'm afraid people will laugh.

I just had to write to you to express my feelings. I hope you won't think I'm silly. I am really sad. People say, "Get another bird — it will help you get over losing Beeper." Abby, do you think I should get another bird?

APRIL SOLOMON

DEAR APRIL: Yes, but don't try to replace Beeper with a finch that looks like Beeper. A pet like a human friend — can never be replaced.

DEAR ABBY: You often hear from people who feel trapped into "competitive grandparenting," feeling they must match the in-laws gift for gift. The same sort of competition can develop between parents and stepparents. The kids encourage it because of all the goodies they get.

I recently heard my mother deal with the issue in a wonderful way. My sister's 5-year-old was visiting my mother and asked, "Are you going to take me to the toy store? Grandma Johnson always does."

I was horrified because my parents are nowhere near as well off as the "Johnsons." But Mother didn't get defensive. She just said, "Different grandmas are good at different things. Grandma Johnson is your shopping grandma; I am your cooking grandma." And they went into the kitchen and made brownies!

Isn't that beautiful? I don't have any grandkids yet, but I have already decided to be their "reading grandma."

AUNTIE M IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR AUNTIE M: I admire your mother's sense of values. Every child should be so lucky as to have a "cooking grandma."

DEAR READERS: Have a merry Christmas, but to ensure that it will be a merry one for all — if you're driving, don't drink; and if you're drinking, don't drive!

DEAR ABBY: This concerns "Name Withheld," who wrote: "I invited my sister-in-law over for dinner. She came and brought her dog. After

dinner, she took a plate of leftovers, set it on the floor, and let her dog lick the plate clean. I was appalled!"

You, too, were obviously "appalled" because you suggested that "Name Withheld" should buy her sister-in-law a couple of doggie dishes.

Abby, a dog's saliva is antiseptic — that's why dogs instinctively lick their wounds. I would much rather have my dog lick my spoon than take a taste off a spoon that has been in a human mouth.

Aren't dogs wonderful?
JAN IN ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR JAN: Dogs are indeed wonderful, but Dr. Erwin David, my veterinary expert, says: "Dog saliva is by no means antiseptic. Several species of bacteria have been found in the saliva of clinically healthy dogs; so for hygienic reasons, I would advise Jan to keep her dog dishes and people dishes separate."

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to "In a Quandary" — the person who saw an older woman who resides in a retirement home shoplift a couple of inexpensive items (a lipstick and bottle of nail polish) in a shopping center store.

As a court reporter for more than 20 years, I have seen it demonstrated over and over that shoplifting is very often a sign of stress — especially in older people. It covers all social strata: movie stars, executives — people with plenty of money in their pockets at the time. A little investigation will usually uncover the recent death of a spouse, illness, depression or some other emotional distress.

The same is true of exhibitionists — as in the case of Pee-wee Herman, for example. I couldn't believe that no one came forward with this bit of information. Check it out. We need to put our arms around these people and ask, "What's the problem?"

To haul them out publicly and label them "criminals" is ignorant and unsympathetic.

KAY D., SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR KAY: Orchids to you for pointing out that good people will often behave uncharacteristically under pressure or stress.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, your "Chuckie for Today" read:

When George Jessel took Lena Horne to a famous restaurant, the doorman asked, "Who made your reservation?" Jessel replied, "Abraham Lincoln."

Abby, it was George Jessel, all right, but it wasn't Lena Horne. It was Sammy Davis Jr. And it was not a famous restaurant; it was a hotel.

Over the years, that incident has been attributed to Harry Belafonte, Milton Berle, Joey Adams, et al.

WESTPORT PETE

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Man asking for change fatally shot in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man trying to borrow 35 cents to buy a beer has been shot to death at a northside service station, police said.

Benito Gonzales, 55, was shot to death about 9:30 p.m. Saturday at a Diamond Shamrock station after he approached the passenger of a car parked near the gas pumps and asked for change, police were told.

Witnesses told Houston police that Gonzales had been asking people for 35 cents so he could buy a beer.

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Astro-graphs

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 24, 1991

Don't alter your methods of operation in the year ahead on a project you've been developing for some time. Your chance for success is greater by adhering to proven procedures.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Uncharacteristically, you might be a trifle careless with the possessions of others today. Keep in mind that if you borrow something and lose it, you'll have to replace it. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though it may seem simpler to you today, letting others make decisions for you could be a mistake. It might put you at the mercy of poor judgments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your initiative might be at a low today, and there's a chance you'll procrastinate until the last minute. And when you do get in gear, it isn't likely you'll make up for lost time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to avoid financial gambles today, especially those in which you're inclined to involve others. It'll be bad enough if you lose, but even worse if you take others down with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Matters of primary concern to you today may not be of equal significance to your mate. There's a chance you might bump into one another pursuing selfish purposes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against spreading yourself too thin today. Keep in mind: It's better to do one thing well than attempt a number of things and accomplish nothing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be a tough day on your budget. If you run out of cash, you might give your credit card more use than is prudent and end up regretting it later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In your haste to please others today, you might act against your better judgment and jeopardize your own interests. It's better to risk offending than suffer self-inflictions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your hunches might be given precedence over your usual logical perspective today. This is OK on occasion but, presently, your intuition might not be that great.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you can't keep a tight reign on your purse strings today, don't be amazed by what might happen later. When you do get it all figured out, it could be too late for your wallet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your feeling is more important to you today than fleetingly success. Don't do anything today that could afford you temporary recognition but also bring you lasting notoriety.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Unbeknownst to them, you might secretly give friends and relatives a test today regarding their generosity. Unfortunately, you may not be a fair-minded inquisitor.

Dec. 25, 1991

Positive changes could be in the offing for you in the year ahead where your social life is concerned. You'll appreciate people even more than before, and many new friends are likely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Good things could happen for you today through your social involvements. Make it a point to be convivial with everyone you encounter. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll know how to make the most out of the least today in any type of circumstance.

Your prime goal, however, will be doing what you can to make others happy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll love people in your own quiet way today and you'll instinctively know how to bring everyone together. Even shy souls will be encouraged to emerge from their shells.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You shouldn't have any problems today accomplishing what you set your mind to, as your sense of procedure will be extremely effective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your popularity is ascending to a high point and you should be well-received today, wherever you go. Regardless of the people or circumstances, just be your own sweet self.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Devoting time and attention to your family and relatives today will imbue you with deep feelings of belonging which, in turn, will enhance your sense of well-being and security.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should have an opportunity today to catch up on all the latest developments and scuttlebutt. You'll feel good being brought up to date concerning those you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if you have a number of social commitments today, you'll still be quite productive and able to get essential things done, owing to your talent for organization.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instinctively, you'll know what to do and say today to make everyone happy and, because of this gift, you're likely to find yourself the center of attention. It should be a fun day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It won't be necessary for you to be in the spotlight today in order to have a good time. Your enjoyment will come through quiet involvements with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The more people you'll have around you today, the better you'll like it, and it looks like your desires will be joyously gratified. This should be your kind of day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have a gift today for doing all the right things that generate the right types of results. Even if something unforeseen should occur, you'll handle it in stride.

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Sweetwater cattle auction market reported

The market was steady to some higher on a short, wet weather run of cattle for the Dec. 18th sale. Stocker and feeder cattle were steady to \$2 higher with pairs and bred cows steady. Packer cows and bulls \$2 higher, lower.

—Good to choice, L/W stocker steers, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per pound.

—Good to choice, M/W stocker steers, \$1.05 to \$1.08 per pound.

—Good to choice, feeder steers, \$.74 to \$.80 per pound.

—Short and plainer kind, 6 to 8 lower per pound.

—Good to choice, L/W stocker heifers, \$.89 to \$1.00 per pound.

—Good to choice, M/W stocker heifers, \$.79 to \$.87 per pound.

—Good to choice, feeder heifers, \$.71 to \$.78 per pound.

—Short and plainer kind, 6 to 8 lower per pound.

—Good cow and calf pairs, \$700 to \$850 per pair.

—Older and plainer kind, \$600 to \$700 per pair.

—Good bred cows, \$.625 to \$.750 per head.

—Older, plainer light bred cows, \$.400 to \$.600 per head.

—Better kind packer cows, \$.47 to \$.55 per pound.

—Lower yielding packer cows, \$.44 to \$.47 per pound.

—Few old hully cows, \$.38 to \$.44 per pound.

—Better kind packer bulls, \$.62 to \$.65 per pound.

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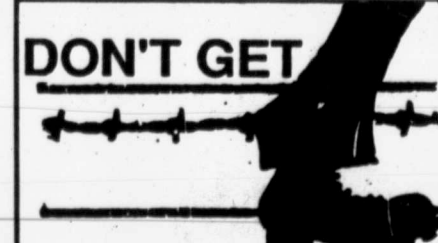


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Beuerlein draws start in post-season opener

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Steve Beuerlein, who would be the NFL's "fireman of the year" if there was such an award, will likely start for the Dallas Cowboys in Sunday's playoff game in Chicago.

"Steve has played very well for us and he is 100 per cent," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson.

"Troy Aikman isn't 100 per cent and it doesn't make sense to put a player in a game who isn't healthy. Steve is our projected starter. We'll just have to evaluate the two in practice this week but Steve will get three-fourths of the snaps."

Beuerlein carried the Cowboys (11-5) to victory against the Washington Redskins after Aikman was injured in the third period five games ago. Dallas has won all four games Beuerlein has started including Sunday's 31-27 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

Johnson said before Monday night's Chicago-San Francisco game that it didn't matter who Dallas played because "it's cold in Chicago and loud in Detroit. Both places can limit your offense."

Johnson and the Cowboys will battle the Bears and the elements in Chicago. The Bears were buried 52-14 by the San Francisco 49ers Monday night in Candlestick Park.

Dallas hasn't been in the NFL playoffs since 1985. The club posted its best season since the 1983 team went 12-4.

The Cowboys took Monday off to celebrate and running back Emmitt Thomas, who won the NFL rushing title, played Santa.

He put a bottle of expensive champagne in the locker of each teammate.

"I'm spending my playoff money before I get it," Smith said. "This present is to the team for the season. My offensive line is going to get something a little more expensive later."

Smith said he wanted the Lions.

"I'd rather be indoors," Smith said.

Smith won the rushing title by 15 yards over Detroit's Barry Sanders.

"In college (Florida), I didn't win a rushing title or anything," Smith said. "This is special. It makes up for me not winning the Heisman."

Johnson had predicted in training camp that the team would make the playoffs.

"We did it by playing one of the most difficult schedules of any of the playoff teams," Johnson said.

"We have played well as a team," said linebacker Jack Del Rio. "We have 11 wins and a lot of teams have players going to the Pro Bowl but aren't in the playoffs."

Safety Ray Horton said the Cowboys could have been 13-3 with any luck.

"We lost close games to Houston and Washington and you're looking at a 13-3 season," said safety Ray Horton. "Nobody expected us to do this. No way."

Monday Night Football finale...

San Francisco bounces Bears

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers played like they belonged in the playoffs. The Chicago Bears were beaten like they didn't.

Already eliminated from the playoffs, the 49ers earned themselves little more than some empty admiration with their 52-14 victory over Chicago on Monday night, rolling up more points than any other Bears' opponent in the last 25 years.

"If the 49ers got into the playoffs, they might win the Super Bowl," said Chicago linebacker Mike Singletary. "They wanted to show the country they belonged in the playoffs, and they did a good job of it."

The 49ers scored touchdowns the first three times they had the ball, driving 76, 97 and 69 yards without hesitating. On 12 of their first 19 plays, the 49ers gained 5 yards or more, with two other plays resulting in short-yardage touchdowns.

"It would be the understatement of the century to say we got beat by a better team tonight," said Bears center Jay Hilgenberg. "They had a point to prove. This was their playoff game."

The Bears (11-5) were playing with a chance for their eighth NFC Central Division crown in the last nine years, only to lose out to Detroit, which defeated Buffalo 17-14 in overtime Sunday. Chicago could have earned a week off and a first-round bye in the playoffs, but, because of the beating it endured Monday night, it must meet Dallas on Sunday at Soldier Field.

"The loss was important for the simple fact that this is Monday night and we'll get home Tuesday morning and we'll have to practice

Christmas Day to prepare for Dallas," said Bears safety Shaun Gayle. "Dallas is a very good team, and you have to take into consideration that we haven't seen them all year."

Four Lions tabbed to AP All-Pro unit

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Raiders, a team of stars, might be expected to have a bunch of All-Pro players. So would the Buffalo Bills, Houston Oilers and Philadelphia Eagles.

But the Detroit Lions? Yes, those Detroit Lions who made the playoffs for the first time since 1983 had four players make The Associated Press All-Pro team, which was announced Monday. That tied the Lions with the Raiders for most selections for the team, which was chosen in voting by 82 media members.

Running back Barry Sanders, a nose tackle Jerry Ball, inside linebacker Chris Spielman and kick returner Mel Gray were Detroit's All-Pro.

"Barry Sanders and Jerry Ball are well-known. They stand above the rest," coach Wayne Fontes said. "But to see Chris and Mel get recognition, that's really special."

Included among the four Raiders on the All-Pro team were both kickers, placekicker Jeff Jaeger and punter Jeff Gossett.

"The Raiders have a legacy of great players," special teams coach Steve Ortmyer said. "These are two more that have come along to bring their performance level up to a Raider standard, so to speak."

The other Raiders making the team were safety Ronnie Lott, an All-Pro for the sixth time, and guard Steve Wisniewski.

Buffalo had quarterback Jim Kelly, running back Thurman Thomas — the NFL total-yardage leader — and center Kent Hull. Houston's three players were cornerback Cris Dishman, guard Mike Munchak and receiver Haywood Jeffries, who led the NFL with 100 catches.

Philadelphia had three defensive linemen join Ball up front: ends Reggie White and Clyde Simmons and tackle Jerome Brown.

The other defensive players were Washington cornerback Darrell Green, Kansas City outside linebacker Derrick Thomas, New Orleans outside linebacker Pat

One team the Bears know they won't have to see again is the 49ers, who ended their season by winning their final six games, outscoring their last six opponents 199-94. Despite the winning

streak, the 49ers (10-6) will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

"We're not going to remember the six-game winning streak," said 49ers center Jesse Sapolu. "We have to remember the pain of not going to the playoffs. I want the hurt to be there for a long time."

"Beating the Bears was not as important as just showing everybody the way we can play right now. I think we're playing as well as the Redskins did earlier in the season."

With Steve Young making his first start since Nov. 3, the 49ers led 24-0 at the end of the first half. They outgained the Bears 355-134 and forced a turnover the only time Chicago moved into San Francisco territory.

Young completed 11 of his first 12 passes for 204 yards and three touchdowns over San Francisco's first three possessions. Jerry Rice caught two touchdown passes — including a 69-yarder that made the score 21-0 — and Jamie Williams caught one.

Young completed 16 of 22 passes for 275 yards in the first half, and wound up 21 of 32 for 338 yards and three touchdowns to finish as the highest-rated quarterback in passing efficiency this season, an honor he could not enjoy Monday night.

"I can't imagine we're not in the playoffs the way we're playing," he said. "This game was an exclamation point for us."

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
First Round
Saturday, Dec. 28

LA Raiders at Kansas City, 12:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 29
Dallas at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, Jan. 4 or Sunday, Jan. 5

AFC home teams: Buffalo and Denver
NFC home teams: Washington and Detroit

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12

AFC Championship
NFC Championship

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Minneapolis

AFC champion vs. NFC champion

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	458	318
y-N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	314	293
Miami	8	8	0	.500	343	349
New England	6	10	0	.375	211	305
Indianapolis	1	15	0	.063	143	381

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Houston	11	5	0	.688	386	251
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	292	344
Cleveland	6	10	0	.375	293	298
Cincinnati	3	13	0	.188	263	435

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Denver	12	4	0	.750	304	235
y-Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	322	252
y-LA Raiders	9	7	0	.563	298	297
Seattle	7	9	0	.438	276	261
San Diego	4	12	0	.250	274	342

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washington	14	2	0	.875	485	224
y-Dallas	11	5	0	.688	342	310
Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	285	244
N.Y. Giants	8	8	0	.500	281	297
Phoenix	4	12	0	.250	196	344

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Detroit	12	4	0	.750	339	295
y-Chicago	11	5	0	.688	299	269
Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	301	306
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	273	313
Tampa Bay	3	13	0	.188	199	365

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	5	0	.688	341	211
y-Atlanta	10	6	0	.625	361	338
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	393	239
LA Rams	3	13	0	.188	234	390

x-clinched division.
y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

New York Giants 24, Houston 20
Green Bay 27, Minnesota 7

Sunday's Games

Dallas 31, Atlanta 27
Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 10
Detroit 17, Buffalo 14, OT
Tampa Bay 17, Indianapolis 3
Cincinnati 29, New England 7
New York Jets 23, Miami 20, OT
Kansas City 27, Los Angeles Raiders 21
New Orleans 27, Phoenix 3
Denver 17, San Diego 14
Philadelphia 24, Washington 22
Seattle 23, Los Angeles Rams 9

Monday's Game

San Francisco 52, Chicago 14

End Regular Season

NBA roundup...

Motta announces retirement

by The Associated Press

How appropriate: On the day the coach with the most losses in NBA history announces he is retiring, his team loses.

The Sacramento Kings fell for the fifth straight game Monday night, 101-90 to San Antonio, hours after coach Dick Motta said he will leave at the end of the season.

The loss dropped Motta's career record to 856-863. He is also third on the NBA's list for career victories, trailing only Red Auerbach (938) and Jack Ramsay (864).

"It's just a family decision. It's time. That's all I'm going to say about it," Motta said.

Motta, 60, joined the Kings last January. His decision was a shock to his team.

"It took me totally by surprise," Lionel Simmons said. "He's been at this a long time. He still hasn't said anything about it to the team."

In other games, Miami beat Orlando 113-102, Cleveland edged Utah 113-112, Dallas downed Houston 105-85, New Jersey defeated Atlanta 105-93, New York topped Minnesota 97-91 and Charlotte topped Philadelphia 114-106.

Rod Strickland returned from an 80-day holdout and had 12 points and six assists for San Antonio. He missed the first 24 games because of a contract dispute before settling with the Spurs on Sunday on a one-year deal for \$1.3 million.

Strickland played 35 minutes, more time than he had anticipated. Sean Elliott scored 23 points, eight during a 24-5 spurt in the fourth quarter. David Robinson

had 20 points and 17 rebounds for the Spurs.

Mitch Richmond scored 35 points for Sacramento. The Kings led 81-75 with 9:41 left, but the Spurs got the next 12 points.

After Richmond's 3-pointer and a basket by Anthony Bonner brought the Kings to 87-86, San Antonio went on another 12-0 spree.

Mavericks 105, Rockets 85

Rolando Blackman and Derek Harper each scored 27 points and Dallas went on a 16-0 streak in the fourth quarter to win in Houston.

The Mavericks led 85-83 with 9:25 remaining before Harper scored eight points during their decisive streak while holding Houston to only one basket the rest of the way.

Heat 113, Magic 102

Miami moved over .500 in December for the first time in its four-year history and sent Orlando to its 11th straight loss, the worst skid in the NBA this season.

Rony Seikaly, who fractured a finger in Saturday's game against Boston, had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat (14-13). Glen Rice added 24 points in Miami's fifth straight home victory.

Knicks 97, Timberwolves 91

Patrick Ewing had 25 points, 14 rebounds and a season-high six blocked shots as New York won in Minnesota.

The Knicks have won four in a row and seven of eight. The Timberwolves lost for the 11th time in 12 games.

Cavaliers 113, Jazz 112

Craig Ehlo made a 3-point shot at the buzzer, capping a crazy final 25 seconds that included four lead changes and lifting Cleveland over Utah.

Hornets 114, 76ers 106

Kendall Gill scored a career-high 31 points and Charlotte held on to win in Philadelphia.

The Hornets led 100-85 with 6:04 left before the 76ers reeled off 13 straight points. But Gill scored five points as Charlotte won for the third time in five road games after an 0-11 start away from home this season.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	17	7	.708	—
Boston	17	8	.680	½
Miami	14	13	.519	4½
Philadelphia	12	14	.462	6
Washington	9	17	.346	9
New Jersey	8	18	.308	10
Orlando	6	19	.240	11½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	20	4	.833	—
Cleveland	16	9	.640	4½
Milwaukee	13	13	.500	8
Detroit	13	14	.481	8½
Atlanta	12	14	.462	9
Indiana	12	15	.444	9½
Charlotte	8	21	.276	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	15	10	.600	—
Utah	17	12	.586	—
San Antonio	14	11	.560	1
Dallas	12	15	.444	4
Denver	10	15	.400	5
Minnesota	4	20	.167	10½

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Golden State	16	8	.667	—
LA Lakers	16	10	.615	1
Phoenix	16	10	.615	1
Portland	16	10	.615	1
LA Clippers	15	12	.556	2½
Seattle	14	12	.538	3
Sacramento	7	18	.280	9½

Saturday's Games

New York 106, Utah 97
Miami 112, Boston 101
Cleveland 120, Charlotte 111
Indiana 118, New Jersey 109, OT
LA Clippers 100, Minnesota 87
Chicago 117, Atlanta 103
Dallas 109, Sacramento 85
Milwaukee 110, Philadelphia 97
Washington 117, Denver 102
Seattle 120, Golden State 112

Sunday's Games

Houston 99, Orlando 94
Portland 96, Seattle 87
Phoenix 100, LA Lakers 88

Monday's Games

New Jersey 105, Atlanta 93
Charlotte 114, Philadelphia 106
Miami 113, Orlando 102
Cleveland 113, Utah 112
New York 97, Minnesota 91
Dallas 105, Houston 85
San Antonio 101, Sacramento 90

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

LA Lakers at LA Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Houston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at New York, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
LA Clippers at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Miami at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m.



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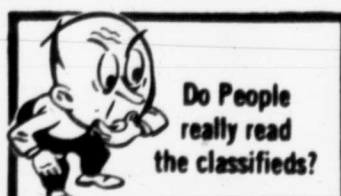
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Dear Santa,

I am making my list shorter than last year. I would like a stack of comicbooks. And a puppy a Barbie dolls. And a cichin set. And a bike And a stuff bear. I am finish whith my letter.

The End

Stephanie

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good this year I want a go car and a Nintendo also a ninja Turtle that talks. and a Tedy Bear. And Santa could you tell my mom that I love her and see

if she can get me something for Christmas. Also a wagen and a Skat Bode with a poll TaBall and two doll for my sisters also four pises of candy for my brother. and for the homeless people give them some money okay.

Love,

Charles

Dear Santa Clause,

I have been pretty good but here are some of the things I want for Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a Super Nintendo and a Sonic the Hedgehog, and a stereo with big speakers. I would also like for you to bring me dirt bike motorcycle and a go car. I want a football and some money. I want a three wheeler and a four wheeler for Christmas. I would like to move to Post Texas with my dad for Christmas.

Love,

Matthew S.

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a Nintendo. And I would like a stereo. And I would like for you to bring my mom a new paint set if you can. A for my dad I would like for you to bring him two movie tapes. And my grampa a shirt and a per of pants. That's if you can bring all of that I will be so happy. But if you cant I will understand.

Love,

Crystal Rivera

Dear Santa Claus,

I been pretty good this year. All I want for Christmas is a bike, with a radio, barbies, a toy bear, lots of clothes, a baby cradle, a big doll, a hamster and a bookself, and toys for my brothers and sisters, and

clothes the whole family and lots of shoes, and a stereo and a new car and a new house.

Merry-Christmas

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Love,

Angelica

Dear Santa Clause,

I have not been Mmm not so good this year but anyway here are some things I would like for Christmas. Turbo Fist, toy train, Survivor Shot, stearo, go car, Nintendo, Super Nintendo, Game boy, Ninja Turtle figures, globe, pencil sharper (electric) Recorder, basketball, soccerball, tennis racket with ball, and computer that's all I want for Christmas and here are some things for my sister (14 carrot) gold ring, shoes, sunglasses, dress, Mall Madness Babysitters Club game and that's all I plan to give her.

Love

Jose Lopez

Dear

Santa Claus, I have been a very good I want you to bring me alot of Christmas things. I want a super nintendo and a saga geneses and I want want school clothes and new shows.

Love,

Edwin James

Thank You
Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus

What I want for Christmas is a barbie doll with a barbie house. And will you bring super nintendo with super mario four and saga. But most of all I really really won't is a pretty pink bike with a basket and I won't a stereo for myself. Would you bring my brother a bike and him a remotintroll car. Will you gey my mom a dimon ring and get my teacher one to.

Love,

Renite' Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been so good this year. I would like you to bring my bother from the jail and to bring me a bike. If you can bring more toys like barbie super Nintendo, I will tank you for all the things I list and I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I love you Santa. I hope you love me and my mom, dad and my sisters and my brothers.

Merry
Christmas

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Love,

Lupe

Dear Santa Claus,

I have ben very good so would you bring me a remacon trol car. That will go up to 100 miles per hour. Win it reaches its foll spread

it will pop a willy. The willy will go a mile til will go in a twest. That is how it will go.

Love,

Leroy Mills

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish that you would bring me go gocar and a motersike that works and that has a moter and that would run as fast as a frorey and a lamergen.

Love,

Norris Williams

Thanck you Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I hope you can bring me what I want and my family wants. First I am going to ask for a little suit for my baby brother. And for my big brother I want you to bring him a leather jacket. This is what I want you to bring my two year old brother is a little puppy. For my six year old sister is a big doll. And for my eleven year old brother is some shoes. But I need to tell you what I want is a super nintendo.

By Santa

Love

Mario Fuentez

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been pretty good this year. I want a boom box for Christmas. And I want a guss who gane. And a barbie house. And bring my sister a new stereo. And my bother a real white car. And my mom a sirt whit pance. And my dad a flashlight. And my own room. And that they woue let me decrat every holiday. And other thing I want a ride on your sled.

Love,

Amanda Bernal

Dear Santa,

I have been pretty good this year. I'm going to tell you what I want but what I want for Christmas I hope you can give me it I want a supernintendo. I want you to give something for my family to a new car.

Love,

Ernest Sosa

Dear Santa Claus,

I been Mmm pretty good this year. I would like a Ninga turtle and a go cart, stereo and two bags of gold or may one many bag of gold. A bebe gun a bike, remote control car, some clothing. A super nintendo. ho! ho! ho! Merry Christmas thank you.

Love to Santa

Joey Garcia

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year for Christmas I would like some cars. Because I like to crash things. And I would like a plane. Because I like things that fly. And I would like some toy guns because I like things that shoot oh and I would like you to bring some

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Love

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Merry Christmas

Thank You

Malina Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,

What I want for Christmas, is a horse, a brown one. So when I need a ride I will have a ride. And I what a ten-speed so i can ride it. When I get board I will have something to ride. And my sister wants to lister to music so I will get her a walkman.

Love,

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Dear Santa,

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Leia Crawford

Dear Santa,

I want clothes and a gun and blue truck an a Turtles watch and a deer rifle.

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Anthony Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling well. Are you cold at the North Pole? How are your reindeer? I have been very good this year. Can you bring me some of these things for Christmas? I would like to get some B-B gun and a deer gun.

Love,

Brady Reed

Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling well. Are you cold at the North pole? How are your reindeer? I wodr wot it do at the North pole. I want a reindeer, that Glows in the dark. I have been very good. Love,

Kati Harper

I wot a Lita Marmad too in marmad.

Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling well. I want a gun. I want to know what you do-on the North Pole, I want a gun.

Love,

Trey Bowlin

Dear Santa,

I hope you feeling well. Are you cold at the North Pole. How are your reindeer? I have been very good this year can you bring me some reindeer for christmas that gloo.

Love,

Lindsay Rogers

**ALL
THINGS
BRIGHT
AND
BEAUTIFUL**

You deserve them!

**Happy Holidays
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IN A
PEAR TREE**



May all the gifts
of the season
be yours.

**District Clerk
Elois Pruitt,
Carolyn, Trina, Joan**



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THE
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Thank you for putting
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**Joy
Love
Faith
Peace**



May they be yours
now and throughout
the year.

**Precinct 4
Commissioner
Jerry Gannaway
Kathy, Billy Joe,
Stephane**

Rejoice... It's Christmas

tendo and a E.T. Movie. Merry Christmas.

Love Greg

this year. I want a toy airplane jet. My brother Chris wants one too. Santa, I love you.

Brad Williamson

Dear Santa, I want a Police's belt and all the stuff to see you in Abilene. and I want a toy Santoclaus and a toy red nose reindeer. Love,

Michael Brickey

Dear Santa, I hope you are feeling well. Are you cold at the North pole? I wanta Rudolf, a ring, and a necklace.

Chris Nault

Dear Santa, I hope you are feeling well. Are you cold at the North Pole? I want you to give me some of your toys. I want a Barbie heart.

Love, Amanda Ramirez

Dear Santa, I hope you are feeling well. Are you cold at the North Pole? How are your reindeer. I have been very good this year. I want a jeep, a ring, and a necklace.

Love Chris Moreno

Dear Santa, I want a Mickey Mouse watch for Christ mas and a mouse that the nose glows and it plays music. Little Mermaid ear rings, Little Mermaid necklace. I want a toy doll.

Love Heather Crawford

Dear Santa, I hope you are feeling well. I'm being good. How are your reindeer? I'm going to be on my couch. I want a wotr baby and a baby real cat and a outfit. I hope you make the trip. I will leave you som cookie and milk.

Danika Wood

Dear Santa, How are you feeling? I want a Rudolf that glows and plays music and a mouse that plays music.

Justin Squires

Love, Tara Taylor

Dear Santa, I hope you are feel well. How are your reindeer? Are you Cold at the North Pole? I have been very good this year. My sister and I want a large corvette. Or \$20.

Love, Sabrina Johnston

Dear Santa, Are you feeling well? How is Rudolf? I want a pirate ship of dark water.

Love, Glenn Burns

Dear Santa, I want Rudolf. I want a angel. I want a boat set.

Love, Casey Jones

Dear Santa, I would like a gun set. I want a Rudolf toy that glows in the dark. I want a toy motorcycle. I want a pop up book. I want a deer Rifle. I want a B-B gun.

Love, John David Chandler

Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I want a four wheeler, cloths, a water baby, a barbie, a barbie car, and a tumbalina I have been a good girl all year. I will leave milk and cookies for you on the Fire place.

Love Denise Thomas

Dear Santa I Love you, will you help me. I would like a big foot truck or a crusher car. Thank you very mush. Love Chase Duane Rushing.

Dear Santa I want tornado rex I have good good I want back off buzzard thank you-

Justin Squires

Dear Santa, Happy holidays. I especially want a Gameboy for Christmas. I've done what mommy has asked me to do. I've been a super duper good boy. Tell Mrs. Santa hellow for me.

love, Jed Martin

Dear Santa, I have been good. Please brine me some ninje Turtles Brine mimi some pretty, barbies. And some vampire teeth. A new bike. A play horse. A ninja turtle gulf game. Some magic ink and a Ninja coloring book.

Jeremy Stout

Dear Santa Merry chirstmas. I want a stereo. Love, Ashlye Nikki Amox

Dear Santa What I want for Christmas from Santa Clause: 1. wallet 2. tent 3. walkie-talkie 4. make-up 5. computer 6. encyclopedia 7. dictionary 8. Baby Alive 9. new Paula Abdul tape. What my sister wants for Christmas: 1. car 2. calendar 3. clothes with Mickey Mouse of them 4. Bible 5. play telephone 6. Teddy bear 7. ball 8. dolly. We will like whatever you bring. Thank you.

Love Kendall and Allie Brewster

Dear Santa, Please bring me a tool Box and tools, a watch, tape player, and a sewing machine and a starbrite doll.

Love, Shana

Dear Santa Claus I hope you had a good weekend at the North Pole. I love you. I hope you had a good time with

Dear Santa, I have very good this year I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a "Guns." merry chistmas love Kevin

Dear Santa, I have been good this year I love all my friends and family would you please bring me a slinky abd roller skates and a Key board and a Surprize Pony. Merry Christmas, Love, Rachel

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year I love all friends and family would you please bring me a bike Merry Christmas Love Hailey Putnam

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family would you please bring me a Super Nintendo and Slinky.

Love, Chris Lancaster

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my frily Would you please bring me a TURTLES merry Christmas Love Batman

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family Would you please bring Super Nintendo. Patty

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family Would you please bring me a COLittle Slinky. Merry Christmas, Love Stephen

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. I want a magic bottle baby and a barbie car. I want a star stepper pony baby and cheer bear. I love you Santa, Love, Keri

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a Barbie Jeep. Merry Christmas, Love, zip

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family would you please bring me a piano and a nintendo merry Christmas. Love, Holly

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a Ninja Turtles. Merry Christmas, Love Bret

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a piano. Merry Christmas, Love Mallory

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a key-board and Barbie jeep. Merry Christmas, Love Cindy

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a bike. Merry Christmas, Love, Tory

Dear Santa, I no I Love you Santa. I have

been very good this year. I Love my mom and my dad and Kristi and I Love all my friends. I what a Piano. Love, Kellie Mreey Christmas

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a Nin-

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I love all my friends and family. Would you please bring me a Ninja Turtles Sewer Merry Christmas. Love Wesley

Dear Santa, I love you Santa, cause you give me presents and you give my mother presents too, and you give my sisters dolls. Please send me a remote control big foot, a play telephone, and a playhouse and a doll for my little sister. Thank you, Love, Joshua Garza

Dear Santa- My name is Garrett Arney. I am 6 yrs. old. this year for Christmas I would like a Nintendo, a bike, a remote control fire engine, some games like Mouse Trap, Operation, Shark Attack, and some movies like Peter Pan, Treasurer of the Lost Lamp, and Dumbo. Please don't forget...I'm going to my Granny and Pawpaw's in Gatesville for Christmas. So bring my presents there, not here. Your cookies and milk will be in Gatesville waiting on you. Love, Garrett Arney

Dear Santa Clause, I am 5 yr. old and I'm in Kindergarten. I mind my teachers, my Mommy and my Daddy. Please bring me a "Little Miss Singing Mermaid," a "Pretty Crimp & Curl," A "Go-Go Walking Pup," a purse, play make-up, and a book about little elves.

Don't forget my sister, Jena, and my brother, Curtis. Merry Christmas Santa! I love you Molly Mason

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a urkel doll and I want some nice clothes and I want a pretty diamond ring (I hope it is not too expensive) and I want "my own baby" and I want my sister to have switches and ashes - just kidding. I want my mother mother to have a diamond ring too. For my sister I want her to have a diamond ring also. I want John to have a new tie. And I want my dad to get some new underwear and I want my half brother to get a train. And I want my stepmom to get some new pajamas. And that's all. Love, Jordan Donelson

Dear Santa, I want a B-B gun, and a Genises and my own phone, a T.V. for my room. Also a big surprise present, Because I have been cleaning my room every day. Sign..Adam Diaz P.S. Thanks for my Dad, who works so hard for us...

Dear Santa, I have been a pretty good boy

Dear Santa, I want Baby Wanna Walk, Baby Shivers, Nursey Baby and Wedding Day Midge. I want Baby Sparkles and Baby Tumbalina. That's all. I have been good. I love you. I will put some milk and cookies out for you. Love, Amanda Whitson

Dear Santa - Please bring me lots of toys. I would like a talking mermaid doll, a Barbie corvette, and a Mattell. I have been good this year. Oh Yeah, please bring my little brother a jeep to drive. Love, Brook Peterson

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas, please -- Nintendo with Chip 'n Dale, Baseball and Football. I also would like soccer goals and a soccer ball. Please send an Oilers football suit, a play sword and a Zorro suit.

Thank you Santa Claus. I wish you a Merry Christmas, too, Santa Claus. Love, Caleb Dickerson

Dear Santa, I love you. Please bring me a computer, ice cream maker, Baby Sparkles, Indian gun, tape player, make up, operation game, and spiro graph. I have been a good girl all year. I hope you have a good trip. I will leave cookies and milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. Merry Christmas, Stephanie Williams

Dear Santa, I want a cabage patch doll and Barbie stuff. I have been a good girl. Thank You, Sara Pavlovsky

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Barbie House, a Barbie Ferrari and a Barbie, and a Teddy Bear. Thank you very much, Bethany Clements

P.S. I also want a Santa doll and a Rudolph doll.

Dear Santa, I want a bike. I want a Nintendo Game. I want a racing car that goes in the grass, on the ground, and on the sidewalk. I want Double Trouble. I will leave you some cookies and milk to eat. Thank you, Lee Scott

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie car and a Barbie house. Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. I love you very much. Love, Erin Jill Cooley



Our Spirits Are Soaring

Christmastime is near!
May your joy know no bounds this holiday season.

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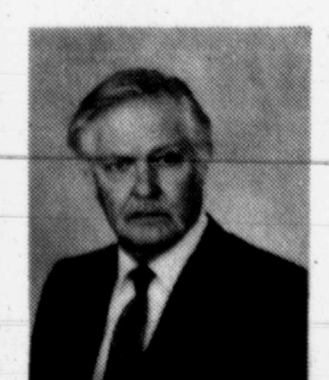
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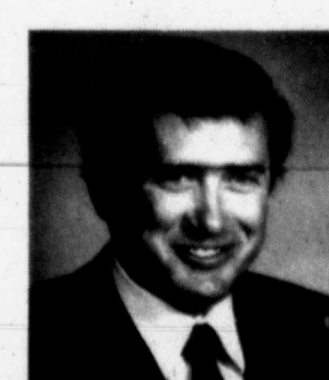
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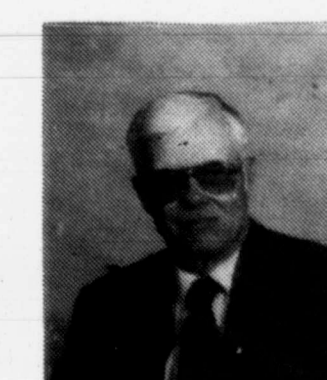
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The Physicians and Staff of Cogdell Memorial Hospital would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

Rejoice... It's Christmas

your elves.

Please bring me a Ninja Turtle Movie, an Alligator slip & slide, a Ninja Turtle, and a Mario III game.

Love
Jordan

Dear Santa,

Please bring me some remote controlled toys. I would like a Back off Buzzard game and Crocodile Dentist game too. Please be nice to my cousins and all my classmates in Mrs. Wolf's class.

Pete Bearden

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas.

I want a Barbie House, a girl that rides her bike, Suzy Snapshot, Pooch Patrol, a guitar, a Barbie telephone, and a Barbie washer and dryer.

I love you Santa.

Ashley Jade Jenkins

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Hook man, a Peter Pan sword and a game. I tried to be a good boy but I'll try harder next year.

Love
Clinton Blume

Dear Santa,

I want plastic ninja Turtle weapons, 10 Ninja Turtles, a Santa toy with a sleigh full of toys and reindeer with Rudolph with his nose like a lightbulb. A hammer that makes a sound like breaking glass, a man that crawls with a gun and makes sounds and some trick gum.

I've been a good boy this year. I'll leave some cookies and milk for you.

I want 3 more Ninja Turtle puzzles and including one that looks like a big pizza. Also a Super Nintendo with Mario World and train track with a train.

Your friend,

Chad Martin
P.S. Could you bring our new dog some dog toys?

Dear Santa,
My name is Tanner Reed. My brother's name is Jeremy. We want the following toys for Christmas:

- 1.) Battleship game
- 2.) Laser gun
- 3.) play pellet gun
- 4.) ninja turtles (Leo & Donny & Rafe & Mike)
- 5.) Operation game.

I hope that we can have all or some of these toys. We love you Santa! We have been very good.

Love,
Tanner Reed

Dear Santa

I wish to see you for Christmas. I want a bike and a big foot monster truck. and can you give my big brother a bike and my little brother a bike too. and my baby brother something thank youu Satna.

Adam Garza

Dear Saint Nick,
Please bring me a Little Miss Magic Hair and Baby Alive. Also, please bring my little sister, Kaitlyn, a Baby Sparkles and a blue ball.

Have a safe trip!

Gerrico Greenlee

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I would like a trampoline, a kite, a T.V. See you soon.

Love,
Erin

Dear Santa Claus,
On this Christmas I want a play giraffe and a trampoline and some stilt. and Play Lion and stuffed animal and a bow arrowse and a neon piggy.

I've been good.

Rankin Hardin

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Demetris, and I am 5 year's old and I'm in kindergarten. I have been a good boy this year and would like to have a trampoline, a pool table, a telephone, a Super Nintendo, a bingo, and some new clothes for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table. And please bring my brother some skates, a air hockey game and some clothes also.

Thanks Santa,
Demetris Horn

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like you to bring me an electric car, new clothes, and a crocodile game. Please bring my baby brother a helicopter. I would also like to have a batman nintendo tape. I'm leaving you some milk and cookies by the tree so you wont get hungry going to everyone's house.

Love
Aaron Lindsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Courtney and I am six years old. For Christmas I would like for you to get me a Barbie Car that I can ride in. I would also like some more barbies. I want you to give the poor people some food and some love. I love you Santa.

Love
Courtney Ragsdale

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I also want a pretend washer, and dryer for Barbies. If there are some kids that need clothes or toys, please don't forget them.

Love
Ashley Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing up there? At Northeast I'm writing a story about "Santa's Bad Cold" and Mrs. Slaus is in the story too!! It took

me a day or two to finish this letter. I started it on Tuesday and wanted to put it in the mail on Tuesday but I didn't get to. I'm going to put a picture of me in my letter so you can see what I look like in the third grade. Please send me a picture of you. Are you going to come to our school this year? Please bring me dolls, nintendo games, a bike, Duck Tails, Turtles 2, Super Mario Brothers 2, T.V., new radio, phone, tapes and anything a girl might want. My first letter was the wrong one.

Sincerely,
T Leah Lavonne Eicke

Dear Santa,
My brother and I have been very good this year.

I want a soccer goal and a Little Mermaid Nintendo game.

My brother, Clayton, wants a Weebles firetruck.

We will leave cookies for you and hay for your deer.

Love,
Hadley and Clayton Hirt

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a good girl all year. I want a boyfriend and a husbian bad.

I want a baby face and a car and my drivers license and a swimming poll and a water bed and 1,000 dollars and colored T.V.

Your freind,

Jennifer

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a game boy, a best friend, a necklace with a cross, snow, candy, clothes, shoes, a puppy, a pony, a dimon ring, and if you can't get me all ten things then I just want a good Christmas.

Your friend,

Amy Campos

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a good girl all year. I

want a car, and a barbie car, and a desk, and a baby sister, and a best freind. That is Amy. And some one to play with me in my house. and if you can bring me a game boy and some new clothes and some shoes.

Your freind,

Melissa P.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Super Nintendo because I want to share with it with my brother. And I want a boy-friend because we can have fun together. But the best thing I want is a Christmas doll. The Game boy game I want to have one of those. But I want some cats to play with I want to have new clothes to have for clothes. But I want some new shoes becuse I only have ragged shoes. I want a keyboard becuse I want to learn my notes. I want a dog to play with. But for winter I want a scarf for my neck. But I want some more pet I want a hamster pet and a rabbit.

Your friend,

Jeanette

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been the best I could be. For Christmas I want a ten-speed bike, a keyboard, clothes, shoes, \$20.00, a nintendo, nintendo games, a cassette player, a color tv, a VCR, a stereo set, a swimming pool, and a trampoline. I'll be waiting for you.

Love,

P.S. If I don't forget, I'll have some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa Claus,
This is my wish list and please get me some of it. A mickey mouse watch and some clothes layers they are boots for me. size 5 1/2.

Your freind

Sheila Garza

Dear Santa Claus,
Could you bring me a Super Nintendo, Phone, Keyboard, Go-Kart, Gameboy, Fastrack car, Electric Guitar, V.C.R., S.A.M.-3 and a Hamster.

Your frind,

Nicholas.

Dear Santa Claus

I be good. I want Super Nintendo and games for it.
And I want a Seuga Genisses and a game for it to.
And \$9,000,000,000.
A big foot and a muche gun and fure go cars and a motorcycle and a bike and cloths, and place get my mom and dad a pretty New house. I want a makcontron car and truck. get my brothers and sister want ever they want. I want a litreck ginger and drums and a game boy.

Your frend
Angel Vasquez

Dear Santa Claus,
This year you know I've been nice so please bring me these things! Genesses Super Nintendo. Nintendo games (like) punch out Morio (-2=N=3=) girlfriend clothes Limo (for our family) Huffu bike T.V. set 4 bed room house Jam==box twin guitar gameboy (Mario land=smash T.v.=Morio world keyboard trampoline swimming pool.

Your friend,
Jose Luis Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me every kind of Barbie you have up there at the North Pole. Please sent all the cars, clothes and Barbie stuff too, pretty please.

I hope you have a nice Christmas.

I Love You,
Kelsi Johnson

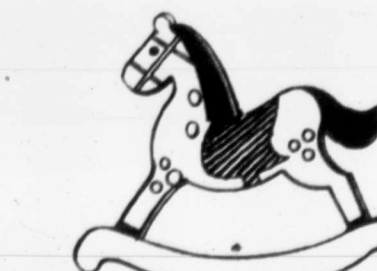
Dear Santa,
I want for christmas cut & grow, quints, and magic bottle nursery baby, school fun barbie

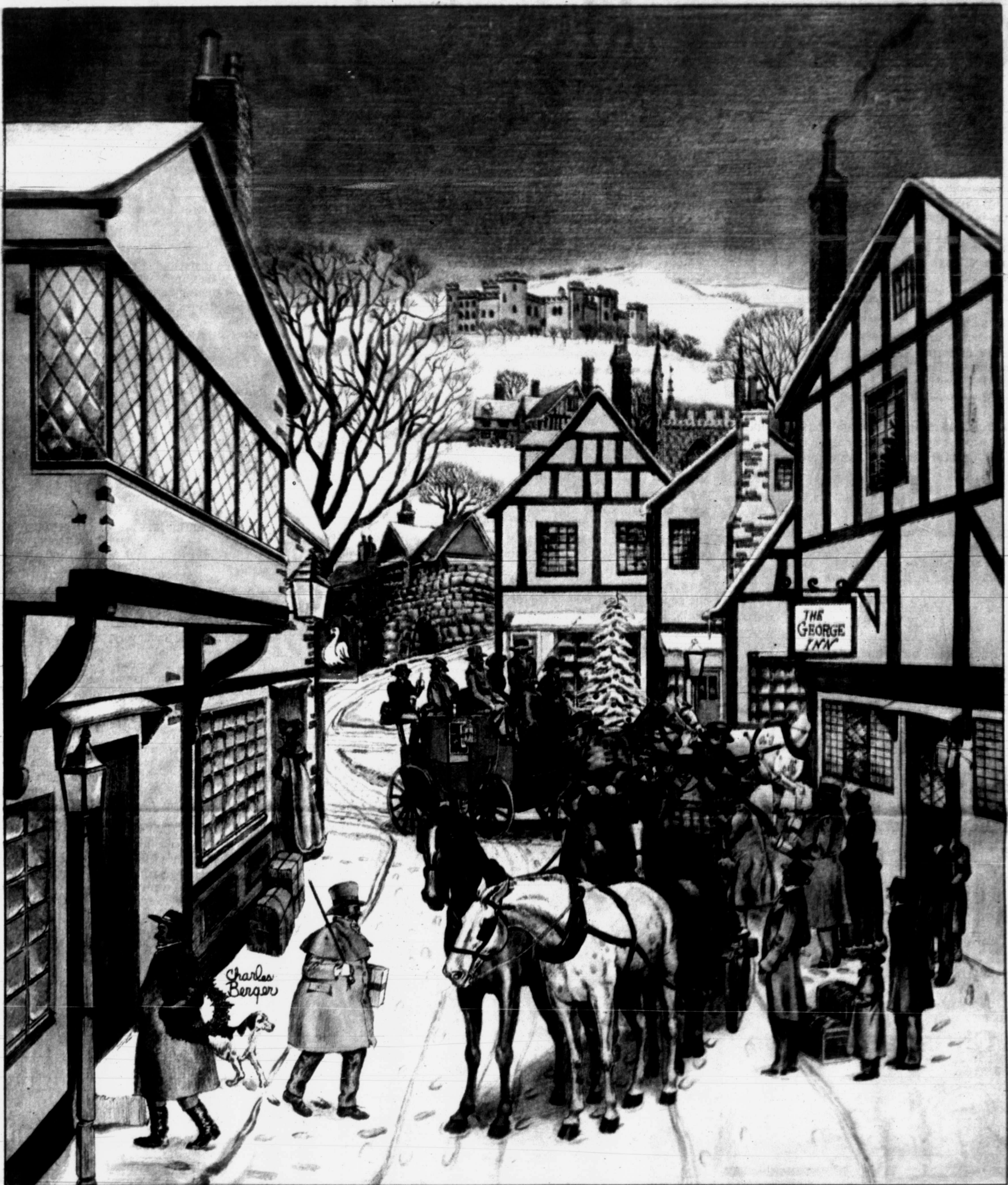
Love,Sara

Dear Santa,
Umm...I want a Barbie Jeep, a bike, a Water Baby and a Easy Bake Oven. Oh Yeah, and an Ice Cream Maker. I've been good. I'll be at Grandma's house. Don't forget to wear your seat belt. Fly careful. I love you.

J.J. Mandrell

Baby's First Christmas 1991





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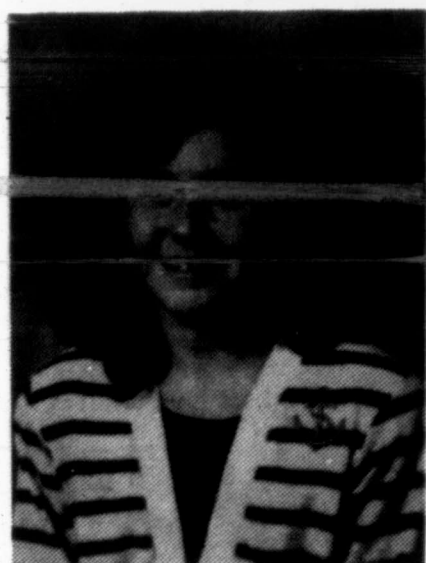
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Rejoice... It's Christmas

Dear Editor,
I am 10 years old. I go to school at Stanfield Elementary. I have lots of friends. Some of them think that there is no Santa Claus. That it's just your parents. Please tell me the truth. Is there really a Santa Claus?
Thanks for your help,
Mimi Stout



In response to Mimi's letter, we can think of no better answer than the famous editorial which first appeared in The Sun, Sept. 21, 1897.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of *The Sun*:

Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun* it's so."
Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th St.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not com-

prehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist; and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. As! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside; but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church

Dear Santa,

We think we have been pretty good boys this year — what can you expect at 2½ years of age and everything we touch or do or think about touching or doing results in a stream of "no, no, no!"

Please bring us each a bicycle, books, boots, balls and tools so we can help Daddy fix things. We are doing better at sharing things, but it's nice to have things for each of us if we can.

Give Mrs. Claus a kiss and tell each of your reindeer "hi" for us. Thank you, Santa. Merry Christmas!

Jamie and Casey Arnold
P.S. Please remember all our great friends and family, too!

Dear Santa;

I'm Amy. I live in Snyder and I always leave cookies and milk out. I want a lot of things for Christmas. Like a box of colors and paint, books, jump rope, Barbies, stuffed animals, and monopoly.

Merry Christmas to all and a good night.

Amy Chambers

Dear Santa;

Can I write you a Haiku? I will. Santa is funny. I like Santa very much. I love you Santa.

For me I want some more Barbie's, a large house and to stay in Snyder.

Shahala Massingill

Dear Santa;

This year I don't want any presents. All I want is for my mom to get better.

Love, Glenda Parra
P.S. I hope you can.

Dear Santa;

I want for Christmas for my mom to get well because she feels real sick. I want her to get real, real better and most of all I want to get out of school because everybody gets me in trouble and they make fun of me so I get mad.

Your friend, Jesse Guzman

Dear St. Nicholas;

I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a Silver Streak Model 5G pellet rifle I also want a new bike for Christmas. My sister wants a oven and a fish. My Dad wants a new car. My Mom wants some pots and pans. I will have cookies and milk. I hope you come soon.

Robert Essery

Dear Santa;

I want ten super Nintendos and all the games in the world. Then I

want to see the furniture and be president and I want all the toys in the world and I want to own the state of California.

Love, J.J. Fernandez

Dear Santa;

I hope you can give me a bike. Would you get my brother a remote control car. Would you get my dad and mom a watch and a ring? Would you get my sisters a Barbie doll? And I will leave some milk and cookies.

Vincent Flores

Dear Santa;

I would like a nintendo game called Back to the Future. Hope you can come to my house. I live at Her 67 Box 84. Thank you very much.

Your friend, Trey Gibson

P.S. Or any other kind of nintendo game.

Dear Santa;

I wat you to bring me a bike and I need some clothes and some new shoes and a remote control car and a sega genesis.

R.J. Hernandez

Dear Santa;

I want a Christmas mermaid and clothes. But I want a Barbie boys and a Barbie van. Because I want a new water walk doll and a new set of dolls — any kind of dolls. Santa I've been good. And I want a bunny.

Love, Kimberly Jasso

Dear Santa;

I want a super nintendo and three games.

And I want a bike and a watch. And I want a remote control car. And a tv. Most of all I want is a necklace.

Joey Martinez

Heaven and Nature Sing!

At this time of great rejoicing, we wish our many true friends a Merry Christmas.

First Christian Church

2701 37th St. 573-6115

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Oh, The Sounds Of Christmas!

May the blessed voices of song and laughter echo through your hearts as we enter into this noteworthy season. This is a glorious time of year when feelings of brotherhood prevail and the spirit of peace on earth and harmony throughout the land prevails.

With a song in our hearts, we'd like to voice our expressions of good will and gratitude to our many fine customers and friends. Your kind support is always welcome and greatly appreciated.

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A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

May all the gifts of the season be yours.

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Rejoice... It's Christmas

Dear Santa;
I want a mini tv with a remote control. I want a walkman. I want a nintendo.
Your friend, Michelle Nobles

Dear Santa;
What I want for Christmas is a tractor and a bike and a farm set.
Love, T.C. Stipe

Dear Santa Claus;
I want a b-b gun. And a super nintendo or a nintendo game. And a shot gun. Or a twenty-two caliber. Or a pink panther. Or a my buddy. And a good doll. And a pet chow. Or a bike with a radio. Or five wrestling buddies and twenty two cars.
Love, Rudy Cabello

Dear Santa;
How are you doing? What? I know!!!!!! You are doing good. Can you get me a nintendo game called mario brothers three, and a million dollars cash. Also a remote control car. Plus a skateboard. Oh I forgot a Christmas tree.
John Russell

Dear Santa;
May name is Valerie. What I want for Christmas is a P.J. Sparkles. And a crimp and curls doll. And a new baby cabbage patch doll. And a whole bunch of Barbies. And a new doll any kind of doll. And a happy new year.
Valerie Trusty

Dear Santa;
I want a Barbie van for Christmas. I don't want very much for Christmas. Santa I like you a lot. In my class room we put up our Christmas tree.
At my house we put up our Christmas tree too.
Santa I beleive in you a lot.
Love, Alicia

Dear santa claus;
I want for Christmas is a bike and two robots. I also want a race car. I have been a good boy. And I want a nintendo for christmas.
Love, Florencio Munoz

Dear Santa Claus;
This year I want a Pretty Crimp

and Curl and the game Precept Match and the game Mall Madness and the Barbie Mansion and the Christmas Ariel Doll and a black hat.
Your friend, Leslie English

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a complete set of Score Baseball cards 91". Please bring me a watch. And a remote controll boat.
Love,
Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring my dog, Cocoa a bone. I want a car that goes. A model car. I want a shirt and bring tools for my Grandad. For my grandmother please bring a necklace.
Love,
Marcus Villarreal

P.S. I have been good!

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer Monique Ruiz And I am seven years old. And I would like ski fun barbie and her chocolate shop. Also clothes for her so I can change her. Also a barbie case. And some clothes for Me. And a pretty sweater also some perfume and some powder. And a umbrella when it rains. And that Easy bake oven and that Where's Waldo doll. Also that where's waldo world game. Also my own checkers.
Thank you
from Jennifer Monique Ruiz
I have been a good girl this year.
P.S. Bring my little brother Jeremy lots of toys to play with.

Dear Santa,
I want a train set, a dump truck, clothes, flashlight animal farm.
Thank you
Jeremy Michael Ruiz
I have been a good boy. I am three years old.

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Thank you
Jeremy Michael Ruiz
I have been a good boy. I am three years old.

To: Santa North Pole
Dear Santa,
My name is Whitley and I am 3 years old. I have been pretty good and I go to Rainbow School. Can you bring me a Barbie Power Wheels? I think I can drive it all by myself. I also want a doll, clothes, and lots of toys and candy. I will leave you some cookies and milk

by my Christmas tree, ok.
Love you Santa,
Whitley Fulford

Dear Santa,
I've been good all year. Please bring me a skateboard for Christmas. My brother would like a big truck.
Barrett and Brett Bowlin

Dear Santa Clause,
Please bring me a sewing machine, a scattergories game and a set of walkie talkies.
Also, please bring my brother Drew a tractor and trailer that he can rise, and a fishing pole.
We have been very good children.
We love you
Love
Becca and Drew Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a two-wheel scooter with brakes. Please make it red, white, and blue with stars on it. Please send me some Legos, a super Nintendo tape, a B-B gun, and a re-

mote controlled car.
Thank you for everything
Love,
Corey Clark

Dear Santa,
I want the needy people to have a home and to have food to eat. I also want peace in Snyder. I want the horse and trailer for Wedding Barbie, please send Wedding Barbie and her three-story house, too. I would also like a coloring book and new crayons. Have a happy Christmas!
Love,
Martha Rivera

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I'd like a Tae Kwon do Teddy and Dojo Doggie and Super Nintendo. Please may I have a big trampoline?
Thank you
Justin Englert

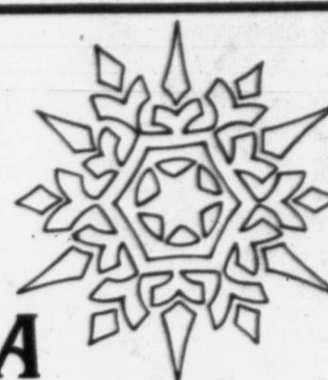
Dear Santa,
My dad has been wanting a weight bench. My mom has been wanting some chickens. My sister has been wanting a new window. My brother and I had been anting a poweer Nintendo. My whole family wants a new house.
Love,
Damon Coronado

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a stuffed reindeer like Prancer, a little pocket knife with gages, a happy world and please a little elf to prove to J.J. and Jesse that there is a Santa Claus alive here in the real world.
With lots of love
Jamie Jones

Dear Santa,
I want the needy to have a home and food. I want the horse trailer and jeep. All of this goes together. I want the Wedding Day Midge Barbie clothes, a Barbie car, the Barbie van, Barbie three story house. little miss magic hair. I want a tropical Barbie too. I want a very merry Christmas. I also want some model horses.
Have a merry Christmas.
Love
Dana Stribling

Dear Santa,
Would you please give a home for the homeless people that are in the streets. And give them a happy Christmas. And would you get me a sport car, Barbies, glasses and a present. Merry Christmas to all.
Love, Annette Perez



A Sparkling Season to All!

Thanks and happy holiday.

Dr. Bryan Cave

& Staff



Joyous Noel

May the light of His love shine upon you this Christmas season.

Our best wishes are with you.

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1600 Ave. Q 573-1133

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Christmas Cheer



What a glorious time of year for one and all!

May you carry the hope of peace and love in your heart now and every day.

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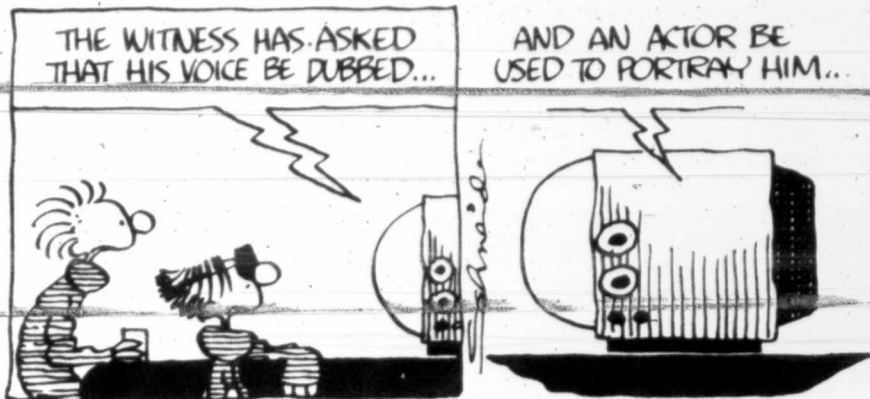
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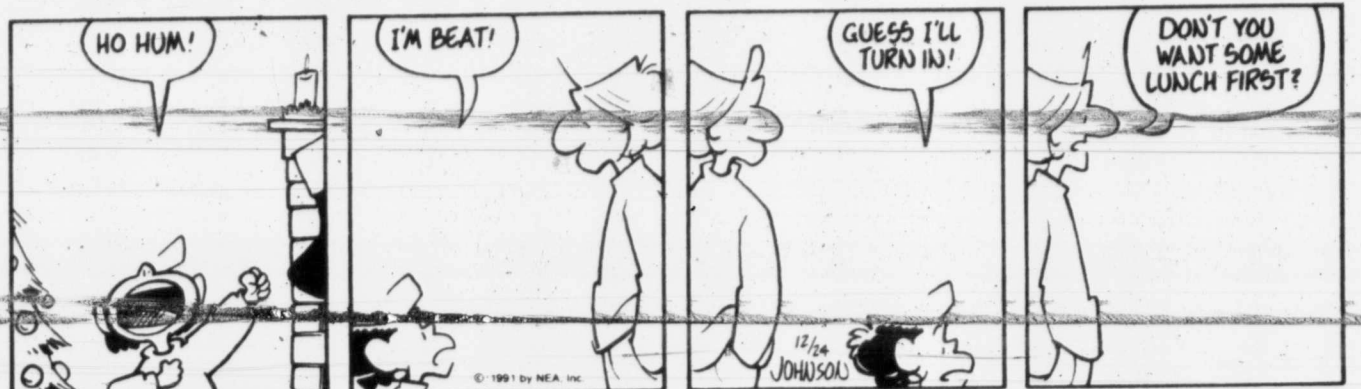
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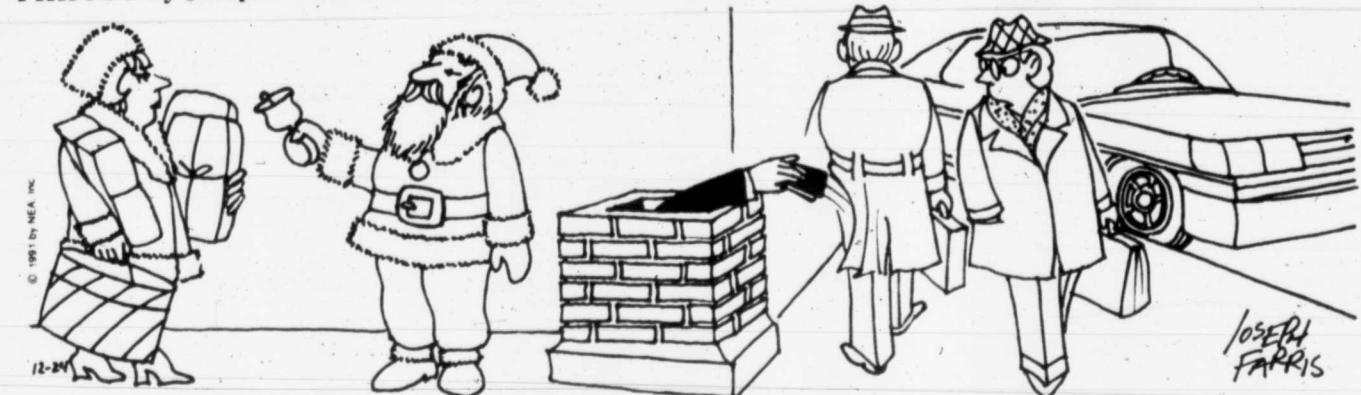
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DENNIS THE MENACE



NEA PUZZLES

ACROSS

1 Cavity in rock
4 Religious group
8 European fish
12 Excessive love of self
14 Photo fixer (sl.)
15 Drowsier
16 Composer
17 Wheel covering
18 Putting on
20 Mao — tung
23 Trigonometry term
24 Footrest
28 English coins
31 Hawaiian instrument
32 Donkey's cry
34 Actor — Bogarde
35 Glossy fabric
37 Beehive

State

39 Go to court
40 Makes fabric
42 Sent forth
44 Attention-getting sound
46 Pigpen
47 Spiral
50 Dash
54 Actor Blore
55 Elephant's prehistoric cousin
58 Singer — Minnelli
59 Hockey player Phil —
60 Remove skin of
61 Melt
62 Intermediate (pref.)

DOWN

1 Suit part
2 Citrus fruit
3 Patron

4 Head covering
5 Kin of mono
6 Told fib
7 Starchy plants
8 Did calisthenics

9 Public health worker
10 On top of
11 Tennis player
13 Track events
19 Sharp bite
21 Weep aloud
22 Off-white
24 — Finn
25 Of the same kind
26 Publish in sections
27 Kiss Me —
29 Motley — (music group)
30 Used frugally
33 Sweet potatoes
36 Moral
38 — or miss
41 Dry, as wine
43 Amateurs
45 Playwright David —
47 Beatles' movie
48 Indian tribe
49 Eye part
51 Take — view
52 Sheep shelter
53 Adam's grandson
56 Health resort
57 Drag

Answer to Previous Puzzle

UMBER UPEND
MOUSED ANOMIE
BONSAI LIPIDS
ONS CROFT LEI
ATELIER
CAPT REE ECRU
ROUT REE CAAN
ENTE PAL ABRI
WETS PAL LSAT
TURMOIL
XII NEARS PAW
MORRIS ILLUSE
AWAITS SEALED
SANDY TIERS



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DENNIS THE MENACE



NEA PUZZLES

ACROSS

- 1 Firearm owners' org.
- 4 Safety agcy.
- 8 Atlanta arena
- 12 Actor Clint
- 14 Invasion
- 15 Island of ex-ile (2 wds.)
- 16 — Domini
- 17 Grain
- 18 Of an era
- 20 — Kapital
- 23 Layer of tissue
- 24 Use again
- 28 Anatomical networks
- 31 Mrs. in Madrid
- 32 Dance costume
- 34 Pack away
- 35 — versa
- 37 Chemist's burner

- 39 From — — Z
- 40 Garden flower
- 42 — glands
- 44 Support
- 46 Rowing tool
- 47 Live together
- 50 Horse directives
- 54 Slept like —
- 55 Carved spout
- 58 — qua non
- 59 Most important
- 60 Playthings
- 61 Sweet potatoes
- 62 Occupied a bench

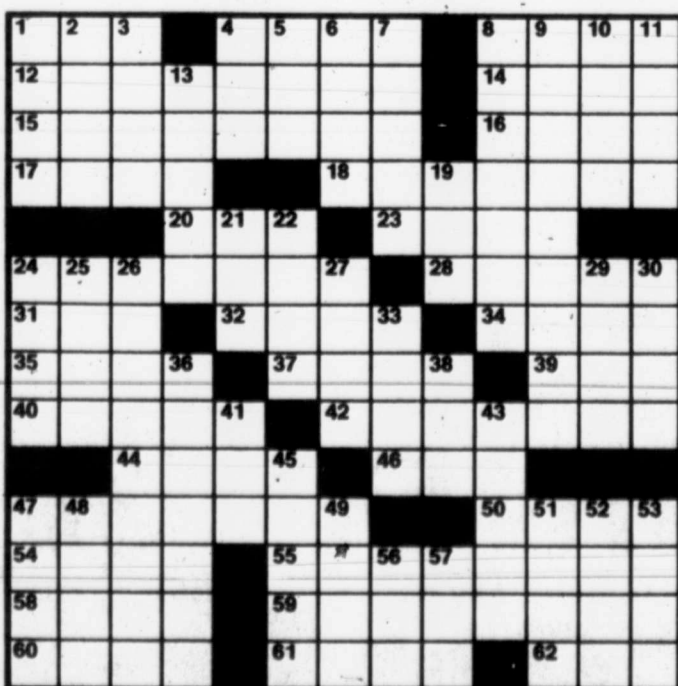
DOWN

- 1 Loch — monster
- 2 Appraise
- 3 Tennis player Arthur —

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 4 Wise bird
- 5 Wooden tub
- 6 Whet
- 7 Fit to one's use
- 8 Question answers
- 9 New York island
- 10 One of Columbus' ships
- 11 Pagan god
- 13 — bear
- 19 Over (poet.)
- 21 Behave
- 22 Pivot
- 24 Please reply
- 25 City in Pennsylvania
- 26 Din
- 27 Miss Kett of the comics
- 29 Tiny particle
- 30 Off army base illegally
- 33 Take apart
- 36 Angers
- 38 Macaw genus
- 41 Hoodlum
- 43 Plant disease
- 45 TV's Miss —
- 47 Fling
- 48 Stew
- 49 "Gone with the Wind" house
- 51 Looks at
- 52 Actress
- 53 Paving stone
- 56 Sleep stage
- 57 Laughing —



Rejoice... It's Christmas

Dear Santa,
I want the needy people to have homes and food to eat. I want all the sick people in the hospital to get well. I want a play Dalmation dog, stuffed pandabear, teddy bear, pencils, poster of animals without backbones and a poster of

Dalmations all over it, and a T.V. set. Last of all I want a Dalmation bed.
Your friend,
Stephanie Davis

Dear Santa,
I want a duster, parachute suit,

cowboy hat, chaps, Whippet, make the sick better.
Your friend,
Casey Lee Chaney

Dear Santa,
My aunt has been sick for three days and I want her to get well. I also want some new dresses and other clothes. I want to get a stuffed panda bear. And a new cassette player for my sister and I want my mom to get a new car. I also want a Nintendo. And some posters of animals in danger. I also want a Baby Alive, and big toy horse that is a girl. Last of all, best of all, I want a canopy bed.
Love
Ashley Overby

Dear Santa,
I want all the people in the world to have a merry Christmas. I want my family down for Christmas. I want my friends to be merry and for my teacher to have a merry Christmas. I want a jolly good Christmas. I want peace on earth. I want all the world's joy to come to my door.
Robin Proctor
Have a merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a sewing machine, trampoline and horse blanket for freckles. Tell Mrs. Claus hi! I wish you both a merry Christmas.
Love,
Riley Tatum

Dear Santa,
My council has been very sick for two months. Please help her to get well. I want my sister to get here safely. I want my mom and dad to get a new car. I want rollerskates. My brothers want a new T.V. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.
Love,
Amanda Fisk

Dear Santa,
I would like you to make the sick better and give the homeless a home. I would only like for Christmas a few things. A new bike, something for Cullen (my baby brother) and a puppy.
Your friend
Craig Forbes

P.S. I've been a good boy. And a merry Christmas to you too!

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me things like a Merry Christmas and joy to the world. I want my friends to have a Merry Christmas. I want my family to have Merry Christmas. And best of all peace on earth.
Love,
Eric Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a screen map for my classroom. Please bring a Barbie and a bigger Christmas tree. Thank you.
Love,
Juliet Rios

Dear Santa,
I would like a little toy bear. If you could, I want you to get my baby sister a bed. And a Barbie for Christmas night for me. Please get these things for me: a mermaid collection and a Barbie with a three story house and doors. There are a few more things. A robot, bicycle, robot wall, and a robot Barbie.
Thank you.
Love,
Jennifer Bell

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Nintendo to me for Christmas. I also would like a racing bike. My little sister would

like a walking doll. My big sister Dotty would like a pretty leather jacket. My brother, Adrian, would like a Game Boy that plays tapes. My other brother, Matthew, would like Mickey Mouse book.
Thank you, Santa.
Love
Jerome Vanderpool

Dear Santa;
How are you doing? I have been a good helper. I want a Super N.E.S. and a record-breaker. I would like a gameboy game like double drago two and Operation and Battle unit zeath and Supper R.C. Pro-Am. I also want my pal 2 Murdock the duck. I also want a new basketball and some Legos.
Have a safe trip.
Love, Nicholas

Dear Santa;
I would like a big giant radio with big giant speakers and a monster truck with cars. Please bring my brothers and sisters some toys, too. We've been good.
Love, Derek

Dear Santa;
I would like a bigfoot truck, a sled, a nickelodeon cup, and a bicycle. Please bring my brother Chris some cowboys and Indians and some guns.
We have been good boys.
Love, Kasey

Dear Santa;
I have been good. I would like some walkie-talkies, a play gun, a race car track with Darda cars, some ninja turtles and some moon shoes.
Please bring Brice some roller skates and something for Brent.
I love you, Brandon

Dear Santa;
Please bring me an 18-wheeler truck, and a remote control Fire truck. I would also like a train. I have been good. Tell Rudolph hi and I'll leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Blaine

P.S. I really, really would like some walkie-talkies.

Dear Santa; I would like a stuffed Big Bird and a Ninja Turtle. I would also like a Fisher-

Price House with people and Legos.

I have been good!
Love, Zachary

Dear Santa;
I have been a real good boy! I would like a pick-up for Christmas. I would also like a play sink and kitchen set. I like to sing so I would also like a guitar for Christmas.
Thank you Santa Claus.
Love, Jermaine

Dear Santa;
I am a good boy. I like Christmas!
I would like a train for Christmas. I would also like a toy truck. I would also like a play piano to make music.
Thank you.
P.S. I would also like a small play house for little people.
Love, Gabriel

Dear Santa;
Please bring me a Barbie doll and her house and car. I also want her kitchen.
I would also like a book, and a typewriter.
I have been very good.
Love, Vickie

Dear Santa;
I have been a good boy. I would like a bike. I would like my bike to be red.
This is all I want for Christmas.
Thank you.
Love, B.J.

Dear Santa;
I would really like some toy cars for Christmas. I would also like a Bart Simpson toy.
I would also like a Ninja Turtle toy and a ninja turtle game.
I have been a good boy.
P.S. I would like a Bart Simpson shirt.
Thank you.
Love, Jerlhad

Dear Santa;
I would like a monkey that make noise, a ninja turtle, Lego blocks. I'd also like a basketball. I have been good.
Love, Chase

Dear Santa;
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and her car. I would also like a comb to comb my hair. I would also like a pretty sleeping bag.
Thank you.
Love, Leticia

Dear Santa;
I have been a very good boy this year. I would like a toy motorcycle to ride on. I would also like some toy wrestlers. And I would like a football game. Santa I would like a ninja turtle skateboard and a ninja turtle game.
Thank you.
Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa;
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a big toy car to ride in. I would also like a Barbie doll. I would also really like some shoes and clothes. I would also like some skates.
Thank you.
Love, Heather

Santa's Ready... And So Are We!

With so many good people in one town, he'll be making an extra-long stop here. We wish you all the best!

Hillside Memorial Gardens
Colorado City Hwy.
573-5251

Peace on Earth

As we celebrate the spirit of friendship and good will throughout the world, we'd like to extend our special greetings to those of you whose friendship and patronage we hold so dear. May your holiday season be truly blessed.

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College Heights Shopping Center

There's Nothing In The World Like Christmas In The Country

And we couldn't be happier than to share it with such wonderful people. To all of you we wish a season filled with warm fires, good friends, and dreams come true.

TACO JOHN'S
4212 College Ave.

Rejoice... It's Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a very young hearted, 55-year-old male prisoner at the Price Daniel Unit at Snyder, having come here by way of Amarillo.

As you know, I have written to you every year since I was 6 years old, when I first learned to write. It seems as if you have always answered my every request since I was 6 years old and for that reason,

3. I'm thankful that I live in a free country, where I can speak what I think and write to whom I choose; and able to read my Bible and worship without fear of discrimination.

4. I'm thankful for not being bitter because of being where I am at.

Dear Santa, when you pass over the Price Daniel Unit with your sleigh and reindeer, please fly by my window so that I can hear the

Dear Santa;
I have been a good, good girl. Would you please bring me a baby doll and a baby bike. I would also really like a bike.

For Christmas I also want a purse and some make-up, some powder and lipstick.

Thank you.

Love, Krista

Dear Santa;
I am a good girl. For Christmas I would like a little Mermaid doll. I would also like the Little Mermaid, Prince Eric and Airls friends. I would also like some Barbie dolls. I think I would really like a doll house for my little dolls.

Thank you.

Love, Daniela

Dear Santa;
I have been a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a new coat. I would also like some new boots. I would also like a mermaid doll. I would really like a Teddy Rupsin doll and book. I love the wedding Barbie doll. Would you please bring me a stocking.

Thank you.

Love, Bridget

Dear Santa;
I have been a good girl. I would like some house shoes for Christmas. I would also like a baby doll. I would also like some toy dishes and a play stove. I want a Little Mermaid Doll and a Teddy Rupsin telephone. I love the wedding Barbie doll. I would also like a stocking.

Love, Tabitha

Dear Santa;
I have been a very good boy. I would like a play airport for Christmas. I also want a big foot truck with remote control. I would like a lop to loop race car track. I like Big Foot trucks and that is what I really want. Walkie Talkies is another toy I would really like. I like football and I would also like a football and a football jacket.

Love, Conner

Dear Santa;
I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a football player shirt. I would also like a toy rocket. I would also like some games to play. I would really like a barn shot target game with a gun! I would also like a choo-choo train.

I really do like Ninja turtle toys and will share them with my brothers.

Thank you.

Love, Seth

Dear Santa;
I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a Steve Urkel doll and a stuffed ninja turtle. I would also like a toy computer. I would also like a video game or a Nintendo game. I really do like ninja turtle toys.

Thank you.

Love, D'Angelo

Dear Santa,
How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blixen doing? Are you doing fine this week? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Will you give everyone a house and a Christmas tree? Will you give my dad a present? I hope your doing fine. How is Rudolph doing this week? I'm doing fine. I wish you, your helpers and Mrs. Claus a Merry Merry Christmas. Oh, will you get Mrs. Cross a cup for milk money. Ho ho ho Merry Christmas to all and to all a Merry Christmas.

Your helper,

Aaron James Sisson

Dear Santa,
I wish we didn't have to give away my kittens. My sister wants T.V. art. I want the babysitter game. I want to get my mom a pretty dress. I want to get Mrs. Cross a pretty thing. I want a new tape player. I want girl talk, a game. I want Sweet Vally High. I wish it would snow.

By,

Christie Linn

Merry Christmas Santa Clause, I want a motorcycle, a toy Machine gun and I want a bike. Tell Jesus happy birthday. I want a puppy. Tell God Merry Christmas.

From Bryan Thomason

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and your elves doing? If I was good would you please get me a stereo, a tape of Garth Brooks, roller blades and Little Miss Magic Hair.

That is all I want. So have a Merry Christmas!

Your little munchkin,
Christina Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo. I like two nintendo tapes. I like the tape of the excite bike and a mario land.

Love,
Ricky Deoloz

Dear Santa Caus,
Can I have a Nintendo tape? I Love you. How are you doing? Do you have lots of toys? I have the turtles. I like your toys?

Love,

Randy Thomason

Dear Santa
How have you been doing? I have been picking out some things I want for Christmas. Like a basketball set, a micro-



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of whom are in need, and bring
joy to their lives.'**

I know for a fact that you really do live. After all, if you're not really a living person, then who in the world is this jolly little man that says Ho, Ho, Ho, of whom lives within my heart. Sigh! I know you're real Santa and it just breaks my heart to hear some persons say that you don't exist. What a pity that those persons are missing so much. I love you Santa. Always have and always will and you know that I am telling you the truth.

Santa, I must be honest with you, as I have not been a really perfect person this past year. Every now and then, I seem to stretch the truth a little in my conversations even though I am not actually lying and sometimes I complain about not having the dainty little foods that I want, even when there are little children around the world that are starving. I seem to sometimes forget that there are other persons, especially the little children of whom have things worse than I do. Please forgive me dear Santa, for failing to remember that some people are starving at a time when I am eating like a King here in prison. It bothers me to know that I sometimes forget to be thankful for my excellent health. Sooo, Dear Santa, you see, I have failed you in the past year by failing to remember those less fortunate than I am. Santa, please forgive me.

I do have many things to be thankful for and just to name a few, they are:

1. I'm thankful that I know Peter Pan and Wendy of whom lives in my heart, because they are responsible for carrying me away to Neverland where I will never grow old. Captain Hook and Tinker Belle are forever with me.

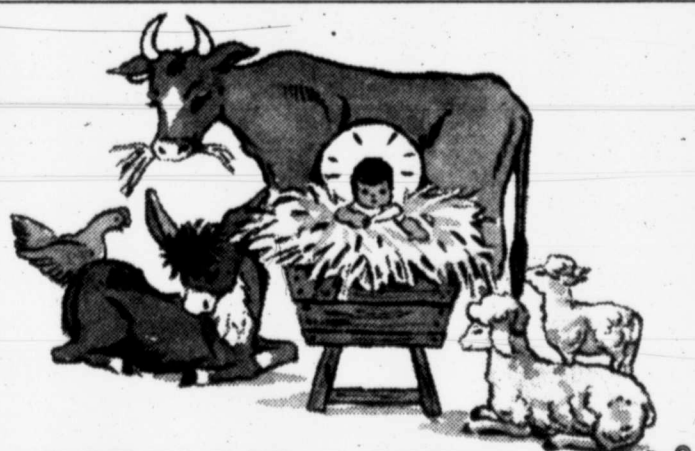
2. I'm thankful that I have been down the yellow brick road with Dorothy, Toto, the tin man, scarecrow and the lion. Had it not been for the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, then my heart would have grown old long ago.

sleigh bells ringing and the reindeer breathing. All I want you to leave me for Christmas this year is the calm assurance that you will reach every child in the world of whom are in need, and bring joy to their lives. Santa, don't miss a single one of them, wherever they are. Those of whom are sick, unloved and un-cared for and those of whom are abandoned and living in the streets as well as those of whom have parents of whom abuse them, are the very ones of whom I ask you and your reindeer to visit.

Listen!!! I think I hear you coming now. I hear coming through the wind, the sounds of Up Dancer, Up Prancer, Up Mitzen and Blitzen and Donner and of course, "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer!" Oh for the joy of knowing that Santa lives! I love you Santa.

From One Who Will Always Believe,

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Snyder, Texas

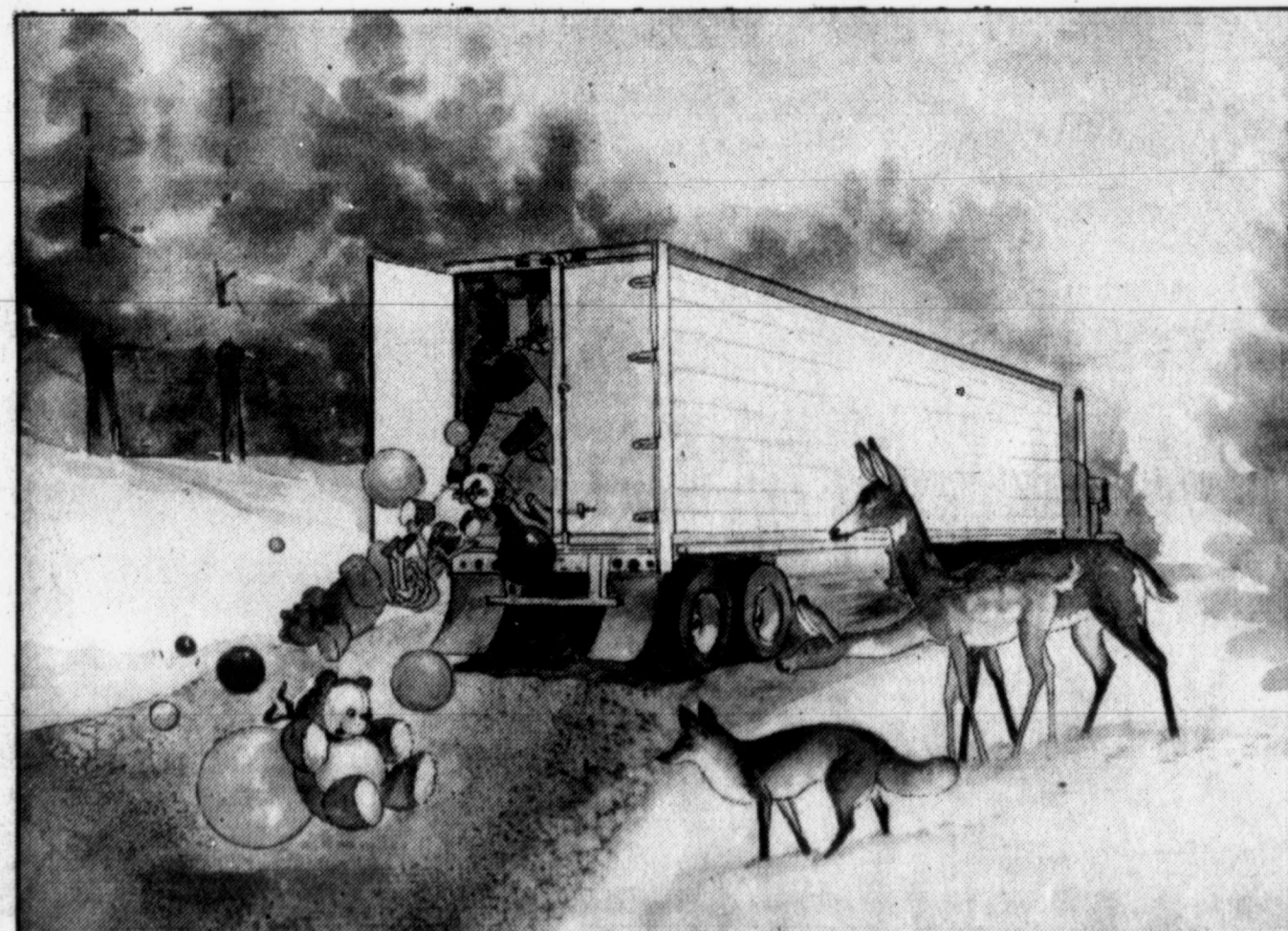


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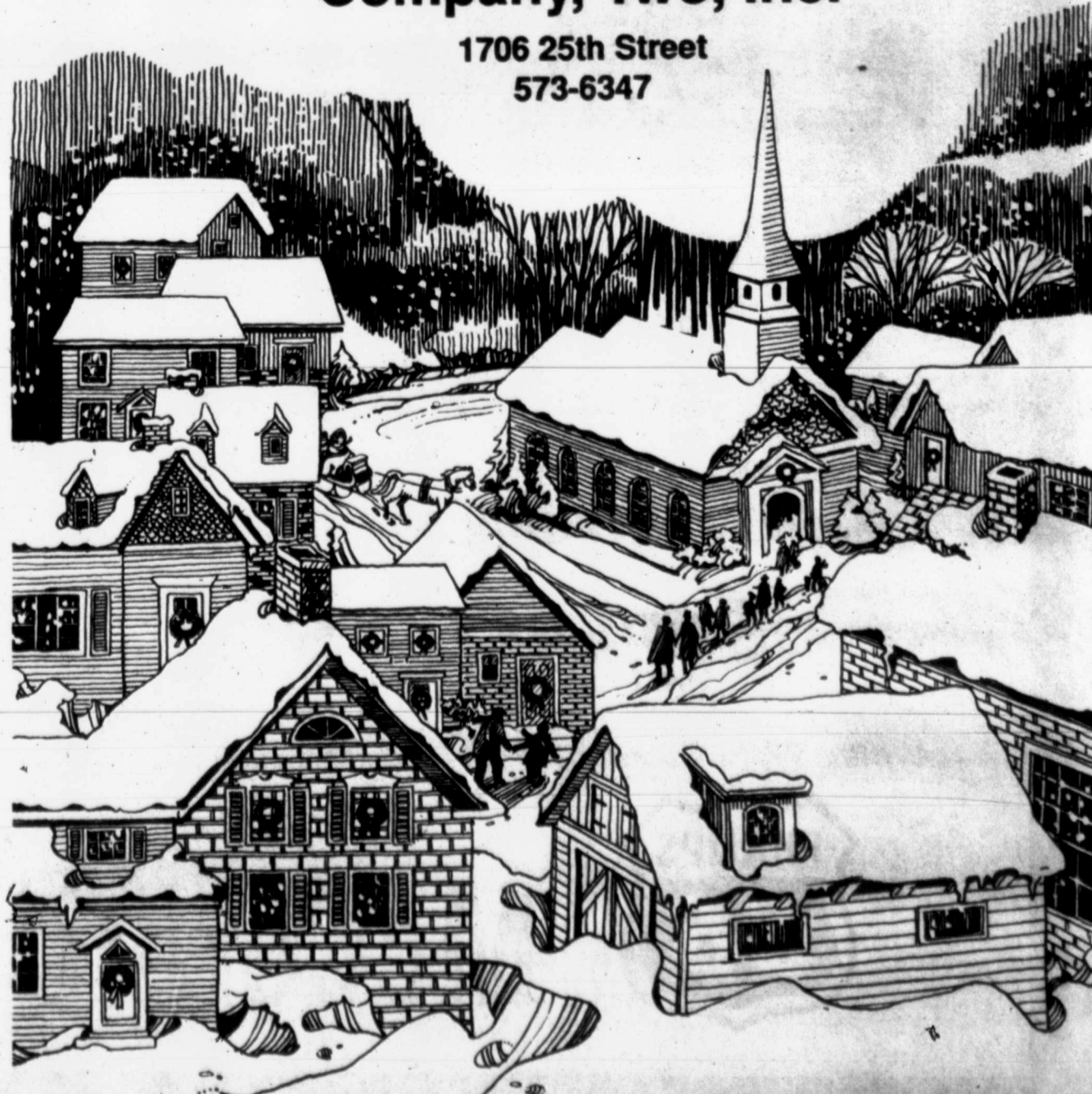
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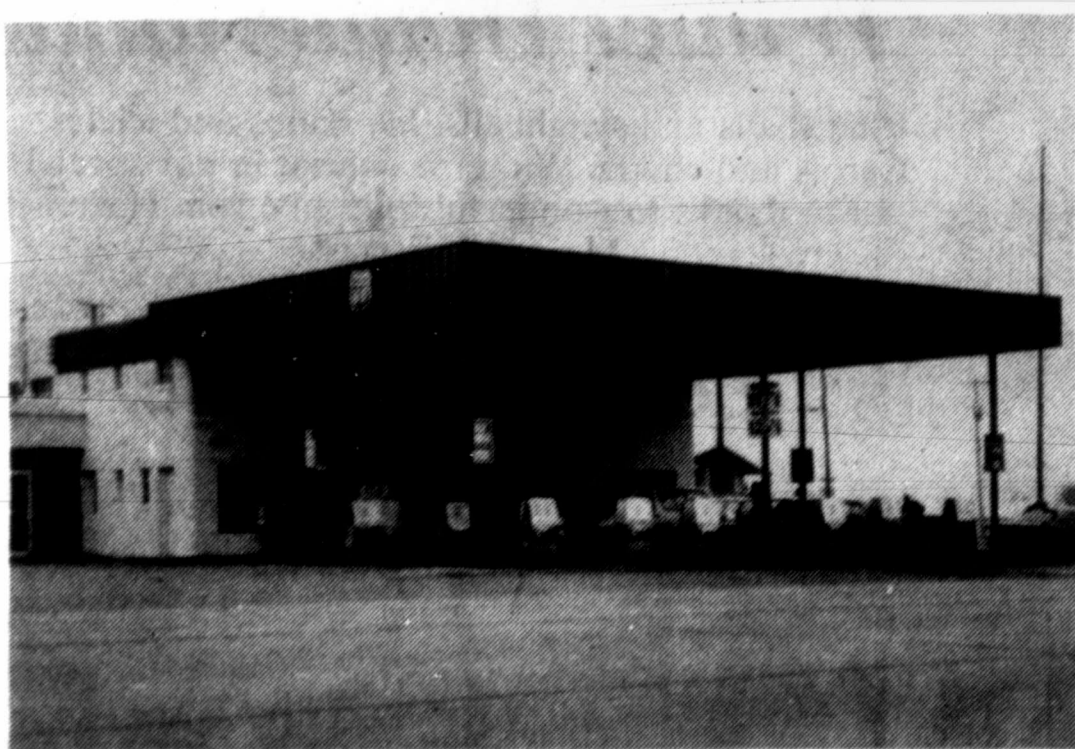
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AND the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, Who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will." Luke 2, 10-14

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Rejoice... It's Christmas

Where did Rudolph go to live? Does Mrs. Clause get tired of washing the dishes?

Davi Barnes

new skate board for Christmas? I hope you can come to give the presents.

Jerry Jamison

want for christmas is dolls, clothes, shoes, and Nintendo games.

Lara Allen

a Mermaid doll and many other things.

P.S. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Tosha Walker

things I would like on Christmas Eve. I would like a "L'le Miss Mermaid" that sings and when you put it under water the shapes change colors. I would also like a ring. Anything else would be fine. but I really want a "L'le Miss Mermaid." Oh, there's one question I wanted to ask. Is it hard to go down all those chimneys?

Kacy Slover

Dear Santa,
Is it easy to go down the chimney? The things that I really want for Christmas is want is a Barbie Corvet. How long is it from the North Pole to the South Pole?

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, Dancer and the others. I hope they are ok so I can get my presents. I hope Mrs. Clause is ok. Will you get me a bike or a

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? Is it hard going down the chimney? I'm leaving you some milk and cookies. How are your reindeer. What I

Dear Santa,
How for is it to Ira? How are the reindeer? How big is the sleigh? Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year. I liked them a lot. I want a 10 speed bike for Christmas and I want a remote control Bigfoot.

Blake White

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the skate board. Do you think any this pretty girl in second grade like me? How is Mrs. Clause and your reindeer, especially Rudolph with his bright nose? Do you really know magic? Is it hard to go down the chimney? Some people say you are not real. Santa all I really want for Christmas is my Brother, but I can't have him back right? But it is no one's fault.

Chris

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I am fine. How are your reindeer? I hope they are fine. At my house I don't have a chimney. So you have to go throw my door. What I want for Christmas is a pretty crimp and curl cabbage patch, some clothes,

Dear Santa,
I just wanted to put down some

Dear Santa,
I love you. Please bring me a rock tumbler, sky Fighter, a top, a yo yo ball, Sam Houston Clang, a bike, a Longhorn caps sleth bomber Legog and Rodin Hood figure.

Merry Christmas

Jason Williams
age 7

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

Luke 2:11

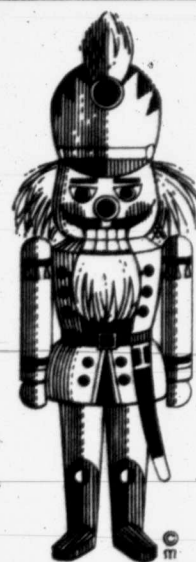
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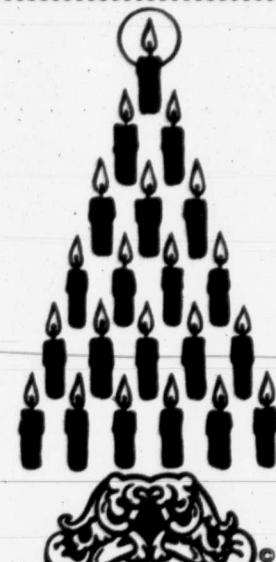
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Merry Christmas
Christi Williams
age 3

Dear Santa,
I love you. I have been a good girl this year.
I would like a Barbie motor home and a big Kitchen set and a rollerboard and laundry center. I am thankful for the Presents you have me last year. Merry Christmas. I believe in Santa Claus.

Love
Katie Kerley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby doll for Christmas with blue eyes, a pink dress and blonde hair.

Love
Scotti Boone

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this Christmas?
I hope you bring all the kids and all the dads and all the moms and I hope you have a good Christmas.

Felipe Santa

Dear Santa,
What I really want is a baby rabbit and a bird. And I want a super nintendo and a T.V. and a water bed, army teddybear, a Nolan Ryan picture. Also a new nintendo game, two hand games. And also wrestling hand game. And I want a ninja turtle sewer.

Love
Kara Brumley

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This year I was good. This year I want a big horse and a stable. This is all that I want. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love
Alderete

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would like a plane, G.I. Joe, inja Turtle submarine, remote control car, sing bar for me. My mom would like everyone to be healthy and have a Merry Christmas.

Love
Dustin Bennett

Dear Santa,
How are you doing SANTA?
This year I want a desk, and

playhouse.
I'll leave you cookies and milk.
Love
Elizabeth Rollins

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this christmas. I want a game boy and a pooch patrol. I want a trampoline. Merry Christmas.

Love
Ira-Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa.
I want toys and I want some clothes and some tapes.

Love
Laura Hager

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I Would like a whole bunch of toys and a po-po power wheels. I have always wanted one of those but make it an Army jeep - especially the one that picks us speed.

Love
Jeffrey Garner

Dear Santa,
I would like a Game boy, roller blades, Nerf football, baseball, card album.

Thank you
Logan Hill

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas How are you doing this winter? I want a remote control four wheel pickup and also Doctor Mario.

Love
Randal Rich

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas: How are you? As for me I'm well.
Please bring my mom and brothers and my dad too. For me, bring me earrings and I want a watch. I Love you Santa Claus.

Love
Kira Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a new Big Foot bow and arrows and one of the 101 Dalmations.

Love
Tanner Beard

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this winter? I hope the kids get their toys.
I've been good this year. I would like a doll, a bike, some new clothes, a Santa doll, a Go Go My walking pup, Operation games, and Ear rings.

Love
Amanda Hartzog

Dear Santa,
I Love you. I hope you have a nice christmas.
I want a Super nintendo. and my own TV, The Turtle van and a Toy Dinusur.

Love
John Gainer

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler Brandon Thompson and I'm 4 years old. I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me boxing gloves, little skate board, boots, 4 cars, 2 bears, jacket like Brandon (its blude) and a supnrze.
Please bring Tiffany (my dog) a

dog toy. Do not forget my mom & dad & grandparents. We will leave cookies & milk out for you.

Love
Tyler

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves and reindeer doing? I am doing just ine. How long does it take to get from the North Pole to Ira? Is it hard to get down the chimney. I like the present's you gave me. My teacher is Gale Northcott. She is nice. I am in the 3rd grade. It is fun. Is Rudolph's noes still bright? I wish you will have a Merry Christmas. Have you been busy lately? I his you will bring me some nice gifts.

Kristen Harless

Dear Santa,
I am Kacie Daves, I live out in the country. Am I on your good kids list? I hope I am, because I want to get presents. Someone has to eat the milk and cookies. You might want to use the front door instead of the chimney this year. We didn't have time to clean it out. Now let's get down to business. I want a bunch of good dolls and some games.

P.S. Happy Greetings
Love
Kacie Daves

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo, Street Out Sam, Mall Madness, Baby Alive, Li'l Miss crimp and curl, my own t.v., and Silly Soup. Oh, Santa how long does it take to get your stuff ready? How many stops do you have to make before you get to my

house? If you want to know what house it is. My address is right here - Rt. 3 Box 105 Snyder, Texas. What country do you start with? If you want to know a little bit about me my name is Morgan Sherye Clements. I'm in third grade. My teacher is Gale Northcott. Good Bye.

Morgan Clements

Dear Santa,
Ho long does it take to get to Snyder? Do you want milk and cookies? I like oreos and milk. I want to know can your sleigh go 10,000 MPH? Do your elves like making toys Here is my Christmas list
remote control car

dalmattan
remote control train
Love,
Shade Everton

Dear Santa,
What I would like for Christmas is a Ninja Turtle Technadrom and Talespin The Nintendo game. How are the reindeer? I sure hope Rudolph is ok.

Seth Sterling

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I you'r doing fine. I have my stockings up for my cats and my famliy. I hope you get my cats Cricket and Misty. Oh! and I just wanted to say what I

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want Christmas. I want a key-board, Christmas bear, a computer and shoes. I hope you get most of my stuff I wrote. I love you. When you come make sure you use the

door. I don't have chimney. Merry Christmas SANTA!
Sincerely,

Jessica Brooks
9 years old
Ira School

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Mimtendo, a squirt gun, some cars that change color in the water, and a tape player with head phones.

Bring my baby sister, Erica, a kitchen set, a new doll and a little bicycle (so she won't try to ride mine.)

I helped Momma make cut-out cookies and you can have one. Be careful,
Love,

Russell Lee

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. go cart
2. clothes
3. Shark Attack.

Love,

Daniel Medrano

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Christmas Barbi
2. puzzle
3. jewelery

Love,

Chrissy Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Christmas Barbi
2. puzzle
3. jewelery

Love,

Chrissy Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. go cart
2. Operation
3. remote controlled plane

Love,

Brandon Carnes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Power Fist
2. Operation
3. Patrol car

Love,

Joshua Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. GoGo My Walking pet

Love,

Jacque Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Dog
2. walkncat
3. GoGo my Dog

Love,

Ashley Blevins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Wendy Walk-a-long
2. Prince Eric
3. Candy

Love,

Ashley Stroud

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Cowboy set
2. tent

3. play guns
Love,

Christopher Sorrells

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Monopoly Jr.
2. Barbie Doll
3. baby Alive

Love,

Dara Chambers

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Barbie car
2. Barbie tent
3. Baby Alive

Love,

Yuri Rivera

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Fire truck remote
2. My buddy
3. bow

Love,

Horaci De Paz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Magic Nursery Baby
2. Mermaid
3. Barbie doll

Love,

Stephanie Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Game boy
2. Don't go to jail
3. Monopoly Jr.

Love,

Kendall Doty

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Barbie tent
2. Magic Nursery Baby
3. Baby Alive

Love,

Cassie Johns

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Rescuers Down Under
2. Barbie car
3. Magic Nursery Baby

Love,

Whitney Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Power Wheel
2. Turtle II
3. Game Boy

Love,

Dustin Davenport

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. bike
2. bow and arrow
3. Batman power sheel

Love,

Jonathan Guy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Game boy
2. sleeping bag

Love,

Isaac H.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Magic Nursery Baby
1. baby Alive
2. Little Mermaid sleeping bag

Love,

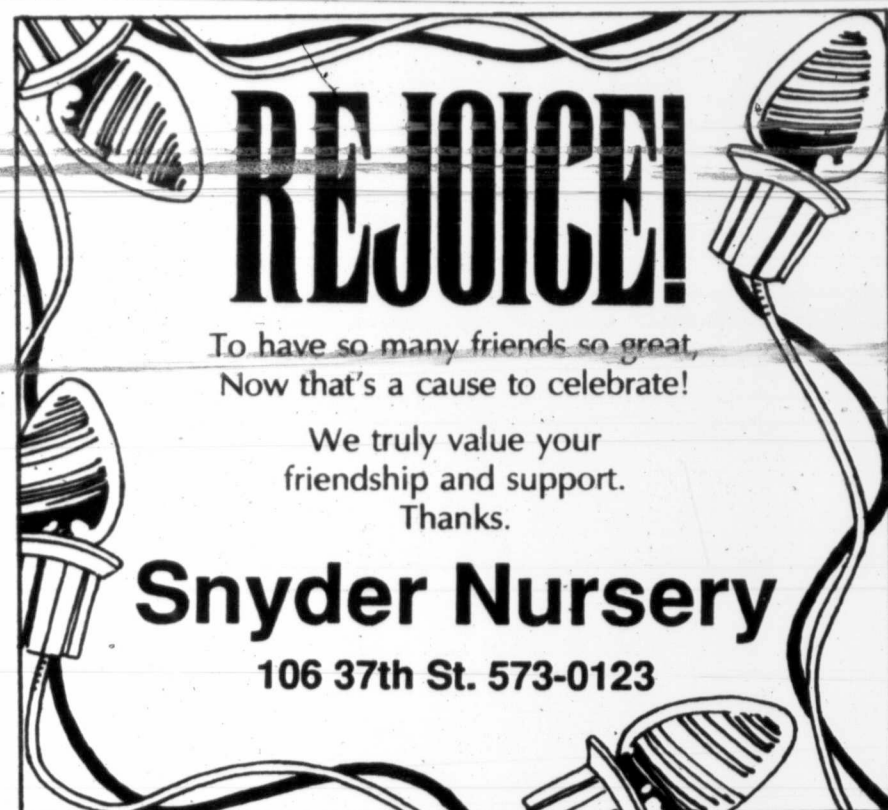
Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. truck
2. Ninja Game
3. paper boy

Love,

Isaac Sanchez



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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like: play gun.
Love,
Jeffrey Whitt

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like: Bike, Barbie Doll.
Love,
Tressie

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. remote controlled car
2. dirt bike.
3. pooch control
Love,
Trake Lee

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Super Nintendo
2. Shark Attack
3. Pooch Control
Love,
Jason Burns

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Barbi Corvette
2. Baby Alive
3. Christmas Barbi
Love,
Shelly Fisk

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Patrol car
2. Hot Wheel
3. bike
Love,
Jason Guynes

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Baby Alive
2. Littlest Mermaid
3. jewelry
Love,
Aaryn Jordan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. clothes
2. hat
3. bike
Love,
Justin Martinez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. bike
2. Barbie
3. power wheel car
Love,
Valerie Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Walking Baby, a walking puppy that has polka dots on it, and a roller. Also, one of those that Brady has.
I'll leave you some cookies and milk to drink.
Also add to my list a phone, table, chair and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.
Love,
Wendy Reed

Dear Santa,
I want a deer gun for Christmas. And I want to ride in your sleigh. Please help Rudolph fly and I love you.
Love,
Brady, Mel, Sheryll and Wendy Reed

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I

would like:
1. power Wheel
2. Ninja Turtle sleeping bag
3. Water pet.
Love,
Tim Lewis

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Monpoly Jr.
2. Creep and curl
3. Rescuers Down under
Love,
Magan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like Ninia Turtle Puzzle.
Love,
Shelby

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Baby Face.
2. piano
3. Little Miss Singing Mermaid.
Love,
Alicia Hall

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Little Miss Mermaid
2. Teddy Bear
3. Talking Airl
Love,
Sarah Boley

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in 1st gr. For Christmas I would like:
1. Ariel Mermaid.
2. Baby Sparkles
3. Pooch Patrol.
Love,
Amanda Roberts

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Nintendo
2. Fire Engine
3. Car
Love,
Isaac Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Hot Shot Basketball Game
2. Hit Sticks
3. Dallas Cowboy uniform
Love,
Britt Harbin

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Barbie
2. Nursery Baby
3. Barbie Doll House
Love,
Stephanie Valadez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Baby Face
2. piano
3. Barbie
Love,
Wendy

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. a piano
2. doll
3. Bear
Love,
Afton Sutter

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7

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years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Baby Face
2. piano
3. Birthday Barbie
Love,
April Garcia

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. piano
2. Teddy Bear
3. game
Love,
Afton Schwertner

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade. For Christmas I would like:
1. toy car
2. clothes
3. a game
Love,
Lupe Jaramillo

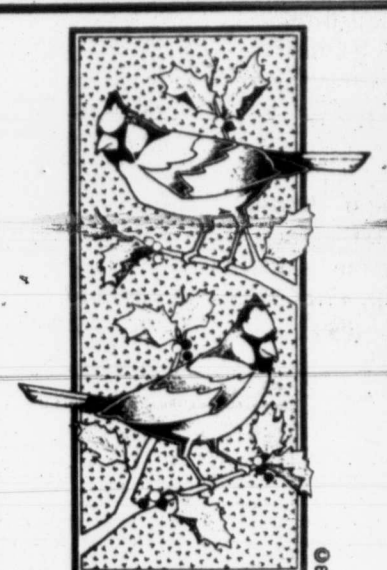
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. football
2. Dallas Cowboy uniform
3. drums
Love,
Daniel Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Dallas Cowboy Game
2. Super Double Looper
3. Bowling Game
Love,
Austin Rinehart

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:
1. Baby face
2. Teddy bear
3. bike
Love,
Nikki James

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 5



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Lawrence IGA

Rejoice... It's Christmas

years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Barbie clothes and shoes
2. Barbie Doll
3. Barbie Travel Case

Love,
Tammi Walker

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. drums
2. game
3. Nintendo

Love,
Kyle Bartels

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elem. For Christmas I would like:

1. doll

2. Baby Face
3. Ken Barbie

Love,
Gina Dawson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Power Wheel Car
2. Barbie Doll
3. Jewelry Box

Love,
Jessica Tovar

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. One Hundred One Dalmation Dog
2. Nursery Pets
3. Star Bright Sparkles

Love,

Kaila Neeley

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I am 7 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Baby Alive
2. GoGo My Walking
3. buggy

Love,
Shastade Hill

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Hot Wheels
2. Pooch Control
3. Ninja Turtle Toy

Love,
Josh McGaha

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I am 6 years old. I am in first grade at East Elementary. For Christmas I would like:

1. Super Nintendo
2. Power Fist

Love,
Michael Lopez

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I would like to have a shark attack, a Fish aquarium, a Football suit, and a train set. Oh yea, some smell-ums too.

I have a baby brother, Timothy, who is en months old. Could you bring him a rocking horse and a glow worm. Mama has been a good girl too. Could you bring her a dress, a gown and some perfume.

I'm going to help mama bake you some cookies. I will leave you some and some milk too.

I love you Santa and Mrs. Santa,
Thomas Trujillo

Age 6

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I have been very good this year. I would like a Magna Doodle and a surprise. My new baby sister, Stacey, would like a doll. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Bryan Clifton
Age 3

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy most of the year. I would like:

1. football outfit,
2. big foot crunch arena,
3. Mickey Mouse watch,
4. Jr. tool set,
5. Defense Force action,
6. Snoopy Sno'cone,
7. mini pool set,
8. autographs ny Mickey

Mantle,

9. game table.

Brandon Cox
P.S. Santa,

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,

This is Krista at 107 Elm Street. Please bring me a tackling Ariel that says Feleene Rebekka and a Hawaiian Barbie Shave ice stand. A magic nursery baby with a win and a mermaid that sings in the bath tub, and batteries for Christmas to put in it, and a turning star ballerina that shows on the ceiling, it's not in the magazine, but just bring me one. Tell Rudolph the Red Os Nane Deer Hello. Be careful when you come down our chimney, I'll leave a message for you that I love you with all my heart, it will come true for you that a I miss you.

Love,
Krista Chadez
Age 5

Dear Santa,

I just wanted to say what I wanted for Christmas. What I ant for Christmas is a keyboard, a computer, Baby alive, Mall madness, clothes and shoes. I will leave you milk and cookies. I love you Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jessica Brooks
9 years old

Dear Santa,

I want a walking dog and clothes and a water baby and a 4 wheeler I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Love,
Denise Rae Thomas

Dear Santa,

how are you. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas for Christmas I want a walking dog and a water baby and some clothes also a 4 wheeler. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Dawn Thomas

Dear Santa,

Will you please do me a good favor now. I am sick with bleeding ulcer and a bad stomach now please sir I have 3 good little girls and little two boys I love so much indeed now. Please bring me a pretty little girl dress she is three years old now. I mean the little girl

a pretty doll and the little two boys two small cars and small airplanes. Please send me some candy and gum and fruits now. My name is Mrs. Cora Lee Baker. 39091/2 Ave. K Snyder, Tex., 79549.

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House, Suzy Snapshot and the girl that rides her bike. I love you Santa. Merry Christmas. Ho Ho Ho.

Love,
Ashley Jenkins

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cruz Antonio Renteria. I am eight years old Im in the 2nd grade at Central Elem so what I want for Christmas is a skate board and a bike some clothes some shoes and for my 8 month little sister Roxann I want clothes and a baby walker and a high chair. Thank you.

Love
Cruz A. Renteria

Dear Santa,
I wish you could bring me a dollie. I want a little baby high chair for my dollie. I would like a sewing machine too. My mom will mae you some chocolate chip cookies, and I will leave you some milk in a cup by the fireplace. I want a bathyub & towel for my baby if you have room in your sleigh.

I love you Santa Clause,
Megan McCormick

Dear Santa,
I want a Super Nintendo and a Mario Four. I have been pretty good this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies on he fireplace.

I love you,
Matt Ellis- McCormick

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan. I've been good his year. Please bring me a dollhouse, a pretty crimp'ncurl cabbage patch doll or a Magic Bottle baby. My little sister Brenna has been good too. Please bring her a Cabbage Patch Busy box. I'll leave you some milk and cookies. I love you.

Love,
Megan & Brenna Fletcher

Dear Santa,
I am a bad boy sometimes. Please bring me some roper boots,



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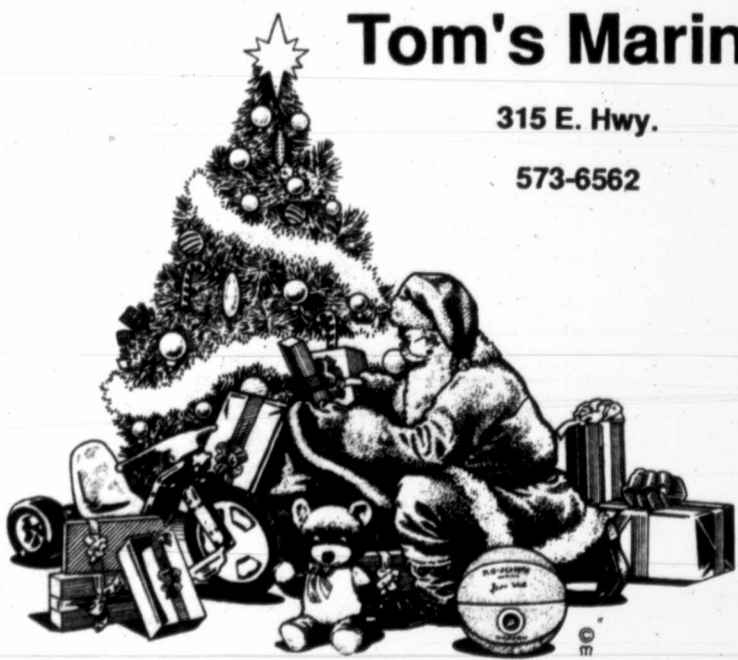
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Holy Night,
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Rejoice... It's Christmas

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Carey Clay

P.S. I promise to be a good boy.

Dear Santa,

I would like one thing. You will have a choice of what I want. I would like to have a Nintendo tape or skate board or basketball goal. I will live out some cookies for you and milk for you. I wish you a merry Christmas Santa Claus. Thank you for the bunk bed that you got me last year. Santa Claus I in joy it very much. My sister would like a doll. My two older brothers would like a lot of play cars. My baby brother wants a little bit of baby toys I would like you to give to the poor. If you do not have a mug you can give my toys to them. They need it most! Christmas is not for getting it is for giving. Please give to the poor.

Dustin Wood

Stanfield Third Grade

Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want some rollerblades. Can you bring me some drums? I like a chane with a cross on it. I want a teacher like Mrs. Cross next year. I would like my playhouse to be on blocks and a rope. I want some too. I hope the homeless get homes, food and clothes and money. I hope my mom, dad and brother get stuff too. Thank you for helping me.

Your friend,

David Beard

third grade

Stanfield

Dear Santa,

I want to thank you for all the things you brought last year. I want to thank you for what you for what you've brought to my family too. Please bring everyone's family a good happy Christmas and bring good pleasure. Also can you bring good presents for at least all of the children. Also bring new clothes for everyone too. Also bring people that are poor better presents. Also help them with the shelter they need. Please bring everyone a good Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa see you on the 25th of December Santa and to your helpers.

Marcus Diaz

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year but not as good as an angel. I want some rebox pumps and a tape that you listen to of Vanilla Ice. I also want a leather jacket black! Thank you for the T.V. I got last year it works fine. My sister should get swiches and ashes! I was just kidding that my sister should get swiches and ashes. I want a new baby brother or sister also! Give my aunt Laurie some china dishes please. Please give my mom a variety pack of pajamas. Give John some new pants. Please give Cindy and my daddy a bead spread.

I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Love,

Lauren Donelson

Dear Santa Claus,

This year for Christmas I want roller blades, a ten speed bike, two decks of cards. Thank you for the drum set last year or a couple of years ago. Was it a cold spring, summer and fall? For my dog Chip, he would propably want a dog bone and a dog meat patty. My mom has been asking us for a

Christmas sweater. Dad would just want some love.

Love,

Jared W. Thornhill

Dear Santa,

I want a horse for Christmas and a cabeg patch doll with red hair. I really want a new mat for my trampoline. I want some new clothes. I want a new brabie house. My dad wants some new long johns for his work. My mom wants some clothes for work. My brother wants a race track. My sisters want stuf for there babys. They want clothes for the babys and toys. I want a genger bread girl. I want dog food for my dogs. I just want a happy christmas with my family and me of corse.

Love,

Tricia Brzozowski

Dear Santa,

I want a trampalen and a water bed. I want to thank you for all the nice things my famaly and I have received. I want to respect the things you have gotten me. I want a pet. I want you to come down the chimaney in joy. I want see your cheeks as red as a cherry and your bely foll of jelly. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

Melissa Hicks

Dear Santa,

I would like a big aquarium and a black beeded lizard. I would like a skate board. I would like some caps for my cap gun. If you pleas I would like a walkmen. I could use a water gun. I need a plant pot for my 2 cacktuses. I wish the homeless people could find lots of moeny to just buy clothes and food and a job. And my sister would like some makeup. I would like a grip ball. And I wish you a merry merry Christmas.

Bubba Sanders

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike. My bike needs new tires and it is old. Dad is giving it to kids that don't have bikes. I also want my sister to have

a nice brithday the 24. Since I don't have any money to buy anything, Merry Christmas mom and dad. I wish you'd come every year but you don't. I want you to bring me a beanbag if you can.

Love,

Kristin York

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me for Christmas a new bike and some walketalkes for Christmas. I also want you and God to bless the poor people to. My mom want a new intable to. My brother wants a powerweel. Would you get my sister a barbedoll?

One thing I want to have a knife. I will not cut anybody with it.

Love,

Christopher Hill

Dear Santa,

I want a nintindo and a rabbit. I want to thank you for my house shoes. I want a piecter of Santa Clues. I want I want a glag with your name on it. I want to thank you for the paint thang. You are nice and funny. Can I come to the noth pole. I want to ride your sliay. I want to see Rudphl. I want to see Comet, Dancer and Cupid, Pranser, Fixsked and the most of all is Rudphl, and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,

Steven Crain

Dear Santa,

Santa could you please get me this? I want a Hawii barbie and the clothes to go with it. My brother wants a hot shot basketball game. My mom wqnts a fourteen karit gold ring. My dad wants some cowboy boots and a hat and some pants. I want some pump up shoes. You and your reindeers have a Merry Christmas and if you can get the ring it would be nice. I would leave you some oreo cookies on the table and a glass of milk. Don't fall on our Christmas tree.

Toyka, Green

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a baby brother to have and to play.

I want for Christmas fourthosun dollers to have and to buy what I want.

I want you to give my dad a camcorder. He want that far a long long time.

I wish I had a real gold watch for my mom.

I want a super nintido with super Mario World too for my cousins Young, Ching, Ly, Linge, Anthony, and Jimmy. I want you to give them spesle presents to keep for ever and remeber you Santa.

I want to know if you are a real real Santa because I have never seen a real Santa. Please come to my house Santa.

I wish you a Merry Christmas Santa, I want to go on a trip Santa. Pleasss and give us a new car a cool nice red car Santa.

Love,

Kim Vath

Dear Santa,

What have you been doing? I want a waterbaby, a pair of roller blades and a swirlipen. I really want a gameboy.

Love,

Sabrina Terry

Dear Santa Claus,

I would love to have a pair of roller blades and a Nintendo game. Oh and the hotshot game.

Love,

Amber Swan

Dear Santa,

I want a pellet gun, And the New Garth brooks tape, And a Stereo, And the Mario Land game boy tape, the Old Garth brooks tape, and a new pair of roller skates.

Love,

Jeremy Roemisch

Dear Santa,

I want a fast tracks, and 70 foot-ball cards, and some Legos, and a Dallas Cowboy uniform and a Jam box with a Garth Brooks tape. That is all I want for Christmas.

Love,

Brian Chandler

Dear Santa Claus,

What have you been doing? If I could guess I would say you were getting ready for Christmas.

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I'm getting ready for Christmas to. I want A stereo and a tape to go with it. The tape I want is called Garth Brooks. I have been picking some other things like a watch and some clothes. That about it.

Love,

Crystal Atkinson

I want a pellet gun and a Nintendo. I also want a pair of Elves shoes and a calculator.

Oh yeah, I would like a black Tech football.

Mary Christmas.

Love,

Adam Roemisch

Dear Santa,

I want these things; a Barbie, a stereo, a gameboy, go go my walking puppy, a yo yo my walking kitty, a gerbil and a new bike.

Love,

Julie Mireles

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing in the North Pole? Well, me and my brother are

praying to God that we get what we've always wanted for Christmas. I've always wanted the home for the holidays and my brother always wanted a game boy and some tapes to go with it.

And you know I've always wanted some more pants.

Love,

Stacy Garcia



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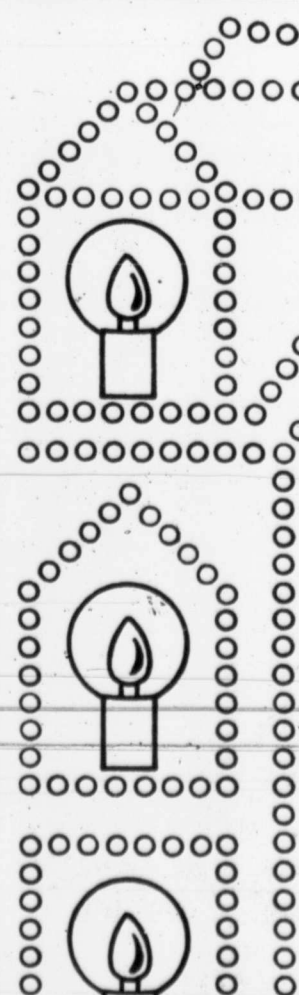
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Dear Santa,
How are your doing at the North Pole? I want a Nintendo, a pellet gun and some clothes. That's all.
Love Forever,
Tony Garza

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. I go to North-east Elem. I wish you could bring me a VCR player, Chevy 4x4 truck, Bigfoot Grunch Arena and a Ninja Turtle tape.
I have tried to be a good boy. I will leave you some cookies and milk so you will not get hungry

and some carrots for your rein-deers. I love you.
Chevy Otto Block

Dear Santa
My name is Jarrod Fletcher and I'm 4 years old. My parent say I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a Turtle Blimp, some Teen-age Mutant Nunja Turtle figures that I don't have, some clothes and anything else you think I might like.
I will leave you some milk and cookies for a snack.

Dear Santa,
My name is Cherie Gasaway. I'm 7 years old. My sister Tanya is writing this for me. For Christmas I would like a Talking Ariel Doll, a S.C.A.M.P.S. puppy, Balica dolls, the game Melvin, and anything else you think of.
Also, bring my sister a tele-phone so I can have her old one. I hope you have a safe trip. I'll leave out some homemade cookies and milk for you.

Love,
Cherie Gasaway
P.S. Tell Rudolph and Mrs. Claus hi!

To Santa,
I figured out what I want for X-mas. I want a remote control car and a toy B-B gun, and a rifle, and a toy knife. And a back off buzzard game. I hope thats not too much for you. We will leave you some cookies out for X-mas.
See you at X-mas.

Love you,
Randy Herrera
7 years old

Dear Santa Claus,
I love Santa Claus, and I love my Mommy and Daddy and Nana and Vickie.
I saw you on the square the other day. I would like a Dr. Kit, a magic baby bottle, and mermaid doll with blonde hair. Or anything for Barbie. I love Rice Krispies because it has my little pony on it.
I love you. See you at X-mas
Racheal Herrera
4 years old

Dear Santa Claus;
My name is Ramsey Herrera. I am nearly 3. I want a back off buz-zard, a boy barbie or GI Joe, a ba-

sketball hoop, new tennis shoes, something with Mickey Mouse that talks when you pull the string, some cool shades. And a lunch box with ninja turtles, when I get bigger I will go to school with it. I'll leave you cookies for X-mas. When you come to my house.
I love you Santa.
Ramsey Herrera
3 years old

Dear Santa Clause,
Would you please bring me a game boy game, ninja turtle, a Mickey Mouse desk, a toy car, and a play center with a slide.
My Mom is writing this because I can't write yet. I'm 4 years old.
Lance Levi Turner
I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want the doll that ride the bike and Mario three video.
Yours truly,
Stephanie Molina

Dear Santa Claus
I want a bike rudof toys and a home along vedeo.
I want a T-shirt from you I want a dog and I want a frostey the snow man toys.

Yours truly
Eric Courtneay

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy gun, a baseball a football and a sat brd a bebe gun, a wadrguna toy and a bike a Santa Claus toy.

Your truly
Amado Guzman, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike, a toy gun, skat-board, a toy Santa, a toy car, bas-ketball, a Nintendo, a toy boat, a tutle, 3 set of basketballcards, and

an elf.
Yours truly,
Bradley Spells

Dear Santa Claus,
I want some clothes, a bike, a doll, and a play-car.
Yours truly,
Crystal Gutierrez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas, and I want some dolls for Christmas too. I want a nintendo for Christ-mas too. I want some new shoes and new clothes for Christmas.
Yours taly,
Freda

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a crying and laughing baby also I want a walking baby.
Yours truly,
Angie Glover

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you, Santa Claus. I want some gold fish and two birds. I wish you lived by my house. Have a Merry Christmas. I've been good. I hope you can get what I want. Please get what I want. Bye Santa Claus.
Yours truly,
Carlos Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dirt bike, skateboards, rap, punching bag, a toy train, and a dog please.

Yours truly,
Jesse Luera

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike, nintendo, state-board, 3 cars and a pair of shoes. Please.

Yours truly,
Artemio Aguilar

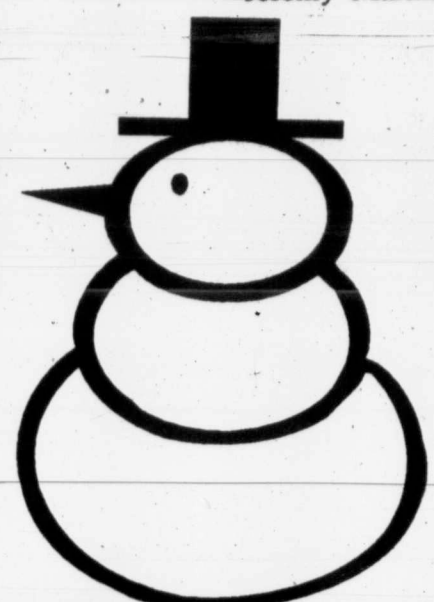
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike, a skatboerd, 4 play guns, a B.B. gun, a pistol gun, 29 cars.

Yours truly,
Jason Mosher

Dear Santa Claus,
I want somecrayons, playmen a big foot and a toy watergun.

Yours truly
Leejackson

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a GI Jo, train, regl job, toy gun.
Jeremy Martin



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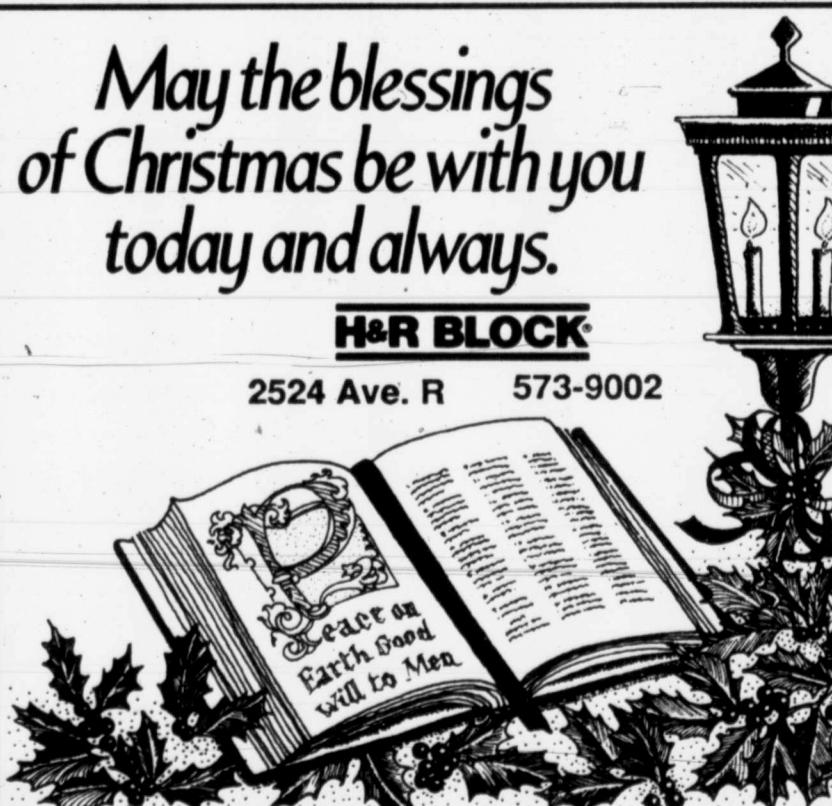
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Christmas treats

Stepping back in time...

Celebrating Twelfth Night

The centerpiece of eighteenth-century Twelfth Night celebrations was an elaborate cake baked with a pea in one side and a bean in the other. The woman who found the pea was designated as queen of the ball; the man who found the bean became king. They were responsible for setting the tone for the event and choosing the games which formed the evening's entertainment.

"In those days, instead of spin the bottle, they played twirl the trencher and hunt the slipper," says Violet Bayer Riegel, program coordinator, Winterthur Museum and Gardens. "The winners collected forfeits (which were often kisses) from the losers."

In some regions, after the party was over, guests selected slips of paper from a hat. The man who drew the losing slip had to host the following year's party, and the woman with the losing slip had to make the cake.

The recipe below for a traditional

Twelfth Night Cake is reproduced from *Yuletide at Winterthur: Feasts and Visions of the Season*. For further information on Yuletide at Winterthur, the Museum's special program of holiday activities, write The Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DE 19735, or call (302) 888-4600.

TWELFTH NIGHT CAKE

- 1 lb. butter
- 2 cups light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 9 eggs, separated
- 3/4 cups flour
- 2 tsp. mace
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3 lbs. currants
- 2 lbs. seedless raisins
- 1 cup almonds, blanched and chopped or cut into strips
- 1/2 cup citron
- 1/2 cup candied peel, cut into strips

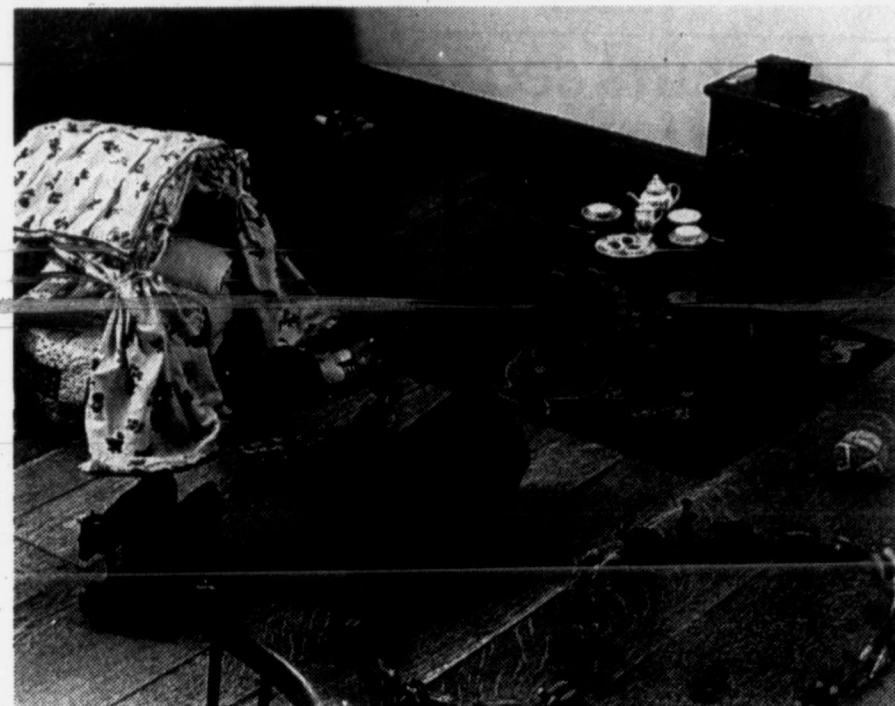
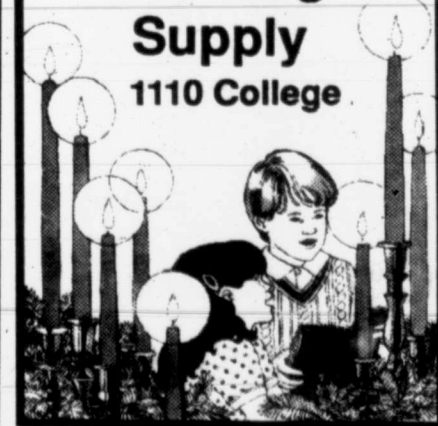
In a large bowl, cream the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until light. In a separate bowl, beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored and add them to the butter-sugar mixture. In a bowl, sift the flour, mace, cinnamon and baking soda; stir in the currants, raisins, and almonds. Add the flour-and-fruit mixture to the egg-butter-sugar mixture. Combine the citron and candied peel and set aside.

Line two 12-inch round pans with waxed paper buttered on both sides. Fill each pan 3/4 full, adding layers of citron and candied peel. Cover loosely with buttered paper. Steam the cake for three hours and then bake it 1 1/2 hours in a slow oven (300 degrees) or bake it 4 hours at 275 degrees without steaming. The cake is done when it is firm to the touch and a wire cake tester comes out clean and dry. Run a knife around the inside of the pan and remove the cake when nearly cool. Frost with white icing and decorate. Makes two 12-inch cakes.

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Enjoy the sweet, spicy scents of the season

From the gentle fragrance of pine and the musky scent of burning candles, to the spicy-sweet smell of ginger-laden cookies and citron-infused fruitcakes, the special scents of holiday decorations and celebrations provide an added dimension to our enjoyment of the sights and sounds of the holiday season.

At the time of the earliest Christmas observances, certain herbs were identified as having particular religious significance, among them, rosemary, which was said to have its fragrance because Mary laid the Christ Child's garments on its branches, and thyme, which was said to have been Mary's bed in the Bethlehem stable. Subsequently, thyme was used to adorn the crèche, and rosemary was scattered on floors during the Christmas season, its sweet aroma released when stepped upon.

By the mid-nineteenth century, Southerners were preparing what they called "odor punch," a liquid potpourri spiced with cinnamon and nutmeg, which simmered on the stove throughout the holiday season. Preparing pomanders (apples or oranges studded with cloves) and potpourri (for display in open containers or to be used in individual sachets), also became part of the season's activities.

Make your own

The potpourri recipe below is ideal for enjoying during the holiday season; it will produce a pungently fragrant mixture that is also lovely to display. It is reproduced from Barbara Milo Orbach's *The Scented Room: Cherchez's Book of Dried Flowers, Fragrance, and Potpourri* (Clarkson N. Potter).

CITRUS POTPOURRI

- 4 ounces cut orange peel
- 4 ounces marigold flowers
- 3 ounces chamomile flowers
- 1 ounce cut lemongrass
- 1 ounce powdered orrisroot
- 20 drops lemon or lemon verbena oil
- 3 ounces lemon verbena leaves

Note: Since lemon verbena leaves are very brittle and delicate, add them last, after you've mixed your other ingredients and added the oil. Then stir them extremely gently into the mixture.

Pomanders were frequently seen in Victorian homes; their sweet scent masked the smell of liquor, tobacco and cigar smoke, which often were part of holiday socializing. The recipe below also is reproduced from *The Scented Room*.

POMANDERS

Making a pomander

You will need the following to make a pomander:

Firm, thin-skinned oranges or apples. These should be free of blemishes. Lemons or limes would also be suitable.

Whole, large-headed cloves. Buy top quality for visual effect and make sure they have a good, strong smell.

Curing spice mixture (see recipe below).

A thin, metal crochet hook or knitting needle. For piercing the fruit. This makes the job quicker and easier on the fingers.

Large glazed pottery bowl in which you'll cure the pomanders.

Small bowl for mixing spices.

1. As you insert the cloves, hold the fruit firmly but don't squeeze it. The

cloves can be placed into the fruit at random or in a linear pattern, which is much neater looking. Be sure the cloves are close together but not crowding one another. They should be far enough apart so as to prevent splitting the skin of the fruit. A thin, metal crochet hook or knitting needle can be used for piercing the fruit wherever you insert a clove. If you want to hang your pomander from a ribbon, leave a 1/2-inch "path" around the fruit. This will act as a groove to hold the ribbon in place. (It also cuts down on clove-studding time.) The insertion of cloves should be finished on the same day as it's begun. If you leave the pomander unfinished overnight, the unstudded part of the fruit may begin to rot.

2. Blend the curing spice mixture in the small bowl.

3. Sprinkle about half of this mixture into the bottom of the large bowl and place the studded pomanders on top.

4. Sprinkle the rest of the spice mixture over the pomanders.

5. Each day, turn the pomanders and sprinkle them with the spice mixture. Continue this process daily until the pomanders are totally hardened. This may take anywhere from two weeks to over a month, depending on the size of the fruit. When the pomanders have hardened, they are ready.

Curing Spice Mixture

- 4 ounces powdered cinnamon
- 2 ounces powdered cloves
- 1/2 ounce powdered allspice
- 1/2 ounce powdered nutmeg
- 1 ounce powdered orrisroot

Yield: 8 ounces, or enough to keep several pomanders curing at once. This mixture can be used over and over again. Store in a plastic bag between uses.

Did you know that...

- the first state to declare Christmas a legal holiday was Alabama, in 1836?
- a table crowded with food was considered a mark of status in early America?
- burning a Yule log insures good luck for the coming year? Many people tried to find a log big enough and green enough to burn, or smolder, for a part of each of the 12 days of Christmas.
- poinsettias were introduced in America between 1823 and 1830 by Joel Robert Poinsett, the first United States ambassador to Mexico?
- decorating with evergreens has its origins in pagan times, centuries before Christ? Mistletoe wards off evil spirits, holly was given as gifts by the Romans to signify friendship, and ivy represents eternal life, happiness, fertility and honor.
- toward the end of the 18th century, eggnog, descended from such egg-milk-spirit drinks as syllabub, became the beverage most associated with Christmas and was especially popular in the South?
- the *putz*, a miniature scene portraying the Nativity, was originally used by the Moravians to aid in explaining the holy birth?
- George and Martha Washington were married on Twelfth Night, 1759?
- George Washington hunted three times a week, if possible with friends and neighbors, especially on the days immediately following Christmas?

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Celebrate Hanukkah with traditional potato pancakes

As the first Hanukkah candle is lit this season, Jews all over the world will begin an eight-day celebration commemorating a miracle that occurred over two thousand years ago.

At that time, when the Jews repossessed their ancient temple in Jerusalem after defeating the Syrians, they found only one day's worth of sacred oil for lighting the eternal lamp. But this scant quantity of oil burned for eight days, long enough for the Jews to replenish their supply.

In remembrance of this remarkable event, Sephardic Jews of the Mediterranean region celebrate Hanukkah by lighting a small oil lamp called a *chanukiyah*. The *chanukiyah* has eight small wells along the bottom, one for each night of the holiday. For each evening's ritual lighting, only the finest Extra Virgin olive oil and wicks of pure cotton are used.

In lieu of olive oil (not readily accessible to them), Ashkenazic Jews of Eastern Europe took to lighting wax candles in an eight-branched candelabra called a *Menorrah*.

Because Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of long-lasting oil, this Festival of Lights has long been associated with fried foods, especially potato pancakes. Often referred to by their Yiddish name, *latkes* are made by grating potatoes with onion and frying the pancakes on a lightly oiled griddle. Traditional toppings include sour cream or applesauce.

Join in the celebration of miracles by trying one or both of the Hanukkah pancake recipes that follow. The first is for a traditional potato pancake, and the second for an unusually delicious sweet potato pancake developed in Bertolli's test kitchens.

There's good reason why Bertolli Extra Light Olive Oil is recommended in these recipes. In keeping with the traditions of Hanukkah, it is designated Kosher and bears the  symbol as a

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POTATO PANCAKES

Try these with a dollop of sour cream or applesauce. Yield: about one dozen 3-inch pancakes.

- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup finely minced onion
- 1 1/2 pounds Idaho or russet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2-3 teaspoons Bertolli Extra Light Olive Oil for shallow frying

1. In a large bowl, lightly beat the eggs with the salt and pepper. Stir in the onion.

2. Peel the potatoes and grate them coarsely, either by hand or with a food processor. Tightly, in batches, squeeze the potatoes between your hands to release any excess moisture.

3. Mix the potatoes and flour with the eggs.

4. Brush a large heavy skillet (preferably cast-iron) or griddle lightly with olive oil and heat until the oil begins to sizzle. Reduce the heat to medium-low and drop heaping tablespoons of batter onto the skillet a few inches apart.

Press the batter with the back of the spoon to create pancakes about 1/4-inch thick and roughly three inches round.

5. Fry the pancakes until golden brown, about 2-3 minutes on the first side and 4-6 minutes on the second side.

6. Raise the heat briefly and brush the skillet lightly with oil between batches. Then lower the heat and proceed as

directed until all of the batter is used up. (Any extra liquid that gathers at the bottom of the bowl may be discarded.)

7. As each batch is done, transfer to paper towels to drain and reserve in a warm place. Serve hot.

SWEET POTATO PANCAKES

Serve these pancakes as part of a meal in lieu of baked or mashed sweet potatoes. Alternatively, give them a light dusting of confectioners' sugar or a drizzling of maple syrup and enjoy them for dessert. Yield: approximately ten 3-inch pancakes.

- 3 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup or honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2-3 teaspoons Bertolli Extra Light Olive Oil for shallow frying

1. In large bowl, beat the eggs with the maple syrup, spices and salt.

2. Remove skin from the sweet potatoes by using a short sawing motion with a sharp paring knife. (Conventional potato peelers usually don't work efficiently on sweet potatoes.) Using a food processor fitted with the steel blade, chop the sweet potato very finely.

3. Blend the chopped sweet potatoes and flour into the egg mixture.

4. Brush a large heavy skillet (preferably cast-iron) or griddle lightly with olive oil and heat until the oil begins to sizzle.

Reduce the heat to medium-low and drop heaping tablespoons of batter onto the skillet a few inches apart. Press the batter with the back of the spoon to create pancakes about 1/4-inch thick and roughly three inches round. (It is important that these pancakes be thin in order for the sweet potatoes to cook properly.)

5. Fry the pancakes until golden brown, about 3-4 minutes on the first side and 4-6 minutes on the second side.

6. Raise the heat briefly and brush the skillet lightly with oil between batches. Then lower the heat and proceed as directed above until all the batter is used up.

7. As each batch is done, transfer to paper towels to drain and reserve in a warm place. Serve hot, dusted with confectioners' sugar, or drizzled with maple syrup, if desired. HL974068

Bake cookies in special seasonal shapes

Everyone, it seems, loves cookies — and who can resist the special treats that appear during the Christmas season? From German Lebkuchen and Dutch Speculaas, redolent of fragrant spices, to the melt-in-your-mouth delicacy of Greek Kourambiedes and Norwegian Spritz Cookies, the variety of shapes and sizes, tastes and textures, seems to be boundless.

You may want to consider baking an assortment of holiday cookies to have on hand for serving to unexpected holiday guests; what could be easier than putting on a pot of coffee and opening up a tin of goodies? Or you may want to package up several dozen as gifts — friends, neighbors and co-workers will all be delighted to receive a sampling of your culinary creativity.

Assemble the cookies in baskets lined with red or green napkins, in small holiday shopping bags or boxes (always use waxed paper or cellophane as a liner), or package them securely in tins.

The recipes below are for cookies in the shape of traditional Christmas symbols. While the preparation process is more involved than that for simple drop cookies, the procedures are explained clearly and are not unduly difficult.

You — and your loved ones — are sure to be pleased with the results when you invest an afternoon in creating Stuffed Stockings, Pistachio Wreaths (recipes reproduced from Better Homes and Gardens *Cookies for Christmas*, Meredith Publishing) or Viennese Christmas Trees (from *The Silver Palate Good Times Cookbook*, by Julee Rosso and Sheila Lukins with Sarah Leah Chase, Workman Publishing).

STUFFED STOCKINGS

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Food coloring (3 colors)
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate pieces
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- Fleecy Icing

*Stir together flour, baking powder, and salt. In a large mixer bowl beat

shortening and butter or margarine till butter is softened. Add sugar and beat till fluffy. Add egg and vanilla and beat well. Add flour mixture and beat till well mixed. Divide dough into thirds. Tint each third with six to eight drops of a different food coloring. Cover and chill about 1 hour or till easy to handle.

*On a lightly floured surface roll each third into a 9x6-inch rectangle. Cut each into nine 3x2-inch rectangles. Sprinkle about 1/2 teaspoon each of the chocolate pieces and nuts lengthwise down the center of each rectangle. Bring long sides together, pinching to seal. Pinch ends to seal. Form into a stocking shape.

*Place seam side down on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a 325° oven for 15 to 20 minutes or till done. Remove

and cool. Spread with Fleecy Icing to make cuff, heel, and toe. Makes 27.

Fleecy Icing: Combine 1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon softened butter or margarine, and enough milk (about 2 teaspoons) to make it spreadable.



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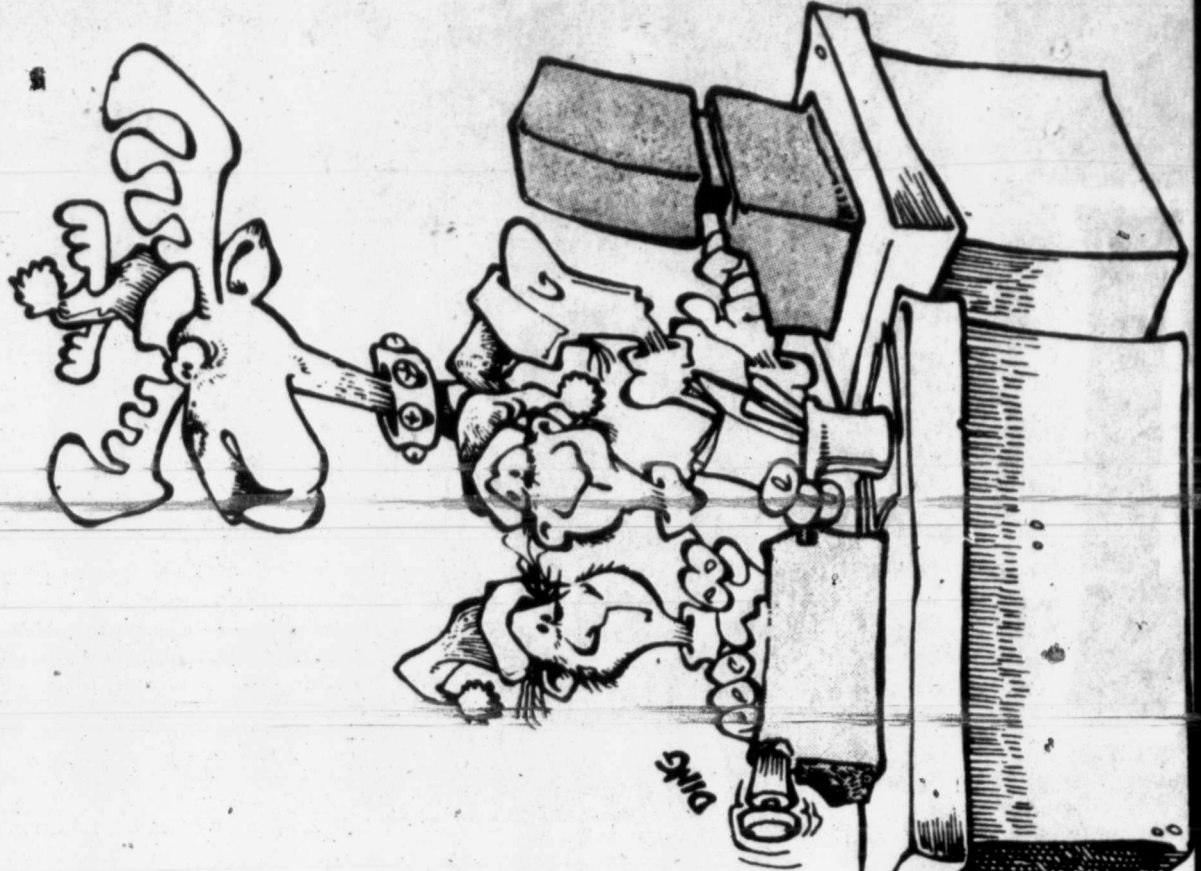
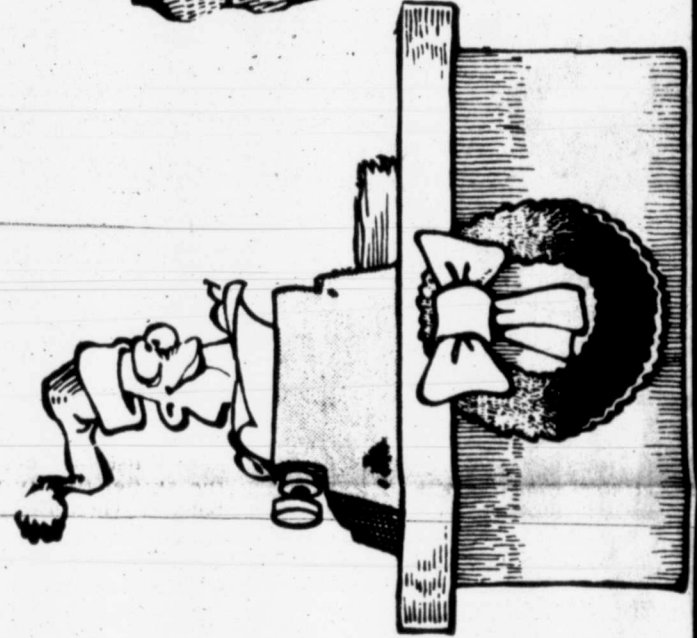
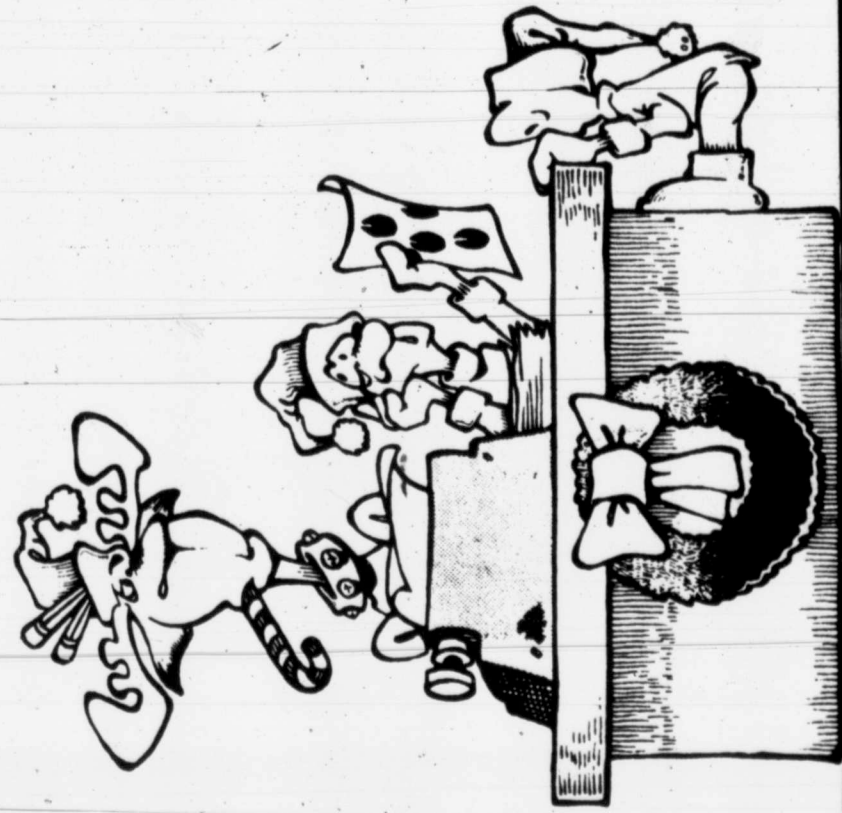
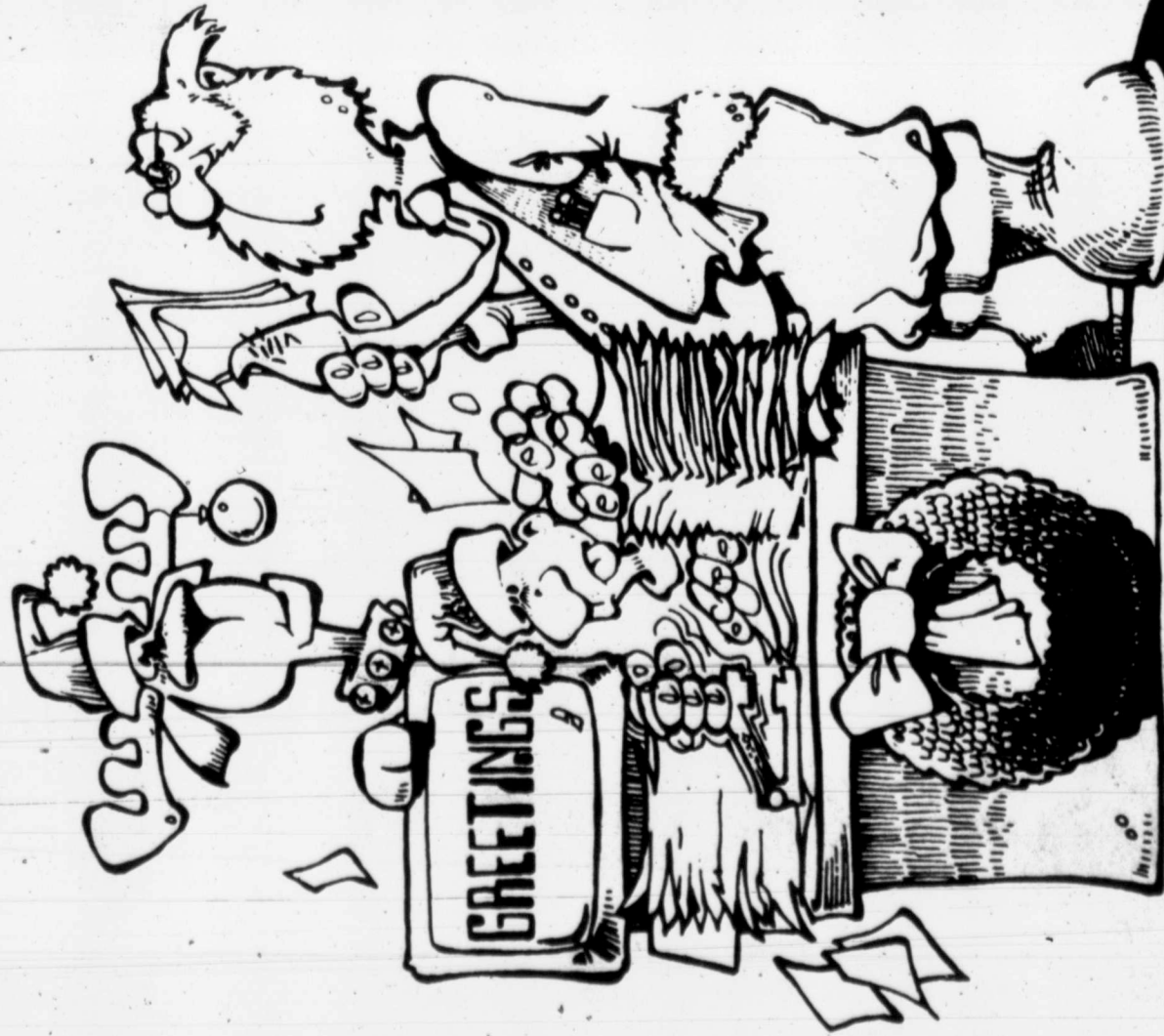
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