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Home of Kevin Tate



Residents are readying for last minute gift buying

"I can't believe it's here already," is a familiar statement heard this time of year as today is Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2002 is just hours away.

The forecast of snow and rain today should keep shoppers off the highways and winding up their last minute shopping with local merchants.

Several churches in the community have scheduled Christmas Eve services this evening.

First Baptist Church will have its candlelight service at 6 o'clock, as will Trinity United Methodist Church.

At 7, First United Methodist Church will hold its annual candlelight service followed by First Presbyterian Church at 11 p.m.

Several churches held their Christmas services over the weekend.

The Department of Public Safety reminds everyone to take extra care as travel north of Snyder promises to be hazardous until roads are cleared, or the snow and ice melts.

The DPS will continue to strictly enforce seat-belt laws and has a no tolerance policy for failure to use seat belts and child restraining equipment. Warnings are not issued for those offenses, said DPS officials.

Local troopers suggest everyone write down the department's roadside assistance hotline. The number is 1-800-525-5555.

It can also be found on the back of all Texas drivers' licenses. Motorists should use the hotline number if they become stranded with car problems, to report hazardous road conditions, suspicious activity at a rest stop, or intoxicated drivers. Troopers added that calling 911 is still the first option for emergency situations.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

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

A repeat of Night Before Christmas, Snyder Style...

T'was the night before Christmas, in Snyder you know.
Way out in the west, where it seldom snows.
Asleep in their bunks were Bubba and Bobbie Sue,
A dreamin' of Christmas, just like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots, at the foot of the bed,
For this is West Texas, what more need be said.
When all of a sudden, from the dark of the night,
There came such a ruckus, thought it was a fight.

I saw from the sky, as fast as a buck,
A loaded up red Ford truck, packed with great stuff.
The driver was grinnin' and whistlin' at will,
The jolly ole driver maneuvered with amazing skill.

"Come on there Buddy, Bobby and Jack,
We've got plenty of work left for tonight."
The pusher was in Levis and a shirt that was red,
Had a 10-gallon hat on top of his head.

As he stepped from the truck, he was really a sight,
With his beard and moustache so curly and white.
As he burst in the bunkhouse, the kids there awoke.
And were so astonished, that nobody spoke.

And he filled up their boots with presents galore,
That nobody could think of anything more.
When Bubba recovered the use of his jaws,
He asked in a whisper, "Are you really Santa Claus?"

"Well, what do you think?"
And the smiles grew wider as he gave them a wink.
Santa and helpers went back to his red truck
And they sped away Santa and wished all good luck:
"Merry Christmas, ya'll"

Dear Santa, I would like...

This edition of the Snyder Daily News includes letters to Santa Claus. After printing them in the paper, they were all forwarded to the North Pole. Here is just a sample of the letters.

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a truck with doors and three seats, an ambulance, and a new power wheels. Please bring my brother Tyton, some stocking blocks. I will be sure to leave yo some yummy cookies and milk.
Love,
Britton Robert Hill
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year.
For Christmas please bring me a new power wheels truck with a trailer and motorcycles. Please bring my baby brother, Tyton, some baby toys. I will be sure to leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Landon Bryan Hill
Age 4

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Play Station 2 with some games, plus a truck and a Gundum.
Thank you,
Andrew Thomas Chavarria

(More Santa letters can be found on Page 8A, and Section B and C)

ASK US

Q—What time will Santa Claus arrive in Snyder?
A—Only after all good little boys and girls are fast asleep. You can track Santa as he goes across the U.S.A. on www.noradsanta.org/.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Santa Claus...

...has lived in Snyder ever since the town has been here. He used to visit homes that were built along Deep Creek and leave kids toys and games, but not like the ones he does now. When Santa first started visiting in Snyder, there was no electricity so he had to be careful as he came down chimneys as moms and dads used the fireplace for cooking, as well as keeping warm

TODAY'S THOUGHT

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
—Luke 2:11

Holiday closings

The Christmas holiday will prompt local financial institutions to close early today.

Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank and Texas Savings Bank will close at noon and reopen at regular time Thursday.

First American Bank will shut its doors at 2 p.m. today.

City and county offices are closed today and Christmas Day. Regular hours will resume Thursday. r deliver resumes Thursday.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Christmas Eve service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Candlelight Christmas Eve service

Trinity United Methodist Church will have a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve candlelight service

The First United Methodist Church will have a candle light service on Christmas Eve beginning at 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve service

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2712 Ave. R. The public is invited.

Landfill closed Wednesday

The City of Snyder landfill will be open Tuesday but closed Christmas Day and also Saturday.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Tate retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of J.B. Tate Jr., president of Texas Savings Bank, will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Friday at the bank.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception in honor of Supt. Jerry Church will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Hermleigh High School cafeteria.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday Why Did God Separate the Jews from the Gentiles?" followed by "What's In It for Me?"

Windbreak trees

Orders for windbreak trees and drip irrigation are being taken at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation office through Jan. 31. The office is located in the Scurry County USDA office complex at 5309 Big Spring Highway. Call 573-6317, ext. 2.

SHS booster club fund raiser

The SHS drama booster club is collecting old cell phones and used printer cartridges for recycling. Drop off at the sheriff's office. For more information, call Jan Scott at 573-8027.

Choir trip planned

SHS choirs are also planning a trip to Boston on Easter weekend, April 17-21. There are six available positions for anyone who wants to make the trip. For more information, call Ronda Haire, choir director, at 573-6301.

White Buffalo Festival T-shirts

White Buffalo T-shirts featuring a train are on sale at the Whistle Stop or the coliseum office for $7 each.

Trinity Bible study

A 10-week study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," begins Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Melissa Petty will lead the study and all women are invited to attend. To order a book or for more information call 573-3988.

WTC testing dates

Western Texas College's testing dates for LVN ASSET COMPASS QUICKTASP include Jan. 4, 12:30 p.m.; Jan. 7, 9 a.m.,1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Jan. 21, 1:30 p.m.; and Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313.

Tigers Lair yearbook

Orders for 2002 Tigers Lair yearbooks are still being taken. The cost is $50 with additional options available. Call 574-6138 for information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Trial set for N.Y. real estate heir

GALVESTON (AP) — The heir to a New York real estate fortune who is accused of murdering a 71-year-old neighbor and then dismembering and dumping his remains into Galveston Bay will go on trial in May, a judge has ruled.

"I intend for that to be a firm trial setting," state district Judge Susan Criss said Friday, setting the trial to commence on May 12.

Robert Durst, the 59-year-old millionaire son of New York skyscraper tycoon Seymour Durst, is charged with murder. He is accused of killing, slicing up and dumping into Galveston Bay the bagged remains of his neighbor, Morris Black. The trial initially was scheduled to begin in June of this year.

Durst has acknowledged killing Black but has pleaded innocent, calling the slaying an act of self-defense and an accident. Criss has issued a gag order on attorneys, police, witnesses and others involved in the case.

Durst was arrested Oct. 9, 2001, and released from the Galveston County Jail hours later after posting $300,000 bond, before authorities knew he was the heir to the real estate fortune. He failed to appear for his Oct. 16 arraignment.

He remained on the lam until Nov. 30, when he was arrested in Bethlehem, Pa.

Kmart reports $383 million loss in third quarter earnings

DETROIT (AP) — Bankrupt retailer Kmart Corp. posted a loss of $383 million in the third quarter, as sales lagged and the company fought to rebound from its Chapter 11 filing.

Kmart also reported its November same-store sales were down 17.2 percent from the year-ago period. October same-store sales were down 3.9 percent from October 2001. Same-store sales are considered the best indicator of a retailer's health.

The company said the big drop in its November sales reflected in part a quirk of the calendar: The company ends its fiscal periods on the last Wednesday of the month, so Thanksgiving weekend sales this year weren't counted in the November total.

The Troy-based retailer lost 76 cents per share for the 13 weeks ended Oct. 30, compared with a restated loss of $249 million — or 50 cents per share — in the third quarter of 2001.

Julian Day, the company's president, said December started strong but the last two weeks have been softer than expected.

Earlier this month, Kmart said it was restating earnings from the first two quarters of this year and for prior years after problems were discovered as part of the company's review of its accounting practices.

The adjustments related to several items, including a software programming error in Kmart's accounts payable system and leasing issues.

James Adamson, the company's chairman and chief executive officer, said Kmart is continuing to make progress in several areas and officials hoped to emerge from Chapter 11 court protection "as early as practicable in 2003."

Excluding non-comparable items, discontinued operations and reorganization items, the company's net loss was $390 million, or 78 cents per share, in the third quarter of 2002, compared with a net loss of $152 million, or 31 cents per share, in the third quarter of 2001.



ATTEND CONVENTION — Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Terrell and Mr. and Mrs. James Beaver recently attended a Texas Farm Bureau convention in Corpus Christi. (Contributed Photo)

Four from Snyder attend Texas Farm Bureau convention

Four voting delegates from Scurry County Farm Bureau participated in the 69th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention in Corpus Christi.

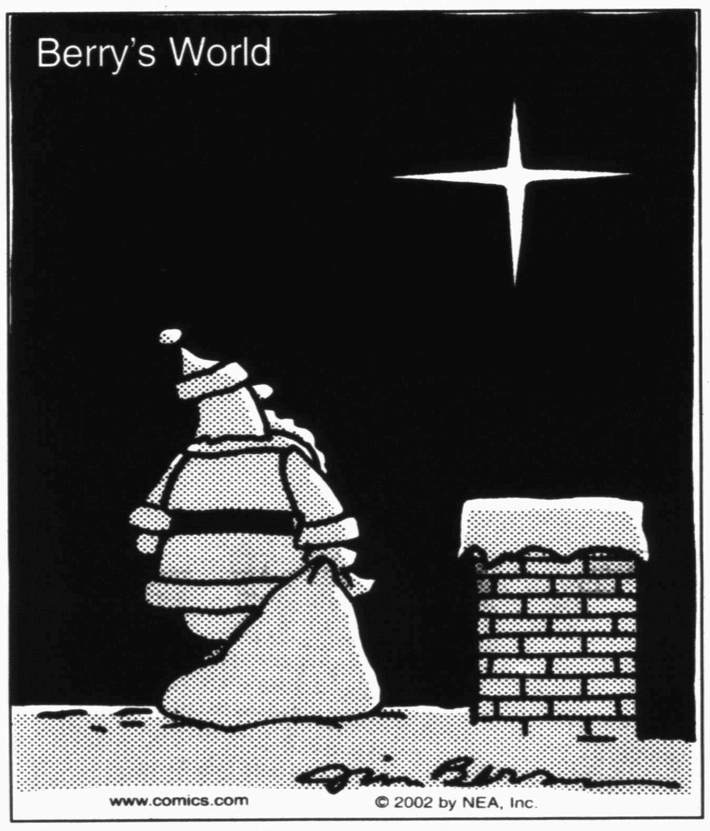
Locals attending the Dec. 8 convention were Marlin and Joritta Terrell and James and Ozane Beaver.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized farm bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting to be held in January in Tampa, Fla.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; Dale Jeske of Alamo, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo as president.

Stephen Gertson of East Bernard was named Outstanding Young Farmer of 2002.





Today's chuckle

Businessman gives $300 in $1 dollar bills

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A downtown businessman has decided to share some of his good fortune with others a dollar at a time.

Mike Jeffcoat, 42, a corporate furnishings consultant, taped 300 $1 dollar bills to his office window Friday along with a note: "Please take only what you need. Remember others."

Many in the crowd took nothing, while some took a few bucks for a cup of coffee, Christmas presents or a bus ticket. It was all gone in 35 minutes.

Jeffcoat said he believed wallpapering the window would allow people to grab what they needed without much hassle.



As he hung money, Jeffcoat said one stranger gave him $20. The man didn't have singles and wanted to help. Others gave a few bucks.

Sharmel Shirley, 23, and Sadaka Kimble, 24, split the final $41. Shirley needed to pay a power bill. Kimble's daughter needed diapers. Both women said they've been out of work for four months.

"Money just flapping in the wind," Shirley said. "It was like, 'Wow!'"

New Jersey becomes first state to enact 'smart guns' legislation

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey on Monday became the first state to enact "smart gun" legislation that would eventually require new handguns to contain a mechanism that allows only their owners to fire them.

Gov. James E. McGreevey signed the bill into law requiring the "smart guns," but the rule will not go into effect immediately because the technology is still under development. It could be years before it becomes a reality.

"This is common-sense legislation. There are safety regulations on cars, on toys. It's clearly time we have safety regulations on handguns," McGreevey said at Monday's signing ceremony.

Under the New Jersey law, smart-gun technology will be required in all new handguns sold three years after the state attorney general determines a smart gun prototype is safe and commercially available.

The New Jersey Institute of Technology is developing a smart gun prototype that would use sensors on the pistol grip to identify a user.

The owner would have his or her grip programmed at a gun shop or police range by practice-firing the weapon. A microchip in the weapon would remember the grip and determine in an instant whether the authorized user was holding the weapon. If not, the gun would not fire.

Supporters say the law will help prevent accidental gun deaths and suicides.

But opponents argued that it makes little sense to legislate about a technology that does not yet exist and have raised questions about its reliability.

"No technology is foolproof," said Nancy Ross, spokeswoman for the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs. "Anyone who has a computer knows how many times it crashes."

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The basic monetary unit of Qatar is the riyal, and its chief fractional unit is the dirham.

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Vermont is the 14th state. It was admitted to the Union in 1791.

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The state bird of Virginia is the cardinal.

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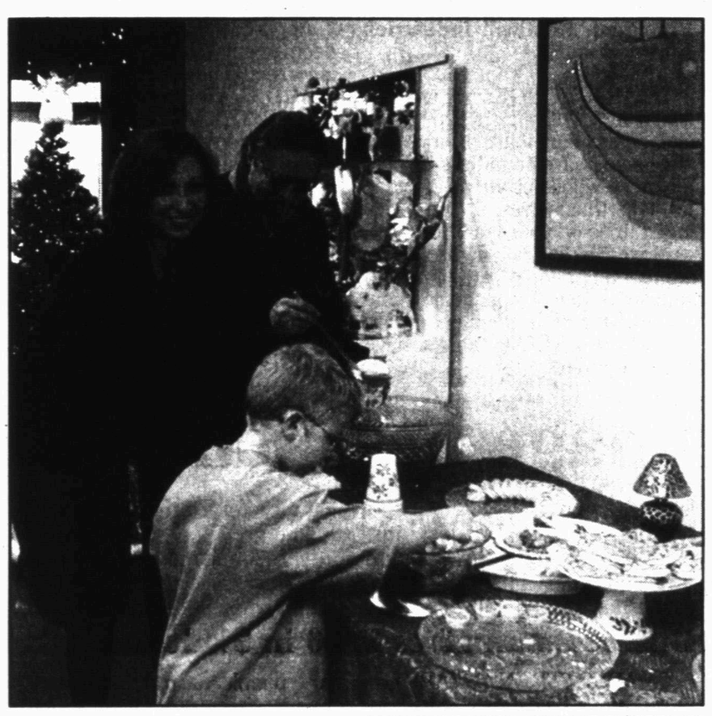


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ORNAMENT WINNER — Lorinda Hardin's East Elementary fourth grade class won the handmade ornament contest for the Christmas tree in the historic Demott School. Students are Jacoree Brooks, Noah Cortez, Krysha Burleson, Logan Tabor, Angel Guerrero, Xavier Malone, Anthony Taylor, Dillon West, William Davis, Brittany Miller, Michelle Vasquez, Jacob Breedlove, Lizthe Olivarez, Lilliane Hernandez, Justin Gonzales, Xalee Northcutt and Samantha Villareal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CHAMBER OPEN HOUSE — Tati Nail, DCOS secretary, John DeLille, executive director of DCOS, and Boomer Fowler are shown at the serving table at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Christmas open house Thursday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley

Bridge by Phillip Alder

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Dealer: East
Vulnerable: North-South

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Let's assume you double. Your left-hand opponent bids two no-trump, asking East for his minor; and your partner jumps to four spades. What now?

Double has the advantage of delaying the decision; it has the drawback of suggesting four spades, so partner might not be that long in the suit. Therefore South, Sabine Auken — who is German by birth but now lives with her husband Jens in Copenhagen, Denmark — shut her eyes and jumped to six no-trump. (Six clubs can be made, but six spades has no chance unless East leads a heart.)

West led the heart five: 10, jack, ace. What would you do now?

Auken needed something good to happen in one of the black suits. So, at trick two, she led the club queen from her hand. West won with the king and returned another heart to declarer's nine. Auken unblocked the spade ace, played a diamond to dummy's king, and cashed the spade king, discarding the heart eight. The queen didn't appear, but the clubs ran, so Auken had 12 tricks from two spades, three hearts, two diamonds and five clubs.

Pluot is the registered trademark for a cross between a plum and an apricot — and it is delicious.

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More good fruit from the year

By Phillip Alder

Do you know what a pluot is?

This deal is a fruity one from the Forbo Team Tournament, held last February in the Netherlands. First, look only at the South hand. The dealer on your right opens two hearts, which shows at least 5-5 in hearts and a minor with some 5-9 high-card points. What are your options?

You have several choices: a take-out double, three no-trump, five clubs and six clubs. (Three clubs and four clubs are too cautious.)

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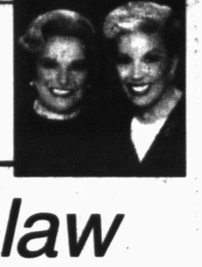
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Bride needs fiance's support to stand up to father-in-law

DEAR Abby: I just read the letter from "Don't Want to Be His Daughter-in-Law" and had to respond.

My husband is a wonderful, kind, caring, responsible man. However his father is crude, rude, and has made sexual advances to me.

From my personal experience, you can have a good, strong marriage, even if your father-in-law is horrid. Our solution was to invite our friends to our wedding and ignore my future father-in-law's guest list, serve no alcohol at the reception, treat him kindly without letting him walk all over us, and after the wedding — we moved! We now live two hours away. Most important, her fiance must stand up for her, back her up, and not be cowed by his father. — **HAPPY WIFE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR HAPPY WIFE: Thank you for some excellent suggestions. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: That bride-to-be and her fiance should get premarital counseling to work out how to cope with his family. He may also have some problems down the road being a good husband and father, since he did not have a good role model. Counseling and some good self-help books about being the child of an alcoholic will also help. Also, they should attend Al-Anon meetings and learn how to say no to the alcoholic when it comes to their lives.

And last but not least, I recommend she stop calling them "drunks." They are "alcoholics" suffering from a terrible disease that often has its roots in genetics. — **KATHARINE IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA.**

DEAR KATHARINE: I won't quarrel with you on that one. And your idea of premarital counseling is a good one. Another helpful resource might be ACA — Adult Children of Alcoholics. (It is also in the phone book.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 and will be married next September. Usually the father of the bride walks her down the aisle, but I want my father's brother to be the one to do the honors.

When I mentioned it to my father's wife, she told me he'd be very upset if I asked my uncle and not him. However, there's a reason why I want to ask my uncle. Many years ago, he lost his wife and two little girls in a tragic accident. I feel that asking him to walk me down the aisle would make him feel that although his daughters are gone, he can still have that moment every father dreams of when he brings a daughter into this world.

I view it this way: My father still has his daughter to see and talk to whenever he wants; my uncle doesn't. What do you think of my idea? I have many months to plan this, and I want my father's help as well. — **UNDECIDED IN VERMONT**

DEAR UNDECIDED: You have a heart of gold and are well-intentioned. However, as much as you might wish to, you cannot change history. Your father should walk you down the aisle. If you want your uncle to be a part of your wedding, please consider another role for him. Perhaps he could be part of the wedding party, or do a reading during the service. That way there will be no ill feelings on the part of anyone on this happy occasion.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Have a Merry Christmas, but please keep in mind: If you're drinking, don't drive; if you're driving, don't drink.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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Thank you one and all for believing in the "Power of Work," and for believing in Goodwill Industries. — **GEORGE W. KESSINGER, President, Goodwill Industries International**

DEAR GEORGE: My mother said it very well back in 1969 when she joined your Board of Advisors: "Because I have boundless respect for those whose prime objective is to help themselves, I feel privileged to be on your team."

May you and all of the other wonderful people at Goodwill Industries International enjoy continued success in your endeavors — and thank YOU for all you have done for others.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old guy who has been with my girlfriend for two years. We've always had a good thing going, but lately I've been feeling the pressure of living with her. Now we're on the brink of a breakup that is mostly my fault.

The problem is I like to go out and have a good time with the guys, and she's not exactly keen on the idea. What can I do to save our relationship, other than quit hanging out with my friends? Thanks, Abby. — **TORN BETWEEN MY GIRL AND THE GUYS**

DEAR TORN: Negotiate. Compromise. One way to accomplish this is to agree on a "girls' night out" and a "boys' night out" — preferably the same night. Give it a try. You'll both be better off for it.

DEAR ABBY: I thought you might enjoy a joke that I conceived and sent to Reader's Digest.

Question: What do they call Mother Teresa now that she is enjoying her heavenly reward?

Answer: Nun of the above.

Apparently Reader's Digest deemed the joke to be religiously incorrect. They did not reply. — **WARD C. McCURTAIN, BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

DEAR WARD: Your joke is cute — so I'm sharing it with my readers. It was heaven-sent.

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Scurrying Around Snyder

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"Food for the Soul"
"The Hand"

Thanksgiving Day was near. The first grade teacher gave her class a fun assignment — to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. Most of the class might be considered economically disadvantaged, but still many would celebrate the holiday with turkey and other traditional goodies of the season. These, the teacher thought, would be the subjects of most of her student's art. And they were. But Douglas made a different kind of picture. Douglas was a different kind of boy. He was the teacher's true child of misery, frail and unhappy. As other children played at recess, Douglas was likely to stand close by her side. One could only guess at the pain Douglas felt behind those sad eyes.

Yes, his picture was different. When asked to draw a picture of something for which he was thankful, he drew a hand. Nothing else. Just an empty hand. His abstract image captured the imagination of his peers. Whose hand could it be? One child guessed it was the hand of a farmer, because farmers raise turkeys. Another suggested a police officer, because the police protect and care for people. Still others guessed it was the hand of God, for God feeds us. And so the discussion went — until the teacher almost forgot the young artist himself. When the children had gone on to other assignments, she paused at Douglas' desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was. The little boy looked away and murmured, "It's yours, teacher." She recalled the times she had taken his hand and walked with him here or there, as she had the other students. How often had she said, "Take my hand, Douglas, we'll go outside." Or, let me show you how to hold your pencil." Or, "Let's do this together." Douglas was most thankful for his teacher's hand.

Brushing aside a tear, she went on with her work. The story speaks of more than thankfulness. It says something about teachers teaching and parents parenting and friends showing friendship, and how much it means to be Douglases of the world. They might not always say thanks. But they'll remember the hand that reaches out.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Transplanting Native Plants

Many desirable native or wild Texas plants are adaptable for the home landscape. The natives are hardy to local weather conditions, local soils, and perhaps more tolerant of local garden insects and diseases. Most natives are easy to grow, yet the task of successfully transplanting the desired native from the wild is often difficult, and must be done with care.

The wet, cold days of winter are ideal times for transplanting plants, both native or cultivated species. Due to cold, the plants are dormant or in a state of rest, and will not suffer the shock of moving and the interruption of growth.

Special precautions must be taken when selecting native plants for transplanting. Even though these plants are hardy, it is often difficult for the home owner to substitute the natural or native woodland environment which nature has provided. The gardener must first ask if he or she can provide growing conditions similar to those in which the plant now thrives. If not, leave the plant to nature.

Before digging, the home owner must decide which native plants will best fit his or her landscape needs. It would be unwise to select a native dogwood for a sunny location, since dogwood demands shade or overhead protection. The planting area for the new plant should be well prepared prior to transplanting. Dig the planting hole both wider and deeper than the native plant's root system. Add woods loam, peat or humus, or, preferably, the type of soil from which the native is taken. Have leaf mold and loam on hand to fill in or work around the new plant's root system.

In choosing the native plant to transplant, do not attempt to transplant an overly large specimen. Small plants are usually more vigorous. They grow much faster and are easier to handle. It may be necessary to tag the plant in the wild while in leaf or berry to be sure of a positive identification. Young elms, void of foliage, often resemble native redbuds. Not all hollies will produce berries; in selecting yaupon, deciduous holly, and American holly, choose the female plants with berries.

Particularly in the case of large specimens, it may be well to prune the root system of the selected native prior to digging. Prune the plant's lateral roots at least one growing season prior to complete transplanting. Making spade cuts around the plant helps it to adjust to shock prior to transplanting and develop a more intensive root system.

When transplanting, lift the plant with a ball of earth if possible. Wrap the ball with a moist burlap sack or similar material for easy transferal and to prevent disturbance of the root system. Plant the native plant at its normal growth depth immediately after digging. Water well after planting, and mulch over the root areas with leaves, straw, of leaf mold.

Pruning transplanted plants is often difficult for the gardener, but usually is essential for viability. Cut back the upper branches and end shoots of limbs to compensate for loss of root area and to encourage new branching and foliage growth come spring. Some of the foliage should be stripped or removed from evergreen plants.

Catalog becomes 100-page best seller

GALLUP, N.M. (AP) — It's hardly Santa's workshop, but Gabe and Troy Sice's small plywood shed may be just as busy.

About 35 miles from the nerve center of the Southwest Indian Foundation's catalog operation, the Zuni Pueblo brothers crouch for hours over electric grinding stones, trying to fill the latest order for their painstakingly carved wood-and-antler figures.

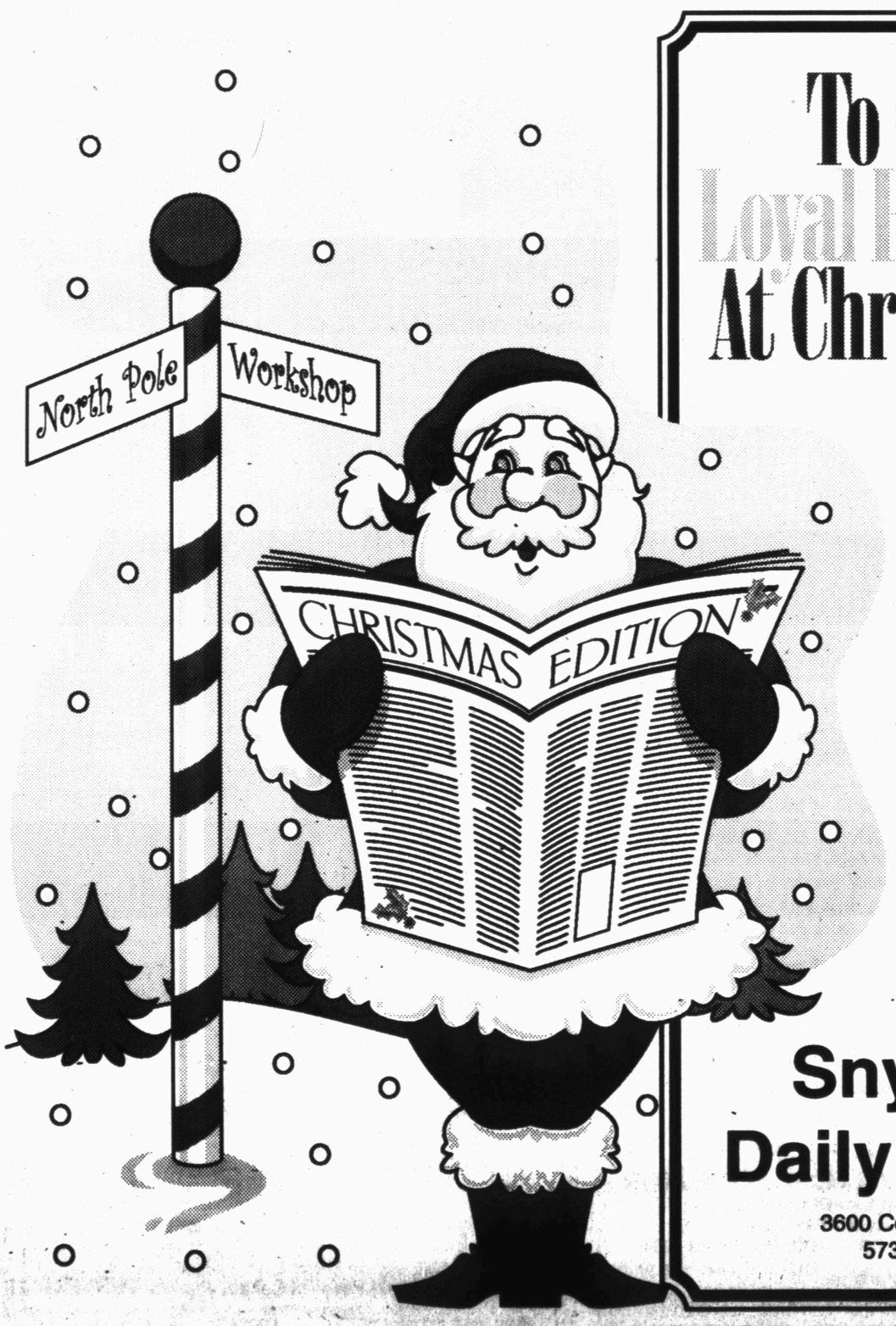
The Sice brothers' standing-bear and corn maiden figures are among thousands of items offered — from Navajo jewelry to hot sauce — in a catalog that has exploded in both size and popularity.

What began as a modest, one-page flier selling crafts to drum up cash for the Gallup-based nonprofit has turned into a glossy 108-page catalog sent to more than 8 million people.

"We thought we'd sell a few items, and it just grew," said catalog director Tom Ellefson.

And grew.

The foundation, which seeks to relieve poverty and unemployment among American Indians, expects to bring in about $9 million this quarter in catalog sales and donations, said foundation executive director Bill McCarthy.



To Our Loyal Readers At Christmas

As we wrap up another holiday edition, we'd like to deliver an extra measure of thanks and best wishes to all of you.

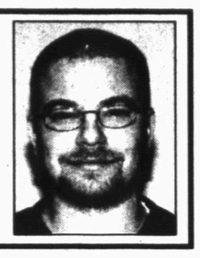
Here's hoping all your news is good news this season.

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SPORTS

Sideline Views



by Bobby Allen

Area sports teams have taken a few days off to celebrate the Christmas holidays, but several former Tiger athletes will be in football bowl action this week.

1998 Snyder graduate Kyle Beck, a senior defensive end at Oklahoma State, will suit up Friday in Houston to take on Southern Mississippi at the Houston Bowl. The game will be televised on ESPN and coverage will begin at noon.

Matthew Grimmett, Class of 2001, is a redshirt freshman at TCU. He will be on hand as the Horned Frogs battle Colorado State on New Year's Eve in the Liberty Bowl.

Former Tiger quarterback Sonny Cumbie, back-up to Kliff Kingsbury at Tech, played in the Tangerine Bowl against Clemson Monday.

In the spirit of the season, we give you insights from the weekend's NFL action from pundits across the country, including reactions to the news that Jerry Jones was flirting with Bill Parcells concerning the head coaching job that will no doubt open at Valley Ranch next week.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas!

Rick Gosselin, The Dallas Morning News: "Bill Parcells would give Jones instant credibility as a football man because, for once, Jerry would be hiring the best possible person for the job.

The man wins, and he wins quickly.

Jerry has run out of patience with Campo after three consecutive losing seasons…Not only is Jerry losing patience — his fans are losing patience. He must do something dramatic to win them back.

Hiring Parcells would certainly qualify as dramatic."

Ron Reid, Philadelphia Inquirer: "First of all, there probably is no truth to the rumor that Jerry Jones gave Dave Campo a Christmas gift here last night: a cigarette and a blindfold.

But that sort of suspicion was raised after Jones, the Cowboys' ego-driven owner, spent a lot of time before the game with the Eagles talking about the five-hour conversation he had with Bill Parcells on Wednesday."

Don Banks, cnnsi.com: "The question everybody's asking is whether Parcells is a candidate or just a consultant when it comes to the Cowboys and their potential head-coaching vacancy? We don't know that, of course, because come coach-hiring season, Parcells loves nothing more than to don his feather boa and ostrich plume and play the tease. It's a dance he has raised to high art."

Woody Paige, Denver Post: "Brian Griese had a quarterback rating on Sunday that was virtually the same as his uniform number and barely higher than a dead man's.

The biggest game of Griese's career with the Broncos was the biggest flop of Griese's career with the Broncos.

The enigmatic quarterback's self-proclaimed big game was over even before he was injured — again — in the first half.

How long, Mike Shanahan, how long?…If Shanahan continues to hitch his wagon to Griese, then that horse and cart should be ridden out of Denver together."

Dan Le Batard, Miami Herald: "The Dolphins choked Saturday. Gagged. Spit up on themselves in a way that suggested those road uniforms should come equipped with bibs. They dropped balls, forgot how to fall on fumbles and, while there are no official records kept on such things, they are also believed to have set a single-game franchise record for stupidity.

They played a dumb, sloppy, confused, timid game they deserved to lose — and did 20-17 when a mummified Gary Anderson emerged from his coffin to kick them right in the groin."

Emmitt Smith, Dallas Cowboys: "The only thing I can say about this performance is an apology to the Dallas Cowboys fans. This was an embarrassment."

Sports Briefs

Hall of Fame contacts members about Rose

NEW YORK (AP) — The Hall of Fame already has started contacting its 58 living members, hoping to set up a meeting for them with commissioner Bud Selig next month to discuss Pete Rose's possible reinstatement.

Rangers sign closer

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers signed closer Ugueth Urbina to a one-year, $4 million contract with another $500,000 deferred. Urbina, a two-time All-Star whose 40 saves for Boston last season tied for third-best in the American League, went 1-6 with a 3.00 ERA last season. He had 19 straight saves from April 12-July 3, and blew only six chances all season.

Perez signs with Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Former Gold Glove infielder Neifi Perez signed a two-year contract with the San Francisco Giants.

NBA fines players for thuggish behavior

Notre Dame turnaround, excellence of Miami the stories of 2002 college season

By the Associated Press

Notre Dame introduced Tyrone Willingham as its head coach on the first day of 2002, hoping its second choice could return a once-proud program back to prominence.

It's safe to say that in one full year, Willingham has more than accomplished that feat.

On the first day of 2003, the Fighting Irish will play in the Gator Bowl against North Carolina State — completing one of the most surprising story lines in a college football season that saw plenty of the unexpected.

There was Miami right on top — again. The Hurricanes started 2002 with the school's fifth national title after beating Nebraska 37-14 in the Rose Bowl. Now they carry a 34-game winning streak into the Fiesta Bowl, where they hope to win a second straight championship despite losing 12 starters.

Their opponent: Ohio State, which will play for the school's first national title since 1968. It wasn't easy for the Buckeyes to go 13-0 — they won six games by a touchdown or less.

But the Buckeyes did not have to play Iowa, which won 11 games for the first time in school history behind Heisman Trophy finalist Brad Banks.

One of the year's best performers beat Banks out in an unexpected Heisman victory. USC quarterback Carson Palmer entered 2002 with a 16-16 career record as a starter, but turned his career — and the Trojans — around en route to the Heisman Trophy, becoming the first winner from the West Coast since USC's Marcus Allen in 1981.

Georgia won its first SEC Championship since 1982, and Alabama went 10-3 under Dennis Franchione despite NCAA sanctions. He left the Crimson Tide for Texas A&M in early December.

The vote for most surprising story this season, though, has to go to Notre Dame. The Irish finished the regular-season 10-2, the school's most wins since 1993. They completed the third-best turnaround in school history.

When he was hired, he had one goal — resurrection.

"That's why I'm here," Willingham said. "To reach that level of excellence that this university has always had. I believe it can be accomplished."

Willingham came from Stanford and stepped into a messy situation. Bob Davie was fired Dec. 2, 2001, after going 5-6, and Notre Dame hired former Georgia Tech coach George O'Leary in mid-December.

O'Leary resigned five days after being hired because of inaccuracies on his resume about his academic and athletic background. In came Willingham.

Even further tainting Notre Dame's image, three players were kicked off the team in May after a woman said she was raped.

But Willingham made people forget about the bad times.

Notre Dame started the season 8-0 but finishing undefeated wasn't meant to be — the Irish lost 17-14 to Boston College and 44-13 to USC.

Miami proved again it is the top team in the country after completing a second straight undefeated season. The Hurricanes' winning streak ties Penn for the sixth-longest in Division I-A history.

"I may be the luckiest coach in the world," coach Larry Coker said.

Coker's next challenge comes against Ohio State. The Buckeyes started the season ranked No. 13 but walked a thin line all the way to Tempe, Ariz.

"You can talk all you want about how we don't deserve to be here, we don't deserve this, we don't deserve that," Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett said. "But we don't apologize for winning. We won 13 games — that's all that matters."

Iowa also put together an impressive Big Ten run, finishing the program's first unbeaten conference season since 1922, and shared the title with Ohio State. Iowa is just three seasons removed from going 1-10.

Palmer also had his struggles. The senior ended last season with 39 career touchdown passes and 39 interceptions. This year, Palmer completed nearly 63 percent of his passes for 3,639 yards and 32 touchdowns with 10 interceptions.

Palmer won one of the most wide-open races in Heisman history by 233 points over Banks.

Penn State's Larry Johnson, who became the ninth player in Division I-A history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season, was third.

"I wasn't expecting it," Palmer said. "Going into my senior year, I just wanted to go out with a bang and get back to a big bowl. I don't know when it's going to sink in."

There also have been unpleasant surprises for several teams. Nebraska finished 7-6, failed to win nine games for the first time since 1968 and fell out of the AP Top 25 for the first time in 348 weeks in September.

Florida State, preseason No. 3, again struggled but won the ACC despite an 8-4 record. Quarterback Chris Rix is academically ineligible for the Sugar Bowl against Georgia because he overslept for an exam.

There were some scary moments, too. After big rivalry games on Nov. 23 between Michigan and Ohio State, Washington State and Washington, Stanford and California, and South Carolina and Clemson, fans tore down goal posts, tossed trash cans, set fires and created chaos.

There were even scuffles involving team personnel. After Hawaii's tense 20-19 win over Cincinnati on Nov. 23, players from both sides charged the field and fought for nearly five minutes before coaches and police restored order.

Nineteen teams alive in NFL playoff hunt

By The Associated Press

In one of the wildest playoff scrambles in memory, more than half of the NFL's 32 teams are still in contention heading into the season's final week.

How wacky is it?

Not even the defending Super Bowl champions are assured of getting in and one sub-.500 team still has a chance.

A total of 19 teams are still alive, 12 in the AFC alone. Computer printouts and spreadsheets were pulled out in the NFL office as league officials dissected tiebreaking formulas such as strength of schedule and strength of victories.

Things could have cleared slightly if New England won Sunday but, true to the way the season has gone, the New York Jets beat the Super Bowl champs 30-17. That kept both the Jets (8-7) and the Baltimore Ravens (7-8) alive.

"Last week we didn't think we were going to be breathing, but now we're breathing," Jets quarterback Chad Pennington said.

There are six AFC teams at 8-7 and all can still get in the playoffs. Miami, New England and the Jets can all win the AFC East. Oakland and Tennessee became the first two AFC teams to clinch playoff berths entering the final week of the regular season. Jacksonville and Buffalo lost and were eliminated.

If Oakland (10-5) and Tennessee (10-5) win next week, the Raiders will be the top seed in the conference and Tennessee will be seeded second because the Raiders beat the Titans 52-25 on Sept. 29. But Tennessee has won nine of 10, beating Jacksonville 28-10 on Sunday. Plus, the Titans are playing with something to prove after no one on the team was selected to the Pro Bowl.

"I think we've been playing with a chip on our shoulder the whole year," Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck said. "For this team to be one of the hottest teams in the NFL, and for no one to go to represent Tennessee in Honolulu is absurd. People are just going to have to feel the wrath."

Who the Titans will try to take it out on remains a mystery.

Pittsburgh (8-5-1) can clinch the AFC North by winning at Tampa Bay on Monday night. If the Steelers lose, they can still clinch the division by beating Baltimore at home.

Miami's 20-17 loss to Minnesota on Saturday dropped the Dolphins to 9-6 and back in the pack in a muddled conference. The same thing happened to the Colts when they lost to the Giants.

But Indianapolis can make the playoffs with a win over Jacksonville.

"As crazy as this whole season has been around the league, when we were standing here 16 weeks ago probably the No. 1 thing we talked about was being in position to win the division and we have that," Miami coach Dave Wannstedt said.

The NFC situation was more simplified, although the final two wild-card berths will go down to the final week.

Philadelphia (12-3), Green Bay (12-3), Tampa Bay (11-3) and San Francisco (10-5) have won the four divisions with the Eagles, Buccaneers and Packers — in that order — in line for a first-round bye and home-field advantage.

The 49ers are locked into position — they will be the fourth seed, playing at home the first week against one of the wild-card teams.

"There's still three teams that we have to prepare for," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said. "Right now, everybody is a possibility."

Atlanta (9-5-1) and the Giants (9-6) currently lead for the two wild-card spots with New Orleans (9-6) third.

National Football League

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East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	6	0	.600	354	274
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	317	319
New England	8	7	0	.533	354	322
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	352	388

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tennessee	10	5	0	.667	354	321
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	329	300
Jacksonville	6	9	0	.400	315	295
Houston	4	11	0	.267	210	343

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	5	1	.607	339	307
Cleveland	8	7	0	.533	320	304
Baltimore	7	8	0	.467	285	320
Cincinnati	2	13	0	.133	270	429

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Oakland	10	5	0	.667	426	304
Denver	8	7	0	.533	355	337
Kansas City	8	7	0	.533	467	375
San Diego	8	7	0	.533	305	336

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Philadelphia	12	3	0	.800	408	231
N.Y. Giants	9	6	0	.600	310	272
Washington	6	9	0	.400	287	351
Dallas	5	10	0	.333	203	309

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tampa Bay	11	3	0	.786	324	179
Atlanta	9	5	1	.633	386	290
New Orleans	9	6	0	.600	426	378
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	248	296

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	381	286
Minnesota	5	10	0	.333	352	406
Chicago	4	11	0	.267	281	364
Detroit	3	12	0	.200	270	413

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	10	5	0	.667	347	320
St. Louis	6	9	0	.400	285	349
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	324	341
Arizona	5	10	0	.333	255	380

x-clinched division

Saturday, Dec. 28

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
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Texas Panhandle receives first major snowfall of the season

AMARILLO (AP) — The first major snowfall of winter descended upon the Texas Panhandle over the weekend, making for slippery roadways and driving most people indoors.

More than 5 inches of snow fell in Amarillo on Sunday and at least 5 more inches were expected in surrounding areas on Monday, the National Weather Service said. The Panhandle town of Groom also got 5 inches of snow, while Claude, Dalhart, Hereford and Panhandle all reported 4 inches of the white stuff.

The high temperature was expected to reach 41 degrees in the Amarillo area on Monday, and no snow was forecast for Christmas Day.

"We're expecting a little bit more, but not much," said Chris Broyles, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo. "By this point in the year, we normally have at least one snowfall like this."

Officials said major roadways were icy and packed with snow, but they were all open as of Monday afternoon.

More than 20 accidents were reported since midnight Sunday, Amarillo police said at midmorning Monday, but none were serious.

"There's been a lot of accidents ... mostly a spinning off the road type of thing," said Deputy Don Bouchard of the Potter County Sheriff's Department. "Every year, the first major snow catches people off-guard in their driving."

Most schools and some businesses in the area were closed for the holidays, keeping most people at home. Officials also said early storm warnings allowed people to get a head start on holiday travel, keeping the roads clear of heavy traffic on Monday.

"There's a lot less traffic out there," Bouchard said. "If you don't need to get outside, you probably should stay in."

While most people were beating the snowy roads and nippy weather by staying indoors, the two Starbucks stores in Amarillo were enjoying a steady stream of customers.

"We expect business to be even better once everybody wakes up," said store manager Penny Carter. "Whenever it gets cold, people want to get something hot to drink."

Elsewhere, the National Weather Service was trying to determine if a tornado touched down between Manor and Elgin in Central Texas during a severe thunderstorm. A doublewide trailer was destroyed and one woman was treated for minor injuries, said Lt. Mike Liesman of the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

Thunderstorms also moved through North Texas and parts of South Texas early Monday, with a slight chance of rain expected for Tuesday.

Medics learn how to save lives through training at Camp Bullis

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With war against Iraq in the wind, the training is more intense than ever at Camp Bullis — at Fort Sam Houston north of San Antonio — where Army medics are taught how to save lives.

Those scheduled to graduate soon from a 16-week course know they could soon be on the front lines.

Among other things, medics are learning how to decontaminate soldiers exposed to chemical or biological weapons, a threat Pentagon officials say little about when talk turns to war in Iraq.

Troops work in cumbersome suits and masks that feel like ovens in hot weather, washing victims and their clothes with bleach-and-water solutions before moving them into a tent for treatment.

One day recently, a group of soldiers ran through a clearing firing M-16 rifles and driving away the enemy. Then the soldiers turned to the business of caring for four wounded comrades — one of them suffering a life-threatening gunshot wound to the chest.

"Go! Go! Go!" cried Staff Sgt. Christopher Garcia, 33, of Sacramento, Calif. "We've got to save these lives now!"

The combat medics, in their 11th week of training, swooped across one of the rolling hills of Camp Bullis and took a knee next to the soldiers, who this day were playing the role of wounded to the hilt, moaning and barely moving.

It's practice, a drill repeated by 7,200 medics in training each year and part of an intense four-month regimen. But there's a heightened feel of realism.

Every combat medic in the Army learns the art of saving lives at Fort Sam Houston. This year, these men and women are taking the Army's year-old 91-Whiskey program, which qualifies each medic to work in the field and hospital as a licensed nurse.

They recently began training with amazingly lifelike mannequins that cost about $37,000 each and breathe, bleed and even cry out in pain, the San Antonio Express-News noted in Monday's editions.

Talk of war "brings it more in focus for you because then you realize you could be out there in a couple of months dealing with the soldier who's got a leg missing or a gunshot wound," said Pvt. Danielle Meegan, 21, of Bloomington, Mass.

First to reach the wounded, medics must assess an injury's severity and decide who gets treated. They also decide who among the worst of the wounded flies out for immediate treatment, who waits and who dies.

Before graduating, medics must know their ABCs — in their case, airway, breathing and circulation. It's a fundamental skill that isn't necessarily common sense, and one that can quickly be forgotten with bullets whizzing inches over their heads.

The most critically injured troops are treated on the spot, with medics often taking drastic actions to save lives, such as using a toothpick-sized needle to reinflate the lung of a soldier suffering a gunshot wound to the chest.

It's often called a sucking chest wound because air leaves the lungs with a hissing sound through the bullet hole.

"You could die anywhere from five to seven minutes" if left untreated, said Maj. Danny St. Armand, who oversees field medic training at Camp Bullis.

Back at Fort Sam Houston, medics spend time in a dimly lit converted shower working on a lifelike patient simulator linked to a laptop computer. The post's simulator lab is the world's largest, with 132 mannequins that react to each step of treatment and track students' progress.

Plastic veins in the mannequins deliver a mixture of soapy water and red dye that looks like blood, and sensors linking the dummy to its computer provide such vital readings as pulse and respiration. A piercing scream erupts as a medic lifts the mannequin's broken leg.

Enron whistle-blower on cover

HOUSTON (AP) — Among three "whistle-blowers" touted by Times magazine as its Persons of the Year is former Enron executive Sherron Watkins of Houston.

Watkins, 43, was named Sunday along with FBI agent Coleen Rowley, 48, and WorldCom auditor Cynthia Cooper, 38.

Watkins' memos to then-chairman Ken Lay about questionable accounting practices thrust her into the national spotlight.

Now, she said Sunday, she must now live up to the honor, the Houston Chronicle reported in Monday's editions. She said she shies away from the term "whistle-blower" because of its negative tattletale connotation.

Rowley wrote FBI director Robert Mueller in May criticizing the bureau for ignoring warning signs received before the Sept. 11 attacks. She later complained to Congress about a lack of communication between FBI headquarters and its field offices.

Cooper alerted WorldCom's board in June to accounting trickery that had enabled the company to inflate 2001 and part of 2002 profits by $3.8 billion.

Watkins said that while she, Rowley and Cooper had not gone outside their organizations, they had sounded internal alarms to get "people to do the right thing."

If she had it to do over again, she said, "I would do it again, but I would do it differently. I would have gotten more people to support me so I wouldn't be out there alone, or I might have gone to the board. I didn't realize the extent."

At least one former Enron employee raised an eyebrow at Time's selection of Watkins.

"The fact she knew and did not take it to the SEC did not make her a whistle-blower to me — to me she was covering her ass," said Diana Peters, a former Enron information technology employee.

Watkins said that had she gone to the Securities and Exchange Commission or the press, as some critics have suggested, she would have caused Enron to collapse even sooner.

In the Time article, she said she "naively" thought she was handing Lay his leadership moment.

"I honestly thought people would step up," Watkins is quoted in the article as saying.

Still, others consider Watkins worthy of the honor.

"Hopefully she did what the rest of us would've done," said Kevin Hyatt, a current Enron marketing official.

Rod Jordan, chairman of the Severed Enron Employees Coalition, also stood behind Watkins. "It was unique for anybody in the know at Enron to do the right thing," Jordan said.

Philip Hilder, Watkins' attorney, said the Time article "recognizes her ability as an ordinary person to speak up, and she ought to be applauded for doing that."

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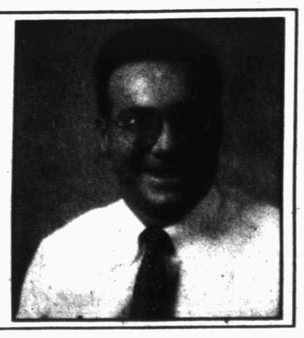
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No need to clean ears routinely

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor says not to put anything smaller than my elbow in my ear, but how am I supposed to clean the wax from my ears if I can't use cotton swabs?

DEAR READER: You're not supposed to clean your ears of wax; this process usually takes place automatically. As you bathe and shower, small amounts of wax are washed out of the ear canal.

Cotton swabs do not always remove the wax. In fact, the swabs may actually force the wax deeper into the ear where it cannot be extracted, except by a medical professional. More important, patients may inadvertently puncture their eardrums with cotton swabs, leading to pain, infection and the need for treatment.

If you are concerned about having squeaky clean ear canals, I suggest the following: Put a third of a capful of hydrogen peroxide into each ear, wait for the fizzing to stop, then shake (or wash) it out. The effervescent action of the peroxide will loosen particles of wax and carry them out of the ear. This safe process can be repeated as often as necessary; most people find that one application every two to four weeks is sufficient.

Thus, in addition to putting your elbow in your ear, you may also introduce peroxide.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What kind of surgery is used for cholecystectomy?

DEAR READER: There are basically two forms of gallbladder removal: the standard operation and laparoscopic cholecystectomy.

During the first procedure, the surgeon makes an abdominal incision just below the right rib cage. He then removes the gallbladder through the incision, sews everything else back in place and the patient leaves the hospital in several days.

To a large degree, this operation has been superseded by the newer, faster and safer laparoscopic procedure. A metal tube is inserted through a small incision into the abdominal cavity. Working through the tube's optical system, the surgeon identifies the gallbladder and removes it. This takes less time; there is less bleeding; convalescence is shorter than with the standard operation.

You should ask your surgeon about specific issues pertaining to technique, experience, risks, anesthetic, cost and recuperation.

To give you further information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Gallbladder Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can prednisone cause depression? I also take medication for hypertension.

DEAR READER: Prednisone is not known to cause depression. It can, however, cause agitation and confusion in rare instances.

Medicine for hypertension may cause depression, but the reaction is very uncommon.

I suspect that your depression is a separate issue, unrelated to your medications. Raise this issue with your family physician, who may agree that you could be helped by taking an antidepressant.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: For the past 10 years, I've suffered from attacks of bronchial asthma. I use an albuterol inhaler, but experience stomach upset from cephalexin and doxycycline. What is the best substitute antibiotic?

DEAR READER: Asthma is often complicated (and may even be triggered) by low-grade bronchial infection. Thus, antibiotics frequently improve the breathing difficulties of asthma. Of course, other drugs — such as albuterol and prednisone — are also used.

If you experience abdominal distress from cephalexin and doxycycline, your doctor might want to try ampicillin, amoxicillin or plain penicillin. Such antibiotics, when used to treat bronchial infection, would work well with your inhaler.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter has suffered from headaches for more than 30 years. I'm from the old school and prefer home remedies, such as two aspirin and one teaspoon of baking soda, but I welcome your input.

DEAR READER: For mild headaches, such as those associated with fatigue or eyestrain, home remedies are appropriate. The baking soda/aspirin combination is often effective; really, it's just over-the-counter buffered aspirin.

Severe, persisting or cyclic headaches may reflect migraine, muscle contraction, hypertension or similar medical problems that should be brought to a physician's attention and treated with more effective drugs and stronger analgesics.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 43-year-old man who has had two episodes of priapism in the last year. What is the cause and treatment of this unusual ailment?

DEAR READER: Uncontrollable, prolonged erections (priapism) are no laughing matter for the unfortunate man who experiences this symptom. The condition is frightening, embarrassing and painful.

It can be caused by many factors, the most common being blood clots in the pelvic veins, leukemia, sickle cell disease, tumors, infection of the reproductive tract, and reactions to certain medicines — especially drugs used to treat diabetes and hypertension.

You should be examined by a urologist to discover the cause of your problem — and to learn what treatment can be used to prevent it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 71 and have suddenly developed varicose veins in my legs. Is there a healing salve that I can use?

DEAR READER: There is no effective topical treatment, such as creams or salves, for varicose veins. As we age, the veins in the legs tend to dilate, leading to the unsightly varicose veins with which we're all familiar. In severe cases, blood clots may form in such veins or the varices can affect circulation, resulting in troublesome skin ulcers.

As a general rule, mild/moderate, uncomplicated varicose veins in the legs are best treated with elastic support stockings, elevation of the legs when sitting and avoidance of prolonged standing. More severe varices, especially those associated with skin damage, usually have to be surgically removed.

Ask your doctor about this. I am sure that he can give you some pertinent tips about your condition — or he can refer you to a surgeon for a second opinion.

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Date Books

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002

Today is the 358th day of 2002 and the fourth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida" premiered in Cairo. The opera was commissioned by the Khedive of Egypt to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal.

On this day in 1942, Germany launched the first surface-to-surface guided missile. The weapon was used against Great Britain two years later.

On this day in 1951, Libya gained its independence from Italy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Kit Carson (1809-1868), U.S. frontiersman and soldier; Howard Hughes (1905-1976), industrialist; I.F. Stone (1907-1989), journalist; Ava Gardner (1922-1990), actress.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, Lou "The Toe" Groza kicked a 16-yard field goal with 20 seconds left to give the Cleveland Browns the NFL Championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "After my screen test, the director clapped his hands gleefully and yelled: 'She can't talk! She can't act! She's sensational!'" — Ava Gardner

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Dec. 19) and last quarter (Dec. 26).

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Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002

Today is CHRISTMAS; it is the 359th day of 2002 and the fifth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, spoke about World War II, warning, "The war is now reaching the stage where we shall all have to look forward to large casualty lists — dead, wounded and missing. War entails just that. There is no easy road to victory. And the end is not yet in sight."

On this day in 1950, "The Steve Allen Show" premiered on television. Later, Allen became the first host of what became known as "The Tonight Show."

On this day in 1998, Cuba celebrated Christmas for the first time in 29 years.

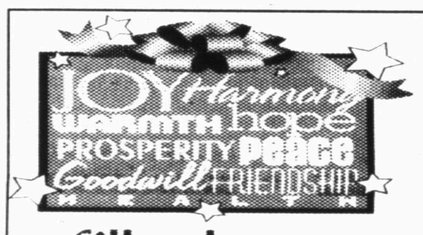
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Clara Barton (1821-1912), humanitarian; Robert Ripley (1893-1949), cartoonist; Cab Calloway (1907-1994), singer; Rod Serling (1924-1975), writer; Jimmy Buffett (1946-), singer, is 56; Sissy Spacek (1949-), actress, is 53; Rickey Henderson (1958-), baseball player, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the longest game in professional football history ended 82 minutes and 40 seconds after it began, with the Miami Dolphins defeating the Kansas City Chiefs 27-24.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It is difficult to produce a television documentary that is both incisive and probing when every 12 minutes one is interrupted by 12 dancing rabbits singing about toilet paper." — Rod Serling

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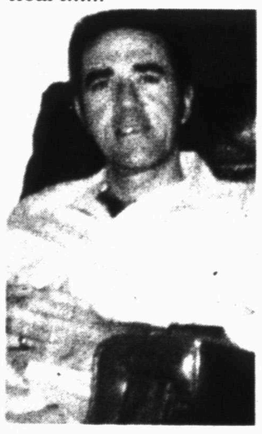


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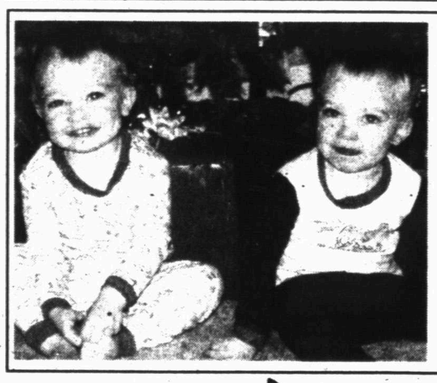
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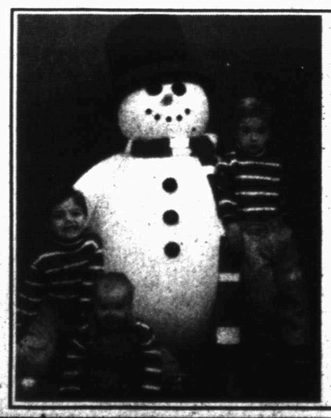




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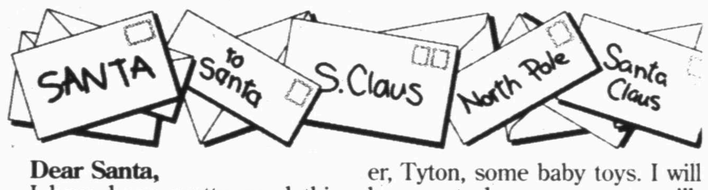
Lawmakers debate tax increase on cigarettes

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's looming budget shortfall has prompted debate over raising the state cigarette tax, despite Republican leaders' insistence that taxes will not be raised.

Some Texas legislators are proposing cigarette tax increases of 50 cents to $1 a pack. A $1-a-pack tax increase would generate at least $1 billion in extra revenue for the state, the El Paso Times reported Saturday.

"The cigarette tax is one of those revenues that the majority of Texans support," said Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso. "Not only does it raise revenue to keep children in (the Children's Health Insurance Program), it reduces the use of cigarettes that later lead to public-health costs."

Twenty other states increased taxes on cigarettes this year. Cigarette taxes in some of those states are now $1.50 or more a pack. In Texas, the cigarette tax has not changed since 1990.



Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year. For Christmas I would like a truck with doors and three seats, an ambulance, and a new power wheels. Please bring my brother Tyton, some stocking blocks. I will be sure to leave yo some yummy cookies and milk.

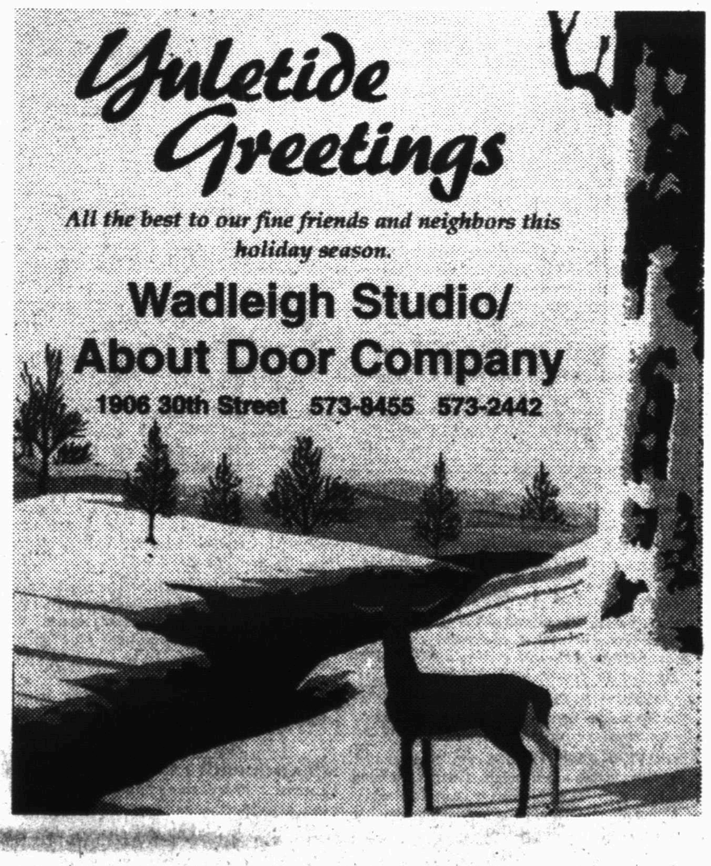
Love,
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Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty good boy this year. For Christmas please bring me a new power wheels truck with a trailer and motorcycles. Please bring my baby brother, Tyton, some baby toys. I will be sure to leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Landon Bryan Hill
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I am sorry I am writing you another note, I just heard you can't bring me a dvd bike. Please bring my family some things. Please bring me a Mark Hoopus bass, a skate board repair kit and wheels, a comput4r, clothes, vans, and two camps and guitars for Randy and Roston.

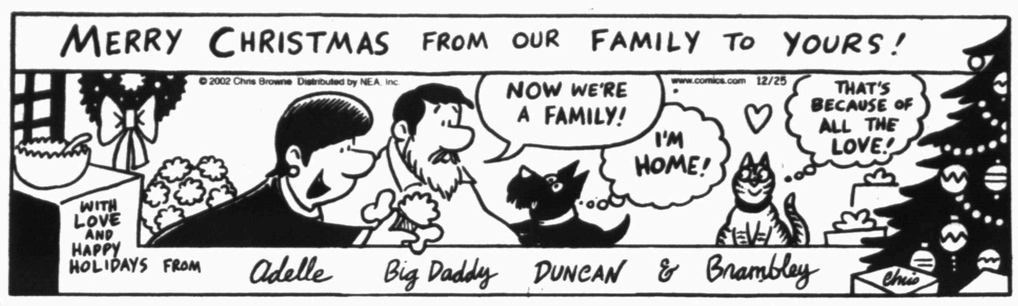
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Duncan's Christmas



Duncan's Christmas



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2002

Advancement and favorable recognition in your chosen field of endeavor are indicated for you in the coming year. Your position, along with your financial standing, will be considerably improved in proportion to your output.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When making decisions today that are of importance to you, review your inventory of similar experiences. Duplicate what you did in the past that turned out successfully. It will again.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your instincts regarding life are extremely astute today. Follow up on any hunches you get, because they could provide happenings that will be quite beneficial for all.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Being around several people today who you rarely get to see will bring a smile of satisfaction to your face. Put yourself out for them in ways that you know they would appreciate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Because your objectives are in proportion to your abilities, everything you plan should work out quite well today. The only thing that could stop you is if you underrate yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Let the child within you bubble to the surface today. Your companions will find your attitude delightful and contagious, making you the most popular person in the crowd.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Something quite satisfying could develop for you today that will benefit not only you, but your family as well. The ball might get started by an outside influence.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Deal from strength today and not from any feelings of inferiority. If you see yourself as an equal to your peers, you'll act and behave as one and pull off anything you please.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You must have been a very good gal or guy recently, because the fruits of your labor will be quite high today. People in general want to show you appreciation for all you've done for them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Getting your mind off of the mundane will brighten your outlook and enhance your personality today. Don't sit around watching television; strive to be a mixer and enjoy others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You might not be looking for it, but information regarding a baffling matter could be dropped in your lap bit by bit today and help you finally put the puzzle together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today, admirers may be emulating either your mode of dress or your mannerisms. You can feel very good about yourself, because imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you are put in a position where you have to make a choice today between profit and private accomplishment, choose the latter. Self-esteem has greater value than silver.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 2002

There are indications that in the year ahead you should be able to realize your present ambitions and goals. Nothing will be handed to you, but you can make large gains from hard work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be extra careful that you don't lose your cool around the wrong people today. It will negatively affect your reputation, as well as cause your dignity to suffer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Make your own plans today and don't give an opening to another who would attempt to use you for his or her own purposes. If you are already preoccupied, it might get you off the hook.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Should a misunderstanding arise today, do what you can to set things straight. If you can't do so, chalk it up to experience and don't allow yourself to get involved again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Everyone is tired today and nerves could easily flare if you're not careful. Don't you be the one who loses your cool and gets everybody else out of sorts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It might be smart to be a bit more methodical than usual about handling your job today. It could save you hours of the extra work that could result from messing up on a few things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It isn't like you not to follow up on something you promised another that you would do. Today is not the time to start reneging. You could severely disappoint someone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you find yourself taking opposing views with your family, even on minor issues, take stock of yourself. For the sake of peace today, make a concerted effort to be agreeable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your powers of observation are especially keen today. However, make sure you use them for the right reasons. Don't start getting critical or too fastidious about things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though there are a lot of bargains out there today, don't let your money burn a hole in your pocket. Purchase what you need, but forego buying the store out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The day after hectic festivities everyone in general can be a bit uptight, so it's best to yield on the minor points that pop up and leave the major ones until another time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't be too proud today to let people know you don't understand something. Ask the pertinent questions to gather the facts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Pay attention to matters that personally affect your financial security today instead of putting things off. Do what needs doing.

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Archdiocese hopes to sell church property and get lawsuits rejected

BOSTON (AP) — Officials in Boston's embattled Roman Catholic Archdiocese have made steps to both select church property to sell to settle claims of priest sexual abuse and also marshal a legal strategy to get the cases dismissed on First Amendment grounds.

Church lawyers planned to file a motion Monday arguing that the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion precludes state action in the abuse scandal.

Bishop Richard G. Lennon, apostolic administrator of the archdiocese, said the motion was being filed to satisfy insurance companies' requirements that the church avail itself of every significant defense before contributing to the settlement of claims.

If upheld by Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney, more than 400 claims that could cost the church millions of dollars would be thrown out. Sweeney set Monday as the deadline for filing the motion.

Meanwhile, Lennon said he was hopeful the church could settle the lawsuits by selling some of its real estate holdings and by using insurance money.

Lennon said he has selected church properties for sale, and has directed church officials to put them on the market as soon as possible. However he has not said which properties will be sold.

A law firm advising the archdiocese has concluded that the church has at least $90 million available for a settlement, most of it through coverage provided by insurance companies.

Lawyers for victims said the legal motion to get the suits rejected was expected — and that they expect it will be rejected.

Lennon, in his first news conference last week, said he backs efforts to settle lawsuits accusing church leaders of turning a blind eye to claims that priests molested children.

Still, Lennon would not rule out sending the archdiocese into bankruptcy as the church struggles to find a way to resolve the lawsuits. Before his resignation Dec. 13, Cardinal Bernard F. Law also considered the option.

The Boston Archdiocese isn't the only one struggling with the financial implications of the scandal. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced over the weekend that it has scrapped plans for an $18 million Catholic Heritage Center, citing the abuse crisis, a shaky economy and competition from Sept. 11 charities.

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Sometimes the story of the birth of Christ is told at this time of year. For children and others, it is difficult to sort out where the Biblical story of Christ ends and the rest of traditions around Christmas begin. But the important question is not, "What is the real meaning of Christmas?" The important question is, "What is the real Christ like?" The story of Jesus' birth is the first of many amazing parts of His Story. A birth of a child to a virgin girl is important. What follows in Jesus' life, death and resurrection make it even more important. There are surprises all along the way. If the spirit of the season stirs in your heart a longing for something better, more pure and more loving in life, it is a good longing. Let that longing lead you to the Biblical Christ. He is much, much more than we often realize.

Dale Huff

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Rocket strikes eastern town in Afghan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Attackers rocketed an eastern Afghan town on Monday, one day after authorities in the same area seized more than 150 rockets they said were destined for Taliban and al-Qaida fighters.

In the capital, Kabul, early indications pointed to mechanical failure as the cause of a weekend helicopter crash that killed seven German soldiers, a peacekeeping spokesman said. German government investigators studying the crash hauled away the last of the wreckage of the Sikorsky CH-53, hoping to find more clues.

The rocket attack near Jalalabad airport came close to an Afghan army garrison, but did not cause any damage or injuries, police said.

Security forces seized 168 BM-12 rockets and an anti-tank mine there Sunday. The weapons were destined for Taliban and al-Qaida fugitives, said Mohammed Mustafa, commander of the town's 14th brigade.

The rockets were found in a truck after soldiers chased the vehicle for several miles down a dirt road leading toward Tora Bora, scene of some of the heaviest U.S. bombing last year. The men fled, leaving their truck behind, Mustafa said. No arrests were made.

In Farmada, about 10 miles south of Jalalabad, authorities found another 10 BM-12 rockets Sunday in an abandoned vehicle. Farmada was the launch site of the rocket attack on Jalalabad.

The wreckage from Saturday's helicopter crash was taken to a peacekeeping base in Kabul to be examined by a team of German experts.

Gulf War veterans preparing young soldiers for new war

SOUTH OF THE KUWAIT-IRAQ BORDER (AP) — When Eric Olson was 19, he drove a tank in the U.S.-led blitz to drive Saddam Hussein's occupying army out of Kuwait.

For 50 hours, Olson fought sleep and fear at the controls and kept moving in a high-tech, violent battle that turned much of the Iraqi army into a blasted trail of pulverized vehicles and bodies as they tried retreating to Baghdad.

Today, Olson is 31 and sergeant of 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company. He is one of the Gulf War veterans passing down experiences from 11 years ago to help train a new generation to take on Saddam again if war breaks out.

"Out here, the only law is who's a better shot, who's a quicker trigger," said Olson, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "I don't know if my past will give them an edge, but it will possibly give them insightfulness on what they might have to expect in the very near future."

Gulf War old hands are hardly rare in the military, but since the ground war was fought primarily by tanks and armored infantry, the Army's 3rd Infantry Division — one of its two armored divisions — has a high proportion of veterans.

They were prominent in weekend live-fire maneuvers in the Kuwaiti desert involving the division's 2nd Brigade, putting thousands of soldiers and hundreds of tanks and armored vehicles through the largest exercises in the border area since the Gulf War.

The Gulf War-era tank drivers are now senior sergeants, the company commanders now lead battalions. Their graying hair stands out among young soldiers mostly in their early 20s, facing war for the first time.

One is 1st Lt. Ryan Kuo, 25, of Reno, Nev., a West Pointer who leads Olson's 2nd Platoon and says his experience of the Gulf War was "sitting on the couch and watching it on CNN."

Though they are separated by only a few years, the life experiences between the sergeant and lieutenant are much wider. Their partnership is vital to their unit's success. Both are highly confident about the focus of their troops and in the superiority of their equipment.

The knowledge passed down by the veterans brings a dose of reality to what until now has been a military career marked by training exercises.

"Some of the stories you hear about the remains of bodies that you cross after they've been destroyed, the attacks they've done — obviously, that's going to create hesitancy, as any war would," Kuo said.

But Kuo added, "these guys help us out a lot in terms of confidence and the experiences they've had while they were here in 1991 in allowing us to train realistically."

The training conditions are harsh. The Kuwaiti desert is flat and devoid of vegetation. There is no shelter from sand-filled winds howling up to 60 mph. The nighttime winter temperatures drop to near freezing.

Those fighting conditions are ideal, however, compared to the scorching heat of the Kuwaiti summer, which is harder on equipment and men and means the force will lose much of its effectiveness.

The men see the end of March as the deadline for a fight and expect to be the first tanks crossing the border if efforts to peacefully divest Saddam of weapons of mass destruction fail.

Commanders are ordering their troops to get in the habit of conserving water, fuel and food. They are likely to live on what they carry until the attack is over.

Lt. Col. Eric Schwartz commands the battalion task force including Alpha Company, which he led during the Gulf War. The Army is more high-tech these days, but a chief focus of training is to give his soldiers confidence and focus.

"It's the human aspect," Schwartz said. "How do you motivate young soldiers to go into an environment that's absolutely terrifying?"

Not all the new troops are youngsters. At 33, Pfc. Andrew K. Burt, of Raleigh, N.C., is older than his company commander and platoon sergeant and lieutenant.

Burt signed up nine months ago, motivated by Sept. 11 and a poor job market.

Researchers develop test for strength of smallpox vaccines

WASHINGTON (AP) — A laboratory test for the effectiveness of smallpox vaccines has been developed by a team of European researchers and it may be used as Americans start receiving shots against the disease.

In a study appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, scientists in Germany and France report they have discovered a test that can determine if a candidate smallpox vaccine can prompt protection against the disease in humans.

The test also could be used to determine if a person actually develops defenses against smallpox after being vaccinated. The large majority will develop immunity, but not everyone.

Dr. Bernard Moss at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, one of the National Institutes of Health, said the research is important because no scientist has ever identified in the human immune system the types of responses needed to protect against smallpox.

There was little interest in smallpox research after the disease was conquered worldwide in the 1970s, he said. A detailed scientific study and understanding of the human immune system did not develop until the 1980s, long after interest in smallpox had waned, he said.

"This finding will be very useful," said Moss.

The first author of the PNAS study is Gerd Sutter of the GSF-Institut fur Molekulare Virologie in Munich, Germany.

Researchers are developing new and safer smallpox vaccines and the new laboratory technique can test the effectiveness of those vaccines. Additionally, Moss said such a test could determine if people vaccinated against smallpox develop the immune system cells needed to protect against infection from the disease.

Smallpox shots were stopped in the United States in 1972, and the last natural case of smallpox is thought to have occurred in 1977. The disease was declared eradicated in 1980.

But American officials believe rogue nations may have smallpox specimens that they could use to mount a bioterrorist attack. As a result, military personnel and some medical workers are expected to be vaccinated soon. The vaccine will be available to the general public next year, but it is not recommended because of concerns about vaccine safety. It is estimated one to two people per million receiving the shot will die from side effects.

Man injured in accident released from Covenant

Gerald Claxton, 44, who was injured in a tanker-truck accident Friday morning on North Hwy. 208 was discharged from Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock Monday.

Claxton dislocated one shoulder that was repaired by surgery, suffered two broken ribs and a cut on his head.

He was first treated at Cogdell Memorial Hospital's emergency room before being transferred to the Lubbock hospital.

Woman is arrested on felony warrants

•Arrest

Snyder officers arrested Melinda Dawn Roach, 26, of 900 26th Street at 11:12 a.m. Monday on felony warrants for motion to revoke probation on an original charge of credit card abuse.

•Burglaries

Brenda Vera reported at 9 a.m. Monday a jewelry box stolen from her residence at 2110 27th Street. Officers responded and advised an offense report for burglary of a residence would be submitted.

At 12:03 p.m. Monday, Rita Molano reported cash stolen from her car at 3102 Ave. C and a report was filed for burglary of a vehicle.

Both burglaries remain under investigation.

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While kids are home for the holidays, please take time to fill out the Where Are They Now? form. We would like to have a picture from their school years and a current picture also.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh grads...

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Name _____

Year graduated _____

Parent's name _____

Some general high school activities for which they might be remembered _____

After graduation they (college, military, etc.) _____

Married to _____

Now live in _____

Children _____

Professional work or accomplishment _____

Anything additional _____

Current picture?

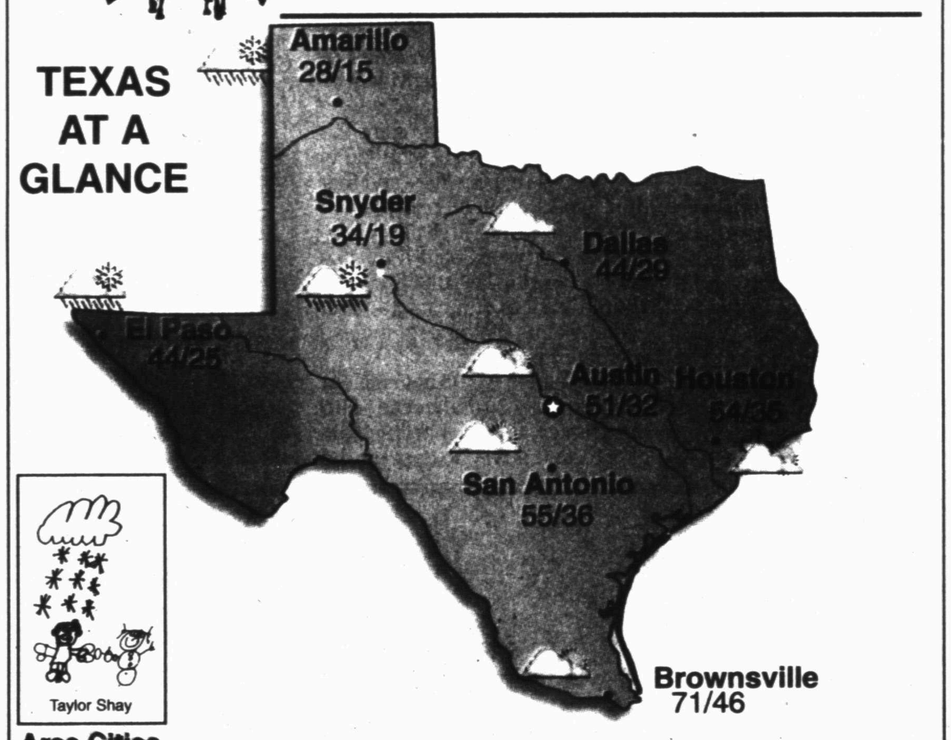
Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu 12/26
34/19	44/24	45/22
Cloudy with scattered snow showers mainly during the morning. High 34F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise 7:43 AM / Sunset 5:43 PM	Sunrise 7:44 AM / Sunset 5:44 PM	Sunrise 7:44 AM / Sunset 5:44 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	37	25	cloudy	El Paso	44	25	mixed	Midland	37	23	sn shower
Amarillo	28	15	sn shower	Fort Stockton	44	26	pt sunny	Raymondville	68	40	pt sunny
Austin	51	32	pt sunny	Gainesville	39	21	cloudy	Rosenberg	55	35	pt sunny
Beaumont	55	35	pt sunny	Greenville	41	23	cloudy	San Antonio	55	36	pt sunny
Brownsville	71	46	pt sunny	Houston	54	35	pt sunny	San Marcos	52	33	pt sunny
Brownwood	45	24	pt sunny	Kingsville	64	38	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	42	24	cloudy
Corpus Christi	61	39	pt sunny	Livingston	50	30	pt sunny	Sweetwater	38	22	cloudy
Corsicana	45	29	cloudy	Longview	45	27	pt sunny	Tyler	46	31	pt sunny
Dallas	44	29	cloudy	Lubbock	33	19	sn shower	Weatherford	42	22	cloudy
Del Rio	57	37	pt sunny	Lufkin	50	33	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	38	23	sn shower

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	54	36	rain	Houston	54	35	pt sunny	Phoenix	57	40	pt sunny
Boston	39	28	pt sunny	Los Angeles	62	48	cloudy	San Francisco	50	44	rain
Chicago	30	21	cloudy	Miami	82	71	cloudy	Seattle	51	37	pt sunny
Dallas	44	29	cloudy	Minneapolis	25	9	cloudy	St. Louis	32	22	snow
Denver	29	12	sn shower	New York	39	31	pt sunny	Washington, DC	40	35	cloudy

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Dec 19	Dec 27	Jan 2	Jan 10

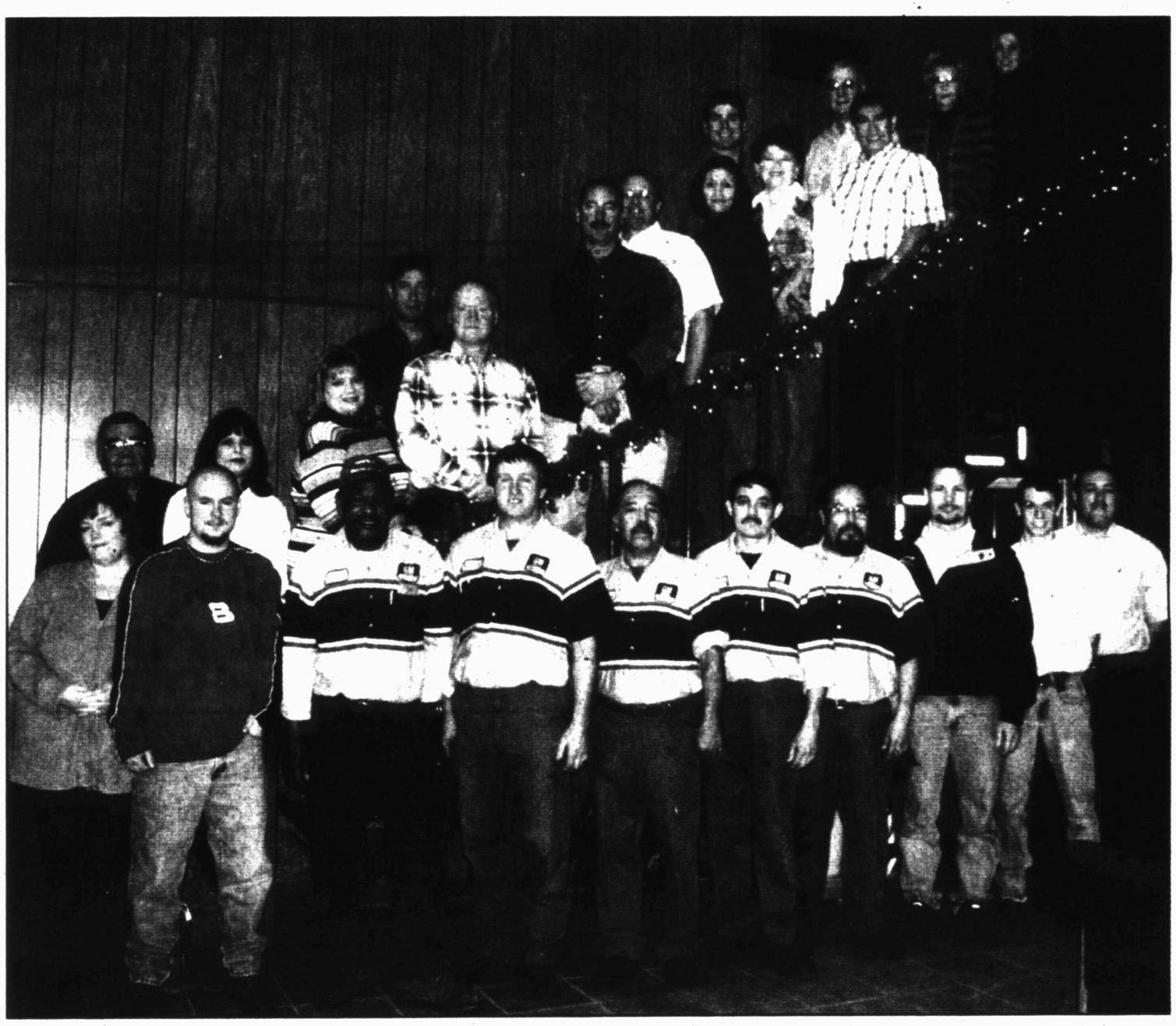
UV Index

Tue 12/24	Wed 12/25	Thu 12/26
Minimal	Low	Low

The UV index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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Merry Christmas From Our Family To Yours

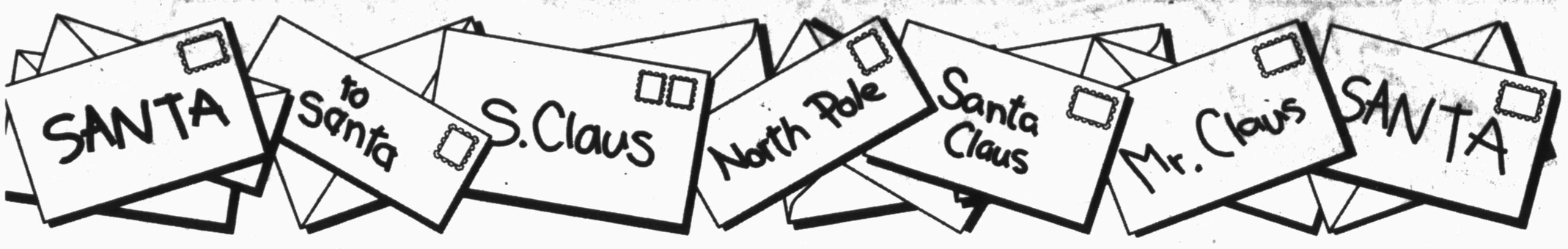


Wishing a wonderful Christmas
To all of you good folks from us,
With lots of love and laughter,
This season and forever after!

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DEC 24 2002



Dear Santa,
I would like a Karioke machine, a play kitten, a microwave, a playhouse for my Barbies, a new Barbie (Britney Spears) a play stove with plastic plates, cups and water too.

Bring Rudolph the toy, different color balls, a little Christmas tree and lights and a new backpack and walkie talkies.

Thank you and I love you Santa,
Love Daniele Lambaren

Dear Santa,
I want a little kitchen with soap and dishes and water,cups, a Karioke machine, a bracelet and necklace, a puzzle, a little teddy bear, play food, a Barbie doll, a little lamp, my own real camera, bowls in my kitchen and a cotton candy maker. Also, Santa can tell Mrs. Claus said Hi!

Love,
Chelsea Lambaren

Dear Santa,
I would like a new backpack, a Barbie Writing Club CD, a Barbie Motel, blocks, a beanbag chair, a desk with a light, new roller skates, angel daily planner, a little kitchen with a counter and microwave, air up boxing gloves, and a Santa figurine, and a cotton candy machine.

I've been very good Santa.

Love,
Alex

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard, roller skates. Helmet, knee and elbow pads, snowboard, biking gloves, new army truck with gun on top, new cap gun, new sandbox, toy shotgun with real buttet and a BB gun.

Thank you,
Austin Merrick
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I would like Spiderman gloves, Star War Light Saber, snow car with remote, Harry Potter wand, cotton candy machine, and remote control monster truck.

Thank you very much Santa,

Love,
Douglas Gilbert

Dear Santa,
I want a Spiderman toy and Bat Man Beyond game. Thank you,

Austin Belcher

Dear Santa,
I want a little puppy. That's it.

Love,
Kelby Greene

Dear Santa,
I want a toy bow and arrow, a remote control truck, and Pokemon toys and Pokeballs.

Thank you!
Michael Portillo

Dear Santa,
I want a Pokeball, and Chrystal Saber from Power Rangers.

Thank you,
Brock Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I would like a big Barbie House, a Coke machine, a puppy, a kitty, a bear, jewelry, a Barbie car, an apple, a real big house, and reindeer.

Thank you,
Mary Ann Portillo

Dear Santa,
I want a Star Baby for Christmas, a glass bird for my dresser that has orange and blue on it, a play soft animal deer, a saphire necklace and earrings, a saphire ring, a red necklace with a bird on iot, new play clothes for my playhouse, and a pretty Christmas wreath.

Thank you,
Jessica Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a shooting game, a computer, go cart, Pokemon cards, car, race car, and a monster truck.

Thanks,
George

Dear Santa,
I want a little Barbie slugbug that you can ride in, a Barbie swimming pool, a real big playhouse for my Barbies, a little playhouse for all three of us, and a little pet dog, a play one, that's all.

Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, Barbie car, books, Barbie, jewelry, candy. My brother wants a motorcycle. His name is Matthew. He wants a truck and blocks.

Love,
Anna Landin

Dear Santa,
I want a 2 jomprote. Plees Santa.

Mariama Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I will like to have a Speshool tooy and a play Berby and 4 Berbes.

I love you Santa
Victoria Jaramillo

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and I want a littl bab citi.

Dawna Pyburn

Dear Santa,
I want a play satn 2 a X box game q game boy, skatbood fun games.

From Jordan Davis

Dear Santa,
I love fum Sam I want a trampoline.

Love from,
Samantha

Dear Santa,
I want a Smol dog.

Jeremy Garza

Dear Santa,
I wot a Dragin bols figh Saying the glows and talks, and a Super Sayin 3.

From,
Nicholas Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a plye gas stashun. I eant sum close. I want sum borby dolls. I want a stik hoors. I want sum bybydols.

Shyanne McBeth

Dear Santa,
I wunt a bieke for toys.

Victoria Molina



To Our Many Good Neighbors & Friends

The list of people we'd like to thank is long, but please know you're always in our thoughts as we prepare for the holiday season.

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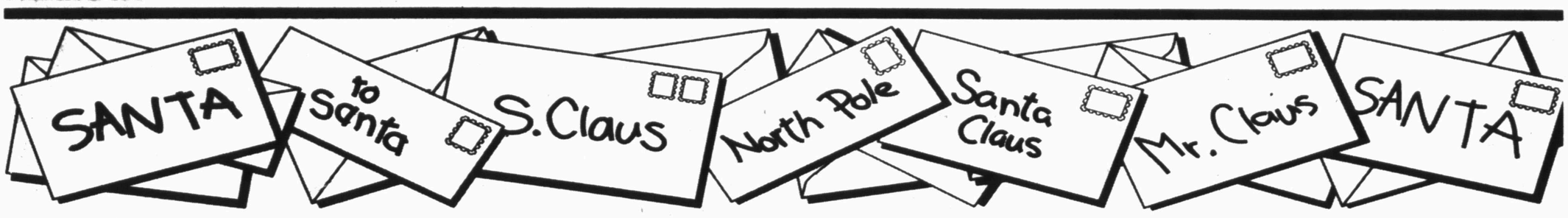

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
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Dear Santa,
I love you I will be good I want 1 gam bly dir lane.
Lane Wood

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and mask little puppy dog.
P.S. I love you.
Jaycie Roach

Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox and I want a bike and I want a Play Station. I want a game boy and a want cube.
From,
Blake Redman

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a Santa and a Santa and a Kumputr and a grat big famile.
Rachael Berniard

Dear Santa.
I want a car case with wheels and a spitirman webb blastir. I want a firman toy and a toy for my dog.
Luv,
Joey Alavarez

Dear Santa,
I want a GI Joe helecopter.
Love,
Nathan von Roeder
Am I on the noty list? Plees tel me! Can you bring my Mom and dad a skitster (a large machine that moves dirt)?

Dear Santa,
I want a hours and a rabet and a moove repunzel. I want a puppe. I want a new tool and jewelry for my mom a tool for my dad.
Love,
Jessica Gomez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie motorcycle and a bikesickle. I want a Brother and a Sister. I want a Doll.
Love,
Cassandra Romero

Dear Santa,
I want pantbrushis and a bant book.
I want little high hells. I want a ring for Mom.
Love,
Cristen

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle. I want a babe brother. I want a chalkbard. I want a barbie Jeep., I want a Jacuzzi. I want a smart brain.
Love,
Alexxus Jackson

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a car and presents for my family and a shoe skates and a happy day to Santa.
Love,
Leann Hal

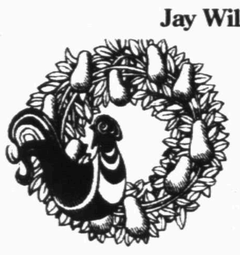
Dear Santa,
I want a kitin. I want a rabbit. Kan you berying my mom and dad a dog for Christmas?
Love,
Christian Hinkle

Dear Santa,
I want a litoomjge (little mice) and I want a barbe doll and I want a brbe.
Love,
Lauren Floyd

Dear Santa,
I want dry erase markers and some wheel tennis shoes and a chalk board weth clock and dry erase board. I want a sister.
Love,
Sarah Kaprice Block

Dear Santa,
I want a hamster. I want a dales cowboys shirt for my dad. I want a brother. I want a dog. I want a game.
Love,
Joe Mireles

Dear Santa,
I want a toy robot.
Love,
Jay Williams



Happy Holidays

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clase? I have bee good this year. For Chistmas I want a game boy a new radeoe, some c.d.s and tapes.
Love, your frind,
Jazmyn

Happy Holidays!



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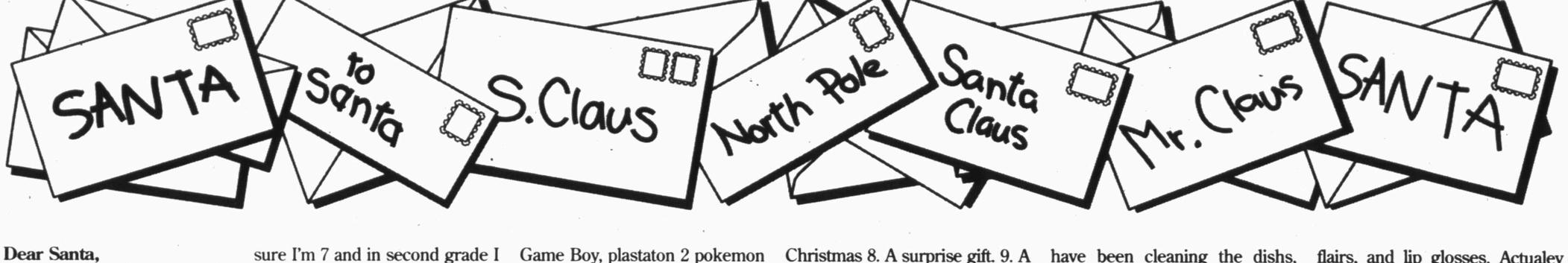
TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS

...On the twelfth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me,
twelve pipers piping,
eleven drummers drumming,
ten lords a-leaping,
nine ladies dancing,
eight maids a-milking,
seven swans a-swimming,
six geese a-laying,
five golden rings,
four calling birds,
three french hens,
two turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.

May all the days of the season be filled with happiness, good cheer, and delightful surprises for you and those you love.

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Dear Santa,
I want a braz boy spirt the movie Leo & Stich the movie, a CD player. Thinks for sending me a letter sliping bag I'll try to by nice.

Logan Perry

Dear Santa,
I hope you know that I got my ledder. Am I am I realy on the good list! You know you don't have to get me all of that stuff on the list that I made you. Yep I sure I'm 7 and in second grade I can't wait to be in third grade

Santa I wan't spirit I realy want a Bratz fuzzy makeover some Bratz dols and a gift surtifecet to the mall and a sleeping bag.

Love,
Loran Perry

Dear Santa,
My name is Juan Ruiz. I have been good this year.

I take out the trash clean the year I would like a xBox, DVD, Game Boy, plastaton 2 pokemon cards, you gevo cards, skates and a skooter a Bike.

Juan Ruiz

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Roland and I have been good because I clean my room and take out the trash. I want a safe trip for me and my Mom. And hairdips and ponytails hairbursh, lab top, coloring books, and map colors.

Taylor Roland

Dear Santa,
My name is Patrick Preemos and I have been good this year and I have clean the floor & dining room. Please guve me a go cart and a fishing pole.

Patrick Preemos

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I have saveb up a lot for the trip to Louisiana. I am working on cleaning my room. All I want for Xmas is my family.

Mariah Cearley

Dear Santa,
My name is Taylor Garcia and I have been good this year because I was helpful at home. I clean the bathroom and feed my cats. So Santa I would like these things 1. Pooh Bear doll 2. Clothes. 3. Flair jeans 4. Nintendo 64 5. A watch 6. Stuart Little 2 5. Pooh Bear A very merry Christmas 8. A surprise gift. 9. A good year for everyone 10. A day off for my teacher.

Taylor Garcia

Dear Sandra,
My name is Joshua Sandoval and I been good this year. I carr the trash out and keep my room clean. What I want for christmas is a P2-2X box scooter, a bat, glove, baseball, Xr2 games, a bike, and Pokemon cards for my little cousin.

Joshua Sandoval

Dear Santa,
I have been good taking out the trash and cleaning up the house. Thank you for the toys you give me every year.

Travis Hagins

Dear Santa,
My name is Mystery Thurman and I have been good this year. I have been cleaning the dishs, taking out the trach, cleaning my room, helping my mom around the house. I have a mew T.V. and sone melll games. I love my teacher The End

Mystery Thurman

Dear Santa,
My name is Robby Luna I have been good this year because I raked the leaves, took the trash out and keep my room clean. What I want for Christmas is a bike, DVD, uitar, roller skates, Backstreet boys CD, computer, train set, Operation head surgery, little cars.

Robby Luna

Dear Santa,
My names is Audrey Miller and I have been good this year. I did some of my chores when I was told to most of the time. Please give me some pairs of flairs, and lip glosses. Actualey just give me what you want to. How is Roudolf and Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Audrey Miller

Dear Santa,
My name is Harley Collins and I have been good this year. I help my mom with the house and help my dad in the backyard. I want a DVD player, Game boy Color, X Box, model car, toy airplanes, shoes, Pokemon cards and skates.

Harley Collins

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashton Messenger and I have been good this year. I take the trash out and I clean my room for my dad since I have been good this year can I have a cloe doll please Santa.

Ashton Messenger

Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica Villa. I been good this yea. I been helping my mom with my brother, my sister. And helping out around the house. What I want is a Game Boy Advance, lava lamp. How is Mrs. Claus.

Love,
Jessica Villa

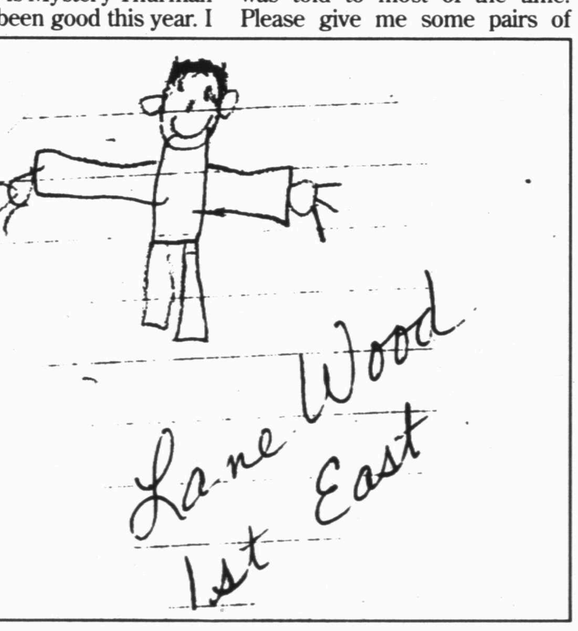
Dear Santa,
My name is Heraclio Jarez and I have been good this year because I helped my brothers clean there room and helped my family do there chores. I would like socks, shirts, pants, and an X-box with some games. Thanks a lot.

Heraclio Jarez


May faith be your guide during this season of joy and reflection.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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1st East


Season's Greetings

All the best to you and yours wherever you go this holiday season.

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May your holiday come alive with beautiful moments and memories.

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Wishing you twelve gifted and fun-filled days. We really appreciate all you've given us this year!

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Wishing You a Very Happy Holiday

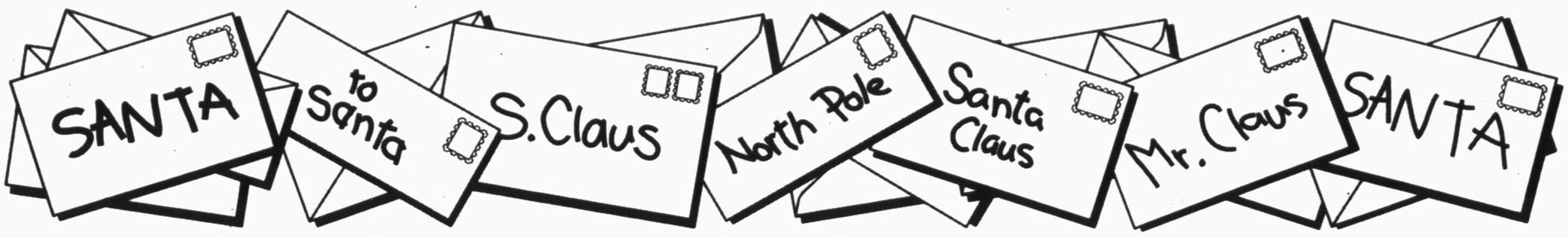
Merry Christmas

Debra Davis, Carol Hildebrand
Rachel Chaidez, Evette Peterson
Lois Eicke, Kathy Bloom
Renea Wunderlich, Tracy Toland
Monica Mayfield

Techno Salon
1906 37th Street 573-9000



Happy Holidays From Stone's Welding Service



Dear Santa,
Thank you for my play kitchen last year. Could you get me something for this year.

I have been good all year. Could I have the DVD Lilo & Stitch, Kareoke machine with a DVD player. And I wanna computer that has lots of games that I can play on it. And that's all.

Oh, one more thing, can I have one of those tents that have the Disney princesses on them, because I'm a princess myself. I want for all my family to be together for Christmas and for them to have a good Christmas too. I will leave you cookies on the table. Thank you, Santa.

Love,
Navidia Gonzalez
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year all the time. I wish I could have a video camera to record my friends and family, and a Big, big stuffed bear, and a baby doll that sings.

I wish I could get a little hit clip with music because my friend has one and I like them. I want a play mirror that comes with play makeup. I'll need this because when I get bigger I wanna be a model. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Delya Perez
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a desk, a real computer, a tie-dyed bedspread, a big white bookshelf, a big round disco ball, an easy-bake oven, a fancy dress and some hippie clothes to play dress-up in.

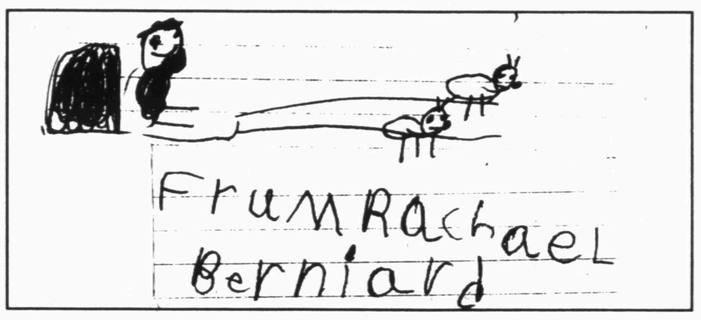
I'd also like a Hello Kitty doll and a small Bratz doll named Chloe and a Bratz doll named Yasmine, also a real picture of you with all of your elves and reindeers.

And I would like a real kitten and a real puppy and real diamond earrings, and two necklaces. Have a safe trip and Happy New Year!

Love,
Brianna Elyse Doucette,
Age 6
P.S. Tell the elves I'll like Whatever they make!

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a little tool set. And maybe a little bear, a play computer, a little tubve of toothpaste and a stuffed elephant. We'll leave you some milk and cookies!

Love,
Alyssa Brooke Doucette
Age 5



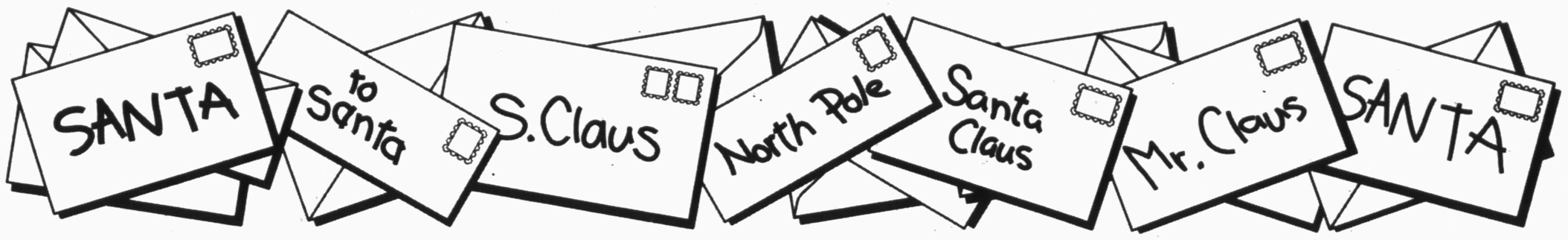
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We wish you a very merry season and a prosperous New Year.
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Owner: Margaret Beaver

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-Luke 2:14
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Merry Christmas!
All 372 Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees, Medical Staff, Board of Managers, and Cogdell Foundation Board of Directors wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!
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And A Healthy New Year!

DEC 24 2002



'Twas the Night Before Christmas or Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas
by Major Henry Livingston Jr. (1748-1828)
(previously believed to be by Clement Clarke Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER and VIXEN!
On, COMET! on CUPID! on, DONDER and BLITZEN!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

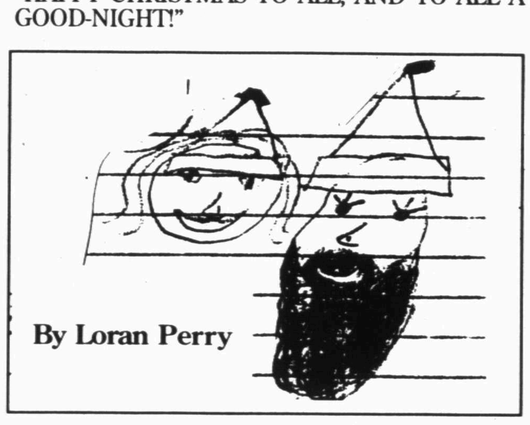
His eyes — how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

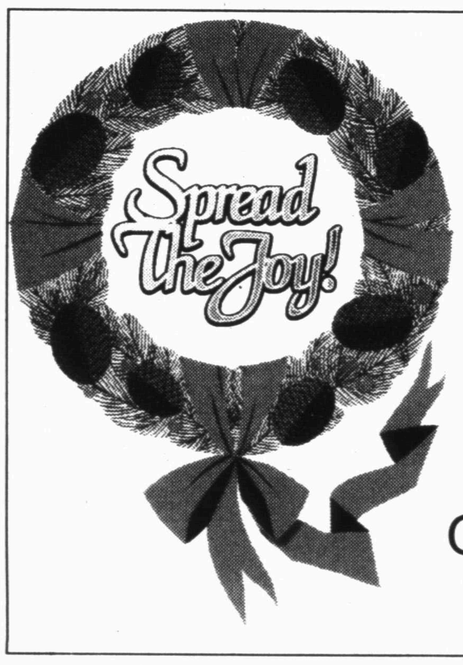
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!"


By Loran Perry



A hug. A smile.
A "have a good day!"
A little good cheer
goes a long way!

Thanks for bringing
us so much
joy this year.
Merry Christmas!

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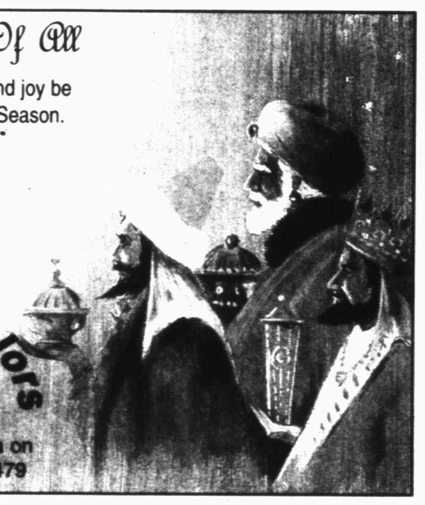
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"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11



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Sunday Worship
8:15, 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
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573-2631
fbcsny@nwol.net
Mike Henson, Sr. Pastor



All Signs Point To A Great Season!

We're displaying our holiday cheer plus our thanks to you for stopping here! Merry Christmas!

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We're proud to serve this fine community and wish all of our neighbors peace and contentment during this magical time.
We thank you most sincerely for your trust in us.

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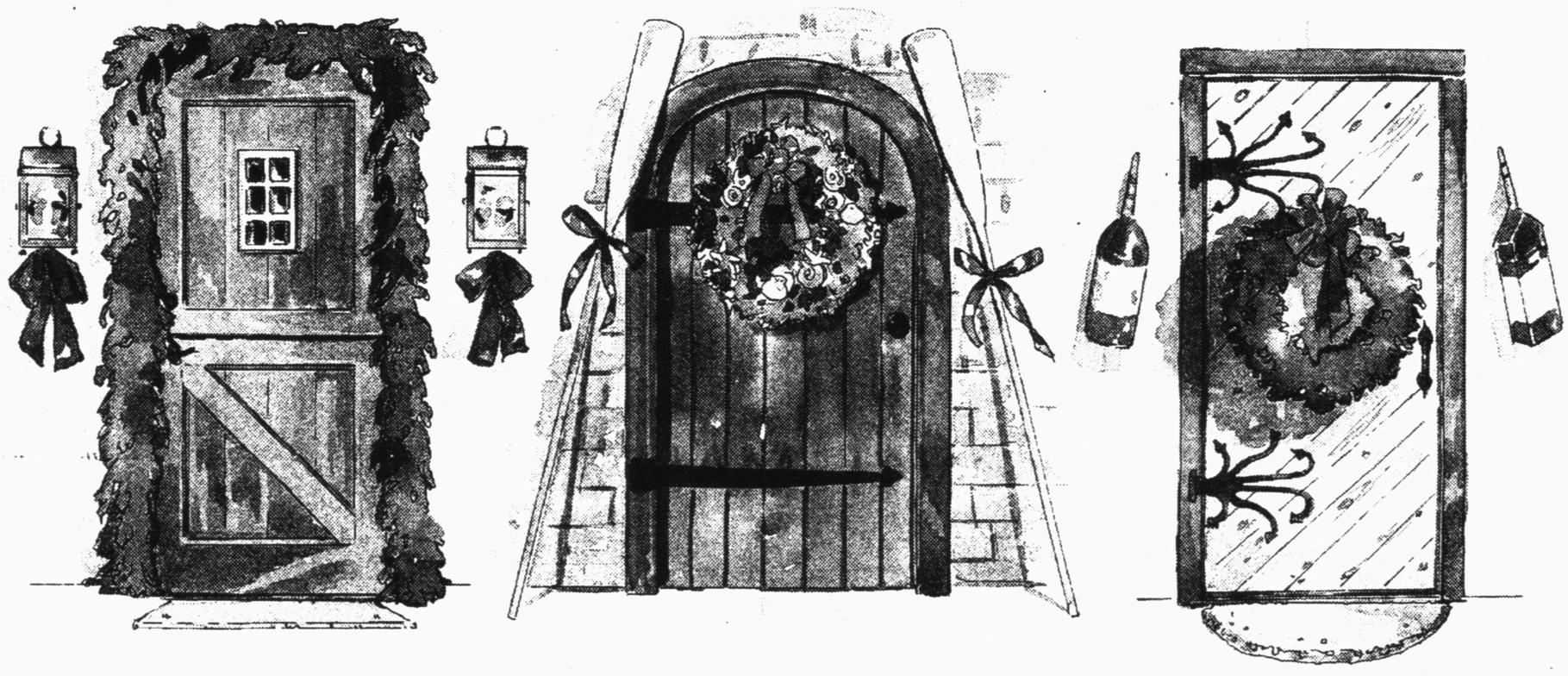
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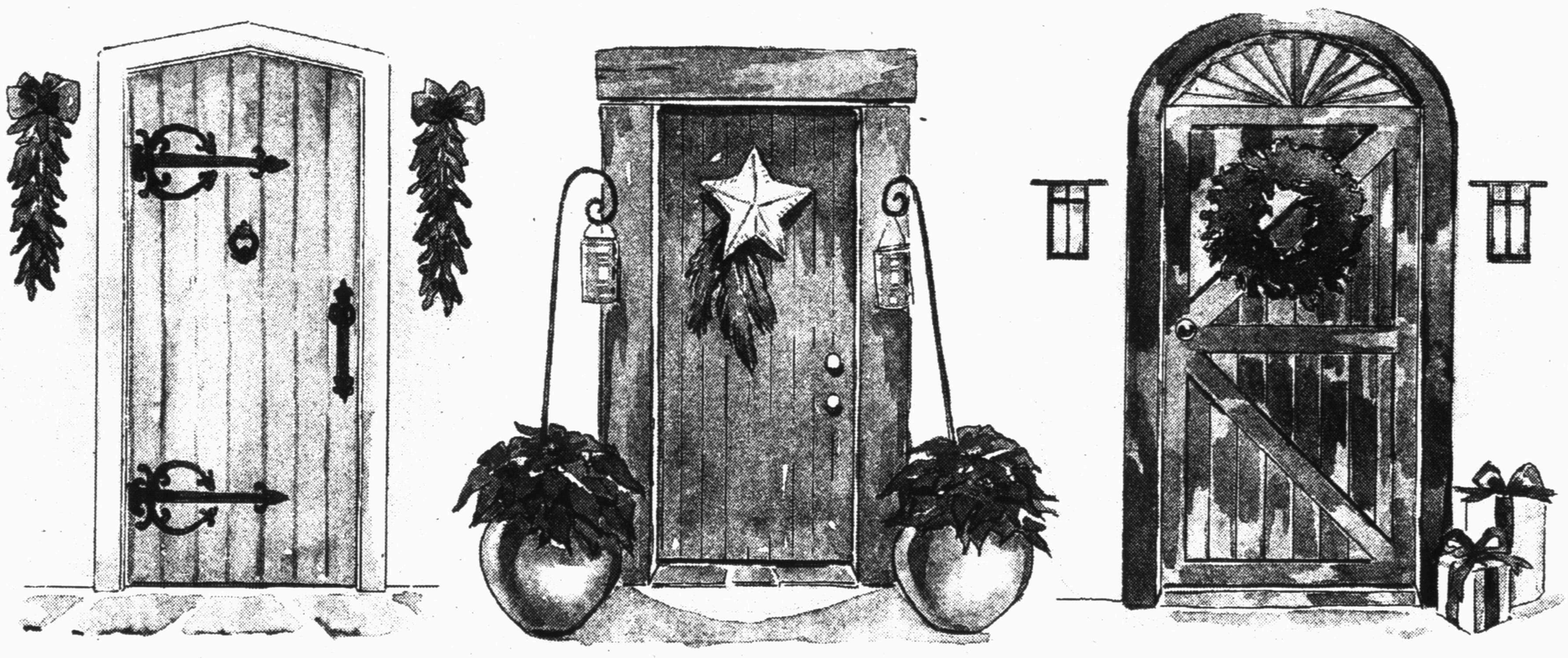
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North, East, South, West...



We're Sending You Our Very Best!



We're really grateful for your continued support. Happy Holidays!

Texas Savings Bank
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DEC 24 2002

Cowboy's Christmas

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through Wyoming,
Not a creature was stirrin'. Nor a wanderer roaming.
The stockings were hung by the cook stove with care,
In hopes Pardner Nicolas soon would be there.
The horses were nestled all snug in their stalls,
While us cowboys all dreamed of new overalls.
Jake was in his long johns an' I'd just tied up the dogs,
So we figured we'd just hit the bunks an' saw a few logs.
We'd been a-riding drag all day for the boss,
A-fightin' the cold an' the snow and the frost.
We'd just shut our eyes, went to sleep like a rock,
An' wee hopin' to stay that way 'til about six-o-clock.
When out on the prairie there arose such a noise,
I leapt from my bunk with the rest of the boys.
I grabbed up my six gun and ran for the door,
But I tripped on a boot an' fell to the floor.
Jake tripped over me, and Slim over Jake,
It was a real mess — then Ed saw the snake!
Seems an ol' rattler'd holed up in our floor,
To sleep for the winter, but he's been awakened by our snore.
He was coiled an' buzzin' like an e-lectric fence,
And a seen' him there, Jake took leave of his sense!
He let go a yelp that coulda frizzled yer hair,
Then he did kind of a flip an' left us standin' there.
We all just stood 'round with our mouths all a-gape,
Then I pulled out my pistol an' I shot the durn snake!
We went stumblin' outside, and what should we see,
But Santy Claus flyin' out over the trees.
The dogs started barkin' an' spooked away his reindeer,
So we're just a-hopin' Pardner Nick'll come back next year.
But we did hear him say, as he flew overhead,
Merry Christmas you cowboys! Now go to bed!"

Merry Christmas



Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Thanks To Our Good Customers & Friends.

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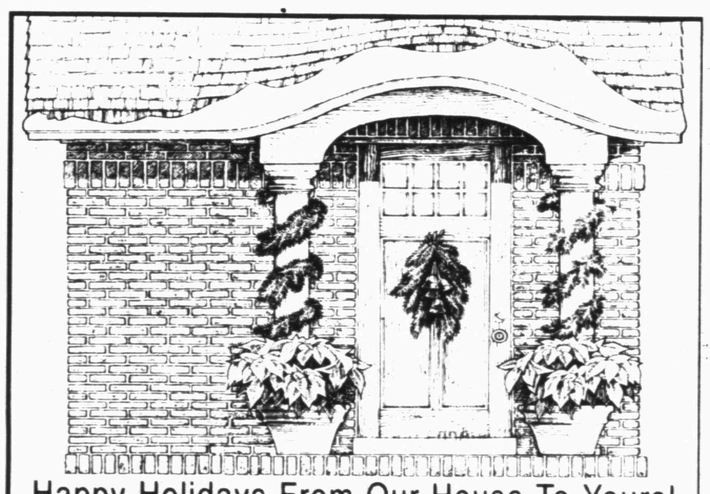
IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR



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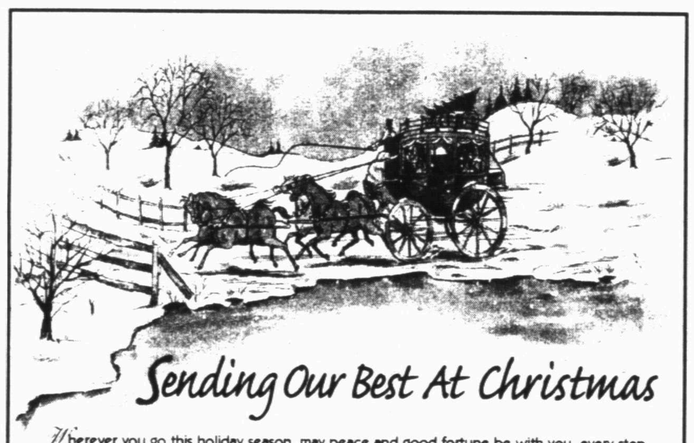
WELCOME THE SEASON

Our hearts are warmed by thoughts of the many good folks we've had the pleasure to serve.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

M.M. Mapes Electrolux & Small Appliance Repair

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Sending Our Best At Christmas

Wherever you go this holiday season, may peace and good fortune be with you, every step of the way. We thank you for bringing us so much joy this past year.

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Season's Greetings From All Of Us!

We wouldn't be where we are without a little help from our friends. Merry Christmas and many thanks!

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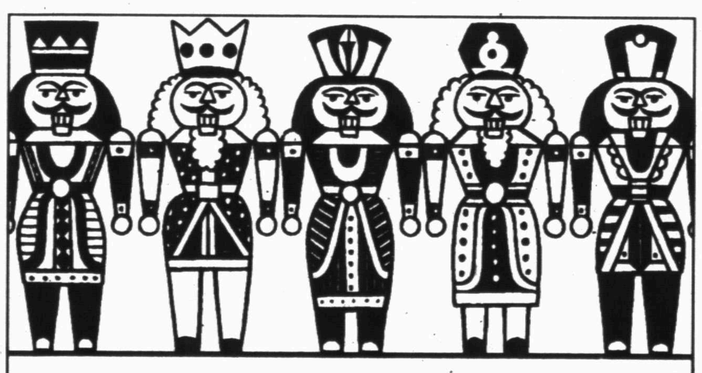
...And To All A Goodnight!

Here's hoping all your dreams and prayers are answered this holiday season. We know having you as our customers has been a real dream for us. Merry Christmas!

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

May you find yourself surrounded by all the gifts of this splendid season!

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Radio City Music Hall puts on Christmas show

NEW YORK (AP) — Backstage at Radio City Music Hall, past the Rockettes' dressing rooms, three camels, six sheep, two donkeys and a horse keep a woman awake each night.

But it's not the noise. Except for an occasional bleat from the sheep, the four-legged stars of the "Christmas Spectacular" sleep soundly. Their human handler, Bambi Brook, dozes fitfully in her makeshift apartment across from the donkey pen and below the stage, where she lives throughout the eight-week run of the show to take 24-hour care of her flock.

"I run up and check the camels or make sure everybody is safe and sleeping. I don't think I really sleep well for eight weeks, just because the responsibility level is so great," Brook said. "You've brought them into this environment, and you have to make sure they're safe and comfortable."

Brook wakes the animals at 5 a.m. each day and takes the horse and camels outside for a walk on city streets that are just beginning to swell with fast-walking workers and meandering tourists.

Some passers-by stop to greet the camels, sometimes giving them treats and always asking questions. No, they don't spit (these are well-behaved, theater camels), no, they're not cold (camels can adjust their body temperature) and yes, they can have a bagel (hey, it's New York City).

The camels, sheep and donkeys play themselves in a 10-minute nativity scene at the close of the 90-minute show. The sheep and donkeys ride the elevator up from their dressing room, one floor below stage level, just passing the Rockettes coming off stage in sparkly tights and reindeer hats. Brook and her assistants dress as shepherds or camel handlers and guide the animals through the scene.

Her company, Dawn Animal Agency, provides creatures for film and television. The animals in the Christmas show rotate with others that live on 250 acres in Westtown, N.Y., about 75 miles from Manhattan.

Ted, the 10-year-old, 1,400-pound camel with a prima donna attitude, who is considered the star above all others, was home this week for a break.

Brook said the animals are watched for signs that they're tired or not enjoying the work. How can she tell?

"Look, he's making happy ears at us," Brook said, hanging over the edge of the horse pen, pointing at Angel, a white horse who pulls a carriage across the stage past dancers and ice skaters in a scene called "White Christmas in New York." With ears earnestly upright, Angel munched a mouthful of hay.

And sure enough, his ears were similarly cocked forward during his big scene in that day's first show.

Brook struggles to explain how she gets animals to perform. Sometimes she can't even describe it to her assistants.

More than being trained, she said, animals have to trust that "they're going to be safe in any environment, whether it's on the street or in the theater or on the farm," said Brook, a small, muscular woman who talks so fast that she often interrupts herself.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture also checks on the furry performers, making surprise visits to Radio City to examine sleeping areas, and to watch the performance to make sure they're treated well.

Brook's mother founded the talent agency and the Sanctuary for Animals in 1960 with 30 creatures. Now, more than 750 live there — 75 percent of them rescued. They are guaranteed a home, even if they are not among the 10 to 15 percent that perform.

The agency won't say what the animals are paid for their work, but Brook said the Christmas show, which they've been doing for more than 20 years, is essential to the operation.

"This is our big moneymaking project for the sanctuary, and without this contract, the sanctuary wouldn't be able to help as many animals as it does," she said.

The animals in the show don't perform elsewhere during the year. But the agency keeps busy providing animals for high-profile television shows like "Law & Order," which always needs rats, and "Sex and the City," where one of their dogs had a long run as Pete, the pet of Carrie's ex-fiance, Aidan.

A million people saw the show last year, and Radio City expects more than a million patrons to attend the 212 performances this year, which end Jan. 5. The "Christmas Spectacular" debuted in 1933. Ticket prices range from $36-$119 and may be purchased through Ticketmaster (212-307-1000) or at the box office, 50th Street and 6th Avenue.





We're sowing our best wishes with the hope they grow into joy and prosperity for the folks we know.

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greetings of the season
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Who cares about the snow when we have such fond memories to keep us warm! It's been a real joy serving all of you this past year.
Happy Holiday!
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The greatest miracle known by man;
He sent our Savior to show the way.
So spread His love on Christmas Day.
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As we sew up another year, we wish you happiness in all you do!
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Home For The Holidays
Merry Christmas To All Of Our Neighbors & Friends!
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
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With Our Gratitude At The Holiday Season
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As we celebrate the miracle of Christmas, we extend our warm wishes and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. We know it fills us with cheer to recount all the good times we've shared this past year. Thanks!
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Miracles really do happen, and there's no better time than Christmas to restore our faith in the Lord and our fellow man.
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A Merry Christmas to All.



We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2003, it is our hope that you may have...

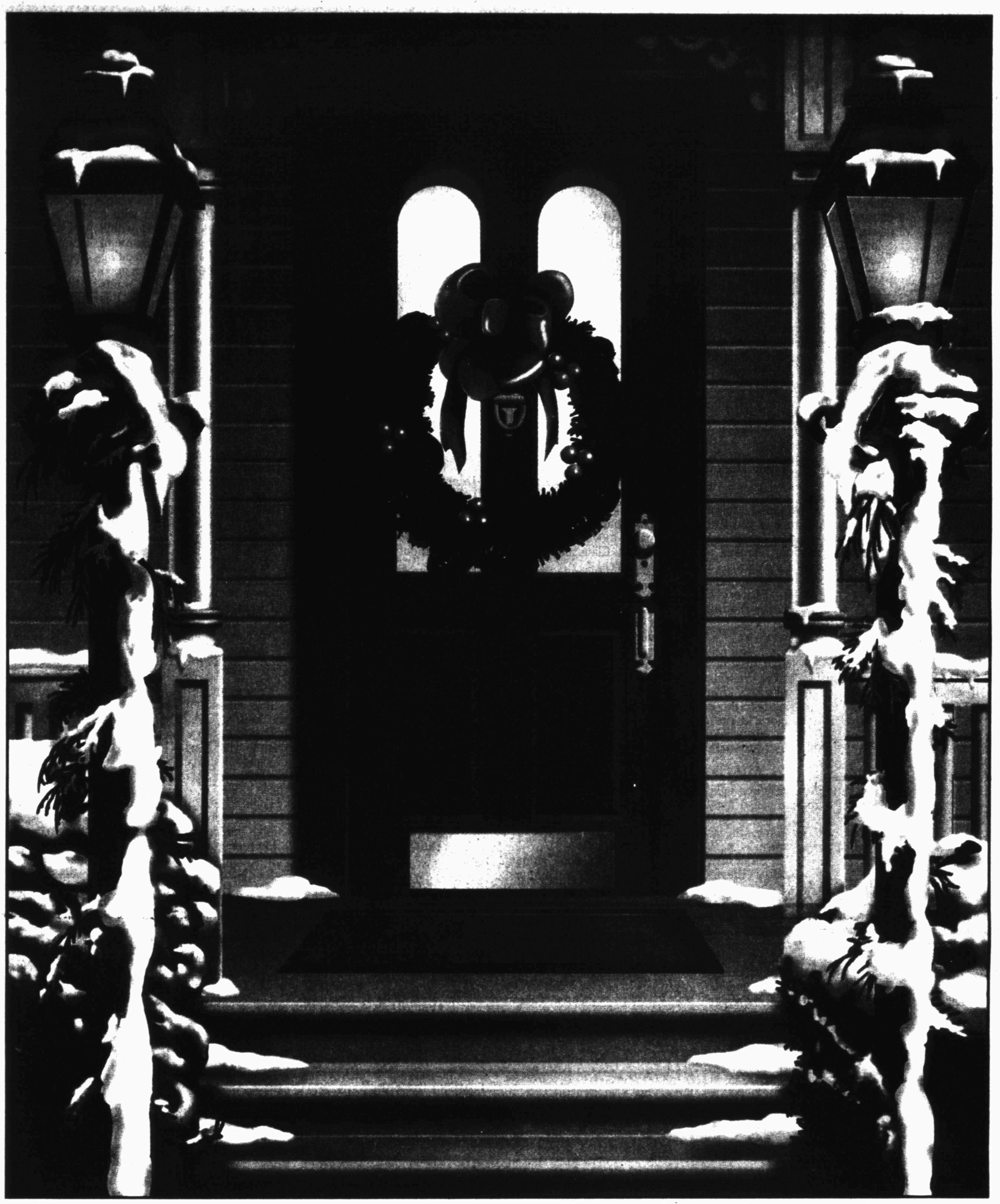
- ❄ Enough happiness to keep you sweet
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- ❄ Enough sorrow to keep you human
- ❄ Enough failure to keep you humble
- ❄ Enough hope to keep you happy
- ❄ Enough success to keep you eager
- ❄ Enough friends to give you comfort
- ❄ Enough wealth to meet your needs
- ❄ Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- ❄ Enough faith to banish depression
- ❄ Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday

This message was a favorite of United Supermarkets founder, H.D. "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976.

All United Supermarkets locations are closed on Christmas Day so that our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families.

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Celebrate the many blessings of the season with the ones you love, and know our best wishes are with you all the way.

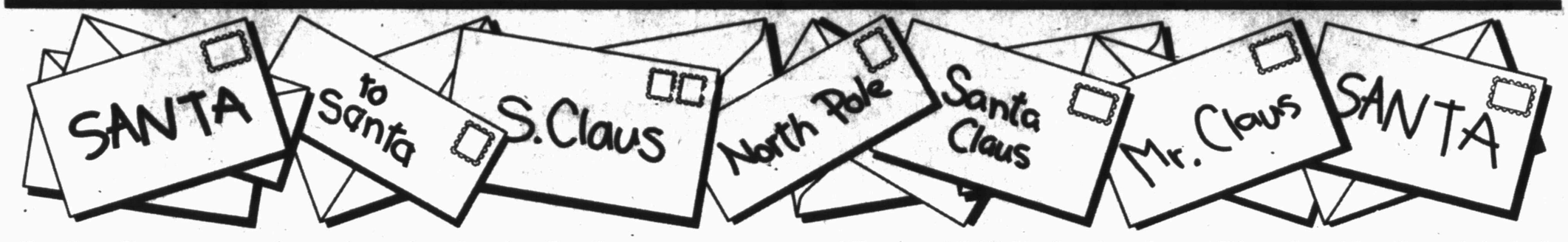
Merry Christmas

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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like for Christmas,
1. Motorcycle
2. Motorcycle helmet
I have been a very good boy this year.

Love,
Clayton Galyean

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I am in the first grade at East Elementary. I have been a very good girl. I am sending you a list of some of the things I would like to get:
1. Barbie Flare Chair
2. Shining Star
3. Shrink-n-dink
4. Pop Sensation Barbie
5. Mystery Date
6. Barbie Eye Show Superstar
7. Reading Book Lamp
8. Sweet Magic Kitchen
9. Beauty and the Beast
10 Rainbow Paint Set
11. Rainbow Air Set
12. Barbie Saving Cash Register
13. Madison Barbie
14. Mommies Little Patient
15. A pair of house shoe

There are a few more things I would like but I will let you surprise me. Have a Merry Christmas and I will leave the reindeer and you a snack by the fireplace.

Love you,
Kaprice

Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I would like a Scooter, The Movie Ice Age, Crayons, Barbie coloring books, E-Kara headsets, Barbie as Rapunzel Doll, Scooby Doo Stuff.

Your friend,
Sarah Spradlin

Dear Santa,
How are you? This yea I would like: A E-Kara headset, the games Fib Findor and New Kerplunk game and the game "Sorry," and Leopard Stuff, Jewelry, Lisa Frank Stuff.

Your friend,
Katy Spradlin

Dear Santa,
I want a robot that does my chores and a gameboy color and playstation2 pleas give me a game to go with the gameboy color and with the plastashun 2 Texas Tech.

Sincerely,
Riley Jenkins

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a game boy advance and a picture of you and Mrs. Claus, spongebob game to go with the game boy advance, a video camera, a whole pack of gum, a kitty, a little golf-course, some new crayons ,and 102 Dalmations movie, and 16 thousand dollars.

Sincerely,
Trana Holley

Dear Santa,
I'd like a dirt bike, and a ramp please, and a picture of you and Mrs. Claus, and a gameboy advance, playstation2, camera, a four-wheeler and a motorcycle. I would like some money too.

Sincerely,
Cailey Young

Dear Santa,
I wish for the best Christmas ever and maybe a few presents like Brats (boys and girls), Diva stars and for my Daddy to move back to Snyder and for a kitten.

Sincerely,
Allie Hollingsworth

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me a edge runner and a game called forty winks and the Sayan box set and an xbox with a game. Please bring a picture of you.

Sincerely,
Kodee Villegas

Dear Santa,
I'd like to have a x-box and please come with a game for the x-box, and a bike for me, and a gameboy for my little brother, a puppy named Bubba, and an edge runner, 2 more games for the x-box.

Sincerely,
Larry Huddleston

Dear Santa,
I would like a sled and a puppy and a gameboy advance and a camera and a four-wheeler and a better CD player and some more CDs and 10,000 dollars.

Sincerely,
Penny Holdren

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, Pollypockets, gameboy color and a Brats! Doll. My baby brother wants a remote control car and a truck, new stuffed puppy, new stuffed Santa Claus.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Castillo

Dear Santa,
I Would like a bike, a Hummer, a remote-control truck, a four-wheeler, a gameboy advance, CD's, playstation 2, spongebob squaerpants movie, a picture of you and Mrs. Claus and a pretty shirt and skirt.

Sincerely,
Kacie Baker

Dear Santa,
I want a playstation 2 and I want an x-box with a game and I want a four-wheeler, and a remote-control remote and a bike.

Sincerely,
Olen Stephens

Dear Santa,
I really, really, really want a three feet tall Rapunzel doll and a Rapunzel set from you, Santa.

Sincerely,
Rachel Turner

Dear Santa,
I want a robot, edge runner, bike, remote control Hummer, 20,000 dollars and a X Box.

Sincerely,
Brent Rhodes

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler, an edge runner and a skateboard.

Sincerely,
Chase Toland

Dear Santa,
I want a edge-runner, a remote control Hummer and 20,000 dollars.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike this year. I will some milk and cookies out for you.

Sincerely,
Heather McFatridge

Dear Santa,
I would want a puppy for Christmas and a new bike and a lot of clothes and most of all, I want $100 please.

Sincerely,
Heather Medrano

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a remote control monster truck and a CD player and some CD's. I also want a playstation2 and a battery for the charger without a wire.

Sincerely,
Josh Dossey

Dear Santa,
I want to have a gameboy advance please. I also want a playstation2 and kingdom hearts please.

Sincerely,
Darren Escobedo

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a Barbie and a Barbie car.

Sincerely,
Macie Fletcher

Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation2, twister game, karoke machine, four-wheeler and a poster for my room.

Sincerely,
Mindy Warren

Dear Santa,
Please get me a karoke machine and bring my mom $3000 dollars. I also want a dirt bike and a picture of you.

Sincerely,
Daniella K. Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for everything you brought me last year. This year I would love a playstation with a Tony Hawk4 game and Downhill Dude. I also really want some of those shoes that have skating wheels in them. I have been good this year. My sister, Abbey, wants the Rapunzel movie. She has been good. We will leave you some treats on Christmas Eve. We know how you like cheese!

Love,
Brantley Stephens

P.S. We will be in Ft. Worth so bring everything there please.

Dear Santa,
My name is Patrick. I am in second grade in Amarillo. I am Spending Christmas with my papa in Hermleigh. Please bring me an Icee maker, a Game boy Advanced, Poke mon green version, and Kirby game. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Patrick Tate

Dear St. Nick,
I want a skatboard with monster wheels.
My sister wants a Dora tent!

From Damian and Jessica

Dear Santa,
It is almost Christmas and all the kids at Glenda's house are trying to be very good. They all want to wish Jesus a happy birthday and for His party (Christmas Eve) they are asking you to bring these gifts:

Logan Tate (5) wants to ask Santa for Mouse Trap, Hungry Hippo, and a bike "because my udder one got flat" and his sister Aaron (2nd grade) maybe needs some Barbies or babies or toys.

Kassy Freeman (4) wants a scooter like Samantha's, a cash register, some jewelry and make-up. Her sister Kandyce (in kindergarten) wants a Barbie named Ashley and a lot of more stuff. Kyla (in the 3rd grade) wants a scooter like mer.

Landon Hill (4) wants a trailer that has doors in the middle and seats in the front that his little brother, Tyton (1) can't get out of and that will go on the hooker for the power wheel. I didn't know what Britton (kindergarten) wants, lots of toys and cars I think.

Steven Carrillo (4) wants a Hungry Hippo like on TV. A Spiderman web thrower and Power Ranger and a Tiger. Dawn (2nd grade) wants some Barbie stuff.

Breainna Barrington (3) wants Barbie trouble train and a dolly and a fire truck and she needs a bottle like her real baby Braylei Plyant (1 month) drinks. Bring Braylei a pacifier that doesn't cover her nose.

Jordan Hildreth (3) wants a Christmas tree and Barbie present because she already has some Barbies and Zachery (kindergarten) wants a Scoobie Doo Christmas. Mamma already has got a Christmas tree too and pretty finger nails, but mine are not painted.

Justin Wilson (2) wants a toy choo choo train. His brother Colter (1st grade) needs bugs and toys.

ZaZanna Burton (1 year) needs something she can hug and lay on when she falls fast asleep. She loves to cuddle.

Macie Palacios (6 months) is too young to tell us what she wants, but please make it as delightful and sweet as she is.

As you can tell we have had a few new names to our list this year and a few have moved to another town. We love and miss them and pray that you find them happy in their new homes and daycares. Glenda and Vanessa have a special wish of health and love for all these children, their families and friends.

The children want to add that we all hope you have snow and the reindeer are fast and safe. We will leave you cookies.

God's Blessing on us all,
Glenda's Kids

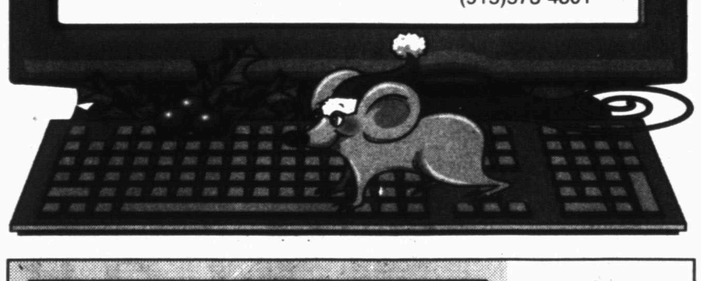


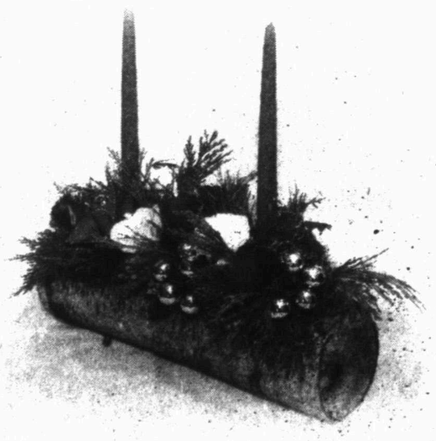


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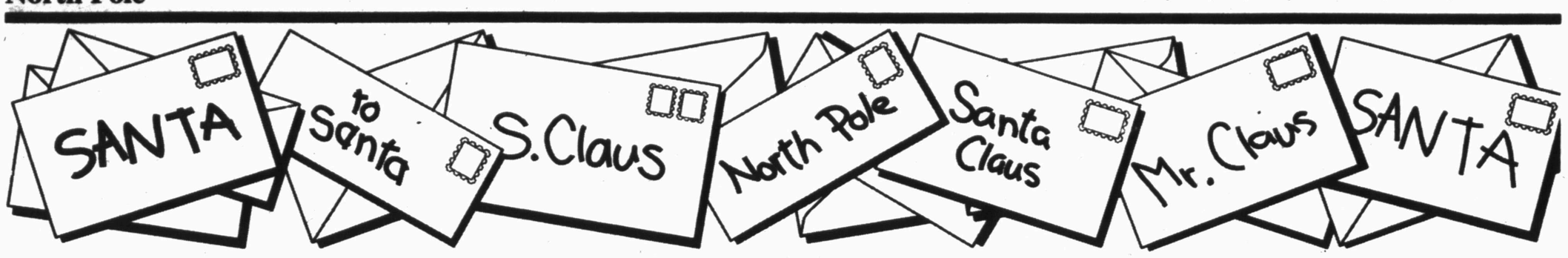
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Watching the yule log fills us with a burning desire to say, "Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike. A spider-man toy. A Power Ranger toy. The Buzz car and nedw movies. Plus a flying buzz toy.

Love Your Friend,
Juan Diego Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a Game Cube with games. A Gameboy Advance and new games. A Power Puff Girls pillow for my bed. I want the movie "Spirit." I want a some new movies.

Love Your friend,
Gabriella Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Do you ever go to see penguins or the polar bears? Do you have any hobbies like football? How do you get down the chimney? How is Mr. Claus doing? Is she baking the cookies for your trip and getting the milk ready? Do you have your Christmas tree up yet and lights? I will give you a present and carrots for the reindeer.

Love,
Kolton Cox

Dear Santa,
I still have the remote control monster truck you gave me. You can play with it. How is Mrs. Claus? Santa, I would like a mini four-wheeler that goes 60 miles per hour and 2 – 4x4 drive.

Love,
Clay Johnson

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Is the North Pole nice? How do you get through the chimney? I would like a trampoline, clothes, sweater, CD's, and pants.

Love,
Holly Juarez

Dear Santa,
How old are you and your elves? Is Elizabeth right, she says your elves are 9,000 years old? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Did Nancy Lowery, who looked like a boy, come to the North Pole and see you? Santa, may I have some boots that are tight and a non-sleeved shirt and a belly shirt? May I have a bicycle and a mistletoe for my mom and dad, and for my friend Cade to come visit sometimes? Please may I have a disco boy and girl who like each other and a Christmas doll that's all glass and I want a fake mistletoe for Allie? Please, may I have a new stocking and shoes and pants and disco pants and a disco shirt and a princess sized phone for me and a little baby doll and a princess sized doll and May I have her as a princess and the same thing except may I have it as a prince, please?

Love,
Avery Wirsching

Dear Santa,
How old are you, 100? I'm just asking, okay? Are you happy at the North Pole? I don't have a chimney, so how are you going to get in? Never mind. I want a G.I. Joe action man, web slinger and a remote control car, that's all.

Love,
David Woolridge

Dear Santa,
How is old Bernard doing? How can you get through the chimney? Is Rudolph a real reindeer? Can Prancer write? Santa, can I have a play station game called Madden 2003 NFL? Can I have a DVD called Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets? For Christmas, I want for my brother a remote control jet. Santa, what kind of cookies do you want?

Love,
Kaleb Presley

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa Claus. How old are you? How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are you? Can I have presents? Can I have lights.

Love,
Tanya Elam

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeer and elves? What are your favorite cookies? I want one present. It is a remote control dirt bike.

Love,
Jimmy Markworth

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Do you want me to leave milk and cookies? I want a trampoline? I want a clear game boy. My brother wants a watch. I want my mom to have new earrings that have my dad's birth stone. I want my mom to have a king size bed.

Love,
Sarah Kellner

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing, Santa Claus? I will have milk and cookies ready for you on Christmas Eve. I want a bike and camouflage and clothes.

Love,
Taylor Hollingsworth

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. I was just wanting to know if you have the North Pole decorated? By the way, short question — but did my mom, Nancy Lowery and her brothers, Sunny Lowery and Donny Lowery, visit you? I would like a trampoline, a plane, a go cart, cars, 2 books, paper, markers, scissors, paint, doll, puppy, and play station 3.

Love,
Elizabeth Brunson

Dear Santa,
I am Riley Arnold. I am six years old and in Mrs. Rosson's class at Stanfield Elementary. I have tried to be a good boy this year — sometimes it's been really tough, but I've tried really hard. I hope you, Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer are doing fine.

I would like several things, but first, please remember my brothers. They have tried to be good this year, too, and sometimes it's hard to be good examples. But most of the time, they are pretty good. They play with me a lot and I love them a lot.

Now for my list. Some people think it's strange that I like dolls, but I do and that's pretty much what I would like for Christmas. Some examples: a big Belle doll, a big Arial doll, Eric the prince doll, a big Sleeping Beauty, a dragon doll or a Jasmine doll. I'd also like a Spiderman CD, a soccer beanbag, a Powderpuff Girls movie, Scooby Doo movie, a dollhouse, a poster of princess and the Repunzel movie.

That pretty much covers it. Thank you, Santa, Hope you have a wonderful Christmas.

Love,
Riley Arnold

Dear Santa Claus,
My mommy is writing this letter for me, since I am only 3 years old and cannot write.

Please, for Christmas, I want the Little People Airport, an airplane, a talking woody, a talking buzz and a zurg- Mommy says they don't make a talking zurg. I also want the duck game and a Raider Red. My other one is broken; I break his red eyebrow.

I have been a good boy and have tried to do what Mommy and Daddy told me to do.

Please remember I will be in Snyder visiting my grandparents.

Thank you,
Trey Odom
Lubbock

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas.
I want a ten cars
I want to have a play station 2
I want Jesse to have a gocar.

Alex Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas. First I would like a real puppy a Golden retriver. The secont thing I want is my own compter. And the thord thing I want is a swing set. And I want to get my Aunt Bonnie some juirile because her husband died so we wel probly have a good and bad Christmas.

Jacinda Payne

Dear Santa,
I want 3 things for Christmas I want yo-gy-ho cards and civeue cards and Dragin ball Z cards. And for my cousin and sister barbes.

Jesse P. Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas. Forst I want Spike inter the dragen fly and Jak and dexter kindom harts.

Nathan Burney

Dear Santa,
I want a play station 2 that I like fine I want that is of want go cart and a macdnox.

Ethan Head

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas. First I want one hundred million dollars. Second I want A big, big, red track. And I want every won in the whole world I that they had one one hundred million dollrs.

Joe Iglehart

Dear Santa,
I want 3 things I want 2 things for my teacher. 2 hundred dollars and 1 dress for her and a gocart for me.

Victor Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I want three thing for Christmas. First I would like a Nintindo game Cube. Second, Skate board third a new football. And I would like my sister a barbie. I love you Santa.

Nolan Duzan

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas. First I want a pony for my sisster. A puppy for heather and me. A Kareoke machin for me.

I hope you get around the world O.K.

Jessie Goodger

Dear Santa,
I want three thing for Christmas. First, I would like a new bible, Second I would lik a Play Station 2 and I would like a new Kitey cat, and a race car. I would like to give Lloyd a gocart.

Will Ryan Stephens

Dear Santa,
I want three thing for Christmas I want a woch for Christmas and a gocart and a dirt bike for Christmas. I got my mom a Santa Claus candle for Christmas.

Lloyd McCormack

Dear Santa,
I want 3 things for Crismas yo-go all bingles. I wish Nolan can get a nintendo game cube.

Luis Silva

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Chrismas first I would like a gytard and a pupiy and a Bible. I want my Mother to get out of the hospital. I love you santy.

Angelia Juarez

Dear Santa,
I want three things for Christmas. First, I would like a rill horse, I want to meet you on Christmas if that's OK with you and if you do not minde I will want to see Roodolf, Santa I love you I hope you now love Allison.

P.S. I im going to git something for someone els. I want to give Nathan some new glasses.

Allison Downing

Dear Santa,
I want a Power ranger mega zord and a snow cone maker.

Braden Hall

Dear Santa,
This is my Christmas list: cash register, microscope set, rainbow mats, sand digger, play vet kit, Barbie jeep, game boy and a game, art cart, spinning artist, giant tumble balls, Camera. My name is **Courtney Pollard.** I've been good.

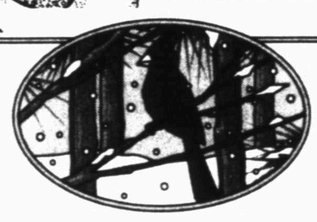
Dear, Santa Clous
I have been a good girl this year. I would like no love to have a baby!!! I have been trying to have a baby for 8 year now. Please it is all I will ever want.

Thank You, Martha Lou
Witte Eckert





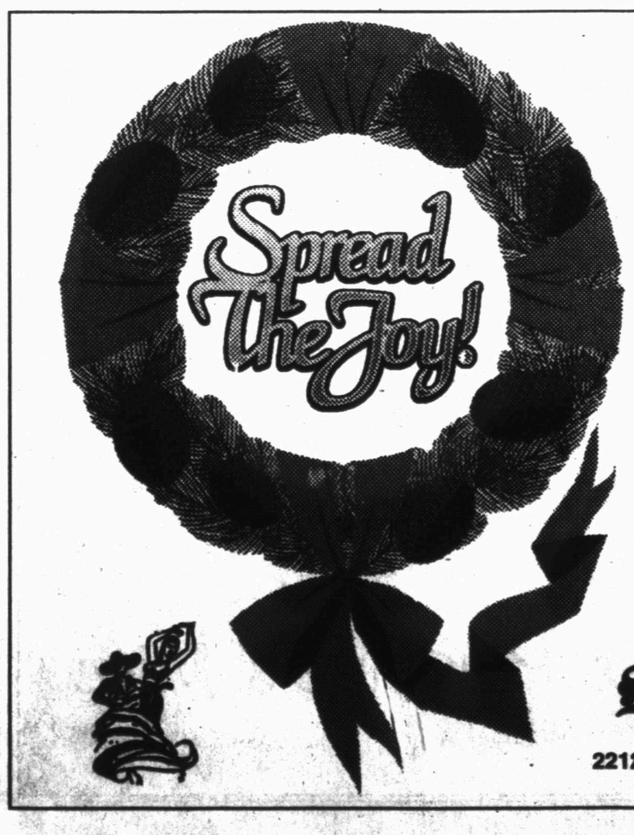
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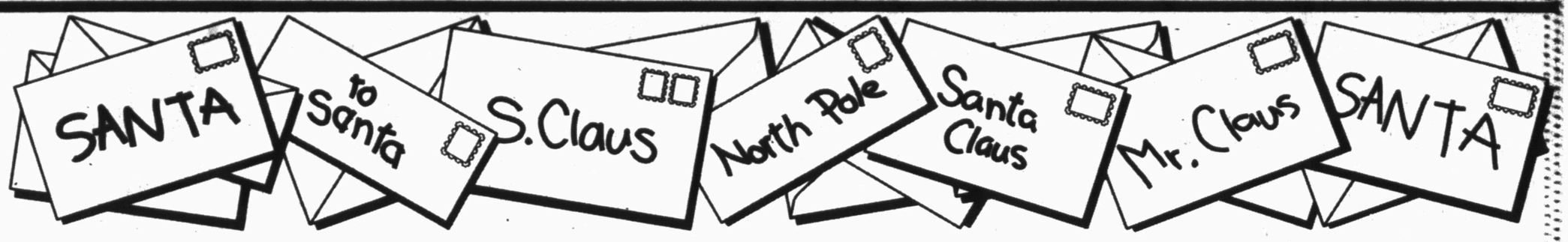
Thanks for bringing
us so much
joy this year.
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Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kelsey Olson. I am 3½ years old. I have been a very good girl this year. I make-up my bed, I eat all of my lunch, and I pick up my toys. For Christmas I would like a big, pink, Barbie car. I will be at my Daddy's house Christmas Eve, and we will leave some cookies and milk for you. We will leave some carrots out for Rudolph, too.

Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kalysta Xalyn and I'm 3 years old. I hope you are having a wonderful time at the north pole, but I'm hoping that ya'll are just about finished making all those really cool toys.

I don't really need much for Christmas because I already have too much stuff but that's beside the point. I want a Scooby Doo clock, a Beauty and the Beast castle, the Monsters, Inc. movie, and anything else you would like to bring me. I really really really like Scooby Doo though. I also would like for you to bring my baby brother, Paxton, a few toys too. He really likes hotwheels.

Love, Kalysta Xalyn Jones

P.S. I'll be sure to leave some cheese for your snack. Do you prefer cheddar, colby-jack or american?

Dear Santa,
My name is Paxton Blaze and I'm 10 months. I know I'm not very old, but I would still like to have a couple of things for Christmas.

I really like to play with hot wheels and anything that plays music. I would also like you to bring my sister, Kalysta, anything that has Scooby Doo. She really loves Scooby Doo. If you really can't find anything that would make me happy, just bring me an empty box because I prefer the box over toys anyways. Have you ever played in an empty box before Santa? You should try it some time, they're really a lot of fun.

Love, Paxton Blaze Jones

P.S. What kind of snacks do your reindeer like? I'll be sure and leave you some cheese.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jordan. I have been a very good girl. I would like a dinasaur. That pops out of a box. I want some new books. And would you bring my sister Sydney a leaf eater book.

Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy skateboard remote controll car. Leah my sister wants a doll house.

Love, Lane Wood

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have Bitty Baby twins and Bitty Baby clothes for Christmas. I would also like to have a Bitty Baby carrier. In my stocking I would like some candy. Thank you for stopping at my house for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

Love, Paige Pollard

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Brittany and I am 3 years old. I have been a good little girl. For Christmas I want a leap frog pad and some books. I want a Barbie comforter and any other toys you want me to have. I live with my Paw and Gran so bring my toys there. Don't forget my little sister Chelsea.

I really love you,
Brittany Martin

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Chelsea and I am two months old. So far I have been good. For Christmas I want a baby gym and a walker. Bring me some other little baby toys too. I live with my Paw and Gran so bring my toys there. Don't forget my big sister Brittany.

I love you too, Chelsea Hawkins

Dear Santa,
Hi! My name is A'Kyara. I am 4 years old. I've been a pretty good girl this year. Can you bring me a purple bicycle, a bratz doll, a Kareoke machine, and some clothes. Tell Ms. Claus hello! I will leave some cookies and milk out for you.

Love, A'Kyara Dickens

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been reading more then last year. I have not hurted my sister. I have been learning new things. I have not cheted on a paper. I try my best. I have a good adutude. Please bring me Lelow and Stich move. Bring me more darts for my dart bord. Please bring my mom a silver ring. Please bring my dad a watch. Please bring me working gloves.

From your pal,
Slade Birkenfeld

Dear Santa Claus,
I wold like some toys for my dog my Uncle Eddie got for me and I would like a cat and makup so I can fix up Trina. And could you please bring my brother a dog and oh yeah could you bring my dad home.

P.S. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Bridget Davis

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ben good at home and at school. And I have ben dowing my shors lick throwing trash out. And I want you to have a mary Christmas to. Pleas bring me a helkoter and a ring for my mom and a tv for mya family!

Your frind,
Emilio Felan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have not been traiding droory. I have been taking care of my brother and baby coson. I wake up in the morning for skhool and try not to come to skhool late. I been reading a lot. I love Christmas more than any other holiday. I like Chistmas becos of you!

Please bring me a cd plaer. My mom wants a God watch. My brother wants a octpus rose-track. My dad woud like some gronup books. I want Sleana Cd. I wold reely like kids books.

Yore frind,
Donica M. Flores

P.S. I do beliv you.

Dear Santa Claus,
I helped my mom at home, I do good in school, I try hard in school, I have a nice teacher, give her something nice.

Please give my cousen Emily a barby for christmas, and me a cereoke mushen for christmas, tell mrs. Claus I said hi.

Love,
Jessica Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have read a lot of books I have a 100 points! I have been helping my dad put of the lights and my mom and I put up the Chirsmas tree and decorations.

Please my mom whaud like a dimend ring my dad whoud like some paudy pants I whould like a Harry Potter leago set and a Star Wars leago st.

Senseraly your best freand,
Caleb Hester

P.S. I hope Blitsen is at the frount of the line.

Dear Santa Claus,
I help my mom clean her room a lot. I clean my room to. I get stuff for my family when it is Christmas or their Birthday.

Pleaes bring me some scetchers. My mom wants coca cola stuff. My dad wants new darts.

Love,
Brittany Kaska

P.S. How is your elves?

Dear Santa Claus,
I been so good my mom whats a book for my sitter and alsoe my sitter whats a TV. Please bring me a new Videogame and a new cmpter for my mom and dad. P.S. His Msr. Claus.

Your frined,
Adam Moncibais

Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be good this year, I made good grades and read seventy five books, and I have forty-seven points.

Please bring my mom, dad and my brother a few things. Please bring me a dirt bike plus gear and a new incomplete skateboard. Try to make it a zero board.

Your friend,
Christian Nichols

P.S. Try to bring two guitars and amplifiers for Randy and Roston.



Dear Santa Claus,
I have been tring to make good grades to go to fourth grade. And I cleand up my room and bing good to my mom and dad. I go to church Wendnesday Saterday and Sunday. I have been good to my friend. And play fair. And when I make a mess I clean it up. I obay my mom and dad.

Please bring me Power Rangers and Yu Gi Oh cards. That's all I want. I do not want to keep your elves busy.

Your friend,
Greg Ornelas

P.S. I earned 30 A.R. Points

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been taking out the trash so it would not stink. Please bring me a scooter, bike, skatebord, and a gameboy advanc. Please bring my sister a doll and my brother army men Please bring us what we want I am askink you nicely

Love,
Tyler Redman

P.S. I hope the elfes aren't working to hard.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have bin good this year. I have help my mom cook. I have help my mom wash dash. I have help my mom clean. See Santa I have been good this year. My sister want a new bike. My mom want a new dress. My dad want a gun. My baby sister want toys. and I want a new baby doll.

Love,
Lateisha Richardson

P.S. I will be sleep.

Dear Santa,
I went a baike and a dirtbaike and a Xbox and a draball Z and a dvd plar and some money tooooo

Love,
Michel

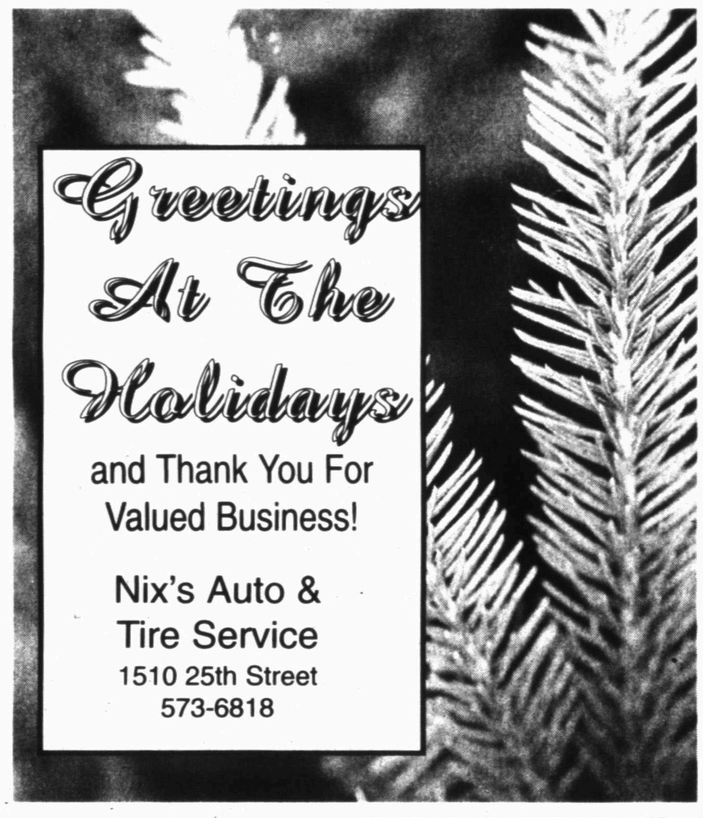
Dear Santa,
I wunt 5 dolrs I will appreciate it Santa and I wunt a stereo I will appreciate it good Santa and thack you Santa thack you verey much Santa. I frgit a dile I wunt a toy.

Love,
Silva Rosanna

"Where is he who is born King of the Jews?
For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."
- St. Matthew 2:2

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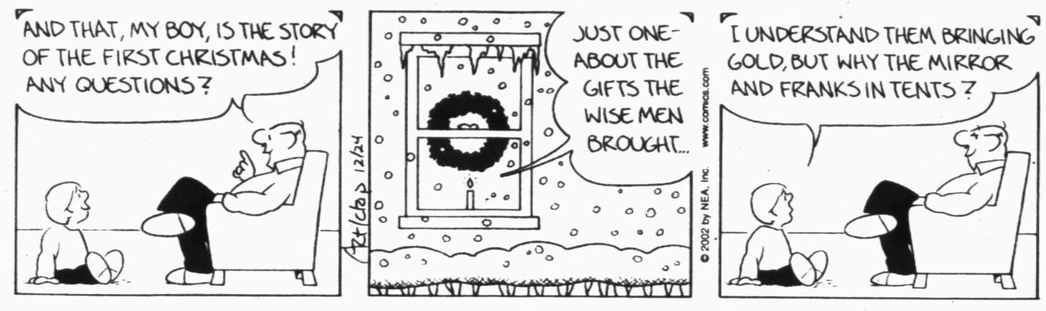
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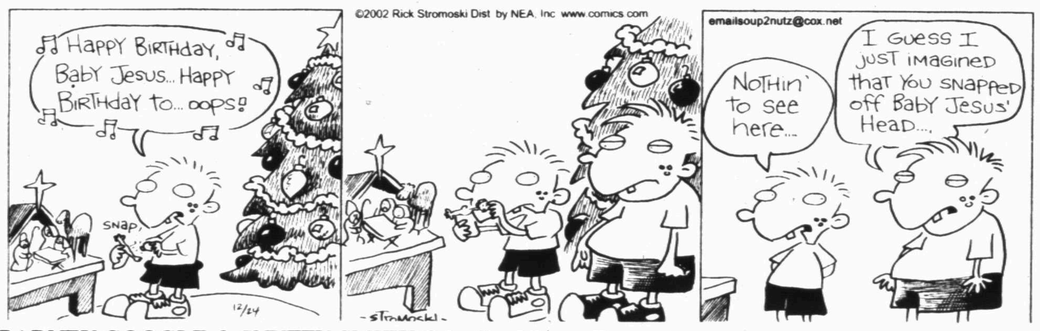
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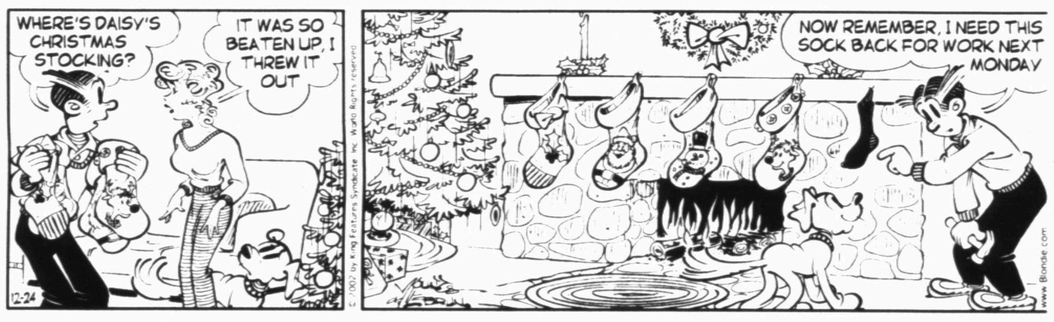
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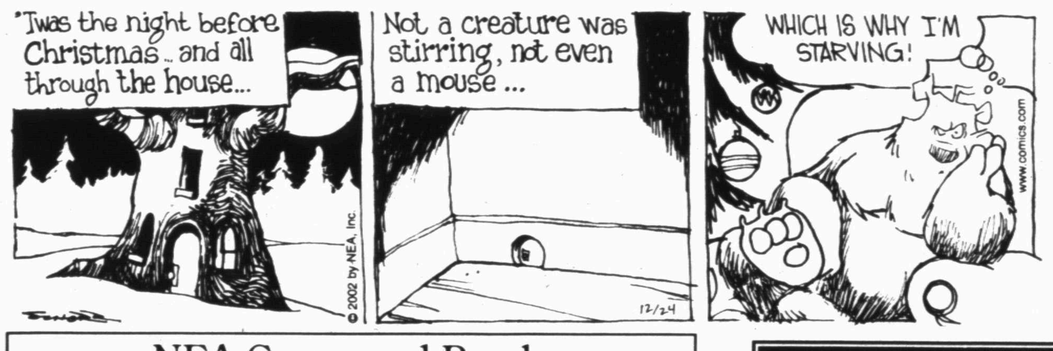
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26 Use a crowbar
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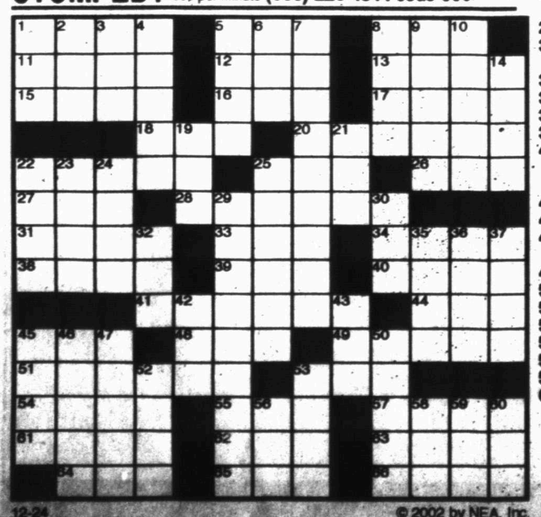
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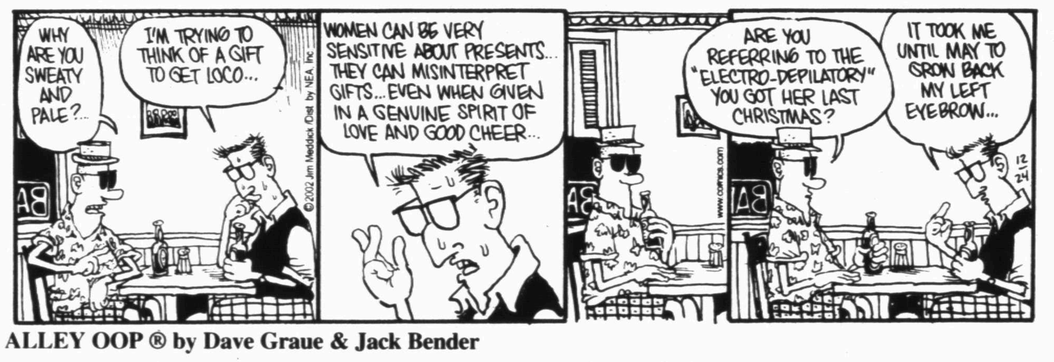
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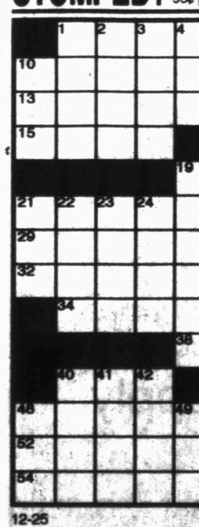
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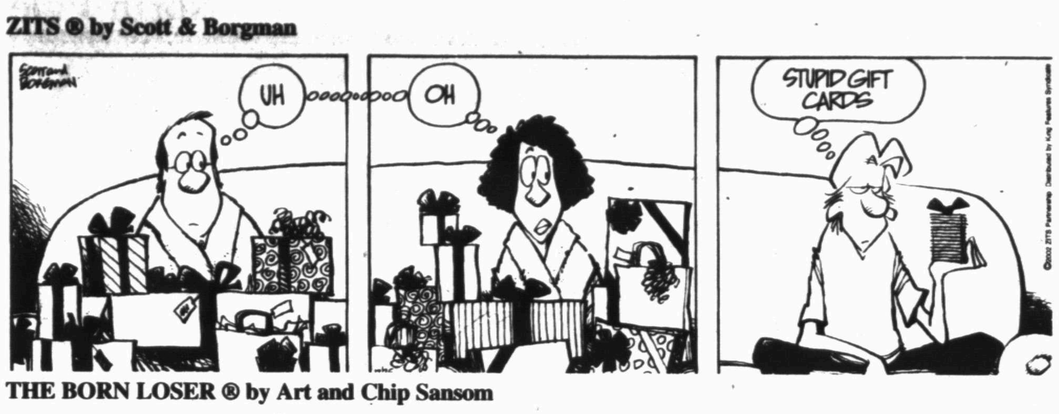
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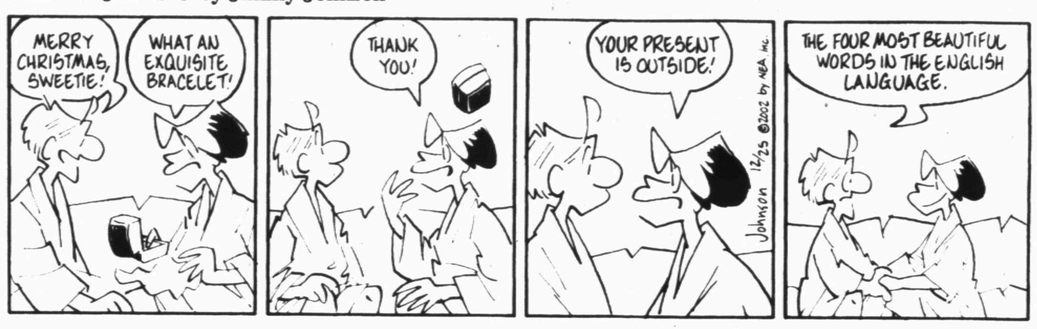
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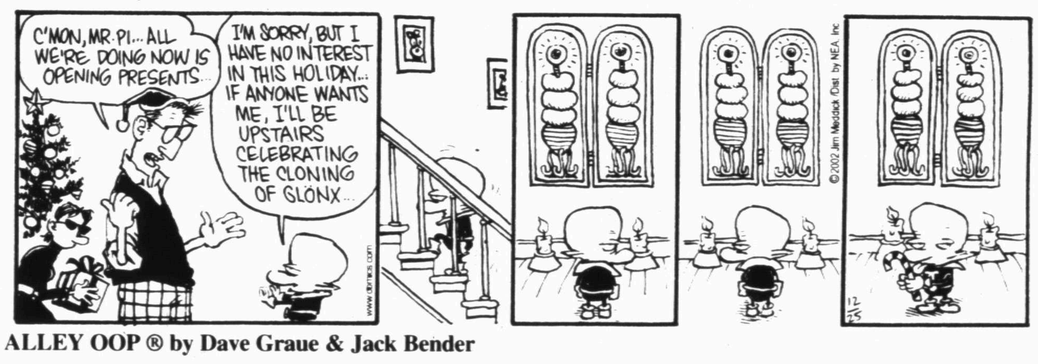
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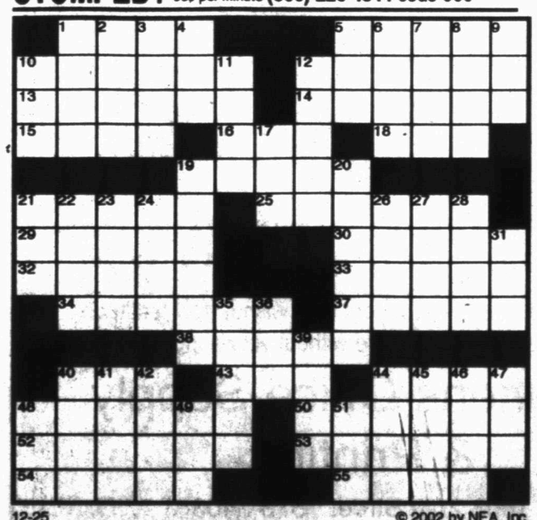
DOWN

1 Floor model
2 Place of exile
3 Frat letters
4 Impair
5 Vigoda of "Barney Miller"
6 Bear constellation
7 Pinch of salt
8 Brainstorm
9 First-down yardage
10 Society newcomer
11 Distort
12 Kelp
17 Salon supply
19 Verse form
20 Say again
21 Turn sharply
22 Geishas' sashes
23 Party-thrower's plea
24 Wobble
26 Eat hungrily
27 "Yeah, right!" (2 wds.)
28 Sasquatch cousin
31 Tyrannosaurus –
35 Spew lava
36 New Jersey cager
39 Sighs of relief
40 Centurion's moon
41 Wanes
42 PC menu item
44 Sorbets
45 Leave out
46 Hubble component
47 Koch and Wynn
48 Absentminded murmur
49 Computer key
51 Hall-of-Famer Mel –

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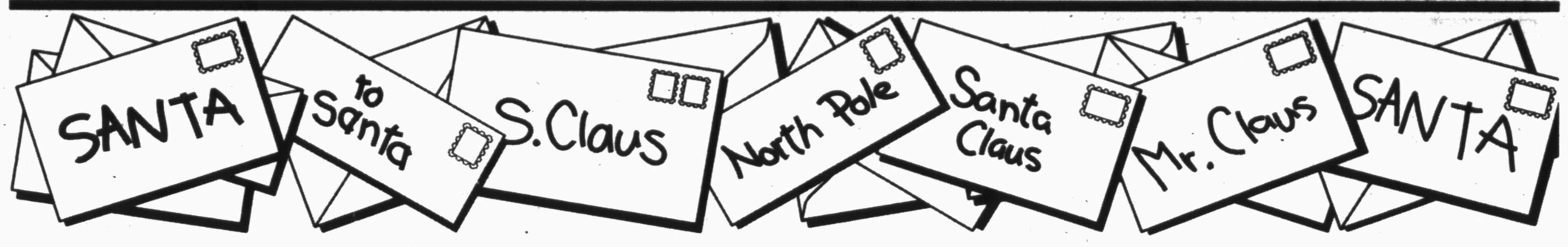


"Ho, ho, ho."

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Dear Santa Claus,
I been making good grades, and been folding clothes, and been nice to my brothers, and been washing dishes, and taking care of my clothes, and taking care of my cousin and been nice to my parents and clean up the backyard and the frontyard. Please bring me a pair of shoes and clothes.

Love,
Jessica Torres
P.S. How are your Elves doing?

Dear Santa Claus,
I have bin good at home and at church and at homes too. And can you give my bother lots of sweathers for me please Santa and please please give my sister some close please and Santa give me a computer for me and my sister and brother and can you check of it has some games on it please Santa Claus can you pleas please please Santa please and can you give my mom a book too read and can you check of it not hard too read and can you give my dady a pencil sharpinel.

I love you Santa,
Is me Monica Torres

Dear Santa Clause,
I have read a lot of books this year. And I have cleand my room and feed the dog and helped around the house. And helped clean my friends room. I also cleand my brothers and sisters room. And I help pass out papers for my teacher.

My brother wants a poweranger for Christmas. And my sister wants a toy computer. And my Dad wants a pocket knife. And my Mom wants some pots and pan. And I want a cd player and a hamster.

Love,
Malak Wills
P.S. How is Mrs. Claus?

Dear Santa,
Thank for the gift you gave me last year. Santa can you leave a note to every one in Snyder to stop littering is not pretty inemore. I hope you culd come to my house.

Your best friend,
Mercedes Navarette

Dear Santa,
You are nice Santa. Tell Mis clause and the elfs I said hi. I want a new pare of teny shos. My brother is wanting a cumputer, a dell cumputer. He has been good please give him something. I have been good to and I want a porcelain Doll.

Love, Jessica

Dear Santa clause,
Is it cold up at the North pole? Also where do you get the large machinees and hammers to carve toys? Where do the elves come from? One more thing I have to say. How do you go around the whole wide world in just one night.

Somcerely,
Fernando

Dear Santa,
How are you today? I want a truck, four-wheeler, toy mottorcycle, knief with pacet, and a go-car.

Love,
Alberto

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I am fine I have been good. I want a game boy Advance for Christmas. My sister wanta a gameboy Advance game for Christmas. I do not know what my other sister wants. I hope youre elfes are working fast because 9 more day til xmas. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love,
Randi Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Thankyou for the presents you geve me last year. I hope you bring me lots of presents this year. This year I would like you to bring me a big stuf tiger.

Love,
Anthony Sosa

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. I've realy been good this year. I would realy like to have a dirt bike for the summer. You see everybody in my family has roler blades and I don't so I want some for Christmas.

Love,
Amber

Dear Santa,
Thankyou for the presents you gave me last year. This year I would like a stuffed dog. How are things going at the North Pole? Have you been busy latly? I have. We have been Christmas shopping.

Love,
Kaitlin Stewart

Dear Santa,
I was good this year. I want a pack of Yo-Gi-Oh cards. And I want a psa and can you tell my mom to let me watch spiderman on DVD.

Love,
Samuel

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the presents you gave me last year. I want a real dvd for Christmas and a bicycle for Christmas too.

Love,
Kelsey

Dear St. Nick,
I have been a good boy. My sister has been a good girl to I want a Army game. My sister wants a Dora tint.

Love, Damian

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Cluase doing? I am doing good. I hope you are to. For Christmas I want a……. bike, gumball machine, cd, cd case, shoes. My brother Colby wants some head phones. I have another brother, but I do not know what he wants.

Love,
Jentri

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy this year and I hope you bring theas things by my hows. I want a Gameboy advance and a scate bord.

Yor friend,
Cole

Dear Santa,
How was last year. Because I will make this year better than eney year you ever had. If you could bring me some makeup that woled be grate. I woud be happy if you could bring me a game boy advance plase. A panit set woled be grate.

Love,
Savannah

Dear Santa,
Have I been good this year? Have you got me a game boy for Christmas this year?

Love,
Lance

Dear Santa,
I hope your elf are working fast because ther are oley 9 more days before Christmas. All I want for christmas is a game boy advance and a cd plar.

Love,
Alex

Dear Santa,
I would like a cat that says hello, a fish, snake, a pillow snake and Lilo and Stitch.

Love,
Baylee

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie, a toy car that is pink, a toy computer, and that is all.

Love,
Noemi

Dear Santa,
I would like a car wash, "Umm," a bike, a beanbag, and loats of goodies. Little animals and hot wheels. That's all.

Love,
Rocky

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike, a bike, and a truck. I would also like a car.

Love,
Robby

Dear Santa,
I would like a twenty-two, a 20 guage and a karokee machine.

Love,
Regan

Dear Santa,
I would like a life saver, another Pokemon, pokadex and Pokemon books.

Love,
James

Dear Santa,
I would like an art set, a Barbie truck and two girls and ride in it. A Barbie, and a computer.

Love,
Cynthia

Dear Santa,
I want three things, Zoids, a Game Boy and one more, chinese checkers.

Love,
Zane

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow and arrow, arrows, a shotgun, a twenty-two, a pistol, shotgun shells, and bullets. X-Box games and more Nintendo 64 games.

Love,
Kutter

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike, a little tractor with remote control.

Love,
Bryce

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a castle and make-up. I would also like a poster, a backpack, new folder, new bed, a ball, a bear, and a Barbie House.

Love,
Alexandria

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer, a Barbie car and Barbie stuff.

Love, Allison

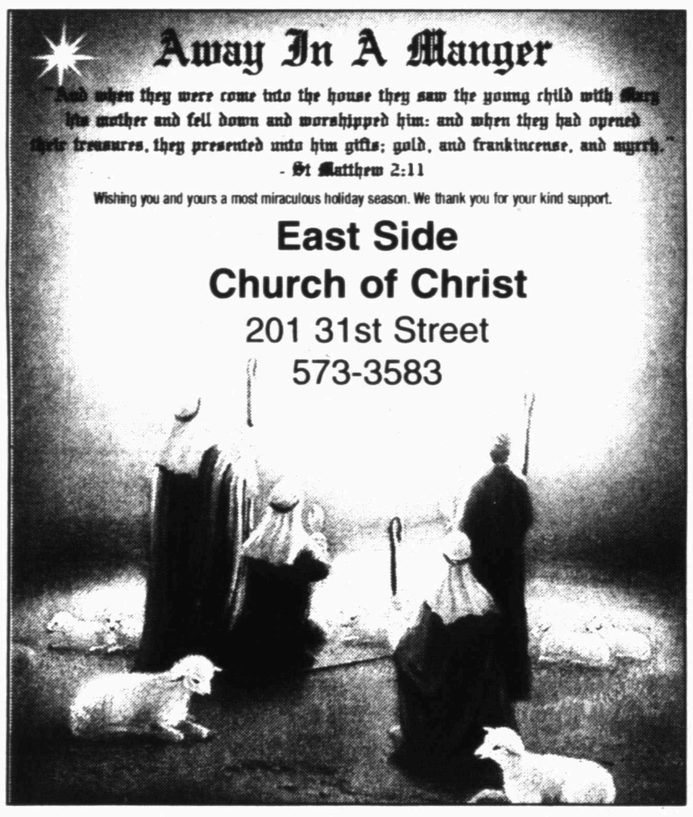
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I would like a Ugio, flip the cards and the monsters come alive. I want a Power Puff Girl, a Barbie that has water and a Christmas tree with a Barabie and food and drinks.

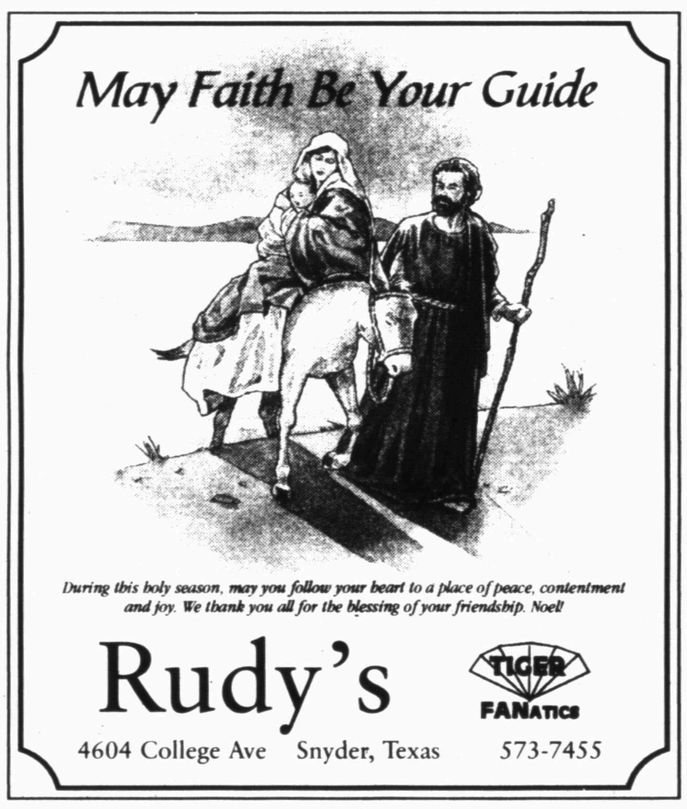
Love,
Criselda

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, a clubhouse, and Spiderman. A Spiderman Web Blaster, a game, a Play Station Game.

Love,
Junior





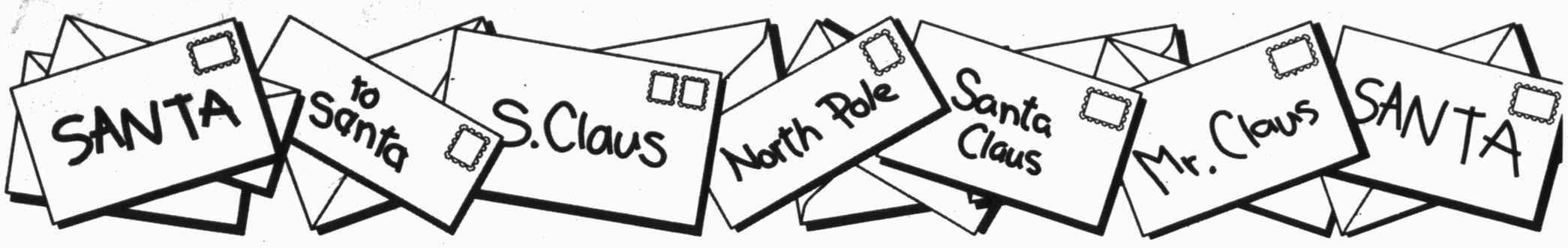












Dear Santa,
I would like a dragon, a shark tooth, an Army man, a triceritop.

Love,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
I would like a car, letter magnets, a bouncing ball, a Santa Clause, and a snowman. A reindeer and a sled.

Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa,
I would like a Game Boy, a Nintendo, a safe, a soccerball. The limb is cracked and I want one like my brother's basketball. I need a new bulldozer, mine is broke.

Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
Thank you for Christmas last year. I really like those gifts last year. Thank you for that remont contral. Thank you for that TV. Thanks for the other presents. I can't wait to this year. Dear Santa I'll leave you some cookies and some milk.

Your friend,
Mario Ortega

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving my family presents. How have you been? I want a bike, ear phones, play station, a telephone, computer, and I want money.
I have been good all year. I will leave you milk and chocolate cookies and white cookies.

Love,
Roxanna Silva

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. Thank you for the remote control car. Santa I would appreciate it if you would go see Alicia my sister. She needs to pass her law test and bring her some furniture. I would like for you to help me clean my room. I would like superpowers and a pinball machine.

From,
Jordan Peoples

Dear Santa,
Thank you for delivering toys and giving presents.
Please give my grandma angels and Jesus of Guadalupe for Christmas. Please give my moom a new sofa.
I want a game boy aclvance, a mongoose bike, a CD player with ear phones, a paint ball gun a go-cart and a bow and arrow a boom box and an x-box.
I have been really good. I will leave you some cookies and chocolate milk on the mesita.

Love,
John Muniz

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the thing that you gave me last year. Do you know what the most the Baby bed. I hope you know there are people out there and they have nothing. We want you to help them.
My Behavior has been good. But I have been talking a little bit.

Your friend,
Zoi Malone

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the bicycle last year.
If there is a homeless family in Snyder help them with quilts.
I have been a good girl because I played nice with my cousin.
Please bring me a TV/VCR the video Stitch.

Your friend,
Susan Lee

Dear Santa,
I would like my aunts to come to my house on Christmas. I would like a white tiger piton and a golden eagle sword from Power Rangers, Wild force.

Your friend,
Diego Hernandez.

Dear Santa,
I really liked the presents I got last christmas and I can't wate till you get here on christmas. I would like you to go see my Granny and Grandpa in Bowie. I would like a giant teddy bear that I can play with.

Your friend,
Micah Henson

Dear Santa,
I like the presents that I got last year and the bord games I got and please remember the little kids that do not have homes and all the people in the hosbittle that are sick so thay can fill better and I ben rill nice to my mom and dad i clean my room wen it neades clean I do my chore every day and I want a gold fish and some golry and loskon for christmas and I will leave some milk and coockies for you

Alisha Guzman

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my scooter last year. It was great. I loved it a lot. And thank you for my family and my baby sister Isabella. My little sun shin. And don't forget about my family. And help them a lot, when it is the 25th. I wold like a playstation and Need for Speed. I hope you have a Mery Christmas!

Your friend,
Cody Day

Dear Santa,
Thank you for every thing you have gotten me. I wopuld lile you to get my mom a neckless with Jesus on it. I would like a battle bot, game cribe, and scooter. My favorite toys that you have got me in the past are game boy and basketball game.
I will leave cookies and milk out for you.

Your friend,
Nick Clanton

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all the presents.
Please rember other familie member and stop by there hosce first. Can you give me the move ice age plesce or eny other presents you give me.
I will leve out some cookies for you.

Your friend,
Riley Brown

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my family my cousins. Please give me the people shelter cloth. A gift far me a new dog a dvd a bike. My diseplen, I am trying to be good lisener. I will leave some cookies and milk on the table.

Your friend,
Hermelando Aguirre

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing toys each year and thank you. For bringing gifts to my parents. Please remember people without Christmas. I have shared with my sister and I have made good grades in school. For Christman can I have a gamecubeaand my sister has been asking for a toy and Magic Kitchen.

Your friend,
Brandy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents that I have received in the past. I enjoyed them very much. My sister enjoyed them too.
I hope you help the people who do not have food or a home to be safe in. That way they will feel better then they do now.
And I have a list of things I would like.
A computer, Transformers, Optimus prime and megatron logo Star Wars, Gango fett space ship, computer games, playstation 2 and games, I will leave some cookies.

Your friend,
Justin Torres

Dear Santa,
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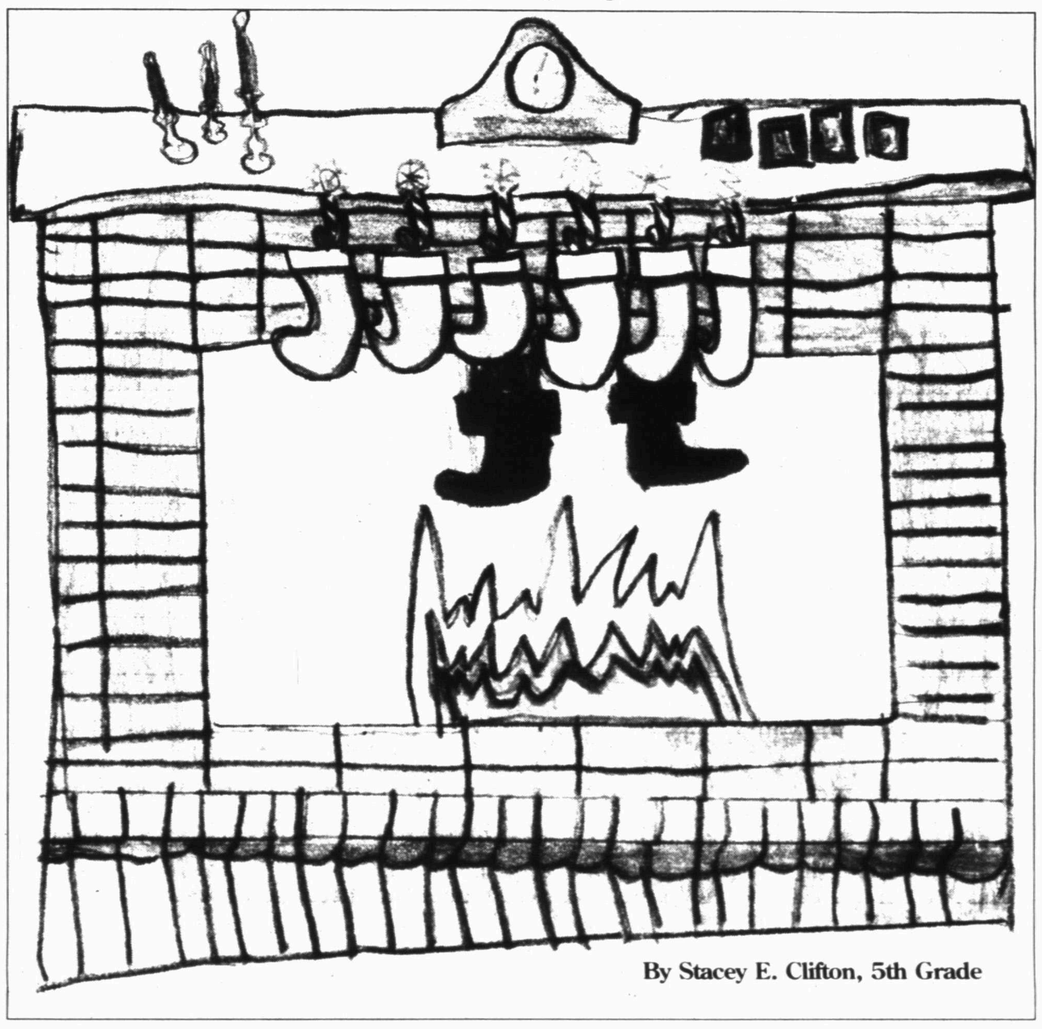
Your friend, Micah Henson

Dear Santa,
My mom and dad have been bribing me for over a month to be good for Christmas, and mom says that I have been, so here is what I would like to have.
1) A Barbie camera
2) Soccer ball
3) Baby stuff
4) A Red Shirt
Please enjoy the cookies and milk while you are here. See you next year!

Sincerely,
Abby Tate

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this yea. I would like a talking Belle doll, a big bike and a Barbie train. I will leave some of my mom's cookies out for you. Be careful.

Love,
Allison Claxton



By Stacey E. Clifton, 5th Grade





All The Best At Christmas

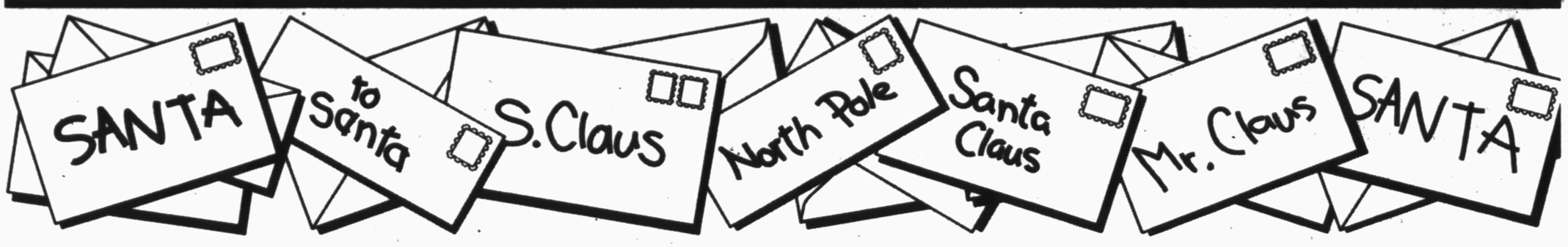
Here's hoping your holiday season turns out to be a real classic. May it be filled with good old-fashioned days of friendship, love and laughter.

We thank you for blessing us with your visits this past year. Seeing customers like you is always a treat.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Dear Santa,
Please come to my house on Christmas eve or to my Cookie and Papa's house. I have been a really good girl this year. This year I want a princess bicycle with a basket, a fuzzy talking princess phone, a fashion Barbie make-up head, and some fashion girl stuff. I will be leaving cookies and milk again this year for you. I love you.

Love,
Peyton Louise Holloway

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is
1. the new Allen Iverson shoes.
2. a gameboy advance w/games
3. new clothes & pajamas.
4. red, blue, green, hazel contacts.
5. a digital camera w/film
6. 2 new movies Lilo & Stitch, Goldmember.
7. Crayola trace & draw.
8. a pool table.
9. jewelry birthstone May.

Love,
Avery Ware

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old and I am trying to be a good girl. Please send the little boy's and girls that don't have any toys, some for Christmas. I would like a Barbie with boots and Barbie clothes and a purple bicycle.

Thank You,
Love,
Walker Barnett
Merry Christmas Santa.

Dear Santa,
I am only 2½ years old and I have been a very good girl this year because my PaPa and Nanny tell me I am a good girl. I just want a few things this year because my birthday is on January the 6th and I will get more toys at my party.

I want a Barbie phone, a Barbie house and car, a punbob pairpaants doll, a bicycle, and a Barbie and Ten doll. I will leave you and your reindeer a treat under the tree and I want ya'll to come to my b-day party, but mommy says you'll be gone back home Christmas night.

Love,
Kerrington Biggers
P.S. Please leave toys for my dog Honey and my big brother Darius, I think he has been good too.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like you to bring me a Longhorns shirt, and football shoulder pads. I also want a longhorns cap and a game system for my TV.

I love you,
Blake Cain

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I have been this year. For Christmas I want a game boy a new radeoe, some c.d.s and tapes.

Love your friend,
Jazmyn

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. I wot a motorcycle I can rod. I am a good boy. Please bring me a Santa can you binge radio Santa can you good get Oliver? Can you bring me? I wot a skooter. I wot a bike brown.

Love,
Victor A.

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl. I wat a Big Barbie car. Plese Santa bring Oliver and can Pany viceo, toy computer. +A Big Swimming pool.

Love from,
Priscilla De Lara

Dear Santa,
I don't want to be bad and I want a cd player.
And a bike.
And a trampoline.
And a swimming pool.
And a Skooter.
And a car. Plus a real computer.
To: Santa,
From: Estefany Olivarez

Love from Estefany

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. My favorite color is blue.

Love,
Faith Esauibe

Dear Santa,
I am a girl girl. Give me a CD player, motor box. I want a vacc uum, a Barbie, bike, a car, movie and a computer.

Love from
Karina

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. Please bring me a bike. I am a good boy. I want a pup black. My favorite color is red.

Love from,
DamianMedina

Dear Santa,
I am a good girl Please bring me a Cd plauer nail polish a vacuum cleaner trampoline Babie car a movie Oliver Company. A skootr computer and Jewelry.

Love from,
Rebecca.

Dear Santa,
I want a cd player ples brig me. I bin a good girl. And a movie that is Oliver and Company. And a computer.
From: Michelle to Santa.

Love from,
Michelle

Dear Santa,
I am a gut girl. Please bring a bike. And a trampoling. And a skooter. And a big box.

Love from
Flora Garcia

Dear Santa,
I am a goob boy. Pleae bring mea scream in a box, bike and a big box for my crayons.

Love from,
Mario Garcia

Dear Santay,
I want a pink doll. I want a pink car of Babie. My favorite color is pink. I want a pink bike. I want a pink Babie. I want a pink clothes.

Love from,
Nayel Cabrera.

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy. I am a good boy. This stuff is for my mom: a CD player and a new ring, and a big Scream TV, a new house and and a skooter and jewelry from my mom.

Love from,
Eddie Torres

Dear Santa,
Please give me a hot wheels race track. And a bunch of Zocars. And a vacuuam for mi mom and a skooter and a bike and modsicke.

From,
Raymond Vera

Dear Santa,
This year I do not want as much toys that I asked for last year because I do not really know what I want. But if you will stop at my house, this is what I want a Barby cell phone, a new go cart tyer, and the bickel tyer and mybe a few presents pese of clothes and shoes and what ever Dylan. You prombely should give kids that do not have Christmas lost of toys.

Love,
Carly
Your friend

Dear Santa,
I want a X box and a game boy and a TV with a ramote with it. And some new clothes and some notebook paper and some crayons.

Love,
Larisa Nachlinger
From Humie

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy 18 wheeler, lorider car toy Nelly CD, Jakatox for my cars, motorcycle toy, a pet parot, I wish for all the things.

Your frind,
Santos

Dear Santa,
I wish had a motorized truck with a rocket jet pack and pencil for my teacher. For Carly I wish she would grow 10". For Delinda I wished gets what she wished for. OH yea for Santos I wish he gets trucks. My last wish is I wish I had $89,000 Dollars to feed the pour.

Love,
Fabian

Dear Santa,
I want a jar of pickles, and new girl's basketball. Some money. A new student in my class. I want cash register papr for my cash register. I want to give my, friend Carly a diary. I want to give the boys, Fabian and Santos a hot wheels.

I want to give my teacher a stuft apple.

Love,
Your friend Delinda



SEASON'S GREETINGS

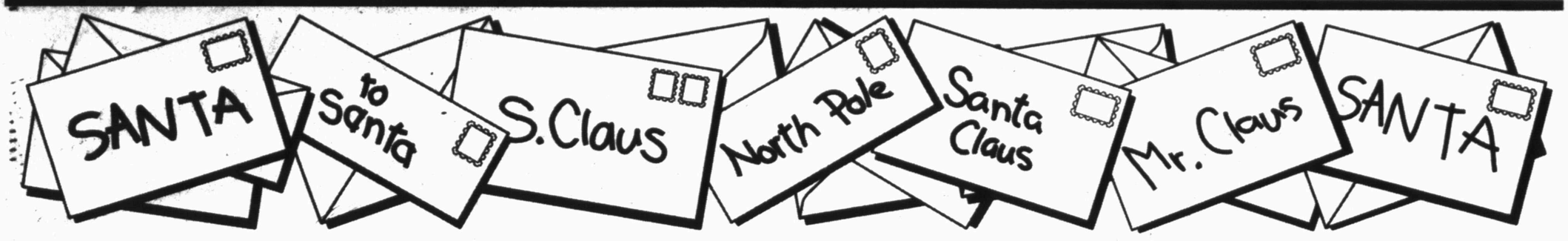












Dear Santa,
My name is Austin. I have been a good boy. I want a flassh lite. And a video game.

Thank you,
Austin Forbes

Dear Santa,
My name is Vincent. I want a toy golden gun and fere god perens. And Sante Nick and 13 boxes of tooys.
Thank you,

Sante Nick
Sind by Vincent

Dear Santa,
My name is Dezarae. I have been a very good girl. I wanmt a rqace car trake for my brother Tony. And a anecules for mom. And a ring a necules and braclet for me.

Thank you,
Dezarae Morreno

Dear Santa,
My name is Justice. I want four willer and moters,K and for my mom homer and dody house.

Thank you,
Justice Terrazas

Dear Santa,
My name is Martin. I want a sock gun and a bebe gun. I want a dianand and a biks arase.

Martin Flores

Dear Santa,
My name is Amanda. I have been a good girl. I want a bobthe bilder for my brother Alex. And I weant a horecs for Ashley so she can fall off of it agin. And I want for Amber is a play station 2. And I want for my mommy is a candl. And I eant a wallit for my DaDDY And I want a puppy for Amanda.

Thank-you
Amanda Luecke

Dear Santa,
My name is Stephanie. And I want a ring with as diamond for my mom and I want a new TV for my babby and Vicent.
Thank you,

Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan I have been a good girl My fon nober is 573-2207. My abres is 4502 Garvin. An I whunt ferey perses a smel good cedl four Miss Tosses and a fotball four Dustin and Iiminreg four my mom and a gof stuf four my dad.

Thank you,
Megan Murdock

Dear Santa,
My name Sabrina. My age is 7. I want a this is for me Torres she want a picture of me. And a rubr ban gun.
Thank you and your elfs.

Sabrina

Dear Santa,
My name is matthew I want a whel one and for my teacher a dimen ring and for my class a pizza party And my mom and dad a nice hammer a blew one .

Thank you,
Matthew Gomez

Dear Santa,
My name is Matthew Guzman. I have been a very good boy. I wan a bike. And a dirt bike and a jeep and feary odd perents. And a big stuffed tiger. And a soot for church.

Thank you,
Matthew Guzman

Dear Santa,
My name is Briana I have been a good girl All I want is for my sister to get out of the foster home. And I want a barbie hose.

Think you,
Briana Medrano



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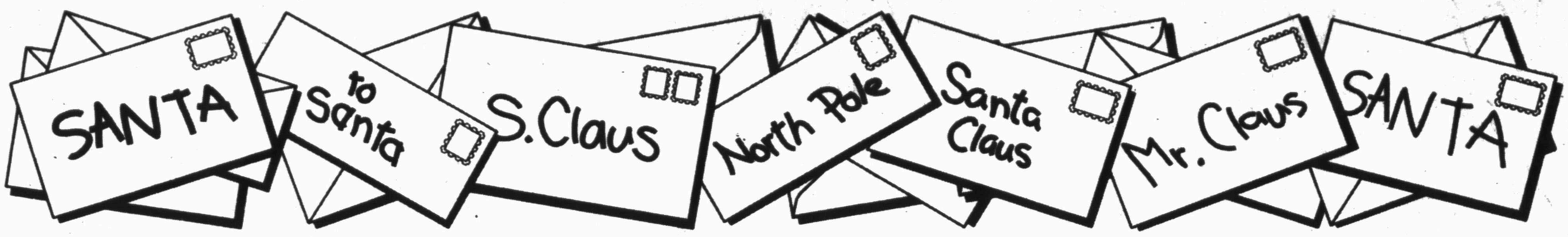
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My nam is Nikki. I have beeena very good girl this year. I want a now car for my mom. I want a now puppy for me. I want a hat for Shane. I want a 100$ for my dad.

Thank you,
Nikki Hicks

Dear Santa,
My name is Ray. I have been a good boy. I want a pear of rollerblads. I want a woterkanin.I want a specit.
I want a cluhoes.
I want a spiderman wed blast.
I want a nuu bike.
I want a rascar set.

Thanks,
Love Ray

Dear Santa,
My name I Landon. I want a hamster and a new cool bike. And for D'Vicent I want him to have a new dog. And for my mom she need a vehicle with more room. And one more thing I want a gou cart.

Thank you,
From Landon Jones

Dear Santa,
My name is Towry. I would like a now bike and a toy truk and for my mom and dad a Pdiddy Cd.

Thicks you,
Love,
Towry Bigham

Dear Santa,
I have been good. My name is Chevy. I want a car 100 cars.

Chevy Wagner

Dear Santa,
I want a big monster truck and a Spiderman web blaster. I want a Gameboy and a game.

Love,
Barney Ramirez
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want an ice cream come machine. I want hair scrunchies I like the colors, red, orange, brown and blue.

Love, Kirsten Sharee Shankles,
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santas,
This year I want a frostbitsuit and a dustey suit. May favorite color is green. There is a cookey four Rudolph.
Love,

Ricky Aaron Williams
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
This year I want a monster surgery, strptching scream er and Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.
Love,

Felix Martinez
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll house and a Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. I also want yu Gi on cards for Christmas.

Love,
Catherine Witte
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
This year For Christmas I want a dirt bike. I want two sets of pegs to go on my bike. I also want a skate board.

Love, Karsten Morrell
2nd grade Hermleigh

Dear Santa,
This Christmas.
I want a playstation2,
It is black,
It is at Walmart.
I want the game.
Tony hawlk proskater 4
It is a playstation 2 game.
I want 2 Game boy advances.
I one to be silver.
I other one to be black.
Love,

Aaron Lane
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and a Spiderman web blaster. I want a legacy of Goku.

Love,
Armando Martinez
Hermleigh 2nd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control monster truck and a remote control boat, a Power Ranger, Jimmy Neutron toy rocketship, He Man and Battlecat, Zoids, Harry Potter stuff and Dragon Ball Z toys.
Bring Rebecca a Barbie and Armando a red Zoid and a necklace. Please bring my Mom some makeup and my Dad a necklace.

Your friend,
Jessee Martinez
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gameboy, A sonic the Hedgehog, and a Pop O Movie. Bring my brother a Dragon Ball Z tape and a remote control truck and car. Please bring my Mom a necklace abd a ring for Christmas. Bring my Dad a watch and a new truck.
Bring Joey a motorcycle and Lisa a new toy for Payton and A Cat and Dog Movie.

Your friend,
Betty Sanchez
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like a live deer and a real live horse. I also want a Barbie, a Barbie game, Barbie waterbed, a tree house, and 2 yellow dogs. My dad needs a golden trophy and my mom needs decorations. Please bring Sam a collectable Barbie, Baily a scooter and Paige a teddy bear.

Your friend,
Carolyn Berry
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, a boy Barbie, a Barbie kid and baby. I would also like a swimming pool, a Barbie car, a Barbie house a brush for my Barbie and Barbie clothes.
Bring my sister a Sponge Bob and Scooby Doo. Bring my mom a Coca Cola.

Your friend,
Allyssa Hobbs
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control and car. I would also like a rocking chair, a train set, A CD player and a Brittany Spears CD, and a computer with some games and Word Rescue, a basketball, and sheets of paper. Please bring Meme some clothes.

Your friend,
Jonathan Nixon
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? I would like some Gameboy games. I would also like Yu'Gi' Oh video and cards, a bow and arrow and a remote control airplane. Please bring Jordan a remote control airplane, a bow and arrow and a Yu' Gi' Oh Gameboy game.
I hope that you get a good vacation soon.

Your friend,
Aaron Williamson
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy and a Pokemon video game, a monster truck, and a Pokemom movie 2002.
Please bring my mom some make up and my dad a brand new watch. Bring my sister five Barbies and my brother a paint ball machine.

Your friend,
Nathan Mayo
Age 7

Dear Santa,
I would like a Yu Gi Oh toy, a Kirby Gameboy game, a rocket powered backpack, a skateboard, a Dragon Ball Z toy and a Batman Gameboy game. Please bring Jacob a skateboard like mine and Marissa jewelry. Please bring my mom some make up and my dad an electric razor.
Your friend,

Trey Ford
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a Gameboy and a Spidernman game and an X Box and a new computer for my room and a TV and a stereo and a pop gun. Please bring Larissa a stereo and some CDs/ Bring my dad a truck and some duct tape amd mom make up.

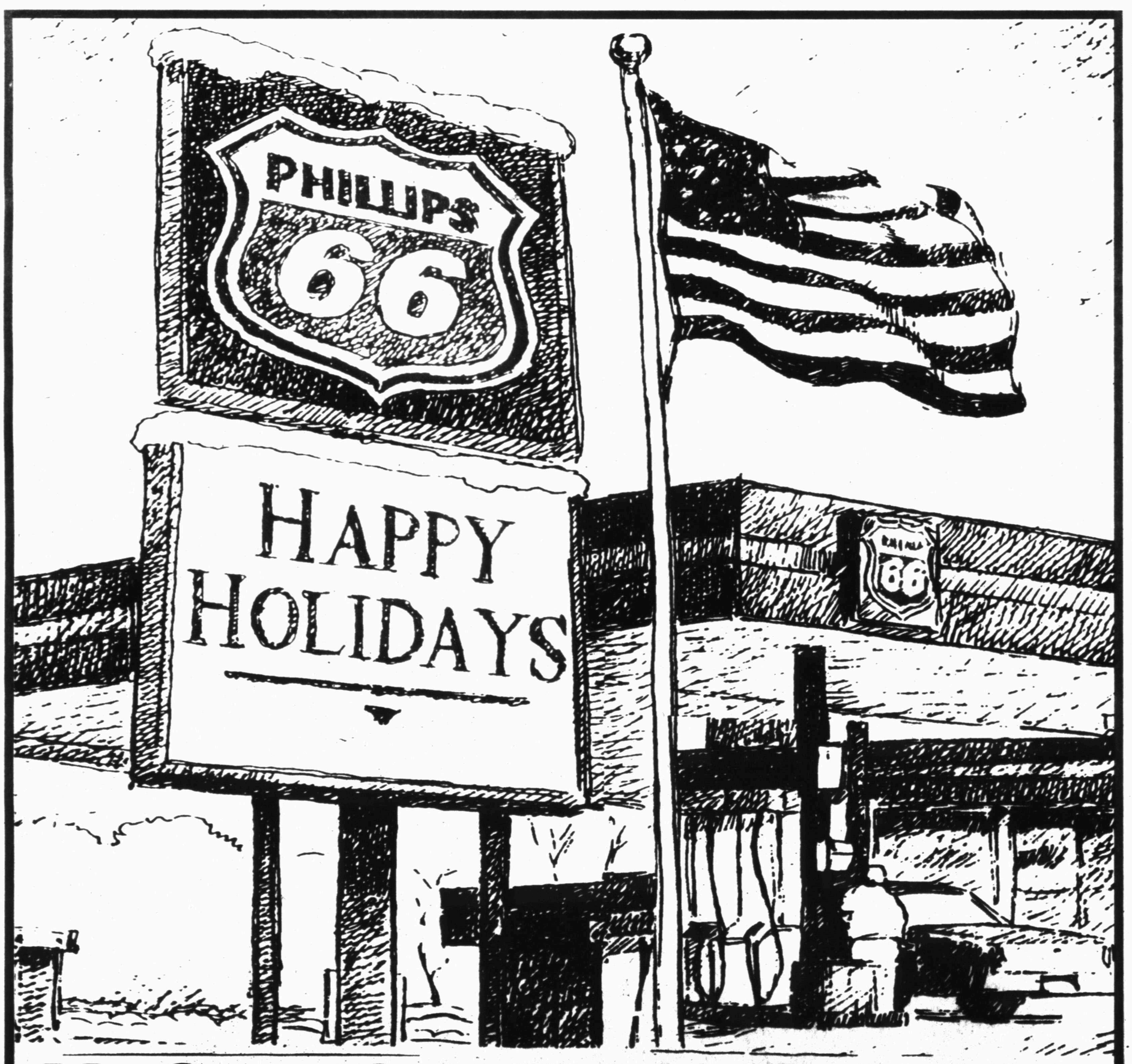
Your friend,
Tyler Nachlinger
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I would like a purple bike, a Barbie watch, and a Barbie with extra clothes and extra shoes and purses. My mom would like a new computer.

Your friend,
Walker Barrett
Age 6

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie truck, Barbie House, 2 dolls, little reindeer toy, Gameboy, a a Kirby game, jewelry and a Christmas snowflake.

Also a robot cat.
Love,
Ramona



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