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2012 educational showcase set for Jan. 16

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After the success of last year's inaugural educational showcase, the Pampa Independent School District is looking to unveil an even better sophomore effort. Set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 16 at Pampa High School, the PISD's second annual showcase will be a comprehensive peek into a Pampa child's educational journey from kindergarten to high school.

"The educational showcase is an opportunity in two hours to find out a good idea of the academic program that we have in Pampa," said PISD superintendent Barry Haenisch. "It'll give the parents a good idea of what their children have learned in the past, an idea of what they are learning in the grade they are in now, and an idea of what it will look like as they move up in the grades in the future." Perhaps best described as an interactive expo where every

subject in grade level at every PISD school will have a booth, the showcase was first proposed and held last year after Haenisch borrowed the idea from a fellow education administrator in Midlothian. Featuring performances and demonstrations from the various extracurricular groups around the district in addition to exhibits from the curriculum, last year's showcase was a good first foray, according to Haenisch. "In a very short period of time, the community got a good idea of

what children learned in school," Haenisch said. "One of the things that amazed me most was in the elementary area in social studies, you could just follow from community to state to nation, the was involved in the social studies of those three areas. You could see the same thing in science, in English — you could just see how much children learn and how much more they learn each grade level. We were really happy with that." **SHOWCASE** cont. on page 7

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staff photo by Mollie Bryant
Evelyn Reger of Good Samaritan's Christian Services organizes clothes to be given to needy families. In light of this week's break in at the Good Sam's offices, financial donations in check form can be written to Good Samaritan Christian Services and mailed to 309 N. Ward, Pampa, TX 79065. Cash can also be taken directly to the office. Good Sam's is currently closed for the holidays, but will reopen on Tuesday at 2 p.m. For questions, contact Good Sam's at 806-665-0073.

Lions Club's White: 2011 'productive'

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Pampa Lions Club president Robert White would describe 2011 as a productive year. "We spent \$600 on eye glasses for school-aged kids," White said. "We sent four special needs kids to Texas Lions Club Camp in Kerrville for a week." White credits Pampa residents for such a successful year. "We are fortunate that the residents were able to donate so much," White said. "We had various projects that allowed people to contribute." White said he likes reaching out to people. "It gives you a special warm feeling when you are able to help someone else," White said. The Lions Club had four major projects this year: The Day and Night Golf Tournament at Hidden Hills, the Lions Club Tournament, a tailgate party before Pampa's home game against Randall on September and a Broom and Mop sale. The Lion's Club Tournament is a basketball tournament over **LIONS** cont. on page 2

12 kids of Christmas

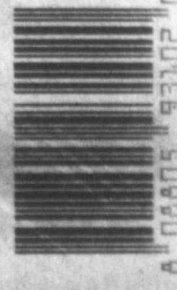
Michael Campbell, 8
Parents: Shane & Shauna Campbell
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What I want him to bring my parents: "My mom, a ring, and my dad, a gun."
My favorite Christmas movie: "Polar Express."

Nine Gray County indictments in December, none for drugs

MOLLIE BRYANT
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A Gray County Grand Jury returned 9 indictments against 9 people this month. None of the indictments were for drug-related charges. Koby Ray Starnes, 19, was indicted on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle in connection with an October 2011 arrest. Bond for Starnes was set at \$1,500. Robert Edward Selvidge, 40, was indicted on a charge of property theft in an amount of \$1,500 or greater, but less than \$20,000, in connection with a June 2010 arrest. Bond for Selvidge was set at \$1,000. Pete Vargas Perez, 33, was indicted on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connected with a September 2011 charge. This charge was enhanced by a September 2003 conviction for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Bond for Perez was set at \$15,000. Isidro Hernandez, 47, was indicted on his third charge of driving while intoxicated, in connection with a September 2011 arrest. Bond for Hernandez was set at \$5,000. Robert English, 45, was indicted on a charge of burglary of a building, in connection with an April 2011 arrest. Bond for English was set at \$10,000. Wilfred Gerrard Cordova, 50, was indicted on a charge of burglary of a building, in connection with an April 2011 arrest. Bond for Cordova was set at \$10,000. Lino Soto Cabrales, 28, was indicted on his third charge of driving while intoxicated, in connection with an **INDICTMENTS** cont. on page 2

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High 34 Low 19	High 42 Low 22	High 47 Low 25

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 34. Wind chill values between 4 and 14. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Wind chill values between 10 and 15. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Christmas Day: Sunny, with a high near 47. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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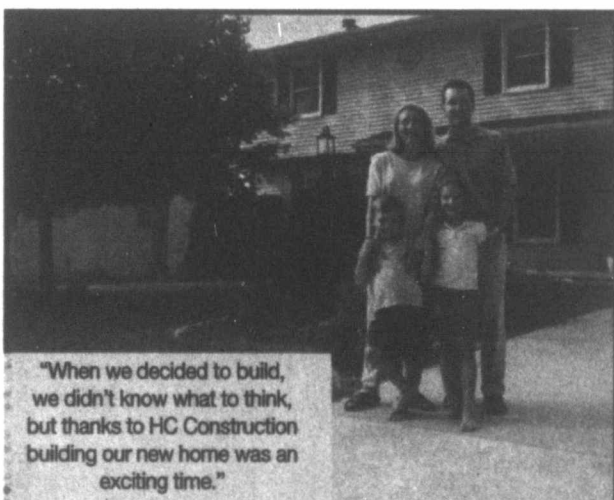
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Mexican city's cops infiltrated by Zetas

MEXICO CITY (AP) — It has come to this: firing an entire police force in a major Mexican port city.

Police in Veracruz-Boca del Rio had become so infiltrated, mainly by the Zetas drug cartel according to one military official, that government officials had no choice but to take the most drastic measure yet against corrupt police in Mexico.

President Felipe Calderon has found out, some say too late, that one of the biggest obstacles to his five-year crackdown on organized crime is the local police, who are often in the employ of drug traffickers.

Since he took office in December 2006, soldiers have seized police weapons in the border city of Tijuana to see if they were used in crimes, and police, sometimes entire forces, are routinely fired or forced out.

Still, Wednesday's move to fire 800 officers and 300 administrative personnel in the Gulf coast city of

700,000 was unprecedented.

Countless efforts to reform police under Calderon and previous administrations have failed. Police have been arrested as suspects in the most egregious organized crime attacks on civilians. Those include mass graves discovered last spring in the border state of Tamaulipas and a casino fire in the northern city of Monterrey that killed 52 in August.

Distrust between local and federal law enforcement has led to armed standoffs and even shootouts between the two.

"We lack the mechanisms for public security, and the situation continues despite the investment of millions of pesos in the past," said Miguel Sarre, a security expert at Mexico's Autonomous Institute of Technology. "It's an issue that lacks recognition and commitment on the part of the governors."

The Mexican navy says training new officers to replace the 800 dis-

missed in Veracruz city will likely take 10 months.

"It was a fairly high percentage of people infiltrated or in collusion," said the armed forces official, who could not be named for security reasons. He did not mention specifics but added that many were threatened into service of the drug cartels and had no choice.

About 800 marines, or navy infantry, will patrol Veracruz, which has one of Mexico's largest commercial ports, the official said.

Veracruz state government officials, meanwhile, disputed that the firing had to do with corruption. Gov. Javier Duarte and federal Interior Secretary Alejandro Poire agreed to the change Monday.

Duarte spokeswoman Gina Dominguez said the dismissal was designed to meet a state and federal agreement to build new police forces certified under stricter standards by January 2013.

Indictments

October 2011 arrest. Bond for Cabrales was set at \$5,000.

Frederick Brenning Jr., 50, was indicted on a charge of burglary of a building, in connection with an April 2011 arrest. This charge was enhanced by July 2006 convictions for burglary of a building and credit or debit card abuse. Brenning's bond was set at \$10,000.

Bobbi Lerae Bolton, 46, was indicted on a charge of

tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair. This charge was enhanced by December 1995 felony conviction for auto theft and a January 2004 felony conviction for misuse of a social security number and fraud with identification documents. Bond for Bolton was set at \$5,000.

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Lions

Thanksgiving Weekend. This year was the seventh year it was held, with the tournament hosting more Panhandle teams. Borger, Amarillo San Jacinto and Caprock joined the tournament, replacing two Dallas area schools and one San Angelo School.

The tournament's area flavor, White said, increased attendance

tremendously.

"We by far had twice as many people attend this year compared to last year," White said.

The Lions Club gave a \$500 scholarship to the MVP of the tournament, Amarillo Tascosa's senior Jim Ausbie.

The club also participated in various other smaller activities through-

out the year, including caroling for the Salvation Army.

White said the club will definitely do their four big projects in 2012.

"We might do a couple of small projects," White said. "We don't know what those are. Our Club will sponsor the district Lions Convention. Every club from the Panhandle of Texas comes."

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Obituaries

Dorothy Jane Pearson Ellis, 90

WHEELER—Services for Dorothy Jane Pearson Ellis, 90, of Wheeler, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 23, 2011 at First Methodist Church in Wheeler, with Rev. Matthew Gary and Ken Baxter, officiating. Burial will follow at Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home in Wheeler, Texas.

Dorothy passed away Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in Wheeler.

Dorothy Ellis was born August 12, 1921, in Lawn, to Marvin Pearson and Fannie (Burleson) Pearson. She married William Jennings, and later married her life partner, the late Wilburn "Bill" E. Ellis on June 22, 1946, in McAllen. Throughout their 55 year marriage, Dorothy and Bill enjoyed playing golf, working crossword puzzles, and daily gin rummy games. Their life's journey included homes and many friends in Rotan, Sweetwater, Wichita Falls, Pampa, Shreveport, Abilene, Shamrock, and Wheeler. Dorothy was a lab and x-ray technician in her early married years. Being an avid golfer, she loved playing the game and watching tournaments. She also enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys. She was a very loving and devoted wife and mother, always positive and encouraging with everyone. Though small in frame she left a large footprint on the lives of all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sister,

Pauline Windham.

Dorothy is survived by her two sons, Larry Jennings and wife Bobby of Wheeler, and Richard Ellis and wife Donna of Plano; two granddaughters, Rhonda Myers and husband Dwayne of Samnorwood, and Mona Freeman and husband Johnny of White Deer; one grandson, Travis Ellis of Plano; four great-grandchildren, Dani (Myers) Jernigan and husband Tyler of Pampa, Codi Myers of Samnorwood, Skylar and Payton Freeman of White Deer, two step-great-grandchildren, Amanda (Freeman) Saffel and husband Phillip of Lubbock, and Justin Freeman of White Deer; one step-great-great-granddaughter, Olivia Saffel of Lubbock; and one niece, Anne Chasteen Duke of Arlington.

The family suggests memorials to JaNae Goad Golf Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 423, Wheeler, TX 79096 or, to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 89, Wheeler, TX 79096.

You may send condolences online at www.peppersfuneralhome.com.

Michael G. Lyle, 56

Michael G. Lyle, 56, died Thursday, December 22, 2011 in Amarillo. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 24, 2011, in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia, under the care of Kormerstone Funeral Directors of Tulia.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, December 22 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported nine traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS and the Pampa Fire Department responded to eight medical calls.

Animal Control agents

and Pampa PD reported seven animal related incidents.

Wednesday, December 21

A suspicious person was reported at the 2200 block of North Nelson.

A theft occurred at the 1300 block of West Alcock. A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the 100 block of East Harvest-er.

A runaway was reported. An accident occurred at Hobart and Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of South Nelson.

A missing person was reported at the 1800 block of North Beech.

A burglary occurred at the 900 block of Sierra.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1700 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at the 1200 block of Market.

An accident occurred at the 700 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of Denver.

A suspicious vehicle was

reported at the 800 block of North Frost.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee and the 2700 block of North Cherokee.

Thursday, December 22

Suspicious vehicles were reported at the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A dumpster fire occurred at the 1200 block of West Wilks.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, December 22 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21

Danny Dwayne Dawson, 45, was arrested by deputies for theft by check.

Michael Heath Honeycutt, 36, was arrested by deputies for capias pro fines.

Terrence Earl Fite, 25, was arrested by deputies for driving while intoxicated.

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Candy cane pen suit to court

PLANO (AP) - A Dallas-area religious group's fight over allowing Christian-themed holiday items in schools and the accountability of educators has reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Plano-based Liberty Institute filed an appeal Thursday.

A federal appeals court in September ruled that two elementary school principals in Plano are immune from liability for stopping students from handing out the religious items in late 2003.

Four families sued in 2004, claiming their youngsters were banned from giving away pencils saying "Jesus is the reason for the season" and candy canes with cards describing their Christian origin.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided Lynn Swanson and Jackie Bomchill had qualified immunity from facing court damages. But the court ruled that the principals may have violated the children's free-speech rights.

Deputy fired over shooting

LUBBOCK (AP) - A West Texas deputy has been fired after being accused of reckless injury to a child for failing to secure a gun that one of his sons used to accidentally shoot another.

Police say the 4-year-old boy survived being shot in the abdomen by his 5-year-old sibling, who allegedly used their father's service weapon.

Lubbock County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Jason Stewart on Thursday said 32-year-old Justin Lee Jones was terminated, then arrested.

Jones, who'd been a deputy for more than seven years, was freed after posting \$100,000 bond Wednesday. Online jail records did not list an attorney for Jones.

Stewart says Jones was indicted Monday over the Aug. 20 shooting of his then-4-year-old son, Tyler.

TX company seeks CO permits

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) - A Houston company that bought most of the Banning Lewis Ranch in Colorado Springs has filed for permits to two wells, the first step by the company to drill for gas and oil within city limits.

The Gazette reports that Ultra Resources Inc. already plans to conduct exploratory drilling for gas and oil on three to four sites in unincorporated areas of El Paso County early next year.

Ultra filed its applications with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on Dec. 15. A decision is expected next year.

Colorado Springs has passed a six-month drilling moratorium that expires in May. Ultra paid \$20 million in October to buy 18,000 acres, most of the Banning Lewis Ranch.

Dallas tollway expanded

GARLAND (AP) - A tollway extension in the Dallas area has opened as a new east-side link to Interstate 30.

The North Texas Tollway Authority late Wednesday opened the President George Bush Turnpike eastern extension from northwest Garland.

Construction on the \$958 million project began in the summer of 2008.

NTTA says the nearly 10-mile eastern extension is part of the outer loop around Dallas and its suburbs. The corridor runs through Garland, Sachse and Rowlett.

Official: Stanford not suicidal

HOUSTON (AP) - A court hearing on whether jailed Texas financier R. Allen Stanford is competent to stand trial was briefly delayed after attorneys told a judge that prison officials had concerns over whether Stanford is suicidal.

The competency hearing resumed Thursday before U.S. District Judge David Hittner. Stanford is accused of bilking investors out of \$7 billion in a Ponzi scheme.

Hittner started by saying that Stanford on Wednesday evening was evaluated at the Houston federal detention center after one of the financier's medical experts had testified he thought at one time Stanford might be suicidal.

A prison official says doctors determined Stanford is not suicidal but will continue to evaluate him.

Hittner is expected to decide later Thursday if Stanford is competent for trial, which is set to begin Jan. 23.

Hernandez: Statements coerced

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - An attorney for a high-ranking member of the Mexican Gulf cartel's Matamoros operations is trying to convince a judge in Texas that statements his client made to investigators were coerced and should be thrown out.

A hearing resumed Thursday in federal court in Brownsville.

Court documents show that Jose Luis Zuniga Hernandez - also known as "Comandante Wicho" - admitted to his role in the cartel's marijuana smuggling operations and spilled other details during four interviews after he was apprehended near the Rio Grande in October.

Prosecutors argue that no promises were made to get Zuniga's cooperation and that he was read, acknowledged and signed Miranda warnings five times.

Zuniga's attorney says his client was fleeing for his life and agents threatened to send him back.

Skull identified as flood victim

SAN MARCOS (AP) - A skull found this year in the drought-lowered Blanco River has been identified as a Central Texas woman missing since 2004 flooding.

The Hays County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday afternoon announced positive identification of 24-year-old Laurie Pineda of Kyle.

DNA testing was used to identify Pineda, who was with a friend when their car was swept away by floodwaters on Nov. 14, 2004.

Officials say the man with Pineda told authorities that both made it out of the vehicle at a low-water crossing. Jason Schmidt managed to grab a tree, but Pineda's body was never found.

Some people who were fishing discovered the skull in March.

Size ductwork properly to avoid cold spots

Dear Pat: Two bedrooms on the north side of my house are always cold. We are designing a new house now. What causes this, and what should we do to avoid the same problem in our new house? It will be two stories. — Vicki D.

Dear Vicki: There are many possible causes of the chilly conditions in the two bedrooms. They are on the northern side of your house, which exposes them to the coldest winter winds typically from the northwest. Also, the wintertime exposure to the sun is minimal on the north side.

It sounds as though the heating duct system may not have been designed properly. Since two northern rooms will have great heat loss and will need more heat to stay warm, the ducts from the furnace should have been sized accordingly.

There may be just one main duct leading to those two rooms. Inspect this duct near the furnace for a small handle. This will be the handle of a duct damper. If you are lucky, it may have just gotten turned, which blocks some of the heated air going into the duct. Usually the fully opened damper position is when the handle is parallel to the duct.

To avoid this problem in your new house, make sure the general contractor hires a competent HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) contractor. The HVAC contractor, considering the building plans, insulation levels, windows, etc., can determine how much heat each room will need during the winter.

These calculations for the rooms will allow the contractor to determine the overall heating capacity required from the furnace and the size of the ducts leading to each room. There can be a significant variation among the heating requirements for different rooms in a house.

You may hear them talking about "static pressure." This refers to the resistance to the heated air flow in a duct. A duct that is long with many bends, such as one leading to a second-story bedroom, will create a lot of resistance to air flow. Air, like water, will naturally follow the path of least resistance, so more of it will flow out into another room.

Talk this over with the HVAC

HOME HOW-TO

contractor to let him know you are knowledgeable about this. Ask to see his computer printout of the recommended duct sizes. You may see quite a range of different duct sizes, particularly in the main branch ducts. Also, make sure duct dampers are installed in the ducts so you can fine tune (balance) the system. Instead of installing just one large furnace for the entire house, you might consider installing two smaller ones with two separate duct systems. This is commonly done in many parts of the country. The

smaller furnace for the second-floor runs only when the bedrooms need heat and the hot air cannot blow out into another room on the first floor instead.

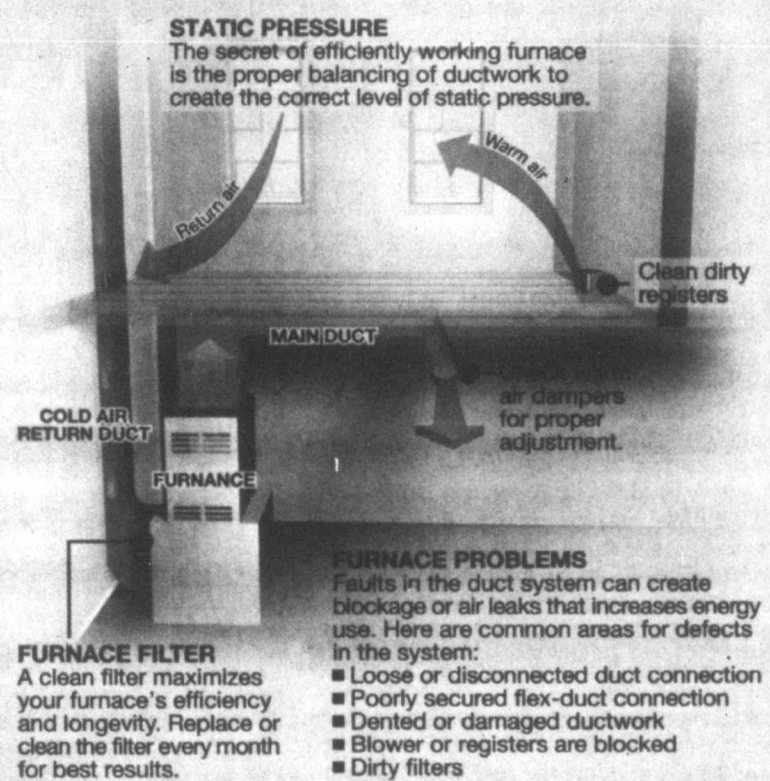
Your final option for your new house is to install a zoning system with motorized dampers built into the ducts. With several wall thermostats mounted throughout your house, they tell the dampers which rooms need more heat. The system responds by closing dampers to room which are already warm enough. This forces more heated air to the chilly room. It works in reverse with your central air conditioner during the summer.

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Texas inmates help get holiday bikes to children

RICHMOND (AP) - Gray is the color that dominates this bleak, wet morning a few days before Christmas at the Carol Vance Unit, a minimum-security state prison in central Fort Bend County.

With its razor wire, steel bars and dim-lit, concrete-floored cubicles, Vance may seem the last spot to seek holiday warmth. But if you close your eyes - and heart - you may miss one of the season's little miracles.

Here, spread in front of a sheet metal building beneath a tattered tree, is Santa's workshop. Employed in it are Robert Lee James, 47, a Houston burglar, and Charles Emengini Jr., 24, a Dallas armed robber, men who soberly admit they have generated their share of the world's sorrow.

As the days to Dec. 25 dwindled, these unlikely elves, working from morning until night, scrubbed, polished and adjusted more than three score bicycles, tricycles and scooters. They assembled seats and replaced tires to ensure that children, some with parents in prison, get presents they otherwise may have done without.

"I had some experience with bikes in the past," says Emengini, who is serving a five-year sentence. "I stole at least six from Walmart when I was 16. I feel that, after all these years, I've gone

from stealing to giving back, giving back what I've taken from the community."

James and Emengini, both of whom expect to be released from prison within two years, are among more than 260 Texas inmates participating in the InnerChange Freedom Initiative, a Prison Fellowship Ministries program designed to offer offenders guidance before and after their release from prison.

"We use a holistic approach," says Tommie Dorsett, InnerChange's local director. "We address

an inmate's emotional, physical and spiritual needs and those of their families. Once they're released, we continue to work with them through mentors. We partner with the community in finding housing and jobs."

Dorsett, a former Harris County parole officer who the inmates call "Santa," said he launched the bike repair program seven years ago after learning that kids in a nearby community needed bicycles.

Only 15 were referred

to that trial effort. When Dorsett saw the smile that spread across the first recipient's face, he knew the program was worth repeating.

The first of this year's bicycles - about 50 - were distributed last weekend to children of prison inmates at a church in Houston's Sunnyside neighborhood.

"We may take a bicycle for granted," said the Rev. Leonard McCullum, pastor of Grace Fellowship

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Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 2011. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 23, 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

On this date:

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander in chief of the Continental Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland passed an act to cede an area "not exceeding ten miles square" for the seat of the national government; about 2/3 of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1823, the poem "Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas" was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel; the verse, more popularly known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," was later attributed to Clement C. Moore.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Haensel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Company set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they had been captured.

In 1975, Richard S. Welch, the Central Intelligence Agency station chief in Athens, was shot and killed outside his home by the militant group November 17.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, non-refueled round-the-world flight as it returned safely to Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1991, fire destroyed a house in Corsicana, Texas, killing three young children; their father, Cameron Todd Willingham, was convicted of starting the blaze and was executed in 2004, although some experts raised questions about whether the fire had been deliberately set.

Ten years ago: Israel barred Yasser Arafat from making his annual Christmas Eve visit to Bethlehem, the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to impose sanctions on Iran for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment; Iran immediately rejected the resolution.

One year ago: Mail bombs blamed on anarchists exploded at the Swiss and Chilean embassies in Rome, seriously wounding two people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gerald S. O'Loughlin is 90. Actor Ronnie Schell is 80. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 78. Actor Frederic Forrest is 75. Actor James Stacy is 75. Rock musician Jorma Kaukonen is 71. Rock musician Ron Bushy is 70. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 68. Gen. Wesley K. Clark (ret.) is 67. Actress Susan Lucci is 65. Singer-musician Adrian Belew is 62. Rock musician Dave Murray (Iron Maiden) is 55. Actress Joan Severance is 53. Singer Terry Weeks is 48. Rock singer Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam) is 47. The first lady of France, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, is 44. Rock musician Jamie Murphy is 36. Jazz musician Irvin Mayfield is 34. Actress Estella Warren is 33. Actress Anna Maria Perez de Tagle is 21.

Thought for Today: "Oh, for the good old days when people would stop Christmas shopping when they ran out of money." —Anonymous



You'd think the churches would be packed

This column is about religion, so please alert the American Civil Liberties Union. There may be some very offensive stuff coming up, and, God knows, the public should be protected.

When I was a kid, my parents usually took me to midnight Mass on Christmas. I think they did that so I would not get up at 5 in the morning looking for what Santa brought. If my dad was going to stay up past 10, there had to be a reason other than praising the Lord.

Anyway, my church was always packed back in the early 1960s, when only about 3 percent of the American population was not affiliated with a specific religion. Today, 13 percent say they are non-affiliated religiously, but still an overwhelming 78 percent of Americans profess to be Christians.

So you would think that on Christmas Day the churches would be packed with folks celebrating the birth of Jesus. Well, some of them will be, but many will be only half-full because, on any given Sunday, church attendance throughout the

USA is bleak.

Let's take my religion, Roman Catholicism. There are about 66 million American Catholics. But according to a study done at Georgetown University, just 22 percent of them attend weekly Mass. And that's an obligation. The Church says you must go to Mass on Sunday, or it's a sin. Long ago, when the nuns held me captive in St. Brigid School, missing Mass was a huge deal. Apparently, not anymore.

So what's going on? There is no question that secularism is on the rise in America, and the media are happy about it. Openly religious people like Tim Tebow are mocked. You are quickly branded a zealot if you talk up your faith in public. But if you act like one of Caligula's running buddies, you are glorified as cool and with it. South Beach is in; Lourdes is out -- assuming you actually know what Lourdes is.

But the churches themselves have to share some of the blame. Too often, the person preaching at the



BILL O'REILLY

pulpit does not have much to say, especially to younger people who are looking for life guidance. I mean, St. Paul had the Corinthians mesmerized, but that was before the Internet, cable and BlackBerrys. Paul had the stage to himself. Not much competition in ancient Syria.

Today, the challenge is to get the attention of the faithful, and that takes some doing. Christmas seems to be a good place to start. Jesus changed the entire world in fewer than 35 years. How did the guy do it? Talk about a great narrative. What did a baby born into poverty possess that persuaded billions all over the world to believe in his philosophy?

That's something to think about on the birthday of the most influential man who ever lived.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor."

The poor rich and the Scrooginess of Congress

It's at this time of the year that generous, big-hearted Americans reach out to aid the less fortunate among us -- like those who've recently been knocked down by the recession and seen their incomes plummet. I speak, of course, about our nation's severely squeezed millionaires.

Yes, many in the infamous 1 percent class are no longer feeling like a million bucks. According to a new federal report, the income of these high-living swells averaged a robust \$1.4 million in 2007, but after Wall Street crashed in a heap of greed late that year, their average income took a tumble. In 2009, it fell below the millionaire threshold, leaving these

poor rich folks struggling to make it on an average income of only \$957,000.

Also, talk about getting a lump of coal in your Christmas stocking, the share of our nation's total income taken by the 1-percenters fell from a whopping 23 percent in 2007 (the highest since the Roaring Twenties) to a mere 17 percent in 2009. How sad for them, huh?

The only balm for their little financial ouchie is they are using the slight setback to rebuke the 99-percenters of the Occupy Wall Street protests. See, say the rich,



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waving the federal report, our slice of the pie in 2009 was the smallest it's been in a decade, so your protest about inequality is out of date. "Get a time machine," one front man for the Koch brothers barked at the Occupy movement.

OK, but let's travel back only a few short years in time to 1980, when the top 1 percent was very happy to pocket a meager 10 percent of all of America's income. And, by the way, today's 1-percent-

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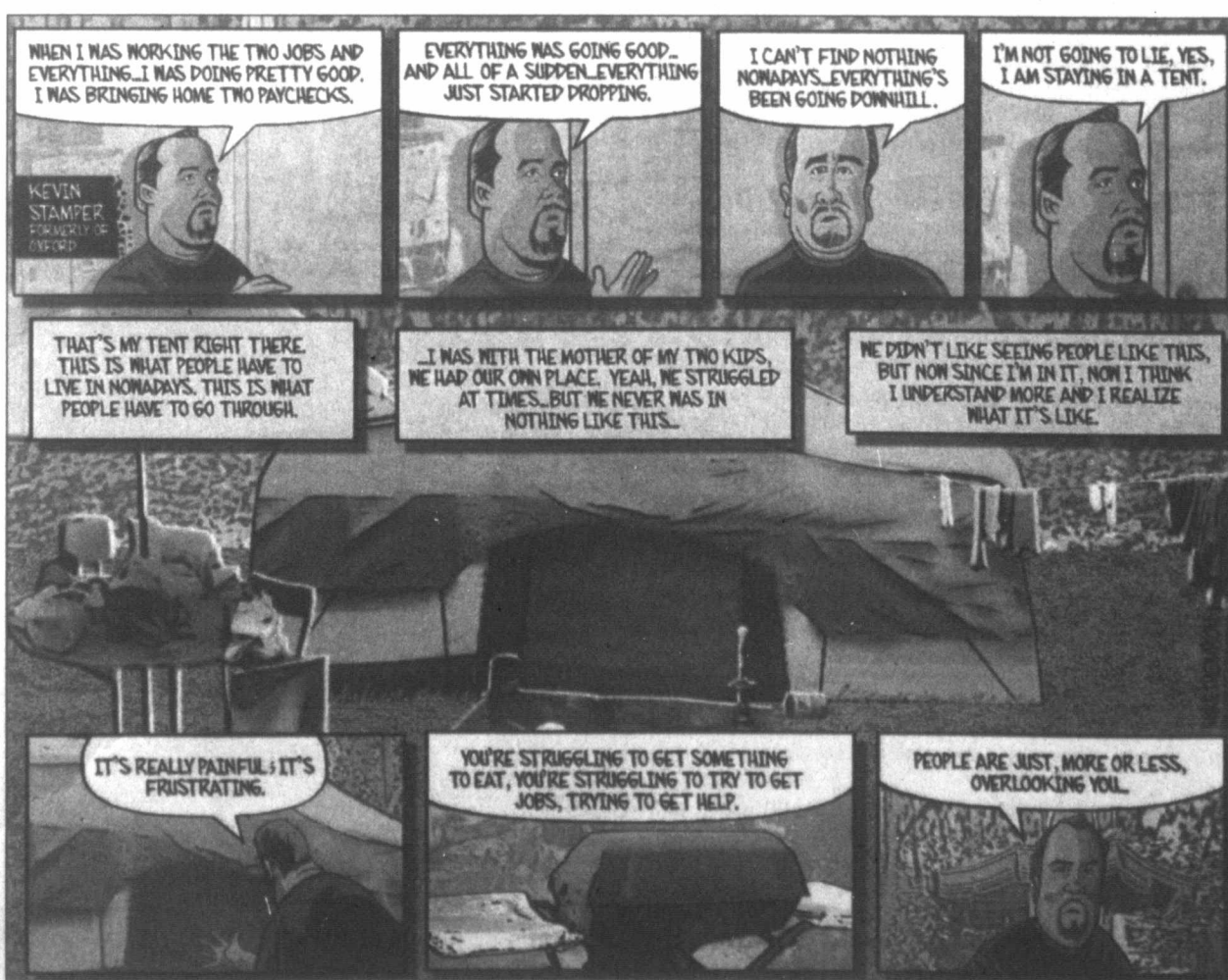
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Sports

PHS grad Polasek pursuing sports broadcasting at OBU

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Pampa High School graduate Jonathan Polasek has a passion for sports which he displayed with the Pampa Harvester football, basketball and golf teams. Polasek didn't know his passion involved broadcasting.

catching up with PHS grad Jonathan Polasek



"I didn't know what God has in store for me after I left Pampa," Polasek said. "What was a joke from being an anchor during the morning announcements in coach (Dustin) Miller's class turned into 'I want to do this for a living in sports.'"

Now a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University, Polasek is a color-commentator for the mens basketball team and is a sports anchor for the college's news station News30.

Polasek said it's cool to continue in sports.

"Even though I wasn't able to play sports in college, it's a blessing that the opportunity came up for me to continue in sports," Polasek said. "With all my heart I love basketball. Being able to color commentate at OBU basketball games has been great."

Polasek said he chose OBU after seeing what its alumni did after they graduated.

"Apparently one guy went to Baylor," Polasek said. "One guy is working for the (Oklahoma City) Thunder. It's one of the top sports and news programs around Oklahoma."

The 2011 Pampa graduate said he's enjoying the hands-on experience.

"It keeps me up to date on sports," Polasek said. "Watch it every day. Get to write stories every day. So it keeps intact with my writing skills as well as journalism."

Polasek said having played basketball makes him enjoy his job more.

"It brings that happiness to me when I get to sit behind that desk and watch a sport that I'm so passionate about," Polasek said. "Right now OBU is in the top ten in the nation. It's really good basketball. Getting in (to games) for free, getting to do what I love and talk about sports at the same time and hopefully continue it in the future is a package deal."

Polasek said he has had to work on getting his comments in during the flow of the game.

"There's not a lot of stops in basketball," Polasek said. "In football, they usually huddle before every play, so color gets a lot of time. ... Basketball you learn on the fly. It's been good to learn how to fit in the game, and how to put in the tidbits that people at home don't know about."

BIG XII FOOTBALL

Sooners thin at RB

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma running back Roy Finch called his departed teammates "brothers." Running back Brennan Clay commented on how empty the locker room has gotten lately.

Once the No. 1 team in the country, now the Sooners are just looking for someone to carry the ball against Iowa Dec. 30 at the Insight Bowl.

Monday, coach Bob Stoops said freshman running back Brandon Williams will transfer, leaving the Sooners thin at running back against the Hawkeyes.

Finch is the No. 1 option, then there's Clay, who has been seldom used this season. Fullback Trey Millard could also get some carries. Williams had 219 yards in eight games, but had problems getting on the field because of fumbling and struggling to pick up blocking assignments.

"It's hard when you see one of your brothers leave," Finch said. "It's tough. But you don't know what's going on with them and in their life."

Already this season running backs Jonathon Miller and Jermie Calhoun quit the team and said they were going to transfer after walk-on Dominique Whaley took over the starting spot at the beginning of the season. However, Whaley played just seven games before fracturing his ankle. He still leads the team with 627 yards.

And it leaves Stoops frustrated.

"We'll find other guys to do it," Stoops said of his depleted running back situation. "Unfortunately guys don't see the big picture and how many carries there are and how many snaps in a year and what their opportunities could be. But, what are you going to do?"

For the bowl game the Sooners, ranked No. 19 and 9-3, will rely on a trio of sophomores in Finch, Brennan Clay and Millard as Sooners (9-3) as they get ready to take on Iowa (7-5) in the Insight Bowl.

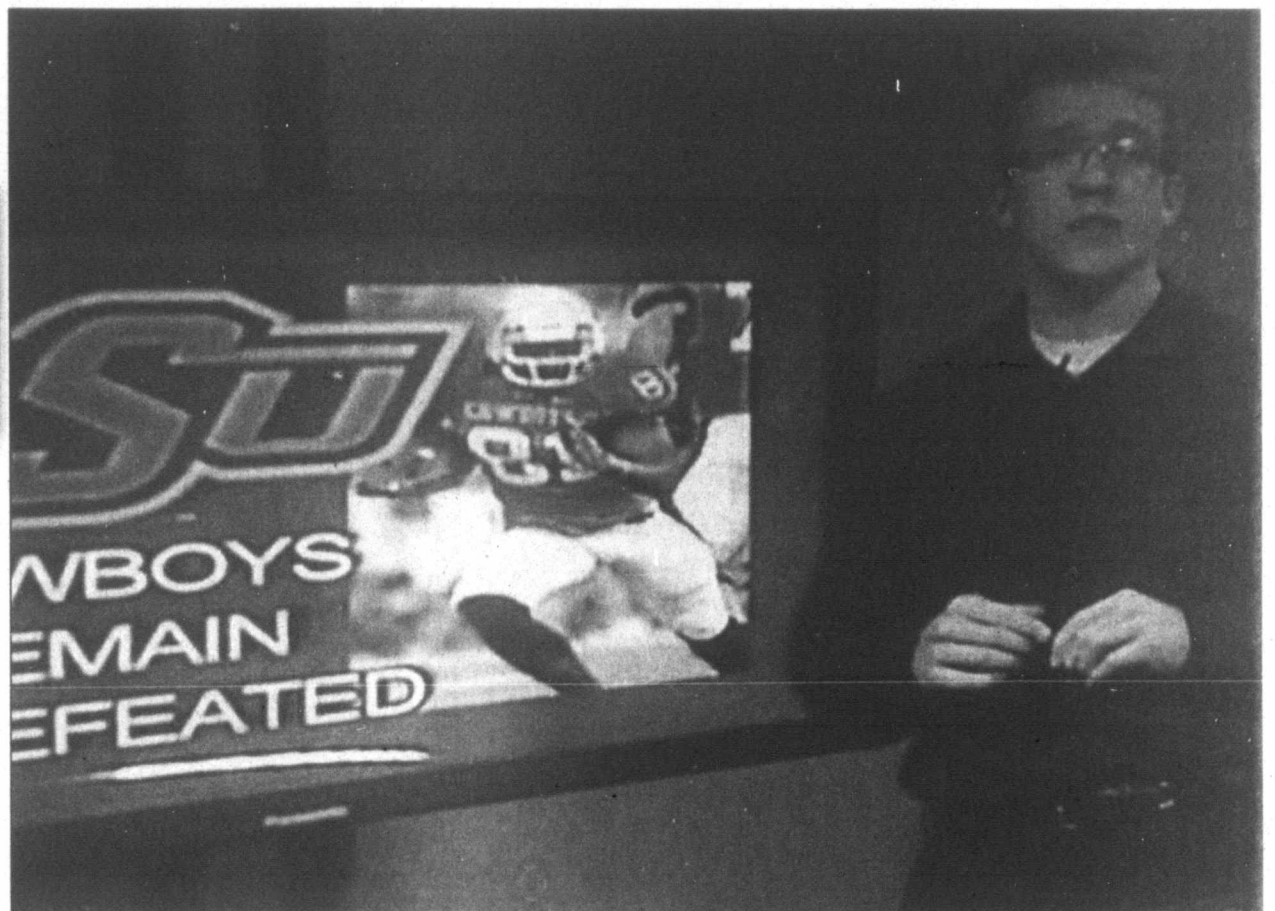
Finch has 601 yards rushing this season. He was named to the preseason All-Big 12 team, but struggled to get playing time earlier this season. Running back Brennan Clay has 230 yards rushing, but he has dealt with a number of injuries this season, including a concussion and a pinched nerve in his neck. Millard has only 20 carries all season.

"It feels like the locker room is getting emptier," Clay said. "But I know when I get on the field, I'm going to make it count."

Tuesday, Iowa announced leading rusher Marcus Coker has been suspended for the bowl game. Coker has rushed for 1,384 yards this season.

"I woke up one morning and came here, and, 'wow, man,' Finch said of all the departures. "I don't know what's going on in their hearts, but they know what's best for them. I would say the bulk of the load is on me now. I have to have a pretty big game."

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OBU freshman Jonathan Polasek talks about Oklahoma State's unbeaten record during a segment on News30. Polasek is the sports anchor for OBU's news program. Polasek graduated from Pampa last May and played football, basketball and golf.

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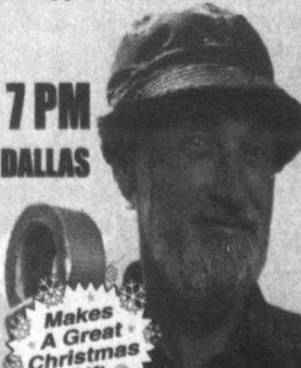
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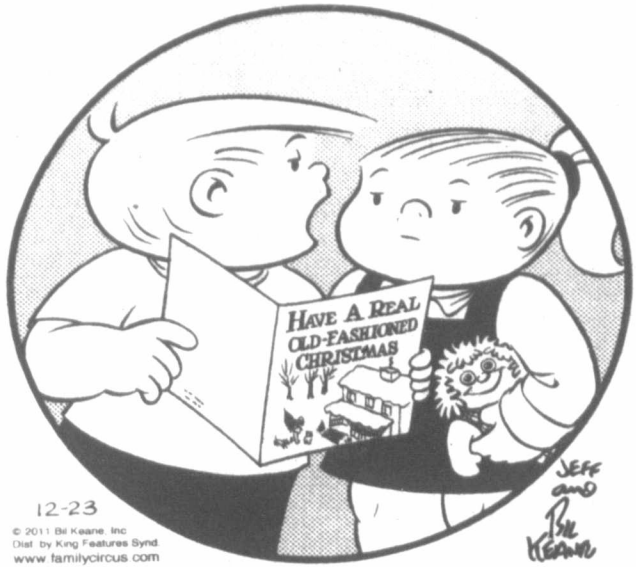
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"An old-fashioned Christmas means like they had back in the 1990s."

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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 23, 2011:

Your emotions come out more often than you might like this year. Sometimes they could be disguised as anger, especially if you have suppressed the original issue or pain. Learn to detach when your fuse is about to blow. This issue will be major, with the potential outcome of greater self-control. You are in control of your destiny, if you so choose. If you are single, note a tendency to attract emotionally unavailable relationships. Be careful! If you are attached, the two of you benefit from time alone together as a couple. Plan on a special vacation or several weekends away. SAGITTARIUS sometimes makes you uncomfortable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching for the stars. Once focused, you could be stunned by what you can accomplish. Don't forget a dear friend at a distance. If someone becomes belligerent, it probably is the result of envy. Tonight: Light up the night with music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with another person directly. You might feel quite irritated with this person. Clear the air if you want to manifest the loving vibes of the next few days. Avoid sarcastic comments; they will be remembered. Center on your feelings. Tonight: Togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Someone knocks on your door, and yet another person does the same. Your popularity soars, and you feel much more connected than you have in a long time. You will need to make space to complete a certain task. Join a partner or friend to finish last-minute errands. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You make quite an effort to make a difference to someone. Don't make a comment a reason to become angry. Know that many people's nerves are fried. Stay attentive when around machinery, as you could be unusually distracted. Tonight: Completing, not beginning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your childlike nature delights in the holiday celebrations. Whatever plans you have, you delight in the moment. Your fiery personality perks up others. Use care with last-minute items. You easily could go overboard. A little self-discipline goes a

long way. Tonight: Frolic away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Tension builds, and you have difficulty handling it all. You want to choose a stress-buster instead of losing your temper with someone who doesn't deserve it. Spend some extra hours at home if possible. Check in with a family member. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You cannot suppress certain feelings, and they could come out in a distorted manner, as in sarcasm or yelling at the cat. With everything at such a spin, you need to clear the air. Listen to what is shared by a close friend. Tonight: Stop and do some last-minute errands before partaking in eggnog.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A friend could play a strong role in your mood. Understanding evolves as you detach. Be careful when making an attempt to clear the air. In some fashion, it could be rather extreme and, in the long run, inadvisable. Remain appropriate. Tonight: Start sharing holiday wishes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ If you can tolerate being pushed by another person, you deserve kudos. Keep your cool, and don't lose sight of certain priorities. Others count on you getting the job done. Touch base with an older but feisty friend. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Know when to pull back and let others dominate. You might feel as if you cannot cover all the bases. Don't hesitate to ask a question or two. Ask for help if you need it. Accept what is happening right now. Tonight: Just flow with the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make sure you indulge a little and do less of what you think you must. Stop and take time to visit with key friends. Take the opportunity to share your feelings with a special friend or loved one. This person appreciates your time and caring. Tonight: Where your friends are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Establish your role with your friends or associates. So many people count on you, you might not have room for any slack. A partner or relative could be aggravated that you are spread so thin. Tonight: Make time for a special person, in the midst of all the business.

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ers have had big income gains since 2009, while the 99 percent have lost income. So the Occupiers are right — the inequality is increasing — yet, shamefully, those who're back making a killing want America's hard-hit majority to feel sorry for them!

The 1-percenters and the politicians who serve them are modern-day scrooges, oblivious to the hardships of others. "Humbug," they mutter, expecting downsized workers to be like Bob Cratchit — grateful to be given an extra piece of coal for the fire in Ebenezer's cold workspace. As you recall, Scrooge was a nasty old miser, but even he came to see the soul-destroying evil of his ways

and found redemption in the end. One wonders, though — is there any hope for the Scrooges of Washington?

Congressional Republicans continue to protect nonsensical tax breaks for Wall Street billionaires and Big Oil, while demanding that programs to aid America's growing number of poor people either be slashed or eliminated. The Obama White House is fighting most of this absurdity, but it keeps trying to appease the GOP by offering to sacrifice programs that ordinary people really need. For example, LIHEAP.

Much of the country doesn't know what that is, but people who go through the long, bitterly cold win-

ters in the Northeast know that LIHEAP literally is a lifeline for the thousands of poor families there. It's the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps the poor afford the steadily rising price being charged for the heating oil that Northeastern states rely on. Home heating oil in Maine is presently running \$3.66 a gallon, up from \$2.87 a year ago.

Yet, in a concession to GOP leaders, Obama has proposed whacking LIHEAP's funding so severely that average benefits this winter would fall from about \$800 per home to just over \$300. That's not just throwing a program's budget into the Republican

shredder; it's throwing people into it! In Bangor, Maine, where the average January low is only 7 degrees above zero, the slashed benefits will buy only about 100 gallons of fuel for the typical low-income home. It takes 850 gallons for those homes to stay heated through the winter season.

Rather than literally tossing the poor into the cold, how about cutting off all heat to the White House and Capitol? Let those Scrooges feel the sting of their budgetary miserliness, and maybe they'd seek a bit of redemption from those they're hurting.

Jim Hightower is a nationally syndicated columnist.

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Inmates

Community Church. "But these may be the only gifts the children receive."

One child, Dorsett said, jumped onto his new bicycle, pedaled down the church's aisle into the parking lot where he spent the afternoon executing perfect circles.

Between now and Christmas, James and Emengini expect to get an additional 32 bikes up and running. Most, donated by individuals, schools and churches, are in decent

mechanical shape.

"Each bike is a project," Emengini says. "What takes time is cleaning it, getting it to the specs we desire. We clean the chains, the rims — extreme detailing. It almost seems like a new bike when they get it."

Before the bikes are released for distribution, James gives them a critical inspection. "I look for cleanliness," he says. "I make sure the reflectors are properly on, that nothing's going to fall off."

Like others in the InnerChange Freedom Initiative, James and Emengini likely have only a short stretch to serve before release. James says that, on rejoining the free world, he hopes to share the lessons of his life through an after-school program for youngsters.

"My goal is to go to churches, junior high and elementary schools and ask if they would open their doors to me after school is out," he said. "...All the

glory and honor go to God. If I do nothing else in life but serve him, that's enough."

Emengini says he would like to return to school to study business and, eventually, operate a restaurant.

"When they articulate doing something else, they've got what we've been teaching," Dorsett says of inmates in the program. "They've thought beyond the fences. That's the paycheck for me. They understand and are developing visions for life."

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Showcase

Now, with the district serious about making the showcase an annual tradition, it is looking to improve on what worked and correct what's needed. A showcase committee, made up of a representative from every PISD campus as well as administrative officials, have been working to identify those faults and come up with solutions for this year.

"The way we had it set up last year, it got very congested just as you were entering the commons area there, so we're redesigning it a little bit so it's not as congested there," Haenisch said. "We've moved where some things are. We've

really changed the way that we've got things on display in the gym. We've just tried to make it a lot more accessible so it's not quite so congested and people can fight what they want. We're also going to try to do a better job of putting signs up from the ceiling pointing to where things are so that people can find where they (want to go). Some people come to watch they're child do whatever it is, so they'll be able to find that particular area much easier."

"We also have those eight big screen TVs in the commons," Haenisch added. "We're going to be using those to bring the schedule up and help people find out where the

performances are, what time they're going to be, where the displays are, things of that nature."

The work for this year's showcase has been comprehensive, Haenisch said.

"We started as soon as it was over last year. We got together and asked ourselves, what are some of the things we want to do differently, what are some of the things we want to do better. When we left at the end of school last year, we had a good idea of where we wanted to go. Then, we began in August really assigning different committees to work on different aspects of it to be sure that it's going to be a better experience this

year than last year. We have one more meeting, but we're feeling really good about how we're shaping up for this next year," said Haenisch.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After 19 years of marriage, my husband left me for a younger woman. I found out later that they had been dating for several years. They moved in together immediately after our separation, and she was pregnant at the divorce hearing. They had a baby boy eight months later.

At every event with my kids, they come together with their son and she steers the conversation to her life, what's going on, etc. I have tried to be silent and civil, but she ruined my daughter's high school graduation by gossiping and giggling behind me and the kids the entire event.

I am trying not to be a bitter ex, but I have had to bite back some nasty words to both of them. Any suggestions on how to deal with a miserably blended family? — BLENDED FAMILY IN BATON ROUGE, LA.

DEAR "BLENDED" FAMILY: Yes, and please don't think I am without sympathy. The surest way to deal with your miserably blended family is to make a conscious decision to get on with YOUR life. If you're not interested in what the woman has to say, get up

and move away. No one says you must listen to her prattle. Develop your own interests and activities, and meet some new friends. The stronger and more independent you become, the better off you'll be. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "Anita" for four years. She moved in with me two years ago and our home life has been wonderful. We are a unique couple. We have discussed marriage, but neither of us believes in the tradition.

I'd like to show Anita how much I love her, as well as show others we're in a serious relationship. An engagement ring would be a way to show it. However, the term "engagement" would not be accurate because we do not plan to marry.

Can you suggest another symbol or even another term for a ring to show unity without indicating the eventuality of marriage? — ROMANTIC IN OHIO

DEAR ROMANTIC: How about calling Anita's ring a commitment ring? Or give her a pendant with a sweet message engraved on the back? Or a wristwatch engraved with, "Love ya 'til the end of time," or

"... 'til time runs out." Another way to indicate to others that you're together but don't believe in "tradition" would be to hold a commitment ceremony and invite friends.

DEAR ABBY: There is an issue driving a wedge between my wife and me. I have always believed that my casual shirts (in fact, all my shirts) should be worn tucked into my slacks. My wife feels they should be left out. I think I look better with them tucked in. She feels differently.

Abby, you can save our marriage if you'll let us know who is right. To tuck, or not to tuck — that is the question. And, by the way, she says I should mention that I have a bodacious waistline, which means I could lose 40 pounds. — FRIAR "TUCKED" IN LONGMONT, COLO.

DEAR "TUCKED": Your wife is your best friend and she is right. (If you doubt it, consult a men's haberdasher.) By leaving your shirt out, you would appear to be a few pounds thinner. When you tuck it in, your "bodacious" waistline is accentuated by a horizontal line, which makes you appear to be heavier.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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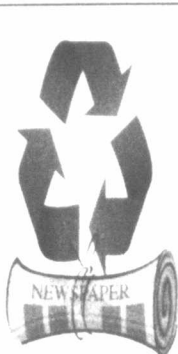
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Truck Series 2012

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Feb. 24, Time TBA



BURNING ISSUES

► The general pattern of the offseason to date has been one of crew chiefs constantly changing jobs.

► Meanwhile, the plans of Kurt Busch remain cloudy.

► The rumor mill regarding the older Busch brother has been centered recently at Richard Petty Motorsports, where A.J. Allmendinger may be in danger of losing his ride.

► Some talk is making the rounds regarding a possible spot for Busch at Joe Gibbs Racing in the Home Depot No. 20 Toyota currently piloted by Joey Logano.

► It will be interesting to see if the switch to fuel-injected power will affect the balance of power among teams and manufacturers.

► Tony Stewart's third championship wasn't worth as much as Jimmie Johnson's fifth (in 2010). Stewart's earnings were \$12,671,071. The previous year Johnson earned \$13,393,186.

► Mark your calendars. The Budweiser Shootout is Feb. 18. The qualifying races are Feb. 23. The Daytona 500 is Feb. 26.

► Jeff Burton finished in the top 10 in four of the final five races of 2011.

► The significant part of Greg Zipadelli's move from Joe Gibbs to Stewart-Haas is becoming competition director, but the most visible part in Daytona will be his parttime job as Danica Patrick's crew chief.

► The holidays bring with them a certain preoccupation this year. Lots of plans remain incomplete in the NASCAR community. The financial strain seems even greater than in the previous two years.



John Clark/NASCAR This Week
Crew chief Greg Zipadelli reunited with his former driver Tony Stewart last week.

LEGENDS AND LORE

A Pontiac Day At Orange County Track

The Poole Equipment 150 was run on June 14, 1986 at Orange County Speedway in Rougemont, N.C. The Busch (now Nationwide) Series race was only 56.25 miles, that being 150 laps around the .375-mile paved track. Tommy Houston won it in a Buick sponsored by Southern Biscuit Flour. The next four finishers — in order, Dale Jarrett, Jack Ingram, Larry Pearson and Robert Ingram — all drove Pontiacs.



WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



Zipadelli

► **Who's hot:** Tony Stewart has a championship trophy on display, and his old running mate, Greg Zipadelli, is back in the fold. Once Stewart's crew chief, Zipadelli is now Stewart-Haas Racing's director of competition.



Kurt Busch

► **Who's not:** Kurt Busch is still looking for a ride, and as a result, A.J. Allmendinger's might be in jeopardy. The longer Busch's deal is unmade, the more likely other possibilities will arise.



2012 LOOK AHEAD



SPRINT CUP SERIES

The first of the season's two all-star events will be run for the 34th time and for the ninth consecutive year under the lights. In the years 1979-97, it was known as the Busch Clash. It was the Bud Shootout from 1998-2000 and became the Budweiser Shootout officially in 2001.

Next up: Budweiser Shootout, Daytona International Speedway (2.5 mi.), Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 18.

Last year's winner: Kurt Busch, Dodge.
Recent winners: Busch (2011), Kevin Harvick (2009-10), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2003, '08), Tony Stewart (2001-02, '07), Denny Hamlin (2006), Jimmie Johnson (2005), Dale Jarrett (2000, '04).



NATIONWIDE SERIES

For many years, Daytona hosted a National Sportsman race known as the Permatex 300 on the day before the 500, but this race's lineage officially began when what is now the Nationwide Series was founded in 1982. Dale Earnhardt won the first one and later captured five in a row from 1990-94.

Next up: Drive4COPD 300, Daytona International Speedway (2.5 mi.), 120 laps/300 miles, Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 25.

Last year's winner: Tony Stewart, Chevy.
Recent winners: Stewart (2005-06, '08-11), Kevin Harvick (2007), Dale Earnhardt Jr. (2002-04), Randy LaJoie (1999, 2001), Matt Kenseth (2000).



CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES

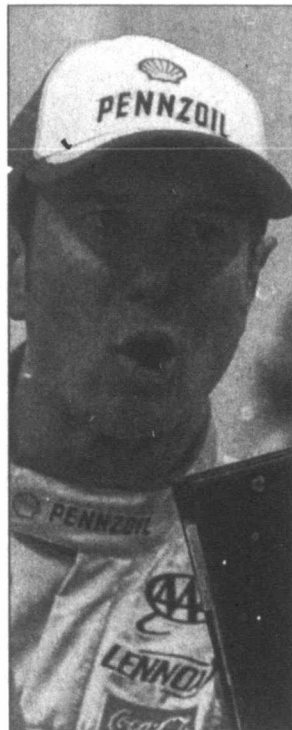
Trucks never raced at Daytona until 2000, when Mike Wallace won the crash-marred debut of the series on a so-called restrictor-plate track. Toyota drivers have won the past five races, and, surprisingly, no driver has ever piloted a Chevy to victory. The first seven races saw Fords win four and Dodges three. A Toyota has visited victory lane in each race since.

Next up: NextEra Energy Resources 250, Daytona Int'l Speedway (2.5 mi.), 100 laps/250 miles, Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 24.

Last year's winner: Michael Waltrip, Toyota.
Previous winners: Waltrip (2011), T. Peters (2010), T. Bodine (2008-09), J. Sprague (2007), M. Martin (2006), B. Hamilton (2005), C. Edwards (2004), R. Crawford (2003), R. Pressley (2002), Joe Ruttman (2001), M. Wallace (2000).

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WHAT'S ON THEIR WISH LISTS?



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

While many NASCAR drivers will dream of wins in the 2012 racing season, a few will be wishing for certainty in an uncertain race world. From left, former Cup champion Kurt Busch, David Ragan and A.J. Allmendinger are a few who would love to circle the tracks next season with fulltime sponsors on solid teams.

Naughty Or Nice

Most want more than Santa Claus can bring

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

What do you get for the man who has everything? The 2011 Sprint Cup champion, Tony Stewart, would probably enjoy some repetition. A fourth championship would certainly put Stewart in rare company. Only Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt and Jimmie Johnson have won more, and only Jeff Gordon has that many.

Unfortunately, only one driver wins the championship each year, and recent repeats have left an inordinate number of fine drivers still seeking their first as they look ahead to a new season through the rose-colored glasses of the holidays.

Eighteen drivers — one shy of the record — won races in 2011. Three of them — Kurt Busch, David Ragan and Trevor Bayne — are a bit unsettled in terms of what the new season will bring. Busch and Ragan need rides. Bayne's chance of racing full-time in Cup — the Daytona 500 was one of only 17 races in which he competed — is uncertain. Ragan could be the beneficiary of Busch's

dismissal at Penske Racing. The availability of Busch makes the coming year uncertain for A.J. Allmendinger or, if some rumors are true, Joey Logano.

For the moment, a nice Christmas for the drivers noted immediately above would be stability.

One of NASCAR's premier teams, Joe Gibbs Racing, is fighting off an image that it is in mild decline. Denny Hamlin slumped, Kyle Busch had a disappointing year, and Logano's stalled career may put the team's most reliable sponsor, Home Depot, on the sidelines after another year.

It was an off year at Hendrick Motorsports, chiefly because neither Johnson nor the other all-star members of the team won the championship. Jeff Gordon hasn't won a championship in more than a decade now. Dale Earnhardt Jr. hasn't won a race in more than three years. Perhaps Rick Hendrick's best present to himself was the acquisition of yet another prodigious talent, Kasey Kahne.

Most of the items on NASCAR's wish lists can't be bought with money alone, though.

Reading, writing and reciting the crew-chief changes

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Tony Stewart's third Sprint Cup championship — actually one was Winston and another Nextel — was chosen as the top moment of the 2011 season by a poll conducted at nascarmedia.com. Specifically, the "moment" was Stewart's victory in the final race, the Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Just for the purpose of record-keeping, and in roughly chronological order: Juan Pablo Montoya's crew chief is now Chris Heroy, who replaced Jim Pohlman. Kevin Harvick's crew chief is Shane Wilson, who replaced Gil Martin. Cup champion Tony Stewart's crew chief is Steve Addington, not Darian Grubb.

Drew Blickensderfer replaced Luke Lambert on driver Jeff Burton's car. Brian Pattie is now paired with Clint Bowyer at Michael Waltrip Racing. Grubb is Denny Hamlin's crew chief, not Mike Ford.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Whenever the driver of Penske Racing's No. 22 is finalized, his crew chief will be Todd Gordon, not Addington.

Jason Ratcliff replaces Greg Zipadelli on Joey Logano's car, and when Danica Patrick occasionally competes at the Cup level, her crew chief will be Zipadelli, who otherwise will be employed as competition director at Stewart-Haas Racing. Todd Berrier replaces Frankie Kerr as Bobby Labonte's crew chief.

As they say back home, "Other n't at, ain't much hap'nin'."

Money — Adding in the lucrative postseason bonuses, Tony Stewart's earnings during his third championship season came to \$12,671,071, but second place wasn't bad for Carl Edwards.

Edwards' team earned \$11,351,964, making the margin close because Edwards' earnings derived from races was almost \$2



Harvick

million more than Stewart's. The top four mirrored their positions in points, with Kevin Harvick earning \$8,072,309 and Matt Kenseth \$7,901,409. Sixth-place Jimmie Johnson earned \$7,599,034, however, ahead of fifth-place Brad Keselowski, who took in \$6,503,444.

Proposed changes — Based on test sessions at Talladega and Daytona, it appears the NASCAR rules package for the Daytona 500 will include changes in radiator size and "inlet," size of overflow tank, size of rear spoiler and spring rate.

Consideration is apparently being given to limiting radio access between drivers during the race.

Believe it or not — Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., is holding a promotion intended to make the kazoo the official musical instrument of the United States.

Kazoo advocates can buy cut-rate race tickets on Tuesdays in January. Naturally, the tickets come with ... kazooes.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Stewart Hamlin

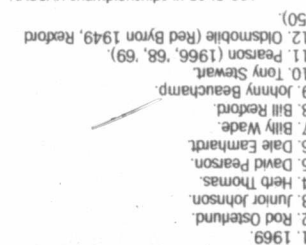
TONY STEWART VS. DENNY HAMLIN

This is likely to be a friendly rivalry, as Darian Grubb, Hamlin's new crew chief, is Stewart's former, and championship-winning, one. Undoubtedly, Grubb will savor any victories Hamlin manages to pull off over Stewart. It's just the nature of competition. Stewart and Steve Addington, his new crew chief, will enjoy returning the favor.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Hamlin was bitterly disappointed by slumping fortunes after many considered him one of the championship favorites. This disappointment is underscored by the dismissal of his longtime crew chief, Mike Ford."

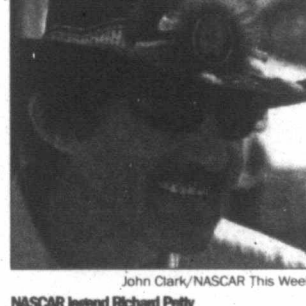
Know Your NASCAR

1. In what year did Richard Petty drive a Ford?
2. Who was the owner when Dale Earnhardt won his first championship in 1980?
3. Who won the second Daytona 500 held in 1960?
4. Who won the second Southern 500 held in 1951?
5. Who won the second World 600 held in 1961?
6. Who won the second Brickyard 400 held in 1995?
7. Who won the second major NASCAR race at Watkins Glen held in 1964?
8. Who was the second champion of NASCAR's premier series in 1950?
9. Who finished second in the first Daytona 500 held in 1959?
10. Who won the second Chase held in 2005?
11. Who was the second driver to win three Cup championships?
12. What make of car won the first two NASCAR championships in 1949-50?



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NASCAR legend Richard Petty



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2011 Daytona 500 champion Trevor Bayne

FAN TIPS

Trevor Bayne's New Bio

After winning the Daytona 500 in 2011, 20-year-old Trevor Bayne became a role model for NASCAR fans everywhere. Now you can read his inspiring story in the new biography "Driven by Faith: The Trevor Bayne Story" (Zonderkidz; \$6.99; January 2012) by award-winning motorsport journalist Godwin Kelly. The youngest winner ever of the Daytona 500, Bayne candidly shares the story of his faith-driven racing career.

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Letters to Santa

From: The Kids of Gray County

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NORTH DALLAS
2011

Lefors Elementary School

I want a big, blue truck, a toy motorccyle, and some Play-doh. I will leave you a good sandwich in the refrigerator. Have a good Christmas!
Caleb

I would like a real go-cart, a toy remote dump truck, and a toy go-cart. Will the reindeer come to my house? I will leave strawberry cupcakes on the counter for you If you come and bring us presents that means I'll be good.
Kaden

I want a Barbie, a Barbie hair styler, and Masquerade girl. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you on the table. Does Rudoph help your other reindeer fly? Merry Christmas!
Kassie

I want a doctor set with a brain, an Alphonse, and a red fire truck that makes sounds My sister and I would like an Easy-Bake oven. I will put chocolate chipp cookies on the table for you How are your reindeer doing? What do your elves wear?
Michael

I would like to have two army motorcycles with soldiers, a santa toy, and a pirate with a sword and a gun. I will leave an apple and a sucker for you by my Christmas tree. Be careful with your reindeer so they won't get run over or shot. Merry Christmas!
Chandler

I wish that I could have a Barbie Hair Styer and a Masquerade Doll, and a toybox. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for you out on the table in the living room where our Christmas tree is. How are the reindeer? Have a safe trip and Merry Christmas!
Alex

Can I get an Easy-Bake oven I really, really want that - I haven't changed my mind. How are the reindeer doing? I'm going to set some cookies and milk out for you. I'm gonna send this note to you. I have seen Santa at the mall. I really

wish - I made a wish to a star for an Easy Bake Oven. Have a good Christmas!
Emma

I want a baby stroller, La-La Loopsies, and i-pad. I will leave you a white donut and orange juice at my grandma's. I would like to ride on the sleigh and go with you. Have a safe trip!
Macey

I will give you come Santa cookies and milk. I would like a Supermantoy, a Funny fish pet, and a Batman toy Do your reindeer fly? Be careful! I want to see you.
Cayden

I want a Batman and Robin and a toy robot. I will leave you chicken nuggets on the table. Be careful on Christmas Eve night.
Ransom

I would like a toy cupcake, a star that lights up, and a frog that has a remote control that when you push a button, it does something, and a Dora kitchen. How are the reindeer doing? How do your elves build dollhouses? I will leave you a red apple on my coffee table and some lemonade. Be careful on your trip!
Madison

I want a Dora movie, ice cream, and popsicles. I will leave chocolate ice cream for you in the kitchen. How do your reindeer fly? Merry Christmas!
Hannah

I want a brown, white, yellow, and blue Monster Truck, a blue motorcycle, and a kitchen so I can cook. I will leave chocolate cookies and a soda for you on the couch and I will hold it for you. Do your reindeer fly with you? Please keep the soldiers safe.
Carson

I want a Polly Pockets, a Barbie, and Play-doh toys. How do your reindeer fly? I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and some hot chocolate for you on the table.
Kaedence

I want a motorcycles with guy on them, a new yellow skateboard and a spacesuit. I will leave some fruit snacks on the couch where you can find them easier. How do you fly your reindeer?
Derick

I want Moxie Girls Horseriding and a Barbie house. I love you!
Chloe

Do you love red and green and white. circle yes or no? Do you love orange juice yes or no? What is your best thing in the world? I can not wait in till christmas! Are you o.k. up there? whitch book you like? I love Santa

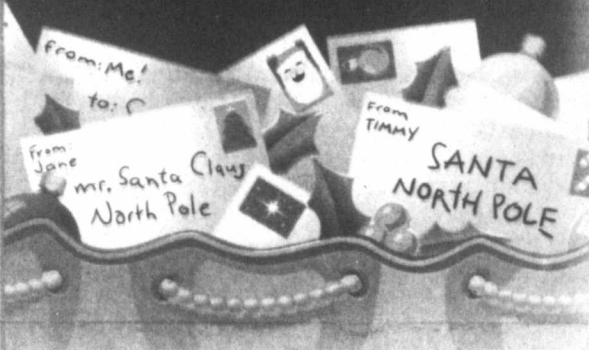
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Mike



Steve

Justice

How have your raindeer doing? I want a Laptop, ipad, teddy bear, a book, a dirt bike, a football. I will leve some cookies a carrots for your raindeer.
Christopher

I would like coloring book, lpaid, a animal whale, new shoys, a pluctur of your flip flops.
Rese

I want a D.S. and 3d Mario game. a toy shotgun tha realy shoots. and a poketknife.
Arthur

Are you having a good day? Are your elfs good? And for christmas I want a barbie, coloring kit, baby dolls, ds games, books to read, school clothes, a stuffed bear, a stuffed dog. I will try to leave you cookies and milk and water for your raindeer. And a coloring book. And crayons.
Tori Nolte

I whnt for christmas a bisakll and a doll and new shos and erings and a brislat and a naclas and a dres and a new shorts aan shert for christmas I im gin to lef cam kcookis and milk the and I love santa Yaraby

I whant a go go puppy and a Easy Blake oven and a makup box and a yill gatar lando yill kittin and a yill puppy
Haylee

I want a cumputer and santa coold you tell your elfs that I said hi and tell them that I said mery crisme and tell roodoff that I seid hi to and tell oll the uther randers that I seid hi and mery crismes to you santa and I want a x box? ans I want a skate bord and I want a plastoshet 3? and a remote control mus-tang? I hope you get this leter Mery Crismes.
Chaston

How have you been. I want a ipad a laptop, teddy bear, a new puppy, a book, a four wheeler, a car. I'll leave cookies ad milk out for you home made cookies. Are you having a good day? Are your elf's having a good day? Are your raindeer doing?
Emily

How do you get all around the world, in jist one-night? Can you get me a I pod, and a remote- control four wheeler? an i a good time with my family pleas? I hope you get thi leter SANTA
Ethan

I wnder is the ls is happy sat it is christmas? I wondr if the elfd are tiurd uz dloing stuf? I wondr sat the randrs love to fli? I wondr not vor favrit coces are? I wondr sat it is fun at the norf pol? wil brsuan sis for christmas ciledab le it is the core to sat i rite wont sis a ipad a fan a cpnr a noock and not lost spinning
Shelby

I want a lpad, Iphone, sock, shoes, DSI, all DSI games, all DS games 4 xbox controlors, phone
Anthony

I want linking cubes and puppets. I want a Rapun-zel Barbie doll and some high heels.
Alyssa

I want two baskets that go with food. I want a dis-ne castle.
Ashley

I want a 3d Ds, an x-box, an l-pad, and a game Zelda for the DS.
Jeremy

I want a dress and high heels and a Barbie doll.
Payton

I want Power Rangers game for the Wii. I want a Halo toy with a ship and a gun for it.
Hayden

I would like an ipod and a DS and an Easy Bake oven.
Meriya

I want a Barbie and a sweater and clothes and heels and a kitchen. I want a Monster High Barbie. I want a bike and a bear.
Aubree

I want an Arial princess Barbie doll, and a Barbie house and I want a Snow White Barbie and the dream castle for them.
Jassitee

I want a Barbie that has high heels and a dress and Santa and the elves and a red nosed reindeer.
Shyunne

I want a bag of candy and pink roller skates and the ultimate dream castle and Lite Prites and a lot of shoes.
Cierra

A easy Bake. A pineer BreaDman. A LAngel. A Wish-ing Star.
Macy

Merry Christmas! Thank you for the presents. I would like remote control truck.
Keegoun

I want a fake circle road with a line on it and I want a toy spider man with a motorcycle with a turn on button
Curtis

I want a bicycle that goes with a Barbie van. I also want a Barbie that goes with it
Dakota

I want a movie player and a doll. I would like a toy puppy. I would like a princess Barbie.
Carmen

I want cryon maker, and a pillowpet, and a book and new crayons. An ipod too.
Lorelei

I want a toy car for Christmas. I want a train toy too.
Wex

How have you been? I have been very good. I'm so glad Christmas is coming I can't wait for you to come I'm just so excited. Did you know Chris-mas isn't about presents? It is about having fun with your family and friends. Some people think it's about presents it's not or sweets and stuff. I want for Christmas is a new laptop and ipod. I don't really play with toys any more. How are you and Miss Clause doing? Say "hi" to everyone for me
Cierra

HOw is rudolph and the rest of the reindeer? How will you get in my house if I don't have a fireplace? Well let's get too the toys that I want: remote control truck, iphone 4, nintindo DsiXL and a xbox 360. so I gevs that's all I want. Oh, please fly safely and merry Christmas.
Ayden

Santa I know you are busy but the children that don't get prentsents should get prentsentsents. That is why. I do not want anything
Alyssa

How's Rudolph? Are the elves working hard? Is Mrs. Clause ok? I've been very good this year! I'd like a bundle of arrows. Thank you for all that you do! Please don't wreck Rudolph.
Todd

How are the reindeer? I hope you are fine. For Christmas, I want an ipod and a phone.
Cassie

How are you? ARE the elves ok? How is Ru-dolph? I hope you are safe. I would like a ipod and a real computer. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Carra Hope Lambert

How are you and mis clause? will you say hi to raindeer and Rudolph and the elves? I have bin a good girl this year? I only wunt tow presents. I wunt my family and a puppy I hope you have a good christmas.
Emma

How are the reindeer? Is Padolph good? I wante some litt pet spospe and the hose of the litt pet spospe and ipod.
Elva

Santa you are my best friend and I want to see you. I love Mrs. Clause's cloths. They are beauti-ful. How is Blitzen doing? What I would want for Christmas is an ipad2 and a really really big dollhouse and a Barbie car that is a limo and a cellphone. Is Rudolph okay? Tell the elves that I said Merry Christmas. Please fly safe.
Chloe

What kind of cookies do you want? Are the elves making a lot of presents? Santa I want a ipod and a guitar and Littlest pet shop's do you know where my house is? Is Mrs Clause good? Can you make sure every one get's what they need and I hope you have a mary christmas! oops! I forgot I live in Pampa.
Chantel

HOw are you and Mrs. Clause doing? This year I have been very good. Christmas is not Just about presents. It is about familys and frends to mak Christmas Perfect. I would like a shotgun and a computer and a bow. Are the Elves doing good?
Caitlin

How are the reindeer? I love cookies also! How can you Get in our house? How are the elves doing? I want 3ds.
JoJo

i pod pelo pet fake dog in a fake cat in a not book in a brdes mrkrs in a crants in a ints in a hat
Serena

dees santa give me a phone. and A laptop an a playset and a pet bog and a ot of books and hig hills an a rill frog and a puzzle and rill mack up and a lot of rungs
Mckenzie

I want a car set and Bring me a Bike with train-ing wills please.
Braxton

all I wut for Chismis Bakeum mustdhi
Geri

I want mak up I want a baesk I want a bakkak I want some color I want a babe I want to see santa I want compeotr
Yanozza

I wan a inpthreplar for christmes and a wee and a brbee and a play hor prs in Bublgum snow glod and a bunkbed and a bicke that Has ghne
Maddie

I just wwont to see my holl famile ples. and a mare crismus
Christian

I love you santa so much can you get me all the thing I want for Christmas
Ava

I wont sadls fore mis Poole candy barbile camp'r books
Radence

A glod mackup a Babe That benses a hors ber runber and bastl bol A BaBe that benses.
Jengbu

I want a mot cuntro race set a footbal epic miecee a neu our
Louis

Can I ples have babies baby doll. make up the movie up now books more Homework a dress bret headband play rings
Tayen

I want a I pod and a snow globe and or big santa soot. A Amaraken doll and desk and gold and my faily.
Kendy

Grandview Hopkins ISD

I want a new baseball and will connect I want a new game new pet.
Daniel

I want a dog that walks and talks and a Justin Beiber poster and a new puppy. I would also like a shirt that seys girls Rock. Tank you very much.
Shania Prosoco

We are putting ob a play about your raindeer. We are Comet, Taylor is Vixen and Dustin is you! happy ho ho holidays!
Bryan Urbanczyk

I hope everything is going great! I hope Comet is participating. Maybe if I'm good enough I might get him! Please. I wonder if you get a Christmas tree every year. I would love a new My Twin doll for Christmas and I have something for you! Safe travels!
Jojo Ragsdale

If you ask me what I want for christmas I want an ice cream mack I would also like a cupcake maker.
Abigail Jackson

I want a 3-DS for Chrstmas. Is FizzBey doing a good job watching me?
Trenton

I want an American Girl doll for Christmas, her name is Julie. I'm sure you already know. Beacause I've seen you so many times. p.s. My elf Elvis wrote Elvis was here on our mirrors.
Kellie Mae Davis, age 7

I would like a xbox for christmas and a boat. After that I would like a game and a coat. Merry christ-mas
Jayson

Can you get m an lpod 20 please? so can you get me one I will be sleeping.
Samueal Munoz

I want a D.S. for Christmas. Do you reialy have rein-deers?
Allie

I would like a new toy for Christmas and Santa said "ok". What would you lik for Chrimas? I said I would like my own car for me.
Keyli

If you can get me a dog. I want to get straight A's. Santa I want a computer I want make up. I want no Homework
Natali

If you ask my what I want for Christmas i would saye "I want to have a action figure. I'm sriry for the Things I do bad.
Damien

I want to have a barbie dream house for christmas, Justin Bebor Perfume for christmas, a fack Play pony for christmas, an ipad, a slide phone, to be with my famly for chrstmas. mack at least one of them true for me pretey pretey please. p.s. a kehdle allso.
Shylynna Sperry

St. Matthews Day School

I would like a Santa hat. Also a costume like yours with a belt. Tell the reindeer "hi"
Chase Alexander, age 4

I want a toy dog. A kitten would be nice too. Tell Mrs. Clause hello.
Brynlei Ellis, age 4

How is your sleigh? Is it red? I like blue. I want a big airplane and an army sword and gun. with light-up bullets.
Chace McLaughlin, age 5

I want a kitten toy.
Kaydence Miller, age 4

I would like for you to bring me a good present. A present that makes noises. Thanks.
Hudson Zamudio, age 4

I want a happy napper and a boat that lights up in the dark. I need you to bring me a fast red car and a soccer net that catches the ball. I have been very good and haven't said bad words.
Jace Proffitt, age 4

I saw the Polar Express. I already told you I wanted a cow truck.
Kade Preston, age 4

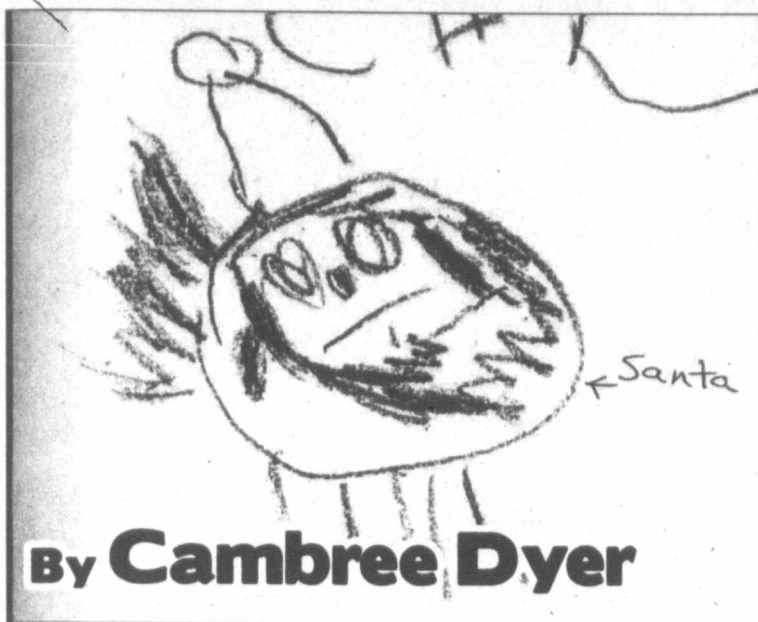
I want a police car for Christmas. A drink will be good in a cool cup. I sat on your lap with Mom.
Kenli Johnson, age 4

I went to the nutcracker and saw you there. I love you.
Cambree Dyer, age 5

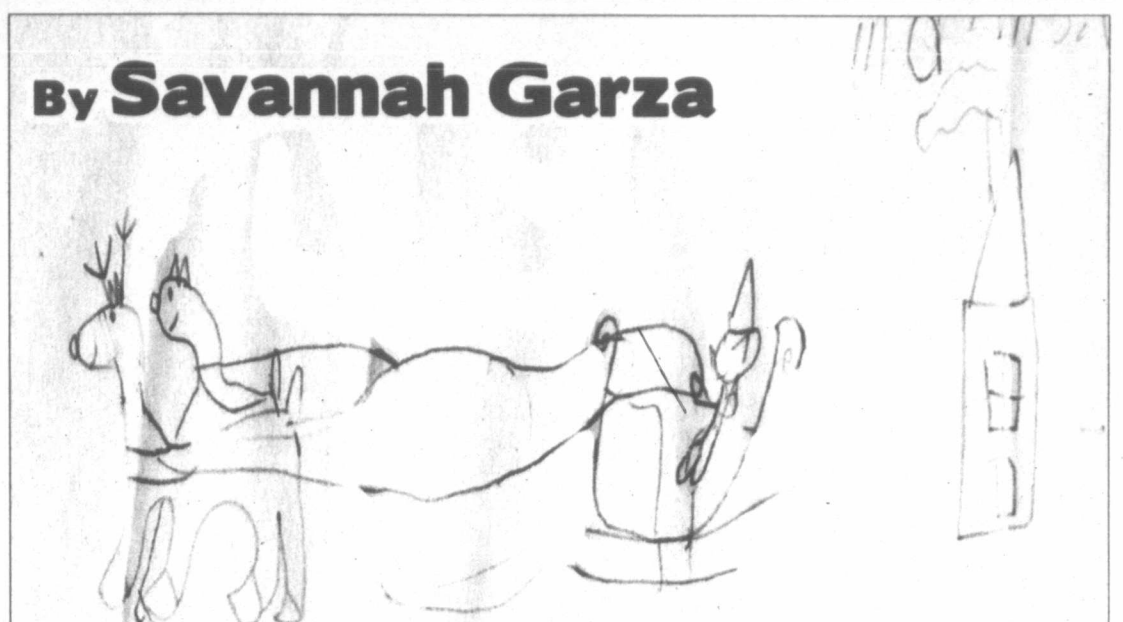
The elf brought your presents back when I was good I love you.
Jaylee Johnson, age 5

I want a bike for Christmas A barbie one with a bas-ket and it makes noise. Please bring my sissy a bike too. My mom needs a new necklace because baby brother broke it.
Avery McCarley, age 4

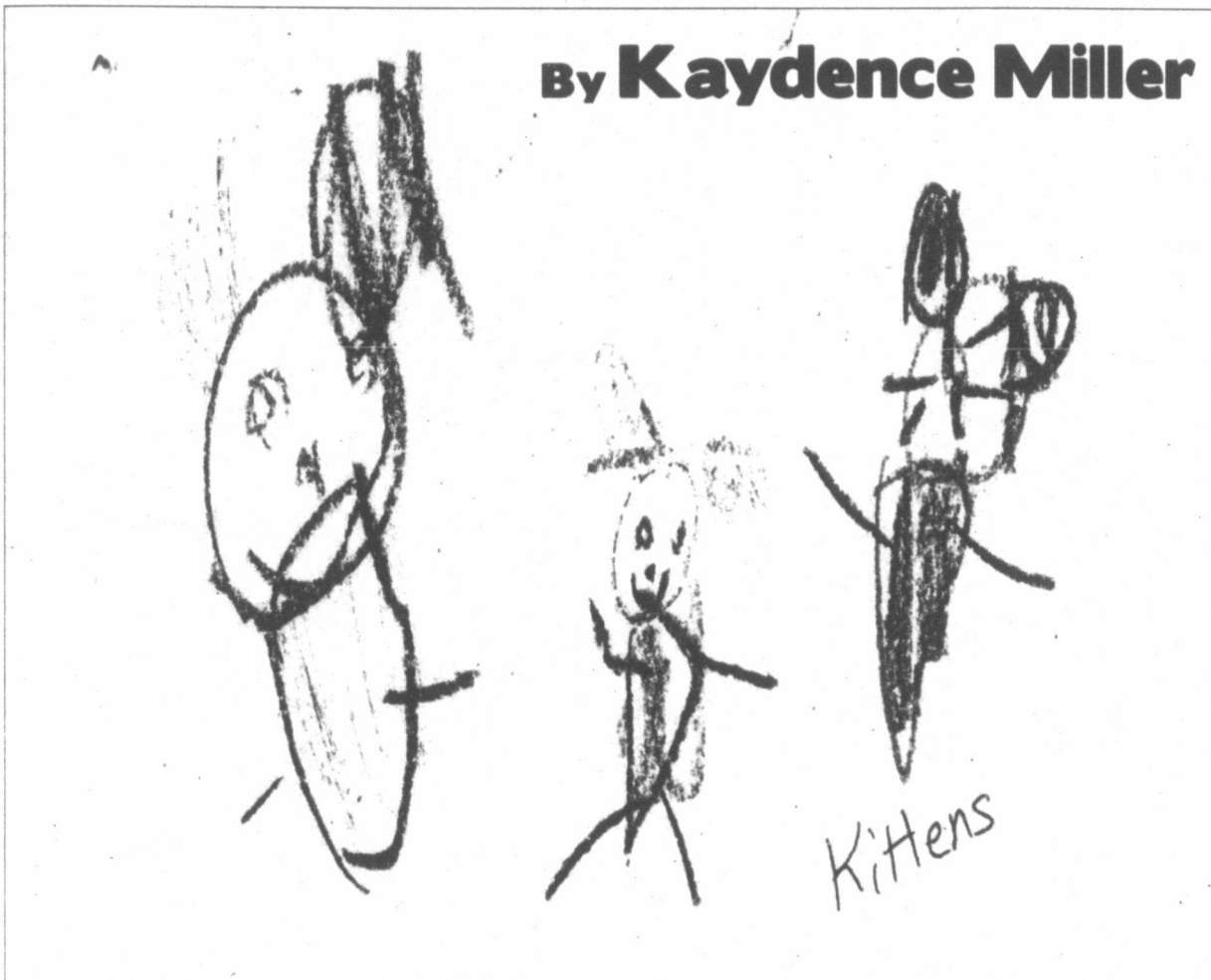
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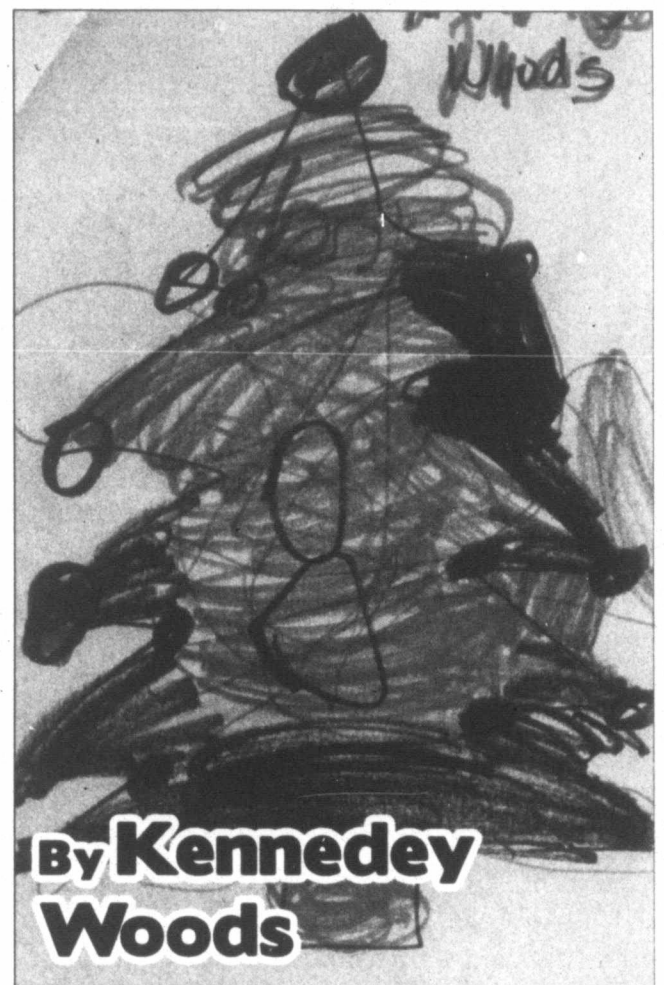
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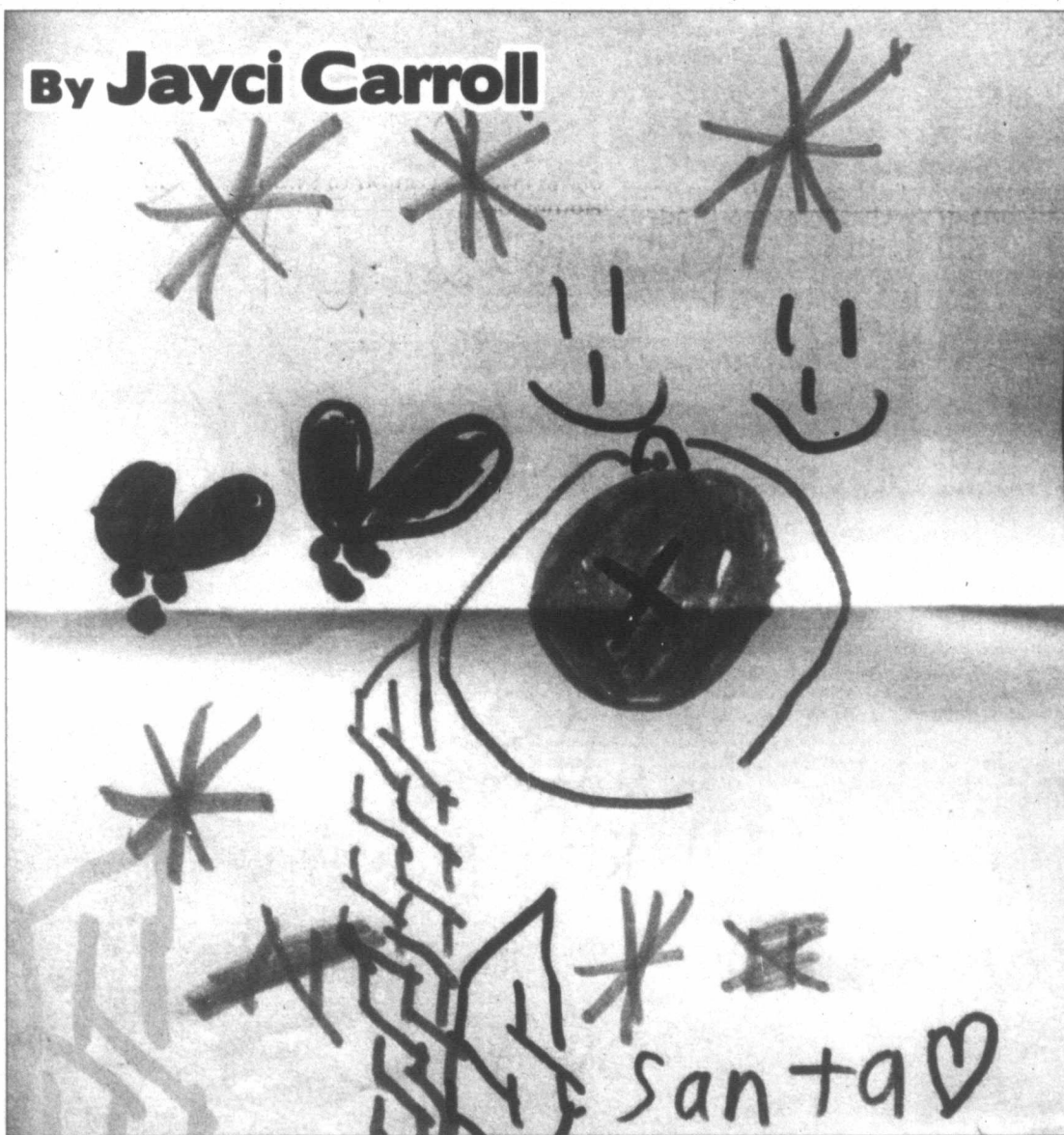
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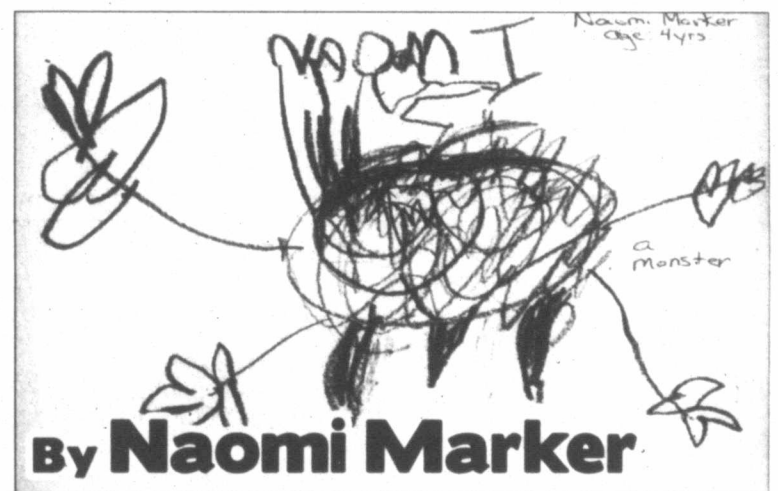
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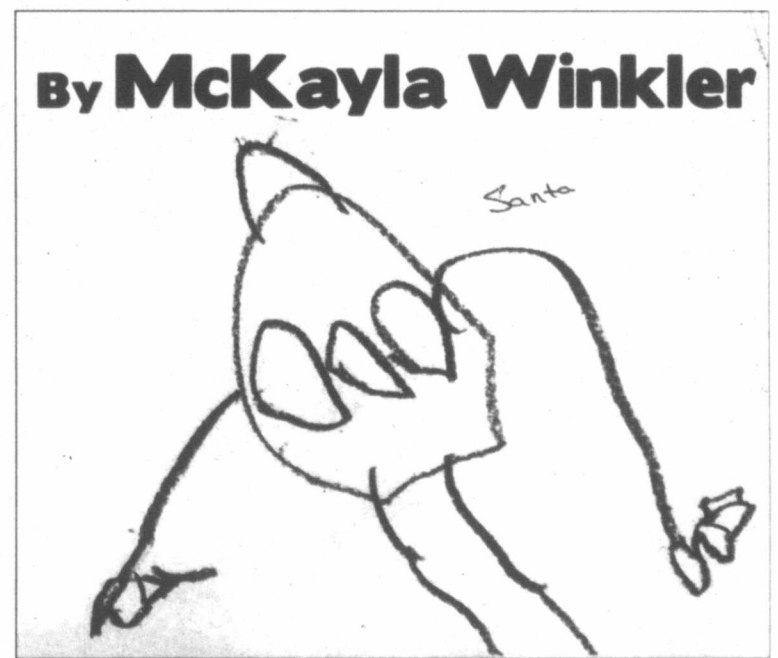
By **Kennedey Woods**



By **Jayci Carroll**



By **Naomi Marker**



By **McKayla Winkler**

Naomi Marker, age 4

I want a fake baby and a new bicycle. A humpty Dumpty book would be nice too.
McKayla Winkler, age 5

Unicorn and a Barbie
Valerie erez, age 4

a dolphin and a Lite brite
Preslie Segura, age 4

a big train!
Eli Middlebrook, age 4

A laptop
Esgar Lopez, age 4

a barbie doll and a belle doll!
Cambree Brown, age 4

a real penguin! that is all!
Emeri Goodson, age 5

I want a big barbie house and
Aubrie Grazza, age 5

barbie princess and a beach barbie and a Jesus movie!
Mia McClendon, age 4

a barbie that I can dress up and a motorcycle
Abbie Blackwell, age 4

a purple sparkle dress and a barbie
Madison Porney, age 4

an american doll! and a bla lecy house!
Karina Gonzalez, age 4

trucks and cars Oh and a spiderman costume!
Caelan Dunbar, age 4

motorcycle and a dollhouse!
Belen Marquez, age 4

race cars and a cool laptop!
Justice Trevathan, age 5

I want a big drum because I broke my other one. And I really want a remote control car and a rocking chair. Also a red car to race with my hand.
Jaxton Castanon, age 4

Imo-tab and really good candy in my stocking.
Duncan Gamblin, age 5

Real life cheetah and a real life lion. But that's all.
Joshua Hendricks, age 4

I want a game. A leapster game. Thomas so I can play. Real life Henry.
R.J. Nunn, age 5

Real life Lightning McQueen and trailer that runs into things,
Bryce Lynn, age 5

i want a Barbie and a little Barbie car with remote that drives. I want a desk.
Carsyn Hunt, age 4

I want drums and a robot and that's all.
Britten Joyce, age 4

Hello Kitty Barbie house. I want a yellow toothbrush.
Alysa Nguyen, age 4

Action Canyon and I want Miguel Camino from Care. Max Snell.
Graham Allen, age 4

I want Barbie and a Hello Kitty house. I want a new rainbow cup.
Braydon Rigoulot, age 4

First Baptist CDC

PLeZ CAN I HAV A HeLiCopr. DO NOt Worree I WIL MAC yOU LOTS Cookeez
Boston Ziegelgruber

CAn yOU PLEeZ GiV me Mi Wii PreZENT
Landon Griffith

I WANT A LEGO BOX. XAN hAvE A TOY GUN?
Sawyer Burleson

I WANT A BABE hich AR AND A BABE TiMout ChAr.
Halee Adams

I want a dolly. want a dollhouse. Thank you! I love you
Tatum Grubitz,

I want a pumpkin please. hi.
Kevin Zhang

I WANT a MOTOrCYCLE CAN I PLEAse HAVE A reMote control hELICOPter
Braydon Parker

I would like a pony, a reindeer, and a real Santa Claus for Cgristmas and a real Mrs. Claus. Merry Christmas to you and your elves and reindeer! I will leave you and your reindeer some brownies and milk.
Kennedey Woods

I want a teddy bear and Woody for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve.
Sterling Sims -Knots

I would like a dolly with a princess dress and a hat and a crown. I would like some earrings, too! How is Rudolf? I will leave some milk and cookies! Oh, I would like a bike, too!
Surhea Gray

I want a Barbie Doll House and a Bathing suit. How are you and your reindeer? I will leave you some cookies, brownies, and cupcakes when you come.
Fallon Sharp

I want a heart, a princess dress, and a princess doll for Christmas. I would also like a jack-in-the box for my sister, Rebecca
Sarah Beth Laurence

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I have been very good and I would like a.....
car
Fabien, age 4

rock n roll drums
Ryland Earit, age 4

wii game and a baby doll
Brianna

winnie the pooh and a green frog
Ashlyn Leal, age 4

baby stroller, boots, and a phone
Hayleigh, age 4

ropeye shirt, car shirt, and a big red car
Troy Mills, age 4

3 popeve shirts, Thornds shirt, and a santa shirt
Trevor, age 4

a puppy, a bath, a play dough head teeth dolls
Rhiad Laoko, age 4

a Monster lab speed racer and a big tree
AJ Crison, age 5

a cup, hamburgers, cars, macaroni
Jayce Reeves, age 4

a pink barbie
Brooke, age 3

bicycle - orange
unsigned

pink Barbie Jeep
Unsigned

silly choo choo train
Unsigned

Hungry Hungry hippo Game
Unsigned

Puss in boots movie
Jordan, age 3

Barbie house
unsigned

Big Baby doll
Bailee, age 3

motorcycle
unsigned

Miscellaneous

I want a super fire truck that can rescue everybody. It can destroy bad guys. I think I'd like it to fly up, up, up, and away. I want a toy rocket ship, his friend. I love superheroes. Are the reindeer invisible? I'd like some superhero cars. I did everything good. I be nice to you (mommy) and you (sister) and myself. Superheroes save the day always.
Archer Schroeder,
age 3 1/2 - "no I'm 4"

For Christmas I want...a monster High doll, I want it to snow, a new baby doll, new baby accessories some new mittens, well I relly don't care what I get for Christmas because I allredy have my family and that is the greatest gift ever.
Paige Allen, age 8

I wunt a eDDsix1 game I wunt marios EDlant I wunt a BiaKLaBrappy I wunt a picpoDro I wunt a squegey I wunt a gthre and drume I wunt a hrsreyrimboor. xbox360ED
Unsigned

Disney spo puppy Barbie Hair Doll36111
Guitar first Aoc first ACT Discovery High
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passwerd journaleosy-Bake Moon Dough
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Unsigned

Querido Santa Santayo si creo que tu eres real. Si ya se que muchas personas cren tu no eves real. Yo si recreo qe tu ered y rapido. Poreso cres que me puedes traen me el roller coaster, wii, juego de Wii, un barcode juguete con personas y tambien un abion con remoto. Santa tambien traia chango.
Mateo Blanco

wat I want for christmas is a doll housh. a xbox 360 a DQ blizzard maker. a babby alive. a snow con machine. a bell of you'r sleigh a babby puppy. a babby sister an america girl dall
Jayci Carroll

To those Who are raindeer in training Merry Christmas to you and Santa and Mrs. Clause
Savanna Garza

Querido Santa Close, yo quiero un xbox360 Kinect. Ahora Que estar en espesial. Querido Cristobal yo te voy a Dejar unas gayetas y leche. Querido
Cristobal Marid

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CHRISTMAS

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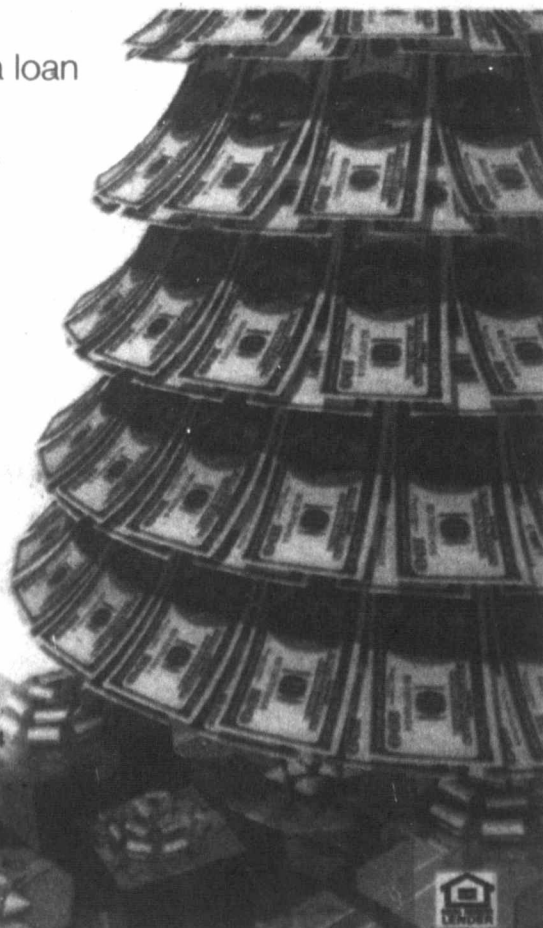
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