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A. Santa is expected to arrive in Colorado City Tuesday night, December 24 after all the good little girls and boys are in bed asleep!

Briefly

Community Mission
The Community Mission is asking for assistance from the people of Mitchell County in obtaining warm clothing, such as coats, sweaters and jackets to be given to the people in need. If anyone has good used winter clothes, please bring them to the mission building at 300 E 3rd St. Especially needed are children's clothing, all ages. Also blankets and quilts are needed.

Public Notice
Parents of home-schooled students and those enrolled in private schools are being notified that the local school district will conduct a full individual evaluation of your student if you suspect that he or she is disabled. If the student qualifies as a student with a disability, he or she may be eligible for special education and related services. You may initiate a referral for a full and individual evaluation by notifying Dr. Nancy Jobes at 207 Musgrove Street, Sweetwater or calling 235-8621.

Basketball schedule
The Westbrook Varsity basketball games against Southland scheduled for January 2 have been changed. The games will be played in Westbrook, Monday, December 30 beginning at 2 and 3:30 pm.

City of Loraine Notice
The City of Loraine has moved their offices to 111 S. Main (the old Loraine clinic building). The phone number will remain the same, 915-737-2222. Loraine City Hall now has a Drop Box for your convenience, located between the two windows to the left of the front door.

Closing for Holidays
The offices of Representative Rob Junell will be closing Friday, December 20, 2002 for the holiday season. The offices will reopen Thursday, January 2, 2003.

Immunization Schedule
There will be an immunization clinic in Colorado City Tuesday, January 7 from 10-12 and 1:30-3 at the Wallace Center, 149 South Hwy. 208. Please Bring child's immunization record to clinic. For more information, please call 915-754-4945.

Deaths

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Around Town

Happy Birthday **Margaret Rees** (Dec. 29)... Happy 29th Anniversary **Frank and Jessica Bassham** (Dec. 29)...Happy Birthday **Krisha Arispe** (Dec. 24)... Happy Birthday **Letticia Alcantar** (Dec. 27)... Happy Birthday **Mari Espinoza** (Dec. 27)... Happy Holidays to all the servicemen and women from Mitchell County...

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Christmas meal special to TDCJ prison inmates

By Carl Graham

Being away from home on Christmas is extremely lonely for anyone at this time of the year, but, if you are a prison inmate, the loneliness is even more difficult to deal with during the holiday season.

However, the food service staff that are employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) goes the extra mile on Christmas in an attempt to make things a little more tolerable, preparing a nice meal, and a little extra time to enjoy it.

That, of course, means a lot of extra work for the TDCJ food service employees and the inmates who are assigned to the kitchen.

The folks at the Ware Unit will be preparing to serve approximately 850 meals while the Wallace Unit group will be preparing for approximately 1,276 meals.

That adds up to a lot of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings to prepare, meaning you have to get an early start in order to make sure everything is ready to start serving by 9 a.m. Christmas morning.

Actually, food service officers and inmates assigned to the Wallace and Ware units begin preparing certain items like cornbread to be used in making dressing three or four days ahead of time and bag oranges and apples in brown paper bags to be given out to inmates as they leave the dining room after eating their Christmas fare.

The Wallace and Ware Units food service operation, under the supervision of Captain Teresa Hart, a veteran of several

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CHRISTMAS MEAL PREPARATIONS began in earnest last Friday at the Wallace Unit when Reginald Booth, left, started the task of grinding up cornbread into finer pieces while Michael Hale of San Angelo and Narciso Vega of Houston take toasted bread off of a sheet pan to add to the mixture. More than 2,100 meals were prepared to feed the inmates housed at the Wallace and Ware Units here in Colorado City.

County lawsuit settled; Hesperian room available

A settlement has been reached in a lawsuit brought against Mitchell County by Colorado City resident Seneca L. Lee over the refusal of the County Library to allow use of the Hesperian Meeting Room to discuss cultural, worldly issues from a Biblical perspective.

The settlement of the lawsuit and dismissal of the case transpired on Friday, the 13th of December.

According to Lee, the plantiff in the case, the county policy on the meetings was repealed,

"The policy prohibiting groups access to the Hesperian Meeting Room for religious purposes has been repealed and any religious organization can now have full use of the facility," said Lee. "A policy will be adopted with essentially identical terms as the old one. The defendent, which in this case is the county, agrees to allow us access to the Hesperian Meeting Room to hold a meeting on the same terms and conditions as other applicants pursuant to the new policy."

The new policy states the following:

As a community service, the Mitchell County Library Board makes the Hesperian Room available for use by non-profit community groups. Groups may use the meeting room either for private meetings or to present programs for the general public. Programs, which are open to the general public must be open to all, consistent with informational, educational and cultural pruposes of the library. The Hesperian Room shall not be used for commercial business purposes. No

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Trash schedule changed

City trash collection will be revamped this week because of the Christmas holidays. There was no trash collection on Christmas Eve, Dec.24 and there will be no pickup on Christmas Day.

Trash collection will resume on Thursday on the southside of town from Cherry to Hickory and Friday from Hickory to Eastover, 15th to Interstate 20 and Quail Run Apartments, as regularly scheduled.

No business trash collection will be done on Wednesday, Jan. 1, but will resume on Thursday.

Dumptrucks will be placed behind City Hall at 180 W. Third St. for Christmas trash to be deposited by citizens.

Local trail of lights tour better than ever

An entertaining evening is being offered to citizens who want to start observing Christmas by seeing the outdoor lights displayed around town.

The Colorado City Record's "Trail of Lights" tour was mapped out Sunday Night. This year there are two trails.

Start at the Kiwanis Park in downtown Colorado City heading north on Chestnut. See the lights displayed on 6th & Chestnut, 805 Chestnut, 1024 Chestnut, and 11th & Chestnut. Check out the Holiday art at Kristi Lee Manor and the house across the street in the 1900 block of Chestnut.

Turn right on 22nd St. and right on Locust Street, see the lights displayed at 2136 Locust, 2037 Locust, 2026 Locust,

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Fencing bid awarded

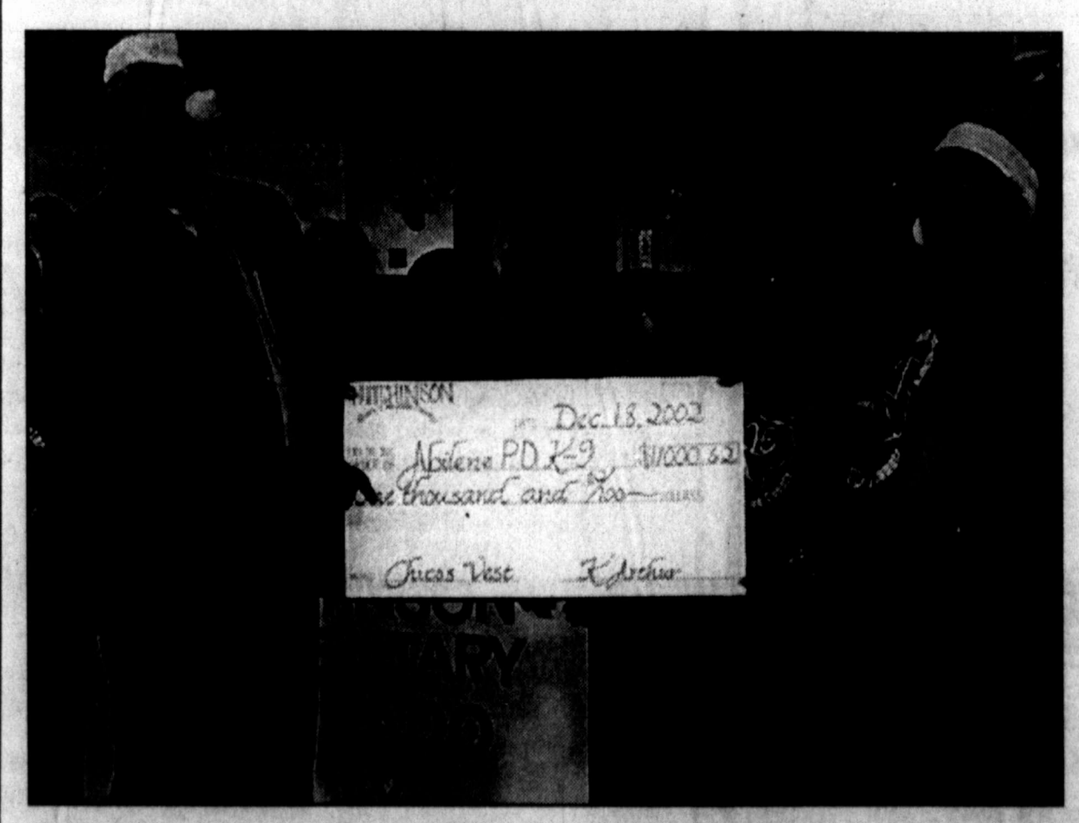
Last week the fencing materials bid for the new Mitchell County Sports Complex was awarded to FenceCo of Midland for $45,743.64. Prison inmates will construct the fencing at the complex.

The $882,000 sports complex will have baseball or softball fields, soccer fields, a concession stand, sand volleyball pits, basketball courts, a one acre Texas Poppy Mallows flower garden, a walking track and other features. The 20-acre sports complex is located just west of Nobles Road Construction Co. on the north side of Interstate 20.

"My hope is that they will be able to play spring ball

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Hutchinson kids raise over $1,000 for vest



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL held a "penny" drive to raise funds to purchase a bullet-proof vest for Abilene Police Dog, Chico. Ms. Dea's fifth-grade class presented the check for Chico's vest to Abilene Police Chief Melvin Martin on Wednesday, December 18th.

Hutchinson Elementary Students met their goal of $1,000 to buy Chico, an Abilene Police Dog, a bullet-proof vest. The children raised $1,000.62 in a "penny" drive.

When Abilene Police Officer, Ismael Jaimes brought his K-9 partner, Chico, to see the students he never dreamed the kids would start a fund-raising drive to buy Chico a bullet-proof vest.

Hutchinson Elementary School Principal Kitten Arthur invited Jaimes to bring Chico and make a presentation to her students for Red Ribbon Day, part of the school's Drug Awareness Week observance, held each October.

Chico, like the APD's three other K-9's, is trained to search for narcotics and evidence, in handler protection and in tracking. During the visit, a student asked whether Chico had a bullet-proof vest to protect him. Jaimes said no, it just wasn't in the department's budget at this time to purchase such a vest.

After Chico's visit to the school, the children continued to think about the dog's need for protection on the job. One of the teachers remembered reading about a young girl who started a nationwide program called "Vest-A-Dog" to provide bullet-proof vests for police dogs. This program has provided over 1,000 vests to police dogs nationwide.

The children were inspired by what this child had accomplished and decided to hold a "penny" drive to purchase Chico a vest. "It's really about the power of one, what even one person can accomplish. We try to teach our kids that, together, we can do anything," said Arthur.

Arthur challenged the students to raise $1,000 within a week. Arthur said the school was soon inundated with coins the students had to count and roll themselves. "It became not only a great fund-raiser, but we used it as a learning tool, as well," she said. "We got into estimation, something we do to train for the TEKS test, with such things as 'how many pennies will it take to make a pound?' At the end of the last day of counting, I told each of the students to stop by my office on their way home and tell me how many pennies were in

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PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

This is a series by Ken Northcutt, Pastor, New Life Bible Ministries, dealing with the study of Scripture. As I was meditating the Word of God in His Book of the Psalm, Chapter 119, I was stirred very deeply by the Lord's intimacy. The following is a description of my thoughts and emotions given to me by the Lord, as I reflected on the Scriptures. I encourage you to make Him a part of your life, to meditate the Sciptures often, and allow Him to speak directly to your heart. Today's passage is Psalm 119:49-56, taken from the New King James Version of the Holy Bible.

[49]Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to hope.
[50]This is my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.
[51]The proud have me in great derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
[52]I remember Your judgements of old, O LORD,
And have comforted myself.
[53]Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.
[54]Your statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
[55]I remember Your name in the night, O LORD,
And I keep Your law.
[56]This has become mine,
Because I kept Your precepts.

There have been times, when I have felt the dark side of life, even as a Christian. At such times I have been tempted to lose faith, waste my hope, and give in to Satan's snares. On occasion I have experienced the scornful glare of the high-handed wickedness of a very proud eye. I have experienced the last of wicked tongues; veiled in Christian robes, perched high on pinnacles of self worth. Yea, even the so called "Holy in Christ" have set their fangs and hung on with all their might. Nevertheless, I immerse myself deeply in the Word of God, and I know He is with me. I experience sadness, a hint of sorrow, for those who attack the work of God and expose themselves to His "holy anger."

However, as I consider the briefness of time on earth, I am uneasy with the apparent misuse of time by many Christians. Time on earth is but a brief instant and yet so important in the human mind. As one thinks back to a familiar scene in life, and places a time on that scene, he quickly realizes the many, many years that have fled, and wonders where the time has gone. It is as if a mighty wind has swept it away, as the fierce and brutal sea misplaces a grain of sand.

As I begin to understand my role as a pastor, I am in constant search of God's will in the message He desires for me to deliver. Much of my time is spent in meditation, reflection and prayer, searching God's Heart for messages that will convict, inspire, uplift, and bring comforting assurance. Still, when time calls me back to reality, I am drawn to the Lord's message of **death**, the message He has intended for **all** people. It is the summons to prepare my flock for demise. It sounds morbid and gruesome, where as in fact, it is very uplifting and joyful. If I am to be successful, I must make ready my flock for **death**, to the extent that they are prepared for **life.** As the flock becomes equipped for the end of life's existence on earth; as they allow God's guidance to work in their hearts; they will discover they have arranged for life here and herafter. When the "monster of death is conquered through life in Christ, life more abundant exists here on earth.

As I remember the blessed hope of His Word, I steal a brief glance back into the long ago and envision myself, along with the Psalmist, sunk down in the mire and muck of the world, the cares that infest the day. And then, with a Mighty Watchful Hand, God reaches down and draws us free from the grasp of Satan's ugly den. He gently places us on solid soil, and together we erupt into the Psalms of the night; and the night is filled with music; and the darkness blossoms into the golden swirls of dawn.

I am able to sleep, now. The pillow seems much softer, now. The blanket adds a touch of God's gentle caress, to sooth the eager heart.

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TRAIL

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2003 Locust and 1715 Locust.

Follow the trail left on 17th, then turn right on Waco, see the display at 1515 Waco and the beautiful lights at 725 Marshall, go left to 859 Marshall, then turn on left Dallas, viewing 1408 Dallas, 1425 Dallas, 15th & Dallas, and 1544 Dallas.

See the light display on 17th & Watson turn left to 1605 Watson. Go over to 930 13th, 957 13th, and 980 13th, turn left on Eastover to 1402 Eastover.

This trail ends with a fantastic display on Marshall; 967 Marshall, 962 Marshall, 959 Marshall, 956 Marshall, 945 Marshall, 939 Marshall, 921 Marshall, and 910 Marshall.

A second "Trail of Lights" begins at the Mitchell County Abstract Office 120 W 2nd, turn right on Oak to 420 Oak, see the display of lights at 9th St. & Oak, Santa is waving in the yard with Frosty the Snowman at 903 Oak. The trail continues at 1223 Oak, 1237 Oak, 1305 Oak, 1412 Oak, see the lighted trees at 1435 Oak.

Continue over to 1325 Pine turning right on Cypress, see the Christmas display at 13th & Cypress. Go left on 14th to 433 W. 14th. Follow the trail over to 1304 13th. Turn right on Pine to 1038 Pine, 1026, Pine, 1004 Pine, ending the trail at 5th & Pine.

To all the citizens of Mitchell County who took the time and effort to decorate your yard for the holidays, the community says, "Thanks!" To those who were not mentioned, it was not intentional, call the *Record* and next year you will be included.

COMPLEX

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there," said Windi Fuller, grantwriter and manager of the County Board of Economic Development. Fuller said the sod has to be planted and given at least six weeks to grow before playing. The goal is to have the complex primarily finished by March 2003.

"The lighting materials are to arrive soon and we will see the lights being put up in January," said Fuller.

The scoreboards and bleachers still need to be constructed and the basketball court and running track laid down on the complex. "We still have alot of work to do but it should come together quickly," Fuller said.



SANTA CLAUS, or better known as mayor pro-tem Sammy Contreras, arrived with his sleigh and all his elves at the Valley Fair Lodge Nursing Home last Friday evening. More than 100 attended the annual Christmas party for the residents.

LAWSUIT

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merchandise or services shall be sold or solicited. Group meetings and group sponsored programs shall be free-of-charge. Fees, dues (except regular club dues) or donations shall not be charged or solicited unless proceeds go to the library.

Social groups and gatherings (showers, birthday parties, dances, etc.) shall not be allowed use of the Hesperian Room."

Lee said he has already scheduled the Hesperian Room for a meeting that will be held at 3:30 p.m., Jan. 15.

"Our meetings are held on training up disciples and discipleship," said Lee. "We also conduct investigations on discrimination and unlawful acts from worldly issues."

Lee gives the Lord the glory for the settlement of the lawsuit.

"I give our Lord all the credit and the glory for the settlement of this case," said Lee. "He was the one that fought my battle and was my main strength and counsel."

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The Medicare Law allows establishment of a Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program by any State that has submitted the necessary assurances and complies with the statutory requirements for designation of hospitals as Critical Access Hospitals CAHs).

To be eligible as a CAH, a facility must be a currently participating Medicare hospital before being downsized to a health clinic or health center. The facility must be located in a rural area of a State that has established a Medicare rural hospital flexibility program, and must be located more than a 35 mi. drive from any other hospital or critical access hospital or be certified with the State to be a "necessary provider" In mountainous terrain or in areas with only secondary roads available, the mileage criterion is 15 miles. In addition, the facility must make available 24 hr emergency care services, provide not more than 15 beds for acute (hospital level) in patient care, and maintain a length of stay, as determined on an annual average basis of no longer than 96 hours. Mitchell County Hospital District is closer than 35 miles to hospitals in Sweetwater and Snyder. We contacted an expert from ORCA who states that because we are a health provider shortage area , a rural county, a medically underserved county we would still qualify.

We would only qualify for this category if we apply and are approved while we are in our current building. This means that our application must be moved along very rapidly if we are to achieve this status. Our accountants feel that Critical Access would substantially improve our financial situation .

An exception to the 15 bed requirement is made for swing-bed facilities, which are allowed to have up to 25 inpatient beds that can be used interchangeably for acute or SNF-level care, provided that not more than 15 beds are used at any one time for acute care. The facility is also required to meet the conditions of participation for CAHs. Designation by the State is not sufficient for CAH status. To participate and be paid as a CAH, a facility must be certified as a CAH by HCFA.

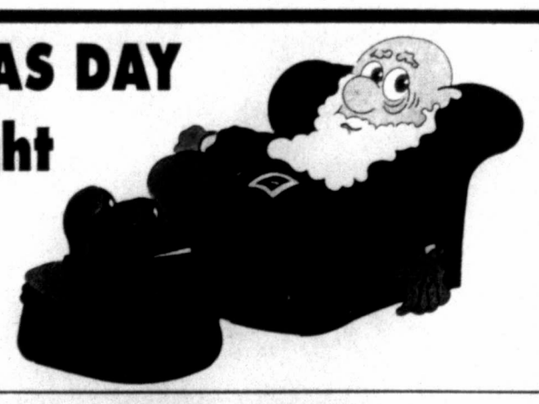
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* High Medicare inpatient utilization. (50%)	YES
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Sam's First Christmas

An Original Christmas Story by Daniel 'Chip' Ciammaichella

Wow, this Christmas stuff is really neat. I've been watching my family scurry around for weeks, just to get ready for this one, beautiful, magical morning. I've never seen anything like this before, and even though Mom and Dad try to explain it all to me and have told me wonderful Christmas stories, I'm not sure I understand it.

I'm Sam, and although I've been around the block a few times, I must admit this is the first time I've ever encountered this thing called Christmas. I've been on this earth for over 10 months and thought I knew it all. Now I find I'm not quite as worldly as I thought. Eh, live and learn.

Discovering new things is the spice of life and boy have I been discovering things lately. Who'd have thought you could plant a tree right inside the house? I'd always thought something was missing in the living room and when Dad brought that tree in, I knew what it was! What a great place for a tree.

And what a tree it is. Sure, I'm no tree expert, but I've been around my share and I've never seen a tree like this. It's green and fluffy, and reaches almost to the ceiling. As great as that tree would be by itself, the family immediately began to decorate it.

First, they dressed the tree in red, white, and blue lights that twinkled like miniature stars, and then they hung bright colored glass balls all around it. Dad placed a little angel on the top of the tree, too. She was dressed in a long, white satin gown that draped gracefully over the treetop. She's really pretty. The best part was the long string of popcorn they wound round and round the tree. Popcorn was something new to me also, and though I was frightened by the popping sound it made on the oven, it sure tasted good. Of course Mom doesn't know I snuck some, so don't tell.

As long as we're sharing secrets, I've gotta tell you that I sneak food a lot. Now with this Christmas thing, Mom makes a lot of good stuff to eat, but rarely lets me have any. She claims it'll spoil my dinner, or sometimes she just says, "It's not for you." Who needs that yucky stuff for dinner when there are fresh baked cookies, cake, pies and candy all over the place. Mom always turns her back or leaves the kitchen for awhile. Then, I strike. Heh, heh, Mom needs eyes in the back of her head to keep track of me.

Mom does catch me snatching goodies sometimes. When she does, she scolds me, washes me up, and puts me into the other room. I try to be good for awhile, but then I forget. Then I get into the cat's food. Mom really hates that, but not as much as Fluffy does. I'm not afraid of no kitty, but Fluffy is sure scared of me. I especially like to catch her when she's drinking out of the toilet. As she leans into the bowl to get a drink, I sneak up and knock her in. Boy does she hate that!

I don't know why I'm not allowed to eat the cat food. If it's good enough for Fluffy, why not me too? Fluffy gets to drink out of the toilet, but I can't. Darn cat even drinks from the tree water. I should try that sometime.

Christmas tree water would be hard to get to know, because there's so many pretty boxes stuffed underneath the tree. There are big boxes, little boxes, and in-between sized boxes, and all of them wrapped with pretty bright paper with colorful bows and ribbons. So much stuff. I wonder what's in there? I tried to peek a few times, but Dad caught me and warned me not to spoil everyone's surprises. That was when Dad was putting most of those boxes under the tree. He didn't think I was awake, but I was.

Late last night, after everyone but Mom was asleep, Dad brought in a whole bunch of boxes and put them under the Christmas tree. He and Mom seemed real happy, and sang songs as they arranged the presents under the tree. Later, Mom went off to bed, but not before leaving milk and cookies on the coffee table. She told Dad they were for Santa Claus. Dad just chuckled, and chased Mom up the stairs. Once again, I struck with lightening speed, trying to tear the paper off the first box I could get to. That's when Dad returned.

After Dad scolded me, he smacked me on the rear end and sent me to bed. But I snuck back a little later. Who can sleep with all that good stuff lying aorund, just waiting to be played with? By me!

As I crept towards the mountain of presents under the tree, I remembered the cookies Mom had left. I didn't know who this Santa Claus was, and I didn't care. Those cookies were mine. Mmmmmmmm, chocolate chip. I just love chocolate chip cookies. I did what any self-respecting chocolate chip cookie lover would do; I ate them.

Just as I was finishing off the last of the cookies, I got such a scare that I almost choked. From out of nowhere, a big fuzzy, white guy all dressed in red grabbed me by the ear. He spoke with a voice as deep as a mineshaft...

"Ho, ho, ho so you've eaten all my cookies."

I thought that I was a goner, soon to be murdered by a funny looking buglar. So young, so full of promise... I never even got to open the pretty presents.

My fears were eased as he continued to speak.

"No matter, I've had enough chocolate chip cookies tonight to last till next Christmas. Besides, a growing young fella like you needs a good cookie more than I. Come here and give old Santa hand."

Santa? So this must be that Santa Claus fellow. What a piece of work! He was only about half as high as Dad, but just as wide as he was tall. He had a pudgy but jolly face, with rosy red cheeks and a bright red button nose. His long hair and beard were white like snow and he had a big round belly, kinda like mine after I've eaten too much. He wore a bright red coat and pants with white fur around the edges. His belt and his boots were black like Dad's bowling ball, and shined like a mirror. He wore a funny looking red hat on his head, with a white fuzzball on the tip. Dad has a hat like that.

Over his houlder was a great red canvas sack, filled to the brim with pretty boxes, just like the ones Dad had placed under the tree earlier. He tossed the sack to the floor, and began to remove boxes and place them under the tree, right along side the others. I helped as much as I could, and wondered if Santa had brought anything for me. Santa seemed to read my mind.

"Of course I brought something for you. You've been a good fella this year, even if you did eat my cookies. Just be patient, and wait until the whole family canopen their gifts together."

With that, SAnta gathered his things and stood near the fireplace. He gave me a wink as he put a thumb to his nose, then he was gone in a rush of red light and fairy dust. "Cool," I thought to myself.

Santa's advice to be patient stayed in my mind. I didn't forget. Since it was almost daylight, I curled up near the biggest present and drifted off to sleep. Wouldn't everyone ve surprised when they awoke?

When Mom gently shook me awake, the whole family was up and gathered around the tree. The glow of the brightly-lit Christmas tree was reflected in the anxious faces of everyone. When can we open our presents, Mom? It's time! Everyone is beginning to open their presents. I wonder what I got? Isn't this Christmas stuff wild?

But wait. I didn't get anything for anybody else. I should have realized. But it's not too late, while everyone is busy opening their presents, I'll just sneak under the tree and leave a present of my own. There, I made it. Careful -- oh oh, Mom spotted me.

"Sam! What are you doing under that tree? Oh, honey! Look what that darn dog did under the Christmas tree!

Dorn Chapel hosts annual Christmas program

Dorn Chapel United Methodist Church hosted its sixteenth annual Christmas and Candle Light Service on Saturday, December 21, at the historic 111-year-old chapel of the Dorn Community.

The service included traditional Christmas carols, music specials, Christmas remembrances, inspirational messages and Candlelight Service.

The Christmas decorated sanctuary was filled to capacity with season inspired guests. They were taken back in time with a Christmas Service that brought fond memories of simpler times, the reason for the season and blessings more appreciated at this time of year. They gathered from Colorado City, Mitchell County, Westbrook, Loraine, Coahoma, Dallas, Waco, Houston and Azle.

Reverend Kiefer Cauble directed the service, initiated the Christmas remembrances and provided an inspirational message. Music specials were provided by Doyle Mitchell, Debby Mitchell, Tim McCallay, Bobby and Teresa Matlock, Sarah Petty, Charline Hays, and Paulette Lindsey. Bobby Richardson narrated "The Inkeeper", Sylvia Clanton and Henry Hoyle directed songs and Dana Moody provided piano accompaniment.

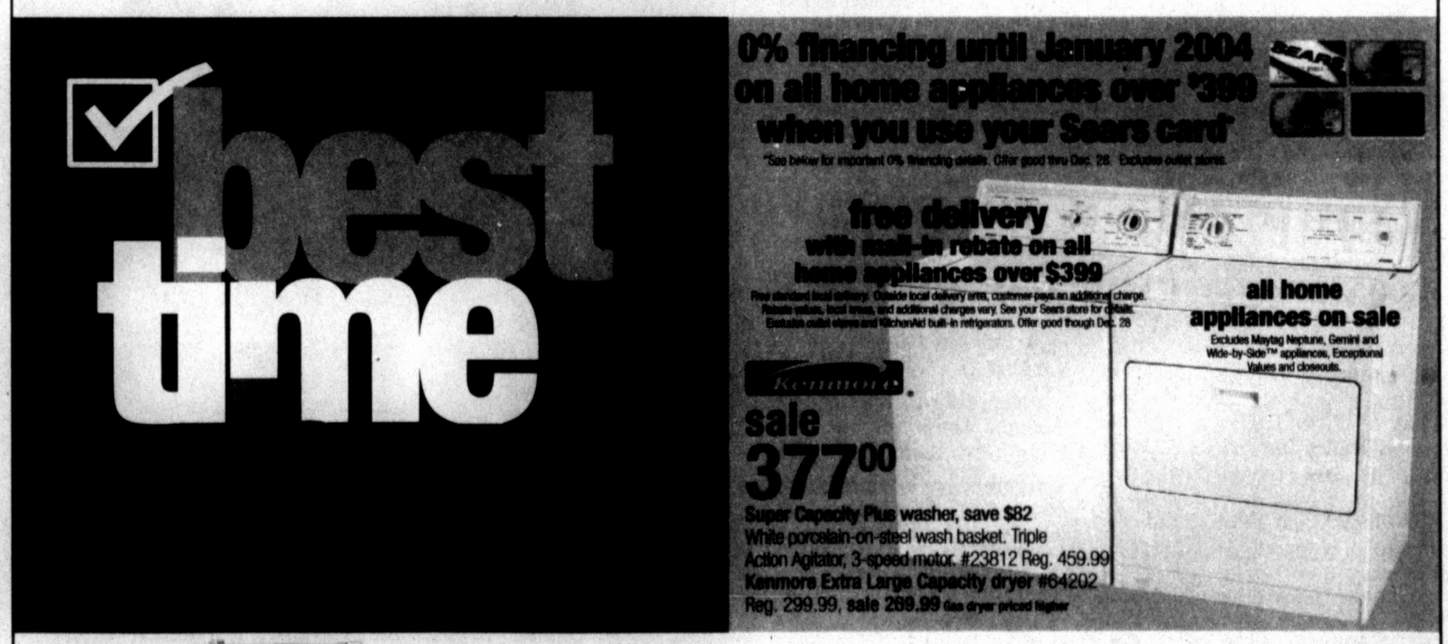
The service concluded with a candlelighting service and singing of "Silent Night."



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OBITUARIES

Arthur Carter
1909-2002

Arthur Carter, 93, of Hewitt, Texas, died on Saturday, December 21, 2002. Funeral services were held Monday, December 23, at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waco, Texas officiated by Reverend G.B. Polk. Entombment was in the Chapel Hill Memorial Park.

Mr. Carter was born in Mitchell County on December 16, 1909, to the late Jones Ira and Laura Tankersly Carter. He and Stella Dyer Carter, his wife of 69 years, lived for many years in the Plainview Community where he farmed, and was a member of the Plainview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Stella, of the home; three sons, R.A. Carter and wife, Retha, of Waller, Texas; Royce and wife, Vera Lee Carter, of Dallas; Randy Carter, of Hewitt, Texas; and one daughter, Lynda, and husband, Larry Walker, also of Hewitt. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Peggy Faulkenberry
1924-2002

Mrs. Peggy Faulkenberry, 78, of Colorado City, died Tues., Dec. 17, 2002 at her residence. Services were held at 11 a.m. Fri., Dec. 20 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial followed in the Lamesa Memorial Gardens in Lamesa, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Faulkeberry was born Jan. 30 ,1924 in Lamesa to Charles A. and Sarah E. McNew Merritt and had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1974. She married Alvie Faulkenberry, Jr. on Dec. 4, 1943 in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on June 9, 2000. She was a homemaker, a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors include a son, Alvie Faulkenberry III of Crandall, Tx.; a daughter, Vicki of Colorado City; a brother, Ralph Merritt of Spicewood, Tx.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jackie Faulkenberry; a daughter, Sonja Lawson, five sisters and five brothers.

Willard B. "Burt" Rhodes
1947-2002

Mr. Willard B. "Burt" Rhodes, 55, of Amarillo and formerly of Colordo City, died Wed., Dec. 18, 2002 in an Amarillo care center. Graveside services were held Sat., Dec. 21, in the Colorado City Cemetery with Dr. Ted Spear officiating, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Rhodes was born May 7, 1947 in El Paso to George R. and Lorene Welch Rhodes. He grew up in colorado City and graduated from Ravenna School in Ravenna, Ohio in 1965. He married Teri Smith in May, 2002 in Amarillo. He was a truck driver and a Baptist. In January 2002, he rededicated his life to Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Teri Rhodes of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a son, Shawn Rhodes of Longview; two daughters, Laura Menges of San Angelo and Tami Castillo of Snyder; a brother, Roy P. Rhodes of Argyle, Tx; a sister, Rheta Autry of Amarillo and 9 grandchildren, Lico Castillo, Autumn Castillo, John Menges, Clayton Menges, Jacob Menges, Tori Menges, Jordan Rhodes, Kallee Rhodes and Landry Rhodes.

Kathy Willis
1962-2002

Mrs. Kathy Willis, 40, of Colorado City, died Thursday, December 19, 2002 in a San Angelo hospital. Services were held Sunday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Willis was born July 25, 1962 in Loraine to Charley and Jo Nell Garrett Pilkington. She had lived in Colorado City since 1992. She married William Earl Willis on July 25, 1978. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1993. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis Craghead; her mother, Jo Nell Pilkington of Colorado City; two sisters, Mary Jo Kay of Snyder and Gay Nell Massingill of Hobbs, NM; two brothers, Charles Ray Pilkington of Hobbs, NM and Sammy Dean Pilkington of Hobbs, NM; her mother-in-law, Kay Craghead of Colorado City and her grandmother-in-law, Ginny Craghead of Colorado City.

She is also preceded in death by her father, Charley Pilkington.

Marcia Collier
1952-2002

Ms. Marcia Collier, 50, of Colorado City, died Sunday, December 8, 2002 in a Lubbock hospital. Her body was cremated and no service is planned.

Marcia was born January 22, 1952 in Visalia, CA to Oliver and Lorene Delk Collier. She had been a resident of Colorado City for 30 years and was a hairdresser.

Ms. Collier is survived by her mother, Lorene Collier of Visalia, CA; a daughter, Lisa Collier of Orosi, CA; four grandchildren and special friends, Tim Mitchell and Walter Sickles, both of Colorado City.

Commissioners approve new vehicles for county

The Mitchell County Commissioner's Court met on Monday and approved the low bid of $108,350.00 for a new road grader for Precinct 2.

The low bidder was Yellowhouse Machinery Company of Odessa and the bid did not include a maintenence agreement.

Other items of business was the approval of the court to seek bids on two new sheriff's vehicles.

According to Sheriff Patrick Toombs, one vehicle will be bought by using drug forfeiture money while the other will be purchased using county money.

No action was taken on awarding bids for lighting at the sports complex.



THE COMMUNITY MISSION gave 100 Christmas food baskets and lots of toys collected from the Kiwaniannes Mitchell County Toy Drive to qualified families on Friday, December 20th. Shown in the photo: (left to right) Community Mission Director, Shirley Stafford and volunteers Betty Anderson, Lonie Pruitt, Jesse Aguilar, Jerry Turnage, Lucky Aguilar, and Ann Anderson.

Donations help 100 local families

The Community Mission gave 100 Christmas food baskets and lots of toys collected from the Kiwaniannes Mitchell County Toy Drive to qualified families on Friday, December 20. Each year the mission provides food baskets during the holidays for needy families.

The mission receives donations of clothing and shoes throughout the year that are offered free to those in need. The mission asks only for donations if you have it to give.

Volunteers spent countless hours picking up donations and preparing the food baskets given Friday.

"Merry Christmas from all the volunteers that work hard for you all year," said Shirley Stafford.

Farmers face more marketing decisions

With a new farm program in place, producers will have more marketing decisions to make than ever before, according to a Texas A&M economist.

"Farm program benefits will be directly and substantially affected by both market direction and changes in market prices," said Jacke Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension economist. "The key to successfully dealing with that risk includes knowledge of farm program provisions, as well as the forces likely to drive prices up or down in the futures and cash markets.

"Several of our speakers in the upcoming Master Marketer program will address special price risk management tools necessary to help offset that risk."

For example, producer income under the new safety net provisions of the farm program is determined by the market price received, a potential loan deficiency payment (LDP), the new counter-cyclical payment (CCP), and a fixed direct payment (DP). Only the direct payment is independent of market prices. The other factors (market price, LDP, CCP) are market dependent, and can be protected or enhanced through marketing strategies.

"The new counter-cyclical payment is directly tied to market prices. That payment will be highest when prices are lowest, but it will disappear when market prices reach a certain level," Smith said. "Learning how to manage farm bill provisions such as the counter cyclical payment should be an integral part of your marketing plan. Educating producers and helping them develop strategies to reduce price risk is a key goal of the instructors in our next series of Master Marketer classes."

The first of four 2003 Master Marketer Program sessions begins on January 22, 2003. The registration deadline for this in-depth, intensive marketing and risk management education program is January 7, 2003. Participants will learn how to identify and evaluate marketing opportunities, and then design and follow through with sound marketing plans.

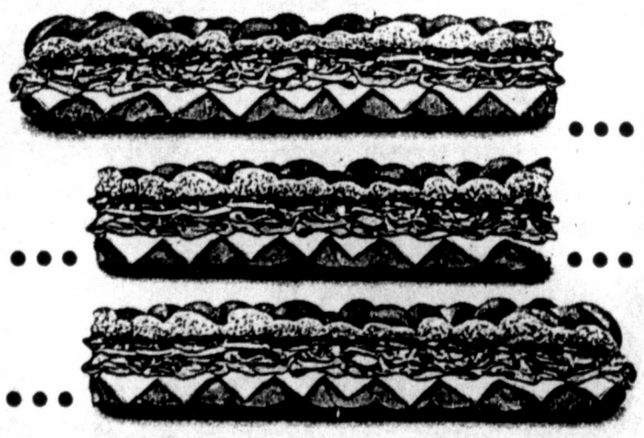
Sign-up for the January 2003 program is in progress. Texans can get registration forms or more information by calling Smith at (806)746-6101, or their local county Extension office.



JANIE LOU GREENLEE and Martha Anderson are pictured with 130 new books that were donated to the Children's Toy Drive by the Mitchell County Retired Teachers. Joan Lemons was the chairperson of the Children's Book Project.

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ABILENE POLICE OFFICER ISMAEL JAIMES and his K-9 partner, Chico performed maneuver at Hutchinson Elementary School Wednesday, December 18.



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students made and signed a card for Abilene Police Dog, Chico for his visit to the school last week.

HUTCHINSON

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$1,000."

Ms. Dea's fifth-grade class presented the check for Chico's vest to Abilene Police Chief Melvin Martin on Wednesday, December 18th. Ms. Dea's class won the honor to present the check by raising the most money of all the classes, $254.00. KTXS-TV of Abilene was in attendance at the presentation and showed Hutchinson students on television.

Abilene Assistant Police Chief Ed Dye, who supervises the K-9 unit said the $1,000 should cover the cost of Chico's vest, which must be special ordered for the dog. Wednesday, Chico wore a vest special made for him from one of the Hutchinson T-shirts.

"It's just incredible what these students have accomplished," Dye said. "It will provide an added measure of security for Chico and we really appreciate it. To see young people undertake a project like this and to succeed so completely just shows the quality of young people we have in West Texas. They deserve as much recognition as we can give them. They are role models for all of us."

Hutchinson students will be presented with the "Humanitarian of the Year Award" in January 2003 by radio station, Power 103.

This isn't the first time the Hutchinson students have held a successful fund raising drive. Last year, they raised $1,200 for the Red Cross to benefit the victims of the 9-11 attacks. In 2000, they donated $500 to the Colorado City Heart of West Texas Museum. "We ask for so much from our communities and we try to ask our children to give back," Arthur said.

This week while writing letters to Santa, the children took the time to make Christmas cards for a young girl Haley Roach of Tennessee (with cancer), Haley had told her family she wanted to receive Christmas cards from all over, so the students made cards for Haley and mailed them on Thursday.



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POLICE REPORT

• On Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at about 12:49 pm, Don Frizzell, 1515 Watson Street reports Theft. Two tarps were stolen from his semi-truck, which was parked at Truck Town Restaurant. Estimated Loss: $800. Investigating Officer: Torres.

• On Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at about 11:18 pm, Martin Givens, 22 year old male, Snyder, Texas was arrested at 6th and Pine Streets for Driving While Intoxicated. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Taylor.

• On Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at about 10:29 am, Bryant Bunting, 31 year old male, Snyder, Texas was arrested at Hwy. 208 Bypass and South Service Road I-20 for Public Intoxication. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell.

• On Thursday, December 19, 2002 at about 7:45 am, Fuller Foods, 405 Hickory Street reports Forgery. A check belonging to Mr. virgil Stone was forged and passed at the store. A suspect has been identified and the case was filed with the District Attorney's office. Subsequently, on December 21, 2002 at about 3:07 pm Israel Davila, 33 year old male, 505 Adams Street was arrested by warrant and was charged with this offense. He is in custody at the Mitchell County Jail. Investigating Officer: Perez and Torres. Arresting Officer: Mitchell.

• On Friday, December 20, 2002, at about 9:33 pm, Donald Bretz, 28 year old male, 301 Crocket, Loraine, Texas and Robert Silva, 22 year old male, 1905 Boyd Street were arrested for Theft at Fuller Foods. The stolen property was recovered; a roll of duct tape and automotive light bulbs, valued at $2.48. Both individuals were transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Silva was further charged with an outstanding County warrant for Disorderly Conduct. Arresting Officer: Taylor.

• On Friday, December 20, 2002 at about 11:59 pm, Tommy Lee Henderson, 35 year old male, 1926 Colorado Street was arrested in the 1900 block of Colorado Street for Driving While Intoxicated. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Taylor.

• On Sunday, December 22, 2002 at about 12:47 am, Juan Guevara, 38 year old male, 229 E 8th Street was arrested in the 200 block of E 8th Street for Public Intoxication following a 911 call for a disturbance at that residence. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

• On Sunday, December 22, 2002 at about 3:30 am, Lauren Lefler, 18 year female, 720 E 8th Street was arrested at 11th and Locust Streets for Running Stop Sign, No Liability Insurance and Minor Consuming Alcohol. She was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

• On Sunday, December 22, 2002 at about 10:00 am, Louis Molina, 55 year old male, 955 E 14th Street reports Burglary of Habitation. The offense occurred on or about December 12, 2002. A Polaroid Digital camera was stolen from his residence. Estimated Loss: $150. Investigating Officer: Mitchell.

• On Thursday, December 19, 2002 at about 8:23 pm, Susan Farr, 422 Duck Puddle Rd., Colorado City reports Theft. Her wallet was stolen from her shopping cart while at Fuller Foods. The wallet contained about $30 cash and several credit cards. On December 22, 2002 three of the credit cards were found along a road in Coryell County (Gatesville) Texas. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Hicks.

• On Sunday, December 15, 2002 at about 4:03 am a one-car accident occurred in the 1600 block of Hickory Street. A white 1995 Ford Explorer driven by Lonnie Mack Lawson, 21 year old male, Sweetwater, Texas was southbound on Hickory Street. The right front tire failed and the driver lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle struck a light pole, a stop sign, and a cinder block wall of a residence and came to final rest in the northbound lane of Hickory Street. Defective equipment and alcohol are contributing factors. The driver left the scene. two passengers: October Lawson, 21 year old female, Sweetwater and Debra Watkins, 25 year old female, Sweetwater, both sustained minor injuries. Both refused medical treatment. The driver was eventually located about an hour later in the 200 block of S. Wallace Street, where he was arrested for Public Intoxication. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Investigation of False Report to Police is continuing. Investigating Officer: Heine.

• On Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at about 11:04 pm, a one-car accident occurred near 6th and Pine Streets. A 2000 black Chevrolet pickup driven by Martin Givens, 22 year old male, Snyder, Texas was making a turn at a speed too fast for conditions, lost control and rolled over. The driver was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. There were no injuries. Damage was moderate. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Tuesday, December 17, 2002 at about 11:05 am, a collision occurred at 10th and Hickory Street. A 2001 red Chevrolet 2-door, driven by Petra Aguilar, 64 year old female, 301 Santiago Street was stopped northbound on Hickory to turn left onto 10th Street. A 1991 tan Cadillac 4-door, driven by Chlotille McCarley, 76 year old female, CR 141, was northbound and stopped behind the Chevrolet. A 1986 white Dodge pickup, driven by Tina Marie McGrath, 34 year old female, CR 139 was northbound on Hickory Street and failed to control speed. The pickup collided into the back of the Cadillac, which collided into the back of the Chevrolet. There were no injuries. The pickup and Cadillac were towed from the scene. Investigating Officer: Torres.

• On Thursday, December 19, 2002 at about 7:15 pm, a collision occurred in the 1000 block of Pine Street. A 1999 red Ford 2-door driven by James Baum, 66 year old male, 309 E 4th Street was eastbound on 10th Street. A 1997 tan Ford pickup driven by Russell Merket, 41 year old male, CR 4156, Hermleigh, Texas was northbound on Pine Street and Failed to Yield Right of Way From Stop Sign. The vehicles collided in the intersection. There were no injuries and damage was minor. Investigating Officer: Mitchell.



A True Christmas Story

By Tumbleweed Smith



She walked with a limp.

The tired old lady had three offspring, two daughters and a son. The son had not been home for twenty years. He was a cab driver in a large city.

Her three children had fought each other for most of their lives.

While they were growing up, the older daughter and the son ganged up on the younger girl. They locked her in closets, told her she was adopted and would seldom let her hang out with them.

One day the older daughter was talking to her mother and asked her what she wanted for Christmas.

"I'd just love to have my three children here in my house for Christmas dinner and not be fussing," the mother replied.

One day the son, while driving his cab, saw a woman walking with a limp, crossing the street in front of his cab.

She had trouble getting up on the curb, so he got out and helped her. He stood beside his cab and watched her walk slowly and surely painfully down the sidewalk.

His eyes followed her for a long while, long enough for traffic to back up behind him. Some irate drivers let him know what they thought about him just standing there in the middle of the street. Several horns honked.

He watched her until she disappeared. He remembers seeing her, then not seeing her. She just vanished. Faded out of sight.

He got back in his cab and drove straight to his mother's house, 200 miles away.

It was Christmas Eve.

He got home to find his two sisters there along with his mother, who was ailing. The meal was a success. The three children hugged each other, talked about the past, laughed with their mother and had a good time. There was no fussing. The son gave his mother his telephone number.

After the dinner, the three returned to their homes.

The next day the mother died. One of the sisters found the brother's telephone number and he was able to get home to help his sisters bury their mother.

The son said he thought the woman who limped across the street in front of his cab was an angel.

The three are no longer estranged. They call each other frequently and talk in loving terms about their mother and growing up together. They joke about some of the childhood pranks.

And the brother remembers that angel.

School administrators commended

By Carl Graham

For the first time in many years, all three Mitchell County schools have at the helm sound, competent leadership sitting in the school superintendant positions.

In my job as the sports editor, I often come in contact with the administrators from the three schools, Loraine, Colorado City and Westbrook. I can truly say they have always been very cordial and helpful in any way they could be.

They all have a caring attitude for the students under their administration and have a goal of seeing that they all succeed in life, not just in seeing that they graduate from school.

Jim White took over as the head man at Colorado City after several years as superintendant of the Stanton school system. He began his educational career as a teacher and as a coach.

Just like in being a coach, you are only as good as your assistants, and Mr. White has a group of excellent principles working for him such as Janey Burke, Mark Merrell, Kitten Arthur and Eva Salinas.

At Westbrook, Todd Burleson is doing an excellent job. With Doc Rowell as the number two man as principal, a strong team of administrators is in place at that school.

When Loraine was able to hire current superintendant Rick Teran away from Southland, where he had been the principal, the school made a turn in the right direction. He has a very able assistant in Principal William Clements.

You can see the difference that good administrators make in the students lives just by talking to them. The students know they have their support in all the school activities and when necessary, for counseling.

Mitchell County should be proud of our school systems and of the leaders we have in place heading into the year 2003.

I know I am pleased in having the opportunity to get to know each of them.

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Indoor Walking

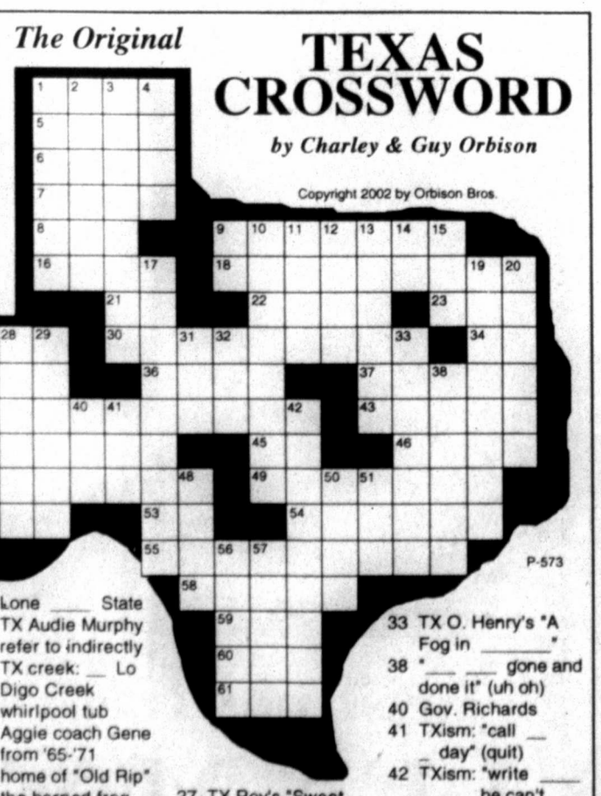
The Administration building is now available for early morning walkers in our community if they would like to walk indoors. We ask that you wear rubber-soled shoes and try to walk around the floor outside the lines and off the playing surface. The gym will be open for walking every morning Monday through Friday from 7 am through 10 am. The Wallace Center gym is also available for walking on a daily basis, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

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1 TX Trini's "If _ ___ A Hammer"
5 Oldham Co. seat
6 TX Percy Foreman defended James ___ Ray
7 western writer Zane
8 TXism: "fits like scales __ _ fish"
9 struts
16 this Harper was in "Crimes of the Heart" with TX Sissy
18 San Antonio Zoo has biggest collection of these animals
21 Taylor of TX-based "Giant" (init.)
22 ____ Sandberg said "Texas is valor and swagger"
23 Van Alstyne h.s. class
24 prophylactic
30 TXism: "_____ as hollering 'snake' at a quilting bee"
34 this Sally was in "Back Roads" with TX Tommy Lee (init.)
35 TX rancher Norris' "_ _____ of One"
36 Don ____ Aury was 1st to claim Galveston
37 this Michael was in TX Audie film "Arizona Raiders"
39 mammals under Austin's Congress Ave. Bridge (3 wds.)
43 _____ Gay bomber
44 this TX Jack is CEO of MPAA
45 TXism: "good __' boy"
46 "____ the night before Christmas . . ."
47 UT astronomers measure the distance between the ____ ___ earth
49 chief counsel to "Red Scare" Sen. McCarthy
52 TX "Mr. Sam" (init.)
53 TXism: "hunkered down and rarin' to __"
54 no longer gettin' milk from mama
55 ocean pictures
58 Philippine Island
59 amateur sports org. (abbr.)
60 Capone & Jolson
61 TX "Steak and ___"

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1 TX Buck Owens tune: "___ ___ a Tiger by the Tail"
2 in Robertson Co. on hwy. 79
3 TXism: "slippery as _ _____ pig"
4 this Timothy starred with TX Crystal Bernard on "Wings"
9 "Father of TX" (init.)
10 Houston's Indian wife was _____ of Will Rogers
11 Lone ____ State
12 TX Audie Murphy
13 refer to indirectly
14 TX creek: __ Lo Digo Creek
15 whirlpool tub
17 Aggie coach Gene from '65-'71
19 home of "Old Rip" the horned frog
20 TXism: "____ __ a squirrel up a tree"
24 Gov. _ _ Culberson (1894-98)
25 TXism: "living high ___ the hog"
26 ex-Cowboy offensive coach Turner
27 TX Roy's "Sweet _____ Baby"
28 spotted wildcat
29 "falling star"
31 TXism: "wore my fingers to the ___"
32 this Scala was in "Ride A Crooked Trail" with 12-down
33 TX O. Henry's "A Fog in _____"
38 "___ ___ gone and done it" (uh oh)
40 Gov. Richards
41 TXism: "call __ _ day" (quit)
42 TXism: "write ____ _____ he can't read fast"
48 TXism: "____ a bull give milk?" (no)
50 ____-round school
51 Astro headwear
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Chad J. Wash, Jerry Lelek to Carl W. Harman, Assignment Oil Gas and Mineral.

Dennis V. Cumbie Sub. TTEE to Public, Affidavit for Substitute.

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MARRIAGES

Christopher Ern Valenzuela, Colorado City to Ashley Nicole Stahl, Colorado City, 12-16-02.

ARRESTS

Martin Dollen Givens, 22, CCPD, DWI (M), 12-17-02.

Alejandro Velasquez, 20, THP, PCS, Cook Co. Chicago IL, 12-17-02.

Bryon Keith Bunting, 31, CCPD, PI, 12-18-02.

Victoria Martinez, 41, MCSO, Theft by Check Nolan Co., 12-19-02

FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Dan Luera, 12-17-2002, driving while lic. suspended.

Vinceson Lorenzo Calhoun, 12-17-2002, driving while intoxicated.

Rodney James Schexnayder, 12-18-2002, speeding.

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Jose D. Perales vs. Lone Wolf Resources, personal injury, 12-19-02.

State of Texas vs. $5,000, Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, 12-19-02.

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DISTRICT COURT ACTION

The State of Texas vs. Ivy Dwayne Jones, Order Amending/Modifying Community Supervision, 12-5-02.

The State of Texas vs. Anthony Lee Aaron, Order on Defendants Application for Determination of Indigency and Request for Court-Appointed Counsel, 12-5-02.

The State of Texas vs. Tami Castro, Order on Defendants Application for Determination of Indigency and Request for Court-Appointed Counsel, 12-5-02.

The State of Texas vs. Isabel Cantu, Order Amending and Extending, 12-12-02.

The State of Texas vs. Joe Martinez, Judgement and Sentence After Deferred Adjudication, 20 months in TDCJ-State Jail Division, $211.25 court costs, $300 fine, $118 restitution, 12-12-02.

The State of Texas vs. William Andrew Mattox, Order Termination Deferred Adjudication Probation, 12-12-02.

COUNTY COURT ACTION

Kasey Lynn Garcia, DWI, December 18, 2002, plea of guilty, $500 fine, $226 court costs, 60 days suspended/1 year probation, $40 per month probation fee, must attend DWI school.

Marcus Baradley Wray, DWI, December 18, 2002, plea of guilty, $500 fine, $226 court costs, 90 days suspended/ 6 months probation, $40 per month probation fee, must attend DWI school.

Ricky Clay Eades, DWI, December 18, 2002, plea of guilty, $500 fine, $226 court costs, 90 days suspended/1 year probation, $40 per month probation fee, must attend DWI school.

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Bro. Paul Smith, pastor, voiced the invocation, followed by a delicious Pile-On Supper.

Bro. Smith brought the devotional based on Matthew Chapter 2.

Gifts were exchanged from the decorated Christmas tree.

Attending were Bro. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Carlile, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Whitesides, Alma Fulton, Fay Brown, Irene Edwards and Gladys Hayes.

Also present were Nell Rollins, Marlena Rice, Judy Moore, Ruby Chambers, Mollie Warren, Helen Baucum, Naomi Williamson, Marcil Moody, Drucilla Board and Blanche Bell.

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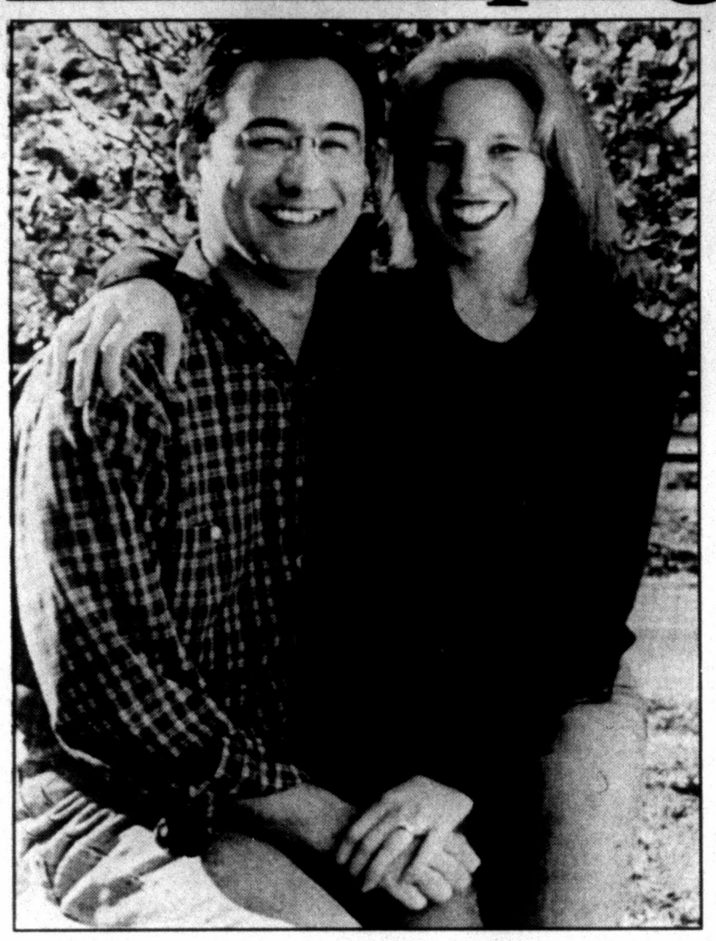
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Michael Herndon & Jennifer Jamison

Jamison, Herndon announce engagement

Rex and Elaine (Mikle) Jamison of Muskogee, OK, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Elaine of Farmers Branch, Texas, to Michael Douglas Herndon of Ft. Worth.

Herndon is the son of Doug and Kim Herndon of Hamilton, Ohio.

Jamison is the granddaughter of W. H. and Marjorie Jamison and Melba Mikle, all of Muskogee, Oklahoma and the late R.L. Mikle of Colorado City.

Herndon is the grandson of Doug and Gladys Herndon of Hamilton, Ohio and many extended family members in Japan.

Jamison is a 1992 graduate of Muskogee High School and a 1996 graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee, OK. She is a French teacher at Everman High School in Ft. Worth.

Herndon is a 1990 graduate of Hamilton High School in Ohio and a 1995 graduate of Belmont University in Tennessee. He also is a 1999 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. He is a counselor/in-home therapist at "All Church Home for Children" in Ft. Worth.

The wedding will be at 5 pm Saturday, June 14, 2003 at Oldham Memorial Baptist Church in Muskogee.





COOK'S CORNER

Holiday greetings from Cook's Corner! Do you have left-over turkey? Each year we try to run left-over turkey recipes, and our readers apparently appreciate it. So this year we have four more recipes for you to try and, hopefully you won't have to waste any delicious turkey.

Turkey-Stuffing Soup

1 roasted turkey carcass, broken into pieces
2 1/2 qt. cold water
3 carrots, thickly sliced
3 celery stalks with leaves, sliced
1 onion, chopped
1/2 cup chopped parsley
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
2 1/2 cup leftover turkey stuffing
2 cups turkey gravy
salt

Combine turkey carcass, water, carrots, celery, onion, parsley, bay leaf, thyme, stuffing, gravy and salt in soup pot. Place over medium heat and bring to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer. Stir and break up all clumps of stuffing. Simmer, covered, about 1 1/2 hours.

Remove carcass, saving any meat that can be stripped and add up to 1 1/2 cups of water if necessary to replace evaporation. Adjust salt to taste.

Let simmer 10 more minutes. Be sure to remove the bay leaf before serving.

Turkey Turnovers

2 cups flour, sifted
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup cooking oil
3/4 cup milk
FILLING:
1 cup cooked turkey
1 cup shredded cheese
1/4 cup chopped celery
1 teaspoon finely chopped green onion
mayonnaise, to moisten
salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt, then add the oil and cut it in until mixture is like a coarse meal. Add the milk all at once and stir until it forms a soft ball.

Turn the dough out on a floured board and knead lightly 20-25 times. Roll the dough out until it is 1/8 to 1/4" thick. Cut into 4" squares or rounds and place about 2 1/2 tablespoons of the filling in the center of each. Fold each square or round over and seal (a little water to moisten helps here).

Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake 15 minutes at 400° or until turnovers are light brown at the edges.

FILLING: Mix the turkey, cheese, celery, green onion, mayonnaise, salt and pepper until well blended.

Turkey Crunch

3 cups diced cooked turkey
4 oz. mushrooms
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
2 cans cream of mushroom soup
1 cup milk
3 oz. chow mein noodles

Combine turkey, mushrooms, celery, onion, green pepper, and poultry seasoning into 2-quart casserole greased with butter.

Blend together mushroom soup and milk and pour over th turkey mixture. Sprinkle chow mein noodles over top.

Bake in 325° oven for 30 minutes.

Turkey Macaroni Sillet

1 lb. turkey, cooked, chopped
2 teaspoons oil
1 cup uncooked elbow macaroni
1 cup thinly sliced celery
1 medium tomato, chopped
1 cup water
1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa
2 (8 oz) cans no-salt-added tomato sauce

Add the turkey, oil, macaroni, celery, tomato, water, salsa and tomato sauce to a large skillet.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 8-10 minutes or until macaroni is tender.

MEAL

FROM PAGE 1A

Christmas Day feasts, take special pride in ensuring the inmates receive an enjoyable and appetizing meal on the holiday.

The traditional Christmas meal of turkey, roast chicken, cornbread dressing, candied yams, giblet gravy, buttered corn, vegetable blend with cheese sauce, fruit salad, cranberry sauce, coleslaw, buttermilk pie, chocolate cake and fruit punch is once again being served to the more than 2,000 inmates being housed at the Wallace and Ware Units.

The inmate population always looks forward to the special meal because of the extra helpings they receive and the extra time they have to consume it.

The inmates begin to line up at 9 a.m. and the line does not shut down until the last person is fed, usually around 1 or 1:30 p.m.

Two serving lines are used to get the inmates through the line as quickly as possible.

Sgt. David Pinkerton, a food service supervisor at the Wallace Unit, said the inmates get two plates of food instead of one on holidays such as Christmas and Thanksgiving.

"With the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas, the inmates only get one plate of food as they go through the line," said Pinkerton. "But on days like Christmas, they can load as much as they can get on their trays. They also have about twice as long to eat. Instead of 20 minutes to get in and out, they take from 35 to 40 minutes or longer on Christmas."

Sgt. Pinkerton said he doesn't mind working the holidays because he gets compensated for the time later on.

"It's not all that bad having to work on Christmas," said Pinkerton. "We have a good group of people working here in the kitchen. They usually only work four hours a day; but, on days like Christmas, they end up working 12 straight hours in order to put out the meal. They take a lot of pride in their work and put a lot of extra effort into it to make it a special time."

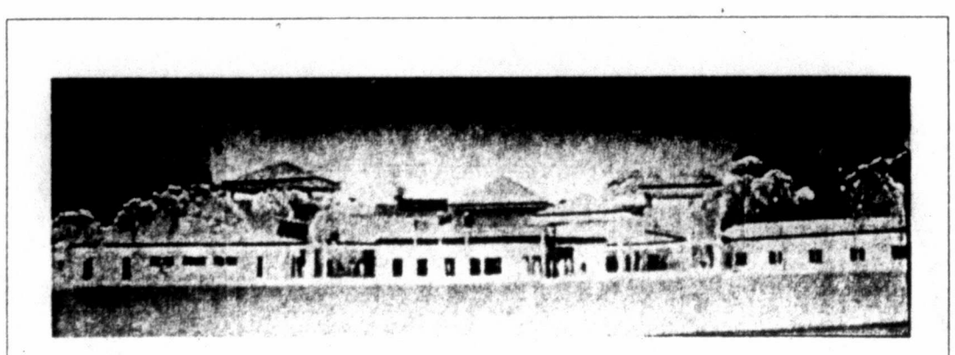
At the Ware Unit, cooks will prepare 21 cases of turkey, 30 cases or 1,550 pieces of roasted chicken, 8 line inserts of giblet gravy, 14 inserts of candied yams, 14 inserts of buttered corn, 14 inserts of vegetable blend with cheese sauce, 13 inserts of cranberry sauce, 15 inserts of fruit salad, 15 inserts of cole slaw, 150 loaves of bread, 45 pans of buttermilk pie, 45 pans of chocolate cake and around 1,400 apples and oranges.

"The holiday season is often very depressing for the inmates," said Pinkerton. "But, for a few short hours on Christmas Day, we try to help get their minds off everything else and put out a great meal for them. That's the least we can do for them."



APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE attended this year's annual Christmas party held last Friday at the Valley Fair Lodge Nursing Home. The group enjoyed punch and Christmas cookies as well as listening to traditional Christmas music provided by the Beasleys, Hayes and friends.

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Merry Christmas from Bobby & Jan Lemons

May the warmth of Christmas glow in your hearts and keep you toasty all season long.

Merry Christmas... Justice of the Peace Kay Richmond

In the true spirit of the Christmas season, may goodness and peace prevail for all on this precious earth.

Dr. & Mrs. Dee Roach

May all the love, joy, laughter and friendship that is so special to this special holiday be yours.

Happy Holidays to everyone in Mitchell County!

Mrs. Charles C. Thompson

May faith and hope guide you throughout this holy season and may His Love follow wherever you go.

Sincerely, Mayor & Mrs. Bob Reily

As we celebrate this wondrous Christmas season with song and prayer, please accept my best wishes for a happy holiday.

Seasons Greetings from Attorney Frank Conard

Sweetwater

May the timeless spirit of Christmas warm your hearts this season and always.

Merry Christmas from Earl, Sheila & Tyler Plagens

Christmas is here... a time for joy, love and togetherness--and the perfect chance for us to say we wish all our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays! Faye and George Lee

Here's hoping your holiday is trimmed with love, joy and other good things! Best wishes in the coming year!

Carolyn & Steve Smith

schoolnews



Bradley Nichols

Nichols is grad of Navy Boot Camp

E-2 Bradley Nichols, a 2002 graduate from Colorado High School recently graduated from Naval Boot Camp at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illlinois. He will be stationed in Great Lakes, Illinois while he attends his A-School Training as a signal man. His address is SA Nichols, Bradley A., Service School Command, 320A Dewey Ave., BEQ 533, Great Lakes, IL, 60088.

He is the son of Mike and Donna Nichols of Colorado City and the grandson of Bill and Billie Nichols of Levelland and Mervin and "Chic" Owens of Abilene.

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Senior diving class held

A 55 Alive/Driver Safety Program class will be held January 13 and 15, 2003 from 1 pm to 5 pm, at the Wallace Center in Colorado City. This class is taught by a state certified instructor and is a two-day course of four hours each session with a break for lunch.

Class must be attended both days to receive a certificate which will be accepted by most insurance companies for a reduction in the premiums for a three-year period. The cost is $10 per person. Please call 915-728-2392, 8 am to 4 pm, to pre-register for the class.

This class is not a defensive driving class and cannot "forgive" traffic violations. AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older.



SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS visited Hutchinson Elementary School, Thursday, December 19th, to hear Christmas wishes from all the students and teachers. Seated on Santa's lap is third grade teacher, Mrs. Jones.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY students at Colorado High School raised funds from the student body to buy toys and clothes for seven families in Mitchell County. Pictured with the wrapped gifts are (l-r) Robin Morris, Jessica Thompson, Natalie Sharp, Ashley Tolle, Heather Barr and Teri Phariss.

Loraine native named Academic All-American

Two University of Texas of the Permian Basin women's soccer players were recently named Academic All-Americans.

Wendy Hernandez, a junior from Plains, and Jennifer Rich, a junior from Loraine, were both given the first award of its kind in UT-Permian Basin women's soccer history. Head Coach Dr. Jaime R. Aguila said he was pleased with his star players' honor.

"Besides being good soccer players, these two girls are just overall good people," Aguila said. "Unfortunately, neither of them are coming back for me next year. Wendy is entering Texas Tech University, and Jennifer's work load as a math major here will keep her from playing next season."

Aguilar said that despite no prior soccer experience, Hernandez and Rich both emerged as key starters on his team.

"Wendy has really come on as a great outside midfielder and Jennifer is a good defender," Aguila said. "They were the only returning upperclassmen I had this year, and they showed a lot of leadership."

Aguila also noted that the women's soccer team is sure to produce even more Academic All-Americans in the future.

"The thing that stood out the most about Wendy and Jennifer is their tremendous work ethic, but that doesn't set them apart from the rest of the team," Aguila said. "All the girls on the team have a real strong work ethic, so hopefully these are just the first two of many All-Americans in the UTPB soccer program."

Coulon arrives for duty

Army Sgt. Shane D. Coulon has arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Coulon is a Bradley fighting systems mechanic with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry.

He is the son of Dennis R. and Johnnie L. Coulon of W. 9th St., Colorado City.

His wife, Coley, is the daughter of Rysta Williford of Cortez, Colorado.

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THE 2002-03 LADY BULLDOGS BASKETBALL TEAM are (l to r) top row: Tabitha Epperson, Patricia Sanchez Christina Rico, Mosheka Williams, and Sonya Barrera. bottom row: Vanessa Jones, Eliza Martinez, Amanda Walker, April Bailey and Eliza Garcia.

Lady Wolves defeat Stanton

The Colorado City Lady Wolves moved their season record to 8-6 last Thursday night with a 34-23 win over the Slaton Lady Tigers.

Slaton took an early 9-6 lead after the first quarter, but the Lady Wolves defense held Slaton to only two points in the second period which allowed the Lady Wolves to carry a slim 13-11 lead into halftime.

The defense continued to stifle Slaton in the third quarter as the Lady Wolves outscored the visitors 8-0 and took a 21-11 lead into the final period.

Both offenses stepped up the pace in the final period with the Lady Wolves outscoring Slaton 13-12 and preserving the win.

Alison Lopez scored 14 points to lead the Lady Wolves and Teri Phariss was also in double figures with 12.

Slaton won the JV game by a score of 41-28.

Speaking of Sports...

By Carl Graham

Wow! What a week!

The trip to New Orleans to attend my first ever Bowl game was everything I could have imagined. They could not have chosen a better site than the Big Easy for a fantastic Bowl such as the New Orleans Bowl.

I met a lot of North Texas fans and parents of the players while there. Of course green was the color of choice with the green outnumbering the red clad University of Cincinatti fans two or three to one.

We had such a good time my wife wants to go back next year even if our North Texas doesn't make it back. Of course, we believe they will make it three in a row.

In a few days we expect the release of the All-Big Country football team from the Abilene Reporter-News as well as Lubbock's annual All-South Plains team. We feel confident the Wolves will have a few picks on both teams.

Local basketball teams have gotten off to a fairly good start. Loraine won their district openers against Hermleigh by a good margin. Westbrook wasn't able to play due to a lot of kids sick with the flu-like symptoms going around. In fact, the school closed early for Christmas due to a high rate of absentees from school.

Lady Wolves lose to Breckenridge

The Colorado Lady Wolves basketball team lost to Breckenridge 40-36 on Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Abilene Wylie Catclaw Basketball Tournament.

The ladies were playing for the third place trophy after opening the tournament with a win over the Snyder Lady Tigers and then losing to Roby, the eventual tournament winner.

The Lady Wolves and Breckenridge were tied up at 8-8 after the first quarter and led 15-12 at halftime.

Breckenridge came out the second half on a tear, outscoring the Lady Wolves 20-9 and regaining the lead by a margin of 32-24 at the end of three quarters.

Though the Lady Wolves outscored Breckenridge 12-8 in the final period, it was just not enough to overcome the Lady Eagles lead.

Teri Phariss scored 11 points to lead the Lady Wolves while Alison Lopez chipped in with 9.

The girls will be playing at the Big Lake basketball tournament this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-28.

N. Texas beats Cincinatti in New Orleans Bowl



Randy Gardner, TE

Editors Note: On Tuesday, December 17, my wife and I attended my first-ever Bowl Game where the University of North Texas played the University of Cincinatti in the second annual New Orleans Bowl in the Superdome.

By Carl Graham

NEW ORLEANS ----There is an old saying that the third time is the charm, but for the University of North Texas Eagles, the second time was the charm as they held off the University of Cincinatti Bearcats for a 24-19 win.

The "Mean Green" team from Denton carried a 7-5 record into the game against the Bearcats, a far better record than the 5-6 record they took in the Inaugral New Orleans Bowl last December.

North Texas took a lot of heat last season for accepting the bid to go to the bowl game with such a poor record, but, by virtue of winning a share of the Sun Belt Conference with a 5-1 record, they earned the right to go to New Orleans.

With North Texas returning 10 of 11 defensive starters from last year's team as well as all 11 offensive starters, the "Mean Green" set their goal after the end of their 45-20 loss to Colorado in last season's New Orleans Bowl to make a return trip to the "Big Easy" and win it this year.

Mission accomplished!

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Going into the game as an 8 1/2 point underdog, North Texas knew the key to an upset win would be to stop the passing game of all-conference quarterback Gino Guidugli who had an arsenal of three top notch wide receivers to throw to. He had thrown for 3,319 yards in their 7-6 regular season. If that wasn't enough, DeMarco McCleskey, a 5-10, 215 pound running back that went into the game with 1,276 yards on 292 carries, an average of almost 4 1/2 yards a carry.

Of the 13 teams they had played, seven were headed into post-season bowl games.

The Eagles though didn't pay any attention to the soothsayers--- they were on a mission!

North Texas drew first blood in the contest and took a 17-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

They would extend the lead to 24-7 after marching 60 yards on the opening drive of the second half. Ja'Mel Branch set up the drive with a 36-yard kickoff return, with Keven Galbreath, the New Orleans Bowl MVP with 130 yards on 24 carries, finished things off with a 35-yard touchdown run.

The North Texas defense, as they have been all year, was the difference in the game, forcing Cincinnati (7-7) to settle for field goals twice after crossing inside the Mean Green 20-yard line.

The victory was North Texas first against a Division I-A team outside the Sun Belt Conference and gave the two-year old league its first bowl triumph after they absorbed the loss to Colorado State in last year's game.

"It was a great win for our kids and a great win for our program here at North Texas," said an elated Darrell Dickey. "These young men set their goal after the end of last season to make a return trip to New Orleans and return with the New Orleans Bowl trophy. Tonight, they took care of that goal and we couldn't be any prouder of this group."

Former Wolves qualify for national tournament

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Former Wolves Chase Pharis, Aaron Waldrip, Andrew Spear, Kevin Wright and CISD superintendent Jim White's son Clay White, helped their team from Texas Tech, *The Franchise*, qualify for the national tournament after placing second out of 200 teams at the regional tournament in Waco. They are one of only eight teams in the nation to receive an automatic expense paid invitation to the tournament.

Four members of *The Franchise* were among seven athletes named All-Americans at the regional tournament. Pharis, Waldrip, White and Jason Choate, a Big Spring native, were recognized for their efforts in the competition after falling just short to a team from Baylor who has won the competition in consecutive years.

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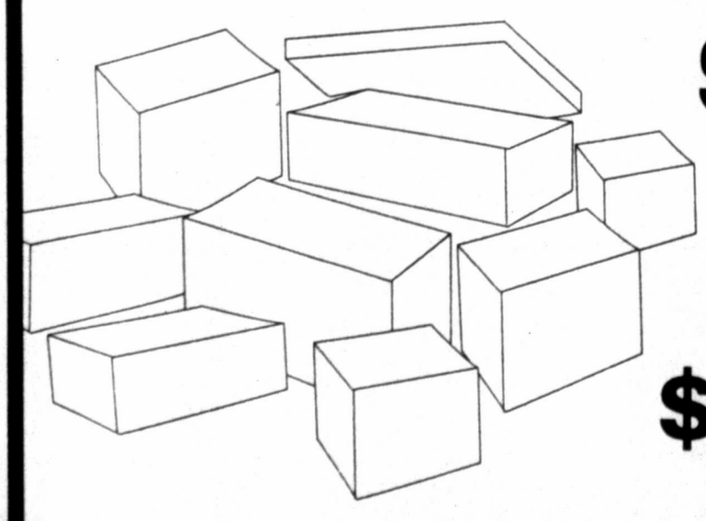
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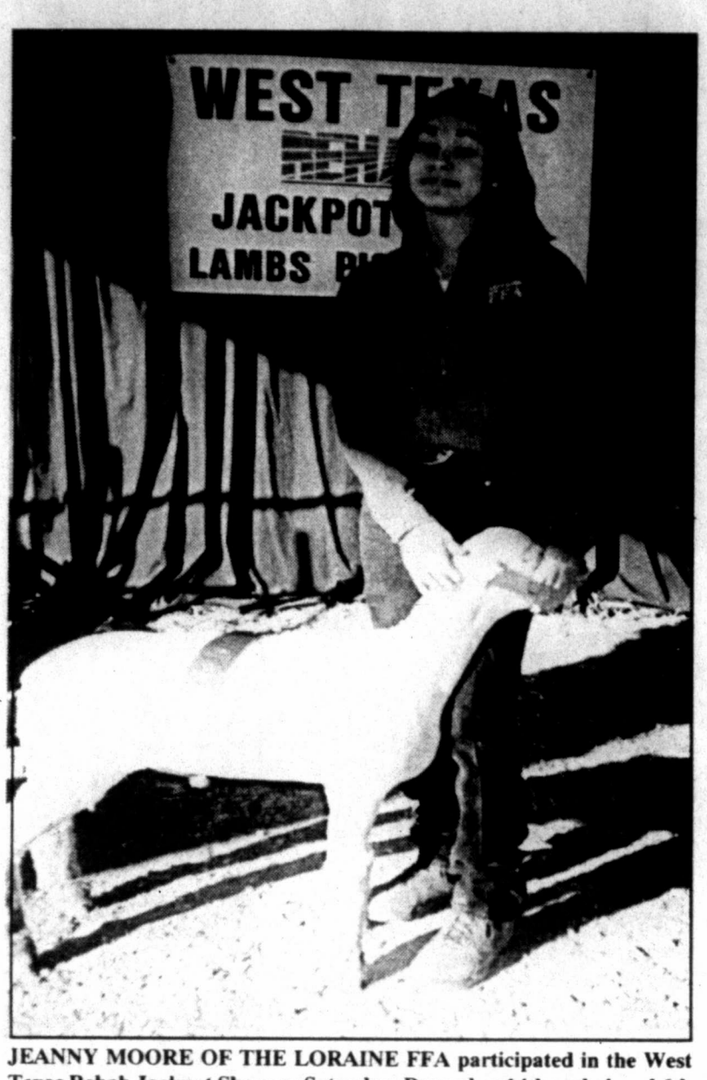
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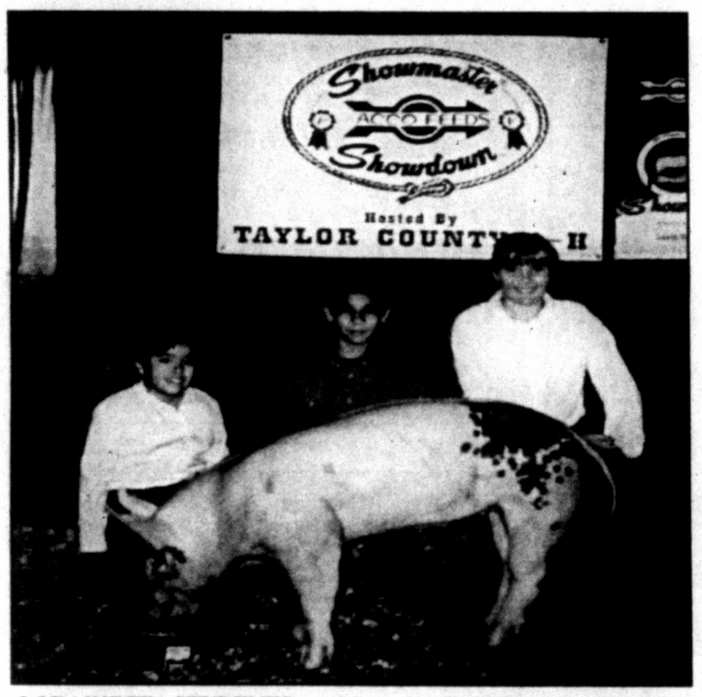
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LORAINE FFA STUDENTS participated in the Abilene Acco Showdown on Saturday, December 7. Pictured (l-r) is Megan Sanchez-7th place Heavy Weight Hamp; Anthony Garcia-1st place Middle Weight Cross Pig; and Stormy Folsom-4th place Light Weight York Pig.

Seasons Greetings from Loraine. If you had an early Christmas we hope it was wonderful and if you wait for Santa to drop by on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, we wish you the same good fortune with friends, family and good memories of past holidays.

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I had a nice call from Audra Beights Friday. She was a long time resident but now lives in Sweetwater near her son. She wishes old friends and relations happy holidays.

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Enjoying an early Christmas last Sunday were Doris and Tharon Henderson and family, Pennie and Brad Henderson, Ashley and Morgan of Midland, Jay Henderson of Loraine, and Doris' mother, Pauline Smiley of Loraine.

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Clyde and Etta Parnell of Grand Prairie came to be with their parents, Virgil and Geraldine Parnell Thursday and Friday for an early Christmas then on to Midland to visit a daughter.

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Bro. Bryan Waddell, his wife Rebecca and their children hosted a Christmas party/open house for the church family at First Baptist Church Saturday.

The Waddell home was beautifully decorated. The hosts served refreshments and Bible games were played. After dark they went caroling. The open house was well attended.

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Visiting with Margaret Brame over Christmas holidays were Kenneth and Judy Brame of Nashville, Tennessee and Steve and Debbie Zabica and Joshua from St. Joseph, MO.

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The ladies at the Post Office, Post Mistress Linda Kaballa and Assistant Post Mistress Diane Sanders, wish Loraine residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Betty Chandler went to Stephenville to meet her sister's Dean and Pat. The three went to a gospel singing in Waco. It was David Phelps, tenor singer with Bill Gaither. Betty reported that it was a great concert. The sisters enjoyed eating out and spending time at Dean's lake home. Betty then went back by Granbury to visit with her granddaughter Loren and take her Christmas gifts before returning home.

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The Saturday before Christmas celebration at Joan and Narl Longs' started Saturday at noon with the arrival of Becky, Joe, Nathan, Tyler and Faith Piatt of Denton.

Others arriving for the Mexican dinner, exchanging of gifts and to celebrate the birthdays of T.C. Long, Whitney Merket, and Brad O'Bannon were Belinda, Gary Don and Kayla Rich of Westbrook, Jody Morris of Midland, Jeff Merket of Lubbock, Derek and Kassie Merket of Colorado City, Quentin Merket of Lamesa and friend Tammy Hartung of Lubbock, Whtiney, Meagan and Keaton of Midland, Eddy, Sheri, Garrett, and Amber Kay Merket of Midland, Karen, David and Cody Chapman of Lubbock, Narlene and Randy Necessary of Ovalo, Dustin Boyd of Ovalo, Rhonda Gridley of Wimberly, Fonda, Donnie, Brad, Dillon, Dane, and Hope O'Bannon of Lubbock, Crystal Rich of San Angelo, Jody Mauldin of Abilene, Stan, Linda, and T.C. Long of Midland. A good time was enjoyed by all.

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Last week I wrote about the college graduation of Bari Sadler from Tech. Mike Sadler also attended his brother's graduation along with other family members and friends.

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We have an early press because of the holiday so my news will be rather short this week. I will have more Christmas news next week.

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Senior Center

Last Wednesday Nora Galvan was nice and gracious to sing for the crowd. She always does well.

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On Friday the crowd played Bingo.

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Visitors last week included Clyde and Etta Parnell of Grand Prairie, Pat and Brittany Sadler from Sweetwater, Shirley Delaney from Colorado City, and Aaron Thompson (Jan Millering's brother).

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The New Year's party will start at 6 and you will enjoy music from different groups. Bring snack foods, socialize, play games, etc. Come see the New Year in with us.

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Have a wonderful Christmas!

What is Christmas?

by Judy Beasley

Some think Christmas is
just another day,
That's longer than most of the
others...
Getting together, with sisters and
brothers...
For some, it means buying and
going into debt,
Their giving becomes a dutiful
chore...
By the time the presents are
stacked under the tree,
The spirit of Christmas has gone
out the door...
Some think Christmas is having
a good time,
Being with friends and going to
parties...
Then, of course, there's the
scrooge, every town has one,
His answer is humbug...his spirit
is haughty...
Maybe all of us should stop and
think,
Just what does Christmas mean?
Well, my opinion may differ
from yours,
But, this is what Christmas
means to me...
Christmas brings back a babe in
a manger,
How precious that sight must
have been...
With that star shining bright on
that glorius night,
That led the way of the wise
men...
From a manger where He laid to
a garden where He prayed,
He gave when there was nothing
to give...
The ultimate price, He gave His
life,
Just so you and I might live...
So, you see Christmas is a time
to treasure,
A time to reach out and share...
A time to praise and sacred
songs,
Christmas to me is saying, He
cares...

Loraine boys, girls win district openers

Both the Loraine High School boys and girls basketball teams won their district opening games last Friday at Hermleigh.

The girls chalked up their victory with a 71-55 throttling of the Lady Cardinals; leading the game the entire four quarters.

The Lady Bulldogs lead was 16-8 after one quarter and 33-25 at halftime.

Loraine outscored Hermleigh 20-10 in the third quarter to go up by 18 points at 53-35.

Sophomore guard Eliza Garcia was in the zone, making seven straight baskets without a miss at one point in the game.

She finished with 28 points while teammate Eliza Martinez scored 15.

The Loraine boys won their contest 79-31 as the Bulldogs jumped on the Cardinals early and often, leading 29-8 at the end of the first quarter. At halftime, Loraine's lead was 25 points with a 41-16 lead.

By the end of three quarters, Loraine led 60-22. At that point of the game Coach Victor Garcia pulled his starting five off the court to allow his non-starters get some valuable playing time. The subs held their own though, only getting outscored 20-18 in the final stanza.

Ryan Lucas had 20 points and two treys in leading the Bulldogs. Anthony Esquivel scored 18 points and a trey while George Davila added 16 points and two treys.

The boys are now 8-6 on the season and 1-0 in district play.

The next action for the boys will be on Jan. 3 when they travel to district favorite Blackwell for an 8 p.m. contest.

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Christmas time steeped in legends from the past

When Christmas time comes around, various objects start popping up to remind us the holiday is near. These items are steeped in tradition. The Christmas tree, Santa Claus, stockings, gifts, candy canes and even tinsel all have a story to tell. Interestingly enough, each particular item has it's own special relationship with Christmas.

The Legend of Santa Claus

Like many internationally famous individuals, Santa reached his greatest prominence far from the borders of his original hometown. He started in what is today the Middle East nation of Turkey as Saint Nicholas, archbishop of Myra. How he ended up at the North Pole as jolly old St. Nick is lost to the dry pages of history yet unwritten and likely unknown. But let it suffice to be say that the red suited one had to travel about as far as any person in history before he settled into his final career.



Little is actually known about the historical Saint Nicholas, but the legends that surround him provide the template for the character we now know as Santa Claus.

What we do know is this: he was born around the year 245 A.D. to wealthy parents. He devoted his life to the church, eventually becoming the archbishop of Myra. He was tortured for his beliefs until Emperor Constantine changed the official religion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. And he died on December 6, sometime around 350 A.D. The Catholic Church has set aside that date as a feast day in his honor.

But even much of this information is suspect. The main source is a biography that was written by a monk some five centuries after he died.

More important than the facts, though, are the legends that have grown up around him. Most of these are the run of the mill saintly miracles -- such as him calming a particularly nasty storm. But there is also a saintly tale of Saint Nicholas resurrecting three boys who had been murdered and then pickled. (Let's hope the killer went through the trouble of pickling in order to hide his crime and not to keep them fresh for winter consumption).

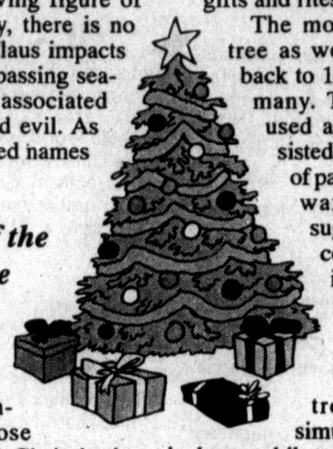
Still, there are several stories that exist that show Saint Nicholas performing acts that we now come to associate with the lovable figure of Santa Claus. One of the most interesting of these tells of his convincing a group of thieves to return their stolen goods -- thus causing him to become the patron saint of thieves (not patron saint in that he helps them rob but, rather, in that he helps them repent). This seems fitting considering Santa Claus, who sneaks into our houses in the wee hours of Christmas morning and leaves us presents, is a sort of anti-thief, undoing the deeds of those nefarious people Saint Nicholas is said to look after.

The most famous tale, though, recounts the story of a once wealthy businessman, who, having lost his fortune, decided to sell his three daughters into prostitution to raise some money. Hearing of this, Saint Nicholas went to the man's house at night and threw three bags of coins into the man's window, one for each of the daughter's dowries. The young women were thus able to find good husbands and avoid the degrading lifestyle to which they seemed destined.

Cementing the connection to the modern day Santa Claus, some versions of this story have Saint Nicholas arriving with the third daughter's gift bag but, finding the window shut, was forced to drop her coins down the chimney and into a stocking hanging on the mantle to dry. This not only seems physically unlikely, but so absurdly similar to today's popular Christmas traditions that it sounds almost certainly false.

The legend of Santa Claus grows with time. Whether your own belief is that he is real or that he remains a growing figure of modern mythology, there is no doubt that Santa Claus impacts society with each passing season. His name is associated with both good and evil. As are so many honored names of leged.

The Legend of the Christmas Tree



There is a legend that comes down to us from the early days of Christianity in England. One of those helping to spread Christianity among the Druids was a monk named Wilford. One day, surrounded by a group of his converts, he struck down a huge oak tree, which, in the Druid religion, was an object of worship. As it fell to earth, the oak tree split into four pieces and from its center sprung up a fir tree. Wilford turned to the Druids and said, "This little tree shall be your Holy Tree tonight. It is wood of peace, for your houses are built of fir. It's the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are evergreen. See how it points toward the heavens? Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child. Gather about it, not in the wilderness, but in your homes. There it will be surrounded with loving gifts and rites of kindness."

The modern Christmas tree as we know it dates back to 16th century Germany. The decorations used at that time consisted of various colors of paper roses, apples, wafers, gilt and sugar. In Protestant countries, Luther is credited as having been the first to place lighted candles on a tree in order to simulate the sight he had seen while traveling home one winter's night as the moonlight shimmered on the snow-covered trees. And the tree was first introduced into England in 1841 by German Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. The record of the first tree in the U.S.A., still undisputed, was that of German immigrants in Pennsylvania who first put up one on December 20, 1821.



Legend of Christmas Stockings

There was a kindly nobleman whose wife had died of an illness leaving the nobleman and his three daughters in despair. After losing all his money in useless and bad inventions the family had to move into a peasant's cottage, where the daughters did their own cooking, sewing and cleaning.

When it came time for the daughters to marry, the father became even more depressed as his daughters could not marry without dowries, money and property given to the new husband's family.

One night after the daughters had washed out their clothing they hung their stockings over the fireplace to dry.

That night Saint Nicholas, knowing the despair of the father, stopped by the nobleman's house. Looking in the window Saint Nicholas saw that the family had gone to bed. He also noticed the daughters stockings. Inspiration struck Saint Nicholas and he took three small bags of gold from his pouch and threw them one by one down the chimney and they landed in the stockings.

The next morning when the daughters awoke they found their stockings contained enough gold for them to get married. The nobleman was able to see his three daughters marry and he lived a long and happy life.

Legend of Christmas Gifts



The tradition of giving gifts has many roots; however, the most widely accepted one evolved from the story of St. Nicholas, a bishop, who was born in Turkey. The story goes that he had heard of a family with three daughters all over marriageable age who were unable to wed as they had no dowry. St. Nicholas had to give up all of his worldly possessions to become a bishop so he took three bags of gold coins and dropped them down the chimney. The coins landed in the girls stockings which had been hung to dry on the fireplace. St. Nicholas was caught in the act by their father whom St. Nicholas begged to keep his secret; however, barely two days later the entire village learned of the gifts.

Legend of the Candy Cane



It had to be special to be a gift for the King of Kings, thought the humble candy maker. Not just any piece of candy would do. It had to be hard candy because the church is built on solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation.

It would be formed in the shape of the Good Shepherd's staff. A "J" that would also stand for the precious name Jesus. But it had to say more. White stripes would symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Christ.

Three small red stripes would represent the scourging Jesus suffered on his way to the cross. One large red stripe would remind those with eyes to see and ears to hear of the blood Jesus shed as payment for our sins.

It would be a gift of love that would tell His story- the greatest story ever told.

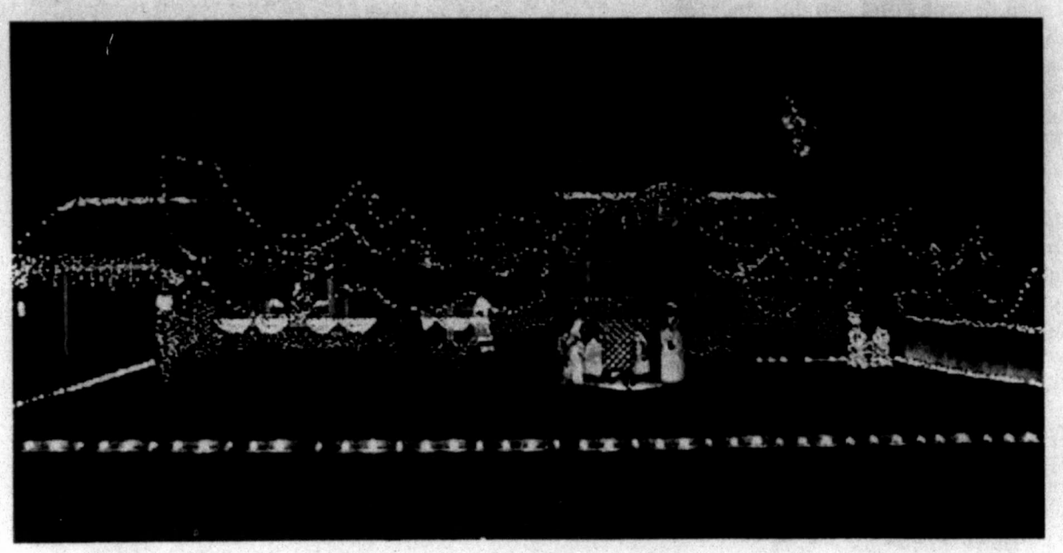
Legend of Tinsel

Mary and Jesus were leaving the city to hide from King Herod. They grew very tired so they stopped in a cave to rest. The soldiers came by but did not look into the cave because it was covered in cobwebs. That night as they slept a spider had covered the entrance to the cave to keep them safe. When Mary and Jesus awoke the cobwebs shimmered in the morning sun and they new God had kept them safe. So when you see Tinsel on a tree it symbolizes the spiders web that saved Mary and Jesus.

We're
probably
not on your
Christmas list.
Most people might
prefer not to think
of a hospital over the
holidays. But some will
have to.There will be injuries
and illnesses ..... and babies
will be born. And at this hospital,
over the 24 hours of Christmas Day,
some people will be doing just what we
do every day, in case you need us. Some will
celebrate Christmas with our own families early,
some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of
you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know
we're here. And
that makes
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Dear Santa,
Please bring me some roller skate shoes, a big TV, some leggos, a new radio/CD player, a timer with glass deal on the handle, a toy machine gun, a new bicycle, a new front end loader to drive around, a grey felt cowboy hat, a stray cowboy hat, a stapler, a three hole punch, an electric pencil sharpener, a computer with a colored printer, a whole bunch of song CD's, a sponge bob square pants movie, some envelopes, a new deer hunting rifle with scope, a Dallas cowboy football uniform and pads, a blue and purple lava lamp, spider man carpet for my play house, new batteries for my golf cart and a baby calf in our backyard.

Logan Atwood

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Dear Santa,
I want to get a spy set with live and a trangon ball Z toy with gohon and to have a great time.

Love,
Corbin

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Dear Santa,
What Chisrmas means to me. It means family and friends. I hope its going to snow. How old are you? Can you come to Room 16, and Mrs. paritn realling whats a new explorer. I what a Brats car.

Your friend,
Cyrria Roquel Romero

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Dear Santa,
Thank you. How he is? Please bring me a little train, a little fan, a fish bowl, and a squirrel to eat. I want a cross.

Love,
Alex Salinas

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Dear Santa,
I want a plastation2 for cristmast and a xbox for christmast and a scoobyDoo fame and I want a gamecube for cristmast and a gameboy color for cristmast and a saga

your frien
Gustavo

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Dear Santa,
I wont a mortercickl and a Drumset and a cumputer and a pericet.

your friend
Crystal Alvarez

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Dear Santa,
For Chritmis I want a Spy2 derman for plasty. and some tranah for mits and fine ran sy 10 and fine farsy 12 and fine for sy it and fine fanisy and. I love you Santa.

Tracy Edwards

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Dear Santa,
I want a crisy doll and a now barbey dll some skates and ask otter and a bike and I love you.

From
Sierra Renee Luera

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a kid computer because I have been good. I want the toy baby that acts like a real baby. I want the Brittney Spears doll. I want a real bunny. I want some pens to write with.

Love,
Kallie Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas can I have a Playstation, please. Bring me the Mario game too. Thank You.

Love,
Alexsandria Garcia

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Dear Santa,
I have been good. I want 3 computers for me, my big brother and my little brother. And some computer games. Two CD players for my big brother and my dad and a necklace for my mom.

Thank you
Love,
Emanuel Ventura

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Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a teddy bear. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Aaron Griffin

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Dear santa,
I wood like a disco ball what changes colors and a real rabbit and a play toy for my dog and could you give me a play hourse and the new harry potter game for me a my brother.

your friend
Alyssa Stubblefield

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Dear Santa,
I want a Harry potter castle. Als I want a pressernt for my dog And one more thank I want a mini tv. I will lay cookies and milk under the fire-place for you to eat.

your friend
sean

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Dear santa,
Will you pleas bring me a BMX bike with big pegs and pleas brig me a mario hat.

you friend,
Hayden

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Dear Santa,
I love you! I wish you a Merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy your holidays. I want a playhouse with a slide, TV, a Barbie backpack, shoes, and some art papers. I'm going to leave you icream and milk.

Love,
Stormy Dawson

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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle. I hope you're been good to your elves.

Love,
Tyler Hesskew

***

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring mea set of clothes. I want a Barbie, some markers, some stickers, a hamster and a baby dog.

Love,
Shea Scott

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Dear Santa,
I was being good today. I want a computer for Christmas and a video game. I want the Robot computer. And a new TV and new VCR. I want a fish with a bowl.

Thank you,
Love,
Adam Pineda

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Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? Please thank you for the Christmas tree. Bring me a race car and a Playstation that has a lot of games.

Love,
R.J. Barnett

Dear Santa
What I think Chistmas Means is about giving and sharing. This Winter I'm asking for a Blanket and I want you to give it to the poor. How do you go to the hole world in one night? in the Santa Close 2 Movie it has a nother rander Named Chet. Do you rally have a nother rander Named Chet? Can I have a pitcer of you and the rander?

Your friend
Casie Lemons

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Dear, Santa,
What is cristmas Relly adout? And what is a polar Bear? You no what I Think. That cristmas is a neat holiday. Because people are all ways happy. And The only Thing I whant is a Gitar. And a Pixtar. And I want a dictionary. And a good Book.

Love,
Kody Wood

Dear Santa,
I have been good all the time. I want a computer because I never had one before. I want a ladder to climb on and a flag. I want some stickers and toy humans. Thank you. And a football.

Love,
Jeremiah Salazar

***

Dear Santa,
I have been good. Bring me a Barbie. Santa, bring me a play car and a doll. And a Barbie car. I want a trampoline and a ball.

Thank you,
Love
Jasmin Mendoza

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Dear Santa,
Chistmas is not about presets. Its aboutgiving them. What Christmas means to me is giving all you can give. And I would like a new trampleen. Oh and a red wood pictur frame. And would you please come and visit Room 15 some time. Oh yeah our Room is at Hutchingson Elementry. Oh yeah can you please say hello to Rudalph for me.

Love,
Emily Rae Rivera

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Dear Santa,
I want a purse that is purple. i also want a bike with a water bottle and little backpack. I want a disco ball that has glowing colors on it. I want a lamp that has a teddy bear on it.

your friend
Kristina Sundy

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a big trucks and a tramplen and a big fut ford and a spietrmen webaster and a bike.

Damion Lee Huff

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Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and a new truck and a magna ana salid tubesand pegs.

Jayd Haggerton

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Dear Santa,
I want a tramplene and sum money and my house and my mom and my dad to be nise to.

Gracie Aguilar

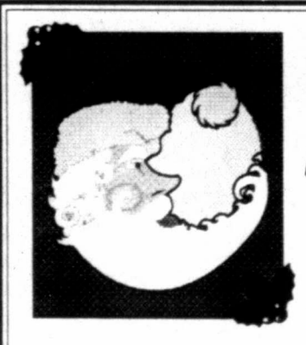


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Back Row, left to right: Andra Maxwell, Sareesa Proctor, Mark Waldrip, Lacy Dockrey and Mary Anne Davila. Front Row, left to right: Mona Espinoza, Anita Muñoz, and Cissy Miller. Not pictured, Dianne Clifton.

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I whant a Carebear. His name is Thunshinebear, a gameboy, a teddybear. I want a computer game.
Love,
Ashlyn Kildow

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Dear Santa,
How is roodof? I want a bulldog for Christmas and a Dlmation for christmas. Want a four wheeler.
Love,
Asa Harbour

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Dear Santa,
How are the elves and how are you? I want a skooter and I want a teddy bear. I want some slipers and wish I had a big pencil.
Love,
Adrian Ausbie

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Dear Santa,
How are you? I love you. I will be good, very good for you. I was going to leave out cookies. I want a hat and a playstation 2.
Love,
Laura Chaney

***

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good trip on the way over here. I want a bike for christmas.
Love,
Felipe Garcia

***

Dear Santa,
I would want a Mary Kate and Ashley dolls how are you and the Reindeer's. I am very good, my sister wants a Dora doll and my brother wants a Power Ranger.
Your friend,
Alison

***

Dear Santa,
How are you? I no that you are busy. How is Roodof and all of the other Raindeer Santa I want a wish and that wish and is I hope that my sister gets well.
Love,
Emily Franco

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? How are your raindeer at the North Pole? How is Miss Claus doing at the North Pole.
Love,
Shelby Cogburn

***

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a mircle baby and a snow cone maker and a diva star thats all.
Love,
Raegan

***

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some Brat dolls, a puppy and a Barbie jeep. I believe in you Santa, all the helpers and Mrs. Claus too.
Love,
Selena Ybarra

***

Dear Santa,
Hi please bring me a doll and a bike. Oh, and some shoes. How are you doing?
Love,
Jaque Green

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Dear Santa,
I'm going to get for Christmas a bike and training wheels on it.
Love,
Kimberly Clark

***

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some clothes and a baby doll. I want a teddy bear in my stocking. How is Rudolph? Oh, and be careful! I love you!
Love,
Mary Beth Garcia

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a purple bike and a scooter. Also a bear, that's all.
Love,
De'Ante Adkison

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Dear Santa,
I want a radio and a watch. Please bring me some new shoes too.
Love,
Harley Henderson

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a slub blug and a new clothes. I want a land now shoes. I want a bike. I want a playstation. I want a solfone. I want a chinese pug. I want a boy dog. I love you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Heather Nicole Ruth

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie and a bike and a sleeping bag but Barbie and a teddy bear and a necklacs and a new back pack a Barbie and dreeyp clase and a new suffowl. milk and cookie.
Sabrina Arispe

I love you Santa and mom and dad and tow hudred dlrs and I want a big game for all of us.

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want brity xbox teve mune, fish power ranger, a rabbit dragon ball, leppad, desk, watch.
Iva Rivera

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want acrokri muny.
Miranda Pena

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Dear Santa,
How are you this year I have ben very good. I would like a doll for my sister. Reindeer's and you santa and Mrs. Clas and merry christmas.
Your friend,
Daisy

***

Dear Santa,
How are you this year. I have been good. I would like a wayon game and a game boy. I will leve cookys .
From Cameron

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Dear Santa,
I like one toy of the Batnan Cortoon.
You friend
Brandon

***

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my home bring me Power Rangers and a dog ally wants a doll Brandan wants spiderman, Dad wants a new pen, mom wants a new car and keys.
Your friend
Michael

***

Dear Santa,
I like a toty doll you I like to touy dog.
Your friend,
Harlene

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a cat for me and my sister-please santa you are nice to me santa how is Rudolph. I would like to see you sum time.
From
Maricela

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Dear Santa,
Thank you for my friends. I want a diary that opens when you say a password. I wish I had a pet. I wish I had some new clothes. My sister wants a little bitty toy. I want one of those Kate and Ashley dolls. I want a karaoke machine that you plug in and see yourself on TV.
Thank You,
Love,
Lisa Mann

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Dear Santa,
Do you really have snowballs to look back and see if children have been nice or not? I want a jack-in-the-box, a skateboard and a tricycle, and a little robot dog. That's all. For my dad I want some perfume. For my mom a necklace with horses on it.
Thank You,
Love,
Rainne Ruddick

***

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wot some army guys.
Your friend,
Gage

***

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline. How are you doing. I want a motorcycle.
Love,
Rylan Gardner

***

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a game boy, pitching machine a new bat, new glove, a basketball, and Michael Jordan shoes.
Love,
Brandon Cabrera

***

Dear Santa,
How is Roodof and Mis Claus, Santa, the elves, and the reindeer? I wish to have a dog I wish to have a horse.
Love,
Bailey Sprague

***

Dear Santa
Why is Christmas so special. Santa Clause is it special when you spend time with your family and friends. Can you come to Room 16 at Huchinson Elememtary School and meet my special teacher her Name is Mrs. Partin Ho Ho Ho santa clause.
Your friend!
Christopher Beltran!

***

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger, a bike and a motorcycle. I'll leave you some turkey and koolaid. Thanks!
Love,
Abram Hernandez

Dear Santa,
You have nice clothes. Can I have a Playstation 1? And can you get my mom flowers? Can you get my dad some clothes? And can you get my brother some Nikes? And can you get my grandpa some new shoes? And can you get my grandma some new clothes?
Thank you,
Love,
Emily Rivera

***

Dear Santa,
Your house is pretty. I want a book with a mom, grandma, grannies and grandpas. I want my mom a pen to write with at work. I want my dad a new house. I want my sister slothes. I want my brother shoes. I want my teacher a cup. I want a computer.
Thank you,
Love,
Kascey Miller

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a drt bike and a pistool bebe gun and a tv and a comick book and some bikes, 10 of thim and a I wunee two and 20000 dolrs and a mushen gun and a Bsoocd two ofthm and a ree mote cintroll car and a bunch of GoCs and a for we tuer and a lot of Be Bes and a game xexedvans
Tristan Owens

***

Dear Santa Claus,
I've been a good boy sometimes. This year I would like a Red Rider BB gun I'm going to leve you some chese, milk & cookies and cookies for your raindeer.
I love you Santa
Zane Wade Clemmer

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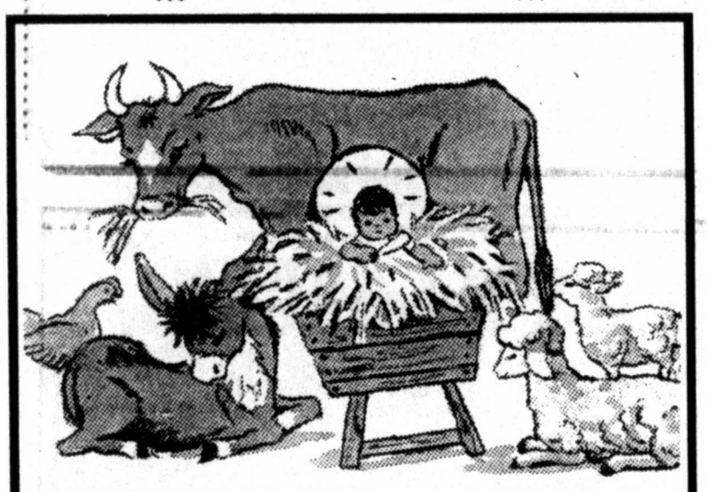
Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, clothes for the Barbie and a Barbie jeep. I have been good.
Love,
Katherine Rivera

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike and a Hits Clips so I can listen to people sing. Thank you for the presents and for letting it snow.
Love,
Brittany Vaughn

***

Dear Santa,
How is mrs. claud doing? Ii Rudolph still pulling the sled? What I want for Christmas. Is a Barbie veido camera. And diamond era rings for my mom. Michelle and some toys for my brothers. I think your nice!
Love,
Olivia Luera



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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a watch. That's all. How are you doing at the North Pole? I love you, Santa.

Love,
Kaysi Sims

***

Dear Santa,
I have been good and I want a karaoke a puzzle and a candy cane bracelet. How is Rudolph doing?

Love,
Cassie Sutton

***

Dear Santa,
I want a truck with a remote control and some skating shoes. That's all.

Love,
Nicholas Palacios

***

Dear Santa,
I would love aplay station, a race car and a game. How are the reindeer doing?

Love,
Hunter Walker

***

Dear Santa,
I want some Go-Go boots, a new wreath and a big stcking. I will leave some milk and cookies on the table.

Love,
Makayla Molina

***

Dear Santa,
I want some shoes that have the skates on them, an hour glass and a skateboard. Oh, by the way, how is Rudolph doing?

Love,
Logan Atwood

***

Dear Santa,
How is rudolph? I woud like a x box. And a game Boy Advanc. I wunt a gam Boy color. Four Bals and a target I will leave cookies and Milk. Merry Christmas.

love,
Joshua Hulme

***

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a roller for Felix with a bell, a whatch, a neckeless, a cd, a box of crayola crayons and stikers.

Sammi Thomson

***

Dear Santa,
I want a TV, fashion poly, horse, phone, close and a printer and vct I will leave you milk and cookies.

your friend,
Hannah

***

Dear Santa,
I want a x box and a game boy avanc and some play staton games and a braclet for my mom and my dad some cd and my brother a cd player.

Yoru frend
Simon Reyes

***

Dearn Santa,
I want a gocart and a game doy Advance I will give you cookeis and milk.

your friend
Nathan Jackson

***

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and alen Jacksen C.D. in my stocking and I want i just like my cousin do That is is The rest I want a surprise

Love you santa
Huntyr Messick

***

Dear santa,
plese bring me a disco ball and a goldin retriver and a wack and one moe ting a ball and that all and have a nice day.

your friend
Jordan

***

Dear Santa,
I want a leather jacket and I want a boxer dog I think what you do grate.

your freind
Jake

***

Dear Santa,
For christmas I would please like a baby golden retriever and I would please like a cell-phone. And a cell-phone-cover and I hop you and the riendeer have a nice flight,

Your friend,
Alex

***

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I'm doing fine at school I want skeates. and I want clay. and I want a bike. and I want coat.

Your friend
Dora

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas may I have a string pulled helicopter, a pistol, a mighton gun . I would like a playstation 2 and a game nightfire. I think I should get thes items because I think I have been a good boy this eyar.

Your friend,
Tanner Spraberry

***

Dear Santa,
May I have a 007 Night fire game for game cube, a reader, Pac-Man fever and bomberman and Max2 red Advance. Please? also I would like a hamster for Christmas. Thank you.

Love,
Matthew Guerra

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote controll car. I would also like a nintendo 64, 007 game and I would like a computer. I would like a playstation 2 also.

Love
Sean Casey

***

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice Christmas. Santa may I have a Texas Tech jacket and if I can not have that may I have a Goosebumps book. I think I should have a Goosebumps book becase then I can read. I wish your elfs a Merry Chistmas.

Love,
Stephen Flores

***

Dear Santa,
I whant a game boy with 4 games and ples a shrt.

***

Dear Santa,
Would you pleas give my mom a dragon and awizard stachue and could you get my dad some.

Love,
Blythe

***

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last year and my golre box and I hope you have a good Christmas and my sister wants a cat and I want a pug dog that is part huske. The end.

Love,
Darian Lendermon

***

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a saf Christmas and the elves to and I will give you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas to you to Santa.

Love,
Anna Lara

***

Dear Santa,
I hope you are fine mom prfume. I want a bebegun. My dad wont a new cuvet.

Love,
Daniel Montez Jr.

***

Dear Santa,
How are you SAnta Claus? How is Mrs. claus? I want some skates? I believe in Santa claus? I love santa because he gives us lots of presents. Santa is very nice. I love you Santa.

Jacqueline Mendoza

***

Dear Santa,
I want a wondereye. How is Rudolph? Only one thing dos Rudolph really have a red nose? I want the big Kapansoc doll. And the shoes that have the saktes on them. And I want the buess who game. And I want the Big kitchen set. And a leap frog lurning pad. I whant a Big Box of Stickers. I love you Santa.

Kristine D. Gaona

***

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? SenD me a letter. How is Rudolph doing? Please give me a gameboy and games to it. Please give me a remote control truck.

love,
chris Alaniz
I love you Santa.

***

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Please bring me a big kitchen set, with good and a dvd and a tv and a big hottuble to. And a pool to. so I can swim, I want a Lepfrog and a big box of stickers. I love you Santa.

Alyssa Stanford

***

Dear Santa,
I wonder why you leave your stuff? I belive in you Santa. I want a Neckelss. I want a Dixie chick CD an I think the most important thing about Cishmas is love. I love you santa. I love the snow.

love
Lexi Hopper

***

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I want a xbox to. I want a game. I want a game boy. I want rallene runer. I want Ice Age and Monsters inc the movie. I love Sant Claws. I love rudolph.

Love,
Jaime Espinoza

***

Dear Santa, Hello! How is Mrs. Claus? How is rudolph? How do your reindeer fly? I want a bone for my dog, Max. It snowed today a little. Are you going to bring me some presents? Please beng me a PS2 for christmas.

Love
Cody Haltom

***

Dear Santa,
I hope I have been a good girl this year. What I would want is a spirow game boy Advance game. What next I would really want is a goosebump book. What I would like because it sunds cool is Leilo and Stich. The reason why I want these thangs is they are fun. I would try to leve you cokies and milke. See you this Xmas.

Senserly,
Jessica Hampton

***



Kristi Lee Manor - 1941 Chestnut

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? Please can I have a Spider-Man web blaster and a Star wars P-K2.

Love
Brandon McFall

***

Dear Santa,
Hall is Rudolph? Hall are the elves? I wot a nintendo toow 2, with games. For my dad, a target. I will leave cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.

love,
Christian Melendez

***

Dear Santa,
How are you and mrs. Claus? I hope you are doing well? I want a barby and a barby house. I want lots of barby. I want to know if the reindeer are ok? I was a really nice girl. I want you to buy my sister a lot of babys even my baby sister? well non of my sisters were bad? I want playstian two that has two remote constrols. I want my dad to have a xbox and my mom to have lots of CDes and makeup. I want a tv and a vcr?

Love
Kelly

***

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the Elves? How is Rudolph? What I want for chrismas 1 Brats Doll, 1 salon surprise, 1 barbie mail sallon set with kristall tatoos and 1 gumball machine. I think you are sweet.

Love your friend,
Marinea Lopez

***

Dear Satue
hoo ara you dooing. wute I wute for crismise is a Brbue fone and the moove Isaj and Sant I wish you a mere crismas.

Shelby

***

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wont a borecarshrstr. I wont a bick? I want a barbe? I wont a books? I want a lalpleeh.

Love always,
Amanda

Happy Holidays

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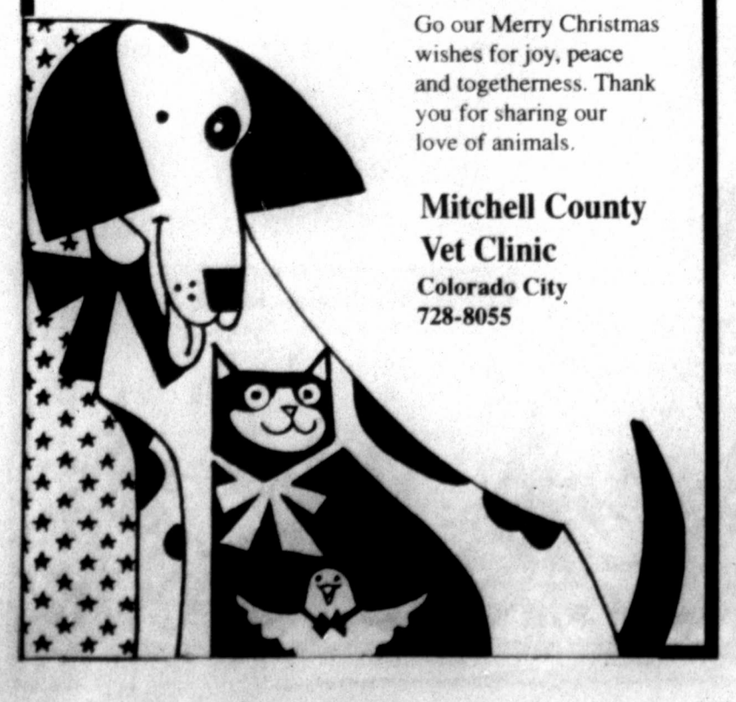
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To all of you who
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It's a joy to keep in touch.
May your season deliver
parcels of cheer,
And lots of good fortune
for those you hold dear.
This greeting is sealed with
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For a very fine season and
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Pictured standing (l-r) Rick Perkin, Josie Martinez, Shannon Perkin; seated (l-r) Jody Chaney and Maggie Espinoza. Not pictured is Irene Edwards, Kelly Rivera, Amanda Ponko and Patty Perkin.

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Letters to Santa

Dear santa,
How are you doing? Want a remote control car.
Love always,
Bobby
***
Dear Santa,
how are you doing? we are goeeg to see you I wont for christmas I wont a barbie car.
I love you,
Isabel Salazar
***
Dear Santa,
how are you? What I asked for: barbe computer, babys, barbes, rpenzell king and queen and their carriage.
I love Santa,
Lindsey
***
Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clause? I hope she is ok. I Rudolph ok? Can I please have a moter bike, a moter scooter, a remote control plane, jump rope and a gumball machine?
Love
Corbin Lewis
***
Dear Santa,
What are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? If it's really cold down there at the North Pole. I want a 40" suitcase, a stereo, a bell from his Santa's sleigh, a CD player, a picture of the Wolves team, play braces and an art set and a American Flag, a wolf paw print.
Love,
Taegen
***
Dear Santa,
I want a reindeer named Rudolph. I want a star out of the sky. I have been a really good boy? I want a suit like yours and don't forget the beard, and a Chinese Pug.
Love,
Ezra
***
Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike, a sled that you fly in, a real sheep, a toy motor cycle, a art table, a real tree, a fishing pole, a cross, a bell. Hi Santa and Mrs. Clause!
Love,
Tommy
***
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. If I have been a good boy can I have a pair of spurs and a saddle to go on my horse. But the next special thing I would when since I've been a good boy is a shot gun in cace of an emergency and a pack of bullets. When I grow up this is what I want from Santa is a Ford 4x4 4 door desal F-350 with a fancy horse tralor please can I have these thangs when I grow up. Santa can come and eat his cookis and milk.
Your friend,
Tyler Hammond
***
Dear Santa,
Have you been ok from delivering all those presents all these years? I hope you are ok because I don't want you getting hurt. When you deliver them presents. Santa I have been a bad boy but may I get a 3rd grade learning game an cd rom? If I can't have that may I get a game boy advanced with a game called Drgon Ball Z legacy of gaku. That's all Santa, but I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love,
Juan Beltran
***
Dear Santa,
I have been a bad boy this year. If I was good this year I would really like a gameboy Advance. If you can't get that I would like a playstation 2 with that game called smack shout your mouthe. I would like a tramplen because it sounds fun. What will I leave Santa when he comes... some cheese.
Love your freind,
Mat Potter
***
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeers doing? How's Mrs. Claus doing? I want a Harley-Davidson chopper. I want for everybody to have a very good Christmas. I want a skateboard. Thanks! Thank you.
Love,
Christian Lopez
***
Dear Santa,
I like your sleigh. I like your house. Can you bring me a toy airplane? Can you bring me a black motorcycle? Can you bring my sister a bike? Thank you.
Love,
Martes Harris
***
Dear Santa,
How your house is? Please could you bring me a boy motorcycle that you put batteries in? Can you bring my mom a angel? Thanks for the stuff.
Love,
Jeremiah Williams
***
Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Spiderman. A ninja, a red motorcycle and a red car and a blue one. For my little sister, a Barbie doll. For my mom, I want a new t-shirt. For my dad, perfume.
Thank you,
Love,
Jacob Garcia
***
Dear Santa,
I like your beard. I like your slate. I want a bike. I want some training wheels. I like your reindeers. I want some stuff for my dad -- somethings for him to work. I want a baby toy for my baby brother. I want a big bike for Josh. My sister wants a doll that talks. I want Adrian a big car that works. I want my mother some clothes.
Love
Zackary Tillis
***
Dear Santa,
I like your sleigh. I like your reindeer. I want a computer. I want a Barbie. I want a color book. I want a rhyming words reading book. My sister wants a little Barbie too and a Barbie car. My mom wants a necklace. Thank you.
Love,
Desiree Martinez
***
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like to have a baby sister more than anything. If I could not have that I would like my mom and dad to get back together. I would like a roller coaster just because it sounds fun. I would like to get these items so our family would be together having fun. I would leave you a turkey sandwich with achoice of milk or soda or wter and I would a speacial glass to drink out of.
Love,
Ashli Cooper
***
Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling well for Christmas Eve. I have been very good this year. pleas bring me a reamote control plane.
Love,
Zachary
***
Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling well for christmas Eve. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a new stereo. thank you!
Love,
Emilio
***
Dear Santa,
Hay Santa, I hope your doing well for Chrismas Eve. I think I have been good this year. And how are the raindeer and elvs and Mrs. Clos. I would like a Labtop and a 8 inch TV. Thank you!
Love,
Jason Vidal
***
Dear Santa,
I hoe I've been a good girl this year! I would like a real puppy, a basketball, Spirit the movie and a dress. I'll leave you cookies and milk for you.
Love,
Madeline Gibson
***
Dear Santa,
I would like a spiderman game, a playstation 2 and some wheels for George' Z71. I'll leave you some milk and oreos. Oh, I also want the movie Spirit.
Love,
Cutter Davila
***
Dear Santa,
Thanks for coming on this special day. I'll play some Santa Claus music. I would like a real motorcycle, a dog, a star and my own little Christmas tree. Thanks for coming.
Love,
Ben Clements
***
Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the North pole? I want a dert bike soot and the gluvs.
Love always,
Scotty
***
Dear Santa,
How are you today? I wot to rodost dirt bike toy.
I luv santa,
Ricky Cantu
***
Dear Santa,
ower you goin. I wunt a robot and a car and a...
Love always,
Colton
***
Dear Santa,
how are you doing? I wont a barbie computer and a barbie and a jeep that is a tooey.
Luvawawas,
Laura Clements
***
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph Santa? I want a karioke machine I want a playstation 2. I want a game boy advance. I want some clothels. I want some cds. I want some cassettes. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Brittany Vasquez
***
Dear Santa,
How are you doing today. I want a barbie phone for Chtistmas and I have cookes and milk
I love you,
Claudia DeLoera
***
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I like brbe in a big brbe. I wut a babey in a books. I wut a hoo jket. I wut a kupern.
Love always,
Alexis
***
Dear Santa,
How you doing? I wot a Brbies aspusl mootle. and a Brats. I wot a fon. I wot a Bareu Brbiesas. and a Brbiesas.
Love always,
Darrian
***
Dear Santa,
How old are you. Whey do thay call you Santa if yore name is sant nick. how many many elf's do you got. Get Mis. Partin a new esplorer and cold you get me a playstain 2. How old is Rupdoff. Whey dous Rupdoff have a red nose. how you get to all the house's in one nite.
Your friend,
Josh Leverett
***
Dear Santa,
Chirstmas means a lote to me one of them is I love my family a lot. What does Christmas mean to you? I won't for Christmas is rooleblads, droms sticks and some thing for my tcher is a new Eloxplor. I would lick love from my ho family and I hop I get of subtrackson so klick and have a happ christmas. ho ho ho.
Love,
Nathaniel Martinez
***
Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing fine and I want for Christmas is a wallet and a toy reindeer and I hope it glows in the dark and I hope it coms aliv wen the sun cos dow and won my fris are not tthea. and hope its raudof.
Love,
Junior
***
Dear Santa,
When Christmas comes every year the snow is so nice. Everything is so white and white is a good color. It must be nice going down chimneys every year. For Chistmas this year I want a scooter, Xtreme Motorcle. I also want a Jimmy Neutron DVD and a Longhorns pillow.
Love,
Jason Rodriquez
***
Dear Santa,
How have you been? I want a game boy advants and a game to go with it. Then a present that you want to give me. Have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Rabbie Gonzales
***
Dear Santa,
I hope you and your famaly enjoy this cart. Maybe you know what I whant for Christmas. I hope you enjoy a happy new year. Happy Christmas time.
Your friend,
Selene Castillo
***
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the elfs doing? How are you doing? Do you want to know what I want for Christmas? I want a gameboy, Shrinky Dink oven, game boy games, dixter game, a barbe called my buteful mermad. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ashley Stone
***

Have A Bright And Beautiful Holiday Season!

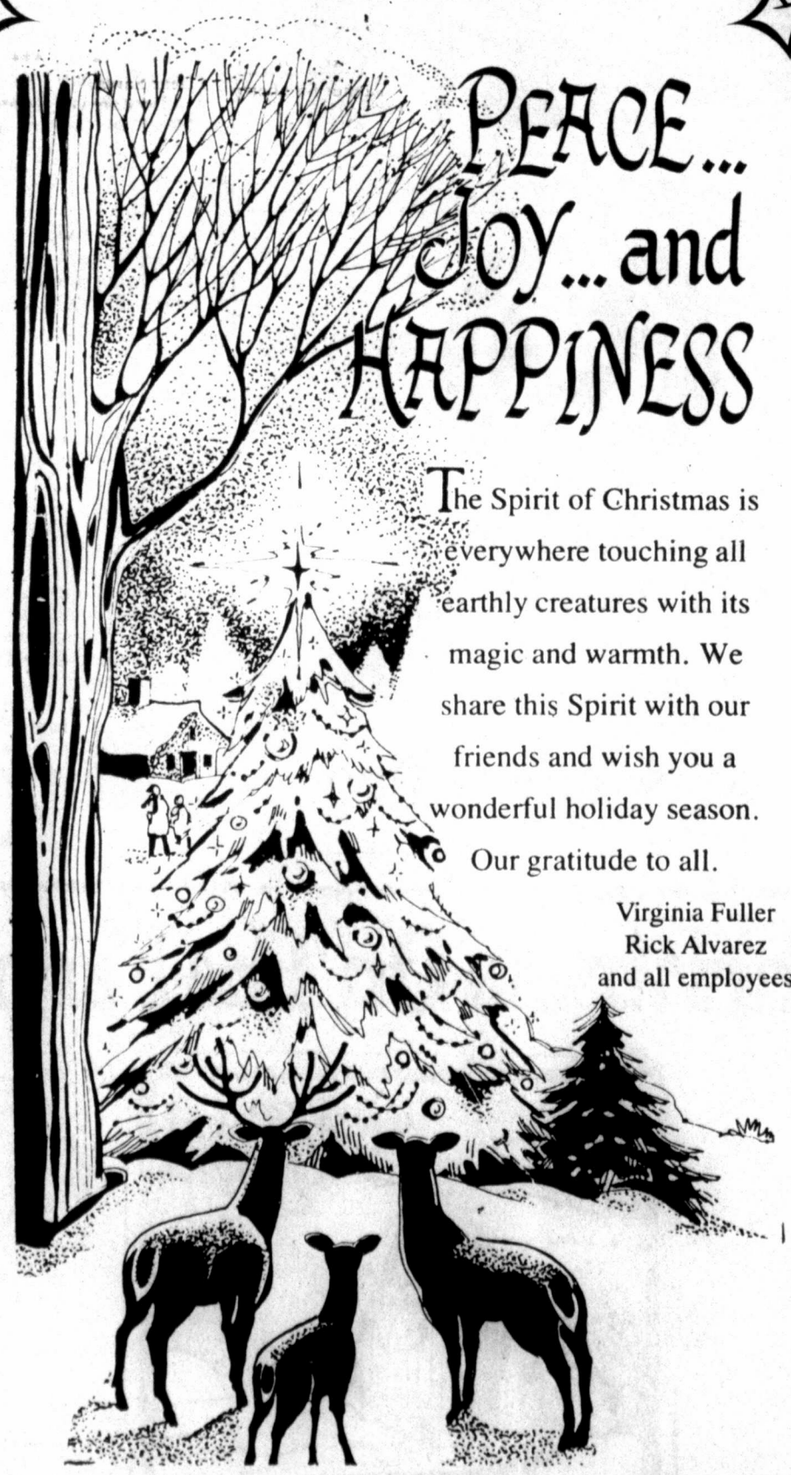


May your spirits soar and your dreams take wing this holiday season.
Thanks for being a part of our life this past year.
Hope to see you again, soon.

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Letters to Santa

A Soldiers Christmas

by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
And to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.
No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sober thought came through my mind.
For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.
The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?
I realized the families that I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,
Santa don't cry, this life is my choice;
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
My life is my country, My God, my corps.
The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still
And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.
I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark night,
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is secure.
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right,
Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night.

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan; the following is his request, I think it is reasonable... PLEASE. Would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our US service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.



Dear Santa,
I wood like a Playstashan 2. Also a Gameboy advanse, a remote control car. I hope you have a mery chrismas.
Your friend,
Cutter Rees

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Dear Santa,
How have you been I been fine and how is Mrs. Claus she is doing fine. What I whant for Chirstmas is a rabbit. Is Rudolph doing he is doing good and how areyour elves doing they are doing fin.
Your friend,
Hope

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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. If you have it I would like a bike a purple flower bike with glitter. I would like a Bratz Magen doll. A stuffed unicorn. I would like Ella Dream popper. I hope you and Mrs. Claus are not sick. I will leave you milk and cookies. P.S. Please bring my dog Pooh a bone with a red bow on it.
Love,
Taylor Humphrey
6 yer old sweet girl

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, does his nose glow? I want a transformers hot shot. Oh one last thing, have a merry chrismas.
Your frind,
Arden Alvarez

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Santa, is Mrs. Claus. Ok? I want Carlos to come back. I hope you have a mary Christmas.
Your friend,
Stephen Potter

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing and Mrs. Claus? Did you had a good christmas? Could I have a laptop?
Your friend,
Elsa Garcia

***

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a gameboy, a shirt of dragon ballz, a cumputer. Have a happy merry Christmas.
Your freind,
Alfredo Bueno

***

Dear Santa,
How was your year. how is miss claus. I would like you to bring me a gameboy advance and a miracle baby. and I a bell from your sleigh, please. I hope your will have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Micah Minkina

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph. How are you dowing? What I want for Christmas is agameboy advanse and a nintendo game cube. Merry Chrismas!
Your freind
Daniel Dillon

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Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing at the North Pole? I am doing good. I want for Christmas is a Happy Christmas. I saw you at the mall.
Yore friend,
Bethany Toombs

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I have been a good girl. I would want a Password Jornal 2 more than anuthing. The next special gift that would like to receive for Christmas is a Hit Clip. What I really want is a lava lamp. Please Santa, I want you to give me a lava lamp. Santa, I am going to leave some milk and cookies.
Love,
Heather Barrera

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy. What I would like more than anything is a go cart. The next thing I would want is an X-Box. The next thing I want because it's fun would be a lava lamp. I think I should get them because I listen to my mom and dad. I will leave milk, cookies and cheese.
Love,
Monseis Ybarra

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Dear Santa,
Yes, I've been a good girl this year. I would like a Password Journal 2. I would like a hit clip and a dirt bike. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Erika Vaughn

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. What I want for Christmas is a nit clip, bike, Rapunzal doll and a Password Journal 2. I also want a puppy and a kitten. I will leave Santa milk, cookies and cheese.
Love,
Reba Williams

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I would like an I-Box and Game Boy Advance. I also would like a bike. I have been a really good boy. I will leave Sant Claus some milk and cookies.
Love,
Anthony Rivera

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are Mrs. Claus and the elves and reindeer? I have been a very good girl this year. I would really like a phone. Just because it looks fun, I would like a lava lamp. I also would like a Shrinky Dink oven. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love,
Sydney Upshaw
P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I do what my mom and dad tell me to. I want a rope more than anything. Thank you Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Taylor Harris

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and know what I want for Christmas. I want a Go-Cart more than anything and a Dragonfly. I want something fun like a mind control. I'd want these because there' nothing to do except two things watch TV and play Hercules. That's why I want these gifts. How are Mrs. Claus and Rudolphy? I don't know what to leave for you. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Aaron Mendoza

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want Play Station Two with two games. Then I want a bike. Next, I want a scooter. I think I should get these because I do everything my mom says. I will leave you some cookies.
Your friend,
Benny Jones

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In this season of wonder, we wish you a multitude of blessings.

Happy Holidays to our many friends and customers!!

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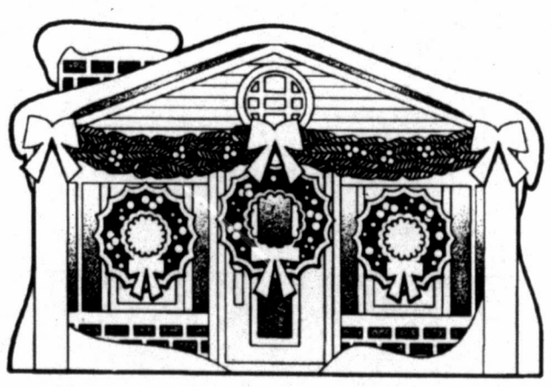
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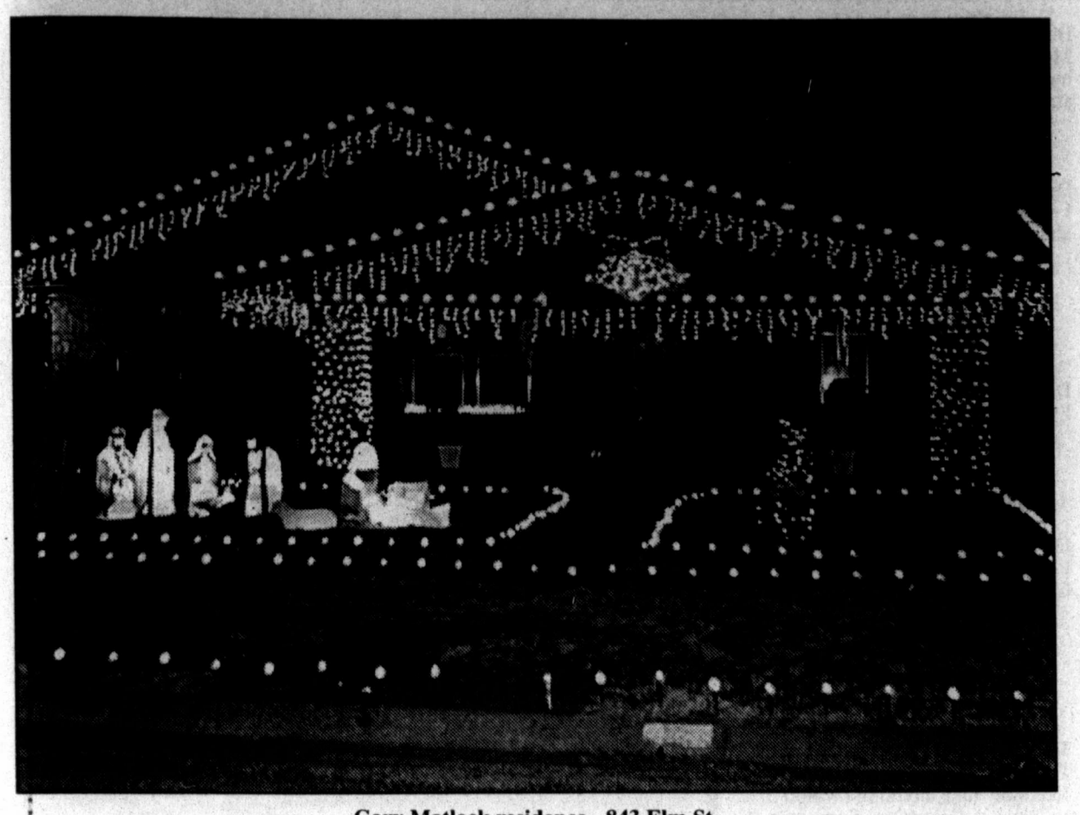
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District Office

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Letters to Santa



Gary Matlock residence - 843 Elm St.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. The thing I would like more than anuthing is a scooter-skateboard combo. What I would like for the second gift is somw skates. The last thing is a Sponge Bob tank. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Love,
Megan Diane Bullard

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Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy all year. I want a portable DVD player and Men in Black DVD. I also want a Transformers Armada Optimist Prime 3 Modes. I want a Nintendo Game Cube, a Spiderman Game, and a Godzilla Destroy all Monsters Game. I want a Mario Sunshine Game, a Sponge Bob Square Pants Revenge of the Flying Dutchman and a facemask for my Game Boy.

Love,
Willie Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
I go to Kelley. My name is Jonathan Jackson. I am 6. I want a game boy advance. Iv bin good.

Luv
Jonathan

***

Dear Santa,
My name is Haley. I am 6. I wot tinkerbell watch and pencils note pad. I bin good.

Luv
Haley Maxwell

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. All year I was wondering about your reindeer. This year, I would like a Play Station 2, the movie Men in Black 2, and a Game Boy Advance. I will leave Santa milk and cookies.

Love,
Ross Salmon

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. What I want more than anythingis a dirt bike. The second thing I want is a motor scooter. The third thing I want is a lava lamp. The fourth thing I want is a four-wheeler. Last but not least, I want a skateboard.

Your friend,
Jadrian Dominguez

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want Tony Hawk Pro Skater Four. I want a Play Station Two and a basketball game. I want a go-cart for Christmas.

Your friend,
Alex Salazar

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been a good girl this year. What I would like the most is new shoes and new clothes. Just for fun I wuld like a lava lamp.

Love,
Jordan Martinez

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Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I would like this more than anuthing, a DVD Player. I would like a dirt bike. I would like a lava lamp just because it looks like fun.

Love,
Oralia Arguijo

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jonathan. I am 6. at Christmas I lik to opin my prsents. How do you fliy? Whan you came to my house I hope you give me prsents. I want 2 lights aber. I hert my mom with the groceries.

Love,
Jonathan Castillo

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Dear Santa,
My name Marissa. I am 6. At Christmas I like back cookies. how do fit drown the chiney? I was wondering if I can see you. can I have samantha scooter, a scooter and a trampoline. I clen my room.

Love,
Marissa Molina

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Dear Santa,
My name is Nathandle. I am 7. My favorite thing to do is play. How is your family? How do you git down the chimney? I hope you like my decorations. I like a stereo, TV and models. I clen my room. I don do my chors.

Your friend,
Nathandle

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Dear Santa,
I am 7. My favorite thing to do is wach TV. I was wondering about Rudoph. How do you fit in the chimne. I would like a lap top and a my size rapunsel and a rapunze dress and wig. When I my sister fell I helped her up.

Taylor Griffith

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Dear Santa,
I am 7. At Christmas I like to open presints. How do you get down the chimney. I like to play in the snow. I wont a playstation and a toy gun and a GI Joe.

Love
Draven Valverde

***

Dear Santa,
I want spirit, a lava lamp, and a fake dog and a Ken jeep. I'm going to leave you some cookies & chips.

Love,
Katie Barrera

***

Dear Santa,
I wish it was already Christmas. I want a pig, a bunny, a balloon car, a reindeer toy, and a trophy. I'm going to leave you some pretzels.

Love
Dusty Dawson

Dear Santa,
Please bring mea fake truck with a remote control, a golf cart and a four wheeler, one that you push a button and it takes off. I will leave you some M&M's.

Thank you,
Love,
Don Glen Herrera

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gameboy Advance, that's all. I have been good. I will leave cookies in the living room.

Thank You,
Love,
David Sanchez

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a new bike, some specture colors, a Barbie doll and that is all. I will leave a snack for you.

Thank you,
Love,
Alexis Redwine

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, some skates, a phone with glitter on it and a pink horsy.

Thank you,
Love,
Jazzlyn Mendoza

***

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gameboy Advance, some games and Army man toys. If my mom makes cookies, I will leave you some.

Thank you,
Love,
Isaac Rios

***

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring me a new bike, a toy gun and some cups and plates for my mom.

Thank you,
Love
Sabashtan Gonzales

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Dear Santa,
My name is Delani Graham. Please bring me a Barbie Van, some Barbie clothes and a stuffed reindeer. I will leave some chocolate chip cookies on the kitchen table.

Thank you,
Love,
Delani Graham

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Please bring me a spiderman Web Blaster, a pet cat and a toy spinosauras. I have been really good this year. I will leave you some milk and cookies by the Christmas tree.

Thank you,
Love,
Blake Collins

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Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn. I have been a very good girl for Christmas. I want an Ashley doll house ad a big castle house and an Ashley phone for my sister get her an Ashley doll house and things that you can write on.

Thank you,
Your friend,
Autumn Green
Headstart

I will leave some toast & eggs for you Santa.

Dear Santa,
First thing I want is a fake horse to ride on, a jeep, a Barbie house and Barbies to go with it, a car the Barbies can ride in. I want an office, a baby doll, a shelf, a puppy and a cat. I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. I wish I will have a lot of friends when I grow up.

Love,
Mason

***

Dear Santa,
I want a present. I want barbie dolls, a puzzle, a tent, a bell from your sled, an airplane, a reindeer named Miss Tolle, Santa and a mouse. How are you? I want a twinkle, twinkle little star, a pencil and a bracelet, the moon. I was a very good girl. My brothers did not behave.

Love,
Hannah

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HALLELUJAH!



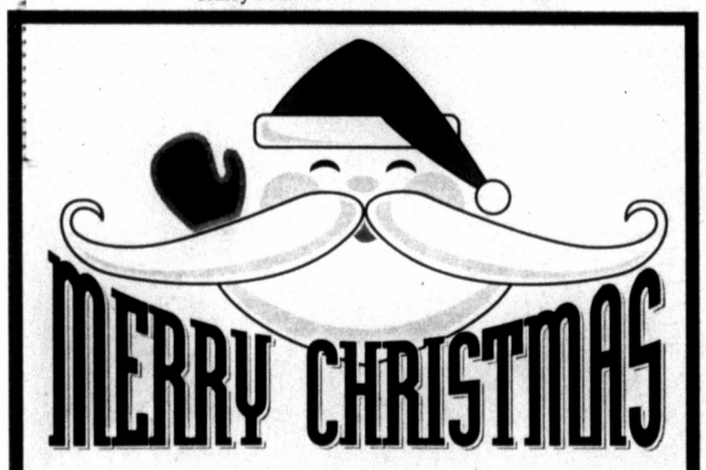
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Enjoy!

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Happy Holidays to the citizens of Westbrook!
From the City of Westbrook employees

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a scooter, a little jeep, a computer, a watch, a bracelet, a chair, and Barbies. I have been a good girl.

Love,
Serena

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Dear Santa,
How have you been? I want a toy, a car, a book, a toy truck, a sticker book, a frisbee, a skateboard, a scooter and a bike. I really really want a bow and arrow. How many reindeers do you have. I have been a good boy this year. Where do you live?

Love,
Olivar

***

Dear Santa,
My name is Jalessa. I have been good for Christmas I want a car and a pickup and a Barbie house. Thank You.

Jalessa Williams
Headstart
I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Rion. I have been a good boy for Christmas I want aThomas toys and a teddy bear. Bob the builder toys.

Thank you,
your friend
Rion Maxwell
Headstart
I will leave some snacks for you.

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Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my daddy to come home, a milk truck, Barbie dolls, Barbie jeep, a coke, a train, a rial doll, and a princess dress.

Thank you
Haven Campbell
Age 4

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Dear Santa,
My name is Joe. I am 8. I licke to open preset. I wanta football. I shar candy my frend, Joe

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a castle and a car, suit and some pajamas for Ricky.

Thank You, your friend
Jennifer Roman
Headstart
I will leave some milk & cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House and a barbie queen. I also want a barbie telephone.

Love Stephanie
4 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some cookies and milk.

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Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and barbie truck. I also want a barbie house.

Love
Kaytlin
3 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some milk.

***

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll.

Love, Sierra
3 yers old
Headstart
I will leave some cookies.

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Dear Santa,
This year I've been a good girl. I would like a new bicycle with no training wheels. Next year I would like to have a journl text 2. I would like to have a barbie hotel. I think we could get them because we probolly been a good girl or boy. I'll leave some milk, cookies and a note.

Love,
Bethany B.

***

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie, a Christmas tree and a computer. I have been good.

Thanks,
Love,
Carissa Espinoza

Dear Santa
All I want for Christmas is my daddy to come home and a barbie car, a scooter a bike. and a Christmas tree for my house like the one at my gramps, house.

Thank you
Steashia Campell
age 4

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Dear Santa,
All I want is a few things, like a bike that is red and has black and white lines, a remote control car, the movie of the Grinch, and Stewart Little 2 movie, and a crazy puzzle.

Thank You,
Frankie Atkinson

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jon. I am six. How do you fit dwon the chimny. I wod lice a lot ov tos.

Yr frd
Jon

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jessica. I am seven years old my favorite thing to do is play. At Christmas I like to open prsents. I was wondering how do you slide down the chimney? When you come to my house I hope you like my cookeis? I would like for you to bring mea Barbie and lots of paper.

Love,
Jessica Nichols

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Dear Santa,
My name is Tori. I am 7 at Christmas I like to make cookies. How do you fliue? When you come to my house I hope you dring me prsents. I would like a now dike, a now necklis, and sum earings.

Love,
Tori Barrera

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Dear Santa,
My name is Randy. I am 8 and I want a stereo. I want a lot of games. I want a prayint mantis. I clened my room when my mom tell me to.

Your frand,
Randy

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Dear Santa,
My name is Alexis. I am 7. My favorite thing to do is open presents. How do you like my cookies? I hope your raindeer like the raindeer food. I would like to have a fashion foto barbie.

Love,
Alexis Lopez

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Dear Santa,
My name is Douglas. I am 8. My favorite is to play games. how do you fliy? I would like a game boy and four gams and a shrt.

Love,
Douglas

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Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a bike. Kimberly wants a Barbie. My mom wants makeup. My dad wants a doll. Thank you.

Love,
Eddie Clark.

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Dear Santa,
How is Ruldolph doing? Please bring me a Charge Truck and a new TV for our room. I also want a Spiderman Toy and a pet turtle. I have been good all year.

Thank you,
Love,
Josh Rees

Dear Santa,
My name is Dylan and I want a motorcycle. I also want an octobotts and a big gun.

Love Dylan
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
I want a shark toy. I also want an aladdin toy.

Love Conner
4 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some cookies and milk.

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Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a jacket.

Love Jameela
4 years old
Headstart
I will leave some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want a dollhouse and shoes for Christmas.

Love Shania
4 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. What I would like more than anything I would like to have a Scatebord Sumantha. I would like to have everybody to be at my grandma's for Christmas. I would like for my brother to move with us. I think I should get these items because I have been a good girl. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love Frankie Gaona

***

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. This year for Christmas I would like more than anything? A job for me and I will receive a present to my mom to celebrate Christmas it will be fun to get toys it is special to give kids present. I will leave Santa some milk and some cookies.

By Cortney Martinez

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Dear Santa Claus,
I had been good, and can I have something for Christmas I want a remote control race car one reason I want one because I wont have to stay in the house so much. Merry Christmas.

Sincerly,
Tracy Russell

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Dear Santa,
These are the things I likefor christmas because I have been a very good boy. I like battle castle, jousting knight with a royal coach, battle dragon. I will have milk and cookies under my christmas tree. Don't forget something for Mom and Dad also my brother.

Justice Robinson

***

Dear Santa,
I want a Playstation game. The reason I want it is I like all the old games. I won't be bored after school. I don't like my other games. I've been a good boy. I really want it.

Love,
Christian Rodriquez

***

Dear Santa,
Christmas is just around the corner, so I'm going to tell you what I want. I want two kittens. One reason I want two kittens is so when I am bored I can play with them.

Merry Christmas,
Erin Graham

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Dear Santa,
Please bring me a raindeer comet for Christmas. I will be good the oll year just to git a raindeer for Christmas.

Your friend,
Tiffany Martienz

***

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a helmet, a computer and please bring my sister a Barbie. I will leave some milk and cookies on the counter.

Thank you,
Love,
Jonathan Blassingame

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Please bring me a Barbie travel train, a baby and a horsy. I will leave you some cookies by the Christmas tree and milk too. I have been a good girl.

Thank You,
Love,
Alison Wheeler

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Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a baby doll that cries, a new bike and a computer. I have been a good girl this year.

Thank you,
Love,
Genifer Whiddon

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Dear Santa,
My name is Alex. I am 6 years old and in the first grade. My favorite thing to do is writing. At Christmas I like to open presents with my family. I was wondering how your reindeer were feeling. How do you carry all of the Christmas gifts? When you come to my house, I would like a red remote control PT cruiser, a robot horse, hot wheels, race cars, and a red jeep wrangler.

Love,
Alex Pineda

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dentist Playdough toy. It costs ten dollars. And a Barbie Beach doll. I will leave some milk and cookies by the Christmas tree.

Thank You,
Love,
Mikaela Madrid

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Dear Santa,
My name is Rankin. I am 7 years old. How do you like the milk and cookies when you came to my house I hope we have a grate Christmas. I would like my mom's towe to be better. I want a car that turs into a robebot. I was wondering about my cousin.

Your friend,
Rankin

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Dear Santa,
Christmas means a lot to me because you get a lot of stuff and you give a lot of stuff to different people. Santa for Christmas I would like a set of golf clubs. Santa how cold is it in the NorthPole? I would also like some rolerblades.

Love,
Derek Gainey
P.S. Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
Christmas means alot to me because you bring lots of presents to me and my brothers and sisters. I would like if you could make it snow on Christmas Eve. I would like if you could get me a cdplayer for Christmas and a tweety blanket with a pillow to. It is cold outside. It was snowing today.

Love,
Angenette Gonzales

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Dear Santa,
Do you know what I like about Christmas? I like giving gifts. I like Christmas trees. I like my family being together. I like all of the good food. Please bring me a Remote Kuntrol car.

Love,
Xavien Lenard

***

Dear Santa,
Christmas means to me when my family is happy. And my family joy Christmas. I am bad or good santa thinking. Santa how cold is it at the northpole? how are you doing? If you want to come my classroon my numbur is 16.

love
Haley Cogburn

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year and I have my Christmas list for you. ABC slinging wagon, classic cruisers set, little people fun sound train and a home sweet home and lots of barbie dolls.

1 kiss,
Kearra Ausbie

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have battle castle, knight bridge, busting knight, gian tdoll, army, police station, Billy Blazes, firefighter, I would also like for you to bring my mommy and daddy something.

Your friend,
Victor Acosta

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Dear Santa,
For this Christmas, I would like to havea doll house with 100 dolls with it. A cannin talker check out center, and one big cookie.

Lots of kisses,
Jolei Morris

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and barbie clothes and house.

Love Eleese
3 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want a barbie house. I also want a barbie car and also a barbie. I also want barbie clothes.

Love Shannon
4 years old
Headstart
I will leave you a drink

***

Dear Santa,
My name is Sarah I am 4 years old I have been good for Christmas I would like an Ashley Doll House a Barbie and Kelly and two dollars and a Horse and for my brother Daniel bring him a toy tractor.

Thank you,
Your friend,
Sarah Scott
Headstart
I will leave some cookies, eggs, milk for your Santa.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Felix. I am 6 years old. At Christmas I like to give presents. I was wondering about Rudof. Does he have a red nose? I hope you eat all my cookies. I would like a cobra, a playstation2, computer.

Your friend,
Felix

***

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is play with my sister. How are your elves? When you come to my house I hope you eat my cookies. I like to play games. I would like a rabbit and a doll. I hope you have a Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Alicia Orozco

***

Dear Santa,
I was wondering about making my brother a go cart. I am 6 years old. How do you look? When you come to my house I hope that you give me a snake. I would like a alligator for Christmas.

Love,
Nickolas Cole Perez

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Dear Santa,
I am 6 years ol. I was wondering about you bringing a pink Barbie car. How do you wrap presents? When you come to my house I hope you see my room. I would like a Barbie.

Love,
Shentoevia Clarrett

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Leap Frog, a Web Blaster and a new bike and a truck.

Love
Zachanah Luera
5 years old

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and barbie shoes and barbie house.

Love Andreana
5 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur.

Love Christopher
3 years old
Headstart
I will leave you some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want a toy truck and I want some army men.

Love Aaron Free
4 years old
Headstart
I will have some milk and cookies.

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Dear Santa,
I want lots of toys. I want a computer.

Love Canden
3 years old
Headstart

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing I hope you and the elfes have a good Christmas I wrote what my whants and my dad and me my dad he whants tools my mom whants perfumr and I a bell from your slay.

Love,
Aaron

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Dear Santa,
Can you bring me these toys for Christmas I have been a very good boy this yer there is my Christmas list: I only want a spiderman web-blaster.

Andrew Burrola

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Dear Santa,
I need a Harley-Davidson motorcycle ride-on to go to school and work. I love to play with dolls and look at books. Video are my best to see. I like to ride on your sleigh with reindeers don't forget my doll house.

Love,
Madison Rivera

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Dear Santa,
At Christmas I like to skate on the ice. I was wondering about if you can put presents under the tree. When you come to my house I hope that you give my brother and sister presents. I would like a necklace for my mom and my dad I wold like two dolls.

Your friend,
Gabrielle Gonzales

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Letters to Santa

Santa Claus has requests...

Late one Christmas Eve, I sank back, tired but content, into my easy chair. The kids were in bed, the gifts were wrapped, the milk and cookies waited by the fireplace for Santa.

As I sat back admiring the tree with its decorations, I couldn't help but feel that something was missing. It wasn't long before the tiny twinkling tree lights lulled me to sleep. I don't know how long I slept, but all of a sudden I knew that I wasn't alone.

I opened my eyes and you can imagine my surprise when I saw Santa Claus himself standing next to my Christmas tree. He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot just as the poem described him. But he was not the "jolly old elf" of Chrismas legend. The man who stood before me looked sad and disappointed. And there were tears in his eyes.

"Santa, what's wrong?" I asked. "Why are you crying?"

"It's the children," Santa replied sadly.

"But the children love you," I said.

"Oh, I know they love me and the gifts I bring them," Santa said. "But the children of today seem to have somehow missed out on the true spirit of Christmas. It's not their fault. It's just that the adults, many of them not having been taught themselves, have forgotten to teach the children."

"Teach them what?" I asked.

Santa's kind old face became soft, more gentle, his eyes began to shine with something more than tears. He spoke softly. "Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas. Teach them that the part of Christmas we can see, hear and touch is much more than meets the eye. Teach them the symbolism behind the customs and traditions of Christmas we now observe. Teach them what it is they truly represent."



Santa reached into his bag and pulled out a tiny Christmas tree and set it on my mantle. "Teach them about the Christmas tree. Green is the second color of Christmas. The stately evergreen with its unchanging color represents the hope of eternal life in Jesus. It's needles point heavenward as a reminder that man's thoughts should turn heavenward as well."

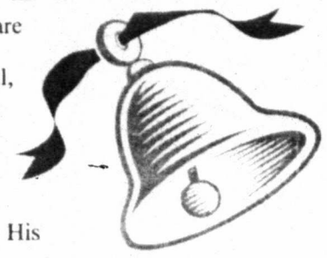


Santa reached into his bag again and pulled out a shiny star and placed it at the top of the small tree. "The star was the heavenly sign of promise. God promised a Savior for the world and the star was the sign of the fulfillment of that promise of the night that Jesus Christ was born. Teach the children that God always fulfills His promises and that wise men still seek Him."



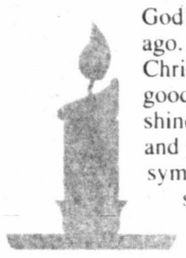
"Red," said Santa, "is the first color of Christmas." He pulled forth a red ornament for the tiny tree. "Red is deep, intense, vivid. It is the color of the life giving blood that flows through our veins. It is the symbol of God's greatest gift. Teach the children that Christ gave his life and shed His blood for them that they might have eternal life. When they see the color red it should remind them of that most wonderful gift."

Santa found a bell in his pack and placed it on the tree.



"Just as lost sheep are guided to safety by the sound of the bell, it continues to ring today for all to be guided to the fold. Teach the children to follow the true Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep."

Santa placed a candle on the mantel and lit it. The soft glow from its one tiny flame brightened the room. "The glow of the candle represents how man can show his thanks for the gift of God's son that Christmas Eve long ago. Teach the children to follow in Christ's footsteps. To go about doing good. Teach them to let their lights shine before men that all may see it and glorify God. This is what is symbolized when the twinkle lights shine on the tree like hundreds of bright, shining candles, each of them representing one of God's precious children, their light shining for all to see."



Again, Santa reached into his bag and this time he brought forth a tiny red and white striped candy cane. As he hung it on the tree, he spoke softly, The candy cane is a stick of hard, white candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus and the shape 'J' to represent the precious name of Jesus who came to Earth as our Savior. It also represents the crook of the Good Shepherd which he uses to reach down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lamb who, like sheep, have gone astray. The original candy cane had three small red stripes which are the stripes of the scourging Jesus received by which we are healed, and a large red stripe that represents the shed blood of Jesus so that we can have eternal life. Teach these things to the children."



Santa brought out a beautiful wreath made of fresh fragrant greenery and tied with a bright red bow. "The bow reminds us of the bond of perfection which is love. The wreath embodies all the good things about Christmas for those with eyes to see and hearts to understand. It contains the colors of red and green and the heaven turned needles of the evergreen. The bow tells the story of good will toward all and its color reminds us of Christ's sacrifice. Even its very shape is symbolic, representing eternity and the eternal nature of Christ's love. It is a circle without beginning and without end. These are the things you must teach the children."



"But where does that leave you, Santa?" I asked.

The tears gone now from his eyes, a smile broke over Santa's face. "Why, bless you my dear," he laughed. "I'm only a symbol myself. I represent the spirit of family fun and the joy of giving and receiving. If the children are taught these other things, there is no danger that I'll ever be forgotten."

"I think I'm beginning to understand at last," I replied.

"That's why I came," said Santa. "You're an adult. If you don't teach the children these things, then who will?"

Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. At christmas I like to open the presents. How do you count to 5? When you come to my house I hop you me with my toys. I would like a race track.

Your friend,
Randy Compton

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Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a drum and a harley. I will lave some milk and cookies for you. Merry Christmas.

Love
Your friend,
Justin Fisk

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Dear Santa,
Sent me a tea party kitchen and a purse with lots of make-up, one dancing dora, Barbie Scooter.

Kelsey Weatherly

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Dear Santa,
A big surprise purse with lots of special things inside, makeup portable phone and a tea set, dancing dora, power wheel car, color pink, Barbie scooter pink and 1 Christmas cake for my mom and dad.

Brilee Young

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Dear Santa,
For christmas I would like for you to bring me sweet Magic kitchen, sweet street hotel and houses, pixter software and a Harley Davidson Motorcycle Ride-on and my room ful of Barbie stuff and dolls.

The good little girl you know
McKenize Kildow

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Dear Santa
I like the Kasey the Kinderbot. I can learn a lot, and a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Ride-on and a train set to play with my Dad., and one doll for my sister that sings.

A friend
Colton Forbes

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Dear Santa
My name is Brianna and for christmas a purse with make-up and a Tea Set and a baby doll with a Tea Party Kitchen with lots of prty things.

I will see you for christmas
Brianna Martinez

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Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good boy. I want to pass third grade. The next thing would be a trampoline. The next special gift would be mixed facts. I think i shoud get these items because i love thosethe most. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

From David

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good small boy. This year I want a TV in my room. Next I would like a rather big bike. Last but not least is a door alarm so no one can come in. I've been a very very good boy. I will leave you some cookies and reindeer snacks for your reindeer.

Love, Jeffery H.

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Dear Santa Clause,
This year I would like a Segway, a Jimmy Neutron video game for PS2, a dooralarm and a punching bag.

Love,
Tyler Plagens

Dear Santa,
All I want is to say by to my grandpa because he died and I love him a lot. He always tells me jokes.

Love,
Kyle Beights

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy this year. What I would want more than anything is no more flat tubes. The next special gift would be a bike that changes gears, I would want a spider man web blaster because it sounds fun on TV. I think I should get these items because I have been a good little boy and I listened to my mom and dad. I will leave you milk and cookies.

P.S. Say hi to rudolph for me please.

Love,
Damian Davila

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy! I would like a firebird. The next thing I want isa mustang. I would like a Anisy bake cookerator. The reason I want these because they are neat. I will leav you a glass of milk and some cookies.

Love
Tyler Adkins

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Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good girl. More than anything I would like a dog. Next I would want a bird. I think it would be fun to have UNO. The reason I think I should get these items is because I have been nice to my sister. I will leave you milk and cookies if you come.

Love, Lauran

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good, sweet, and nice girl! This year I want a white and black horse. I want my family to be together for Christmas more than anything. The most special thing I could get is a red convertible. I would also like a four-weeler because it just sounds exciting and fun. I think I should get what I want because I have been a sweet girl. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
K'Leigh Wallis

Dear Santa,
My favorite thing to do is to go under water and hold my breath. When you come to my house I hope I have a skate board. I woud like a bunk bed, a skate board for my brother. How do you feel about Christams?

Love,
Rick Salazar

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a Web Blaster. I allso want a Road Repers. I'll will leave cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Matthew M.

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'd thought you would not mind if you could get me a bike. The reason I want a bike is mine will not run adn the tire are flat. That is the reason I want it.

Sincerly,
Ava Macedo

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a model car. I want to collect them. I will play car show. So when it is raining outside, I can play inside with it. I hope your elves can make this gift.

Love,
Tony Castillo

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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like to have a skateboard. One reason I want a skateboard is because I am good at riding one. I have been a good girl. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Courtney Sutton

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Dear Santa,
Since I been a good boy, I want a Fox jacket. One reason I want one is because I don't have a jacket that keeps me warm. Please! Please! I want one so badly.

Love,
Kyler Free

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like a skateboard for Christmas. One reason I would like a skateboard is on the deck of my skateboard there are missing chunks.
Sincerly, JC Johnson

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Dear Santa,
Do you want to know what I want? Well, I'll tell you. What I want for Christmas is a 4 wheeler so I don't have to ride my bike.
Sincerely,
Isaac Yanez

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Dear Santa
Drum set, 2 birds and one white mouse. Santa can you tell Mrs. Santa to make a christmas cake from my Dad and mom and my brother want a big cookie. and if you see Frosty the snowman to snow for christmas. I love to play in the snow.
You biggest fan
Crystal Alvarez

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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like to have a sweet street hotel and house, and I would also like the special edition townhouse.
Sierra Salazar

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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would love to have a purse and make-up with a baby doll.
Aubrianna Rodruquez

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Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like to have a powerwheel tractor, some army med and a bby doll for my baby sister.
Exander Boone

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Dear Santa,
This christmas I need to have a train set and I would also like to have my own puppy.
Rowdy Morris

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Dear Santa,
This christmas I would like to have a fisher price home sweet home house and I would also like a tea party kitchen.
Breanna Beltran

***

Dear Santa
Here is my list for Christmas I want a sweet sweet hotel and houses and a baby doll.
Love you
Selena Barnett

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Dear Santa
This christmas I would like to have a power wheel Harley Davidson Motorcycle and a race car.
A friend
Thomas Dixon

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Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the reindeer ok? Please bring me a Nintendo game. And a cat.
Love
Shannon Nicole Clements

Dear Santa,
This christmas I woule like to have a surprise inside purse with make-up. I like a phone and some keys to go with it. Most of all I like for my baby to be at home with me and mommy.
Love love
Georgi Rivera

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Dear Santa,
It is funny when you say ho ho ho. I like it though. how are you doing at the nother pole is it clod there. My mom and dad were good the hole days my mom wants a hackle with a heat in it and my dad wants to be the bose of fuller foods. My brother wants a new game it is spirol retn to enter and my brther wants to get better. I don't want much I just want to be with my family.
Love,
Koe Alvarez

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Dear Santa,
So how are you I like you for a friend be good but no one will it is nice to be why sik the way I wont my alleoges it is not fun to be sike wut. I wont for Christmas is to not be sike and to get presints.
Love,
Jordan Lendermon

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Dear Santa,
Thank you for my presents last eyar and would you give my little brother a spongbob shirt and my big brother some new shoes and my sister a CD player Santa.
Love,
Christion Cantu

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Dear Santa,
I hope you like your cookies and milk give my daddy lots of cloths and tools, give my aunt toy chickens, and my uncle a trckter, and kim music things and computer thing.
Love,
Vanna

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Dear Santa,
I hope you will bring me a poole gun.
Love,
Douglas Bell

***

Dear Santa,
I hope you are ok up there and I hope you like the cookies and I hope ever one was nice.
Love,
Destyne Gaona

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Dear Santa,
My mom wants a candlestalke. I dont now wat my dad wants.
Love,
Tristian

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Dear Santa,
I want a brain or Christmas and a new house, a new bell.
Love
Jacob Rizo

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I would like a babey born. And a hamster. I hope you have a nice Christmase.
Jazmin Delacruz

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Dear Santa,
How have you been? How's all the reindeer? I do not want much except a hamster and some birds. Have a merry christmas and a Happy New Year!
Love
Catelyn Taylor Johnston

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Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the reindeer doing ok. This is what I want for Christmas I want a shat a trick bike with pegs. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Brnadon Gibson

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Dear Santa,
How are you. Well this is the only thing I want for Christmas is to see my Grandpa again in heaven so we can live happily ever after and a x box.
Sicerely,
Matthew Sanchez

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Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeer? I want for Christmas is a Gundum, G.I. Joe, puppy, bike.
Damian Garcia

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Dear Santa
I want for Cristmas is Cherampline, Playstation2 hockey game, bike basketball goal, basketball, for my sitter she barbie cash rester, bike barbie boy, barbie girl and she wants that repunzleas barbie, DvD player, vcr player, tv remocotrol racer from ticel rc, I want a skatboard foosball table cherrlet track but remote and some more low rider models or a pelet gun or pool table and a computer a gatway, I want 46 impala I love you Santa I hope you have a to mom, dat I want a watch and a sponge bob square pant.
Your friend
Addrian Lara

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Dear Santa close
I want some roller blads and a helment and knee pads and I want five books and then I want som little animal eracers and a gloat with the book.
from
Jayne Bradley

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Dear Santa,
For Chistmas I want money. How much money do I want? $100,000 so I can get alot of toys. Santa please bring me a lot of money.
Merry Christmas
Michael

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Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a twelve guage. I want a twelve guage so I can go hunting, shooting and to shoot a targit. I wil buy bullits and take care of it and I won't bang it on things like tress metal or rock. I will clean it every day.
Love
BJ Harbour

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Dear Santa,
Ols i wont fo Christmas is a dirt bike so i can ridit to the deer stand a sted of waking.
From
Jason Free

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Dear Santa,
I want to know if you can get me some western stuf. In case amergency were your seatbelt, why can we noise you but I don't care.
Your friend,
Tim Miller

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want another bike, a barbie motorcycle, more High Heels, more dresses, new clothes and a new pantyhose.
Love
Bianca Palmer
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a barbie, a bike a castle and a sucker.
Love
Samantha Ibarra
3 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a barbie car, barbie jeep and a barbie house.
Love
August Lane
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a motorcycle, a pool table too and a big bike.
Love
Brandon Lara
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a big huge house because I can have a room and my sister will lef my alone.

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Dear Santa,
I want Spongbob Vidos with a VCR Now 234691011, Spongbob pc game, bly book of dogs, cats, big rottwer, house cart, house shoes, fish, bird, money, raindeer, pug, brats fm cause, brats.
By Amanda Arispe

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a scary motorcycle another big bike, a toy, a truck and another truck.
Love
Molik Boone
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a castle, a baby crib, a bottle for my baby and shoes for my baby too.
Love
Muranda Garcia
3 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want some toys.
Love
Kassady Groebl
3 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy.
Love
Adrian Arguijo
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a four wheeler a little bike for Logan, a light-up pen, and a Santa Claus toy.
Love
Zachary Fallin
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good boy. and I want a bike. and a toy pt cruiser. Becuse i have been a good boy this yer I will leve you cookes and milk.
Love Luis

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have a telaruition to put in my car. I would also want to have a new pooltable to play with I want new CD players for my computer.
From, Marc Tapia

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Dear Santa,
How are you. Could I have a guitar for Christmas. and a puppy plus and a Herry Potter book.
Your friend,
Miranda Frizzell

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Dear Santa,
My name is Olivia Ornelas and I know I haven't been good but I'll try next year inway. What I want for Christmas is a honda motorcycle please!! and a karaoke so I can sing. And my own phone line and thats all I want for Christmas.
Your friend
Olivia Ornelas

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Dear Santa,
I want a puppy because they're cute. I also want a boombox because I got one last yer but it broke. And I want a new bike. My bike always goes flat.
Sincerly,
Audra Calderon

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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a new bike. Because my old bike is to old. My mom and dad won't get me a new bike. So can you. If you do I leave milk and cookys for you.
Your friend,
Hunter Booth

Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling well for Cristmas Eve. I have been very good this year. Please bring me a new controll for my Playstation 2.
Love,
Tristan

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Dear Santa
I hope you are feeling well for christmas eve. I would like a Playstation and games.
Love,
Chris Garcia

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Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling well for christmas Eve. I have been very good this year. please bring me a new stereo.
Love
Gina

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Dear Santa Claus,
Hi I would like a gocart, tv, bmx bike, playstation two, bars, drumset, pit bull, four wheller, car, truck, football, be-be gun, paint ball gun.
Your friend
Anthony Garcia

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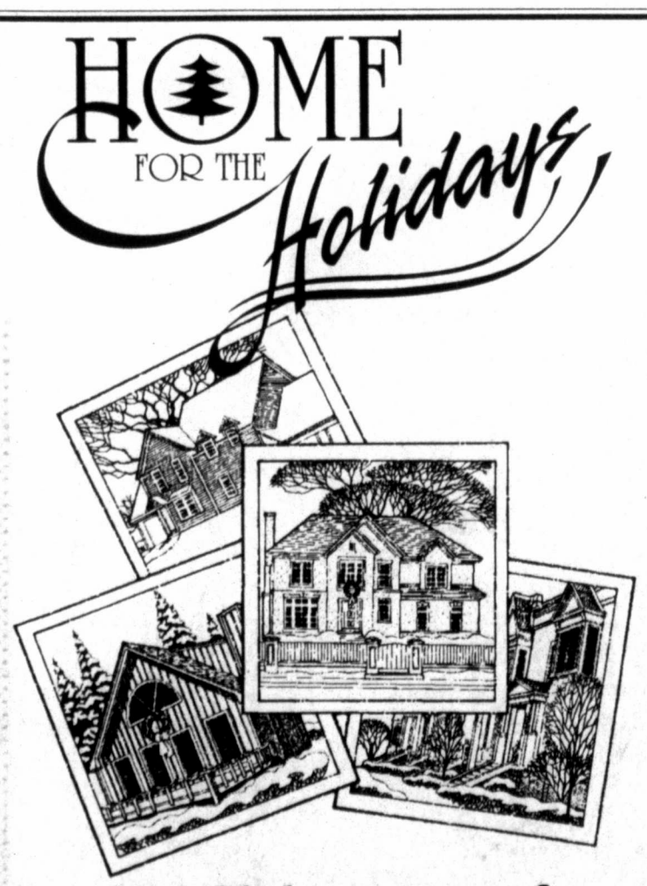


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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a puppy dog for Christmas. I will take good care of it. My mom and dad won't bye me on so I figured you would.

Love,
Kathrine Hickson
P.S. When my mom and dad were little were they good. (Tonya and Jeffrey Hickson are my parents)

Dear Santa,
How are you doing today? I'm just writing to you too let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a bike for Christmas. I'll give you one reason why okay. One reason I want a bike is because if I had a bike I could ride to the store or to the park. so if you want to know what I want for Christmas read my letter.

Love,
Teresa Vest

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Dear Santa,
I won't a playstation two because I would get board. I would by alote of game and I would lay on my bed all day long playing with the playstation. And if I had a playstation I would have afun. And I would never be long because I would have a playstation. And I don't know enythang els to tell you. Have a Merry Chrismas Santa.

Your friend,
Todd Womack

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Dear Santa,
The thing I also want for Christmas is a tall balance beem because my sister has one and she won't let me on it even if I say "please", I also want it because I want to put the trampoline next to it and jump off and land on my trampoline wile doid 3 flips.

Your friend,
Michelle Lopez

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Dear Santa,
I am 6 years old. At Christmas I like to tell my famley that I love you. How do you play with the rendeer? When you come to my house I hope you eat my cookies. I would like a Barbie, skates.

Your friend,
Shirley Marie

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Dear Santa,
My name is Sarena. I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is play Marbols. How do you drive the sleigh? When you come to my house I hope you have fun. I would like skates, computer and a cell phone.

Your friend,
Sarena

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Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is math. At Chrismas I like to open pretests. How do you work? I was wondering about bringing my friend, I would like a skate bord and study time book for Christmas. Please eat my cookies. I love you.

Your friend,
Joe Maberry

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. So I want a guitar for Christmas. The other gift I would like is a gocart. I would like a dirtbik because it sounds fun. I will leave som cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Tony Rees

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Dear Santa,
I hope I have been a good girl. I would like a CD player. I would also like a pass word journal 2. And just for the fun of it a drum set. I think I should get these items because I realy want them. I will lave you cheese and milk.

Love,
Katie Gutierrez

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. The thing I would like the most for Christmas is for my mom to be off on Christmas Eve and day. If that is not possible I would like to receive a history book. Also could you send me a pair of Bop it Extreme. The reason I would want to receive those things is because I have been good. I will leve you some cookies.

Love,
Kristi Barnett

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Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I would like a Bratz doll named Megan. The most favorite doll I would like are all the Bratz doll. I want that is because they are pretty. I'd been a nice girl to everyone. I would leave Santa are milk and cheeze.

Yours truley,
Alexia Espinoza

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I really want a Miracle Moves Baby this year. I also want a boom box. I want a baskcket ball hoop because I think playing bascket ball sounds realy realy fun to play. I think I should resieve thease good fun items because I have been a really good girl. This year I will give Santa milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Ann Marie Morrison

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Daer Santa
How are you doing is you wife doing good. How is your reindeer doing is your elves. are they working hard wail this is wait i want for Christmas? I want to see my Braet Graet Gramia. I hope you have a good christmas and a happy new yaer. By.

Love
Ariel Bailey

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Dear Santa
How are you? How are the elves and the reaindder and Mrs. Clau. I want brats dolls for Christmas and Clothes and shoes and new bed.

Love
Breanna Williams

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Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus. Please bring me a Bratz salan and spa and Bratz, bike and a white Hampster and a ring for my mom.

Love,
Sammie Harshaw

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Dear Santa,
I no I have not been very good. But if you can I just want a new bird. And for my baby brother to come soon. Oh and one more thing for my sister and my dad to come to the program tonight.

Love
Lacey Brad

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers doing are they okay. How is Rudolph Is he fine? Well now if is not to much I would like a dog and more cats and a dell and a new bike and a hellmet.

love
Celia Rico

***

Dear Santa,
I want a play station2 and some games. I would also like a bunch of gel pens and som Ty beany babies.

Your truly
Megan L. Oliver

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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a pool table, playstation 2, Gamecube and a four-wheeler.

Sincerely,
Mario

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Dear Santa
I will try to keep it sort but I will make a list of wat I wold like for crismas: my own room, a dog a cat a suit a par of genes my sister to have her baby a pole my owen talkroom, all A's in school, nofighting in schooll, my owen houes, my own school.

Yours truly
Lupe Gomez

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Dear Santa
I've been good this year thes are the thing I want for Christmas: Game Boy Advance, Game Cube, Play Station, Playstation, Harry Potter Game for all the stuff above, go cart, four wheeler, computer with CD burner and internet with DVD system, movie camra, flat screen TV, surround system, DVD player, BB gun, paint ball gun, Spiderman web blaster - 4 of them, motorscooter, big screen TV, Nintendo 64, CD player, Jlo new CD and Her Greatest Hits, Kingdom heart gqme, Sccoby game, swiming pool, Spiderman toys and green Goblen. And santa let everybody in the world have a grate Christmas

Sincerly
Ray U. Cantu

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Der Santa,
I wont a computer, with a CD Burner, and Surroundsystem and a TV.

Sincerely yers
Joe Acevedo

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Dear santa
I do not want any pransat for chismas this year. al I what this year is a game named gran thef auto for x box and I wut be with my family. have a happ chismas santa

your friend
Garrett Gray

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Dear Santa,
All I would like for Christmas is just a couple of Nancy Drew books.

Sincerely
Kassaundra Jimenez

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a leap frog and a spiderman web blaster, a real and afake motorcycle for Christmas.

Love
Alexander Trujillo
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
I want a G.I. Joe helicopter with a hook, G.I. Joe men (allie vipor), Cobra Claw Sand Storm. Thanks.

Love,
Zachary Hollis

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Dear Santa Claus,
How are your reindeer? I like Rudolph. What does he eat? I want rocking horse, a play giraffe and a doll. I'm going to leave you cookies and lots of milk!

Bailee Young

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Dear Santa,
I'd like a horse, a book and a castle for Christmas. I've been a good girl this year. I will leave you some milk & cookies.

Love,
Crystal Olivarez

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Dear Santa,
I want a bike, remote control car and a little car for Christmas. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Oscar Gonzalez

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Dear Santa,
Can I have a reindeer so I can fly to school and find me food for it. I will take god care of it and sind Dasher I will give him lots of love. Me and him will be the best of friens ok. It mite be hard its ok I promis. and I want to fly.

Love,
Felisha

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Dear Santa
I want a bicical for christmas and mea and elbo pads and a helmont.

Rafael Acevdo

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Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas os a Brats Doll and a Brats Car. And also a computer and a TV that comes with a remote and VCR. And a Sheep Dog.

Yours truly
Raven Cheyenne Limones

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Dear Santa Claus,
How are you. All I want is to past the taks test. and a brazs doll and a new bike and a ice cream maker and lots of money to buy stuff.

Your friend,
Alicia Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
I want a rabbit, a horse and a book for Christmas. I've been good all your. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love
Kayla Atkinson

***

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun, a big train and a book for Christmas. Tell Rudolph hello for me. I have been a good boy.

Love,
Christopher Olivarez

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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year and I cleaned up my room all day long. I want a Barbie bike with no training wheels and a Barbie helmet. I want a Barbie play dress.

Thank You
Love
Desiree Gaona

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Dear Santa,
Please can you bring me a present. I want a gray Jeep truck. Can you bring my mom's present and my little sister's present and my big sister's present and my grandpa's present.

Love
Bubba Tillis

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeers. I want a motorcycle with a man on it. I want a toy guy that you can move with your hands. My mom wants a picture frame. Thank you.

Love,
Thomas Rivera

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Dear santa
May you ples give me a gamecube and a go cart and a motorized Scooter.

From
Joel Bradley

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Dear Santa close
I what a bike and a new dog that is a female boxer and a play station 2 with grant thef odoy vice city on x box cost $70.

your truly
Gerrin Grey

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Dear Santa
What I want for critmas is a toy and money and more money and more money and more money and some more money and more money and some cash.

Carlos Lopez

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Dear Santa,
My favrit part of Chrismas is win we all git together. I like Chrismas because we give not just tacke. I wont my sister Brit to have a neglis that has sister on it.

Frum will
to Santa

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Dear Santa,
Chrismas means a lot to me. Not because the presents. But because I spend lots of time with my family in Mexico. I got to Mexico every Chrismas to see my family in Mexico. I am going to Mexeco after Chrismas. How old is ruadalph? What do raindeers like to eat?

Love,
Dylan Billingsley

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Dear Santa,
Christmas mens to me a lot. I like spending time with my family. And my pets. I want a new playstachon for Christmas. How old are you? How is Mrs. Clase? Is she fine? Mrs. Partin wants a new Explorer. I hope you can get it for her. She really wants wone. I want to see the new Harry Potter movie. But my mom will not take me. By.

Love,
Kendra Tillis

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Dear Santa,
I want a Spider Man Blaster for Christmas.

Love
Amanda Gonzales

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To Santa
I want for chrismas is mony, playstation 2, game cube, toys, give people who are pore to give them mony so they can have a merry chrismas time and my parents.

from
Adrian Talamantes

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Dear Santa Clase
I want go cart, boxing gloves, PS2, games, gamecube, puppy, car, books, mony, x box.

from
Joe Salazar

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Dear Santa Claus,
I would like trampoline, four wheeler, gocart, dog house for my dog, dirt bike, some books, football, soccer ball, a glov, discoball, more dogs.

Your friend
Megan Sanchez



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Letters to Santa

The Christmas Guest

by Helen Steiner Rice

It happened one day at the year's white end,
Two neighbors called on an old-time friend
And they found his shop so meager and mean,
Made gay with a thousand boughs of green,
And Conrad was sitting with face-a-shine
When he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine
And said, "Old friends, at dawn today,
When the cock was crowing the night away,
The Lord appeared in a dream to me
And said, 'I am coming your guest to be.'
So I've been busy with feet astir,
Strewing my shop with branches of fir,
The table is spread and the kettle is shined
And over the rafters the holly is twined,
And now I will wait for my Lord to appear
And listen closely so I will hear
His step as He nears my humble place,
And I open the door and look in His face..."
So his friends went home and left Conrad alone,
For this was the happiest day he had known,
For, long since, his family had passed away
And Conrad has spent a sad Christmas Day.
But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas guest
This Christmas would be the dearest and best,
And he listened with only joy in his heart.
And with every sound he would rise with a start
And look for the Lord to be standing there
In answer to his earnest prayer;
So he ran to the window after hearing a sound,
But all that he saw on the snow-covered ground
Was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn
And all of his clothes were ragged and worn.
So Conrad was touched and went to the door
And he said, "Your feet must be frozen and sore,
And I have some shoes in my shop for you
And a coat that will keep you warmer, too".
So with grateful heart the man went away,
But as Conrad noticed the time of day,
He wondered what made the dear Lord so late
And how much longer he'd have to wait,

When he heard a knock and ran to the door,
But it was only a stranger once more,
A bent, old crone with a shawl of black,
A bundle of faggots piled on her back.
She asked for only a place to rest,
But that was reserved for Conrad's Great Guest.
But her voice seemed to plead, "Don't send me away
Let me rest awhile on Christmas Day".
So Conrad brewed her a steaming cup
And told her to sit at the table and sup.
But after she left he was filled with dismay
For he saw that the hours were passing away
And the Lord had not come as He said He would,
And Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood.
When out of the stillness he heard a cry,
"Please help me and tell me where am I."
So again he opened his friendly door
And stood disappointed as twice before,
It was only a child who had wandered away
And was lost from her family on Christmas Day...
Again Conrad's heart was heavy and sad,
But he knew he should make this little child glad,
So he called her in and wiped her tears
And quited her childish fears.
Then he led her back to her home once more
But as he entered his own darkened door,
He knew that the Lord was not coming today
For the hours of Christmas had passed away;
So he went to his room and knelt down to pray
And he said, "Dear Lord, why did you delay,
What kept You from coming to call on me,
For I wanted so much Your face to see...
When soft in the silence a voice he heard,
"Lift up your head for I kept My word--
Three times My shadow crossed your floor--
Three times I came to your lonely door--
For I was the beggar with bruised, cold feet,
I was the woman you gave to eat,
And I was the child on the homeless street."

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a spider man blaster and a bike.
Love
Adrian Gonzalez
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a barbie gun and a toy for my baby Mikayla.
Love
Cameron Davidson
3 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want aChristmas tree and a new toy.
Love
Daniel Fajardo
3 years old

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a barbie, a baby, a toy dog and a cat.
Love
Hailey Hulme
4 years old

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike, a ball, a toy, a Christmas tree.
Love
Jennifer Bueno
4 years old.

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a jeep a bubble and Ariel.
Love
Haven Campbell
4 years old

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a CD with a CD player a some toy, a scooby doo backpack and a flashing pen with lights.
Love
Danye Vigil
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a scooter, a bike and a club.
Love
Staeshia Campbell
4 years old

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Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good little girl. I would like to have a C.D. player with head phones more than anything. I would also like to have some clothes. The funest thing that I would like is UNO. The reason I want this stuff is because I would like to play with the UNO game and listen to some music. I will leave you some milk and cookies also a picture of me.
Love,
Miranda Reyna

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Dear Santa,
Yes, I have been a very good girl this year. What I would like the most is a chaire that roles into a bed. A night stand is the next gift I want to be receiving. What I would lik just for fun is a ribbit. I should get these items because I have been a very good girl. I will leave you some cheese.
Love,
Kalea

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this eyar. What I would like is a toy pt cruiser that is red. The next special thing I want is 10,0000 dollers. I would like a spinderman web goon. I should get these stuff becuse I beena good boy. I would give you some milk and cookies and a hat.
Love Clyde Levertt

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Dear Santa,
How is the reindeer Santa and hos is Mrs. Claus doing? I love reindeer. Reindeer are big or littl reindeer. Santa Claus how mone is reindeer. Reindeer likes to eat food and people eat food.
Love,
Leslie Ann Davila

***

Dear Santa,
I want a goal car a dirt bike and a paint ballgun.
How's Rudolph?
Love,
Jordan

***

Dear Santa,
Please bring me anything, like a motorcycle, a dirt bike and that's all.
Thank you,
Love,
Jabvari Green

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Dear Sat Claus
I wot a mere card and a palysash rew nat and a new TV and I want my color box and I want my back fex, and I want peeil and a pen and i went new edr year. And a plan year and a pint bole eyen.
love
Andy

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Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good little girl! What I would love more than anything is an XBox. The next special thing I would want is longhorn stuff. What sounds fun is a club house so my friends and I can play in it. The reason I would get these things is because I have been a good girl. I will give you some cookies, brownies, milk and chocolate milk.
Love,
Victoria

***

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good little boy. What I would like more than anything is a Camaro. I would a Firebird. I would like to get a horse. I am a good little boy. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Alex Gaona

***

Dear Santa,
I want a pare of skates and I wish you a Merry Chrismas and a happy New Year and a pear of skooters.
Love,
Josh

***

Dear Santa,
I think you are really great. For Christmas this year. I would like you to bring me on X-Box, a Scooby Doo game, a Spider Man movie, a TV to play my game and watch my movie, and a Kane action figure. I would also like you to bring me some donuts too and you can have some if you want.
Your friend,
Jeremiah Salazar, 5

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Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good boy. I would like to pass to the fourth grade. The next thing I want is to pass the TAKS test. I would like a new bike. I would get those items becuase I've been good. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Neal

Dear Santa,
May I ples have a raf set and a bas was for cismes. Merry Christmas sety.
Love,
Erica McCright

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Dear Santa,
I wish you could come to my house first on Christmas. How is the north pole? I believe in you oh dounwher it is fine how is the elves and come to Felisha's house last. Oh Santa.
Love,
Brent Morris

***

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a lot of CD's so I could listen to them so I just wish if I could get them.
P.S.
Love
Whitney

***

Dear Santa,
May I pleas have acat for Christmas and my sister want a art set. My brother want a spiderman web blaster. And my other sister wants a kitten. P.S. how many elves do you have Santa.
Love,
Abigail

***

Dear Santa,
How is north pole. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves. Are they minding you. P.S. how are the rainder. I want a raindere.
Love,
Sebastian

***

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is ahore's and a barn for my hore's. But I really want for Christmas is lots of presents.
Love,
Kenadee

Dear Santa, ***
I want a motorcycle for me and my brother, a race car set, a tree house, a green motorcycle with a man on it, and a big tree for my mom and dad and everyone. Santa I have been good and I only have on strip. Thanks for my family presents. Have a nice Christmas.
Love,
Colton

***

Dear Santa,
I want a wrestler toy and a dirt bike and a jeep. I want a rescue hero toy. How are you Santa? Can I have a police toy with a car.
Love,
Israel

***

Dear Santa,
I want ten dollars, a baby puppy dog, a table cloth, a Barbie. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Hailey

***

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a good boy. I want a dirt bike and I want a pretend jeep and I want an elf. I want a drumset.
Love,
Dillon

***

Dear Santa,
I want five dollars, a microwave, an apple, a baby doll, a pen, a marker, a camera and a new jacket, a new TV and glue. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Mortayle

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Dear Santa,
I want a 14 drive play truck that when you push the peddle down it drives slow, a dirt bike, a Chevrolet play truck and a Barbie thing for my big sister. I want a Bible book. I have been a good boy. I want a blue Ford truck for me and my daddy.
Love,
J.D.

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Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. What I want for Christmas is anything you can thing of. Why don't you send my mom any prents. How are you doing today?
Love,
Sallie Dill

***

Dear Santa,
I want a dirt bike and Drangen balls. Toy and his names is gajeta and gotex gahon.
Love,
Gabriel

***

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This Christmas I would like you to bring me a Harry Potter game for my gameboy advance, an X-Box, a transformer armada that's name Megatron, also $100 dollars and for me and my sister, I would like you to bring us some really cool clothes. I would also like you to bring me lots and lots of Gatorade. Would you please bring my 2 cousins something and some new furniture for my grandma. I want a new house for my mommy and daddy.
Your friend,
Felix Munoz, 6

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a X-box and a gameboy Advance and a game for a X-box any game for it. For a gameboy Advance I want a Harry Potty game and a laptop and a 1,000 dollars. I want a transformers Armada Optimist Prime.
Love,
Alex Salazar

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Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I want a Barbie subway train for Chrismas. I wish a good Chrismas to you and the elve and the reindeer.
Love,
Marissa Robinson

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? Are you doing well? For Christmas I want a Elves hat. I love you. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Also I want a stuffed animal.
Love,
Tyler Collins

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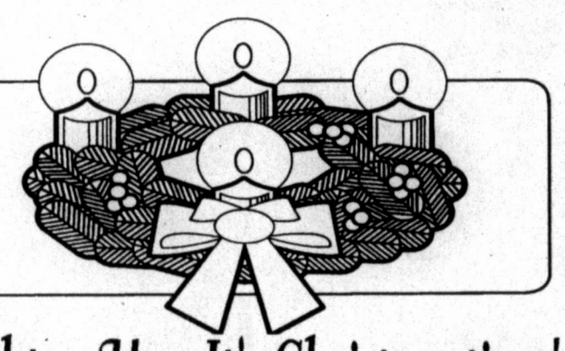
Dear Santa,
How is everybody. What is it like at the North Pole. I am sorry to bother you I hope you have a good day. I want a gameboy.
Love,
Cody Tolle

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Dear Santa,
How is Roodof doing? Fine. I want a Roodof for Christmas and a Nintendo for christmas.
Love,
R.J. Silva

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Dear Santa,
What Christmas means to me is that Christmas is loving, sharing, and giving its warm inside your house. And its cold outside your house. What I want for christmas is a new cd player. And a new palm beach barbie and a movie. Can you come to room 16 Hutchinson Elemetry. Oh and what does your house look like?
Your friend,
Kaley Molina



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and The Benediction of Christmas ... which is peace.



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