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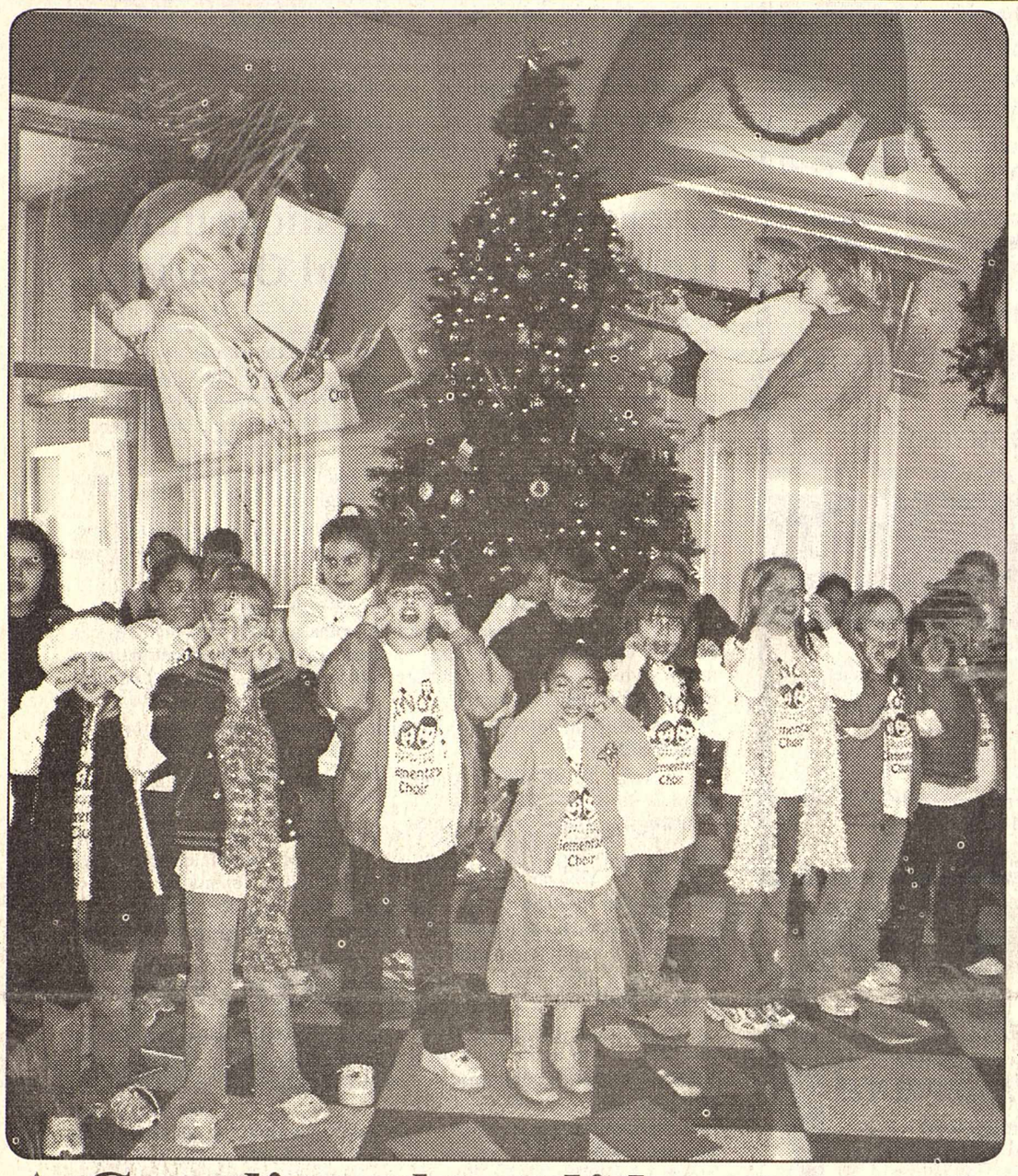
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A Caroling they did go...

Sonora Elementary Choir students filled the streets with song on Monday, December 19, as they visited local businesses to sing favorite Christmas carols. The students, led by Chasey Duncan, Terry Weaver and Amy Davenport, even acted out the tunes with festive expessions and jolly movements that made the traditional tunes even more animated.

The melodies helped brighten the day for listeners and got us all to tappin' or toes, humming a tune and wondering... how did that verse go? Christmas carols are a fun way to help add to the celebration of the season. ***See page 3 to see how much you know about your favorite carols.***

To get you started, check out the clues below and see how many Christmas songs you can identify?

1. The apartment of 2 psychiatrists.
2. The lad is a diminutive percussionist.
3. Decorate the entry-ways.
4. Sir Lancelot with laryngitis.
5. A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z.
6. Present me naughty but dual incisors for this festive Yuletide.
7. The smog-less bewitching hour arrived.
8. Exuberation to this orb.
9. 288 Yuletide hours.
10. Do you perceive the same longitudinal pressure which stimulates my auditory sense organs.
11. The red-suited pa is due in this burg.
12. Stepping on the pad cover.
13. Uncouth dolt has his beezer in the booze and thinks he is a Dark Cloud's boyfriend.
14. Far back in a hay bin.
15. Leave and do an elevated broadcast.
16. That exiguous hamlet south of the holy city.
17. Behold! I envisioned a trio of nautical vessels.
18. Listen, the winged heavenly messengers are proclaiming tunefully.
19. A joyful song relative to hollow metallic vessels which vibrate and bring forth a ringing sound when struck.
20. As the guardians of little woolly animal's protected their charges in the shadows of the earth.

Answers are on page 3.

Texas Highway Patrol steps up enforcement for the holidays

DPS will have all available troopers patrolling Texas roadways during the Christmas holiday. Operation Holiday begins on Friday, Dec. 23 and runs through midnight on Monday, Dec. 26. Troopers will target drunk drivers, speeders and people who are not wearing their seatbelts.

During Christmas weekend last year, DPS troopers made 340 DWI arrests and issued 10,594 speeding tickets and 1,183 tickets for seat belt violations. In addition, troopers issued 503 tickets for child safety seat violations. (These numbers do not include citations written by other departments.)

"If you choose to drive without regard for the safety of others, increased enforcement means you are nearly twice as likely to get a traffic citation or be arrested for DWI during the Christmas weekend," DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. said.

Operation Holiday is a statewide effort by law enforcement to reduce fatalities during holiday weekends. DPS is also participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort)—a nationwide effort maximizing enforcement on major interstate highways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends.

Highway Patrol troopers ask Texans to remember the following driving safety tips:

Slow down—speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.

Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.

Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.

Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.

Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

House enacts strong border security reforms to better protect our homeland

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4437, the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act. The bill takes a great first step toward enhancing security along America's borders and reestablishing accountability and the rule of law.

"In a post-9/11 world, it is of utmost importance that the federal government live up to its responsibilities and protects our citizens by securing our borders," said Conaway. "Border security is an important part of what needs to be a comprehensive solution to reforming our broken immigration system. Respect for the rule of law is critical to maintaining a safe and free society. That is why we must strengthen our immigra-

See *Border Security* page 7

Bawcom returns to Sonora as Sonora ISD Superintendent

by Storie Sharp

In an early morning, special called meeting of the Sonora ISD Board of Trustees on Wednesday, December 21, 2005, Doug Bawcom was named as the new acting Superintendent of Sonora schools.

Bawcom was the principal of Sonora High School for two years, but left in 2004 for personal reasons. With the resigning of Brant Myers in October, applications were called for to fill the administration position. Bawcom was one of the finalists in the interview process and became the sole candidate after the final elimination process last month. A 21-day waiting period is mandatory before any official action could be taken by the Sonora district, but Bawcom began sitting in on meetings early this month. Bawcom also worked with Superintendent Interim Don Gibson to prepare for the new position.

The two met with Senator Frank Madla last week to discuss issues of concern in the district. One main concern the men expressed was being able to keep Sonora students at a high level of education to insure that they are ready for higher education and/or the work force. Bawcom stressed that he wants to give all students a fair chance.

Madla came to Sonora to tour the grounds and make it known that he is eager to listen and help where needed.

A big topic of discussion at the table was that of recapture, better known as "Robin Hood". Gibson and Bawcom explained that it is hard to accurately budget and improve when so much money must be sent to the lower income schools because of property values. The amount sent back each year is based on the prior year's values, so can be very misleading to the unaware. Bawcom explained that the time will come when those values drop and if the district has not saved accordingly, necessary money won't be there to operate on a day to day basis. This savings and the money that is sent to the other schools takes away from being able to budget more money for teachers, technology and what is best for Sonora's students. Madla asked what amount would be needed to be kept in the district to address all theses issues and was informed that an extra million kept local would probably be adequate. Madla agreed to look into the issue further and see how he could help to rectify this problem.



Senator Frank Madla (right) presents Doug Bawcom with a Texas Flag that was flown over the State Capitol.

The meeting continued, with more discussion regarding how to secure the most qualified teachers to our area and unfunded mandates. Bawcom explained that Sonora offers above the base salary for teachers, but explained that it is hard to convince the young teachers to stay in a town this size when the larger districts have so much more to offer. He also said that unfunded mandates, or requirements from the government that schools are not supplemented or given funds for, are a constant problem. He said it's hard to do what they say, give across the board raises, for example, when there is no additional money provided. Madla agreed that this is a constant area of concern for him and this, as well as education reform in general, is always a continuing legislative priority for him.

Madla stated that he wants to work on these problems from the bottom up because he feels that the answers are "in the trenches," with the local administrations, and he needs to hear from the people in order to make a difference. He said he looks forward to working with Bawcom and encouraged him to communicate with him on a regular basis. Before leaving, Senator Madla presented Bawcom with a Texas flag that flew over the State Capital.

In other business, at the December 12, regular meeting of the board Mike McGee reported that construction had reached the hardest point to continue because there were still people in the buildings. He assured the board that he planned to have all the interior construction completed by January.

The board voted to purchase a DRE voting machine for $6805 because there is currently not enough voting machines for all elections. It was also approved an additional copy machine for the Elementary building. The possibility of networking the machine to setup password access was discussed, but not finalized.

Mr. Gibson reported that enrollment was average for this time of year, with sickness in the younger grades causing some absences. Gibson took the opportunity to commend the staff in the office for exemplary service. He stressed that all the ladies worked hard to ensure that he was kept running smoothly for the district and he enjoyed working with them during his time as Interim.

Tom Payton reported on the 4th grade water fair that had been held recently, complimenting the students on their excellent behavior and great questions.

Barbara Jennings reported that the 6th grade Interactive Band concert had been great fun and she was very impressed with all that was being done in that department.

Tammy Favila read a thank you note from Mr. and Mrs. Gibson. The board then convened into executive session to discuss employee stipends and hiring personnel. After opening again in open session it was reported that two teachers had been hired at the high school and a $500 stipend had been approved for all of the staff.

Local 4-H project spreads warmth during holiday season



Kelly L Thorp, MS CEA-FCS Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension, Sutton County 4-Her Laura Martin and Noemi Samaniego, Child Welfare Board President are helping keep children warm with coats collected as part of Martin's 4-H Community Service project. Martin began collecting the coats in October and this week she donated the items to the local Child Welfare Board to be distributed to Sutton County families in need.

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387-2616

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1705 N. Crockett
387-9100

Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266

St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278

Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518

Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190

First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951

St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955

First United Methodist Church
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Senior Center Activities

Fri. Dec. 23 - Center closed for Christmas Holidays
Mon. Dec. 26 - Happy Birthday Linda Cumpian -
Center closed for Christmas Holidays
Tues. Dec. 27 - Bingo!
Fri. Dec. 30 - Center closed for New Year's Holiday!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Dec. 23 - Closed for Christmas Holidays
Mon. Dec. 26 - Closed for Christmas Holidays
Tues. Dec. 27 - Baked chicken, Augratin potatoes, Italian veggies, rolls, orange, milk,
Wed. Dec. 28 - Oven pork chops w/gravy, zucchini/yellow squash, wheat rolls, tossed salad, fruit parfait, milk
Thurs. Dec. 29 - Steak fingers w/gravy, whipped potatoes, steamed broccoli, roll, peach cobbler milk
Fri. Dec. 30 - Center closed for New Year's Holiday!

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.
Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.
Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is $1.50; $4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

Joe Brown's new book
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Thank You Notes

We would like to give a special thank you to Chap Traylor and Miss Sutton County Hillary Lawson, for all your help with the Downtown Christmas Celebration.

We would also like to thank all of the downtown Businesses that helped out by making this a wonderful year. You are all greatly appreciated. And to KHOS radio for all your help broad casting all of our events that we have had this past year. We wish all of Sutton County A safe and Happy Holidays.

Ann Kay, Jennifer Esparza and The Friends of Historic Main Street Program

Obituary

Wanda Mackey Miller

Strawn - Wanda Mackey Miller 66, of Strawn passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2005, at a Mineral Wells hospital. Services were at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, in the First Baptist Church with Reverend Jim Troutman officiating. Burial was in Mt. Marion Cemetery, under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn, Texas.

Wanda was born on December 5, 1939 in Abiline, Texas to Jack and Susie O'Neal Mackey. She grew up in Sonora and was a graduate of Sonora High School. She met and married Jim Allen Miller on March 11, 1967, in Del Rio, Texas and he preceded her in death on May 7, 1998. She worked as a clerk for several years until she had her son and then devoted her time as a housewife and mother. She was raised Episcopal but attended the First Baptist Church in Strawn.

Wanda is survived by her son, Danny Miller and his wife, Jody, of Strawn, and two grandsons James and Nicholas. She was preceded in death by a brother Jack Mackey.

Overcoming Temptations during Holidays and Special Occasions

by Kelly L Thorp, MS
CEA-FCS Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension

Although we are not always in control of the food prepared, we can control much more than we may realize. Here are some ways that people with diabetes can enjoy holiday meals and still keep their blood glucose levels in check:

* Eat regular meals and snacks. If you skip a meal and eat a larger portion, you may cause problems with the glucose level.

* Eat lower calorie foods to allow for some extra calories at a special event. However, do not substitute sweets for the healthy foods you need.

* Look at the amount of food being served.

Prepare fewer dishes, and plan those that people with diabetes can eat. Don't prepare separate foods for them, as everyone can eat the same foods. Avoid making foods that are high in salt, sugar, fat and calories with little nutritional value.

* Modify the ingredients or preparation methods of recipes to make them healthier.

* At an event, do not stand near the food area stand across the room.

* Be selective of the foods you take. You do not have to eat something of every food. Put small portions of food on your plate and eat them very slowly. You can go back for seconds, but only for small portions of the food you should eat.

* When seconds are offered, insist that you are full and change the subject by complimenting the host or hostess on the food.

* Think about situations that might occur at the occasion and come up with an answer or a food alternative in advance.

* If you get off track, forgive yourself and get back on track the next day. Try to figure out why you had the problem, so you can avoid it the next time. Monitor your sugar level if you think there could be a problem.

* Take something to eat to a function in case nothing appropriate for you is offered.

* At buffet events, remember how helpful the Plate Method is in helping you control your blood glucose levels. Use it as a guide instead of eating a little of everything. Review the concept before you arrive.

* Watch portion sizes. Remember the importance of the carbohydrate serving size in controlling blood glucose levels. Learn simple techniques to help you remember the serving size of the carbohydrate food so you can choose the right number of servings per meal.

Who Started Christmas?

I received this email on my "busy" day at the office, not that they aren't all a bit crazy in here, but Tuesdays are when we "put the paper to bed." With all the Christmas shipping for UPS (which is also located in our office), last minute ads, and Santa letters, we weren't in the most festive of moods. This made me stop and think a little... sometimes we forget. SS

A woman was Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of walking down row after row of toys and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the store elevator with her two children in hand. She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened revealing a crowd in the car. She pushed her way in and dragged her two kids and all her bags of stuff in with her. As the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and blurted out, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up, and shot."

From the back of the car, a quiet calm voice responded, "Don't worry, we've already crucified Him."

The rest of the trip down was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all would, just think how much better this world would be.

Welcome Home....
To First Baptist Church
December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.
December 25 Christmas Day Service, 10:45 a.m.
January 1 Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. • Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Regular Weekly Schedule
Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study • 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship
Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study • 5:45 p.m. Family Night Meal
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Christmas fun for all to enjoy... are you an elf or a Grinch?

What do the songs "Jingle Bells," "Winter Wonderland," and "Sleigh ride" have in common?

None of the songs mention Christmas.

Why is "O, Come All Ye Faithful" a Christmas carol but "Deck the Halls" not?

A true Christmas carol has to have a religious theme.

What does it mean to "deck the halls"?

To decorate a home with all sorts of greenery (not just "Boughs of Holly"). Traditionally, to "deck the halls" before Christmas Eve was considered bad luck.

What are the Twelve Days of Christmas?

The twelve days between Christmas Day and the Fest of Epiphany (Jan. 6). Traditionally, this period represents the time it took for the wise men to travel to see the Baby Jesus.

What is the significance of the gifts in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

The Twelve Days of Christmas is different from other Christmas carols, because it doesn't seem to have a religious theme and it doesn't deal with the Nativity. The most likely origin of the carol is in a memory game played on Twelfth Night many years ago.

The players would sing a verse in turn and each player would add a new gift when it came to their own verse - the catch was that they had to remember the all the earlier gifts as they sang their way through the list of presents. Anyone who forgot a gift would have to pay a forfeit to entertain everyone else.

That's the story given by The New Oxford Book of Carols which records that the version we sing nowadays was printed in 1864, although other versions appeared earlier.

There's also a folk belief that if a girl walks backwards towards a pear tree and then round it three times she will see an image of the man she's going to marry.

But there's another story about this carol that gives it much greater religious significance. It's most unlikely to be true, but it illustrates the way in which a popular song can be reworked as a hymn or carol.

This "urban legend" says that the song was written at a time when Roman Catholic worship was illegal in England and Catholics had to find covert ways of communicating their faith.

The Twelve Days of Christmas, the story goes, was written to contain the basic beliefs of Catholicism, masked in secular words.

The partridge in the pear tree is said to symbolize Jesus Christ, a mother partridge protecting her nestlings (Jesus's followers).

Two turtle doves. The Old and the New Testaments.

Three French hens. The Christian virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Four calling birds. The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Five gold rings. The first five books of the Old Testament telling the story of man's fall from grace.

Six geese a laying. The six days of creation. .

Seven swans a-swimming. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Eight maids a-milking. The eight Beatitudes.

Nine ladies dancing. The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Ten lords a-leaping. The Ten Commandments.

Eleven pipers piping. The eleven faithful disciples.

Twelve drummers drumming. The twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

There's no evidence to suggest that the carol was written as a covert catechism - and since there's nothing particularly Roman Catholic in the concepts it contains there would have been no point in doing so, since the beliefs it's said to refer to could have been openly taught.

But "urban legend" or not, if anyone wants a song to teach a few basic Christian beliefs and test their memory, The Twelve Days of Christmas would seem to fit the bill nicely.

The state songs of Maryland and Michigan use the melody of what popular Christmas song?

"O Tannenbaum"

True or false: Bing Crosby introduced "White Christmas" -- one of the most popular recordings of all time -- in the 1954 movie of the same name, starring Crosby and Danny Kaye.

False: The song debuted in the 1942 film Holiday Inn. It was almost cut out of the final version.

What Christmas song was written specifically for the guitar?

Silent Night - one of the world's most popular Christmas carols. Every year it is sung in many different languages throughout the world. Its popularity is owed to its peaceful melody and its simple narration of the Christmas tale.

The traditional story of this song comes from the town of Oberndorf, Austria in the winter of 1818. The priest of this town was a young man and also a musician called Joseph Mohr.

On Christmas Eve that year, the church organ was broken and it could not be fixed until the snow melted in the spring. Joseph was not disheartened and was determined that there would be music that Christmas. He remembered a simple poem he had written two years earlier and thought if only he could find an alternative instrument and suitable melody they could sing it in church. He asked his church organist, a man named Franz Gruber, to look at the poem and see what he could do.

Franz was startled by how good the poem was and, used to writing music at short notice, came up with a soothing lullaby to accompany Joseph's words. That evening the song was sung in the local church with only a guitar as accompaniment.

The traditional story about a broken organ at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf is fiction from a story published in the U.S. in the 1930s.

Christmas Historian Bill Egan writes:

Father Joseph Mohr wrote his six-stanza poem "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" In 1816 when he was assigned to a pilgrim church in Mariapfarr, Austria. Two years later, after a transfer to St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria, the Catholic priest decided he wanted his poem set to music. On Dec. 24, 1818, he asked his friend Franz Gruber to create a melody and guitar accompaniment. The two men sang the carol at Christmas Mass in St. Nicholas Church with Fr. Mohr playing his guitar and the choir repeating the last two lines of each verse.

The man who translated "Stille Nacht" into "Silent Night" was John Freeman Young. While assigned to New York's Trinity Church, he translated European hymns into English as a hobby. Later in life he became the second Episcopal Bishop of Florida. Bishop Young is buried in Jacksonville, Florida, forgotten by the city he loved and ignored by the church he served, yet his words are sung by millions of people in English-speaking nations.

What song normally associated with Christmas was written to celebrate Thanksgiving?

Jingle Bells. Originally composed by James Pierpoint in 1867 for a children's Thanksgiving program at his Boston church. Originally titled "Dashing through the Snow"... proved so popular that it was repeated at Christmas.. and the rest is history!

Here are the answers from page 1. Don't groan too loudly!

1)The Nutcracker Suite
2) Little Drummer boy
3)Deck the Halls
4)Silent Night
5)Noel (No L)
6)All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.
7)It came upon a midnight clear
8)Joy to the world
9)12 Days of Christmas
10)Do you hear what I hear
11)Santa Claus is coming to town
12)Up on the house top
13)Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.
14)Away in a manger
15)Go tell it on the mountain
16)O little town of Bethlehem
17)I saw three ships
18)Hark the Herald angels sing...
19)Jingle Bells
20)As Shepherds watched their flocks by night

Judge puts DeLay proceedings on hold

State Capital Highlights
Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle's appeal of a dismissed charge against U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay is slowing down the legal process the former House majority leader's attorneys want to speed up. Judge Pat Priest put a scheduled hearing on hold until Texas' Third Court of Appeals rules on the merit of a charge of conspiracy he had dismissed against DeLay. Priest's trial court is the venue where charges of money laundering and conspiracy against the Sugar Land Republican will be heard.

DeLay and his attorneys want everything to happen as quickly as possible, because DeLay hopes to win back his role as majority leader when the House reconvenes after winter recess.

DeLay stepped down from the role in September after he was indicted by a Travis County grand jury on charges of conspiracy to circumvent the state elections law and money laundering in the mid-term election of 2002.

Also indicted were DeLay's associates John Colyandro of Austin and Jim Ellis of Washington, D.C., the men who ran DeLay's state and national political action committees.

Redistricting cases on horizon

The U.S. Supreme Court scheduled March 1 as the date to hear oral arguments in cases against Gov. Rick Perry and the state of Texas over the redrawing of U.S. congressional district boundaries in 2003. Party primaries in Texas are scheduled for March 7. Four plaintiffs, including the League of United Latin American Citizens, Travis County, Eddie Jackson and the GI Forum of Texas, and others, allege violations in the Voting Rights Act in the 2004 redistricting that allowed the Republican Party to pick up five seats in Congress.

Former justice files for office

Rumors about another Democrat launching a gubernatorial campaign came true Dec. 15 when Bob Gammage filed papers with the secretary of state. Gammage, 67, a former lawmaker, state supreme court justice and educator from Llano, joins two other Democrats in the quest to succeed Gov. Perry.

Gammage was one of the "Dirty 30" - a bipartisan group of Texas House members who mounted an offensive against corruption at the state Capitol in the 1971 Sharpstown scandal.

In his campaign press release, Gammage spoke of "a corrupt political machine which stretches from Washington, D.C. all the way to Austin." Gammage said that in a few weeks his campaign "will roll out an agenda for change in Texas."

Math, science boost coming

For those students who seem destined to leave high school without math and science skills needed to succeed in college and the workplace, help is on the way.

Children will get extra help via real-world learning activities in mathematics, science, engineering and technology, through the $71 million Texas Science Technology Engineering and Math Initiative, or T-STEM.

Gov. Perry said the funds will go to 35 public, private and charter school campuses across Texas and called them "T-STEM academies." The money is coming from these sources: $50 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Susan & Michael Dell Foundation, and the Communities Foundation of Texas; $20 million from the Texas Education Agency; and about $1 million from National Instruments.

More time to get situated

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it would comply with a court order to pay for hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees to live in hotels and motels until Jan. 7, but for those actively working with the agency to receive house rent assistance the deadline has been extended to Feb. 7.

FEMA has provided rental assistance to some 653,000 families dislodged from their homes by the August and September hurricanes.

Heflin quits lotto job quest

Former Houston State Rep. Talmadge Heflin, 65, decided to withdraw his name for consideration for the vacant position of Texas Lottery director.

Heflin, a Republican, said he would instead file to run for his former House seat, which he lost to freshman Democrat Hubert Vo in a close election in 2004.

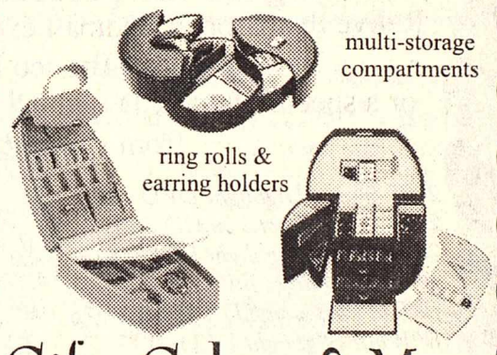
The lottery job came open after the resignation of Reagan Greer, who stepped down last summer after admitting he had inflated jackpot amounts to stimulate ticket sales.



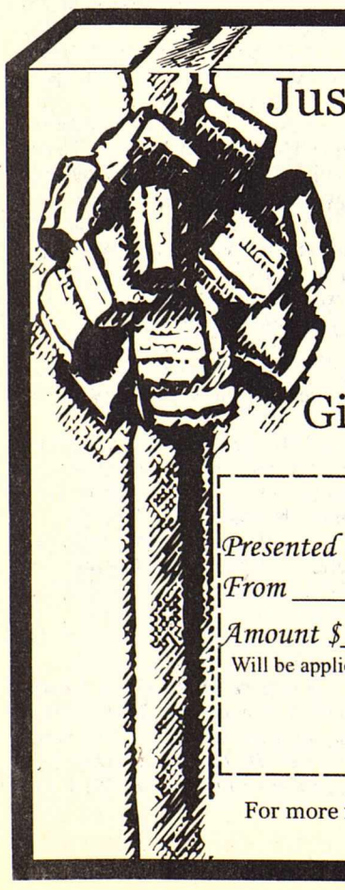
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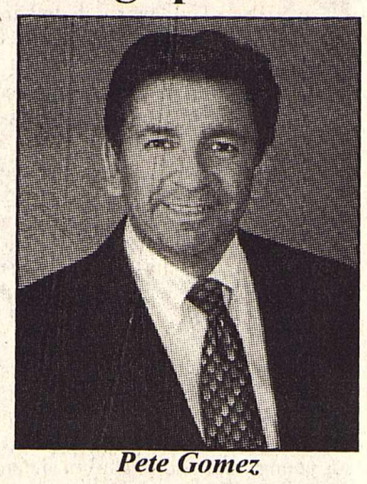
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Pete Gomez announces candidacy for 112th District Judge position



Pete Gomez

Ozona born and Sonora raised attorney Pedro (Pete) Gomez, Jr. and his wife, Pat, are proud to announce Pete's candidacy for the office of Judge of the 112th District Court. The 112th District Court covers Crockett, Pecos, Reagan, Sutton and Upton Counties. Pete Gomez is running for the judicial office currently held by Judge Brock Jones who is not seeking re-election of the position that he has held with distinction for more than 20 years.

Pete Gomez has practiced before Judge Jones for the past 17 years. "I have always considered Judge Jones as a mentor and I want to continue bringing to the 112th District Court the integrity, respect and fairness that he has instilled into this Court. I have the court experience and work ethic needed to keep up with the busy schedule that is necessary for a Judge to cover five counties. More importantly, I believe that every person who comes to Court has a right to a fair and impartial Judge who will be decisive and just."

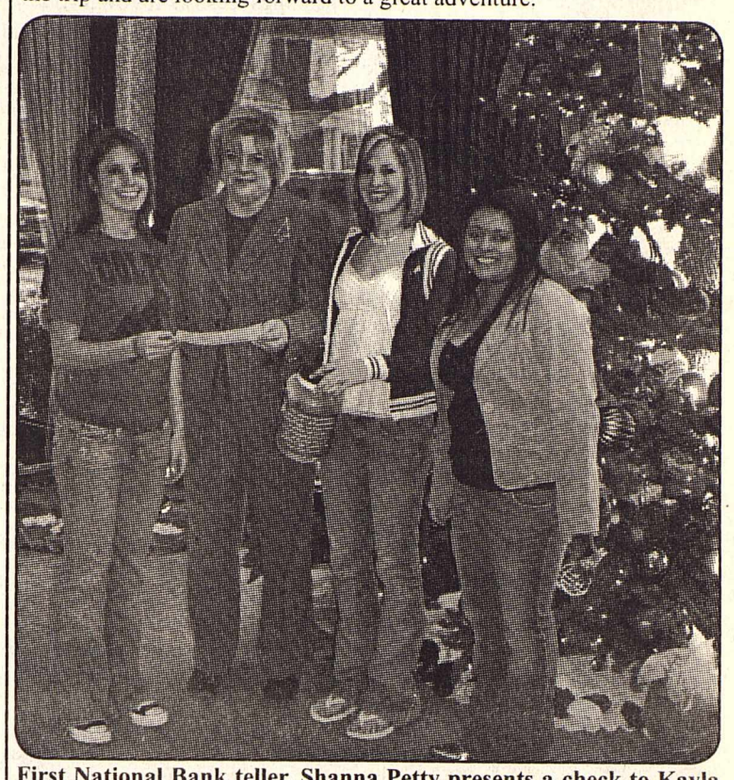
Pete Gomez is a 1980 graduate of Sonora High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Angelo State University in 1984. Pete Gomez attended law school at Texas Tech School of Law and graduated in 1988. Since 1989, Pete Gomez has been a solo practitioner in San Angelo in the areas of criminal law, family law, personal injury, probate and real estate. Pete Gomez has been a certified mediator since 1988. Pete Gomez is also one of only a handful of West Texas attorneys who are qualified to be lead counsel in capital murder cases.

Pete Gomez is married to Pat and has two daughters, Emily and Catherine Gomez, and three step-daughters, Gina, Cynthia and Amanda Rubalcava. Emily graduated from Angelo State University in December, 2005.

Pete Gomez is the son of Pete and Irene Gomez and has three sisters, Gloria, Mary and Janice, all of whom were raised in Sonora. Pete Gomez's maternal grandmother is Elena Tambunga from Ozona.

First National Bank donates to Bronco Cheerleader trip

The First National Bank of Sonora helped make some Christmas dreams come true for local cheerleaders Kayla Fields, Amanda Berry, and Mackenzie Perez. The girls will travel to London, England December 26 - January 2, 2006 to peform in the New Year's Day London 2005 Varsity Spirit Parade. There will be 10,000 performers in the parade, which will be viewed by millions on world wide television. The girls will visit many of the local sites including Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, St Paul's Cathedral, Big Ben and more. The girls have worked hard over the last few months to raise money for the trip and are looking forward to a great adventure.



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Attorney General Abbott, Mexican Officials Caution Consumers Sending Money To Family In Mexico

Holiday season creates surge in the multi-billion-dollar wire transfer market

AUSTIN – Attorney General Greg Abbott today urged consumers to exercise caution when sending money to family and loved ones abroad, especially during the holiday season. He also encouraged the public to report wire transfer businesses suspected of foul play.

Attorney General Abbott is working closely with Profeco – Mexico's federal consumer protection agency – and Texas Appleseed – a nonprofit consumer advocacy group – to ensure that the hundreds of thousands of people in Texas who send money to Mexico are treated fairly.

"The money that hardworking families in Texas send abroad is essential to those who receive it," said Attorney General Abbott. "It makes a significant impact in improving the quality of life for millions of people around the world, and I want to make sure that consumers are not the targets of unfair treatment or scams."

Carlos Arce Macias, Mexico's Attorney General for Consumer Protection and head of Profeco, concurred: "While the vast majority of money transfer companies respect their clients and the law, officials in Mexico and the United States recognize that the money consumers send across the border can also attract abuses and scams."

In their consumer education effort, Attorneys General Abbott and Arce are also joining with Texas Appleseed, an Austin-based organization that works to educate Texans about the money transfer market and problems consumers sometimes face.

Texas Appleseed Executive Director Annette LoVoi said: "We are extremely pleased to partner with top officials like Attorneys General Abbott and Arce to inform and protect consumers in these increasingly important financial services."

Abbott, Arce and LoVoi provided several tips to consumers who are considering sending money. For example, in addition to fees charged for the money transfer, most businesses legitimately earn a profit by offering the sender an exchange rate that is somewhat less than the prevailing market rate. Consumers can find the prevailing rate in most daily newspapers and on many Web sites.

Texas law requires companies that send money to provide consumers a receipt detailing the amount of money being sent, fees charged, exchange rate information, and a toll-free or local customer service phone number. The receipt must be translated into Spanish if the money is being sent to a country where Spanish is widely spoken.

In Texas, consumers may cancel a transaction and obtain a full refund of the money sent and any fees if they request the cancellation within 30 minutes after the process begins, provided the sender never left the premises of the business and the money has not been received in the other country.

The following are signs of possible violations of Texas law and should be reported:

• The exchange rate is different from what is advertised or on the receipt.

• The person receiving the money in Mexico has to pay an additional fee that was not disclosed to the sender in Texas.

• The person receiving the money at a retail outlet in Mexico is unexpectedly forced to accept merchandise or store credit instead of cash.

• The time for the transfer is considerably longer than what consumers were told.

• The company refuses to provide written information about the exchange rate and transfer conditions or will not provide a receipt.

• The company will not allow the consumer to cancel a transaction as indicated above.

Consumers in Texas who wish to file a complaint should contact the Office of the Attorney General at 1-800-252-8011 or file a complaint online at www.oag.state.tx.us. Consumers in Mexico who wish to file a complaint should contact Profeco at 01-800-468-8722 (toll-free throughout Mexico) or by e-mail at quejas@profeco.gob.mx. Profeco also provides information on its Web site, www.profeco.gob.mx, about various money transfer businesses.

Since assuming office, Attorney General Abbott has become a nationally recognized leader in the protection of Hispanic consumers by halting dozens of operations that defraud consumers based on their last name, the language they speak or their immigration status. He has taken action against more than 30 fraudulent immigration services consultants; housing and real estate scams against Hispanic families; the sale of thousands of legally worthless "international licenses" marketed to immigrant drivers; and bogus credit card offers in which thousands of Hispanics nationally were defrauded. His efforts have been praised by numerous Hispanic advocacy groups, including the National Caucus of Hispanic State Legislators.

The Star of Bethlehem

This is the time of year amateur astronomers are often asked about the star of Bethlehem. Might it have been a comet, a supernova, a planetary conjunction? The following adaptation of a 1998 Stargazer column gives my response.

This question can be touchy as it involves deeply held religious beliefs shared by many, some of whom don't even appreciate the question. To those who believe the story involved a miracle--an event outside the laws of nature--it is senseless to seek an astronomical explanation.

Astronomy, like all other sciences, is based on the premise that all events occur within the laws of nature. Few scientists, therefore, would offer a miraculous explanation. Many people, like those asking the question, believe the star existed as a natural event--either mysteriously coincidental with Jesus' birth or simply something ascribed special meaning at the time.

Computer programs can simulate the night sky for virtually any date in history, so with a firm date of birth for Jesus we could search for things like unusually close pairings of planets with other planets or bright stars, or the approach of known periodic comets. Unfortunately, the date is not known, and even if it was such programs can't show everything, like supernovae, one-time-only comets and other ephemeral events. There is also the enigma of a star in the east leading men to a destination in the west.

Many Christians and non-Christians, including me, believe the star of Bethlehem story is apocryphal--part of the lore of the Jesus story but not a real historical event. Seeking to identify it with an actual astronomical occurrence might be akin to looking for Dorothy's Yellow Brick Road somewhere in Kansas.

So, what was the star of Bethlehem? Astronomy simply can't say, nor can it confirm or refute the story. Regardless, the Stargazer wishes you and yours a season of love and peace shared with family and friends.

• ***Sky Calendar.***

* 23 Fri.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

* 25 Sun. morning: The crescent Moon is near the star Spica high in the southeast.

* 26 & 27 Mon. & Tue. mornings: The crescent Moon is above Jupiter Monday morning, then below it the next morning.

* 29 Thu. morning: The thin crescent Moon is to the upper right of Mercury near the southeastern horizon 45 minutes before sunrise. Binoculars may be needed.

* 30 Fri.: The Moon is new.

* Jan. 1 Sun. evening: A thin crescent Moon is to the left of Venus at dusk.

* 3 Tue. morning: The Quadrantid meteor shower peaks in Bootes with best viewing between midnight and dawn.

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SMS students want to help Keep Sonora Beautiful

Sixth grade students at Sonora Middle School were recently asked what changes or improvements they felt could be done in our community to improve it. The project is part of an ongoing educational program from the new "Keep Sonora Beautiful" organization. The students teacher, Kate Jennings, loaded the kids onto a bus and did a "windshield" survey, observing the town and documenting what they saw. The classes then were asked to write what they saw could be enhanced, changed, cleaned up or even added to make Sonora more inviting to tourists and potential new residents.

The following surveys are just the first of an ongoing series we plan to share with the community. These students put much thought and deep felt sincerity in many of their essays and should be considered when future planning is made for projects in our town.

"How to Keep Sonora Beautiful"

by Christian Kenney

"In love of home, the love country has its rise." Cicero said that. I love this community and the people in it. When we have a chance to make it better we need to take it. If I just help I can do some, but if we all help we can do some great things. There is no limit to the things we can do.

The thing that I believe we need to clean up is the downtown area like main street. Kid's need a place where they can just hang-out like a Ice-cream/soda sop on Main Street. If we could clean up one of those shop's on Main Street and put a Ice-cream/Soda shop and make it look old fashion then we might get a lot more people coming off that highway. When I go around town and I see places trashy, places burnt down. The first thing I think when I see trashy places is to clean it up. I clean up here and there, but when everybody helps than we can do a lot. When people on the highway see Sonora they just keep on driving, but if we put up a welcome to Sonora sign then we might get a lot more people off the highway.

All my friends and I ant to clean up every inch of Sonora. My friends and I try to recycle all we can. When my church went on a scavenger hunt on eaton Hill we picked up a lot of trash on the way. I was thinking when I see a lot of litter in one spot that we need to have more no littering signs. If people see no littering signs that the may stop. I see no littering signs on the way to San Angelo with fines warnings so if we put a fine warning on it people may be scared to litter I had always wanted to plant flowers in town. It would be cool if down Main Street there was flowers. We would all take care of them.

I have only lived here for two year's but some of my friends have lived here there whole lives so my friends know this town front and back. My teacher was thinking that if all the grades take one day and go pick up trash. If we all help then this town will be looking great in no time. I have been thinking of a slogan for Sonora like, "If you mess up Sonora then you get booked by the Bronco."

Maybe we can put that on the no littering signs. When I want to have target practice with my gun I care all the deer away when I shoot, so we all were thinking of a shooting range where you can shot at targets and not scare your deer away.

There are a lot of ways to clean up Sonora. These are just some. I love this community and I do all I can. I believe we can make Sonora one of the most beautiful towns in Texas.

Our New and Improved Town

by Emily Gonzales

"To accomplish great things, we must not act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe" Anatole France once said. It is even better when everybody in our community helps out. Not just the school could help to improve it, but also all the citizens.

Some of the ways we can help the community is by planting flowers, taking out all of the old grass, pulling the weeds out, mowing the grass. Some other things we can do to help our community is by fixing up the run=down buildings, like going to the old paces that don't have anything in them and cleaning them ,and fixing up all the boards and putting new ones. Additionally we can have many different school groups sponsor trash pick=ups around town and in the neighborhoods.

An attraction we can add is by putting anew park for older kids and for pets to jog. Also we can add some slogan signs like Sonora Texas is the best in the West! We can use this slogan on a sign when coming into Sonora. Furthermore, we can ad a welcome to Sonora sign with a water feature with fishes inside the water and add new flowers around it.

Next what we can do is fix up all the old and racked roads and put new streets. Then we could also post No Littering signs in the neighborhoods so our community could stay clean and beautiful. Last, what we can do is go downtown and also other places like the Atlas Electric building and make them look original and historical.

To achieve the improvements that Sonora can improve is by everyone's help!

Dream Community

by Phillip Stephens

If you clean up the town, more people will come and think it is a better place. If people thought it was a cool town, more people would come here, and we would be a better-known town. If we clean up or town, everybody will be happy.

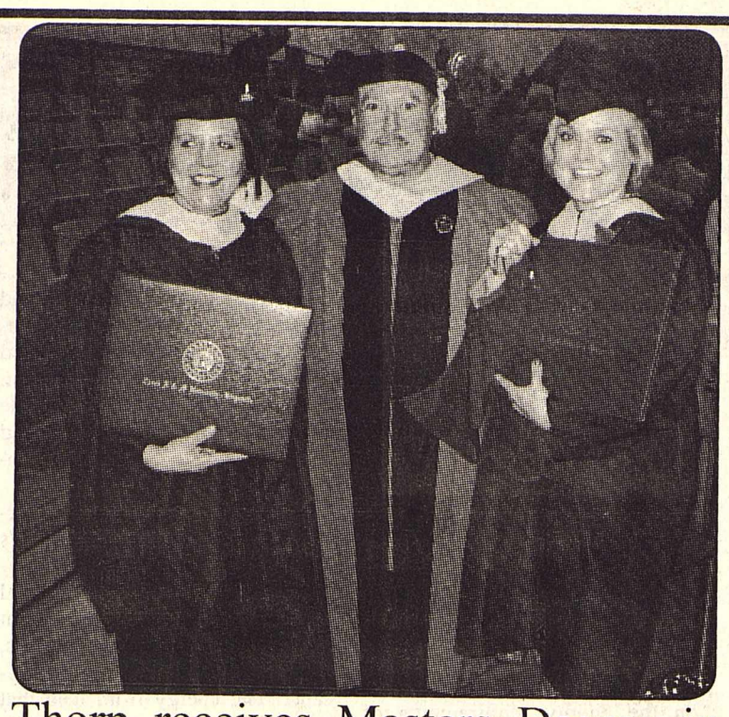
What we need in Sonora is more restaurants. We only have about five restaurants in Sonora. We also need more decent restaurants like Steak and Ale and Sea Island. We also need an ice cream parlor/restaurant.

An ice cream parlor/restaurant would be good because after you get done eating and you have heartburn, you can get some ice cream to make you feel better. Our town needs to fix up old building to put in new stores or restaurants. We could have candy stores, toy stores, and restaurants.

Sonora needs to post no littering signs because its the law. People that litter make their community look bad, and the people that work for the city have to go pick it up. Our town needs to put signs for directions to the school stadium because when there is a game here, we see cars from other towns drive by our house. I think they see the Middle School. We know they're from another town because they have stickers on the back of their car. Our town needs more stores because we only have Family Dollar, Dollar General, the Movie Rental, The Village Market and Alco. It would be nice if we had a small Wal-mart.

The people of Sonora would enjoy some new outdoor activities. I think Sonora Could use a rifle/skeet range and maybe a paint ball course, too. I think it would be fun to have putt-putt course and go-cart course These activities would give the tourists other choices in addition to the Caverns and Eaton Hill

With new stores and restaurants and a variety of activities to choose from, Sonora would be a nice place to call home.



Thorp receives Masters Degree in winter commencement ceremonies

It was the end of the college era, but the beginning of a new step in many careers and a bright future as 530 students received degrees from Texas A&M University-Kingsville during two winter commencement ceremonies held Friday, Dec. 9, in the Steinke Physical Education Center.

Kelly Leigh Thorp, CEA FCS Sutton Co., (right) and Gretchen Sanders, CEA FCS Blanco Co. (left), are joined here by their professor, Dr. Randall Williams, after receiveing their Masters Degree in Agriculture Sciences.

Family and Consumer Sciences is part of Texas cooperative Extension, The Texas A&M University System, that offers practical information for families; raising children, housing and environment, eating well, managing money and staying healthy. Thorp has been employed by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service for 13 years.

Keep safety high on children's gift lists

By Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

The colorful ads are enticing, the lists long. Even children who have fought putting pencil to paper all year are spending hours revising and refining their wish lists.

It's the holiday gift giving season.

Along with matching child to toy, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) urges those selecting gifts for children to keep safety in mind. "Just taking a few minutes to think about safety precautions could save a child from injury or death," said Tom Matherly of the DSHS environmental and consumer safety section.

Always read labels attached to toys or clothing, Matherly said, especially for age recommendations. A label will tell a consumer two critical things: if a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe.

"Even the brightest child should not be given a toy labeled specifically for an older child," he said. "Toys meant for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a younger child."

A quick test will help determine if toy parts are a chocking hazard, Matherly said. "Take the cardboard tube from a roll of toilet paper," he said. "If the part can pass through the tube, it could choke a child."

Matherly also suggests that shoppers buy the appropriate protective gear to complement sporting equipment. "Always give a safety helmet with a bicycle," he said. "Or if you give skates, be sure to include a helmet and pads for the wrists, elbows, knees and shins."

Other tips are:

- Be sure the instructions are understandable to the buyer and, when appropriate, the child.
- Look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, noses, buttons and other small parts.
- For an infant, buy large rattles, teethers and squeeze toys that cannot get stuck in the child's throat.
- Do not buy toys with small parts or items such as marbles, small balls or balloons for children under 3.
- For children under 8, avoid electric toys with heating elements and toys with sharp edges and points.
- If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction cups or flexible, protective tips that stay secured when used. If your children receive arrows or darts, teach them how to play with them safely. Arrows and darts are not recommended for children under 5.
- Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately, before they become deadly playthings.

"Most of safe toy buying is common sense," Matherly said. "Make sure the toy is safe for the child's age, and that it is well constructed, durable and suited to a child's physical and mental development while still being appealing and interesting."

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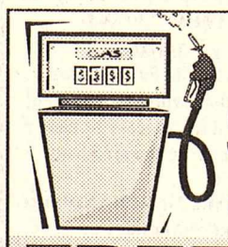


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Offer ends 1/31/06 and is available in the continental United States for new, first-time DISH Network residential customers. All prices, packages and programming subject to change without notice. Local and state sales taxes may apply. Where applicable, equipment rental fees and programming are taxed separately. All DISH Network programming, and any other services that are provided, are subject to the terms and conditions of the promotional agreement and Residential Customer Agreement, available at www.dishnetwork.com or upon request. Local Channels packages by satellite are only available to customers who reside in the specified local Designated Market Area (DMA). Local channels may require an additional dish antenna or a SuperDISH antenna from DISH Network, installed free of any charges with subscription to local channels at time of initial installation. Social Security Numbers are used to obtain credit scores and will not be released to third parties except for verification and collection purposes only or if required by governmental authorities. All service marks and trademarks belong to their respective owners.

Cold Weather Affects Livestock Nutritional Needs

Texas Cooperative EXTENSION

submitted by Pascual Hernandez

Though our winters are generally mild, we do experience cold spells. Proper livestock nutrition during cold weather is an important management consideration. Severe weather during the winter months can lead to weight loss and reduced performance. Animals exposed to cold weather require more energy to maintain rate of gain, body condition, and to maintain body temperatures.

Other factors also come into play. The breed of animal, back fat thickness and the stage of production have a sizable influence on the energy requirements of an animal, during cold weather. During lactation, animals require 40 to 60% more energy compared to the gestation period. If lactation occurs during cold weather, the female's ability to maintain condition and continue to provide milk will be seriously compromised if energy levels are not sufficient in the ration.

Thicker skinned animals have more insulation, reducing the amount of additional energy that the animal requires. Thin animals require more energy for maintenance than fat ones. The more subcutaneous fat an animal has, the greater the ability to withstand colder temperatures. Females that lose weight prior to giving birth can end up with weaker offspring and poorer rebreeding rates.

An increased wind speed reduces the hair coat insulation and increases maintenance requirements when the animal is cold stressed. The hair coat insulation value is also reduced when the animal is wet or muddy. Extended cold winters can be hard on livestock.

So pay attention not only to forage availability, but to the animal's body condition. This is the obvious indicator that supplemental feed is required. It is important to note that during cold spells, time of feeding may be significant. The energy from feed that is available to keep an animal's body warm is known as the heat increment of feeding. Incremental heat production is at its maximum 4 to 6 hours after the feed is consumed. Therefore, feeding late in the afternoon provides higher amounts of heat from fermentation overnight when temperatures are lowest, making the most efficient use of your feed supplies and meeting livestock's energy requirements

For additional information on livestock nutritional requirements, visit the Sutton County Extension website at http://sutton-co.tamu.edu .

Border security reform from page 1

tion laws and rationally address the breakdown in an inherently flawed system."

The Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act will bolster border patrol and surveillance capabilities to establish operational control of our borders and prevent unlawful entry. The bill also eliminates the so-called "catch-and-release" practice of apprehending illegal entrants, only release them due to a lack of detention space by requiring all that apprehended illegal immigrants remain in custody until removed from the country.

The border security legislation also addresses the hiring of illegal workers by cracking down on employers and increases penalties for those who illegally smuggle immigrants. Provisions in the bill also authorize and reimburse local sheriffs in counties along the southern border for enforcing immigration laws and transferring illegal immigrants into federal custody.

Conaway went on to say, "Meaningful immigration reform must consist of much more than just added border patrol agents, taller fences and improved technology. There are two types of immigrants that enter our country illegally; those that come into our country for economic purposes to work and provide a better life for their families, and those that enter to do us harm. A non-amnesty temporary laborer program will allow border patrol agents to more productively focus their efforts on the criminals and terrorists crossing the border by reducing the number of people trying to enter our country illegally."

As of December 19

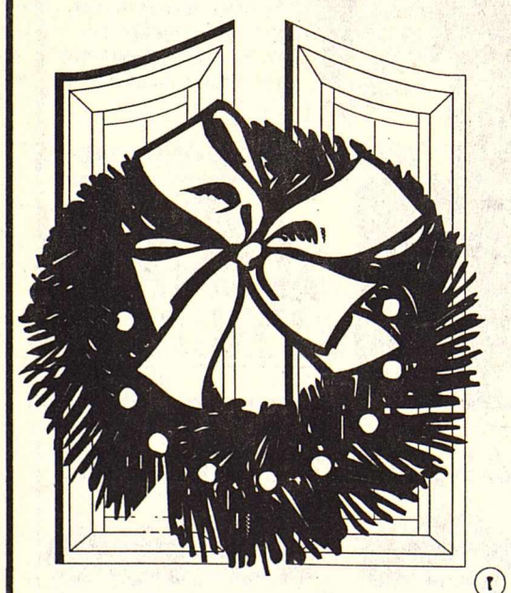
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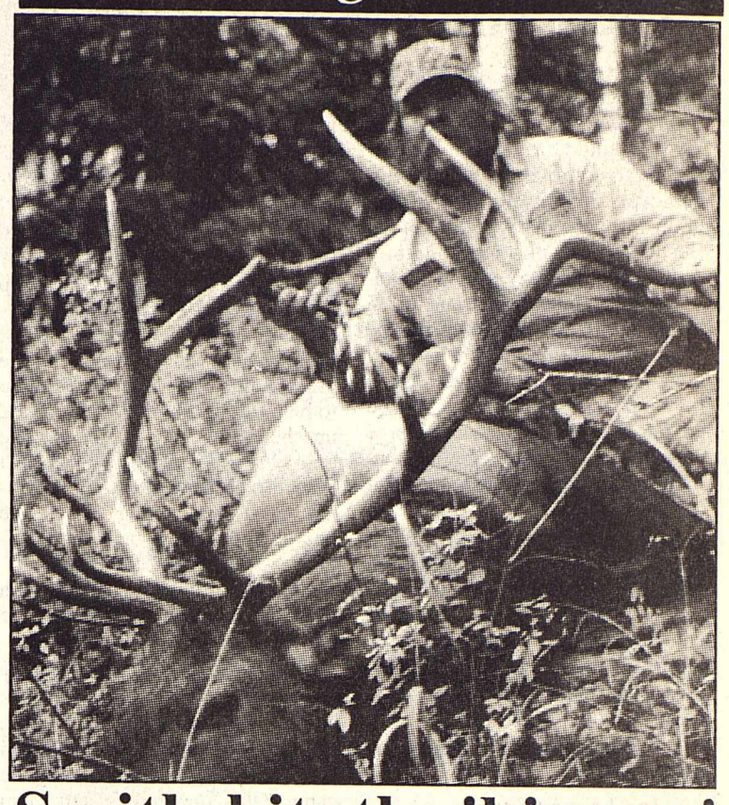
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Oil & Agribusiness



Smith hits the 'big one' in NM hunting lottery

Local rancher, Olie Smith, went on a "Hunt of a Lifetime" at the Sargents Wildlife Reserve in Chama, New Mexico. The hunt is part of a state-wide drawing in New Mexico that is limited to only five (5) people from out of state that get to participate. Olie was drawn from over 48,000 people that entered in Texas. Smith bagged this monster Elk on October 3, making the hunt well worth the trip (and you know that's a big animal if it makes Olie Smith look little!).

Rig Locations as of December 16, 2005

RigData

Sutton
Dominion; 9500' Hill-May Ray - D- #2, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 9200' Duke Wilson #183 - 2, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8950' Mayer - 21 - #15, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8950' Mayer - 20A - #1, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8350' Edwin S Hill - Mayer Jr - Q - #5, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 8300' Edwin S Mayer Jr #13 - 3, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 7550' Shurley RR - 1F - #6X, Patterson Drilling.
New KCS Resources; 7000' Carta - 103 - #15, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 6950' Canyon Ranch #2074S, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6250' Fields - 14 - #10X, Patterson Drilling.

Crockett
Henry Petroleum; 10800' University - 6 - Paige - 27 - #1, Big Dog Drilling.
New Clayton Williams; 10000' University - 26 - #1, Lariat Services.
New Harrison Interests; 9800' Helen West #1, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 9750' Joe Friend Estate Unit #2032 - B, Patterson Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' Bailey #420, Nabors Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' Addie Clayton #2612, Nabors Drilling.
New Encore Operating; 9000' JL Henderson Jr - B - #904, Patterson Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' JR Bailey - A - #503, Patterson Drilling.
New Anadarko E&P; 7500' S Millspaugh - 14 - #11, Patterson Drilling.
Bluegrass Energy Inc.; 7000' Simpson Canyon - 3027 - Unit #1, Adobe Drilling.
New EOG Resources; 6200' Shannon Hospital - 2 - #2, Adobe Drilling.
New FIML Natural Res; 5500' Maggie Moore #2A, Patterson Drilling.

Schleicher
New Approach Operating; 9000' Rousselot #1509, Nabors Drilling.
New Dominion; 8650' University 57-24 #1, Patterson Drilling.
New Discovery Operating; 7000' RL Henderson - A - #2, Heart Land Drilling.

Terrell
ConocoPhillips; 12000' Creek Ranch - 15 - #3, Patterson UTI.
BP America Prod; 16000' Banner Estate #28 H, Helmerich & Payne.
J. Cleo Thompson; 10300' Ingham - 22 - #1, Patterson Drilling.
New PXP Texas, Inc.; 8500' Mitchell - 11 - #4, Nabors Drilling.
New Faskin Oil & Ranch; 7500' Monroe SE - 188 - #22, Lariat Services.
New Faskin Oil & Ranch; 7500' Brown NW - 213 - #34, Lariat Services.

Edwards
Newfield; 10000' Ralston #801, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 7800' Canyon Ranch #1204E, Patterson Drilling.

Val Verde
Devon; 16000' Jarrett - Farmer - 4 - #1, Nabors Drilling.
Newfield Exploration; 16000' Rio Diablo #1, Patterson Drilling.
Gruy Petroleum; 15500' Phillip Arledge #8, Grey Wolf Drilling.
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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Sutton County Hospital District will receive bids for depository of the District's funds for the period commencing February 1, 2006, and ending January 31, 2008. Any banking organization qualifying under the laws of the State of Texas as a depository of municipal funds may submit a written application, sealed and marked, "Depository Bid". Such applications shall be received in the office of the Hospital District, Attention: Keith L. Butler, CEO, P.O. Box 455, 308 Hudspeth Avenue, Sonora, Texas 76950, no later than 3:30 p.m. on January 5, 2006. Applications will be opened and reviewed at this time. The Board of Directors will review and take action on the bids on January 9, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. The Directors reserve the right to accept the bid that offers the most favorable terms and conditions for handling of the Hospital District funds and shall have the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

BID NOTICE

Sutton County is hereby requesting sealed bids on bulk oil and gas for all county departments. The grades of fuel needed are listed as follows: Taxable Diesel, Off Road Diesel, and Unleaded. Sealed bids will be opened on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., at the regular meeting of Commissioners Court. Please deliver or mail **"Sealed Bids"** to Judge Carla Garner, P.O. Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950. For further information, please contact County Auditor, Maura Weingart, 325/387-5380.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sutton County is requesting bids for a service agreement for rental facility services for the following offices/buildings: Annex, Courthouse, EMS Building, Library, Civic Center and Sheriff/Jail.
Sealed bids will be opened on January 9, 2006, at the Commissioners Court regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Sutton County Annex meeting room. Sealed bids must be submitted to County Judge Garner, Box 1212, Sonora, Texas 76950.
For further information, please contact Judge Carla Garner 325/387-2711 or County Auditor Maura Weingart, 325/387-5380.

For Sale

14 x 70 mobile home for sale or rent. Call 432-770-3497.

Motorcycle for sale: 2000 Valkyrie V-6, 33,000 miles. Can see at http://web.sccn2.net/bike. Asking $7,500.00. Call 650-9553.

Thirty City Lots for sale, ranging from $2000 to $4000. In Eldorado. Call 325-853-2711 for more information.

For Sale: 5th wheel hitch for Travel Trailer. 12,000 lb. rated. Call 387-2253.

For Sale: Chrome Grill Guard for 2000 - 2004 GMC Suburban, Pickup or Tahoe. Call 387-2253

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For Sale: 2 wood office desks great shape, 110 wire welder, concrete blankets, Coleman camp heater, new 454 header, double pane window 3'x4', new screens 5 1/2' x 6 1/2', bow & arrows w/case, mini van rear seat 650-0221, 206-1722.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sutton County Hospital District will use the following rules and procedures to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. These rules and procedures are the same as found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook Published by the Texas Department of Human Services. In summary, these rules are as follows:
1. An application form must be completely filled out. Application forms can be requested at/from Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Business Office.
2. An appointment is set for personal/telephone interview and the applicant must be present at the personal interview.
3. Verification of income or termination of income, residence, household composition, and resources are required.
4. Net income per month cannot exceed the following:

INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM
Maximum Income Limit for Household Size

Family Size	Single Adult & Adult with Children	Couples & Couples with Children	Minor Children Only
1	$ 78	$	$ 64
2	163	125	92
3	188	206	130
4	226	231	154
5	251	268	198
6	288	294	214
7	313	330	267
8	356	356	293

5. Liquid resource assets cannot exceed $2,000. The fair market value of a vehicle greater than $4,650 is countable against the $2,000 limit. Personal property and homesteads are exempt assets.
6. An eligible person must be a resident of the Sutton County Hospital District.
7. An eligible person must provide all requested information and documentation of the application will be denied.
8. An applicant has the right to appeal an adverse decision.

Employment

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce is seeking a qualified individual to fill the role of **Executive Director** for the organization. The Executive Director is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and will report to a 12-member board of directors. The position requires an individual with excellent communication and consensus building skills. The successful candidate will possess organizational skills as well as an ability to manage volunteers and paid staff.
Requirements: Experience in volunteer management is desirable. A bachelor's degree in Business, Management, Communications, or a related field is preferred, but not required. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Attn: Selection Committee, P.O. Box 1172, Sonora, TX 76950

ARC Pressure Data, Inc. is seeking **Slickline Operators**. Experience is a plus but will train the right candidate. Applicants need to pass drug test and have a clean driving record. Salary based on experience. Benefits include medical, dental, and 401K. Call 325-206-2009 to schedule an appointment.

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RNs, LVNs, Home Health Aides and PTs Needed!
Girling Health Care has immediate positions for Fee-for-Service, RN, LVN, Home Health Aides and contract Physical Therapists to perform home health visits in Sonora and surrounding area. All positions must have a current state license. Excellent pay for part time work!!! All visit mileage reimbursed. Please fax your resume to 1-800-950-3505 or come by our office in San Angelo at 3180 Executive Drive, Suite 109 today. E.O.E.M/F/D/V

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Now accepting applications for **Front Desk Sales Associates**. Floating schedule. Experience is not necessary. Full training is provided. If you are flexible, have a winning personality, and would like to be part of the Best Western team, stop by and fill out an application. You may also fax your resume to 325-387-9221 Attn: Starla. No phone calls please.

BJ Services, currently seeking to fill the position of **Facilities Product Handler**. Job Duties include but not limited to Loading Chemicals, Facility Maintenance & 24/hr call. Excellent benefits & Career growth. Apply at BJ Services, Eldorado, Texas.

Hiring Commercial Drivers: Current Class A CDL w/Haz Mat/Tanker. Want great pay and cash incentives? No 24-hour call. Established Company looking to hire drivers. All applicants must pass drug/alcohol test. Please call Justin (432) 339-0540 or 800-523-5566 ext. 140.

Employment

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Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operation pump trucks & winch truck. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at **Niblett's Oilfield Service, Inc.** Hwy 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

Days Inn Devil's River is now accepting applications for the following positions: **Front Desk Clerks, Night Audit, Housekeeping.** No experience required; will train. Please apply in person @ 1312 N. Service Rd.

Looking for **Mechanic's helper** w/experience and **dump truck drivers**. Call **Mittle Dozing** @ 277-6883.

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Weekends & Holidays. Apply in person or call **The Caverns of Sonora** at 325-387-3105 FMI.

Lariat Services, Inc. is seeking an experienced **Air Driller**. Wage ranges between $20.00 to $24.00 an hour depending on experience. Will pay $30.00 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Benefits include 401K Plan and Dental Plan and company paid Medical Insurance. Fax resume to 432-336-9339 or contact the Fort Stockton Office at 432-336-7821.

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at **Mr. D's**, 216 Hwy 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. , Monday - Friday.

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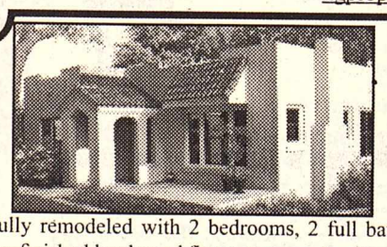
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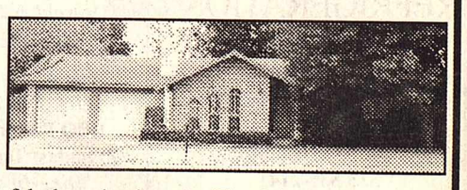
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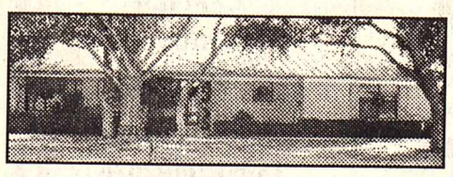


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101 Oakwood
$127,500



This brick home is ideally located in a private cul-de-sac with a great view, beautiful setting and fabulous backyard. The 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has a sunken living room and an open floor plan. Interior features include built-in appliances, laundry room with pantry cabinet, vaulted ceiling and walk-in closets.



118 Deerwood
$185,000
This 4 bedroom, 2 bath brick home is in great condition and has been recently remodeled. It features a huge living area with fireplace, separate dining room, a split floor plan, and a large lodge designed den with a wood-burning stove. There is a 500-sq. ft. metal shop and a 2-car garage that is accessible from the alley.

3029 SCR 106
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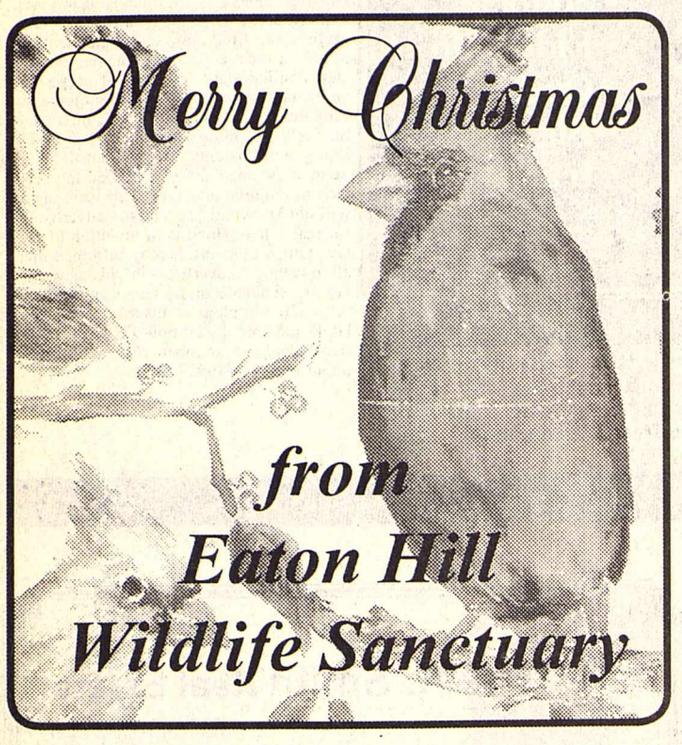


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The Devil's River News

Cherish the freedom to say "Merry Christmas"

Chamber Chatter

by Ruthie Bounds

MERRY CHRISTMAS !! The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas.

We are very blessed to live in a place where it is still safe to say "Merry Christmas".

Did you know that it is not written in the United State Constitution that church and state must be separated? The only one of our founding fathers that even thought this issue should be addressed was Thomas Jefferson.

In a letter to Congress he once wrote: "It should not be the business or purpose of government to restrict or favor one religion over another." As you read on the letter you realize that he was distinguishing between Protestants and Catholics, in a largely Protestant body of government. His statement had absolutely nothing to do with separation of church & state, only a reminder to Congress that the whole foundation of this great country was based on religious freedom.

This statement and many other similar statements were completely turned around in an opinion written by a Supreme Court Justice only about a half a century ago. This Supreme Court Justice wrote an opinion which defies everything on which the founding fathers based the very foundation of the United States.

Our country was founded on the bases of freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. As reported by Brit Hume on his Fox News special, Religion In America: Church and State, this opinion turned everything upside down.

Many of you may remember that this opinion was written by a man that was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, and was well known for his hatred of Catholicism, and did not want the government paying for children to ride a bus to parochial schools. Can you believe this whole mess was started by such an unintelligent, hateful man?

Well, I for one, am gladly exercising my right to freedom of speech by saying, "Merry Christmas"

We are also very blessed to live in a place where giving from the heart is just as important as giving from the pocketbook.

This fact has been proven over and over again by the volunteers of Sonora. There are those that have a hard time making ends meet, but still give of their time and talents to make sure that others have the blessings that we sometimes take for granted. We see that all the time in Sonora.

The slogan "Sonora is more like a large family than a small town" is true and especially evident during the Christmas season. This year after donating to so many natural disasters, many individuals and businesses suffered from donor fatigue, but still have given so much to make Christmas a blessed season for so many.

There are a lot of people that give to those that are less fortunate that we will never even know about, but just the givers that we do know about is a really large percentage of our population. People of Sonora daily exercise their freedom of religion, by living and giving in a very Christian way.

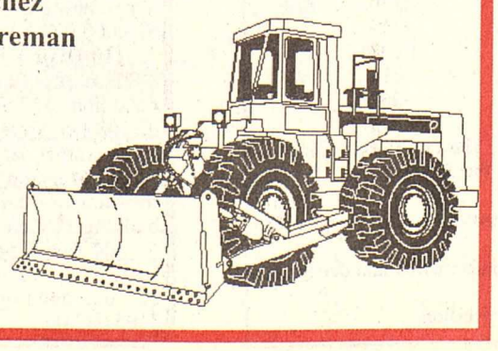
These freedoms that we hold so dear are not to be taken for granted. Someone has to be brave before we can be free. Every generation of Americans has faced some kind of military conflict and even in peace time, our military is still on duty to stand between us and oppression. So let us not forget the most important people of all; the men and women serving our country, and the families that will not have them home for Christmas this year. Their sacrifices are totally unselfish and absolutely the greatest gift that anyone could be given for Christmas and all throughout the year, so let's remember to say a big "Thank You" to all our service men and women every chance we get.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!



We would like to say a very special thank you to Donna Garrett for all the Santa pictures we have shared over the last few weeks. Merry Christmas.



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The Banner for the Courthouse are in at the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office. If you purchased a banner and would like to stop by and see them before they go up please go by the FHSMS Program Office. Thank you for all your support, you are why we are so successful. Happy Holidays. Jennifer Esparza

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL for the City and County Maps

Sonora Chamber of Commerce has contracted to produce new city & county maps with WLM Enterprise. Tammy Schofield is no longer employed by WLM Enterprises. A representative from WLM may be contacting you about advertising on these maps. These maps are vital to our community and more than 1500 of these are handed out at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center each year to hunters, tourists, service companies, and everyone else that requests one.

Please join the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Parade in downtown Roosevelt, Texas on Saturday, December 24, 2005. Everyone is invited to participate or just come watch the festivities. Put jingle bells on your horse, bike, tractor, truck or on yourself and line up at the Roosevelt Community Center at 10:00 a.m. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. and Santa will listen to the children's wish lists at Simon Brothers Mercantile immediately afterward. For more information please call 325/446-8032.

Sonora High School will be having a Financial Aid Night - Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Sonora High School, presented by Jim Glossbrenner of Panhandle-Plains Student Loan Center. Find out how to get started in the financial aide process. For more information contact Kay Friess at the High School.

Sonora 3rd Grader, Justice Barber, who was seriously injured in an accident last month is slowly recovering and greatly misses his friends in Sonora. The holidays can be a lonely time when you are far away from home. Let's remind Justice how special he is and how great it is to be from Sutton County by showering him with letters, cards and notes of encouragement. You can write Justice at: Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children; Attn: Justice Barber, Room 330; 2222 Welborn Street; Dallas, Texas 75219

Happy Birthday

December 22
Westley Lipham, Carol Sessom, Juanita Vickers

December 23
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December 27
Melinda Crain, Jerry Don Balch, Danielle Hudson, Charlie Alewine, Al Elliott

December 28
Jeff Allen, Chelsea Gutierrez, Amy Gann



The Devil's River News

2005 Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a princess.
May I have a Dora and an angel.
Love,
Zayda Gutierrez
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa
I would like a Dora and a cocina.
Love,
Angela Gonzales
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
I like a house and I like Christmas restroom. I want a princess doll.
Love,
Chantal Ramirez
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
I love you! Please bring me a Brat baby, babyshower, and an airplane Brat doll. Please bring Jesse a new truck.
Love
Amanda Galvan
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I want a real razor cellphone and $100.00
Love,
Jordan Paredes
Ms. Campos Head Start

Santa,
I want monsters. Yellow, green and blue bike.
Love,
Ariel Salazar
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
What's up Santa? Give me a computer. Give millions of presents.
Love,
Brianna Ramirez
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
How is the wife? I need a cellphone and a princess backpack.
Love,
Shyanne Gamez
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
What are you doing? Please bring me some crayons and a trampoline.
Love,
Aleasha Smith
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa
I want a Power Ranger. I want Power Ranger necklace. And a movie.
Love
Damian Tirado
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how are you? Please bring me a ballerina.
Love
Karissa Flores
Ms. Campos Head Start

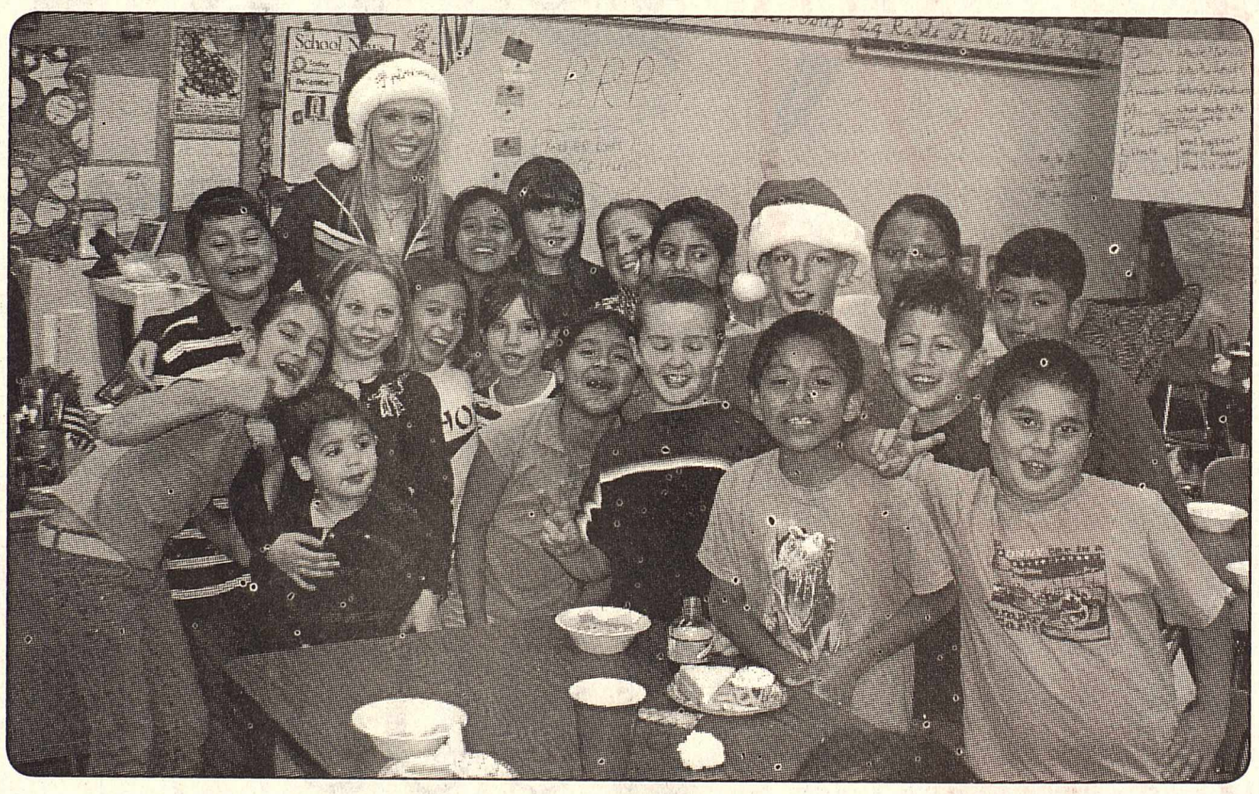
Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? I would please like a sucker and that's all I need.
Love,
Aiden Teaff
Ms. Campos Head Start

Santa,
I want a rocket missle, spy glasses, and a Hummer
Love
Willie Muñoz
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have my fish back from my cousins. I want a bike and a pillow.
Love,
Brandon Martinez
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
I want you to know I need a big robot. I need cars, book, and more robots that's it.
Love
Fabian Sanford
Ms. Campos Head Start

Dear Santa,
Please send me a dvd player, cd player, and a turtle thingy.
Love
Jayden Sanchez
Ms. Campos Head Start



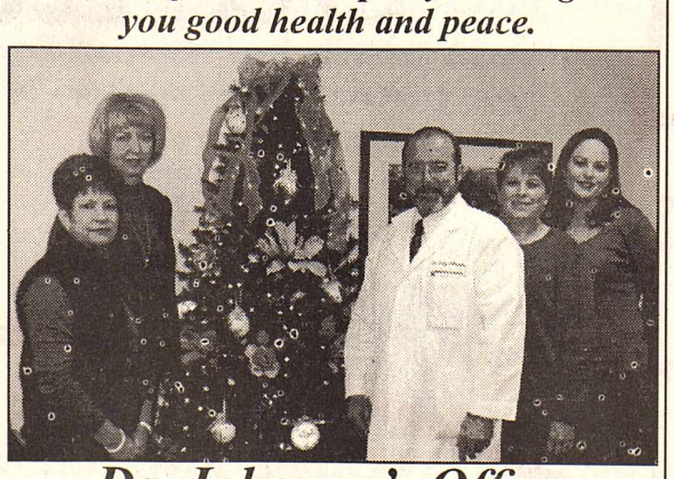
Miss Sutton County, HILLARY LAWSON, enjoyed a Christmas celebration this week with her 3rd grade PALS in Mrs. Kearney's class.

Dear Santa,
I want a princess, a phone, and toys.
Love
Esmeralda Salazar
Ms. Campos Head Start

Wishing you and all those close to you
a joyous holiday season
and a new year filled with happiness
and hope for a world at peace.

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May God Bless and Keep you.
May His face shine upon you and give you good health and peace.



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Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas! I want a oven to make pizza. I hope you have a Happy Holiday!
Love,
ALEX

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a Dora. I would also like a Christmas DVD.
Love,
ARIANA

Dear Santa,
I want a SpongeBob and an angel toy. I also want a baby with a mommy. Please bring me a rainbow house for the mommy and the baby.
Love,

Dear Santa,
I want a deer so I can ride on it morning. I also would like an angel and a blue lizard.
Love,
Victoria

Dear Santa,
I would like Princess Dora and some princess toys. I want a new house for my dog. I will make you some cookies of Santa.
Love,
ERIKA

Dear Santa,
I would like a monster truck with a trailor and a dirt bike. Please bring me a water snake and a gold fish. I really want the snow to come down.
Love,
LOGAN

Dear Santa,
I want a SpongeBob pillow and some books. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Rafael

Dear Santa,
I want a tractor and a motorcycle. I have been a good boy!
Love,
Manuel

Dear Santa,
I want a truck and a car.
Love,
Carlos

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink puppy and a pony for Christmas. I have been a very good girl.
Love,
Harley

Dear Santa,
I would like Princess Dora and some princess toys. I want a new house for my dog. I will make you some cookies of Santa.
Love,

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Santa Claus toy.
Love,
Darrick

Dear Santa,
I want a rocking horse, teddy bear, make-up, and a make-up table. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Hailey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some cars. I would also like a puppy.
Love,
Jose

Dear Santa,
I want some trains and some cups from the t.v. I have been a good boy.
Love,
Sabian

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll for Christmas!
Hollie Wilson
Mrs. Crenwelge & Ms. Trevino
Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear and some puzzles. I got you a sucker!
Love,
Kayla

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike with fire on it. I also want a Spiderman Motorcycle
Love,
Damian

Dear Santa,
I want a kitty bed and Dora. Please bring me a teddy bear.
Love,
Jacqueline

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle for Christmas!
HALEY
Haley Dalton
Mrs. Crenwelge & Ms. Trevino

Dear Santa,
I would like some dolls for Christmas!
Deborha Hernandez
Mrs. Crenwelge & Ms. Trevino
Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a DVD player. I would also like a new blanket.
Love,
Dalton

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a princess and a Dora movie.
Love,
Miriam

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a orange bike. I would also like a red cat.
Love,
Ernesto

Dear Santa,
I would like a video game!

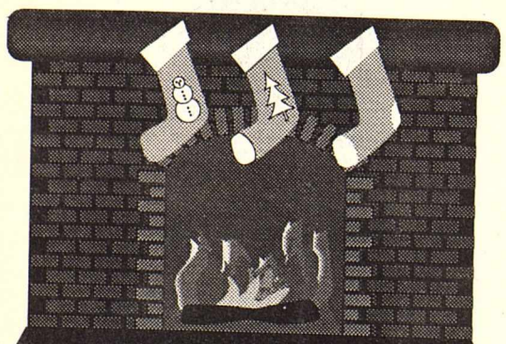
Dear Santa,
I would like an apple for Christmas!
Brianna Duran

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie!
DALILAH
Dalylah Lopez
Mrs. Crenwelge & Ms. Trevino
Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car and a water gun!
Seth
Seth Fuson
Mrs. Crenwelge & Ms. Trevino
Pre-Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I would like a flying skateboard!
Isaiah Cella
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throughout this special Season



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Dear Santa,
I would like a tree for Christmas!
Daisy Fuentes

Dear Santa,
I would like a Playstation 2 system and a Mustang G.T.!
David Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I would like a stove!
Hannah Willoughby

Dear Santa,
I would like Bratz phone and backpack for Christmas!
Lacee Teasley

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike this year!
Jose Angel Torres

Dear Santa,
I would like toys and a bike!
Brennen Hooks

Dear Santa,
¡Hola! Yo quiero una cocinita de Princess. Tambien me falta la cama de Princess. Gracias.
Love, (Adamari Mata)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I want a swimming pool and some toy horses and cows. Thank you.
Love, (Jovan Garza)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How you doin'? I want a big swimming pool because my dogs can tear up the blown-up one. Thank you.
Love, (Hunter Wheeler)

Dear Santa,
Hello. How are you? I like Dora. I want a Dora doll and a "horsey" doll. Thank you.
Love, (April DeHoyos)

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like a Cinderella doll with lights, and the Prince Charming doll. Thank you.
Love, (Sierra Music)

Dear Santa,
Hello. How are you? I would like a train, and a ball. Thank you.
Love, (Christian Ramirez)

Dear Santa,
¡Hola! Yo quiero un regalo de libros. Quiero un libro para mi hermana y para mi. Es todo y gracias.
Love, (Abigayl Portillo)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? I want that game The Dinosaur's Mountian, to do on my Playstation
Love, (Leandro Alviso)

Dear Santa,
Hello! Yo quiero una bolsa de carritos, y mas carritos. Gracias.
Love, (Juan Lima)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I want a diamond and the toy to draw SpongeBob pictures.
Love, (Wesley Wilson)

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? I would like a Power Ranger game. Thank you.
Love, (Dylan Taylor)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How ya doin'? I would like a bear, and a little girl doll that lights up. Thank you.
Love, (Perla Salazar)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing? I would like a Belle doll, and some lotion. Thank You!
Love, (Mariah Buen)

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you? I want a robot and some mittens. Thank you.
Love, (Noe Estrada)

Dear Santa,
Howdy! I would like a train and a trampoline. That's all. Thank you.
Love, (Landon Castro)
Mrs. Jiménez & Mrs. Berry's Prekindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
Hi. I want a,...toy car,... like a race car. And I want a blue robot. Thank you,
Love, (Jalen Lopez)
Mrs. Jiménez & Mrs. Berry's

Dear Santa,
Hello! Hey! I want a toy,...a dinosaur toy and a Santa Claus toy. Thank you.
Love, (Michael Johnson)
Mrs. Jiménez & Mrs. Berry's

Dear Santa,
Hello! I want a swimming pool—a little one,...a little tiny one. And I want a "dolly." Thank you.
Love, (Yesenia Garza)
Mrs. Jiménez & Mrs. Berry's

Dear Santa,
Hi! I like Hello Kitty... I really want one. And I really want a book—a Bible one. Thank you.
Love, (Alexis Velasquez)
Mrs. Jiménez & Mrs. Berry's

Dear Santa,
Hello! I want a bell-one of yours from the sleigh—and a basketball. Thank you.
Love, (Ashley Zook)
Mrs. Jiménez & Mrs. Berry's Prekindergarten Class

Dear Santa
I would like some blocks, new play-doh, my very own tree w/ lots of leaves, and a real vaccum.
Love you lots,
Allen Sain

Dear Santa,
Please bring me baby dolls and toys to help strengthen my hands. I will have cookies & milk waiting for you.
Andrea Valdez

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Christmas Barbie, a toy Laundry center, and a star dressing table? Tell the reindeer hello! Thank you.
Meghan Ower

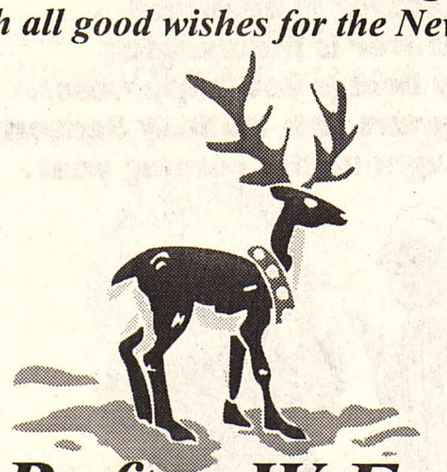
Dear Santa,
May I please have an inflated ball, play dough toys, and a pottery Wheel? Tell the reindeer hello! Thank you,
Nathan Craig

Jesus is the Reason for the Season



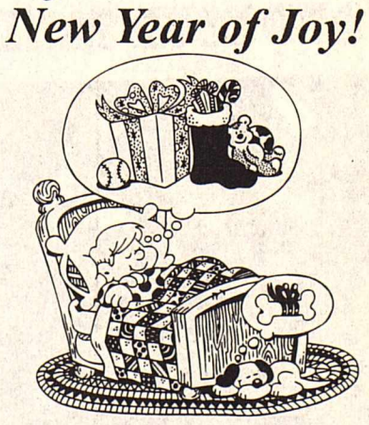
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Dear Santa,
May I please have a Cinderella, a prince, and a castle?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you.
Yesenia Gandar

Dear Santa,
May I please have a small puppy, little kitty cat, and tiny butterflies?
thank you!
Hailey Galvin

Dear Santa,
May I please have a puppy, a bouncy ball, and my own t.v.?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you,
Hailey Teasley

Dear Santa,
May I please have a water truck, a gators and a four wheeler?
Than you.
George Hernandez

Dear Santa,
MOI please have a truck, a baby seat, and some Wrangler jeans? Tell the reindeer hello! Thank you.
Summer HALL

Dear Santa,
may I please have a Kitchen set, a doll, and a desk?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you,
Holli Vermillion

Dear Santa,
May I please have a set of drums, a play station and a game cube?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Think you.
Jamaun Son

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Jeep Power Wheel, a Max?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Joe Miguel Hidalgo

Dear Santa,
may I please have a remote control plane, a razor bike, a shooter bot?
Tell the reinderhe,
Thank you.
John Ayala

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Four Wheeler, hot wheels, and a bike?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you,
J.R. Velasquez

Dear Santa,
May I please have some earrings, a girl set, and some lipgloss and polish?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thak you,
Leandra Lopez

Dear Santa,
May I Please have some Batman movies, and some Hot Wheels?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you!
Mathew Perez

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Glow the darR set tor, a picture for Abuela an Easy Bake oven?
Tell the reindeer hello! Thank you
Alexandrea Masrill

Dear Santa,
May I please have some Power Ranger movies, clothes, and a motorcycle?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you.
Daniel Moran

dear santa,
May I please have a Barbie jeep, Barbie and a barbie car,
Tell there! nDeer hello!
Thank you,
America Reyes

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a dress shoes and pants
Love
Dawsyn

Dear Santa
For Christmas I Want a Motorcycle and a gameboy and drums
Love
Isaiah

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie car and a Barbie dress
Love
Breanna

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a PlaysIon, big cars and toy horses
Love
Richard

dear Santa
For Christmas I want books a Ball and Tent
Bailey
love

Dear Santa,
May I Please have a t-shirt and shoes?
Tell the reindeer hello!
Thank you.
Adrian Sanchez

Dear Santa
For Christmas I Want a
dress
shoes
and pants
Love
Dawsyn

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I Want a
Princess camera,
a white horse,
and a dvd player
love,
Felicia

Dear Santa
For Chrismas I want a Americian girl and a Pink TV a pink video camera In miBeDrom
Love.
Hazel Kent

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a baby doll and a crib and books
Love
Janet

dear santa
For christmas
i like a gameboy and a car
love John

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Dear Santa
For christmas
I want a Barbie,
a video camera, a
horse
Love,
Alexis

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a
paintball gun
game
love Adrian

Dear Santa,
For christmas
I want a
crown, a
Dress and
Mariogame
Marisol
Love

Dear Santa
For christmas
I want a
Mario game
Paint ball gun
Playstion 5
Love
Victor

Dear Santa
For Christmas
I want a
book,
Mariogame, and
clothes
Love
Iris

Dear Santa
For christmas
I want a
Play station,
gameboy, and
toywrestler
Love
Trey

Dear Santa
For christmas
I want a
games,
dinasours
Gabriel

Dear Santa
I would
like a dress
and paper doll
doll a Puppy
surprise and my
Little puppy Loves
Sierra Hernandez

Dear santa
I would like a
a princess car
an Doddle bear
and Bratz
Baby
Love
Trinity Zook

Dear santa
For Christmas
I want a Dinosour
And a candy world
and toy animals
Love
Jeremiah

Dear Santa
I would like
a robot frome
Power Ranger Future
Ranger a jacket
Ranger a locker
Love,
Roberto Cardenas

Dear Santa,
I would like
a frog backpack,
and a cat
pillow with a
blanket. I
like you!
Sabrina Serrano

Dear Santa
I would like a
toy car and a
Game boy Advance.
Thank you!
Love,
Carlos Regino

Dear Santa,
I would like
an underwater
telescope, Christmas
Horse Stuffed and a
Fashion drawing set.
Merry Christmas!
Delaney Romero

Dear Santa
I would like
a guitar, a MDonos
computer, and a
motorized car for my
sister. I just want
to tell you Happy
Birthday love
Kelley Jones

Dear Santa
I would like an
I-dog, Bratz dolls,
and Bratz Laptop
Thank You!
Love
Daniela Lopez

Dear Santa
I would like
a necklace, guitar,
ring and earrings. I
would also like Dora
the Explorer bedroom set
Merry Christmas, Santa!
Love, Savannah Castro

Dear Santa
I would like
nail polish, princess
glitter glues, jeans,
a shirt and
tennis shoes ☺.
love, Christina
Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like
paint to color
stuffed animals
and a princess
doll Thank you!
Love,
Noecia Tover

Dear santa
I would like
a baby dog
and a baby
kitty. I would
also like a
Doodle bear.
AMBER FR

Dear Santa
I would like
robots, a trailer
with cars, a drum
set and a
hockey game Thank
you! love,
Sebastian Londono

Dear santa,
I would like
a Play Station
2, a football,
a little helmet,
and a watch.
Thank You!
Hector Mendez

Dear Santa
I would like
a Star
Wars Trilogy
movie, Fantastic 4
movie and a
frog Love
Sean Bryer

Dear Santa,
I would like
a Supermack
truck, a sponge
Bob book, and
a virtual T.V.
game. Love,
Marc De...

Dear Santa
I would like
some toy cars
and a Mack truck
Car trailer.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Manuel Montoya

Dear Santa
I would like
a carpenter
Love
Martin

Dear Santa,
I would like A
Bionicle Toa,
fantastic 4
Action figures,
Teenage Mutant
Ninja sewer love MARK
speuler

Dear Santa
I would like
a
Amanda doll
Love,
Sylver

Dear Santa,
I would like
a football
game
Love
Esteban

Alex
Dear Santa
I would like
a
Batman
Love
Alex

Dear Santa,
I would like
a MY Little Pony
Love,
Kristin

Dearsanta,
I would like a
tRANSfopMer
house.
Love
nikey

Dear Sintr
I would i ire
a bed.
LoveKAYTleN

Dear Santa,
I would like
a card gaME
Love,
AnneMariaArredondo

DearSanta
I would lik a dolly bed
and a Kitchen.
Love,
stephanie

DearSanta,
I would ire
a guitarandgs
tar WArscall
ecction
Loe,
Omar

Dear santa,
I would lir
a hockey game
LoveElyssa

Dear Santa
I would
like a Toba
dirs.
Love,
Caleb
I♡U

Dear santa,
I would like
a Toolkit
lawnmachines
Marbles
Love, CHristopher

Dear Santa
I would like a
magic glow doodle
bear
Love
Jenas

DEar santa,
I Would lIke
a Dora Doll House
care center,
McDonaldscashregis
Loves
Alexis

Dear Santa,
I Would Like
earrings.
LoVe, Amber

Dear Santa,
I would like
real tools,
new machines
Love
Jarret

Dear santa,
will you bring me a
DrTBIK AND a
SKOOTR,
I WOT a bumprcar,
ThaNKYou santa,
LuV,
Ramir Reyes

Dear Santa,
PleaSegif me a chopr.
I want a point
gun. I wonta hemdthumr
I want a drtbics.
I wont a game formy
Plasistaship. Love,
Orion Guerra

DearSanta,
Pleasebring me
anuclisandadallbar
asobringmeSome
eraings. I tridto
begood.
Love,
GraceWarren

Dear Santa,
can you please
bring me a x-box.
also a toy car.
can I have some
pants I have bent
good. Love,
Abel Hernandez,

Dear Santa,
can I please have som
brbes. Can I have
a scodr. Can I
have som brbe
cklose. I have bin
good Love,
BethanyAguero

Dear Santa,
pease breing me
a Gamboy.
and a reem
otsincho almee
plain.
Love,
Dakota Castro

DearSanta,
PleaSebringmea Boie.
and a Bucantadog.
andapas andaDuo.
mostranda Shrt.
anda gen and a snogoD.
andaranber. Love,
EstebaNmrain

DearSanta,
I Wot a drbic
With a modr.
I wot a gocor
With nos.
I Wot a forwir
Love, Juan
Villanueva

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring
me a new spitr-Men
Jaket and a new
Game boy and a
new clook,
Love,
Angel Deluna

Dear Santa,
can I please have a
big book, can I
have a computr,
Can I have a prsing
I am a good girl.
Love.
Adriana Campa

Dear santa,
may I have a
scotr please. I
please wunt
a reptil dishunee
Love, Wesley
Brown

Dear santa,
Pleasegif me.
a Drtbick.
And a biscl.
Dear santa. I
Ben triengto
Bey good. Love,
Corben Boggs

Dear Santa,
Peasegift me a
Drt-Bick, and a game dub.
I want a Mulsickl. I waet
a faccar. I waet a Bicksickl
I waet a Sckoor.
Love,
Marco Quiroz

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring
me a new bike, and
a car, and a new
penso, a new computers
and a new erings, and
a new clous. Love,
Jaqueline Hernandez

Dear Santa,
can you git me a 4welr
and a XBoock.
IBind god. I wot a bict
[illegible]
tac you for the toys.
Love,
Pablo Zamora

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me
a liette four wiler.
And some jewlry.
I want a
hay fiby. I bin
good. Love,
Meagan Johnson

Dear Santa,
Will You please give Me a.
NCCA FootBall 06 Game. Then
I wold Like a Modrsicl.
I want a xbox for MyTv
Then I want Some Movis
Love
Joshua Galindo

Dear Santa,
please bring me
a Brbecar asow a
cooce Macker. Santa
I have bin good.
Love
April Fraire

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring
me a rmocintrol
four whicr. I Wont a
scootr and some
frunt pegs.
Love,
Carter Zook

Dear Santa,
will you bring mea toy.
I Wat a gamlboy
WiTh a new game.
Santa I LiC you.
I Wat a brdik.
Love,
Joe Valdez

Dear Santa,
I wont Some new
clos and Some new Shos
and Som new ereing.
I wont a new
woch.
Love,
Ariana Reyes

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph?
I want a fish.
I want a birbee doll hous.
I want a ring.
I want a Kittin.
I want sum cloos.
Love, Alyia Barker

Dear Santa,
I have bingood. How is
ruslph? I wanta
TikoRC. I wanta
watergun. I Want
a Skatebord. I have
cookes for you ps thee
Love Randall Lozano

Dear Santa,
santa how is your radir?
I wont a Ritin. I wont a Hilre
Dufcede Playr. Santa I have
coces in my livrom
and I have Bingod.
Love Kylie Reiner

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs.claus.
I bin good.
I Wil leve Coces
for you. I Wunta parof
clos. I Wunt a playstashen
How is Rudolph?
Love Noah San Miguel.

Dear Santa,
Haow are you? Can
I pleas have a
fli pen and
The orange bike
that I wated?
I have ben good
Love Tate Shannon

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you?
I have been good
to my mom. I wut a toy
car. I wut a blancet.
Luve, Michael Solis

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want the
Hellyy Duffed and a baby
Alxa doll. I would like my twin
doll and Scamps my
playfull pup and zoey 101
DVD.
Love Holly Sparks

Dear Santa,
Hew are you?
Is iT snoweg?
How are your elves?
Can I hava gun?
Pls can I hava
fore wheler?
Lov, Wyatt Watkins

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I want a
bik and a zwiming
2oot. I wil lev sum
cuces and milk. I want
a Submren and a bol and
a bat.
Luv, Juanita Reyes

Dear Santa,
Is it kold at the
Northpole? I Want a
Lego Nites Kingdum
Kastl. I Wont a new
bed.
Love, Chris Castro

Dear Santa,
Hello I have been
good. I wil
bring you milk
and cookes. I
Want a rel Phone
and 100$.
Love, Shy Jennings

Dear senta
I would love to give
you a hug.
I wana two dolls like
sisters. I Want
abike.
I love you
Abby Lopez

Dear santa,
I have been good. How
are the elves? Is the
North Pole cold? Can you
Please give me bbee gun? can
you give my Leett baby
a Spu Lbob toy?
Luve, Ariel Lugo

Dear Santa,
Sant, I Wat a Selfon.
I Want a drt bic.
I Wont a violen.
Is it clod in North Pole.
Andrew Martinez

Dear Santa claus,
Merry christmas! I want a
care Bare share a story and a
puppy surpris and flum. I want
a vcr. Then a candy mashen. I
want playdow and polly dols.
Love Jessica Paredes

Dear santa,
How are you?
How are the elvs?
Plees leev things
in my stocing.
Will you see if I'm
good? Have a happy chistmas
I love you, Emmy Phillips

Dear Santa,
How is Rudoleh?
I im good. I blev
in you. I wut a
monster toy and a
dragin toy and a
gozila toy.
Lov, Zech Hikes

Dear Santa Claus,
Plees Cum to my haos.
Plees tel the elves to
mec me a mosinchow
helkopdter and I wil leev
you milk and Cokees.
and I lik Rudolph.
Love, Grady Bush

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa?
Merry christmas to you santa,
I bliv in you santa.
Plis bring mea play pupe.
Love, Monique Galindo

Dear santa,
How is Mis claus?
I want a Ste Bod.
Houl is you efs?
I have sum clais for
you and Mis clus.
I wut a SkateBord.
Love Dusty culp

Dear Santa Claus,
ples cum to my hous.
I have bin good at my
hous. I have cuces and milk
for you and Mrs. Claus. Rudolph
gives me good luck. Ples give
me a Lippad for Chrismas.
frum Aaron De La Garza

Dear Santa,
I Love you. Can I plesa have a barbey.
How is Rudolph? Is he ok? I want a toy.
Can I have a dog and a cap?
I gave you a prise but it is not ready.
I want a star for my christmas tree.
Your elvs have been working a lot.
Love, Kamilla Davila

Dear Santa,
I wunt a ril guitr.
I wunt a gomborg.
I have bin good.
I wunt a radeo
I wunt a per of hedfos.
I wunt zum Sedes.
Love Vicky Del Real

Dear Saanta
I would like a Pet dog,
I would like a a 65 dirtbike,
I like you Santa.
I would like a chalk
board.
Love, Taylor Meek

Dear santa,
Can you give me
a bisicl with
chwils on the
back of the
bisicl? Have a good
Chrip.
Luve Rosa Araujo

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can
you please bring
me a purple Sparklie
bedset and I Love
Lucy Dvd and a Sale
phon Have a great ride.
Love, Samantha Castro

dear santa Claus,
How are you and
mrs. santa Claus?
Please bring me
Sum wocytoces and
a new Saddle A
Bryer horse would be nice.
Love Jaydan Crain

Dear Santclaus
Howare you doing? Can
you Please bring mea litl
Forwr and adrtbick. I have Bin
good this yer. I help my
mom Clning the Livinroom
I help my Dad.
Luv, Robert Sapata

Dear Santa claus
marry christmas! can you please bring
a Barbe and me doll and a cell phoon
and a Barbe guitar and a Sky danser
I love you very much.
Love Makayla Bingham

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I Please have two toys
for kres Mes and a rasefhal
and a HUMR that is blue
and a toy DINesor.
I like Santa Claus.
LoVelgse Robles

Dear santa.
I would like two
big 4 Weelers sow me
and my dad cin ride
them. Have a merre Christmas
Love Rafael Mendoza

Dear santa,
can you pledse
please bling
me a Hamster
Have a grat
rid, good look
Santa
love Jacob GonZalas

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Hello
Kitty Doll and a Christmas
Shrth but I wil give you
Christmas Cookes. And have a good
trip.
Love Bianca Fay

Dear Santa,
Would You bring a
redriPrand a
catclock and a
fistanc and a DrtBick
I Woalld and a shack
and a Plastasin.
Love Nathaniel child

Dear santa,
can you give me
a biscikle?
Love, tonya

Dear Santa,
Please can I
hav a motrsicl?
I clih with
my mom.
me and my mom bi
preShS.
Lov Pablo MuñoSTR

Dear santa claus,
Please bring me a
brat's hasis and
A big Barbie
that coms off of
Swon-Lacke and how
Are you?
Love Katelyn Lipham

dear santa claus
I wish Jesus
a happy
birth Day. can You bring
me a remote contol
dibosor. Love, Halston
Sawyer

Dear santa,
I would like a new
football and a
drt Bick. I would
like a Bascetetball
and a net.
mery christmas
Love Netza Estrada

Dear Santa
I would like a Jack knif with a
corcscro. The Jack knif is black.
And I would like also a sell fone.
Santa I would like a relegocart.
Love, Kobie Herring

Dear santa
could you
bring me a toy?
could you bring
me a du bl barl?
could you bring
me a 22?
Love William Sterling

Dear Santa,
How are you?
Can you bring me
a peanoples? Ples
bring my famly
presis.
love Autumn Ayala

Dear Santa
Plese bring me a drtbick
Will you bring me a Span
pet ball and a xbox
360 and a Lagol and
a fish gam and a
fish.
Luve Isaiah Lira

Dear Santa,
please bring me a brtbick 90
and the gam flatout. I wil
lev choklit milck and choklit
chip cooces.
love Joseph Delgado

Dear Santa claus,
can you Please bring a
esp Game stasen and
more for me and my
sister and my baby
sister oh! and bring
mrs. cheek some presents.
Love Juan Miguel Jimenez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me
unlimit enegy
yu-gi-ho card pack
and a x box 360, a
red coat like yours.
Your a good man.
from Dalton Morris

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little bear,
and a little fish, and a little dog.
love Isela Rivas

Dear Santa,
Please bring me makeup
and jewlrey' I would like
some clothes too.
I like new mittens.
LovE, Sydney Robles

Dear Santa,
Please bring me.
a modr siclo a remote
remot coa chrole.
robo ratre I Want
mangedis and
bring em e a littl dog.
Love Bryndon Robles

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a
playstashen and the movie
Cat in the Hat and
the movie Hotshics.
Love Victoria

Dear Santa
Will you please bring
me makeup, xbox360
, Yu-gi-ho cards.
I will lay cokes out
for you.
Love Cheyann Stewart

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a pet
dog and a motosicl and a
low rider car.
love Juan Ozuna

Dear [illegible]ta,
Please [illegible] me a pony
with a baby and a
x box and a littl dog
and some toys.
Catharen Zook

Dear santa,
Please bring me a
Pinball game and a
X box and a ring.
Love Emilio Benavente

Dear Santa
Please bring me a car
and a bic a ball and bed
and a fish and a boat.
Luve Armando Perez

Dear santa
Please brig me a, play oven
a tea set and a glob
I will leave cookiese and
milk for you.
Love Kristy Sanchez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a pup and a X box.
Love Erik Lopez

Dear Santa
Please bring me a batman movie and a gocar and a XBOX.
Love Henry Ramos

Dear Santa,
Pleae bring me a Xbox 360 and Yu-gi-ho cards and a munke anda cor remot kectrl.
Love Ramon Rodriquez

Dear santa,
Please bring me a xbox360 and mandia with xbox 360 gams. and will you bring me Playstasen and I will lev you milck and coo[illegible]
Love Cade Krieg

Dear Santa.
Plese bring me hels for me pintoras for me I want Tow pintaras be cus won for my sister and for me.
Love Blanca Jazmin

Dear santa
Please bring me a drtbick an a X box. an a Pony.
Love Michael Barker

Dear Santa
Please bring me a 4welr. and a XBOX360 and Madnedk. I will Leav sum cookeys and milk.
Love caleb Galvan

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Dream life plug-in game, pixel chickz and a video camera. Tell the elfs and Mrs. Claus I s-aid hello!
Sincerely, Sydney

Dear Santa claus,
I have been a good a good girl. I want a game called candy land, a movie that is called that's so raven, and a chicken [illegible] game. Please Say Hi to mr. Santa Claus.
Love, Alyssa Zamora

Dear Santa claus,
I have been good dis yer. I want a dirt bike. I want a lamp. I want a guitarkase.
Love [illegible] Telles

Dear Santa,
I have ben a good [illegible]. I want a fityocamra, a winy dog, a labtop, a now bike, and a DVD player. How are your reinder? Say hi to the reinder.
Love, Laura Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I was good. I would like my size barbie. My dancing barbie. My sony barbie and I would like a game boy with the games thatso raven and Kim posibl for Christmas and a bike. I want a new barbie boll with the Clothes.
Love, Maritza Villaneva

Dear Santa,
I have been good at home. I would Like a red meudyum Moongoose bike and a Danny Phantom the enemy game.
your Freind Edgar

Dear santa claus,
I have been a good boy. I what a new bike and a pantmolkum bell new game for my game boy. sor Hy to mis claus.
Love Juan Gamez

Dear santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a robo pet, rodo rapter, and a Game boy Advance for Christmas. My bog's name is comet just like the reindeer.
Your frind, Stuton Rushing

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year Can I Please have a dirt bike, a four wheeler and a gocart. TKell Mrs. Claus Hi, Pat the reindeer on the head. Oh, Ya I want a game cube. Thanks!
Sincerely, James Freeman

Dear Santa Claus,
I have bee good this year Santa Claus Can you Plecs bring me a bell and a Star and a Small Christmas tree? Till mi's Claus meriy Christmas happy New yers,
love, Joanna Deluna

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a rope, satle, rains, and horse. How is Mrs. Claus?
Your friend, Julian Gallardo

Dear santa claus
I have been good this year. I would like a pool table for christmas. I would like the Polar Express train. I would like a new Bike. and a guiter. I want a pelletgun.
Love, Daniel coronado

Dear Santa claus,
I have been good. I would like to have a candy Land game. I want a SpongeBob game. I want a that's So Raven movie. I want a new bike. I want a Kimpossible game.
Love, Sylvia Salazar

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like 200 Vida games and a pellet gun and a puppy. I have been good.
Love, Devon R Baker

Dear Santa
I have been good. I want a dirt bike.
Love JC Barron

Dear Santu,
I have been good this year. Please can I a Scope. In my Stocing some little indins and cowboy. And a dirtbike. Have a safe trip. Tell the ellvs Hello. Thanks!
Love, Julia Pope

Dear Santa claus.
I have been a good boy. Can I have a computer, a car, a gameboy, and yo-gioh cads? Tel mrs claus I sed Hey.
Sincerely, Diego

Dear santa claus,
Have a good trip. I have been good. I want an xbox 360 for christmas. Can I have a cell [illegible] can I have a game boy advance. Can I have a [illegible] can I a gocart and a [illegible] and a game cube.
Love, Santa Claus,
Alec Gr-2 2005

Dear Santa Clauses,
I have been good. I would like a gitar case. I would even like all tennis balls. I would like a tent with a flashlight. I would like a [illegible] with all [illegible]. I hope you hav a safe trip.
Merry christmas,
Jonathan Hazelton gr2

Dear santa claus,
have a good Trip. I want A New gamecube. I would have A New Bike. I would have A New Bod[illegible] I like A New crony box. I have ben good. I want A baby riobet.
merry christmas,
Sergio Solis-Gr2-2005

Dear Santa,
I want a Pet, and a actin fiure. I want a new bike, and a foot ball, Please bring me. Thank you from last year. Thank you,
Oscar Herrado Gr 2005

Dear Santa clous,
Thank you for la[illegible] years gifts. Iv ben good. Id like a barbe B lap top. Id also like a coloring light up Bear and a feary tent. the pussy cat dolls cd and hillery Duff must wanted. Madigans Christmas move and a Pol p and a Game [illegible]
Cassandra Amaro
my love - 2005

Dear Santa Claus,
Have a Great time. I want a xbox [illegible] and a new [illegible] a Gocart and [illegible]. I want a Game boy and [illegible]. I have been good.
Thank you,
Alonzo Molina Gr2 2005

Dear Santa claus
Thank you for the gifts.
This years I what a barbecue,
A swiming pool, New shoes,
A globe, a fake Santa claus. A
bike, A fake barbie A very big katie.
I have been very good.
Merry christmas,
Mayra Grade 2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
Have a good trip. I want
a remote car, a swiming pool,
a pacman game, a bebe gun,
a peletgun, a doler, ...
yugioh cards, and tend claus
I behaved Santa Claus.
Thank you
Felix Ray Guerra Gr.2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
[illegible] a nice ride I want
[illegible] I can ride it,
[illegible] car [illegible]
[illegible] tree, a scooter,
[illegible] Playstation 2,
I have been good all week,
Thank you,
Joseph - Gr 2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a good trip.
I wish you can bring me a [illegible] to play
with. I hope you bring me a [illegible]
[illegible] sister. Some new shoes to
wear. I have been good. I [illegible] x-box to
play. A new bike to ride.
Thank you. I have been good.
Sasha Sanchez - Gr. 2 2005

Dear santa claus,
Thank you last year gifts.
I would have new glases.
I would have new games.
I would have new shoe
I need wheel Bike.
I have been good.
Merry Christmas,
Miguel Ramirez - Gr. 2-2005

Dear santa claus,
Have a good ride
A jump rope and a
castle for a doll a new
friend a tree for
chrismas a new
sister a new brother
thank you
I have been good
Amber - Gr 2 2005

Dear Santa claus,
Thank you for last years gifts.
A Stuffed animal that's a pig
[illegible] A new Shirt.
a Chrismas stocking and a
Bike, rollar Skates. I
have bin good this
year. thank you.
Susana Robles - Gr.2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for last year's gifts
This year I want a xbox.
I have been good. I hope
you have a safe trip. Merry
Cristmas Santa claus.
[illegible] you have a [illegible]
you have a lot of prezents in the bag
Love,
Harold Luna

Dear santa claus,
Thank you for last year gifts.
Ed, Edd n Eddy game to play on the xbox [illegible]
game for my Computer that why I can get on the
iternet. Nikes to were to school. Shotgun to go
hunting. Nife to cut stuff. Xbox 360 to play
games. Turtle for my sister that why we can
both have one. clock to give me the time.
Thank you.
Arturo Lopez Gr.2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
I [illegible]
[illegible] clothes, a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a new baby fish
[illegible] chicken little [illegible]
Santa Claus the [illegible]
Love,
Sylvia Janelle Vasquez

Dear Santa claus,
How are you? I hope you are ready to deliver some
presents and for christmas, I would like a
camera cell phone, portable DVD player, Madagascar game and
movie. I also want a pottery set, chickin little game and
movie, Gwen Stefani CD. I want a laptop, a poker
set and a ice cream maker and monster-in-law movie.
Santa your cookies are waiting for you.
Love,
Katlyn Lopez 12-6-05

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Is it snowing
alot in the north pole? Is Roodalf
doing ok? Would you please breeng
me a small four weler, [illegible]
many golf cart, red star wors star
fiter, star wors three.
Love,
Garett Jaeger Gr. 2. 12-5-05

Dear Santa Claus,
I want dirt bike and morter sikle
and a bike. I would like football
and a Play Stashin 2 CDs with it
please, and I like a 22 gun,
and a four wheeler, I would
like my driving lisins.
Love,
Jerra Walley

Dear Santa 2nd Grade
May I please have Ergo Co[illegible]
I want team Plays to show
can I have a X box.
please give me [illegible] 2 Games
please please give me [illegible]
[illegible] Eddy Game. Say Hi to Mrs.
Clause for me.
Love,
Skyler

Dear Santa Claus,
Have a nice time giving out presents
on Christmas. I want an x-box an a
niga toy and a foot ball. And my brother
wants a basket ball. My mom wants a dress and
my dad wants a Bar-b-cue pit. My sister wants
a new cd player.
Have a nice trip.
Love,
Adrian Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for giving me
presents last year, this is what
I want this year. For me
nail polish, necklaces and bracelets.
For my mom diamond earing. For
my dad boots and a hat. For my
sister makeup. Hope you have a
safe trip.
Love, Darby G2 2005

Dear Santa Claus
I want a rinedear and a H2 with
lights under the Hummer and windows
that open. I want a tamodine and with a
safety fence, a game-cube a
[illegible] a [illegible] a 22 pistol
I really a [illegible] dirt
Bike.
Love,
Salvador Lopez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy with
my name on it Chris
Lee Amador. I want to go
the North Pole. I want
a lots of pencils and
a lots of erasers.
2 Grade
Love,
Christopher Lee Amador

Dear Santa,
Thank you for last years prezents.
Pleace bring me a PS two, 100 games
dirt bike, four wheeler, Flame car. I would like
a chopper bike and a remote cars. I would like a
new skateboard so I could skate. I hope you
have a good trip.
Love,
Michael Cummins Second Grade 2005

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa Claus I am
Jillian. Please bring me a
Chicken Little game and a new
baby kitten. Please bring me a
new pair of high heel boots and
I hope you have a
great Christmas!
Love,
Jillian Beltran Gr. 2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish I have a X box for me and
brother I wish I had 1000 Yu-gi-oh!
I hope you have a Safe trip!
I wish I had all the candy I want!
I wish I got a snake farm
I wish I shake a millions of
dollars!
Love Santa!
Bryan Bravo Gr. 2005.

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas
eve I want a gamecube
collection, Spy gear. Say hi
to Mrs. Claus for me and
Surprise me on the next night.
I wonder what it's like in the
north pole have a good trip.
Love,
Ryan Martinez Gr. 2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for bringing me a high heels for the
night. Please bring me a computer for me and a
bike and a dress for the night. Thank you
for bringing me a pyjamens. Please bring me
a big trampling Santa Claus have a
good trip when you diliver the present.
Love,
Marlene Ortiz Gr. 2-2005

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for giving me a pstive
Please bring me a chopper bike, a
Notebook [illegible] for Dad. A glass
house for mom and family. I also
want a skateboard.
Love you and have a nice trip.
Love,
Brian Lee Sanchez Gr.2-05

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy humer
and some gams I
want [illegible] and
grandtheft [illegible]
Three and Plese let us
have a nice crimiss and a
happy ore.
Love,
Joe Angel Quiroz

Dear sant,
How is Mrs. Claus?
Please could I have
a spy alarm. And a drum and
one eletrich. And a Motchcheol
helicupter
Love, Coy Hudson

12-8-05
Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I want a My
little pony aloah casle and a Barby
cartoon. Can I please have two [illegible]
cloas and two cabeg [illegible] may I
please have a prince puzzl and a
box of princes cloas inside.
Love, Alexis Garza

Dear Santa,
Will you came down this year?
could you plase bring me a remote control
truck.
could you plase bring me a pelet
[illegible] or Sheter pads.
a cell [illegible] and
a durt bike,
Love, Dustin Holmes

Dear Santa,
How are the
reindeer? Could
You bring me books?
I would like a
spy gear.
Love, David

[illegible]-5-05
Dear santa,
How is Rudolph and Mrs.
Clause? And will you make a
modersicle. And I want to
Know if you are real. Will
you make a oteomet lightsaver
With 20 peaces?
Love, Daniel Castro

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing at the Northpole and you too? All I want for christmas is a kitten from petco please please, Santa.
Love, Jared McGuffin

Dear santa,
How are the reindeer and The Elves? can I please have This Thig. and a placic Shot Gon and new sh[illegible]
from, Drew Bultran

12-8-05
Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus and how are you? How is Rudolph and the other reindeers? Could you please bring me a care bear and one Barby and clothes and I want to be with my family.
Love, Marlena

Dear Santa,
Is it cold in the North Pole? Would you please bring me a choper bike? How is Mrs. Claus?
Love, Kelisha

12-8-05
Dear Santa,
I hope you come down this year. Can you plase bring me a new bilo? Thaks for the dvd player last year and the doll.
Love, Haylen Smith

Dear Santa, 12-8-05
How is Rudolph? I want a Gamecube. I want a toys. Dog. how are all the deer. I want cat toys I want a deer toy.
Love, Ronald

12-8-05
Dear Santa,
Santa, how are the reindeer doing? Santa, how are you and Mrs. claus doing? Santa, could you bring me a spy gear, Espn game station 2 and ultimint spider man the game.
Love, Devon Fague

Dear Santa,
Hello, Santa How are you and Mrs. claus? I was wundreing if the reindeers are fin? Can you please biring Me a Labtopp? Have a wonderful Christmas!
Lisa Garza

12-8-05
Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer in the cold? It is cold up there, it is here! Please! Bring me a new pair of shoes. A soft air Gun Please!
Love, Trenton Harris

12-8-05
Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? Please bring me a Game boy Advance. And some games for the gameboy. And please bring me some clothes.
Love, Mauro

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers? I whant you and Mrs. Claus to have a good chistmas. Could you please bring me a spy gear lazzer, cuddle bears and a staff puppy.
Love, Cipriana

Dear, Santa Claus
I want to know how you are? Santa I want a xbox 360, 8 games, cool car that is pimp out, Football, PSP, dvd player, I like your raindeer and I will make your mik and cookes on Christmas.
Your Friend, Mike Lopez

Dear Santa claus,
I want a video now xp, a big snow globe, a motor scooter, the new Bow Wow CD, a new game boy game and a new CD player, and a chat now.
love, Kamrie Martinez

Dear Santa Claus
How are you doing? For christmas I would like two hissing cockroaches. Maybe a dirtbike, [illegible] retriever and a labtop, little turtle also a genny pig and that's all. Say hi to mrs. claus and your reindeer for me Please
Love: Jeremy/Daran

Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas I want a laptop and a reindeer toy and Amelia Bedelia doll I always wantd a stuffed horse and a flat screen tv. I think I been a good girl this year
Merry christmas
love Brenda Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus.
I have been a good girl but what I want for christmas is a lap top and a Motor scoter, Video Now xp and a chat Now. A gameboy and that is mostly all of it. Well I hope your christmas is good.
Love, Miranda Perez

Dear Santa claus,
I want a x box 360 and also want a remote control car, or a new game for my PS2 Have a good christmas.
Love you, Louie castro

Dear Santa Claus
I want a play station 2, xbox, a Toy car, sadd, leg horse, a real ring, all the Cowboys Stuf
Love José

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl and wishing you could bring me an ipod and a Bow Wow CD please. I will leave you some cookies.
love, Veronica Gaytan

Dear Santa,
I think I'v been a good girl this year. What I really want for Christmas is a Laptop, and a hamster.
Love, Lillian

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a game boy advan, an Xbox 360, some games for my PS2, an eletrike motter siked, a house for my dogs please. I will leave you some cookies.
love, Michael Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus
How are you for Christmas? I want a X-Box 360, PSP, PS2, Dirt Bike, Game Boy advance SP, Star wars III the movie and Game Jak-X Big screen T.V., Blits the league
Love, Joseph M.M.

Dear Santa Claus,
For Christmas I want a Xbox 360, a flat screen tv. play station, a rope saddle, a play barn, lot of toy Horses.
Merry Christmas
Love Juan

Dear Santa, -
I want a gameboy color with games I want a x-box with games to so my brothers can play and me.
your friend
Pedro Campa

Dear, Santa Claus
Santa pleas get me an alarm and scarf and lamp an Bratz tent Jacet an T.V.
Love, Destany Vilas

Dear, Santa
I want a psp and NCAA 06 to go with it. I want some drum notes. I want snow to that would be fun. I want a phace so phate
love your friend Hunter Hughes

Dear Santa,
I wish for a X-box and games to go with it I want mahap to. I wish for a bike with a pump. I wish for the Black eyed Pese new cd. I wish for a mideame champalean
Your frend Koci Levis

Dear Santa,
I vill relly an Joy a art set for crise this year. I relly want a psp for crismus this year to. I will in Joy an hunting gam I relly want a move for crismus this year.
from your frand tanner

Dear Santa claus
I want an XBox, The DVD Charlie and the Chocolate factory, The SpongeBob Game. The DVD SKY high. A Real mery A Chocolate fanty
Your friend Ana

Dear santa,
I love Christmas and it wouldn't seem the same if you werent here. I don't want big things this year. I'd rather spend time with my family. The first thing I want is the barbie and the magic of pegasus groom and glam styling head, the movie that goes with it. Last I want the battle for bakinni bottom computer game.
Your friend Kaitlyn Gibbens.

Dear Santa,
I love the present's you bring. You are the Best Ho! Ho! Ho! friend. I would like a ipod, labtop, and Q 20. Last but not least a hissing cocroch.
bye, Madison

Dear Santa,
I want two telephones And I want a baby barby that has it's own clows. I want some plats to for chrismas.
You friend Jennifer Zap[illegible]

Dear Santa, may I please have a life size doll, the chiken little game for the Game cube, a primp and style pad, a realmeal Easy Bake, a tramploine, the movie of chiken little, the movie Charlie and the Chocolate factory, a little dog like Ables too Thank You.
Your friend Abigail Garcia

Dear santa want i for crismis i want a vidienow a toy Hummer a drt bike i want all the Drakes Josh movis i want a toy fly weel i want a Hrby fuly lodad movi. a puzzle. i want a crismes story movie. i want a swiming Pool. Your freab
Jonathan Martinez

Dear Santa,
I relly want a moderskiter. And a Karaoke machine. And a computer and a prenter.
Your friend
Omega guerra

Dear Santa
I want alot of puzzls but not so big! And I want two muves Hrby fuly loded and Dremer. And orts and crafs too. And a book that can tech me how to drol.
Your frend Sierra Dawn Samaniego

Dear Santa Claus
I wont an Xbox for christmas and Some games.
Your friend Adrian D[illegible]

Dearsanta
Santa I want a TV, a gengrdredman house puzzle that has santa cluse, videonow, and a book that brings me joys.
Your friend,
Julissa Esquivel

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a puppy and a cat and a switer and some mitens and shoes.
Your friend,
Abigail Limon

Selena Treviño 12-8-05
Dear Santa Claus,
I want a DVD player and some DVD's. The DVD's I want are willy wanka, charlie and the choclate factory, march of the penguins. I've been good
Your friend, Selena

Jasmine Ramos
Dear santa claus,
Can you bring me a trampling, a realmeal, a hide in seek hailly, a amazing amanda, s'mors maker, choclate fountain, papits that look like animals.
your friend, jasmine

Dear Santaclaus,
What I want for christmas is a video XP and a moter scooter. I'v been a good little girl I beet your elves are working very hard. Can the moter scooter pleas have a seat.
merry christmas, Halle♡

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for my mom to be happy on Christmas and for every one to get what they want.
Love, Katie Braly

Dear Santa Claus
I always wanted a bratz for christmas, a makowave for little grils for christmas, Bella dancer ella, I would also would like a hug from you santa, for Jacob to stay with us for ever.
Love, Valeria [illegible]

Dear Santa claus,
For christmas I want a charmed phone, Vcam, tatoo [illegible], Slurpee maker, Karoke mashine, Karoke cds, Bella popstar, Bratz stuff, Trollz stuff, Laptop, and a Flat screen tv, DVD player, and horse stuff.
Love, Maria Gaspar

Dear Santaclaus,
For Christmas I want a elektrik getar, big stereo's and a X box 360, game boy micro, The story of starwars movie, laptop, big flat screen TV.
Love, Dub Latham

Dear Santa Claus.
What I want is a X BOX 360 and 4 Games with it to. I also what LEGO sta[illegible]s Mace... windwo that comes if the clone trbo tack.
Love Damian Garza

Dear Santa,
I wish that we win softball. I wish that I kould go to the North pole. I wish that you wold bring me a monoply game. I wish that you wold bring me a skateboard.
Viviana

Dear Santa,
I wish there was no littering in Sonora. I want The Bratz wild wild west toy. The DVD of "My scene goes holly wood. oh and thank you for the candy last year.
much Love,
Kali Mendez

Dear Santa,
I wish that everyone would have a Merry Christmas. Can you bring me school supplies, books for every one and world peace. I will leave you cooks and milk.
love: Jonathan S.

Dear Santa,
I am going to leave you milk and cookies and that even though my grandma died I always want her to be with me. Also that everyone has a very nice Christmas. And when Christmas is over I want to have friends. And that everyone has world peace.
Love, Jacky

Dear Santa Claus
I want a play Station 2 plus this game Need for Speed under ground 3 most wanted, Need for Speed under ground 2 plus a play Station 3 and Some games a necklace for my mom a big chocolate shaped like a heart that says from Jose to mom for my dad a big tool box and another tool box and that the boxes have tools in it already love Jose [illegible]

Dear Santa claus
I wish that the fight in iraqu would end. For christmas I would like Books and charlie and the chocolate factorie movie. I am going to leave you milk and cookies love your best friend
Valencia

Dear santa,
I want a merry christmas. I want to help people. I want for Sierra a baby doll I want a necklace for my mom. for Oscar a toycar and a robot for kevine.
Mekayla Hernada

Dear Santa,
I wish that war would end and for the troops to come home. I wish that you can have presents for christmas. I wish you could give me anything that looks like my old teddy bear, laptop, or a picture of all my fiends in the world Love Audrey

Dear Santa Claus,
I wish that we would win the war. I want some inline skates and two video games. Last I want a remote control Navagatore. How are you'r reindeer?
Love,
Garrett

Dear Santa
I wish for World peace. I wish for a hamster, too. I wish kids that are sick can have a great christmas. I wish for Amazing Amanda. I will leave milk and cookies.
love Stormi Marie Schwertner

Dear santa,
I wish you will make the world an better place to live. I want a x-box 360 and a play stasin 2. Will you tell the reindeer I said hi? Love, Justin
Garmoh

Dear Santa,
I want something special for my mom and dad. I hope they get what they have always wanted. I want a new baseball glove and baseball to play catch with my dad. Love AJ

Dear Santa,
Thanks for the playstasion. I wish the world would be a peaceful place. I hope I get a game boy with games. I will leave you cookies and milk
your friend Jesi

Querido santaclos,
Yo soy Ana Talavera y yo qiero que metraigas una computadora. Por favor que tenga todos los programas y que sea como la de mi Tia Rosi.
Con cariño.
Ana Talavera

Querido santaclos,
Si me puedes traer un perrito para jugar con el y pasearlo por la calle, por el campo y llevarlo para Mexico. Yo quiero una gamarra color roja con cadena color plateada. Yo quiero que el perrito color blanco con manchas cafes. Gracias Paulo

Dear santa,
I wantsomethink for my family. I cookies and mlikeandagirft toyou. a I will be good. youtobe fine
lovo
Gustavo

Deaer Santa,
I wish that the navy guys were back Allso hop that you will have a good christmas too oh and can you bring me a play station two?
love
Esaac

Dear Santa Claus,
May you bring me a XT Hummer With highgralicks. And a XBOX that comes with my favorite Deer-Hunting Game. And I'll leave you some milk and cookies. Love your friend Ethan Patton. Santa you are the best Santa Claus ever.

Dear Santa,
I Love Christmas and I want to have a very nice holiday. Please bring me some clothes. I have been a very good girl.
Love. Yari Rivera

Dear, Santa
Could you Get me a Bratz cowgirl doll. I wish that everyone will have a nice christmas day! I wil leave you some cookies and milk.
P.S. Santa Merry chistmas!!!
Love Victoria Devna.

Dear santa Claus,
How are the Reindeer? I hope Rudolph doesn't get siox. Can you deliver gifts to the hurricane victims? ThanXyou for the presents last year. Now Santa it's time for my wishes let me seea fuzzy scarf, a puppy and a Scooter.
Love,
Annalisa

Dear Santa,
How are you? Thank you for my presents last year. Can I please have a baby Puppy? Could you let it snow? Please give everyone a gift.
Love,
Leslie

Dear Santaclaus,
HappyHoliday santa Claus thank You for Coming to my house lastYear. I Want a teenTitains video game and WolfoRing, giant Robot toy and abell from Your sleigh and a tool Kit for my dad and a baby toy formyCousin.
Love,
Preston

Dear Santa,
I dont know how you do it. Thank you for the gmmy chair from lastyear. This year I would like a pair of roller blades and Please bring some cheer to the kids in Africa. Be safe!
Love,
Alexa Sykes

Dear Santa Claus
I hope you are o.k. at the North Pole. And I also Thank you for the presents of last year. And then I want you to give me a blue winter cap, cookies and milk, and a new green bike. And I also want you to take care of the hurricane victims and send them some presents like food and clothes.
Love
Unai

Dear santa claus
How is it in the North Pole? Did you get my Last letter? Thank you For all the stuff. This Year I want a drum set and a black I pod. An let every one have a great christmas.
Love,

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa claus! How are things at the North Pole? I hope they are good Santa, and I hope your not Sick Santa, can I please have some moon Shoes and some coloring books for Christmas?
Love
meghan

Dear santa Claus,
I Love you Santa Claus, Mrs claus and Rudolph. Santa claus can you deliver gifts to the hurricane people? For Christmas I want a friendship bracelet, cabadge patch kid and video games.
Love,
Adrianna

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? You're really good if you can go to everybodys house in one night. You're lucky to have reindeer of your own. For Christmas I want an i-pod mini or i-pod Nano. I would also like an four-ten shotgun. I will be giving presents too. Get around safely.
Love,
Nelson Black

Dear Santa Claus,
Happy Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus! Thank you Santa Claus. I want a lowrider car, and help the hurricane victimas.
Love,
Jonathan

Dear santa cluas
I hope your elves are making some toys. Santa I want an x-box, and a Game boy. My mom is giving me a cookie for you. last year you gave me a car, and a game to Santa I hope Rudolph is doing fine.
Love,
Ismael

Dear Santa,
Can you give my a presents to the hurricane victims? I could keep one of the presents. These are the things I want for the hurricane victims a control car, a doll, and I want a car.
Love,
Lionel

Dear Santa Claus
Thanks Santa for last Christmas. I hope you bring me a robot and a oxparts. I hope you bring every body joy.
XXLove
Josejuan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Thank you for the presents. I hope you bring me a Bike, ore mote control HummerH2 and a GameBoy. I hope you give other Kids presents like me.
Love.
Andres

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Rudolph in the north pole? Thanks for the presents from last year. can I have a puppy, a bell from your sleigh, and an bag of blue candycanes? And could you give candycanes to people in the hospital.
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa Claus.
How are you? How are the reindeer? Thanks for the cats you gave me last year. I still have them, they're so silly! This year I would like a suprise. Don't forget the hurricane victims. I'm sure they want something too.
Love,
Lisette

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi Santa how are you? Thank you Santa for what I got last year. Santa I would like ps2 and Yu-gi-ho games also Yu-gi-ho cards. Santa Claus, all I want is for my brother JD to have a Great Merry Christmas. So that is what I wont for Christmas.
Love,
Santiago

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you in the North Pole? Will you help the Kids in the hospital? Help the Kids heal. thankyou for the stuff last year. Can you give me a horse Please? Can I have my own bedroom?
Lova
Rikki

Dear Santa,
I liked what you got me last year. How are Mrs. claus and the reindeer this year. I would like a jumprope and a xbox. That is all I want this year. I hope you get the other kids presents in Africa and in Europe. I hope they get alot of them.
Love, Miranda

During this Holiday Season, we gratefully pause to express our Best Wishes for Peace and Hope throughout the New Year!

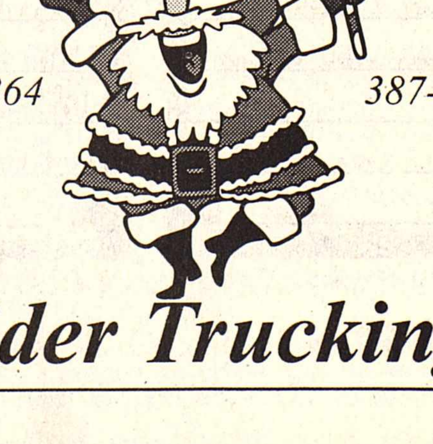


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