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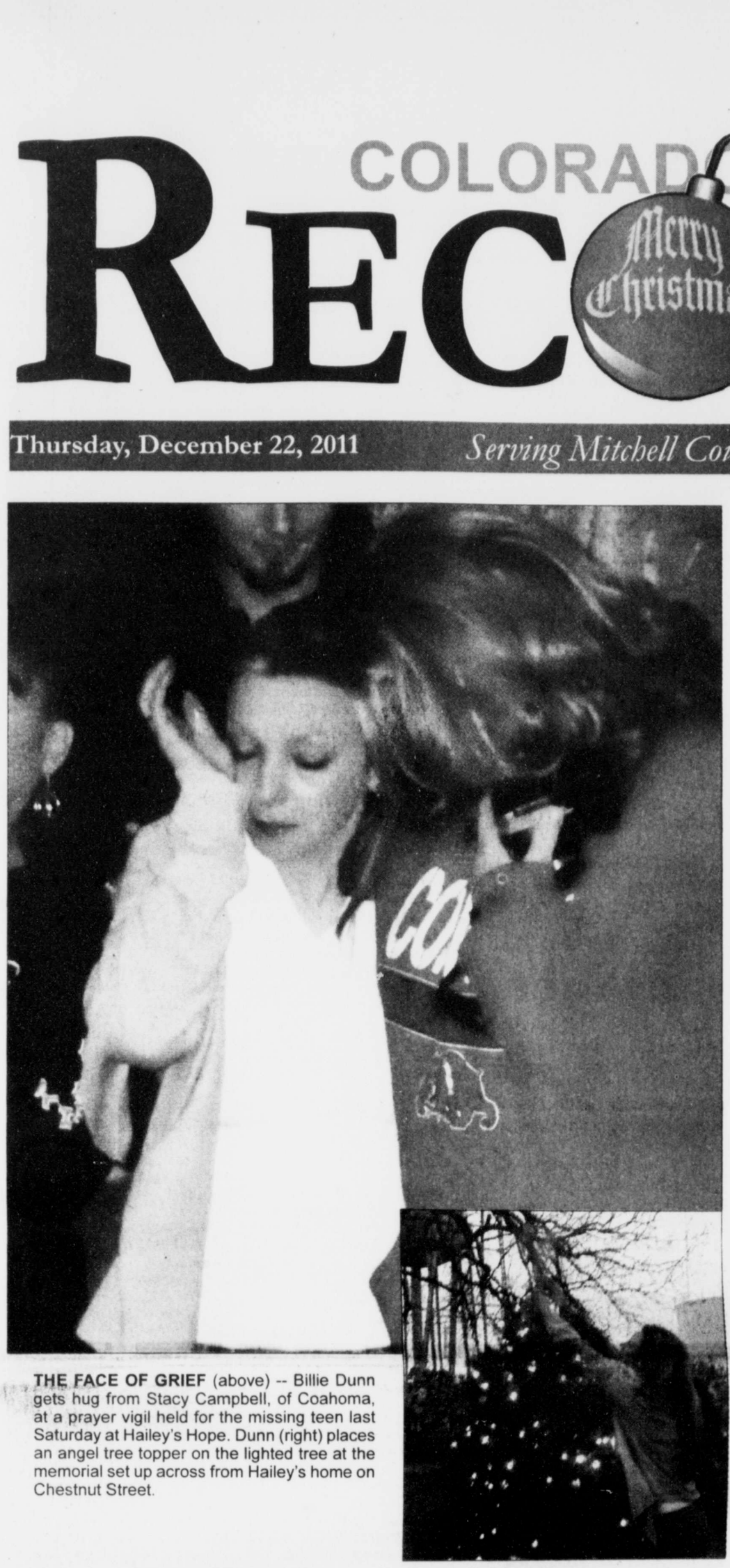
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THE FACE OF GRIEF (above) -- Billie Dunn gets hug from Stacy Campbell, of Coahoma, at a prayer vigil held for the missing teen last Saturday at Hailey's Hope. Dunn (right) places an angel tree topper on the lighted tree at the memorial set up across from Hailey's home on Chestnut Street.

A TIME FOR REMEMBERING....

Vigil rekindles hope

As the one year anniversary of her disappearance approaches Hailey Dunn is still missing, but not forgotten.

Around three dozen family members and friends, some who never met Hailey in person, gathered at the Hailey's Hope memorial across from her home on Chestnut Street last Saturday evening.

While Pastor Brad Howard read Psalm 121 and spoke of hope..

"We love her that's why we're here," he told the assembled group. "I encourage you to cry out to God and ask Him to help you have some peace in your heart through this holiday season. He's the only one who can help us and speak peace to your hearts."

Soft sobs and tears punctuated the somber crowd who hung ornaments on a lighted Christmas tree at the memorial. Hailey's mother, Billie Dunn, placed an angel on top of the tree.

"This month has been hard," Dunn said. "This is the first Thanksgiving and Christmas without Hailey." She described the past year as "a nightmare."

Dunn moved to Austin as the weeks of searching turned into months with no word of her daughter's whereabouts. "I have family there, too," she said, adding she had talked about moving for years before Hailey's disappearance but wanted to wait for her son to graduate.

"I hurt for her, for my son and

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Task force keeps searching

By Carol Parsons

The last thing on anyone's mind when 13-year-old Hailey Dunn disappeared was that police would still be searching for her a year later.

"The most frustrating thing is I can't touch her," Colorado City Police Detective Kelsey Alexander, of the principal investigators, said. " As every day goes by we're closer. I would love to have her walking through this door but the big frustration is it's one year later. As a police officer you sometimes get used to a crime committed and you have resolution. Crime, justice and recovery and it happens quickly. This hasn't done that." Tears well up and spill over in Alexander's green eyes.

Another frustration which grows worse as the case progress are the rumors and accusations from outsiders which hinder rather than help police efforts.

"As investigators our job is to find Hailey," Alexander said, "and I think it's really sorry that people who don't have anything to do with this case demand answers. It doesn't get us any closer and just stirs up emotion. Rumors create hostile environments for everyone out there that follows this. This case and justice are more important than giving

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Medicine Place looks at new spot

The Medicine Place will soon be moving to 2250 Chestnut, west of the Western Suites hotel.

"We're expanding," Paul Johnson said. "We're going to double the size of this. We started out larger, but decided to scale back and add on in the future."

His dream of relocating The Medicine Place dates back to before the hotel was constructed.

The new facility will expand to a roomy 2,700 square feet.

"We're very crowded here," Johnson said. "We need more space to move around in the pharmacy."

The relocation will also allow Johnson to expand the front end of the facility and provide additional services, such as medical supplies. "We've barely dabbled in it; we're hoping to further expand it," he said.

Johnson is also interested in providing services like a wellness room for flu vaccinations, diabetic counseling and expanding his line of diabetic shoes.

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Hospital finishes year on successful note

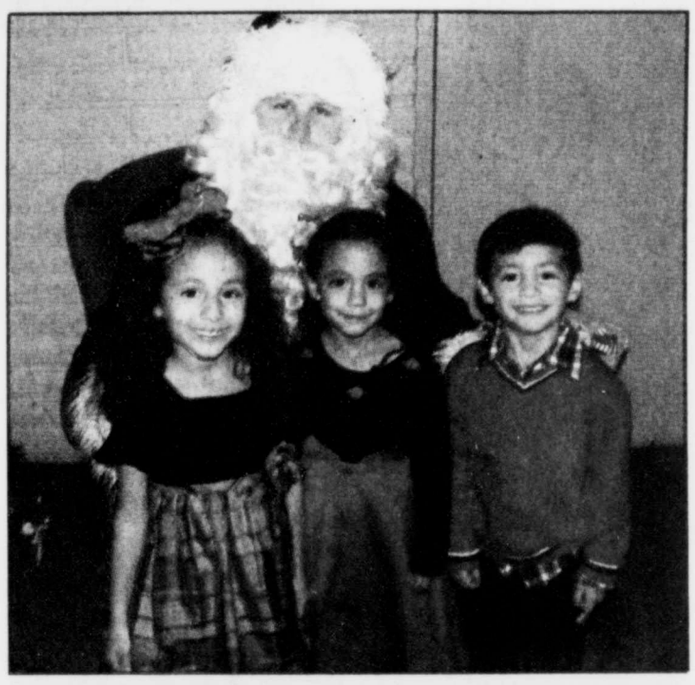
Mitchell County Hospital ends the year on a positive note, with a cash increase for December and $124,573 in stimulus funds for completion of Phase I of the Meaningful Use program.

The program, begun under President Bush, encourages hospitals to implement a unified electronic medical records system with access to patient records regardless of location.

Completion of several requirements under Phase I garnered the funds for the hospital through the state's Medicaid program.

The hospital will receive an additional $124,573 split into two payments over the next two

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JOLLY OLD BLUE Santa visited the city's Christmas party Friday evening at the Civic Center bringing joy to Dezirae Madrid, Emily Madrid and Shawn Salazar, along with the other kids in attendance.

City determines study needed for desal project

By Stephanie Perez

More studying needs to be done before committing to the desalination plant. At least that's the city's take on the situation.

Colorado City council members gave approval for City Manager Pete Kampfer to solicit bids during last Tuesday's regular meeting to hire a company to do a feasibility study for the desalination plant being planned by the county. The council and city manager agree that an independent feasibility study is in order to look at all aspects of the facility before the city agrees to a

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Filing deadline ends

Local filings for the would-be Democratic and Republican March primaries ended Monday with only incumbents signing up for re-election.

The March 6th primary sign-up period was extended from Thursday to Monday with another sign-up period scheduled after the re-districting maps are finalized.

The original primary date was March 6, but last Friday, judges approved moving the date back to April 3, so the state's redistrict-

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Firefighters get bonus

Members of Colorado City's volunteer fire department have something to bring them extra cheer during this holiday season.

Department members are receiving an extra $2,500 from the city thanks to an approval by council members at last week's city council meeting. According to City Manager Pete Kampfer, there are also three other benefactors who are donating directly to the fire department's fund, and that money will be added to the money given by the city.

The funds will be divided up among the department's 25

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Around Town

Brandon Hoback is no competition for **Audra** on "Words with Friends"... Merry Christmas to all our loyal readers and friends... **Rick Alvarez** selling turkeys ... Hapy 81st birthday **Charlene Reily** (Dec. 16th)... Was that **George Strait** stopping at the Sonic last week?... **Randy Erwin** ready for Christmas... **Kelsey Alexander** collecting toys...

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Answerline

Q. When will Santa Claus arrive in Mitchell County?

A. Santa will arrive when all good little boys and girls are asleep Saturday night, December 24th. Be sure and leave him some cookies and milk before you go to bed!

Briefs

Christmas Eve Worship

First United Methodist Church of Colorado City would like to invite the community to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the sanctuary at 333 Chestnut Street at 5:00PM on Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24. There will be gospel readings, hymns, and a celebration of Holy Communion. Bring the whole family for this special time of worship.

Feast of the Holy Nativity

All Saints Episcopal Church, 304 Locust, will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Nativity on Sat., Dec. 24 at 10:30 p.m. A reception will be held before at 9:30 p.m. and after the service.

Westbrook Closings

Westbrook City Hall will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 for holidays and vacation.

PEN Project

PEN Project is a not-for-profit organizaton that helps families of Special Needs children to ensure their child receives a free and appropriate education according to their specific needs and abilities. All services, trainings and workshops are FREE and are designed to help special needs children from birth to 22 years of age. The regional coordinator is Kerry Striner and she can be reached by calling toll free (877) 792-1435 or by email at KSteinerPEN@sbcglobal.net.

Museum Christmas

The Heart of West Texas Museum is ready for Christmas! The museum has a special exhibit featuring the craftsmanship of Colorado City's own Jimmy Browne. His handmade toys will appeal to kids of all ages! The Thompson toys are on display for Christmas also. Hours are Tuesday – Friday from noon until 5 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS



BLUE SANTA'S HELPERS -- Dispatchers (from left) Ashley Welch, Kay Harris, administrative assistant Donna Overton, Dottie Taylor, and Misty Rich assist Police Chief Tinker Owens in wrapping gifts for Blue Santa to deliver on December 24.

Family Dollar relocation is still under speculation

While the manager of the Family Dollar store, currently located on 2nd Street has received notification of the store's future relocation, the company's PR manager says there's still is no signed leased on the transaction.

"Without a signed lease I can't confirm the move," Josh Braverman, PR manager for the corporate offices of Family Dollar said in a phone interview Monday.

"Our plan for the fiscal year is to open between 450 and 500 new stores and part of the plan is to renovate or relocate 1000 stores," Braverman said.

Braveman stated the company has a few reasons for a store's relocation, one of which is the expiration of a current lease giving the company an opportunity to move to a better location.

"Or it might be an older store we fell could do better in a new location," he said.

Transactions with private citizens is a common practice for the corporation.

"Often is could be through a private citizen or landowner," Braverman said. "But because I don't have a signed lease I can't see who would be involved in the transaction."

Two vehicle accident injures three

A two vehicle accident on the Spade Ranch last Thursday injured three people when a pickup hit a truck and tank trailer.

The Mitchell County Sheriff's Office received a transferred 911 call from Howard County around 11:49 a.m. on Thursday, December 15 about the accident which occurred on an oilfield road on the Spade.

"The pickup went too far outside on the curve," Sheriff Patrick Toombs said.

The driver and two passengers in the pickup were injured, while the truck driver, Silberio Pinon, of Seagraves, was not injured.

The driver of the pickup, Jason Driver of Wynona, was taken to Mitchell County Hospital, then transferred to Shannon Clinic in San Angelo.

Backseat passenger Jaime Medina, of Tyler, was air lifted to Shannon in San Angelo.

Robert Ratliff, of Longview, was seated in the front passenger seat and was treated and released at the scene.

No citations were issued since the accident occurred on private property, according to Toombs.

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Opry hosts dinner

The CCity Opry invites everyone to a Country Christmas Special at Dandy's Diner in Colorado City, Thursday, December 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Singers from the Opry will join Debby and Shady Mitchell for an evening of fun and favorite Christmas carols, along with great country songs.

"Come out and enjoy a meal at Dandy's Diner and celebrate the Christmas season country-style," Shady Mitchell said. "Hope to see you there."



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OBITUARIES

Oneta Sanderson 1921-2011

COLORADO CITY -- Oneta Ruth Franklin Sanderson, 90, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 16, 2011 after a long and blessed journey. A celebration of her life was held on Tuesday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m. at Oak Street Baptist Church with interment following at the Colorado City Cemetery.



Oneta was born on July 13, 1921, to Samuel and Fannie Franklin in Howard County. After growing up in and around Big Spring, she joined the war effort during World War II working as a "Rosie Riveter" in Fort Worth. She married the love of her life, James Luther "Toby" Sanderson, shortly thereafter and spent 49 wonderful years by his side prior to his death. They spent 17 of those years running a small business, Sanderson Jewelry, before retiring in 1981. After retirement, Oneta was an active volunteer with the Root Memorial Hospital's Pink Ladies Auxiliary where she logged over 2,000 hours helping others.

Oneta's passion and joy was her love for Jesus Christ. She was a precious woman who tried to love all of those around her like Jesus loved. Through multiple trials and tribulations throughout her life, Oneta was able to find joy and strength and always exuded the patience, love, kindness and joy that could only come through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Oneta was a Sunday school teacher, a Girl's Auxiliary Leader, and a Girl Scout Leader. She was an active member of Oak Street Baptist Church serving in many capacities during her 55 years of membership.

Oneta leaves behind her precious family of one sister, Zelda Abbe of Big Spring; three children, David Sanderson and wife Ann of Richmond, Virginia, Ken Sanderson and wife Mary Ann of Lubbock, and Leada Sanderson Wood and husband Don of Colorado City. Her legacy includes eight grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Coach Russell Coffee 1925-2011

AUSTIN – Coach Russell Coffee whose prolific coaching career spanned an important era of high school and college football in Texas died on December 12th, in Austin. His outstanding ability to inspire, motivate and befriend his players has been a hallmark to his life.

Russell Weldon Coffee was born to Ira M. and Mary Ruth Coffee in Colorado City on April 27, 1925. After graduating from Loraine High School, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and was stationed in the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres, and also China.

After the war, Russell attended and graduated from Abilene Christian College, lettering in football, baseball, tennis and track. In 1949, his first coaching job was at San Angelo. Coffee also received his MS from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

After coaching at Llano High School and Lamesa High School, where his teams won multiple district championship titles, he moved to Weatherford and served as Athletic Director and head football coach at Weatherford High School.

Coffee then moved to the University of Texas as an assistant coach to Darrell Royal from 1959 until 1967. While Russell was an assistant coach, the university won four Southwest Conference Championships, a National Championship and played in seven bowl games.

During 1968-1971, as head coach of Garland High School, he was twice named "Coach of the Year" in the Dallas area. From 1972-73, Coffee coached at Texas Christian University as the offensive coordinator.

He is survived by his longtime companion, Ginny Harper; his three children and daughter-in-law, Rusty and Maribeth Coffee of Tool, Craig Coffee, Kay Lynn Coffee Watson of Austin; his sisters, Mara Lee Nichols of Whitney and Jane Sandlin of Austin and his 10 grandchildren.

A "Celebration of Life" memorial service will be held after the first of the year.

Rick Whatley 1951-2011

DAYTON -- Rick Whatley, 60, of Dayton, went to his heavenly home Friday, December 16, 2011, at the San Jacinto Methodist Hospital in Baytown.

Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18, 2011, at the Pace-Stancil Funeral Home Chapel in Dayton.

Rick was born February 3, 1951 in Hico, to Dale Whatley and Dorothy Turner, a former resident of Colorado City and Midland. He has resided in Dayton for the past 28 years. He was a graduate of the Colorado High School class of 1969, veteran of the US Army, a Product Coordinator for Enterprise Products of Mt. Belvieu with 28 years of employment, and member of the P.G.A. of America. He also enjoyed playing golf, taking his children and grandchildren fishing, riding motorcycles, and Friday night dinners with family. He will be remembered as a loving husband, dad, papaw, son, brother, friend, and patriot.

Mr. Whatley was preceded in death by his father, Dale Whatley; mother, Dorothy Turner Motley; and brother, Jerry Dale Whatley. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Joyce Orrell Whatley of Dayton; son, Ryan Whatley of Dayton; daughters, Jill Dumont and husband Chris of Dayton and Tamra Christiansen and husband Corey of San Antonio; father, Bob Motley of Colorado City; sisters, Alice Anderson of Midland and Patty Roberts of Dallas; parents-in-law, Luke and Jaurie Orrell of Ft. Worth; sister-in-law, Luanne Jay of Dayton; grandchildren, Dyllan, Lauren, Collin, Joslynn, and one on the way; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

In lieu of usual floral remembrances, the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association at 10900-B Stonelake Blvd. Suite 320; Austin, TX 78759.

Doris Nell Hooks 1926-2011



ODESSA -- Doris Nell Hooks passed away Monday, December 19, 2011 in Odessa.

She was born April 28, 1926 to Emmett and Hattye Belle Parrish Blassingame in the Buford community in Mitchell County. She attended Buford School and graduated from Colorado High School in 1943. She then attended the Dallas Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in September 1946. She worked as an RN at Root Memorial Hospital in Colorado City. She was married to Jay Allen Hooks on March 15, 1947 at Buford Methodist Church where they were both members. Jay and Doris had known each other all of their lives. They had three daughters and farmed for almost 10 years near Colorado City and near Stanton where Doris was a Martin County school nurse.

The family moved to Odessa in 1956 and joined St. Luke's United Methodist Church. They were active in the church, in the Christopher Sunday School Class and in the men's and women's groups. They served on several committees and boards at the church and were recognized for their service to the United Methodist Women and the church. Doris took part in PTA and scouting with her daughters and was a 4-H Leader as well as a Permian Band Booster. She was also active in the Ector County Home Demonstration Club.

She volunteered in the community delivering Meals on Wheels and at Interfaith where for 25 years she helped young women to become more self-sufficient by teaching them to sew for their families. She also worked as a VISTA Volunteer at the Food Bank of the Permian Basin. She loved to sew and knit and made much of the clothing her children and grandchildren wore as they grew up.

Jay and Doris loved to travel, going to Hawaii three times, Europe twice and visiting all but three states. After their retirement, they split their time between their home in Odessa and their home near Cloudcroft, New Mexico where they relaxed, gardened, visited with friends and attended Cloudcroft United Methodist Church.

Survivors include daughters, Cheryl Chancellor and husband Stan of Fort Worth, Elaine Stephens and husband Mike of Odessa, and Joni Holdridge and husband Don of Odessa. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Cristina Chancellor and Ryan Chancellor of Euless, Nathan Stephens and Paul Stephens of Odessa, Bernadette Thornton and husband Matt of Houston and Tori Marshall and husband Rob of Odessa. She is also survived by her sister, Martha Hamilton of Friona and her sisters-in-law, Blanche Hooks Turner Hext of Dallas and Jan Blassingame of Colorado City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by Jay Hooks, her husband of over 60 years, her parents, and her brothers Don, Frank, J.W. and Murrell Blassingame. Jay and Doris also enjoyed the companionship of their beloved cat, Gato, for 15 years.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, December 21, 2011 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Odessa on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., and will be officiated by Rev. Brad Bennett of St. Luke's and Doris' nephew Rev. Gary Turner of First United Methodist Church of Euless.

Memorials may be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

LOCAL NEWS

Prison prepares massive Christmas dinner

Christmas dinner for the family including the in-laws can often be a big production….but not as huge an undertaking as Christmas meal preparations at Wallace and Ware units.

"It's basically the same as what one does at home, although at home you don't prepare for 1300 people," Lonnie Robertson, food service captain, said with a grin.

The annual preparation begins a few days early with inmates doing all the prep work and cooking.

"In this unit certain people have been through it 3-5 years or more and have experience and know the procedures we go through," Robertson said. "They pretty much do it themselves. We just supervise and make sure it's done properly."

"We'll always be security minded, but basically it's like a family out here cooking for all men instead of throwing some women in there every now and then," he added.

Both the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals are the most anticipated meals of the year, according to Robertson and require the utilization of all the shift cooks.

The Thanksgiving meal starts three to four days in advance because each part of the meal requires several individual steps.

"On Christmas it's not quite as intense because we don't have dressing which means we have to prepare a million things," Robertson said.

Although Huntsville determines the main course – turkey and ham for Thanksgiving, brisket and ribs for Christmas, "what you put with it is up to us," Robertson said.

Cooking and serving at the prison begins early. The first manager comes in around 12:30 a.m. and opens up. Breakfast is served at 3:30 a.m. and following the clean up, the kitchen crew begins cooking lunch at 6 a.m. The meal itself is served at 10 a.m.

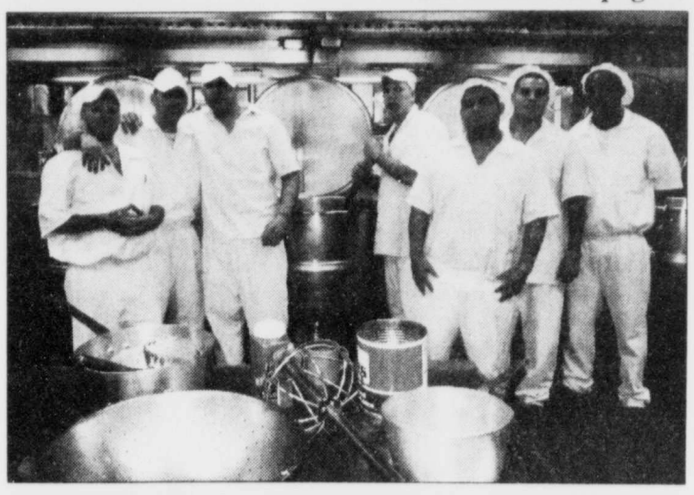
Another shift starts at 11 a.m. for the evening meal which is served around 3 p.m. and the kitchen is finally closed and quiet at 8 pm.

"If we started at 5 a.m. we'd be going until 2 a.m. because it takes that long to process everybody during the day," Robertson said.

For the Christmas meal, the kitchen crew will need an extra 1 ½ to 2 hours to get everyone through.

Inmates normally get 20 min-

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60 GALLON VATS like those behind the Wallace kitchen crew will be used to prepare the ribs for the combined units Christmas dinner.

City starts monthly curb side pickup

The City of Colorado City Public Works department will be conducting a city-wide front curb pickup program at no additional charge to customers. This program will begin on or as close to the first working day of each month as possible.

Items must be set out before 7:00 a.m. on the collection day as follows: January 3-6; July 2-6; February 1-3; August 1-3; March 1, 2, & 5, 6; September 4-7; April 2-5; October 1-5; May 1-4; November 1, 2 & 5, 6; June 4-8; and December 3-7.

Items that will be picked up:

•Furniture and bulky household items such as sinks, mattresses, hot water heaters, appliances, etc.

•Christmas trees

•Tree limbs must be cut into manageable sizes for two people to handle and no longer than 4'.

•Carpet must be cut in strips no more than 4', tightly rolled and tied.

•Construction material such as drywall and lumber less than 4' in length, but no more than approximately 50lbs of material.

Procedure for Pickup:

•Place materials on the front curb of the residence, before 7:00 am of the first working day of the month. (Items will not be picked up unless seen from the street and placed no more than 5' from the edge of the street).

•Please DO NOT set out pick up items more than one week in advance of the first working day of the month.

•The quantity of pick up material collected from one residence is limited to a reasonable amount. That equates to a pile no more than 10' L X 5' W X 4' H or about the size of a pickup bed.

•City crews will not pick up items too heavy for 2 people to safely handle, or items not properly prepared for collection.

•Please recycle what you can! Colorado City has a number of ways to recycle! KCCB recycling center accepts type II plastic, cardboard, paper, glass and common yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings. PJ's wrecker service accepts most major appliances and used car batteries for recycling, any scrap metal, or junk vehicles. Common yard

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GOOD OL' SAINT Nick visited the Mitchell County Public Library Monday. He is seen here with Alaina McCumsey who will be celebrating her first Christmas. *Photo courtesy of Brigada Hiser.*

Trapper suffers injuries on duty

A freak accident landed government trapper Tim McDermott in the hospital with an injured shoulder and ribs last Wednesday afternoon.

According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, McDermott was working on a ranch in southwestern Mitchell County off FM 2183 when his horse threw him.

"He was able to make little calls to let folks know he was hurt, but because of the bad connection we couldn't determine his location," Toombs said.

Fortunately for McDermott, who serves as the government trapper for Mitchell, Scurry, Howard and Sterling Counties, one of the hands from a neighbor ranch knew which ranch McDermott was on from an earlier conversation with the trapper.

"The trapper couldn't holler, but he fired a couple of rounds," Toombs said. The rancher located McDermott and stayed with him until members of the sheriff's department and EMS personnel arrived.

McDermott was air lifted to the hospital in San Angelo for treatment. At latest report he was "doing okay," according to Toombs.



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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Don's Secret Garden

"I just like to do interesting things. Different things. I'm a dreamer."

Don Spencer taught high school art in Winnie for 40 years and planned to enjoy sitting around with his memories. He spent two months in his recliner watching TV and nearly went crazy. He got up and started a whole new life. He'll be 83 on December 21st and people half his age can't keep up with him.

Since his retirement, Don has bought a huge building and turned it into an antique mall. He sells everything imaginable, but books are his number one seller. People regularly pull up in front of his building with a load of something and Don usually buys it. The other day a man drove up with a pickup bed full of about 25,000 marbles. They now belong to Don.

Don sees many of his former students and when the classes from 1970 to 1979 had a reunion cruise to Mexico, Don went with them and had a ball. He has 19 members of his family around Winnie. His kids married local kids and earn their living in the oil patch, teaching and various other pursuits. That says a lot for Winnie. People don't leave. Don's roots in Winnie are deep. He's been there since 1932 and is continually looking into his city's past. When I went to visit him recently he was doing research on his high school's basketball team, which had winning seasons for nearly 10 years straight.

Nine years ago when a nursing home was being built across the street from his house, the builders decided not to have a garden. So Don put in one on two acres of his property next to his house. Don is busy. "I've never required much sleep. I get up at four o'clock and work out for nearly an hour. I work in the shop for an hour or so, then go to my brother's place for a cook shack breakfast, then I work in my garden until ten, then go to the antique mall and stay there until five."

His garden is a showcase in Winnie. He spent 18 months building it. "It's the most delightful thing I've ever done," says Don. "It has lots of plant life, statuary, bird feeders, bird baths, swings, tables, benches and a whole bunch of quotations sprinkled around. A brick path allows people to tour the garden in their wheelchairs. About six weddings a year take place in the garden. It's the only thing I charge for. We have meetings and reunions and people come with a sack lunch at noon and sit and read for an hour. Photographers love the garden and use it as a backdrop."

Don decorates the garden for different seasons: Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Mardi Gras, Valentine, Easter and July 4th. His biggest decorating jobs are for Halloween, Mardi Gras and Christmas. He'll have 50,000 lights in his garden from 6 to 10 every evening leading up to Christmas. People take walking tours through the garden to see the displays and hear Christmas music

Don has been retired 20 years and says he is happier than ever.

The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit

By Monte Wike

When I was 19 and pastor of a church while a student in college, it came around time for the Christmas sermon. My first. I knew about the baby Jesus lying in the manger and the shepherds and wise men, but that was about all. My main experience at Christmas had always been associated with the Christmas tree from the feed store that dad brought home tied to the top of the car.

We had such a strong tradition of stringing the colored lights, testing to see which bulb had burned out so the string would not work, putting on the hand-blown glass ornaments imported from a pre-war Germany, making popcorn and paper loop chains and hanging tinsel everywhere.

So, a tree is what I looked for in the study Bible someone had given me as a high school graduation present. I found the perfect tree, the evergreen described in the first Psalm, whose leaf does not wither. It was not hard to find the lights, since that was the first of God's creation, and Jesus was the light of the world. The star on top was pretty obvious, too, since that is what the wise men saw.

But I did not know what verses to use to decorate the tree. The concordance listed many ornaments, but the one which caught my attention is found in I Peter 3: 4, "4But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

I also looked up the word "present" and was amazed to find that the same word means a gift or a presentation. Paul says we are to make a present of our bodies, "to present" our bodies as a living sacrifice. So, I preached away, not telling about the Baby Jesus, but the splendor of the Christmas tree.

But as I look back on it, this may not be a bad Christmas message. Our lives are complicated, the Bible is full of stories and parables, and when an easy way comes to remember something, that may be an added advantage.

The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is especially valuable at this hectic time of year. We may need to slow down, fix a cup of hot chocolate, and realize that if all the gifts are not purchased or mailed on time, when they get there, they will be appreciated just the same. It might be fun to make things instead of buy, buy, buy. We need to come to that "Ahhhh" moment when we enjoy Christmas instead of being controlled by it.

Jesus did not come as the Prince of Frantic, but as the Prince of Peace.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I've been thinking about my most wonderful Christmas memory and the following is what came to me and will not go away. Thought I would share this very happy memory with all my wonderful friends in Colorado City.

When I was very young, we lived on Pine Street, directly across from the football stadium, which was a great playground for all the kids on Pine Street.

I wasn't born in Texas, but felt I had arrived home when we moved to Colorado City and I still consider it my home. Let's get back to the Christmas memory.

Because Louisiana was where my grandparents lived, we always drove over 500 miles every year to visit relatives I really didn't know. Thinking back, I'm sure I was driving mother crazy because she said she would not put up a Christmas tree, since we would be in Louisiana.

Well, since Colorado City was my home, I continued to whine and plead my case for a tree. After several days, and I remember this part vividly, my mother is in the kitchen and I'm still moaning about no Christmas tree. She doesn't say a word. She goes to the garage and gets her hoe. I'm standing in the front yard, watching her cross Pine Street with the hoe in her gloved hands, still wearing her apron that is whipping in the wind. She walked straight to a huge tumbleweed and dislodged it with her hoe, just as a big gust of wind picked it up and away it went.

My mother took off like a roadrunner trying to catch the tumbling tumbleweed with her hoe. It was the most wonderful thing I had ever seen her do. I was in awe of her tenacity and I cheered her on as she caught the wiley weed and brought it back across the street. I thought she was the greatest mom in the world.

She put the hoe up, moved the tumbleweed to the garage, came inside, fixed her hair, washed her hands and continued fixing supper without saying a word about why she did what she did.

It was not mentioned the next morning either. We dressed and went downtown, bought some silver spray paint and what seemed like a hundred tiny, red Christmas balls.

When we got home, "Wonder Woman" changed into her work clothes, went to the garage, rolled out the huge tumbleweed and began spraying it with the silver paint, still without saying a word. She put the shiny tumbleweed back into the garage to dry and went back inside to do what all mothers did back in the 50s: cook, clean and make life wonderful.

I so wanted to ask about the tumbleweed, but somehow I knew better than to start pestering her about it. I still had the mental image of her using that hoe on the "silver beast" that was now lodged in our garage.

To this day, I do not know what kept my daddy, Bro. J.W. Carraway, from mentioning the strange thing in the garage, but I'm sure my mother, Miss Gwen, threatened him severely and he knew better than to get her riled, as she could be mean.

The next day after chores were done and supper was in the oven, she said, "Let's go get the Christmas tree." Standing in the empty garage, I reminded her that Daddy had taken the car, she pointed to the silver beast and said, "There it is."

We hauled it into the house without losing any of our Christmas tree, we put it on her treasured "blonde wood corner table" and proceeded to hang the 100 little, red balls. It became the most beautiful Christmas tree I have ever had. My mother was the angel on that wonderful tumbleweed Christmas tree.

I hope everyone in Colorado City, which I'll always call home and carry always in my heart, has a wonderful Christmas. I also hope that everyone will remember how wonderful our childhood memories are. No matter how hard times got, we had some great times growing up in Colorado City. I'm so proud to call it home.

Merry Christmas and love to all my dear friends.

Paula Carraway Richardson



A FESTIVE DISPLAY in front of this home on Elm Street welcomes the Christmas season with lots of color.

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waste is also accepted at the City of Colorado City compost/mulch facility in Ruddick Park or the City Landfill.

•Do not mix with the materials to be picked up with regular household waste or small, loose items. Regular household waste should still be bagged and placed in dumpsters. Loose bits and pieces will not be picked up.

•Please be courteous. Please prepare and place items out on the curb in an orderly way and according to the set rules and regulations. This will help the process run smoothly and ensure that your items are picked up saving you the time and effort it would take to haul it away yourself.

Items that will NOT be picked up:

•Regular household waste should be disposed of in the dumpsters as usual. There will be a sanitation truck parked behind City Hall for additional disposal needs.

•Leaves can be taken to the KCCB compost pile at the recycling center, City compost pile at Ruddick Park or taken to the landfill.

•Tires

•Batteries (PJ's Wrecker Service accepts used automobile batteries)

•Pressurized tanks

•Auto parts

•Liquids, oil or paint

•Refrigerant items such as refrigerators not drained and A/C Units (PJ's Wrecker Service accepts most major appliances)

•Hazardous Materials

For any questions about the Front Curb Pickup Program please call City Hall at: (325)728-5331 ext. 2 or log on to: www.coloradocitytexas.org.

MCHD

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years.

The board approved setting the funds aside for use in continually upgrading and maintaining the computer system.

To keep track of the funding, the board voted to create a new account at City National Bank specifically for the Meaningful Use funds.

CFO Joe Wright reported the hospitals' cash flow was up by $431,000 compared to the same time last year.

"We're sitting right where we need to be for January," he said.

"The financial stability of this facility is first and foremost our biggest accomplishment and enables us to provide the quality health care Mitchell County has become accustomed to," hospital CEO Robbie Dewberry said. "We thank residents for their continued support of the hospital. It's amazing."

The board approved a student scholarship agreement for Ashley Northcutt to pursue radiology training and discussed the possibility of future employee training for ultrasound.

The trustees discussed setting a public meeting in January before the next board meeting for presentation of the results of the community needs assessment.

DINNER

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utes for a meal, but are allowed a little leeway for the holiday meal. It's the only time they are allowed to load a paper tray with extra goodies and take it back to their housing.

"You have to be a little flexible," Robertson said. "The holiday season is probably the most depressing time of the year for them. They can't be with family so we try to give them a little leeway."

A typical prison meal is comprised of one main course, two to three veggies, bread and a starch, plus dessert once a week.

For Christmas and Thanksgiving meals, the prison serves two main courses, two desserts such as buttermilk pie and starlight cake, three to four vegetables, fruit salad, fruit, apples and oranges.

Assistant Warden Matt Kennelly does the cooking for staff appreciation meals and the Christmas party. "It's not nearly as challenging as what this group does," he said. "I've eaten many a Thanksgiving and Christmas meal (at the prison). They put on a pretty good meal," Kennelly said.

For one of the long time cooks, being a team player is the best part of preparing the Christmas meal.

"I help everybody out, show everybody a little trick or two here and there," he said.

Lots of the meals at the unit make use of fresh herbs from the prison garden; a garden created and tended by inmates which has won first place in the state competition two years running, in 2010 and 2011.

"They did that during the worst drought on record in the state of Texas," Kennelly said. "These guys stayed after it."

"Using recycled water helped more than anything," Robertson said.

Having the same meal, prepared in the same way every year adds to the smoothness of the operation.

"In 23 years, we've never had a hiccup on a big meal like this," Kennelly said.

Food service operations is one of the biggest budgets in the state system.

"Ask anyone on the farm and they'll tell you food service 'puts stuff on trays.'" Robertson said. "But food service is much more."

The 140 prisons in the Texas system feed an average of 1000 offenders three meals a day, 365 days a year and during lockdowns do so without the help of inmates. That's a lot of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

VIGIL

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for myself, but there's nothing I can do about it," Dunn said.

One of Dunn's cousins is now living in the home from which Hailey disappeared without a trace on December 27, 2010.

Speculation has run rampant this past year concerning Hailey's activities on December 27, 2010 when her mother's boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, said she left to spend the night with a friend.

Adkins, who attended the vigil with Dunn, is the main person of interest in the police investigation.

"Only thing we can continue to do is pray and never give up hope. If one forgets that hope, you're saying she doesn't matter," Stacy Campbell of Coahoma said.

On Oct. 7, Coahoma dedicated their game Never Give Up Hope to Hailey. Shae Campbell spearheaded the Hailey remembrance event, as ribbons were passed out and balloons released at halftime in Hailey's honor

The vigil was sponsored by the Hope for Hailey group, which plans a prayer vigil every six months.

Recently Hope for Hailey raised $2700 to bring search and rescue dogs through Team Amber this past weekend to continue the hunt for Hailey, according to Sara Perry, trustee for the group.

Russel Fox, husband of Hailey's great aunt Theresa Jaddis, summed up the feeling among family members that more could have been done to find Hailey.

"We're thankful for everything everyone has done, but there are so many vacant places that break our heart. We don't think it would be that way if it was close to their hearts and home," he said.

At home Billie Dunn spends the days looking at Hailey's pictures. "I think about her smiling and what a jokester she was," she said. "It helps a lot remembering her being happy. It puts a smile on my face when I think about her being happy."

FILING

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ing maps can work their way through the court system.

Locally, Mitchell County Tax Assessor-Collector Faye Lee is going to run for another term as are commissioners Randy Anderson and Jesse Muñoz. Sheriff Patrick Toombs has filed for reelection, along with County Attorney Ty Wood.

District Attorney Ann Reed and District Judge Glen Harrison are also going to run for reelection.

State-wide and nationally, only Congressman Mike Conaway has an appointment. Chris Younts is opposing Conaway.

BONUS

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volunteers. Each fireman will get a percentage based on the number of calls to which they've responded over the past year.

Colorado City's firemen responded to many more fires than usual due to drought conditions throughout the county. There was also a rise in the number of structure fires, and the city manager and council members wanted to honor those who protect our property, homes and lives.

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First United Methodist Church of Colorado City would like to invite the community to celebrate the birth of Jesus in the sanctuary at 333 Chestnut Street at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2011. There will be Gospel Readings, Hymns, and a celebration of Holy Community. Bring the whole family for this special time of worship

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LOCAL NEWS

We wish you a "merii kurisumasu!"

By Ashley Thompson

Surviving in Japan: (without much Japanese)

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The unconventional how-to guide for living in Japan.

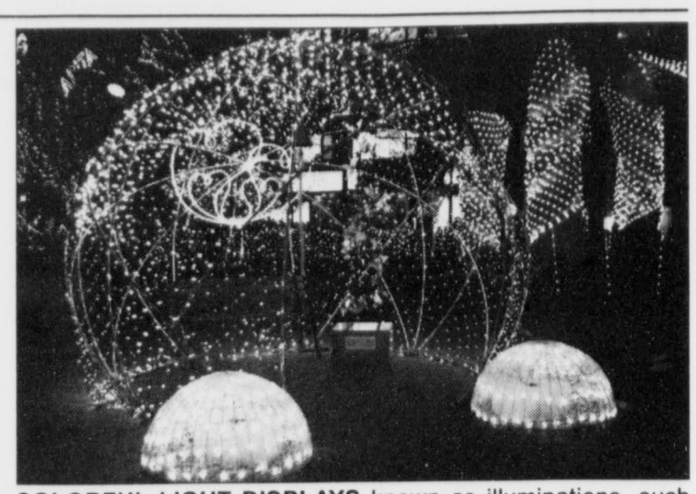
In the U.S., jingle bells and candy canes don't usually make an appearance until after Thanksgiving. In Japan, however, Christmas lights go up all over the country in November, while non-lyrical store tunes suddenly switch to "Silent Night" and other holiday songs. "Christmas cake" ads appear in convenience store and supermarket windows, urging families to place their orders for the frosting and strawberry-covered sponge cakes right away. Signs in Japanese hang from store eaves exclaiming, "merii kurisumasu!" and "Sale!" or "Get this item now!"

If that isn't enough to convince you that December 25th is soon approaching, Colonel Sanders dons a Santa outfit at Kentucky Fried Chicken establishments across the nation, inviting families to make their Christmas chicken orders. Christmas, which is not a national or religious holiday in Japan, is heavy on the consumerism side of things and particularly appealing to young couples.

In Japan, Christmas is often seen as more of a romantic day for couples, similar to Valentine's Day in the U.S. Many restaurants and hotels advertise meals and packages for couples around this time and it's not uncommon to see couples strolling hand in hand amidst popular light displays or "illuminations," as they are called in Japanese. The romantic significance is so important that the holiday can be just as depressing for some Japanese singles as Valentine's Day can be for singles in America.

A recent survey done by goo.ne.jp asked 1,130 Japanese adults between the ages of 30 and 39 if they were looking forward to Christmas this year. 75% of married respondents answered "yes," while only 36% of singles said the same. To add to that, though just over half of singles said they would spend Christmas with someone (such as friends or family), only 18% reported plans with a significant other.

Now that I think about it, maybe that has something to do with why the song "Last Christmas" is so popular here...



COLORFUL LIGHT DISPLAYS known as illuminations, such as this one in front of the train station in Fujieda city (Shizuoka, Japan). blanket Japan's big cities during the Christmas season.
Photo courtesy of Ashley Thompson

Authors come up with great stocking stuffers

Two local authors Marion Bullock and Jim Baum have new books out just in time for last minute holiday gift purchases or stocking stuffers.



It's pigs, pigs and more pigs in Marion Bullock's latest romance novel *Christmas Pigs*.

A spunky spinster helps rescue a boy, his pigs, and his family from corrupt officials and thieves.

Grace Gary, a young widow, struggles to rear her three children and keep her job. Due to her dirty-dealing boss, she's given 90 days to pay off her mortgage or lose her house. If her son's (Paul's) pigs win the local and then the state fair, they'll make enough money to save their home. But the pigs keep escaping, eating the neighbor's chickens and galloping to Mimi Witherspoon's farm at the edge of town prompting police to tell Grace to get rid of the pigs.

Published through Desert Breeze Publishing, *Christmas Chaos* is Bullock's sixth ebook.

She is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers and attends their conferences. Her articles, short stories, essays, and devotionals have appeared in *Open Windows, Guideposts, Home Life, Church Administration, Mature Years, The Lookout, the Church Musician, Preserving Christian Homes, Living with Preschoolers*, and other publications.

"Aside from writing, I enjoy reading, painting, working crossword puzzles, playing musical instruments, and song writing," Bullock said. "My husband and I love to travel."

Christmas Chaos is available on Kindle for $5.99

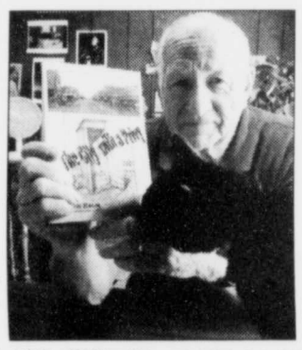
Travel back in time to Colorado City in its heyday in Jim Baum's latest collection of historical reminiscences *The City with a Privy*.

In Baum's inimitable style, *The City with a Privy* creates a snapshot of Colorado City's colorful personalities and past.

Baum has an innate love of history and because of his Community Close-up interviews he kept hearing fascinating stories of a time long ago.

"When I hear some stories that are virtually foreign to our way of living, I just think they have to be preserved in writing," Baum said. "What really makes it good are the people we know, friends and neighbors, who make the stories come to life."

Reading the original city council minute books, Baum came across dozens of interesting stories ranging from ordinances that concerned the gait of a horse and how fast it could go on city streets, to the prohibition of ladies of the night riding in certain areas of town, along with accounts of the first sheriff, the first lawmen and the first person fired from the city.



"April 6, 1882, first meeting of elected officials, first expenditure of public funds for a privy. How can you stop reading something like that?" Baum asks. "I love to write about 'em. And it's easy to do. The people supply all the sentences and I just have to connect them with phrases."

Baum is the author of five other books on Mitchell County history: *Bootleggers, Braceros and Bronc Busters; Rodeos, Romeos and Radios; Colorado City: Cowboys and Country Doctors; Corn Cobs, Col-Tex & Colo-Ray-Dah City*; and *Mitchell County Trivia*, which are still available at Good Ole Days Antique Mall and KVMC radio station.

His latest collection of historical stories is available at Fullers, Good Ole Days Mall, KVMC, Perkins and the Mitchell County Hospital Gift shop for $22.





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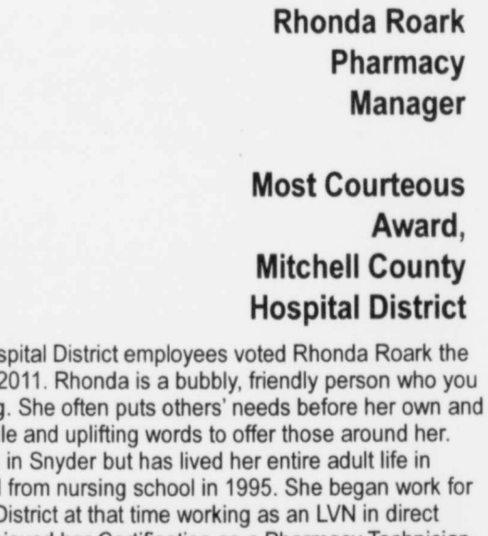


Mitchell County Hospital District employees voted Rhonda Roark the most courteous employee of 2011. Rhonda is a bubbly, friendly person who you can always count on for a hug. She often puts others' needs before her own and she usually has a friendly smile and uplifting words to offer those around her.

Rhonda was raised in Snyder but has lived her entire adult life in Colorado City. She graduated from nursing school in 1995. She began work for the Mitchell County Hospital District at that time working as an LVN in direct patient care. In 2001, she achieved her Certification as a Pharmacy Technician and began helping out in the pharmacy as backup when pharmacy personnel needed time off. In 2009, Rhonda had the opportunity to come to the pharmacy full time to take over as the pharmacy manager and that is the position that she still holds today.

When away from work, Rhonda enjoys time with her family. She is married to Steve Roark. They have five children and four grandchildren. They enjoy attending almost any kind of sporting event including local little league and flag football games. Rhonda is a member of First Baptist Church of Colorado City.

Jo Conaway
2011 Employee of the Year
For Wallace & Ware
Medical Units



Mrs. Jo Conaway started working for Mitchell County Hospital District in September 1997 in the medical records department at the Ware Unit. She has been very instrumental in the deployment of the Electronic Medical Records back in the early 2000's. She has been helpful in training new staff over the years. For the past 14 years, she has been the backbone of the medical records department.

Joe Conaway is married to Travis Conaway. They have been married for 40 years and live south of Westbrook. She has one daughter named Laura and two grandsons; Dakota and Dalton. She and her husband attend Westbrook Baptist Church. She helps with many charity events throughout the year at the Wallace and Ware units.

Halie Bivins
2011 Employee of the Year
For Mitchell County Hospital
& Family Medical Associates

Halie Bivins started working for Mitchell County Hospital District in November 2002. She started as a CNA on the floor. She later worked for Valley Fair Lodge as an aide before coming back to the hospital as an ER Clerk for several years. She currently is an Admission Clerk and is a vital part in the admission process for the hospital.

Halie is a home town girl and is married to John, a police officer with the City of Colorado City. They met when Halie was working in the ER at night and John was in training and had to bring an offender into the ER. Halie enjoys cooking and fellowship with friends and family.

Mitchell County Hospital District salutes these hard-working, dedicated employees for a job well done in 2011.

LOCAL NEWS

SEARCH

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someone a feel-good-I-know-what's going-on attitude."

"This small community was put on the national map because of this tragedy," Police Chief Roy A. "Tinker" Owens said. "My number one responsibility, in addition to Hailey, is to this community. The community doesn't deserve to be hounded and riled up. This is not Austin, not San Angelo, not even Big Spring. This whole community got involved with the situation and this whole community has suffered. I'm going to protect this community first and foremost. I'll take your help, but we're going to do it the right way."

Hailey's family has not made it easier for the department either, with Billie moving several times and leaving no forwarding address or phone number where the police can reach her if and when they find Hailey.

The PD even gave Billie a phone for maintaining contact after Dunn's personal cell was seized, but Dunn disconnected the phone.

"To my knowledge she's never called this police department," Tinker said, although he said Dunn has used other people to do her talking for her.

The investigation into Hailey's disappearance began moments after Billie Dunn arrived at the police station on December 28.

Alexander spoke with Dunn "for a moment then agreed to meet her at home. We needed to start at the last place she was seen," she said.

The school was contacted for a list of Hailey's friends and Hailey's name and birthdate was entered immediately into the TCIS and NCIS databases. Nixle, BOLO and teletype alerts went out, even as police officers began interviewing neighbors, family and friends.

Alexander searched Hailey's room for notes, secret messages, journals, list of friends, anything that would give a clue to Hailey's location, always asking the questions: where's her toothbrush, where's her coat, where're the things important to a teenager?

Within the first 24 hours, the police were re-interviewing family and friends. Within a week, the District Attorney's investigators were on the case and a week and a half out, Company C of the Texas Rangers, Ranger Phil Vandegriff and the FBI came aboard, moving the task force to the CC Thompson room.

"Blow-your-mind number of years of experience gathered in that room," Alexander said. "They have protocols for missing and exploited children, step by step, here's what you do."

The protocols mirrored the same steps taken by Alexander and then interim Police Chief John Bivins after Hailey's disappearance.

"Things were done in duplicate and triplicate," Alexander said. "At times we were accused of harassing people as we tried to find this little girl."

Searches were made on foot, in the air, with dogs and on horseback. The task force worked with land owners, lease owners and oil companies for anything strange or out of the ordinary.

Polygraphs were administered to Hailey's family as well as every registered sex offender and searches made of sex offenders' homes.

Help came from surrounding counties as members of law enforcement from Nolan, Scurry, Howard and farther afield lent time, personnel and expertise.

Although several people close to the case have been arrested on other charges, no charges were filed for child porn found on a confiscated computer because the matter is out of the Colorado City police's jurisdiction. No child porn was found at the Dunn home and Shawn Adkins' cell phone is still in analysis.

"There was a bunch of deviant stuff, but no porn," Alexander said.

Today the search continues as police track down every lead, "no matter how farfetched," Owens said. Alexander is backtracking through the "Hailey Files", reading and re-reading.

Search teams brought in a K-9 team over the weekend, and military volunteers arrived over the weekend to help with foot searches.

"You put the tracking information together with the information uncovered in questioning and the timeline and sightings and last conversations and cell phone pings all put together and that's a lot. Investigators are good at making sense of all that," Owens said.

Task force members are still working in different parts of the country, including Mexico, on different aspects of the case.

"We can have everyone back here within half an hour," Alexander said.

Although Owens came on board after the initial investigation began, he has no illusions of being a miracle worker. "I don't have that ability and that gift. I only bring a fresh perspective," he said. "There's nothing I could do any more or any better than they have already done."

"Just because it's been a year doesn't mean hope's up," Alexander said. "In the long run, there's nothing that's unseen, and good or bad nothing lasts forever. This isn't going to stretch on forever. There will be closure one way or the other."

The police department urges parents to be involved in their children's lives, "to know where they're at, what they're doing, and who their friends are," Owens said.

"Your job as a parent is to supervise and guide," Alexander said. "You're not doing the kids any favors if you don't know their friends, the parents of their friends, phone numbers where your child can be reached, etc."

Not just for the obvious, but also in case of emergencies. Encourage parents at homes where children are visiting to contact the parents if activities or locations change so a parent can reach their child at any given moment.

Taking precautions for online social media are becoming more imperative, as well.

Cyber predators aren't what they appear, according to Alexander. There are growing numbers of incidents where youngsters meet "youngsters" online only when it's too late do they realize online personalities "can



CANDY CANE LANE -- Candy cane lights line the walkway of the residence at 2000 Locust.

TxDOT receives international award

AUSTIN—An international road advocacy group recognized the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) recently for the agency's innovative four-year maintenance management plan that establishes best practices methodology to improve pavement conditions across the state.

TxDOT is the recipient of the International Road Federation's (IRF) 2011 Global Road Achievement Award (GRAA) in the category of maintenance management.

The GRAA is an international competition that recognizes industry and government organizations for excellence and innovation in road development.

This year, the IRF will honor nine projects from eight countries. TxDOT representatives will accept the award on January 24 at the annual IRF awards banquet in Washington D.C.

The TxDOT team developed a standardized set of best practices that became the foundation for agency's pavement management plan.

BUILD

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He already sells a line of shoes designed for Medicare patients, but most of his clientele are folks looking for comfortable shoes.

"We finally have Medicare accreditation so we will start marketing the shoes next year for diabetics," Johnson said.

Medicare will purchase one pair of shoes a year for diabetics along with three inserts since the shoes are a proven preventative measure against foot sores becoming something worse.

Although The Medicine Place will be a stand-alone facility with a large front end and large pharmacy, Johnson hopes the move will encourage other entrepreneurs to build.

"We're really hoping in the near future other business would come over there and fill out the development," he said.

The developer, Benet Stewart dreams of a strip mall, as well as a restaurant, according to Johnson. "He's open to anything and anybody that's practical and would be interested in moving in," Johnson said.

"It will improve the traffic flow and be good for all the businesses to feed off each other," he said. "I'm hoping once we get in it will perk up more interest from other businesses."

Johnson opened The Medicine Place in 1991 on a leap of faith. "The downtown looked like you'd expect to see a tumble weed blowing across the street," he said. However, the encouragement of the community, even those who are not customers, continues to assure him he made the right choice in settling down in Colorado City.

"The community and the customers have been very supportive. The interest in the community that they want this to succeed is nice. You feel like everyone is pulling for you," he said.

Johnson hopes the new location will open up the opportunity for The Medicine Place to offer conveniences to the interstate traffic and to become like a "mini-CVS type thing with some gifts and maybe cell phone accessories. I have to get there and visualize it and see how much space we're going to have."

"We'll be into the new year before we start seeing some work going on," he said. "January or February we should start seeing something happen that's visible."

CITY

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contract with the county.

According to Kampfer, if the city agrees to the desalination plant, water rates will increase.

"The numbers... with what the county has... could cause a significant financial impact," Kampfer said on Tuesday. "And we just need to be sure about the next step."

After a company has been hired and the study has been completed, a report will be presented to the city council.

COLORADO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
	REVENUES					
5700	Local and intermediate sources	$ 4,206,300	$ 967	$ 18,444	$ 131,256	$ 4,356,967
5800	State program revenues	5,826,457			44,934	5,871,391
5900	Federal program revenues				1,687,091	1,687,091
5020	Total Revenues	10,032,757	967	18,444	1,863,281	11,915,449
	EXPENDITURES					
	Current:					
0011	Instruction	4,751,387			1,102,993	5,854,380
0012	Instructional resources & media	118,472				118,472
0013	Curriculum development	51,295			25,411	76,706
0021	Instructional leadership	254,776			13,322	268,098
0023	School leadership	455,784			28,593	484,377
0031	Guidance, counseling, & evaluation	228,284			22,692	250,976
0032	Social work services	3,500			14,457	17,957
0033	Health services	61,245				61,245
0034	Student (pupil) transportation	263,930			53,482	317,412
0035	Food service				543,673	543,673
0036	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	655,396			9,823	665,219
0041	General administration	287,466				287,466
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	1,238,015		496,905	23,834	1,758,754
0052	Security and monitoring services	600		14,988		15,588
0053	Data processing services	251,062			3,231	254,293
0061	Community services	98,336			6,614	104,950
0071	Debt service - principal on long term	196,213				196,213
0072	Debt service - interest on long term de	96,045				96,045
0081	Facilities acquisition & construction	3,693	712,824	2,088,047		2,804,564
0093	Payments to fiscal agent/member distr	135,116				135,116
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	73,973				73,973
6030	Total Expenditures	9,224,588	712,824	2,599,940	1,848,125	14,385,477
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	808,169	(711,857)	(2,581,496)	15,156	(2,470,028)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)					
7912	Sale of real & personal property	262				262
7914	Noncurrent loans	17,000	833,000			850,000
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and	17,262	833,000			850,262
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	825,431	121,143	(2,581,496)	15,156	(1,619,766)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	3,808,488		2,744,507	163,702	6,716,697
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	$ 4,633,919	$ 121,143	$ 163,011	$ 178,858	$ 5,096,931

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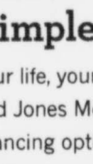
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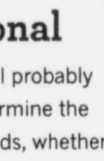
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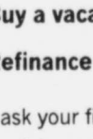
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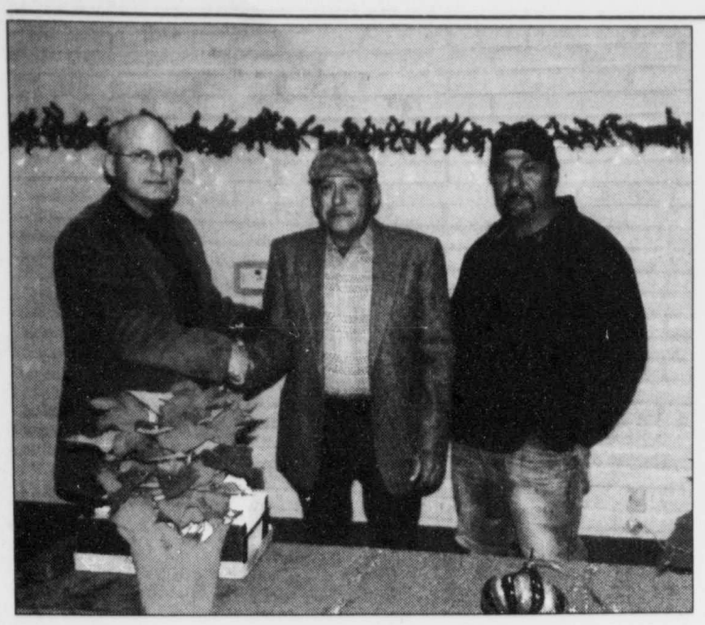
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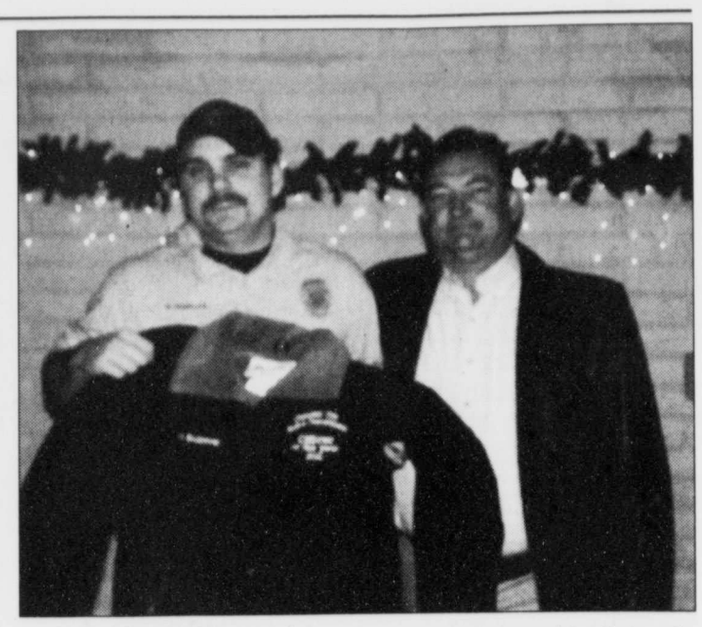
SOCIETY



COLORADO CITY MANAGER Pete Kampfer (left) congratulates Richard Reyna and Eppy Mendoza on their recent retirement from the city. Reyna has worked for the city since January 6, 1992, with Mendoza beginning his service to the city on February 17, 1986. *Photo courtesy of Belinda Blassingame.*



COLORADO CITY'S OWN Jo Yancey (left) was named Dispatcher of the Year at Friday's city Christmas party held at the Civic Center. Yancey received a monogrammed jacket presented to her by administrative assistant Donna Overton. *Photo courtesy of Belinda Blassingame.*



THE OFFICER OF the Year award was presented to Colorado City Police Officer Nick Holbrook (left) by Chief Owens during the city's Christmas party held at the Civic Center on Friday. *Photo courtesy of Belinda Blassingame.*

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Mission ends year with food box give-away



COMMUNITY MISSION VOLUNTEERS Brenda Turnage, Dot Smith, Elizabeth Kennedy, Robin Cooper, Trish Denson, Brandon Stansell, Roger Smith, Aurora Wilkins, Faith Stansell and Sandra Pate handed out 295 food boxes on Saturday, December 17th. *Photo courtesy of Dot Smith.*

The Community Mission has ended their year with annual Christmas box food presentations.

Saturday, December 17th, was a busy and rewarding day for the mission and all the volunteers, as they handed out 295 boxes of food to residents who had applied. Mission volunteers assisted the Kiwaniannes by distributing 117 bags of toys for the children, 12 bicycles from the C.C. Riders and numerous bags of Christmas goodies for the families of the toy recipients furnished by the mission.

Mission director Dot Smith said that the whole community, including individuals, corporations and local businesses, have been very generous in helping to supply the needs for the annual event.

The year of 2011 has proven challenging for mission volunteers. There has been an increase of over 50% of those in need of monthly food distribution boxes. A monthly average of 263 families were served each month.

With a 30% decrease in federal assistance to the Abilene Food Bank which serves the mission, the community provided the volunteers a way to distribute some 130,688 pounds of food during the year and 295 boxes at Christmas.

New registrations for monthly food distributions will begin in January as the mission will reopen for business January 4th. After a deserved two weeks of rest, as required annually, all recipients of food distributions must register, with proof of residence, income and family status.

LORAINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2011

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	$ 1,300,698	$ 17,989	$ 1,318,687
State Program Revenues	700,300	31,155	731,455
Federal Program Revenues	-	264,071	264,071
Total Revenues	2,000,998	313,215	2,314,213
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	913,785	214,135	1,127,920
Instructional Resources and Media Services	21,847	-	21,847
School Leadership	85,364	-	85,364
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	27,460	-	27,460
Health Services	31,728	-	31,728
Student (Pupil) Transportation	47,034	-	47,034
Food Services	4,475	137,101	141,576
Extracurricular Activities	144,968	-	144,968
General Administration	166,535	-	166,535
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	226,418	-	226,418
Security and Monitoring Services	2,250	-	2,250
Data Processing Services	70,702	-	70,702
Community Services	1,358	-	1,358
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	60,653	-	60,653
Other Intergovernmental Charges	19,679	-	19,679
Total Expenditures	1,824,256	351,236	2,175,492
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	176,742	(38,021)	138,721
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	35,399	35,399
Transfers Out (Use)	(35,399)	-	(35,399)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(35,399)	35,399	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	141,343	(2,622)	138,721
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	954,501	2,831	957,332
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 1,095,844	$ 209	$ 1,096,053

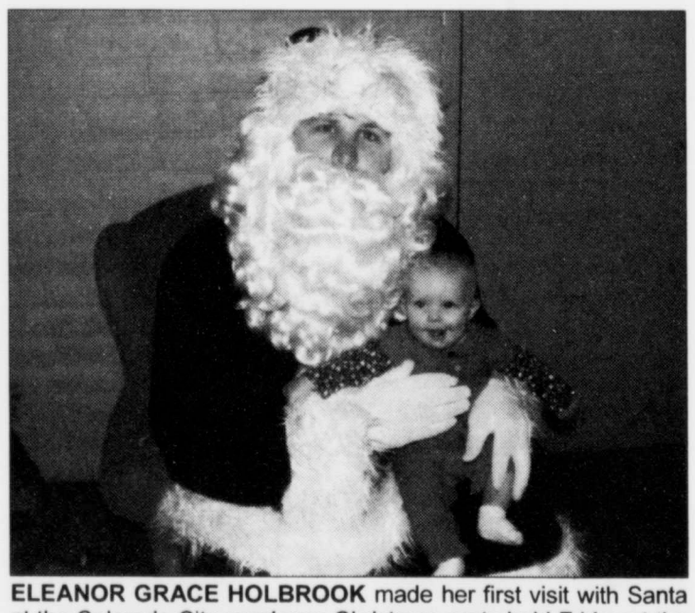
BIRTHS

Brandon Vasquez, Dominik Espinoza, Liliana Espinoza are proud to announce the birth of his sister, Nevaeh Marie Espinoza.

She was born December 18, 2011, at 3:27 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long.

Proud parents are Crystal Diaz and Jorge Espinoza.

Maternal grandparents are Louie and Maria Reyes of Kerrville. Paternal grandparents are Martha Lara and Jorge Espinoza Sr. of Center Point.



ELEANOR GRACE HOLBROOK made her first visit with Santa at the Colorado City employee Christmas party held Friday at the Civic Center.

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SCHOOL NEWS





HUTCHINSON 5TH GRADE GT students performed a Reader's Theatre for the students on Friday. How the Grinch Stole Christmas was delivered via black light in the school's bookroom. Students enjoyed the different look at an old time favorite, directed by Charlotte Stovall. Pictured below are: Hadley Redwine, Nadia Gonzales, Kristina Parker, Isaiah Quiroz, and Adam Clifton. *Photo courtesy of Kitten Arthur.*

Livestock Assn. makes changes to annual show

The Mitchell County Livestock Association will host its 75th annual stock show on January 12, 13 and 14 at the rodeo fairgrounds on West Business 20.

This year's stock show will be dedicated in memory of Mary Torres.

All animals must be in the animal barn by 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 12 for weigh in at 5 p.m.

Exhibition events will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, January 13.

"Something new this year is we're going to show everything in one day," Brodie Harris, Mitchell County Livestock Association president, said.

Following the lamb exhibition, youngsters are invited to register for the Pee Wee Goat show.

Premium sale setup will be held Saturday, January 14 at 9 a.m. with a catered meal for buyers at 11:30 a.m. hosted by Rocking D BBQ out of Westbrook.

Awards will be presented at 12:30 p.m. and the premium sale will begin at 1 p.m.

Irasmo Cardenas of Floresville will be the judge for all exhibitor events.

Superintendents and assistants for this year's stock show are Larry Don Dawson and Robert Cox, cattle; Nub Morris and Donald Smith, sheep; Mike Hill and Jeff Ellis, swine; and Mike Jordan and Tommy Morris, goat.

One hundred and eighteen exhibitors from all three schools and the Mitchell County 4-H will show 337 entries with 205 hogs, 55 goats, 45 steers, 28 lambs and 5 heifers.

"We have 77 more entries than last year and 17 more exhibitors," Harris said.

Molina qualifies for Duke Talent Program

Victoria Molina, daughter of Mark and Hope Molina of Bedford and granddaughter of Paul and Yolanda Molina of Colorado City, has qualified to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program 4th/5th grade talent search.

Molina qualified for the search with a high test score in the writing portion of the 2011 TAKS test. She attends Meadow Creek Elementary School in Bedford.

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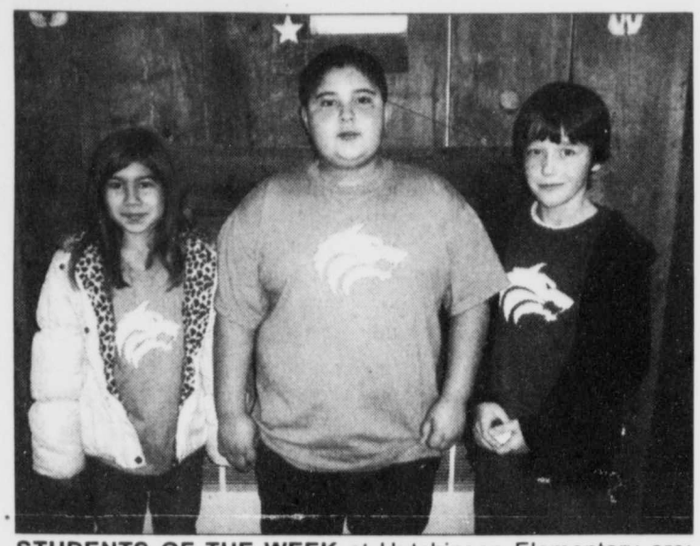
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SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are: Skylar Juarez, Regal Silva and Garren Smith. *Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.*

Hutchinson names Students of the Week

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary School are Skylar Juarez, Regal Silva and Garren Smith.

Skylar, daughter of Jaime Collet and Javier Juarez, is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Toombs' class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Scruff, and math is her favorite subject. When asked about her favorite thing about Hutchinson, she said, "It's all fun!"

Regal, a 4th grader in Ms. Martinez's class, is the son of Dian and Robert Silva. He enjoys playing Need for Speed and Madden. Regal likes hanging out with his friends, and watching the Green Bay Packers win. His favorite food is hamburgers from Bigg's Pizza. He enjoys spending time with his two dogs and one cat.

Garren, son of Paul and Missy Smith, is a 5th grader in Mrs. Wulfjen's class. His favorite subject is science, and he especially likes art and P.E. at Hutchinson. He also enjoys playing video games as a hobby.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY members for 2011 are: (from left) back row: Jeffery Hickson*, Joanna Parsons*, Tara Higgins*, Alyssa Bonner, Tucker French; middle row: Derek Gainey, Jason Rodriquez*, Vanna George, Kalea Hubbard, Amanda Griffin; front row: Alyssa Leverton*, Bethany Blassingame, Miranda Reyna, Adri Gomez, Tabbatha Angelo and Leslie Davila. * indicates new member.

Honor society inducts members

The Colorado High School National Honor Society inducted nine new members on December 15 at the high school auditorium.

Prior to the induction the current members explained the tenets of the organization and the key requirements of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Amie Wood, community development director, gave the commemorative address and encouraged the inductees to pursue the future.

NHS President Tabbatha Angelo presented candidates Jeffery Hickson, Tara Higgins, Candace Huff, Joanna Parsons, Miranda Reyna, Jason Rodriquez, Leslie Davila, Vanna George and Alyssa Leverton for membership in the society.

NHS Vice President Tucker French and CHS Principal Dalton West presented the inductees with their membership cards during the candle lighting ceremony.

A reception of punch and cookies followed under the direction of NHS sponsor Christie Bonner.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Harris' students have been getting ready for the Christmas holidays by writing to Santa, making decorations, visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Distance Learning Unit, and going to the movies! Students in her class are: (back row; left to right) Isaac Silva, Terron Young, Aryana Lopez, Angel Pineda, Karson Bazany, Samantha Balderas, Aedan Briseno, Bradlee Phillips, Lily Parham, Jeremiah Lara, Destyni Mitchell, Emily Madrid, Emma Sanchez, and Kimberly Butler. *Photo courtesy of Mrs. Harris.*



REMEMBERING HAILEY – Sera Stephens hangs an ornament in honor of Hailey Dunn on the lighted Christmas tree at Hailey's Hope memorial during the one year anniversary prayer vigil held last Saturday night.

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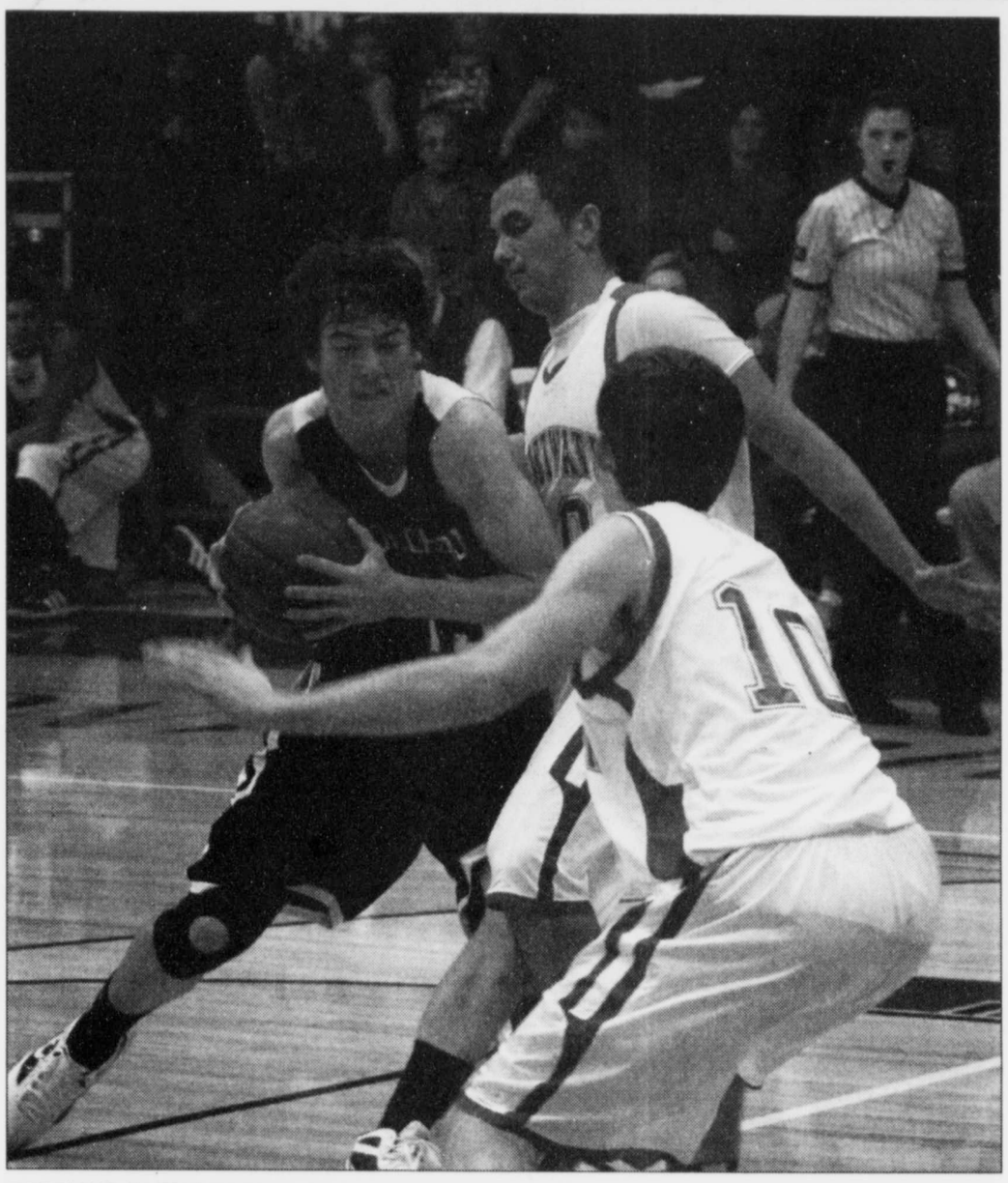
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SPORTS



BATTLING IN THE TRENCHES – Tylor Lorenz battles his way through two would-be defenders in recent Colorado Wolves basketball action. Lorenz scored six points in the Wolves' 45-21 trouncing of Stanton Friday night.

Wolves girls and boys win over Staton last Friday

The Colorado City Lady Wolves were not friendly hosts this weekend, as they defeated visiting Stanton 44-34 Friday night at The Pit. Four girls hit for eight points to co-lead the C-City win. Heather Merket, Lauran Meeks, Katy Spencer and Alyssa Leverton combined for 32 of the Lady Wolves' 44 points, with Miranda Reyna adding seven and McKenzie Kimball pitching in for five.

The Lady Wolves jumped out to an early lead, outscoring the Lady Buffs 13-3 in the first quarter. After Stanton rebounded in the second to make the game a little closer, the two teams hit the locker rooms with Colorado City on top 21-17.

But any hopes of making the comeback permanent were short-lived for the Lady Buffs, as C-City outscored them in the final two quarters 10-8 and 13-9, respectively.

Stanton did have two girls in double digits, including a 17-point outpouring from Patterson, their senior standout, but the team effort of the Lady Wolves was too much to overcome.

Stanton 3 14 8 9 — 34
C- City 13 8 10 13 — 44

After the girls' game, it was time for the Wolves' boys' team to hit the floor. Colorado City's defense was stout and did not allow a single Stanton player to reach five points in the game and cumulatively, the Buffaloes only hit double digits in one quarter, a 10-point third quarter.

Offensively, the Wolves got double digits from Bailey Spencer (14 points) and Benny Jones (13 points), with Derek Gainey adding nine, Tylor Lorenz picking up six and Corbin Castillo contributing three.

The Wolves pounced on the unsuspecting Buffaloes in the first half with a 13-2 first quarter and a 10-2 second. When the Buffaloes found the safety of the locker rooms, they were already down 23-4.

Stanton would try to make a game of it in the second half, scoring their best of the night with a 10-point third quarter, but it could not compare with the 15 points Colorado City put on the board in the frame. And though the two teams each scored an identical seven points in the fourth, giving the Wolves a 45-21 win, this game appeared to be over by the time the first quarter ended.

Stanton 2 2 10 7 — 21
C-City 13 10 15 7 — 45

In JV action, the Wolves' JV squad outlasted Stanton for a 33-32 hard-fought win.

'Dogs play best game of season

In a 38-58 loss to Aspermont, Loraine basketball coach Brandon Langston saw some things he had to be proud of.

"It was the best game we have played so far this year," Coach Langston said. "We had to play with two starters out most of the game due to foul trouble and some of the other kids really stepped up."

Ricky Cantu scored half of the team's points, posting a game-high 19 points in the non-district match. Nate Martinez was also good for double digits, lighting up the scoreboard for 13 points in the loss. Joe Iglehart added four points for the Bulldogs and Este Benivamondez contributed two.

"While our record may not show it, we have played very well this year and improved every game," Coach Langston said. "We have played some very good teams.

On Friday, the Bulldogs fell to top-ranked Sterling City 56-35, dropping them to a 1-10 on the season.

"I thought we played really well against a top 20 ranked team," Coach Langston said. "We had to play shorthanded with a starter out due to injury. The rest of the players really stepped up and focused on our goals for the game. We should get a couple of kids back after Christmas break."

Cantu led his team offensively, scoring 15 points for the 'Dogs. Matt Sanchez and Iglehart each added seven. Martinez scored four and Timothy Garza pitched in two.

"We have continued to get better each game and I am excited for district play to begin," Langston said.

The Bulldogs will play in the Grady Basketball Tournament over Christmas break and will face the Garden City Bearkats before returning to their district schedule on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Both the girls' and boys' teams will play Highland on Jan. 3 with the girls' game beginning at 6:30.

Loraine Middle School results:

The smaller Bulldogs fell to Trent this last week 19-35, but got points from six different players, adding depth to its arsenal as the season progresses. Dakota Delgado led the Bulldogs with six points, followed by Jacoby Williams with five.

"The kids played well against a very good Trent team," Coach Langston said. "They really get out there and get after it as they are starting to understand the game and do the little things."

J.T. Cooper added three points to the stat sheet for Loraine, while Sonny Benivamondez and Oscar Gonzales each registered two points in the game. Seattle Jackson knocked down a free throw during the action for a point, adding to the Bulldogs' effort.

The boys will be in action again after the holidays, when they play Hermleigh Thursday, Jan. 5.

W'brook girls win; boys lose

The Westbrook girls' basketball team, now sitting at 10-7, took a decisive 55-36 victory away from Ira Friday night. After posting a mere three points in the first quarter, the girls exploded for 16 in the second. Before Ira knew it, their 4-3 first-quarter lead disappeared quickly and they found themselves behind 19-9 at the half.

Westbrook saw four of its girls reach double digits in the win, with K. Morris lighting up the night with a game-high 17 points. Nobles was good for 12 points, while Rice and Whitesides scored 11. Lamb was responsible for the remaining four Westbrook points.

Ira was bale to find eight points in the third frame, but it was no match for Westbrook's game-high 20, so by the time the game reached its final period, it was, for all practical purposes, in the bag, as Westbrook led 39-17.

Ira would have their best quarter of the night, scoring 19 points in the fourth, but Westbrook's 16 points were good enough to keep them at bay and escape with the win.

Westbrook 55
Ira 36

Westbrook	3	16	20	16	– 55
Ira	4	5	8	19	– 36

In boys' basketball action, the Wildcats ran into a tough Garden City squad Friday night to suffer their worst loss of the season. The 8-6 Bearkats had two players score 17 or more points in the 85-21 rout.

Westbrook did get double digits from Casey Bass (10 points) in the loss, but were unable to score more than seven points in any given quarter. Meanwhile, Garden City scored 20-plus in the first three quarters and 12 in the final frame.

Bass scored 10 points for the Wildcats, while Jacob Morris put up seven. Tyler Morris and Rivera were both good for two points each in the game for the Wildcats.

Westbrook 2 7 7 5 — 21
Garden City 30 23 20 12 — 85

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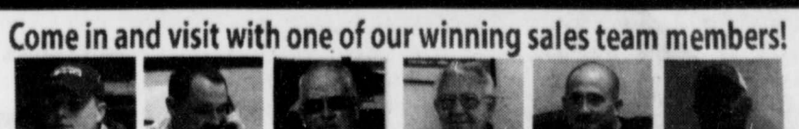
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Lease/Unit Well No.: 0705
Lease/Unit Acres : 3394.47
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 3810.5
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 471.76
Lease Lines: 4001.76 F W L, 3810.5 F S L
Survey Lines: 1845.51 F S L, 4001.76 F W L

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 915
Lease/Unit Acres : 3394.47
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 466.0
Lease Lines: 330.0 F N L & 2866.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 330.0 F N L & 2410.0 F W L
Wellbore Profile(s): Directional
Bottom Hole: BH1
Lease Lines: 330.0 F N L & 2967.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 330.0 F N L & 2310.0 F WL

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

TURNER-GREGORY (CLEAR FORK) : OIL Special Rules 330/933, 20.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 3500 feet.
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Lease/Unit Well No.: 918
Lease/Unit Acres: 3394.47
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 588.0
Lease Lines: 990.0 F N L & 2967.0 F E L
Survey Lines: 990.0 F N L & 2967.0 F E L
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Lease/Unit Name : TURNER GREGORY UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1118
Lease/Unit Acres : 3394.47
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 330.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 468.0
Lease Lines : 330.0 F N L & 1650.0 F E L
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
TURNER-GREGORY (CLEAR FORK) - OIL Special Rules – 330/933, 20.0 acres
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 3500 feet.
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0273812
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 19, 2011 Status/Permit No. 729490
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 30, 2012
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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BID NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK

Mitchell County, Texas is requesting Statements of Qualifications and Cost Proposals (RFP) for pre-construction and construction services of a Construction Manager at Risk for the Mitchell County Jail and Law Enforcement Center, located at 301 Pine Street, Colorado City, Texas, pursuant to Section 271.118 of the Texas Local Government Code, This RFP is a one-step process. Responses will be received at the Mitchell County Judge's Office, Mitchell County Courthouse, 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512, until 2:00 PM, local time, January 6, 2012. Responses will be opened and the names of the respondents and monetary items will be read aloud at the Mitchell County Commissioners Court Meeting, January 9, 2012.

Selection of a Construction Manager at Risk will be based on the selection criteria contained in the RFP to determine the best value for Mitchell County.

The Construction Budget is a maximum of $6,960,000. 100% performance and payment bonds required. 5% retainage will apply to monthly progress payments.

Complete RFP packets may be obtained from DRG Architects, 10418 Gulfdale, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 349-7950, Attn: Wayne Gondeck, RA, waynet@drgarchitects.com.

Honorable Ray Mayo
Mitchell County Judge

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WATER DESALINATION FEASIBLITY STUDY

Separate sealed bids for the consideration of preforming a Water Desalination Feasibility Study for the City of Colorado City, Texas will be received by the City of Colorado City, Texas until 10:00 A.M., January 12, 2012, at City Hall 180 West 3rd, Colorado City, Texas, 79512, or P.O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas, 79512. Then at said location all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be considered. The objective of the bid is to determine the financial feasibility of the City of Colorado City, Texas participating in a desalination plant either on the City's own or with additional participants.

Information related to the Water Desalination Feasibility Study may be requested by contacting:

Pete Kampfer, City Manager
City Hall
180 West 3rd
Colorado City, Texas 79512

Bids shall be submitted on original documents. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids in accordance with provisions of Section 252.043 (a) (b) and (c) of the Local Government Code which allows the City to take the lowest or the best value bid, whichever the City deems beneficial. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Pete Kampfer
City Manager

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ELEVATED WATER STORAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Separate sealed bids for the construction of Elevated Water Storage Improvements will be received by the City of Colorado City, Texas until 10:00 A.M., January 12, 2012, at City Hall, 180 West Third, Colorado City, Texas, 79512, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The bid includes relocating a 300,000 gallon elevated water storage tank from West Odessa, Texas to Colorado City. Also the city will receive bids on a new elevated water storage tank instead of relocating the existing tank. A bid for demolition and disposal of an existing 180,000 gallon elevated tank shall also be received.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations:

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Bids will not be received from contractors who have not obtained original plans and specifications from Jacob & Martin. Bids shall be submitted on original documents and the entire specification book must be returned with bid. No faxes or copies of bid sheets will be accepted.

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BID NOTICES,

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Copies of the Contract Documents and plans may be obtained from Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606 (325-695-1070), upon payment of $50.00 (non-refundable). Checks should be made payable to the order of Jacob & Martin, LTD.

Bid Bond: A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Colorado City, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid shall be submitted with each bid.

CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS
By: Pete Kampfer
City Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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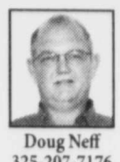
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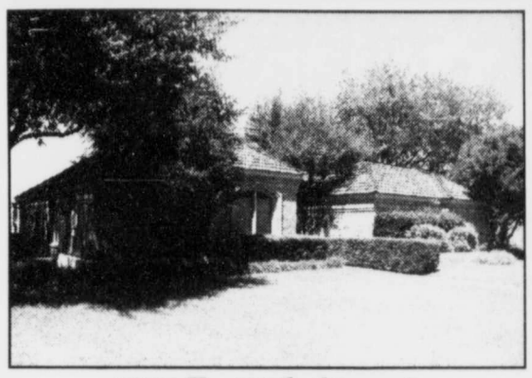

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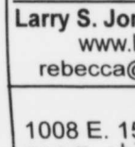
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Westbrook News

By Chrystal Jaimes
Westbrook Correspondent

As of today, four days are left until Christmas. Wow! Where did the time go? Not sure about you folks, but I could probably guess many of you are and will still be shopping up until Christmas Eve. I am one of those crazy shoppers too.

I was in Abilene this weekend and thought I would try to do some of this shopping and it was awful. I looked and looked and looked some more, when I did find what I thought was the right gift, I waited and waited and waited some more just to check out. I have come to believe that I lie to myself every year when I say I will not be doing that next year.

Well, I was a bit relieved to know I was not the only Westbrookian out in all that craziness. My daughter spotted Lynn and Kenneth Gaston walking across the parking lot as we searched for a spot to park. Hey, I wonder if they lost their car or were just taking a short cut?

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Around Town…

* Update on our dear friend Ms. Janelle Rich. I spoke with Danny the other day and he said his mother is doing lots better, and they were hoping she would get to come home on Friday of last week.

* I have heard from a few friends that Mr. Warren Zant and Mrs. Anna Zant celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. She said to me the other day, she didn't know how it was 52, cause she is still just 40.

We love you Mrs. Anna, but I'm telling. We hope you and Pops will share many more and had a wonderful blessed day celebrating.

* The Westbrook Fire Department escorted Santa Claus around town Sunday, spreading his cheer and handing out candy bags to all the kiddos and elderly.

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Westbrook ISD News…

*Our little ones performed a community Christmas program and it was a great success! I know these teachers work very hard to teach those little ones to have the courage to get up in front of an audience and speak or sing and not freeze. Way to go, ladies. Congratulations to Ms. Bawcum, Ms. Hanshew, Mrs. Stovall and Mrs. Knowles, Ms. Penny, Ms. Lori, and Ms. Jessica and anyone else who helped. We love seeing our kids in a different light!

* Our kiddos are out for the Christmas break. A much needed rest for all, kids and staff. Classes will resume on January 2nd, 2012.

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Random thoughts or quotes…

*He who has no Christmas in his heart, will never find it under the tree. - Roy L. Smith

*Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time. - Laura Ingalls Wilder

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From my family to yours, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

You may drop me a line by email at Westbrook_Happenings@ymail.com if you have news for me. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Start the new year off right with a hike

Committing to a healthier lifestyle continues to be one of the most popular New Year's resolutions for millions of Americans. And this year, Texas State Parks are providing more than 40 places where folks can do just that—many of which are located close to major metro areas.

As part of the national umbrella First Day Hikes program set forth by the National Association of State Parks Directors (NASPD), 48 state parks across Texas are scheduled to offer a wide variety of hikes and nature walks this New Year's Day.

The concept of having an official "First Day Hike" in a park on New Year's Day originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts, with the intent to promote both wellness and year-round recreation at parks. Since then, other states have offered similar New Year's programs; however, this is the first time all 50 state park systems have joined together to officially sponsor First Day Hikes.

First Day Hikes vary in difficulty and fitness levels, and range from short, leisurely nature walks through forested trails and along boardwalks, to special bird watching hikes, to climbs into the mountains of the Chihuahuan Desert. Most all hikes will be guided by state park staff and volunteers and feature an interpretive message about native plants, animals or park history. The walks average one to two miles in length, but many also offer shorter or longer trek options as well.

Participants will want to make some modest advance preparations. Some hikes warrant call-ahead reservations, and in most instances, folks will want to wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a hiking stick. Park entrance fees apply in most places, and many parks are leading the First Day Hike at no extra cost.

"Outdoor recreation during the holidays has been a popular activity for a long time, and here in Texas, it makes even more sense because the weather is often mild enough to do most anything. And many of our parks have either just completed or are in the process of renovating and improving their hike and bike trails."

For more information about First Day Hikes in Texas State Parks, visit the Web site at www.texasstateparks.org/firstdayhikes, where you'll find detailed hike locations, descriptions, and park contact information. Or, visit the NASPD Web site at www.americasstateparks.org for nationwide information on First Day Hikes.

Loraine News

By Aimee Jackson
Loraine Correspondent

This next week and weekend are bound to fly by, so make sure to slow down and enjoy the little things, keep the blood pressure down and the stress at bay. I have been so busy, and miss seeing people on a regular basis that I was reminded early this week just how nice it is to take a moment. When you are so busy you can't keep up with your backdoor neighbors, you know it's time to take a moment.

I got the sweetest hug from Susan Sanchez and her daughter Trish. You might text or email people all day long, but nothing replaces an honest to goodness hug.

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We would like to thank Janice Boil for coming out to the Loraine Senior Center this week and playing Christmas music for us. She is an incredible piano player and provided much entertainment and enjoyment for all!

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Delos Wilson came by the center last Wednesday and sang Christmas carols for us. He did a great job. Thanks, Delos.

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The Senior Center will be closed on Monday, December 26th. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

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Please remember to take advantage of the toe nail clinic that the Senior Center will be hosting on Wednesday, December 28th. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Jennifer and ask.

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So, there are angels among us! The co-op gin in Loraine bought everyone's lunch on the 14th.

Thanks Dave! You made an awful lot of people happy!

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Methodist News...

Sunday was a very special day at the Methodist Church. Our own Jordan Womack brought the message in the absence of our pastor Bro. Abbott.

His message included of how God is in charge and takes care of us. It also included a personal testimony on how God did just that for him and his family in England. Thank you, Jordan.

Debby Mitchell also furnished special music, playing guitar and singing a beautiful song titled "Remember Me". It had beautiful words and music.

She also sang it at the Christmas program at the C-City Opry.

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The school cafeteria/auditorium was overflowing on Monday night when Loraine Elementary students, pre-k through 5th grade, performed musical numbers to celebrate Christmas.

Senior Lacey Bruce entertained with a two beautiful solos, "Who Would Have Believed a King" and "Oh Holy Night".

Parents and teachers, family and friends enjoyed the singing. Refreshments of cookies and sherbet punch topped off the night.

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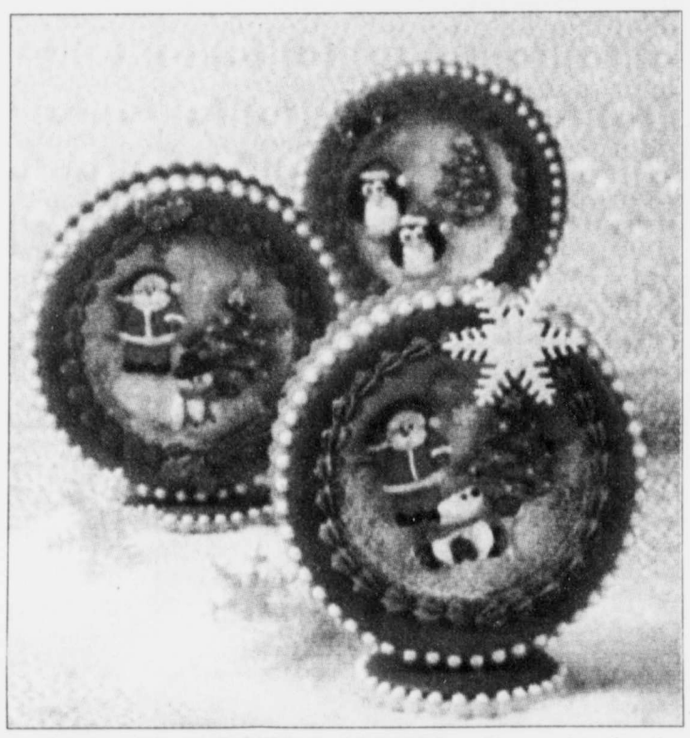
Monday night, the Lopez sisters stopped by Joe and Jennifer Sanchez's house and sang Christmas Carols. They were awesome and Joe and Jennifer were very impressed.

The sisters with the beautiful voices are Bea, Lydia and Alice Lopez, Mary Walker, and Christina.

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On December 13th, the Lady Bulldogs beat Aspermont in an exciting matchup. The score was tied at 63 with 6 seconds left in the ballgame. The Lady Bulldogs sank a bank shot off a rebound at the buzzer for the win.

On December 16th, the Lady Bulldogs posted their first district win of the season against Trent and improved their season record to 11 wins and 4 losses.



SNOWGLOBE CHRISTMAS COOKIES – The recipe for the colorful and sweet treat from Julia Usher's *Ultimate Cookies* cookbook can be found at www. christmas-cookies.com/bakingtips/snowglobes.php

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
How are you going? I like Christmas. My helpful things are: I help my mom clean my room. I watch my brother for my mom. I wash the dishes for my mom. I watch my sister for my mom. This is my wish list:: I wish for an IPod. I wish for a play station. I wish for a 3DS. I wish for an Xbox 306. This what I wish for Santa. I will help you make toys. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love, Oscar

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Dear Santa,
How are you? Christmas is my favorite holiday. I helped everyone in my family. I helped my dad rake the leaves, I helped my mom do the laundry, I helped my dad wash the car, and I helped my dad put up a Christmas tree. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a basketball, a video game, a ps3, and I want an elf. I want to help you do anything you need. I hope you have a great day!
Love, Irfan Chowdhury

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Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Christmas is my favorite time of the holidays. I help make cookies, I help my dad break wood for the fire. I help with laundry. I want a hamster, a real phone, a swing set. I wish I had a hamster. I wish I had a stuffed puppy. I will give Santa cookies. I really want a hamster.
Love, Ethan Bell

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Dear Santa,
How is Zack the elf? Christmas is fun. I help my friends, mom, sisters, dad. I help Mom put up the laundry. I help my Dad wash the car. Please bring me the following presents. I want a dip-N-dot machine, a slushy magic, a big stuffed puppy, and a real phone.
Love, Peyton Ducasse

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Dear Santa,
How are you? Christmas is fun. I helped decorate the door, I helped a friend do their work, I let a friend come in my house, and I helped decorate the Christmas tree. I wish for a lot of presents. I wish for a race car, I wish for a real phone, and I wish for an Xbox 360. And I will help Santa make toys. Have a good year! I have been very helpful this year.
Love, Dominic Espinoza

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Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus at the North pole? Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I have been really helpful this year. I helped the teacher, my dad, my sister, and my mom. I want a smart phone, butterfly knife, Xbox game, and a psp. I will give Santa Claus some cookies and milk. I hope you have a good year.
Love, Bryce Ford

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Dear Santa,
How is Zach the elf? Christmas is fun. I am a good helper. I help my baby sister use the bathroom. I help my mom turn on the tree lights. And I help mom mop. I help my Dad clean the yard. I want an I pod, a Dsi, Dsi games and game Smurfs. I will help you. You are the best.
Love, Marissa Gutierrez

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Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole? I like Christmas a lot the helpful I've done are I help my mom wash the dishes, I help my mom clean, I help my dad clean the back and front yard and I help dad feed the dog. My wish list is a remote control mustang, a bike, bebe gun and a remote control plane. I will be your favorite elf. What are your favorite cookies?
Love, Joseph Connell

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Dear Santa,
What kind of cookies do you like? Christmas is the best. I have been very good this year. I helped my Mom clean up. I helped my brothers and my sisters clean up too. Yesterday I helped vacuum for my Dad. I helped my sister take out the trash. I wish for a play house, a new bike, a new toy horse, and new black boots. I will help Santa make toys. Have a good year.
Love, Teja Hawthorne

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Dear Santa,
How are you? I can't wait until Christmas. I am very helpful. I help my mom, my baby cousin, and I did my chores and I washed the clothes. I wish for a phone, a jeep, a dog, and a Ds. I'll help you do a lot of stuff. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love, Mollie Daniels

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Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose light up? I think Christmas is the greatest holiday. I am being good. I obey my teacher. I obey my mom and dad. I help my mom with the baby. I listen when people are talking. I want a Xbox 360, Kinect, 3DS and I Pad. I will leave you milk and cookies. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Love, Nick Boyd

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite personal cookie? Christmas is fun to me because it's Jesus' birthday. Before we eat I set the table. I do my chores, I help Ashley feed the hours. And when Ashley rides on it won't run. So I run it starts to run after me. And I help get the saddle on it. And I brush Cokalte. What I want for Christmas. Is a play station3, a computer, a lizard, Rachet Clank 2, I will leave Santa 8 cookies and 8 grapes with milk. I wish you will live for ever.
Love,
Karson Martin

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Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Christmas is fun. I have done a lot of helpful things I helped my mom do the laundry, I helped my dad cheer up, I helped my sister get to my Aunt Connie's house, and I helped my brother ride my bike. I wish for a phone, a pogo stick, an Alaskan husky, and my dad to be home. I will help Santa deliver the presents.
Love,
Shelbie Sumruld

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Dear Santa,
Is it fun at the North Pole? Christmas is my favorite holiday. I clean the back yard, I clean the house, I help my dad wash the car, I help my friends when they are hurt. Please bring me these presents. I want a remote control car, a pet for Christmas, a guitar, and I want it to snow again. I will give you cookies. I love Christmas. I have been good this year.
Love,
Cedric Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Christmas is fun I have been helpful this year. I help decorate the door, I helped a friend with her home work, I let a friend come into my home, and I help decorate Christmas tree. Please bring me an xbox 360, a psp, and some video games. I will help santa make toys. Have a good year!
Love,
Destiny Tenorio

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Are they being good? I can't wait for Christmas. I helped my mom do the dishes. I helped with the laundry. I helped my mom make supper. I did the bed for mom. I wish if I could decorate the house. I wish if I could have a guinea pig. I wish if I could have a toy car. I wish if I could have a candy bar. I will leave the back door unlocked. Have a great trip.
Love,
Malia

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Dear Santa,
Are the reindeers fine? I love Christmas it is fun. I hope I'm on the good list. This year I helped my mom do the dishes and I helped her with the laundry. I also threw out the trash. I wish I could see Jesus and the angel. I wish I can see you. Please bring me a Barbie doll. I will make sure I leave you some cookies. I wish you have a safe trip.
Love,
Zaraiha Arizmendi

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Dear Santa,
Why do you live at the North Pole? How are the reindeer? I love Christmas. This year I have been good. I helped my mom with the dishes. I helped my dad fix my room. I wish I could have a toy pony and a big toy dog, and a big cat toy. I will be good for you. I hope you have a safe trip. I hope I'm not on the naughty list.
Love,
Claudia

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Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer fine? Christmas is fun. I should be on good list. I threw the trash oiut for my mom and I raked the front yard for my dad. I helped my mom clean the car. I helped my brother do his homework. I wish I could see Jesus one time. I wish I had a car, some new shoes and for everyone to come to my house and celebrate Christmas. I will make some cookies for you. Have a safe journey.
Love,
Zachary

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Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? Do you help them fly? Christmas is my favorite time of year but I'v learnd that presents orn't enportent at all. I helped my dog pull out a sticker. And wen ever my sister got hurt I would kiss it to make it fill better and. I've been good I've helped my mom do the laundry. An I clend my room with a tiny broom. I wish for a hourse an a new Barbie an a kitten.
Love,
Darika

Dear Santa,
How have the reindeer been? I can't wait to Christmas, I helped my brother with his homework, and I did the dishes I did my work and I did the laundry, and since I've been so good I wish for a camera, a new tiger, and a new bike, and some ice, Creamsoda I will leave the bake door open have a good trip.
Love, Dylan

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Dear Santa,
Do you fly? I love Christmas and it is fun. I have been good this year. I hove don dishes, clen my bedroom, and I love everyone. I want a robot dog, and a deer, and a boll, and a dog. I will give you milk and cookes. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love, Kash

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Dear Santa,
How does the sleigh fly? I love Christmas it is fun. I clean my room. I clean my room. I help my mom and my Dad clean. I do my chores. I help my brother clean. This year since I've been good I wont a bike. And I pout. And A desI. And some sun shads. I will be good. Have a save jurne.
Love, Jake Connell

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Christmas is my favorite holiday. Helping people, being nice, shareing, careing. I would like halo wars, lego Sponge bob sets, hal3 xbox 360, I will leave milk and cookies. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love, Daniel

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Dear Santa,
Are the Evles doing good? I will decoret my house. I have helped my friend pick up her chrash, I have helped my sister make her bed. I have helped my mom do the dishes. I have heloped my dad wash my clothes. I would like a puppy, a reindeer that can fly I will leave the back door open. I can't wait till Christmas.
Love,
Taleya

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Dear Santa,
What have you been doing at the North Pole? I can't wait until Christmas Eve. And I really want SaintRow3 and a toy truck, and A Xbox. I wish Santa a reindeer and I helped my nephew onto the couch. And I helped my sister clean our closet. Then I helped my friend find her eraser. So I will leave cookies on Christmas Eve. So I hope I'm njot on the naughty list. So I wonder what you are doing. So have a great trip.
Love,
Jaxson

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Christmas is fun. I have done my home work. I helped put up the tree. I listen to the teacher. I wish for a puppy, and hamster, rain deer that can fly, kitten. I will leave the back door open. I wood like to have a Ipod.
Love,
Yasmine

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A special thank you to the residents of Mitchell County for their support this year!

We're probably not on your Christmas list. Most people might prefer not to think of a hospital over the holidays. But some will have to. There will be injuries and illnesses. And at this hospital, over the 24 hours of Christmas Day, some people will be doing just what we do every day, in case you need us. Some will celebrate Christmas with our own families early, some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know we're here. And that makes us very proud.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus

How is the reindeer Mrs. Claus and the elves. Is Biff doing good. This is four things I want for Christmas a bike, art eazle set, tv and xbox360 with games. Are you ready to fly around the world? Be careful and I'm going to give your reindeer some food to help them fly better and stay awake. There is going to be a stirfome cup on the counter. You have to do this. Fill it up with water pour it in coffe mucine thin push brue ohay you have to pute the cup thing in the coffie mucine to.

Your friend,
Thunder Cansler

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Dear Santa Claus

Can I have an Air Hocy, set and cowboy sufe plese. I believe in you Santa Claus and a DSi and a Xbox 360 cunet and can I have one more thing. It is a calza Thanks Santa Clauas! Is Rudolph sick? Is Mrs. Cluaus sick too. I will to be good and never stop. I will leav a cookie for you and can I have a puppie? And can I have a poll tadle and a monkey plese Have a nice Chrimtaso Santa Cluaus!

Love your friend
Audie Vasquez
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,

Hello Santa! Would you mind if I asked you if your reindeer liked the fudge? My Christmas list is a fudge fountain, popcorn maker, paper dolls, Crayola color globe. Thank You. You know I have one of your elves his name is Skittle Snitch I found him in the puzzle box today

Your friend,
Caleigh Oakley

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Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? May you grant my wish please! I wish for a easel, pants, footy pj and anything else. Have a great chrismas! Have a safe flight!

Love
Maddy Polich
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa

Merry Christmas! Sante I have whated for you for a long time, keep Rudolphe's nose red so that he can guide you. Santa all I whant is the Harry Potter Elder wand.

Love,
Caleb Shields
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

How are you, the Reindeer and Mrs. Clause doing? I hope great! Don't forget the elves and Rudolph! Thomas people and deer are special. So hear are the 3 things I want for Christmas, a ipad, dog and a new dsi game. You and Mrs. Claus are the most special one of all time. I hope you like cookies and you'r Rein Deer like fudage. Have a safe and good chrismas santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, elves, Reindeer and Rudolph. Merry Cristmas everyone!!!!!

Love You'r friend
Kayla Casares
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus,

How are your elves doing? How are your reindeer doing? I want an electric scooter, X-box, X0box games, computer and a miniature popcorn maker.

Your friend,
Zack Stone
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus

For Christmas I want a Blizzard maker, lollipop cutie, belts that you press a green button and then $10 dollars come out, and a dress that is like Mrs. Claus clothes that she has. Well, Merry Chrsitmas Santa Claus! I hope you have a nice Christmas with your elves and have all the cookies you want.

Sincerely,
Elora Bonilla
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus,

How is Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and the elves doing? What I want for Chistmas is a bike, a scooter, a skateboard, and a dirtbike. Have a great journey. I will leave you some cookies and milk! Merry Christmas

Your friend,
Zeke Randle
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Lathan. I love this time of year. How is Mrs. Claus doing? May I have a artstodio, go cart, and a romot control Monster Truck? I love you and Mrs. Claus. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Lathan
3rd grade, Hutchinson

Dear Santa,

How are you elves and reindeer. How are you? What I want for Christmas is a big doll house and a puppy! When you come I hope you like oreos! Tell Rudolph I said hi!

Love,
Skylar Juarez
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus,

Hi, ny name is Khia. I hope you Mrs. Claus and the Reindeer are doing great. I hope Rudolph is doing great too! I wish you a Merry Christmas! I wish I could have a esay bake oven for Christmas. What are the elves doing? I whant for Christmas a pack of Squeakest for Chrstmas. I hope I get that for Chrstmas. Merry Christmas too you.

Love,
Khia Emerson
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear santa,

I wish to get an X-box 360 elite, a DS and a DSi and an electric scooter please. How are the reindeer doing? What about Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Are the elves doing ok?

Love,
Darian Molano
3rd grade , Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus,

How are the reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I will put cookies and Milk. I want an ipad. Marry Chritmas santa, elves, and reindeer, Mrs. Claus and Rudolph. Thank you Santa.

Love
Matthrew Rivera
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Deare Santa

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? All I want for Christmas is a note from you! How is the elves and reindeer and something eles I want a D.S.

Love,
Madison Sims
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

Christmas is cameing and before you go to drop those present off I whant a ipod and may I have a cool party.

Your friend
Felicia Gutierrez
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

I'm thinking about you and the elves. This is my wish list to you. Can I have a DSI. And please an I have a microphone. How are the elves?

Your friend
Rose Rodriguez
3rd grade
Hutchinson Elementary

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Dear Santa Claus,

This is my favorite time of the year. My wish list is a bmx bike, two psp games, a cross necklace, stompeez. And I hope your elves are working hard.

Your friend,
Nathan Chapman
3rd grade
Hutchison Elementary

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Dear Santa,

How are you? I'm doing extrodinary. This Christmas I would love to have an Easy Bake oven a big easel, shiny uggs and a electric scooter you can sit on. How do you get all the presents in the sleigh?

Sincerely
Mia Monroe
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa clus

How are ou? I have been very good this year. I want a ipod, Legos, wii games and a D.S.I. X.L. Well, I hoe you have a very merry Christmas! Good Luck on your flight! See you soon!

Love
Morgan Munoz
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

Thank you for a prezat Santa We like prezat Santa. You like cookes. Me to my bother and sister and my mom and dad and evedode. Thank you Satna we safe the day.

Your friend,
Izaiah Limones
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear santa

How are you doing? Santa what are your elves doing? I want a new dog and a cat and that is all Meery Christmas. 3rd grade Hutchison

Your friend
Dani Perkin
3rd grade
Hutchison

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Dear Santa Claus

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? How have you ben. And how have the elves ben. Thank you for all the good presents evry year. I hope you hve a Merry Christmas. What I would like for Christmas is an electric scooter that has a seat. I hope you like our cookies and milk. How is Rudolph? How old is he now? When your at my house look under my Christmas tree I mite have suthing for you and for your elves. Have a Merry chrishmas. And a happy now year.

Your friend,
Brooklea Stone
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I would like a Go go puppy, tree house, baby alive dipers and some baby alive clothes. ("Marry Christmas to all")

Your friend
Jaycee Holman
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph and the other reindeer, Santa? On my Christmas list could I have a Santa Claus toy, a Rudolph toy, a toy sleigh with you and the other reindeer and could I get the toy girl deer that likes Rudolph? Say hi to the reindeer for me.

Your friend,
JacLynn Moore
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

What is the temperature in the North Pole? For cristmas I want an alive puppy, stuffed frog, shoes and earrings Merry Cristmas!

Love,
Nariah Hawthorne
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus,

Hello Santa Claus. How is Rudolph? We have a picture of you on our locker here at Hutchinson and we put cotton balls as your beard. I would like one of those new internet tablets, a pogo stick, a mini laptop, and a nook reader. I would love to see you but I know I can't because if I wake up all I will get in my stocking is coal. I bet the reindeer are so sweet and nice. I hope my brothers and I don't get coal in our stockings. I hope I get a lot of toys from everyone. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Meledine Ruiz
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? On my wish list I want a Xbox 360 with 3 games and that is pretty much it. I will leave cookies and milk out of your. Hope Mrs. Claus si dong good and the reindeer. Merry Christmas!

Your friend
Patrick Perkin
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a Xbox 360, Call of duty MW3, and Halo reach. And that is what I would like for Christmas this year.

Your friend
Trey Beavers
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa Claus

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeers at the North pole? This is what I wan't for Christmas a Ds and a baby alive and a game for my Ds. Have a happy christgmas! I will leave you milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Markeisha Connelly
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I want Call of Duty Blackops and a toy shotgun. I would also like the Grand Theft Auto game for my PSP.

Your friend
Leonardo
3rd grade
Hutchinson

***

Dear Santa Claus

How are elves? Want a wii game. I want an X-box and a horse and saddle. How are the reindeer? I hope you have a safe trip!

Your friend,
Donald Turnbo
3rd grade
Hutchinson

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Community Development and Chamber of Commerce

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

To Our Valued Customers
• At The Holiday Season •

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LETTERS TO SANTA



SANTA'S WORKSHOP IS busy putting the finishing touches on the latest sled technology. The workshop was part of the North Pole display at Dennis and Glynnda Wilson's home during the Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Garden Club in early December.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing today? I would like a Justin Bieber doll and Lady Somles doll. I would like a bike please. Santa Claus, I would like a doll house for Justin Bieber and Lady Somles.
Your friend,
Jayden Wooddell
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? I Rudolph's nose still glowing red? How are you? My Christmas wish list is an ipod and an ipad and a new bike. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. I hope everybody's not greedy. Will you tell Mrs. Claus, the elves and the reindeer especially Rudolph I said hi? Good-bye
Love,
Hanna Pittman
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,
How ar the elves? Can I please have a ipad and a new guitr. Thank you for thinking about me
Love
Destiny Read
3rd grade, Huchinson

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Dear santa,
How are you and the reindeer doing? The things I want is an xbox and games. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend
Jayden Kirby
3rd grade, Hutchinson

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and Spiderman toys.
Love,
Demarcus
4 yrs

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Dear Santa Claus
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you don't get sick over there. I hope your reindeer and elves are OK. You are the important of all and Mrs Claus and Rudolph. I would dearly like a mini computer, a i pod, a dsi XL game, and some clothes. I hope you have a great and wonderful Christmas with your reindeers, elves and Mrs. Claus. Be careful on the way up there and the way back. I will always be thiking of you. I don't have a chimney sorry.
Merry Christmas.
Your love
Melinda Ramos
3rd grade, Hutchinson.

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Dear Santa,
I would like a white scooter for Christmas. Also, a real pink car.
Love Aarana , 5 yrs

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Dear Santa
Merry Christmas. How is your reindeer? For Christmas I want a Kinect with a football game and I want new white, blue and black basketball shoes, gummy bears in my Christmas stocking and a new football for Christmas.
Your friend
Sam Camp
3rd grade, Hutinson

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Dear Santa,
Happy Christmas Santa! I would like a baby doll, a puppy, phone, computer, TV and an Xbox. Also, a new backpack.
Love,
Sonjia , 4 yrs

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Green lantern. A santa, reindeer and a North Pole sign. I want a trash can and a blue table.
Love,
Jamison, 4yrs

***

Dear Santa,
I would like an Ipad, Iphone and a baby dog for my big one. A big new bike so I can ride it with a cup holder.
Love,
Alejandra, 5 yrs

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Dear Santa,
I want a baby dog and big dog. I want princess Ariel. I want a ring for my mom and a pink bow.
Love,
Diamond, 4 yrs.

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a big rainbow colored turkey! I would like a baby kitten with a red bow on her neck and some pink nail polish! Will you say Hi to Rudolph for me please.
Love,
Dezirae, 5 yrs

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Dear Santa,
I want a princess castel with princesses in it. A dog toy. A baby doll.
Love,
Purseyis

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Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a new apron that is pink and purple. I also want a new pirate shirt that I used to have. I want a new backpack just like Alejandra's. Also I want fast, fast shoes and ice cream pajamas.
Love,
Mary
4 yrs

Dear Santa,
I want a phone that is orange. I want a computer that is big. I was a very good boy this year. This is all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Mikey, 5 yrs

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Dear Santa,
I would like some new pink sunglasses, a treasure box full of toys, I want my very own Santa Claus suit!! A card that says Santa, pictures of Santa and a dark green calendar. I have been very good this year.
Love,
Harmonie, 5 yrs

Thank you.
Thank you.
Thank you.
Thank you.
We just can't thank you enough for your valued business this year.
Have a happy holiday!
Pizza Hut
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Merry Christmas
from the folks at
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1941 Chestnut Colorado City

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I would like a rainbow hula-hoop, a football, new pair of rainbow pajamas, a new baby doll, new pair of shoes, a new pair of rainbow sunglasses, new Santa hat!!!
Love,
Katlyn
5 yrs

Dear Santa
How are the reindeer and Mrs Claus doing at the Nort pole? The only thing I wone for. Christmas is skateboard. Merry Christmas every one!
Your friend
Pacey Lee
3rd grade Hutchinson

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Dear Santa
How is the rainder, Blixen, Comet, Copet, Dasher, Vichin, Praser, Doner. I want a bike, a ipad and a phone. That is it so oh That is rerd you ant talking ok bug im done Have a good chrismas.
Love
Drayson McGee
3rd grade, Hutchinson

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Dear Santa,
I want a blue DS. I want some purple sunglasses. I want a new backpack because my new puppy keeps biting my old one.
Love,
Mia

***

Dear Santa,
I want a pony and a horse. A bicycle because the other one has a flat tire. Another bicycle for my baby sister. A dog named "Girly".
Love,
Regina Palmer, 4 yrs

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a big T-Rex.
Love,
Mason, 4 yrs

***

Dear Santa,
I want a new phone, computer, some new necklaces, rings, bracelets and earrings. Goodnight Moon (the book and movie), the Lion King movie. Please give all the reindeer a hug for me! Is Rudolph there today? I would like a Hook Em Horns t-shirt and a candy cane from Santa and some new purple Crayons. I have been very good this year!
Love,
Presley, 4 yrs

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Dear Santa,
I would like scooter. A blue one. A remote control car. I have been very good.
Love,
Jeremiah' 5 yrs

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Dear Santa,
I want a jack-in-the box, a puppy, a train, a airplane, a scooter, a bicycle, a gun, a computer, some monsters that are not real but are fake, some movies, a phone cause I don't have one, some cars, a candy cane. Oh and some clothes for my baby brother.
Love,
Marcus

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a ninja, a teddy bear on a motorcycle, a truck with a bad and good buy. Also, a Jesus toy and a reindeer.
Love,
Trey

***

Dear Santa,
I want a big pink teddy bear. I want a Christmas tree. I would also like some new shirts. I want new earrings. I want new socks. I want Mickey Mouse pajamas. I want a Mickey Mouse doll. I have been a good girl this year, so please come to my house.
Love,
Atiana
4 yrs

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Dear Santa
I would like a big Transformers.
Love
Aiden Sullivan

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a real dog a woody & Buzz doll. Also a Rex & Jessi & a flower.
Love
Marcilino Barron

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Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like an Xbox 360, ipod and an extra control.
Love
Frankie Bretz

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a new bike, clothes and a scooter that makes sparks. Also my own paper to draw my family.
Love
Jzen DeLaPaz

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like the X-box 360, I pod, a wii, a robot, a game boy, a playstation and a new backpack.
Love
Camron Hayes

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like lots of pretty presents.
Love
Renaya Jennings

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like a doll house, jewelry, a barber shop, pillowpet, DSI, a real dog and a kitten.
Love,
Jordan Wooddell

***

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like an Xbox 360, ipod, playstation, a train set.
Love,
Ethan Miles

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Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a fairy secret Barbie and a real poodle.
Love,
Abby Wood

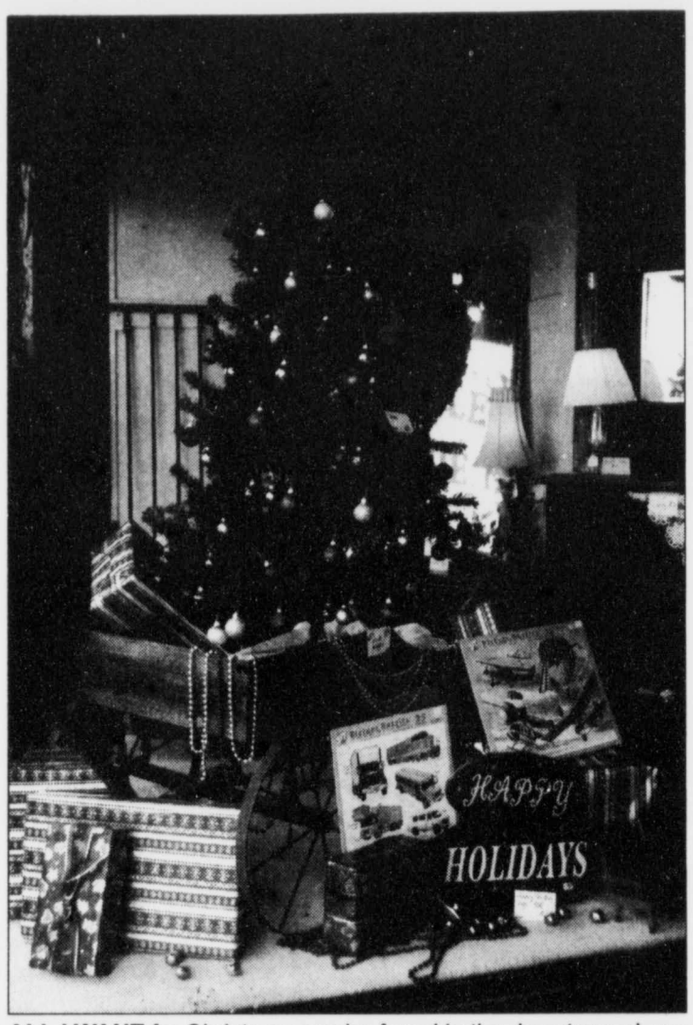
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Dear Santa
I would like a Dora The Explorer Cooking Kitchen. I would like a blue diary book.
Love,
Danielle Bell

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Dear Santa
I would like some new necklaces, bracelets, earrings and bows for my hair. I also would like a Dora The Explorer doll, and a yellow kitty doll.
Love,
Kadence Eades

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ALL I WANT for Christmas can be found in the downtown shops in Colorado City, some proudly displayed in the store windows.

Dear Santa
I would like a new baby doll, some Barbie dolls and some makeup.
Love, Haelynn Limones

***

Dear Santa
I would like a DS and a tent. I would also like a Christmas tree for my house.
Love, Addison Espinoza

***

Dear Santa
I would like some chocolate chip cookies, some apples, a Sprite drink, some fish, some Vienna sausages and some grapes.
Love, Issac Vasquez

***

Dear Santa
I want my two front teeth, a skateboard and some binoculars.
Love,
Gerardo Ramirez "Jr"

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Dear Santa
I would like some big Transformers.
Love,
Aiden Sullivan

***

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie Barber Shop, a water can to water plants. A new Cats DS game and that's it.
Love, Jordan Wooddell

***

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie lunchbox, a toy dog and some rollerskates.
Love,
Renee Sosa

***

Dear Santa
I would like a DS, a big Dinosaur, a house with toys, a school playhouse, and a phone.
Love,
Brett Bolen

***

Dear Santa
I would like a remote control car, a Playstation with game, a school playhouse, a little house with a tree and that's all.
Love,
Rogelio Duenez

***

Dear Santa
I would like a DS with games. I want an IPOD. Some Legos and a remote control car.
Love,
Hunter Foster

***

Dear Santa
I would like a track with cars, some blocks and new clothes. I want some new shoes too.
Love,
Johnny Guerrero

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new baby doll, a new DS and a bird toy.
Love,
Chasity Jackson

***

Dear Santa
I would like a GPS and a Little Mermaid toy. I also need a new flute and bell. I need a wedding Barbie doll too. Also, a Justin Bieber toy and doll.
Love,
Kara Martin

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new chair, a belt, some new chongo's. Some new shoes and clothes.
Love,
Dreama Medrano

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Dear Santa
I would like a laptop, a Xbox, a game, a Spiderman big toy, new shoes like my cousin.
Love,
Martin Bentancur

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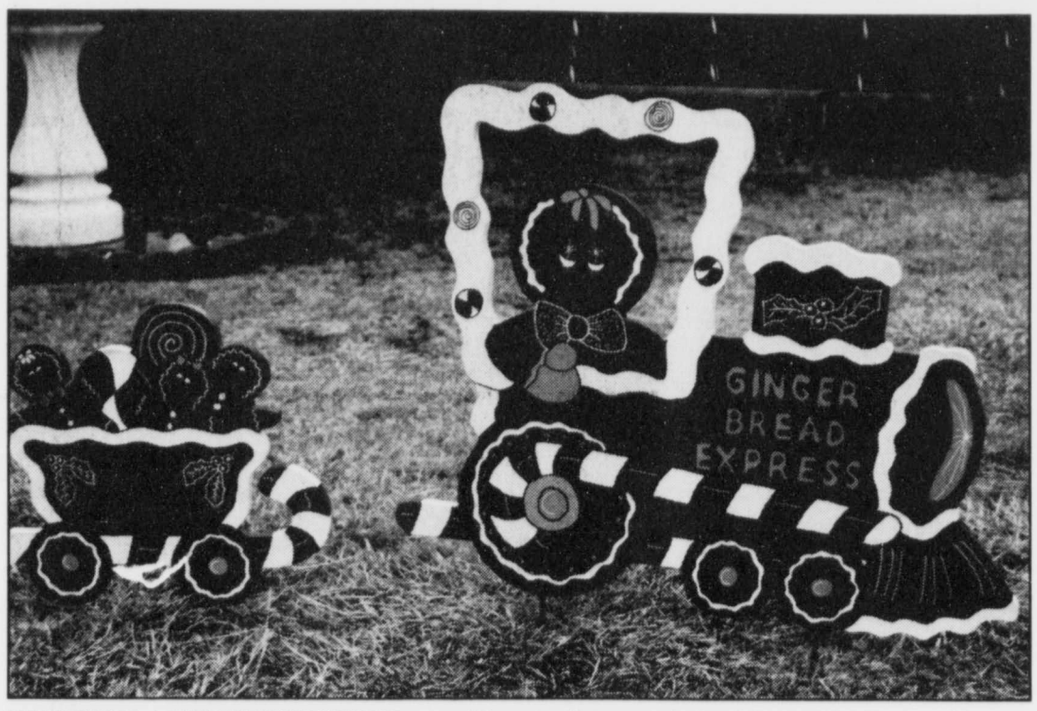
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LETTERS TO SANTA



WHIMSICAL LAWN DECORATIONS paved the way for a wonderland treat at the home of Dennis and Glynnda Wilson during the Gardnen Club's annual Holiday Tourr of Homes.

Dear Santa
I would like a new bike, a Playstation and a toy robot.
Love,
Andrew Beltran

***

Dear Santa
I would like some new shoes and some new shirts. Some new pants and a remote control truck and more toys.
Love,
Jose Arguijo

***

Dear Santa
I would like a remote control car and a Kinect for my X-box 360.
Love,
Ismael Aguirre

***

Dear Santa
I would like some Transformers, and a BB gun. Please!
Love,
Emiliano Martinez

***

Dear Santa
I would like a real dirt bike, a bike, a DS with some games, a toy gun and some new shoes.
Love, Xavier Silva

***

Dear Santa
I would like some new video games, clothes, a cowgirl hat with boots, and some new pajamas.
Love,
Taloa Craft ***

Dear Santa
I would like a Kinect a new fancy rug, a hat and my new hair things for my hair. I also would like a new shirt.
Love, Bayley Nava

***

Dear Santa
I would like a Nintendo 3DS and a black Wii and and Wii game. A Nintendo 3DS Mario game and a Blues Clues movie.
Love,
Kayden Nelson

***

Dear Santa
I would like a DS and a skateboard. I want a skateboard ramp too.
Love,
Ryland Senter

***

Dear Santa
I would like a D.S., Xbox, a pair of shoes and that's all.
Love,
Damia Ward

***

Dear Santa
I would like a XBOX 360, a coffee cup for my mom and a Christmas marker and I want my mom to be happy. I love her and I want me to be happy and my sister Shelby. I love my sisters.
Love,
Ronnie Max

***

Dear Santa
I would like a PSP and a halo guy and an XBOX and one skateboard. Thank you!
Love,
Nate

***

Dear Santa
I would like an XBOX and some army games. Thank you.
Love,
Isaac

***

Dear Santa
I would like a gas 4-wheeler and a green lantern jet, transformer that's Optimus Pride. And I would also like a red power ranger costume. Thank you.
Love,
Reid

***

Dear Santa
Do you have a 10 reindeer? I would like a bulldog and a remote control helicopter, and I would also like a remote control car. Thank you.
Love,
Khristain

***

Dear Santa
Thank you Santa!
I would like a thing of drinks – like a Slurpy. Hope you have some good hot chocolate.
Love,
Izaya

***

Dear Santa
I would like a lala loopsie doll, XBOX 3D, video game and Monster High Doll. Kambren would like an elephant toy that blows out balls. Thank you.
Love,
Braelyn

***

Dear Santa
I would like a PSP game and the same games Tyler has. Thank you –
Love,
Morgan

***

Dear Santa
I want a remote control helicopter and a bike, a football game for my wii and a sky lander game. Nathan wants a car. Noah would probably like a new baby toy. Thanks.
Love,
Nicholas

***

Dear Santa
I would like a baby doll, a lamp, a kitchen play set and a playhouse and a bounce house. Thank you.
Love,
Katelynn

***

Dear Santa
I would like some presents. I want a Smurfette and a Monster High. Thank you.
Love,
Malea Martinez

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Dear Santa
I love you. I wish you could come over. I would like a Barbie doll. Thank you.
Love,
Jade

Dear Santa
How are your reindeer doing? I would like a XBOX, ipod and remote control helicopter. Thanks.
Love, Colt

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Dear Santa
How are your reindeer? I would like a Barbie and a house. Thank you.
Love,
Devyn

***

Dear Santa
What's for supper? How ya doing? I would like a wii. Thanks.
Love,
Ezik

***

Dear Santa
Hello. I would like a toy and baby doll. Thank you.
Love,
Jurnee

***

Dear Santa
I would like a DSI, a bike and a Christmas tree. Tell Mrs. Claus hello.
Love,
Samayha

***

Dear Santa
I would like a bobcat, Lincoln logs, maintainer (play one) and a back hoe. Hi Santa. Thank you.
Love,
Brandon

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new Red Ranger with a sword. A stuffed wolf. A cool puzzle. Some building blocks and some Legos.
Love,
Nicholas O.

***

Dear Santa
I would like a red bike, a motorcycle, a robot toy with big arms and a red face. A cowboy toy with a red face and a black hat.
Love,
Matt

***

Dear Santa
I would like a marshmallow gun so I can blow marshmallows. A hamster. The "What Am I?" game from the Dollar Store. A new best friend and a lizard named Jeff.
Love,
Thomas

Dear Santa
I would like more shoes and clothes, some rollerskates and gloves. I want some more babies with clothes. I also want fake snakes and bells.
Love,
Brooklyn Magers

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new Wolverine costume, some Captain America floves and boots. New Hot Wheel cars and that's all.
Love,
Austin

***

Dear Santa,
I want a Cars puzzle, some new cars and Woody underwear. New clothes and shoes.
Love,
Cameron

***

Dear Santa
I would like a play Machine Gun, a remote control monster truck and a Robot.
Love,
Walton

***

Dear Santa
I would like two Hamsters and a remote control truck.
Love,
Reagan

***

Dear Santa
I would like a little IPOD. A touchscreen cell phone. Also, two remote control monster trucks.
Love,
Nicolas Santana

***

Dear Santa
I would like new high heel shoes, bells, a new doll and some makeup.
Love,
Madison

***

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THANK YOU
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for your loyal business
and hope you enjoy the very
merriest holiday, ever!

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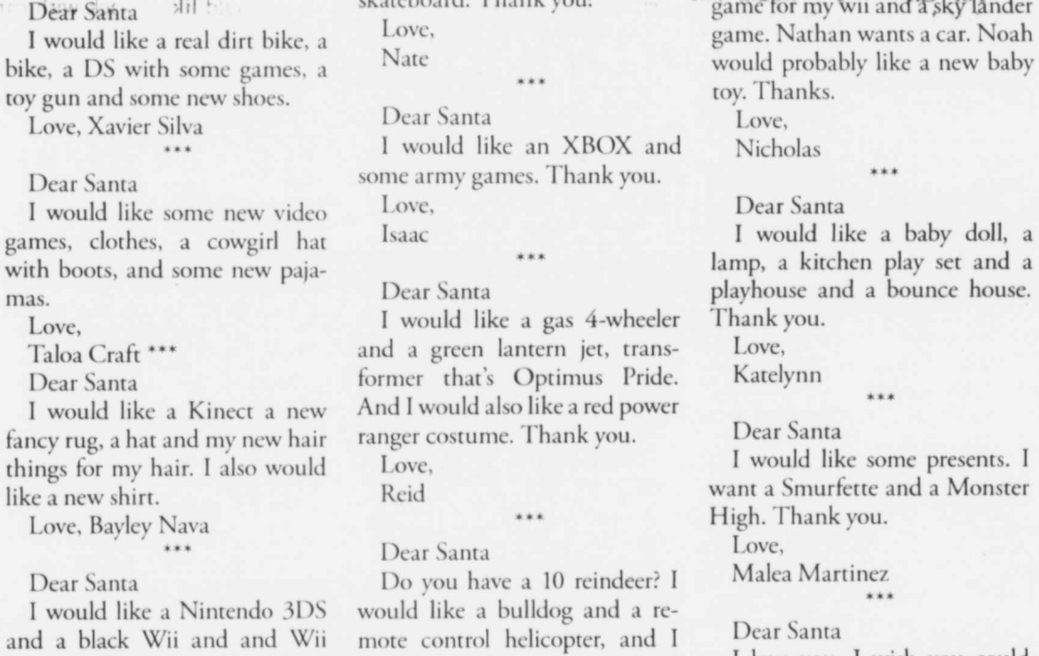
Greetings of the Season!

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We appreciate your patronage & friendship
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in 2011 and look forward to 2012!

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Bob Ratliff Mike Ratliff Kara Wood

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa
I would like a new Barbie house with a Barbie. I also want a new horse.
Love, Chayni

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new baby doll, a little Barbie doll house, and a Justin Bieber doll with stage and RV.
Love, Kolten

***

Dear Santa
I want a microphone, a Scooby Doo van, and a real cat. I want a Christmas tree in my room with red and blue balls.
Love, Lexi

***

Dear Santa
I want a bike, some coloring books and some new clothes. Thanks!
Love,
Gabrella

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new dollhouse, a doll and a Hello Kitty teddy bear. I also want a stuffed animal that is a puppy and blocks.
Love,
Alex

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new Iron Man, The Green Lantern and a Transformer. I would like one of Santa's elves, a new Power Ranger.
Love,
Mayson

***

Dear Santa
I would like a new Barbie Doll, a stuffed animal and some pajamas. I also would like a bathtub toy and some new shoes.
Love,
Avery

***

Dear Santa
I would like a remote control Monster truck, a shark toy with a remote control, and a submarine toy. I also need two dolls, one for a boy and one for a girl for my brother and sister.
Love,
Johnathan Sanford

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Dear Santa
You are nise. I want a xbox 360 and connected and I want 6 remots. I wont a 3ds.
Love, Ryder

***

Dear Santa
I want a Easy Bake Oven. Dear Santa I want a rodof erader. Dear Santa I want a huskee. I love.
Love,
Santa
Kyla

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Dear Santa
I want a pellet gun.
Love Evan

***

Dear Santa
I want Barbie for Christmas.
Love
Zenida

***

Dear Santa
I wont a truck and a remote control kar for Christmas.
Love,
Matt

***

Dear Santa
I want a PSP and a baby dol for Christmas Mer chritmas santa I emu good Christmas.
Love,
Natashia

***

Dear Santa
Santa I want a DS and a dog so I bin good. I like you. I hope you have a grate day.
Love, Izen

***

Dear Santa
I want a X box 360 ceneckt? And a wii and a 3ds? Are you well. Is roodophs nose stil red. Is roodoph well.
Love,
Jacob

***

Dear Santa
I want a PSP. I want a Xbox 360 Santa I have bin bad. How have you bine doing Santa have a good Chrismas. I love Santa
Love Terrilyn
Santa I want to be good.

***

Dear Santa
Santa I want a DS and a Doll. I bin good. I like you. I hope you have a grate day.
Love, Jessica

***

Dear Santa
Is Rudolfs nose stil red! I wish for a x box360 and four remotes and for my X box 360 I wish for a Callige football eleven game.
Love, Clayton

***

Dear Santa
Dear Santa how are you dowing. I want a DS and I want dolls. Have a mare christms.
Love,
Erica

***

Dear Santa
I want call of Duty Madern Warfar on the wii. I want call of Duty Madern Warfar 3 on the wii. I want call of Duty Blackops on the wii. Santa I think you are nice. I have ben good.
Love, Jordan

***

Dear Santa,
I want a blue saddle. Merry Christmas!
Love, Braylee

***

Dear Santa
I want ninetende DSi and wii. Dear Santa I love you I bin good Are ridn Dear nos stld red?
Love,
Ruben

***

Dear Santa,
I want a pink B-B gun for Christmas. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Katie

***

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. Trees 2. John Deere Tractors 3. Fire trucks 4. Cow 5. Basketball. I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Brennand Hale

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Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. bike 2. Tow Mater 3. Lightning McQueen 4. Ball 5. Big boy bed 6. Cars 7. Truck 8. Clothes I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Drake Espinoza

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Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. doll 2. playhouse 3. dishes 4. Light saber 5. Diaper bag 6. I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Sally Beavers

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Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. Bike 2. Barbie 3. Baby doll 4. Ball 5. Coloring book 6. Purse
7. pink shoes 8. Jewelry, I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Unity Pritchard

***

Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. Hope 2. Barbie 3. Baby pillow pet. I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, roobiyn

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Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. Puppy 3. oopur I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Topia

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Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. Baby doll w/ binkie 2. Clip on earrings 3. Lip gloss 4. snow. I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Scarlett McKamie

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Dear Santa Claus,
1. I want a mini furniture chair
2. I want a touch phone and a Ipod touch.
3. I want a computer.
4. I want some new shoes.
5. I want a Nintendo 3DS and a game to the 3DS.
6. I want some socks.
7. I want a pet cat.
8. I want a blizzark maker.
9. I want a reinddear pillow pet.
10. I want some snow boots.
11. I want a mokanchrol car.
12. I want a swengsete.
Zachary

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Dear Santa Claus,
1. I want a go cart with pedals on it.
2. I want a remote controle car or helicopter.
3. I want a Xbox 360 conect.
4. What I want most of all is a ipad touch.
5. and shoes
6. I want socks
Sincerely
Daniel

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Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I've kept my room clean (I tried), made my bed (most of the time), did all my chores (usually), and I did all my homework. I hope you will come to my house on Christmas Eve and bring me: 1. New toys 2. New sassys (pacifiers) 3. Flip flops 4. New earrings 5. A kitchen I know you and all the elves are very busy making toys for all the kids around the world. Thank you for making us all very happy at Christmas.
Love, Ellie Nelson

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Dear Santa: Can I please have a PSP, bike, snuggy and the kind of bike I want is a Mongoos with no flat tires.
From
Jarayel Hill, age 11

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Dear Santa,
How are you? I've been good. For Christmas I want a puzzle, power ranger suit, Bakugan.
Love, Joshua Gomez PK

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a helicopter and a big ten toy.
Love, Caleb Esquivel PK

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Dear Santa,
A bumblebee, a car and a picture is what I am wanting for Christmas.
Love, Jaduv Pineda-PK

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Buzz light year, Thomas the train, and lighting McQueen.
Love, Zaiden Barrera –PK

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Dear Santa,
I would like a power ranger, Ranger Fire and a Ranger Forest. I hope Rudolph is doing good.
Love, Sean Alfaro-PK

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Dear Santa,
I would like power ranger samurai deluxe magazord clawzord, samurai mega ranger water, and power ranger deluxe morphin vehicle.
Love, Jayton Epperson-PK

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie house, farm puzzle, and a toy car. I will have chocolate cookies for you on Christmas Eve.
Love, Lilly Folsom-PK

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

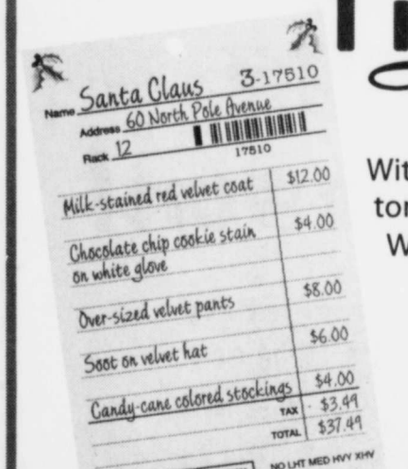
Signs of the season are in the air,
With boughs of holly everywhere;
Sprigs of mistletoe hang in waiting,
And everyone's anticipating
A season filled with joy and laughter
With memories to last for ever-after!

With best wishes and thanks for making this a memorable time for us.

Happy holidays from all of us at.....

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341 E. 3rd Colorado City 728-5254

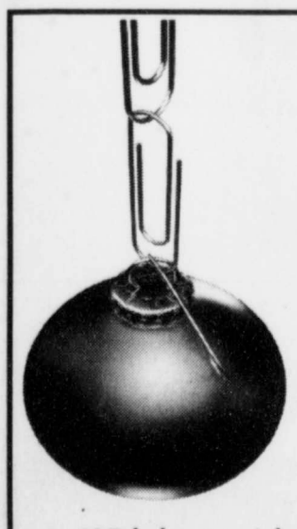
Folks Like You... Are Just the Ticket!



With gratitude and best wishes to our customers and their families this holiday season. We really appreciate your loyal support.

CHRISTMAS HOURS:
Closed Monday, December 26th

Lone Star Cleaners
1930 N. Austin Colorado City
728-5454



STOCK UP ON CHEER!

With best wishes and thanks to all our valued customers at the holidays.
You make doing business a pleasure for us.

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259 E. 2nd Colorado City 728-8367



SHOW YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Three cheers for Christmas...
and for you, our loyal, kind neighbors and friends!
Here's wishing you a happy, healthy and fun- filled holiday celebration!

Texas Caps & T-Shirts
259 E. 2nd Colorado City 728-8367



We're offering up a round of thanks to all our good friends and neighbors. May you enjoy our warm wishes for the very merriest holiday season ever!

TOM'S PAINT & BODY SHOP
728-8032 335 Concho St. Colorado City

LETTERS TO SANTA



ALL I WANT for Christmas is a.....Aspyn Hearin tells Santa her wishes during the Light the Night festivities in Colorado City December 3.

Dear Santa,
I would like an IPod touch and a Nintendo DS3. I will have cookies and milk waiting for you.
Love, Angel Molano-PK

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Dear Santa, I would like to have a whistle, a turtle, and a baby. Oh I also want a guitar.
Love, Kylee Sewell –PK

***

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. Can you bring me a beanie baby, carrots boo bunny, boots, Diego, Dora, and Swiper.
Love, Zoe Cigarroa-PK

***

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year, can you please bring me grow with me workshop, Hotwheels, toy motorcycles, and slinky dog toy story 3.
Love, Johnathan Lujan-PK

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle, toy story dolls, and a baby. How is Rudolph? Hope he is doing good. Take care.
Love, Emme Franco-Pk

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Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a motorcycle and a power ranger samurai sword and a warrior gear set. I will have your sugar cookies waiting.
Love, Xander Ybarra-PK

***

Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me Toy story slinky dog. Mickey Mouse, and a baby doll.
Love, Maysan Chaney-PK

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Dear Santa,
I would like to Disney nursery dolls a purple leap frog laptop, and a movie girls riding stable.
Love, Sadie Chaney-PK

***

Dear Santa, I have been good this year, so I would like Toy Story Buzz, Lighting McQueen, pillow pet, and a Thomas the train set.
Love, Ethan Chaney-PK

***

Dear Santa,
I would like a Squinkies Barbie house dispenser and several squinkie barbies. I have been really good this year. See you soon.
Love,
Ashleigh Boyd-PK

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Dear Santa,
I have been good this year could you bring me hello kitty, Dora and Diego. I will have you cookies waiting.
Love, Chanel Chavez-PK

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Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a car.
Love,
Natalie Morris-k

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Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like to have a mega blocks power ranger samurai mega zord, and a power ranger samurai 4.
Love, Adraian Hernandez –PK

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy vacuum, play kitchen with microwave and toy high heels.
Love, Nina Barrientez-Pk

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Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want an I PAD.
Love,
Pearla Franco-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a skateboard.
Love,
Jay Lopez-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a play station.
Love,
Jordan Garza-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a puppy.
Love,
Raven Carroll-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a skateboard.
Love,
Josiah Lujan-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a Barbie.
Love, Chloe Hebert-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want a computer.
Love, Isreal Chavez-k

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! How are your reindeer? I'm excited for you to bring me presents. Hop you have a Great Christmas. The one thing I would really like this year is an x-box 360.
Love, Maddix Salazar-1st grade

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Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! How are you and Mrs. Clause? I want a puppy for Christmas.
Love, Chris Chaney-1st grade

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I have been good. I will leave you cookies and milk. The one thing I really want this year is a phone.
Love,
Cyrus Lopez-1st grade

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Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! The one thing I would really like this year is a white Christmas.
Love,
Damion Delgado-1st grade

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! This year I have been a good girl. The one thing I would like is a Wii.
Love,
Kristen Gomez -1st grade

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! Santa, I would like a new DS and that's all.
Love,
Davion Walthall-1st grade

***

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! How is Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer? How is Mrs. Clause doing? What is your favorite kind of cookies? How do you deliver all the presents in one night? The one thing I would really like this year is a Wii console and the just dance game.
Love,
Kristina Martinez-1st grade

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Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want some boots, hat, cleats, Spurs, wrestling 2012, cop car, fire truck and a toy gun.
Love, AJ Williams-1st grade

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Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I love you and I wonder what the North Pole is like. I wish I was with you there Santa. The one thing I want is operation board game.
Love,
Jayden Horne-2nd grade

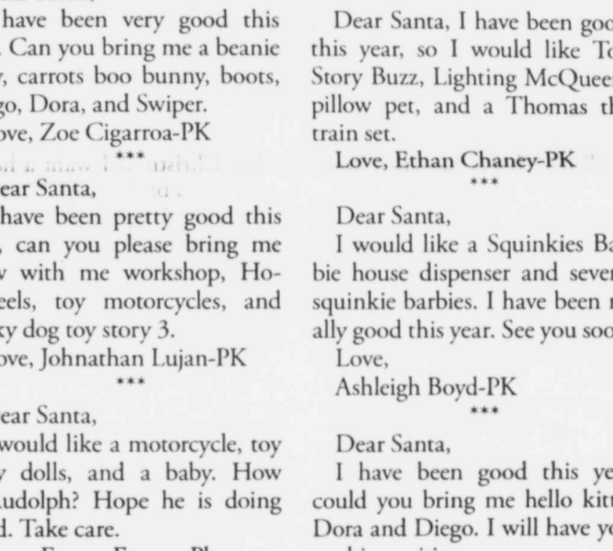
We Wish You
A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year!

Wishing you all things merry and bright at this festive time of year. Thank you for warming up our year with your friendship and support.

Merry Christmas to all our customers & friends!

AUTOMART
PARTS PLUS
1815 Hickory Colorado City 728-5209

BRUSH UP ON CHEER!



Here's wishing all our patients and their families a season that's merry and bright. We consider it a privilege to serve you and thank you for entrusting us with your dental care.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Michael S. White, D.D.S.
General Dentistry
Dr. White, Shae, Sharon, & Robyn
446 Walnut 728-3151 Colorado City

A Note Of Thanks
To Our Loyal Patrons
At Christmas

In this season of giving, we'd like to give you our best wishes for a holiday celebration that's as special as you are to us. We are deeply grateful for your patronage and your friendship. We are doubly blessed.



Merry Christmas from all of us at First National Bank! Left to right, (back row) Dianne Clifton, Sareesa Proctor, Sheryl Callaway, and Mark Waldrip; (front row) Tia Atkinson, Starla Casares, Mary Anne Davila, Jill Perez and Lauren Zigler. Not pictured Janie Davila.

1st **First National Bank**
MEMBER FDIC
2225 Hickory Colorado City 728-3485

LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I have helped with my brother Romey. I throw away his diapers, Romey is so cute so, so, so, so, cute. Good luck Santa. The one thing I would really like this year is a Big Puzzle. Have a good Christmas Santa!
Love,
Mia Wallace-1st grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I love you. I miss you. The one thing I want this year is D.S.I.
Love,
Mercedes Barrera-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a dinosaur book, spy gear, and a remote control car.
Love,
Cameron Garza-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas to you! I wish that I had a purple motor scooter, coloring books, snow boots, the movie toy story 3 doll and a new DS game.
Love,
Sarah Lambaren-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like one doll and one computer with games I can play. The one thing I really want is a Fiji Robot.
Love,
Adrianna Morris-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I have been a good boy.
Love,
Jose Telamantes-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a pet shop items, boots, a girl puppy, and a DS game.
Love,
Raelon Walthall-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like a nerf gun, trampoline, lap top, hat, go kart, and a scooter.
Love,
Malaki Williams-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I hope you are staying warm where you are and thank you for what you get me. The one thing I would like this year is a DS with games.
Love, Taylim Cooper-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a laptop for Christmas and I want a doll house and a x-box 360, a puppy and an I PAD. The one think I really would like this year is a phone.
Love, Skyler Aguilar-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I love you Santa, you are the best person in the world and can you get something for my family, something special. The one thing I would really like this year is a bear and art stuff like paint, paper, and art pictures.
Love,
Campsey Morris-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like an x-box this year please.
Love,
Casein Lujan-2nd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I love you so much and you are the best. The one thing I would really like this year is Pokemon.
Love, Angel Lopez-3rd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! This year I would like a Wii and a DS game, some clothes and a X-box. I would like some glasses.
Love,
Breshannon Williams-3rd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! This year for Christmas Santa I want a pair of boots, a shirt, skirt, play nails, head bands, skinny jeans, tie die kit, bracelets, high tops, rings. The one thing I would really like this year is an x-box connect and a puppy.
Love,
Fette Jackson-3rd grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like 2 x box 360 remote controls, Jordan's, 57 inch TV and a go cart.
Love,
Tony Williams-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want an ultimate Optimus and a DS game, big daddy from bio clock and a Iron man, mark I, II, V, and two hook ups of Optimus and Megatron. That's what I want for Christmas.
Love,
Gabriel Garcia-4th grade
***



SANTA VISITS WITH Ashleigh and Don Boyd during the Festival of Trees in the Railhead Building in downtown Colorado City during the city's holiday festivities on December 3.

Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want an I Pad because it has games like angry birds, Ninja fruit. You have to cut fruit and ant smasher.
Love,
Giovanni Benivamondez-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! For Christmas I want an I PAD, and some shirts.
Love,
Christian Sanchez-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like a touch screen wireless internet, 56 inch TV, Jordans, I Pad, and 2 x-box 360 remotes.
Love,
Daniel Limones-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a madden NFL 2012 and a I phone and a football.
Love,
Cadon Walthall-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a Verizon wireless phone, I want a 3D and Mario Brothers 7, and some Jordan shoes.
Love,
Seth Chaney-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want an I PAD,
Love, Alexis Lara-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want an MP3 player, jacket
Love, Sean Cuellar-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a hello kitty make-up set and some shoes.
Love, Jessie Mallion-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a baby alive and a What A Doll and Nintendo 3DS, a real dog a a tea cup chiwawa.
Love,
Dalila Aguilar-4th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want a MP4 player and x-box 360 with kinect and Legend of Zelda skyward sword.
Love,
Layton Mosher-5th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! Let's talk, you need more elves. I have a little brother named Holden, he is real short like a elf. I want games new 3DS, a camera and a robot.
Love,
Justin Bolt-5th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want an IPAD, Nintendo DS 3D, shirt and 1,000,000.
Love,
William Smith-5th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I want some shoes, a Wii, call of duty black ops and a 4 wheeler.
Love,
Armando Gonzales-5th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I hope I have a good Christmas. I want a I Pod touch.
Love,
Nadia Gonzales-5th grade
***
Dear Santa Claus,
Merry Christmas! I would like a DSI this Christmas. Thank You,
Love,
Chelsea Gee- 5th grade
***
Dear Santa,
I want a bow and arrow, a new toy rifle, a spear, a Chief Indian feather hat, a new toy horse, a toy reindeer that I can ride like Rudolph, but a toy one though, not real like Rudolph, another reindeer but his name is Donner. I wanna say hi to Rudolph. Santa, I saw you at the mall and you told me I've been a good boy. I want you to bring me all these presents in wrapping paper with a bow on it. This is all Santa. Thanks!
Jacob Walter, Age 6
Ms. Hanshew's Class
Dear Santa,
I want a new Playstation 2 game with only two players that's all. Also, I want a new Wii game because I have a Wii. My brother wants a new game one player only for him. I also want a X Box 360. It's this big. I want like two games with it and a two player game so I can beat my brother. I want a hard one player game for my uncle because he is good and can beat games. He really does. That's all except for bring me candy. Thanks Santa!
Zackary Falzone
Age 6
Ms. Hanshew's Class
***
Dear Santa,
You already know what you are going to give me.
Rebecca Watson
Age 5 1/2
Ms. Hanshew's Class
***
Dear Santa,
Ok Santa, you're nice. I like the way you get presents all gathered up. And I hope you be careful while you ride in your sleigh. Now, I want some a little bit of PJs cause I don't have that much. I would like you to give my mom some dresses and send my daddy some boots. He is in Iraq and Afghanistan. His name is Andrew but I don't know his last name. I wanna give my brother Cutter some trucks and jackets. And that's all.
London Hudnall
Age 5 1/2
Ms. Hanshew's Class
***
Dear Santa,
I want some bow and arrows, and a gun, and umm a sword. I want some cars, a new TV, a workshop, a toy 18 wheeler, and that's all. Thank you Santa!
Kenan Morris
Age 5 1/2
Ms. Hanshew's Class
***
Dear Santa,
You bring me some games, big ones, some guns, cars, and a bunch of toys. I'm Larry. Thank you Santa.
Ilario Martinez
Age 5, Ms. Hanshew's Class



IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Here's to our customers, for making our spirits bright this Christmas season. Thank you for choosing us.

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TIL 10 P.M.

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We know our hearts are warmed by memories of all the people we've had the privilege to work with and serve this year.

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728-5092
Mike Hemphill & staff

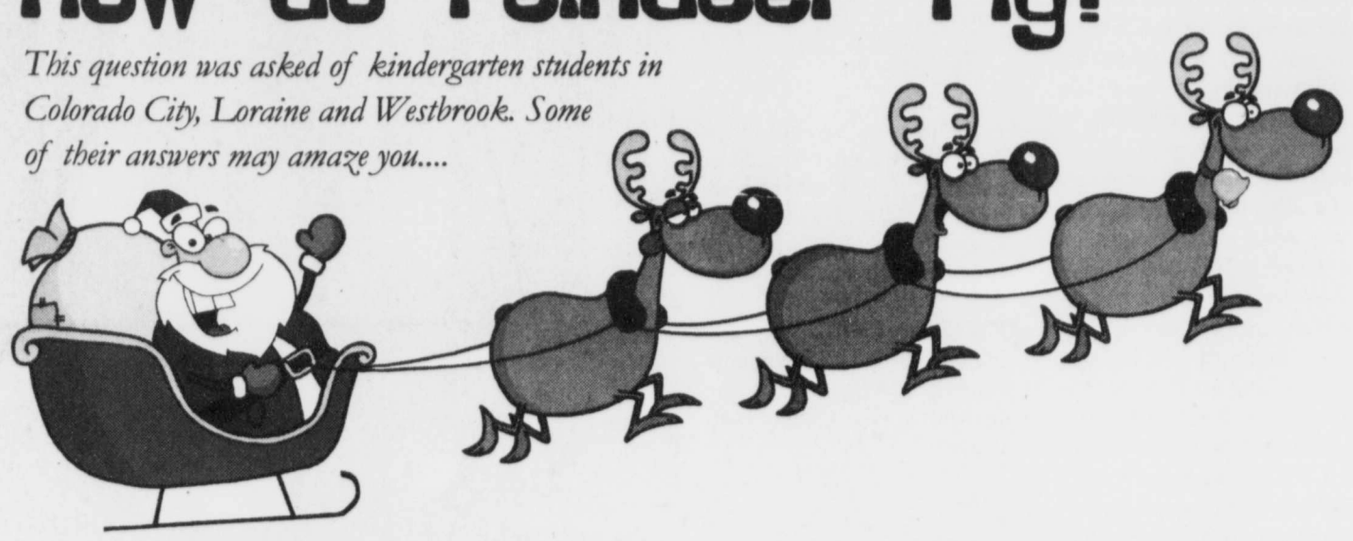
How SWEET It Is...
May your home be filled with laughter
From the cellar to the rafters —
And when the holidays are through,
May our best wishes reside with you!
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WITH A STRING OF GLAD TIDINGS AT THE HOLIDAYS

LETTERS TO SANTA

How do reindeer fly?

This question was asked of kindergarten students in Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook. Some of their answers may amaze you....



Kelley Elementary Kindergarten

Chasity-Santa Claus holds them and they fly up.

Ethan-Santa's magic.

Jzen-The reindeer move their legs and feet and run and go up and up.

Izaya-The power from Santa Claus and the reindeer.

Ismael- Santa Claus calls them to fly up so they can get some toys to the people.

Rylan-The reindeer jump.

Braelyn-The sleigh makes the reindeer fly.

Jordan-The reindeer move their legs.

Trey-The sleigh goes up in the air.

Hunter-The reindeer move their legs and land on the roofs.

Kaydon-A wizard has magic stuff and feed the reindeer and that is what makes them fly. I watched a movie Santa Claus is Coming to Town and that is what happened.

Johnathan-Santa Claus swacks a brown string and the reindeer try to run from Santa. Santa pulls them back and calls one of them Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and they fly around the houses.

Haelyn-Santa's power.

Katelyn-Santa's magic makes the reindeer the fly.

Ronnie Max-Santa swats the reindeer with the jingle bells and red nose reindeer and that makes the reindeer fly. I don't have no more words to say.

Mason-Santa sprinkles magic on their body and they start to fly.

Brandon-Santa's magic.

Austin-Santa throws magic on the reindeer then they fly.

Kristian-The magic from Santa's Christmas bag makes them fly.

Walt-Santa sprinkles some magic sprinkles like baby powder on the reindeer and then he says some magic words and then reindeer fly.

Chayni-Santa has magical glitter in his hand and throws it on the reindeer and then they fly.

Loraine Kindergarten – Mrs. Sanchez' class

Josiah Lujan---I don't know!!!

Jay Lopez------Santa Claus pulls them up.

Ravyn Carroll--With magic!!!

Isreal Chavez--Santa puts magic in them.

Jordan Garza---With power Santa gave them.

Chloe Hebert---Magic!

Natalie Morris-The snow!

Perla Franco---I don't know. I guess magic.

Westbrook -- Ms. Bawcum's Pre-K class

Donnace—with their wings

Cailyn—with Santa Claus

David—with a monster truck

Elizabeth—with their feet

Frank—ice cream makes them fly

JaLee—with wings

Tyler—in the air

Josiah—they have magic

Kaitlin—Santa Claus ties them on his sleigh

Daniel—with wings

Hazel—they use their feet

Kaden—with their legs and foot

Jeanette—with wings

Jasmine—with wings

Caleb—with wings

Izaia—with their head

Dear Santa,

We are going to write you a letter of what we want for Christmas. We hope you give it to us cause we love you. I want a penguin pillow, a cop that has a shield, and the thing that has army cars and some move and some don't. That's all cause I have 2 Christmas lists already.

Thank you.

Nicholas Ornelas

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Dear Santa,

I would like a new Batman castle, a n ew game for my Xbox, the movie Rio, a Batman shirt, and Batman Legos!

Love,

George

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a Princess toy, the movie Rio, and a Toy Story book.

Love,

Liliana

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Dear Santa,

I want a doll house for Christmas, I would also like Barbies, a kitchen, pretend food, and a hanger to hang my back pack on.

Love,

Aspyn

***

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa! I would like a lot of make-up, candy, pepper, a ring, and a bunch of toys.

Love, Kadence

Dear Santa,

What time are you coming? Texas Tech is the best. I want a Texas Tech backpack, a Baby Alive. How's Rudolph? I want a You Dance, and lets see, shoes like my mom's, they are white and kind of like nurses, a Christmas dress, the new Taylor Swift CD, the new Jonas Brothers CD, and I want tickets to see someone cool like Hannah Montana or the Jonas Brothers. That's all because I am busy. Oh and a Hannah Montana wig. Ok, bye.

Bailey Connell

Age 5

Ms. Hanshew's Class

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Dear Santa,

I want my own Baby Alive, a horse with a carrot, baby panda, a bracelet, a baby doll with a Christmas tree, a baby penguin, a baby cow, a doctor suit, and a baby reindeer with a bottle and that's all.

Emily Henderson

Age 5

Ms. Hanshew's Class

Dear Santa,

I hope you bring me some toys. My mom is gonna be proud of me if I get happy faces in Ms. Hanshew's class. My sister wants a Hannah Montana guitar. I want a monster truck. I want you to build a snowman for me when you are outside. I am being good at school for you, Ms. Hanshew, Mr. Nick, and my mom. I want you to bring Mr. Nick a sticker for his sticker chart and bring Ms. Hanshew a big Christmas tree. I hope you have a red nosed reindeer named Rudolph with a light up nose. And that's all I can say.

Chase Slaughter

Age 5

Ms. Hanshew's Class

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Dear Santa,

I love you and I will listen to my parents. Will you bring me a Hannah Montana guitar and clothes, and a Tinkerbell watch and clock? Yes, that's all.

Bailee Salazar

Age 5

Ms. Hanshew's Class

Dear Santa,

I know what I want. A My Little Pony house, a Pet Shop house, the new Pinocchio movie, jewelry. I have been kinda good in Ms. Hanshew's class and only gotten one sad face in Ms. Hanshew's class I think. Oh, and I want a diamond and that's it.

Shelby Lamb

Age 5

Ms. Hanshew's Class

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Dear Santa,

I'm not being bad. I don't know what to say but I want a helicopter, a few toys, and that's all.

Elishah Stark

Age 5

Ms. Hanshew's Class

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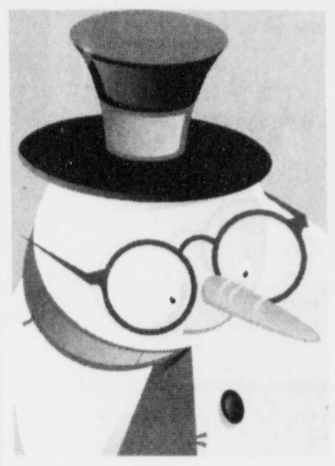
Dear Santa,

I love you. You can give me presents. Hey, I will also be nice like you. You can give me toys. And you give me lots of things. That's all.

Noah Gonzales

Age 5 (almost 6)

Ms. Hanshew's Class



Have a SPECtacular Christmas!

Everything's looking rosy this holiday season
And good neighbors like you are the reason;
So please accept without further delay,
Our warmest wishes for a great holiday!

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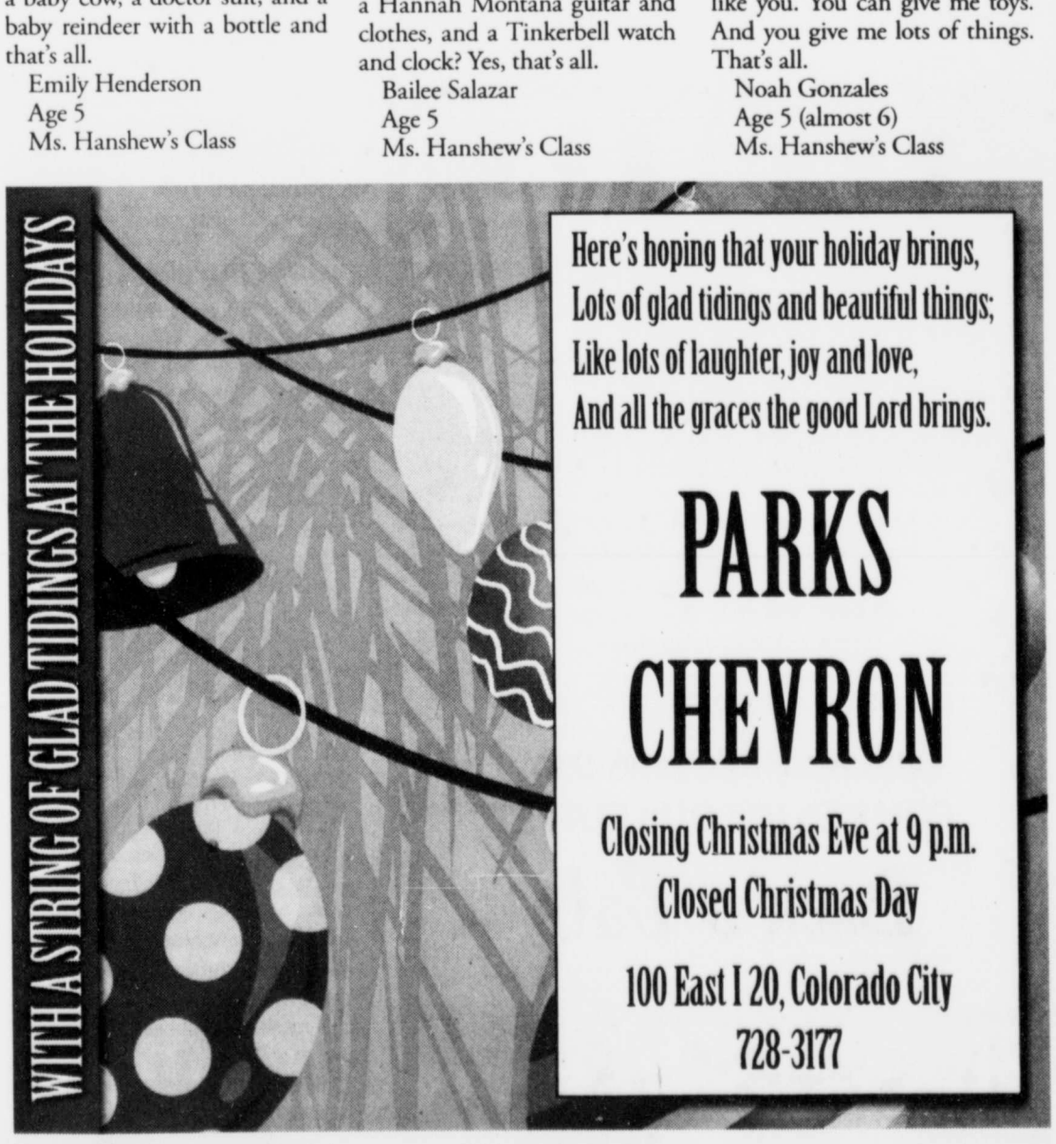
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Feliz Navidad
Happy Holidays
Merry Christmas
Yuletide Greetings

No matter how you say it, we hope
your holiday season is perfect in every way.

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Here's hoping that your holiday brings,
Lots of glad tidings and beautiful things;
Like lots of laughter, joy and love,
And all the graces the good Lord brings.

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LETTERS TO SANTA

A Note Of Thanks
At The Holiday Season

In times like these, we are especially grateful for the loyalty and support of people like you, and would like to express our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you.

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LOVE
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They may not be things you can put under a tree,
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To our friends and their "best friends"
go our thanks and warm wishes
for a very Merry Christmas.



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With Bright Wishes At The Holidays

May the coming season bring health, wealth and happiness to you and your loved ones. For your trust in us, we are deeply grateful.

Happy Holidays from your friends at....

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Dear Santa,
I want a computer and can you get me a doll center with a lot of stuff in it? I want a baby doll and a play center for me and Jadrian. Can you give me something that's my favorite with baby jackets and baby doll diapers? I have been getting check marks in Ms. Hanshew's class and sad faces, but I really promise to be better for you. Ms. Hanshew needs her own dresser and my mom needs a countertop with fresh groceries. Can Nana get a golden TV? And I want Charles to have his own dresser too and my Papa needs a dresser like my Nana's. Ok, that's enough except bring my Pepe a new TV. Can Pugsie get a really shiny bone? She is a good dog but she jumps on people. Ok, that's all!!
Rylie Gaston
Age 5
Ms. Hanshew's Class

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want new cars and trains to play with at home. I also like trucks. My mom wants a ring. I want my own Christmas tree.
Love,
Ayo

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like new makeup, princess toys, and a Fiona doll.
Love,
Madaline

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Dear Santa,
I want a hot wheels car, Legos, and a Star Wars movie.
Love,
Matthew

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like you to bring me some cars.
Love,
Noel

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Dear Santa,
I want a Batman toy for Christmas. I would also like a Batman cape. I want to be able to fly and run.
Love,
Kennedy

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a remote control car, dinosaur, race cars and a new house.
Love,
Blas

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a new easy bake oven, the walking horse, new slippers pretty ones with eyes.
Love,
Angelina

***

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a remote helicopter, new games in my room with a Wii, a spider man costume.
Love,
Zane

***

Dear Santa,
I want cars, a sea horse animal, and rocking sea horse for you sister and me. I would also like a pretend flower and a baby with a sleeping bag.
Love,
Miranda

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a bike that goes fast, and transformers. That's all.
Love,
Aidan

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want the X-box and games. That's all.
Love,
Zachary

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a hair dryer with lots of hair stuff. I would also like a make-up set, a microphone, a diet coke, and a happy meal.
Love,
Lucy

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Dear Santa,
I would like a big green lantern and a little green lantern for Christmas.
Love,
Gustavo

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Dear Santa,
I would like some new light up musical toys, a jacket and a new blanket.
Love,
Joseph

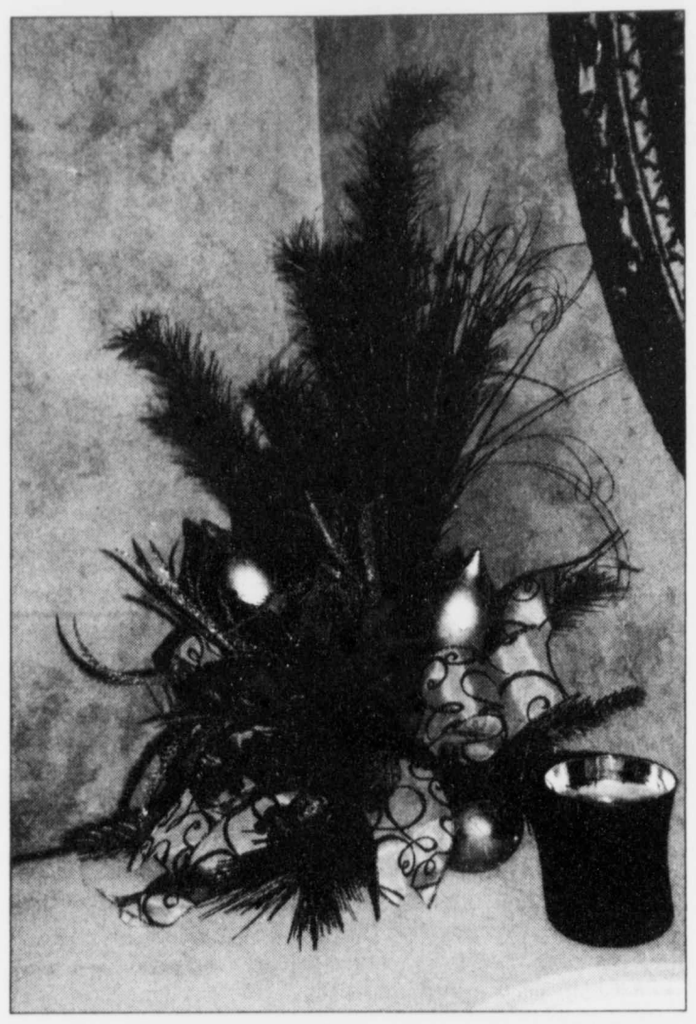
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Dear Santa,
I want a Transformer trailer. And I want a Iron Man that's silver and red. I want some cars.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Caleb Ellis

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Dear Santa,
I want a doll house. And a Barbie car. And then I want a Barbie dress. I want furniture for my other doll house. And then I want Barbies. I want a Wii dancing game.
Thank you Santa,
Love, Lilly Ponce

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HOLIDAY DECORATING IDEAS glittered during the Garden Club's annual Holiday Tour of Homes in early December. Visitors experienced the magic of Christmas through new and exciting decor suggestions.

Dear Santa,
I want a car, one that goes fast. And a super fast car. I want a four wheeler that goes super fast. And a ball – a blue one.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Mason Silva

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Dear Santa,
I would like some clothes for Christmas. And some stuffed dinosaurs to play with
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Asa Vanderpool

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Dear Santa,
I want a little dirt bike that I could drive in my room. And a monster truck. I want a truck to drive in my room. I want some fast cars. And a Christmas book.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Jayden Usener

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Dear Santa,
I want a wreath. And a walkie talkie. I want a Franklin toy and a Ladybug Pillow Pet. I want some bubbles and some colors. I want a Dora doll, a Santa puzzle, and a Ambercrombie shirt.
Thank you Santa,
Love
Mia Daniels

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Dear Santa,
I want some dolls for Christmas. And some cars. I want some clothes. I want some doll cars.
Thank you Santa,
Love, Lindsay Towery

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Dear Santa,
I want a Straberry Shortcake house. I want a princess dress of Snow White and Sleeping Beauty. I want toy flowers. I want a Santa sleigh and Santa reindeers. I want a Cinderella dress, and a Jasmine dress. I want my own toy computer. I want a Tinkerbell dress.
Thank you Santa,
Love, Arissa Arrambide

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Dear Santa,
I want some Cars toys. I want a Lightning McQueen and Mater.
Thank you Santa,
Love, Samuel Calvillo

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Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle .And a computer to play games on. I want a toy bear. And some colors, and markers. I want some red sunglasses. And a Mater pillo pet to bring to school and lay on it. And white tissues in a red box. I want some Legos.
Thank you Santa,
Love, Matthew Bolen

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Dear Santa,
I want a cute toy. I want a cute little present for my brother Jeremiah. He always helps me. I want a strawberry snack. I want cute little flowers.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Yareli Lara

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Dear Santa,
I want an Army toy. And a bike. I want a Buzz Lightyear toy. And a horsey toy.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Jaden Silva

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Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie, and a Cinderella princess. She's my favorite. And a Santa toy. I would like a watch. I want a Princess walkie-talkie. I would like some chap stick. I want Princess Kleenexes, too.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Karmandy Dulin

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Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. I want a bear, and a penguin. I want a red and blue monster. I want some cars. I want a monkey.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Diego Andrade

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Dear Santa,
I want a purple Dora dress, and pink Dora shoes. I want a Dora ball. And I want a Dora fairy. I want a coloring book. I want a Dora scooter. And I want some Dora mittens. And a Dora purse.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Kylee Galey

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
I want a Monster High doll. I want Princess shampoo with princesses on it. I want the baby that dances.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Carmen Casares

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Dear Santa,
I want cars for Christmas. And some Monster trucks. I want some blocks.
Thank you Santa,
Love,
Jake Oden

***

Dear Santa,
I want a race car, Barbie, a bird and markers.
Love,
Makayla Boatman

***

Dear Santa,
I want a camera to take pictures with and an EZ Bake Oven.
Love,
Azlyn Briseno

***

Dear Santa,
I want legos and a car game. Thank you!
Love,
Baylor Brouillette

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Dear Santa,
I want a horse trailer so I can hook it on my truck.
Love,
Matt Farmer

***

Dear Santa,
I want a jumping castle with balls in it --- two of them, stickers from a bus and a treasure box.
Love,
Geoffrey Gaona

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Dear Santa,
I want a Cinderella, barbies, Sleeping Beauty and books. I've been reading about Snow White.
Love,
Delanie Gonzales

***

Dear Santa,
I want games like Sponge Bob and Scooby Doo for my Explore. I want a pogo stick.
Love,
Ethan Haren

***

Dear Santa,
I want a watercolor, a play-do maker and my very own Christmas tree. I want something else, I want those little balls to go one my tree. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Isabella Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
I want a hair worker toy, a monster mask – a vampire, a stuffed animal – an elephant, fingernail polish—blue, earrings, magic bracelet, a flag girl costume, and a golden book. Be careful when you drive the sleight and I love you!
Love,
Aniah Hines

***

Dear Santa,
I want to take along Rocky, a transformer, and a snap choo-choo Rocky. Be careful when you are driving your sleigh.
Love,
Caul Hoback

***

Dear Santa,
I want a white bear, a Barbie book – the big one that you open up and color on it, a clock, make up, vacuum – the toy kind and some Mickey Mouse glasses. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Abriana Lewis

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Dear Santa,
I want a Hello Kitty mask, a bell for my playroom, a computer with a bunch of games, an I-pad and Monster High doll with Dracula and her friends. I love you!
Love,
Alexis Martinez

***

Dear Santa,
I want a 4-wheeler, motorcycle, 3 doll houses for my sisters and for my baby sister a little doll. I love you and Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kolten Thomason

***

Dear Santa,
I want a battle gun, Batman toys, new clothes, and Chicken Little book. I want some more games, batman games and bumblebee games.
Love,
Ivan Valdez

***

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline, a Barbie doll, a playhouse and a Snuggi for my brother and sister. I love you!
Love,
Germanie Williams

***

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler, a chainsaw to cut down trees, a screwdriver, snow so I can build a snowman and Barbies for my sisters (I have 20). Merry Christmas!
Love,
Kazdyn Womack

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Dear Santa,
I have been a real good girl. Will you please bring me a baby doll and a blue bike. I'll leave some grapes out just for you.
Love,
Amber McGrath

***

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me lots of toys.
Love,
Samuel Cansler

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Dear Santa,
I've been kinda of good all year. I want a fake snowman named Kazhmyre and a fake ink cake and a fake baby cause mommy has a real one in her tummy.
Love,
Damari Diaz

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Dear Santa,
Dear Santa,
I have been good all year at home and at school "I think" gonna have to ask mommy. Will you bring me presents and a horse and I will make you some strawberry cookies.
Love,
Landon Edmonson

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Dear Santa,
I am a good boy. Please bring me toys.
Love,
Nathan Golden

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Dear Santa,
I've been good sometimes. Can you bring me a bike.
Love,
Ladrian Green

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Dear Santa,
I'm a good boy all the time. Please bring me toys.
Love,
Manuel Guerrero

***

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. Will you bring me a Christmas bell for mom my and bring my daddy a hat.
Love,
Ariel Leverette

***

Dear Santa,
I want a BIG Barbie Doll and lots of toys cause I've been a good girl.
Love,
Addison Rivera

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Dear Santa,
I want a doll a flower and a bird that sings. And I will leave you treats. And I wand a snowman.
Love,
Riley Scales

***

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Doll a snowman baby doll and a bell.
Love,
Kazhmyre Trevino

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Dear Santa,
I've been good will you please bring me a baby doll and 2 Barbie Dolls and lots of toys for me my sister she starts with a P and my baby sister and baby brothers.
Love,
Savanna Valenzuela

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Dear Santa,
Will you bring me an air plane and some crayons and some twisting balloons a whistle and a hair style a house to color with markers. And I will leave you some fruit that you love and some of the things that you use to pump the balloons.
Love,
Ximena Vasques

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Dear Santa,
I'm a good boy. Bring me toys.
Love,
Zyson Johnson

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Dear Santa,
I want an electric scooter, and a Willow smit doll with willow smit microphone and DS games. I clean my room and I clean the kitchen. I've cleaned the living room, I've cleaned the back and front yard, I washed the dishes, opened the door for people and have b een nice to people a lot. I like helping people a lot. I am nice to my mom, dad, cousins and friends. I love people who are nice to me like my sister and brother. They be nice to me. I love you Santa Claus and the presents you give.
Your friend,
Jynyia

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Dear Santa,
I want a free homework pass, all of the Justin M oore CDs and all of the Allan Jackson CDs get my saw collection back I washed the dishis evrey Tuesday Thrusday Sunday. I didn't kill my brother when I wanted to. I try and try and try on my work. P.S. how are you doing. Is the raindeer good on food. I frot I can by some deer food whith my allowance if I get any. Can you get me thise stuff for me.
Sincerely,
Alex Betts

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Dear Santa,
I want 3D DS and a puppy and Just Dance 3 for the Wii and a ordeezes musheen. I have been very good this year. I have been helping my Mom clean the house. I take care of my brothe. I help put up the Christmas tree and decorate the tree. I opened the door for Alina. I help all my Friends with a word and help Raven spell a word. I even help Sheree and Hannah and Claudia and Raven and Rave do a back bends.
You Friend,
Danakia Espinoza

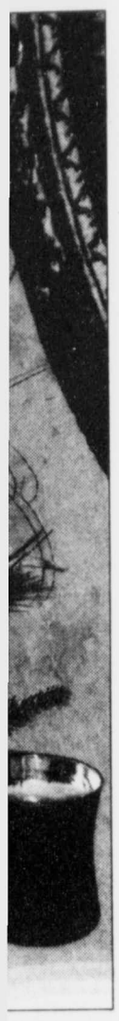
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Dear Santa,
I want some DSI games, and I also want a cell phone, and I want a puppy and I really want a scooter because I have been a good girl. I have cleaned and put up the dishes for my sister, and I helped my mom put the Chistmas decorations on the tree and I still sometimes help my dad mow the grass. I helped Mrs. Free push her in her wheelchair. I have been a good sister, daughter and aunt.
Love your friend,
Lina

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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? This is what I want for Cristmas is a game chier a drum kit, resuling set and a new PSP tell the elves i said hi I hope that you have a great cristmas. 1 more thing I hafe to say. Take care of Mrs. Claus. She's good don't forget.
Your friend,
Nate

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thanks for making our first year here a great success!
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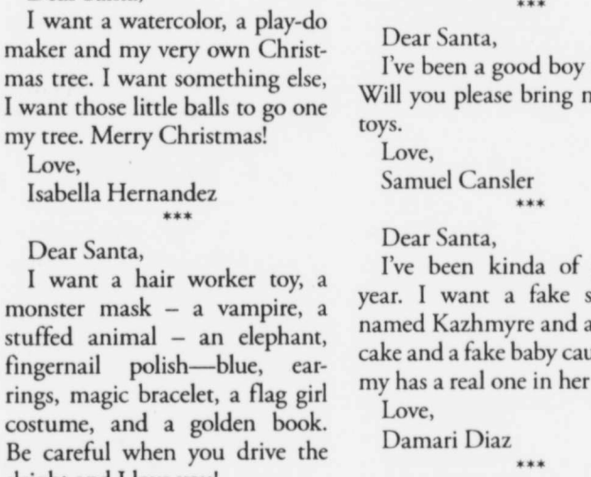
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TO OUR PATIENTS & FRIENDS

Once again the Happy Holidays with all the joys, happiness, special love and appreciation are upon us. It is a time when we give thanks in a particular way for all the blessings that are ours. Our hearts bespeak the gratitude in abundance for the privilege of serving sick and suffering humanity through the medium of this great science, chiropractic, which has been, and is, a blessing to millions around the world.

May your joys, happiness, good fortune and opportunities be exceeded only by an extra abundance of good health throughout the coming year.

Dr. Don R. Bennett, D.C.
and Staff



On this holy occasion, we'd like to join you and yours in giving thanks for the many blessings we share including friendship.

Merry Christmas!

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Have a Merry Christmas!

from all of us at the Credit Union....
(left to right)
Front row:
Pat Cawthron
Margo Connell
Back row:
Gloria Lujan
Teresa Lopez
Not pictured:
Helen Edwards



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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a dog, a cat, a DS and a bell off of your sleigh. I have been nice a lot. I wash dishes, I help a lto to clean up, and I mow. I love you Santa. I believe in you. I'm going to leave cookiese and milk for you and the reindeer. I want to see Rudolph. Is it fun at the North Pole. What do the reindeer eat. How old is Rudolph. I like Dancer, Prancer, and them all Santa.

Love,
Jeremy Vanover

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Dear Santa,

I want all the Halo games that say Xbox 360 on the disc. All the Lego city. And lots and lots of toys,. I need these toys because I helped my dad break down an old house down and I help him pick up all the trash around the house. I took out the trash and I helped my mom wash the car and helped her on a game.

Love,
Julian Rodriguez

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Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and I want a real pony a tede barl (teddy bear) two and a Barbie.

Love,
Emma Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a remote control helicopter, and a PSP. A big truck remote controller car. And a BMX bike. How is Mrs. Clause doing? Are your Elves doing good? I want to go to the North Pole with you some Christmas but I might not be able to go because my parents might not let me go with you because its faraway. I want to meet you on Christmas day at night. I do want to go but I can't. Is Rudolph ok? You got a lot of reindeer?

Sincerely,
Noah Gonzales

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Dear Santa,

I want a PSP for Christmas and a stuffed bear with 2all on it. And I want a puppy. I opened the door for a teacher and I wash the dises and I mopped the floor and I clean my room. I helped my mom clean up the house I helped my mom get the groceries out of the car. And I helped her get the food ready for lunch. And I help my mom get in the car when we are about to leave.

Sincerely,
Shemar Green

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a touch screen computer, a Wii with games, a touch screen T.V. and a tablet. I've been real good this year. I've helped my grandma bake cookies. I helped my brother spell things. I've been trying real hard to be nice to my brother, and I've been real nice to my friends. And how is Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, the elves, and the reindeer doing? And I'm going to buy my friend a gift.

Love,
Debra Gallegos

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Dear Santa Claus,

For this year I want an choc ho train. Anda n electric guitair, and a Journel to write in. p.s. Do the Elves ever get tired from all that hard work? And how did Rudolph ever get a red nose? And like dose Mrs. Clause ever check the lists? And I help a lout and never trust strangers and I always clean Iknow you have to go and This to Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Talon Camp

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Nintendo DSI 2, pop bottle Iiesce I-Deal My Dog has Fleas game, whoopair boxing Gloves. I have been very good. I cleaned my room. I helped mom clean. I did the Dishes I cleaned the living room. I've cleaned every day. How is Rudolph Doing?

Love,
Savannah Cherry

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a pack of earrings and same necklaces too. Thank you Santa. How is the reindeer doing and Mrs. Claus? And is the sleigh doing good? Santa, I've helped people up and picked my trash up at school. And I haven't been getting marks. And I've been very good this past week and hopefully next week. And I hope the elves are doing good.

Your friend,
Halley Mann

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Dear Santa,

I want some transformers and a car, a truck if you can. And for my sister a doll, and for my brother a toy any kind.

How is Mrs. Claus doing?
I been a very good Boy.

Love,
Kenny Campbell

Dear Santa Claus,

I want movies, a weenie dog, games, and last but not leats a phone, too! I been very good this year. I help my brother clean his room and help my sister do her dishes. I help my mom cook and do the trash too. P.S. Rudolph really is it true that Rudolph has a red nose? How many elves do you have? I wonder if they like to sing and dance. I wonder if Mrs. Claus lives with you. Does Mrs. Claus like cupcakes? I do!

Love,
Raven Morvant

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want a tablet, a hamster, a 3D DS, and Just Dance 3 for Wii. I have been very good this year. I have mopped the floor, I have taken care of my niece. I gave cookies to my teacher on her birthday. I have given presents to my parents mom and dad on Cristmas, and I have helped my mom make cakes and cookies. And Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and the reindeer? I hope they are doing fine. Please tell the elves, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and the reindeer I said HI, and I hope you are doing fine too. P.S. I am going to leave some cookies and milk and please bring my parents something too.

Love your friend,
Lizzy Rubio

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want Just Dance and Just Dance 3 and a laptop cover that says Alina H. I want a Nintendo 3Ds and some games with it. I've been very good this year. I opened the door for Danakia twice and pushed Mrs. Free nt he classroom and I opened the door for Mrs. Gieger. I cleaned my room and I love kisses from my family and love people a lot. I tried to be kind and I love you Santa.

Sincerely,
Alina Hernadez

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want Ds. Games, a figit friends, and a big stuffed bear with 2all printed on it. I've been very good this year. I washed the dishes, I cleaned my mom's room, I tried to be nice, and I mo ped the floor. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer doing at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus at the North Pole? How are you at the North Pole Santa?

Love,
Hannah Levens

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Dear Sante,

Can I have a 3DSi and a game to go with it. And a PSP and a game to go with it. I did a good thing this year. I opened a door for a teach. I'm trying to be king. I do my work. I try to be nice to my family. Rudlph? Is he ok? How are the elves. It is a good day to day . It snows very often. It is cold every morning.

I love you
Robert Braden

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Dear Santa Claus,

I n want to know how is Rudolph? I want a little couch and I want it to be Dora. I want a DSI a I want it to be a light blue one. I want it to be a Justin Bever microphone? I want it to be a Justin Bever Barbie doll. I wash the dishes, I mopped the foor, and tried to be kind.

Love,
Sheree Vanderpool

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Dear Santa Claus

I want X-box games, all the Star Wars toys, and a toy U.S. Army kit. How is Rudolph and the reindeer doing? I've been really good this year. I've helped Mrs. Free I've helped my Dad go looking for a presents for my Mom. I 've opened a door for my Mom and my Dad. I've been very kind to my friend my Mom and Dad and Brothers Connor and Will.

Love,
Jaxon Grizzle

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Dear Santa,

Hi how have you been doing I've been a good girl this year so for Christmas I would like the Wii console and the just dance game. Thank you

Your friend,
Kristina Martinez
Age 7

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Dear Santa Claus,

For Christmas I want a game called cal! of duty modern warfare 3 and a battlefield 3 and a game called gears of war 3. I have been good for buying some thing nice for her at the holiday house. I love you and your elves. I will make you chocolate chip cookies for Christmas I love the toys that you give all the kids around the world. Merry Christmas Santa

Love,
Will Camp

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Dear Santa Clas

For Christmas I want a psp and a Laptop and my brother want a basketball. Is Rudolph sick I want a game and Mario I hop Mrs. Free. Do you get there at night can your reindeer fly? My friends are nice Juan and Will Emmaly and Carter and Lac. I want a puppy and a new bike and a new baseball and a new shoe and pohn a new hat.

Your friend
Stephen Gonzales

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Dear Santa,

This is what I want. Every body to have a Happy Holiday and a Great Chrsitmas. And to have fun with family. So hos is Rudolph and the other reindeers? O and how is Mrs. Claus? Are y'all having a Great Tiem? I known I am. Tell the elves I said thanks for the hard work they do. Have a merry Christmas.

Love your friend
Kalysha Boone

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Dear Santa,

I wood licke a IPad2s and wood licke a 90 inch tv and wood licke a my non snokncan maker I wood licke pool tad I wood licka tartle.

Love,
Jaxx

Dear Santa Clas,

I want a Xbox 360 and games for it. And a game for my Wii and a new football. I have been helping my aunt clean her house and I washed her dishes and clen her room and her son's room too. And sometimes I help my grandma too. I give her a glass of water. And help her make breackfaest for my cosins too. I help my uncle feed the dog ann I help my brother with his homework

Juan Pineda

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Dear Santa Claus,

I want 3 puppies, a flat screen t.v. "50"in, a touch screen phone, A Xbox 360. I washed the dishes. I gave a homeless man money. I have been good all this year kind of. I opened a door for a lady at church. I helped my mom with the decorations for Christmas. Ps. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph and the elves and the rest of the reindeers?

Love,
Aranza Ramirez

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Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a stuffed bear for Christmas. I would also like a Wii for Christmas. And theres one more thing. It's very Important. I would like snow, a bunch of snow. I have been very good. I have cleaned the whole house, and I have done the dishes. I also have cleaned my room, How is Rudolph, and the other reindeer, and how is Mrs. Claus?

Love,
Lacy Ruth

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Dear Santa,

I want new shows an I phone, a PSP MBA basketball game and a football game. I was good because I took out the trash and washed the dishes. I like Christmas. It is fun. I like the elves and the reindeer too. I like Mrs. Claus and the rest of them. They are all cool and awesome!

Your friend,
Brandon Vasquez

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Dear Santa Claus.

I want an IPod and games fro my Nintendo 3DS. I want the spongebob game and the WWE game with the rock and a Xbox 360.

I have been very good this year. I have helped mom around the house, and heloped mom with my little sister. I have helped dad with the horses. How are the reindeer this year. I hope you have a safe trip with your deliveries.

Your friend,
McCray Hursh

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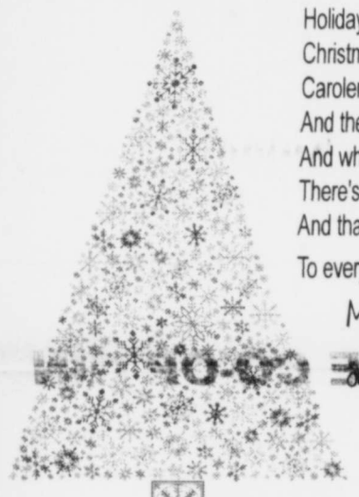
Dear Santa Claus,

I want a PSP, PSP games, a mini 4 wheeler. How is Rudolph and all fo the other reindeer? And how is Mrs. Claus? And the elves? And how are you Santa? I bet you have been getting some snow over there and it must be snowy. We got about an inch of it maybe less. Man Christmas must be your favorite holiday. You get out for a while.

Love, Carter Peaslee

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Nintendo DS, and the Spider man 3 statu the Blak Spiderman. Also, it's the last thing Sonic generaitons to. Are the elves working hard. How is Mrs. Claus? Is she all rite? Tell rudoph to shine the way. I've been good. I'd push Mrs. Free 's wheelchair for her. And I want my brother Jesse to come home from the Navy. But I've got a suprize for you. You'r not getting milk you'r getting chocolate milk.
Love
Rosendo Rodriguez, Jr.

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Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christma is a puppy and some books and some game boards. I helped Mrs. Free by pushing her wheelchair. I helped my friend feed her dog. I helped my mom pack her clothes. I got my grandma a present for Christmas.
Love,
Stormie

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Dear Santa C laus,
I want a Wii. I want a motorcycle and Bratz makeray new Easy Bake oven, BecauseI helped my mom clean the dishes and clen the house. I also forgot to tell you how are the elves? I hope they are not misebehaving I hop you and Mrs. Clas and I hope you have fine day and forever I hope you and Mrs. Clas like the cookies that me and m om are going to make for you.
Saheida De Santiago

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want some snowboots, and some Cristmas songs, and some Mario cart games for my Ds. Because I have washed dishes, opened a door for a teacher, I do what people tell me to do. I'm goin to to put something special How are the reindeer and Rodolph and Mrs. Claus doing? I bet they're doing fine. How are you? I'm doing good but don't tell anyone I'm going to put oats in a jars because it's a present for my family. How are the elves? I be they're jolly. Well I wish you a Merry Cristmas and a happy new year.
Your friend,
Chalyn Henderson

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Dear Santa,
A dack you are c-l
Love,
Gracey

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Dear Santa,
I wet a tech football player. I wet a texas football. I wet a psp collage football game. I wet a Ipad. I wet a puppy dog. I wet a college DSi game.
Love,
Nick Muñoz

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Dear Santa Claus,
All I want for Christmas is my family, friends, and my stepfamily. Do you want to know... of cors you do, that's because I love my family and friend's and my stepfamily just the way they are. And how fun and funny thay are so if you see Tiffany, David, Ronnie, Bridget, Joshua, Brandon, mcCRay, Rachael, My step and not brother and sister Lily, Aidan, me Danel, Calub. And please don't land on the ground because Botty will Bite!!! P.S. Watch out for my other dog Hobby!!! Yah he might bark and wake us up so hurry!!!
Love,
Morgan Parham

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Dear Santa Claus,
I want a PSP and a Ipod, and a Wii for Christmas, Santa. I helped my sister with cleaning her room. O and I forgot my little sister wants a little doll, and a strawberry shortcake, and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. She's ben good. She help me with my homework. She is a very nice girl. And so am I and my mom wants a new bed. My dad wants a new phone. And one more thing I want a new mattrass for my bed on the top.
Your friend,
Nathan Pilcher

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Dear Santa claus
All I want for Cristmas I want an 308 gun one of your elves phone and an X-box 360. Why I need these things. The gun is so I can go hunting and shoot a deer. The elve is to show me how to make toys. The x-box 360 is for some thing to do when I am board. The phone is to talk to friends after school.
Your friend Joshua Hardesty

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Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Chirstmas is skates, board games and books. I mopped the floor, I helped my mom clean the VFW. I helped put up the Chirstmas lights. I washed the dishes. I've helped my mom cook. I helped my mom unload the groceries.
Sincerely,
Emmaly Rivera

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new D.S., a bike, some new clothes for Christmas, I have been good this year.
Love,
Lily Parham

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Dear Santa,
I want a dog for Christmas.
Love,
Jason McNeal

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Dear Santa,
I would like to have a real phone and a computer.
Love,
ShaeLynne Jordan

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Dear Santa,
I wanta skatebd I would like to have a dog, Xbox airplane, a guiter, a real boe. I like have a mustang.
Love
Jesse Arguijo

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Dear Santa,
I want a video game of Wipe Out 2, I want a video game of Are You Smarter Than 5th Grader?
I love you, Santa
Karson Bazany

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Dear Santa,
I want a doll Barbe car, a video game for my Wii and a Xbox and Disneyland.
Love
Samantha Balderas

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Dear Santa,
I want a Ipad and a tablet and a new phone. I want two elfs on the shelf one for my brother and one for my and my own computer.
Love,
Bradlee Phillips

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Dear Santa,
I want a DS and a doll and a baby. I have been good.
Love,
Destyni Mitchell

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Dear Santa,
I want some hiy heels I want some klos Mario game. I ben good.
Love,
Kimberly Butler

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Dear Santa,
For Christmas please let all my students (past and present) have a very blessed Christmas. I would also like to have an Ipad and a set of diamond earrings. Thank you.
Love,
Mrs. Harris

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Dear Santa,
I want a tos a rmbos and a xbox. And a toy msen (machine) gun an da plystsen 3 and a skateboard.
Love,
Mikie Salsar

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Dear Santa,
I want a PSP an black Xbox 360 and a trampoline.
Love,
Terron Young

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Dear Santa,
I want a PSP for Christmas. I want a Xbox 360 for Christmas. I want a video game Christmas. I bin good.
Love,
Aedan Briseno

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Dear Santa,
I want a computer and stamps and a rile pontey and a monstr hiybreidell oriel blanit
Love,
Emily Madrid

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Dear Santa,
I want a computer. I want a SpongeBob game I want a listening book.
Love,
Jeremiah Lara

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Dear Santa,
I want a nu Deis (DSI) I want a naa Xbox 360. I want a now piak Bar casto. I been good Christmas. I want a now hiheel. I wanta now kite. I wata now cuputr (computer).
Love,
Aryana Lopez

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Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox 360 and anew nike shoes lazr gun and football. I bin good.
Love,
Angel Pineda

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Dear Santa,
I wnt car a car, kunk car, I wnt dgaballz, zipper super sam r3.
Love,
Isaac Silva

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Dear Santa,
I want a art tabl. And the lago trbo tank and the lago halo rch clakshin. And th elago big spi tank and a ipad.
Love,
Connor

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Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a Ipod and play station 36 and dresis and a Ipod and a pontr.
Love,
Natalie

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Dear Santa,
I what a dino. Ana I want a pieranter. Semarim and a we need and fighter. And a nelckotel wiena wengo and a ckcholer.
Love,
Michael Ruth

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Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Dell blue laptop and geroses boys all baer stuff and all woolf stuff to ipod tuch ipod 360.
Love,
Kennedy McNeal

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Dear Santa,
I need a video camera a ten D.S. with acamrea.
Love, Zaria

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Dear Santa,
My name is Chris. I want a Ipod, X Box 36, Star Wars and a BBgun.
Love,Chris

Dear Santa,
I want a cpdra for and my tef frut tef three little and a Wii and a sase bord and a Christmas threes.
Love,
Rubio Chloe

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Dear Santa,
I what a dol. I what a puppy. I want a homedol. I what a book ov christm. I what a ball. I what a DS.
Love, Serenity

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Dear Santa,
I wot a Xbox for cresmues and ipod and a deeasi and my flamole and I in goin o my brother and brasis.
Love, Eric Soto

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house and a Barbie. I want a baby toy I want a cop laptop. I love Santa Claus.
Love, R. Silva



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Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer doing good? I can't wait for Christmas. I helped my brother with homework. I leson to my mom and Dad , and I get my Dog food every Day. I would like an ipod, lad tops, a fon. I wish I can see you. I will live the bak door opemed.
Love, Morgan

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Dear Santa,
How is it at the North Pole? Christmas is my favorite time of year. I want to see the North pole, and I want a reindeer. I help my mom clean the dishes and clan the living room. I want a bin 10 toy and a robot dog. I hop I am not on the naughty list. I can't until Christmas and I love Christmas and I want to see the elves.
Love, Toby

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Dear Santa,
I sit a lots of snow in North pole? How are the Reindeer? I help Mom to do the dishes. I help my Dad to take the trash out. I help my dad do the cows. I wont a Ipod and I pad and a Lots of game. I well lef the back door opne.
Love, Chris

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Dear Santa,
Hows Rudolph is he doing good? I love Christmas? I helped my mom do the laundry. I helped my dad pack the truck. I helped my Aunt wash the car. I helped my grandma pick up my cousin. I want a new xbox360, Playstation and a Dsi. I will Leave the back door unlock for you so you can get in. Have a Merry Christmas. I love Santa.
Love, Mr. Cameron

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Dear Santa,
Good man. I help mom wash dishes. I want a doll house with little kids. I want toys for my brother and a car for Little Ariel. I want a baby doll for my aunt and jewelry for my mom. I want some hats for my sister and some jewelry for my sister.
Love,
Alexas Williams

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Dear Santa,
How do you fit down the chimney? I like Christmas. I help my puppies. I help at school. I clean my room. I want a Big Bratz. I will leave cookies and m ilk.
Love, Arianna Bretz

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Dear Santa,
Were do you make the presents? Christmas is fun because of presents. These are some things I done helpful things. I clean my room. I help my mom clean. I clean my mom's room. I clean my brother's room. I what a ipad. I want a Ds. I want a touch scream. I want a laptop. I will leave some cookies four you. I have a good Christmas eve.
Love,
AnA Arguijo

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Dear Santa,
How do you fit in the chimney? Christmas is the best season in the year. I've done some helpful things. I clean my room. I do dishes. I help do laundry. I sweep the house. I want a 3DS, a game for the 3DS, and an iPod. I will leave some cookies on a plate. How are you doing with the reindeer?
Thank you,
Braxton Magers

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Dear Santa,
How do you fit in the chimney with your big tummy? How do you get your reindeer to fly? I've done helpful things. I clean my room and make my bed. I open my door for my mom. I help my family. I want a iPad, I want a dsi. I want NCAA football 12, I want Oklahoma State University Cowboys tickets. I'm going to give Santa milk and cookies. I hope you have a great Christmas Eve.
Love, Chris Michael Ortiz

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Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph nose rely light wan he laughs? Is it really snowing in the North Pole? I should be on the nice lsit. I do my chores before 8:00. I help do the dishes. I clean the living room. I clean the kitchen. I do not want a present, all I want is my family. I am going to put cookies and milk on the table. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Sincerely, Destinie M. Nava

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Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? I love Christmas so much. I lisin to my teacher. I help my mom in the kitchen. I help my Dad start the Dirt bike. I help my grandma get in her car. I want a wii for Christmas. I want a xbox for Christmas. I want a 3Ds for Christmas. I want a ipad for Christmas. I will ask Santa if he can give me a ride in hiss sled. I will leav milk and cookies on a plat.
Love, Dominick Vasquez

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Dear Santa,
What have you been doing today? I love Christmas holiday tears. Somebody needed pencils and I let them use mine, and I was caring. My mom told me to turn on her TV and I just did it. I help my mom do stuff. I do what my teacher tells me. Do you deliver the presents in one night? This is what I want, PSP, Play station 2, basketball court, and a basketball.
By Elijah Jennings

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Dear Santa,
How do you fly in the air? I like Christmas very much it is cool. I've done some helpful thing this Year, cline my room, do the dishes, help cline my playroom, and tack out the trash. I wanta DS, a I Pad, a girl chinchilla, and a chinchilla cage. I will lave you some cookies. I hop I'm on the nice list.
Love, Helen Oliver

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing today this fine evening? Santa is awesome because he gives us gifts. When my little brother gets hurt I help him up. When my friends get hurt I help them up. When Mrs. Wright's owl cups fall down I will catch them. I wish for a brand new soccer ball, a Barbie set, and a pillow pet. I will bake Santa some cookies. I wish Santa gets to my house safely.
Love, Jazmyne Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? I love Christmas. I've done some helpful things. I clean my room. I help my mom and dad. I obey my mom and dad. I help my brother and sister. I want an iPod, a beach ball, a soccer ball, and a baseball and bat. I'll leave out cookies and milk. I hope you have a merry Christmas.
Your friend, JC Rodriquez

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Dear Santa,
How do you deliver all the stuff in one night? Christmas is fun. I throw the trash out. I clean my room. I obey the teacher. I help my friends when there hurt. I want a whole box of Lego's. I want a DS, I want a game, I want a Ipad2. I will leave cookies and milk. I hope you have a good holiday.
Thank you,
Jesse Rivera

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing this year? I like Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I cleaned my room, I held the door for Mom and Dad. I feed my dog and my cats, and I obey my teacher. I want a Power Ranger, Transformer, Lego's and some cups. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Sincerely,
Jonathan Matthew Connell

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing on y our fantastic Christmas? I like your suit, your hat. I did some helpful things. I decorate my tree, clean rooms, decorate my house, and wash dishes. I want a Barbie and puppy and chinchilla and a swimsuit. I have cookies and milk on a plate. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Thank you,
Kendra Golden

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Dear Santa,
Is it cold in the North Pole? I like Christmas because is tougher. I done some helpful things I've done. I've open the door for my mom and dad. I had been good. I respect my teacher. I wish for an Xbox 360, a NFL 12. I wish for a PSP. I for wish a for play shin. I wish for you a Merry Christmas you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Mason Randle

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Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph's nose shiny at North Pole? Rudolph is the best reindeer at the North Pole. I've done helpful stuff. I help my mom in her classroom. I gave Kenny my toy from Sonic. I bring Sniffles to school to show people. I sharpen pencils to be nice. I want some clothes, fish, butterfly and books. I will give you cookies and milk. I hope you have a grate Christmas.

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Christmas is so much fun on the 25th. I have done some good things this year. I clean my room, Feed the dogs and cats, Listen to my mom and dad, and wash the dishes. I want a paint gun, and a Xbox 360 with call of duty MW3 and a play station 2, and a ipad, I will give you cookies and milk. I hope you have a great Christmas.
Thank you,
William Dalton Maddox

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Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly. Christmas is my favorite time of the year. Here are some things I've done good I got my teacher a gift. I clean my room. I help my friends. I help my family too. May I have candy, iPod, DSI, Orbeez too. I do not have a chimney so I will unlock the doors. I hope you have a save trip.
Sincerely,
Zoe Rubio

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Merry Christmas! My mom and my sister want Barbie. My dad and my brother wants a nerf gun. I want Bumble Bee. Thank you!
Love,
Ramsey Silva

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Dear Santa,
I want a Barb that has a glidar gas or the her and a tedber and a sla and a book and a hothr chafe on eof a madigam. I want a soupar Christmas.
Love, Natalie

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Dear Santa,
I want a ipad and a want some baby stuff and some cruchis to and a tcup pig and some Junie B Jones books micher wave food.
Love Evyn

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Dear Santa,
I want a DS. I what a ipod. I what a bick. I what a PSP. I what a bers. I what a football pads.
Love, Ryan

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Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a cabigpache. And a DSI and new tom's. and spery's and chikmumc mooby.
Love, Jaden

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Dear Santa,
I want a E.D. S. sum D.S. games that are Mario all Junie B. books Mario D.S. games plants v.s zombies for D.S. Mario party 5 for D.S.
Love, Lane Hale

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Dear Santa,
I what nootoy luv selckos, el plan 3 mas black, hrrploz2, luv ckrismas, so luv ckisma. Luv sssssssssskrismus. Dirselcklos, lickrismus
Love, Elijah

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Dear Santa,
I pod and ipod and mas and parat and my dog and kasrm. Truff, and a xbox, brak bisid. And daklok now spele.
Love, Guy

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Dear Santa,
I want aIpad and a ne babe same in a teamp pig and a microas in rilfoods and a pilo pet and a bike.
Love, Bailey

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Dear Santa,
Nick shoos, batman game, bick, Bgam Drt, Dees, Buock
With love, Ethan

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Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. We are gana sing to you. I love you Santa. I am gonna be suprisd.
Love, Trinity

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Dear Santa,
My name is Julian. I is four remote control helicopter, sleilgh, flashlight, puppy, baachball, football, lego toy.
Love, Julian

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Dear Santa,
My name is Wesley. I want a TV, boots, PJs and racecar bed.
Love, Wesley

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Dear Santa,
I want a Xbox and some klos. Can I have a picture of the elves.
Love, Adan

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Dear Santa,
My name is Jacob. I have been so good so I want a Star Wars lightsaber and a Ipod and brown boots and an X-box.
Love, Jacoby

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Dear Santa,
My name is Camryn I would like a scooter.
Love, Camryn

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Dear Santa,
My name is Brenlye. I would like a phone this year. I have been good this year and I whant to go to the North pole with you Santa. From Brenlye to Santa. I love you Santa.
Love, Brenlye

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Dear Santa,
My name is River. I wat a control toy car, rll karw, real phone, halleviz, gamne wired drivor
Love, River

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Dear Santa,
My name is iraza. I please want a ring form Christmas.
Love, Iraza

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Dear Santa,
My name is Reeden and what I want for Christmas is a BB gun and I want a Ipod and a Psp.
Love, Reeden Vasquez

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Dear Santa,
I'm almost 8 and I have been good this year. I would like a puppy for Christmas. I want a iphone 4. Tell the rain-deers that I said hi.
Love, Bryce

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Dear Santa,
My name is Aryel. I have been good this year. I would lik a box of toys for Christmas. Thank you and tell all of the reindeer hi!
Love, Aryel

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Dear Santa,
My name is Damarrius. I bin good. This is wate I need a BBgun and a Ipod and a play station and a DS and a cowboy gun.
Love, Damarrius

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Dear Santa,
My n ame is Kaci Rivera. For Christmas I would like a phone or clothes because I have been good. Tell all of the reindeer I sad hi! Merry Chistmas!
Love, Kaci

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Dear Santa,
My name is Kaydence. I have been good this year. I would like a ginepig for Christmas and tell all of the reindeer hi! Santa.
Love, Kaydence

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Dear Santa,
My name is Ramone. For Christmas I what a x-box and a stars wars game, a BBgun, a ball, a slingshot, a bell a game, a hone. XOXOXO hi Santa.
Love, Ramone

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Dear Santa,
I want a phone and Ipad and I pod and Bratz and play station. American dolls and Brtaz computer, loloose, Barbie school, and Barbie vet.
Love, Karli

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Dear Santa,
How many reindeer are there? Is Rudolph ok? I've helped my Nena clean up. I clean up my room. I let people play with my toy people. This is my wish list: I want a car, a phone, a horse. I will put cookies on the table. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Brett

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Dear Mr. Claus,
What are reindeer? I believe giving is the key! I've cooked, dressed, brushed my teeth, and hurried. I wish for a bike, Nintendo DS, Lego kingdom, and a remote control car. I thank you for the presents I had last year. I wish that this will be the best Christmas ever.
Sincerely,
Joshua

Dear Santa,
How cold is the North Pole? I think Christmas is fun. I help clean, I help with the trash, I help with the tree, and I clean my room. I want an Xbox live, I want a compuder, and I want Mario Luigi partners in time. I'll help you with the reindeer. Have a safe trip.
Your friend, Seth

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Dear Santa,
Are you real? I want to see you. I love to write letters to you. I did helpful things: I took the trash out, I helped clean up, I watched my little brother, and I picked out movies to watch. This is my wish list: I wish for a dog, a bike, 1000 dollars, a scooter. I will unlock the door for you. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Your friend, Daviaun

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I love Christmas. I've been helpful this year. I've helped my mom pick up the toys. I helped her wash dishes. I helped her vacuum the floor. This is my wish list: an Xbox, Mario 3DE land, Super Nintendo DS, and just a DS. I will leave you lots of cookies and milk. I want to wish you a star.
Love, Marshall

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Dear Santa,
How many reindeers do you have now? I've been very helpful. I clean my room, I help my mom clean, I help people, and I pick up stuff. This is my wish list. I hope I get $600, I want a dog, I want a toy car, I want to have a good Christmas. I will leave out cookies and milk. I hope you have a safe ride back.
Your friend, Logan

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Dear Santa,
How do you fit down the chimney? Christmas is my favorite holiday. I've been helpful t his year. I've fed the dogs, taken care of my baby cousin, and cleaned my room. This is my wish list: Air Warriors doubleshot, Air Warriors Hawk, Air Warriors automatic Tommy 20. I will make a list for next year. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Love, Adam Hernandez

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Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. Do you have a phone? I help with lots of things like my little brother. I help with the dishes. I help feed the dog. This is my wish list: please bring me a puppy. Please bring me a playstation 3. Please bring me a Harry Potter Lego set. I will help you with the reindeer. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love your friend, Riley

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Dear Santa,
How do you make toys? Christmas is special. I help my sister clean our room. I help mom make dinner. I help my dad rake leaves, and I help my baby sister. This is my wish list: new cars, new makeup, a new game, a new toy horse. I will make you some cookies and milk. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend, Clara

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Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I think Christmas is a happy day. I've been helpful this year. I took out the trash, I fed and watered the dog, watered the horse, and helped Mom clean my room. This is my wish list for Christmas: a jet game for the Xbox, a cell phone, a game for my Wii and a DS. I will help you with his reindeer. I wish you a healthy year.
Love, Richard

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Dear Santa,
Why can't we see you? I love Christmas! I help my Gammy. I help my cousins. I help my dad. I help my brother. Please bring me a Zombie brain and can I have some cool cars. I'd also like a phone please. Can I have an Xbox 306 with a game. I will help you make toys. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love, Maci

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Dear Santa,
Are you working on the toys? Is it fun? I've been helpful this year. I cleaned up my room. I helped clean up my the house. I helped clean up everyone's house. This is my wish list: a 3DS, a PSP3, IPod 2, a toy. I will open the door for you. I hope you feel better.
Love, Jorden

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Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? I love Christmas. I help my mom and dad do stuff. I clean up my room. I would like a phone and a lot of stuff. I will give you some cookies and milk for your long journey. I wish you a Merry Christmas,
Love, Estacia

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Christmas is cool. I help take care of Maddie. I help clean. I help do Christmas stuff. I help do things. This is my Wish list: doll, to help my dad, a bike. I will give you cookies. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, Angela

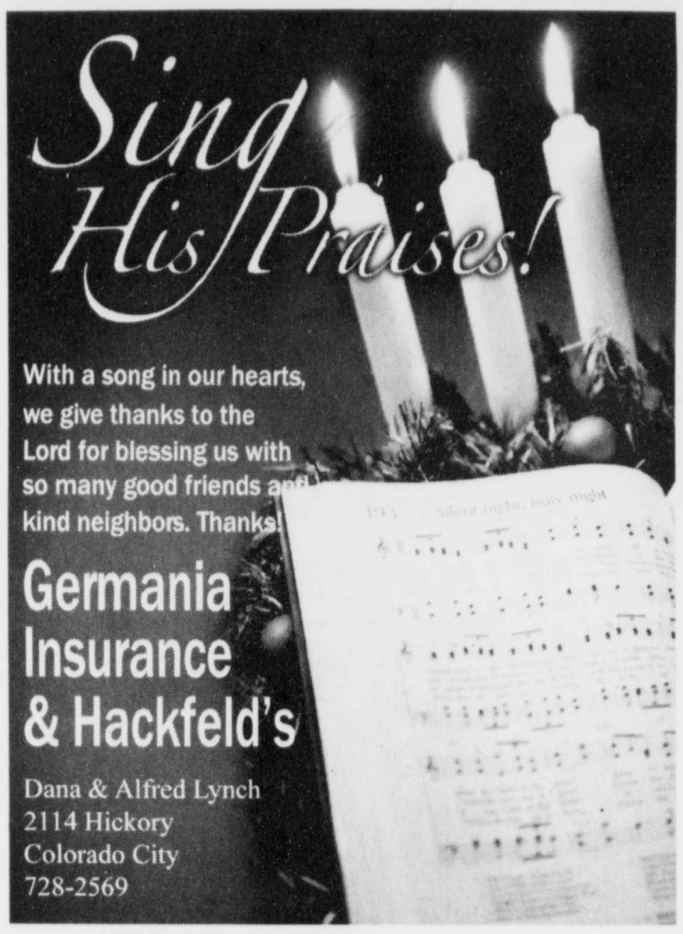
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Dear Santa,
Do you have a dog? I think Christmas is good and nice. I helped with the decorations and with my brothers. I helped people and I helped at school. I would like to have a hamster and a guinea pig. I'd also like a baby monkey. I will make cookies and deer food. Have a Merry Christmas. HoHoHoHo.
Love, Ethan

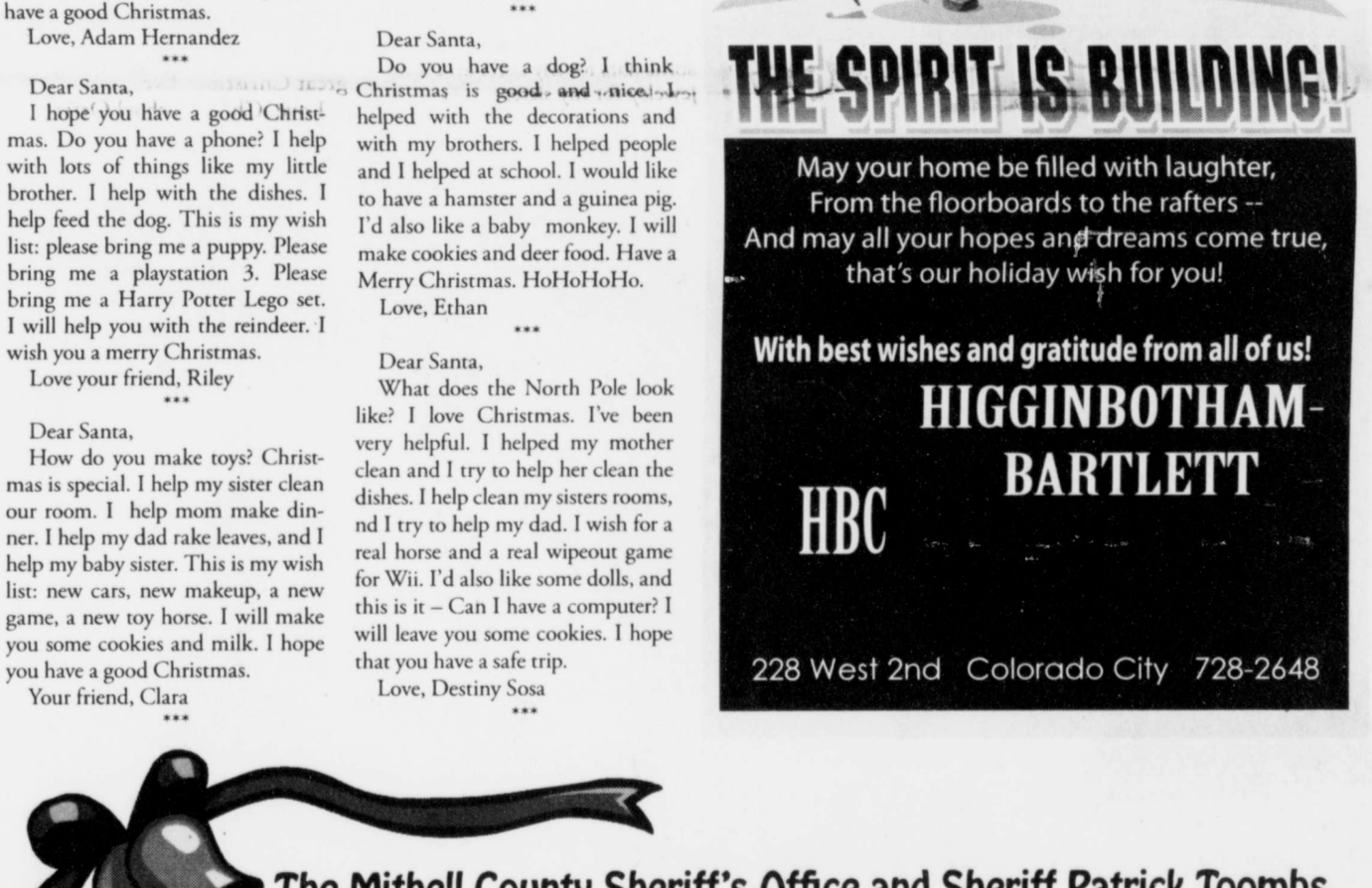
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Dear Santa,
What does the North Pole look like? I love Christmas. I've been very helpful. I helped my mother clean and I try to help her clean the dishes. I help clean my sisters rooms, nd I try to help my dad. I wish for a real horse and a real wipeout game for Wii. I'd also like some dolls, and this is it – Can I have a computer? I will leave you some cookies. I hope that you have a safe trip.
Love, Destiny Sosa

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Join us in celebrating the true miracle of Christmas.
We wish you a new year filled with health, peace and happiness.

Merry Christmas

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Our stores will be closed on Christmas Day, so that our team members can spend Christmas with their families.