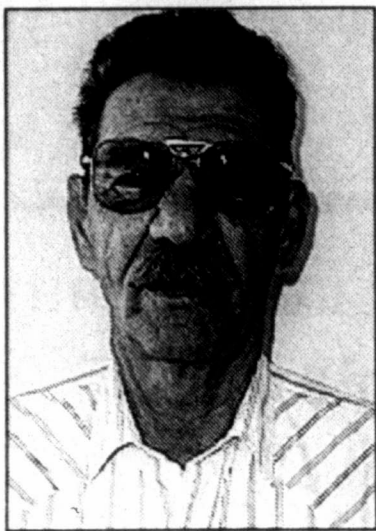


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# local news

## Crawford runs for commissioner



Harrell Crawford

Harrell W. Crawford of Colorado City has filed for the Mitchell County Precinct 3

commissioner's position. Crawford, who filed Dec. 3, will face Precinct 3 Commissioner Wendy Inman in the March 9 Democratic primary. Inman has filed for reelection to a third term. Crawford said he has resided in Mitchell County off and on for more than 21 years, continuously for the past 13 years. In filing for election, Crawford said, "I have been acutely aware, and have been for a long time, that Mitchell County needs fulltime commissioners totally committed to the entire scope of their position, and cognizant of the impact it has on the residents of Mitchell County and its future. "Mitchell County needs commissioners that will break out of the mold," Crawford also said, "Our county roads are deteriorating due to neglect because of other projects, and the cost of these projects. "I want the Board of Economic Development to work with the city and the utility companies to try and come up with a package that will entice long-term businesses to give Mitchell County serious consideration. "Projects that will put money into the coffers and not take it out. "I expect the budget to be just that, and not a check book. With the help of other members of the Commissioners Court, and with the cooperation of other elected offices, we can lower the tax rate, fill vacant properties, and thereby increase the resale value of our residents' property."

## Harrison files for re-election



Glen Harrison

District Judge Glen Harrison will seek re-election as judge of the 32nd District Court covering Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan counties. Harrison will run in the Democratic primary March 9.

He was nominated to the court in the 2000 primary and was later appointed by former Gov. George W. Bush to fill the unexpired term of Weldon Kirk. "It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the citizens of the 32nd Judicial District these past three years," Harrison said. "If re-elected, I will continue to work hard to uphold the highest standards of justice while reflecting the values of the people of Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan counties. "I am asking for your vote, and I appreciate your support." Harrison is a former assistant district attorney and served as Nolan County Court-at-Law judge from 1989 until his appointment to the 32nd District Court in 2000. A Sweetwater resident since 1987, he has served on the executive committee and also on the judicial ethics committee of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. He was previously a member of the Texas Law for Texas Clergy Committee of the State Bar and has been a speaker at the Taylor County Family Law Symposium. Outside the office, Harrison serves as a deacon and youth Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church in Sweetwater. He also coaches youth sports and organizes the annual John Ben Sheppard Student Leadership Forum. Harrison also serves on the United Way board of directors, and he was selected the Outstanding Young Citizen in 2000 by the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce. Harrison and his wife, Karen, have been married 21 years. They have three children -- Kristen, 18, Tatum, 13, and Kaitlen, 10.

## Man indicted for laundering money

A Colorado City woman is among four people indicted by the Mitchell County Grand Jury on Thursday, Dec. 18.

One of the indictments remained sealed since the suspect remains at large. Shelia Haggerton Kirk was

indicted on a charge of forgery, a state jail felony. She has posted a \$5,000 bond.

The incident occurred Dec. 7. A check for \$150 was written to Shelia Kirk and signed by Mary Haggerton. The indictment read the check was written with intent to defraud or harm another, and that it was not authorized by Mary Haggerton.

Rene Ramos of El Paso has posted a \$12,000 bond after being charged with money laundering. Ramos was arrested Oct. 21. The value of the U.S. currency was \$20,000 or more, but less than \$100,000.

Ruben Armas of Weatherford also posted a \$12,000 bond after being indicted on a charge of money laundering, a second degree felony.

He was arrested Oct. 21. The value of the funds was \$2,000 or more, but less than \$100,000.

| City Sales and Use Tax Comparison Summary - November 2003   |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| City/County                                                 | Current Rate | Net Payment This period | Comparable Payment Prior Year | % Change | 2003 Payments to Date | 2002 Payments to Date | % Change |
| <b>MITCHELL CO.</b>                                         |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
| Colorado City                                               | 1.500%       | 31,492.43               | 27,612.86                     | 14.04%   | 415,904.43            | 404,696.42            | 2.76%    |
| Loraine                                                     | 1.000%       | 172.86                  | 140.50                        | 23.03%   | 5,915.48              | 6,311.41              | -6.27%   |
| Westbrook                                                   | 1.000%       | 832.96                  | 596.66                        | 39.60%   | 6,649.21              | 9,100.15              | -26.93%  |
| <b>County Total</b>                                         |              | 32,498.25               | 28,350.02                     | 14.63%   | 428,469.12            | 420,107.98            | 1.99%    |
| <b>HOWARD CO.</b>                                           |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
| Big Spring                                                  | 2.000%       | 280,943.09              | 270,821.14                    | 3.73%    | 3,650,228.60          | 3,739,285.07          | -2.38%   |
| Coahoma                                                     | 1.000%       | 3,378.07                | 2,679.53                      | 26.06%   | 42,649.08             | 39,155.18             | 8.92%    |
| Forsan                                                      | 1.000%       | 2,233.56                | 2,319.89                      | -3.72%   | 42,935.80             | 32,537.91             | 31.95%   |
| <b>County Total</b>                                         |              | 286,554.72              | 275,820.56                    | 3.89%    | 3,735,813.48          | 3,810,978.16          | -1.97%   |
| <b>NOLAN CO.</b>                                            |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
| Blackwell                                                   | 1.000%       | 374.89                  | 199.86                        | 87.57%   | 4,949.99              | 4,501.14              | 9.97%    |
| Roscoe                                                      | 1.750%       | 4,588.61                | 4,280.17                      | 7.20%    | 69,992.96             | 68,010.62             | 2.91%    |
| Sweetwater                                                  | 2.000%       | 145,959.51              | 140,161.74                    | 4.13%    | 2,011,754.67          | 1,860,695.22          | 8.11%    |
| <b>County Total</b>                                         |              | 150,923.01              | 144,641.77                    | 4.34%    | 2,086,697.62          | 1,933,206.98          | 7.93%    |
| <b>RUNNELS CO.</b>                                          |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
| Ballinger                                                   | 1.500%       | 31,108.48               | 30,918.67                     | 0.61%    | 740,413.09            | 719,383.14            | 2.92%    |
| Miles                                                       | 1.000%       | 1,507.96                | 1,445.86                      | 4.29%    | 23,584.45             | 22,869.17             | 3.12%    |
| Winters                                                     | 1.500%       | 10,868.37               | 13,364.01                     | -18.67%  | 156,760.48            | 150,382.26            | 4.24%    |
| <b>County Total</b>                                         |              | 43,484.81               | 45,728.54                     | -4.90%   | 920,758.02            | 892,634.57            | 3.15%    |
| <b>SCURRY CO.</b>                                           |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
| Snyder                                                      | 1.500%       | 158,717.73              | 128,994.82                    | 23.04%   | 1,867,401.23          | 1,482,549.72          | 25.95%   |
| County Sales and Use Tax Comparison Summary - November 2003 |              |                         |                               |          |                       |                       |          |
| County                                                      | Current Rate | Net Payment This period | Comparable Payment Prior Year | % Change | 2003 Payments to Date | 2002 Payments to Date | % Change |
| Mitchell                                                    | 0.500%       | 10,521.69               | 11,570.52                     | -9.06%   | 165,484.16            | 186,195.43            | -11.12%  |
| Runnels                                                     | 0.500%       | 16,627.05               | 17,070.69                     | -2.59%   | 331,736.50            | 321,042.95            | 3.33%    |
| Scurry                                                      | 0.500%       | 129,857.02              | 133,773.70                    | -14.13%  | 1,937,279.61          | 1,290,331.66          | 50.13%   |

## Cities' sales tax rebates up

State sales tax rebates for three city governments in Mitchell County showed an increase in November compared to rebates the same time in 2002, while the county rebate declined.

The City of Colorado City received \$31,492.43 compared to \$27,612.86 in 2002, reflecting a 14.04 percent increase. The City of Westbrook received the largest increase percentage-wise at 39.60 percent.

Westbrook's sales tax revenue was \$832.96 after receiving a check for \$596.66 last year. Loraine received \$172.86 compared to \$140.50 in 2002, reflecting an increase of 23.03 percent.

Mitchell County's net payment for the current period is \$10,521.69. Last year at this time the county received \$11,570.52, reflecting a 9.06 percent decline.

Of the four taxing entities, Colorado City has received more in rebates to date in 2003 than in 2002.

Colorado City's rebates have totaled \$415,904.43 compared to \$404,696.42, showing an increase of 2.76 percent.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said, "State sales tax revenue is up for the third month in a row. The last time state sales tax revenue in-

creased three months in a row was July through September 2001, before 9-11. "November sales tax revenue is up 4.3 percent compared to November 2002. This is the largest growth since August 2001 before the terrorists' attacks. "This is great news, considering the state had a historic, unfortunate first of two years of declining sales tax revenue in fiscal years 2002 and 2003."

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# local news



**SUE NORTHCUTT, WHO HAS SERVED** as postmaster of the U.S. Post Office in Westbrook since April 1989, is retiring from the postal service Friday, Dec. 26, with 20 years of service. She started her career Dec. 24, 1983, as a PTF clerk/carrier, advancing to full-time carrier in October 1986. She was appointed officer-in-charge of the Westbrook Post Office in December 1988, and assigned postmaster in 1989. Northcutt said, "The people of Westbrook are very gracious and good people and this has been a happy experience."

## Local eatery recognized in statewide magazine

Bama's House of Colorado City has been recognized on a statewide level.

The tea room at 440 E. 5th St. received a short critique in the restaurant section in the January 2004 edition of *Texas Highways*.

Jean Revercomb of Fort Worth submitted the short review.

Revercomb was visiting with Marge Kolman and Helen Lee in late August when they had lunch at Bama's House.

Kolman, Revercomb and Lee were roommates at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

"I have traveled widely across the United States, but have seldom eaten at a tea room with as much charm and good food as that found at Bama's House in Colorado City," Revercomb said. "The ambience of the old brick house brings back happy memories."

"The delicious food is all made from scratch by Roxie Strain. I love the 'Millionaire

Pie," but all their food is wonderful."

Strain said the "Millionaire Pie" is a rich dessert with butter, cream, cheese, pecans and pineapple.

"There is a daily hot lunch special and a wide assortment of salads, sandwiches, and soups," Strain said. "On the first Friday night of the month, they serve a ribeye steak dinner."

"You won't be disappointed."

## Assault leads to indictment

A Colorado City man was indicted by the Mitchell County Grand Jury in November on a charge resulting from an incident that occurred after he was indicted in October.

Roger Eugene Davidson, 27, was indicted in November on a charge of assault on a public servant, a third degree felony that was enhanced with a prior conviction.

He has posted \$10,000 bond. Timothy Craig Pratt, 23, also of Colorado City, was indicted on a charge of hindering apprehension, a third degree felony, stemming from the Davidson incident in early November.

The charge of hindering the apprehension of a known felon also carries a prison term of two to 10 years, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Pratt is free on \$5,000 bond. They were among nine people indicted in November.

Davidson and Pratt were arrested and charged Nov. 3 at 704 East 17th St.

In the indictment, Davidson is charged with intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to Colorado City Police Officer Jeff Mitchell by striking him in the head repeatedly with his fist.

Mitchell was serving Davidson with an arrest warrant after he was indicted on two separate charges by the grand jury in October.

While serving the warrant, an altercation broke out between Mitchell and the two other men.

After struggling with the men for several minutes, Mitchell managed to call for assistance in arresting Davidson and Pratt.

Aggravated assault on a public servant is a first degree felony that carries a prison term

of five to 99 years, and a fine of up to \$10,000.

In October, Davidson was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated -- a third degree felony that was enhanced with one prior conviction.

He was arrested the night of Sept. 26 in Colorado City by Mitchell.

Davidson also was convicted of DWI in Mitchell County after he was arrested in February 2000 and in August 1999.

He was also convicted in Ector County with burglary of a habitation. He was arrested in July 1996.

The grand jury also indicted Davidson on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm -- a third degree felony. The incident also occurred Sept. 26.

The indictment also included his possessing a firearm before the fifth anniversary of his release from parole following his conviction in Ector County in 1996.

In the indictment, Pratt is charged with the intent to hin-

der the arrest of Davidson for the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm; provide or aid in providing Davidson with means of avoiding arrest, by continuing to approach after verbal warning to stay back.

Former Mitchell County Sheriff's Deputy Darrell Campbell assisted Mitchell in the arrest of Davidson.

Seven other people indicted in November have posted bond.

They are Larry Todd Moody, Colorado City, possession of a controlled substance, \$5,000; Carlos Silva, Colorado City, criminal mischief, \$5,000; Sandra L. Simmons, Decatur, Ga., possession of marijuana, \$10,000; Freeman Warren, Decatur, Ga., possession of marijuana, \$10,000.

Also, Tony L. Hancock, Taylorville, Miss., possession of a controlled substance, \$10,000; Joe Ellenburg, Colorado City, debit card abuse, \$5,000; and Nick Santana, Colorado City, criminal mischief, \$5,000.

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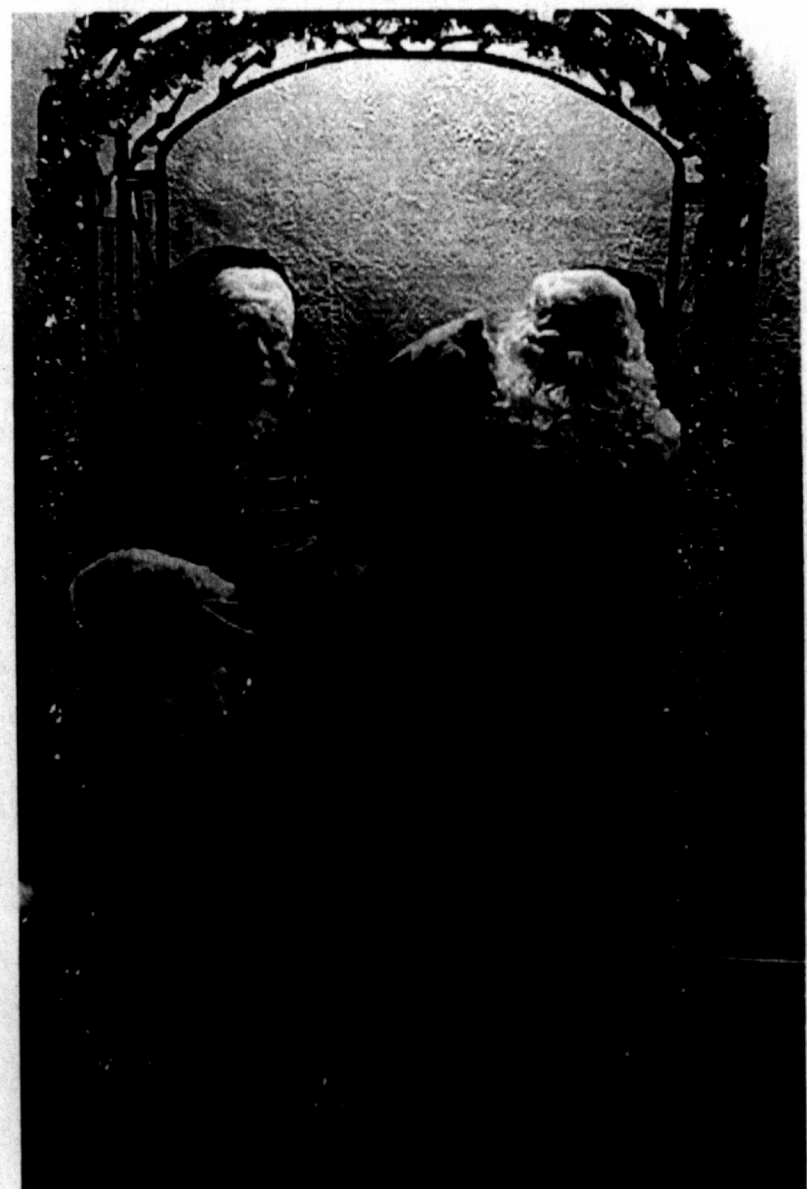
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# local news

## OBITUARIES

### Junior Camp 1926-2003

Mr. Junior Camp, 77, of Colorado City, died Saturday, December 20, 2003 in a local hospital. Services were held Monday in the 22nd & Austin Church of Christ with Royce Clay officiating. Burial was in the Rule Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Camp was born July 10, 1926 in Lipan, Texas to William Clinton and Mary Delaney Camp. He had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1958. He married Sallie Oliphant on January 14, 1946 in Abilene. He retired from Dowell after 24 years where he had been their office manager and safety engineer. He was a member of the 22nd & Austin Sts. Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie Camp of Colorado City; a son, Donny Camp of Colorado City; two daughters, Becky Whitney of Marlow, OK and Tonia and husband Mike Apperson of Murphy; eight grandchildren, Yvette Haynes, Dondi Camp, Cade Camp, Kelly Goswick, Shannon Young, Rebecca Blevins, Justin Apperson and Jarred Apperson and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Camp is preceded in death by his parents, a sister Odessa Hatfield, a brother Donald Camp and a son-in-law Robert Whitney.

### John W. "Beevie" McGregor 1911-2003

John W. "Beevie" McGregor, 92, of Colorado City, formerly of Knott, died Thursday, December 18, 2003, in a Colorado City hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, December 22, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jesse Colegrove, Baptist minister, and Rev. Red Spear, pastor of First Baptist Church of Colorado City officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 30, 1911, in Howard County, Texas and married Raye Goode on December 12, 1949 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Mr. McGregor was a long time resident of Knott and had farmed for many years. He had worked for the Texas Department of Transportation as a maintenance and permit clerk. He liked hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Colorado City. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Raye McGregor of Colorado City; his step-son, Donald "Pat" McPhaul and wife, Shirley, of Colorado City; three grandchildren, Ricky McPhaul and wife, Tracey, of Big Lake, Randy McPhaul and wife Kelly of Colorado City and Julie Rogers and husband Ronnie of Littlefield; eight great-grandchildren, Chase McPhaul, Calen McPhaul, Callie McPhaul, Zachary McPhaul, Stephanie McPhaul, Aaron McPhaul, Ryan Rogers and Reese Rogers; one sister, Jo Davis of Lubbock; three nephews, Johnny Winton McGregor and wife, Mickey of Post, Kenny Davis and wife Jackie of Fort Worth and Jerry Davis of Lubbock; one niece, Barbara Remkus and husband, Tom, of Lewisville and numerous friends.

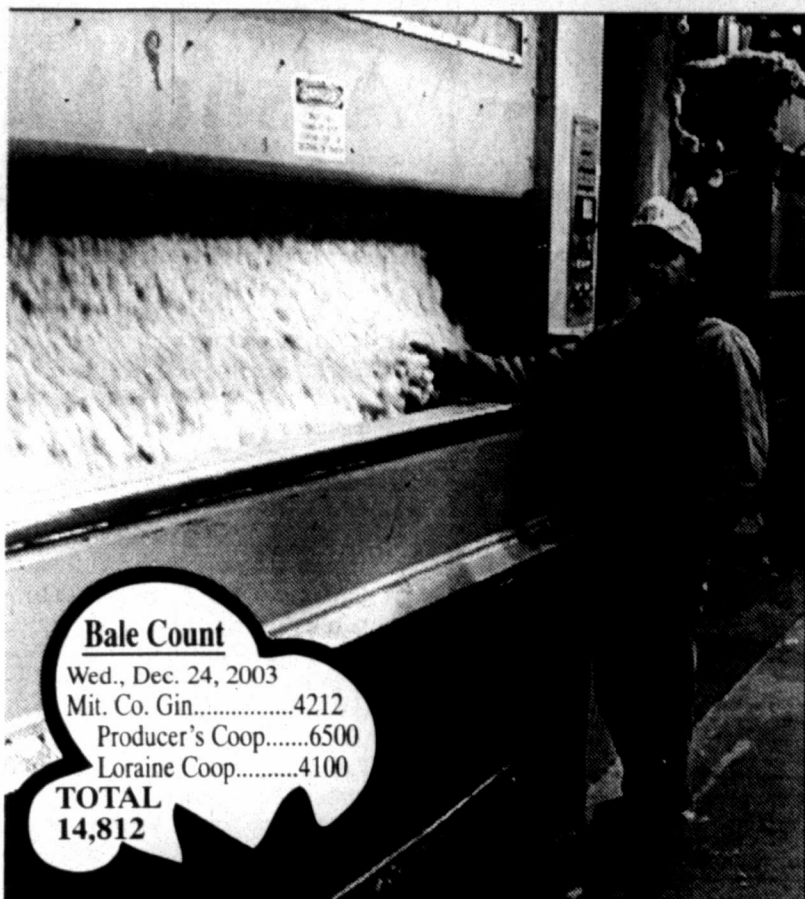
Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Beulah Lee Flack 1921-2003

Mrs. Beulah Lee Flack, 82, of Colorado City died Thursday, December 18, 2003 in a local care center. Graveside services were held Friday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with Rev. Charles Tapley officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Flack was born to Homer and Ada Hart Johnson on October 1, 1921 in Ada, Oklahoma. She married Carl Flack on July 8, 1941 in Lubbock. She was a US army veteran and a 10 year resident of Mitchell County.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Carl Flack Jr. of Colorado City; one daughter, Susan and husband Joe Maddux of Lubbock; one son, Darryl and wife Susan Flack of Odessa; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



#### Bale Count

Wed., Dec. 24, 2003

Mit. Co. Gin.....4212

Producer's Coop.....6500

Loraine Coop.....4100

TOTAL

14,812

JR. HERNANDEZ RUNS THE GIN STAND at Producers Coop Gin Tuesday, as the ginning season is still underway. Most producers are over half-way with their harvest and the ginning season is expected to run into February.

### Candidate filings are slow; increase expected after holidays

Candidate filings for the March 9 primaries came to a standstill this week, but the pace is expected to increase following the Christmas holidays.

The last day is Jan 2 to file for the Democratic and Republican primaries.

The Jan. 2 deadline is also the last day independent candidates may file their declaration of intent to run.

Candidates can file with County Democratic Party chairman Geory Martin or GOP chairman Jay McCollum.

The filing fee is \$750, or a petition can be filed in lieu of the filing fee.

Early voting begins Feb. 23.

Several incumbents have filed for re-election and contested races have emerged in two Mitchell County commissioners' precincts.

Tom Rees Sr. is seeking re-election as Mitchell County attorney. He filed Tuesday, Dec. 16, for the March 9 Democratic primary.

Rees is seeking his first full term as county attorney.

County commissioners appointed Rees to fill the unexpired term of Mark Piland, and was elected to the position in November 2002.

Rees was the seventh Mitchell County resident to file for the March 9 primary.

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs and Tax Assessor-Collector Faye Lee have both filed for re-election.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Wendy Inman filed for re-election to a third term, but he has drawn opposition in the Democratic primary from Harrell Crawford.

The second contested commissioner's race is in Precinct 1 where incumbent Ed Roach will not seek re-election in 2004.

Roach said he plans to retire after his term expires next year, giving him 20 years as a county commissioner.

Two residents have filed to seek the Precinct 1 job in the Democratic primary.

Larry Don Watlington filed Dec. 3, while Brooks Wallis created the race when he filed Dec. 5.

The county chair positions held by Martin and McCollum will also be on the primary ballot in addition to the precinct chair positions in the four precincts.

Each precinct has a Democratic and Republican chairman.

Also scheduled to be on the ballot is the constable's position for Precincts 2 and 3.

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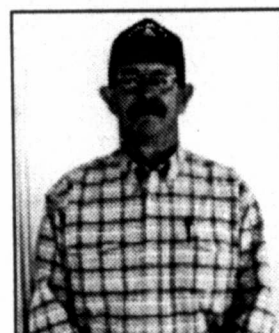
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# local news



ARCHITECT RON GOEBEL (L) was presented a plaque Tuesday recognizing his hard work and dedication during the construction of the recently completed Webb Chapel located between the Wallace and Ware Units. Making the presentation was Board President Claudine Chaney (C). Looking on is Warden J.V. Young (L). The presentation was made during the Kiwanis Club's noon luncheon.



JAN LEMONS (center, with plaque) was surprised when she received a plaque recognizing her hard work in coordinating the fundraising efforts for the recently completed Webb Chapel. Pictured (l-r) is Virgil Stone, Claudine Chaney, Lemons, Margaret Bodine, Cheryl Lee, Warden J.V. Young and Chaplain Edward Riley. The Webb Chapel board wanted to recognize Lemons for her hard work during the fundraising and construction phase of the Webb Chapel.

## FEAST

FROM PAGE 1

with "an emotional time of the year" since they are away from their families, in addition to helping boost morale.

Preparations for the feast began Monday, Dec. 22, with cabbage shredded into cole slaw.

Rose Ann Calderon, food service manager III, said offenders were preparing turkeys Tuesday, Dec. 23, with 760 pounds set aside for the Wallace unit and 588 for the Ware unit.

Other dishes prepared at the Wallace unit are dressing, 500 pounds; blackeyed peas, 175 pounds; giblet gravy, 350 pounds; pineapple sauce, 350 pounds; green beans, 550 pounds; candied yams, 540 pounds; fruit salad, 540 pounds; cole slaw, 350 pounds; cranberry sauce, 350 pounds; buttermilk pie, 360 pounds; chocolate cake, 360 pounds; and sliced bread, 180 pounds.

Offenders at the Ware unit are not preparing quite the same amount, but a meal fit for a king.

Numbers include dressing, 390 pounds; blackeyed peas, 150 pounds; giblet gravy, 300 pounds; pineapple sauce, 300 pounds; green beans, 430 pounds; candied yams, 420; fruit salad, 420 pounds; cole slaw, 290 pounds; cranberry sauce, 280 pounds; buttermilk pie, 288 pounds; chocolate cake, 288 pounds; and sliced bread, 150 pounds.

Capt. Teresa Hart, food service manager IV, who over sees both units, said the Wallace unit has 180 offenders who work in the kitchen, and the Ware unit has 130.

She said the kitchens are staffed 21 hours a day.

Hart said at least 20 offenders from each unit are preparing the holiday meal.

Hart said apples and oranges are also made available to the offenders.

"They really work hard to get it together," Hart said of the offenders preparing the meal.

Turkeys and cornbread were prepared Tuesday, and sent to the ovens Wednesday, Dec. 24.

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ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2003, Courtney Gutierrez, daughter of Morris and Sharon Hammond, received her LVN pin after completing the one-year nursing course at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater. She was especially gratified to have her very special great-aunt, Mary Jo Self, long-time nurse at Mitchell County Hospital, in attendance at the ceremony. She also received her Phi Theta Kappa pin after having been nominated for membership in that sorority by her Program Chair, Carrie Sanderson, R.N. Courtney is currently employed by Kristi Lee Manor. She and her husband, Zeke, have two daughters, Katie and Beth.

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*I just want to tell you you still make me proud  
You stand head and shoulders above all the crowd*

*Keep trying each moment to stay in His grace  
I came here before you to help set your place.*

*You don't have to be perfect all the time  
He forgives you the slip if you continue the climb.*

*To my family and friends please be thankful today  
I'm still close beside you in a new special way.*

*I love you all dearly, now don't shed a tear  
Cause I'm spending my Christmas with Jesus this year.*

*A tribute to Golda Redwine from her grandchildren  
Dakota, Ashley & Kyle*

## City hall, courthouse closed

City Hall and the Mitchell County Courthouse will be closed for the Christmas holidays Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Dec. 26.

Both will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29.

In addition, banks throughout the county will close at noon Wednesday, Dec. 24, and reopen at their regular times Friday, Jan. 26.

Also, the governmental facilities will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, and reopen at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2.

Colorado City residents ex-

periencing water problems can phone the Police Department at 728-5294.

In addition, the city's landfill will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, through Saturday, Dec. 27, and there will be no garbage pick up those same days.

All garbage citywide will be picked up Monday, Dec. 29.

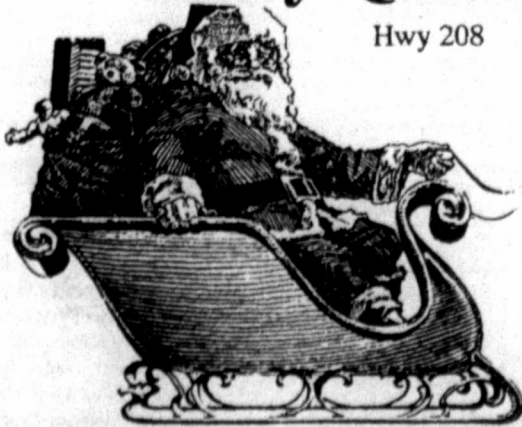
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# forum

## C-COURT

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freezer and pay all utilities at the concession stand.

She outlined guidelines for operating the concession stand, including that it will be open during all scheduled games and tournaments; the operator shall obtain liability insurance, a state sales tax permit, and city food handlers permit.

Carlock told commissioners that Senate Bill 1731, passed by the state Legislature, allows all counties to charge a \$5 archive fee "that would help us get all of our older records archived in an electronic format."

She said the fee would have been charged to anyone filing public records, documents and marriage licenses.

Carlock said records prior to January 1990 are considered older records that need to be archived.

She said public records prior to 1990 are secure on microfilm through July 1998.

Carlock said that collecting the fee would also have allowed the county to establish a Web site where anyone would have access to public records such as deeds and marriage licenses.

The \$5 archive fee would have been charged in addition to fees currently charged by the county clerk's office.

Carlock said public records from August 1998 until present are available on computer at the county clerk's office.

She said records from May 1985 through December 1997 have been indexed.

The indexes are available on computer but the documents still must be located in the large books maintained in the clerk's office.

Carlock said that permanent records required to be preserved are on microfilm, but "the microfilm is in storage and is a backup for security purposes."

The fee would have allowed the county clerk's office to make the records "more readily available to the public in electronic form so that we preserve our paper records by not having to handle them as much as far as deterioration purposes."

"This would be a convenience for the public. A lot of people have called us recently and asked if you have your records on-line. A lot of counties already have theirs out there, and this is the direction that I foresee that Mitchell County needs to go."

Carlock said the fee could have been collected until Sept. 1, 2008.

The main concern among commissioners was that residents were being saddled with another fee increase.

Mayo said he cast the tie-breaking vote of "nay" because "I did not want to impose another fee on people utilizing the county's services."

"I think it was the consensus of the commissioners that they didn't want to impose an additional fee."

Carlock also told commissioners that starting Jan. 1 birth and death certificates, any public documents that are filed, and even fines and court costs can be paid with a credit card.

She said Dallas-based Certified Payments will collect and process fees paid by credit card. An application and account can be established on a Web site.

She said Certified Payments will automatically include the 4 percent fee charged for using a credit card.

The company will first give approval for paying with a credit card.

The money will go directly into the county clerk's office bank account.

Carlock said the contract is a letter of understanding where the county can discontinue the services after a 30-day period.

Commissioners also accepted bids on property held in trust by taxing entities in the county.

They accepted bids from Jesus Hernandez, \$100; Eric Boone, \$20; and Douglas Smith, \$200.



## PUBLIC RECORDS

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Edith Jane Pickens Webb to Edith Jane Pickens Webb, Raymond Lee Webb, Gift Deed.

City National Bank of Colorado City, TX, Royce D. Clay Pres. to Kenny F. Hammond, Katherine Hammond, Release of Lien/DT.

Vista Propane LLC, Randy L. Stevens Pres. to West TX. Gas Inc., West TX. National Bank, David Kirk TTEE, Warranty Deed.

Scythian LTD., Jafar R. Salehi President to West Texas National Bank, David Kirk President, Modification of DT.

Alliance Mortgage Company, Bridget Lovett Asst. Secy. to Richard L. Arthur, Kathryn H. Arthur, Release of Lien/DT.

State of Texas, Carole Keeton Strayhorn Compt. to Charles E. Ballard, State Tax Lien, State of Texas vs. Charles E. Ballard.

Carol Olson Dotson to Jesse C. and Carol Dotson, Revocable Living, Assign. of Property.

Lone Star Land Bank FLCA, Billy Hallman Vice Pres. of Operations to Juan Antonio Solis, Susanna Solis Co., Release of Lien/DT.

Marilyn Joyce Sloan, Morris Sloan, Marilyn Beeson fka to Weldon Thomas Mahan Jr., Corrected, Warranty Deed.

Dolores M. Needham to J.L. Walraven, Mildred Walraven, Warranty Deed.

Bobbie D. McKeel to J.L. Walraven, Mildred Walraven, Warranty Deed.

Harold H. Graham, Lorretta J. Graham to Stuart Ponko Sr., Connie Ponko, Warranty Deed.

Stuart Ponko Sr., Connie Ponko to City National Bank of Colorado City, TX, Royce D. Clay TTEE, Deed of Trust.

EZ Own Homes, Robert D. Brookshear Partner to Manuel Aguilar Jr., Warranty Deed.

Manuel Aguilar Jr. to W. Drew Darby TTEE, EZ Own Homes, Deed of Trust.

Curtis A. Rogers, Marcia L. Rogers to Alpha Nuevo Inc., Warranty Deed.

Phoenix Crude Oil Co., William D. Salt Pres. to First American Bank SSB, Frank K. Stowers Sr. Vice Pres., AMD Deed of Trust.

Williamson mailed certified letters to McNeal on Feb. 24, 2000, and Jan. 22, 2001.

Code Enforcement Officer Charles Rice sent McNeal a letter dated Oct. 23, 2003, informing him to clean his property, giving him 10 days to correct the violation.

Rice wrote that "failure to correct this violation in the allotted time will result in a citation and fine."

Willis followed his letter where McNeal was given until Monday, Dec. 1, to comply with all requirements.

"If you have still failed to comply, we will then issue citations and fines daily until full compliance is achieved," Willis wrote. "As you know, fines can be as much as \$200 a day for violations."

Willis said the city received phone calls from residents complaining about the debris on McNeal's property.

Willis also wrote, "We receive statements that citizens should not be forced to comply with city ordinances requiring to clean up around their properties until council member McNeal is forced to clean his property."

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Fleet National Bank Agent, Terrence Ronan Managing Director, BankBoston NA to Plains All American Inc., Plains Scurlock Permian LP, Plains Marketing GP Inc. Gen. Ptnr., Lawrence J. Dreyfus Asst. Sec., Plains Marketing LP, All American Pipeline LP, Release of Lien/DT.

Kathryn Webster to Midland Oil & Gas Inc., Oil & Gas Lease.

Diane Mayhew to Midland Oil & Gas Inc., Oil & Gas Lease.

Adobe Oilfield Services Inc., Larry V. Bohannon Pres. to West Tx. National Bank, John Grant Branch Pres. & TTEE, 1st Amendment to deed of.

Adobe Oilfield Services Inc. to Larry V. Bohannon Pres. to West Tx. National Bank, John Grant Branch Pres. & TTEE, 2nd Amendment to deed of.

Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Dept., Pattye L. Haywood Revenue Officer to Gary Harkins Insurance Agency Inc., Federal Tax Lien.

O.H. Bennie Deceased to Sara N. Bennie Executrix, Certified copy of will.

Mark Nash TTEE, Harold Clifford Rev. Living Trust to S and A Partnership, Mineral Deed.

D.H. Snyder III to Pine Bough Properties LTD., Cert. Copy Warranty Deed.

Johnny W. Whitley to Tesa M. Whitley, Jimmy Whitley Succ. Agent, Vicki Castilejos Succ. Agent, Power of Attorney.

Buster M. Mohler, Marilyn Mohler, Tesa M. Whitley Indiv. & Atty-in-Fact, Johnny Whitley to Six Hunt Club Ranch Plus LTD., Warranty Deed.

Six Hunt Club Ranch Plus LTD, Troy T. Hunt Management Corp. Gen. Ptnr., Troy T. Hunt Pres. to Terry D. Dane TTEE, First Ag Credit FLCA, Deed of Trust.

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Swartz & Brough Inc., Vickie Thames Vice President to Phillip Vigil, Special Warranty Deed.

Phillip Vigil to Swartz & Brough Inc., Deed of Trust.

Barron Lynn Boyd to Donna Marie Boyd, Special Warranty Deed.

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Interbay Funding LLC, Kathleen M. Sovic Vice President to Ava Ramirez, Special Warranty Deed.

Addie Wood Hart Trust Estate, Sharon Lea Hart Co. TTEE, Kimber Anderson Oravetz Co. TTEE, Jayme Hart Ward Co. TTEE to Green Burdorf & Company, Warranty Deed.

Donnie Lee Lefever, Roscoe, to Irene Glavan Gordon, Roscoe, 12-15-03.

Ramiro Fuentes, Westbrook to Glenda Faye Wallace, Colorado City, 12-15-03.

Ronald Parham Jr., 21, CCPD, family violence assault, 12-16-03.

Louis Timothy Green, 32, CCPD, DOC-Language, 12-17-03.

James Ford, 22, CCPD, PI, 12-19-03.

Christopher Turner, 20, THP, UCW, 12-19-03.

Kirk Evans, 41, MCSO, PI, 12-19-03.

Geneva Rivera, 18, CCPD, PI, consumption alcohol by minor, 12-20-03.

Roberto Arispe, 39, CCPD, class C assault, 12-20-03.

Lewis Martin Munoz, 30, MCSO, class assault family violence, 12-20-03.

Edward Cortez, DWLS, December 17, 2003, plea of guilty, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 30 days suspended/1 year, \$40 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Gregory Lynn New, Criminal Mischief, December 17, 2003, plea of guilty, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 90 days suspended/1 year, \$40 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Edward Lee Egger, Deadly Conduct, December 17, 2003, plea of guilty, \$1500 fine, \$226 court costs, 60 days suspended/1 year, \$40 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Tammy Eveatt Weatherspoon, DWLI, December 17, 2003, plea of guilty, \$300 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days suspended/6 months, \$40 per month probation fees.

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## My Buddy Carl, the Fire Marshal Poet

By Tumbleweed Smith

Carl Condray joined the Big Spring Fire Department when he was a teenager. Not yet forty, he worked his way up to Fire Marshal. He's got enough years in to retire, but he just can't quit because he's so young.

If he ever does decide to retire, he's got another career ahead of him: Cowboy Poetry. He has performed it at the State Fair and at some of the top Cowboy Poetry events in the country. I've had the privilege of being in audiences where Carl has recited both his own poetry and poems written by other people. Folks laugh and laugh when they hear Carl spout words about cowboys. They also get real quiet when he does a serious poem.

The Heritage Museum in Big Spring was the scene of a release party for my latest CD, Natural Born Storytellers. Carl came by and bought four of them.

He also told me he had written a poem for the occasion and recited it from memory in front of me. I'm going to print the words of the poem here to let you know how much his gesture meant to me. I appreciate Carl's friendship and hope that something this special happens to you sometime. Here's the poem written for the release of Natural Born Storytellers.



I guess it's a fact that all things change.  
Ideas, once common, may now seem strange  
and wordly treasures just fade so fast.  
Yet there are lessons left to learn  
by those who have the desire and yearn,  
to gather that gold from the past.  
Roads once traveled by those before  
are the greatest source of worthwhile lore  
but their tales must be gathered like a herd.  
I know one who can wrangle with the best.  
His talents shine far above the rest.  
Each rope he throws gathers the spoken word.  
And though the winds may blow him 'cross the land  
I am grateful for this tireless hand  
and how he does his noble deed.  
He talks to those who truly know  
then shares it with us on his show  
Thank you and God bless you my dear friend,  
"Tumbleweed."

He signed it "Thanks for all the laughs. Carl Condray." When Carl recited the poem to me at the release party, I got quiet.

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# local news

## POLICE REPORT

### OFFENSES

On Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at about 6:06 A.M. Fred Townsend, 29 year-old male, 533 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. reports Burglary. Townsend stated that when he returned home from work he found the backdoor had been kicked in. Several items were found to be missing and the loss is estimated at \$960.00. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: T. Taylor.

On Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at about 4:30 P.M. Ronald Parham, 21 year-old male, 1114 Nicolosa St. was arrested for Assault by Contact-Family Violence at 1114 Nicolosa St. after a call of a domestic disturbance. The victim an 18 year-old female did not require medical attention. Parham was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at about 3:06 A.M. Tony Rivera Jr., 20 year-old male, 2330 N. Hwy 208 #12 reports Burglary. Rivera stated that when he returned home he had found several items missing from his apartment. He stated that he had left the front door unlocked. The loss is estimated at 1,118.00. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: T. Taylor.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at about 6:00 P.M. Nicolasa Barber, 56 year-old female reports Assault by Threat. A person who Barber knows threatened her with bodily injury. A suspect has been identified and this offense will be forwarded to Municipal Court for prosecution. Investigating Officer: Perez.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at about 7:40 P.M. Louis Timothy Green, 32 year-old male, 1111 Nicolosa St. was arrested for Disorderly Conduct at 1111 Nicolosa St. after a report of domestic disturbance. Green was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

On Thursday, December 18, 2003 at about 5:48 P.M. Alco Department Store, 2000 Hickory St. reports theft. A juvenile was caught stealing a disk from a Sony Play Station Magazine by store security. The loss was estimated at \$8.99. The juvenile was cited and released. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for prosecution. Arresting Officer: Mitchell.

On Friday, December 19, 2003 at about 12:46 A.M. James Carl Ford, 22 year-old male, 203 Manuel St. was arrested for Public Intoxication at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Oak St. Ford was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

On Saturday, December 20, 2003 at about 2:14 A.M. Geneva Kay Rivera, 18 year-old female, 1903 Fig St. was arrested for Public Intoxication and Consumption of Alcohol by Minor after a report of a disturbance at 1903 Fig St. between Rivera and another female. Rivera was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

On Saturday, December 20, 2003 at about 4:26 A.M. Roberto Franco Arispe, 39 year-old male, 719 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested for Assault by Contact Family Violence at 719 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St. following a report of a domestic disturbance. The victim a 33 year-old female did not require any medical attention. Arispe was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

On Saturday, December 20, 2003 at about 11:20 A.M. Suzanne Henderson, 34 year-old female, 527 Elm St. reports Assault by Contact Family Violence. Henderson reports that Lewis Munoz a person who she knows had assaulted her at 527 Elm St. Munoz was later arrested by Chief Deputy Mike Redwine and was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Sheriff's Jail. Henderson did require medical attention. This case will be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for prosecution. Investigating Officer: Mitchell.

### ACCIDENTS

On Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at about 8:40 A.M. a collision occurred at the intersection of Texas 208 Bypass and the IH-20 South Service Road. A 1995 White Ford Pick-up driven by Fred Newton Sharrock, 47 year-old male, P.O. Box 334 Colorado City, TX was Northbound on TX 208 Bypass when a Truck-Tractor Semi Trailer failed to yield right of way at the stop sign. Sharrock then took evasive action and went off the roadway and struck a concrete embankment. The Truck-Tractor Semi Trailer left the scene without stopping. There were no injuries. P.J.'S Wrecker Service towed the white pick-up. Investigating Officer: Torres.

## C-City man escapes serious injury

A Colorado City man escaped serious injury late Monday afternoon, Dec. 23, in a one vehicle accident on Farm Road 1229, 10 miles north of Interstate 20.

Oren Carpenter, 32, was treated at the scene by Mitchell County EMS. The accident occurred around 4:50 p.m.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Joshua Burson, who investigated the accident, said Carpenter was driving his 1999 Ford F150 pickup truck south on FM 1229 and negotiating a curve at the time the accident occurred.

Burson said Carpenter told him "a deer ran out in front of him. He swerved to the right to dodge the deer, and went off the road."

"He hit his brakes and over-corrected to the left to get back on the road, lost control, spun around one complete time to the left and hit a tree."

Trooper Sonny Flores assisted at the accident along with Mitchell County Sheriff's Deputy David Moore and reserve deputies Jack Green and Donnie Phillips.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Trooper Sonny Flores of Colorado City inspects a 1999 Ford F150 pickup truck that was involved in a one vehicle accident Monday afternoon, Dec. 23, on Farm Road 1229, 10 miles north of Interstate 20. The driver, Oren Carpenter, 32, of Colorado City was the only occupant. He escaped serious injury and was treated at the scene by Mitchell County EMS.



THE DONATION OF a substantial number of photographs and stories to The Heart of West Texas Museum by Colorado City resident Mary Smith, center, is providing insight to African-Americans residing in Mitchell County in the 1940s and 1950s, according to Bobby Banks, left, a member of the museum's board of directors, and Beth Purcell, the museum's executive director. The museum is seeking photos and documents regarding African-American and Hispanic cultures.

## RECYCLING

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the larger fish," he said. Ferguson said state park personnel will be placing the trees.

"Right now, we're looking at putting them in the areas of the two fishing piers in the park," Ferguson said. "One is in the Little Day Area and the other in the tent camping area."

"If we have enough, we will put some in the area of the floating fishing barge at the Mesquite Campground."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department started restocking the lake this year after the deadly golden algae destroyed the fishery, including the popular redfish and largemouth bass.

Ferguson said scientific evidence indicates that as the trees' green needles begin to decay, a chemical reaction takes place which limits the amount of golden algae bloom.

Ferguson said results from the December water sample showed the lake to be non-toxic.

He said the cell count was 7,000 parts per milliliter, substantially from the same period last year when the count was 138,500 parts per milliliter.

The 7,000 count was also recorded in the previous water sample.

"The lake is holding its own," Ferguson said of the algae bloom. "Everything sounds good right now."

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## Bynums celebrate 50th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bynum - 2003



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bynum - 1943

Howard and Sug Bynum will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Christmas day. They were married at the home of Sug's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Henderson, in Loraine, December 25, 1943.

Howard was born in Mitchell County, on August 19, 1926. His parents were Dee and Jewell Bynum. He graduated from Colorado High School in 1943, where he played football. Sug was also born in Mitchell County on March 7, 1925. She was a cheerleader at Loraine High School, graduating in 1942. They met at the Martin Drug Store, in Loraine, in September 1943. Sug was working at the soda fountain, when Howard and his friends came in after work. They started dating shortly thereafter.

They have lived most of their life in Mitchell County, with the exception of one year in Oklahoma City, where Howard was working for an oil company. They also lived in North Carolina for a few months where Howard trained war dogs at Camp Lejeune. He served two years in the Marines and was sent to China during WWII. Howard worked many years in the oil fields around Mitchell County before retir-

ing in the early 80's. Sug retired in 1989 after working in the dentist office of Dr. H.J. Steakley for several years.

Sug is a member of the First Baptist Church, where she is involved in many activities. The Bynum's also enjoy taking early morning drives to the country and usually have a small garden every spring. They mostly enjoy just spending time together at home.

The Bynum's 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated with a big gathering of family and friends in 1993. They have many cherished memories of

that day. They have chosen to spend the 60th at home with just their immediate family. Their children are Dale Bynum and wife Vickie of New Braunfels, and Fredda Stubblefield and husband Dwayne of Carrollton. They have three grandsons, Kip Bynum and wife Lori live in New Braunfels with their children, Allison, Keagan, and Emma. Zach Bynum and wife Carley are also from New Braunfels, and Cade Stubblefield lives in Carrollton. They also have one granddaughter, Amy Grider and children, Jade, Ashton, Anthony and Coby of Belton.

## COOK'S CORNER

Turkey and dressing are traditionally the main course in any Christmas dinner, but what do you do with the leftover turkey when the dressing is gone? Try some of these turkey and ham casseroles to spice up your leftovers.

### "TEX-MEX" MAC 'N CHEESE

1 lb Ground beef OR ground turkey  
1 bell pepper, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
1/2 cup mushroom, sliced  
1 can tomato paste  
1/2 cup water  
1 can whole kernel corn, undrained  
Salt, pepper, seasonings, as desired  
1 pkg. macaroni and cheese OR Velveeta and Shells  
In large skillet, brown the ground beef or turkey with the chopped pepper, onion and mushrooms. Stir in the tomato paste and water and corn. Cook the macaroni and cheese according to package directions, adding milk and margarine if required. Add the macaroni and cheese to the beef mixture. Mix well and serve.

### AU GRATIN POTATOES AND HAM

3 cups potatoes, peeled and sliced  
1/2 med. onion, coarsely chopped  
3/4 cup ham, cooked, cubed  
1/2 cup American cheese, shredded  
1/2 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/4 cup milk  
Dash thyme  
In slow cooker, layer half each of the potatoes, onion, ham and cheese; repeat layers. In small bowl, combine soup, milk and thyme; pour over top. Cover; cook on high setting for 1 hour. Reduce to low setting; cook for 6 to 8 hours or until potatoes are tender.

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Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.  
He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.  
Psalm 148:1-6

## BIRTHS

Caleb Matos would like to announce the birth of his sister, Kylee Danielle Matos. She was born at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital at 2:29 p.m. on September 29, 2003. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Roland and Amber Matos of Colorado City.

Grandparents are Jessie and Geneva Matos of Colorado City and Becky Morris of Colorado City.

Oria and David Cloutier of Pearl, Mississippi would like to announce the birth of their son, Luke David Cloutier. He was born December 2, 2003 weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

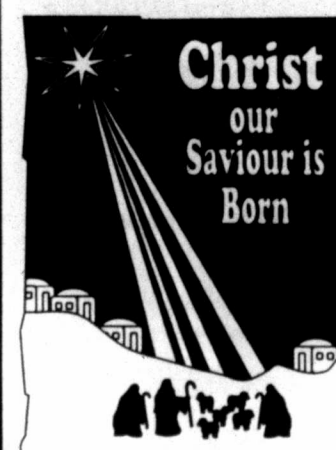
Maternal grandparents are Elia and Jesse Gonzalez of Colorado City.

Paternal grandparents are Rachel and Leo Cloutier of Lewiston, Maine.

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# school news



THE 12 & UNDER COLORADO CITY XTREME soccer team played in the Sweetwater league this season. They took first place in the 12 & Under division and finished with 5 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie for the season. Pictured front row (l-r) is Adrianna (Shorty) Munoz, Chelsea Martinez, J.R. Jaimes, Andrew Munoz and Angel Silva; middle row (l-r) Courtney Sutton, Brittany Valdivia, Carissa Sutton, Laura Warren and Nick Reyna; back row (l-r) Coaches Lisa Rees, Tim Warren, and Chrystal Jaimes.

## Speaking of Sports...

By Carl Graham

Hello once again sports fans! The Dallas Cowboys are headed back to the playoffs under first-year head coach Bill Parcells.

I predicted the Cowboys to go 8-8 this season. I really thought it would take Parcells' team at least another season to be contenders.

I was proved wrong again. The Cowboys are not loaded with talent like they were when Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, and company played for "Big D", but they are just good enough to get the job done.

Congratulations to Jacobie Russell on being named to the first team all-state football team. After the season he had he well deserved to be named to the elite squad.

We lost a coaching legend in Gordon Wood last week. I had the opportunity to meet him and do interviews with him on a couple of occasions. He loved to talk football, one of his and my favorite topics. Until this past season he was the winningest football coach in Texas with 396 wins. G.A. Moore of Pilot Point, and formerly of Celina, surpassed Wood's record during the 2002 football season.

What I like most about Coach Wood was his ability to take an average kid with average ability, and make him believe he could achieve greatness. Farewell coach Wood, you will be greatly missed!

Until next week, have a great Christmas, and remember, be a great sport in everything you do. Drive safely!

## Griffin named to national scholar list

Alicia L. Griffin from Runaway Bay and student at Bridgeport High School has recently been selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. The Society invites only those students who have superior academic achievement and are among the top scholars in the nation. The announcement was made by NSHSS Honorary Chair Claes Nobel, a senior member of the Nobel Prize Family.

For additional information on the National Society of High School Scholars, visit the organization's website at [www.nshss.org](http://www.nshss.org).

Alicia is the granddaughter of Florence Nadine Pierson of Colorado City and the great-granddaughter of Marie Gilman of Colorado City.

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# record sports

## Wolves lose squeaker to state-ranked Wall, girls lose

Using a slowed down, deliberate offense, the Colorado Wolves almost pulled an upset over the seventh-ranked Wall Hawks before going down in defeat by the score of 43-38.

The Wolves led 5-2 at the end of the first quarter before taking a slight 14-13 lead into the lockers at half-time.

The Hawks took the lead with around six minutes left in the third quarter, and never relinquished it, taking a 33-29 lead into the last quarter.

Wall outscored the Wolves 10-9 the final quarter to preserve the win.

Patrick Spear led the Wolves with 11 points which included two treys. Jacobie Russell pitched in with 8 while Cole Arthur had 7 which included a trey.

In the boy's JV game Wall clipped the Wolves by a score of 48-39. The freshmen boys lost to Wall by the score of 41-32.

The Lady Wolves varsity girls lost to state-ranked Wall by the score of 72-35.

Wall led 22-10 at the end of the first quarter before taking a 44-15 lead at the half.

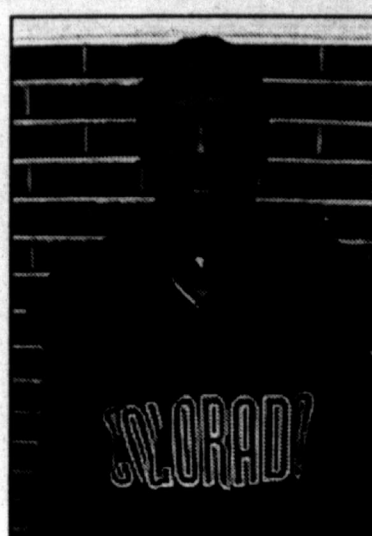
The Lady Wolves outscored

Wall 11-9 in the third quarter, but were still behind 53-26 going into the final quarter.

Hannah Bassham led the ladies with 17 points while Chasity Jackson and Whitney Merket each contributed 6.

The Lady Wolves are now 4-10 on the season.

In the JV game the Lady Wolves lost to Wall 42-31.



Jacobie Russell

## RUSSELL

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yards on 193 carries his junior year, a year in which he was often hampered by a nagging ankle injury.

Despite the loss of a great offensive line from the 2002 football season, Russell finished his high school career as the most prolific running back in Wolves history which include Hall of Fame's Don Maynard, and Hollis Gainey as well as Dan Steakley and Aerian Emerson.

According to former Wolf coach Bob Reilly, Russell is the first Wolf to make all-state since Gainey was named in 1954. Gainey was also named to the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram's "Super" All-State Team, a collection of the best in Texas, regardless of classification. He was listed as 5-11, 146 pounds.

In Emerson's senior season of 1997, he rushed for 1,555 yards on 286 carries in 12 games. He scored 15 touch-

downs, half the number Russell had this year in his senior season.

"Russell ranks right at the top of the list of great backs that have played at Colorado City," said Reilly who was an assistant coach when Gainey made all-state. "This year he ran with a lot more authority, a lot more confidence, it seemed."

Russell has several offers on the table to play college football. At the moment though, he is busy on the basketball court, trying to help the Wolves gain a playoff spot.

| Russell Career Stats |            |              |           |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
|                      | Carries    | Yards        | TD        |
| Freshman*            | 34         | 172          | 1         |
| Sophomore            | 162        | 794          | 9         |
| Junior               | 193        | 1,245        | 15        |
| Senior*              | 238        | 2,454        | 30        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>627</b> | <b>4,665</b> | <b>59</b> |

\*Includes stats from playoff games.

## Wildcats prepare for district title run

Westbrook Wildcat head boys basketball coach Jim Hill feels like his team has enough talent to make a return trip into the post-season playoffs.

"We are a very young team with very little height, but I feel like we have enough talent and quickness to be a contender," Hill said. "We only have one senior and he is a transfer student that hasn't played much before."

The transfer student, Garrett Womach, is the tallest player at 6'1" with 6 foot sophomores Josiah Hannon and Logan Truelove as well as junior Jared Matlock the only other players that are at least 6 feet tall.

The starting five Wildcats include Matlock, Hannon, Jordan Johnson, Trey Chavez, and Cory Morton.

Womach, Logan Truelove, and Gria Ginkinger come in as backups to spell the starting five.

"We have to rely on our quickness getting up and down the court," said Hill. "Matlock is the only seasoned veteran with two years of varsity experience."

He is usually the one we look to when we need something to happen."

Others on the varsity include freshman Justin Cantu, sophomore Levi Trimble, freshman Jordan Truelove, and sophomore Trevor Groat.

The Wildcats have held their own in tournament play this season, capturing third place in the Blackwell tournament and consolation at the Highland tournament.

"After seeing several district teams play at the Highland and Blackwell tournaments I feel like it will be Trent, Loraine, and us in the running for the top two playoff spots," said Hill. "I feel Blackwell could play the spoilers role with Hermleigh. Highland does not appear to be a contender, but you never know what may happen."

The Wildcats will return to the hardwood floor on Jan. 2 when they host Ira at 6:30 p.m.

District starts on Jan. 6 when the Wildcats travel to Blackwell for the opener with the boys playing at 8 p.m.



LOREN REES, SON OF TOM, Jr. and Becky, of Sweetwater killed a 10 point buck recently on the Looney Place, south of Loraine. Loren, a freshman at Sweetwater High School is the grandson of Tom, Sr. and Margaret Rees, of Colorado City.

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## Loraine girls and boys drop games to Miles

The Loraine Bulldogs lost a buzzer-beater last Friday night at Miles by the score of 48-46.

The Bulldogs, playing without the services of starter Michael Walker who was out sick, had tied the game just seconds before the final buzzer, was unable to stop a Miles player from taking the basketball all the way to the hoop for a lay-up for the winning basket.

Ryan Lucas, averaging more than 15 points per game, was high point with 24 points which included four treys. Cameron Smith added 11 points for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldog JV lost to Miles 43-18.

The Lady Bulldogs lost to Miles by the score of 58-42.

After being behind 16-10 at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Bulldogs cut the lead to 27-16 at the end of the first half.

The third quarter, however, spelled doom for the Loraine squad when they were outscored 21-2, allowing Miles to take a 48-28 lead into the final quarter.

Junior Eliza Garcia scored 18 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs while Amanda Walker was also in double figures with 12. April Bailey had the only three-point shot for Loraine.

The Lady Bulldog JV team lost by the score of 37-19.

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# loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn  
Happy holidays to our readers.

We pray for peace in the coming new year. Happy birthday to Jesus with love and good cheer.

You are invited to attend a New Year's party held at the Senior Center at 7 p.m. on the 31st.

Please bring goodies. There will be music and games for your enjoyment. This will be fun.

Special music at United Methodist Church Sunday was presented by Dorothy Helm, a cousin to Rev. Keifer Cauble. Leon Applin and Charlene Hays also sang.

Santa came to my house Monday night. I didn't realize how good I had been all year until I noticed all the used paper and ribbon.

Santa even left a gift for my Beta Fish, Sweetie. I should have left more milk and cookies. Next year I will.

Vanessa Smith, her children, Cameron, Ashley and Donta said they will have a wonderful Christmas due to generous gifts extended by First Baptist Church, United Methodist Church, Loraine Senior Center and Loraine High school. They are truly grateful.

Jan Millering had toe surgery last week but she is limping around decorating for

Christmas in her home.

She and her husband Hank attended a Christmas play at New Life Bible Ministry in Colorado City Sunday night.

The play was entitled Good News Christmas Cruise. Jane worked the spotlight for the event. I hope she didn't drop it on her toe.

Ralston Bruce celebrated an early Christmas Saturday at Snyder in the home of Byron and Mollie Bruce. Also present were Janna and Scott Edmons, Carson and Madison Edmons. Good food and a nice family get-together was enjoyed by all.

Reavis and Tommy Leonard from Uvalde attended Loraine Methodist Church Sunday.

Aubrey Nell Cauble attended the funeral of her sister-in-law Sandra Dennis of Rotan Saturday. She passed away last week. Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Sandra Dennis.

Having a family Christmas get-together with Narl and Joan Long were their children, Gary Don and Belinda and family of Westbrook, Narleen and Randy Necessary of Ovilla, Vonda and Danny O'Bannon and family of Lubbock, Jeff Merket from Lubbock, Derrick Merket of Colorado City, Eddy and Sherry Merket of Midland, Sheena Morris of San Marcos and family, Jodie Morris of Midland, Quentin and Ryan of Lamesa and friend of Odessa, and Rhonda Gridley of Austin. The family enjoyed a Mexican dinner and exchanged gifts. Joan reported they had a wonderful time.

Wanza and Bobby Graham will have all of their children and grandchildren for the holiday and she is very busy. Her arm is better but she still has a therapy regimen that she adheres to.

Mildred and Michael Hackfield will be at home and have a quiet holiday. She wishes for friends and neighbors to have a good Christmas.

Thanks from the center to all our volunteers that have helped us during the year. We appreciate your willingness to come help us with our music programs, donations and times given for various tasks.

Last Monday Aubrey Wilson and Don Johnson of Snyder and Durwood McAdams played music and sang.

Steve, Debbie and Joshua Zabica visited with us during the week.

George Lee Jr. and his dad, George Sr., came to have lunch and visit last Monday.

Friday, our visitors were Iris Preston and Sassy Furlough from Abilene.

Dena Troutt was also a visitor and had lunch last Friday.

Last Friday, Mary McMullen brought a program on safety, driving safely at night, tips for ladder safety and how to protect your home while your away.

Sam Russell, Justice of Peace in Crawford, Iowa, didn't talk anymore than he had to.

One day a saleslady breezed into his home and inquired if his wife was home.

"No, she's not home," the justice said.

"Do you mind if I wait," the lady asked.

"Nope, have a chair."

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"How long do you think she'll be gone?"

"Don't know," said the justice, "but she's been out there 11 years now."



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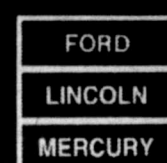


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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF MITCHELL

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Mitchell County on the 1st day of December, 2003, by the Clerk thereof in the following cases to the Sheriff directed, the following properties, which are more particularly described in the judgments entered in each cause, were levied on the 1st day of December, 2003, and will be sold at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of January, 2004, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, in the City of Colorado City, Texas, to satisfy judgments with interest and with all costs of suit in favor of Mitchell County, Et Al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said judgments and orders of sale.

Cause #14,196

Mitchell County vs. Richard Loiseau

All Lot 11, Block 33, Original Town, Colorado City Cause #14,321

Mitchell County vs. Sarah Bristow

Tract 1: All that .003906 Royalty Interest, Coleman Ranch Unit Tract 7, Lease #517, RRC #23672, Section 70, Block 97, H&TC

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Patrick Toombs  
Sheriff, Mitchell County, Texas

Mike Redwine, Deputy

In order to comply with Tax Code 34.015 all bidders should contact the County Tax Assessor before bidding.

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Dist./Div.: Abilene

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NPO: 11791

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Austin, Texas 78704  
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Dist/Div Office(s)  
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## LEGAL

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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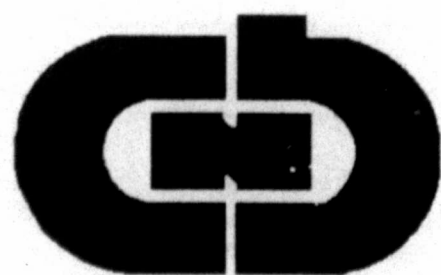
The Glory of Christmas ... which is salvation,

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



Standing (l-r) Alice Moreno, Becky Ornelas, Sue Womack, Juanita Arispe, John Johnson, Tom Rees, Inez Stewart, Amy Merket, Tim Lelek, Debbie Massingill, Donna Barlow, Dwayne Harris, Tommy Fuller, Julie Rodriguez, Melinda Pfeuffer, Richy Womack, Mandy Barkley, Sheryl Callaway, Dee Roach, Diana Kirchner, Kay Fite, George Womack, Mary Alice Hernandez, Gay Houston, Susan Wallis, Gayla Proctor, and Bobby Lemons. Seated (l-r) Lee Woods, Royce Clay, Mrs. C.C. Thompson and Frank Brownfield.

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# Christmas time steeped in legends from the past

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

## The Legend of Santa Claus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The legend of Santa Claus grows with time. Whether your

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

## The Legend of the Christmas Tree

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

will be surrounded with loving gifts and rites of kindness."

The modern Christmas tree as we know it dates back to 16th century Germany. The decorations used at that time consisted of various colors of paper roses, apples, wafers, gilt and sugar. In Protestant countries, Luther is credited as having been the first to place lighted candles on a tree in order to simulate the sight he

had seen while traveling home one winter's night as the moonlight shimmered on the snow-covered trees. And the tree was first introduced into England in 1841 by German Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. The record of the first tree in the U.S.A., still undisputed, was that of German immigrants in Pennsylvania who first put up one on December 20, 1821.

## Legend of Christmas Stockings

There was a kindly nobleman whose wife had

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

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

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

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

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

## Legend of Christmas Gifts

The tradition of giving gifts has many roots; however, the most widely accepted one evolved from the story of St. Nicholas, a bishop, who was born in Turkey. The story goes that

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

## Legend of the Candy Cane

It had to be special to be a gift for the King of Kings, thought

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

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

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

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

## Legend of Tinsel

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

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

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 Most people might  
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 over the 24 hours of Christmas Day,  
 some people will be doing just what we  
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 celebrate Christmas with our own families early,  
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# Letters to Santa



## Geneva Mays residence at 903 Oak

Dear Santa,  
Hi! My name is Dylan. I want some gameboy games. I need them to play games. I want a golfcart. They are fun to ride on. They get you places faster. I want a Lisard f a pet. It would teach me responsibility. I will feed and water it.  
merry christmas  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a rike gery, playstationa, clock, gum ball mushen, puppe, hat, ramp, drum, padoodl, tv, vesicare, watch, 10,000\$, jakir, shoos k-swiss, posterbars, sede player, dsrats, rumpeth.  
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Love, Serena

Dear Santa,  
I wish you can bring me some toys for Christmas. I want a bike, a mermaid doll, a prayer book, and a baby doll.  
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Love, Shannon Morris

Dear Santa,  
I want a my Scene doll, and a rubber trantula. I want a my Little Pony with a castle, and I want a barbie swan lake.  
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Love, Talitha DeeAnn Threatt

Dear Santa,  
How are things at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like to have fast cars and a big big race track. I also want a power ranger driving a truck, and some sponge Bob snacks. Merry Christmas Santa!  
\*\*\*  
Love, Seth Burleson

Dear Santa,  
I want some games, toys, balls, bells and a telephone. I be quiet when I am asleep but Lauren is still awake.  
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Love, Kaytlin Sims 4 years old

Dear Santa,  
How are you? For Christmas I would love to have a dirt bike, a telescope, a rifle, a new movie and a race car track. I love you!  
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Love, Zane Clemmer

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a BIG BIG Trampoline, a Leap Frog, and a big dump truck and fire truck. My mommy said I was a good boy this year.  
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Brayden Ray Coronado 3.5 years

Dear Santa,  
My mom and dad are good parents and I love them lots I've been trying to save some money but all I have is \$1.58. I was just wondering if you could get them some presents I know you have been busy but I was just a king and some toys for my meama and papa and my big sister and my two brothers and me and Breasha and Kady and Nana and Jocky and my little sister.  
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Sunsirly, Joshua Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I need a elektrik blanket for me and my little brother and I need a gill hamster for baby and please make her black. Oh are you doing good I hope I'm going to try Jeavine eggnog and caroling out ok.  
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Your friend, Felisha D. Carver

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! My name is Miranda and I am writing this letter to you for my little sister Marissa, actually we call her Rissa. She has been a very good little girl this year. I think she wants you to bring her a doctor set because me and my brother have been sick and she has tried to make us feel better by checking our ears, our mouths and our tummies. And I know she also wants a Barbie phone because she likes to call people. Have a good Christmas!  
\*\*\*  
Your friends, Miranda and Marissa Reyna

Dear Santa,  
Hi, my name is Timothy and I hope you had a good year.  
I want a battery powered jeep. I like to ride in them. I like thier colors and thier good transportation.  
Also a Nintindo 64 and games. I like Nintindo 64's. They're fun to play on.  
The last thing I want is a laptop. I want my own computer. They're funto play on.  
I hope I get all these things, have a good year.  
See ya Timothy. Threatt  
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Dear Santa,  
Hi! my name is ReAnna and I like animals, so the first thing I want is a lovely stuffed pony because if I get scared then I can squeeze her. I really don't need to be scared.  
The second thing I would like is a computer. I don't have one because I really like to draw pictures on it.  
The third thing I want is a puppy. I need a new puppy because my other one needs a frieind. And also need another one because one of my dogs died. I need a girl because I already have a boy.  
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Love ReAnna

P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks!  
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Dear Santa,  
are you haveing a good day?  
I liked the pransent you brough me last year  
I want a laptop iF I had one, aslo I could email My friends I could also buy game off the laptop.  
I want to go to Hawaii. I could get a cocnot and drink it. I would lay down on the sand.  
I want to meet Bubu franks. becuse he is a NFL foot ball player. Then I could get his autograph.  
Marry Christmas Santa.  
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Bobby

Dear, santa,  
Have you had a great year?  
The first thing I want is a puppy. pet it and play with it and take care of it.  
The second thing i want is a compute so i could play on it and draw e-mail friends.  
The thing that I want the most is my dog tohica back we had to put her to sleep because she was old about 89 or 90. If I had her back me and my grandma could be happy.  
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Love, Kelsea  
P.S. Marry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!

Dear Santa,  
Barbie car, remote control car, strawberry shortcake movie, finding nemo movie, hat and gloves, video game, basketball hoop, baby doll.  
Love, Macie  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie castle. I want a lot of toys. I also want Scooby movies. I want a doll, a computer and a pair of earrings.  
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Thank You, Love, Danye

Dear Santa,  
Ive bin a good boy. I want a girl Deer. I can see a baby Deer, then I can see how big a Deer is, I want a sience book. I can learn by my salfe. I like to learn. I want 1000 dollars, so I can buy thing. so I can be rich. If you give me 1 thing I will give you 5 cookies or more.  
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Love, Ian

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the flashlight, and race car blanket. For Christmas I would like another flashlight, a race car track, a hulk movie and clothes. I love you Santa!  
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Love, Garrett Brownfield

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alexxus Haag. I've been a good girl this year and I would like a remote control car, Barbies from Swan Lake, Barbie Rapunzel and also a Mrs. Claus Barbie and a Barbie radio and Barbie CD's. I also want a little couch, some angel Barbies and a snowglobe.  
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Thank you, Alexxus

Dear Santa,  
How are you? For Christmas, I would like clothes, a Bible, a finding nemo movie, and toy cars. I love you Santa.  
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Bryson Dominguez

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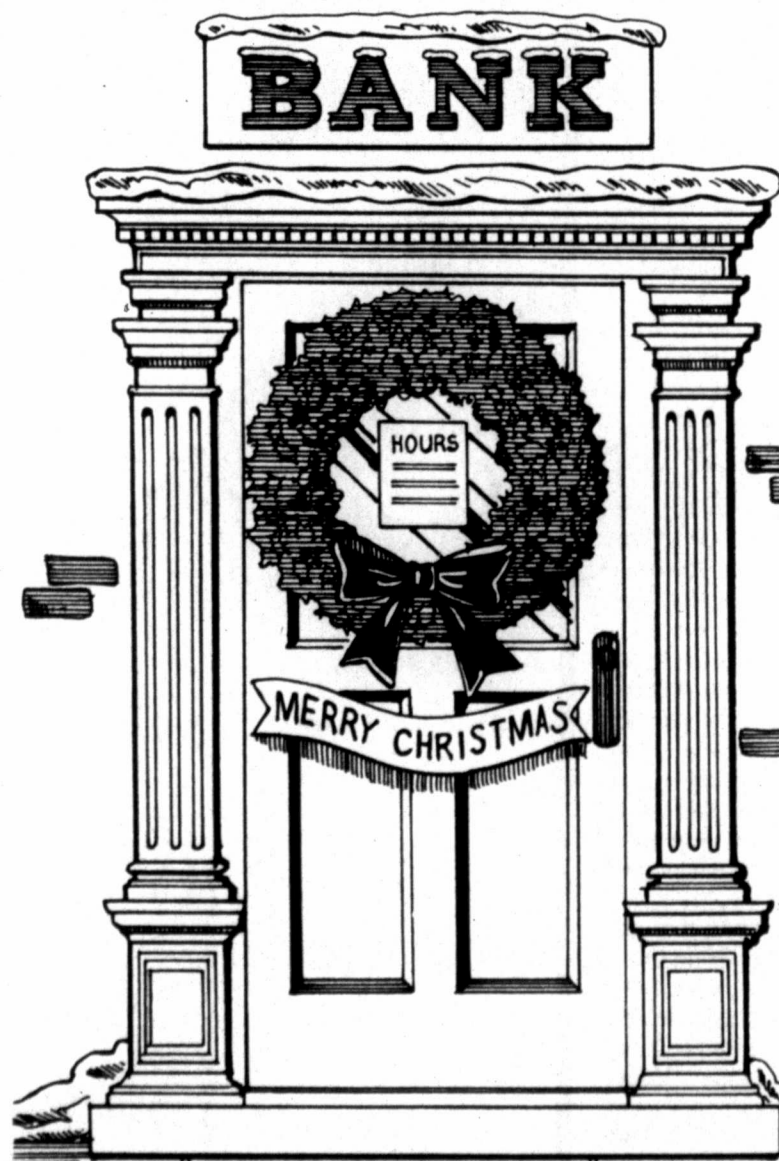
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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Harlee Haag, this year for Christmas I want a snowman doll, some big girl underwear, play candy and play food, nail polish to share with Lexi, a Barbie and a ladybug, a heart balloon, a jacket for my baby dolls, a little couch, play clothes, house shoes and a Santa magnet.

Thank you,  
Harlee

Dear Santa,

Hi. My name is Madison. I Love you. I have been a good girl. I want a playstation2 because it is cool also because it has cool games.

Next I want is a Nintendo 64, because it is fun and because I like the games.

Last I want a trip to Disney Whorld because I can see Mickey Mouse and so I can see Cindrella's castle, and Merry christmas to you.

Love,  
Madison.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. first I want a mshedey so if Im going through a jungle and chop throun and so I can cut up deer. Next I want a dog so I can play with him and so he can chase away cats. third I want a radio so I can lisen to christan music and so I don't have to lisen to my brothers and I will give you a gift.

Love  
Jacob

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, they got those Dora ones at Walmart. I also want a play hammer, a telephone and a ball.

Love,  
Kyria Emerson  
3 years old

Dear Santa,

I want some shoes, clothes and jewelry.

Love,  
Mrs. Monroe

Dear Santa Clos

Hi! My name is Kutter. I want a cricket 22. they are fun to shoot and make good hunting guns.

I want a gun case. It cood cary the 22. It ceeps the gun cleen. I want a go cart to ride. they are fun to ride. I want one that sucks gas sloe.

hapy cristmis  
Kutter

Dear Santa,

I've been a good girl. I want to go to Disney land. I want to see Donald Duck, I want to see minnie mouse. I want to get a new bike. mine is broken. my chane wont stay on. I want \$100 because my family is nearly broke.

I have some cookys for you.

Love,  
Brianna

Dear Santa

My nameis Andrew Fuentes. I live in Westbrook Texas. I hawe Been Good when I help take out the Trash and Ive been bad too. I Want Some new clothes. A Toy 18 wheeler. I will leave you cookies.

Love,  
Andrew

Dear SantaS

I am Vydellia Jaimes. I live in Westbrook Texas. I have been good in school. I want a pool. I want a flower pot and a pet goat. I will leave cookies to eat and to drink I will leave you milk to drink.

Love  
Vydellia Jaimes

Dear Santa,

I want a new car, anyone will do. I also want some clothes and jewelry.

Love,  
Ms. Gloria

Dear Santa,

I need a color maker, and a birthday cake, barbie TV.

\*\*\* Tamren Pierce

Dear Santa,

I like a baby doll, dress, toy dishes.

Teoni Martin

Dear Santa,

Fire engine, truck, lots of cars, school bus, blocks and a dress for my mom, alot so a candy.

David Andrade

Dear Santa,

I like a blue big truck, a blue car, school bus, helicopter, and my sister needs a doll, and my brother wants a truck and lots of cookies with milk.

Barrett Stephens

Dear Santa,

I need a fish and a turtle, teddy bear, doll with a dress, and toy dishes.

Bethany Barnett

Dear Santa,

Hulk hands, truck and acar, and a motorcycle to take my sister to the store, and a cake to eat and milk.

Exzander Boone

Dear Santa,

I need everything Spiderman has and spiderman boxer set, spiderman car and suit and my mom a flower shirt and Dad spiderman shirt.

Brianna Martinez

Dear Santa,

I like some mittens, hat, dress, boots, toy dishes and a kitchen set, pink car, dolls, baby bed for my doll and baby set.

Tabitha Matlock

Der santa,

My name is Justin Douwane Hale. I live in colorado city texas. I have been good by helping cleing my home. I want a hummer and a race track. I will leve you to eat cookies and milk.

Love,  
Justin

Dear Santa,

I am coby Stinson. I live in colorado cide Lake. I was a good boy by helping mom buy the christmas lifts. I want a missile launcher. I want a drt bike. I want a big trucks. I will leave you cookies.

Love  
Cody

Dear Santa,

My name is Esian Fuentes. I live in Westbrook. I have been good when I wash the clothes. For Christmas I want a Shark and a computer games. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love  
Esian

Dear Santa,

My name is Donovan James Harvey. I live in colorado city lake. I have been bad and good. For Christmas I want a computer a pet snake and some some legos. I will leave some cookies and some milk out for you.

Love,  
Donovan

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan Smith. I live in Westbrook Texas. I have been good by cleaning my room. For Christmas i want goolyoogy, spykids3d game over, George of the jungle 2. I will leave you gingor bread men and chocolate cookies.

Love  
Ethan

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Chloe Irene Garrett. I live in Colrado City Texas. I have been a good girl by washing the dishes and cleaning my room. for christmas I want little kid hair die. I will leave you milk and cookies.

love  
Chloe

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Jared. I have been good. I want a fourweeler. I dont have a bike, I need something to ride.

Can I pleas have a snake. It would keep the rats and the mice away. Please can I have a play kinworth truck. Mine broke I has no weels. Hope you a merry Christmas. Ho-Ho-Ho merry christmas.

Love,  
Jared

Dear Santa Clous

Ive been a very good girl. I want a pipi max dog. It barks and walks. It goes to the bathroom.

I want a Chou Chou baby. It is jentle. It is warm. I want a Barbie camara. It tapes videos. It make vid-eos. mery christmas Santa clous.

Love  
Kohl

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. My name is Jasmine Alaniz. The First think I want is a trip to sea world. To sea Shamoc and too get wet.

The second thing I want is a puppy. For a pet and too to play with. The third thing I want is a clock to wach the time I wish you a marry christmas

Love,  
Jasmine

Dear Santa,

I have been a good person this year. My name is Cason Smith. I'm in 2nd grade. The first think I wold want would be a cat becaus I miss my old cats. and I like animals.

The next thing I would want would be a Nintendo becaus I like lans (friend) and they are cool.

The last thing I would want would be a watch radio becaus I would be able to tell time and listen to the radio. I hope you have a happy new year.

Love,  
Cason

Dear Santa

I've been a good boy. I want to go to Disneyland. So I can see pluto and to see Donled Duck. I want \$25000,000,000,000,000 So I can buy a manchin and some stoves.

I want to go to Disney World. So I can see micky mouse and to ride the rides.

have ahappy nowyer  
Love,  
Makena

Dear Santa,

I live in Colorado city Cherry Lake and My name is Courtney Stinson. My address is 1870 fm Street. I have been good by Saying sorry to my Mom when I did something to my Mom. For Christmas I want a Barbie Lab top computer and a Bratz lamp and a col holder. I will leave you Chocolate Cookies.

love,  
Courtney

Dear Santa,

My name is Austyn Rivera I live in Colorado City Texas. I have been good by getting good faces. For Christmas I wnat He-Man The Master of the Unifers a GameBoy and an Autobot. I will leave you Choccolate chip cookies and Milk.

Love,  
Austyn

Dear Santa

I want a barbie house, some clothes and high heels.

Love  
Cameron Davidson  
4 yrs old

Dear Satna

I want a bike and some toys, a monkey and a toy car.

Love  
Margwell Green

Dear Santa,

I want amotorcycle, a TV and a game.

Love  
Daniel Fajardo  
4 years old

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a little purple phone, a duck and a toy, a horse, a donkey, A little puppy, a pig and a car.

Love  
Samantha ibarra  
4 years old

Dear Santa,

I want candy, toys and clothes.

Love  
Isaac Pena  
3 years old

Dear Santa,

I want some toys.

Love  
Jay Patel  
4 years old

Dear Santa,

I want a new big bike. My Dora bike got broken by Jacob.

Love  
Deanna Wooddell  
3 years old

Dear Santa,

I want a cooking stove where we can make some cakes. (A toy one) That's all cause I already got a lot of presents under my tree.

Love  
Javon Walthall  
4 years old

Dear Santa,

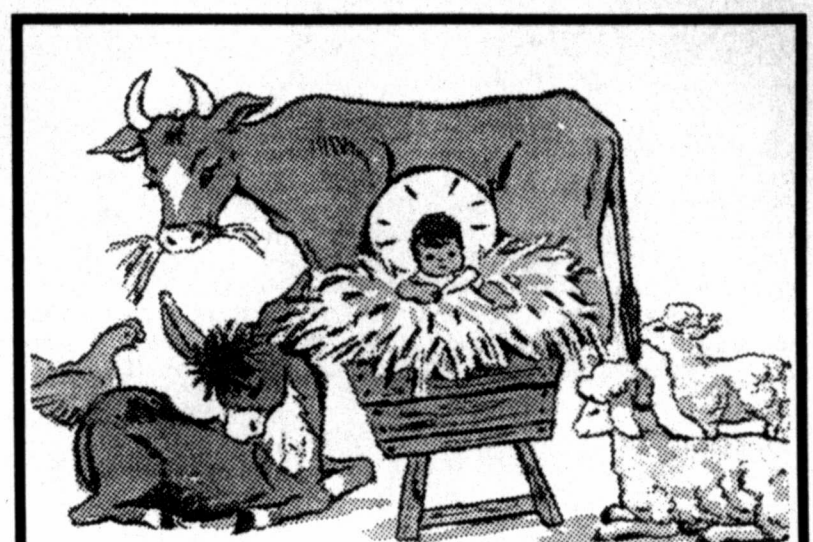
I want a bike and an easy bake oven

Love  
Eleese Bender  
4 years old

Dear Santa,

I would like a stuffed Rudolph. I am seven years old. My favorite thing to do is build snowmen. At Christmas I like to play in the snow. I left you milk and cookies.

Love,  
Ezra Palmer



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CONNIE WALDRIP'S SECOND-GRADE class at Kelley Elementary School had a roundtable discussion with Santa Claus during his visit Dec. 18. From top to bottom are Jessica Nichols, Alexis Lopez, Marissa Molina and Randy Holguin.

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy, and a hammer and a saw to cut wood. And I want a carpenter.

Love  
Gabriel Rivera  
3 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll and a Dora chair. I have been a good girl.

Love  
Amber Garcia  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I want a big swimming pool and a swing set. My favorite thing at Christmas is to play in the snow. I will leave you milk and cookies. I hope you can find my house. It is white and grayish.

Love,  
Hailey Dunn

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could see you. My grandma is doing very good. May I have a stuffed reindeer for Christmas? A Barbie would be good, too. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,  
Shea Scott

Dear Santa,  
I wish I have a dirt bike and I will leave sum cookies for you. How are your reindeer? At Christmas I like to be with my family. My favorite thing to do is play soccer.

Love,  
David Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I want a video now player and that's all.

Love  
Kyle Rivera  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
I want a scary game.

Love  
Damonte Wafe  
4 years old

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Today I will want one of those baby I sow and I will leave some milk and cookies and I will leave cerits for the reindeers. I want a Bratz. My favorite thing to do is play with my sister.

Love,  
Alison Wheeler

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I want a motorcycle and can you bring me a big ball? I will leave milk and cookies. How are you? I have been a good boy this year.

Love,  
Martes Harris

Dear Santa,  
I am six year old. At Christmas I like to spend time with my family. I would like a telescope and a gameboy. I am leaving milk and cookies for you. How are you and Mrs. Claus at the North Pole?

Love,  
Jonathan Blassingame.

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had an ice cream machine and a snow cone maker. How are you doing? I wish I had a walkie talkie. At Christmas I like to be with my family and first grade class.

Love,  
Miranda Ybarra

Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old. I want a dirt bike, lap top computer and presents. How big is your sleigh? I will leave cookies for you.

Love,  
Don Glenn Herrera

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new barbie, cookie maker and some new books, for Christmas.

Love,  
Alexxus Iglesias

Dear Santa,  
I want a DVD and some clothes and shoes, but if you can't git these things it's ok because Cristmas is about where Jesus was born. Merry Cristmas.

Love,  
Gracie

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Would you bring me a laptop and Bratz? I left cookies and milk and cerits for your Reindeer. At Christmas I like to play in the snow. How do you and your reindeer fly?

Love,  
Taegen Harris

Dear Santa,  
I want walkie talkies. How are you doing? How are you doing at the north pole? How are your reindeers doing? I hope you have a good trip. I am six years old.

Love,  
Emanuel Ventura

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Would you bring me a motorcycle? I will leave cookies and milk and cerit for your reindeer. I am six years old. At Christmas I like to play tag with my cousin.

Love,  
Alex Salinas

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Can you bring me a dirtbike and a skateboard? I know all of your reindeer names. My favorite name is Dasher. I will have milk and cookies for you.

Love,  
Jacob Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope I get a horse. I left you cookies and milk. I hope you have a nise flight. I am seven years olds.

Love,  
Mason Maddox

Dear Santa,  
I want some Bratz? I will leave you some milk and cookies. How are you doing at the North Pole? How are your reindeer doing? I hope you have a good trip.

Love,  
Delani Meguire

Dear Santa,  
Houseshoe, make up, leck lace, ear rings, lots jewelry, one baby doll with clothes and a maskt and a tent.

Love,  
Kiara Diaz

Dear Santa,  
I need a brown dog and cowboy boots and fire engine, brown truck, lots of little cars to play with my sister, my mom like a dress, brown my sister a cash register with money wo we can buy candy.

Love,  
Bailey Ward

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy boat for Christmas.

Love,  
Xavier Sosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a big red truck for Christmas.

Love,  
Austin Sosa

Dear Santa,  
I want it to snow for Christmas so I can make a snowman with my brothers and my sister. Please send me lots of candy canes.

Love,  
Brandon Adkins

Dear Santa,  
I want a big blue truck and a elephant for Christmas.

Love,  
Dakota Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a big blue dump truck for Christmas.

Love,  
Sebastian Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I need a new game for my playstation and a bike, toy boat, sneakers, socks, mittens, boots and a brown jacket and a book of starwars and chocolate cake for my Mom and Dad. and a ice cream maker.

Love,  
Conner Hickson

Dear Santa,  
Very thing that Hulk has and lots of candy.

Love,  
Jordan Lopez

Dear Santa,  
My name is Thomas I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is jump on my trampoline. At Christmas I like to have a snow ball fight I always get my brother on hsi head. I would like flowers for my mom and legos and another man doll for me.

Love,  
Conner Hickson

Dear Santa,  
My name is old. I would like to snow and a lemas I like to tree.

Dear Santa,  
My name is old. My favor gundum. At C up at night w was wonderin the heavy thin small. When I hope note. I and a spiderm game for snowboard.

Dear Santa,  
My name is My favorite th and practice r like to open would a trans box and a sno

Dear Santa,  
My name is and at Christi snow and play I would like a and a puppy.

Dear Santa,  
My name i old. My favo ant side. At C presents play call play hou it and a new off fockest sn

Dear Santa,  
My name i old. My favo with my cats make cookie Santa. I was indeer fly. V house, I hope Lake, Barbie My brother v because koby

Dear Santa,  
I would lik low hair and race car. Pl baby. my fa dance. I will and milk and

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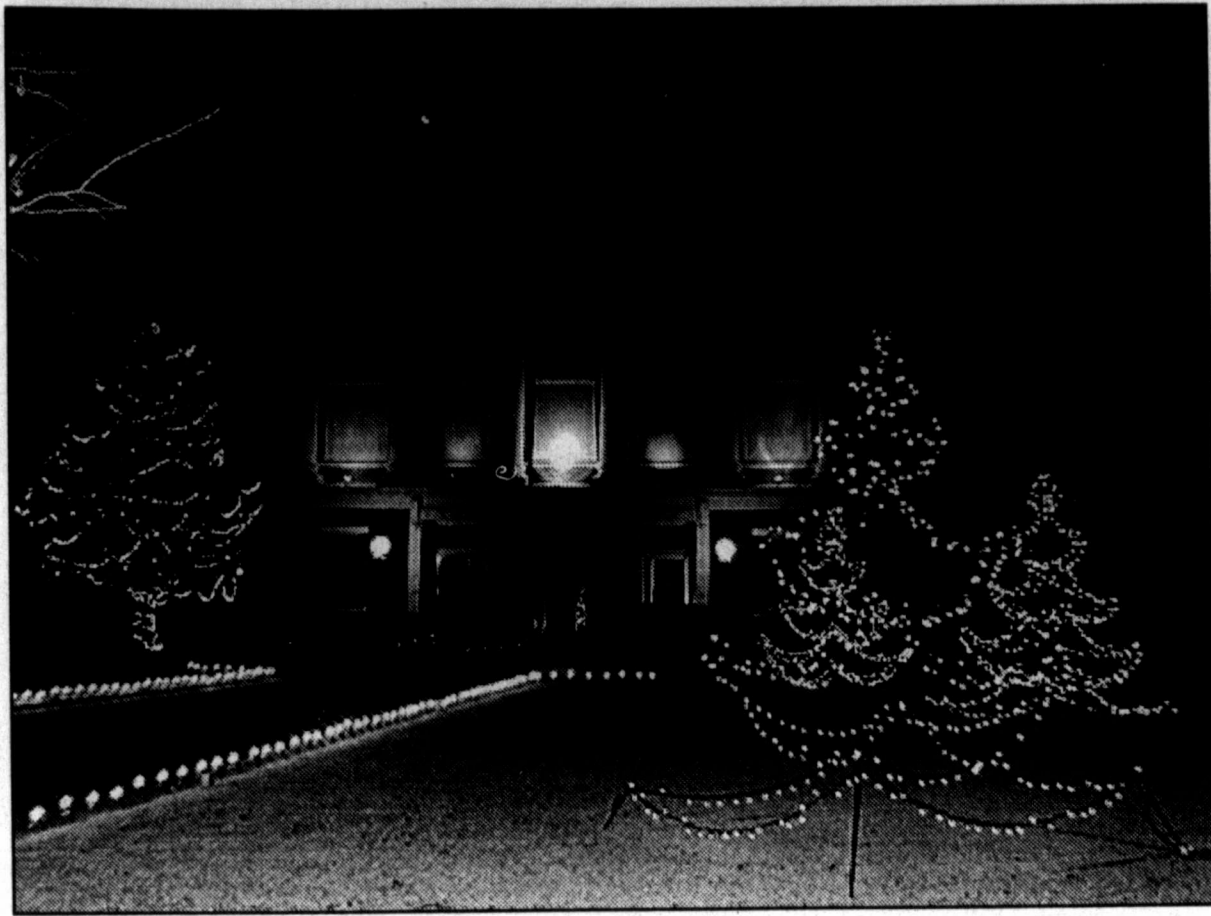
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Tom Lovell



# Letters to Santa



Mitchell County Courthouse

Dear Santa,  
My name is Carissa. I am 6 years old. I would like a Christmas ball and snow and a leap pad. After Christmas I like to shake the balls off the tree.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hunter. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is play gundum. At Christmas I like to get up at night when Santa isn't here. I was wondering how the elves lift all the heavy things. When they are so small. When you come to my house I hope note. I would like a gameboy and a spiderman and the green gedlin game for playstation and a snowboard.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Israel. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is play outside and practice running. At Christmas I like to open six presents up. I like would a transformer and a jack in the box and a snowman.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tylik. I am 6 years old and at Christmas I like to go in the snow and play and open my presents. I would like a bike and a motorcycle and a puppy.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Logan. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is play ant side. At Christmas I like to open presents play in snow. I would like a call play house that has a cachrest in it and a new box of cars and a bast off fockest snip.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Genifer. I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is play with my cats. At Christmas I like to make cookies and set out notes for Santa. I was wondering how the reindeer fly. When you come to my house, I hope that I get a Barbie Swan Lake, Barbie of the Nutcracker doll. My brother wants a new spirit horse because koby broke spirit's leg.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll with yellow hair and blue eyes. I also want a race car. Please bring Shaleena a baby. My favorite thing to do is to dance. I will leave you some candy and milk and cookies and juices.

Love,  
Shala Greer

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I want a medium size motorcycle without training wheels. My favorite thing at Christmas is to play with real sheep. I will leave milk and cookies for you and carrots for the reindeer.

Dear Santa,  
I wish to have a lap top computer. How are you doing? I will leave you cookies and milk. I want a Bratz.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brandon. I am 8 years old. My favorite thing to do is play video games. At Christmas I like to open presents. I like how you and your reindeer fly. I would like a bay blade and a pool table with the ball and sticks.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ctlon. I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is paint and build. At Christmas I like to open my presents. How do your reindeer fly? I would like a little motorcycle with the gear and a new mountain skateboard from Walmart and the remote control bike from TV last night.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Josh. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is play Nintendo at Christmas. I like to play with my presents. I was wondering how the elve make all the presents I would like a family pool and a pupy and a castle.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Alexis. I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is help my mom and dad put ornamas christmas tree. How do your reindeer fly? I would like a Bratz bed, a Barbie doll and a little horse stuffed animal.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Anastasia. I am 7 years old. My favorite play with my friends at Christmas I like to sit at the fire, have a big feast with my family and open my presents. I was wondering how you travel all over the world to deliver presents. I hope you have a good night's sleep when you get back home I was hoping I could get a Barbie Swan Lake, doll and a my size Barbie of Swan Lake.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mortayle. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is play with my baby brother. I like to tickle him. I was wondering if you. When someone to help my house I you will leave a note. I would like a phone for me and a marble for Mrs. Franco.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Emily. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is play with my brother. At Christmas I like to open presents and celebrate. I was wondering out if you really like giving out all the presents. When you come to my cookies. I would like me cookies. I would like a necklace and new shoes for my brother and me too.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hannah. I am 6 years old. My favorite thing to do is slide at Christmas. I like to when with Santa I like when you say ho ho ho. I would like a bike and a Dora Pillow and a Dora quilt.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kristin. I am about to be 8 on December 19th. My favorite thing to do is go Christmas looking. I like to take pictures of the lights. When you come to my house I hope you eat my cookies. I would like a baby doll. Dalton would like cars. My mom would like a breakable thing.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kallie. I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is swim. At Christmas I like to open presents. When you come to my house I hope you eat my cookies reindeer food. I would like new clothes. My mom would like jewelry. My brother would like new hot wheels.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Chris. I am 8 years old. My favorite thing to do is play bingo at Christmas I like to go to peoples house to visit. I would like the Playstation game calles Blades and the Tony Hawk underground game.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a little Teddy Bear and some Barbies. Could you bring me a pink care bear too?

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car, could you make it blue? And I want an elephant toy.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Javier Ventura

Dear Santa,  
I want a car wheel, and a cool car and a Triple X car. And I want a Mustang car, and Bryan's car.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Juan Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a big castle with a horse and a book just like my brother Ricky has.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Jennifer Roman

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a tent and a Pigster and a necklace.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Faline Espinoza

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Polly Pocket. I would like a Barbie head. I would like Barbie Swan Lake Barbie doll. And I would like a Prince with Barbie Swan Lake too. And a Fairy with light up wings with that.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Sarah Fuller

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie and markers. And a necklace and a bracelet. And a lipstick.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Magaly Valenzuela

Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control car. I also want some race cars. Could you please bring me the movie Star Wars?

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Robert Parras

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a big Barbie Castle and a big Barbie house.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Katie Rees

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are having a good day. How are the reindeer doing and Ms. Claus? I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Game Boy Advance SP, wrachet and clink comando, and crash bandicot nitro carts.

Love,  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas Santa! I want a Barbie head, a paper for my mom and a brush, good luck getting around the world!

Love,  
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
Good luck getting to everyone's house. I've been good. I want a Barbie jeep, a ballerina doll, a Barbie motorcycle, a Barbie doll, a Barbie rollercoaster, a mermaid. Merry Chistmas Santa!

Love,  
Macy

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the reindeer doing? Have a safe trip down here Christmas eve and can I please have a motorcycle.

Love,  
Zachary

Dear Santa,  
Have a Merry Christmas! And how is Ms. Claus doing and the reindeer? Netopet, lestwang the toys, spiderman 2, neugeg and one more neugeopet.

Love,  
Brandon

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer doing? I've been a good girl this Christmas. I want a computer, a back pack and clothes. Merry Christmas Santa and have a happy new year!

Love,  
Christina

Dear Santa,  
I want a Princess and the movie Beauty and the Beast. I want big and little Bratz dolls.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Jalessa Williams

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot and a flag pillow with a blanket. And I want some puzzles just like the ones I have at school. Along with some spiderman posters.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Dylan Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a brand new bick and a radio and a bebegun and a pack of balloons and a little dear riful a reil one and a twenty two and asome army men and som toy gunes and a six pack of silksing and some toy sords.

Love,  
Tristan

Dear Santa,  
in is wai ned form brothers and for mi sister i pres wut a nesuf crismis and i wutte amishstroarde.

Love,  
Robert Atkins

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter and a space-ship and a radio and a pair of gloves and 2 pair of arm gloves and a new computer and a pair of sneakers and a new trampoline king size and a new puppy. And thats all I want santa. Have a safe christmas.

Love,  
Heather Merket

Dear Santa,  
A skateboard

Love,  
Randy Compton

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a big monster truck for my dad. Could you please bring me a little race car?

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Brandon Lujan

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me some cars and a big monster truck.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Phillip Pineda

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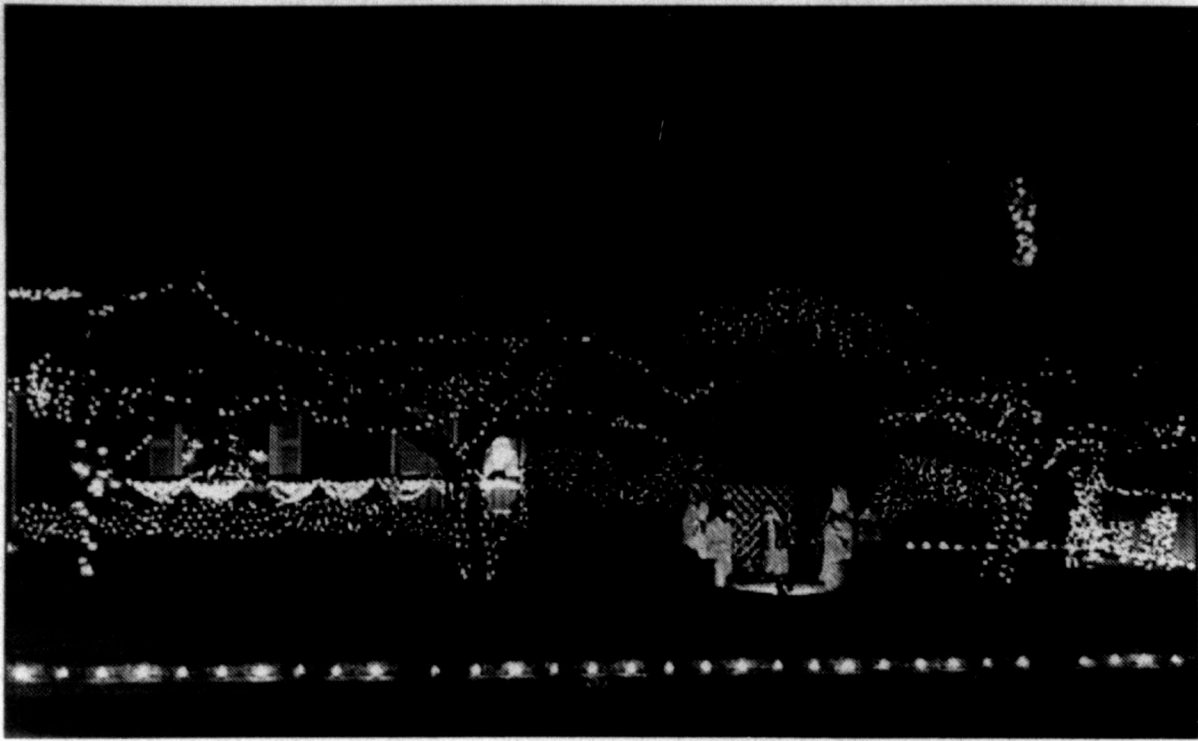
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# Letters to Santa



Robert Sayger residence at 1402 Eastover

Dear Santa,  
I want a 7-Up refrigerator and a pink power wheel truck.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Hazel Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I want a motorcycle and a dirt bike with some small cars.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Zachary Potter

Dear Santa,  
I want some red race cars and a purple backpack.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Walker Breuer

Dear Santa,  
I want a big pink Barbie castle just like the one I saw at Walmart.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Muranda Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want the truck with the big trailer like I saw at the store.

Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Koby Miller

Dear Santa,  
May I have a gamboy advance wit gams and nintindo gamkum gams. May I have some light sabors and a battleship game and large army men and 4 thousand dollars. What I mostly want for Christmas is to spend time with my family.

Love,  
Draven Valverde

Dear Santa,  
How are you how is Mrs. Claus Thank you for the presents you gave me last year I loved them this year I want a new playstay shation and a new bike and a new light bright and a puppy and gogo my walking pup, and my little baby and more books I can read.

Love your friend,  
Sierra Luera

Dear Santa,  
How is Ms. Claus doing and how is the reindeer doing? I wish everyone in the north pole a Merry Christmas. Playstation 2, X-Box, Grand Theft Auto Vice City, Star Wars game, Backyard Wrestling, motorcombat, motorcycle, and a dirt bike, a game, cat in the hat movie.

Love,  
Roman

Dear Santa,  
Please may I have a playstation and please get my brother Xever he wants a playstation because we have a lot of games.

Love,  
Douglas Garcia

Dear Santa,  
May I have a bike and my sister went something that sings and my broth went trucks and my dad went caps and my mom went a dress.

Love,  
Shirley Marie Hemphill

Dear Santa,  
How's the reindeer?  
I want Barbie diva car, Barbie karaoke, my little pony, a joy box, a rope, a barbie book, barbie and kelly wet dee dee, a little blue kittens. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,  
Nadia

Dear Santa,  
How is the North Pole? I wish everyone in the North Pole a Merry Christmas! I want a playhouse, a doll, a bike, a baby horse, and a bracelet. Hope you get here safely.

Love,  
Kim

Dear Santa,  
How's Mrs. Claus? I've been a good girl this Christmas. I want a playing rocking chair, a play dog, and I play cat. So Merry Christmas Santa Claus!

Love,  
Lora

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer doing and ms. Claus? I hope you have a safe trip down to my house. And I hope you have a Merry Christmas. A teddy bear, finding nemo, when Santa come I want to give him a hug.

Love,  
Jusell

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. How are the elfs doing is one of them sneezing? How is the reindeer doing. Can I please have a dirtbike, motor scooter, four wheeler, a skateboard, and a pet that has his own bed, my dad will leave the door unlocked.

Love,  
Tyler Dearstan

Dear Santa,  
Have a Merry Christmas and how are the reindeer doing and how are the elf doing? Barbie, some movies.

Love,  
Leslie

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I want a playhouse, a new jacket and new shoes, I wish you luck and I hope you don't get sick.

Love,  
Andriana

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer doing and Ms. Claus? Dinosaur you put in the water and it makes a blue green and purple, gundon man, soldiers men in black people and a transformer.

Love,  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
Thank you Santa for all the presents you gave me last year. I would like to have a prensispisny baby set, with the dipper bag, the baby bed, the tottoo baby strolers ok Santa Claus.

The End,  
Love,  
Mary Campbell

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing. I wish for a Spongebob Squarepants gams. Dragonball Z gams.

Love,  
Ricky Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a reindeer please I want a house. I wish I had a new pair of sneakers.

Love,  
Harlene Blythe

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Over here, I'm fine. These are the things I want for Christmas: an X-Box, and a black sweater.

Your friend,  
Alfredo Bueno

Dear Santa,  
I want an X-Box for Christmas. How are your Elves and you? I think my little sister will like a doll. Tell your wife I said Hi. I hope I get a lot of presents. I hope your children do too.

Your friend,  
Robbie Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I know what I want for Christmas. I want a video game and a club house. I will leave out fifty cookies and a glass of milk when you come to my house. Share some of the cookies with your reindeer.

Your friend,  
Sean Williamson

P.S. There's more milk in the kitchen.

Dear Santa,  
May I see your reindeer? I want a Play Station and a motorcycle. I also want a bike. I want to see you. I miss you.

Your friend,  
Tommy Stanley

Dear Santa,  
I want a little puppy and a bike. Can you give presents to poor people Santa? How are your reindeer Santa Claus? And I want an X-Box and a sled and a Game Cube. And Merry Christmas Santa. And my brother wants a backyard basketball.

Your friend,  
Leslie Davila

KICK UP  
YOUR  
HEELS  
AND  
CELEBRATE!



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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. I wish I could stay up and see you. Will you bring me lots of presents (please)? How are Mrs. Claus, the Elves and the reindeer (especially Rudolph)? Will you please, please bring me a horse (not only that). Have I been good?

Your friend,  
Sean Williamson  
Milk in the

Dear Santa,

My name is Chris Alaniz and I am in treed grad and want I wat for chrisimis is a game boy weth games wit it. and a wet 2 remots and a blak and a miger sike take you for thes tags santa have a god mary krisimis.

Love,  
Chris

Dear Santa,

My name is Kristine Gaona. I am a student in Mrs. Partens third grade class. I would like a drum set and a new scooter. I would like a fur real kitten. I would ask for more if I had. clue what to get. I was not a bad girl. P.S. I wish I get to see you.

Love,  
Kristine Gaona

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for the things you gave me last Christmas. How is Roudoff I hope he's ok. Santa this is what I want a radio and a pictur of Roudoff for Christmas. I hope Miss Clause is Ok. Happy Christmas.

Santa,  
Love,  
Maricela Espinoza

Dear Santa,

My name is Douglas Bell. I am in Mrs. Partin's class. I want a football sout. and I want a wach and I do not want no more.

Love,  
Douglas Bell

Dear Santa,

Hi How are you doing? How are the Elves and Max? Are his ears still pointy because he doesn't eat his green vegetables? I'm not eating mine and mine are starting to get pointy too. Can he still wiggle his ears? I can wiggle mine. Are you still jolly?

Your friend,  
Jordan Leija

Dear Santa,

Do you like going down the chimneys? Oh and Santa, how is Mrs. Claus doing? Santa, when you go to my house there will be Reindeer food. Oh and cookies and milk. How is Rudolph doing? Oh for Christmas I want a dirt bike and a PS2. What are the elves doing?

Your friend,  
Stephen Potter

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Well I am doing great. I just wrote to see how you're doing and check on your head reindeer Rudolph. I hope he's doing OK. And I also hope your other reindeers are ok. And I bet Mrs. Claus is doing fine. Now I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a toy called Yugioh Monster Shoot Out, and some gloves and a toboggan. Well I think that's it!

Merrey Christams  
Your friend,  
Hayden Redwine

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is all my family and friends to be there with me. And some new CD's. My class room number is number 16. I will also want is for my dog CoCo to be looking down at me from heaven. Oh I almost forgot Mrs. Partin is my teacher.

Love,  
Olivia Franco  
P.S. Your a nice guy. And may I see



SERENA SANTANA, a first-grader at Kelley Elementary School had a chance to give Santa Claus her Christmas "wish list" when he visited the school Dec. 18. She is a member of Josefina Velasquez's class.

Dear Santa,

My name is Ashlea Stone. This is what I want for Cristmas. I would like some gameboy games, vidonow and that is it. I do not have much to say. I hope you have a Merry Cristmas. I am in Mis Partin class in 3rd grade class. Well by.

Love,  
Ashlea

P.S. Have a Merry Cristmas!

Dear Santa,

My name is Sebastian Turner. I am a student in Mrs. Partin's 3rd grade class. I want an X-Box and some new CD's. Another thing I want is a hug from you. I think you could be a good football player for C-City. I love you're outfit. Do you chang rudulfs lite bolb?

Love,  
Sebastian Turner

Dear Santa,

I am in Mrs. Partin's third grade class. I wrote you a letter before but my mom said I couldn't have a puppy so if I can I would like a minitcher basketball gole with a minitcher ball with it please. I love you santa. have a merry Christmas and also have a safe ride home.

Love,  
Alex Nobles

Dear Santa,

My name is Corbin and all I want is a trampoline, and a magic set. If your wondering about what I just wrote is because my opionin is if you ask for alot you will be rude. And I don't want to rund plus I don't won't much. Don't forget I am in Mrs. Partins class. Have a Merry Christams.

Love,  
Corbin

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want the internet. I won fed to now how you were doing at the north pole with Mrs. Class. I am planing to have a good time with my family. I think I shood get this gift because I want to emale my friends.

From Cutter Gleann Rees

Dear Santa,

How are you raindeer and Mrs. Class? I hope all of yall are ok. Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want the Bratz fashion mall. My little brother Chance wants a spongebob squarepants pillow for Christmas. My big brother Ruben wants a stereo and new CD's. My sister Marena wants a stereo too. And we will leave six cookies and milk out on Christmas night. Everyone ben really good!

Love your friend,  
Christian Cantu

Dear Santa,

How is roudof is his nose still red? Is he still your head leader. How cooled is it over there. How is Mrs. Claus doing. Santa I want a pixter I want a house and a ver a thousand dollers a handhold a Christmas tree a lunchbox and my brother wants a eyetoy and he wants a new game for his playstasn and he wants a xbox. Ane me and my brother want to have a good merry Christas with our family thank you santa for everything.

Love your friend,  
Koe Alvarez

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I was wondering if you could get me a basketball and a basketball hoop and maybe a bike and some stuffed animals? I think I deserve these things because my parents besides my stepdad said I've been a good little girl. Are the reindeer all right especially roodolph? My brother wants a game cube. I think he's crazy. But I want a playstation and some playstation games. I hope you can get my all of these things. How is Mrs. Claus? Does she cook good cookies?

Thanks alot,  
Kristina Sundy

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. clause and the elfs. What do you want for Christmas? Alls I want is a xbox, playstation 2 and game cube and gameboy advance sp and xmen 2 toys and the movie and a beebie gun.

Your friend,  
Gabriel Gutierrez Jr.

Dear Santa,

I am a third grader in Mrs. Partin's class. I love Christmas it my favorite time of year. I want a playstaiton2 game for Christmas. I want the movie Santa Clause 2. I hope you like my Christmas tree.

Love,  
Shea Duncan

Dear Santa,

My name is Zachary. I'm in Mrs. Partin's class. I would like a stofed puppy rotralor ps ar I have your adograp on it?

Love,  
Zachary Chambliss

Dear Santa,

Can I pleis have a light bright culb and a spush bob stuff and party blows, glow in dark shirt and a black-light sparle stuff thak you. Santa how are you and how is Mrs. Claus is eh ok are elfs woking on toys are they bedes.

By your friend,  
Bethany Toombs

Dear Santa,

How are you? Things are going crazy to me. Mrs. Partin has a Christmas tree up. The tree has a star on top of it. The tree also has ordiments and a garlin on it. The tree is on a table with our time test. Have a good Christmas.

Love,  
Sammi Thomson

Dear Santa,

My name is Erica. I am in Mrs. Partin 3rd grade class. Do you have some elfs. I like elfs. Do you know want I want? I want a kinne so by for now.

Love,  
Erica

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope those elves are not fiving you a work out, I'm sure you would like cookies for Christmas. That will be my Christmas present too you oops! I should have not told you that. Now you know your Christmas preent. If you could please try I hope you could get me a Game Cube and 2 sport games to go with it. If you can't I understand.

Love,  
Corbin Lewis

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year. Me and my sister and brother can't wait till Christmas! Because it is cool when everybody comes and has a big tree with lots of presents under the tree. This year I am going to my grandmas for Christmas. I would like skates, a nd a scooter but not I lot of things but I do know what my sister and brother want my sister would like a dolly and Brat, and my brother would like a truck: but thats all.

Your friend,  
Destyne Gaona

Dear Santa,

I would really like a gameboy advanze, advaze linke cable, 2 dragon gall z budaley, pokemon 4 ever, pokemon herose and a game called tak and the power of lulu. What do your raindeer like to eat? I am planning to stay home. I think I should get these things because I have been really good. My sister would really like one thing. She whould like a yellow puppy. Have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Daniel Dillon

Dear Santa,

This year I want a puppy a px2 xbos some games I want Tony Hawk under game. How are you Santa is fresing cold up there how is Mrs. Close. Santa I also want a pistol. My little sisters want a baby doll. Why should get them because I have been good.

Brent Morris

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How are the raindeers? Is it could in the north pole? For this year I want a Brat car and a baby doll and Abell from you slea. Also my mom would like a black watch. Allso my dad would like a toule box. All so my sister would like a bear. Thank you.

Your friend,  
Micah Minkina

Dear Santa,

Can you get me something for Christmas. How are you doing is everybody ok. Santa could you tell Mrs. Clause I said hi and Roudolph I said hi to. Santa could you get my little sister some dolls. I plan if I calm down while I'm at my grampa house. Could you stop by our house and put presents under our Christmas tree. Santa I've been good too.

Love your friend,  
Derrick Scott

Dear Santa,

How's the North pole. Are the reindeer okay. I've been good this year and I hope you get to my house safely. I want a bike, a motorcycle, and a talking grill. I didn't pull any strips yet. So bye hope you have safe trip.

Love  
Molik

Dear Santa

I want Hot Wheels cars. I would like a blue bike. I'm going to get a hat with flames. I would like a toy dump truck.

Thank You!  
Love,  
Hunter Austin

Dear Santa,

I want to know about how your sleigh flies. I want a robot, a Hot Wheels car, and that's it. My sister wants a radio I think.

Thank you!  
Love  
Matthew Rodriguez

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## A Soldiers Christmas

by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan

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

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



## Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,

My name is Cody. I am in Mrs. Partin's third grade class. I would like a game boy advased and a Game Boy coler. And I would like some games for both of them. A I want a bone for my dog. I love you Santa. I would like a drem set for Chrismas. I have something for you 'at my house. I hop you can see me.

Love,

Cody Haltom

Dear Santa,

I'm in Mrs. Partin's class. I've been a good boy this year. I want one thing a play station ok. I love you bye bye. P.s. Your a good man.

Love,

Brandon McFall

Dear Santa,

My name is Whitney Ortiz and I am in Mrs. Partin's third grade class. I would like to tell you what I want for Christmas. Well what I want for Christmas is a enw bike, and some more CD's. I would also like a healthy family.

Love,

Whitney Ortiz

P.S. Merry Christmas Santa! Oh! and I want a guitar.

Dear Santa,

My name is Mark. I'm a student in Mrs. Partin's third grade class. I would like some new clothes and a new bike with pegs on front and back and new shoes ad the new humer remot control car i want it to be blue blu is my favrite color and a xbos and a game unit i wanta big trampoline and a game boy sp.

Love,

Mark Henderson

Dear Santa,

My name is Jacob amd in Mrs. Partin class. We would like to see you in roodof wot. Time are you coming on crimist. Ev I would have cookies and milke. our you I would like to have a gamecob and a gocort. Have a marrychristmas!

Love,

Jacob

Dear Santa,

My name is Jordan! I'm in Mrs. Partin's third grade class. I would like a new bike. I love you Santa have a Merry Christmas!

Love,

Jordan L.

P.S. I hope my holle famely is ther on my schoole number is 16 you make my life shine.

Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? How are they so strong to pull that many toys? Can I please have an electric roc 'n' roll guitar? And a black leather boots that buckle up on the top. And a black motorcycle with stickers of fire.

Thank you!

Love,

Keifer Holman

Dear Santa,

Your reindeer and sleigh--when doyou get in it? I want a top with a string and it spins and a tractor and I want a hat. My mom wants stuff that works with plugs - and a computer. My Auntie wants the same as my mom.

Love,

Layton Holsey

Dear Santa

How fast does you sleigh go? May you please bring me a pink bike? I want a Brat Barbie. My brother wants The Hulk Game. My mom wants new shoes. My Grandma wants a green dress. And I want a Teddy Bear. Thank you Santa.

Love,

Alexis Mendoza

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa so how is Mrs. Claus? I hope she doing ok. I hope you give my sister a doll because she wanted one lat year. I all so wanted to hope that you give my mom a special gift like a ring. And I also wanted you to give me a new bike because my tire is flate and my mom don't have enouf money. And could you get two dolls because I have two twin sisters I hope you have a great Christmas.

Love your friend,

Jacqueline Nicole Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I would lick a TV and a PS2. And a Ps1 game please. Santa how are you doing? Do you, love Christmas time? I love Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,

Jonathan Stiles

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christas is a little puppy and mouse. But what do you want for Christas Santa? But one big thing is giving the hamlis people gifts for Christas.

Love your friend,

Crystal Alvarez

Dear Santa,

I want a Barney Toy and a Holidopter and a B.J. Barney.

Love,

Avian Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want a new toy.

Love

Juanita Arizmendo

Dear Santa,

I want a Dora Explorer bed, a Dora Explorer Blanket, a Dora Explorer computer, a Dora Explorer night gown, Dora Explorer colors.

Love

Ana Arispe

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Hot Wheels car that drive when you put gas. Santa how are you doing? And how is Mrs. Clause is she doing good? Santa can you git my baby brother a little toy. I hope I git what I want because I have tride really hard being good.

Love,

Aaron Rivera

Dear Santa,

I want a DVD player and a Lizzie McGuire game. And Crash Bandacot 3. Are you going to leave something of yours this Christmas Eve? Will you write a note back to me please? I am going to at my granmas house as usual. I also want to know if you and Mrs. Claus and if the eight raindeer are doing great? Hope you have good luck at Christmas Eve, are the elves bissy? Hope you don't get sick.

Love,

Lexi Hopper

Dear Santa,

I want a Lunch Box full of candy, a big sirplane and a police car with batteries.

Love

Camden Jones

Dear Santa,

I want a Big Remote Control Car with a Policeman Car, a Fire Truck, Airplanes and a toy shark, a toy lion and track with a jet, and a lunch box with candy

Love,

Caleb Whiddon

Dear Santa,

Can I have a Barbie Huge House and a Barbie Skte Board.

Love

Baylie Lindsey

Dear Santa,

I want a remote cump truck and a monster Truck that has remote Control and I want a Ninja Turle that has a remote control, and a skateboard that makes tricks.

Love,

Randall Dixon

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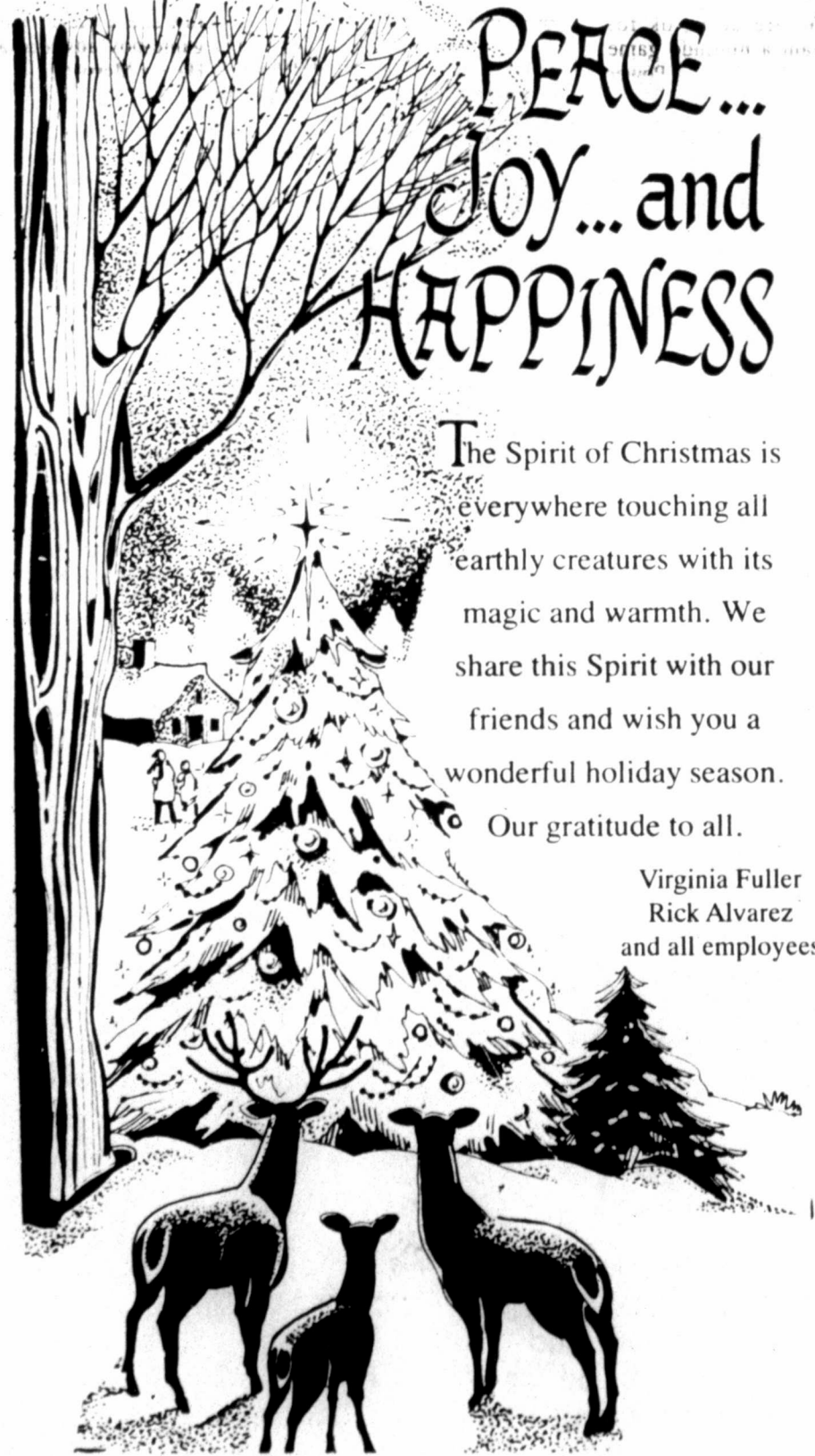
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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa

An america glay, and how are the raindeer, a puppy, a chwawa, a satle blanket, a benbag, a roup, stuffed animals, fun bobers, a small trampulen.

Love  
Taly N M.

Dear Santa

Boots, new saddle, breast collar, saddle pads 24", four wheeler, tack & bits, new pick-up, money.

Tom Thumb Messick

Dear Santa

How is the North Pole. I hope you don't get sick this Christmas. I want cars, a Dinosaur movie, Little foot movie and that's it. So Merry Christmas Santa! Have a nice trip.

Love  
Jacob

Dear Santa

How are the reindeer doing? Also, how are you doing Santa? Are you doing fine? I want some Hulk Hands, the black Power Ranger, Spiderman suit, Power Ranger jacket, X-Box, Winder (rc-car), a new car, a Grinch toy and Spiderman X-box game for Christmas.

Love  
Adrian G.

Dear Santa

I am bing nice this year. How is Mrs. Clause doing? Me and Delaney are cousins. I want a new Pony Castle, Carebear Castle, a singing Carebear, some Carebear clothes, a regular bear, a trading cards, a brat doll, a Brat's limo for Christmas.

Love  
Ellie

Dear Santa

Hi Santa. How are your reindeer doing? Can I have some toys please, Santa Claus? I want some Barbies, Barbie car, a trampoline, a Christmas Tree, Barbie house, a ring bell, some flowers, a Barbie wheel, a Dora the Explorer toy & Barbie water for Christmas.

Love  
Jontanat

Dear Santa

I hope you are doing ok for christmas I want a nintinde game cube, the Legend of Zelda, a Power ranger coloring book, and toys, yogioh starter decks, kiaba starter deck and clothes.

Love  
Tracy Edwards

Dear Santa

What I want for Christmas is presents. It is a nintendo 64 for Christmas. I hope that your reindeer don't get sick. I wish I could ride with you Santa. If you say yes then I will tell my Mom, OK If you say No, then just write on this paper.

Love  
Manuel Bueno

Dear Santa

I want milk and cookies for you. I would like a bike and a gameboy.

Love  
Maleeke Bender

Dear Santa

I want a B arbie and it has a dollhouse with it. And a blue car. And a fake seal. My baby sister wants a fake little sheep. And my mom - she wants a red ring.

Thank you!

Love  
LaKrecia Lane

Dear Santa

I like how you look. I want a little house for me to play in. I need a scooter. My brother needs paci's (pacifier) for his mouth. Haven wants her TV I like your sleigh. I like Rudolph.

Thank you!

Love  
Staeshie Campbell

Dear Santa

I want to know who you make toys. Will you come to my house please? There's something I really want - Zelda, the Game Cube game. That's all I want to say on this. My sister wants a Bratz van. Oh yeah, one more thing - a green dirt bike.

Thank you!

Love  
Jake Rivera

Dear Santa

How do your elves work so hard to make toys? I want a Barbie Jeep, a TV, and a scooter. My baby sister likes cars. Staeshia wants a Barbie Jeep, a house, a scooter, and a TV. My mom wants a mop. I want a tent.

Thank you!

Love  
Haven Campbell

Dear Santa

Do I have checkmarks by my name - have I been good? May I please have a remote control trailer? Can I have a Dodge pickup? My mom is wanting new shoes because I got her shoes wet. Thank you.

Love  
Brendon Gollnick

Dear Santa

Please be sure and feed the reindeer whatever they eat. Please may I have a blue bike? I wish I had a red card that says "Happy Birthday!" I want my daddy to get a motorcycle. I want my mommy to get a big bike. My tia - a tree. My grandma needs a new lawnmower.

Thank you!

Love  
Jasmin Mendoza.

Dear Santa

How is the North Pole going? I like presents. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I can't wait till Christmas. Barbies, Christmas stuff, sum cloths.

Love  
DeLaney

Dear Santa

How are you doing? I hope the reindeer are in good shape. I want: A Barbie doll, a dog, a Christmas tree, Bracelets, a jump rope, and other cool presents. Bye Santa I can't wait till Christmas!

Love,  
Romie

Dear Santa

How are the elfs doing, and a barbie Jeep, a Barbie car, Barbie, Kelley, and dollfin, a Braslet, and a ring, a nife clip, a watch, a holl hoop, a Jump rope.

Love  
Jazzlyn

Dear Santa

How is Mrs Claus? Is Rudolph doing okay? I've been good this year. I want : a Barbie doll, Barbie shoes, and a trampoline. Good luck, I hope you get to my house safely.

Love  
Bethany

Dear Santa

I hope that Rudolph is o.k. And I want The Bob the Builder dud Movie, a talkin grill, a Bob the Builder tool box, and soldier mustang please.

Love,  
Sam campbell

Dear Santa

How id Mrs. Claus? What are you going to bring us? Please bring me some spider-man stuff, a trumpet, a glow-in-the-dark christmas tree, and a talking grill.

Love  
Brennan

Dear Santa

How are your raindeer? I hope there ok. hows mrs. clause? is she ok?

Love  
Michael

Dear Santa

I've been very good this year!! Here is some things I would lik for Christmas. A darako machine, a skate board, and an x-box. I hope you are hungry because I will have home-made cookies and some milk for you. And i will also have some reindeer food for your reindeers.

Love,  
Marinea Lopez

Dear Santa

I've been super good this year! I would really love to share shome things with you. Would you please bring me a mini trampoline or maybe a karaoka machine. i would also like a barbie talking town house. That is all i want. Merry Christmas to you and all.

Your friend  
Raegan C.

Dear Santa

I want 2 pairs of shoes and a pink toy car and some shirts and some matching pants to go with it and toys. I want a skateboard, a new bicucle and a horse. What I want most of all is for my whole family to be together including Esther.

Love  
Emelia Franco

Dear Santa

I would like a brother for Christmas. I will make some milk and cookies for you but I don't have a chiminey so sneak in. Have a good Christmas. Santa how is Mrs. Claus doing and how is she feeling today?

Love  
Tori Barrera

Dear Santa

How are you doing? I want a Barbie, and I want a box full fo ginger bread men. I want some presents and also some new shoes, and candy canes and some jucie and some cook-ies and some bears and some dolls. Have a good christmas.

Love  
Sabrina

Dear Santa

How are your deer? Are they fine? I want a dirt bike, Bad! I also want ruit and a bicycle. I would like a game-boy advance and a X-Box. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love  
Nickolas Perez

Dear Santa

How are the raindeer and how are you Doing. a boxing bag with Batmans picther on it, a spiderman Action figure, a Power ranger avtion figer.

Love  
Adrian A.

Dear Santa

Have a good day giving the gifts away for chistmas I want a real dirt bick and a dragon bull Z toy.

Love  
Brandon Nava

Dear Sana

How is Rudolf doing god What I What for Christmas is a moter scooter and a fcial soft Zebra purse and a pair of nice shoes and a skirt and a shirt.

Love  
Samanth Meeks

Dear Santa

How is mrs. claus and How is your reindeer? and how is rudolf? and how are the elves doing what I want for christmas is a real dirtbike.

Love  
Rylan Gardner

Dear Santa

I hope you have a happy christmas! I want a xbox for chistmas and a lot of games. How are your ranideer doning?

Love  
Felipe Garcia

Dear Santa

How was your year? Hears what I want for Chimas: I want some clothes and some new shoes and a new back pack and Barbie and Ken and some barrettes and a baby and carriage and some more toys.

Love  
Deanna Stanley

Dear Santa

Have you had a good year? For Christmas I would like a game boy and I would like a lot clothes for my army man and clothes for me. deliver it at my hoise.

Love  
Ricardo Roman

Dear Santa

I hope that you are OK well what I want is a video now and a puppy. I have probley ask you for a puppy many of times and what I really want is for my sister Maegan, my mom Kat and Nana Alxis, and my family to have a great Christmas.

Love  
Marissa Robinson

Dear Santa

When you are out in the cold weather, I want you to wear your red suit to stay warm. Please can I have a Barbie and a Bratz doll? Can you bring my brother a game cube? Thank you very much!

Love  
Anna Rodriguez

Dear Santa

Hi, Santa! How do you keep all the toys in your sleigh at one time? Can you bring me a new Barbie clock? My daddy wants some more video games. My mom may want some more clothes. Thank you, Santa.

Love  
Allison Torres

Dear Santa

Is it cold at the North Pole? Can I have a toy kitty cat and a red doll and a pretty Barbie with a bow in her hair? My brother, R.T., wants a truck. Thank you from me and R.T.

Love  
Hannah Bishop

Dear Santa

I saw you before in the sky, I want a GoGo, my Walking Pup, and a Walk to Me Daisy. My sister wants the same thing. Thank you.

Love  
Hailey Hulme

Dear Santa

When the reindeer fly, will they still be OK? And will you be Ok, too? Please can I have a green Power Ranger? My cousin, Zach, wants a red Power Ranger. Will the elves be OK if they have to cut out something and they cut their finger?

Thank you.  
Love  
Alex Trujillo

Dear Santa

How do you reindeer fly? How does your sleigh fly? I want a Barbie with shoes and then I want a stove cooker. My daddy wants a stereo and my sister wants a makeup box because she likes makeup. My Nanny wants a hairdo and my mommy wants her hair styled. Thank you, Santa!

Love  
Dacota Kirk

Dear Santa

I want a x box and a new bike ps how dose it fell over ther

Love  
Joe

Dear Santa

can I pleas have a water machin and a TV and rado. I wonder If I can have a bike and a jawlre ps. How ar your raindeer

Love  
Marissa

Dear Santa

I want a overhead and thank you for the presents your elvs gave me and guess what I like your suit and your boots. PPS. thank you santa

Love  
Joey Maberry

Dear Santa

I like you I wish you lived here in Colorado City. You are my best friend ever. p.s. I want a new bike.

Love  
Alexis Lopez

Dear Santa

I am sending you a story santa clois. I want cars. and a playstation2 plecte santa cloes. PS is mrrs. close doing good. PS are you to. PS Satna Clase.

Love  
kandy

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As the sounds of Christmas fill the air, we want to chime in and add our very best wishes for a merry and bright holiday season. Hope yours turns out to be a real bell-ringer!

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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa

This is all I need I want a puppy for christmas. If you can't do that it's okay. If you don't now what kind a weiner dog and dog food and a dog bed. P.S. how are the reindeer pps. how is mrs. claus.

Love  
Taylor

Dear Santa

Are your rainders are good are sick I want a par of shoes and socks. I wish it snows this year ples Let me now ps who dose my mom so good

Love  
Jonathan

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control truck, a race control car, a pizza set up.

Love  
Jeffrey Rodriguez  
Pre-K

Dear Santa

espero que estes bien y qyue tengas uno dias muy bonitos y que tengas una bonita NABIDA  
quiero una mona para jugar a los Babys y una Barbi y una bolsa de dulces y uno trastes para jugar a la comidita.

Love  
Ana Victoria

Dear Santa

This is what I want for christmas. A pet dog a teddy bear. and I almost forgot ps what does porer bear feall like.

Love  
D'laina

Dear Santa

This is all I need. I want a cat if you kan't do that is ok with me. P.S. how are the raindirs.

Love  
Isabel Salazar

Dear Santa

This is all I need a scatebord and a Barby bike and ten barbys and a barby house and mery christmas

Love  
Latysa

Dear Santa

This is wath I need I want a new bike and a thurpluelin to and my sister wants a Barbar dall to. p.s. who are doing today santa clus

Love  
Alicia P.

Dear Santa

I wish for a bratz dall and my sister wants a baby and I want a basketball My mom wants a moter scooter and my Dad wants a moter sicle PS I want sum shows and a beng bag

Love  
Heather

Dear Santa

I Love you Santa I am asking you for band with no people this note is for you Satna and this is all I want for now  
P.S. how col is it up there?

Love  
Jessica

Dear Santa,

I want a power Ranger set, some power Rangers & some action figures. I also want some spider Man set, Santa Claus action figures, Hal-loween Costume Ja power Ranger one) and a McDonald set.

Love  
Seth Keeton  
Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want dancing horses and Barbie & games too.

Love  
Jazmin Mendoza  
Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want Ninja Turtles and a ninja turtle house and a scooter made for kids.

Love  
Johnathan Rankin  
pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle and a boy brats doll and a CD player. I will give you a cookie and a Barbie TV

Love  
Maci Hopper  
Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want a Star Wars Sword & a pirate gun.

Love  
Christopher Lara  
Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want a bike a little tree.

Love  
Jennifer Bueno  
Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want a Fireman toy & a sticky hand.

Love  
Jay Shults  
pre-K

Dear Santa,

I wnat an ice cream maker, a McDonadl's house, Power Ranger (red) costume & and hamburger with cheese on it.

Love  
Tommy James  
Pre-K

Dear Santa

I wish you were at my house, right now! Please bring me some mecklaces, bracelets and ring. Also bring me a jewelry box, white board, markers, makeup, craft supplies for making things, colorful pencils. If you could a Barbie set that would be great. Thank you Santa Claus.

Love  
Marissa Parras

Dear Santa

I wish you were at my house, right now! Please bring me a make-up thing, jewelry box, purse, some paper and a bell. And some more make-up things. I could use some new scissors. There will be some milk and cookies waiting for you! Thank you!

Love  
Alexis Munoz

Dear Santa

My name is Olivar. I am 7 years old. My favorite thing to do is play with my baby brothers. At Christmas I like to open my presents and play with them. How do you make the toys? When you come to my house I hope you make sure not to wake us up so you can get the presents ready. I would like cars for me and for baby brothers a toy hammer and toys nails and a toy screw driver.

Dear Santa Clause,  
My name is Harley Henderson. I am gonna tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a bicycle, radio, tennis shoes, cowboy hat, new boots, new clothes and lots of money. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,  
Harley Henderson

Dear Santa

I would like to give a toy to all the children so they can have a toy.

Love  
Laura

Dear Santa

I want a arer plane that has a rumot in the arerplane and a rumor in the car that dus not have a wire.

Love  
Cameron

Dear Santa

I would like a new bick and a bigger bed and the flaver dollset and a new backpack. Oh thank you!

Love  
Tamar Brook

Dear Santa

Yo quiero una cocina para jugar. Y una mona una mochila para poner atras.

Love  
Andrea

Dear Santa

Yo quiero un bombero, y un Batman, y un carro.

Love  
Luis

Dear Santa

I love you! Your the best! Please bring me a Teddy Bear and a play angel.

Love  
Brittany

Dear Santa

I love you! Please bring me a DVD, a go cart and a computer. I also want another wallet, a play gun and a snowman.

Love  
Mark

Dear Santa

How are you doing? Please bring me a piano, a baby doll, and a doll house.

Love  
Jameela

Dear Santa

I love you! Do you love me? Please bring me a bulldog. I want a baby fish and lots of presents for Christmas.

Love  
Zach

Dear Santa

I want a dirt bike so I can ride it at ny ant's. That's all I can think of. And we were wondering about if we can ride in you slay tonight if you can wake us up? And I wish I can have a mery chrissmas. I love you very much.

Love  
Rankin D.

Dear Santa

How are your reindeer doing? Please bring me a Christmas tree and a Barbie doll.

Love  
August

Dear Santa

Please bring me a computer. I have been good.

Love  
Caleb

Dear Santa

How have you been doing? I have been a good little boy this year. Please bring me a skateboard.

Love  
Dylan

Dear Santa

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a guitar, DVD player, and a Christmas CD.

Love  
Erik

Dear Santa

I would like to have you come to room 13 at Kelly Elemenry. I would like to have a phone and a Mary Kate and Ashley cd. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love  
Allison Burrola

Dear Santa

I wood like a moovy finbing Nomo and unicon I cood uoos a game cuood.

Love  
John

Dear Santa

I want a bike and a game Boy and a bift bike and some games for my game boy and I want a...

Love  
Jacob Hill

Dear Santa

I want a little accessory of seseme street for my sister. And a set of clothes for my brother. And I want a cellphone.

Love  
Sarena

Dear Santa

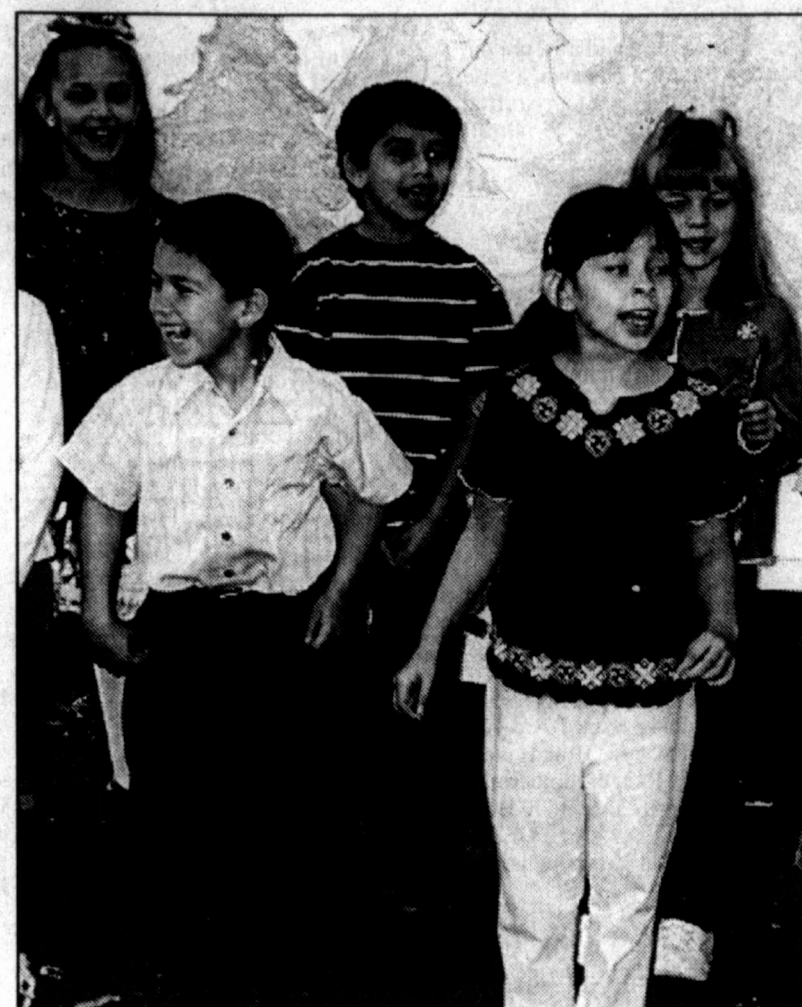
I want to headphone for me and my brother. Barbie and swon lake the movey and sum rile gobbs.

Love  
Haley

Dear Santa

Can you get me a gamecube and a game for it and it is a yugioh and a loncherspider for me and my sister Adrianna.

Love  
Felix



KELLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL first-graders showed their Christmas spirit during musical programs Dec. 17-18. Left to right are Mikaela Madrid, Alonso Rueda, Isaac Rios, Mary Beth Garcia and Jaci Smith. Music teacher June Kimmel said first-grade classes rehearsed the program, which included eight songs, 30 minutes a day since Nov. 1.

Dear Santa

I need a xbox for chrstmas and some xbox gams and a playstah2 and some paystah 2 gams

Love  
R.J.

Dear Santa

Have you been working hard? Please bring me a barbie, a new shirt, blue jeans, light up shoes and get my daddy a new job. I will leave you some milk and cookies out for a snack.

Love  
Jolie Morris

Dear Santa

How are you? Please bring me a Christmas star, all three Power Puff Girls and an angel clock. And the castle of "Sleeping Beauty." And a book for writing in cursive writing. I will have some cookies out waiting for you.

Love  
Sierra

Dear Santa

I love you very much. Please bring me a new back-pack, a Leap Frog, a new horse journal and a new blue pen.

Love  
Holly

Dear Santa

Please bring me some toys for Christmas. I have been good.

Love  
Aaron

Dear Santa

Please bring me a Barbie jeep, a doll house and lots of presents. Thank you for the presents.

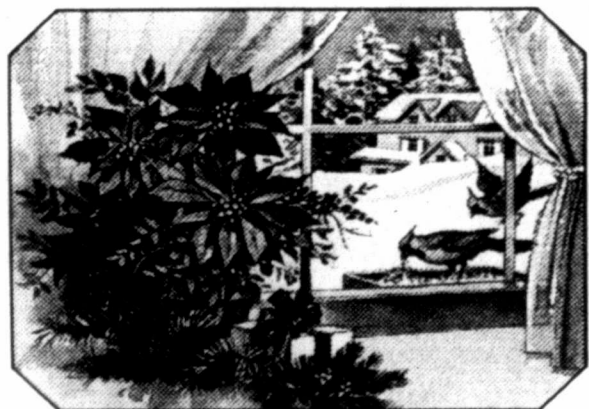
Love  
Brandy

Dear Santa

Can I please have a baby kitten, a puppy, guitar and a horse? I really like animals. I also want a goat.

Love  
Kyler

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Dear Santa  
I've been  
backpack, C  
motor scoote  
I hope you b

Dear Santa  
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Dear Santa,  
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Dear Santa,  
I want a  
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# Letters to Santa



**FIRST-GRADER CHRISTIAN LOPEZ met Santa and Mrs. Claus first-hand when they visited Josefina Velasquez's Kelley Elementary School class on Dec. 18.**

Dear Santa

I've been good. Please bring me a backpack, Christmas stocking and a motor scooter. I've been really good. I hope you bring me lots of presents.

Love  
Corbin

Dear Santa

How are the reindeer doing? And how are you, Santa? Please bring me make-up stuff, a fluffy elephant, and some more Christmas rainbow lights for our tree. I could use a new backpack for school. I will have some cookies and milk waiting for you.

Love  
Mikayla

Dear Santa,

I want a robot and a Flag pillow with a blanket. And I want some puzzles just like the ones I have at school. Along with some Spiderman posters.

Love,  
Dylan Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a Princess and the Movie Beauty and the Beast. I want big and little Bratz dolls.

Love,  
Jalessa Williams

Dear Santa,

I would like for you to bring me a big Barbie Castle and a Big Barbie House.

Love,  
Katie Rees

Dear Santa,

I want a doll for my baby sister. I want a big Barbie. I want a wagon, a car, a jeep, a bicycle. That's it.

Love,  
Georgianna Rivera

Dear Santa,

I want a horse, a Barbie, a ring and presents.

Love,  
Chelsea Martinez

Dear Santa

I have food for your reindeer and I have food for you to man. I have a teddy bear. I want to see you and a reindeer. I like christims. I want a bike a toy reindeer. I love you Santa.

Love,  
Ashlyn Kildow

Dear Santa,

How are you doing today? I hope you have a safe and good Christmas in the North Pole. Most kids don't believe in you, but I do. You make me smile at Christmas time. I wish I could see you. I hope the elves have a wonderful Christmas.

Your friend,  
Anna Lara

P.S. I hope the elves, Rudolph and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I think Christmas is beautiful. What I want for Christmas is a silver bell because I have never seen one. I think it would be fun to have one. I want a puppy, horse, and a cat. I hope it snows so I can play in the snow. Have a Jolly Christmas.

P.S. Writer back

Your friend,  
Darian Lendermon

Dec, 2003

querido santa clous despues de saludarte saber como estas todos los dias. yo estas a bien gracias adios. Yo quiero que me traigas algore de regalo para narvidad. mira yo quiero una bombera y una polisiay ropa. te quiero papa noel.

Alonso Rueda

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaysi. How are you? For Christmas I would like a cell phone for me; a barbie doll house, a baby doll and a necklace for my sisters. Thank you, and have a very merry Christmas.

Love,  
Kaysi Jo Sims

deere santa

I want og cotton candy make, swimming pool, the hulk movie, rollerblades, finding nemo movie, Satna Cluase 2 movie, McDonalds Mcflurry maker.

Love  
Jeremiah Williams

Dear Santa

I have been good this year. I want a bratz doll, I want a new big bike, I want a new watch, I want a new vidio camera, I want a new kareoke machine. I want a bratz limo. Thank you Santa!

Love  
Cassie Sutton

Santa,

franne wihtg gowt, thoi mas- sager foot, dad new house hsoes, 2 sister wants tv with vcr, michael want a stereo hogue new shoes. mikaela want a Barbie set, chris gameboy sP

Love,  
Mikaela Madrid

Dear Santa

I wot a trapalen for crims. I love Santa. I wot a Baby. Babys are fun. Im sorre.

Love  
Bailey

Dear Santa

I want a new skateboard and a pair of shoes for my sister cassie, courtney, carrisa and my mom and dad brothers and I want to have a nice christmas.

Love  
Josh Sutton

Dear Santa

Wut are you dooing I want you to rit back to me How many rander doou you haf I want a robot biy.

Love  
Cody

Dear Santa

I want a bike please a shiny one for my sister. So we can ride bikes together. down the block I will relly like that.

Love  
Daisy

Dear Santa

I want a 7-Up refrigerator and a pink power wheel truck

Love,  
Hazel Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and a dirt bike with some small cars.

Love,  
Zachary Potter

Dear Santa,

I want some red race cars and a purple back pack.

Love,  
Walker Breuer

Dear Santa,

I want a big pink Barbie castle just like the one I saw at Wal-Mart.

Love,  
Muranda Garcia

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? And how are your Elves and reindeer doing? Santa Claus, I was wondering if I could have a puppy and a sled too. I forgot to ask you how is Mrs. Claus doing?

Your friend,  
Hope Sanchez

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph and you other reindeer? I know what I want for Christmas. I want a Video Now for the car so I can watch a movie like Sponge Bob and other kinds of movies. And I want my own room. When you come to my house I will leave you two cookies and two glasses of milk. How is Mrs. Claus and the elves and how are you? Do you know what else I want, I want a Play Station 2.

Your friend,  
Courtney Martinez

Dear Santa,

How are the elves and reindeer? What I want for Christmas are some CD's. I also want a cassette player for Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a sled so when it snows I can go sledding. Santa Claus, how are you doing? Santa I want a baby puppy. I will probably get you a present for Christmas. I think that is all!

Your friend,  
Brittany Vasquez  
Mrs. Free's Room 17  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How are you and your elves? Me, good. What I want for Christmas is a CD of J Low. And how did you lie those cookies? Were they good? I bet they were. This year my mom is going to make you some cinnamon cookies and I bet you are going to like them. Well what do you want for Christmas? I want a trampoline and a puppy. And I thank you for my presents.

P.S. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,  
Dora Ybarra  
Mrs. Free's class  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the presents you gave me last year. Do you like the cookies my mom and I made last Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus? I really want a toy puppy.

Love,  
Sallie Dill

P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,

I've been waiting and waiting until Christmas to come. When I came I so so so excited. Santa these are the three things I want for Christmas first I want a good and happy famaly. then I want a good Christmas. I want a very very good christmas and this is the last one I hope that I see you on every Christmas day. And satna would please bring me those things that I told you to get right now on Christmas? And Santa how are you feeling today? It's all right you could tell me whe I send the note to you. I love you.

Love  
Netichid Emerson

Dear Santa

I've been really good this year! I just want to tell you that I have been wanting to tell you some things that for christmas. i want football and playstation two alsoundg.

Your friend  
Jake Johnson

Dear Santa,

I relly have been good this year! I have a few things that I want I want a yu-gi-oh duel masters guide, tycorc menster truck, and a x box and x box game called spy hunter. How are you SAnTa? I relly like you.

Love  
Arden Alvarez

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. This is what I want for cristmas. i want a x-box. and a pool table. i also want a 3-wheeler. how have you been? When you come I will leave you cookies.

love  
Jaime E.

Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. All I want from you is a gamecalled Meadle of honer rising Sun, 007 Die another Day and for all my family to have a happy and healthy Christmas. P.S. How are your Elves and reindeer. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi.

Love,  
Ross Salmon

Dear Santa Claus,

All I want for Chrismas is a Teacup chihuahua and for all my family to be safe.

Love,  
Amanda Arispe

P.S. How are the raindeer, Mrs. Claus and the Elefs.

Dear Santa,

I've been really great this year! I would love a dog. i would love fore my uncle Chris to be home with his family in Louisiana. I would like anew doll, a car and a house. I would also like a easy bake oven. I would also like a new kitchen set. I would also like a store set with a scanner.

Love, your good friend,  
Alyssa Stanford

Dear Santa

I been good this year. I would like a computer. I would like a ninendo. I sould like a stuff dog.

Love  
Kirk Arms

Dear Santa,

I wonder where you've been all summer. I've been a very good boy. I wonder what you look like. Has Rudolph been a very good boy? The one present I want is a bike. I want to ride in a sled like you do. Is it fun? Santa, is it fun living at the north pole with the leves, deer and the snow? I have three brothers and they are good boys like you. P.S. Merry Christmas Santa Clus, reindeer, elves and Rudolph.

Your friend,  
Jaquell Chambers  
Mrs. Free's class

Dear Santa,

I want the truck with the big trailer like I saw at the store.

Love,  
Koby Miller

Dear Santa,

I want a carebear bag, some make-up and a big bike like my sister's because I don't fit on my little one.

Love  
Jayli Hawkins

3 years old



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Back row: Pat Cawthron and Helen Edwards

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# Letters to Santa

## A Cop's Christmas.....

An Original Christmas Story by Daniel 'Chip' Ciammaichella

It was just after 11 p.m. when the call came over the radio. The reflection of the city lights made the falling snow look like a million points of light, drifting slowly toward the frozen ground. The cop debated with himself whether he should respond to the call; a burglar alarm at a nearby department store. His shift change was less than an hour away. If someone indeed had broken into the store, the paperwork involved would take hours.

Sal wanted to get off at a reasonable hour for a change. After all, it was Christmas Eve and he still had to get presents for his kids. "The alarm was probably set off by an employee locking up," thought Sal as he maneuvered the well-used vehicle toward the department store. "I'll never make it to the store, I guess I can just give the kids cash this year. They never like my presents anyway and Maria wouldn't appreciate me barging into her house at two in the morning anyway."

When Sal arrived at the department store, the building was dark and the area was quiet. As he circled the patrol car around the building, the falling snow swirled like a tornado through the beam of his spotlight. At the rear of the building, the spotlight's reflection was engulfed by the darkness of an open garage door. Sal radioed for backup, and exited the warm car to investigate.

As Sal approached the dark void of the open door, he noticed a single set of footprints in the fresh snow. The prints led into the building, but not out again. Sal clutched his large mag-light firmly in his left hand, while with his right he felt the inadequate security of his service revolver, holstered at his side. Sal began to sweat as his mind flashed back to another dark building, on another Christmas Eve.

Ten years earlier, Sal had responded to a break-in of a liquor store. As he entered the darkened store a bright flash blinded him. Sal heard a loud crack of a pistol as his body was hurled to the ground by the force of the bullet's impact into his chest. Although his kevlar vest had saved his life that night, the force of the bullet still cracked three ribs and knocked the wind out of the shocked officer.

Sal's survival instincts, honed by three combat tours in Vietnam, prevented him from losing consciousness and gave him the strength to bring his service revolver to bear. His last remembrance was of firing his revolver towards the flash, and unknown to him, killing his attacker.

Shaking off the memory, Sal discarded the flashlight as he entered the department store. He crouched just inside the doorway and allowed his eyes to become accustomed to the ebony darkness of the store.

During Sal's seventeen years on the police force, this particular store had been burglarized on many occasions. As his eyes made out a dim outline of the store, Sal remembered where the main lighting circuit breaker was located.

As the officer carefully inched his way toward the breaker box, he felt a twinge of pain in his ribs where he had been shot ten years ago. He winced as he remembered being released from the hospital, and how the pain from his wounds paled in comparison to the heartache he felt when he found his wife and kids had left him.

Sal wasn't surprised that Maria had taken the kids and gone. Their life together had started badly and just gotten worse. Sal could never bring himself to share with her the horrors that tortured his mind, and she felt rejected. He felt that his experiences as a cop, as well as a soldier, were not understandable to anyone, even himself. Maria watched over the years, as Sal became distrustful and cynical. She watched as he became more and more dependent on work and a bottle of Jim Beam for solace. By the time she had taken the kids and left, Sal and Maria were little more than strangers sharing the same house.

Sal reached the light box and threw the switch. When the bright lights illuminated the building, he heard the sound of footsteps running out the door he had entered. As he rushed back to the open door, another patrol car was just pulling up. While the other officers jumped out of their cruiser, Sal hollered, "Did you guys see anyone running away when you pulled up?"

One of the newcomers on the scene, a portly officer who had a reputation for enjoying more than his share of donuts, replied with a sneer, "No Sal, we didn't see nobody. What's matter, did the little punk get

away from ya?" Sal didn't reply as the other officers laughed and snickered. Angriely he turned his attention to the footprints leading into and out of the building. As Sal studied the details of the prints that were not his own, slowly his anger was replaced by a confident grin. "Maybe the punk got away, and maybe he didn't. You guys stay here until the manager arrives, I'm going for a little walk." As an afterthought, he looked at his fat cohort. "Why don't you make yourself useful and follow me in my car."

As Sal followed the footprints embedded in the freshly fallen snow, he thought to himself, "Shoot, this is easier than tracking a wounded buck. Of course if I were trackin' a buck, I'd be better armed, and bucks don't shoot back."

The trail ended only about a block and a half away, at the doorway of a dilapidated bungalow. As Sal climbed the porch stairs, he noticed the same set of footprints had obviously exited the residence earlier in the evening as the snow now nearly covered the older prints. "Gotcha," Sal whispered into the cold night air.

Sal rapped sharply on the door then stepped back off to the side, revolver ready. Inside the house Sal could hear the whining voice of a boy followed by the sharp voice of an angry woman. He heard the rattle of the knob, as he watched the door open spilling light over the porch. A plain, tired looking woman stood in the doorway dressed in a tattered bathrobe, rollers in her mousy blonde hair. Behind her, a look of horror and shame etched across his face, was a boy of about twelve years old. Before Sal could speak, the woman greeted him with a strained voice, "Merry Christmas officer, please come in."

As he entered the house, Sal noticed a garbage bag sitting against a wall. An expensive mink coat was visible at the top of the bag. As Sal's eyes became adjusted to the dim lights of the house, he observed more details of the house and its occupants.

The house was devoid of furniture, except for a well worn three legged couch. The bare wooden floors were covered with strewn clothing and garbage. Roaches climbed freely on the stained walls, and the stench of old trash permeated the chilly air. Sal glanced into the kitchen and noticed that the dented door of the rusted oven was wide open and the burners were all turned on, the only source of heat for the home.

As Sal turned to face the boy and the woman, movement from the doorway caught his eye. Peeking around the door were the doe-like eyes of three little girls. Sal winked at them as he addressed the woman. "Ma'am, I have reason to believe that your boy there forcibly entered the Sears store over on 110th Street. I'll bet my left eye that that stuff in that garbage bag there was stolen from that store."

The woman did not speak and tears began to roll from her blood-shot eyes. She turned to the boy and gave him an icy stare. The boy choked back sobs as he spoke. "I took dat stuff from dat store officer. My mama an' sisters needed presents for Christmas. My mama ain't got no money, and everyone knows dat Santa ain't real. I just figured that everyone else done already got their presents, and dat big store wouldn't miss a few things."

Sal steeled himself from the boy's innocent tear filled eyes. "Don't let the kid's words get you all mushy," Sal thought to himself. "Everyone's got a sob story, but it doesn't mean they're above the law." Sal gave the boy his most intimidating stare as he removed his handcuffs from his belt. Sal continued to glare as he addressed the boy's mother. "I'm gonna have to take the boy to the station ma'am. If you can get a sitter for your girls, I'll allow you to go with him." A look of horror came into the woman's eyes when Sal added, "I could always call Social Services if you can't get a sitter." The look in her eyes told Sal that the woman was more afraid of Social Services than of the police.

Before the woman could reply, Sal began handcuffing the boy, but before he was finished the three little girls rushed into the room with tears streaming down their cheeks. "Please don't take Martin to jail Mr. Policeman!" cried the oldest girl. "Santa won't take him no presents in jail." Sal could not look into the eyes of the girls and was relieved when their mother scolded them and herded them off into the bedroom.

As the woman tended to her children, Sal inspected the items in the garbage bag. It contained some dolls, girl's clothing, an expensive necklace, and the mink coat. Sal noted that not one of the items was something

a teenaged boy would want. "The boy probably got scared off before he could get his own loot," Sal muttered under his breath.

When the woman reentered the room, she seemed to have regained her composure. As Sal took the boy by the arm to lead him out the door, the woman spoke.

"Martin ain't a bad boy officer. He only gets onto trouble because he ain't got no man around to tan his fanny."

Sal asked, "So where is the boy's father ma'am?" As soon as the words were spoken, he wished he had kept his big mouth shut. "Now I'm gonna get the sob story," he thought as he turned to the woman and listened.

"Martin's daddy was a no good bum. He weren't ever good at nothin' but drinkin' and usin' drugs, and beatin' up on me. He seemed to try to be a good husbin after Martin was born, but his friends and da drugs made sure dat was short lived." The woman paused, then continued somewhat bitterly, "When Martin was only two years old, on Christmas Eve, his daddy was killed by the police while robbin' a likker store. Since then I been through dozens of men an' jobs tryin' to get by. I never took no welfare..."

The woman went on with her story but Sal was no longer listening. In his mind he remembered his own experience in a liquor store, ten years ago tonight. He remembered that he never even saw the person he shot and had refused to look at his mug shots afterward. The pain in his ribs returned, and Sal felt like he would vomit at any second. "It couldn't be the same guy," thought Sal. "Even if it was, he shot me first and I just shot at whatever shot at me." Sal had never even thought of the burglar that had injured him as a real person. Until now he had never contemplated the fact that the person might have had a life, let alone a family. The repressed feelings inside Sal

seemed to erupt like a volcano. He turned away from the eyes of the woman and the boy, hoping that they could not read his thoughts.

"I fetched Martin's toothbrush. Can he take it with him?" asked the woman, her voice not much more than a whisper.

In that second, something inside of Sal snapped. All the pain, sorrow and agony of his past seemed to be lifted from his heart, and he knew what he had to do.

"No," Sal replied curtly to the woman's question.

Sal turned to the boy and began removing his handcuffs. "I'm going to give you a break boy," he exclaimed in his best command voice. "But if I ever catch you so much as spitting on the street, I'll lock you up and throw away the key."

Neither the boy nor his mother could say a word. They just stared at Sal with amazement and gratitude.

Sal continued, "Now you take this key and put all of the stuff you stole into the trunk of my car outside, and tell my fat partner that I'll answer all of his questions later." When the boy hesitated, Sal barked, "Go on and do it before I change my mind!"

As the boy ran out the door, garbage bag in tow, Sal reached into his pocket and turned to the woman. The policeman stared at the floor as he placed a wad of money into the woman's hand. "Ma'am, I want you to use this money to get you and your kids something nice for Christmas. I don't tolerate stealing, but it is Christmas and kids deserve to have a nice Christmas."

The boy returned giving Sal back his keys. The woman still had not spoken and Sal could not look at her. "Don't think you're getting away with anything," Sal said firmly to the boy. "I'm going to be coming around here quite a bit to make sure you tow the line. I'm sure I can find a hundred chores around here for you to do to pay for your crime."

As Sal turned his attention from the boy, his eyes met those of the woman. Her eyes were wet with tears and expressed a mixture of gratitude, sorrow and, Sal even thought... pity. He quickly avoided the woman's eyes and started for the door. "Merry Christmas!" he bellowed as he walked through the door and out into the snowy night air.

As he walked to his car, Sal thought he heard the woman say "God bless you." But the words were barely loud enough to overcome the thunderous beating of his heart.

Sal knew he bore no responsibility for the state of existence of Martin and his family, but at the same time, he wanted to help.

"Maybe I want to help these people to make up for all the people I couldn't help," Sal said to himself as he got into his patrol car. "Or maybe it was just the right thing to do."

As Sal closed the door, he thought he heard the tinkle of sleigh bells overhead. As he looked up, he caught a shadow moving swiftly through the snowy night. He shook his head and rubbed his eyes. "Got to start sleeping better," he thought as the patrol car eased into the night. He gave his fat partner a look that made it no secret that questions were not welcome, as they made their way through the snowy Cleveland streets back to the stationhouse.

When the patrol car pulled into the underground garage of the police station, Sal took the keys and went to the trunk to retrieve the stolen merchandise, as the fat man made a beeline for the cafeteria. As he put the key into the trunk, he glanced at his watch and grimaced.

"Damn, all the stores are closed by now... guess the kids are gonna have to get cash this Christmas."

His mood darkened, because he knew that his son had wanted Ninja Turtles, and his daughter wanted a boom box... presents he had prom-

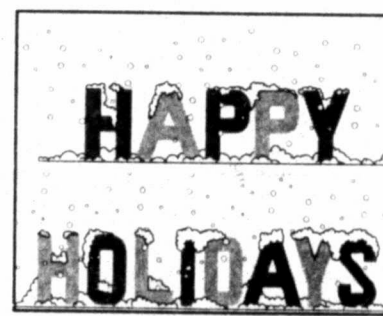
ised Maria he would buy.

"Just call me Father of the Year, I guess," he mumbled as he raised the trunk.

As he pulled the trash bag of stolen goods from the car, he noticed two additional packages also lay in the trunk... packages that were not part of the stolen goods and not there when he went on duty earlier that evening. His face turned bright red as he noticed that one was a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle action set, and the other a small Sony portable stereo/tape player. At first he thought his fat friend may have actually thought of something more than donuts and gone to the department store for him as he reclaimed the stolen merchandise, until a note attached to the boom box caught his eye.

You did a family a great service tonight, and I hope you will do one for me as well. I am way behind this year, so could you please deliver these to your children for me? Merry Christmas. Kris Kringle

A few moments later, two officers just coming on duty were dumbfounded as they found Sal lying on the concrete floor, laughing hysterically and singing jingle bells as if he had been drinking. They were even more shocked when he jumped up and hugged them both, screaming "Merry Christmas!!" before running into the station house like a madman, a twinkle in his eye that he hadn't had in years.



## OUR CHRISTMAS Story

**WHO:** The Entire Staff  
**WHAT:** Best Wishes  
**WHEN:** In Time For Christmas  
**WHERE:** In Your Favorite Newspaper  
**WHY:** Because We Love Our Readers  
**HOW:** With Heartfelt Appreciation

*Jay Emris*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL,  
AND WE HOPE  
ALL YOUR NEWS  
IS GOOD!

*Earl Plagens*  
*Allen Roel*



Colorado City

**Record**

Downtown Colorado City

*Stephanie Perez*  
*Barbara Rose*  
*Ann Anderson*  
*Lurra Ferro*



# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa. How are you and the reindeer doing? I hope you are having fun. And how is Mrs. Claus doing? And do you think I could get an X Box and a BB gun and a robe and a walkie talkie and a swimming pool. Thank you. Merry Christmas hohoho.

Blythe Rutherford  
3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I've been a really good girl this year. So this Christmas I want a baby kitting and a clapligh and some bath and body stuff. And I am so glad we have you Santa. And I hope you and your reindeer's are doing good and your reindeer's are going to be eating a lot. Because we have tons of food for your reindeer's and when you come I will leave you ton's of cookies and some milk. and I will leave you a note and a joke for you and your reindeer's. And I will leave you some money for the pur people and I hope you give it to them. And I will be so excited when you come and I hope I see Rudolph's red shiny nose.

Love  
Huntyr Messick

Dear Santa,  
I want a game cube. My baby sister may want a baby doll. I want a paintball gun. I think i will see you later.

Your friend,  
Christian Melendez 3rd grade  
P.S. Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a big monster truck for my Dad. Could you please bring me a little race car?

Love,  
Brandon Lujan

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl this year! I am excited about Christmas! What I want for Christmas is a boom box, a grats collection with a radio and a Gamecube. i will leave peanut butter cookies for you and milk. Say hi to your reindeer. How are you Santa. I'm good.

Love  
Kelly

Dear Santa,  
I have been really nice this week! may I have something for christmas karoke machine and a Barbie travel train and ballerina suit and a Barbie computer and a walie talkie and a game cube and a cross necklace a puppy and akitten and somthin for my family.

Love  
Abby

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year! How are you and your raindeer? I am really excited about Christmas. This is what I want. I want a little C.d. player, Trace Adkins cd, radio Disney c.d. I will live cookis and milk for you.

Love  
Shelby Cogburn

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year. I want something for Christmas. I want a gamecube sound system. And I want a Plastion 2 game. Ant i want a xbox.

Love  
Gustavo Silva

Dare Santa,  
I've been really good this year! I want to know how you are doing. Are you ready for Christmas? I hope you are OK. I want a box of yugoh carads and. My family to be happy!

Love  
Tristan

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me some cars and a big monster truck.

Love,  
Phillip Pinedo

Dear Santa,  
I would like a little Teddy Bear and some Barbies. Could you bring me a pink care bear too?

Love,  
Brooke Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car could you make it blue? And I want an elephant toy.

Love,  
Javier Ventura

Dear Santa,  
I want a car wheel, and a cool car and a Triple X car. And I want a Mustang car and Bryan's car.

Love,  
Juan Reyes.

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a big castle with a horse and a book just like my brother Ricky has.

Love,  
Jennifer Roman

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a tent and a Pigster and a necklace.

Love,  
Faline Espinoza

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Polly Pocket. I would like a Barbie head. I would like Barbie Swan Lake Barbie doll. And I would like a Prince with Barbie Swan Lake too. And a Fairy with light wings with that.

Love,  
Sarah Fuller

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie and markers. And a necklace and a bracelet. And a lipstick.

Love,  
Magaly Valenzuela

Dear Santa,  
I would like aremote control car. Ialso want some race cars. Could you please bring me the movie Star Wars?

Love,  
Robert Parras

Dear Santa,  
I want sum colors . I want a playstastin chermerna, books and a Bible, TVves and klose pants.

love  
serena santana

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy, lip gloss, clothes, movie, pony tails, nail polish, CD player, CDs, coloring boos, crayons and a blanket. hope you have a great christmas I will leave you cookies.

Love  
Marybeth Garcia

Dear Santa Claus  
I want for christmas is a Lion King, and a game boy, whit a hat liv the cat and a playstation2. And a spykids 3D the video and the dvd, and a picture of the power rangers. and the hat in the cat dvd. And the picture of the hat in the cat.

Love  
Adam Palacios

Dear Santa  
i want a skatebord from RJ.

Love  
Frank Barnett

Santa,  
I want a drootbike in a-go kart.

Love  
Nick Palacios

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I want shoes clothes hair brush glasses video now cd sirt dress.

Love  
Kasey Miller

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl and I know you will be a good boy. I want a doll and a easy bake oven for christmas. I hope you bring me all I you can. And tell you Elfs thank you for the hard work they don all last year. I will leave you some milk and cookies when you come. One other thing that I forgot, I want it to snow for christmas.

Merry Christmas  
Makayla Molina

P.S. Can't wait till you com on christmas

Dear Santa  
Please have a good Christmas. I want a dog, a train, a fugee, toy horses, a toy dog and a fishing pole. Merry Christmas good luck getting to my house!

Love  
Mikenzie

Dear Santa,  
I was good this year. This is what I want this year: I want my dad to have some tools and my Aunt Becky to have her horse back. I would like my uncle Don to have lots of customers. I would like my cousin to have a great college and I would like to have some clothes and some stuffed animals and a headphone radio. Santa when you get here your going to eat cookies shaped like you, a raindeer, and a present and cold milk can't wait!

Sincerely,  
Vanna

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good this year! Is Rudolph ok if he is that is good. I sant a Playstation and a game cube. I want a gameboy advance.

Love,  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girls. Please bring me a Barbie doll for Christmas.

Love  
Iris

Dear Santa  
I've been a good boy. Please bring me a real motorcycle and a fake cop car.

Love  
Dalton

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a baby doll for Christmas. I want one that wets its diaper. I want some skates and a new bike.

Love  
Bianca

Dear Santa  
I want a cook stove and a Barbie house. I have a surprise for you Santa.

Love  
Selena

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. Please bring me a batman car and a fireman city for Christmas.

Love  
Hunter

Dear Santa  
Can I have a scooter, a trampoline, Bratz dolls, some new movies, a swing set, some beads to make necklaces and a new backpack.

Love  
Madalyn

Dear Santa,  
I want a real telephone, a movie Santa Claus 2, a puppy, some coll coloring books and a baby doll that cries.

Love  
Ramsey

Dear Santa  
I want a shopping basket and a baby swing. I want a leap pad, new baby doll and a computer. I want some graham with cinnamon. I want a memory game.

Love  
Amanda

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control motor-cycle, an airplane, a boat that turns into a car.

Love  
Ethan

Dear Santa  
Please bring me Barbie doll with a car and a treasure box.

Love  
Asia

Dear Santa  
I want a Bratz doll Limbo.

Love  
Brittany

Dear Santa  
I want some cop toys. I also want a nice warm coat.

Love  
Joshua

Dear Santa  
I want a toy gun for Christmas. I want a pocket knife too.

Love  
Sebastian

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a Hulk mask and a new Spiderman suit.

Love  
Casey

Dear Santa,  
Don't bring me any baby dolls I have too many. I want stove where you make ice cream by your self with sprinkles. I want a stove to make a cake. I want a Barbie and a bell that rings.

Love Trepa

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a bike, Yu-gi-oh cards and a monster that you punch and it yells when you punch it.

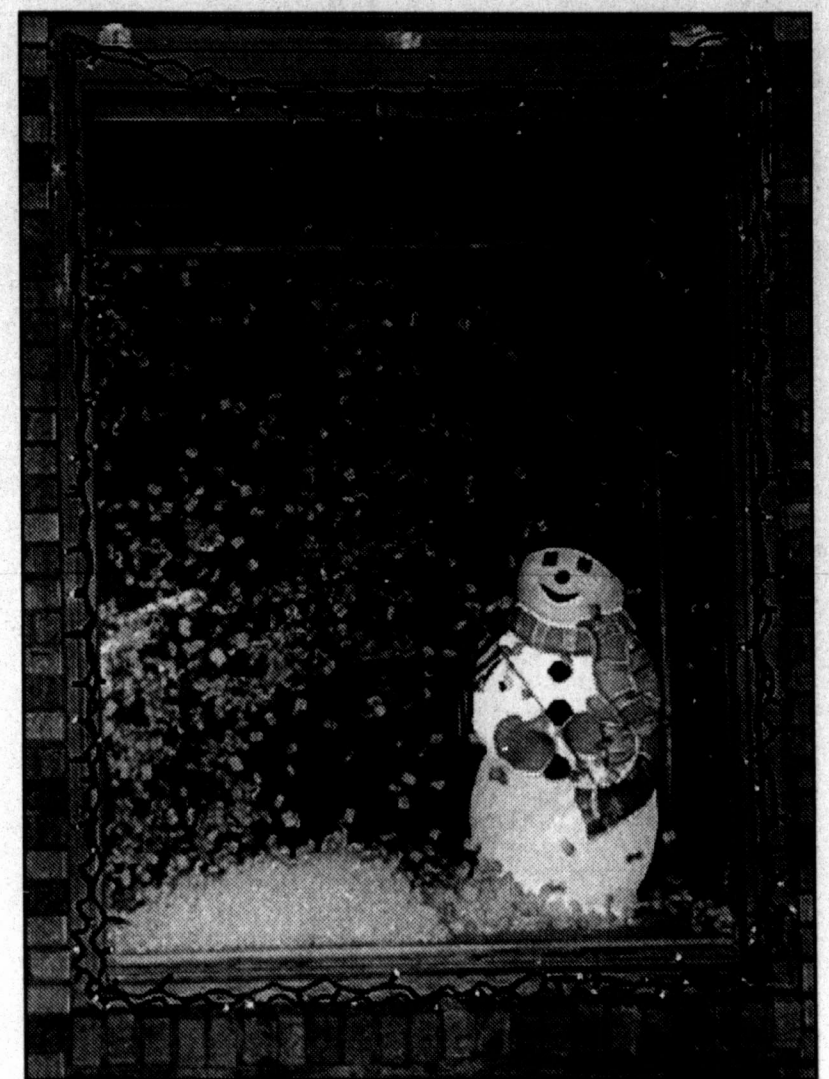
Love  
Dustin

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a spider web with a spider on it.

Love  
Seth

Dear Santa  
how are the raindeer doing, a poiwer ranger action figer, a big trampulen, ben bag, a puppy, how are the elfs doing, say Hi to Mrs. clase, a sticy dart gun.

Love  
Tony



Bobby Reyes residence at 16th & Hickory

## Here's To Health And Happiness

Hope your holiday contains a large dose of fun and an extra measure of good cheer. It's been a real pleasure serving you this past year!

## City Discount Drug

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**Rejoice!**

May the true meaning of Christmas fill your heart this year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Go our Merry Christmas wishes for joy, peace and togetherness. Thank you for sharing our love of animals.

**Mitchell County Vet Clinic**  
Colorado City  
728-8055

**He's On His Way!**

Hope Santa brings you all good things. Thanks so much for being so good to us!

David Myers  
James Myers  
Larry Williams  
Dale Dickard  
Billy Upshaw  
Adam Myers

**Myers Auto Parts**

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# Merry Christmas From All Of Us...

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

*Happy New Year!  
Happy Holidays!  
Faye and George Lee*

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

*Dr. & Mrs.  
Dee Roach*

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

**Seasons Greetings from  
Attorney  
Frank Conard  
Sweetwater**

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

**Happy Holidays  
to everyone in  
Mitchell County!**

**Mrs. Charles C.  
Thompson**

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

**Carolyn & Steve  
Smith**

*May all your hopes  
and dreams come true  
for you and yours, this  
season and beyond.*

**Patrick, Lorianne  
Brian & Bethany  
Loombs**

**PD. POL. ADV.**

*May the beauty of the  
season surround you, and  
may your holiday contain all the  
trimmings of love, health, wealth and  
success. Merry Christmas and many  
thanks for making our year sparkle.*

**Merry Christmas  
from  
Bobby & Jan  
Lemons**

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

*Sincerely,  
Mayor & Mrs.  
Bob Relly*

**Special  
Happy Holiday Wishes  
to each and everyone of you  
in Colorado City and  
Mitchell County!**

**Marian Craddock  
Lubbock, Texas**

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

**Merry Christmas  
from Earl, Sheila  
& Tyler Plagens**

**May Christmas bring  
you the blessings of  
Peace, Hope & Love!**

**Happy Holidays  
from  
Ann Hallmark**

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

**Merry Christmas...  
Justice of the Peace  
Kay Richmond**