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City begins first phase for additional water supplies

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At a special called meeting Wednesday, December 12, the Post City Council approved the immediate construction of a 3 million water plan.

The council also approved a plan to purchase water supplies from Post. the City of Slaton, pending the development of a contract with contracts for a water well field to tie into the pipeline to be built from Slaton to Post. between Post and Slaton.

structed, with alternate bids to be advertised for a 5 million gallon been vacant since the death of council member John Redman.

The initial phase of the water plan calls for construction of storage tanks to begin accumulating water supplies in case of emergency gallon ground storage tank in the first phase of a comprehensive water shortages. The second phase involves securing a contract with Slaton for water and the construction of a pipeline from Slaton to

The third phase is securing water rights and developing water Slaton. The council also authorized Oller Engineering to develop wells from sources west of U.S. Hwy 84 to feed into the pipeline

During the special called meeting, the council appointed Crystal An additional 1.5 million gallon storage tank will also be con- Mason to serve as Ward 3 council representative. The position has

Hospital may reopen

unable to attend) voted for the district's consultant, Elizabeth Quiroz- several reasons and should arrive shortly. Eureste, to begin the process of applying for a hospital license.

sure is received.

The board also made changes to the draft of the contract between the person hired would be working directly with him. the district and consultant Elizabeth Quiroz-Eureste to include payand actual cost of meals while she is here working for the district.

ing with Ms. Quiroz-Eureste. In other action, the board approved hiring their accountant, Larry

completing the final reports, has not been able to do so. The clarification attorney general's opinion had been received and extend the current contract with them on a month by month basis trict until it is decided whether or not the district will continue with the

clinic or reopen the hospital. Chuck Ratliff reported to the board that the backflow preventer ing room

In their regular monthly meeting last Monday, four members of valve required to be installed in the district's water line by the the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors (Danny Guthrie was Texas Resource Commission had been ordered through the city for

He also reported that he had not been able to hire anyone for the The application fee is \$500 and there will be many things to be maintenance assistant position approved earlier by the board. All approved or renovated after the application is made before licen- interested persons wanted full-time work rather than part-time. The board agreed to leave the filling of the position to Ratliff since

Shirley Taylor presented a report from the clinic in the absence of ment of her lodging at \$40 per night, mileage at 31 cents per mile a Covenant representative. There were 435 patients seen at the clinic in November with another 179 receiving allergy or flu shots, The contract will be sent to the attorney for review before finaliz- lab tests, etc. She also reported that 14 indigents were provided with health care for a cost of \$857.21 in November.

The board then went into executive session to discuss personnel Anderson, to complete the final reports for the Primary Health Care matters. Following the executive session, the board announced it's Grant. Mr. Murrillo, who was supposed to assist the district in decision to continue the interview process for the interim adminis-

Clarification on the expenses of consultant Quiroz-Eureste to be Mike Travis read a portion from it for the record. Tabled, pending covered was also given by way of a vote not to pay any expenses review by the district's attorney, was the contract with Covenant to incurred before the date she actually began working for the dis-

> The next meeting of the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors will be January 21, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in Citizens Bank meet-

Post Notes

Dispatch sets holiday deadlines

Deadlines for The Post Dispatch for upcoming holidays are Monday noon (December 24) for the December 27 edition and Monday noon (December 31) for the January 3 edition. The office will be closed Wednesday, December 26 through Friday, December 28.

Church offers Christmas musical

The Bethel Assembly of God will host a special Christmas musical, "What Child Is This" on Sunday, December 23 beginning at 6 p.m. at the church, 407 W. May. There will be a church dinner Sunday at 10 a.m. The public is invited.

Semifinalist T-Shirts available

Specially designed "Post Bold Gold" semifinalist t-shirts and sweatshirts are now available for sale. T-shirts with the "semifinalist" art work are \$8 each, with sweatshirts at \$13. See coach Richard Gorman at the field house. "When they're gone, they're gone." (see advertisement on page 6A).

Science Fair awards assembly today

The Post Elementary School Science Fair Awards Assembly will be held Thursday, December 20 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

Schools out Friday at noon

Post ISD campuses will dismiss classes Friday, December 21 at 12:30 p.m. for the Christmas holiday. Classes resume January 3.

New voter registration cards

Garza County Tax Assessor Jeanette Hodges is requesting Garza County voters who have not received new voter registration cards by mail to contact the office at 495-4448. A number of voter registration cards were returned with incorrect addresses.

Brick sales for scholarship fund

Post ISD is accepting dontations for "paving bricks" at Antelope Arena, with the \$50 donations being used exclusively to fund scholarships for PHS graduates. Contact the school's business office at 495-3855 to purchase bricks for the project.

Toys for Tots pick up

Those who are eligible for the "Toys for Tots" gifts should pick upo the items on Friday, December 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nazarene Church, 202 W. 10th. The program is courtesy of the Post Lions Club. No phone calls please.



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Post ISD trustees meet tonight

Trustees for the Post Independent School District will meet in regular session tonight, Dec. 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the administration office.

Items on the agenda for consideration include a hearing on the school's Academic Excellence Indicator (AEIS) report; a brass antelope for placement in the Antelope Arena; a property casualty insurance; hospitalization insurance; tax refund due to double assessment; approving at-risk students who are reading below grade level; parking lot lighting; and the possible donation of a bus to the Texas

Following the open portion of the meeting, the board may go into executive session to discuss substitute teacher candidates, employment of personnel and staffing issues. Any action deemed necessary in the closed-door meeting would be taken in open session following the executive session.

Post Antelopes dominate All-**District Team**

A total of 18 Post Antelopes were named to the District 4AA All District Football team following the final game of the season.

Earning first team offense honors were senior quarterback Michael Huff, sophomore fullback Mitchell Mills, senior tailback Jonathan Curtis, junior guard Jon Eilenberger and junior tight end Jarrett Vickers.

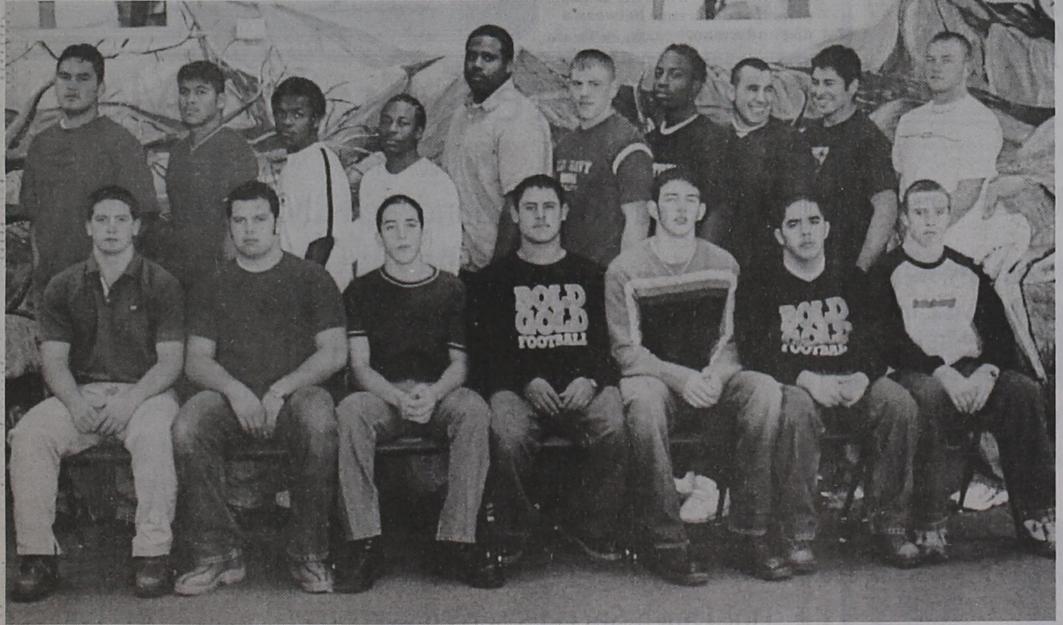
First team defensive honors went to linebacker Eilenberger as District 4AA Most Valuable Player, junior tackle R.C. Curtis, senior linebacker Justin Acevedo and senior secondary Roland Castaneda.

Junior punter Bryan Looney was named All-District first team punter.

Second team offense designation went to senior split end Allen Bell, junior center Looney, senior guard Mikey Gonzales and junior tackle Noah Gutierrez.

On the second team defense are sophomore linebacker Mills and senior secondary Hector Reyna.

Honorable Mention went to sophomore tackle Mark McCallister (offense) and on defense sophomore end Kris Hernandez, junior tackle Patrick Gonzales, junior secondary Brandon Bell and junior secondary Lance Curtis.



Earning All-District football honors are Post Antelopes (back row, left to right) Hector Reyna, Roland Castaneda, Brandon Bell, Allen Bell, R.C. Curtis, Jon Eilenberger, Jonathan Curtis, Justic Acevedo, Kris Hernandez,

Michael Huff, (front row) Mitchell Mills, Noah Gutierrez, Mikey Gonzales, Bryan Looney, Jarrett Vickers, Patrick Gonzales and Mark McCallister. Lance Curtis was unavailable for photo.

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Larissa Gordon, Nathan Manweiler exchange wedding vows Nov. 3

 $Larissa\,Lee\,Gordon\,and\,Nathan\,Christopher\,Manweiler, both\,of\,Lubbock,$ exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. Nov. 3, 2001, in the Westside Church of

Jack Gordon, father of the bride, assisted by Randy Gordon, cousin of the bride, and Ned Cooper, stepfather of the groom, performed the double ring

Parents of the couple are Jack and Mary Ann Gordon of Slaton and Ned and Neva Cooper of North Platte, Nebraska. Grandparents of the bride are Mrs. Lorene Gordon of Alton and the late O.M. Gordon and J.W. and Bessie Strawn of Post. Grandparents of the groom are Nancy Thomas of Redmond. Oregon, and Grant Thomas of Seattle, Wash.; Mr. And Mrs. Winston Cooper of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Bob and Charlene Manweiler of LaJunta, Colo.

Guests were greeted and registered by Lindsay Hoffman, cousin of the

Wedding vows were exchanged before an archway covered in English ivy and mystic lights. Twin birdcages held lavender and periwinkle, hydrangea and greenery entwined with red tulle. Matching red pew bows were accented with bridal ribbon. The unity candle was set among blue tulle and featured the bride's mother's wedding Bible.

Escorted by her father, the bride was presented in marriage by her

For her wedding, the bride chose a regal white bridal satin gown, which featured a dramatic sweetheart bodice and empire waist trimmed with embroidered lace. Contrasting cap sleeves were embellished with identical embroidered lace. The full A-line skirt with front princess seams and back pleats also was embellished with multiple rows of embroidered lace draping to a chapel-length train.

An elegant pearl clip held layers of sheer English tulle, which fell to a fingertip veil. The bridal bouquet, complete with multi-colored bridal satin ribbons, featured stemmed red miniature carnations enhanced with shades of purple, marigold and fern green.

For "something old," the bride wore her great-grandmother's wedding ring. "Something borrowed" was her mother's wedding jewelry. A garter served as "something blue." For "something new," the entire wedding ensemble was made by her mother.

Serving their sist4er, Suzanne Scott was matron of honor and Jenny Beth Gordon was maid of honor. Attending as bridesmaids were Amanda Hair and Jennifer Strawn, cousins of the bride. Shelby Hair carried out flower girl

Floor-length column sheaths of red crepe satin featuring slender sunstraps were chosen as the attendants' attire. Each carried flowers identical to those of the bride with an ornamental puffball of marigold tulle and red

Chad Manweiler served as his brother's best man. Attending as groomsmen were David Simpson, Dusty Cook and Michael Hernandez. Tyler Jones was ring bearer. Colt Scott, Cody Hair, Jason Hair and Waylon Strawn handled

Bridal selections and ceremonial music included "Time After Time" by A Capella; "Only Time" by Enya and "Bittersweet Symphony" by The Verve. A special selection, "In the Presence of Jehovah," was sung by the bride's father during the lighting of the unity candle.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Carolyn Hair, Nancy Hoffman, Sarah Hair, Vickie Gordon, Melissa Jones and Lora Smith attended the bride's table. A majestic, imperial-tiered cake made by Carol Yowell featured the bride's chosen multi-

The groom's table featured a chocolate-covered strawberry-laden cake and was attended by Kelly Neal and Tracy Manweiler.

Susan Strawn provided wedding photography. Shanna Carlock did bridal hair design. Serving as wedding coordinator was Diane Howell.

Following a trip to The Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, N.M., the

couple made their home in Lubbock. The bride, a graduate of Sharyland High School in Mission, attended Lubbock Christian University and is employed by Wells-Fargo Financial. The groom, a graduate of Coronado High School, also attended Lubbock Christian. He is employed by Pollard Ford.

 $The\ Citizens\ Bank\ in\ Slaton\ was\ the\ site\ of\ a\ miscellaneous\ shower\ hosted$ by the Westside Church of Christ. The Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock also hosted a couples shower in the parlor room.

Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.

-Rainer Maria Rilke

Oleain Morris hosts early Christmas

on Sunday, December 16, 2001, Oleain Morris was host to 49 of her children, grandchildren and friends to celebrate an early Christmas.

Her guests were from Post, Lubbock, Abilene, Slaton, Coahoma, Sterling City, San Angelo, Austin and Capitan, New Mexico. Gifts were exchanged, a meal prepared and enjoyed by all.

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man. _Mark Twain



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D'Aun and Ron Taylor celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on December 18. They were married in Knott (Howard County).

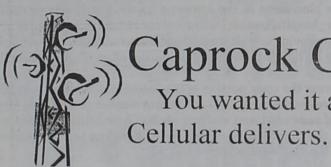
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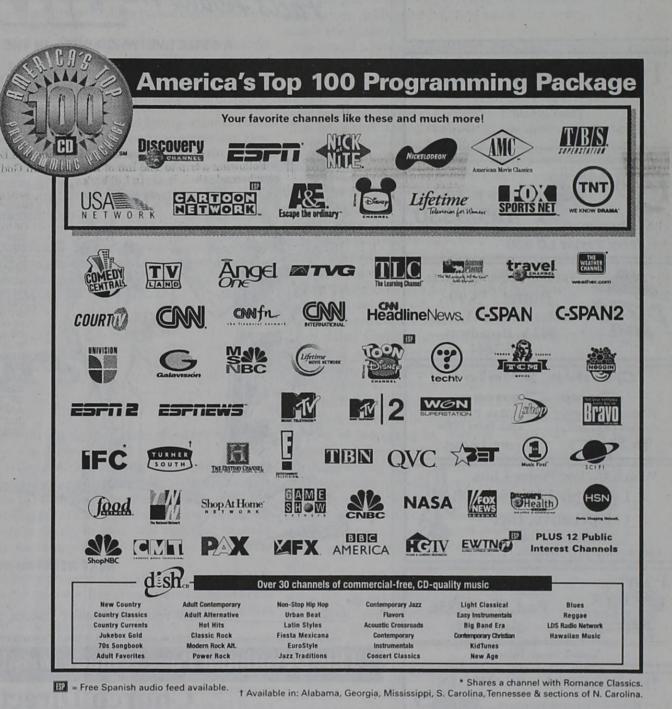
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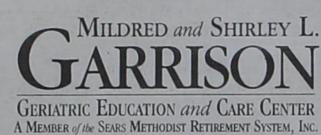
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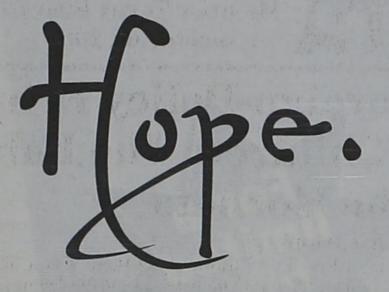
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Mildred J. Schmedt

Services for Mildred Jeanette Schmedt, 83, were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church in Altus, Okla. Burial followed in the Altus City Cemetery under the direction of the Lowell-Tims

She died Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Jackson County Memorial Hospital. Born Feb. 22, 1918, in Jackson County, Okla., to Theodore and Edna Minor Alexander, she attended all 12 grades of school in Humphreys and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma. She married Erwin Fred Schmedt Feb. 23, 1945, in Purcell, Okla.

In 42 years as an educator, she taught every grade, first through college, except the second and fourth grades. She taught at Frederick, Noble, Oklahoma University, Earlsboro, Falcon/Rivers in Altus, all in Oklahoma, and at Post and Kress in Texas.

After retiring from teaching, she was active in the family farm operation in the Humphreys area. A member of the First United Methodist Church, she was active in community activities.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Theo Fred and Nancy Schmedt of Ardmore, Okla., and Wayne Edward and Linda Schmedt of Florrisant, Missouri; three grandsons, Stephen Fred Schmedt and wife, Holly, of Edmond, Okla., Michael Alexander Schmedt of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jonathan Wayne Schmedt of Florrisant; two granddaughters, Cari Lynn and husband, David Buntin, of San Antonio and Lindy Elizabeth Schmedt of Norman, Okla.; and great-grandchildren Leighton Alexander Buntin, Olivia Claire Buntin, Sydney Elizabeth Schmedt and Carson Minor Buntin.

Velma Furr

Services for Velma Furr, 86, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Charlie Stice of Trinity Church in Tahoka officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. She died Sunday, Dec. 16, in Lubbock.

Born Aug. 11, 1915, in Piocho, N.M., she married Woodrow Furr in 1934 in New Mexico. She was a realtor for many years in Converse, Texas, and moved to Post in August. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Laverne Aten of Post; one son, Harvey Hutchinson of Houston; four grandchildren, Terry Williams of Post, Mike Aten of Tahoka and Robert and Loyd Miller Jr., both of San Antonio; and one great-grandson, Larry Don Lee, also of Tahoka.

She was preceded in death by one son, N.D. Furr, in February 2000. Pallbearers were Charles Morris, Mack Terry, Bobby Terry, Jerry Bush, Joe Patterson and Bunny Smith.

Wanda Dean Caperton

Funeral services were held Friday, December 14, 2001 for Wanda Dean Voyles Jordan Caperton at the Chapel of Angels Funeral Home in Lubbock. Rev. Ken Horn, Vista-Care Hospice chaplain, conducted the services. Burial was at Peaceful Gardens Cemetery at Woodrow under the direction of Chapel of Angels Funeral Home.

Mrs Caperton died Tuesday, December 11 at her home in Lubbock. She was born to Edith A. Kitchens and William Martin Voyles on November 10, 1940 in Weinert (Knox County), Texas. She married Tom W. Jordan on June 21. 1957 in Lubbock. She later married Phillip Caperton June 19, 1992 in Lubbock. Mr Caperton preceded her in death September 1999.

She attended Lubbock High School and graduated from Jessie Lee's Beauty Institute. Mrs Caperton was a hairdresser for several years, worked at Texas Instruments for 17 years and later worked as a home health nurse. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Lubbock.

She is survived by sons Chad Jordan and his wife Amy of Granbury. Brandon Jordan and his wife Angela of Lubbock; brothers Roy Voyles and Johnnie Voyles of Lubbock, sisters Teresa Peacock of Hobbs, N.M. and Peggy Brown of Sherman, Texas and four grandchildren. Mrs Caperton was a first cousin to Pat Burnett of Post.

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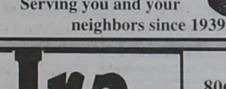
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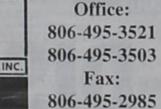
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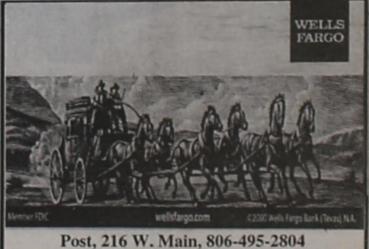
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In the name of national security

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security revealed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. We discovered that of national security concerns. While watching our young men and a thriving airline industry is necessary for national security. Congress women kiss their loved ones goodbye and board planes and ships off acknowledged this by bailing out airline stockholders and creditors to to harm's way, I asked myself, "What can be more important in our war not penetrate the brand new suit of armor that he was now wearing. the tune of more than \$15 billion. After all, how can our country be against terrorism than boots?" defended if airlines became bankrupt and their airplanes vanish into

Steel is also vital to the national security - so vital that foreign steel must be kept from our shores. A senator from a steel-producing state, arguing for tariffs on foreign steel, made this clear, saying: "Without steel, we cannot guarantee our national security. Without steel, we cannot build from our

tragedy." He's right. Without steel, not only can't we rebuild the World I'm sure the president would sign it. Trade Center and Pentagon — we can't build tanks, ships, bullets, bombs and airplanes to go after the terrorist. Congress must do everything in its power to keep foreign steel out so that U.S.-produced steel prices are driven up, thereby better enabling us to fight terrorism.

After the terrorist attack, we found out that food is necessary for national security. Farmers sent their lobbyists to Washington to tell congressmen that recent "terrorist attacks have bolstered the argument economists should be in the front lines of our war on terrorism. How that food production is vital to the national interest." In response, about Congress enacting an Economic Security Act of 2001 to hire Congress is rushing to enact H.R. 2646, which would add an extra \$69 economic consultants to help the government detect the economic billion to already planned farm handouts. The earlier bill was titled the Agriculture Act of 2001. After the terrorist attack, it was renamed the Farm Security Act of 2001, taking into account the newly discovered fact that food is "vital to national interest." It passed 291 to 120

Current beneficiaries of taxpayer handouts to "poor" farmers include: Ted Turner, whose five-year take was \$176,000. The five-year take for Scottie Pippen was \$131,000, David Rockefeller \$352,000, Rep. Doug Ose \$149,000, Rep. Marion Berry \$750,000 and Hancock Mutual Life Insurance \$211,000.

Since Congress is taking taxpayer earnings in the name of national You'd be surprised by the newly discovered requirements for national security in the wake of terrorist attacks, I can recommend other areas

> You say: "C'mon, Williams, that's ridiculous. What's your problem?" Look at it. You can have all the airplanes, steel tanks, and nourishing also acknowledge that boots are, as well? So, if Congress is truly wage war on the hornets. sincere about vital national interests, they should enact the Boot Security Act of 2001, awarding billions of dollars to shoe manufacturers.

Economic science has become an important part of our war against terrorism. Finding and freezing terrorist assets, and detecting moneylaundering is not a job for amateurs. It's going to take experts. The natural experts in this arena, and I'm not being self-serving, are economists. Too many economists are wasting their time in universities trying to stuff economic theory into alien and hostile minds. These activities of terrorist organizations?

There are Americans who'd disagree with the Boot Security Act of 2001 and the Economic Security Act of 2001, but every country has its share of disloyal citizens.

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Showing the colors

by Vin Suprynowicz

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Martha McSally was among the first seven behind me, woman" upon returning from some off-base beanery — American women to train as fighter pilots. She became the first to fly combat sorties, in an A-10 "Warthog" over Iraq in the mid-1990s. She has served as a trainer of combat pilots deployed to Kosovo and South Korea, and was promoted to the ranks of major and lieutenant colonel two years ahead of her peers, in what her lawyer calls "a rare endorsement that is given to the most capable, competent and professional officers, and only to those who are identified as future leaders of the Air Force."

Now, she is suing the Defense Department for requiring her to wear Muslim clothing when she leaves her Air Force base in Saudi Arabia. In a suit filed in federal District Court in Washington, Lt. Col. McSally says U.S. military women have been ordered to wear black head-to-foot robes called "abayas" and ride in the back seat of vehicles when off base. They can only leave base if they are accompanied by a man.

The suit says the policy undercuts her standing as an officer and violates her constitutional rights to religious freedom and due process of law.

Male military personnel in Saudi Arabia are not subject to the Muslim strictures. Furthermore, no such restrictions apply to female employees of the State Department in Saudi Arabia or to other foreign women in the country, according to McSally's lawyer, Thomas S. Neuberger.

Mr. Neuberger also argues the policy has been applied inconsistently. Women stationed in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf war Do the U.S. armed forces no longer have room for promising young "drove Jeeps, did their jobs, wore the same uniforms as men," he tells officers willing to put their careers on the line, willing to "rock the the Providence Journal. (McSally is a native of Warwick, R.I.)

ADefense Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, responds that the policy is a security measure, explaining that "whether we like it or not," Saudi religious officials are empowered to physically punish women who appear in public in violation of Muslim dress codes.

Really? And let us suppose U.S. troops were stationed in a nation which still practiced chattel slavery, or at least outright racial prejudice. In order to honor local standards and avoid giving offense, in such a case, would black American officers be ordered to dress up in tattered clothing and frayed straw hats, made to walk behind their white subordinates when off base, instructed to ride in the back of the bus and lower their gaze and respond "Yassuh, massa" whenever addressed by a white person, all "whether we like it or not?"

Hogwash. The automatic deference shown officers in the military isn't "just to be polite" — it's to inculcate the habit of immediate obedience, so no one wastes time on discussion when the sound of incoming evokes an order to hit the dirt. Does anyone really believe it strengthens this habit to snarl at one's commanding officer "Walk

as Lt. Col. McSally says she has witnessed?

Showing a modicum of respect for local sensitivities is merely polite anything wrong, you shouldn't care.' —if the locals eat with only one hand (don't ask why — this is a family newspaper), find it rude to show the soles of one's feet in public, or are embarrassed by public signs of affection, then military personnel should of course be appropriately briefed, and expected to make extent, an "ambassador of good will."

But the American military presence in states like Saudi Arabia serves to prop up those regimes. We (like armed forces in most of the civilized world) have female officers, and will continue to, and that is a 21st century fact to which **they** must adjust.

Our female officers' dress — uniform or off-duty — is not designed to be unduly scandalous or provocative. Surely a far better remedy, in keeping with our tradition of liberty, comes easily to hand: If strange men are going to take it upon themselves to physically "punish" duly assigned officers of the United States armed forces who appear bareheaded in public, any officer likely to encounter such behavior should be issued an effective sidearm, and instructed

"She understands it's going to destroy her career," explains attorney Neuberger of his client, Lt. Col. McSally, "but she's doing this so that other women won't have to take the hit."

What a sad commentary on our denatured defense establishment. boat" in the interest of truth, progress, and the American way?

Innovators Jimmy Doolittle and George S. Patton each got into some trouble, in their day, for challenging the brass. But America soon found herself mighty glad to have them.

Lt. Col. McSally is proud to wear the uniform she earned ... and America should be proud of her.

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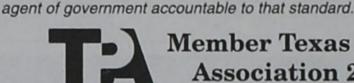
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A Foreign-Policy Primer for Children: The Fable of the Hornets

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Once upon a time in a faraway land there was a happy and prosperous village filled with industrious and fun-loving people. To protect the villagers from occasional thieves and marauders, the village council had hired a policeman named Oscar.

One day Oscar got bored and took a long walk into the woods, where he discovered some of the biggest hornets' nests he had ever seen. The next day and every day thereafter, Oscar returned to the nests and took to poking at them with a big stick. That angered the hornets and caused them to attack Oscar, but their stingers could

A few days later, however, a terrible thing happened. Several hornets flew into the village and stung some of the villagers, who were understandably outraged. The village council immediately meals for our fighting men and women, but how in the world can they called an emergency meeting. "The hornets have attacked us," one be expected to fight terrorism barefooted? If Congress acknowledges man cried. "We must destroy them all!" After several hours of that steel and food are indispensable to national security, shouldn't it discussion, everyone agreed that the village had no choice but to

At that point, however, a young boy arose and said, "Maybe if Oscar stops poking the hornets' nests, the hornets will no longer attack the village.'

A gasp and a hush immediately swept across the room. Suddenly, one man screamed, "The boy is supporting the hornets!" Another yelled, "He's saying that they were justified in attacking the village." A woman weighed in: "He's suggesting that we got what we deserved!" "Unpatriotic!" "Treason!"

The boy slunk down into his seat and did not say another word, and the villagers turned their attention back to the upcoming war on hornets.

The next day, Oscar and several big deputies, all fully suited in brand new suits of armor, headed into the woods. With several big sticks, they began hitting and beating the big hornets' nests. The hornets were furious, and immediately attacked Oscar and his men, but to no avail because their stingers could not penetrate the brand new suits of armor. After several hours, all the hornets' nests had come crashing down.

When the news reached the village, everyone roared his approval and began celebrating. All of a sudden, however, hundreds of hornets swarmed around the villagers and went on the attack. Later, when Oscar returned to the woods, he noticed something foreboding - dozens of new, smaller hornets' nests were now under construction throughout the woods.

Under siege, the village council enacted the Anti-Hornet Patriot Act, which established the new Anti-Hornet Security Police, whose job it was to peer into everyone's windows day and night for the purpose of searching for hornets. When one villager expressed misgivings, the village council responded, "If you're not doing

One year later, the village council called a meeting to give a report on the war on the hornets. Everyone wore a suit of armor, which had become normal attire. The council advised the villagers that the war was not going well: that it seems that each dead hornet had reasonable concessions. Any trooper stationed overseas is, to some been replaced by five new ones, which continued attacking the village.

> At that point, the young boy again arose and said, "Maybe if Oscar stops poking the hornets' nests, the hornets will no longer attack the village." A gasp and a hush again swept across the room. But this time, one man said, "Maybe the boy's got a point!" Another joined in: "Yes, what do we have to lose?"

> Oscar exclaimed, "If we stop poking the hornets' nests, hornets everywhere will think we're weak. Anyway, they hate us so much by now that they'll attack the village anyway. We've got to continue waging the war on the hornets until we kill them all.'

> But under pressure from the villagers, the village council voted to end the war on the hornets and ordered Oscar to stop poking their nests and to limit himself to protecting the village from thieves and

marauders. After a time, a remarkable thing happened: the hornets stopped attacking the village, and they never again returned. And so it was that the village in that faraway land once again became happy and prosperous, filled with industrious and fun-loving people who lived happily ever after.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va.



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Sports Lady Lopes win two more

The Post Lady Lope varsity basketball team continues its winning ways, defeating Spur 50-46 (12/11/01) and Hart 79-25 (12/14/01). "The team is getting better each game," coach Ron Taylor comments, "we're starting to After Christmas, the Lady Lopes will compete in the Bold Gold Holiday play more consistently with a firm schedule."

In the Spur contest, Taylor pointed out that it was a "tale of two halves, we played great in the first half, then went sour in the second half." Taylor said the shots just wouldn't fall in the second half.

The Lady Lopes led by 21 points at halftime, shooting nine of 10 from the free throw line, but then came out in the second half and could only get six of 24 free throws.



Manuela Hernandez (23) lays the ball to the goal during the Lady Lope win over Spur here last week. (Photo by Jerry



Jarrett Vickers (4) jumps for the Post Antelopes in action here last week against Spur. Others 'Lopes on the play are (5) Hector Reyna (5) and Jon Eilenberger (33). Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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When they're gone, they're gone!

The team had been scheduled to play Ira last Friday night, but when Ira canceled Taylor was able to get Hart to visit on short notice. "This was a great game for us," Taylor says, "the team played a full game and in the second half held Hart to only seven points.

Scoring in the Spur game were Emily Smith with 16, followed by Kelly halfway through the season. The win column was boosted last week by a 24-More with 14. Others scoring were Meagan Mills (6), Manuela Hernandez (6) and two each by Kaycee Gorman, Tandi Humble, LaRinda Ledbetter and Nikki Norman.

Smith with 16 and Norman with 10. Moore got eight, Humble shot seven, Gorman collected six, Ledbetter got three with Mills and Meranda Hernandez each scoring two points.

The team played Petersburg Tuesday (12/18/01) and hosts Roby Friday. "Tournament, facing Anton, Lockney and Floydada in a "round robin" event.



Meagan Mills scoots around a Spur defender on the way toward the basket during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Antelopes test court skills in early games

With only 30 minutes of practice last week, the Post Antelope varsity basketball team came out shooting in a 57-48 loss to Spur. The team hammered Loop 66-43 in the Meadow Tournament last Friday, then lost to O'Donnell 58-29 and New Home 51-40.

Scoring in the Spur game were Jarrett Vickers with 22 points, followed by Jon Eilenberger with 10, four each by Mitchell Mills and Brody Robertson, Brandon Bell with three, two each by Hector Reyna and Jett Lott and one by Kenny Ratke.

In the win over Loop Vickers led with 27 points, followed by Mills with 14 and Eilenberger with 12. Other scoring came from Tye Mason with three and two each by Reyna and Robertson.

In the New Home loss, Vickers led with 14 points. Eilenberger got 11, Mills scored nine, Ratke hit for four and Bell got two points.

"We went into that tournament trying different things, and seeing how we work together," coach Dane Vickers says. "Frankly, we just ran out of steam toward the end, those guys had just come off a huge semifinal football game and then turned around and played four basketball games in one week." The team played Petersburg Tuesday (12/18/01) and hosts Roby Friday.

After Christmas, the Lopes will host Anton, Lockney and Floydada at the Bold Gold Holiday 'Tournament, starting Thursday, December 27.



Brody Robertson (20) goes for two points during action here last week against Spur. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

JV 'Lopes whip Spur 41-12

The Post Junior Varsity boys squad netted a 41-12 win over Spur Dec. 11. "They did a great job for just one day of practice," the coach said. Top scorer for the group was Russell Merritt with eight points, followed by Janssen Eilenberger with seven points. Mark Norman, Tony Garay and Francisco Duran each had six points. Mitch Holly had four points, while Jerry Curtis and LeDon Lewis both added two points to the scoreboard.

JV boys take third at tourney

The junior varsity 'Lopes picked up a third place finish in the Sands

Tournament played last week. Post slipped past Coahoma 37-31, led by the scoring of Russell Merritt and his 11-point effort. Jerrod Grisham had nine points, Mark Norman had

seven points and Jansen Eilenberger had three points. Tony Garay added two points to the scoreboard, while Coco Valdez contrivuted one point. Post dropped a game to New Home in the tournament by a score of 46-32. Grisham was lead scorer for the Lopes with 14. Norman had six points,

Garay had five, Merritt had four and Mitch Holly, three.

The Lopes soundly defeated Ira 42-17. Norman led scoring with 10, Garay had eight and Grisham had seven. Other scorers included Merritt with four points; Jerry Curtis and Holly with three each; Ledon Lewis, Janssen Eilenburger and Francisco Duran with two points each; and Cole Easterling, one point.

8th grade girls at 3-2

The eighth grade Lady 'Lopes stand at 3-2 in district play and 4-6 overall 22 victory over Idalou.

The game see-sawed back and forth between the two teams, with the scored tied at five all at the close of the first quarter. At the half, the score At the Hart blowout, Manuela Hernandez hit for 25 points, followed by was 15-11, Idalou. Post led scoring 6-3 in the third period and outscored Idalou 7-4 in the final period for the win.

Jenee Lott led scoring for Post with seven points. Rosanna Orona and Laurel Tatum each had four points, while Sunnie Barbosa, Courtney Copeland, Erin Wartes and Alana Zubia each contributed two points. Ashley Powell had one point.

The team's next game will be against Ralls following the Christmas break.



Tandi Humble controls the basketball for the Lady Lopes in the win over Spur here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Post hosts "Bold **Gold Holiday** Tournament"

The Post Antelopes and Lady Lopes will host the "Bold Gold Holiday Tournament" at the new Antelope Arena, beginning Thursday, December 27 at 3 p.m.

The tournament schedule:

Thursday, December 27 - Lockney girls vs Floydada girls, 3 p.m.; Lockney boys vs Floydada boys, 4:45 p.m.; Post girls vs Anton girls, 6:30 p.m. and Post boys vs Anton boys, 8

girls vs. Anton girls, 3 p.m.; Floydada boys vs Anton boys, 4:45 p.m.; Post girls vs Lockney girls, 6:30 p.m. and Post boys vs Lockney boys, 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 29-Anton girls vs Lockney girls, 3 p.m.; Anton boys vs Floydada girls, 6:30 p.m. and Post boys vs Floydada boys, 8 p.m.

8th grade boys place second at tourney

The eighth grade Antelopes scored a second place finish at their hometown tournament played last

Post defeated Tahoka 30-24 for the second place win.

had eight points, Barbosa and Zubia each with four points and McGregor, Norman and Meredith scored one

point apiece. edged past Post by a score of 36-33. Smith again led scoring, this time with an even dozen. Garay had eight points, Barbosa had six and Meredith Easterling with five points, Rachel

added one point. Post lost to Idalou 39-25.

Smith topped scoring for Post with eight points, followed by Garay with seven, Barbosa and Meredith with six each and Norman, two points.

at tourney The seventh grade girls from Post

7th grade girls

take first place

Middle School walked away with the first place trophy in their own tournament held last week in Post. In game three, Post trounced Tahoka by a score of 39-3.

"It was a great defensive effort by all the athletes," said Coach Kristi Lowe.

Postjumped out to a 9-0 lead at the first period and allowed Tahoka's only scores - three points - in the second period. The Lady Lopes shut out their opponents in the third and final quarters to ensure the victory. Jackie H scoring with 12 points, followed by Sarah Kirkpatrick with eight and Kylie Easterling with seven points. K'nell Dalby and Keisha Odom each contributed four points, while Rachel Grav and Larissa Halford each scored two

points. In the tournament's second game, Post sneaked past Plains and into the championship game by a score of 25-24.

Post charged out to an early 8-3 lead at the close of the first quarter and led 13-5 at the half, but Plains pounded away in the next two periods to make it a cnish.

Easterling and Odom led scoring with six points apiece, followed by Jays and Kirkpatrick with five Friday, December 28 - Floydada points each. Dalby had two points, and Halford added one point.

In game one of the round robin tournament, Post sailed to a 22-0 lead in the first period, setting the pace for a 53-10 romp over Meadow. Kirkpatrick posted 16 points, while vs Lockney boys, 4:45 p.m.; Post girls Odom, Dalby and Easterling each had seven points. Halford contributed six, Gray had four and Anahi Garcia scored two points.

"Great hustle by everyone," ch said of this game.

7th grade girls post 3-2 district record

With half of the district season behind them, the seventh grade Lady 'Lopes are 3-2 in district play and carry an overall season record of 9-2.

The team's most recent game was Topscorer was Smith with 10. Garay Saturday, Dec. 17, when Idalou squeaked past the squad by a score of

Post jumped out to an early lead and led through the three first In other tournament play, Meadow quarters, only to drop the game in the final period.

Sarah Kirkpatrick led scoring for Post with 10 points, followed by Kylie Gray and Jackie Hays, each with four points, and Larissa Halford, three points.

The team's next game will be following the Christmas break against Ralls.

7th grade boys win second at tourney

The seventh grade 'Lopes captured a second place finish in the Post Tournament held last week.

Post dropped game three to Tahoka and Ortiz scored two. to take second place. The score in that game was 42-30.

"The team played well and learned a lot of basketball over the span of three ballgames," the coach said.

Top scorers for the squad were D.J. Baize and Wilson Cash with six apiece, Edgar Garay with five points, Blake Nichols with four points and Colter Creech with three points. Steven Hair, Asa Rutherford and Zack Pena each added two points to the score.

"Other team members who contributed to the trophy run were Heath Fellhauer, Adrian Nava, Justin Loera and Mark Ayala," said the coach.

second game of the tourney. The 'Lopes blanked Plains in an 8-0 run in the first quarter, and the score was 17-8 at the half. The 'Lope defense allowed only one point scored in the third period.

Leading scorers were Cash and Garay, each with seven. Perez had six, Nichols and Baize had four apiece, Preston Ortiz had three points and Witcher, two points.

In their first game of the tourney, Post blanketed Meadow by a score of

Cash was the 'Lopes' top scoring Ralls.

man with nine points. Baiza had six points, as did Nichols, and Garay had four points. Creech had three points

7th grade boys slip to Idalou

The seventh grade boys dropped a close game to Idalou last week by a score of 39-36.

Post led through most of the game, but dropped the offensive effort some in the final quarter to allow Idalou to come out on top.

"The seventh grade boys lost a tough battle against district rival Idalou," the coach said. "The offense was unable to score down the stretch to defeat a pesky Idalou team."

D.J. Baiza led scoring for the Post popped Plains 33-19 in the Antelopes with 10 points, followed by Zach Perez and Edgar Garay, each with nine points; Wilson Cash with six points; and Blake Nichols, two points.

"Other team members who played and didn't contribute to the scoring were Asa Rutherford, Steven Hair, Heath Fellhauer, Preston Ortiz, Adrian Nava, Mark Ayala, Colter Creech, Zach Witcher and Justin

Loren," the coach said. The team's record to date is 5-3. Their next game will be Jan. 7 at home in a 5 p.m. match up against

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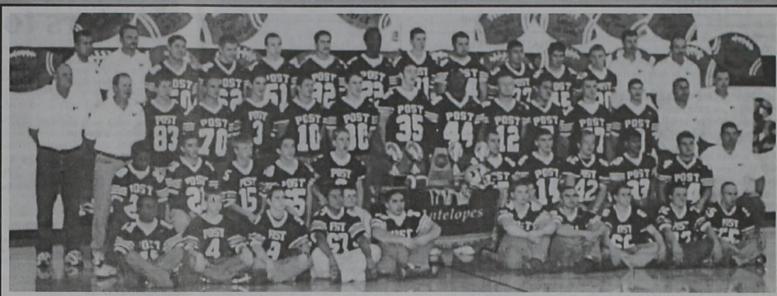
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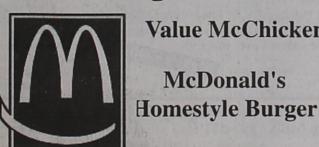
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For all the churches that had prayers and cards. I think we have received over a hundred cards, and wish to tell everyone of you that we hold each one next to our

I still say we live in the best little town in the world. Where friends are friends in every case when they are needed.

So Joe and I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a new year of Good Health and prosperity.

We Love you all, Joe and Alma Williams

The family of Michael Dean Harper would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, support and love given during our recent loss of our Loved One.

Thank you to Bro. Dale Dozier for the meaningful sermon, to Bro. Mike Holly for the superb eulogy, and to Bro. Jim and Dortha Jackson for the beautiful music. It meant so much to us.

Thank you to the fire dept., to the kitchen committee at the Calvary Baptist Church, to everyone that donated money, brought food and sent flowers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. We are proud to belong in a town where everyone rises to the occasion to help. Mile will be deeply missed, but, we

know he is with our heavenly father. May God Bles everyone. Freda, Kenneth & Kyzandre Harper

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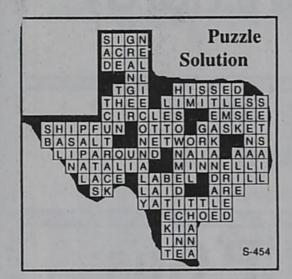
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The Directors and officers of Garza County Jr. Livestock Association would like to thank everyone who supported and attended our 1st. Annual Stock Show Fund Raiser held last Friday. Congratulations to Jackpot winners Benny Arguello of Bob Brake Insurance Associates who won the top prize of \$5,000; Joe Stanley who won \$1,000, Doylene Shumard and Trena Woods who won \$500 each; and Bob Dickson and Danny Richardson who won \$250

Thanks to the following entertainers who donated their time: Wes Mason, Tommy Reed and the Texas Mesquite band, and the Silver Threads consisting of Noel White. Jane Mason, Bill Harp and Olie Joe Abraham.

A special thanks to Ronnie Dunn who served as announcer, Larry McDougal who served as auctioneer, Karleen McDougal, Kelly Smith and Billie Williams who assisted with the auction, to 4-H and FFA members who served as runners, and David Farquhar and Southland parents who cooked the brisket and beans. A special thanks to members who sold tickets, to everyone who donated items for auction, helped set up and clean up.



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Please bring me a new ball. I also want some new Power Rangers.

Your friend, Joel Lopez

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie doll, and a toy box. I also want some Mary Kay and Ashley fashion clothes.

Your friend, Madison Fluitt

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Barbie watch and a Barbie camera. I also want a Barbie bed from me to sleep in. May I also have a Barbie computer?

Your friend, Kimberleigh Orona

Dear Santa, Please bring me a New Born baby doll. I would also like some Barbie dolls to play with. Your friend.

Addison Prather Dear Santa Please bring me a tractor that is red. I also

want a cotton striper to play with and a combine.

Your friend Peter Klassen

Please bring me a Transformer Man and a Power Ranger to play with. I would also like a

Mega-sword. Your friend. Gilberto Flores

Dear Santa.

Please bring me a choo-choo-train and a Neutron Pro Racer. Finally I want a Game Boy robot. I would also like a Power Ranger to play with. Please bring me a T-Rex dinosaur also. Your friend,

Please bring me a bike to ride and a baby

Guillermo Bautista Dear Santa.

doll to play with. I would also like a puppy dog. Chelby Morris Please bring me a Barbie camper to play

with. I would also like a dinning set with two

Your friend,

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a real dog. I would also like a bicycle to ride and a remote control car.

Theron Pena

Dear Santa. racing car. I would also like a robot where the

car gets eaten. Your friend.

Jordan Soloranzo Dear Santa. Please bring me a frog to play with. I also

would like a teddy bear to sleep with. Would you bring me a big truck? Your friend,

Hector Chapa

Please bring me a bike to ride and a real puppy. I also want a skateboard and some roller

Erik Gomez

Did you have a great Thanksgiving? I am looking forward to Christmas. I would like the CD N sync. Also, I want a Jammin Glam Barbie. My last thing is another figure of a brown horse. Macy Blair

Dear Santa, How are you? The first I would like is a

computer. Then I would like a go-cart and a bigger bike. I would like one of those dolls that do cartwreels. I also would like a CD player and Little Romeo. Other things I would like are some skateshoes so I can skate with my cousin. He will hold on to me so I won't fall. Then I would like new clothes and shoes. I hope you had a very good Thanksgiving. Skylar Brown

Dear Santa.

I hope you had a good Thanks giving. I can't wait for Christmas. I like Christmas. I'm going to leave some cookies and milk. I want to see if you are really real. I wish I could see you in real life but I can't. I would lik to have a Chihuahua for Christmas. I would like to have a gocart for Christmas. One more thing I would like to have a dirt bike. Tanner Terry Clark

Dear Santa,

I hope you're not very cold. Here's a list of things I want for Christmas. The first thing is a Game Boy Advanced. The next thing is Tony Hawk Pro Skates Two. Then finaly I want a Distortion effects pedal. Kyle Copeland

How is it out there? Is it very cold? I bet Mrs. Clause is making a lot of hot chocolate. Well, its getting cold, and I hope you have a merry Christmas and birthday. Thanks for the trampoline you gave us last year. These are the things I want for Christmas. First a Barbie and the Nut Cracker set would be nice. Next, I would like a doll house. Finilly a brand new bike would be great. That's what for Christmas.

I can't wait for Christmas! I love Santa. I would like a bike, a bunch of toys, and a DVD movie. That's all I want. I'll go talk with you, and you'll talk with me. You are wild to like me too. I love you, Santa.

Santa how are you? How is Mrs. Clause? She probably is doing fine. Well here's my list. I want a stereo, Gameboy and a scooter. That's all. Thank you. Jacey Jackson

I hope you had a good nap. I'm really looking forward to Christmas with all my friends and family. What I would really want is the new Aaron Carter CD. I would listen to it with all of my others. The second thing I want is a BRATZ doll. I would play with it all day The third thing I want is a football. I would bring it to school every day for Caitlin and everyone who want to play. Allisha Ann Jones

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. I also

want you to have a good Christmas. I would really like to have a football so I could play with my friends after school. Next, I would like to have a BB gun. Finally, could I have a basketball so my brother and I can play. Arturo Lopez Dear Santa, I hope you had a fabulous Thanksgiving.

I'm realy looking forward to Cristmas. The first thing I would like for Cristmas is a pair of

roller blades. The second thing I would like is a pair of camoflouge coveralls. The third thing I would like is some hiking boots to work in. Ben Mason

For Christmas I would like three things. First, I will like a scooter. Second, I will like a bike. Finally, I would like Sage.

Wil Storie

Letters to Santa Claus

On Christmas I hope the snow will fall, and you will be here. You will go "Ho, ho, ho!" I like the reindeer and Christmas because you get presents. You have to go to sleep to get gifts. I would like a new basketball, one new

game, and some new clothes.

Brian Osborn

How is Mrs. Claus? The first thing that I want is Ekara. The second thing that I want is a Lava lamp. The last thing I want is a pair of boots. I wish I get this stuff. Your friend,

Tanisha Paiz Dear St. Nick,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. I'm really looking forward to Christmas. The first thing I would want is a Game boy color. The second think I would like is a new Dragon Ball Z toy. Finaly the third thing I would like is Crazy Taxi 2 for Dream. Jonathan Perez

until Christmas. The first thig that I want is a

How are your reindeer doing? I can't wait

Gameboy Advanced. Then I want a new Dragonball Z. Finally I hope to get a doge. Shawn Perez Dear Santa, I can't wait for Christmas! The first thing I would really like for Christmas is a computer.

I would play games on it. The second thing I would really like for Christmas is a little puppy dog. Next I want a new mountain bike for Christmas. I would ride it in the park.

Nikki Reshea Pewitt Dear St. Nick, How are you doing and how is the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus, the elves, and the penguins? I would like a Tony Hawks Pro Skater 2001. Also, I want the new Jimmy

Advanced. I'll try to be your best boy. Billy Renfro I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. First I want a basketball goal. So I can play basketball. The second thing I want is a new pair of earings. So I can wear theme. The third thing I want is a dress. So I can wear it. I hope you have

a great trip to every house. Evette Rodriguez

I hope it was a good Thanksgiving for all of you. I'm really looking forward to Christmas! I'd like to have an X-box for Christmas. The next thing I want is the game Madden 2002. Then finally, I would like Playstation 2. Ernest Saldivar

How are you doing today? The first thing I would like for Christmas is a Janet Jackson CD

if you can bring it to me. The next thing I would Please bring me a monster truck and a like is some new jeans because I really need some. The last thing I would like is a guinea pig. You don'g have to get me those presents if you don't want to. Merry Christmas! Morgan Williams I can't wait until Christmas! Are you

working? I have three things I want. The frist

thing I want is an America Doll which is

Lindsey. I would keep her safe. The second

thing is a long sweater jacket. It would keep me warm. The last thing is a neon clock. It looks

Amber Denea Wilson 四十二十二 Dear Santa, I want a computer and a new pair of clothes and shoes.

For Christmas I would like three things. First, I would like dog. Second, I would like clothes. Third, I would like book. I will give you some cookies.

Jessica Rodriguez Dear Santa,

Love,

For Christmas I would like three things. First I want some rollerblade shoes. Secont I want some necklaces and a scooter. Finlly I will want a bike a CD player and a jeep and a bunch of books and a bunch of baseball bats and a socker and a basketball

Love, Vanessa Rodriguez

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like three things. First, I would a tractor. Second, a would like a planter. Finilly, I would like a lister. Abe Klassen

I would like a scooter and two baby ducks.

Second, I would like a blow up chair. Finally, I would like the CD of Ant Farm. Love,

Dear Santa Claus.

Brittany Bruton Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a dirt bike. Second, I want a scooter. Finally, I want a three wheeler.

Brody Duncan Dear Santa, I would like three things for Christmas. First, I would like a xbox. Second, I would like a little puppy. Finally, I would like a new bike.

Cody Pickett

First, I would like a dirtbike. Second, I would like a bike. Finally, I would like a dog and a puppy. And I will leave you some cookie's E IN Love,

Dear Santa,

Dale Diaz

First I want a scooter. Next I want a remote control car. Finally I want a foot ball. I will leave cookes for you.

I want a stereo and a headset. Finally, a

Love, Edgar Garcia Dear Santa,

scooter and trampoline. Janice Curtis Dear Santa. First, I want a coat. Second, I want a book.

Finally, I want a computer. Love, Kali Hewitt

Dear Santa, I want a cat, and a dog, and some gloves. Santa have a good Christmas.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would Like three things First I want a scooter. Second, I want a dirtbike.

Kimberly Rivera

Finally, I want a skateboard. I will leave cookies for you Santa. Love,

Matt Nava Dear Santa, I Want three things. First, a coat. Second, a

Dear Santa,

scooter. Finally, a computer. Nichole Ramirez

I want three things. First, gloves. Seconda robotdog. Finally, a computer. Love,

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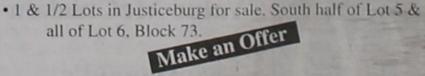
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Questions about Harper's death

I am very displeased with the investigation into the death of Michael Harper. His grandmother says they weren't giving him his heart medicine while he was in jail. And if they were checking on him every 15 minutes I dollar... human lives doesn't matter, have a question, "Why wasn't he in the hospital?"

I think that something is really amiss here. I think someone should question the other inmates. We are talking about a 39-year-old man. I don't know who's responsible for his death but I think that his family have the right to some answers to their questions and I would hope them to be truthful and not just cover up someone's mistakes. Joy Dawson

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I listen to talk shows ever day while I am doing dirt work. The latest topic is that NBC has lifted its ban on alcohol inhanced beverages T.V. commercials.

I'm like G. Gordan Liddy and Rush Limbaugh, I wonder if liquor and beer companies are looking at taking advantage of the Sept. 11 tragedies? Ya know, alcohol is the answer to anything drink. It got so good at fixing things in my life that I would go in a liquor store and order me a bottle of that stuff that caused me to "lose my family, my money, my house, my car, my hope, my trust in God and anything else I ever planned on having." Yes, I suppose it is the answer, that is, if a person is looking for the total rock bottom. I've been on the other side of the bottom looking up. Its

not where anybody wants to go.

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Of course the commercials will be shown after 10 p.m., and be designed so that kids won't be interested, that B.S., what kid don't stay up later than his parents, and what kid ain't gonna watch whatever it is that they ain't supposed to. I did....

You know, anything that will make a their gonna die anyway... might as well make a buck.

I read somewhere that hard liquor sales has increased by 13 percent in the United States and by as much as 60 percent in New York since Sept. 11th. Divorces and suicide rates are up as well. It is saddening and alarming how quick the human mind looks for a simple and easy answer.

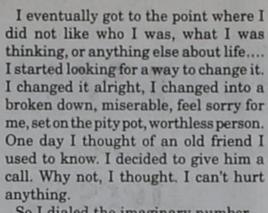
I tried it too ... When my baby drowned in a cesspool, I tried the easy way out... the answer turned out that I only done damage to myself, I turned into a chronic alcoholic, lost everything... and I mean everything. It didn't fix anything. I suppose I am emotionally damaged for life, I still feel a empty feeling and hurt a little when I think about my son drowning. I think a lot about what could have been, I tried everything... but the end result is that my boy is still dead. God, not alcohol, is probably the nearest thing to a answer.

I intend to blank NBC from my T.V. cable service. Not because its gonna make me want a drink, but merely because it will be disgusting. 99 percent of the time, the sight of alcohol doesn't bother me, but sometimes the other 1 percent of the time, I may see a beer can laying in the bar ditch and it will make me want one. Alcoholism has a strange way of working.

Birthday!

You haven't

aged a bit!



So I dialed the imaginary number... 1-800-God Help Me.

I often wonder if God was hesitant about answering the phone, because I

had called before. I wonder what would it be like if God had chosen not to answer the phone.

But to advertise alcohol on T.V. and to make it sound like its O.K., I don't think so. I'll have to admit that I like the taste of beer. I have drank enough whisky to put a two foot scum on South Lake. No one will ever convince me how delicious it is. Anyone trying to tell me it is... then they are full of crap. For what other reason does people pour it in cokes or anything else other than to kill the taste?

Now to push it off on the young people, old as well, by a stinking T.V. commercial... I think it stinks. I suppose it's a bad thing to say, but maybe bin Laden should have took a look at NBC head-quarters instead of the WTC. I'll back up and eat them words, but that's about the way I feel about the damn T.V. adds. I wonder how long it will be before they will be advertising drugs?

This is "as I see it" only.... Have a good day, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Thanks for help

My daughter (17 years old) and I were traveling through Garza County in the early morning hours of Nov. 3 when we have an unfortunate accident with a deer. Our car was so damaged that it would not operate safely, and every hotel from Lubbock to Post was full due to the Tech/A&M game.

We felt very helpless as our car was towed away. The trooper called to the accident was Phil Mathews. He assured us he would find us a safe place to stay. In the end, that safe place was his home. His wife also drove us to Lubbock the next day so we could get a rental car. They declined any compensation for their trouble.

Their act of kindness and generosity has restored our faith in the goodness of strangers. The people of Post are very lucky to have Trooper Mathews and his family as members of their community.

Sincerely, Deborah Rhine

Child suffers terrible accident

To all of the Post community: As most of us know one of our loved ones, Zachary Rivera, had a terrible accident on Thursday, Dec. 13. He was coming home from a basketball game on Avenue K. Once from arriving home he was in lots of pain, saying he fell off his bike.

His mom called the ambulance and he was rushed to Methodist Children's Hospital. There he was treated with a cracked skull and bleeding from the brain. Doctors have examined him over and over and believe that it wasn't a fall off a bike. Doctors and family suspect he was hit in the head with something hard.

We are asking that if anyone knows anything to please contact the sheriff (495-3595) or his mom, Barbara Rivera. Thank you and may God bless you!

Birth

Jazmin Patel

Toral Master and Subhas Patel of Post announce the birth of their daughter, Jazmin, who was born October 24, 2001 at Highland Hospital in Lubbock. The baby weighed seven pounds, three and onequarter ounces.





ran the White Rock Marathon in Dallas. Tim is the son of Leon and JoAnn Miller of Post, who were at the event to cheer when Tim crossed the finilsh line.

Birthdays This Week

December 20 - Tianna Reyna, Nikki Bevers Drescher, Bob Cannon, Hope Salas, Emily Smith, Pete Walls, D'Anne Bishop.

December 21 - Eric Reyna, Dylan Bratcher, Mike Johnson, Gary Lewis Eaton, Billy Criswell, Colleen Parker, Veronica Rae Soto.

December 22 - Sonny Bevers, Bill Cole, Sonny Bevers.

December 23 - Sandy Powell, Michael Collazo, Shelly Gutierrez, Ashlee Massey, Neil Storo, Gloria Garcia, Keith Osborn, Angie Doggett, Shelly Tobias.

December 24 - Mary Edwards, Angie Taylor, Erica Rivera Eaton, Braden Conner, Randy Melton, Jenie Payne, Mingo Soto, Cindy Guthrie.

December 26 - Jeff Williams, Mark Kirkpatrick, Hayden Belongia, Hunter Belongia, Alison Quisenberry, Jewel Walls.

Stuff I've Heard by Josiah P. Alexander

I heard this week that the family of Michael D. Harper is asking some tough questions about his death in the Lubbock County jail. Family friends are whispering about a potential law suit against Lubbock County, claiming that Harper was not allowed to see a doctor and wasn't given important medication while he was incarcerated. There may be more to this story...

And I hear that "Post Toastie" Giles C. McCrary had to be rushed to the hospital last week, suffering from a blood clot. Reports are that he's been released from the hospital and is staying with daughter Mary in Lubbock. Meantime, while Giles was in the hospital, his wife Louise was admitted to the hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

Seems like most stuff I've heard this week is related to people being sick... but one feller who had been sick is back at work. City manager Fred Stephens also had pneumonia, but the folks at city hall say he's pretty much

back at full speed. I heard from chatter on Main Street that Fanny Ballentine got a special birthday gift from her children ... a "new" car. She was quite surprised. More Main Street chatter ... Linda Oden has opened a new shop on West

Main Street, appropriately called "Main Street Crafters Mall." Lunch is also being served at the remodeled building. The lights on Main Street are quite an attraction ... if you haven't done so, take an evening cruise after dark ... it's a sight to see. The lighting is

12 arrests reported here

A dozen individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department. On Dec. 5, a 26-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.

On Dec. 7, a 42-year-old male was picked up on a warrant.

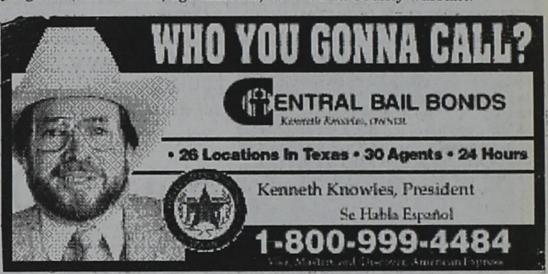
coordinated by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

A 47-year-old female was arrested Dec. 8 for driving while license suspended.

A 36-year-old female was arrested Dec. 11 for indecency with a child. A 44year-old female was jailed on the same charge the following day. On Dec. 13, a 31-year-old female was picked up for theft.

A 24-year-old male was jailed on a warrant on Dec. 14, and on Dec. 16, a 19-year-old man was picked up on a San Francisco Police Department

Four arrests were made Dec. 17, including that of an 18-year-old man, indictment; a 22-year-old man, Garza County warrant; a 24-year-old man, judgment; and a male, age unlisted, on a Garza County warrant.



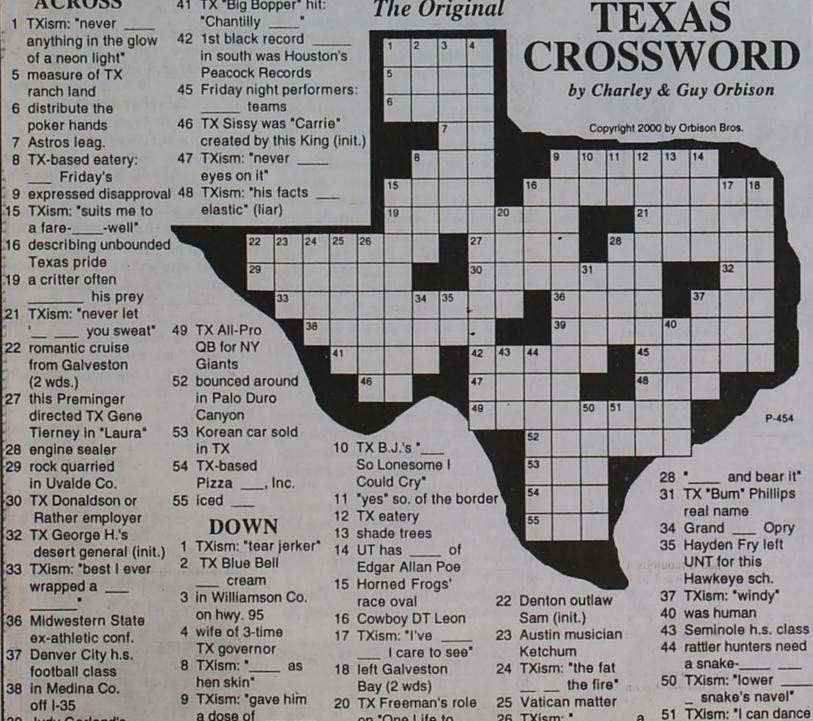
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James and Gail Burnett

Kim and Allen Dolberry and children

Alyssa, Cailee, Whitney and Lindsey



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Live": __ Hall

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that tune

Palestinians guests of **United Methodist Women**

coordinator for the Palestinian Center for Rapprochement Between People, was a guest at the Dec. 18 Christmas meeting of the First United Methodist Women.

Beginning earlier this month, Rhonda McCarty began opening her home to "a string of Palestinian house guests."

"I am looking for every opportunity between now and the end of the month to introduce them to you and Texas hospitality," she said. "They can give you insight into the situation in Palestinian Christian families in a way that I can't."

involved is a NGO originally created for dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian groups. It is now involved

George Minir Rishmawl, program programs, youth education and exchange, and nonviolent advocacy projects combining local resources with the international community.

> McCarty has been doing volunteer work and studying in Israel and Palestine for the past four years. Through this, she had the "privilege of becoming a part of that indigenous Christian community" in Palestine.

"I have eaten with them, lived with them, worshipped with them, and worked with them. We have laughed and wept together for countless hours," she said. "I have admired their great character and integrity, family values that shame some of The group in which Rishmawl is ours, hospitality and generosity that cannot be matched."

Recent months have taken a hard financial toll in that area, she said, in community empowerment and unemployment levels have Texas Conference.

skyrocketed to more than 60 percent. "The sad reality is that the Christians of Palestine may all be gone before much of the world has an opportunity to even know they exist," she said.

The next speaker for the Women's Sunday Class at the First United Methodist Church will be Jane King on Jan. 6.

King and her husband M. Don King, served as missionaries to the people of the Miskito Coast of Honduras in the 1980s. A career educator, she taught business in Fort Worth and served as an administrator for Head Start through Region 16 in Amarillo. Her husband is a retired jeweler and now manages their Motley County ranch.

She currently serves as commissioned missionary from the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She is assigned to work the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry in the Plainview District of the Northwest

Jane King edits "The Link for Hispanic Ministry" and works with 36 congregations to develop ministries with Hispanic individuals within the local parish. Her services are available to any pastor in the Northwest Texas Conference.



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The Texas Cooperative Extension office will be closed next week for Christmas Holidays and vacation days.

Showmanship Clinic/Livestock Quiz Bowl

Saturday, January 5, 2002. Goats - 10 a.m.; Sheep - 11 a.m.; Lunch "on. your own" - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Livestock Quiz Bowl - 1 p.m.; Hogs - 2 p.m.; Steers - 3 p.m. Greg Jones, Lance Dunn, Perry Smith and David Farquhar will serve as instructors. Please bring your livestock and show equipment.

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POST GIRLS TO PLAY ROOSEVELT Coach Jiggs King's Post Does, now 1-2 in District 4AA play, will seek to improve that record when they meet the Roosevelt girls' team here Friday night. From left to right: Pam Feagin, guard; Sue Cowdrey, forward; Becky Dalby, forward; Phyliss

Kennedy, guard; Jackie Moore, forward; Darla Baker, guard; Jodi Norman, forward; Jan Hall, guard; Cindy Bird, forward; Wilma Bullard, guard. Another guard, Lea Merrie Cross, was not present for the picture.

Post girls win one, lose two at Abernathy

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December 18, 1991 10 Years Ago

The West Main Street improvement project continues as more tree planting is put in place. Donations for the project, funded totally through private contribution, may be made to the Post Main Street Landscape Ac-

count at the First Nation Bank. Headed for State Competition are Post High School choir members Sara Hodges, Radley Nichols and Shelly Haney. They will compete January 4, in Levelland.

Judith Hayley Hughes and Quanah Bart Mason exchanged wedding vows December 14, 1991 at the First Christian Church in San Angelo, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bevers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 8, 1991 at Rosie's Restaurant with a dinner.

December 17, 1981 20 Years Ago

The Rev. Glenn Reece, pastor of the First Baptist Church, accompanied by his wife, Sue and one son, Darrell recently returned from a combined 24-day vacation and work trip to the

Holy Land in Northern Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hart announce the birth of a baby girl, Kelci Alyse born December 14, at 1:13 p.m. in

Garza Memorial Hospital. Post school trustees at their regular meeting last Thursday night met with architects to concentrate on the auditorium's remodeling.

Gamma Mu holds its annual Christmas dinner at the Graham Community Center. Those attending where: Mrs. and Mrs. Delwin Fluitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. Arnonld Fry, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Briley, Mr. and Mrs. Noel White, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gerner, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Cook, Jane Mason and Jane George. The group enjoyed playing the "Newlywed Game"

December 11, 1971 30 Years Ago

Jim Prather, Garza County "wagon boss" for West Texas Boys Ranch was presented a leather plaque in recognition of his organization and supervision of the first annual O. S. Steer Roping for the benefit of the ranch.

Three Filipino registered nurses are scheduled to arrive in Post within the next week or two and begin work at Garza Memorial Hospital.

Post Jaycees lost "several" Christmas trees to a burglar, or burglars,

who broke into their "tree center" in the old Ford building sometime early

Saturday morning. Keitha Beth White was honored on her second birthday Friday afternoon with a birthday party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noel White.

December 21, 1961 40 Years Ago

Glenn Huntley has re-enlisted in the Navy and will be stationed at the Navy Base at San Diego, Calif., for two months and then will be permanently stationed at Alameda Naval Base at San Francisco.

A. F. O'Brien, first county engineer of Lubbock Co., has been employed by the White River Municipal Water District directors as general manager of the district.

North Pole Mail: Dear Santa, I am a little boy in the first grade. I have been good and will you please bring me a bicycle, a football and suit. Don't forget the other boys and girls.

Freddy Huff Dear Santa, I am a good girl. I am in he first grade. Please bring me a record player. I love you.

Carmen Villa Dear Santa, I would like for you to bring me a yellow haired Chatty

Cathy doll and a bicycle. Rhonda Diane Case December 20, 1951

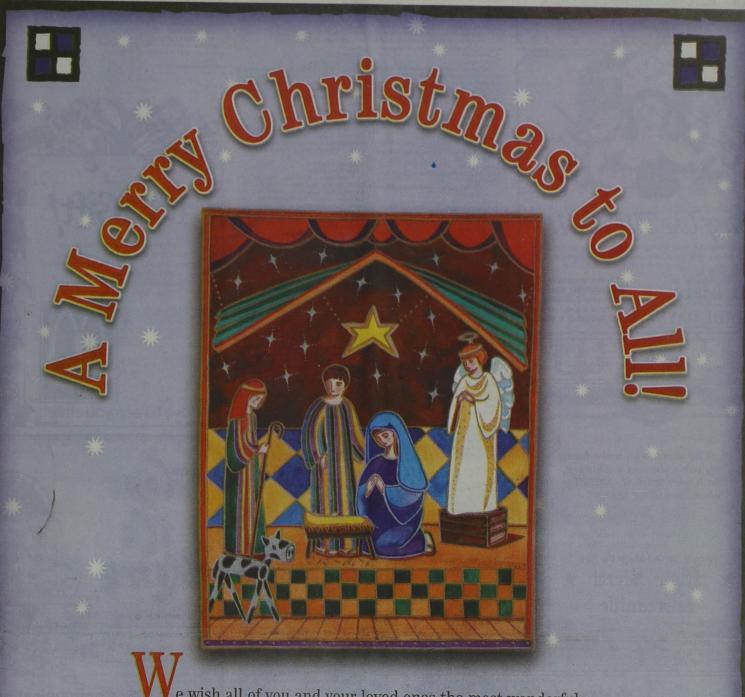
50 Years Ago Coach DeWitt Weaver of TTU announced last Thursday night in his address before the Booster Club banquet that Jack Krikpatrick, Post's quarterback of this year, has been nominated to play in the annual All-American high school game.

Santa Claus and his reindeer slated to arrive in Post on Saturday at 2:15 p.m. Post is the place! And Santa Claus and his FOUR LIVE REIN-DEER is the happening thing!

Up and Down Main Street: Dear Editor, I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?" Virginia O'Hanlon

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as the leve and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa.

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e wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2002, it is our hope that you may have...

- Enough happiness to keep you sweet
- Enough trials to keep you strong
- Enough sorrow to keep you human
- Enough failure to keep you humble
- Enough hope to keep you happy
- Enough success to keep you eager
- Enough friends to give you comfort
- Enough wealth to meet your needs
- Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- Enough faith to banish depression
- Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday

This message was a favorite of founder H.D. "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976.



All United Supermarkets locations are closed on Christmas Day so that our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families.



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Santa REIN-



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Sing We All Noel!

As voices are raised in joyful caroling, we want to throw in a chorus of thanks, and sing the praises of our many good friends and neighbors. With best wishes to all, for a truly noteworthy season. Noel!

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Letters to Santa Claus

Please bring me a Playstation 2, rolling runners, Battlebots, Nintendo 64, real selphone, game boy advance, crystal game, Cd player, rumble robots, and all the cards too, a real camera. I have been a good boy. Thank you. Austin Tyler Dear Santa,

May I have a Gameboy advance, The Grinch movie, The crystal game, The Monster Inc. Playstation, Real Sealphone, computor, Transformer, Rollin' runners, Toby keith CD, Club, Battle Bots, Skates, Frogger 2.

The Shrek Movie, A New Born Puppy, Game Drew Tyler

Dear Santa,

I want toys and a bike like my brother. Love,

Furocheeze (Josiah) Collazo Dear Santa,

I want a hard hat like my daddy and new boots and clothes. Love.

Sugarbear (Nathan) Collazo

I would like to have a Barbie jeep, a Elmo T.V. and clothes.

Love, Celissa Hernandez

I want clothes, a snail pail, and a sleeping

Winnie the pooh. Love, Shadia Hernandez

Dear Santa, I 12 tu. Hi my bat frn. and I u da bik.

I want 1. Rescue hero command center 2. CowBoys and Indians. 3. Dinosors.

(Unsigned) Dear Santa, I want 1. I want a mew bik. 2. lap top computer. 3. a ict setue.

Brooke Dear Santa.

I want a baby doll, 2. I want a scooter, 3. for christmis I want a bike.

Dear Santa, scooter 2. battleship 3. new car. I

love you, Santa. Jordadan

I luve you. I want nascar ras. legos. Cowbyoy.

Dear Santa, cowboys. 2. game cube. 3. legos for Christmas.

Julian Dear Santa.

I love Santa. 1. I want a arrows. 2. I want a cat. 3. I want a dog.

Dear Santa. Ho Ho Ho! I want 1. Gise 2. commandcenter 3. Bow and arrws

I love Christmas. Merry Xmas. I want 1. I want a gamecube 2. Legos 3. and a computer for Christmas.

Dear Santa, I want 1. I want a scooter and 2. Dear Mrs.

McCook what do you want. 3. Mrs. McCook I hope you hav a good grandbaby. That is all. Johnny Paul Torres I want a 1. Gise 2. Legos 3. commanbcenter

Dear Santa, I would like some horses. New sweat suit (size Ylg) red, black, blue. New Tennis shoes

(size 2 or 2 1/2) wide. Colors and coloring Bobbie Escobar Dear Santa Claus,

I have been very nice. How are your elves? For Christmas, I would love to have a real ouppy, pokeman cards, and a bike.

I have been a good boy. How are your reindeer? For Christmas, I would Love a Max still, pokemon cards, and a footbull. I will leave you milk and cookies in kitchen.

Jordan Curtis Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would Love to have a Barbie with a Key to lock up from my sister, and another real puppy. And a walky talky. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Lanette Perry

Dear Santa Claus,

I have een a bad boy. How are you? For Christmas, I would like some pokemon cards, a football and a new game for my Game boy Avats. I will leave you milk and cookies. Love,

Michael Guerra Dear Santa Claus,

elves? Are they fine? How are your reindeer? Are they good? How is Mrs. Santa Claus? For

Christmas, I would like Monstortruck, video games, and a skateboard. Love, Jordan Aguilar Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy. How are your

I have been a good girl. How are the reindeers? For Christmas, I would like to have a real puppy, a dress, and a radio. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Mary Francis Valdez

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good boy. How are the reindeer? I would like a Pockemon monopoly, I wanta live ose poppy, and a G.I. Joe. I will leave you milk and cookies on the fireplace. Love.

Dakota McDonald Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl this year. What is Roudol up to this year? For Christmas, I would like to have a necklace with my birthstone in it, my birthday is in December, a hit clip, and a live puppy. I'll leave you cheese and coke for you. It will be on the coffee table.

Raegan Nicole Belongia Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. How are you today? How are your reindeer today? What is roudolf doing? How are your toys doing? How are your elves? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like bitty baby clothes, shoeskates, and supermoreo game for my gameboyadvance. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Hannah Kirkpatrick Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good little girl. How are you? For Christmas I would love to have the movie Monsters inc, hitt clips, Santa, please bring me a necklace. I will Leave you milk and cookies on the table or in the living room. Love you,

Skylar Brooke Jones Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good little girl, How are y'all doing? For Christmas, I would love to have Monsters inc., hit clips, neck lace, I will leave you milk and cookies on the table in the kitchen. Madison Cash

would like some clothes for Christmas. I am in kindergarten. Also I would like some toys. Please come to my house in Gig Harbor, Wa. Thank you Becca Warren

Dear Santa: I am almost six years old and I

Dear Santa: I am three years old. I have been really good this year. Please bring me a baby doll. My sister and brother have been good all year too! I live in Gig Harbor, Wa. Thank you Angie Warren

Dear Santa: I will be two by the time you come to visit. Please bring me a truck and some blocks for Christmas. I have tried to be good this year. My mommy and daddy said that I have been good. I live in Gig Harbor, Wa so please come by my house.

Thank you Patrick Warren

I would like a Jurassic Park III dinosaur, Batman, Robin and Joker action figures and the wrestlers, Matt and Jeff Hardy. I would also like a toy phone and a silver and a red power ranger. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love, Dylan Carrell

I have been a good girl. How are your elves? For Christmas, I would love to have a real puppy, walky talky, and a doll. I will leave you milk and cookies on the table.

Love, Paulina Herndez

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. How are you? I would like a real puppy, a bike, and a doll. I will leave you a plate of cookies on the table.

Samantha Ortiz

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. How are the reindeer? For Cristmas I would like a necklace. with my birthstone in it my birthday is in December, a hitclip, and a Peguin movie. I will leave milk and cookies on the fireplace.

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Love, Justin Hodge

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Love, Morgan Permen

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Dear Santa,

Love,

Kari LaNae Dunn

Dear Santa Claus. I had been a good boy. How are you? How are your deers? How are your elves? I would like some pokemon cards, a skate board, and a transformer Flame Joe Mon. I will leave some milk and cookies.

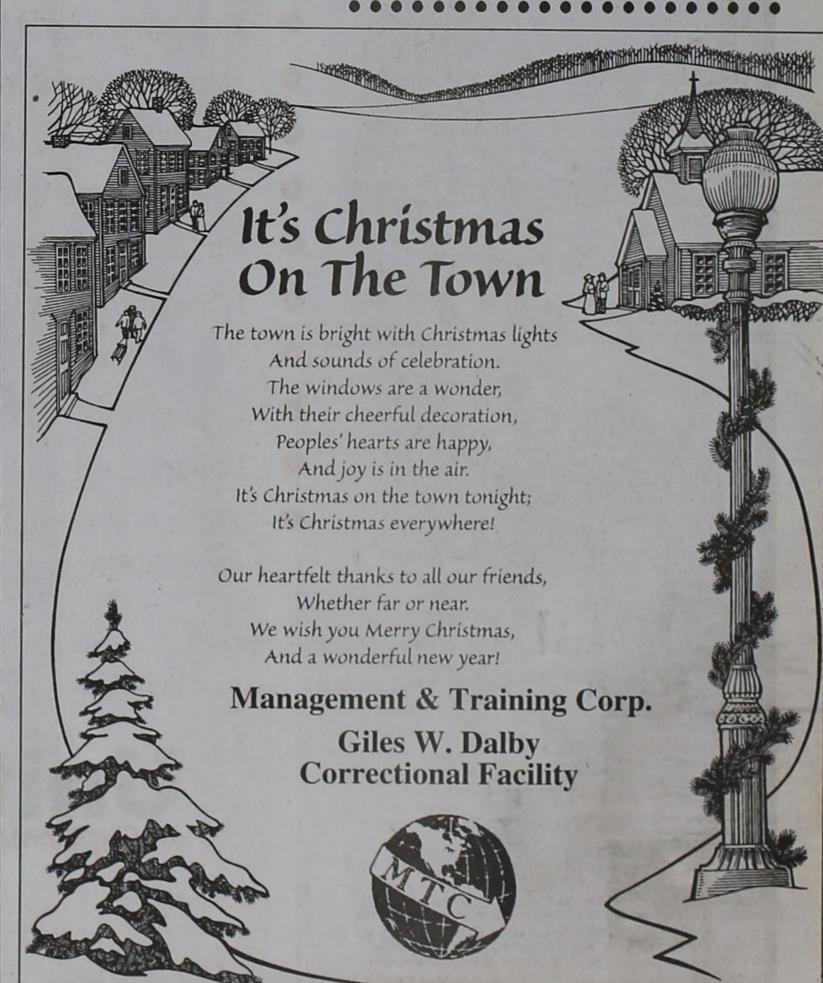
Love. Armando Jr. Chapa





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Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good boy. How are you? Can you bring me a: Digimon, 100 Digimon cards, and a real baby puppy? I will you cookies and

Love, Anthony Bishop

Would you please bring me a race car track, a pool table and a train. I have been good.

Shelby Odom Dear Santa.

Would you please bring me a Barbie, a scooter, and a computer.

Love, Azul Vera

Would you please bring me a skooter, and wont a Borbie house? And a Barbie car.

· Cassie Perez Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me Barby Doll, Barby Calculator, and skates? Love.

Kristiana Perez Dear Santa.

Would you please bring me a car and a game boy and a apple?

Marcelo Martinez Dear Santa.

Would you please bring me shoes, and a Barbie and a play set? Love.

Jacie Kimmons

Would you please bring me a race car track and a Maxsteel toy and a dog. I will leve you

Michael Huffman Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a racecar track. want a pet fish. Bring me a pet dog please. Love, Tavish Soto

Would you please bring me a racecar track,

a gameboy, and scooter? I will leave you coolkies. Love,

Justin Hodge

Would you please bring me a Barbie house, a Barbie dress, and cat?

Morgan Permenter

Would you please bring me a Barbie, a pear of rollerblades, a a pet cat? Love.

Victoria Hernandez Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a bike, and

dio, and robot? Love, Hunter Fellhauer

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a football made

2002, a racecar track and a pet fish? Caden Dean

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a football, and

baby dog, and a red, green, and yellow light?

Armando Martines Dear Santa, For Chrismas I would like A play statin, A

skate board, and rolling runners. I left you ome cookies and milk.

Your friend, Patrick McDougle Dear Santa,

When are you coming to see us? I have been good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie loll to play with and I need some blue shoes lso to wear to school and clothes. Please take

care of yourself. Cruz Alaniz

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like rolling runners.

Thank you very much. Your friend, Victoria Rodriguez

Your friend. Joshua Curtis

cookies and milk. Merry Christmos.

Dear Santa, For Chismas I would like a nintido 64 and a game. Tank you very much. I left you some

For cristma I would like computer, rolling

runners, and skates. Thank you. Marey cresmes

Your friend Chris Teel

Dear Santa, For Christmas Jack nife, Game boy advance, Casper spirt wondrous. I left you cookies and

Your friend, Parker Loftus

Dear Santa,

For Christmas, I would like rolling runners, and a play station 2. Thank you very much.

Your firend. Fermin Rivera

Dear Santa. For Christmas I would like a breakable doll with braided, whats her face Barbie, and

Mary Kate and Ashley cloths. Merry Christmas! Your friend, Lillie Cooper

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a DC2CD and a game boy advance and a play station two. Marry Christmas.

Your friend,

Garett White Dear Santa.

For Christmas I would like a skate board and X-Box. I left you cookies and milk.

Your friend, Colton Taylor

How are you doing? My family and I are doing fine. Please bring me a doll that sings and a Barbie doll. Please bring my brother a train set. I have been a good girl.

With love, Adriana Gonzales

Dear Santa, For Christmas I woud like computer, Marykate and Asheley clothes and The Griench, Merry Christmas.

Your friend. Alexandria Griffin

Dear Santa, For Christmus I would like play station rolling runner and remote contro airplane. Thank you very much.

Your friend, Patrick Montoya

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like A puppy, some rolling runner, and a computer. Merry Love,

DeAmor Garcia

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like skates.

crossword book, and remote control car. I left you cookies and milk. Your friend, Jacob Perez

Dear Santa,

For Chistmas I would like computer, model cars and gameboyadvance. Merry Chistmas! Your friend,

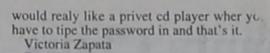
Arron Perez Dear Santa, For Chrismas I would like X-box, Herry

potter game. Computer. Love,

Daniel Gonzales Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a Game Boy Advance, a C-D player and a X-box. I want these things because I shared my video games with my little brother. I helped him with his homework, and I shared my candy with my bothers and sisters. I hope

you get this letter Santa. Jonatan Esparza

Dear Santa, I have been realy good this year I wold like a 4-wherler because my brother Justin already has a mopad and well I would thanke that would be pretty cool my secont thang, that I would like is a paint ball gun because my brother does not have one yeat and last of all I



Dear Santa, I want a Xbox, mator scates, and a explorer for my mom because I lover her very much. I think I should get these things because of my behavor except for wher I make my sisters cry. Me and my brother onlywant a Xbox for Chistmas. We sty to save our mony but we just wast it on werthless tust. That's why I want a Xbox for Chistmas. I want a motorscooter for Chistmas because I earned it by working hard in school for it.

John Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year except for not listing very much. But I have been cleaning up my room every day, and cleaning up the kitchen every once in a while. I would like a playstation because it could give me some thing to play with in the after noon. I would also like a dirt bike to ride out in the country at my uncles moms house. I would also like a new sweater for Christmas. Please me those things for Christmas. Danica Williams

Dear Santa, I have been very very good by helping take out the trash, cleaning up my room every day

even though I don't like to and I am really really good in school every day. I sit in my desk and listen to the teacher. Sometimes, but I have been good. So I am going to tell you three things that I want. First thing I want is an Xbox with a blitz football game. Second thing I want is a Gamboy color with gamboy color game. Third thing I want is a football with a field goal. I have been very good so could I pleas have all this stuff please perrty perrty pleas with a cherry on top.

Garrett Pena

Dear Santa. I want a new model railroad engine and \$1 millon and a datalite tm system. I want \$100,000,000,000 the most or train simulator

Trey Barner

Dear Santa, I want a playstation 2 with a game like Tony Hawk; and I also want a movie about Kenan & Kel and if youdon't mide more some playstation game for the rerguler playstation. And if you talk to my dad ask him if he can fix my go-cart and my uncles so we can race and if you get a little early if you can fix my brain to because I want to be like you. And a picture of all your presents so I can see what you got me and the

Keagan Soto



I really want a sterio my mom and dad said that I can have one. And I want a gameboy all my cousin have one. I think there fun! And I want a puppy because I think there cute and adoable and I really wish for one because I've been wanting one for so long and my mom tell me that I'm going to have to take responsibleit of her. I've been really good this year. I've

> Breanna Little Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would realy want new clothes, new shoes, and a basketball. Melinda Vega

been good every since I was five years old.

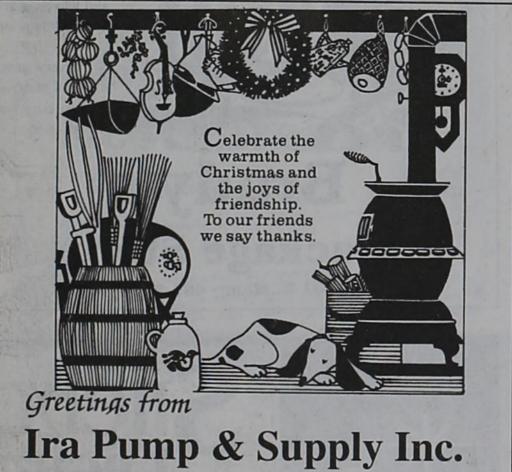
I have been very good this year. My mom told me that I wont get toys I only get a cout and that is it but I hop you give me many thangs this year but you mit see a lot of inporvment from me. I mit just spruise my mom and dad this year but you will be having to go to the kantery but we must might stay in the same house but I mit be at my grammes. I now that you are old but I want you to now want for me I want some lether pants and a puppy and a bike. Brittany Back

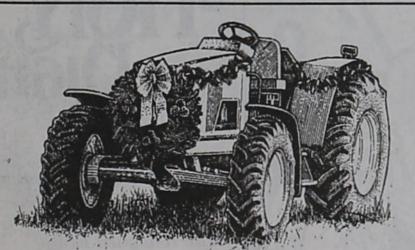
Dear Santa,

I want a four willer, and some bagy pants and computer, shoes, Telephone, C.D. player, earrings, ring, contacts, a sweeter. I been very good this year. Laura Quintana







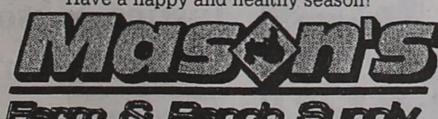


Shane, Lisa, Kyle, Bryan, Tommy and Jessie

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

It's our favorite time of the year, when we pause to thank our many good friends in the area for making business easy to do around these parts.

Have a happy and healthy season!



Ray, Celia, Wes, Ben, Marcie Oden, Scooter Lynch & Richard Ward



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Many thanks for your loyal patronage.

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Wishing you all good things for the new year. Thank you for the gift of your friendship.

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A Christmas Wish for You

May your holiday season be trimmed with good cheer,

And adorned with friends from far and near;

Garnished with happiness, wrapped up in love,

And enjoyed with the blessings

Of the good Lord above!

Merry Christmas!

* Xcel Energy

Steve Deaton, Area Manager



Letters to Santa Claus

I have been very good this year exept wher I beat my brother up. I would like a soccer goal for practicing my kicking on soccer. I would like a new football too. I would like a new T.V. Those are the three most things I want the most. The reason why I want a new T.V. is because the one I have messes up, so if you bring me a new T.V. I would appriciate it a lot. I really do believe in you. You are such a really nice person, Santa. Have a safe trip. Travis Bergin

I have been very good this year exseptd the hit on my brother's head. Sence he had It coming enyway. The wrest of the year I was good. My brother Justin was very mad at me when I hite himm with a baseball bat but he fergived me. But then when I wasn't looking he hit me on the head with a stick! We were good boy's after that. What I wan't for Crismasic is a forwiller, because I can wide it wen ever I won't. Also I wan't a basketball goal beacase my other won broake. And the last thing I want is fast and big football. That is all I want for Now. Thank you. Mary Crimasece.

Kaleb Tanner

Coleman Scroggins

I want a gameboy color, ant farm and a vedio camra. I haven't been good all the time but I have been good. I want the gameboy so I wont be bord all the time. If I had an ant farm I could see how the ants work and what it looks like when they make their holes. If I had a vedo camera I could make home movies about everybody in my family. If I had all these I would never be board again until my brother brakes everything. If I stop liking everyting I will give it to my brother.

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a glow in the dark basketball rim, and a dog, and some shoes. I have been very good this year for example: I have helped my mom around the house, and I have did everything I was supposed to do in

Toni Wait

I only want three big things this year. First of all I want a new fishing pole because all of my othor ones are broken. I also would like a T.V. for my play station because my othor one broke. Last of all I would like a mountain bike because we live on a ranch and I need a good bike to ride on the rockey roads. Thanks. See you on Christmas.

Giles Wilson Dalby III

May first wish is a radio. I help a lot around the house. May radio was took by my uncle and left outside. I don't have a radio now. Iv been very good this year exept for teasing Hali. My second wish is a playstation. My Nentendo broke so I cant play it. My sister spilt coke all over it, and a sucker stick was inside of it. May third wish is to have a new Chawene or a dog half chawawa and half wine. Pleas I still believe

I really want a stero cause my mom said I am old enuf to have one. And I also want a Game Boy cause all my Friends have 1 and I think they are rilly cool! So Please get me one! And I also want a TV cause I have been asking for 1 since as long as I can remimber! I rilly think I should get at least 2 of these things cause I belive in you. I don't care if people tell me your are not rill. I still belive in YOU!

This is Katie Lyn Colvin, I am writing to you cause I want to tell you what I want this year. Oh yeah, I forgot, I'm writing to Mrs. Clause, too. Remember, don't forget to come to my house this year. I want a tape player that records your voice, an easy bake oven so I can make real food and a Barbie kitty or puppy (you know it ain't real) with a walker thing. I want a a purple Barbie car with keys. Since I already got a push-me popper, I would like a new doll, a girl. I have tried to be real good and my brother too. He would like a new desk and a Tomy Hawk game for his 'puter and he will share with his sister Katie. Santa you are sweet and Mrs. Clause too, cause I love Santa and

Katie Lyn Colvin Dear Santa,

I have been good this year. Please bring me 'My Twin Doll." Also a drum set, a scooter, The nutcracker Barbie set, and Leap Frog pad. Tell Mrs. Claus hello, and I will leave milk and cookies for you to eat by the fireplace.

Kelbie Oden Dear Santa,

How are you? How are the reindeers? Do you have a lot of toys for kids? I wish you bring out the reindeers. Be careful when you are out there. I wish I could feed the reindeers. Me and my friends are going to see you at the store. Mrs. Haney is coming, too. I wish you would come and see me. Please, can I have some

Barbie's and a motorcycle and a big, big Barbie, and a Nutcracker Barbie, and a truck. A Barbie truck. Ally wants some teddy bears and some spankings. Bring a big motorcycle for my daddy. Bring my momma a big truck. Please take my brother a superman. I am going to

leave you some cookies and coffee. I am going to leave some food outside for the reindeer. Merry Christmas to everybody.

Dear Santa,

I am 3 years old. I have been a very good girl this year, Please bring me a baby doll and a stroller, a toe rin and a Barbie Styling head. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

I love you, Lauren Lynch

Dear Santa, I am 2 years old. I love my Christmas Tree in my house. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie, and a Diva Doll and a Table and chairs. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Oh! Please bring Lucy Lu a toy

I love you, Morgan Lynch

My name is Cade Mason. I am seven years old and I've been very good this year. I would like Ogel's Control center and a Nintendo Gamecube with Luigi's Mansion, Star Wars, and Super Smash Brothers. I love you Santa!

Love, Cade Mason

My name is Mallory Mason and I am three years old. I have been very good this year. I want a lay down stroller, a hard baby, and a pink motorcycle! I will leave you some cookies and milk! I am so excited about you coming! I

Mallory Mason

Dear Santa, I am a very sweet little girl - most of the time. Please come see me and all of my cousins at Aunt Diane and Uncle Ronnie's house. I would like all of the toys but especially a baby doll and Barbie Slug bug. Be good to all the good boys and girls.

I love you, Avery Elizabeth Wright

Dear Santa, My want a scooter. How is Rudolph doing? Please send me a lot of toys and clothes. My have been a good boy this year. Thank you and

Colby Pennell Dear Santa,

I would like a Jimmy Neutron boy genis car, game boy Advance. Computer with an enternet. Low rider car. Tony Hawk Pro skater.

Arron Perez Dear Santa,

I want a Jimmy Nuetron Rocket and a dragon fly car and Tony Hawk Remote control.

My name is Quincey Nicol Quintana. I just turned 4 years old this month, and I have been a very good girl. All I would like for you to bring me for Christmas is my new baby brother. I would also like a VCR with cartoon videos, a big doll, a Barbie with Barbie clothes, a trampoline, a Leap Frog reading book, a Diva Star Doll and some clothes. And if you have time, some toys for my dog Cookie. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Quincey Quintana Dear Santa,

I want a big blanket, a computer, some

Sinsirele yours, Anna C.

Dear Santa, I would like a Game Cube with every game,

a x-box with every game, and a playstation 2 with every game Jarrett Chad Miller Dear Santa, I would like to have a trampoline, cd player,

Skate shoes. Sabrina Sanchez

Dear Santa. I want a game boy advanced, mags, roller

shoes, and a game cube. Jakelin Delgadillo Dear Santa. I want a game boy, Playstation2, Porcelain

Dear Santa,

I want a umbrella, a new computer Game, and a new game boy game.

Love, Kenzie Mason Dear Santa,

I want clothes, shoes, and scooter Samantha. Tasha Runnels

I would like a bible, camera, and a computer. Love,

Zachary Nava Dear Santa,

I want all my family together and I want a dream cast and, clothes and shoes and a new Love,

Claudie B Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a Playstation, pool, and a laptop for

I would like some rollerblades and clothes.

Shyra Perez

east, and a play station two. Jaime Hernandez (Bodine) Dear Santa,

I would like a Playstation2, Dragon ball Z by, X box. Klenton Baker

Dear Santa, I want a bike, dvdplayer, and a goatcar.

Brandon Crawford Dear Santa, I want a x box with every game, go cart, and

drum set. Zachary Rivera

Dear Santa, I want game boy advanced, dirt bike, and a play station. Cory Teel

I have been a good boy this year. I believe I should receive some special gifts. One of the special gifts I'd like is a game boy color because wane to bring it to school. And the other ting is a Xbox because I want to play it al the time and the las thing is aggmecus because my brothes and I want one.

Ernesto Dere Santa,

I have ben a good boy. I want a boby adonty doll becose I am a fan. And a Dale Erlht doll becace I am a fan. Jeff Godan doll becasz I am a fan. And Dale Enhat JR doll becacsz I am a fan. Bradley Benham

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I believe should receive some special gifts like a

Your friend Matthew

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. A play stasan2, new bike, ras car, fak durtbike and a footboll game.

Unsigned

Dear Santa, I bin a gud boy I want a Mocen Troll Modrisicl and a Mocen Troll airpor and a Mocen troll and a Mocen Troll trul wuts trnin to a jep. Ie luve Satu

I have been a good girl this year I believe I should receive some special gifts. One of the special gifts I'd like a puppy from the mall. I want a puppy because I have a dog how need a friend while we are away. The second idem on my wish list is clothes so I could last through the winter. The last thing on my wish list is just to hav Christmas.

Love, Your friend, Amanda Duran

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. I believe I should recive some gifts and they are One is a Playstion 2 with games for it so I can play on the weekends and win I get home I can play all day long after school and I want a Game cube so I can play more and a X box so I can play it to play died or alive 3. Or Mary Kate and Ashly or Froger/Froger2 or Supermario or Christmas stuff and more games to play and that's all I want for Christmas.

Love, Nicole Aguilar

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. I believe I should receive some special gifts. Like a playstaison 2 because I never had a playstaison 2 that's why I want a playstaison 2. And a X box because my brother and I never had a X box and never plade one. And my last thing qa nentendogame cube because my brother and I want it because my brother and I saw3 a cool game that is called super smash brother menlae. Your friend,

ChrisCastro Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl this year. I believe I should receive some gifts from you. One of the gifts I would like is a bike because my other bike that I have is too little for me now. The second gift I want is a yellow gameboy because my sister Kenzie and my cousin Cade has one of those and I played theirs before and it was fun. The third gift I would like to have is a new baby doll with hair because a lot of my other baby dolls don't have hair. Love,

Your friend, Kambry Mason

I have been a good boy this year. I belive I should beceeive a chineys trick bike because I need a bike to ride to my friend house and a Sega dreamcast because I got games to it but I don't have a Sage dreamcast and a X box with NFL blitz 2001 and that is all I need.

Love. Anthony Soto Dear Santa.

I have been a good boy. I want some new clothes and shoes and Armei toys. Love,

Dear Santa,

I have ben a good girl. I think I disrv a boom box a story book and a doll. I hope you have a good Christmas. Ow and wat cinde of cookies

do you want? Chlocot chip, shrger, or penat Shirley Araiza

I have been a good boy this year and I think

I deasery a toy like a game boy the game that

you put in it is pokemon. I want a gocart to and

Like Cravv

Dear Santa,

I have ben a good boy this year. I whant a tractor because myn broke. I whold like a planter because I don't have one. And I whold like a lister because I don't have one.

a toy boat I want trampoline. I want blue bicycle, I wil Big Red.

Love, Torres Zackary Torres

I want you to t

doll, and some m

trampoline and T Choo Choo Train as

some milk and mo

Love, Shelby Tunaiti

Dear Santa, I want a Tyran

some skates. Í als

tractor to drive w

cookies.

CD's. I will leave

Love, Randy Jenkins

Dear Santa,

with some clothes an

octopus and a new

coat, shoes, and new

some Grinch cookies

Bethany Curtis

I want a toy ele

Barbie. And a Grin

clothes. I really wa

nd a trampoline.

ake and a coke.

Dear Santa,

Esmeralda Flore

I want a tramp

brown horse and

some cake and ho

Love, Alexis Collazo

Dear Santa,

want a Teddy Bea

skates. Also some

leave you some

Megan Torres Dear Santa,

toy. I want some

need some new she

you Santa Claus o

Miranda Solorza

Dear Santa,

I want a new

horse. And a new

skates. And a Spid

want a blue and g. and a beach ball. I

Paden Babb

Dear Santa,

I want a footb

Love,

I want a new wh

sandwiches.

Love,

I want a Barba

Dear Santa,

I want some ska

Love, Frank

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. I belive I should receive some special gift and I will love a playstaion 2 becase I had never had a play staion and Santa I will love a trick bike becase mine went on a flat and santa I will love a dirt bike becase I saw one in a book.

Dear Santa, I want a drawing board, a CD player, and a baby doll. I will leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies. I love you.

Taylor Osborn Dear Santa,

Corbin McDonald

I want a rocket, and some soldiers. Also a Dexter laboratory, and a football and a volleyball. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies.

Stephen Rodriguez

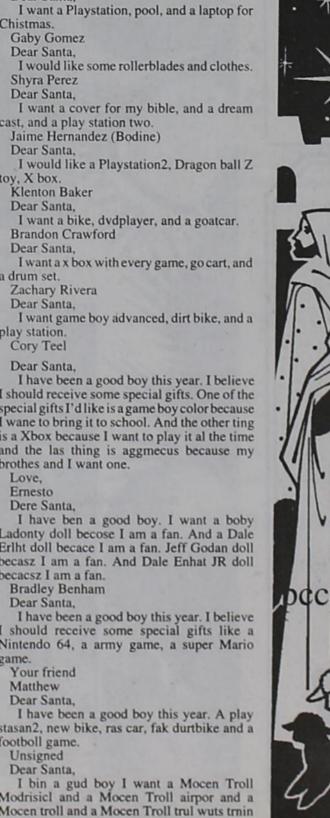
I want some skates, a basketball, and a rocket. And I need a new fire red bike and some new shoes. I want a new black and white puppy. I will leave you a ham & cheese ndwich and a Dr. Pepper. I love you. Phillip Gonzales







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A guiding star. A heavenly chorus. The Wise Men's search. The Shepherds' awe. And, in the manger, the newborn King. As the sacred story is told anew, may the boundless

blessings of Christmastide bring comfort and joy to you and your loved ones. Rejoicing too, we warmly send glad tidings and heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors. Noel!

Justice-Mason Funeral Home

Dee, Janet & Brent Bryan, Becky & Ben

I want a Army man with guns. And I want of a toy boat and a football. And I want a trampoline. I want a black puppy and a new blue bicycle. I will leave you a hot dog and a Love.

Zackary Torres Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Starlight Barbie doll, and some make-up too. I also want a trampoline and The Grinch Movie and the Choo Choo Train and 7 white dwarf movies. I want some clothes and shoes. I will leave you some milk and mouse jar cookies.

Shelby Tunaitis Dear Santa.

Love,

milk and

chocolate

all, and

and some

I want a Tyrannosaurus Rex dinosaur and some skates. I also want a football and a big tractor to drive with a working hat. And some CD's. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies.

Love. Randy Jenkins

Dear Santa. I want some skate shoes and a Barbie doll with some clothes and a swimming pool. A toy octopus and a new Barbie bike. I want a new coat, shoes, and new clothes. I will leave you some Grinch cookies and some milk.

Love. Bethany Curtis

I want a toy elephant and a new Skating Barbie. And a Grinch movie and some new clothes. I really want a black and white puppy and a trampoline. I will leave you some Grinch cake and a coke. I love you. Esmeralda Flores

I want a trampoline and some skates. I want a brown horse and a swing set. I will leave you trampoline too. some cake and hot cocoa.

Alexis Collazo

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie doll and pretty dresses. I want a Teddy Bear. I want some movies and skates. Also some clothes and shoes. I will leave you some peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Megan Torres I want a new white puppy and a Santa Claus toy. I want some skates and a trampoline. I need some new shoes and clothes. I will leave you Santa Claus cookies and a Dr. Pepper.

Love. ** Miranda Solorzano Dear Santa,

I want a new black horse and a painted horse. And a new blue boat and some blue skates. And a Spider Man skate board. I really want a blue and green and red cotton stripper and a beach ball. I will leave you brownies and

Love, Paden Babb Dear Santa,

I want a football suit and a new football. And a Army man and a bull dozer to play with. And the Grinch movie. I want some new shoes. I will leave you a cake and Dr. Pepper.

I want a new black skateboard, and a skooter. And I want a new red and black bike. And I want a computer and the Grinch movie and Home Alone. I want clothes, shoes, and some paint and letters. I will leave you some hot dogs and a Dr. Pepper.

Brandy Benavides

Dear Santa, We have been very good in Mrs. Johnson's class at school this year and we have been working so hard to learn our letters so we can read books! We are leaving a special treat for your reindeer on Christmas Eve. We love you, Santa!

Mrs. Johnson's Kindergarten Class Dear Santa.

I want you to bring me a CD game and a Mega Sword and a Play Station.

Love. Marco Erives

Dear Santa. Bring me a Power Ranger game and some tractors and some blocks. Bring me a truck car

Love. Dear Santa,

I want a trampoline and give me blocks and puzzles and big dolls and books.

Love, Maritza Alaniz

Dear Santa, I would like a computer for Christmas and

a tractor and a toy train. I like you, Santa. Love.

Hayden Belongia Dear Santa.

I love you, Santa. I would like a dirt bike and skate shoes and a Play Station. I want a Love.

Darren Brown Dear Santa.

I want a toy car and a controller to do it. I want a fake gun too and that's all.

:Love, Kaleb Crenshaw Dear Santa,

I want a kitten for Christmas and a new scooter and a swim pool. I have been a very good girl this year!

Love. Cheyenne Gill

I want a necklace and a watch and a little

remote control truck and a pair of shoes.

Chris Rivera Dear Santa.

I want a motorcycle and a dirt bicycle and a horse. I have been a very good boy this year. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Christen Pena

Dear Santa,

I want a new remote control car and a truck and paint. I want a new dog too. Love.

Esias Orozco

I want you to bring me paint and a cat and a pink balloon. I want a present.

Clarissa Martinez

To Our Valued Customers

As the season unfolds We would just like to say,

We hope you enjoy a fine boliday. When we tell you we're grateful.

You know that it's true... Because we wouldn't be bere

Without good folk like you!

George's Restaurant

George, Cathy and Crew



Blessings of the Season

May the gifts of this holy season become beautiful memories to cherish forever. We're truly grateful for the gift of your friendship.

Hudman Funeral Home

615 W. Main

Hudman Furniture

301 E. Main

Dear Santa,

I want a surprise for Christmas and a toy robot. I have been a very good boy this year!

Dear Santa.

Kareoke player.

Alex Miller

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa.

shoes.

Latasha Soto

Adrian Basquez

Nicholas Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,

can't, that's ok.

Caitlin Cravy

Dear Santa,

Gregory

Dear Santa,

Yours truly,

Dear Santa,

Love,

Love,

Love.

Dear Santa,

Alex Lang

Allyison

(Unsigned)

Terry Wright

Chess Postell

Dear Santa.

Leah Perez

cood can I have a 22.

Quentin Benham

Katelynn R. Short

some cookies and milk.

Dear Santa,

Der Santa,

Sydnee Jones

Love.

roller skates.

Chase Odom

Samantha Pearson

Crystal Sanchez

I want a dirt bike, a helmet and pads.

I want a white board, a chalkboard and

I want clothes, a Kids Bop CD and roller

I want a CD player, a football and some

dad work goats and cattle. And my mom clean.

I want to know hot it's going at the North Pole.

I'm going to leave you cookies and milk. May

I have a saddle, a puppy, and a new bike, if you

I have been a good boy and I will leave you

This year I have been good. I helped aroud

the house, worked hard at school, helped my

mom at worke too. This year if you want to, can

I have a puppy, a dirt bike, and a pair of skies.

I have been a good girl this year. I have been

nice to my sisters and brother. How is the north

It is cris mis and I haven't don is good as I

I have help my mom and I have been a good

girl. Ife it is not to hard to ask for. I would like

a alarm clock, cash register, and a book of you

please sir. I'am going to have a present for you.

I'am going to leave you cookies and milk and

How are you doing I have been a good girl

I was wonding if I could get a new bike, a puppy, and roller blade shoes. Santa I hope you have a merry cristmas. Merry cristmas santa.

I help my brothers clean the house and I

help my brothers cook I get the stuff for my

brothers. I ilised to my brothers and sone time

brothers don't let no one pick on me. Santa I

hope you bring me a gocart, CD player, and

I have been a good boy this year, and I want

a gameboy, and a bee-bee gun and a mountain

bike OK Santa Claus. My sister has been very

nice this year. When ever I am in bed I think

How is the north pole doing? The Dreamcust, dirtbike, and a snowboard. Those

are the three things I need. How is mama

that your going to come on that night.

I want for chistmas is some tweety pamjams and a puppy and a computer. K will leave you

coke and jurkey too. You are nice.

was spos to and I am tring to do good so if you

and your elfs some cheese and some milk and

for Christmas would like a rifle, game cells,

and a game boy. Thank you, Santa.

presents you game me last year.

leave you milk and cookies.

I want clothes, shoes and a sleigh.

David Hernandez

Dear Santa, I want a dog and a cat and a baby bird. I want a turtle too. I have been a very good girl this

Love, Alondra Rosas

Dear Santa, I want a bear and a puppy and a chalkboard

Yesenia Salas Dear Santa,

I want a watch and I want a play dinosaur for my brother and I want a Barbie doll.

Love, Sabrina Silvas

Dear Santa, I want a watch and a real basketball and I want some more paint because I can't find any more paint.

Britt Steggs

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a jeep car, and a real puppy, and a real bunny.

Jaime Ceja Dear Santa Claus,

I want a shirt and pants and a doll. Love,

Tristan Dunn Dear Santa Claus,

I want a suitcase and a camera, and a guitar. Zachary Bush

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Phelopthasaurus and a big teranosaurus Rex with spikes on it and somewhere for the dinosaurs to live.

Collin Menchaca Dear Santa Claus, I would like a go-cart, and a T-shirt, and a

Love,

toy dog. Love,

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a hula hoop and a school bus set, and Love. Josh Warren

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a toy cow and a cowboy doll and an apple.

Habiel Esparza Dear Santa Claus, I want a toy bear and some clothes for me.

Amber Aguilar Dear Santa,

I want please two pigs y one toy cow.

Juan Contreras Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll for me and a doll for Rafa and another doll for my sister Bero and something

Minnie Soria Dear Santa Claus,

I want a doll and a Santa Claus doll and a Love, Daniela Alaniz

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a toy horse, a toy cow, and a

Jose Araiza Dear Santa Claus, I want a shirt, a book, and a pencil.

Taylor Cunningham Dear Santa Claus, I want a big truck, a toy guy to play with and

I want a scuba diving suit.

Tyler Summar Dear Santa Claus, I would like a doll and cards and a bear for

Love. Amanda Esparza

Dear Santa Claus, I want a Barbie and a bear costume and

another toy. Love,

Jazmin Rodriguez I would like a red truck and a wrestling

man. Thank you. Trey Vaughn Perry

I would like football clothes and a gocar and a be be gun and shrek. Thank you.

Paul Martinez I would like barbie's a lots of them! And

some baby's! And a slug bug. Thank you. Dear Santa, I would like bog, clok, saz for Christmas.

Thank you. Courtney Clay

I would like for Christmas. I like to git a

I would like a 20, 2. I wod a Dog. I wold like a B.B. gun. I wold like a Shrek. Bradley Crawford

I would like a bike not with chranewils and clothes and the Barby stuideo. Thaku Santa. Victoria Muñoz

Dear Santa, I would like a big barby for Chrismas and I wont a ril pupy chywawa and a Bareny. Mariah Morales

Dear Santa, I would like A barby for Christmas and a tolcking toy cat and chwawa. Thank you. DeAnna Hudson Dear Santa.

I would like a bath robe a clok and a fish and Will leev you sum coois and mik. Thank you.

I would like a Bike Wihe out Tranig Wilse. And a little Tampalim. And a PuPy for Christmas. Thank you.

Mercedes Soloranzo Dear Santa, I would like a Hen and a Barbie.

Dear Santa. I would like Barbie for Christmas. Jane Garzia

Patti Lopez

I want a karaoke machine, TV, clothes. Darlene Araiza

Dear Santa. I want video games, Nintendo 64, puppy Mysty Ayala

Dear Santa, I want clothes, Jack Knife remote control car, Assure CD. Trent Babb

Dear Santa, I want clothes, TV, shoes, Adrianna Barbosa Dear Santa. I want a paintball gun, DVD player, scooter.

Dear Santa, I want Madden 2002 Playstation Video game, toy cars and toy motorcycles. Cody Dean

I want a Gameboy Advance, remote control car, and clothes. Angel Espinoza Dear Santa.

I want clothes, an Usher CD, and money. Ashlee Henry

Dear Santa. I want clothes Kristen Leach

Reece Belongia

Dear Santa, I want a Fossil watch, a necklace and a I have been a good girl this year. I help my grandma get through the stuations and her heart problems. I love you Santa Claus. These are some things I want for Crismas A kitten,

> bike, books. Rhianna Nava

Dear Santa, I would like a new game boy color, a mocontrol car, and a Nintindo 64. I help my mom clean the house a lot and I help my mom take care of my sister. I have been a very good boy. I am counting on you Santa, and you can count on me too Santa.Love truly,

Dear Santa.

Jose Orozco

I be a good boy and I lisin to my mom and my ant then go to my teacher and I ben good to Mrs. Norman. Sergio Acosta

Dear Santa, I been a good little girl. I help my mom and dad. I been getting some as I been nice to my I want a remote control car, an action figure sisters. I gave my sister my cat and she gave me her dog. And our teacher Mrs. Ashley is very pretty and sweet. And if you don't mind I would like you to get my mom a new car. And I've been a good girl this year. I help my I would like a hourse. And if you don't mind I would like you to give my dad a truck. And Marry Cristmas.

> Love, Kyla Perez

Dear Santa, I've been singing Christmas songs, and last we drove around to see the Christmas lights. I really like it when we remember about Jesus. If you could bring me four toys that would be good. I like to draw and color, read books and play with Hot Wheels. I love you, Santa, and I want to give you a big hug. Be careful in our fireplace. It's dirty! I will leave you cookies and milk. Please remember all the other kids

Tye Parker Lewis

I will leave you a gift. Thank you for the May I have a Barbie? May I have makeup? I would also like a Barbie car. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus! Love,

> Jessica Dear Santa,

May I have a monster truck? May I have Pole. If you drop of toys for me. This is what I little trucks? I would also like a desk. I have want pair of skat shoes, new clothes, and a been very good. I love you Santa Claus! jacket. Hope you get a happy Christmas. I will Love.

> May I have a baby doll? May I have binoculey? I would also like a school desk. I

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa.

have been very good. I love you Santa Claus! Love. Linase

May I have a big green truck? May I have new shoes? I would also like a monster truck. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

May I have a skateboard? May I have a Nintendo game? I would also like a big bicycle. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Joe Dear Santa, May I have a scooter? May I have Nintendo games? I would also like a clubhouse. I have

been very good. I love you Santa Claus! Love. Carles Farmer

Dear Santa. May I have a Barbie? May I have a Barbie dollhouse? I would also like a skateboard. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

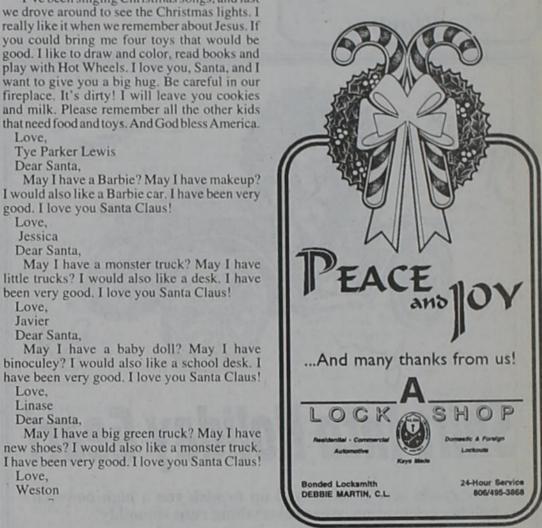
Gabroto

Dear Santa, May I have a doll? May I have an animal pet? I would also like a dog. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love, Jeanette

Dear Santa, May I have jewelry? May I have makeup? I would also like a swimming pool. I have been

very good. I love you Santa Claus! Love,





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May I have a bike? I would also like a scodr. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

May I have a bike? May I have a TV? I would also like a dog. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Dear Santa,

May I have a dog? May I have a TV? I would also like a bike. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus! Love,

Gary Dear Santa,

How are the rein deer? I am a good boy. I hope mrs claus is fine. This won I wont for crismic a game boy color, a Dog, and a cat. I wont a truck to and a pawerranger. I will Leave some milke and cookies for you.

Your friend, Jimmy Gatica

Dear santa claus, How is roodoof? How is mrs claus doeing? How are thegs going in the north pole and how is the Elfs? I wat a computer whith games, a rill dog, a fack house. That is big to play with and a game boy but Osol I will leeve coock woter for the radirs. But the coock will be on the table and The water but I will be a sleep.

Love, Michelle Maldonado

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Letters to Santa Claus

How is Mrs. Claus? Is she doing well? I have been good but last week I mestup. Cood I have a new bike for Christmas please, a trapaling, playstaytion two whith a hundred games, twenty hallgrafics whith 561 pokemon cards, a selphone, a computer that comes with a dvd, and games to, tv, a mokintrocar whith a radio, a real car, a dvd player, a house, bed, vcr whith moves, van truck, swimming pool diving boad, and a game boy color.

Your friend, Hugo Hernandez

How is MRs Claus and the reindeers doing? I have been good but once Ive been bad. I thank you santa for gifing me toys. Can you please GIVE ME A BARBIE AIRPLANE, A NEW BIKE, A FAKPHONE, A BARBIE PLAY STATIONTWO, A Chrampelyne, atv, a visear, a swimming pool, a big real stuff animal that is very cute I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love, Felipa Saldana

Dear Santa, How are things? I have been good. I would like a hot well track, a new cumpurter game, golf mat, grinch dvd and a disne monopley. For all the gifts I'll live you cookes and milk.

Kyle Voigt

Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I have been a good girl this year. Can I have a laptop, cike and a real rabbit? I will leave you cookies and milk. LOVE,

Krystal Ayala Dear Santa,

How are thing doing? How is Mrs. Claus and You doing? I want for Christmas a cat, a desk, a phone, a laptop, playstation two. I will leave some cookies and milk.

Christiana Torres

Love.

How is mrs. Claus? I have been good but a fuy times I been bad. I would like a barbi bike that havs helmet a co0mputer, some puzzles and glases. I will leve you some cookies, milk, and wourter for the rain deer.

Love. Rebecca Benavides Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer's? Are They Filling good? How are you filling? How Are the elf's doing are they making toy's? I Whold Like a game boy coller 'a borby toy 'a horse. Compter and a Bike. I Will Leve you same cookes and milk and kerit's for the randear's.

Lynda

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope 'all are fine. How is Comid, Cupid, Doner, Blitson and Rodolf? Then for giffts' I would like a play house, a real rabbit, polly pokets, barbies, snow globes, colering books' a Barbie and the nurcraker the movie and Harry potter. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will leave water and carrots for your raindeer.

Kelcee Lewis

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? How are things going? How are the reindeers? I like reindeers a lot but I never seen one before! I hope I see one on Christmas when you come to my house. I have been good but I messed up when I dropped some one on the ground. I want Pokemon cards, gameboycolor, and a big remote control truck for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and I'll leave carrats for the

Love, Jose Mendoza

How are things doing at the north pole and the reindeers? I've been good but sometimes I've mess up and sometimes not. Santa I want to ask you something can I have a kitty tekno, a bird tekno, a monsters inc. toy, a ty bird, a computer, a kite, a learning set, a real puppy, a real cat, a real bird, a stuffed frog and a monkey that hangs around your neck and leg, a circle that is round, a game boy sixty/four and a pair of high heel shoes. I'll leave you and your reindeers cookies and milk.

Angela Garza

Dear Santa, How are the raindeer? I have been a good boy this year I would like to see you in person. Here is the stuff I would like for Christmas I would like a fishing pole, some como. A tv for my room, some race cars tools to finish the race car I am bilding. I would like the movi Cat's and Dog's. What would you like for Christmas? I would like a horse and some Gatorade, six move tickets to see Monsters inc. I would like a gameboycolor a playstation with games and game boy color games. I will leave you a snack for you and your reindeer.

Your friend, Travis Arguello

Dear Santa. I would like some toys for Christmas. I would like a remote control car and a train.

Emmanuel Alaniz Dear Santa Claus,

I would like to receive shoes, 100 crayons and a friend. I do my homework, clean my room and have been good to my brother. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

I would like a bunk bed that has a top bunk and underneath it has a desk, a scooter that is blue and a shirt. Love, Franchesca Varela Dear Santa Clause, I would greatly appreciate a gameboy, a new bike and a radio like my aunts. I made

good grades in school and I did my chores all

Sincerely your true friend, Tiffanie Pearson Dear Santa,

I have been good in school. I never miss a day because I love school. I want to receive good presents. This is what I want: a shop with me Barbie cash register, a real car and a

Jill Thompson

Dear Santa, I would like a dragon ball z game for my playstation, dirtbike, and a DVD player. I have been a good all this year. I have done all of my work this year. I made good grades this year.

Your friend, Brandon Martin

Dear Santa Claus, I would greatly appreciate it if my Uncle Pat could come home. I would like a computer and a swimming pool. I have made good grades on my report card.

Marissa Hernandez

Dear Santa, I would like to receive a beanie baby, a stuffed animal, and an easy bake oven. I made

good grades on my report card. No coals please!

Pamela Spann Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl all year long. For Christmas, I want a Cockerspaniel, and a lot of Harry Potter stuff including the backpack and clothes. I did good deeds this year like the time I helped an old lady through the door at Pizza Hut and I always make straight A's on my report-Card. No coals.

Sincerely your Friend. Tierni Crenshaw

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a playstation II. I want all the games of my playstation. Next I want a go-cart. I have been a good boy this year. Your friend,

Ivan Saucedo Dear Santa,

May I have a bicycle? May I have a warm blanket? I would also like a gameboy or Playstation. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Matthew

May I have a seds? May I have a TV? I would also like a Boerbe. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus! Love,

Anyssa Dear Santa,

May I have a Bobea? May I have a hors? I would also like a cpudr. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,

May I have a bike? May I have a cat? I would also like a Brbeey hoose. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Dear Santa,

May I have a Brbe Chrmis tree? May I have a cat? I would also like a noow hors. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

May I have a barbe? May I have a 100 Shortuth? I would also like a dog nem JoJo Buck. I have been very good. I love you Santa

Love,

May I have a bike? May I have a dog? I would also like a cat. I have been very good. I

love you Santa Claus! Braxsoon I have been good all year. I have been good

to my friends, my family and so I hope I get some presents. I would like some play horses, some chapter books, and a new computer. No

Sincerely your true friend, Alexis Dunn Dear Santa Claus, I want a motorcycle and a new bed. The last

thing I really want is a Diva Star.

Crystal Hernandez Dear Santa Claus, I would greatly appreciate a cat. I want a new fish and a secret canine dog. It will be

called James. I made good grades on my report card. I did my chores. Sincerely, Kelsey Overton Dear Santa Claus, I would receive good presents. I would like

a radio, 20 dollars, more worm clothes, and a

telescope. I have done my chores, helped my

mom get my dog inside the fence, and I have done good in school. Not another dog. Cheyenne Poe

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a gameboy and a scooter. I have been nice and make good grades. Mario Ceja

I would like a new pair of glasses. I would like three presents please. I will be happy if you give me a game for my 64. Skylor Taylor

For Christmas could you get me a scooter

that moves by itself and a bike. I was nice my friends. I share my stuff with them. I've been nice to my brother and sister.

Sincerely, Monica Gomez Dear Santa, I want a sega dream case, and a gameboy advance. I also want nintido game. O ya I also

want a X-box.

Your friend, Marvin Wynn I wish for this war to be over. I wish for

for a Nintendo Your friend, Matthew Tanner

Dear Santa. I would like to have a CD player I would by all kinds of CD's like 3LW, The New Tridisoin. I would also like some cloths and money so I can were my cloths and spend my money on makeup. I love Chistmas. I would also like a dog to play with I really don't want anything but to spend time with my family, and have a great Christmas with my friends and family.

Your friend, Andrea Adams

Have a Merry Christmas Santa.

Im not sure if Im ben good or not but they are 4 things I want. Well I want Wakie talkes the ones that go 2 miles. And a sleeping bag that comes with a case. And then a twistabraid to braid my hair. Then I want leap frog math, but most of all I want people to have a merry

Your friend, Chloe Mason



Chris

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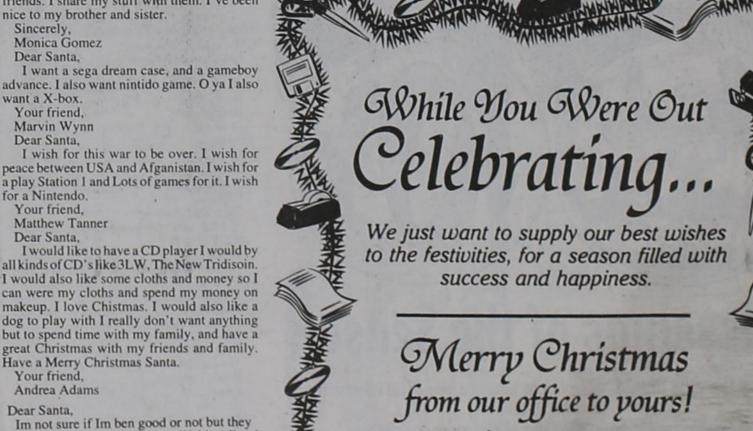




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I have been a good girl this year. I was just asking for just a little favor and that is to get me some prents like: a pet talking bird, cd's, clothes, shoes, and some games. That is all I want for Christmas. I will also leave you some cookies and a glass of milk. I will leave your raindeer some food to. I also hope you and the raindeer have the best Christmas. Your friend,

Renae Storie

Dear Santa, I've been very good this year and I am going to tell you what I want, a gameboy advance, a nintindo game cube and also a happy Christmas. I want myself to be carefull to and best of all I want a paintball.

Your friend, Michael Gonzales

Dear Santa, I wold like a now bike and a little kitten even I won't now cloes, I even wont a loval amp and a pordable CD player and even wont a set of ice scats.

Your friend, Rachael Zapert

Dear Santa. I want a new Playstation for Christmas oh and will you give my sister a brand new game boy advance, and I will want to give my mom and dad a trip to Las Vegas. All I want is a brand new TV with a VCR, and I want to get a dvd player for my aunts and uncles but my best gift of all is to share love with family and friends.

Your friend, Allen Michael Duran

Dear Santa, I want to know how you go into a house that doesn't have a chimney? Please Santa can I have hit clips, a lava lamp, and a malties. Some street jets. But most of all I want all of my family to have a Merry Christmas. Your friend,

Alex

Dear Santa, Fore Christmas I would like a Nintendo 64 with a lot of games. And I will also like a pet dog the kind is a little Maltise Malteese. Oh I would also like a keriokee machine. I would also like some headphones and a hit clips oh and a lava lamp. Oh and fore Christmas that will surprise me if you let my uncle Steve have Christmas with us because he is in the Marine

Your friend, Alexandra Rodriguez

I want a X box to play on my tv and the games I wont is NVL blitz 2002 game and The Second thing I wont is a some hot Wealls to add to my collection. The third thing I want is a drit bike and four wellers. And oldy car. The fourthing is a good holiday.

Your friend.

Dear Santa. I have been good this year I only whan't like 4 things I would like a dirt Bike, a goat car, a big big 400" wat stereo, and whatever you would whant to bring me like a tv super nintindo or a nintindo by game like a foot ball game like blits 2002 so we could have a lot of fun playing a new game. Your friend,

Roberto Contreras

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want tickets for my family to go to India because I was born there and I miss everyone that I know. Another thing that I want for Christmas is two cockatoos. I want skate shoes. Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus. Merry X-Mas. Your friend,

Chandni Bhakta

Dear Santa, I want a CD player with CD's. I want to go to Mexico to see my grandma. I want a football to play with. I want a four willer so I could ride on. I want a lot of friends. I want a X box. I want a good happy Christmas. I want a game for my Your friend,

Fabian Ladinos Dear Santa,

I want a durt bike and a nintodo and some games, and some close and a new gun and some

Your friend, Heath Palmer

Dear Santa. All I want for Christmas is a Dog and Ekara. If that is not too much to ask. Also what I want is for everybody to have a good Christmas, and also I want a trampoline. Oh I almost forgot to tell you what kind of dog I want. I want a wienie dog (I want this one the most). Or a chuwawa. Merry Christmas. Your friend,

Quinton Valdez

Dear Santa, What I wnt for Christmas is a jackknife and a raido shack control 4wheeler and a radio that's pretty much what I want and sent I am nice give my mom a new dog and some toys for it that all I want for Christmas.

Your friend, Megan

This is Chasiti again. I have been very good this year exept for me and all my friends fighting. So if you can spare a toy or two I would like lava lamp, or a 3LW CD. Maybe a car. Sike! But I guess even a extra toy that a child did not get. So see ya later Santa. Maybe you could spare a 4 weeler. Your friend,

Chasiti Rutherford

Dear Santa, I want a Nintendo game cube and a dirt bike. I hope that you could get me these things. I don't want much so if you could get me these I would like it. Your friend,

Trent Laurence

I've been a very good boy. For Christmas I would like a go-cart and a CD player. I would also like a new bike and a scooter. I really need two pair of pants and a new shirt. A Play Station 2 would be nice to have or a Nintendo 64. If I can't have one of those, I'd like a Game Boy with games. Finally, I would like a boxing bag with a pair of gloves to beat up my brother

Sincerely, Chase

Dear Santa,

I am going to tell some of the things I want for Christmas. I want a scooter for Christmas with a helmet. I want a hot lava lamp for Christmas. Santa, I wanted to know if I am being good, if not, I will start being good. Here are some other things I want for Christmas. I want a football with a tail on the end, but I want it a certain color - blue and green for the tail at the end. I want a CD. Santa I want some money for Christmas, I really want a lap top. I want some Silly Putty. I will leave cookies and milk

by my fire place. I want some Slip Slops. Thank you, Vanessa Hampton

Dear Santa. Thave been a good boy. My name is Tanner. I want a Game Boy Advance with Spiral Season of Ice.

Tanner

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. I would like a puppy and some rings and a kitten for my little sister and some makeup for my mom and I want a blue fluffy dress and a bike. But I would like a football to play with at school with my friends, a plastic chair that is baby blue, and a pink fluffy dress and a purple dress and a red fluffy dress, green fluffy dress and a dark blue dress and Diva Star.

Syrina

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. All I want is a Harry Potter Play Station game and an N-Sync

Love, Sierra

Dear Santa, I want a CD and a pair of boots. I hope I have been good this year. Back to what I want for Chrismas. I want a pair of jeans and a CD

player. The last thing I want is a trampoline.

Your friend, Phyneshia

Dear Santa, I want a puppy and a Nintendo Sixty-Four and a baby cat, a trampoline, and a scooter and some rings and earrings, and a Game Boy, and a Cash Register. I Love Christmas it is the finest. I want every thing but not boy toys. Love always,

Patricia

I have been good. And how have you been doing? My sister and I and my brother have been good. I think I have been the best, don't you? Well the things I want for Christmas are: a pooch dog, and a new warm jacket, and a board with markers, and an eraser, and I want a new bike from you or a 4 wheeler. Or a chalk board with chalk. So do you think I have been good enough to have this stuff that I want? And if you have time, go ahead and get me a Play Station Two and a Game Boy. Best wishes,

Miranda H.

I want a Nintendo 64 game called Mario, a Zerd like J.R., a Play Station 2 and some games, a pack of cars from Dollar General, a lot of Pokemon Dragon Ball Z cards. Love,

Kaylem Dear Santa,

I've been wanting a lot of things for Christmas like a CD player, a bike, clothes, red, white and blue sweaters, a flag, a scooter, short skirts, fast shoes, and all kinds of dresses like Barbie clothes, and a big board with chalk and an eraser and last I want a baby puppy and a lot of makeup. Love,

Alissa

Dear Santa I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a scooter and a pogo stick and a real cash register like United Supermarkets. But I don't think my mom will let me have a cash register.

Dear Santa, I would like to have a gray bicycle and a remote car and a game boy and a scooter and

racecars and a racecar track. Love,

Jose Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I would like to have a remote control rasce car and a remote control halacapter and a plan.

T.J. Basquez Dear Santa,

I would like to have a remote control snake and a scatbord and a dog and a radio and a dert bike Santa.

Jacob McAuley Dear Santa,

I would like to have a C.D. for Christmas. Love, Samantha Crawford

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a four wheeler, skates, a pokemon and a monster inkoperated videogame.

Love,

Cody Joe Blaklock Dear Santa, I would like to have a play station and a scooter.

Love, Keith Braim I would like to have a Leap Frog and a doll

and some play dough. Love, Ashley Collazo

Dear Santa, I would like to have a Robot baby and baby Doll for Christmas. Santa how is the Randers?

Alejandra Flores

Dear Santa, I would like to have a dert bike. Santa, how

are you? You are a good Santa.

Love, Jonah Garza

Dear Santa, I would like to have a poochie dog, a baby dog, and a baby cat too. But what I like is best is the poochie dog.

Chelci Hair

Dear Santa. I would like to have a remote control snake and a action figer. Love,

Danny J. Martinez Dear Santa,

I would like to have a baby bird, a pair of skates, a Barbie and a helmet. How are your randir? I nowe your randirs names. Dansher, Pranser, Comet, Cupit, Doner, and Blitsen and Roodoph. Tell your randir. Love,

Miley McKee

Dear Santa, I would like to have a skateboard and a remote control dinosaur. Love,

Travis Moore Dear Santa. I would like to have a skateboard and a pla

stashin and a dog and a robot. How are yow? How ar yow Randuder?

Love, Devin Torres Dear Santa, I would like to have a prinses Barbie that is

big as me, a radio, a scooter, and my very own T.V. How are you and how is Roodof?

Kaitlin Wheeler

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a football made in 2002, a racecar track and a pet fish?

Love.

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a football, and a baby dog, and a red, green, and yellow light?

Love, Armando Martines

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a bike, and radio, and robot?

Love, Hunter Fellhauer

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a car and a

game boy and a apple? Love, Marcelo Martinez

Would you please bring me a Barbie, a

pear of rollerblades, and a pet cat? Victoria Hernandez

Dear Santa. Would you please bring me a Barbie house,

a Barbie dress, and cat? Morgan Permenter

Would you please bring me a skooter, and I want a Barbie house, and a Barbie car.

Cassie Perez Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a race car track, a gameboy, and scooter? I will leave you

Justin Hodge

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a racecar track.
I want a pet fish. Bring me a pet dog, please.

Tavish Soto

Dear Santa, Would you please bring me a Barby Doll,

Barby calculator, and skates? Love,

Kristiana Perez Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a race car track and a Maxsteel toy and a dog. I will leve you cookies. Love,

Would you please bring me shoes, and a

Michael Huffman

Barbie and a play set? Love,

Jacie Kimmons Dear Santa.

Would you please bring me Barbie, a scooter, and computer.

Love, Azul Vera Dear Santa,

Would you please bring me a race car track, a pool table and a train? I have been good.

Shelby Odom Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring Me a dollhouse, play jeep, and ballet slippers.

Love,

Dear Santa,

I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a game boy, video games, and a playstation II. Love.

Jordan Dear Santa,

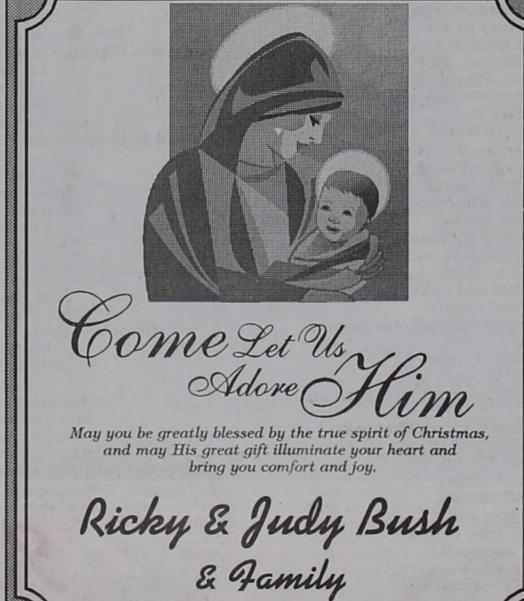
I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a new police officer with a motorcycle, toy car, and rescue hero.

Love,



... And from all of us, too! Happy Holidays!

The Lewis Family Sheri Blake & Tye



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Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a hot wheel fire ball, digimon, and rescue hero.

Michael Dear Santa,

I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me makeup, computer, and CD.

Taylor Dear Santa,

I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a nuteracker Barbie, Barbie car, and babydoll. Love, Katie

Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I

kite, doll, and a playboat. Hayley Dear Santa,

have been good. Will you please bring me a

I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a

tractor, engine turtle, and crab robot. Love, Pake Dear Santa,

I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a

racecar track, cars, and a playstation. Zack Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I

have been good. Will you please bring me a princess Barbie, a rose Barbie to change her hairstyle, and a life-size Barbie.

Love, Matti I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I

have been good. Will you please bring me a

ball with airplane inside of it, playstation, and walkie talkie. (Unsigned) Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a

walkie talkie, a motorcycle with a cop on it, and Loove.

Jose Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I have been good. Will you please bring me a fireball race car, rescue heroes, and more cars.

Trey Dear Santa, I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I

Love,

have been good. Will you please bring me a playstation II, car track, and games. Love, Dear Santa,

I am in kindergarten. My teacher says I

have been good. Will you please bring me two

playstations, games, and a wrestling table. Love. Kyandre

Francisco Gonzales

Love,

Dear Santa. I want a Power Ranger green and a computer and a Barby boy.

Dear Santa, Ples Santa can you give me a BB gun and football man of cowboys. Thank you for a Nintindo 66 and a go car, wrestling man of rock and kane and reng. Pleas Santa can you give me a blow gun foot ball uniform and helmet of

cowboys. Thank you, Paul Martinez

Dear Santa, I want a Barbe a power puf grils, computer. Thank you, Jane Garza

Dear Santa, I want a barby for Christmas and a computer for Christmas and a puppy for Christmas. Thank you,

Patti Lopez

Dear Santa, I want a bubble gum machine and Powerpuff girl and a bouncy ball. Thank you,

Dear Santa, Thank you for a nintin six d six and football

Victoria Munoz

and a wrestlr. Thank you, Trey Perry Dear Santa,

I love you! Twenty-tow for my Dad. I want

a real dog, a BB gun. I want a pistol football I want a paint-ball gun. 166 computer. Thanks

Love, Bradley Crawford

Dear Santa, I whant a gate way computer and a pum sooger pincice barby and a toking cat for Chritmas. Thank you. DeAnna Hudson

Dear Santa, I want a real puppy and a CD player and DC and I want a bird and power puff girl.

Thank you, Mercedes Soloranzo Dear Santa,

I want a slug bug. I want a cd player. I want a real fish. I want a real parrot. Thank you, Macie Clark

Thank you. I want a bird puppy power ranger computer power puff girl. Brianna Reed Dear Santa, I want a go cart.

Dustin Robinson

Dear Santa,

I would like glow in the dark stars, and a barrbe. Thank you, Courtney Clay Dear Santa,

I want a parrot, a robe, a babydoll, a computer, orange fingernail polish, a play camera, a robot, sum shirts and jeans, a fish. Thank you, Macie Merritt

Dear Santa. I whant a rear pupy dog that livs in side and I wan it to be little for ever and a big nut ckracker and a Big Power Puff girl. Thank you,

Mariah Morales Dear Santa, Please bring me a Blues Clues dog, a toy cat, and I want a new teddy bear because my cat

has ripped up my old one. Your friend, Tamara Moore Dear Santa. I would like to have a Blues Clues game. I

also would like to have one of those things that shoot the balls out. Please bring me a truck. Your friend, Jarred Curtis

Dear Santa, Please bring me a remote control dragon, Blues Clues trailer, and that is it. Your friend.

Allen Perez

Dear Santa, I want a DragonFly with a remote control. and a Tony Hot One with another remote control on it. I also want a Playstation II. I know that will cost a lot. Your friend.

Please bring me a Barbie car that I can drive

all by myself. I also want a Christmas tree that is green to put in our toy room. I would also like a teddy bear.

Roy Perez . Dear Santa,

Your friend. Brittney Braim

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