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## Judge Griffin to step down next November

### Move paves way for candidates to file in upcoming primaries

County Judge Johnny Griffin told *The Success* this week that he intends to resign his position effective November 5th of 2008. He said he will offer his resignation at Friday's special meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court.

The delayed resignation makes it possible for interested candidates to file in the upcoming primaries. The judge said he would step down the day after the General Election, but reserves the right to leave office sooner if only one candidate comes forward from the primaries to be held on March 4, 2008.

"If there's only one candidate, or if there's more than one but they all file in the same primary, that will allow me to retire as soon as the primary is decided," Griffin said.

Otherwise, the judge said he is prepared to remain in office until November 5, 2008.

Judge Griffin said he had intended to step down earlier and let the commissioners appoint someone to fill the vacancy, however, when it became obvious that a number of people were interested in the post, it was decided to let the voters decide who the next judge will be.

Griffin traveled to Austin last week with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Matt Brown and Kirk Griffin, where they met with an attorney representing the Texas Association of Counties. The main topic of the meeting was how best to handle the judge's pending resignation.

Persons interested in filing for the post must file a document with County Election Administrator Brenda Mayfield in which they designate their campaign treasurer. They may then file an application with Democratic Party Chairwoman Phyllis Sauer or Republican County Chairwoman Kathy Mankin for a place on the upcoming primary ballots. Filing deadline is 6 p.m. on January 2, 2008.

Other local offices up for election this year include County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, Sheriff and County Commissioner in Precinct 1 and Precinct 3.

Ho, Ho, Ho!



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Santa Claus, the jolly old elf himself, stopped by Schleicher County Medical Center on Friday, December 14th where he took time to meet with Isaac Vasquez (L) and Richelle Martinez (R) in the lobby. After hearing a long list of Christmas wishes, Santa powered up his sleigh for a quick flight back to the North Pole, where he is busy preparing for his long, Christmas Eve flight. Before departing, Santa renewed his subscription to *The Eldorado Success* so he can read the Letters to Santa (see Page 6) in this week's edition!

## Sheriff Doran seeks re-election

I, Sheriff David R. Doran, would like to announce my intent to file for re-election for the office of Schleicher County Sheriff. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your Sheriff for the past 12 years.

My goal when I was appointed to office in June of 1996 was to rebuild the Sheriff's Office from the ground up with modern crime fighting technology and a well trained professional staff. Through numerous grants, a well organized staff and hard work we have been able to provide our citizens with a law enforcement agency that has the resources and training to make this a safer community for everyone.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sheriff David Doran

I continue to make the war on drugs one of my main priorities as illegal narcotics are directly impacting our community. I established the department's first Drug Interdiction/K-9 unit, which has already seized thousands in cash and assets from known drug dealers. More importantly, however, the program has removed narcotics from our streets making this a safer community for our kids.

We have also partnered with the Concho Valley Council of Government through an ongoing grant program to provide our children with Drug Awareness Resistance and Education Training (DARE) and other agencies such as DPS Narcotics and US Customs to assist us in the never-ending battle against illegal drugs.

I have been able to recycle the thousands of dollars in seized cash and assets from drug dealers along with numerous grants into law enforcement technology upgrades, allowing us to acquire a modern communications center, law enforcement equipment and a patrol vehicle which equals thousands of dollars in savings to you, the taxpayer.

I began my career as a Jailer/Dispatcher with the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office in 1988 and was promoted to Patrol Deputy. I attended the Concho Valley Regional Law Enforcement Academy in 1990 and served as a Patrol Deputy until 1994. I was then employed by the Kerrville Police Department until 1996 when I returned home to seek the office of Sheriff to which I was appointed in June of 1996 by the Commissioners Court. Subsequently, I was elected to three full terms.

I am familiar with the every aspect of the Sheriff's office as I have served in every capacity from the jail, communications and patrol to the office of elected sheriff.

I currently have 19 years of Law Enforcement Service and hold an Advanced Peace Officer License with 1,763 hours of professional Law Enforcement training. I am currently working toward my Master Peace Officer License.

I believe my record speaks for itself when it comes to reliable, professional and efficient law enforcement service to our community.

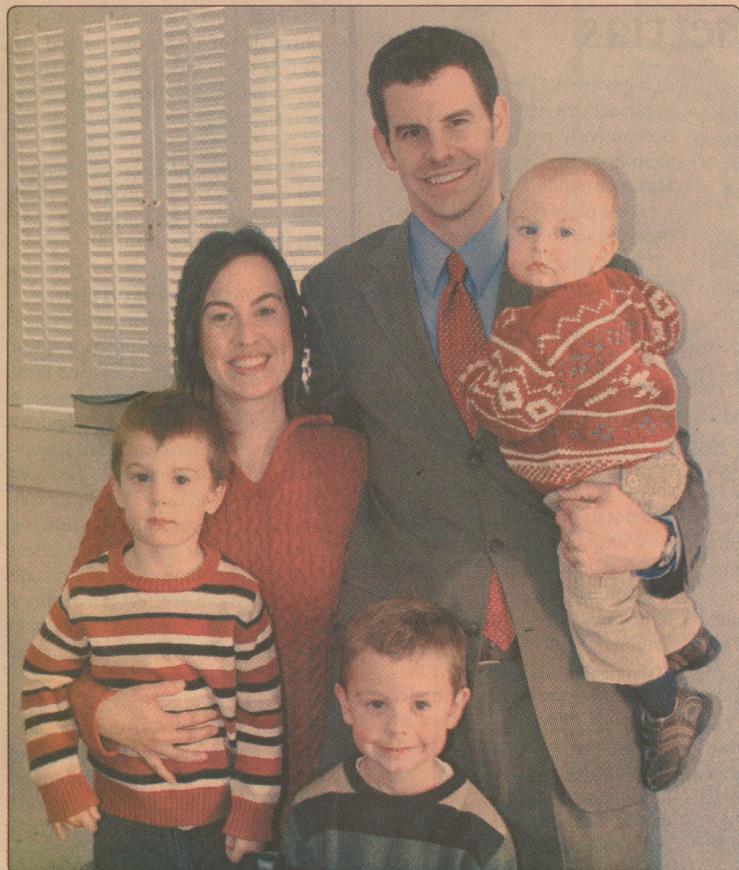
Once again, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the voters of this county for allowing me the privilege of serving the past 12 years as sheriff. It has been an honor.

I now ask for your support in the upcoming election. I pledge to carry out my job to the best of my ability, should you, the voters, decide to return me to office for another term.

## Christmas carols at FNB gazebo

Eldorado fourth graders will be singing Christmas Carols Thursday, December 20, 2007 at the First National Bank gazebo park at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy this festive program.

## New pastor and family at First Presbyterian Church



Joe and Diana McGee, along with their three young boys Benjamin (6), Jonathan (4) and Andrew (1), have enjoyed making Eldorado their new home since Joe began as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on November 12th.

The McGee family is originally from Edmond, OK, where Joe and Diana met at the University of Central Oklahoma in 1995 and were later married in May, 1998. In Edmond, Diana taught middle school art and Joe served for five years as the Director of High School Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church of Edmond.

In the spring of 2004, the family sold their home and moved to South Hamilton, Massachusetts (20 miles north of Boston) so Joe could attend Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. During his time in Massachusetts, Joe interned at a small historical church in Newburyport, MA and gained experience as a hospital chaplain in Salem, MA where he rotated his duties between the stroke rehab unit and the special care neo-natal unit of the hospital.

After graduating in the spring of 2007, Joe accepted a summer position, serving as Conference Program Director, at a large Christian conference and retreat center in the White Mountains near Rumney, New Hampshire. In late August the McGees moved back to Oklahoma and split their time between relatives until Joe's position at the Eldorado FPC was officially approved.

In November, the McGee family moved to Eldorado and feels blessed to be serving in this welcoming congregation and community.

Rev. Joe McGee, wife Diana and sons Joe, Jonathan, Benjamin and Andrew McGee come to Eldorado from Edmond, Oklahoma. Joe is the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church.

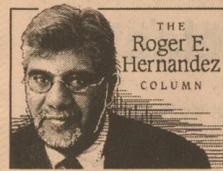
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## The Real Choice Venezuelans Faced

The day after Hugo Chavez's power grab was defeated at the polls, the Man Who Won't Shut Up called the state-owned television network and blamed voters for not being "mature." He ended his diatribe by shouting the cheesy slogan he so loves, which he copied in part from Che Guevara, in part from Fidel Castro: "Until victory forever! Fatherland, socialism or death! We shall triumph!"

Uhm ... OK, sure, Hugo.

Got to give the clown prince of Caracas credit, though, for putting up to a vote the monumental change in Venezuelan life that he sought. Credit for holding the election in the first place; credit for accepting defeat.



THE  
Roger E.  
Hernandez  
COLUMN

Chavez's concession has at least two precedents in Latin America. One strongman who surprised his nation by accepting defeat at the polls was Nicaragua's Daniel Ortega, the Sandinista leader who was voted out of office in 1990 and lost bids to return in 1996 and 2001 before returning to power last year with just 38 percent of the vote.

The other is Augusto Pinochet, who also stepped down in 1990 after losing a plebiscite that would have let the Chilean dictator stay in power, lending his regime a painted-by-the-numbers democratic veneer.

Chavez would reject the comparison to the right-wing Pinochet. Yet both tried to do the same thing: extend their rule and give themselves more authority. The Venezuelan referendum would have let Chavez be re-elected indefinitely, with unprecedented power to expropriate property by decree and to unilaterally declare a state of emergency under which the media could be censored and citizens detained without charges.

Passage of the referendum would have institutionalized Chavez's vision of "21st century socialism" by defining the state and its goals as "anti-imperialist," "anti-colonialist" and other ridiculousness from the verbiage of the far left. The purpose of elections would have been defined constitutionally as "the building of socialism."

And you know where that goes: Any election that does not build somebody's idea of socialism can be declared illegal.

But the contest in Venezuela was not between pro-American capitalism and the kind of "socialism" we see in Western Europe and Latin American countries like Brazil.

Chavez sought to portray the plebiscite as a struggle between a supposed Venezuelan oligarchy that has misruled the nation for decades and The Downtrodden Peoples of Venezuela, who are rising up under (what else) the leadership of Hugo Chavez to strike a mighty blow against the forces of imperialism, colonialism and for the right to a six-hour workday.

Yes, that was part of the constitutional reform: only six hours, instead of eight, for workers to be exploited by greedy capitalist oligarchs - then home to PAR-TY!

A majority of Venezuelans saw right through it.

Notwithstanding what their president said about them, Venezuelans (albeit by a small margin) showed the political maturity to realize that the real choice facing their nation was between democracy - socialist democracy even - and a Havana-style Marxist-Leninist dictatorship.

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## The Giving Season

The familiar red kettles and ringing bells at shopping areas across Texas this Christmas season are symbols of generosity to the less fortunate. In the Lone Star State, this holiday tradition originated from the spirit and determination of one man, a new Texan whose career led him from the navy to the army—the Salvation Army.

A captain in the Italian navy, Adam Janelli witnessed the Salvation Army's work in Calcutta, India. The outreach he saw made a permanent impression. After he emigrated to the U.S. and eventually to Dallas, Janelli was determined to establish the Salvation Army there.

That was nearly 120 years ago. The Salvation Army of Texas credits Janelli as its founder. He began sending letters and petitions to international Salvation Army founder Gen. William Booth: "His letter barrage got so thick that the official word was given and the Salvation Army of Texas opened in 1889."

At first, Janelli preached on street corners. "Janelli gave both material and spiritual help to the poor and homeless," reports the Salvation Army, "and to the people of Dallas he became known as 'Mr. Salvation Army.' The people of Dallas could not recall a time that they did not see Janelli in his uniform. Many other clothes he had any other clothes in his possession."

One man on a Dallas cor-

ner eventually ripped out to communities throughout Texas, where the Salvation Army carries out its work today. Janelli is described as "one of the most unassuming Salvation Army personalities Texas and the United States has ever known."

Texas has countless organizations, large and small, founded and staffed by men and women like Adam Janelli. Their selflessness and service, and their willingness to share with those in need, provides an inspiration to all. The urgency of human need takes on greater visibility at year's end, and leads to broad support for the red kettles, Blue Santa and Brown Santa programs, Toys for Tots, food and clothing drives, and other efforts to help people.

The holiday period is a vital time for giving. Our collective generosity now is crucial to the year-round work of many nonprofit organizations, including churches. Many receive most of their annual contributions in the final three months of the year, "the giving season."

Texans are compassionate year-round, but more recently, the introduction of tax deductions for charitable giving has provided yet one more incentive for doing good



Commentary  
by U.S. Senator  
John Cornyn

works, especially at year's end.

While the government can provide a safety net under those who need assistance, there is no substitute for the loving, caring attention of a volunteer. Private efforts are particularly effective in combating hunger, poverty and homelessness.

If a need exists, a willing heart will usually move to help. This includes in education, health care, care for our troops and veterans, and an array of other endeavors at home and abroad. Giving of ourselves is an essential part of the real meaning of Christmas.

There are many faces of need in our world. Sometimes we see them, but often we do not. Non-profit organizations help identify and call attention to unrecognized and unmet needs wherever they exist. They are on the front lines.

Twenty years ago, President Reagan noted that personal charity provides universal benefits. "And very often, it's the giver who receives the most precious gift," he said. "Personal, private charity humanizes a society. It makes us more aware of each other, of our hopes and needs, and of our sorrows and our joys." For those of us who are blessed to live in this great state, those are words to remember.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

## State's top ethics cop announces retirement

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, the state's chief ethics cop, will serve out his term of office which expires at the end of 2008, but not a day more.

Earle, on Dec. 14, announced his decision not to seek reelection. The 65-year-old Democrat will have served 32 years when his term expires.

In a prepared statement, Earle said, "There are particular cases pending that are enormously important to this state, this country, and democracy itself. If they are not resolved during the forthcoming last year of my term, I will offer my assistance on those matters on a pro bono basis to my successor."

Among those pending cases are indictments against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Republican political fund-raisers John Colyandro and Jim Ellis.



### Panel hears NFL-cable spat

The House Committee on Regulated Industries met Dec. 10 and heard testimony in a dispute between cable interests and the National Football League Network.

At issue were whether cable customers should be charged extra for access to NFL games and if the Texas Legislature should have any say-so in how the dispute is handled.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones spoke for the NFL Network.

Jones said his side is against "big" cable companies that desire to put professional football games on a separate, higher-costing tier.

Goodell added that fans might have to pay as much as \$8 per month to watch games only available on the higher tier if certain cable companies get their way.

Goodell also said he would like the NFL Network and the cable industry to enter a negotiated settlement.

Representatives of the Texas Cable Association countered that cable packages are governed by the Federal Cable Act, and therefore the Federal Communications Commission, not the state, has jurisdiction in the issue.

Ernest Young, a law professor with University of Texas, represented the NFL at the hearing. He said there is precedent for the Texas Legislature to intervene as an alternative to litigation.

At the end of the hearing, committee chair Phil King, R-Weatherford, said he was not convinced the state has jurisdiction.

### Online, mail order tax is closer

Texas and a coalition of other states are closer to agreement on a set of sales tax laws to help state and local governments receive sales tax revenue from online and mail order sales.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the "Streamlined Sales Tax" governing board on Dec. 13 unanimously approved a compromise allowing Texas and other sales tax-dependent states to continue taxing intrastate sales at the rate in effect at the seller's location, but to tax interstate sales at the rate in effect where the merchandise is delivered.

"In fiscal 2006, Texas lost an estimated \$541 million in state sales tax on Internet and mail order sales," Combs said. "We must monitor and fix this leak."

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## Texas Size Poinsettias

The sight of a giant greenhouse filled with several colors of poinsettias nearly took my breath away. Yellows, oranges, whites, pinks, apricot and various shades, combinations of colors and variegated varieties have joined the traditional red, which is still the favorite.

Bobbie Schulte of Ellison's Greenhouses in Brenham took me on a tour of the place. "That greenhouse is filled with 8,000 poinsettias going to Kroger stores in Houston," she told me. Ellison's is one of the top greenhouse operations in Texas. It kicks off the poinsettia season in November with an open house featuring a huge Christmas tree made of poinsettia plants in pots. It is up only a few days, but thousands of people go see it.

"They come to look at the sea of beautiful, beautiful colors," says Bobbie. "We have the Texas orange and Aggie maroon. Customers can go through the greenhouses and select the plants they like. All of our flowers are pinched so they have more flow-



by  
Tumbleweed  
Smith

ers on them. My favorite is Monet, which has cream-colored leaves with burgundy splotches."

The Christmas plants come in a variety of sizes.

"We probably grow the most sizes of anybody in the area. We do a two and a quarter inch pot, which has a poinsettia about three inches tall, all the way up to our Texas size which is six feet tall and six feet across and that is awesome. The leaf spread on the tree is about 24 inches. They're just gorgeous."

Those Texas size poinsettias come in a big pot.

"It's a 22-inch nursery container with about 15 gallons of soil in it. The reason the plant gets so big is the way we handle it. It starts on May first and gets special treatment in that we keep all the extra growth picked off the sides

so it grows tall. The Texas size is our trademark right now. They've become very popular. We have them in malls, banks, hotels and big office buildings."

Some people in warm climates plant the poinsettias in their yard.

"In the right area they will grow outdoors. They don't like it below 50 degrees, so you have to be careful where you plant them. In south Texas they grow wild and get as tall as the houses. Poinsettias originally came from Mexico back in the 1800's when the US Ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett brought some back to the states."

With proper care, poinsettias can last much longer than just the holiday season. They need to be placed in a spot with bright natural light and the soil should be kept moist. Empty any water that drains into the container under your plant. If you let the plant sit in this water, the leaves will yellow and drop. The plants do best with temperatures not over 75 degrees during the day and not below 60 degrees at night.

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# OBITUARIES

## Marcelina Ramon

SAN ANGELO - Marcelina Ramon, 97, of Eldorado, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2007. Service was Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eldorado with burial in Eldorado Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Gutierrez Funeral Chapels.

Survivors include her daughters, Dora Bosmans of Eldorado and Elida Cardenas of San Angelo; and son Victor Belman of Eldorado.

## Faye Watson



SAN ANGELO - Faye Watson, 99, passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at Myrtle Wood Estates. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, December 15, 2007 at the Eldorado Cemetery.

Faye was born on September 16, 1908, in Hedrick, Oklahoma to Ed Price Clark and Willie Mae Fears Clark. She moved to Eldorado in 1936 with her husband, Fred Watson who preceded her in death in 1977. She was also preceded by

her entire family including one brother and three sisters and one son-in-law, Floyd Spurgers.

Fay was very talented and enjoyed picture and ceramic painting, crocheting, knitting and sewing. She also enjoyed traveling with the First Baptist Church Senior Ambassadors.

She is survived by two daughters: Nell Spurgers and husband William of San Angelo, and Gloria Perry and husband Travis of San Angelo; two granddaughters, Cathy and Tom Hodges of Lubbock, Sandra and David Hendricks of Leander; four grandsons: David and Robert Spurgers of San Angelo, Kye Spurgers of Lake Buchanan, Lannie and Pam Spurgers of Longview; three great grandsons: Tom Matthew Hodges of Lubbock, Joshua and Zackery Spurgers of San Angelo; three great granddaughters: Lara and Jeff Nelson of Lubbock, Stacy and David Greer of Dallas and Tracy and Andy Bennett of Dallas; one great great grandson, T.J. Nelson of Lubbock.

# Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

"Tis the season to be jolly." And jolly we were as nine of Preceptor Kappa Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. The house was aglow with Christmas decorations as members gathered and brought food to enjoy. A chattering of voices could be heard as nine happy women gathered at the dinner table to enjoy the meal. A variety of finger foods, punch, eggnog and desserts were served.

After dinner members gathered around a beautiful Christmas tree decorated with pink and other bright colors to open gifts from their secret sisters. There were

exclamations of excitement as gifts were opened. The hostess was especially excited as she opened a cowboy Santa from her secret sister. Each member also received a winter snow-globe from the hostess and a lighted Christmas ornament from our president, Glenda Harris. No one will know who presented them with gifts until revealing time during our April celebration of Founder's Day.

Other members present to enjoy the party were: Flora Hubble, Barbara Jackson, Dorothy Dacy, Maggie Lloyd, Belinda Faulk, Kim-et Nelson and Linda Del-lavechia.

The next meeting will be on the second Tuesday of January 2008.

## Local effort gearing up for Rehab '08 telethon

Mary Roden of Eldorado and the popular musical group Restless Heart have something special in common: both have circled January 19 as the date they'll lend their voices to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Restless Heart members will be singing on stage at the Abilene Civic Center during Rehab's 38th annual telethon — and Mary and local volunteers will be talking on telephones at Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, asking Schleicher County residents to make donations to Rehab 2008.

Rehab 2008 will be carried live on 10 television stations across Texas and can be viewed on satellite at Galaxy 24/14c.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon features an auction of more than 400 items ranging from furniture to travel and agriculture items to electronic equipment, which have been donated by businesses and individuals. Items can be seen and bids placed from now until midnight on January 19 at [www.rehabauction.com](http://www.rehabauction.com). Additionally, an auction tabloid describing all items and listing toll-free bidding numbers will be published January 19 in the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Joining Restless Heart on stage during Rehab 2008 will be telethon hosts Charlie Chase and Red Steagall, as well as entertainers Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani,

Brad Maule, Twyla Foreman and the Rehab 2008 Orchestra. Other "stars" of the telethon are three businesses which have made significant commitments to help defray production costs: Area-Wide Phone Book, NTS Communications and American Airlines/American Eagle.

"We have a great show in store for viewers and hope Rehab friends across the state will enjoy it, have fun bidding on great auction items and, of course, pick up the phone and make a pledge to help us provide top-quality outpatient physical rehabilitation care to more than 23,000 children and adults who'll enter our doors in 2008," said WTRC president Woody Gilliland.

## Capital Highlights...

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**DPS labs receive accreditation**  
The Texas Department of Public Safety reported its 13 crime laboratories, after years of evaluation, have received international accreditation.

The DPS laboratories are located in Austin, Garland, Houston, El Paso, Waco, Corpus Christi, McAllen, Tyler, Lubbock, Midland, Abilene, Amarillo and Laredo.

Only three other state police laboratories in the U.S. have received international accreditation: Oregon, Utah and Idaho.

**State returns Crockett letter**  
The Texas Historical Commission announced Dec. 7 it would return a letter said to be the last one written by David Crockett.

Simpson Galleries in Houston offered the letter to the State of Texas for \$490,000 with 120 days to decide whether to purchase it.

The state decided not to, after putting the letter through forensic analysis by a private North Carolina firm.

The analysis failed to confirm the document's authenticity.



Samantha Renee Adame

## It's A Girl!

Samantha Renee Adame was born December 5, 2007 in Biloxi, Miss. She weighed 9lbs. 10z. and was 20 in. in length.

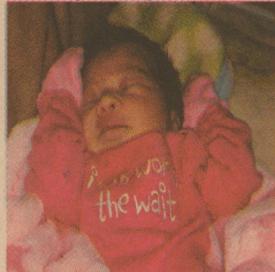
Her proud parents are Randy and Heidi Adame.

Samantha was welcomed by her grandparents Manuel and Pam Kraemer of Thibodaux, LA. and Richard and Yolanda Adame of Eldorado, TX.

Randy is presently serving in the Navy stationed in Guam.

Miram & Edmundo Garcia along with Marcos F. Morin Jr. would like to welcome their new baby sister...

Emily Jazlynn Morin



6 lbs. 14oz. & 19 inches  
Thursday December 6, 2007  
in San Angelo at 9:39 A.M.

Parents :  
Elizabeth & Marcos F. Morin Sr.

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Felix & Elizabeth Villa  
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## Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, December 24**  
Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potato, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange Half, Milk
- Tuesday, December 25**  
CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
- Wednesday, December 26**  
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie
- Thursday, December 27**  
Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussell Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Friday, December 28**  
Cattfish w/Tarter Sauce, Spinach, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Monday, December 31**  
Meatballs & Spaghett w/Tomato, Seasoned Spinach, Toss Salad, Banana w/Pudding, Milk

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And when the trimmings all come down,  
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**Lady Eagles fall to Mason**

by Coach Jesse Rubio

The Eldorado Lady Eagles Varsity team was in action this past Friday, December 14 when they played host to the Lady Cowgirls of Mason. The action started off well for Eldorado with the Lady Eagles converting on Mason turnovers to lead by 5 after the first quarter.

The second quarter would not fair as well as the Lady Eagles committed 10 turnovers that enabled Mason to take a 5 points halftime lead.

The Lady Eagles found themselves in foul trouble in the third quarter and allow Mason to go to the bonus where they would connect from the free throw line.

During the fourth quarter, de-

spite a valiant effort by the Lady Eagles, Mason pushed to a 14 point lead and took the victory. The loss pushes Eldorado's season total to 7 wins and 7 losses.

The Varsity Lady Eagles will play host this Friday, December 21 to the Lady Panthers of Nueces Canyon with scheduled tip-off at 4 p.m. in Eldorado.

During the Christmas holiday the Lady Eagles will be traveling to Rocksprings on Mon. Dec. 31st with action scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. with the JV teams taking the court first followed by the Varsity.

Thursday, January 3rd, 2008 the Lady Eagles JV and Varsity will play host to the Lady Badgers of McCamey with a tip-off time that is yet to be determined.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Aubrey Martinez brings the ball down the court against Mason Friday night. The Lady Eagles went on to lose the game. Eldorado will see its next action this Friday as they host the Lady Panthers of Nueces Canyon.

**JV Lady Eagles place 3rd in Eldorado JV Tournament**

by Coach Jesse Rubio

The JV Lady Eagles squad competed in the Eldorado JV tournament last week that took place with first round action on Thursday, December 13th against Water Valley. The Lady Eagles would struggle early, but got things going in the second half to see them push their overall record to 6-0.

The second round action took place on Saturday with the JV team taking on the Lady Cougars of Christoval. Christoval and Eldorado traded basket for basket during the whole contest and the game would not be decided until the final quarter when Eldorado missed on 5 free throws and Christoval would connect on two

free throws and go on to win 25-24 over Eldorado. The loss was the first for the Lady Eagles and their record fell to 6-1 overall.

The 3rd place game saw the Lady Eagles competing against the Lady Broncos of Sonora. The contest was heated with both sides exchanging baskets and the game headed to overtime where the Lady Eagles would outscore Sonora by 4 to preserve 3rd place and push their overall record to 7-1 on the season. Congratulations JV Lady Eagles!

Next action for the JV Freshmen will be when they host Iraan's Freshmen team on Friday, December 21st at 3 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

**HOOP SCORES**

**7th Grade Boys**

December 03, 2007  
Eldorado 10-12-02-11=35  
Menard 04-02-07-05=20  
Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchell 2, Will Barker 8, Rico Martinez 6, Dylan Ramos 2, Colten Jackson 7, Domingo Torres 2, D. Sanchez 4, Brian Parlsay 4.

December 10, 2007  
"A" Team  
Eldorado 08-10-08-18=44  
Water Valley 02-03-05-00=10  
Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchell 10, Will Barker 4, Colten Jackson 5, Dylan Ramos 5, Domingo Torres 4, Rico Martinez 10, John Paull Galan 6.

December 10, 2007  
"B" Team  
Eldorado 02-01-05-06=14  
Water Valley 00-06-06-08=20  
Scoring for the Eagles: Austin Strapp 2, Diego Sanchez 8, Edward Hernandez 4. 3 point goal: E. Hernandez (1).

**7th Grade Girls**

November 15, 2007  
Eldorado 02-16-04-09=31  
Christoval 06-00-13-06=25  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 12, Avery Nolen 12, Mary Lou Martinez 4, Kasey Gonzales.

November 19, 2007  
Eldorado 10-04-11-06=33  
Irion County 00-04-08-00=12  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 10, Nicki Herrera 4, Avery Nolen 2, Mary Lou Martinez 5, Kasey Gonzales 2, Brooke Guerrero 4, Lori Escobar 2, Stacey Valeriano 2, Jessica Pasillas 2.

November 26, 2007  
Eldorado 06-14-06-08=34  
Miles 06-01-04-13=24  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 10, Nikki Herrera 2, Avery Nolen 8 and Mary Lou Martinez 12.

**7th Grade Girls**

December 3, 2007  
Eldorado 11-09-10-02=32  
Menard 04-05-07-08=24  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 10, Nicke Herrera 4, Avery Nolan 3, Mary Lou Martinez 6, Kasey Gonzales 4, Brooke Guerrero 4, Stacey Valeriano 1.

December 10, 2007  
Eldorado 09-04-02-06=21  
Water Valley 00-02-01-04=07  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Miranda Arispe 2, Nicki Herrera 4, Avery Nolan 4, Mary Lou Martinez 6, Kasey Gonzales 1, J. Fernandez 2, Stacey Valeriano 2.

**8th Grade Girls**

November 15, 2007  
Eldorado 10-11-06-02=29  
Christoval 02-04-00-09=15  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Briannah Creek 212, Abby Fuentes 4, Brianda Torres, Kaylee Wilha 2.

November 19, 2007  
Eldorado 18-06-02-09=35  
Irion Co. 00-07-04-07=18  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Nancy Granados 2, AAllyssa Galindo 2, Briannah Creek 17, Abby Fuentes 4, Brianda Torres 2, Amanda Garcia 2, Mellissa Gonzales 4, Marissa Gonzales 2.

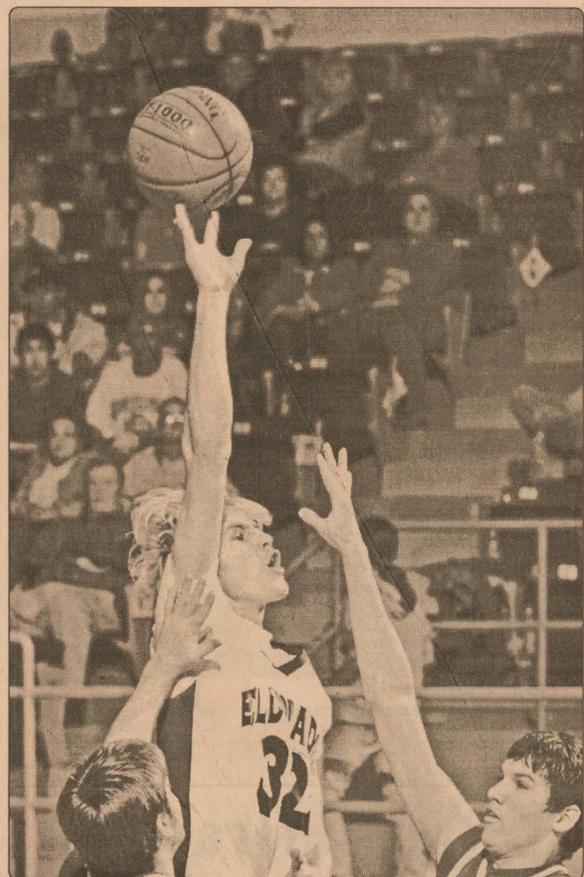


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Tyler Dombroski lofts a shot over Mason defenders Friday night during varsity boys action in Eagle Gymnasium.

**HOOP SCORES**

**8th Grade Boys**

November 26, 2007  
7th and 8th Grade  
Eldorado 10-10-05-07=32  
Miles 07-14-02-08=31  
Scoring for the Eagles: Robert Chavez 10, Nathan Jimenez 2, Tyler Farmer 9, Allen Espinosa 7, Blaine Mitchell 2, W. Barker 2.

December 03 2007  
Eldorado 13-12-10-08=43  
Water Valley 04-08-06-10=28  
Scoring for the Eagles: Robert Chavez 13, Nathan Jimenez 10, Christian Sanchez 2, Tyler Farmer 6, Allen Espinosa 10 and C.J. Knuston.

December 10, 2007  
Eldorado 05-09-17-10=41  
Water Valley 03-12-07-06=28  
Scoring for the Eagles: Robert Chavez 3, Nathan Jimenez 9, Christian Sanchez 2, Tyler Farmer 23, Allen Espinosa 2. 3 Point Goals: Tyler Farmer (7).

**8th Grade Girls**

November 26, 2007  
Eldorado 08-11-13-08=40  
Miles 00-04-08-00=12  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Briannah Creek 30, Abby Fuentes 8, Melissa Gonzales 2.

December 03, 2007  
Eldorado 04-14-03-10=31  
Menard 07-04-08-08=27  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Briannah Creek 14, Abby Fuentes 8, Brianda Torres 4, Melissa Gonzales 2, Marissa Gonzales 3.

December 10, 2007  
Eldorado 05-00-08-05=18  
Water Valley 16-05-06=27  
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Clarissa Gomez 1, Sierra Arispe 1, Abby Fuentes 8, Melissa Gonzales 4, Marissa Gonzales 3.

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## SPC livestock judging team wins at Oklahoma, WTAMU

LEVELLAND – The South Plains College Livestock Judging Teams competed at the Oklahoma Panhandle State Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest in Goodwell, Okla., on Nov. 30 and the West Texas A&M University Contest on Dec. 1 in Canyon. SPC won both contests with the sophomore team dominating both events.

“Our (SPC) students pulled together, focused on our experience and practice, and out-judged teams from Wyoming, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado,” said Cade Wilson, SPC Livestock Judging coach. “Few people realize how competitive these contests have become and how much time students practice. It paid off.”

At Oklahoma, the SPC team finished first in the sheep and cattle category and third in the swine and reasons division. Their combined efforts propelled them to a 40 point victory over the nearest opponent.

The sophomore team is comprised of Meagan Merket of Midland, Cody Lanier of Seminole, Andrew Napoles of San Antonio, Olivia Tilly of Hawley and Amanda Sooter of Seminole. Merket finished one point shy the top individual award to place second. Napoles and Tilly rounded out the top ten individuals.

The freshman team finished fourth overall. Members of the freshman team are Blake Fleming of Llano, Nickelynn Bays of Midland, Chance Neff of San Angelo, Isaiah Flores of Crosbyton, Jordan Leverett of Llano, Aaron Bracken of Midland, Peyton Wilde of Wall, Josh Chavez of Eldorado and Nathan Schwartz of Wall. Fleming and Bays finished in the top ten.

At West Texas A&M, the sophomore team featuring Lanier, Merket, Tilly, Sooter



SPC Photo/Wes Underwood

The South Plains College Livestock Judging Team recently won both the Oklahoma Panhandle State Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest and the West Texas A&M University Contest. Members of the freshman team are, from left on the front row, Isaiah Flores of Crosbyton, Nickelynn Bays of Midland, Chance Neff of San Angelo, Josue Chavez of Eldorado and Aaron Bracken of Midland. On the back row are, from left, Blake Fleming of Llano, Jordan Leverett of Llano, Peyton Wilde of Wall, Nathan Schwartz of Wall and Cade Wilson, SPC Livestock Judging Team coach.

and Napoles, finished first in sheep and swine division, third in oral reasons and fifth in cattle. Their efforts were led by an outstanding performance by Merket. She was the contest leader in cattle, sheep, oral reasons, second in swine and she finished first overall by 19 points. Napoles finish eighth overall.

The freshman team finished eighth out of 20 teams. Neff and Flores received top ten individual awards.

“I am very proud what our team has ac-

complished,” Wilson said. “We understand there are still numerous goals left to achieve however the team’s hard work and commitment to success has made meeting those aspirations obtainable.”

The team will resume practice in early January kicking off the spring semester in Denver, Colo., at the National Western Intercollegiate Judging Contest. The team will compete in contests in Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston during the spring.



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1925 Team-Front (L-R): Sam Calhoun, Conn Isaacs, Beeler Brown and Robert Isaacs; Back (L-R) Tom Kent, Zack Dameron, Roy W. Fletcher- Coach, Jim Hinyard

## Texas DPS increases enforcement for the holidays

All available DPS troopers will be on patrol for the Christmas and New Year's holidays in an effort to make the roads safer for all travelers.

DPS troopers will be on the lookout for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators from Saturday, December 22 through Tuesday, December 25, and again on Monday, December 31 through Tuesday, January 1. DPS is especially concerned about drinking and driving during the holidays.

During the Christmas and New Year's holidays last year, DPS troopers made 1,253 DWI arrests and issued 27,032 speeding tickets and 1,183 seat belt citations. In addition, troopers issued 1,326 tickets for child safety seat violations. (These numbers do not include citations written by other law enforcement agencies.)

“Your chances of getting arrested for DWI or receiving a traffic citation nearly doubles during increased enforcement periods like Operation Holiday,” said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. said. “Traffic crash death notifications are never easy, but they are even more difficult during the holidays. Our hope is that our efforts, combined with other law enforcement across the state, will save some people from needless traffic deaths during the holiday season.”

Highway Patrol troopers ask Texans to remember the following

- driving safety tips:
- Slow down—speed is the number one killer on Texas roads.
  - Don't drink and drive; get a designated driver.
  - Buckle up everyone in the vehicle.
  - Keep cell phone chatter to a minimum.
  - Drive with courtesy; it's contagious.
  - Slow down in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

## Touch of History

by Rena Calcote

### Basketball team of 1920's missed playing in indoor Gym

Basketball started with two peach baskets affixed to a 10 ft. high railing and with a soccer ball in a YMCA gymnasium in Massachusetts. James Naismith, a PE coach, invented the game of basketball in 1891, trying to create an indoor sport to be played in a small area.

The young Eldorado High

School students of the 1920's, pictured in the photo, did not have the luxury of playing ball in an indoor gym, but they excelled to championship anyway.

Eldorado School System built the first gymnasium in 1934, and it is still used today in the elementary building.

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Dear Santa,  
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Dear Santa,  
 Merry Christmas Santa! I would like a guitar with a sound thing.  
 Love, Jacob Politte

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a Make-up Kit, a new bike, a doll and that is all. I will have milk and cookies for you.  
 Love, Kelsey Stanford

Dear Santa,  
 Hello, I have been good. Please bring me a target game, and a dump truck. Santa, please bring my brother, Ernesto, a fire truck. He does not know how to write. Bring my mother make-up and my Dad a life jacket to keep him safe. I will leave you tamales. Be Safe.  
 Love, Juan Nava



**Letters To Santa**

Dear Santa,  
 I would like a cash register from McDonald's and a McDonald's Happy Meal with money inside. I also want a boat.  
 Love, Mario Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
 I want a sword and a tent to sleep in. Bring me some lotion that dad said I can have and a picture to put in my room. I need a toy like a water wheel.  
 Love, Austin Kotsch

Dear Santa,  
 How are your reindeer? I would like a Bratt's computer. Bring my brother a toy horse. I have been a good girl.  
 Love, Leonela Leija

Dear Santa,  
 I want a John Deere lawn mower. I like John Deer! I want a dinosaur like Canyon has and a cool race car and a Ratatouille movie.  
 I love you, Reese Faull

Dear Santa,  
 I want a camera, a movie, I want Shrek, Ratatouille, I want you to please bring my brother winter clothes. I have been a good girl.  
 Love, Marialuisa Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
 I want make-up, a microphone, Milli Syrus - Hannah Montana stuff and her wig, a puppet, a Bratt house with Bratt's and a Christmas dress.  
 Love, LexiAnn Chatham

Dear Santa,  
 I want a puppy, a doll, a monkey like Mrs. Droll and Mrs. Rojas has at school to hang on my door, a new back pack and that is all.  
 Love, Jordyn Cox

Dear Santa,  
 I want a deer blind, another part of our train set and that is all.  
 Love, James Edmonson

Dear Santa,  
 Hello, can you bring me some candy, and an airplane, and a train? I will leave you some cookies.  
 Love you! Elijah Boone

Dear Santa,  
 How are you and your reindeer? Santa bring me a bike with training wheels. I already have a bike helmet. I will leave you very much.  
 Love, Eduardo Contreras

Dear Santa,  
 Say "Hi" to Rudolf. I have been real good to my Tia and Tio! Please bring me Batman web and a Batman skateboard. I will leave food for your reindeer.  
 Love you, Robert Olivares

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a baby doll and some Lego's. Bring Lupe a dress, she is my sister.  
 Love, Karen Esparza

Dear Santa,  
 I want a kitchen play set and paper to write with, a skirt and pants with ponies and star's on them. And lot's of markers and coloring books and bring me a Christmas sock with my name on it. My name is Jozee.  
 Love you! Jozee Lloyd

Dear Santa,  
 How are you doing? What I want for Christmas is a Barbie and a doll house, make them be Bratt's Barbies. Wiley wants a Power Ranger and Hudson wants army stuff. Santa my brothers are really good to me. I will leave chocolate chip cookies and regular milk.  
 Love you, Laney Martin

Dear Santa,  
 Bring me some clothes to wear for Christmas and shoes. Also bring me a baby doll to play with and a coloring book.  
 Love you, Monica Torres

Dear Santa,  
 Hello, I have been real good. Bring me some skates, please. Being me a baby doll with a stroller and a crib and baby bottle and a ring.  
 Love you, Angel Arispe

Dear Santa,  
 I want a moon set and a baby doll with baby clothes and bottle. Bring me a kitchen set like the one at school. I will leave you cookies.  
 Love, Azia Ruiz

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring a Spiderman and Batman action figures. Bring my dad a belt, bring my mom some ski's. I have been a good boy.  
 Love, Michael Creek

Dear Santa,  
 How are your reindeer? Tony Rey and I sometimes fight, but I am real good at school. I get a lot of happy faces at school. Bring me a laptop, and a guitar and bring me a skateboard. My mommy will buy you cookies and milk from Wal-Mart and she will buy a lot of strawberries.  
 Love you, Isaac Martinez

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring a motorcycle not a helmet, my teacher already gave me one. I also want a Christmas party at my house with all my friends and my teachers can come too.  
 Love you, Mason Doan

Dear Santa,  
 I want a Mustang remote control toy and motorcycle scooter and Spiderman web and a pirate scope and two boats. I have been good.  
 Love you, Kayden Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring Dora clothes and make-up, butterfly and blocks and some Dora shoes. I have been good to mommy.  
 Love you, Jazmin Clifton

Dear Santa,  
 I want a helicopter and a Spiderman web action figure and a Spiderman car. I have been pretty good. Please bring my brother a Leap Frog and bring my Mom baking dishes and my Dad new tools. Thank you very much!  
 Love you, Jose Figueroa

Dear Santa,  
 My Mommy already wrote to you but we are writing to you in class again. I hope you and the reindeer are good. See you Christmas morning.  
 Love, Levi Sullivan

Dear Santa,  
 I have been good. Please bring me and my sister's a kitchen to play in. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
 Love you, Leslie Alegria

Dear Santa,  
 I want a pony, a new chair and a Christmas tree and that is it.  
 Nuvea Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me 3 instruments, (1) trumpet, (2) guitar, (3) drum with a tambourine to make awesome music. And a remote control monster truck. I have been dad sometimes, but I am trying to be good. Please don't forget me!  
 Love you, Marshall Faull

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring a green bike with brakes and training wheels. I have been real good.  
 Love David Barajas

Dear Santa,  
 I want a toy key, toy phone, and a Transformer "Optimus Prime".  
 Love Adrian Martinez

Dear Santa,  
 Bring me a new bike. I want a red one and a Christmas hand puppet like Mrs. Droll has. I have been a good boy.  
 Love, Sebastian Silva

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a huge swing set to play on with a slide. I have been a good boy.  
 Love, Bernardo Romo

Dear Santa,  
 Would you please bring me a Barbie doll and Barbie clothes and some jewelry.  
 Love, Aislin Nixon

Dear Santa,  
 Please bring me a snow board and a snow globe. Bring my sister a Christmas bear. Santa I am trying to be a better girl.  
 Love you, Czarina Falcon

**Weekly Crossword Puzzle**

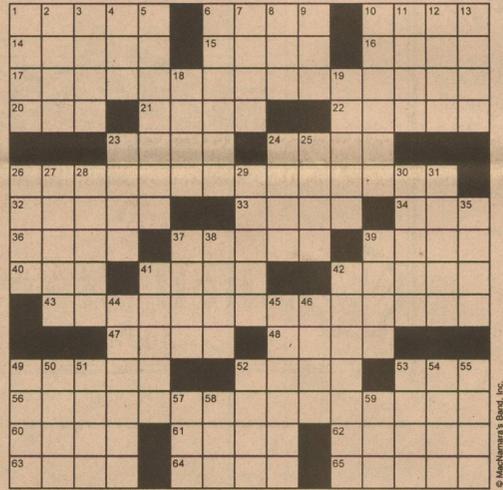
- ACROSS**  
 1. Stogie after Curly  
 6. Baseball card fig.  
 10. Cut into boards  
 14. Raring to go  
 15. Xenia's state  
 16. Irish Rose lover  
 17. Business magazine's language?  
 20. Break a Commandment  
 21. Lana of Smallville  
 22. Soda bottle size  
 23. Punch-in time for many  
 24. Spinach is rich in it  
 26. Former airline's language?  
 32. Cuts and pastes  
 33. Ready to serve  
 34. Locomotive part  
 36. Palo \_\_\_\_  
 37. Shelled out  
 39. Vena \_\_\_\_ (main vein)  
 40. Title for McCartney  
 41. Miracle Mets stadium  
 42. Papparazzo's quarry  
 43. Dramedy show's language?  
 47. Crier's employer  
 48. Gen-\_\_\_\_ (boomers' kids)  
 49. Lamb Chop manipulator Lewis  
 52. Retin-A treats it  
 53. Orienteering

- DOWN**  
 1. Stage constructions  
 2. Mata \_\_\_\_  
 3. Narc Eddie (Pop-eye) \_\_\_\_  
 4. Rx item  
 5. Tourney starters  
 6. Oklahoma athlete  
 7. Tough guy  
 8. Make public

9. Scale unit  
 10. Like seawater  
 11. Help in a heist  
 12. Chips brand  
 13. Not e'en once  
 18. Dick's primer mate  
 19. Admiral Byrd book  
 23. Defense alliance since 1949

24. Trash can, on a PC  
 25. Go into hysterics  
 26. Carrots' partners  
 27. Wing it on stage  
 28. Explosive stuff  
 29. Thing to aim for  
 30. Locker room item  
 31. Mansard edges  
 35. Bunyan's ox  
 37. Take third place  
 38. An Ivy, briefly  
 39. Toon collectibles  
 41. Zeno, notably  
 42. Law, medicine, etc.  
 44. Burnout cause  
 45. It may be lame  
 46. Mannerly sort  
 49. Attempted to score  
 50. Hockey legend  
 51. Congregation's assent  
 52. Monkey-seemonkey-do sort  
 53. Whimper like a baby  
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 57. On vacation  
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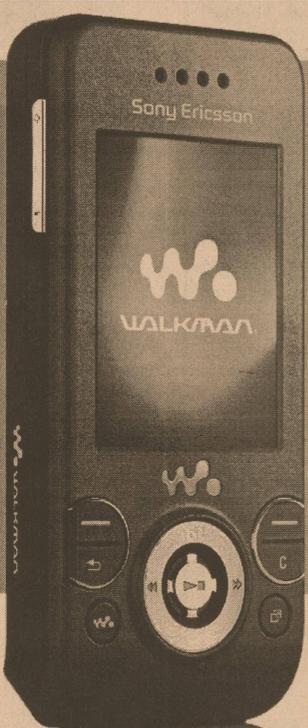
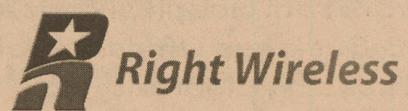


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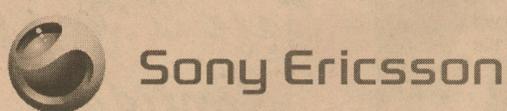
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Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a monkey truck I found in San Angelo. I already have two big trucks. Tell the reindeers Ho, Ho, fly, fly through the air. Be careful and come back. Please bring present then fly away in the dark. Merry Christmas  
Isaiah Wilson

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some books and babies. I would also like some Barbie houses and some markers for drawing. Bring Myra a Dora house. Tell Rudolph to eat good so he can come fast.  
Glaicy Sierra

Dear Santa  
Please bring me a baby, a doll house, a castle for my princess. My brother Isacc wants a prince and sister, Alex wants a princess like me. The reindeer can have some cookies and I will leave you some Pizza.  
Ilaina Luna

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a motorcycle and toys. Bring Bevo a go-cart, my Dad a car, Marisol make-ups and Mom pretty clothes. I will leave cookies and Menudo for you to eat.  
Christopher DeLuna

Dear Frosty and Santa,  
I will leave you some turkey for dinner. I promise to be good, so bring me presents. Tell the reindeer to not be bad and I will leave them some eggs. My Wamaw is good to me so bring her some pajamas.  
James Kimble

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me toys, colors and hair brushes for my babies. Bring my brother Leo a computer and for Jennifer some Barbies. Tell the reindeer to bring me a star.  
Mitzy Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want some make-up, a Barbie, and some Hannah Montana hair. Please tell the reindeer I would like a necklace. I would also like a real Cinderella. I will leave a fire going for you with cookies and milk. I will also leave you flowers, I hope you like them.  
Elizabeth McNeil

Dear Rudolph and Santa Claus,  
I love you and Rudolph. I am going to be nice. Please bring some candy, ice cream, and dolls. Bring the presents to Mexico because I am going to see my grandfather. I will be a good listener.  
Ratzari Narvaez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a baby princess and a brother. I promise I will be good. Andy my brother wants a Spider man shirt and suit. I will leave some milk and cookies.  
Jasmine Ruezga

Dear Santa Claus  
Please bring me presents. Power Rangers, movies, and cars. Bring Mommy presents and more for Dad too. I will leave you pancakes for breakfast. I am going to leave grapes for the reindeer.  
J'Zyaiaz Llanez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me presents for Christmas. For clean the house. I would like some markers, fire-works, cookies, necklace, and milk to go with the cookies. I will leave you a cookie and for the reindeer milk.  
Perla Aranda

Dear Santa.  
A Papi una casa, y Mommy a shirt and a necklace. Perla wants a princess. Jr, una troca.  
Perla Contreras

Letters To  
Santa



Dear Santa,  
I want toys. A football, TV, and a Christmas bell from your sleigh. I will be leaving some cookies for you. This year please eat the whole cookie and not just a bite, and I will leave some milk also.  
Zaraivion Armendarez

Dear Santa.  
Please bring me some drinks made of coconut. Toys will be good also. A bed, hat, cowboy deer gun and another tractor. Santa you can have some of my cookies and milk. Bring baby a baby doll and for Daddy a remote control and for Mommy a truck.  
Wyatt Gaitan

Dear Santa,  
Bring me butter scotch. I want you to send me a letter. Bring Mommy a pink dress. I will leave some grass for the reindeer and for you some apples.  
Leeanna Gandar  
Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a toy and an apple. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas. Please bring me two princesses, and a Dora toy. A motorcycle for my brother Kevin, for my sister Titan she wants a princess to.  
Kassandra Gutierrez

Dear Santa Claus,  
Bring Kali some toys and come visit Kali. I will leave you some of my birthday cake to eat.  
Love Kali

Dear Santa Claus  
I want a baby girl from Mommy's pansa. Daniel wants a monster truck. Bring me my Happy Birthday and I will leave you cake to eat.  
Daniel Guerra

Dear Santa,  
Alex wants a truck.  
Alex Wilson

Kindergarten  
Mrs. Hutto's  
Class

Dear Santa,  
I will give you a present when you come to my house. It will be a picture of you that I colored. For Christmas I will want a present that is something that has wheels, it's a car.  
Love, Frankie Villanueva

Dear Santa,  
My mom wants a new picture and I want a jacket for my dog and I want a new toy for my mom's bird. I want a car that comes with a remote for me. I miss you, Santa.  
Love, Malachi Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman toy and a Spiderman toy for Christmas. Please bring Mikayla a baby doll. I want a football, too.  
Love, Jose Trevino

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll set for Christmas. Can you bring a football for my brother, Byron? I also want a TV for my room. Have a safe trip.  
Love, Jessi Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake kitchen for Christmas and a Barbie and a Brat. Have a good day!  
Love, Lindy Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I want toys, games, dogs and some cat, and a football for Christmas. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.  
Love, Joseph Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and a computer. I have been good.  
Love, Jennifer Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo DS and please bring some games to go with it. I also want a Ben 10 game. I want some Pokemon cards and Yugio cards. Tell Rudolph I think he has a very shiny nose.  
Love, Kaden Key

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball and a basket that you shoot the ball in. Thanks and have a safe trip.  
Love, Emiliano Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo DS that comes with games and make-up and a Babykin and that is all. I will leave cookies for you.  
Love, Lesette Escobar

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard and knee pads and that's it. Have a safe trip and say hi to Rudolph for me.  
Love, Austin Daniels

Dear Santa,  
I want a highchair for my baby doll and a baby crib and a stroller that you can put two babies in. Have a safe trip.  
Love, Erica Belman

Dear Santa,  
I want a guitar and a talking Barbie doll and a butterscotch horse and a radio with a CD. I would also like some jewelry with a dime on it and I really want a basketball and some new boots. I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
Love, Gisselle Lowe



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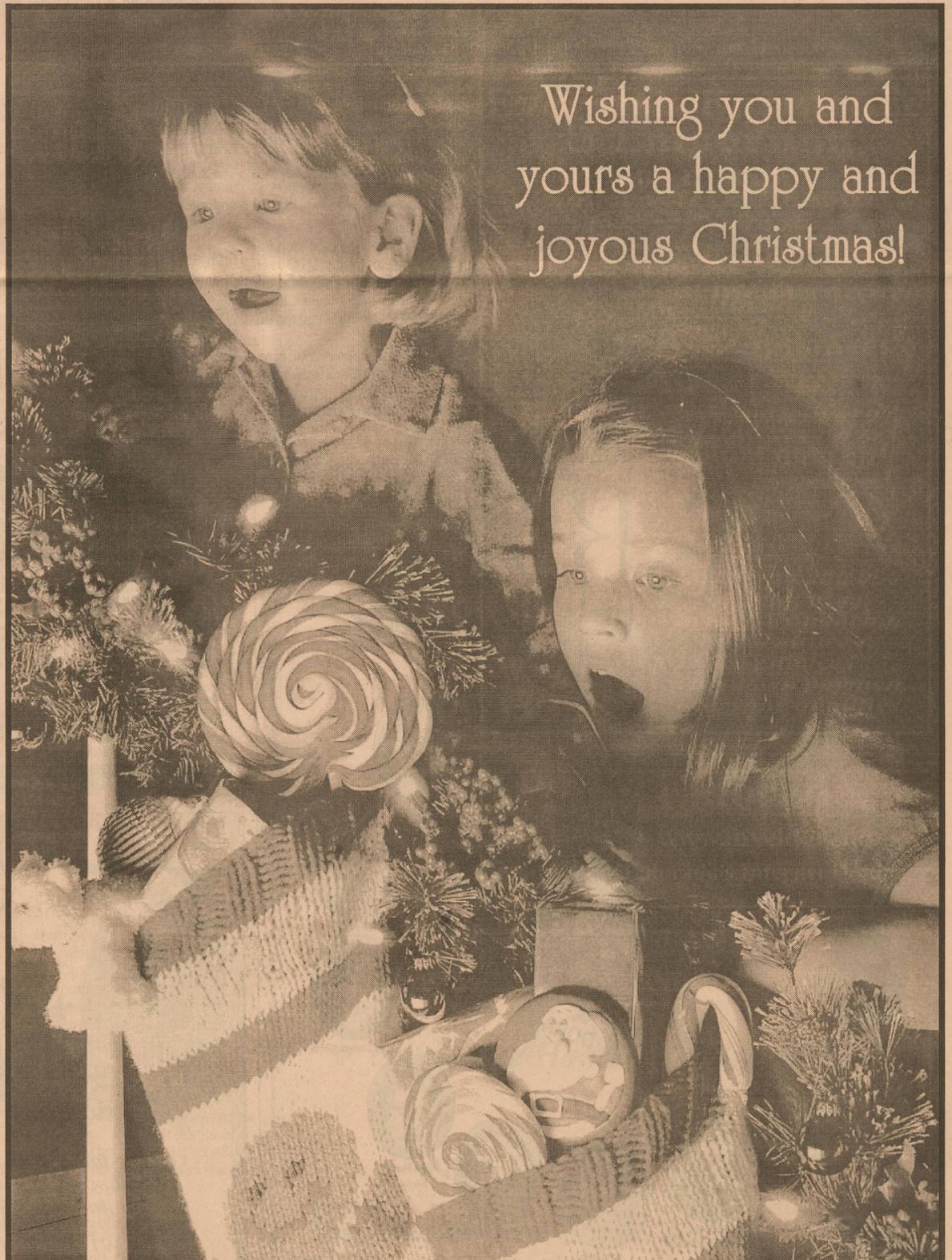
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Love, Codee Meador

Dear Santa,

I want a snowboard. I want a toy cowboy with a bucking horse and a skateboard. What do the elves do? How could the reindeer fly?  
Thank you, Caleb Nolen

Dear Santa,

I want Lightening McQueen car and Mater and the blue car and the green car and the policeman. I want a truck that's red.  
Thank you, Isaias Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie with a Hat World house and a baby. I want a Mickey Mouse book and stickers like the teacher has. I want a Santa Clause CD and a pink car and a computer.  
Love, Esmeralda Cruz

Dear Santa,

I want a house with Barbies and babies and a Princess Barbie. I want a baby toy with a stroller. I want a computer, a toy bear, and a very little, real baby puppy. Are you doing good Santa? Love, Maria Gallegos

Dear Santa,

I want a black and blue Monster truck and a Lightening McQueen race car. I want the blue race car that crashed in the movie Cars. I want a top with a button that makes it spin.

I want a helicopter with a remote. Do you get Christmas presents?  
Your Friend Ethan Hocutt



Dear Santa,

I want a toy motorcycle and a black toy Dodge. I need a new Spiderman backpack. I want an Eagles football jersey with number 33 and some Michael Jordan black shoes. I want a new blue t-shirt, a Spiderman necklace, some football cleats, The Incredible coloring book and a new Dallas Cowboy's cap. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Your Friend Kevan Covarrubiaz

Dear Santa,

I want a toy bus and a choo-choo train toy.  
Love, Tony Swicegood

Dear Santa,

I want a blue toy truck and race cars. I want shoes, new pants, scissors, and a book.  
Your Friend, Moises Hill

Dear Santa,

I want a Spiderman where he was climbing on the truck. I want a Spiderman that climbs up the wall and a black Spiderman that throws webs and catches the bad guys. Then I want a Spiderman climbing on a web then he slides down. I want a Power Ranger to fight with him on a CD. I want a Batman suit. Ho, Ho, Ho. How are the reindeer doing? How is the one with the shiny nose?  
Your Friend, Joe Alex Belman

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie, a computer, Brats, a Strawberry Shortcake doll with a chair, a Princess toy, a puppy, a toy pizza, a tree, a hat, and a toy bear called Kipper.  
Love, Ariela Zamora

Dear Santa,

I want a Superman toy, an airplane that turns into a robot, a Spiderman that shoots webs out, and a Polar Express train. I want some paper and paint, so I can paint. And a color book too. Are you glad it's Christmas?  
Love, Isaac Alvarez

Dear Santa,

I want a PSP, a LeapFrog game, a transformer toy, a black Spiderman toy, a Buzz Lightyear toy, a Batman toy, a blue Ninja Turtle toy, a big shark with the octopus in the bowl and the floatie, and I want Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer toy. I WANT Rudolf to be happy. Does Rudolf have a red nose?  
Your Friend, Phillip Garcia

Dear Santa,

I want a play computer and a DVD player for my room. I want a play toy monkey that moves his arms when you push a button on his back. I want a play Rudolf with his nose so bright toy, a play Santa Clause that his nose shines. How's the reindeer doing? Do you stop and eat on the way? I want a Barbie.  
Love, Kami Lux



Dear Santa,

I want a shaker that makes music and I want a Hanna Montana Barbie with a walk way. I also want four bones for my doggies like last year.  
Love, Emmie Grace Mynatt

Dear Santa,

I would really like a deer blind for Christmas so I can shoot a deer. Can I have a skateboard and a pogo stick like Coach Mitchell has?  
Merry Christmas, Wyatt Lloyd

Dear Santa,

I want a deer blind to go hunting and stakes to go with it to keep it from going up in the wind. I need a gun to shoot a deer with too.  
Thank You, Phillip Edmonson

Dear Santa,

Since I go hunting with my dad I would like to have a camouflage suit. I think I want a record. I need a place to put my rocks in my rock collection. I want a picture frame.  
Merry Christmas, Andrea Meador

Dear Santa,

I want a bike, a little Christmas tree, boots, toys, a magna doodle, and colors.  
Love you,  
Gregorio Sierra

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a jeep, a toy like Ninja Turtle, I want a rocket ship, a computer, a Shrek the Third movie, a T-rex, a rhino, a squirrel, and a bike. Merry Christmas!  
Thank You, Roberto Perez

Dear Santa,

Hi. I want a bike for Christmas. I want new roller skates too.  
Merry Christmas,  
Jackie Covarrubiaz

Dear Santa,

My Grandma is coming to my house and bringing lots of presents. I want you to come to my house. I like toys, ballerinas, skates, and ponies.  
Merry Christmas! I love you!  
Laura Saurez

Dear Santa,

I want a rip stick skateboard, and Xbox 360, a Wii, and a Game Boy.  
Happy Holidays, Taner Swinford

Dear Santa,

I want a monkey, frog, turtle, and a lion. Can I have a football and a pumpkin too?  
I Love You, Dominic Torres

Dear Santa,

I just want a Brat Doll. Thank You!  
Love, Jaylynn Estep

Dear Santa,

I want the Bee Movie and Bee Movie toys for Christmas. I want some cowboy boots with red tops. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!  
Love, Edgar Muniz

Dear Santa,

I want a new bicycle and a four wheeler for Christmas.  
Thank You, Julian Garza

Dear Santa,

I want red boots for Christmas and a teddy bear.  
Merry Christmas, Esmeralda Hill

Dear Santa,

I want a Brat doll, a Barbie, and a box of colors.  
Merry Christmas, Mia Ruiz

Dear Santa,

I would like some moon sand, a creepy crawler thing you make bugs with, and a slurppy machine to make red drinks. Have a good trip.  
Merry Christmas, Hunter Hernandez

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# Christmas

Welcome in the Season

Christmas is coming and we just want to extend a hand of thanks to everyone who passed through our store this year. Best wishes for a joyous, old-fashioned Christmas.

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### Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Watch Your Language!

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# Letters To Santa



Kindergarten

Mrs. Homer's Class

Dear Santa,  
I want a video game and a computer and a truck. I want a little Barbie for my sister. I want a toy gun and a football helmet too. Thank you for all the toys!  
Kevin Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Whac-a-Mole Tower, and big football player helmet. Thank you for giving me all the toys I wanted.  
Camron Heard

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I want a video game about football. How are all the reindeer? I want a Naked Mole Rat too. Thank you, Santa!  
Jaakan Jurecek

Dear Santa,  
I want papers, folders, a dog house, a Barbie house, a blanket. Austin wants a dog, please. Faith needs a Barbie. Thank you for everything!  
Kayla Kotsch

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Thank you for giving me all the toys. I want a video game for my brother. I want a big football and a helmet. I love you, Santa: I want a painting board. That's it. Thank you for giving me all the presents!  
Michael Mata

Dear Santa,  
Could I have some board games and video games? I want games that my brother Jonathan can play and games that I can play too. How many degrees is it at the North Pole? Thank you!  
Benjamin McGee

Dear Santa,  
I want a video game, a computer, and a game for my brother. I want a Naked Mole Rat. Thank you!  
Felix Ochoa

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer, a Barbie car, and a toy Bratz. Thank you!  
Haley Riojas

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Thank you for some of the toys we have. Merry Christmas to Mrs. Claus! I want a music player. I want some roller skates. Thank you for having the city and all our friends.  
Mikayla Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue truck. Just one more, a white trailer. I want a Super Mode bike. That's all. Thank you!  
J.R. Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? I've been good. Will you come to my house? I want something for Christmas and it's a toy. I want a computer game. I want a video game. Thank you!  
Kathryn Shipman

Dear Santa,  
I want Pokemon cards, a motorcycle, and a video game for my brother. Thank you for my toys last year. How is Rudolph? I hope the elves are working hard.  
Dustin Shriver

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing? I am Isaac. I want a Naked Mole Rat and a Spiderman Web Blaster. And I would like a nerf gun, and a real bow and arrow. My brother wants a Naked Mole Rat too. Thank you!  
Isaac Sorrells



Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl, this year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me Nintendo Ds and a I pot and Maria Game. Please bring my Mom a labtop. Please bring my Dad a laptop and Please bring my littol brother a littol shrt.  
Your frind, Regina Alvizo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very dood girl this year. this Christmas I would like for you to bring me pspanda NinetendoDs and a new bike. Please bring Moma a bra new ink watch. Merry Christmas!  
Love Abigail Arevalo

Dear Santa  
I have been a very good boy this year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a new bike. Please bring my brother a Ninetendo. Merry Christmas  
Love Gregory Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl this yeay. This Christma I would like for you to bring me A dora bike care bear and o nintrend is and a dora sleqing bag. Please bring my sister a nintendo DS  
Merry Christmas!  
Love Kelsey Wike

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good boy this year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a psp and x box 360 and a remote control Helicopter and tow games for my psp. how is Rudolf doen. Merry Christmas!  
Love, Ram Barajas, Your friend

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy this yeay. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me A BB gun and a dirt bike, a pocket knif and a New Cowby hat,. Please bring Clayton a four wheeler and a Shot gun.  
Love Colton Arendt  
HO HO HO

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl is year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Barbies tlings for my hair and a faxe puppy that talks. Please bring my sister watch.  
Savannah Torres Merry Christ-  
mas!

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl, This year. This Christmas I would like for yor to bring me a blanket frog, a now bike, and a new dool and Jacket. Please bring my sistr a necklace and a shirt. HO, HO, HO  
Merry Christmas Lorena Huerta

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl this year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a B arbie bike. Please bring my mom a ring.  
Merry Christmas!  
Love, Hope Barajas

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this yar this Christmas i would like f you to bring me a game and a rod nail polish and a big bicke. Please bring my mom a watch.  
I love you Hailey Gandar

Dear Satna,  
I have been a very good boy This year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a four wheeler and brand new bike and a dirt bike. Please bring my mom a woch. Hew is Rudolf,  
Love Julian Pena

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good girl this year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a real brown and white puppy a Barbie bike and a fake orange cat. How is Mrs. Claus? You are my friend.  
Cristina Estrada

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good boy this year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me car and a robot toy and please bring my borhter a persent too.  
Love Jesse Gonzales

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have been a very good boy This year. This Christmas I would like for you to bring me a power ranger and power ranger cars and power ranger rocket  
Merry Christmas Santo! Love,  
Dusin Swicegood, Your friend



1st Grade

Mrs. Curtis Class

Dear Santa,  
How are my brothers doing. Are they doing there best in school? I no Jaziah is doing good in school. But I don't no about Zاراevian. Please will yux bring me a docto's kit and a new puppy please please please! And my brother some Power rangers.  
Your friend, Zaria Armendarez

Dear Santa,  
I want two toys for Christmas. There names are Woody and Buss. Woody has a pull string. Buss has more gadgets then Woody. Buss has a laser. Buss has two wings. Buss is a space ranger. Woody is a cowboy.  
Your friend, Jayden Boone

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is all of the reindeer? Have the reindeer been good? Please bring me a brat and please bring my brother a motorcycle and please bring my brother a ex box game your friend.  
Marisel DeLuna

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Rudolf doing? Can I have a laptop for Christmas? How is my bi sister? My sister wants a little sister. My pal Michael wants a truck.  
Happy Holidays  
Your friend, Edmundo Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,  
How has Dancer been? How have you been? I have been a good boy. I would like some legos please. Mysister would like a cell-phone. I have a bell for you.  
Your friend, Jack Griffin

Dear Santa,  
How Rudolf? Did Mrs. Claus Help you? Is Mrs. Claus is fed the reindeers? Dear Santa I want for Christmas a computer. And my brother wants a gun. My Pal Michael wants a new truck. Merry Christmas and happy holidays.  
Your friend, Yaileen Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa and Mrs. Claus? Santa please bring me an new bicke. My sister wants a toy baby. My brother wants a ball. My mom wants a TV. My dad wants a bible. Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Kaden Scott Johnson

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Rudolf? Please get me a cash register. My sister wants a baby. I want a nutcrackers. My mom wants a stocking. My Dad wants some boots. My brother wans a gun. I have ben good fuor Santa Claus. My sister have ben good.  
by Jacquelyn Lozano



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Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Rudolf and all of the reindeer? I love all of the reindeers. how is Mrs. Claus doing? What I want For Christmas is a Barbie labtop. What my brother wants is a control car. We two ben too good so so so so good For Christmas.  
Your friend, Jayda Reed

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please buy me a electric scooter. Please buy me a latop four Crismis. Buy my brother a electric scooter motorcycle. My mom wants a noow suburban black. Please dont forget where my house is.  
Your friend, Eddykah Rodriguez

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Dear Santa Claus,  
How was Mis Clous? I woi a good boy. I want my brother wants a fast car. He say plis and I want a dino. power ranger. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Your friend, Efrain Manriquez

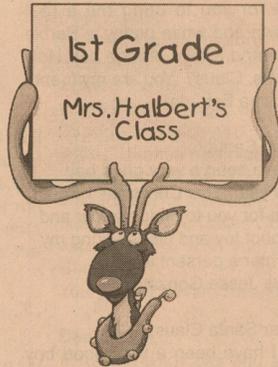
Dear Santa Claus,  
I bin notee and nise. My sister was a little Baby buny for Chrismis. My Big sister wants a laptop. My mom wants a reng. My dad wants a new jet ske. I want a new mod-ersikle Sanla Claus.  
your friend,  
Julio Narvaez



# Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,  
How is Dancer and Rudolf? How is Mrs. Claus. How are you doing? Please bring me a new pet shop that is 40\$. And of course my brother and he wants a little back pack. My mom wants a vacuum cleaner.  
Your friend, Dacey Roubison

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? Good I hope. I want a arme game to play games with my brothers.  
Merry Christmas.  
Your friend, Shawn Solis



Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip may I please have a guitar and a pair of ice skates. My dad would like some tough gloves. I like some painted wooden flowere for my mom.  
Lovee Micaela Forlano

Dear Santa,  
I want to see you! Merry Christmas! May I please have a v-bot. I have cholet milk for you. Rudolf can have karuts.  
luv Patrick Self

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have an I pod and a toy monkey that can hang on to me. I would like a sparkling snowman for my mom. I would like a roping rope for my stepdad. For my, brother, Justin, please bring him a toy truck. Tres would like a paintset.  
Love Payton Whitten.

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a read puppy and a toy reindeer.  
Love, Alexis Vallejo

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a brasliset and a webkinz. My mom

wants a necls.  
Love Christine Lindsey

Dear Santa  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a romote truck. I hope you like my cookes and milk.  
Love Cody Cope

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a book and coat. Kloos for my mom.  
Luv, Jose Moya

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a city and a hat. My mom lkics a gold Woch. I love Mis. Clos.  
love Evalyn Mejia

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a new backpack. My little sister would love some barbie dolls. My big sister would like a laptop.  
Love, Myra Sierra

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a star wars ship toy and a star wars gun. Mom wants a fanny clothes. Dad wants a fishing loor. Hielfs! I wish you have a Merry Christmas!  
Love Trent Collins

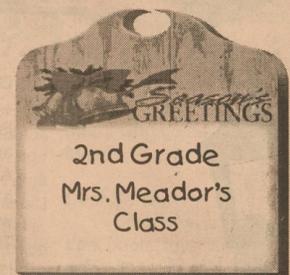
Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a toy gun. Mom want hores stof. Dad wants a new four whelr. How is Rudolf?  
Love Wyatt Mertz

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a pair of skates and a pretty angel for my room. I would like my mom to have a new pair of earrings. My brother would like a spiderman toy.  
Love Jazmine Treviño

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chistmas! I hope you have a safe trip! May I please have a robot toy dog and a Hanna Montana Doll. My sister wouel like a Dora Castle.

Love, Laura Coronado

Dea Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you have a saf trip! May I please have a toy truck and ship. Dad wants a gun. Mom wants hores deker rans.  
Love, Riley Jones



Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you? This year I would like a puppy. I also want a Wii. Finally, Would like a game boy. I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
Love Alysa Reza

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? This year I woLld like an elf. Also I would lie a Motorecle. Thanks Santa. I will leoave cookies and mik at my houe.  
Love, Julian Gandar

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? Write me dack. This year I would like a castle, tent yard A Barbei house. I will leave some cookies and some milk and some reindeer food. By!  
Love Emmy Arispe

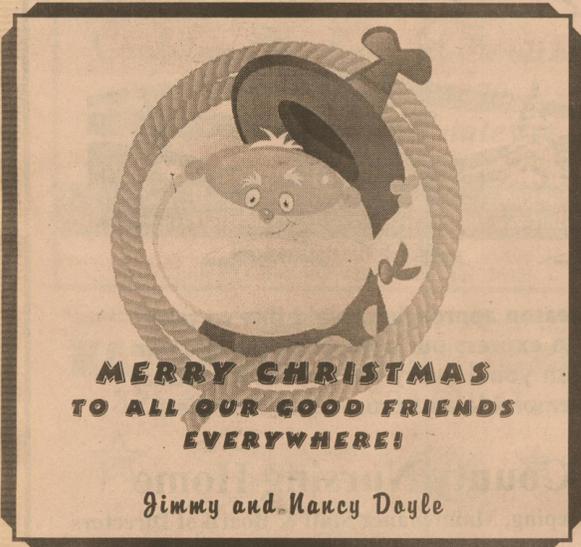
Dear Santa Claus, Hi! How are you? This year I would like a teddy bear. I also want is a new jacket. Fainally, I would like a jump rope. Thanks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
Love, Erica Santellano

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi! How are you? This year I would like a new jump rope. I also want a skatebord. Finally, I would like a four wheeler. Thanks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
Love Emelyn Reyes

Dear Santa Claus  
Hi! How are you This year I would like a motorcycle. I also want helles. Finally I would lile a toy. Thanks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
love, Albert Arispe

Dear Santa Clause,  
Hi! How are tghe reindeer? This year I would like a skate-board. I also want shoes. finally, I would like a xbox 360. Thanks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
Love, C.J. Covarrubiaz  
Merry Christmas

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- ### BIRTHDAY LIST DECEMBER
- 20th Lanese Stewart, Stormi Sessom, David Overstreet, David Hernandez, Loida Almazan
  - 21st Cody Bill Whitten, Edward Robinson, Ashley Mittel, Jesse Lynn Barajas, Angela Ballew, Ellia Barajas, LaDenna Wanoreck, Angela Smrkovsky, Ramiro Daniel Barajas, Sandra Fuentes
  - 22nd Todd Overstreet, Holly Rae Romero, Julian Martinez, Myra Bustos, Azia Ruiz, P.J. Fuentes
  - 23rd Marci Minor, Manuel Pina, Jacey Sellers, Josh Jones
  - 24th Anna Loomis, Sammy Prater, Doug Garvin, Travis Lloyd, Hope Barajas
  - 25th Sonny Dean, D'Ann Kuhlmann, Heliodoro Sanchez, Makenzie McCravey Fryar, Kameron Prater, Jesus Rodriguez, Raul Rios
  - 26th Ashley N. Ramos, Victor Pina, Irene Reynolds, Blake Chatham, Epdo Herrera Jr., Jim Sullivan

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Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi! How are you? This year I would like an American girl doll. I also want a new dog house. Finally I would like a stuffed bear. How are your reindeer? I will leave you some cookies and milk. I hope you will come!  
Love Tricia Carter

Dear Santa Claus  
Hi! How are you? This year I would like a littiest pet shop. I also would want a talking parrot. Finally I would like a Mr. Potato head. Thanks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
Love, Monica Sanchez

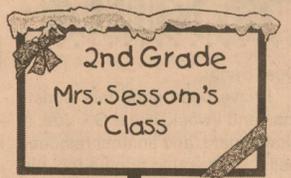
Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi, How are you? This year I would like a movie, I also want a game. Finally, I would like a book. Thank you Santa. I will leave cookies and milk at my house. Merry Christmas  
Love, Jordon Estrada

Dear Sant Clas,  
Hi! How are you this year I would like a pogo stick. I also want to rule the world. Finally I would like gold Santa I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
Love, Misty Cope

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi! How are you doing? This year I would like a horse. I also want \$1,000,000 dollars. Finally I would like a limo. Thaks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house.  
Love, Conley Niblett

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are the reindeer? This year I would like a Xbox 360. I also want 50,00000 Dollars. Finaly, I would like a four wheeler. Thanks Santa! I will leave cookies and milk at my house. Raindeer food too!  
Merry Christmas  
Love, Wiley Martin

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi! How are you? This year I would like a Dallas Cowboy seater. I also want Crash for Xbox 360. Finally, I would like Madden NFL for Xbox. 360. Thanks Santa! Maybe I could leave cookies and milk at my mom's house.  
Love, Anthony Olivares  
Merry Christmas!



Dear Santa Claous,  
For Christmas I want some baby clothes and baby shoes a Sorry, the game Sorry. Do you want me to make cookies? Please bring my sister Deal or No Deal, and bring my Mom a gift card and can you put 50 or 100 dollars? I'm going to be at home or my ant. Merry Christmas Mrs. Claous and you Santa Claous Please bring Mrs. Sessom a necklace.  
Makenzie Gross

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a Game Boy, a spider man games, and a Batman toy and please bring my tow Brothers a race car game, a new Football and a cumputer.  
Adan Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a Zoon, I pond and please bring my sister a shiny necklace. How many elves do you have? Do you have a big list? Do you take a nap? I've been good this year! Merry Christmas!  
Roman Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a game of Flat Out 2, A car game of Mustang, and A game of Kingdom Hearts 2. Which snack would you like Santa? Please bring Mrs. Sessom another frog for her desk. Merry Chistmas  
Mark Muniz

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want an Xbox 360 and Hallo 3 and A bike. Please bring my sister a bike.  
Merry Christmas  
Austin Albin

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# Santa Letters from Yesteryear

*Letters to Santa written in 1996 by the Class of 2008*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Mermaid doll pink, and some red prett slippers, and some different kind of markers and a beautiful ring. I have bin good Mrs Santa good  
Darciz Bullard

D Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a pom pom and a pink barbie car. I also want some purple plastic high heels.  
LOVE  
Tiawia

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Monster Truck and pret, and a brnst and a alium and a kit I luv yuw Santa, I bin gud. I wud lik a sute I wud lik a a ruby for my mon amd a tow for gaal and fo me u I wud lik a compwter.  
Daniel Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Power Rangers Zea, Batman red, power Ranger, Zeo Zord Golden Range Suit. My Dad wants camufage clothes. ma-nee Christmas  
Love  
Caleb

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Toy Story movie. My name is Clayton Allan Sauer, and I hop you could bring this. Thank you.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would kike bat man and a red Power Raugers zeo soper man and a football and a bascet ball and a saucer ball I love you Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus. I have been a good boy santa Clas.  
Love  
JP Joiner

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a guitar and a football and a Blue remote control truck and my dad wants to go to South America to see grandma so can bring him \$10,000? Santa I have been a good boy  
Love  
Frank P. Neufeld

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like three bogsd and \$100 dollars, Barbie lm a beng good or you beng good. I luv you Mrs. Santa Claus  
I Luv Luv you  
Jessi Valero

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a baton with a whistle and a cheer leading shirt. I Love you Santa Claus. I been a good girl  
Love Nadia Santellano

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a train and basball Bat and Prawn Ranger. god Boy Mrs Santa Claus  
Lovv Lance Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you Santa Claus at night? I want a Baby Born and a Chihuahua and a \$100 and a bike with no training wheels. I Love You Santa Claus. Love  
Kassaundra Tyler  
From: Kassaundra Tyler  
at school on my desk

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like fot Bol-land Zeo Ranger and Bol Bol five puppy and a Parit, a ril Parit, guitar, toy stuff aninl. Mas, Santa Claus, k Chris I hop you can Brang to me,  
luv Chris Harrington

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Pom Poms and a Cheerleading Suit. I will like a babe brother. I will like some Clothes. Mrs. Santa Claus  
LOVE Sabrina Lee Rodriuez  
I LOVE you

Dear Santa,  
How are you to day? I wan a baby pup and a horse and pom poms for my sister  
Love, Michael Villavicencio

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you to day, I have been a good girl, I want a barbie and a barbie car and a digr bike and a cat.  
love, Rhapsody Swyter

Dear Santa Claus,  
How have you ben Santa? I hop you are Fiyne. I ave bine good. I wnt a pony and a dolly.  
Love, Linda Rios

Dear Santa Claus,  
Dear Santa how are you? I want you to have jolly holiday Santa I have ben sort of good and I want a 100\$ so my mom can get us a convertible and I want my two front teeth so by Christmas I can wisl. Santa I love you and I wish you a mary Chrismas and a happy new year To: Santa Claus.  
From: Julie Vannett

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I want a truck and trailer. And any color of jeep. Merry Chirstmas!  
Love Victor Cardenas

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are You santa claus? I want a football and A big reldib bike and a \$100 from  
Luis Huichapa

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are Santa I bin good at school. I want a gun.  
Love Leo Aguirre

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like to play with toys. Paramidas and a red til bike with training and a \$100 and in a box and paper on my desk.  
David Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like Barbie big blue dress. I has good girl  
Love  
Nancy Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good I want shoes a green dress, and a green hairdow. Merry Christmas!  
Love Marybel Fuentes

Dear Santa,  
For Cristmas I would like football and a basketball and a tinesrack and a tineballs. Dear Santa how are you doing? How is Mrs. Santa Claus?  
louve  
Jorge Chavez

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you Santa Claus? I was a good kid. I wat a Barbie barbie car and I Love you Santa Claus.  
Ashley Arispe

Dea Santa Claus,  
How are you Sanu Claus? I has bin gud. I want tow real dogs and a real cat.  
Garrett Clark Meyer

Dear Santa Claus,  
How have you been Santa Claus? I want a real cat and a real house for mi real cat.  
Lalo Sanchez Love Santa Claus

Dear Sato Clos  
ples git me a toy god ra Jr and a lital toy that gos and let my Dad come to Texas and my two sideth and now shos.  
Lov u Adrian to Sato Clos

Dear Santa,  
Please have a safe trip. I really miss and love you! I would like to have sonw on Christmas eve. and I would like donkey kong country 3 video game. And for my brother a basket ball.  
Merry Christmas  
love  
Matthew Hill

Dear Santa,  
I wont all Happy Christmas. I would like to have a dolly. Susie Stretch. I would like a really baby. Would you like anything? I know what you will like, Sum Milk and cookees. Happy Christmas.  
Love  
Darci Vick

Dear Santa,  
Please have a safe trip. I really miss and love you! I would like to have a bed for my cousin's and a jeep. I will leave you a cookie and milk.  
Merry Christmas!  
Jasmine Romero

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How do you go around the word in one nighth? My little brouther wants a barny toy. I want a pitcher of you. My MoM wants all the bills. My Dad wants to have nintendo 64.  
I Love you Santa,  
Tyler Dombroski

Dear Santa,  
Please have a safe trip. I really miss and love you! I would like to have a Bike for sistr. Basketball shoes for me and my sister. and a gocart.  
Luv  
Manny Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
Please have a safe trip. I really miss and love you! I would like to have a little house. Toys for my twin sisters. I will give you a coockis and milk.  
Love Santa  
Adriana Granadros

Dear Santa,  
Plese have a safe trip. I really miss and love you. I would like to have a dolly, and Susie Stretch and Baby had stand Surprise. and baby tumble Surpize. Merry Christmas  
Love  
Ashley Lozano



Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want some jewelry, a piano, a poster. Please bring my brother a truck, a little one. What kind of cookies do you want? I've been good. Tell Mrs. Claus hellow! Merry Christmas Faith Kotsch

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Wii Game Cue, and a nintendo. Please bring a watch for my mom and a blender for my gramama. My dad wants a car is it cold at the North Pole? I'll leave you some cookies. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Bobby Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a bike and a Barbe That has a Christmas dres and a new flat screm T.V. Please bring my Mom a dianmond necklace and for my Dad a Dallas Cowboys hat. What kind of snack do you want me to leave you? Merry Christmas, Santa!  
Love, Kiki Guerra

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a diamond ring, a rite puppy, and a diamond neckles please bring my dad a new screen T.V. and his uonw refrigerator with his food in it make sure it has his uonw coacs in it and all of his other stuf in the refrigerator. Please bring my mom her uonw refrigerator to and a diamond golden neckles, and a diamind ring with it and earnings with it to, a flat screen T.V. to please bring my brother Dominique a football and his uonw rite puppy, to and a xbox three sixty. Please bring my brother Justin a xbox three sixty, to and his uonw rite puppy, to and his uonw football, to and his uonw flat screen T.V., and a Eagle jersey. Please bring my little brother a broom with a dust pan and a mop. Please bring Mrs. Sessom new earrings and some new diamond rings, and a new diamin neckles, and a new screen T.V. how is Rudolph the red nose rain deer doing how about Rudolphs girl friend doing.  
love, Mercadez Adaline Ochoa

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a pair of diamon earring, a toy giraffe, a new ork hat. Please bring my kitty Tiger a rope. How is Rudolph doing? I'll give you extra sugar. p.m. get an easier goat. Tell Mrs. Claus I said hi. Well Merry Christmas!  
Sierra Forlano

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a diamond ring, and a diamond necklace, and the littlest pet shop. Please bring my sister a cell phone. How is Rudolph? What kind of snack do you want me to leav you? Merry Christmas  
Love, Alyssa Rinehart

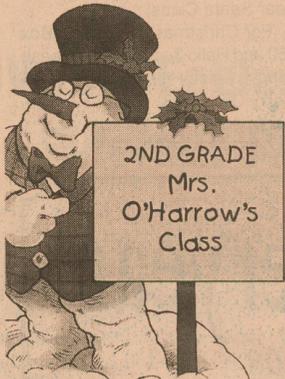
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a new pair of diamond earrings and a neckles that matches to and a 4 wheeler. Please bring of my sisters a laptop and her name is Elizabeth and can you bring my other sister a game for her game boy, only for her game boy. Merry Christmas!  
Emelie Estrada

Dear Santa Claus,  
For Christmas I want a Playstation 3, a new game for my Advance S.P. and a Mr. Root Beer kit. Please bring my mom a new cofeemaker and Please bring my dad a special clock. I have been good this year. I will leave you cookies. How is Blitzen this year? Merry Christmas, Santa!  
From Logan Elmore

Dear Santa Claus,  
This Christmas I want Heeles a new bick, and an X-Box 360. Please bring my mom a gold necklace, and bring my sister a Nintendo DS. How is Rudolph? What kind of snack do you want me to Leave for you? Merry Christmas.  
Love Amalio Villanueva



Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a stuffed animal Rudolph and Charese, a T.V. so I can take it to Mexico with me, a new back pack for third grade. Please bring my Dad a new case of tools and please bring my mom a new jewelry case. Wath kind of snak do you want me to make you? Have any of your deer died?  
Merry Christmas  
Love, Fatima Contreras



Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I would like Hannah Montana doll, baby bag, and New Barbie jeep toy. I want you to bring a rose for Nana because she cooks for us.  
Love, Dakota Gross

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas, I would like a labtop, a walky talky, and a reindeer bell. I want you to bring a new tool box for my dad because he needs one. How are your reindeer?  
Love, Eric Luna

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like a computer, a prizes doll, and also a c.d. player. Please bring my mom some Jewelry. How is Rudolph?  
Love, Michelle Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. This Christmas, I would like a Hannah Montana doll, a Hannah Montana backpack, and a Cloe doll. I want you to bring tools for my Dad because he's a good one. How are the Elf's and how is Mrs. Clause?  
Love, Alexis Villanueva

## Holiday Clean Up Made Simple

(StatePoint) The holiday season is upon us and the house guests are starting to arrive. Inevitably, you will be vacuuming up broken ornaments, pine needles and New Year's Eve confetti, but what about germs and allergen not visible to the naked eye?

The right vacuum will not only help eliminate these hidden health hazards, but also make clean-up easier after decking the halls.

Walter Taffarello, Panasonic's AeroBlast vacuum specialist, offers some useful tips on how vacuuming can make pesky holiday clean-ups a cinch and rid your home of germs, allergens and dust mites. This year becoming "The Grinch" can be avoided with quick and easy holiday cleaning guidelines.

• Vacuuming is not exclusive to floors and stairs. Be sure to also vacuum mattresses and pillows to rid your guest room of dust mites.

• Is pet hair a problem? Use an air turbine brush to clean furniture and upholstery before guests arrive.

• Choose vacuums with removable attachments that can efficiently clean any surface, including above-floor cleaning, hard-to-reach crevices and bare floors. Your vacuum should come equipped with an ergonomic telescopic handle, all-floors feature and crevice tool that is fully adjustable to best fit the handle height to any user and those hard-to-reach places on any surface.

• With some traditional vacuums you have to go through the hassle of not only cleaning your house, but also cleaning the vacuum itself by emptying the bag. Skip the extra step by investing in a new bagless vacuum that comes equipped with automatic filter cleaning systems. For instance, the models in the AeroBlast line automatically clean the filter every time the vacuum is turned on by shooting a blast of air into the filter system, keeping the filter from clogging and maintaining the vacuum's suction.

• Blinds, drapes and lampshades attract dust and germs as much as any other part of the house, but are just as easily cleaned when using a removable attachment such as an extension wand or dusting brush.

• How long as it been since you really cleaned your couch? According to the "Clean Home Journal," cleaning couch cushions, especially around the holidays, is a must. Dust mite allergens hidden in folds and fibers could trigger allergic reactions in some of your guests. Use a vacuum with an attachment like an upholstery brush or crevice tool to clean your couch's corners.

• If you have family members that suffer from allergies, consider purchasing a vacuum with a HEPA filter. Rather than circulating small particles that irritate allergy sufferers back into the home environment, HEPA filters trap the dust and particles, releasing clean air back into

your home.

- Test sound levels on vacuums before purchasing. For example, the motors in the Panasonic AeroBlast lines are surprisingly quiet at maximum power, so you won't drown out holiday music during a quick holiday clean-up.
- Be sure to use a vacuum with a performance indicator that lets you know if there is an obstruction in the air flow, such as a clogged hose or any other type of air restriction. If any new trinkets get lost in shuffle of all the wrapping paper, you will be informed of the obstruction immediately.

"The key is making cleaning easier and more efficient, without compromising suction power. That's why Panasonic designed the AeroBlast vacuums with features like the dirt sensor, quick-draw extending hose and HEPA filters," said Taffarello. "This type of vacuum is ideal for cleaning this holiday season. Since all of the models are bagless and come equipped with an easy-to clean dirt cup that detaches at the touch of a button, they make the most undesirable chore of the holiday season as easy and quick as possible."

Family gatherings can get messy no matter the time of year. But the right vacuum makes cleaning the house and eliminating germs quick and simple.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ARRESTS

December 16 • Mervin, Jerry Lee, male age 64, offense Evading Motor Fuel Tax. Released on \$20,000.00 Bond.

December 17 • Aguilar, Joe Luis, male age 24, offence Motion To Revoke/Warrant.

### INCIDENTS

December 11 • 9:08 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to San Angelo hospital.

December 12 • 5:56 a.m. Caller reported a rig moving truck driving all over the road on Hwy. 277 South. Dispatcher notified Sutton County.

December 13 • 10:58 a.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo Hospital.

• 4:21 Possible domestic disturbance reported. Requested an officer.

• 4:02 p.m. Caller reported a tan 4 door pickup passing vehicles on the shoulder and speeding coming into Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 5:14 p.m. Caller reported a skunk had sprayed underneath their home and requested animal control. Officer notified.

9:04 p.m. Caller reported a black pit bull had attacked their daughters cat and killed it. The dog had a white stripe on it's chest. Officers responded and Animal Control was contacted.

• 9:37 p.m. Caller reported black pit bull dog had returned to resident. Called Animal Control and only got answering machine.

• 11:50 p.m. Caller reported an inebriated individual at convenience store. Officers responded and were unable to locate subject.

December 14 • 11:01 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS responded.

• 5:03 p.m. Complainant reported vandalized gate sign to entrance to property on FM 2598.

December 17 • 9:30 p.m. Missing person. Complainant reported missing 25 year old male between Fort Stockton and Rockspring driving at 3/4 ton Dodge pickup with a flat bed hauling a Lincoln welder. Officer notified.

December 18 • 3:18 p.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital. EMS 2 responded.

# Happy Holidays!

*In the field and in the square,  
The signs of Christmas are everywhere ...  
Bells are ringing and children sing  
Of the hope and joy the season brings  
And if you look up in the night,  
You might see Santa's team in flight  
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Is the chance to give our thanks to all!*

*Wishing you and yours the very best  
this holiday season.*

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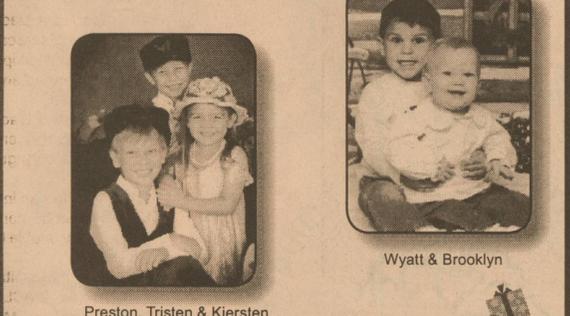
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