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Post ISD puts new high school on back burner

Plans to construct a new high school facility were put on hold earlier this month after Post Independent School District trustees decided to take a more conservative approach to their facilities plan.

Following a detailed report on an audit of the school district's finances at their Dec. 14 meeting, Superintendent Marlin Marcum recommended that board members delay plans to build a new high school.

Several concerns factored into his recommendation, the superintendent said. Because of a downward trend in the school district's average daily attendance (ADA), the district stands to lose about \$500,000 in revenues. Additional losses in state funding are anticipated because of changes in the district's tax base.

"I'm not real optimistic about the state contribution," Marcum said. "The handwriting is on the wall."

The initial design for the high school building, which was originally put at between 45,000 square feet and 48,000 square feet, could be prohibitive. Marcum said he believes the facility needs a minimum of 50,000 square feet to contain the programs district officials hope to put in place for Post ISD students. Additionally, the \$100 per square foot price tag district officials had banked on may be too conservative.

"Altogether with anticipated losses and with what I think is probably going to happen with the cost of construction, there is no way you're going to be able to pay cash for this building," Marcum advised school board members. "You can proceed with the cafeteria, but you cannot proceed with cash money on the high school."

Because the construction project

was presented to the community as a no-finance, paid-for-by-cash-in-hand effort, Marcum said he could not in good faith recommend that the board move forward with the high school project at this time.

"Now that's not to say that we're gonna toss it," the superintendent told the board. "I don't think you should toss it. You've already got some preliminary work done, invested in it, but we're going to have to get to a point where we can do what we said we were going to do — and that is get to a point where we can pay for it."

Marcum said the board could achieve its original goal — to pay for a new high school building with cash reserves — through planning and careful spending.

Following a lengthy discussion, board members agreed to move forward with construction of the new cafeteria, a project estimated at between \$750,000 and \$1 million, as well as the pick-up/drop-off area

project. Next month, trustees will look at the status of the plans for the high school facility and determine whether or not to move forward with the planning effort or to shelve the work done to-date.

Board members agreed to revisit the high school building project in a year following the audit of the current school year's fiscal records.

In other business, trustees:

- Received a report from a representative from the district's architect, the SHW Group of Fort Worth. According to his report, they hope to have the cafeteria project completed in time for the district to move into the new facility during the Christmas holiday break in 2005.

- Approved items on the Consent Agenda.

- Received campus and program reports.

- Went into a closed-door session to consider a personnel recommendation.



Yvonne Kennedy (center) was honored at a retirement reception last Saturday at the Hotel Garza. Joining in the congratulations and expression of appreciation was Mayor Archie Gill (right) and her husband, Gene. Yvonne has set a January 15 date for retirement as city secretary and has served the city for 31 years. She was appointed as secretary in April 1994.



All South Plains Honors

The Lubbock Avalanche Journal recognized PHS coach Tim James and players for the All-South Plains Class AA honors last week. Earning recognition are (back row left to right) Jett Lott (Senior), Coach Tim James, Trent McDonald (Senior) (front row), Blake Nichols (Sophomore), Jerrad Grisham (Senior), Israel Beggs (Junior). (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Coach James, Antelopes named to AJ All-South Plains team

Post High School head coach Tim James has been named by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal as All-South Plains Class 2A Coach of the Year (see AJ 12/14/04). Also honored on the list are

senior Jerrad Grisham, Defensive Player of the Year and Punter.

Teammates Jett Lott, Israel Beggs, Blake Nichols and Trent McDonald were also selected for

the prestigious list.

Lott was named one of the two top running backs; Beggs was tabbed as a mainstay on the offensive line; Nichols for his defensive efforts and McDonald as a defensive back.

The Post Dispatch, Post City Television and Post City Radio congratulate Coach James, staff members and players for their achievements this year.

Post Notes

Fund established to benefit Baker

An account has been established at Citizens Bank for Martha Baker, Kindergarten teacher here in Post. Martha has battled cancer for several years and is now preparing for a bone marrow transplant at M.D. Anderson in Houston. Insurance will pay for medical expenses, but Martha will have to be in Houston for approximately three months after the transplant and will have to make monthly trips to Houston for a least a year after she returns home. Anyone interested in contributing to this account can do so at Citizens Bank.

Appraisal office closed for holidays

The Garza Central Appraisal District will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday December 27 for the Christmas Holidays. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 3 for New Year's Holiday.

New subscriptions through Dec. 23

The Post Dispatch will donate \$10 to Toys for Tots for each \$30 new subscription.

Exchange student program seeks reps

ASSE International Student Exchange Program is looking for individuals interested in becoming area representatives. As an ASSE area representative, individuals provide opportunities for high school exchange students who want to experience the American way of life for either a school year or a semester and local youths interested in studying abroad. Area representatives receive training, are reimbursed for expenses and enjoy friendships with people from all over the world. For more information, call 409-745-2433 or 1-800-473-0696.

Agular fund set at Wells Fargo

A fund has been established at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Christina Agular, the 15-year old daughter of Lupe and Cindy Agular who received a new liver November 9 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. After struggling many years with a failing liver, Christina now has a chance at a long and healthy life; however, the family must remain in Houston for approximately two months. Although most of Christina's medical expenses are covered, the family needs assistance with lodging, meals, fuel, utilities and other needs since Lupe Agular is unable to work at this time. All donations will be appreciated.

GHD sets plans for building new clinic

Action taken last week by the Garza County Hospital District board of directors could result in a commitment of tax dollars to construct a new clinic facility in Post.

During their Dec. 16 meeting, board members gave unanimous support to the wording of a contract recently offered to a physician candidate being recruited by Physicians Networks Services. According to the contract, the hospital district could be obligated to construct a new clinic facility in Post if the physician, Dr. Ben Edwards, is able to establish a successful local practice.

"If during the term of this recruitment agreement or the renewal of the employment agreement physician's medical practice becomes financially self-sustaining without need of substantial subsidy from district, district shall make its best effort to plan and construct a new clinic facility," reads the wording approved by the board. "The parties agree that a new clinic facility would benefit the residents of the district and enhance the local delivery of health care services...."

Board member Kenda Bartlett read the passage into the minutes of the meeting prior to making a motion to lend it board approval. Fred Howell seconded the motion, which earned approval across the board.

Prior to voting on the issue, board members were advised the district's attorney had Oked the passage.

According to reports, the physician candidate has submitted the contract to his own attorney for review. PNS officials indicated they hope to receive the physician candidate's deci-

sion on whether he will locate his practice in Post sometime after the holidays.

Last month, hospital board members agreed to several contractual options they believe would help entice the candidate to locate his practice in Post. This month's formal acceptance of the wording of the contract was a safeguard board members agreed was necessary to protect the interests of district taxpayers.

In other business, board members named Shirley Taylor, a longtime district employee, as the district's new administrator. Taylor will replace Tanya Boucher, who recently resigned the administrator's post in order to devote more time to her Lubbock law practice.

Taylor will maintain her duties as the district's office/business manager, as well as assume duties previously handled by Boucher. Because of the added responsibilities, the board opted to increase Taylor's hourly pay rate by slightly more than 60 percent. Her assistant, who also has taken on added responsibilities, also received a pay hike.

"We're coming out way ahead budget-wise," said Bartlett, who made the motion to increase Taylor's salary.

Board members also:

- Discussed and approved changes to the district's board of director bylaws. Bartlett outlined the proposed changes, which largely were designed to clarify outdated wording that no longer accurately reflected board responsibilities and duties. Where the bylaws once read "memorial hospi-

tal," board members agreed to substitute "Garza County Health Care District." Where the bylaws read "hospital," the word "district" was substituted. The word "citizens" was substituted for "patients." Other sections of the bylaws regarding special meetings, agendas, election procedures and board eligibility were altered, not only to ensure the district's compliance with enabling legislation, but also to accurately reflect current board practices.

- Received a report for the Garza County Health Clinic. According to the report, visits in November of this year were down about 150 from November a year ago, largely due to the shortage of flu shots.

- Voted against involvement with the Caprock Cultural Association's Web page.

- Approved payment of monthly bills.

- Received the indigent care report. According to the report, eight applicants were screened during the month of November, and the district ended the month with 13 enrolled in the program (the same number as the previous month). Expenses for indigent health care during the month totaled \$2,874.12. Fiscal year-to-date expenses stand at slightly more than \$3,500.

- Discussed the district's property insurance. Board members asked Taylor to determine whether or not the district holds liability insurance in connection with its property insurance.

- Received an update on the district's destruction of obsolete records and salvage property. Taylor said the shredding of old records is ongoing, but it is a slow and time-consuming process. The elimination of salvage property has not yet been addressed.

- Taylor, who recently attended a workshop on revised election laws, updated the board on what she learned on her trip. Filing deadlines for the district have changed, she said, and the board will be required to order the upcoming election earlier than in previous years.

Highway traffic collections enrich County and State

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$28,236.51 during the month of November largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garzy County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collected \$12,408.75 which included 53 misdemeanor cases, while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$15,827.75 involving 42 misdemeanor cases.

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This spectacular light show of various stationary and moving Christmas images can be seen on North Avenue I. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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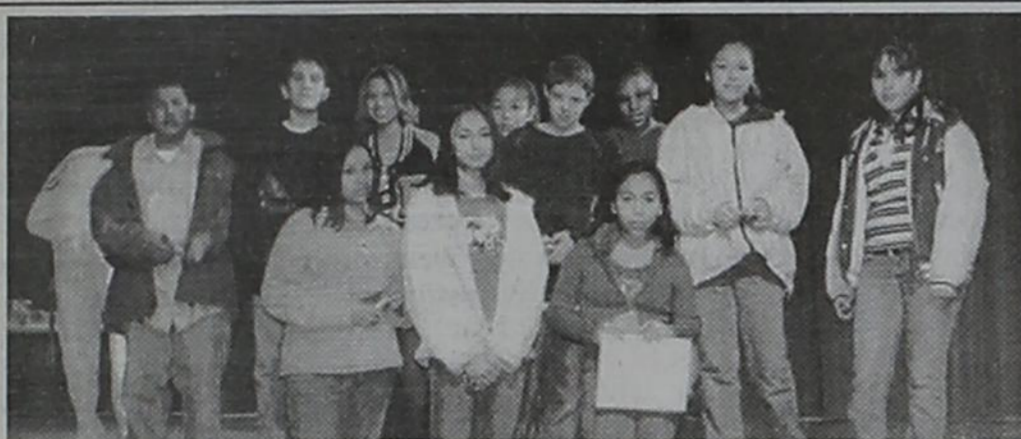
Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Oral Reading division are (back row), Patrick Martinez (front row left to right), Amber Wilson and Claudia Hernandez. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Impromptu Speaking division are Kelly Chapa and Branda Stevens. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Spelling division are (back row left to right), Alolen Duran, Michael Porter and Lindsey Morrow (front row), Caitlin Cravy, Macy Blair, Evette Rodriguez, Tierni Crenshaw and Alexandria Rodriguez. (Photo by Greg Henry).



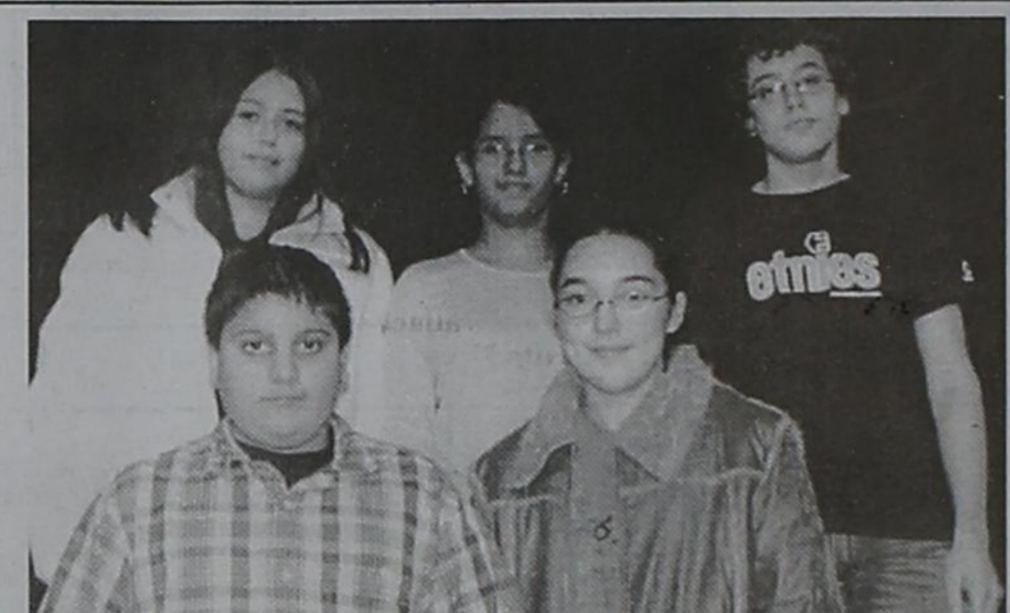
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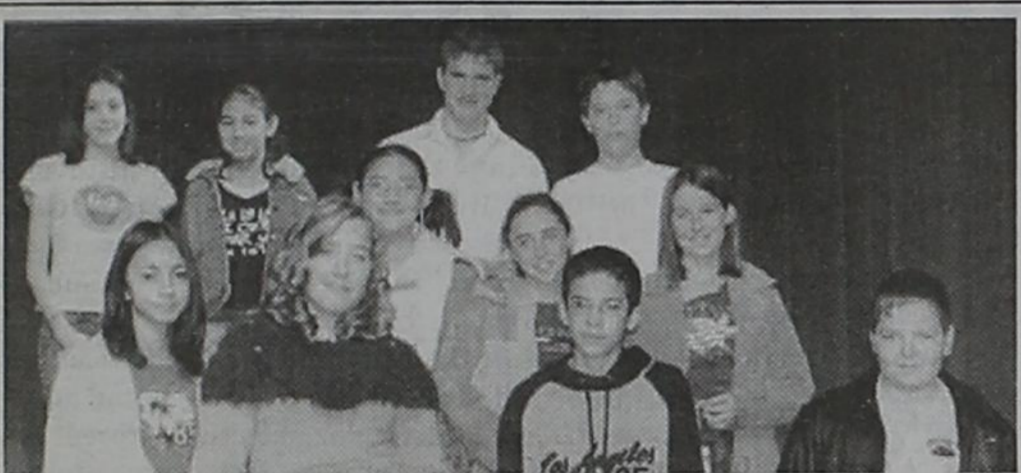
Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Dictionary Skills division is Latasha Soto. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Social Studies division are Giles Dalby and Zachary Davis. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Modern Oratory division are (back row left to right), Jakelin Delgadillo, Chandni Bhakta and Chad Miller (front row), Colby Crispin and Tianna Reyna. (Photo by Greg Henry).



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Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Music Memory division are (back row left to right), Leah Perez, Gina Mendoza and Marissa. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Ready Writing division are (back row left to right), Stacy Bocko, Lindsey Morrow and Tierni Crenshaw, (front row) Jackie Slaugh and Crystal Hernandez. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Calculator division are (back row left to right), Melinda Vega, Sydnee Jones, Amber Willson, Chess Postell, Kelsey Overton, Crystal Sanchez and Darlene Araiza, (front row) Gaby Gomez, Haley Lester, Shiloh Short, Tony Wait and Alex Hart. (Photo by Greg Henry).



Post Middle School UIL award winners in the Number Sense division are (back row left to right), Kevin Griffin, Cheyenne Morris, Amber Wilson and Chandni Bhakta (middle row), Evette Rodriguez, Alexis Dunn, Colby Crispin and Travis Bergin (front row), Alex Hart, Chad Miller and Clint Windham. (Photo by Greg Henry).

GCJLA Halter Class Show



Participating in the Pee-Wee Horse Show were Shelby Baker and Rebecca Taylor. (Photo by Kim Reiter).



Cheyenne Poe wins the Novice Class Showmanship buckle sponsored by Rocker A Well Service, Inc. (Photo by Kim Reiter).



Hayley McDaniel placed first in the Aged and Young Geldings category. The Aged Gelding also won Reserve Grand Champion Horse. Plaque is sponsored by Lyntegor Electric Co-op, Inc. and Hurst Farm Equipment. (Photo by Kim Reiter).



Taylor Osborn place 2nd in Aged Mare and Reserve Champion Mare. Osborn also won Junior Showmanship Buckle sponsored by Palmer Construction. (Photo by Kim Reiter).



Kadie Vernone wins the Senior Showmanship buckle sponsored by B & T Feeds. (Photo by Kim Reiter).



Kevin Strube with his Champion Mare and Grand Champion Horse. The Grand Buckle was sponsored by Chris, Glenna and Kim Reiter. (Photo by Kim Reiter).

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Obituaries

Janie Perez

Services for Janie Perez, 76 of Post were held on December 11th, 2004 in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She was born on October 7th, 1928 in Austin, Texas. The Lord descended from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel and the trumpets of God and called for our Mother, Wella, Friend, or Janieta Chula as we all knew her on Wednesday December 8th, 2004 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.



She married Paul Perez on March 2nd, 1968 through the eyes of God. She was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church and was privileged to be a part of De Colores. She was a long time resident of Post. She spent her final years teaching her grandchildren, and great grandchildren the values of life and the lesson of forgiveness and most of all that family was the first priority.

Her loving husband, Paul Perez along with three of her children Junior, Christina, and Freddy Perez and her siblings have all been reunited in Heaven and have made their home in Gods Mansion. Survivors include four daughters, Josie Quintana of Post, TX. Louisa Scalone of Lubbock, TX. Margie Palomares of Las Vegas, NV. And Gloria Jean Haynes of Houston, TX. Four sons, Jerry Perez of San Antonio, TX. Joe, Johnny, and Lupe Perez all of Post.

Pallbearers were J. Vernon Quintana, Jeremy Perez, Bryan Bustoz, Jamie Perez, Roman Perez, and Daven Perez.

Honorary Pallbearers were Hayden and Hunter Belongia, Dylan Pearson, and Valente Perez.

Robyn Petree, Aaron Schatz married December 18

Robyn Danece Petree of Savoy and Aaron David Schatz of Van Alstyne were united in marriage Saturday, December 18 at the United Methodist Church in Van Alstyne, Texas. The Reverend Byron Brown of First Baptist Church of Savoy officiated.

Petree is the daughter of Joe and Sandy Petree of Savoy, Texas. Grandparents are Bill and Margaret Dixon of Denison (formerly of Post), Celeste Schultz of Sherman and the late Thomas Petree. She is a graduate of Savoy High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She is employed as a teacher at Will Rogers Elementary in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Schatz is the son of David and Elaine Schatz of Van Alstyne, Texas. Grandparents are John and Dorothy Schatz of Rockwall, Texas, Joanne Greening of Dallas, and the late James Greening. He graduated from Van Alstyne High School and Southwest Texas State University and is currently attending Law School at Oklahoma City University.

Matron of honor was Jenny Harris, sister of the bride of Savoy and maid of honor was Michelle Garcia of Colbert, Oklahoma. Bridesmaids were Kasey Carrell and Kelley Carrell, both cousins of the bride of Dallas; Aludia Saenz, sister of the groom, of Richardson; Emily Von Tungelen of Durant, Oklahoma; Jessica Patchett of Oklahoma City; and Allison Tidwell of Denison, Texas.

Flower girl was Hannah Swindell, cousin of the bride of Denison. Ring bearers were Hunter Harris, nephew of the bride of Savoy and William Greening, cousin of the groom of Dallas.

Best men were Matt Lewis of Sherman; Matt Ellis of McKinney; and Matt Cooper of Van Alstyne. Groomsmen were Ron Brown of Oklahoma City; Mark Combrink of Caddo, Oklahoma; Cory Raper of Mead, Oklahoma; Brian Baugh of Houston; Kevin Hoffman of Burbank, California; Anders Engle of San Marcos; Cleve Ingalls of Houston; Andy Russ of Houston; Lance Offill of Dallas; Justin Barton of McKinney; Doug Procter of Weatherford, Texas.

Ushers were Nathan Carrell cousin of the bride of Pottsboro and Sal Saenz, brother-in-law of the groom of Richardson. Guest registrars were Lindsay Swindell of Denison and Dixon Carrell of Pottsboro, both cousins of the bride.

Wedding music was provided by Cleve Ingalls. A reception dinner and dance was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Allen, Texas and hosted by the bride's parents. The rehearsal dinner was held in the Cannon Building in Van Alstyne, catered by Papisitos, and hosted by the groom's parents.

The couple will make their home in Oklahoma City after their honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, Mexico and other parts of the Mexican Riviera.

Alfred Segovia recognized for Academic Achievements

Alfred Segovia, a senior at Post High School, has been recognized by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program, established in 1983, is a program that provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievement of Hispanic high school seniors and identifies them for postsecondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as high school juniors and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From more than 140,000 students nationwide, approximately 4,200 of the highest scoring students were initially identified. Based on further evidence of their academic achievements, a select group of 3,400 students has been recognized by the program as a Scholar or Honorable Mention finalist.



Mrs. Aaron Schatz



PHS Principal Johnny McGregor (right) congratulates PHS Senior Alfred Segovia on his recent academic award. (Photo by Fred Postell)

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Mary's Humble Response...Luke 1:36-37

Continuing with the conception and birth of Jesus Christ, we come to Luke 1:36-38. God's messenger, Gabriel came to Mary and relayed the message that she would conceive and give birth to God's son. She asked how this would happen considering she had not been with a man yet. After providing more details, he said, "And behold thy cousin Elizabeth has also conceived a son..." (verse 36). The word "conceive" is the same word used in verse 31. This is significant because both John and Jesus Christ began to be formed in their mothers' wombs after conception. The only difference was that because God was not a man, His life giving seed came by way of a miracle. It should be noted that in both cases the father was distinctly independent of the son. Jesus Christ was and still is God's son. There are no two ways about it. We move on to verse 37 where Gabriel made the following declaration, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." As important as these words stand, they have lead to great confusion. Imagine the stumbling block a young believer faces after reading Hebrews 6:18, "...in which it is impossible for God to lie." Why the apparent

contradiction? In Luke 1:37, the word "nothing" is a bad translation of an earlier known Greek word that meant "no word." The word "impossible" came from another word that meant "void of power." When we insert the more accurate translations it reads as follows, "For with God, no word shall be void of power." Gabriel exhorted her to have confidence and trust in God's word because His word is never void of power. What a tremendous truth! Finally we come to Mary's humble and meek response, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to thy word." When God gave His word, she had the humility to receive it. It would have been at that time that Jesus Christ was conceived in her womb. Notice how she already had the humble heart to receive. This says a great deal about her parents. Jesus Christ also learned obedience from his mom and stepfather. We can see this in Matthew 26:39 where he meekly said, "...not as I will, but as you will." God chose only the best to rear His son.

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Judges to parents: Mind your own business

by Bill O'Reilly

Just in time for the holidays, the Washington State Supreme Court has ruled that children have an expectation of privacy at home and parents cannot eavesdrop on phone conversations.

The case involved a 17-year-old boy who told his 14-year-old girlfriend that he mugged an old lady, knocking her to the ground and stealing her purse. The mother of the girl, Carmen Dixon, was listening on another phone line and called police. Christensen was subsequently convicted of a felony and served nine months in prison before the judges overturned the conviction, saying, "The right to individual privacy holds fast even when the individuals are teenagers." The court also said the mother was acting as an agent for the police.

So now parents in Washington cannot snoop around, even if a child is having a phone conversation with a mugger, dope dealer or child molester. Listen up, Seattle parents: You have no right to know.

The Associated Press, no bastion of conservative analysis, called the ruling "a victory for rebellious teenagers."

Of course, the American Civil Liberties Union loves the ruling. ACLU Attorney Douglas Klunder filed a brief saying, "I don't think the state should be in the position of encouraging parents to act surreptitiously and eavesdrop on their children."

Of course not. Why would any parent want to know their 14-year-old daughter was chatting up a 17-year-old criminal? Parents shouldn't be proactive in scrutinizing their children in this age of Internet sex, drug dealers in school hallways and alcohol-fueled sleepovers. Better to let the teens crash and burn, instead of keeping a close eye (or ear) on them, right ACLU?

This is yet another intrusion by the American courts into the parent-child relationship. Traditionally, the state ceded all child-raising responsibilities to parents except in cases of child abuse and neglect. But that is changing. Now your offspring have rights, and you'd better not violate them.

Interestingly, it is the totalitarian societies that historically have interfered with the parent-child relationship, something the ACLU might want to ponder. In Nazi Germany, parents were encouraged to turn their kids over to the "Hitler Youth." In the Soviet Union, Red China and Cuba, children were taught in school to inform on parents who spoke disparagingly of the government. Breaking down parental influence makes it easier for the state to "persuade" young people to be loyal.

This case is yet another example of how American society is changing rapidly and drastically. Judges in liberal areas like western Washington often have a social agenda and make rulings based upon their vision of a "just" society. No longer can we count on the courts to uphold traditional law or even to respect the intent of the law. Now we are faced with rulings that come down to "improve" the law.

Today, American children are subjected to more temptations at an earlier age than ever before. Machines filled with harmful material dominate their lives. Instant messaging and cell phones have created opportunities for mischief only dreamed of in years past.

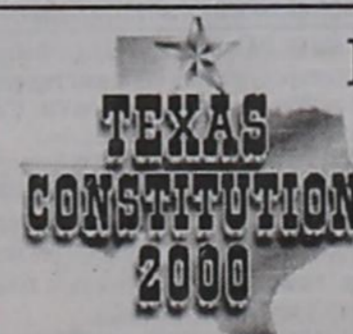
But don't you listen to any of that. The Washington State Supreme Court says you can't.

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National sales tax?

by Walter E. Williams

Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.) has authored H.R. 25 "To promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity by repealing the income tax and other taxes, abolishing the Internal Revenue Service, and enacting a national sales tax to be administered primarily by the States." Before we look at whether a national sales tax is a good idea, how about a little Economics 101 just to convince you that government spending, not government taxation, is the true measure of governmental impact on our lives?

Keeping the numbers small, suppose the annual value of what Americans produce, our gross domestic product, is \$100. If government spends \$40 of it, of necessity the government must force us to spend \$40 less. There are several ways this can be done. Government could tax us \$40. Government could borrow, thereby driving up interest rates and reducing private spending. Government could simply print money, which would cause inflation and reduce our purchasing power. Finally, government could employ some combination of the three.

The bottom line is that if government spends \$40 of our GDP, we can't spend that same \$40. There's no question that tax reform is needed, but tax reform is secondary to a much larger issue — federal spending. From 1787 to 1920, except during war, federal spending was a mere 3 percent of GDP, compared to today's 20 percent. If the federal government takes only 3 percent of the GDP, just about any tax system is relatively non-oppressive. However, if government were to take 50 percent, 60 percent or 70 percent of the GDP, you tell me what tax system would be non-oppressive.

There's no question that some forms of taxation are worse than others. In addition to its economic disincentive effects and intrusions on personal privacy, our income tax has huge compliance costs estimated to be between \$250 billion and \$500 billion each year.

Abolition of the IRS and the income tax code it enforces, replaced by a national sales, would create greater economic incentives, enhance personal privacy, and lower tax compliance cost by an estimated 90 percent. There'd also be greater faith and allegiance to our founders' constitutional vision,

expressed in Article I, Section 9, which says, "No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or Enumeration herein before directed to be taken." The founders feared the abuse and the government power inherent in an income tax. Another benefit of a national sales tax is that being taxed 23 percent to 30 percent with every purchase we become more aware of the cost of government. Income taxes and corporate taxes conceal that cost.

Before we accept a national sales tax, there are two minimal requirements. First, there must be a repeal of the 16th Amendment so Congress can't hit us with both an income and sales tax. Second, there must be a constitutional amendment fixing the national sales tax at a certain percentage that can only be increased by a three-fourths vote of the House of Representatives.

People have advocated a national sales tax or a flat income tax for years, and I don't want to rain on their parade. But here's my prediction: Congress will never enact a sales tax or a flat tax. Why?

The two most powerful congressional committees are the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee. Both dispense tax favors to different Americans that come at the expense of other Americans.

With a sales or flat tax, their Santa Claus roles, not to mention campaign contributions, would be diminished. On top of that, they'd have restricted opportunities for social engineering through fiddling around with the tax code.

My personal preference is a constitutional amendment limiting federal spending to a fixed percentage, say 10 percent, of the GDP. You say, "Williams, why 10 percent?" My answer is that if 10 percent is good enough for the Baptist Church, it ought to be good enough for the U.S. Congress.

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Republicans have family under attack

by Sheldon Richman

Anyone who still believes that the people and the government are the same thing ought to think about what a House-Senate conference committee refused to do recently. Thanks to Texas Congressman Ron Paul, the committee had the opportunity to strike a blow for the rights of parents and for other family values.

But it refused. As the committee was working on the mammoth omnibus spending bill, which contains all kinds of pork-barrel favors, Representative Paul sought to have language added to prohibit money from being spent on the psychiatric examination of children without parental consent. The proposed addition said,

"None of the funds made available for State Incentive Grants for Transformation should be used for any programs of mandatory or universal mental-health screening that perform mental-health screening on anyone under 18 years of age without the express, written permission of the parents or legal guardians of each individual involved."

Paul, a medical doctor, had a good reason to see this statement included. President Bush supports the recommendation by his New Freedom Commission on Mental Health that all adults and children be screened for so-called mental and emotional disorders by primary-care physicians and schools. As reported previously, similar programs have been adopted at the state level at the behest of large drug companies, which stand to gain handsomely from wider prescription of potent psychiatric drugs.

The House leadership and many members supported the inclusion of Paul's spending prohibition. But key members of the Senate balked, particularly Majority Leader Bill Frist, also a doctor, and Sen. Arlen Specter. It was not the first time that Paul tried to scuttle government-sponsored psychiatric screening, and he vows to raise the issue again in the new session that begins in January.

The idea that children should be routinely examined for mental illness at school and possibly drugged without their parents' consent is something out of a horrifying science-fiction novel in which a totalitarian state runs everything. Critics of government schooling have long warned that political control of education is an affront to the family and

would lead to further usurpation of its authority. The widespread prescription of Ritalin for so-called attention-deficit disorder was only the beginning. In 2002 Bush appointed the Orwellian-named New Freedom Commission on Mental Health, which last year issued its recommendations for universal screening. The commission claimed that mental illness is underdiagnosed and lamented that so many people have no access to the new allegedly therapeutic drugs that are available. But underneath this apparent compassion are some unattractive truths.

First, what people think of as mental disorders are in fact actions and statements that others find disturbing. Attributing behavior to disease is no way to teach children self-responsibility. Second, psychiatric drugs can do serious harm. The proposal that children be subjected to stigmatizing diagnoses and dangerous "therapy" without parental consent should be revolting to everyone. When Americans really valued their freedom, they understood that the family was an institutional bulwark against oppressive government. Today the family is regularly shunted aside so that tax-funded social engineers can work their experiments.

There is irony in what's happening. Bush's reelection has been interpreted as a victory for "moral values." While that analysis is grossly oversimplified, many people have the sense that Republicans hold the family sacrosanct while the Democrats have other priorities.

Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health tells us that this distinction is a mirage. The Republican White House and Senate are as antagonistic to the integrity of the family as Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy are.

The Democrats have an opportunity to begin the rehabilitation they so badly need by denouncing the Bush commission's proposals and vowing that they will not be written into law. But don't hold your breath. The Democrats are as much in the thrall of the politically correct mental-health establishment as their Republican counterparts.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org), author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago December 21, 1994

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a B.B. gun and a shot gun. I want some new clothes. I want a T-shirt. I want two new front teeth. I want lots of new clothes to wear. I want a monster truck.

Tyler Odom
Dear Santa,
I want some Barbies and a heart ring and some Christmas tree earrings. Where does Dancer sleep?

Love, Josie Butler
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. How are your reindeers? Is Mrs. Claus ok? I want a Sega for Christmas. I also would like a Game Gear and a motorcycle.

Merry Christmas, Justin Williams
Dear Santa,
I want a motorbike, real corvette, a horse, baseball with bat, and a football, and a Sega

Charles Huffman
Dear Santa,
I want a bigger marker board. I want a color writer. I want the movie Flinstones. I want some rollerblades, I want a computer. I want some moon shoes. I want a magic 8 ball.

Love, Nikki Norman

20 Years Ago December 23, 1984

Dear Santa,
I want transformer and I wantgobots. I want a car and I want men and I want pistol.

Love, Vernon Soto
Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be a good girl. Santa, I hope you will bring a dog, adopted monkey, bottle and baby shoes. I love Santa. I hope you will make other children happy. I hope you have happy Christmas. I love you Mrs. Claus.

Love, DeeDee Medlin
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and your reindeers? I am fine. But can I tell you what I want for Christmas? Well, I want a watch, and spurs, and a shot gun, and a knife, and gloves.

Love, Shawn Roy Pennell
Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine. I am 9 years old. This is what I want. I want a Baby Skate, bicycle, poochie, Rainbow Brite, Crystal Barbie, trampoline, glow light game. That's all I want. Love, Veronica Armendariz

30 Years Ago December 23, 1974

Dear Santa,
I am seven years old and have been fairly good. I want a Lorrie Walker doll, Nerf football, country camper and Knit Magic.

Love, Rhonda Williams
Dear Santa,
I hope you can see me. I want you to bring my sister a teddy bear. I hope you can bring me a helicopter.

Your friend, David Perez
Dear Santa,
I hope you are good. I want a gun for Christmas and a car and a cow and a pig. And put food in our stockings. I like you. Do you like me? Well I like you.

Greg Massey
Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle from were you are and I hope you aren't cold where you are. My cousin Johnny Garza told me that he went to the North Pole and said that he saw you at the North Pole.

Your friend, Diane Flores
Dear Santa Claus,
Do you really go down the chimney? I want a Cathy Quick Curl and a baby alive food.

Love, Jana Middleton

40 Years Ago December 24, 1964

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like for you to bring me a Johnny Seven OMA, guitar tether ball, Johnny Seven micro-helmet and rock-em, sock-em robot. Do not forget the other boys and girls.

Your friend, Jimmy Norman
Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this

year. I would like you to bring me a bicycle, a doll and anything you think I might like.

Love, Gizzie Curtis
Dear Santa,
How are you? Please come to my house this year. Please bring me a bicycle and my little brother a tricycle. Thank you.

Benny Greene
Dear Santa,
It has been a long time since last Christmas and I tried to be a good boy this year. Santa, I want an electric football game.

Love, Ricky Shepherd
Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me a Gung Ho Commando outfit. Please bring my big brother a golf set and my little brother a parachute man. Please bring my mommy and daddy a new bed.

Love, Jay Pollard

50 Years Ago December 23, 1954

Dear Santa,
I am a boy. I am nine years old. Please send me a football set, baseball, guns and a scabbards, Roy Rogers hat, baseball set and a bag of candy.

Love, Jackie Curb
Dear Santa Claus,
I wish you could make my three teeth come in. Santa Claus, when are you going to come to Post cause I want to see your reindeer. They are so peppy. I love you Santa. I wish I could see you now. Oh, Santa Claus I want a doll that is named Susie.

Love, Nita Wilson
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a bicycle and set of dishes, a piano and a doll. And don't forget.

Love, Adelaida Morales
Dear Santa,
My mommie says I have not been a good girl. But my ma ma and my granny says I have. So I want you to bring me a Tiny Tears doll, some Tinker toys, dishes, stove, refrigerator, washing machine, and a mop and broom set. If you don't have some of this it will be all right. If you have any big girl's earrings left over that shake, I would like to have a pair.

I love you, Nedra Childs
Dear Santa Claus,
I have tried to be a good boy. I am eight years old. I would like to have a farm set, a reel and rod, a new wagon and some six shooters.

Love, Curtis Hudman

60 Years Ago December 21, 1944

Dear Santa,
I am six years old, bring me a western gun set and a bow and arrow. Bobby wants a blow and arrow.

Mac Terry
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring us a doll, doll high chair, gun with cork that will pop when it shoots and a telephone and some candy, nuts and fruit.

Kathryn Kay and Joy Laverne
Dear Santa,
I have been a fairly good girl. Do you think you could bring me a doll cedar chest or a trunk. I don't have enough beds to put all my dolls to bed at the same time but I want a new doll with pig tails. I want pinafore for her to wear. My brother John Allan, is only one year old and I think he wants a rag doll.

Marthana Cearley
Dear Santa Claus,
We are four little girls who love you very much. We are going to be at our grandparents at Post on Christmas and we want you to come see us there. Please bring us a table and chairs, and dolls. Remember all the other boys and girls and all our soldiers and sailors. We are 5, 4, and 2 years old.

Gay, Kay, Fern and Sue Roberts
Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a telephone, tractor and a gun and bring my little baby sister a doll, candy, fruit and nuts.

Connie Raymond and Ruthelle Martin

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hey everyone! It has been quite awhile, I've missed you all. I have had so many calls that once again I am going to attempt this. This column is most difficult

without hearing from all of you with your news, so please call in all of your visits, travels and what not. I would love to hear from you.

SYMPATHIES
To the Bob Dixon family, I send my deepest sympathies. What a great fellow he was. I have lots of warm memories of he and Punk Peel in the Rosies' days. I know he was much loved and will be so missed. I have the family in my thoughts and prayers.

CHRISTMAS PARADE
Though this is a little late, I want to congratulate everyone associated with the Christmas parade this year. It was so pretty and enjoyed by everyone.

We opened our coffee shop for coffee and hot chocolate before the parade and several out of town folks came in. They stayed until parade time and watched from the front of our store as we did.

I could not help but overhear their remarks as they were only a few steps away. The woman told her husband how homesick the parade made her for her childhood. She ask her husband why they could not live somewhere like this, it was wonderful.

That made me so proud of Post. We have such a pretty downtown with retail people that make all out-of-towners feel welcome. Anyway, hats off to the folks responsible

GET WELL WISHES
I would like to send get well wishes out to Dorothy Mason and Doris Lester. These are two special ladies to me and I want them to know they are in my prayers.

SPECIAL MERRY CHRISTMAS
To my special friend, Jean Tipton, Merry Christmas. She is my mom's guardian angel over on 4th street and I want her to know how much my family appreciate her. She is a real sweetie and we love her.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL STORY TO SHARE... MERRY CHRISTMAS This is how it happened...I just finished the household chores for the night and was preparing to go to bed, when I heard a noise in the front of the house. I opened the door to the front room and to my surprise, Santa himself stepped out from behind the Christmas tree.

He placed his finger over his mouth so I would not cry out. "What are you doing?" I started to ask. The words choked up in my throat, and I saw he had tears in his eyes. His usual jolly manner was gone. Gone was the eager, boisterous soul we all know.

He then answered me with a simple statement: "TEACH THE CHILDREN!" I was puzzled; what did he mean? He anticipated my question, and with one quick movement brought forth a miniature toy bag from behind the tree. As I stood bewildered, Santa said, "Teach the children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle.

"Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the

everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven."

He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. "Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise."

He then reached into his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. "Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness."

Once again he reached into his bag and removed a WREATH and placed it on the tree. "Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection."

He then pulled from his bag an ornament of himself.

"Teach the children that I, Santa Clause symbolize the generosity and good will we feel during the month of December."

He then brought out a HOLLY LEAF. "Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly represents the blood shed by Him."

Next he pulled from his bag a GIFT and said, "Teach the children that God so loved the world that HE gave HIS begotten SON..." "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."

"Teach the children that the wise men bowed before the Holy BABE and presented HIM with gold, frankincense and myrrh. We should always give gifts in the same spirit of the wise men."

Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a CANDY CANE and hung! it on the tree.

"Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherds' crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our brother's keeper."

He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men.'"

Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and

return."

Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but an humble servant of the One that is,

and I bow down to worship HIM, our LORD, our GOD."

TILL NEXT TIME I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas. May the peace of the season be with each of you God bless each of you.

Judy

Middle School STARS assist Aguilar fund

The Post Middle School STARS organization recently collected more than \$800 for the Christiana Aguilar medical assistance account at Wells Fargo Bank.

Earlier this month, the STARS students placed jars in each classroom of the school, asking students to fill the jars with donations. Slightly more than \$400 was collected in the jars, and the STARS group donated funds to boost the contribution to the account to \$810.

Aguilar, a former STARS member, is daughter of Lupe Aguilar, a janitor at the middle school. She underwent a liver transplant Nov. 9 and is recuperating as an outpatient of Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Pete Walls gets surprise birthday party

Family members surprised Pete Walls with a party in his home Sunday to celebrate his 93rd birthday Dec. 21.

Those on hand to help celebrate and enjoy cake included the honoree's son, Herbert Walls, and wife, Lois; Geneva Belongia; Irene Fry; Laurie Odom; Dale Walls and sons, Seth, Austin and Nathan; and Reagan Belongia, all of Post.

Also in attendance were grandson Derek Walls of Chico and Justin Carlton of Decatur.

Strube, McDaniel Exhibit Champions

Kevin Strube captured the Grand Champion Horse Buckle with his 7 year old entered in the Aged Mare class at the Garza County Jr. Livestock Associations' Halter Class Show held last week. The Reserve Grand Champion Horse plaque went to Hayley McDaniel with her nine year old entered in the Aged Gelding Class.

McDaniel also won the Reserve Champion Gelding Division Banner with her three year old Young Gelding. Taylor Osborn won the Reserve Champion Mare Division Banner with her seven year old Aged Mare.

Showmanship honors and buckles went to Kadie Vernon in the Senior Showmanship Class, and Taylor Osborn in the Junior Showmanship Class. Chylene Poe won the Novice Showmanship Class.

Class results with exhibitors, placing and premiums were as follows: Young Mare Class (5 & under): Kevin Strube-1st., \$40; Kadie Vernon-2nd., \$30.

Aged Mare Class (6 & over): Kevin Strube-1st., \$40; Taylor Osborn-2nd., \$30.

Young Gelding Class (5 & under): Hayley McDaniel-1st., \$40; Kevin Strube-2nd., \$30.

Aged Gelding Class (6 & over): Hayley McDaniel-1st., \$40; Aspen Wischkaemper-2nd., \$30; Julie Boren-3rd., \$20; Justin Boren-4th., \$10; Kadie Vernon-5th.; Charlsi Henrich-6th.

Following the G.C.J.L.A. show, Garza County 4-H conducted a "Clover Kid" Horse Show for youth ages seven and under. Participants receiving ribbons and trophies included: Shelby Baker and Rebecca Taylor.

The Grand Champion Horse buckle was sponsored by Chris, Glenna and Kim Reiter. The Showmanship buckles were sponsored by B&T Feeds, Palmer Construction, and Rocker A Well Service, Inc. All division banners and ribbons were sponsored by Hurst Farm Equipment and Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. GCJLA sponsored premiums.

Billie Briggs of Lubbock served as Judge for the event with Greg Jones serving as Announcer. Glenna Reiter served as Superintendent for the show with Kim Reiter helping with line-up and serving as Photographer. Milton Williams worked the gate and Billie Williams assisted as Secretary. Kadie Vernon, Garza County 4-H Sweetheart, was assisted in presenting ribbon by Chylene Poe, Shelby Baker and Taylor Osborn.

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association would like to express their thanks to all who provided awards, to the Post Stampede Rodeo Association for use of the facilities, those who helped with the event, and to all exhibitors for their cooperative and courteous participation.

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PMS UIL Awards...

(Continued from Page 6)

- Math, eighth grade - Kevin Griffen, third place; third place team.
- Modern Oratory, seventh grade - Chandni Bhakta, third place; Colby Crispin, fourth place; Tianna Reyna, fifth place.

- Modern Oratory, eighth grade - Jackelin Delgado, third place; Chad Miller, sixth place; second place team.
- Music Memory, sixth grade - third place team.

- Number sense, sixth grade - Evette Rodriguez, fifth place; third place team.
- Number sense, seventh grade - Chandni Bhakta, third place; Clint Windham, fourth place; Colby Crispin, sixth place; second place team.

- Number sense, eighth grade - Kevin Griffen, sixth place; third place team.
- Oral Reading, sixth grade - Amber Wilson, third place.

- Oral Reading, eighth grade - Patrick Martinez, first place; Claudia Hernandez, sixth place.

- Ready Writing, sixth grade - Terini Crenshaw, second place; Crystal Hernandez, fourth place.
- Ready Writing, seventh grade - Lindsey Morrow, fifth place.

- Ready Writing, eighth grade - Jackie Slaugh, third place; Stacy Bocko, fifth place.
- Science, seventh grade - Clint Windham, first place; Chandni Bhakta, fourth place; second place team.

- Science, eighth grade - Travis Rasberry, third place; Clint Baker, sixth place; second place team.
- Spelling, sixth grade - Tierni Crenshaw, first place; Evette Rodriguez, third place; Mach Blair, sixth place; first place as a team.

- Spelling, seventh grade - Michael Porter, first place; Alexandria Rodriguez, second place; first place as a team.
- Social Studies, seventh grade - Giles Dalby, third place.
- Social Studies, eighth grade - Zachary Davis, first place.

ACROSS

1 Buda & Kyle paper: "The ___ Press"

5 Astro Central Div. foe Cincinnati

6 TXism: "sling it on the wall and see ___ sticks"

7 Happy, TX is "town with ___ frown"

8 TX convenience store: "Stop ___"

9 TX soft drink was named for Charles ___

16 aviation prefix

18 TXism: "___ he's a ___ day" (quit)

21 TXism: "___ he's a rooster he'll crow"

22 San Antonio insurance co.

23 '83 Houston BB Cougars: "Slamma Jamma"

24 ___ Peter performed 1st successful kidney transplant in TX

30 a Cowboy or a Texan (2 wds.)

34 Ranger sports-caster Eric (init.)

35 Lee Harvey Oswald's wife

36 "Foat Yewh" ___ Yewh

37 pleasure cruiser

39 Pecos Co. seat

43 Linda Gray was Sue ___ on "Dallas"

44 TX Kenny's "The Gambler, ___"

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13 "Lonesome Dove" character: "___ Parker"

14 this Asner starred with TX Zellweger in "The Bachelor"

15 TX actor Torn

17 football referees

19 film about TX

"Red" Adair: "___ Fighters"

20 TXism: "if it ain't true there ___ cows in Texas"

24 Dean of "Four for Texas" (init.)

25 UK military branch (abbr.)

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58 West Nile caused many TX cities to ___ for mosquitos

59 TXism: "___ high on the hog"

60 feel regret

61 TX group "Asleep ___ the Wheel"

32 TXism: "___ it on the back burner"

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40 TX Kenny Rogers' "___ I Can Make It On My Own"

41 "Texas Tea"

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51 ___ gallon hat

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USDA Rural Development forum set for Garza County

A series of statewide forums to present communities with information on the USDA Rural Development programs will be held in coming weeks, according to a recent announcement by Bryan Daniel, state director for the Texas USDA Rural Development office.

The forum for Garza, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties is set for Jan. 19 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Center for Housing & Community Development, 1400 Ave. K, in Tahoka. Participation will be open to all interested individuals.

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single family and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community-based organizations and traditionally underserved portions

of the population," said Daniel. "Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural Texas."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend the forum. For more information or to make reservations to attend, call the USDA Rural Development office in Lubbock at 806-785-5644, ext. 4.



Meagan Hoover (21) helps work the ball down court during basketball action against Abernathy on Tuesday, December 14 in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Robby Dean shows off this 10 point buck he shot December 12 on the Dean Ranch east of Post. The rack is in contention for the 7 Wells Deer Processing big buck contest in Mitchell County. The winner is to be announced January 3.

Sheriff reports nine arrests last week

Nine individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

On Dec. 13, a 33-year-old was picked up on a grand jury indictment for family violence.

Two arrests were made Dec. 14, including that of a 19-year-old for possession of marijuana/under two ounces and a 22-year-old on a Garza County warrant.

Two arrests also were made Dec. 15. They included a 36-year-old for DWI/second offense and a 34-year-old for possession of a controlled substance.

Three individuals were arrested Dec. 18, including a 19-year-old for possession of marijuana, under two ounces; a 33-year-old on a Taylor County warrant; and a 34-year-old for violation of a protective order.

On Dec. 19, a 25-year-old was jailed for consumption of alcohol by minor.

White River Lake Weekly Report
Dec. 20, 2004

Gauge reading: 2353.2 Feet below spillway: 19'3" Rise - 0 Rainfall (past week): 0" Rain to-date: 43.28" Rainfall since Dec. 1 - 40"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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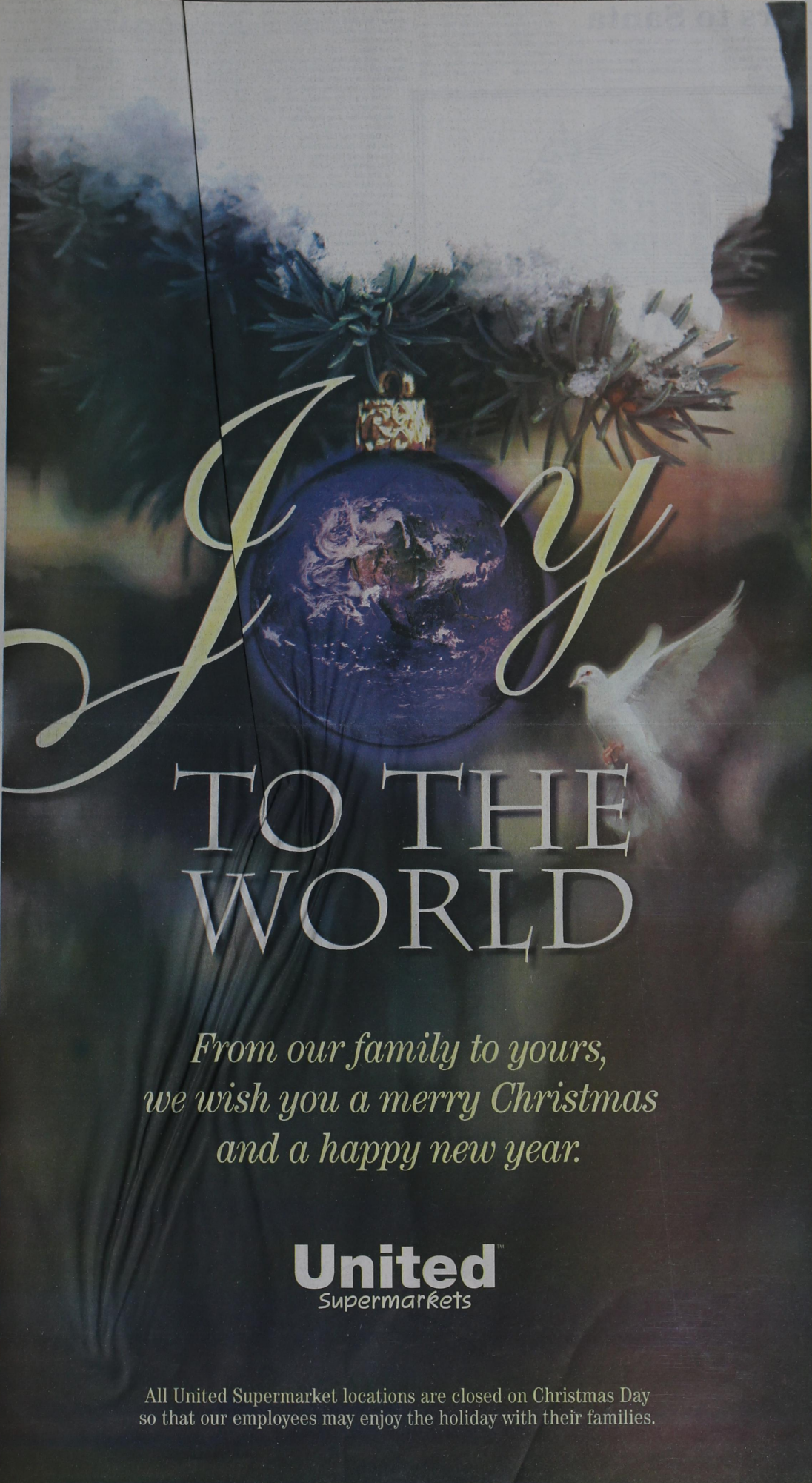


Post Middle School 7th Grade Lady Lopes winning Consolation trophy at the recent Slaton Tournament are (left to right), Mysty Ayala, Darlene Araiza, Brittany Day, Branda Stevens, Toni Wait, Danica Williams, Alex Miller, Crystal Sanchez and Kelly Chapa. (Photo by Traci Stevens)



Post Middle School 8th Grade Lady Lopes winning 2nd place in the recent Post Tournament are (back row left to right), Gaby Gomez, Gomez, Gabi Vergara, Haley Lester, Shawnda Wiley, Whitney Williams and Shyra Perez (front row), Sabrina Sanchez and Jackie Slauch. (Photo by Marta Williams)

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, I have tried very hard to be good this year. I helped my sister clean the dishes, and washed my mom's car. That why you should bring me something. This is what

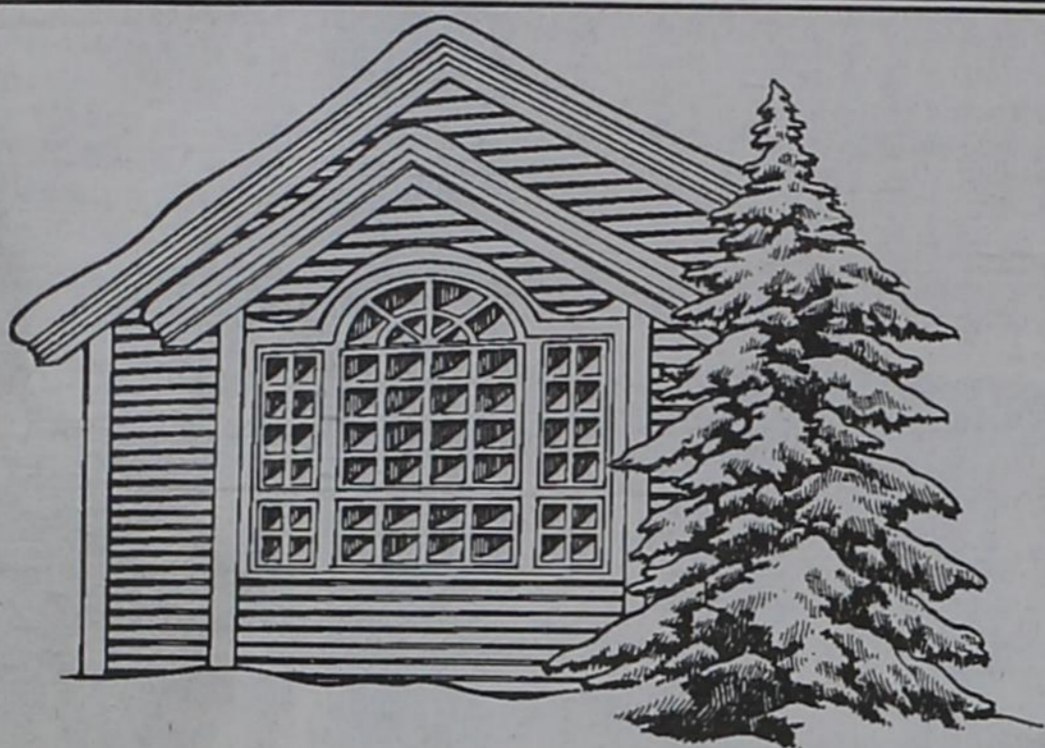
I want. I want a bike, car for my mom, a present. Sincerely, Darren
Dear Santa, I have tried really hard to be good this year. I hope you have a good

Christmas. I have done all my chores this year. I have been helping my mother and she has been helping me. Dad has been helping me, and I have been helping him too. I have helped every body this year. May I have Uno Attack, basketball, Baseball, football, skate board, a calender, a clock, and a poster. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Love, Randy Jenkins
Dear Santa, I've tried to be my best

this year. That is why I want you to give me something. Can I have a basketball. Please I would love to have a brate Barbie and two mermaid barbies, a bowl of popcorn, along with a dvd play and a good Christmas. Thank you. Love, Jasmine
Dear Santa, Overall I've been pretty good. I've helped Mom carry the groceries, Helped dad work on different things, and got things down for my little sister. That's why I think you should bring me presents. What I want to get is a turraun twister, slime canno, cybor, asakit track, parakeet, and the spider man thing that attaches to you. Love, Josh

I can ride. I am for a big one. I will leave milk and cookies out for you. Love, Robert Archuleta
Dear Santa, hope you and Mrs. Claus have been well this year. For Christmas I would like a computer and a Barbie. I will leave milk and cookies out for you. Love, Adriana T
Dear Santa, hope you and Mrs. Claus have been well this year for Christmas I would like a computer and a Barbie. I will leave milk and cookies out for you. Love, Allyson Martinez

Love, Sammy Soto
Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like an air hockey table, a cellphone, a blanket, a football, a ring, and a real phone. Love, Brogan Macy
Dear Santa, For Christmas, I would like a Barbiehouse, a new bike, a cellphone, some DVDs, earphones, and a football. Love, Savina Gomez
Dear Santa, I want a baby puppy, a hamster, a Game Boy, a rabbit, and a snake. Love, Mallory Mason



HOLIDAY Peace

Our thoughts are with you throughout this season of hope and brotherhood. May you experience the true spirit and meaning of the holiday.

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Home for the Holidays

Wishing you a beautiful holiday by the fireside, surrounded by your loved ones, embraced by the warmth and wonder of the season.

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Letters to Santa

Damontre Curtis
Dear Santa, Please bring me a door button so I can push the button. I would also like a Bratz doll and a new bike. I want a Barbie doll and a present that is wrap. I love you, Delaney Fluitt

Dear Santa, Please bring me a motorcycle and a pet crab. I also want a puppy for Christmas. Please bring me a new big bike because I am almost bigger. I love you. Ezra Gill

Dear Santa, Please bring me a Power Ranger dinosaur. I would also like a video game. Please bring all of us a big screen T.V. We will put it some where. I love you. Thadd Basquez

Dear Santa, Please can you get me a little pony. I also want a Baby Alive baby doll. I would like a play phone and a My Little Pony bicycle. Have a safe trip when you come to see me. I love you. Madeline Sybertz

spinning necklace and a pair of spinning shoes. I will leave out cookies for you. Bye, Jose

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I helped my mom with her brothers. I helped my Grandma Aggy wash her take out her trash. I want a big sKreen t.v. because my t.v. is small. I want bratz so I can play with something to play with where my mom is at work. I want a Dream snow book so I can read it to my brothers, J.J. and Garrett. Love, Hayly

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have helped my mom make cookies and I helped my mom make BBQ and for Christmas I would like a YuGiOh moves, a skate bord, a paint ball gun with paint balls, a x box, a slid with a Poleand a late and a tree house. Love, Luis

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I help my mom cleen the room. I would like a gameboy to play all day outside. I want to shere with my friends. I want to play all day. I like a ball to play baseball with my friends to play all day. I like a pull becas I like to simm all day with my brother. Love, Javer

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I even helped mom clean house. I want a clap-on light so I won't half to get up. I want a skate board so I can skate. I want a kids chopper so I can show off. Love, Dylan

Dear Santa, I bane good. I would like a nakulist because I want to be tite. I would lik a spinning shoes because I donte got ine shoes. And I would like a spinning belt because I donte haff a belt. I would like a swimming pool because I like to swim. Last, I want a xbox because I don't haff a game. These are the game that I want. I want Timmy-turner and spungbob snap and I want some clowths. Love, Sidrick

Dear Santa, I have been good all year. I have helped my mom wash clothes and take them out of the washer and put them in the dryer. I would like a real white laptop I can play with my brother because they won't let me play. So I can do my homework so I can take it to lubock. I would also like some lip gloss kitty flavor lip gloss blue lip gloss. I would like a white one to. I would like it to put it on my lips so I can shine on my lips. I would also like babyblue Kswiss so I can take them to school. I would also like a snook dog seede drawpitt like a saw so I can lisin to it in my mom's car. Please think about bring all these thing for me. Try to find the cookies milk and the cake. Love, Lupita

Dear Santa, I have been good all year. I have helped my mom put the clothes in the dryer and put the clothes that was already in the dryer on the bed. I would like a couch because I like to watch TV and lay down when my friend comes to spend the night. I also want a real blue or orange laptop. I would like that so I could play games, do my home work. I would also stay out of my moms hair. The thing I want most is a video now. I would like that so when we go traveling I wouldn't be bored. The last thing I want is a go cart. I would like a go cart so in the summer Tye and I could go race. Please think about bring me these things. I will leave out cookies and a glass of milk. Have a Merry Christmas. Love, Dakota Greer

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have helped the baby at the girl souct, but so he wouldn't fall off the porchrail. For Christmas I want a vidionow player because I am bored in the car. The next thing I want is a game boy. So I can play it when my sister is watching animal planit. The last thing I want is a Kin doll so I don't have to ues a girl doll for a boy. Love, Casie

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I have helped my family by giving them lots of presents for Cristmas. I help my frend by letting them playing with me if they don't have any body to play with. I even let they join if they still have somebody to play with. For Cristmas I would like a polly pocet plane. I would like a polly pocet plane because I could play with it and all my other ones too. Also I would like some C.D.s. I am a big fan of Hillary Duff, Airan Carter and Mark Wills. They are my favoret singers but I already have a C.D. player. Last I would like to have a movie called, Cinderella story. I would like that movie because I want to see that movie really mad. That has my most favoret girl in it. I would like it on VhS. I have been good this year so please think about bringing me these things. I will leave you some cookies. Thank you Sant Clause for bringing me these things. Love, Chelby Morris

Dear Santa, I been really good this year. I helped my grandma take the trash to the dump. For Christmas I want a gameboy Advans Sp. So I wouldn't be bored. I would also like gameboy games so play lots of games. I would also like a transformer because I want another to play with. Look for the cookies and milk on the table santa. I hope you can bring this stuff.

Love, Gilberto
Dear Santa, I been very good this year. I have been doing stuff for my mom. For Christmas I would like a video now with color. Sometimes I am bored in the car. Next I want a Micky mouse doll. Cause I want to sleep with it. I want an CD of usher. So I want to listen to it. I am one of usher fan. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Sandy

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy for you this year. Me and my brother have been clearing the yard. I been doing my chores and my brother. I am hoping to see gifts under my tree. This is whate I want please. I wood like a xbox and a bege holl3 and 4. Love, Tyler

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good this year. This year I want you to bring something I've wanted in my whole life, a skate board with a picture of a dragon fighting with a white stripped tiger. David H.

Dear Santa, I've been good this year. I had been work very hard. I've been helping people. I please want Yugion cards and all card. Love, Kaleb

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good. I help my mom to clean her room. Santa I want a T.V, a new shoes, a new toy and a ball. From, Daniela

Dear Santa, I want for christmas a goatcar a black one that has two seats. Remy

Dear Santa, I have tried to be very good this year. I have been nice to people, and I have helped my sister do her homework. Can you please bring me a bike, skates, computer and some things to paint your lips. Love, Minnie

Dear Santa, Give me a present. Toys. A Christmas tree. A toy tractor. A toy bear. A cricket. Love, Justin Self

Dear Santa, I want a pony. I want a talking vacuum cleaner. A real dog! I want Kleenexes. I want a Barbie with slippers. I want some sunglasses for me because I lost my pink ones. I want to get Mollie a blanket and sunglasses. And a ring for me. Love, Chloe Cowley

Dear Santa, I love you. You are my best friend. We have a pretty Christmas tree. Bells are pretty on your reindeer. I want a makeup table with lots of hair stuff. I want pointy markers. A snowman, then I want a pretend Santa that you can blow up and plug in. Love, Maddison Trulicka

Dear Santa, I want a puzzle. I want a thing that has colors and a color book. And a other book that has Angels in it. I want a firetruck puzzle like Mrs. Guthrie has. I want a mailbox. And a pumpkin because I like pumpkins. Love, Victoria Hernandez

Dear Santa, Let me have a baby with a green dress. Let me have a basket to buy groceries with food in it. A ball and a baby puppy. A little baby puppy. I love you. Love, Alisha Walls

Dear Santa, I want a choo choo train. I need new tubes for my bike. I need new shoes. I want a new bike. Love, Pacey Blevins

Dear Santa, I want some new shoes. Under the Christmas tree I want some books, a John Deere tractor. Love, Bandy Osborn

Dear Santa, I want a Barbie, a brat one. Your reindeers are cute. I like you. You are cute. Love, Audreigh Garza

Dear Santa, I want a red truck, a car, and another car. Love, Mauricio DeLuna

Dear Santa, Give me a play table and plates. Can you give me some colors so I can color. Give me a phone. Give me some medicine because I'm sick everyday. Love, Joyce McDougle

Dear Santa, I want a telephone, clothes, shorts and a top that matches it. And I love you. Love, Selicia Pope

Dear Santa, I love you. I want something. I want a skateboard, a choo-choo train, blocks, a puppet, new socks, a pencil, donuts, dr. toys, a new soupcase, a play gun with bullets, and a bell, and a painting thing. Love, Daniel Gomez

Dear Santa, I'd like to say I love you. I want a motorcycle and a motorcycle helmet. Love, Angel Polanco

Dear Santa, Bring me something. Bring me a train, cars, puzzles, that's it. Love, Marco Gonzalez

Dear Santa, I like playing. I like to eat donuts. I'm playing in a puppet show. I like to be superman and trick-or-treat. I would like five cars. Buy me a robot toy. I want you to buy me a cool toy. And a new controller and a field game. Love, Jeffrey Axtell

Dear Santa, I love you. I want a motorcycle, a paint gun, a seat that glows in the dark for my bike, I want more pencil spinners that light up on my wheels, a watch that glows in the dark. That's it. Love, Jonathan Hernandez

Dear Santa, I love you. I want some toys. The Dino thunder toys, a play computer, and a book of Dino-thunder. A play Dino-thunder phone, and a football, and a blue ranger Dino-thunder. Love, Damian Rodriguez

Dear Santa, Bring me a goat to ride on and a playhouse and a red chair, a kitchen, play food, and bring my brother something. Bring me some paint for I can paint my dollhouse. I want a football for my brother. Love, Shantelle Norris

Dear Santa, I want a cheeia girls CD and a cheeta girl our elt, make up, a nurse, frog, brakbray, mury and Joseph whit baby Jesus

whitha a little lamb, \$1,0000, a tralor house a computer a fish, a CD holder. Cheerleading outfit, urkandishane, a golden nekles, a golden braset, a bullsake a rattlersnake and a racoda. Love snelbyr

Dear Santa, I love Christmas because Jesus was born on Christmas night and he was our savior. I hope to be up there with Jesus because I love him very much. This is what I want for Chrimstas. Gameboy advance Sp, Science stuff, Motorscoter, Shrek 2 the game, research books, and a Video now. Love,

Jordan
Dear Santa, I want a good Christmas and I want you to have a good holiday. And I want the Dragon Ball Z budiki 3 game. And a happy new year. Your friend, Stephen

Dear Santa, I want a playstahun 2 and the game medal horrasing, sunasting ray plus grand theft auto, SanAndreas for PS2. Phillip

Dear Santa, I want a video now, skates, a watch, pencils and books. CD player with a ear phones. Love, Amanda

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Letters to Santa

some times my friends. For Christmas I want rollerblades, a game boy advance, three games to go with my game boy advance, a CD player, a James Bond 007 play station game, and a great Christmas for every one. I think Christmas is great. Matti Smith

Dear Santa, I hope that you bring Me a John Wayne picture and Hank the Cowboy Books. And a PS 2 and a drum set. Paden

Dear Santa, I would like for you to get a 5 CD disk play. And I would like a

computer. I would like a computer desk with a chair. And then I want a bike. Then I want some Nike shoes. Then I want some clothes. Then I want a gameboy advance sp. Then I want some CD's. Then I would like for you to get my sisters something. Get them baby dolls different ones with a stroller. Taylor

Dear Santa, I want a xbox, game cube PS2. Lots of games for my xbox grand theft auto 3 I wan't some Kswiss shoes. I wan't clothes, socks and I wan't a next bike. Love,

Brandy.

Dear Santa, I believe you always will when you come to my house give me presenc so I will name them to you. I want a PS2 and I want a big monster truck and a bike and new cloths. Travis

Dear Santa, I want a Gameboy SP and a game Cube. I want games called Ty2, Vanhelling, Amazing Island. A PS2 and a big screen TV. A new fishing rod for me and my dad and a Xbox. Collin

Dear Santa, I want a sting ray and I wan't a PS2 with raw US snckdown and Zack want's raw US smackdown too. Esme want's a big sponebob and Patrick. Amanda want's a new backpack.

Dear Santa, I want a stingray bike and Raw vs. Smackdown clothes and a real monkey. My friend wants a PS2 with Raw vs. Smackdown. Zach

Dear Santa, I want a CD player with the cheetah girls song and I want a new back pack with no Bratz, and I want a monkey and a swimming pool and a shirt and pants. Pooh wants Grand theft auto sandfas, string ray, smack down raw. I wish I was a professional wrestler. And Gilberto wants a Gameboy SP. Esme

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a car. Bring my Dad a skate board. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Dylan Morris

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a motorcycle. Bring my mom and dad a computer. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Nathan Walls

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a elephant. Bring my mom a new car. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Brandon Britton

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a bike. Bring my mom a watch. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Triana Curtis

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a power ranger suit. Bring my mom a ring. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Carson Mason

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a motorcycle. Bring my mom a scooter. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Austin Britton

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a remote control car. Bring my dad a wallet. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Valente Perez

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a gameboy. Bring my sister a doll. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Joe Adam Perez

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a dragon ball Z. Bring my Dad a picture of me. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Preston Bryant

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a 4-wheeler. Bring my mom clothes. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Traven Laurence

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a scooter. Bring my sister a baby doll. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Lauren Lynch

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a doll. Bring my sister a folder. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Alexis Antillon

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a doll. Bring my mom a pretty dress. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Lissette Gonzales

Dear Santa, I have worked hard in kindergarten this year. I would like a mermaid. Bring my mom a doll. Have a merry Christmas! Love, Joelié Williams

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a motorcycle, a game cube, a time machine, a game boy advance SP, a go cart, a real Ford Mustang, low rider model cars and a new bike. That's all the stuff I want for Christmas. Your friend, Brandon Hervey

Dear Santa, I want a giant robot, a bowling game, a rocket car Sonic Boom, a bad guy giant robot, and three boxes with missiles. Love, Tyler Scott

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing Christmas. I like Christmas. I want to get a Barbie present, a Brat, a coloring book and markers. Love, Jena Soto

Dear Santa, I want a Hot Wheels race track with the little spider thingy where his head pops off and splits. I want a new Karaoke because my other one broke. I want a new Power Ranger Megazord, a new Hulk and Spiderman clock and a new megan man arm that is red. Love, Blaze Smith

Dear Santa, I want new Yu-Gi-Oh! cards, a new talking bear, a new cup, a little Christmas tree, a new skateboard, new stickers, a coloring book and markers. Love, Chase Morris

Dear Santa, I want a Pogo stick, a Brat Barbie, a light-up jump rope and a light-up cup. Love, Janikah Collazo

Dear Santa, I love you. You'll like my cookies. I want new clothes and Brats. Love, Ericka Solis

Dear Santa, I want a bike and a Karaoke. Love, Daisha Greathouse

Dear Santa, I want Dragon Ball Z - the video game. Love, Ben Ayala

Dear Santa, I want a bike, Barbie Smart Kitchen and a Raven toy. I want a real reindeer. I want a Barbie-Like-to-go-Shopping. That's when you pay money for getting lots of food. I want new princess clothes, a tea pot, new shoes, and a bow. I want a princess, purple castle and new dollies. Love, Victoria Gutierrez

Dear Santa, I want a new bike, new Barbies and some ABC playing cards. Love, Yvette Armendariz

Dear Santa, Thank you for presents. I want Power Rangers, fire trucks, cars and a truck. I want a shirt, shoes and pants. Love, Sebastian Guerra

Dear Santa, I want a shot gun, an airplane, a pillow and a glass reindeer. Love, Stetson Boles

Dear Santa, Have a great night tonight! I want a new blanket, a little play Santa, a beach ball, a kite and an umbrella. Love, J'Lynn Stone

Dear Santa, I want a game called Sonic Heros it's a xbox game and a other game that I want is called pirates of the carra beanan the curce of the black pural and also a other game called Alien vs. Predator all these games are for xbox I can't wait to see you santa. Brandon

Dear Santa, I want a game cube you-ge-yo cards, a game boy advanced sp, a play stashom 2, Pokemon cards, remoantr car. A new compotor, forlorab, golf cart, bike and magnets. From, Tyson Scott

Dear Santa, I want a new puppy, pencils, boos, a cat and keys and a stareyo. I want \$1,000 and My teacher is indapendent. Merry Christmas, Sabrina

Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? There are three things I want for Christmas. First, I want lazer tag. You can play games. Second, I want a Mega Man Battle. You can face each other. Third, I want an x-box so you can play different games. Thank you Santa and have a good Christmas. Your friend, Blake Boren

Dear Santa, How is everything at the North pole? I want a Raven game for my Game boy, and a big Barbie kite because I have been good. I love you, Madison Carr

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole? How are your rain deers? First, I would like a motor cycle bike and a go cart to ride. Second, I want a truck with Nos. Third I want a hamster and a bird to feed and necklaces would be great too. For Christmas please get me these things. I love you, Hector Chapa

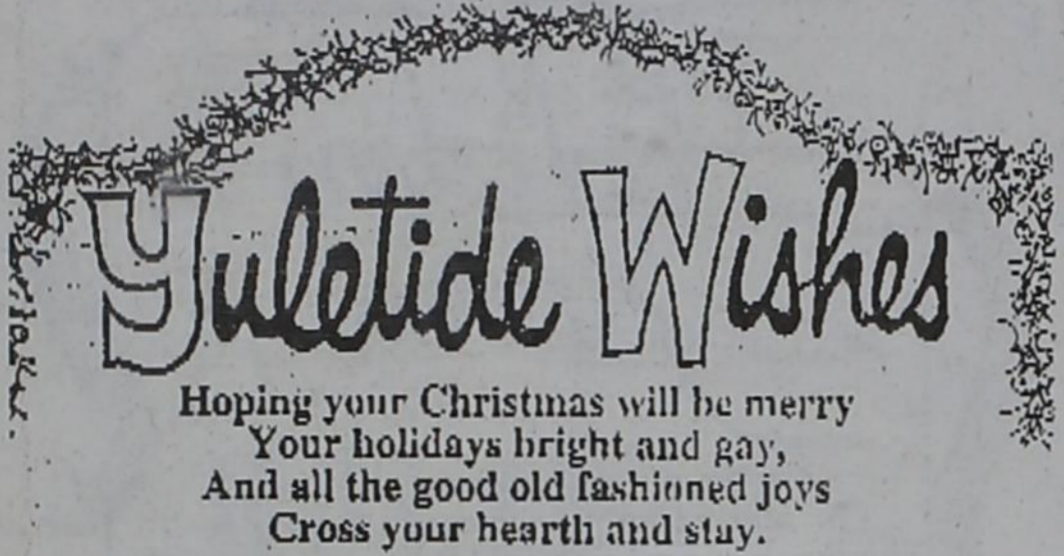
Dear Santa, How is it going over there in the north pole. First I want two games for my playstation. I want them because their fun to play. Second, I want some Converse shoes. I want them because they have fire on the side. Third, I want a motorcycle. I want it because it makes a cool sound. Have a good Christmas. Love, Erik Gomez

Dear Santa, How is everything at the North Pole? There are three things I would really like for Christmas. First, I had a computer. I could practice to type. Second, I want a game cube. I could play lots of games. Third, I would like a guinea pig. I could play with it. Thank you Santa and have a good Christmas. I love you, Carson Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa, How is delivering presents? Here are some things I would like for Christmas. First, a computer so I can go online. Second, a science kit so I can learn. Last, I want ever one to have a good Christmas. Your friend, Jaime Marquez

Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? There tree things I would like. First I would like a kitten. I would play with him everyday. Second, I want a master and I will feed it everyday. Third, I would like a cat. I would play with it everyday. Thank you Santa and have a happy holadas Santa. I love you. Kortnee McKee

Dear Santa, How is every thing at the North Pole? There are three things I would really like to have for Christmas. First, I wish I had a Datamax. You can touch the screen and it will change a page. Second, I want new Bratz clothes. You can change their clothes different then each other. Third, I would like a



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unto us a son is given:
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be
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The everlasting Father,
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Letters to Santa

phone that is real and goes in my bed room. I can call my dad or mother. I love you, Kelbie
 Dear Santa, How is every thing at the North Pole. I want a scooter because I can ride it and a rabbit because I can play with it. I would like a motorcycle because I can ride it. Have you been okay? I love you, Christian Pearson
 Dear Santa, How is every thing at the North Pole? There are three things I would like for Christmas. First, I would like a

motor scooter because it's fast. Next I would like a electric motor cycle because they are cool. Finally I would like a motor cycle bike because they go fast. I love you, Allen Perez
 Dear Santa, How is every thing at the North Pole? First I will like to have a Strawberry Shortcake. Second I will like to have windpants so I will have some mor. Third I will like to have a math facts because they help me. Thank you Santa and have a good Christmas. I love you. Rebecca Perez

Dear Santa, How is it going in the North Pole? There are three things I would like for Christmas. First, I would like a v-tech computer. I could practice math and science. Second, I would like some Bratz and Bratz stuff. I could ride it to school. Thank you Santa and have a great Christmas. I love you, Jayci Stone
 Dear Santa, How is every thing going in the North Pole? There are three things I want. First, I want a v-tech computer. You can touch the screen. Second, I want a T.V. I want a T.V. because I won't have to watch what my brother watches. Third, I want some Bratz because you can change their boots. Thank you, Santa, and have a great Christmas. I love you, Rebecca Taylor

Care Bear, a real camera and a Spiderman Web Blaster. Can you bring me a computer? I'm going to leave you cookies. I love you! Love, Heavyne Wells
 Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Barbie and a bear. How do your reindeer fly? I have been good this year! Love, D'Kota Walls

Dear Santa, I like you! Could you give us presents? I would like a camera, a Gameboy SP and that's all. I have been good this year! Love, Paxton Nava
 Dear Santa, I want presents with treats in them like a ring and a toy motorcycle. I'll leave you some cookies! I want to give you a hug. Love, Austin Walls

Dear Santa, I want Chronicles of Riddick and I like Power Rangers. I love you, Santa! Love, Agustin Menchaca
 Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a car, a camera and a phone. I have been good this year! Love, Ian Haworth
 Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a real lab with all the stuff. I want to tell you that you rule, Santa! I saw you at the Christmas parade and you threw candy at me! Love, Ty Jones

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a Texas Tech helmet, a Post helmet and that's all. I have been good this year! Kobe Ammon
 Dear Santa, I have been good a lot for Chismas. I will leave out cookies and milk. I want Bratz dolls and a scooter. You are special. Love, Karina Perez

Dear Santa, I tried to be good but would you bring me presents? Some people don't believe in you. But I do. I will leave you milk and cookies. I want a drum set and a Santa hat. You are the best Santa. Love, Ragin Kimmons

Dear Santa, I have been a goodboy and I will all Christmas. On Christmas Eve I want a game boy game Boos Fury and The Incredibles. Love, Nathaniel Renfro
 Dear Santa, I have been good. I want a hew computer. I will give you cookies and milk. I love you Santa. Marisol Faz

Dear Santa, I have been a very nice girl. For Christmas I want a Bratz doll and a playstation. Love, Selena Escobar
 Dear Santa, I want an xbox and a motor cycle. Where do you get the presents from? Love, Edil Sanchez

Dear Santa, I would like a piano. I am good this year. I Love you Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Kaitlyn Overton

Dear Santa, Do your reindeer get a present? I want a Barbie Jacuzzi and My Little pony. Love, Addie Quintana
 Dear Santa, I love you. I want a Gameboy and a motorcycle. Christan Delgado
 Dear Santa, I have been good a lot. I



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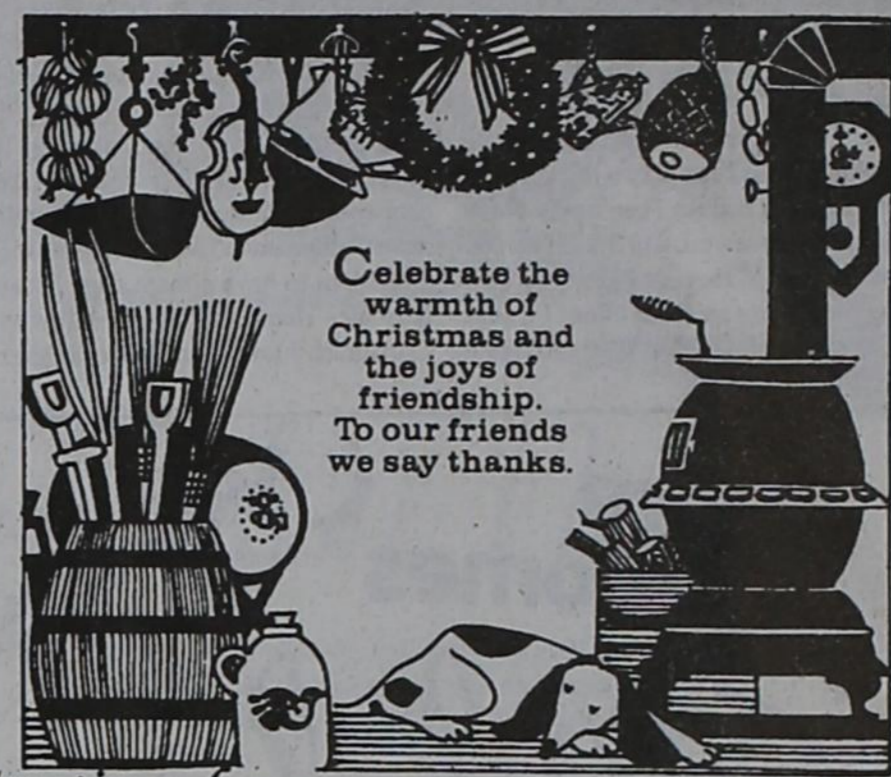
Letters to Santa

will leave you milk and cookies. I want a toy Tyrelle Huey
grocery store and a real horse and some clothes Dear santa, I want a play station and
and a Brat. Love, Ashlee Gray basketball for Christmas. I will leave you
Dear Santa, I have been good. I want some milk and cookies. Love, Alonzo
drums and aguitar. Love, Brayden Permenter Armendariz
Dear Santa, I have been a good girl Dear Santa, I have been a good boy
this year. I will leave Cookies and milk. For this year. I like Christmas. I want a dog and a
Christmas I want a Brats doll and clothes. Scooby Doo Toy. Love, Tristan Read
Love, Kaitlyn Walden Dear Santa, I am trying to be good. I
Dear Santa, I will leave out milk and would like an xbox and a Gameboy Advanced.
cookies. I want a bike and a scooter. Love, Love, Fabin Marquez

Dear Santa, I want an Xbox and
Hulk toy. I am good boy. I want a play station
four. Love, Chris Saucedo
Dear Santa, I have been a good boy.
I would like a Texas Tech helmet and big
shoulder pads. Love, Blaine Reece
Dear Santa, I want a Car Bear and
the Brats. Love, Esmeralda Rodriguez
Dear Santa, I would like a brown
little puppy. I want a bike too. I also want some
white boots. I have been a very good girl.
Elizabeth Ramirez
Dear Santa, Do you live at the north
pole. Would you give me a present? I would
like a trampolane gcourt. I Love you Santa
Jonathan

Clause doing? I will leave something good to
eat. 1 Power Puff game 2 Baby dolls. Love
Sant Clos
Dear Santa, How are you doing? I
believe in Santa. I want a real dog. Love,
Dylan Carrell I will leave you something to
eat.
Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs.
Claus doing? Santa I want a new big stereo for
Christmas. Santa I want a new trampoline.
Love, McKenzie Finch
Dear Santa, How are you and Clas
doing Santa, I want a dog for Christmas, Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas, Santa I want a
motorcycle for Christmas, Santa I want a new
games for my game boy sp
Dear Santa, My name is Cade, and I have been
very good this year. I would like a bigger TV
in my room so I can play my Gamecube on it
and also some Alpha Team Legos. I will leave
some good cookies and milk for you. Take
care and have a good flight on Christmas Eve.
Love, Cade Mason
Dear Santa, My name is Mallory, and I am 6
years old. I would like a Gameboy Advance
SP and a Hello Kitty robe. I like chocolate
a bunch, so please leave some in my stocking. I
will leave you cookies and milk. I love you.
Mallory Mason

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Dear Santa, I Love you and Mrs.
Claus! I will Leave you some cookies. How are
you and Mrs. Claus doing? I want a real Puppy
dog. And a pink Brat doll. Love, Alex Perez
Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs.
Claus doing? I want a ice cream maker. I want
a go-cart. I Love Santa! Love, Destiny Cowley
Dear Santa, Hnow are you and Mrs.
Claus doing? I would like a go-cart and a
motorcycle. Miguel
Dear Santa, I Love you Santa and
Mrs. Claus. How are you and Mrs. Claus
doing? I want a gocart and a saddle for my
horse. I will leave you something good to eat.
Love, Tallen Burns
Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs.
Claus doing? I would like a stuffed puppy dog.
I would like a stuffed kitten. I believe in Santa!
I will leave you something good to eat. Love,
Breea Daniell
Dear Santa Claus, How are you and Mrs.
Claus. For Christmas I would like a real pick up
and a sleigh. Haden Benham I real pick up 2
sleigh
Dear Santa, I would like a real cat
and a Barbie. I will leave out something for
you to eat. I love you. Crystal Delgado
Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs.
Claus doing? Santa I want a fish aquarium and
a stuffed bunny. I love you Santa. Me and my
sis have been good this year. I will leave you
something. Love, Taylor Cerra
Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like
like a motorcycle and a spider gam. Chris
Rosas
Dear Santa, I would like a real baby
ketten. A real hamster. And a little chicken. I
believe in Santa Clanta. Good trip. See you
next time. And we sing your songs. We Love
you Santa Claus we will keep are eyes shut
when you are nowing you are hir. Love, Amber
Guerrero
Dear Santa, I want a stuffed dog and
a stuffed cat and a baby real kitten by Sierra
Freeman
Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs.
Claus doing? Santa, I want a spider man 2
movie and a go-cart. I will leave you something.
Love, Isaah Jones
Dear Santa, How are you Mrs.

Dear Santa, I want a boom box and a microphone to
go with it. I also want a lap top and something
to hold it in. And a new back pack and a new
camera. OK? Love, Whitney P.S. Don't forget
Champ's presents. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I
want a trampoline, guitar, clothes, rock star
clothes, cheer sweatshirt, rock star cup, drums,
candy, craft box with craft stuff, tap shoes and
children's movie. Love, Lindsey
Dear Santa, I want a trampoline, a
beanie from Aropostale or such, clothes,
camera w/film, a new binder, a backpack, a
new purse from Abricombie or Aropostale,
etc., shoes, Billabong sweatshirt, makeup kit,
hair accessories, cleanswers, candy, CDs and
extra film. Love, Alyssa
Dear Santa, I want a trampoline, a
new beanie, a new Dickie sweatshirt (black or
pink, but not white), a new Zoe Girl CD, a
camera with lots of film, clothes, aplain colored
spiral notebook for school, a new Bible and
Bible case, stationary set (!!), shoes, jewelry,
Jans sport backpack, makeup kit, candy and
purses. Love, Cailee
1. New version 2. Pokemon Advance 3.
Dragonite cards 4. Beyblade cards 5. ESPN
game station.
1. Ninja Turtle Play set 2. Pokemon cards 3.
Spiroteam Gamecube 4. Ninja Turtle Movie
5. Power Ranger movie for Gameboy.
Dear Santa What I wan't for Chismas is a ball
from me to: my dog and 4 bones for it. I want
a dill of dognip for Halley, 1 bone. I want this
alley sock and mine. This was what here. In in
my are in hcorl that sed strae snow, dirt, any
this and my dog a bed. Love, Hunter
Dear Santa, For Christmas I would
like a puppy purse, a CD player with ear
phones, a fluffy rug, a poster of Hillary Duff,
new shoes, hair bands, a Love Cub, a nickel
free watch, a nickel free bracelet, and a nickel
free neckless. Your friend, Taylor Read
Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a
Gameboy Advance SP and some Pokemon
cards and some games for my Gameboy
Advance SP, ESPN Game Station, and I want
a TV. And I need my two front teeth. I have
lost 3 teeth in the last month. And please leave
the poor people some presents and food. I will
leave you a lot of cookies and milk and I will
leave the light on outside. I have been really
good this year. From, Tye Lewis
Dear Sant, I would like a little puppy and some
shoes and some clothes. I wish that I can have
a traplen and a cd player and some ldrres to like
the Haylery duff. Ruby Rodriguez
Dear Santa, I like what I got last
crisntmas. I really liked cameboy game and the
power ranger. Michael
Dear Santa I would like
Dragon Ball Z Budika 3. And Jak 3. And most
of all I want all of my family to gather around
and celebrate Jesus's birthday. Love, Zack
Dear Santa, What I would like for
Christmas is a moter scooder, and some shirts,
some pants and some shoes and a spy kit. And
a worm blanket and a sleeping bag. Johnny
Paul
I want a dog and a bike and game some shoes
and clothes and and a nother game.
Dear Santa, I would love it if you
could give me some mony not from parents.
Thank you Santa. Tristan
Dear Santa, I've been a good boy
this year. What I would like some magniticed
rev-ups, donkey kong journey 2, Sly cooper, 2
for Playstaiton 2, Yu-gi-oh booster pack of
crds, a Fossil watch and a helicopter that will
come back to you. Jordan B.
Dear Santa, Hi, my name is Katie
and I have some questions. Would it be possible

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Letters to Santa

to have some of these? I would like a Love Cub, a new game for my Game Boy Advance, a music box, a comforter and sheets. If some of these things are not possible it is ok. Katie Shae Dunn

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like some kangaroo boots, lots of candy, the booke elle enchanged, coloring book of Christmas, colors. That is all that I want for Christmas. Be cause the best part of Christmas is giving to others! Have a merry Christmas! Britt

Dear Santa, I want a music box, a glass figure. Your best friend, Sydnie

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a Game Boy SP with a Walt Disney Princess game and a blue go-cart. I would also like a knitted red sweater with a white Santa Clause face on it and a DVD of Home on the Range. I will have a plate of chocolate chip cookies on the fireplace. Merry Christmas. Sara Greer

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a game for my Game Boy S.P. I also want clothes, shoes, and socks for my Chou Chou doll, and a C.D. of Home on the Range. Love, Taylor Osborn

A Pinstincess 2 and a trampoline and a game cube and a sobemill one and a dog. I waise carine. The soars DVD. I waise in an aguir and the they bal bodt. I wairy a banks ure hohl anrar TV NFL cairlons. I wairy anew calls sha yous aire.

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas. I want a new pair of shoes, a DVD player, and a pair of clothes. But the three things that I want for Christmas is a pair of pajamas, slippers and a swingset. Your friend, Cheyenne Gill

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas, a color TV and Football game on Gamboy Advance. I also want a trampling and a computer. Merry Christmas. Love, Nolan Prather

Dear Santa, I wish htat I had a trampoline. And I wish that I had a game cube advance 2. I wish that my grandma will get better. And I had M.X. unleashed. I wish that I had a X box and game for it. I wish that I had a grand thef ado Sanudreas. I wish that I had a new bike. I wish that I had a coumputer and games for it. I wish that I had a new racecar the jeep kind. I wish that I had a chopper. I wish that I had a basket boll. I wish that I had a new comeroller. I wish that I had new shoes. I wish that I had a PS3 and games from it.

Dear Santa, This is what I want for Christmas. I have been good and nice this year. I want a glass doll (you know like real),

teddy bear, shoes, DVD player (for my TV) and a shirt, and pants, pajamas and slippers. Santa what do you want for Christmas because this year I want to get everyone a present or money, many things else but please bring my friends a present. Your friend, Taylor Gray

Dear Santa, I want a 4 willer for Chrismess and a gocart. Your friend, Blace Stevens P.S. I lave cookes for you.

Dear Santa, I what a puppy for Chrismas. My teacher love Chrismas.

Dear Santa, I wish for NFL street football, spongbob the movie, tech football and 100 dollars. See you. Pake Jones

Dear Santa, May I please have a real horse. Can I have a trampulen for Chrismas.

Ples can I have a swingset. May I have some new close. A play jeep and I please have the movie Garfield and a snow white movie. And a radio. And dvd player. Some new shoes to. And a computer. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the kitchen table. You friend, Bethany Curtis

Dear Santa, I hope Im not bothering you. There are three things Ide like to receive for Chrismas. They are a Harley mini gas powered motorcycle, a hair beader and a new bicycle. The first thing Ide like is a mini gas powered motorcycle. I want this motorsikle so I wont haft to walk all the time. The second thing I want is a hair beader. The reason I want this is beacose I just don't want to brush my hair. The last thing I want is a new bicycle. I want this beacose I don't want to ride my other one beacose it is flat. Love, Madison Fluiit

Dear Santa, How are you doing? For Chrismas, I want a tea cup, a moder scoter, and a lot of shoes and clothes. I want a tea cup.

I want a tea cup because I want it to play with me. The second ting I want is a moder scoter because a modern, scoter is fun. I waqnt a lot of shoe and a lot of close Because I nid a lot of shoes and a lot of close. Do you want some cookies and milk. Love, Amber Aguilar

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Are you and your elves working hared? I am writing early so it can get there early. The fist thing I want is a pug puppy. I want the pug puppy because I want somebody to see wen I get home. The next itam I would like is a Scooby-Doo pilos, blanket, and a sheet. Why I want this is for winter to keep my warm. The last item I would like is a scooder. I would like a scooder because I would like something to ride on other than a bike. I'm looking to see the presnts under the tree on Chrismas and Chrismas Eve. See you soon I hope. Love, Wyatt Benham

Dear Santa, I know you are busylove you so much that you are very They are a real dog, a batter-operated jeep, and an automatic braid maker. I want busy. For Chrismas, there are three things I'd really like to have a real dog. I want a real dog because my other dog died. I want a real battery-operated jeep. I want a jeep because I nervr had one. The third thing I really want is an automatic braid maker. I want an automatic braid maker because I wear braids a lot. This would help my mom do my hair. I love you Santa Claus and your wife. Merry Chrismas! Ho Ho Ho merry charismas Santa claw! To Santa Claus, I am good in School. Love, kelsie Whitehead

Dear Santa, I you are very busy preparing for chrismas. I wanted to be sure



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you received my list before Christmas so I'm writing to you early. There are three items I'd really like for Christmas. They are a train twister, a motor scooter, and a real dog. The first item I would really receive having is a train twister. I want a train twister because me and my sister and all of us can have fun. The second item I really want to receive is a motor scooter. Why I want this motor scooter is so we can have fun. Me and Sissy can each take trips on it. The last item I would really receive is a real live dog. Why I want this real live dog is so I can love on it and it will guard my other dog Nolia. I'm really looking forward to Christmas this year. I hope these items are not too difficult for you to find or make. I will be looking for them on Christmas morning. Love, Conner

Dear Santa, I know you are very busy working on the toys for the kids. I hope your finished before Christmas. There are three things that I want for Christmas this year. They are a new computer, a game for the computer, and a PlayStation 2. The first thing I want is a computer. I want a flip-top computer because I want to play it on the weekends with my games. I want a game for the computer as my second item. I want a game for my computer for I can play games on the weekends. The third thing I want for Christmas this year is a PlayStation 2. I want a PlayStation 2 because so I can play this if I don't want to play something else. I am looking forward to Christmas. I am waiting for the presents at Christmas. Love, Jonathan Flores

I know you are busy. There are three things that I'd really like to have this year. They are new tennis shoes-size 2, some new blankets, and a new small bed. The first thing I would like is a pair of new tennis shoes. I would like a new pair of tennis shoes because mine are worn out. The second thing I would like are some new warm blankets. I would like some new warm blankets because mine are all ripped from my little brothers cutting them. Without blankets, I'm cold at night. The last thing I'd really like for Christmas this year is a new small bed. I'd like a new small bed because mine is not setting up. It's setting on the floor. At least I do have a bed, but I'd like one off the floor. These are the things that I would like for Christmas this year. I'm looking forward to Christmas. Love, Seth

Dear Santa, How are you doing. Santa, you and your elves are working hard. For Christmas, there are three things I really want. They are some boots, some babies, and sewing machine. I want these three can I though have those three things. Love, Alexis collazo

Dear Santa, Do you want some cookies and milk. I hope you do because I'm going to set them out. I want a scoot. Because I like them. The second thing I want is a motorscooter. Because I rode one and it was fun. I hope you get these toys. Love, Ethan Baldrée

Dear Santa, I know that you are very

busy. But these are my items that I would like for Christmas. I would like a sewing machine, and a serger, and a big fat fluffy dog. I want a sewing machine for Christmas. I want a sewing machine because then I can make new clothing for my family. And the other item is a big fat fluffy dog. I want a big fat fluffy dog because then I want be afraid at night. An my last item is a serger so I can make some dizins. Love, Kyla Ryan

I KNOW you're BUSY AND GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS. I would like to get my list to you early so that you could get the presents earlier. I would like a dual disk, some gambling cards, and a globe. The first thing I want is a dual disk. I want a dual disk so that I and my sisters can play. They have theirs and I would like some. The second items is some gambling cards. I want these cards to play with my dad. The third thing I want this year is a globe. I would like to see the world! I hope this is not too much. Love, John Ramirez

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I will like a pug puppy: julep, and boots. I will like a pug puppy. I would like a pug puppy because I want to have a friend to play with at home at all times since I'm an only child. I would also like to have this puppy since Cleo doesn't always want to play with me. I want julep because I want to be pretty. And I have no julep. I want boots because I do not want mud on my shoes. I will be looking for them on Christmas mornig. Love, mikaela scroggins

Dear Santa, I know you are very busy preparing for Christmas I want three things for Christmas the first thing I want is X-BOX and game boy sp and Game boy game the first thing I want Be coos I whnted one for a long time Be coost I want a game boy sp is my Other decent work. Be coos I want A game game boy game is I don't Have erne. From, Josiel

'Twas the Day After Christmas

'Twas the day after Christmas, And all through the house Every creature was hurting - Even the mouse.
The toys were all broken, Their batteries dead, Santa passed out, with some ice on his head.
Wrapping and ribbons Just covered the floor, While upstairs the family Continued to snore.
And I in my T-shirt, New Reeboks and jeans, Went into the kitchen And started to clean.
When out on the lawn There arose such a clatter, I sprang from the bed To see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the curtains And threw up the sash.
When what to my wondering Eyes should appear, But a little white truck With an oversized mirror.
The driver was smiling, So lively and grand. The patch on his jacket had "U.S. Postman."
With a handful of bills, He grinned like a fox, Then quickly he stuffed them Into the mailbox.
Bill after bill after bill They still came. Whistling and shouting, He cried them by name:
"Now Taylors, now Garts, Now Penney's and Sears, Here's True Blue and Target And Mervyn's - all here!
"To the tip of your limit, Every store, every mall, Now charge-away charge-away, Charge-away all!"
He whooped and he whistled As he finished his work. He filled up the box And then turned with a jerk.
He sprang to his truck And he drove down the road. Driving much faster With just half a load.
Then I heard him exclaim With great holiday cheer, "Enjoy what you get! "You'll be paying all year!"

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