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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Great Lengths and Structured Touch Massage held their Christmas Open House on Monday, December 10th. Shown above are Melissa White and Cece Yelek



Ivy Insurance held their annual Christmas Open House on Monday, December 10, 2012. Shown above are Patty Melton and Diane Coaly.

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Untied Singles Group News

The Singles Group will have a New Year's Eve Party at the home of Ann Wells, on Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring Finger Foods

The Stratford Star will be closed Wednesday, December 19th thru Thursday, December 27, 2012. Will re-open on Friday, December 28 and will be open on Monday, December 31, 2012. There will be no edition of The Stratford Star Next week. **NO PAPER ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 27th 2012.** Please have a Safe Christmas and a safe New Years.

Tri-Corner Artists! Shop at Home and support your local artists. Items will be on Display from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn Every Tuesday Starting November 20th until Christmas. Come and browse and see what we do-You may be surprised.

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OBITUARIES



Nell Ingham

September 11, 1939- December 14, 2012

Nell Ingham, 73 of Amarillo, formerly of Stratford, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012. Services were held at 12:00 P.M. on Monday, December 17, 2012, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Amarillo, with Associate Pastor Reed Redus officiating. Interment followed in Stratford Cemetery at 3:00 P.M. There was a family visitation from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 16, 2012, at the funeral home in Stratford. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors.

Nell was born on September 11, 1939 in Hollis, Oklahoma to J.S. and Luella (Craddock) Johnson. After graduating from high school, she attended Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. Nell was united in marriage to Jim Ingham on June 8, 1958 in Stratford. They shared their life together in Stratford, making their home and raising their children there. Nell and Jim eventually moved to Amarillo in 1988, where they have resided for twenty-five years. Nell was a member of First Baptist Church in Amarillo, where she actively served.

Nell had a beautiful voice, and was a very talented soloist: She was a member of the First Baptist Church Choir, Amarillo Master Chorale, and Singing Women of Texas. Nell was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who loved spending time with her family. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, James Johnson.

Nell leaves behind her husband, Jim of the home; three sons, Ken Ingham of Oklahoma City, Karr Ingham and wife Elizabeth of Amarillo, and Colonel Kyle Ingham and wife Kira of Tucson, Arizona; one daughter-in-law, Jody Briggs of Holdenville, Oklahoma; and nine grandchildren, Miriam Ingham, James Ingham, Jenna Ingham, John Richmond, Allison Ingham, Gracie Ingham, Austin Ingham, Hannah Ingham, and Houston Ingham.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church, Music Ministry, 208 S. Tyler, Amarillo, TX 79101; or to a favorite charity in memory of Nell.

Message from your Sheriff Elect

1997 — 5 students killed, 7 wounded, & a mother stabbed to death.
1998 — 6 students killed, 1 teacher killed, & 30 others wounded.
1999 — 12 students killed, 1 teacher killed & 26 others wounded.
2001 — 2 students killed & 13 others wounded.
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2005 — 5 students killed, 1 teacher killed, 1 guard killed.
2006 — 5 students killed.
2007 — 32 students killed at Virginia Tech.
2008 — 5 students killed, & 18 others wounded.
So far in 2012 — there have been 36 killed and 2 others wounded. These are just a few of the horrible statistics...

I would bet there were people in every one of these communities that said: "That will never happen here." Our children are our future and it is our responsibility as parents and community leaders, to ensure their safety in every way we can. I have prepared a short course on various safety topics as they pertain to the "Active-Shooter" situation. I will be meeting with school officials soon to discuss how and where this informational course might be presented to students and faculty. Any other schools in our area that wish to take part should feel free to contact me at the Sherman County Sheriff's Office.

**Thank You,
Sheriff Elect Joe "Chief" Powell**

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Thanks-Marty

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Send poem to: Free Poetry Contest, 106 Cambria Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Or enter at www.freecontest.com. Deadline for entering is Dec. 31, 2012.
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HEALTHY IDEAS

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We will reopen on **Wednesday, December 26 at 8:00 AM.**

We will also be closed **Tuesday, January 1, 2013** to celebrate the New Year.

Please consider your feeding needs and plan accordingly. Thank you for your business!

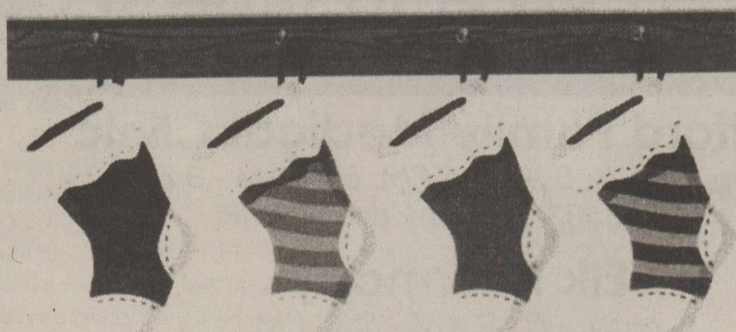
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Harrington Breast Center Mobile Coach Coming to Stratford

The Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach will be in Stratford at the Stratford Family Medical Center on Wednesday, Jan. 9th from 9:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to provide women 35 and older in the area with their yearly mammograms.

Featuring the largest program of its kind in the state of Texas, the Harrington Breast Center Mobile Mammography Coach has provided mammograms to women of the High Plains region since 1989. Our program features full-field digital mammography equipment, screenings performed inside our self-contained unit, fast appointments at convenient times and quick reporting back to patients.

For appointments and cost information, please contact the Harrington Breast Center at 1-800-377-4673. The Stratford Family Medical Center is located at 1220 Purnell. We look forward to serving you during our visit.



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Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

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Dempsey Collums participated in the Dumas Winter Extravaganza Swine Jackpot Show over the weekend. Dempsey had two pigs entered. He did not win but had a whole lot of fun trying!

Peggy Hawkins received a good report from her back doctor on Thursday. She is doing well and is gradually getting back to doing things she loves to do, like spending time with grandchildren and going to watch them participate in activities.

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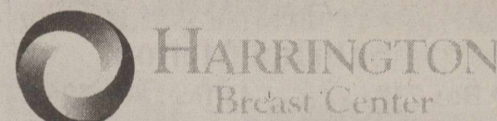
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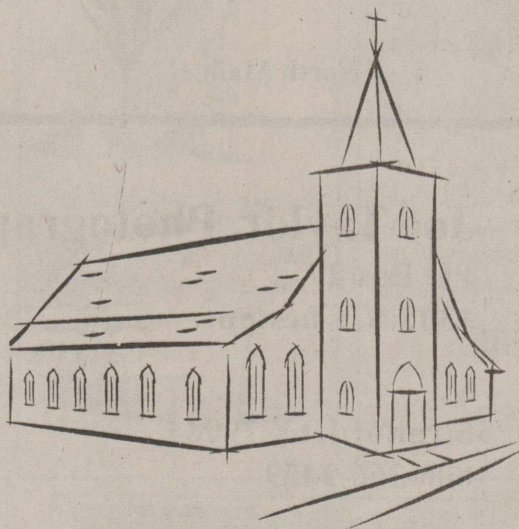
First Assembly of God
Kevin Anderson, Pastor
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

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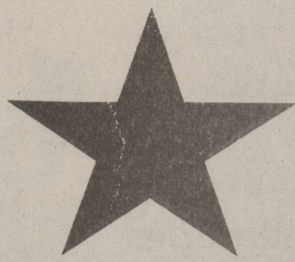
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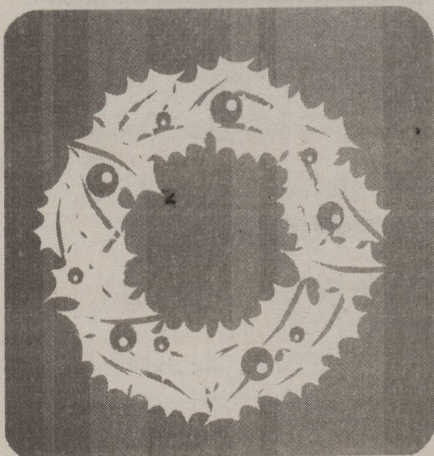
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Card of Thanks

ANGEL TREE PROJECT WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT SPONSORED AN ANGEL OR DONATED MONIES. WE ALL LIVE IN SUCH A GREAT COMMUNITY, VERY LOVING AND GIVING. ALSO WANT TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE ELVES. WE MADE THIS YEAR A BIG SUCCESS! THANK YOU ALL. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



AgriLife Research scientist: Soil-water profile key to wheat root system, drought-- survivability

Writer: Kay Ledbetter, 806-677-5608, skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu Contact: Dr. Qingwu Xue, 806-354-5803, qxue@ag.tamu.edu

AMARILLO — Without soil moisture, roots don't develop and grow. Without a strong root system, a crop cannot survive in a drought year, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Research crop stress physiologist in Amarillo.

While most producers realize water is the most important limiting factor affecting wheat production in semi-arid areas such as the High Plains, Dr. Qingwu Xue said the past two years of drought have emphasized the key role of soil water availability at planting time.

"With the erratic seasonal rainfall, soil water storage — the water available in the soil at planting time — is very critical for a successful crop," Xue said. "A dryland farmer's first important decision must be to determine if there is sufficient soil water in the profile to plant."

"This year is a prime example, he said. In late September, a 2-inch rain fell across much of the Panhandle and many wheat producers got excited.

"But if they didn't have an existing storage of water in the soil, that 2-inch rain is having a hard time carrying the crop to the next rainfall, which still hasn't come as of mid-December."

Long-term field research at Bushland and in western Kansas demonstrated that wheat yields are closely tied to seasonal evapotranspiration, which is determined by soil water storage, seasonal rainfall and irrigation, Xue said.

"If you don't have a good soil-water profile at planting, and you are a dryland farmer, you may need to just not plant, or wait for more moisture," Xue said. "You may be better off letting the profile fill up for the next crop."

He said the difference between water storage during a three-month fallow period and an 11-month fallow period can be tremendous in a dry period.

Xue said if wheat producers were at the end of a longer fallow period and had the soil moisture, then the second part of the equation is how to effectively use the soil moisture. In this case, a healthy and strong root system plays an important role for water use also.

Many management tools can help wheat plants develop a good root system, such as planting date, seeding rates, row spacing, fertilization and variety selection, he said.

When selecting a variety, seedling vigor will be important, Xue said. His studies have shown that vigorous seedling growth not only led to good forage production but also to good root production — both necessary to take a crop to either grazing or grain harvest.

"We've found that if a variety is vigorous under a well-watered system, it is likely going to be vigorous under drought-stressed conditions," he said.

"So it doesn't matter if the producer wants to use his wheat for a dual purpose of grazing and grain or just grain, the vigorous seedling growth is necessary to get through dry periods."

Don't Let Poinsettias Get Sick Over The Holidays

Writer: Kathleen Phillips, 979-845-2872, ka-phillips@tamu.edu

COLLEGE STATION — Poinsettias in the traditional red and a host of new colors can be found in most holiday decor, adding much to brighten the seasonal displays.

But the popular plant can suffer during the holidays if not properly cared for, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist.

"There are ways to care for poinsettias to keep them looking good and to avoid some of the common diseases that affect them," said Dr. Kevin Ong, AgriLife Extension plant pathologist and director of the agency's Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in College Station.

One of the most common diseases of poinsettias is pythium root rot, he said. When the roots are attacked by this disease, they turn brown and mushy instead of the usual healthy white color.

"Poinsettias are shipped in protective sleeves to prevent damage to them," Ong explained. "These sleeves may not have drainage holes, so if water is allowed to stand in them, the roots can begin to rot if the pathogen attacks."

With rotted roots, he said, the healthy green leaves turn yellow and drop off of the plant.

Improper watering can also cause other problems for poinsettias, he noted.

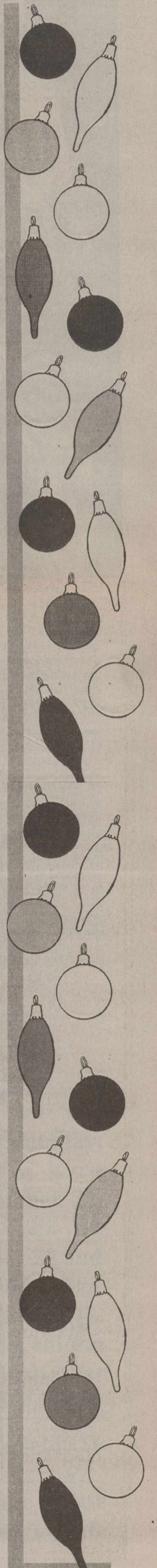
"A plant that is stressed and has not been watered correctly may get spots or blotches on its lower leaves," Ong said. "If this happens, remove those leaves and begin watering the plant correctly."

He said preventing a disease is better than trying to cure a sick poinsettia. Ong offered these seasonal poinsettia tips:

- A white Christmas is not poinsettia-friendly. Poinsettias are originally from the tropics, so keep them indoors if the temperatures are going to be under 60-70 degrees. A cold poinsettia will turn yellow and drop its leaves.
- Drink in moderation. Poinsettias will drown or get sick if they get too much water. Only when the soil feels dry should a poinsettia be watered.
- Diet control. Poinsettias that fill up on a fertilizer buffet will start to look peaked. Feed a poinsettia after the holidays, when everyone else is dieting, if you want to try to keep it alive.

Basketball

The J.V. Lady Elks beat Follett 63-20 on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Maty Mace was high point with 18 points followed by Mazie Vincent with 16 points. On December 4, the Lady Elks JV beat Boys Ranch 66-9. Maty Mace led the scoring with 14 points followed by Samantha Gonzalez with 13 points. The J.V. Lady Elks competed in the Spearman Tournament December 6 and 8th and won second place. They beat Gruver 29-28 with Maty Mace being high point with 10 points followed by Yadhira Chavoya with 8 points. In their second game, they beat Dalhart TV 40-15 with Yadhira Chavoya leading the scoring with 8 points followed by Noemy Franco with 7 points. In the final game, they fell to Spearman 21-48 with Maty Mace leading the scoring with points followed by Yadhira Chavoya and Whitney Stone with 4 points each. On December 11, 2012 the J.V. Lady Elks White beat River Road 27-13 with Sidney Turner leading the scoring with 12 points followed by Kelsey Pickens with 9 points. The J.V. Lady Elks beat River Road 42-16 on December 11 with Yadhira Chavoya and Maty Mace leading the scoring with 8 points each followed by Madison Mungia with 7 points. The Lady Elks beat River Road 55-30 on Tuesday, December 11. Jackie Gonzalez led the Lady Elks with 20 points followed by Bethany Everett with 18 points. On December 14, the J.V. Lady Elks white team lost to Dumas J.V. 16-24. Sidney Turner led the Lady Elks with 6 points followed by Estephany Perez and Kelsey Pickens with 4 each. The J.V. Lady Elks beat Hooker 39-25 on December 14 with Yadhira Chavoya leading the scoring with 11 points followed by Mazie Vincent with 10.



Project Christmas Card



May this holiday season
Leave you with precious memories
A Christmas filled with
love and light,
Perfect gifts, delicious foods, love
and joy all around

A New Year with continuing
blessings-friends, family, good
work, great fun and
delightful surprises

**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**

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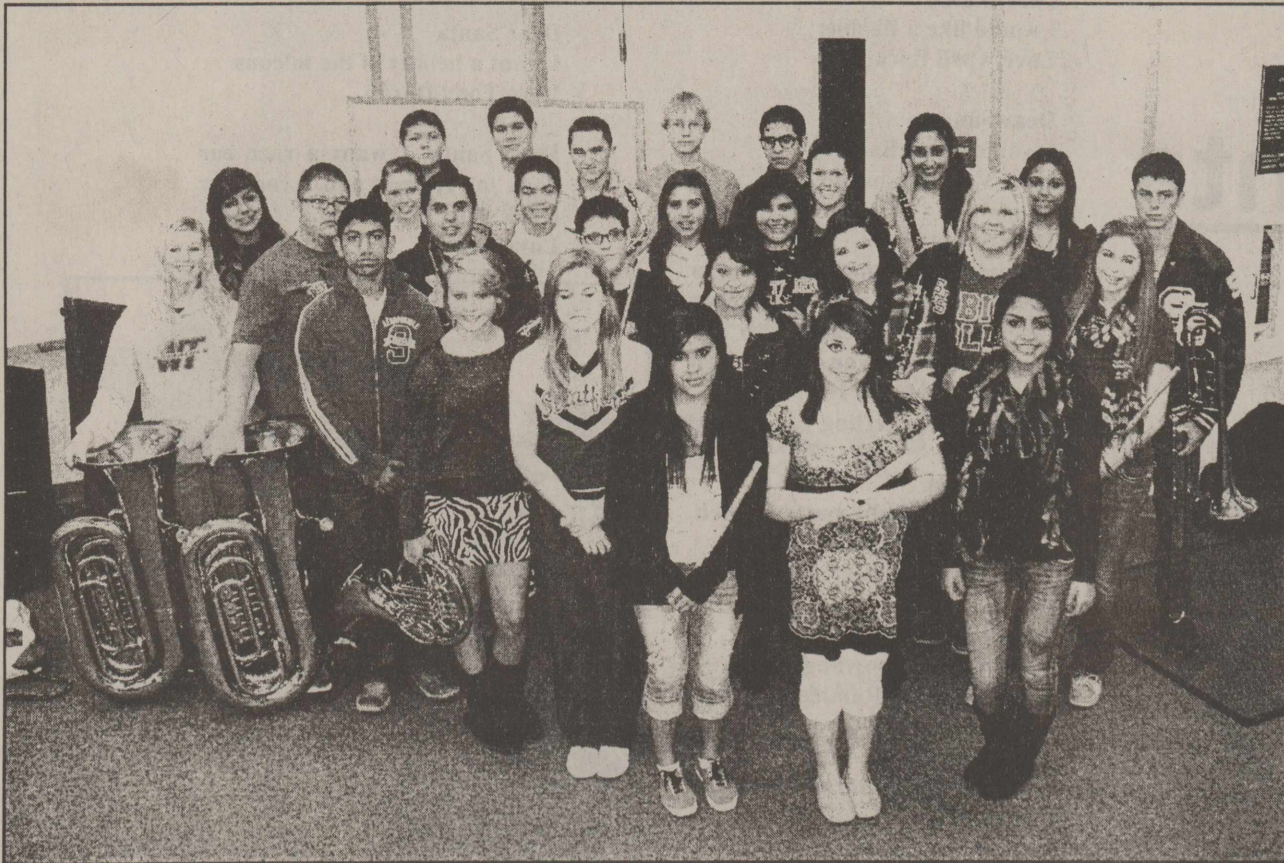
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Stratford High School Band Members Improve on Placements in All-Region Band

Twenty-eight 9th — 12th grade band students traveled to Panhandle High School on Monday, December 3, to audition for a spot in one of two 100-member High School All-Region Bands. The students did very well placing 9 students in a band with 2 named 1st alternates. This is an improvement from last year's results of 7 students selected and 1 alternate. Each of the three previous years only two or three students were selected to the honor groups. The students selected were also mainly underclassmen as only one Senior and two Juniors were chosen. Five of the 11 total were Sophomores and the remaining three were Freshmen. The students selected to an Honor Band will travel to Canyon Friday, January 18 for rehearsals. Concerts will be given Saturday, January 19 in WTAMU's Northern Hall at the following times: High School Concert Band — 4:00 and High School Symphonic Band — 5:00.

Pictured above (in no particular order) are the 9th-12th grade band members who auditioned for the All-Region Band: Jordon Shyanne Acker, Juan Camberos, Carlos Castaneda, Juan Cocoba, Zulia Cocoba, Kevin Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Lizeth Ibarra, Amber Jimenez, Orlando Mayorga, Ethan McGinnis, Vanessa Mendoza, Daniela Morales, Madison Mungia, Erika Ortega, Estefany Perez, Kelsey Pickens, Danielle Ramos, Monica Reyes, A.J. Riffe, Miguel Rosales, Jacie Seward, Tyler Seward, Mary Ann Spurlock, Aron Villegas, Mazie Vincent, Alexie Wright, and Taylor Wright.



Stratford 7th and 8th Grade Band Students Top Other Class A Schools In All-Region Band Auditions

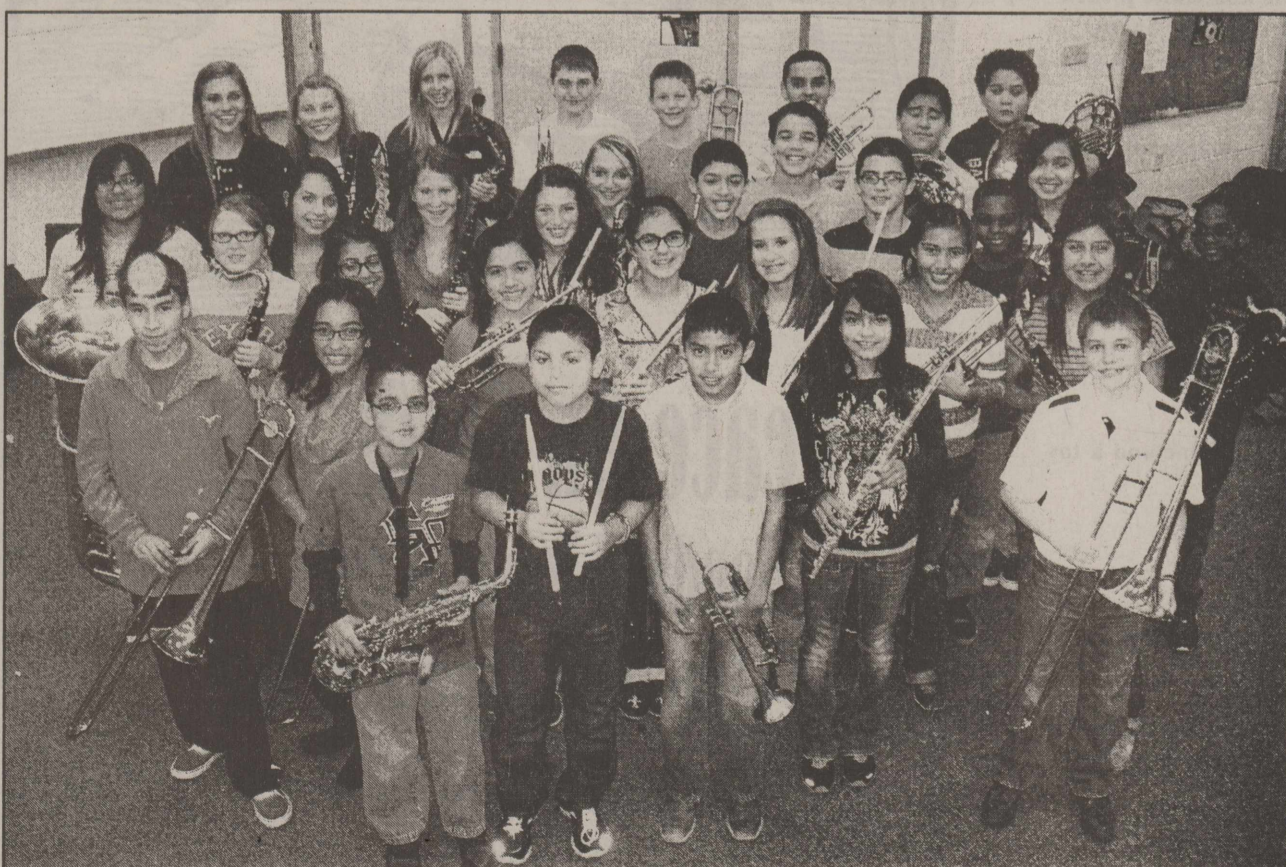
Fifty-eight 7th and 8th grade Stratford band students traveled to Panhandle High School on Tuesday, November 27th in hopes of earning a place in one of the two 100-member Junior High All-Region Honor Bands. Over 1100 students from panhandle-area schools were entered in the audition. The Stratford students were attempting to meet the challenge by their band directors to equal the percentage of students selected in the past by having 27 students selected.

Although having more competition (with 140 more students entered than last year) Stratford band members still met the challenge by placing 26 students in the two honor bands and having one alternate. Of the 27 other schools participating only Class 2A school Bushland (30) had more students selected than Stratford. The next closest competitors were Tulia Jr. High (a class 2A school) with 18; and Pampa Jr. High (a class 3A school) with 14. Only two other schools had 10 or more students selected. They were Dalhart (12) and West Texas (12). Other schools participating were Canadian, Sunray, Memphis, Gruver, White Deer, Wellington, Booker, Panhandle, Pringle-Morris, Happy, Kress, Shamrock, Vega, Wheeler, Highland Park, Friona, Spearman, Claude, Childress, Sanford-Fritch, Clarendon, and Perryton. Stratford placed 10 students in the All-Region Symphonic (top) Band and 16 students in the All-Region Concert (2nd) Band.

By meeting the challenge given to them by their directors the students were treated to a "Cake Party" last week (see related photo). Congratulations go to all students auditioning and thanks go to Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Franklin for supervising the students during the audition process.

The students selected to an Honor Band will travel to Canyon Friday, January 18 for rehearsals. Concerts will be given Saturday, January 19 in WTAMU's Northern Hall at the following times: Junior High Concert Band- 2:00; Junior High Symphonic Band - 3:00; High School Concert Band - 4:00 and High School Symphonic Band - 5:00.

Pictured above (in no particular order) are 8th grade band members who auditioned for the All-Region Honor Band: Alexander Aldavaz, Francisco Barajas, Marina Barajas, Julio Duran, Agustina Eizmendi, Hannah Franklin, Nancy Garay, Kobi Garza, Amanda Harbour, Karina Henderson, Esperanza Hernandez, Fernando Jacquez, Nicolle Law, Juan Machado, Yasmin Medrano, Daniela Reyes, Alex Spurlock, Russell Spurlock, Stephanie Vasquez, and RaeLeigh Willborn. Not pictured: Zorro Daniels

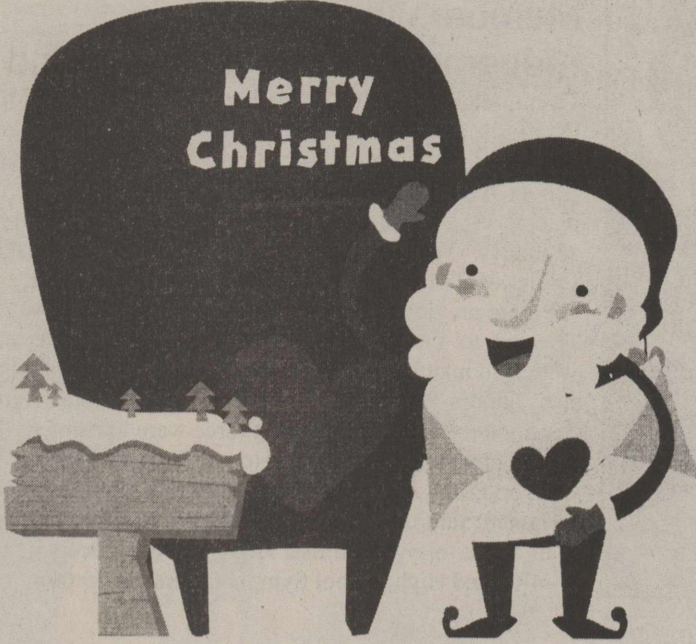


Pictured above (in no particular order) are 7th grade band members who auditioned for the All-Region Honor Band: Taylor Aduddell, Laynee Burr, Jasmine Castaneda, Jennifer Chavez, Daniel DeCasas, Ailyn Duarte, Ruben Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Courtney Griffin, Angel Guerra, Sergio Guerrero, Noah Harris, Shay Hess, Allie James, Colten Lanning, Erika Lopez, Sonia Lopez, Giselle Marquez, Kade McBryde, Carlee Metcalf, Brandon Mireles, Raelynn Mungia, Natalia Niave, Baruc Ortega, Pedro Ortega, Karl Punch, Kory Punch, Blake Rios, DarCee Robinson, Lucero Robles, Robert Ruiz, Libbie Utley, and Daniela Vasquez. Not pictured: David Hernandez and Matthew Sandvig.



The Stratford Star will be closed Wednesday, December 19th thru Thursday, December 27, 2012. Will re-open on Friday, December 28 and will be open on Monday, December 31, 2012. There will be no edition of The Stratford Star Next week. **NO PAPER ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 27th 2012.** Please have a Safe Christmas and a safe New Years.

Letters to Santa



Dear Santa Claus
For Christmas, I would like a swing set, wagon and anything with Tigger!
Love Jackson Haynes

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want my family to be healthy, stuffed animals, jewelry and iPad oh I forgot something and for all of your elves, reindeer, Mrs. Claus to be safe and you too. I hope all of the toys say on. Send me back a letter
Love, Lashala Anderton 4th grader

Dear Santa
Skilanders, watch, iPad, dsi a abs kettall hoop that hangs on your door. Have a great Christmas- Slate

Dear Santa
I want a tindo3DS and I want a Wugupup and a Barinphaa taks richers and my brother is so cute a swen but a SMALL ONE HE IS 7
Love Ivy Julapa

Dear Santa
How are you? Are the reindeer working at your work shop? This is I want for Christmas, the video game call of duty and lava lamp. I'm going to leave some cookies and chocolate milk out. I'm excited about Christmas.
Love Andre Duran

Dear Santa
How are all your reindeer? I hope you, your reindeer and elves are preparing for Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a Snoopy plush toy, Zoodles, squinkies, monster high doll, webkinz and house shoes. Have a very good Christmas Santa. I hope Mrs. Claus and the reindeer do too!
Love Jade Genn

Dear Santa
I have ben good. When you come to my house I'll give you cookkkkkes. I love Santa
From Omar

Dear Santa
I have den good dis week would like you too bring me a dog and a cat.
Love Manuel

Dear Santa
I know you're busy and all but I was wondering if you could bring me a credit card this year! I will have some cookies for you on the cruise!
Love Ashton

Dear Santa
I've been a pretty good boy this year, I think. Would you please bring me a Stratford Elk football helmet! Be careful Christmas Eve!
Your Buddy Mason Lavake

Dear Santa
I would like a toy car.
Love Jonathan Mendoza

Dear Santa
I would like a ipod and a phone and how are you?
Love Daneja Agu-White

Dear Santa
I would like a bike and a glasses
Love Kolton Norby

Daer Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a story book and a chapter book. I'm going to live cookies out for you. I love you
Morgan

Dear Santa Claus
I want NFL braslrite and a skatbornd. I want a new football and a socker ball. I want a sotgun. I will make you cookies
Love Lane

Dear Santa Claus,
I want four cremus is a pspj and a play stash and a 3dsi four chrhmas I hav been good to my mom and my dad
Frum Ezakia

Dear Santa
I been so so good this year! I would like you to bring me a little dog! I'll give you some cookies and I love your red soot.
Love Zaeleigh

Dear Santa
I want a ipod. I am nise to pepple. I am happy to peppe. I love Santa. I love my mom and dad
Your friend Cielo

Dear Santa
I been good thest yer. I want a dog. I want a yelloe dog. I we'll give you milk and cookies
Your friend Benjamin

Dear Santa
I have been good. I want a pres it. I luv Santa. I give you milk and cookies
Luv Saydeh

Dear Santa
I been good and will gev you a hug. You are the wun who I cear.
Love Abigail

Dear Santa,
I want a blue and white jordens and some shirts. I love Santa.
From Omar

Dear Santa
I would like fingernail polish and a Barbie.
Love Jasmine Mocyugemba

Dear Santa
I will like a sleigh board and a motorcycle
Love Jayden Gutierrez

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie and a toy Santa Clause.
Love Faith Tims

Dear Santa
I would like a bike.
Love Ricardo Dominquez

Dear Santa
I would like a remote control Helicopter and a racecar track . How are the elves?
Love Tripp Hudson

Dear Santa
I would like a motorcycle. I like reindeer. I like a black bike. I like helicopter.
Love Nathan Morillon

Dear Santa
I want a dog. It would be very cool. I want it o be a golden retriever. And I don't want any thing ets because I get lots of toys when my sister's get done with thir toys
From Addie Wells

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie.
Love April Barajas

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie
Love Valerie Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I would like some legos and a electric guitar and a racecar track with some cars. How are you? What are you doing? Tell the elfs that I said Hi.
Love Levi Easterling

Dear Santa
I would like baby butter scotch. How are the elves?
Love Lynley Albert

Dear Santa
I would like a bowling game.
Love Eduardo Ramirez

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie. How are the elves?
Love Abby Gutierrez

Dear Santa
I would like Furby and a Ipad a Barbie and a skirt.
Love Michelle Lopez

Dear Santa
I would like a toy and a race car.
Love Colby Aduddell

Dear Santa
Come to my home 514 N. Folton. I want a rascar and a tran and a nirfblastir and a I want a bike. I want a sharke. I want my Dad to be Happy Plees Santa!!!!
Love Lian

Dear Santa
I want a psp and a control and a 3ds and a football helmet, football gloves and football shoes and football swets. And a football. And new shoes, and a nerf and a bike. I've ben good and a basketball and a giutar.
Love Vinny

Dear Santa
I want a Furby and a phone. I want a puppy and a book laptop and a tablet and a 3d.
Love Dulce Lopez

Dear Santa
I want a helmet of the falcons
Love Tony Duran

Dear Santa, I want a race car pack for crismes and a race car track from crimes too.
Love Evan

Merry Christmas
from all of us

May the coming year bring peace, joy and enlightenment to you and those you cherish. For all the joy you've brought us, we will always be grateful.

Main Street Essentials

Season's greetings

With best wishes and gratitude this holiday season. It's been great getting to know you, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Stratford Flying Service



**Peace On Earth
Goodwill Towards Men
—And Many Thanks To You!**

For all you do to make us feel welcome here we are deeply grateful, and wish all of you a truly unforgettable holiday season

Walter Lasley & Sons

Dear Santa
I want a underarm our blue jaket, I want a dl 3ds. I want a par of underarm blue socks. I want a Eltrick helicopter. I want a cleeshingia of fooball helmets. I want a hola. I want a underarm our hude. I want some Nike Eles. I want a furby blue.
Love Mauricio

Dear Santa
I will like a wii. And a pillopet that shirs. And a lot of clos with polpokets and stompes and all of the randers and a baby aliv and a elf and a ferby and a new bike that havs to wels and a basketball and a barbe with a Ken.
From Yessenia Lezbeth Valdez
Ples bring them God Bless you

Dear Santa
I what a ipod ghon tuch and amark dollao I monsthiydoll. I what a frichen a formy room and furbbe and a pink and black that wonth thata I was playing and that shettin a wandelust.
Love Oakley

Dear Santa
I would like a bike. Please surprize me. I would like all the monster high stof please, and a big surprize that you alwaze give me, and wii games can I please have tangle and surprize me with the rest, and a ipad thank you God Bless you
Love Sarah

Dear Santa
Can you try to get me nfl stickers and a a pod and a Broncos little helmet and a pencil to. And a nba12 for my wii please. And a toy helicopter please and a psp and a broncos collar for my dog. Please
Love Alfredo

Dear Santa,
I want a Tron wii game a remote controle helicopte, the eagl talon catsle Lego I neana jones wii game and a lego table.
Love Kaden

Dear Santa
How are you Elfs? This year I want reuseable stickers, dryerase bord.
Love Max Engelbrecht

Dear Santa
I would like a monster school and a monster house and ghose septreaeya and that role skates gril and the boy doose and the fire guy and the 4scik guy and the eyeeci guy
Love Emma Watson

Dear Santa
I want a tindo dsi and a or be lady bug remote and thanks for the wii.
Love Brenda Marquez

Dear Santa
I would like a ipod tuch I have open nice I liked last years present
Love Luke Braden

Dear Santa
I want a reall motor cycle for chrismis I will like for you to do that for me please Santa I belive in you.
Love CJ Hernandez

Dear Santa?
What I want for Christmas is bows and a ds and a wii
Love Celeste Camberos

Dear Santa
I would like a new pair of gloves, put your picture on my pair of gloves Thank you
Love Adan Duran

Dear Santa
For chrismas could you give me a football
Love Julio Castillo

Dear Santa
For chrismas could you please give me a blasterpro.
Love Juan Acosta

Dear Sanda
I wagt a x box and a gun for chrismas
Love Aaron Rodriguez

Dear Santa
I would like a 3DS
Thank you
Makenzie Bell

Dear Santa
I would like a dog
Thank you Luis Aguilera

From Stratford Elks
Dear Santa
I want a DS game, a small walking cat.
Love Kamryn

Dear Santa
I want to get a xbox360 and a phone and a llape and a rilecar and a cowboys helmet
Love Kike
Dear Santa
I whant a nerf gun and stiky darts to go with it Santa, New wii 6 remote, x box 360 remote, clos dhe lak 3 with a remote, monster truck
Love Brayan

Dear Santa
For chrismas I want a trampoline and blue dress with tinkerbell on it and a blanket that is fury and a dog that is a bag with zebra on it and a writing book that has a pretty puppy that is Brown and has a little writing book that can hang on the backpack
Love Viridiano

Dear Santa
I would like for you to give Kenedi a new heart and please get her a princess coloring book including Ariel. Kenedi loves Ariel. Please get her out of the hospital. Thank you
Klaire Walden

Dear Santa
I want a wordch eash a bell from a Raindeer. I wish I can meat you.
From Thomas Mariscal

Dear Santa
What I want for Christmas is a PSP with really cool games. Thas is all I want for Christmas
Love Zane Perry Burr

Dear Santa
I want a furby and a tablet a nd a little toy chick that says chep chep and a tent and a dog Key chan and a dog toy that says woof woof and I want a hors that is named Baby Butter scoch and a jewelry box and a toy hamster and a laptop and a Zebra Jacket and a pop star and a pola bear teddy bear and a monoply game and I want to be rich.
Love Nuvia

Dear Santa
I have been help my mom with the chors. I will lev you kookes on my kanf four. You I wood like a jep four krismashave a good krismas. I will be good the rest of the year.
Love Tony

Dear Santa
This year I have been a good helper. I been a good cid. I will leeve you cucees and milk. I wanta cucee maker.
Love Kimberly

Dear Santa
I have been a good helper because I help my dad at werk. I want for Christmas is a wilridr
Love Cole

Dear Santa
This year I have been a good helper because I help my mom wit the BABY. I will leave you cake and milk.
Love Agigail

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me some new black shoes for Christmas. I would also appreciate some new clothes and I would like a Spiderman to play with.
Love, Emiliano Camberos.

Dear Santa Claus
I would really love to have an I-phone, some new dresses and an In House Barbie. Please give Mrs. Claus a hug for me!
Love Josie Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I would like a DSI I would like a DSI game.
Bryce Brayden

Dear Santa
I would like a slipper
Thank you Addison Bell

Dear Santa
I would like a 3DS
Thank you Daniel Gonzalez

Dear Santa
I would like a dog. I would like a wagon. I would lika a gun.
Thank you, Adrian Martinez

Dear Santa
I would like a Barbie
Thank you Gloria Rueda

Dear Santa
This year I want an x box 360 and all a duty or two for x box and Mario paf y98,7,6,5,4,3,2,1, super Mario brothers 2 for ds and just dance kids, 1,2,3,4, wii box Mario kart for wii and a lds ixland alaptop and ai want to be a millionair monopoly millionair and a Falcons helmet and aco w boys helmet and a doll Phinshelmet
Love Owen

Dear Santa
I want a beebee gun for Chrismis, are your randeer rede for chrismis! Hoo is on the good list. How is rood of dooing.
Love Cole

Dear Santa
I want for crismas us a doll that taks picher some game for the wii. Come close a ifon tadlat a laptop and to sardiat Gods and a Zebra blanket a rile car
Love Alexis Barajas

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want a x box 360 a scooter and a tv and some candy and a bike. And I want to be rich
Love Adam

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie house and comes with 2 barbes and a toy car one that is like I can go in. I also want a laptop and 3 coloring books 1 of my little pony and 1 of flower and 1 of chrismas. Jewelry a nd a reindeer teddy berar. And a hamster. And a chelating suit too. P.S. you're the best
Love Brenda Sanchez

Dear Santa
What I want for chrims is a furby and a jackit a nd ajust dance 4 hamster
Love Adamaris Mayorga

Dear Santa
I would like trans. This year. I have been a good helper
Love Alex

Dear Santa
I have been good. I will leave you milk For Christmas. Santa I love you I want a toy gun
Love Jokrcave

Dear Santa
This year I have have been a good helper because I put up are arnaments. I would like a toy surd.
Love Karston

Dear Santa
I have been good helping take care of my dog. What I want for Christmas is a moxeghi. I will leave cookie
Love Jasmine

Dear Santa
I help my famley to put the Christmas tree. I wath a biscle for Christmas.
Love Linda

Dear Santa
This year I have been a good helper because I helped. I would like a bock
Love Meghan

Dear Santa
This year I have been a good helper because I help my Mom Cleen.
Love Samantha

Dear Santa
I am a good kid. I help my dad I will leave vexon ? I would like an xbox I love you Sat Klas
Love Andres

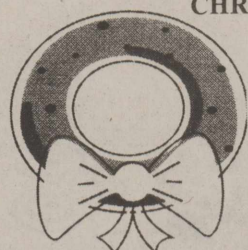
Dear Santa
I would like a 3D Box
Thank you Keagan Osborne

Dear Santa
I would like a 3DS and 3DS battle games
Thank you Santiago Ibarra

Dear Santa
I would like a dog.. I would like a Xbox
Love Guerrero

Dear Santa
I would like a motorcycle
Thank you
Eric Gonzalez

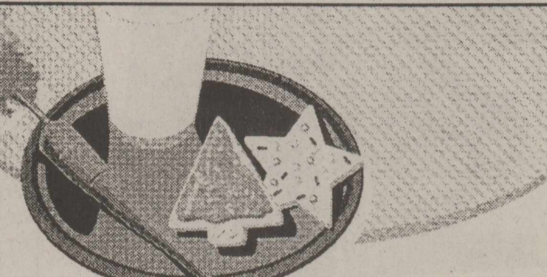
Dear Santa
I would like a dog
Thank you
Cory Peters



Merry Christmas

We appreciate your support and wish you a very merry season.

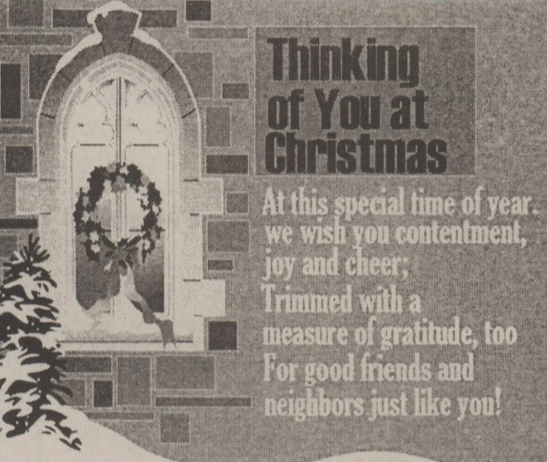
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Have A Happy & Healthy Holiday!

Hope your holiday dishes out a generous portion of joy & laughter. It's been a pleasure serving you all year long!

El Primo's



Thinking of You at Christmas

At this special time of year, we wish you contentment, joy and cheer. Trimmed with a measure of gratitude, too. For good friends and neighbors just like you!


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With Bright Wishes at Christmas

Thank you for lighting up our year with your visits!

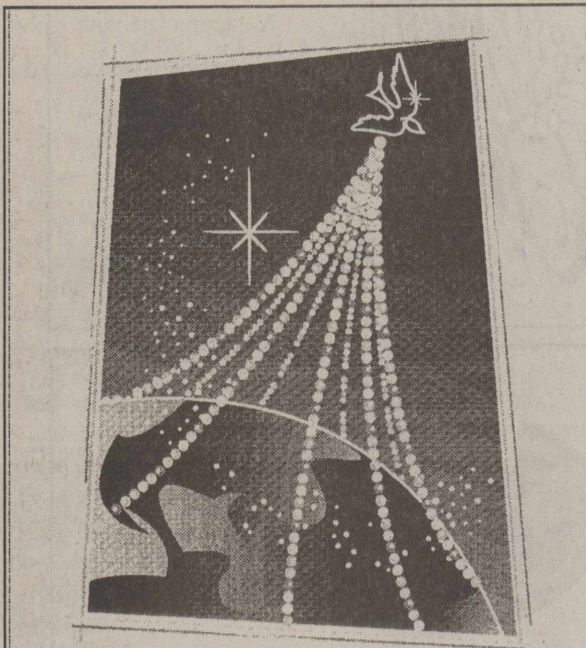
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HERE'S TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS!

To all those who have given us much cause for celebration, so our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks, folks!

Let's Make Arrangements



joy to the world
—And many thanks to all of you this holiday season. It's been a privilege and a joy serving you.

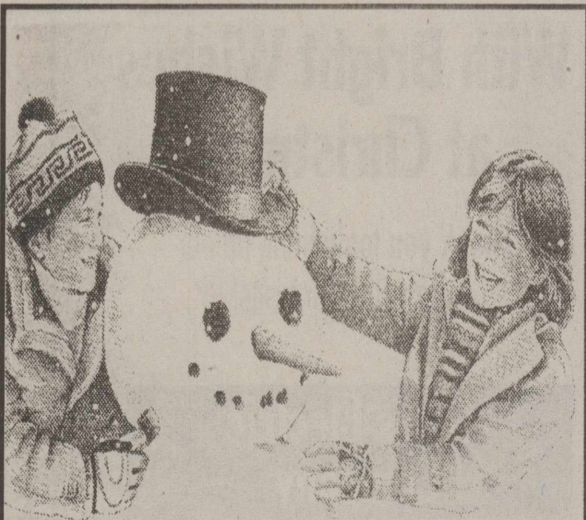
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You've Gotta Have Friends!

With thanks at Christmas, to all the folks who have passed by this way. We thank you for your valued business and wish you all the merriest holiday season ever!

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HOpe it's merry—
HOpe it's bright—
HOpe it's filled with
laughter and delight

May your every dream come true —
That's our Christmas wish for you!

Stratford Hospital District
Coldwater Manor
Stratford Family Medical Clinic
Stratford
Emergency Medical Services
Elk Pharmacy

Dear Santa
How are you? Are you busy? Almost done? Is it snowing in the North Pole? This year I want a Lego city fire station, diesel train with an american flag on the sides.
Love Mason McNeely

Dear Santa
How are you? Are you doing good this Christmas? You have so many toys to build you better to the workshop now. All I want for Christmas is a pillow pet, stuffie and a lava lamp.
Love Patty Niave

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good Christmas at the North Pole. How are you? Is Mrs. Claus macking cookies for lunch? Can I hav a toy elf. I hope to have the best Christmas ever.
Love Issai Reta

Dear Santa
How are you doing Santa? How is Rudolph, the elves and Mrs. Claus? All I want for Christmas is the game of monopoly.
Love Miguel DeSantiago

Dear Santa
How are you? Are your reindeer ok? I hope they are. Santa all I want for Christmas is an ipad
Love, Ivan Bravo

Dear Santa
Are you feeling good? I hope you are ready for Christmas. This year I want a go-cart and a ipad tablet. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love Cesar Castillo

Dear Santa
For Christmas I would like to have Lego Friends, baby alive, you glow we glow, nurf gun, skate board, nook, a happy napper, pogo stick and movies. And can you sind a bone for my dog?
Love Holly Sladek

Dear Santa
Please tell Rudolph I said hi. I would like a karaoke machine. Can you bring Mrs. Claus with you? Merry Christmas!
Madison Braden

Dear Santa
When you come to my house, wake me up so I can see Rudolph. I want an iPod touch...
Love Luke Braden

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dsi with a game. My brother, sister and I would like to see Rudolph! Enjoy the cookies!
Bryce Braden

Dear Santa
I would like a gun Thank you
Sammy Jo Leal

I would like a cat, dog and a baby
Love Maripaz Vallejo

Dear Santa
I would like a 3 ds. I would like a Lala Loopsy, I would like a puppy Thank you Danni Sallee

Dear Santa
I would like a dream light
Mireya Zapata

Dear Santa
How are you? I hope you make it in time. All I want for Christmas is a Texas Tech Helmet, Arkansas Helmet, a Texas helmet. One more thing a Xbox 360 with a WWel3 Game. If you can get me all these things I hope your helpers make them for me. I will buy you some cookies and milk for Christmas.
Merry Christmas
Love Ramiro

Dear Santa
How are and Mrs. Claus? I hope it's not very cold there. Are the elves doing great on the toys so all the children can be happy and cheerful? I hope you get a lot of milk and cookies. This is what I want for Christmas; a laptop, 3 new games for my wii and internet for my laptop and wii. I hope you have a safe flight to Stratford and the rest off the world and I hope your reindeer are ready for the flight.
Love Jasmyn Ortega

Dear Santa
How are you? I have been trying to be good. I would like a pickup and trailer to haul my cows. Thank you very much and Merry Christmas
Your friend Jr. Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. I wish I could help you make toys at the North Pole. Can you please bring me a pink basketball and a tea set. Thank you very much.
Your friend, Isabelle Gonzalez

Dear Santa
How are you? I hope you like a gingerbread cookies and milk. Is it snowing in the north pole This Christmas I wont a nerf gun I call of duty black ops and a football. Well bye Santa I will try to see you on Christmas if I am not asleep.
Love your friend Tyler Smith

Dear Santa
How are You? How is Blitzen, and Rudolph. Oh!!!! I almost forgot how are all the other reindeer? I'm going to leave you a pencil of the reindeer. I will not give you a lot of work. ALL I want is a 2013 WWE video game. The Madden 2013 video game, and a remote control Monster truck.
Love Cesar Pando

Dear Santa
How are you doing and how are the reindeer? I hope you are safe when you go around the world. I want to be an elf so I can see you and see who's naughty or nice. I hope everyone on the nice list. What I want for Christmas is a WWE video game, PsP, Wii an Ninetndo 3ds. I hope you can bring me at least me one of these. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love Anastacia Ibarra

Dear Santa
How are you and everyone at the North Pole? Tell the reindeer that I said hello. This is what I want for Christmas. I would like to get a Cotton Candy Maker, the Wreck it Roulph movie and an amazing hot pink laptop. I will have cookies and milk, carrots for the reindeer and a letter for you. Also thank you so much! Merry Christmas!
Love Saralyn Mace

Dear Santa, How are you? How are you reindeer? I hope the elves are making lots of toys. What I want for Christmas is a playstaion, the c911 of duty black opsry. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love, Esteban Bravo

Dear Santa'How are you? I just want to ask how the reindeer are doing? This is what I want for Christmas- an x box, laptop and a tv for my room. There's a lot of space in my room to put the tv.
Love Benjamin Sanchez

Dear Santa
How are you? Are you ready to have some cookies, milk and some fun? I hope you have fun giving those presents to the children. Then I hope you eat my cookies when you come down the chimney. I wan an ipod, ipad and a Ms. Claus and Mr. Claus doll so I can remember that you gave it to me. I hope you get here on time and have fun with Roudoph.
Merry Christmas to you
Love Nisha Patel

Dear Santa
I want to have a tind3ds and I pod and a meep and a spie kit. I want a siniskit and a laptop and a hamster and a lot of prastints and aferby and a cotin' candy musheen. And a zooble anda new bike and a scooder and a marea and nd sonic on the tindo 3ds.
Love Dezerray

Dear Santa
A ps3 a nerf gun, a football cards aipod, a football princle, a scoor, a table, a four wheeler, call dof a lagaw
Love Jiovanny

Dear Santa
I wana Fuby pinck and black. I want a baby by Girl Pupy husky. Monster High speha. I want a laptop blue. I want a tablet.
Love Ebony Ortega

Dear Santa
I want for Christmas meep, a hula hoop a angry bird star wars toys a laptop that has internet a timemaschine and x box game, the dtgteam chapien belt, to ride in your sled a xbox controlpone wish a basketball hoop, to help fight cancer a four wheeler..a reideer, a dirt bike
Love Ben

Dear Santa
I want a laptop and a pass back football. And a patrets helmet and all the footballs helmets. And a call dudy black cops 2 on my xbox 360
Love Miguel Anunez
Dear Santa
I want a race car track and a I pod. I want a fast remote helicoptir. I want gitar heor. And I want a fast remote car and truck. I want tnfi football on my wii and I want basket ball on my wii to
Love Cody

Dear Santa
I want a Ferby for Christmas. I want a purple guitar to make music with. Please use Tinkerbell paper on my present. Thanks, Kennedy Rogers Age 4

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Santa? How are the elves and your reindeer? For Christmas I want an ipod, a Rudolph doll, \$1,000 and a house with a swimming pool. I hope you have a safe trip.
Love Ivett Trejo

Dear Santa
How are you? I'm excited to see what presents you bring me. This Christmas I want my family to be happy. I will have cookies waiting for you. I wish you a Merry Christmas!
Love April Gonzalez

Dear Santa
How are you doing Santa how is Rudolph doing. Is he ready to flash in front of the other Reindeer. I hope that he eats a lot. I hope the weather is good. The thing that I want for Christmas is a Xbox, a game for the Wii or some toys like a monster truck with a remote.
Love, Salvador Acosta

Dear Santa Claus
How are your reindeer? Santa I'm going to see my grandpa and grandma at their house. I'm not going to be at my house. I made reindeer food at the breakfast with Santa for all the reindeer. I wish I had an Iphone, laptop and a new baby brother. Have a safe trip to my grandparents house. Merry Christmas
Love Viktoria Moczygemba



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Dear Santa
How are you? I hope the reindeer eat so you can bring gifts. I hope you have a nice flight. I can't wait to hear your sleigh. What I wish for this Christmas is a shiny red bike, I pad, TV and a doll for my baby sister. I hope you have a nice flight.
Love, Jocelyn Cardenas

Dear Santa
I bet you're tired of making all those presents! You probably have made thousands of presents. How are you Santa? I hope you are not feeling bad so you can deliver the presents. This Christmas I hope you get me a skate board.
Your Friend Rein

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves ready? I can't wait! This year I want Cleo de Nile, Abby Bominable, Lagoon Blue, Ghoulia Yelps, Clawdeen Wolf, Frankie Stein, Deuce, Claud, Spectra, Holt Hyde, three mix and match monster high dolls, and a really big doll house with different rooms. This has been an exciting year. Are the reindeer ready? I may leave some cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.
Love Destiny-Paez

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I hope you come see me for Christmas. For Christmas I want a doll, Barbie, waterbed, Christmas tree, paint, cookie maker and a Christmas Hat. Santa and I love you!
Santa, I love you!
Love Marcela

Dear Santa
Are the elves working a lot? Are your reindeer ready? All I want for Christmas. S "dragon that looks like it is blowing fake lightening and another kind of dragon that moves its mouth and neck"
Love Elizabeth Carillo

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I'm doing good. Maybe you are doing good too. Please tell Mrs. Claus Merry Christmas and Merry Christmas to you Santa Claus. This is I want for Christmas. I want a baby, pony, computer, phone, ds, duck, sheep and a kitten. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love Rebeca Favela

Dear Santa
How are you? Are all the reindeer ready? I can't for you to visit my house. I'll have cookies and milk for you and carrots for reindeer. What I want most of all is a Jessie doll, Ipad and a american girl doll named Ruthie. That's all I want for Christmas. Oh and Merry Christmas Ho! HO! HO!
Love Kaytly Cliff

Dear Santa,
How are you? Does it always snow at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? Do your elfs always make toys? This year for Christmas I want a stuffed animal Rudolph, a Kinect game, a puzzle and something me and my sister can share. Have a safe trip from the North Pole to the United States.
Love Kirsten Keathley

Dear Santa
How are you at the North Pole? Do you always have hot chocolate every season? This Christmas I would like to get a Xbox 360 with the call of Duty number 2. That's what I want for Christmas Santa. I will leave cookies and milk for you and will leave carrots for your reindeer.
Love Jose Vega

Dear Santa
How are you. Is it snowy there. Do you drink hot coca every

Dear Santa, How are you? Well if you're asking me I'm fine! How are your reindeer? Does Rudolf have a cold again? He should really stay inside. Is Mrs. Clause OK? For Christmas I really want you to bring me a cute, cuddly and fuzzy little kitten with black fur. I promise I will put out chocolate chip cookies and milk for you.
Love Caroline Prine

Dear Santa, I want wrestlers, Nintendo DS, gack, a sniper gun, spy camera, and that's all. Bye Santa, have a good Christmas
Love Tripp Hudson

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Nintendo DS. And also I want some Gack. I hope you are in the north pole, but when it's time for Christmas, I hope you come to my house! I love you
Love, Tate Hudson

Dear Santa
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I Thank you for PSPs last year bring a new wallet.
Love Leo

Dear Santa
I want a castle for Crismas
Love Payton

Dear Santa
I want a Trany, I want a Tracton. I want a Prenjxes. How are you I want a new ds. I P Pod wall
Trystih

Dear Santa
I like Buzz Lightyear and I want get elfnecbeees
Joseph

Dear Santa
Can you bring me a pspa with and a X box 360 and Santa I pad and the blet
By Angel Soto

Dear Santa,
I wt a toy. I wat a be bell from your reindeer
By Matthew

Dear Santa for Christmas I want a Big Toy and Santa I love bicksh.
By Jeremie

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you feel happy about Christmas. Merry Christmas to you. I hope you come on the 25th. This is going to be the best Christmas ever. I am going to leave you cookies and milk. I am so excited for you to bring me my electric scooter.
Your Friend Hayde

Dear Santa
How are you? Is it snowing? Can you tell the reindeer that I have reindeer food for them. I am going to lay out some milk and cookies for you. This is what I want for Christmas, a toy horse, a Barbie doll, and a new pink chair. Hope you have a great flight!
Love Amanda Sheehan

Dear Santa
How are you/ Aare you busy? How is Rudolph? Are you coming to my house on Christmas Eve! This Christmas I want Skylanders Giants Epic, Mickey 2, Xploeters x 2, and Beyblade seris3.
From James DeAnda

Dear Santa,
I like to get a ipe and a puppy and I get a Been H from your
By Claidia

Dear Santa,
I want a game wat and I want a I pod and I pad games
By Satiago

Dear Santa
I beee this yer I want a game for the wiii and a bell from your reindeers.
By Briana

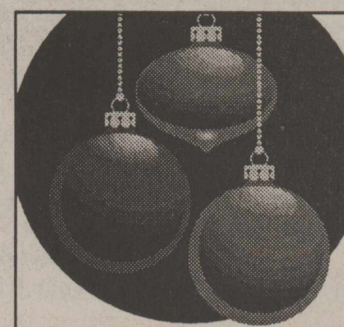
Dear Santa
Are you and your reindeer read for Christmas because I am! What I want for Christmas is a blizard make, furby, just dance 4, and an iphone 4 too. My said it is ok. This the best Christmas ever because I am going to Mexico for Christmas. I am going to leave reindeer food out for your reindeer. It will be in front of my door. Merry Christmas
Love Sulma Cocoba

Dear Santa, How are you coming along with the presents this year? This year I would like to have a Skate bord, a trapoline, a phone, A laptop and, Santa some books. And can you send my dog a bone. I will leave some cookies and milk out for you.
Love, Holly Sladek

Dear Santa,
I hope you deliver lots of presents for all the children. How are you doing? Are you making a naughty list and nice list? This Christmas I want the fortune cookies, three ds, cake pops, just dance four, Dance central 3 and iphone 4. I hope you have an awesome Christmas. I will leave some cookies out for you.
Love, Sonia Mayorga

Dear Santa, How are you? Im so excited it's almost Christmas! I love your reindeer, how are they? I hope you have a good Christmas and I hope you don't get sick from the cookies and milk. I want Cleo de Nile, Clawdeen wolf, upperetta, the monster high doll set, pink orsit shoes, zebra boots and high heels.
Love Emma Hartman

Dear Santa,
I hope that when you get back to the North Pole your feet won't be red. Santa when you come to town can you hug my family for me? I have not seen them for a long time. Santa for Christmas I would like a baby alive, books, slushy maker, Wii and I pad. I will be waiting for my gifts. Thanks!
Love Ale Portillo

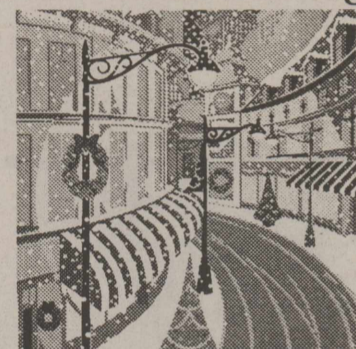


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Dear Santa
How are the reindeer doing?
Are the elves helping? I hope
that Mrs. Claus is baking
cookies for Christmas. What I
want for Christmas is an ipod
and a labtop. I want my family
to be Happy. Have a nice
Christmas.
Love Jojo Salas

Dear Santa
Is it snowing at the North Pole?
Are you elfs working hard on
new toys for Christmas? Santna,
I would like a DS, a make upset,
and a kindle fire.
Love Kheona Baston

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a real phone, an
In House Barbie and some
pretty dresses.
Sincerely, Samanta Morillon

Dear Santa,
Please bring me some light up
tennis shoes, and In House
Barbie and a Doll House. I'll
have the milk and cookies ready
for you. © Love, Alli Jo
Roberts.

Dear Santa
Please bring me a new coat,
some tennis shoes that light up
and a Buzz light Year action
figure. I'll be sure to save you
some pink chocolate filled
cookies!
Your friend, Rikardo Griffin

Dear Santa
Please bring me a gray coat, a
Barbie car and a pretty purple
dress with leotards.
Your friend Yazmin Lara-
Castro

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a castle with
knights and a king, a cowboy
action figure, and a large
collection of army guys,
Your friend Treyton Smith

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a castle with
knights and a king, pink slippers
and a Barbie Doll.
Love, Aylee Derma

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me some pink high
heel shoes, a new dress, and
some blue flip flops. I'll have the
gingerbread and milk waiting!
Love McKinzie Moore

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me some light up
tennis shoes, A Texas A&M
football helmet, and some kleats
a size 1.1 Hope your reindeer
keep your sleigh safe.
Sincerely Bo Engelbrecht

Dear Santa
Please bring me some Stratford
blue tennis shoes size 9 with
shoe strings, a toy shark and a
swimming pool.
Love Joshua Gloria

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a little black
puppy a Santa Claus toy and a
blue dinosaur that has eyes that
light up. I will get the cookies
and bring the milk!
Love Jesus Rodriguez

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a giant
trampoline, a big airplane filled
with Army guys, and some
carpenter tools. I have been
very good this year and I am
excited to see what you bring
me.

Sincerely Mauro Ortega

Dear Santa
How are you? Is it snowy
there. Do you drink hot coca
evry seasean with Mrs. Claus?
All I want for Christmas is a
razar scooter that has a chair
so I can sit on it. I can't wait to
see the Christmas cookies gone.
We are going to put sprinkles
on them. My mom and my
sister and I are going to make
them on Saturday.
Love, Mia Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a Blue Thunder
monster truck, a remote control
helicopter and some black Nike
shoes that light up. Please keep
those reindeer healthy!
Love, Clay Oliveira

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me an I-Pod, an X
Box and a laptop.
Love Mateo Hernandez

Dear Santa Claus
Please bring me a toy brown cat,
a princess baby and a La La
Lucy.
Love Evelyn Torres



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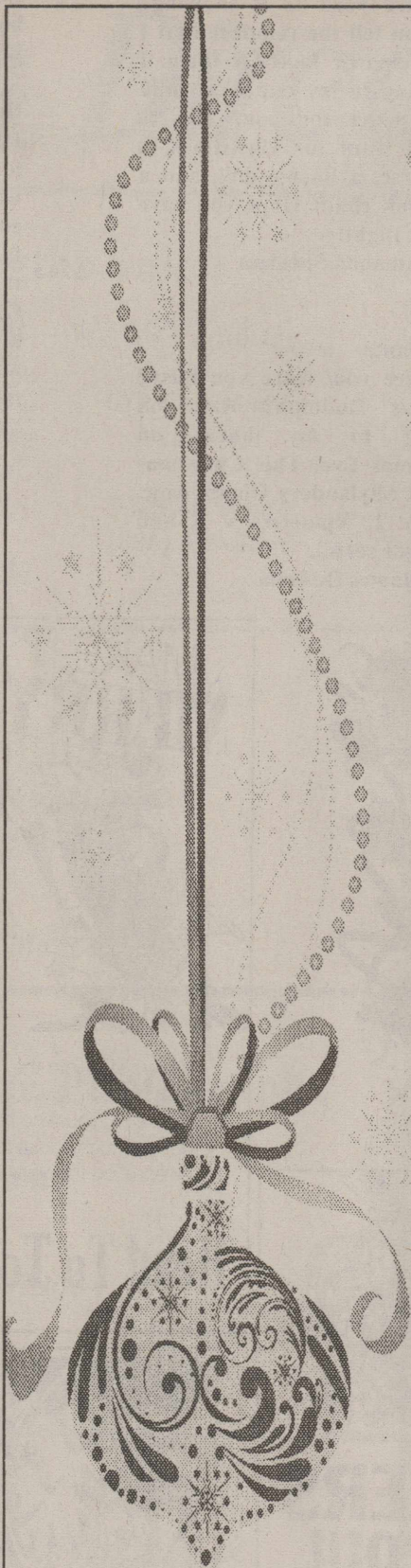
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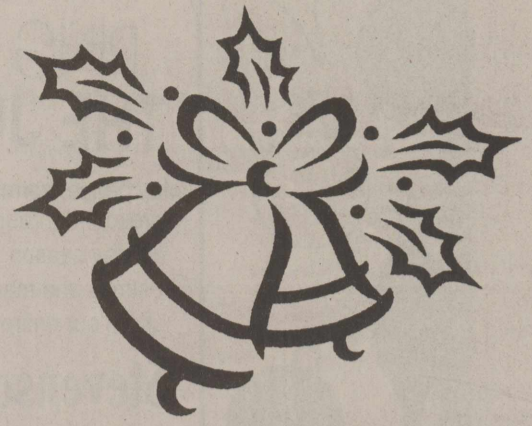
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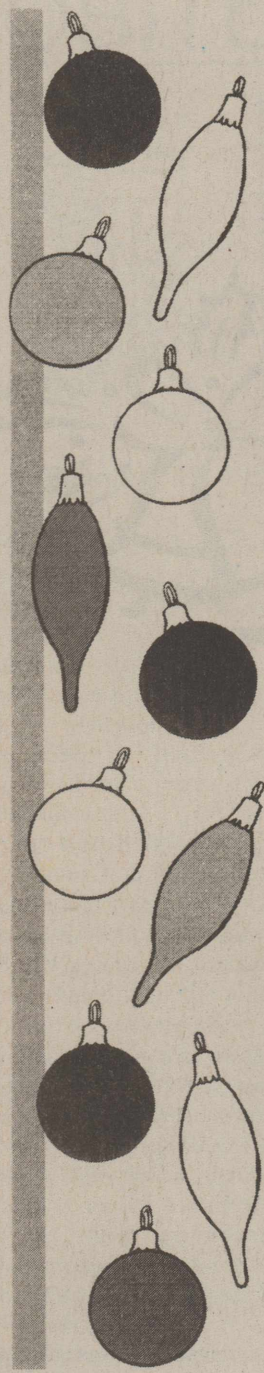


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Dear Santa
 All I want for crismis a big tede
 bere that loks like You. Princess
 tinty, dog tint Princes dress, day
 dress, princess shoes, day shoes
 and an elf hon n nan tono dres,
 Love Faith

Dear Santa Cluse
 I want a toy dinsares not real
 one and word search
 Love Emmanuel Gonzalez

Dear Santa
 I want a horse, backpack, books,
 big princess book, games and a
 Nintendo ds.
 Love Violet Vazquez




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