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OS Museum home to world-class art

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Faberge eggs are famous not only for their elegance and craftsmanship but also for the surprises they conceal and reveal.

If any town in West Texas is like a Faberge egg, it's Post. Perched on the rugged edge of the Texas Caprock, 40 miles southeast of Lubbock, little Post holds a surprise.

It's the OS Ranch Museum. On East Main Street, in the heart of the brick street downtown, the fine arts museum is home to a vast collection of art and artifacts from around the world, including a significant number of Faberge eggs. Admission is free.

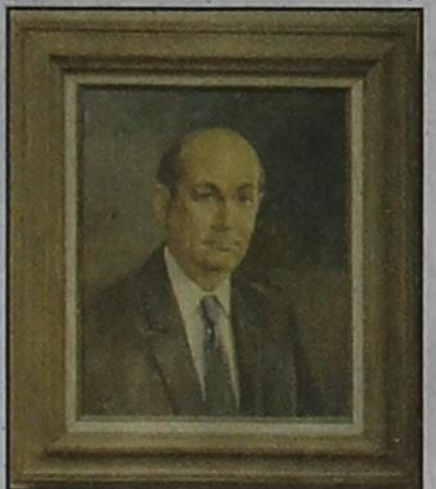
The museum is the legacy of the late Giles McCrary, rancher, oilman, investor and collector, who traveled the world collecting art and other objects that met his fancy and bringing them home to Post.

The OS Ranch Museum, named for the McCrary family ranch, showcases Giles McCrary's collections. Only a fraction of McCrary's art can be displayed at one time in the museum space. Three times a year, the museum closes and the exhibits change. Marie Neff is museum director.

When McCrary died Oct. 30, Neff lost a long-time friend. She still remembers quite clearly the November day in 1990 he asked her to work for him, not knowing her temporary assignment to inventory the McCrary collection would turn into permanent work -- and certainly not wanting it to.

"I knew him since the late '40s, when he got out of the service," she said.

His request was a simple plea for Neff to inventory



A portrait of Giles McCrary, 1919-2011, an oil by Paul Milosevich, hangs in the OS Ranch Museum in Post, where McCrary's collection of art from around the world is displayed in rotating exhibits.

what he called his "stuff."

Her reply was equally to the point:

"Giles McCrary, I am retired. I don't want to work. I'm home painting, and I'm enjoying my life."

McCrary was persistent. A week and a half later he asked Neff if she'd changed her mind.

She had not. "After Christmas he started his little spiel again," she said. "My husband said, 'Honey, don't you think you ought to go help him?'"

Neff supposed McCrary had called her husband, the late Ed Neff.

"The two of them ganged up on me," she said.

A pack rat, by his own description, McCrary had filled more than one building with items large and small collected from all over the world.

"All you had was trails," Neff said. "In his house there was a room you couldn't even get in. Across the street he owned a building. There were two rooms upstairs. One room had nothing but art in it. The other had artifacts. The vaults in the basement were full. We spent three months inventorying."

McCrary, who had been traveling, came home to find the inventory done and computerized. But he had more plans.

"He opened this door," Neff said, referring to a door in the current museum.

She knew it was a big empty room, having taught art lessons there herself in the 1970s.

McCrary told Neff his vision for turning the space into a museum.

"Fine, go ahead," she told him. "I'm going home."

Once again, McCrary persuaded her to help him see the vision through.

With some advice from Ed Neff, a skilled draftsman, Marie Neff tackled the project, working hard on a plan that would disguise and play off a dominant feature of the space, an old flue.

"When he got back I had an architectural drawing done of the whole room," she said. "The carpenters and architects could work from it."

By August 1992, the OS Ranch Museum opened its doors.

"I didn't realize at the time

how broad his collection was," Neff said, speaking as if she hadn't counted and recorded every piece.

Even today, she remains

amazed by the variety and depth of the museum holdings.

"His love of the culture of the people was so vast that

when he went into an area he bought and brought home not necessarily the finest things of that country but the culture of the common man,"

she said. "It makes my job so easy. ... The education fac-

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Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Visitors from Lubbock and Wilson listen last Thursday to Marie Neff, OS Ranch Museum director, share anecdotes about the vast collection of items on display at the fine arts museum. From left are Neff, Helen Stephenson, Diane Aycock, Mary Steinhauer and Linda Fisher. The Christmas tree, flanked by an elegant St. Nicholas in gold and white, holds collectible ornaments from the Danbury Mint.

Man Dies in Oil Rig Mishap

By Hanaba Munn Welch

Flashing lights in red and blue, a helicopter, an emergency vehicle, a fire truck. It's a scene that spells trouble anywhere, especially in the middle of the night near a working oil rig.

It's what Nadine Benavidez and her husband, Bill Benavidez, saw early last Friday morning from the east window of their house south of Draw in southeast Lynn County. They both feared the worst.



Francis Howard "Squirrel" Pratt Rig Hand Killed in Accident

By Monday, the news was out. An accident at the rig across the field from their house had killed an Odessa

man, Francis Howard Pratt, 30, and had injured two others, Jeffrey Lee Mayfield, 33, also of Odessa, and Troy Lee

Mutter, 49, of Roswell.

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Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

Nadine Benavidez, standing in her yard last Friday morning across the field from an oil drilling site in southeast Lynn County near Draw, is left to wonder what sort of emergency had occurred at the rig only hours before. By the next week she learned that an accident had killed one man and injured two others.

The True Meaning Of Christmas

By Steffi Scott

The weather outside is cold and the wind is bitter.



Everyone is gathered around the fire watching "Christmas Vacation." "Frosty the Snow-

man," or "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

The children are sipping on hot cocoa and counting down the days 'til old Saint Nick comes tumbling down the chimney with presents galore.

Mothers are busy in the kitchen whipping up the last batch of pumpkin bread, cinnamon rolls and pecan pies.

Similar scenes can be found a few nights before Christmas in many households across the country.

Santa Clause becomes a very popular man whenever December rolls around. Parents use him for leverage and children try to behave with great anticipation.

Actually, Jesus is the rea-

son for the season. It is his birth that those of the Christian faith truly celebrate.

Santa Claus is a wonderful tradition and helps youth understand the magic of Christmas.

The exchanging of gifts, also steeped in tradition for billions around the globe, resembles the gifts brought to the new born king over 2,000 years ago.

While Santa requires us to be good the year 'round to be placed on the nice list, Jesus paid the price for our names to be written in the Book of Life.

There is no Christmas without Christ.

We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!



Photo by Steffi Scott

Lane and Kailea Jane Norman went to visit Santa and Mrs. Clause at Citizens Bank's open house last Friday.

Photo by Steffi Scott
An angel and the word "Faith" are just a sample of the many Christain symbols found during the holidays.

OBITUARY



TROY NELSON

Troy Nelson 83, of Post, died on Saturday December 17, 2011 at his residence. He was born on December 4, 1928 to H. E. and Alice (Grimland) Nelson at Abilene.

Troy was raised around the Close City community and attended school there. He married Joyce Marie Lofton on December 26, 1950 in Clovis, New Mexico. Troy has farmed and worked as a John Deere mechanic for 43 years. He was a member of the Graham Cha-

pel Church of Christ. Troy was preceded in death by a son: Guy Troy Nelson, January 8, 2000; parents: H.E. and Alice Nelson (1965 and 1964); Brother: Ellwood Nelson (1996) and three sisters: Evelyn LeMond (2002), Callie Strofer (2003) and Bernice Lee (2006).

Troy is survived by his wife of almost 61 years: Joyce Nelson of Post. One son: Danny Nelson and his wife Kathy of Post. One daughter: Melinda and her husband James Morgan of Coahoma. Eight grandchildren: Jay Nelson of San Antonio, Robin Nelson of Massachusetts, Sandy Nelson Doughman of Germany, Jennifer Morgan of Lenora, Mendy and her husband Derek Ward of Coahoma, James Lee Morgan of Coahoma, Traci and her husband Wes Jarrett of Post, Chris Moore of Weimer. Six great-grandchildren: Alex Nelson and Evan Nelson both of San

Antonio, Amity Jarrett and Kalvin Jarrett both of Post, Ali Doughman of Germany and Evie Doughman both of Germany and a future Ward great-grandchild. Brother in law: Floyd LeMond of Andrews and a sister in law: Rita Nelson of Post.

Visitation was held at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ Wednesday, December 21, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Service was held Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ in Post. Robert W. Wilson and Ted Tatum officiated. Private family burial was at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Charles Morris, G.B. Wilke, Robert Wilke, Jay Nelson, James Lee Morgan and Chris Moore.

Welcome to our newest Chamber member - Non-Profit Member POST LIONS CLUB.

A Community Christmas Supper is being served free of charge on Christmas Day at 6:00 p.m. at Trailblazers. Everyone is invited to come and share the season.

We will be placing a brick order for Memorial Plaza the first week of January. If you would like to order a brick, please contact the Chamber office - 495-3461. You can also download the order form at www.postcitytexas.com

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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9	6	3	4	5	1	8	2	7
5	4	3	1	2	6	9	8	7

ANSWER:

United Supermarkets



The Paperboy

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

My parents were wonderful during Christmas. It didn't matter what may have been happening surrounding the holidays - my sister and I were insulated from any negativity ... Mom made sure of that.

Looking back, I guess we are sheltered. Not just as small children, but also as adults.

During Christmas of 1993, that all changed. It was that Christmas when I began to understand that things change and regardless of tradition, it is important to realize the true reason we celebrate Christmas.

Christmas eve of 1993 began as many had. My grandfather and I left Childress for Lubbock (my parents home) and arrived in time for the festivities. My sister and her husband were to meet us in Lubbock for dinner that night followed by a terrific Christmas day where we would eat our traditional meal and enjoy the company of each other.

My sister was pregnant and was not feeling well so she and her husband Cal decided to wait until Christmas morning before coming down from Amarillo. That was no big deal as Mom, Dad, Poppy and I had a pleasant dinner and reminisced about our various childhood Christmases. I enjoyed hearing the tales from my grandfather and the holidays spent on the farm in northeast Kansas with his numerous brothers and sisters.

As the evening wore down, a check with Sis meant that everything was still on schedule for Christmas day.

As Christmas day rolled around, I woke early to help Mom finish the preparations for Christmas dinner. It was around 8 a.m. and I went to pick up my grandfather from his nearby hotel room. He preferred a hotel room because 1. He snored like a lumberjack, and 2. at 83, he was pretty restless.

When I got to the hotel, I could tell immediately Poppy wasn't right. He told me his chest was tight and he wasn't breathing well. I got him in the car and we made the short drive to my parent's home.

Upon arriving, Mom suggested I take him to the emergency room so she held off on the cooking and she and Dad would get ready and join us at

the ER. During that time, Cal called and said Shawn was worse and she too needed to go to the hospital.

In just 12 hours things had changed quickly and I went from anticipating my favorite day of the year to wondering what in the world was going on.

Shortly after arriving at Methodist Hospital (now Covenant) in Lubbock, we were told that Poppy had suffered a heart attack. He was going to be there for days.

Shawn had been taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where her health was declining quickly.

For my previous 20-something Christmases, I enjoyed the cocoon my parents had placed me in. I didn't remember one single Christmas where things didn't go off without a hitch. Not this time.

It was a long day spent in a waiting room with other families experiencing a a not-so-Merry Christmas. Hours went by and I went to the hospital chapel for a time of reflection and prayer for Shawn and Poppy. Mom was trying to hold it together and Dad was "the man," providing her comfort and support while suppressing his worry.

Around 5 p.m., it was evident neither patient would be leaving the hospital anytime soon. Poppy was stable and Shawn's kidneys were not behaving normally.

A couple of hours later, I told Mom I was heading home and I was going to cook Christmas dinner. Not taking "no" for an answer, I went home and cooked the meal she had prepared.

Mom, Dad and I sat down for Christmas dinner sometime after 11 p.m. Dad voiced a mighty prayer - one of the greatest prayers I have ever heard. He took the opportunity to thank the Lord for our lives and asked the Lord to keep our family close at heart - particularly Shawn and Cal, who remained in Amarillo.

The presents remained under the tree for weeks. I honestly don't remember when they were opened. The day after Christmas, we spent on the road going to Amarillo to stay

with Shawn and back to Lubbock to be with Poppy.

That night, back at home, Mom broke down. She prayed out loud for one last Christmas with her father and for Shawn to make a full recovery. She prayed like I had never heard her. It was very moving.

Shawn lost her baby and spent several weeks in the hospital as her kidneys continued to fail.

Poppy spent a couple of weeks in the hospital as he recovered and the doctors laid out a plan to try and extend his life.

I came back to Childress and would make a triangle run from there, to Amarillo, to Lubbock and back to Childress every two days during that time. I was so busy in Childress I didn't have time to dwell on what was going on until I would begin my drive. My mind kept recalling my Mom's prayer for one last Christmas with her dad.

I brought Poppy back to Childress mid-January. Shawn was released sometime afterward and was very lucky to be alive. She had been informed that she could no longer have children, so you can imagine her state of mind.

The Christmas of 1994 was nearly back to normal. Poppy and I again made the trip to Lubbock and Shawn and Cal made the trip from Amarillo. Mom gave the prayer at Christmas dinner and thanked the Lord for the opportunity to once again have her family in the same place for that magical day.

My grandfather died the following summer and Shawn and Cal eventually adopted a beautiful baby girl.

The years have passed and now it's the job of my wife and I to insulate our children from the trials and tribulations we face. We feel it is our job to make Christmas as special as possible for our children for as long as we possibly can.

Christmas of 1993 was special because my family was given two gifts: the life of my sister and the life of my grandfather. Along with the birth of Christ, I will always consider those gifts to be the greatest gifts I've ever received.



Post Girl Scout Troop # 6864 presented Mama Nell Morris with a care package, as part of their requirements for their badge called, Model Citizen. Girls included in the picture from left to right: Caitlyn Silva, J'nia Brown, Shayla Brown, Evangelina Zubia, Ryleigh Graves, Averi Graves, honorary scout: Hailea Apolinar. Leaders not pictured: Alicia Graves, Joni Huffman.

La Posta

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The old-fashioned greatness of Holly's Drive-In

By Hanaba Munn Welch

What's in a name? Holly's Drive-In has a name with a Christmas ring. And that's not to mention that the owner's name is Mary Holly.

Holidays aside, names mean a lot at Holly's. It's how the crew keeps orders straight. Forget numbers. It's the customer's name that identifies the order.

The late Lewis Holly had fun with names -- both for people and what the restaurant served.

"The nachos he'd call the 'hots' or 'nots,'" said Mary Holly, remembering how he ran the establishment, explaining that "hots" referred to "no peppers."

His name for Holly's cheeseburger with barbecue sauce -- no longer on the menu -- was something like "oobiedow," as best she recalls.

Lewis Holly catered especially to students, but he wasn't good at remembering their real names.

"He'd make up a name for them," Mary Holly said. "When he made up a name, he could remember it. ... crazy names. They just loved it."

In those days, Lewis Holly pulled a wagon over to the junior high at lunch time to collect customers.

"It was wild," she said. "He'd just jump the curb and everything."

No doubt, the wagon rides were another thing about Lewis Holly that endeared him to the junior

high crowd.

Those fun times are just memories now, but Holly's hamburgers are still a way of life for Mary Holly -- a living and a place where all members of the Holly family have all worked at one time or another. Some still do, like daughter-in-law Dana Holly, daughter Marta Williams and granddaughters Whitney Williams and Morgan Williams.

"It's nice to be busy," Mary Holly said, taking a break last Thursday on an unusually slow day. "I don't want to sit down and do nothing."

Her late husband liked work too -- or perhaps he didn't know any other approach to life.

"He'd give you the shirt off his back because he didn't have anything when he was growing up," she said.

Lewis Holly was one of 11 children. His father had been left paralyzed by a car wreck.

"As the kids got old enough, they'd work and give mama their check," Mary Holly said. "She'd drive to work at the mill."

Growing up in difficult circumstances gave Lewis Holly a heart for any youngster who might need something to eat.

"He'd just go back there and make them stuff," Mary Holly said, remembering his generosity.

Not that he didn't have a temper too -- a characteristic of many a chef.

"He'd throw stuff at the



Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch

"This hamburger has your name on it," seems to be the message from Mary Holly, owner of Holly's Drive-In, a classic hamburger joint with classic curb service. Dana Holly, Mary Holly's daughter-in-law, who's handing Mary Holly the soft drink, works as a car-hop for the 40-year-old business.

sink," she said.

Mary Holly's remembrances are from the 40 years that Holly's Drive-In has been Holly's. In earlier years it had other names.

As for Jane Terry's recollection that it was a Holly's hamburger that impressed her visiting aunt from Alabama in 1961, Mary Holly isn't certain where her husband or his mother might have been working at the time to give the hamburger the Holly cachet. Nor had she heard Terry's story (recounted in last week's Post Dispatch) that the aunt took a Holly-sized bun back to Alabama to inspire a Tallasee,

Ala. hamburger entrepreneur to start making Texas-sized burgers, an undertaking that reportedly made him a millionaire.

Holly has her own story of how she and her husband could have made a fortune in the hamburger business but missed their chance.

The couple was living in California, and Lewis Holly was working in an airplane factory.

"He's the one that set everything up when they formed parts out of aluminum with those big machines," she said. "He'd work as many hours as they'd let him."

Mary Holly was able to stay at home with the children. The family had a car, a house and plenty to eat. But no extra money.

Lewis Holly came home one day and told his wife about an opportunity to invest \$500 in stock in the McDonald's hamburger chain.

"They were just getting started," she said. "That's why they were trying to ex-

pand."

But the Holly family didn't have \$500 to spare.

"We had good credit," she said. "We could have borrowed the money."

But they didn't. Who could have predicted that the investment would have made them a fortune in the hamburger business, all without having to flip a single patty or deep fry even one French fry?

Eventually, they returned home to Texas to make money in the hamburger business the hard way by investing their time and money in Holly's Drive-In.

Natural events played a part in the story -- almost the way a sandstorm greeted Jane Terry's family in 1951 when they arrived in Post from their native Alabama. But in the case of the Holly family, they fled California to return to what they knew best -- West Texas sandstorms and all the other quirks of weather on the Texas Plains. They moved back to escape

what they didn't understand -- earthquakes.

"It just never stops," Jane Holly said. "It just keeps on and on with the aftershocks. There's no place to go. With a sandstorm or tornado, you can get in a dugout or whatever. We came back."

California earthquakes. It's a wonder Lewis Holly didn't put them on the menu as a special name for something.

Meanwhile, the only thing close to an earthquake for Mary Holly these days is getting slammed by the Lake Alan Henry crowd in the summer, "which is good," she said during last week's down time break. "Summertime I try to make the extra money. It's slower in the winter -- not as much traffic."

Either way, she's not complaining.

"God's good to us," she said. "He always provides."

At a nearby table, Helen and Goldman McBride ate

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Frozen Music

by Hanaba Munn Welch

"Frozen Music," a poetic term for architecture borrowed from German philosopher Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling, is a weekly column about buildings in our historic downtown. Post Dispatch writer Hanaba Munn Welch invites your comments about any of the buildings featured in her 200-word-long "Frozen Music."

On East Main Street, adjacent to the 1908 Algerita Hotel, stands a handsome brick building, home to Ruby Lane Books.

The exact construction date of the two-story building is uncertain. A fire insurance map from June 1927 shows a vacant lot at the site. A map from 1938 documents the building as it exists today -- two stories tall with a footprint that extends about half the depth of the lot. Most likely, construction was in the late 1920s, a prosperous time when putting up new buildings was keeping masons and carpenters busy across the country, especially in places like Post where there was room to grow.

The prime feature of the building is the round arch that defines the one spacious second-story street-side window.

Whence its inspiration? Did the designer of the distinctive façade appropriate the arch from the vocabulary of the Richardsonian Romanesque style that prevailed in the latter half of the 1800s? Or did he take his cue from the second-story uniform round arches that define each bay of the general purpose building on the same side of Main just one block east?

Either way, the window is counterpoint in brick to those older cousins in stone.

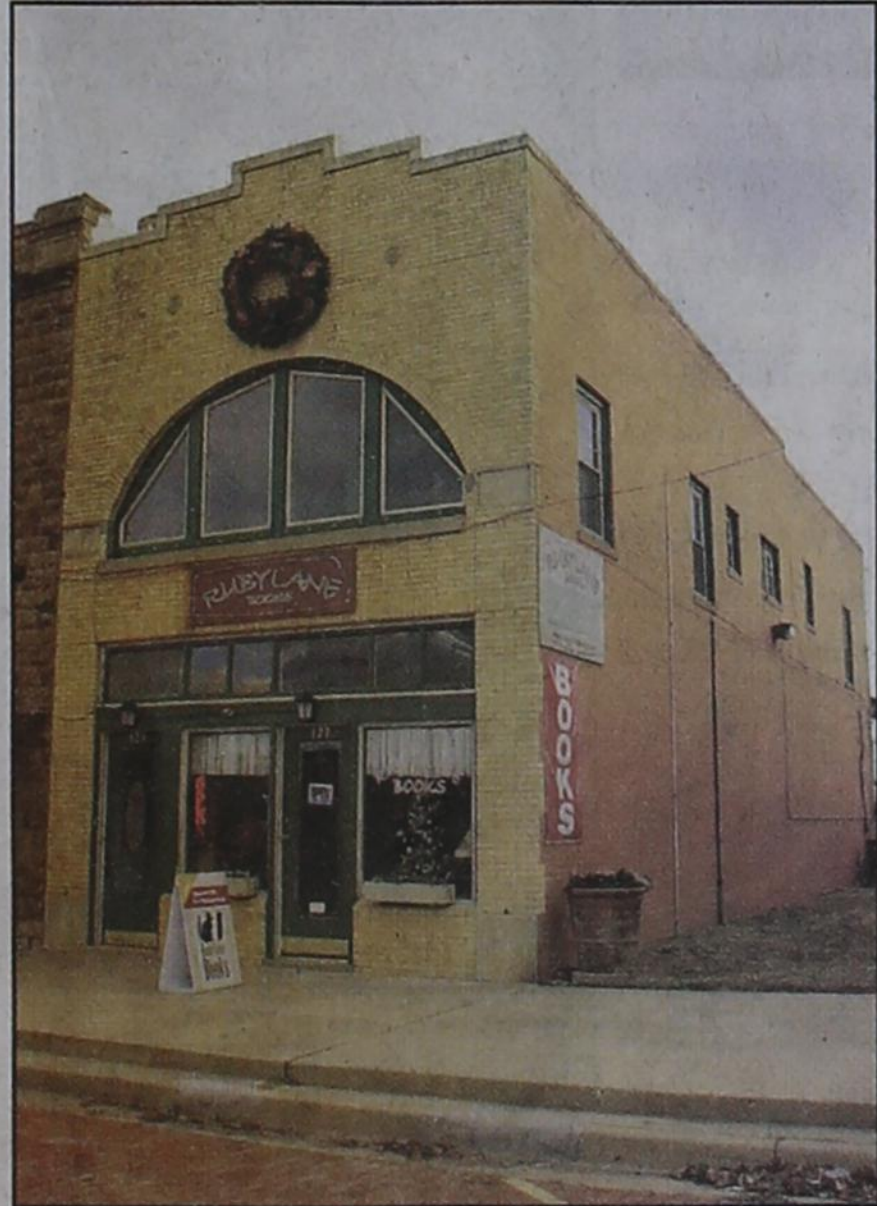


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A Christmas wreath adds a seasonal touch to Ruby Lane Books. The building is the subject of this week's "Frozen Music."

Citizens Bank would like to wish you and yours a very safe and Merry Christmas!

We will be closed Saturday morning and all day Monday. We will re open for business on Tuesday, December 27

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We've definitely had West Texas weather lately; We've had rain, flurries, wind, cold and a few fairly warm days for this time of year; and possibly by the time you are reading this we may have some more moisture. We measured about 7/10th's out here... that'll work!

We want to send our sympathies out to the family of Troy Nelson who passed away last week. Troy and Joyce have been apart of

our community and our gin for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Thankyou so much for the Strawberry Bread Velta King! Gene brought it out Tuesday and it didn't last long. Tino also brought us some chocolate candy... Yumm-O!

Charles and Sharron enjoyed Christmas with their family a week early. The whole family gathered at Poopsie and Mims house

for some great food, presents and just enjoying being together during this time of year.

Speaking of the Morris' Kayla and her husband Dan'l are moving from Virginia to Twentynine Palms, California where Dan'l will be stationed. Good luck to them!

Jack Morris had an interesting visitor....The one and only Jackie Carpenter came to Ragtown. I'm sure they had a very entertain-

ing visit! =)

Visitors

Gene King, JD Young, Bunny Smith, Fermin and Edgar all came to visit us this past week. Ya'll come see us and get your "education"

For the week. =)

You can see and order a Close City Calender at Caprock Heirloom Downtown, they also have the cookbooks now.

Did you know...

The opposite sides of a

dice cube always add up to seven.

Quote of the week...

Seeing isn't believing. Believing is seeing... Little Elf Judy from "The Santa Clause"

Close City Birthdays

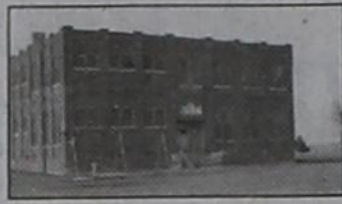
December 26th - Trevor Thuett

December 29th - Mandy Ellis Guerrero; Amy Pennell

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are... Marj Caffey in Marble Falls;

Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young in Post; Jean Tipton in Robert Lee; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; Doris Wilson in Castorville; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Merry Christmas to everyone from all of us in Ragtown!
See ya next week!



Weekly Inspirations

Love for All

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Do everything in love.

- 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NIV)

As I saw him down the street walking in my direction, I immediately recognized him. I didn't know his name, but I had seen him before. In the past, on a busy street I could sneak past him while others had to deal with his outstretched hand. Today, I was the only one near.

I had no money to spare. I can't give to everyone, I thought. As he approached I noticed that his coat looked like something I would have thrown away hundreds of wearings earlier. I wanted to cross the street, but that would be too obvious. I didn't want to make eye contact.

"Good morning," he said. I had to look up. I was surprised to see a warm, smiling face. "Isn't it a beautiful day?" he asked.

I quickly reached into my pocket. "I just bought a couple of good apples," I said. "Would you like one?"

He accepted my offer, smiled, and said, "God bless you."

Only seconds later, as we both continued on our way, it dawned on me that God had indeed blessed me. God used the man's warm smile and pleasant words to wake me up and help me realize that I can give to others not because I have to but because I want to.

Regina Reeves (Pennsylvania, USA)

Thought for the Day

Visit a shelter for the homeless and get to know those who live there.

Prayer

God of love, help us draw upon the love you have put in us and find ways to express it in words and actions, even--and especially--to those who are strangers. Amen.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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LEGENDS...

GARZA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

BY LINDA PUCKETT

Well here we are in the final episode of the Dutch Luman story, one that has left a trail of violent behavior, some cattle thieving, a few murders, trials and appeals. I'm still wondering how he was able to beat the rap on most of his criminal activity. He surely must have been a very charismatic personality. I've got it—"Slick Willie" fits him to a tee, after all... that is his real name.

We have already recalled the 1925 killing of Roy C. Dalton, with Ed Walker and Will Luman being charged with the murder. Mr. Dalton was an area rancher who was killed at the Luman farm house near Southland. Apparently Dalton knew too much about a bootlegging operation that Dutch had going, so he was eliminated.

Then there was the killing of Marvin Breeding, 23 years old. This case was covered in every newspaper in the area, from Amarillo to San Antonio. It would seem that Breeding was seated in the Garza Theater when he was summoned by 40 year old Dutch Luman. As Breeding was attempting to walk down the aisle, Luman declared he made a "hip pocket" motion as if to draw a pistol, which prompted him to shoot the young man. Dutch claimed Breeding had made improper advances toward his wife. He was taken to the hospital in Lubbock, but died after a few days.

The Lamesa newspaper carried

this story dated Dec. 6, 1928-Associated Press.

Man Gets 3 Years for Theater Shooting

"A jury which had deliberated almost two hours late today found Will Luman, 40, guilty in the fatal shooting of Marvin Breeding, 23, in a theater at Post in 1927 and fixed the penalty at three years imprisonment. The verdict was returned after it appeared the jury was deadlocked. Breeding died on the third day after the shooting."

The Amarillo Globe-Dec. 7, 1928-Associated Press.

Cattle Indictments Returned In Pecos

"Fort Stockton - Sixteen cattle theft indictments were returned by Pecos County grand jury on adjournment here yesterday, including nine counts against Will Luman who was given three years by a jury in Lamesa for the slaying of Marvin Breeding in a theater at Post in 1927. Mrs. Luman was indicted on one count alleging cattle theft."

San Antonio Express-Thursdays Morning, Dec. 20, 1928.

Man Given Three Years for Theft of Cattle

"Fort Stockton, Texas - Still to be tried on six charges of cattle theft, J.W. (Dutch) Luman today was under a three year prison sentence after his conviction last night on the seventh case against him. The case on which Luman was convicted charged he had "rustled" cattle from Elsinore

Cattle Company. Another charge is pending against Mrs. Luman."

Since 1908, when Dutch was 20 years old, he was consistently in trouble with the law. How could a person kill so many people, serve so little jail time, get out and rustle cattle to boot? Oh well, by 1939, he was apparently a Deputy Sheriff.

Borger Daily Herald (Borger The Wonder City-Carbon Black Center Of The World)

"Thursday, Jan. 26, 1939-Deputy Sheriff's Dale Lane and "Dutch" Luman are in Lubbock and vicinity today investigating the theft of four guns here on January 16. The guns, owned by Ben Francis, were stolen from a car parked near the S.P.A. Service Station late that day. They are a 97 Winchester pump gun, a 22 Winchester pump, a three shot sportster, and Remington Automatic shotgun. Officers here believe that Lane and Luman would make an arrest in this case on the South Plains."

According to Billy Brown, Will "Dutch" Luman was pardoned and was recruited as an agent with the Cattleman's Association of Texas where he served a long and illustrious career in that capacity, and later retired. He died in Borger, Texas in 1977.

Alfred Rasberry was pardoned sometime after 1920 and he lived out his days and died in Fort Worth, Texas in 1967. And that's all on the Dutch Luman series folks.

I've been thinking

By Leslie Tatum

Can you believe Christmas is upon us? It seems like yesterday was Thanksgiving and all of a sudden, here we are the day before Christmas. Shopping and stressing has changed around our house. We didn't do the crazy Black Friday like so many; we did our shopping online in our sweats while drinking coffee and diet cokes depending on the mailman or UPS man to get it to us in time to wrap and put under the tree.

Our kids are grown and on their own, so like so many of you we are more worried about having enough food for everyone. I like this stage of our family. It is so much more about being together than anything you could get or give. We don't all get to-

gether very often so these times are truly cherished. I know once my children have children of their own these times will grow more infrequent.

Each season has qualities of its own. When I was much younger, I didn't always appreciate what I had—time. Time to sit and snuggle with them while they were little, I thought I had too many things to do, Oh, we snuggled, but not enough. We talked, but the conversations were too short. That's what I enjoy so much about this season: conversation.

I like the people my children have become and I love the people they've chosen for precious additions to our family. I love to hear about

their lives, their dreams, and their struggles. I relish their laughter and their sibling banter. The bible says that Mary treasured the things surrounding Jesus' birth in her heart. I know my children aren't the messiah by any stretch of the imagination, but I understand as a mother how special times are treasured in your heart to bring out at quiet times to mull over, to take pleasure in.

That's what I plan to do this Christmas while everyone is here: store it all in my heart so I can bring it out at quiet times. I wish for each of you extraordinary times of joy this Christmas that will keep bringing you happiness during the coming year.

Christmas time's a comin', Christmas time's a comin'....



DR. WINK

From Christmas music to insane displays of Christmas lights, it's hard not to miss the fact Christmas time is upon us. Are you ready? (I'll admit personally we aren't either!) Everyone

is bustling around shopping, baking, and decorating in frenzy. As we prepare for the joyous holiday, let us be mindful of the potential hazards our pets can be exposed to. Hazards we may not think about since they only come around once a year. From home decoration to home cooked meals, our pets can be exposed to toxins causing various health problems.

Shiny strands of tinsel, ribbon, and ornaments are hard for our 4-legged friends to resist. Ingestion of these items can be deadly. Tinsel or other string-like items

such as ribbon can cause serious damage to the intestine. One end can get stuck while the rest is pulled into the intestine as it contracts. This is what we vets refer to as a 'linear foreign body'. Pets with linear foreign bodies quickly become ill with signs including vomiting, diarrhea, depression, belly pain and sometimes fever. Eating other holiday decorations can cause signs ranging from mild depression to severe vomiting or diarrhea, depending upon whether or not the foreign matter can be passed in the stool or gets

See Dr. Wink on page 6

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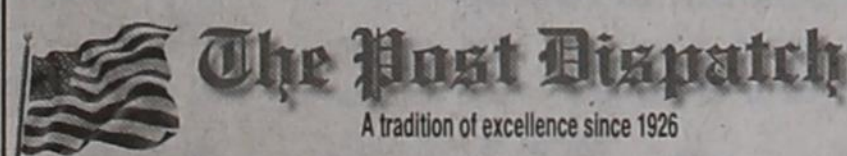


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Friend to Friend Program held



Nancy McDonald and Cory Edwards, AgrLife Extension Program Specialist at Friend to Friend.



Carol Williams and Meg Nelson attended Friend to Friend

The Texas AgrLife Extension Service in Garza County sponsored a Friend to Friend: Staying Well Together program at the Heritage House. This program's purpose was to encourage women to get regular mammograms and Pap tests for the early detection of breast and cervical cancer, when the disease is most curable.

Women living in rural areas of Texas are less likely than their urban counterparts to have had a mammogram or Papanicolaou (Pap) test within the past two years. Treatment costs and mortality are higher for rural women because of later diagnosis. Access to accredited screening in rural communities is difficult since more than half of Texas counties are primary care health professional shortage areas. One-half of all Texas counties do not have accredited, permanent mammography facilities.

The Cancer Prevention Research Institute of Texas awarded Extension funding to adapt and use the Friend to Friend program to increase the number of women meeting American Cancer Society Screening standards. An eight person task force was formed from community members worked with Nancy McDonald and regional health program specialist to plan, market, and implement, and evaluate the program the Garza County Friend to Friend Program.

The Friend To Friend "party" included a presentation by Dr. Ronnelle Burley of Lubbock and Dr. Ben Edwards of Post conveying a strong message that breast and cervical cancer is easier and more successfully treated when found earlier.

The party also consisted of small groups, pink snacks, and local information about screening opportunities, funding and transportation. The event was funded with grant money from Susan G Komen Foundation - Lubbock Affiliate and Judge Lee Norman.

Dunn, Jones Receive Awards

The 2011 Gold Star Banquet, held at the Frazier Alumni Center at Texas Tech university, recognized two Garza County residents. Skylar Jones, daughter of Greg and Channa Jones, received the Gold Star Award. The Gold Star Award is the highest county achievement award and is awarded only once in a member's 4-H career. Skylar has been a 4-H member for 10 years and has actively participated in Livestock, photography and leadership activities.

Lance Dunn, a former Gold Star recipient himself, was recognized as the Outstanding Leader for Garza County. As the Photography teacher in PHS, Lance instructed and

encouraged his students to participate in the annual 4-H Photography Contest. The top 14

of the 120 pictures submitted were sent to state for state competition.



From left: Nancy McDonald, Lance Dunn, From left: Nancy McDonald, Skylar Jones, Greg Jones.



4-H Sports Nutrition Program

The University Interscholastic League (UIL) offers 23 athletic activities in which more than 1 million student athletes participate. Yet, 16.3 percent of children and adolescents (ages 2 to 19) are obese (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003-2006).

According to the 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 45.23 percent of young people were trying to lose weight. Almost 12 percent reported that during the 30 days before the survey, they had gone without eating for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight. More than 4 percent reported taking laxatives to lose weight or keep from gaining it.

Garza County AgrLife



The class participated in an activity where they ran 50 yards breathing through a straw to show the effects of a smoker participating in athletic events.

Extension agents, Nancy McDonald and Greg Jones, implemented the 4-H sports nutrition program. Winning with Nutrition program, in the Post High School Food and Nutrition classes. The purpose of the program is to engage youth athletes in learning the importance of proper nutrition and hydra-

tion for maximum athletic performance and for general health and well-being. Lesson activities also give youth the opportunity to explore habits and temptations that can negatively affect an athlete's performance. The curriculum may be incorporated into any activity involving youth athletes, includ-

ing health class, physical education class or athletics programs. The curriculum included five lessons: Eating for Excellence, Hydration Station, Game Day Dining, Performance Robbers, and Fads and Facts. Special thanks to Dianne Griffin, John Berry, Brent Meyer and Sonic Drive-In.

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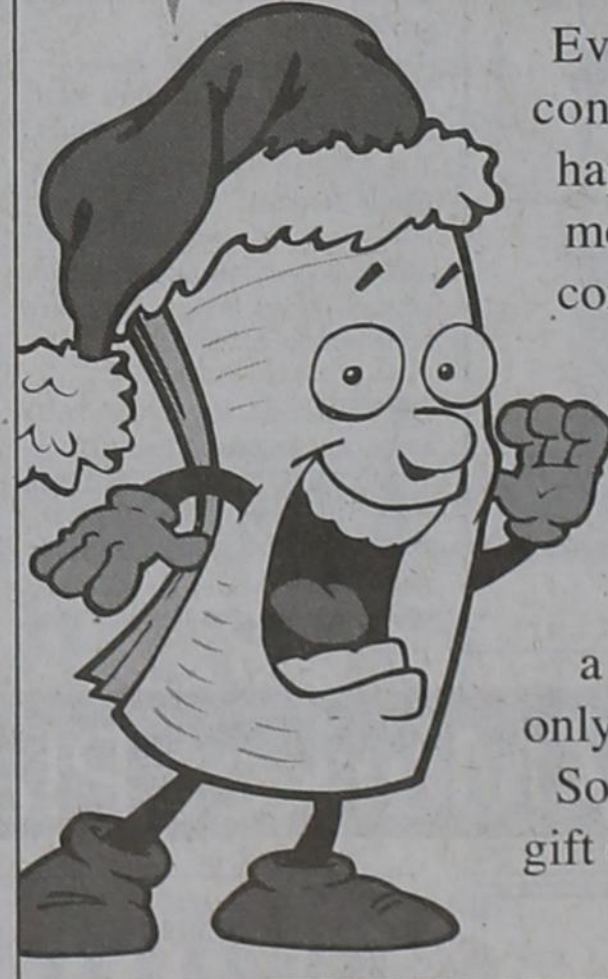
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The 501

by Hanaba Munn Welch

When you lose a day, you never find it. The worst time to lose a day is right before Christmas.

I'm not sure which day I lost. I've narrowed it down to Monday or Tuesday. But there's no use trying to look for either. Lived or lost, they're both gone. Time is like that.

The other night on television, I watched an entire program put together to dumb down Einstein, time and other stuff. I thought my husband was watching too, so I dared not switch the channel to something that was dumb to start with. Anyway, he had the remote, and I barely know how to use it.

At the end of the half-hour presentation, I, holding down the sofa, asked my erudite spouse, ensconced in the easy chair, what he'd thought about the whole show.

He told me he'd been asleep. No wonder he'd looked mesmerized.

That said, I think physics is a tough enough topic without throwing time into the equation. If that makes sense to you, then maybe you never studied physics either.

Physics versus bookkeeping was one of the few choices offered at my high school. The other choice was vocational agriculture versus home economics, except girls didn't take ag then. I signed up for bookkeeping, but I think I might have liked physics better. I'll never know. In bookkeeping class, all that talk of debit and credit baffled me. They were Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, always together and always changing identities when I wasn't looking. If that makes sense to you, you're probably as dumb as I am.

If I did understand bookkeeping and somebody wanted me to concoct a half-hour educational television program on bookkeeping for non-savvy viewers, I'd take the Jekyll and Hyde approach and find a couple of good actors to play both roles. I'd adopt a neutral accent and be the brilliant narrator. British would work too.

Speaking of accents, most of America now talks like Lincoln, Nebraska. Ho-hum. It's the television effect. Television raises children.

Back when I was in high school, deciding between

physics and bookkeeping, upperclassmen put on a play. On stage they all sounded like hicks. That's what I remember.

It's not that they'd changed the way they talked. The plot didn't require hick accents. It was precisely that they didn't change the way they talked. We in the audience, conditioned by movies and television, expected neutral accents from anyone on stage, even if they were our schoolmates and we'd dragged cotton sacks together down the row.

The more they got into their roles, the hickier they sounded.

Those were the days. We'd all watched enough television to know how people playing regular people should talk, but we'd not watched television early enough in life for it to have standardized us too. We were who we were.

Our closest brush with educational television was "Mr. Wizard" on Saturday mornings. If Mr. Wizard were still around now, he could teach me physics. I need that day back.

Remember When

By SHIRLEY STORIE and RHONDA NORMAN

10 Years Ago
Garza County Jr. Livestock Association reports a huge success in the recent fund raiser.

Eight grade roundballers place 2nd at hometown tournament. Scoring in the final game were, Keith Meredith, Stace Norman, Israel Barbosa, Kenny Garay and Sterling Smith.

Tim Miller, son of Leon and JoAnn Miller of Post, recently ran in the White Rock Marathon in Dallas.

Post Antelopes dominate All District Team. First Team honors went to Michael Huff, Mitchell Mills, Jonathan Curtis, Jon Eilenberger, Jarrett Vickers, R.C. Curtis, Justin Acevedo, Roland Castaneda and Bryan Looney.

20 Years Ago
Drs. W.C. Wilson and Ricardo Rodriguez were honored in recognition of their services to the Garza County community.

Luis Ayala has been named general foreman at the substation in Amarillo for SPS.

All District football honors go to Michael Self, Aaron Davis, Brandon Bird, Shane Horton, Anthony Cruse and Junior Nava.

United States senator Phil Gramm has announced that farmers in Garza and four other Texas counties are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans to help recover from EXCESSIVE rainfalls.

30 Years Ago
Willie McBride gives a big thank you for making her retirement so special.

Royce and Marianne Hart announce the arrival of their baby girl, Kelci Alyse.

FFA class helping Santa With toys are, Ray Mason, Arthur Stribling, Jerry Smith, Ricky Perez, James Quiñonez, Richard Tanner and Ricky Saldívar.

Coach Fred Postell's eight grade boys remain undefeated in district play. Through nine games Tracy Price leads in total scoring w/77 points, followed by David Schults w/45, Greg Storie and Danny Foster w/42, Joel Kirkpatrick w/36, Sam Hardin w/10, Bruce Crenshaw w/8 and Greg Adams and Willie Osby w/4.

Cotton prices drop to 44 cents a lb.

40 Years Ago
Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Quannah Maxey were the Noel White and Ronnie Graves families.

Pearl Storie has been named president of the Meryymakers Club. Other members include, Lola Peel, Bertha Printz, Bonnie Adamson, Alma Sims, Pearl Crisp, Sadie Storie, B. Cross, Gladys Floyd and Linda Malouf.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Norman held a Christmas party for the members of the Gamma Mu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and the members husbands.

Dear Santa, I have been

a good boy. I would like a cowboy set. I hope to get a baby brother. I want a tape recorder and a bike. Love, Greg Williams.

50 Years Ago
Planning engineers predict Post population of 6,600 by the year 1980.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pantoja announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Rubina. She was born in the Garza Memorial Hospital.

Mason furniture store has been broken into. Estimated missing from the store was around five or six dollars.

City of Post annual Christmas party held with the Mayor Powell Shytles serving as the master of ceremonies.

Dear Santa, I am a little boy in the 1st grade. I have been good. Will you please bring me a train? Don't forget the other boys and girls. I love you, Santa. Junior Stelzer.

Postex Plant employee count is up to 552.

The annual Christmas coloring contest was won by Randy Baldwin and Nancy Norman.

Post Notes

Post Stampede Rodeo Association-Annual Stockholder's Meeting will be held on Wednesday December 28th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the election of new committee members and officers.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Snacks will be served at 5:00pm. Parents are encouraged to send children's grades pre k-5th. Youth classes will also be held on Wednesday's following C.C.E at 6:45-7:45pm. All Jr. High-High School Students are encouraged to attend.

Post Community Youth
We are ready to start another thrilling year with the Post Community Youth. All youth are invited. As a community youth group many different churches are involved and you do not have to be active in any particular church to attend. We have been praying that the youth would have a blessed summer and are ready for a great year. We do ask that the adults of our community would be in constant prayer for the

Youth group.
The Senior High Youth will meet this year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Dinner is available as usual at about 6:45pm. We are looking forward to a great time.

The Junior High Youth begins at 5:45pm. We will be using "The Story" as our basic curriculum this year and we will be hitting the high points of the Bible throughout our time together. Dinner is being provided. We want to remind the parents that the youth will be ready to be picked up by 7:00pm. A new item this year is that the doors of the church will be locked and there will be no adult supervision until 5:15pm.

This is going to be a great year!

Post Elementary Notes:
Wednesday, January 4th- Return from Christmas break. Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4th- College Spirit Day. Wear a college shirt.

Friday, January 6th- UIL Awards Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

All are encouraged to attend.

Monday, January 16th- No school for students. Staff work day.

Childress Basketball Little Dribblers Tournament will be March 22-24, 2012. Boys and girls division \$65 per team. Deadline to enter will be March 11. To sign up or if you have any questions call Lisa Darter 940-674-5401.

Celebrate Christmas-Trailblazers will be hosting a FREE Community Christmas Supper. All are invited. Sunday December 25th @ 6p.m. 205 East 10th St. For more information call 806-549-1562

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Extension Extras

December 19, 2011

4-Hers Help Needed-

4-H will be providing the concession stand at the GCJLA Stock Show Jan-19th-21st. This money will benefit all 4-Hers for camp entries, contest entries and scholarship fund. We need all volunteers to contact the extension office @ 806-495-4400 to set up times to work.

4-H Quilt Raffle-"Texas Pride" Benefitting the Syd Conner Memorial 4-H Scholarship

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 available at the Garza County Extension Office, Family Cleaners; or from Audree Williams or

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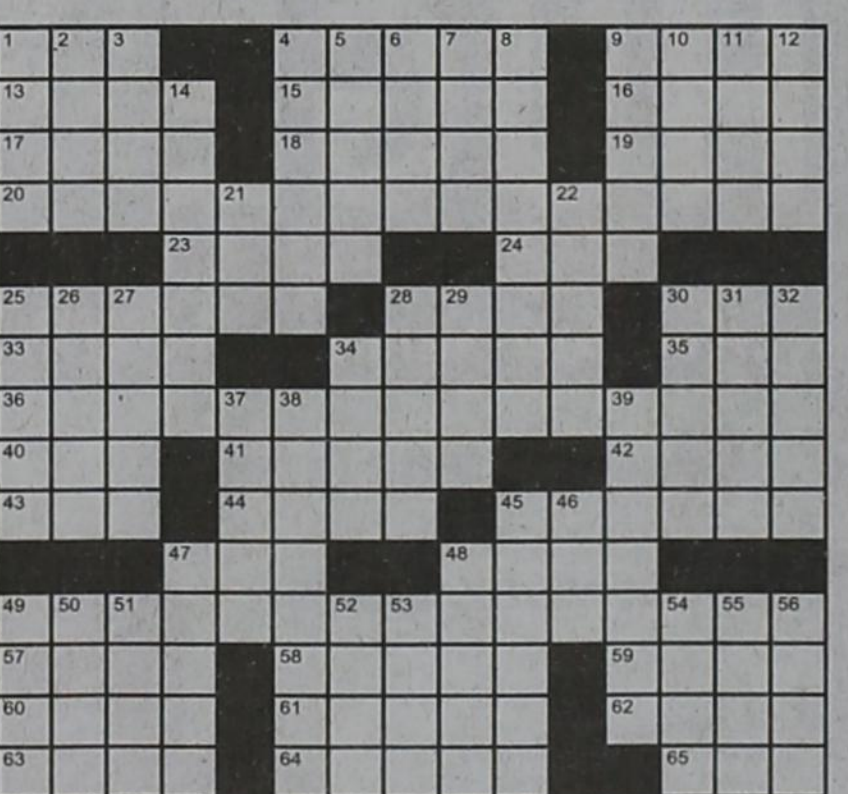
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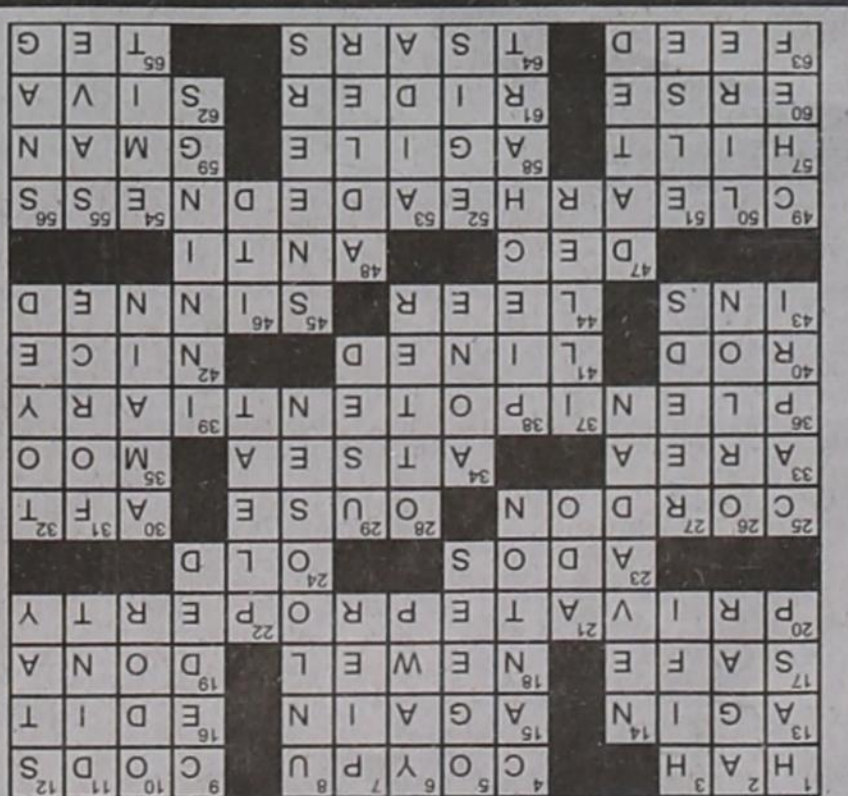
- CLUES ACROSS**
- Exclamation of derision
 - Aquatic South American rodent
 - Northern Atlantic fish (pl.)
 - "He's not 'fer' that."
 - "Encore!"
 - Cut, maybe
 - Call at first base
 - Handrail support
 - Lady of Lisbon
 - "... Keep Out." (2 wds)
 - Two (Spanish)
 - Aged
 - Line of persons forming a barrier
 - Yorkshire river
 - Astern
 - Length x width, for a rectangle
 - Baffled (2 wds)
 - ... juice (milk)
 - Ambassador with full authority
 - Pistol (slang)
 - Ruled, like composition paper
 - Pleasant
 - ... and outs
 - Bad look
 - Transgressed
 - Twelfth mo.
 - The "A" of ABM
 - Orderly thinking
 - Sword handle
 - Nimble
 - F.B.I. operative
 - European language
 - Equestrian
 - Part of the Hindu trinity
 - Graze
 - Autocrats
 - Two-year-old sheep

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- Acrylic fiber
- Marsh growth
- Aquatic mammal
- Secondhand
- At full speed
- Compel through pressure
- Trifled (with)
- Excellent
- More sick
- Circular graph
- Team's turn at bat (pl.)
- Bad looks
- International Trade Dept. (acronym)
- Outmoded
- Freud contemporary
- Chief cook
- Euros replaced them in Italy
- "... or ...!"
- Auspices
- "O patria mia" singer
- Give off, as light
- Rescue from danger
- To catch, e.g. a fish

PUZZLE SOLUTION



- CLUES DOWN**
- Door fastener secured with a padlock
 - Biology lab supply for cultures
 - LP player
 - Provide housing for military
 - An S-shaped curve (pl.)
 - Make a raucous noise
 - Dock
 - "... your tie."
 - Gave up
 - Aroma
 - Effort
 - "Don't go!"
 - Resident of Las Vegas, e.g.
 - "Much ... About Nothing"
 - A fold in cloth
 - Bay of Naples isle

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Photo by Hanaba Munn Welch
Unable to travel to Stamford last Friday for the funeral of Western artist Tom Ryan, OS Ranch Museum Director Marie Neff pauses for a moment by a watercolor and pastel portrait she herself painted of her friend and colleague. The portrait hangs in her office. The Illinois-born Ryan chaired the committee that organized the first OS Ranch Steer Roping and Art Exhibit in 1972, an event that occurred yearly through 1983, benefitting the West Texas Boys Ranch and showcasing some of Ryan's art. A biography of Ryan is posted on the website of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City -- www.nationalcowboymuseum.org. A prolific and distinguished artist, he is known both for his commercial illustrations and his studio pieces. The 6666 Ranch inspired much of his work.

is exceptional. Displaying the artistic culture of the people worldwide in Post, Texas was his dream ... sharing what he enjoyed most."

So now, a decade later, Neff finds herself still working for Giles McCrary, even though she has outlived him.

"I was just going to work three months," she said.

Neff's affinity for the job is obvious as she gives tours, both planned and spontaneous, to visitors.

Just outside her office door, a couple steps off the elevator to the second-story exhibit rooms, dazzled by the opulent Christmas tree, a larger-than-life St. Nicholas in gold and white, sculptures and paintings here and there and nativity scene after nativity scene on display, mostly behind glass. A large nativity grouping from New Mexico -- carved from cottonwood -- stands on the floor on an elegant old persian carpet of silk and wool, woven at 800 knots to the square inch, an un-

expected juxtaposition of materials and civilizations.

"Would you sign our guest register?" is Neff's welcome.

"Looks like Christmas," they remark.

"We certainly hope so," Neff says.

It's the kind of exchange that happens every day at museums across the country, but at Post, the simple words belie an especially extraordinary experience -- a place that's itself a surprise, full of surprises.

OF NOTE:

The OS Ranch Museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 201 E. Main St. The museum will close Dec. 23-25 for Christmas and will reopen Monday, Dec. 26.

McCrary is survived by a son and daughter and his wife, Louise McCrary. The museum operates as a non-profit corporation under a board of directors.

OIL RIG... continued from page 1

come the couple would have wished, but it didn't surprise them. Their own two sons work in the oilfield. The Benavidez family knows the dangers of the profession.

Early that Friday morning Bill Benavidez had not been able to sleep and was up and about. Around 2 a.m., when he saw the unusual activity at the nearby oil rig, he called to his wife.

"He was in here in the living room," Nadine Benavidez said at mid-day Friday, recalling the scary scenario from just hours before and, at that point, still wondering what had happened. "I started looking."

Nadine Benavidez had wanted to go outside. Her husband advised her not to. "There were cops and an ambulance," she said. "The flight (the helicopter) was in the middle of the road. They went in with the ambulance, and it took them a long time to come out. The helicopter went back up and

flew toward Lubbock."

The official story:

A news release issued Monday by Lynn County Sheriff Jerry Franklin confirmed the Benavidez account. Franklin said the sheriff's office answered a call at 2:38 a.m. to come to the scene of "an industrial accident that had occurred on an oil rig." The location was described as Farm to Market 2053 and County Road BB, a site east of O'Donnell and south of Draw, just a few miles west of Garza County. Lynn County sheriff's deputies, emergency medical personnel and the O'Donnell Fire Department were dispatched to the location.

Franklin gave other basic information:

Pratt was pronounced dead at the scene. Aero Care airlifted the seriously injured Mayfield to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock. Mutter, whose injuries were described as minor, was taken from the accident scene in a

private vehicle.

Breck Operating of Andrews was running the rig, Franklin said. Pratt, Mayfield and Mutter were employees of O'Ryan Drilling in Odessa, he said.

Services for Pratt will be at 7 p. m. Thursday at Acres West Funeral Chapel in Odessa. Pratt's nickname was Squirrel. His obituary is posted on the Acres West website: <http://acreswestfuneral.com>.

Mayfield was able to talk by phone Monday from his hospital room in Lubbock. He was uncertain about his prognosis, but he spoke with a clear mind and voice.

"I guess I'll be OK," he said.

Mayfield said he suffered "a couple of broke ribs" and he mentioned a leg injury.

"I don't think I've got a job," he said, explaining that he was certain he didn't want to go back to rig work.

"I might go be a newspaper reporter," he said.

Post VFD Receives Needed Donation



Photo by Bethany King
Ronnie Madison, representing Calvert Home Health Care, presents a check to Mayor Thressa Harp, a donation to help the Post Volunteer Fire Department. Harp accepted the check at a luncheon in Lubbock on Dec. 15.

A donation of \$899 to the Post Volunteer Fire Department from Calvert Home Health Care in Lubbock couldn't have come at a better time.

Mayor Thressa Harp accepted the gift at a luncheon in Lubbock on Dec. 15 on behalf of the VFD.

Fires during the hot and

dry spring, summer and fall of this year put a strain not only on firefighters but also on equipment.

"I was out at the cemetery one day," said Harp. "When I saw one of our water haulers being hauled to the fire by a wrecker I knew we had problems."

She's smiling about it now, but at the time the scenario wasn't so funny.

She's also smiling about the generous gift from Calvert.

"It was wonderful," she said.

But Mayor Harp also worries about future needs and ways to fund the department adequately.

"If we have another year like we did last year, it will never be enough," she said.

Harp drove to Lubbock to accept the donation at the invitation of Calvert.

"Our men work full time," she said, explaining why she represented the department at the event.

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Holly's hamburgers. For the McBride's, Holly's is one of their favorite places to stop between their home in Georgetown, Texas (near Austin) and New Mexico, where they often spend time in the Albuquerque area.

"Today we felt like a good hamburger," he said.

And why not one from Holly's? It's the kind of a place where everybody may not know your name as soon as you walk in, but they will before you leave.

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stuck along the way. Surgery is required to remove foreign matter that does not pass out on its own. Glass ornaments can explode in your pet's mouth and travel thru the intestines cutting along the way. Did you know this happened to me when I was almost 2 years old? Yup, I bit down on a glass ornament and it exploded in my mouth. It's true. Ask my mom.

Other home décor such as plants can also be a health hazard. Most people think of poinsettias as the first culprit. However, despite the bad publicity, poinsettias are not very toxic to pets. They do contain a milky sap that can irritate the mouth. Other signs include vomiting, diarrhea, and depression, but if these signs develop they are usually mild. Mistletoe can be very toxic to animals and you should seek veterinary help immediately if your pet has potentially ingested any part of the plant. Mistletoe can cause vomiting, severe diarrhea, difficult breathing, shock and death within hours of ingestion.

I've talked about pets and overindulgence before, but the holidays are a hot time for pets

to receive a 'special treat' of human food. Sharing holiday foods with pets can cause the pet to develop a stomach upset or worse, pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) which can be caused by eating fatty foods. I know you want your pet to enjoy Aunt Betty's famous pie just as much as your family members, and although they may 'scarf' it down in the beginning they may not enjoy the results an hour after eating it. I'd also suspect you won't enjoy it either after your pet gets sick and you are on cleanup patrol.

Just remember each hazard has many variables involved. The threat is dependant on the size of your pet, amount ingested, etc... If you have any problems during your holiday season or suspect your animal has been exposed to any type of toxin, remember our clinic accepts emergencies 24 hours a day. Just call our main number 806-495-3726 and leave a message on the paging system. Your call will be returned promptly. From all of us at Garza County Animal Hospital, we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas!

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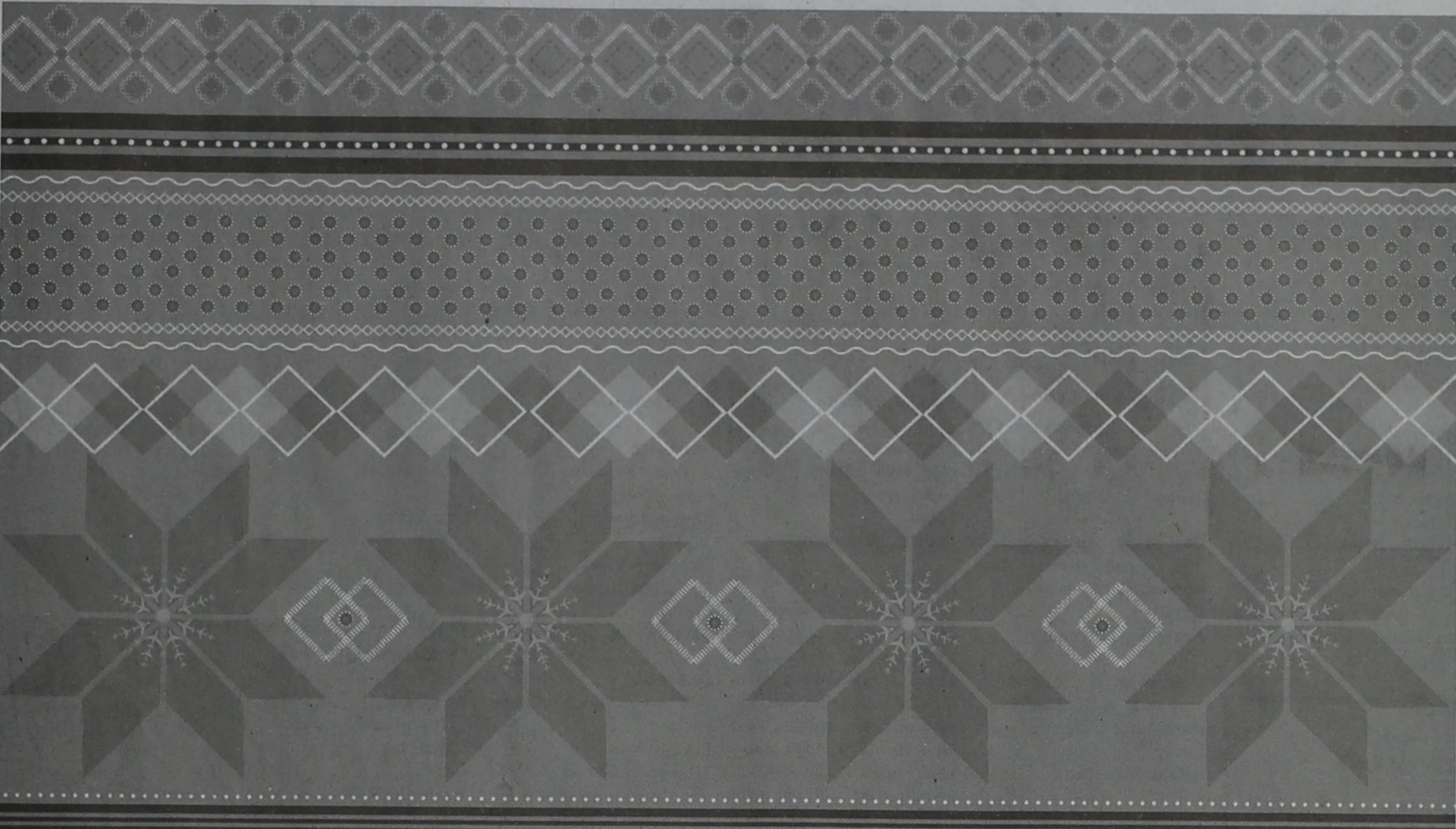
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I love you! I always wanted a fake crown.
Love,
Selina Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want to take a picture with you. I want roller skates.
Love,
Whitlee Blacklock

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck and a dinosaur man too.
Love,

Taylor Blevins
Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a truck and a dino ball.
Love,
Emmett Collier

Dear Santa,
I want a game. A tindo S and one game. I love you!
Love,
Julian Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like a four wheeler. Thank you!
Love,
Keyandre Jefferson

Dear Santa,
I want a DS Lion King game. I like being nice!
Love,
Allisandra Luna

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want bull riding chaps.
Love,
Cooper Osborn

Dear Santa,
I want a Tindo DS. I love you!
Love,
Gabriel Perez

Dear Santa, I want a barbie doll. I love you!
Love,
Larissa Perez

Dear Santa,
I love you! I want a baby doll.
Love,
Paula Perez

Dear Santa,
Me love you Santa! I

want an airplane.
Love,
Preston Perez

Dear Santa,
I want to get a puppy that can walk. I want to be good!
Love,
Jasmine Robledo

Dear Santa,
I want a game with a puppy and a camera.
Love,
Anastaizha Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I love you! How are you doing? I want a leap pad and a DSI and even a book full of CDs with princess songs and a radio with princesses and pink on it and a night stand with an alarm clock and a lamp and Tangle's tower and a picture with my night stand and I want a machine that makes desserts. I saw that in a magazine. And I want a jewelry maker and I want some scissors that have princesses on it and pink and I want a scooter that has princesses and pink on it and I want Ariel make-up and I want some play dough that makes goodies and I want LaLa Loopsey's treehouse and a Barbie head that you can design her hair and then I want a play library.
Love,
Koedee Self

Dear Santa,
Can you give me a dinosaur bike with training wheels and doggie doo and a stuffed animal, a werewolf one that's all. You are the best Santa ever.
Love,
Kaiden Soto

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control race car and a remote control motorcycle and an apple toy. I love you!
Love,
Ian Vergara

Dear Santa,
I like you! I want bike.
Love,
Julious Webster

MRS. FLUITT'S SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle. And please bring one for Andy, my cousin.
Love,
Bryan Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I want a race car.
Love,
Nathan Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Quero Patinetas
Love,
Alan Ruedas

Dear Santa,
I would like a dump truck.
Love,
Juan Jesus Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like one dolly and Barbies.
Love,
Yarethzi Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Quiero un Woody cowboy. Gracias.
Love,
Isael Andrade

Dear Santa,
I want a present and one for my brother and sister.
Love,
Karen Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a trailer and a pick-up with people inside of it.
Love,
Joey Ward

Dear Santa,
I want a race car a basketball and a football.
Love,
Stephen Gamoneda

Dear Santa,
I would like three dollies and a Barbie car.
Love,
Yeraldin Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like bus and a woody.
Love,
Alahi Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a red car for Christmas.
Love,
Elijah Soto

Dear Santa,
I would like a DS and a kitchen
Love,
Jillian Moore

Dear Santa,
Quiero una cosinita para Christmas.
Y para mi hermanita una bicicleta.
Love,
Carolina Soria Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want a duck for Christmas
Love,
Azaleigha Rojas

Dear Santa,
Quiero sapatos rojos. Y un juego
Love,
Ivan Castro

Dear Santa,
Quiero juguetes para Christmas.
Love,
Joceylynn Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
Quiero patinetas.
Gracias.
Love,
Angel DeLuna

MRS. COMEAUX'S SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
Merry Chrsitmas Santa! I want skates.
Love,
Kenedi Holly

Dear Santa,
You are a good man. I want a pillow pet, and a toy helicopter, and a hunting and fishing Wii game, and clothes and that is all.
Love,
Kasen Wink

Dear Santa,
You do good stuff. You are a good guy. I want a baby bed, and a baby, and a baby bottle, and it needs to be pink.
Love,
Nevaeh Morris

Dear Santa,
I want a scooter, a Superman, and a Power Ranger game. Thank you for the toys. You are a very good man and I love you.
Love,
Brendan Blair

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last Christmas at my house. I have been very good. I would like a walking puppy, a toy one.
Love,
Aidan O'Bryan

Dear Santa,
If I am bad I will be sad. You are a good friend for bringing me presents. I want a robot.
Love,

Mason Reed
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys at my house. I want a baby set with babies.
Love,
Amity Jarrett

Dear Santa,
I love presents. Please bring me a Power Wheel.
Love,
TA'Naya Curtis

Dear Santa,
I want my camera and please be nice.
Love,
Alexandria Palos

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing toys to us. I have been good. I want a car and a gold Power Ranger toy.
Love,
Cameron Toney

Dear Santa,
I want a Dora game, and a dolly too.
Love,
Carolina Andrade

Dear Santa,
I want a dress to spin around in.
Love,
Angelina Contreras-Pena

Dear Santa,
Bring me a tractor and a truck.
Love,
Rylan Morris

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me stuff. I want a blue motorcycle.
Love,
Adrian Castillo

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeers. I like your boots. I have been good. I want a unicorn.
Love,
Ariela Castaneda

Dear Santa,
I want blue trucks and motorcycles.
Love,
Giovanni Rodela

Dear Santa,
I want an IPod.
Love,
Claudia Bustoz

Dear Santa,
I want a gun.
Love,
Terrance Jackson

Dear Santa,
I miss you Santa. I want a 2 monster trucks.
Love,
Xavier Curtis

MS.TATUMS SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I want a weenie dog and I want a collar with it. I want some toys for Sally (that will be her name.) That's it!
Love, Zoey Pequeno

Dear Santa,
I want baby clothes for my baby dolls. My brother needs some stuff; some shoes
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and more clothes. Thank you for the toys you make.
Love, Reagan Workman

Dear Santa,
I want baby dolls for Christmas, with clothes. I want a swimming pool and a doll house. I want real fishies in a tank, I want books and a toy Santa Claus, and a baby horse.
Love, Malazia Pardue

Dear Santa,
I want an airplane, and that's all. You already know I'm a good boy 'cause your elf comes over every year to watch us.
Love, Corey Blacklock

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy dog for Christmas, a cute one. Thank you for everything that you give to every kid. My puppy should have a new sparkly collar. I will name him Rock-n-Roll.
Love, Michael Tadlock

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo DS3. I want a Barbie toy. Santa, you're cute.
Love, Ximena Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I want bubble gum and Barbie dolls. I want a real elf.
Love, Brailey Blacklock

Dear Santa,
I want an American doll and a little backpack for her. I also want a puppy. I love you Santa.
Love, Payton Smith

Dear Santa,
I love your sleigh and I love you. I want a big trampoline and a box of crayons and a box of markers, and paper please.
Love, JaCoby Webster

Dear Santa,
I want a DSI. I love Santa. I want a fake troll.
Love, Christopher Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. I want a toy and socks. Santa you are funny.
Love, Ayden Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a racecar toy. I want a big monster truck.
Love, Alex Batten

Dear Santa,
I want a racecar and a monster truck. Santa I love you.
Love, Adriel Araiza

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want something to play with, if you can buy me a toy.
Love, Andrea Esparza

Dear Santa,
I want a dinosaur toy, a hat, boots, gloves and a soldier.
Love, Jesus Montoya

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy for Christmas, reindeer, and a big Barbie house.
Love, Ana Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I would like a reindeer toy, teddy bear, snow man, and Barbie. Santa I love you!
Love, Yuriana Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like Buzz Light Year space ship, D.S., Woody and Jessie toys.
Love, Jady Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll, puppy, and ice skates.
Love, Faith Sanchez

MS.REITERS SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid and a baby.
Love, Brinley Quinn

Dear Santa,

I want a power ranger, remote control airplane, and a Scooby Doo movie.
Love, Jaylan Zubia

Dear Santa,
I want a hotwheels car, the other car, and that is all.
Love, Curtis Albert

Dear Santa,
I want a water bed, curtains, and a dog.
Love, Anevay Segura

Dear Santa,
I want a tin shopping cart, baby doll, and an eating doll with diapers.
Love, Alisha Esparza

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that goes potty and comes with a diaper, a play dolphin and a new play duck.
Love, Chloe Love

Dear Santa,
I want a baby and a baby bear.
Love, Kristen Perez

Dear Santa,
I want a mermaid, a horse, a Barbie, and a car.
Love, Zaran Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa,
I want Batman, Fireman (human torch), and a racecar.
Love, Jericho Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a DS, dog, and a horse.
Love, Maritza Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop, stick horse, and play house.
Love, Gemma Noell

Dear Santa,
I want a bow, a horse, and a gun.
Love, Bryson Nelson

Dear Santa,
I want a dancing doll, baby doll, and a Diamond Doll.
Love, Diamond Espinoza

Dear Santa,
I want a dog, yoyo, and a ball.
Love, Alex Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a puppet, baby and a Christmas Tree.
Love, Ivory Gill

Dear Santa,
I want a puppet, Power Ranger phone, and a Jack in the Box.
Love, Jayden Kirkland

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, paint, and a bear.
Love, Alyssa Lawson

MRS. FREE'S SANTA LETTERS

Mrs. Free's Santa Letters
Dear Santa,
I want a trailer fire truck like my uncle Lance because you can hook it up and go woo woo woo.

Love Hayden Lively

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I really want a truck with cars in the trailer so I can play with it.
Love Christopher Farris

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and so for Christmas I want a truck on a trailer with noise. It has a Jeep, trailer, and a buckin' shoot with steers to restle.
Love Brasyn Thomas

Dear Santa,
I want an army Jeep so I can drive it around. And I really like monster trucks. I want the Astroboy toy that goes with the movie and a vampire toy.
Love Zachary Looney

Dear Santa,
I have been sweet this year so can I have a Dora lunch box to bring to school and a pink bike to play with at home.
Love Jaleen Levario

Dear Santa,
I really want to get a Barbie princess and car so I can play at home and some other presents too.
Love Adriana Rangel

Dear Santa,
I would really like one of those chu chu train things that you get in and ride around the house. I want a baby with a paci and a real, play Christmas tree. And one more thing for my baby, a sippy cup and bottle.
Love Shaylee Pope

Dear Santa,
I want a girl dolly with hair and some stickers, pajamas and a Christmas tree with jingle bells. I also need a bottle for my baby doll.
Love Zemicka Foy

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a blue robot and a chu chu train so I can play with them.
Love Josiah Menchaca

Dear Santa,
I want some earphones and a little bitty Christmas tree, some candy canes, some pickles, and a green motor cycle.
Love Athen Moore

Dear Santa,
I just want a present like Cinderella with play clothes and a different dolly. I like your red suit and long hat.
Love Jayla Cruise

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a baby and diaper bag for the baby and a doll house for my dolls so I can play with them.
Love Madison Albert

Dear Santa,
I'd love a car for Christmas and a kitty cat because they love you. I love my mama, daddy and you Santa Clause.
Love Genesis Meza

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a present for a dog and a dog too! I want some pretty princess and some clothes for them. Can I have some candy canes and a Santa Clause toy.
Love Kailyn Collazo

Dear Santa,
I want Santa to bring me a hot wheels car and helicopter with a remote. Some drums so I can play with them and I will keep them at my Nana's house.
Jacob Rodriguez

MRS. SHORTS FIRST GRADE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
How are things/going on the North pole? If you see fit would you please bring me a x-box for Christmas. Could you bring me a laptop also? Please have a safe trip around.
Love, Gavin Gamez

Dear Santa,
I want a DS, hamster, two girl Barbies, a four wheeler and a stuffed animal- a bear. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Love, Dougehoun Cunningham

Dear Santa,
I want a computer How are things going on the North Pole. I want a hanster I want a barbie I want a barbie home I love you Santa. I love my family. I love Mrs. Short.
Love, Abcede Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
How are things going at the North Pole? I would like a toy I can ride, a white dry erase board and a talking book. I hope you have a safe trip around the world.
Love, Javan Curtis

Dear Santa,
I want Barbie for Christmas. How are things going on the North Pole? Please have a safe trip around the world. I want a DS.
Love, Nyrah Soto

Dear Santa,
How are things on the North Pole? I have been a good boy this year. I would like very much if you would bring me a dirt bike for Christmas. Please have a safe trip around the world.
Randall Bell

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I hope you can come see me for Christmas this year. If come could you bring me some leggos and Santa Claus toys you know the ones the elves make
Love, Arron Ojeda

Dear Santa,
How are things going on the North Pole? I would like a dirt bike for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love, Johnny Paul Winkle

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I would also like a scooder and a ring. I really want a picture frame. I want a four wheeler, kite, yoyo, car and phone.
Merry Christmas. Love, Amiah Martin

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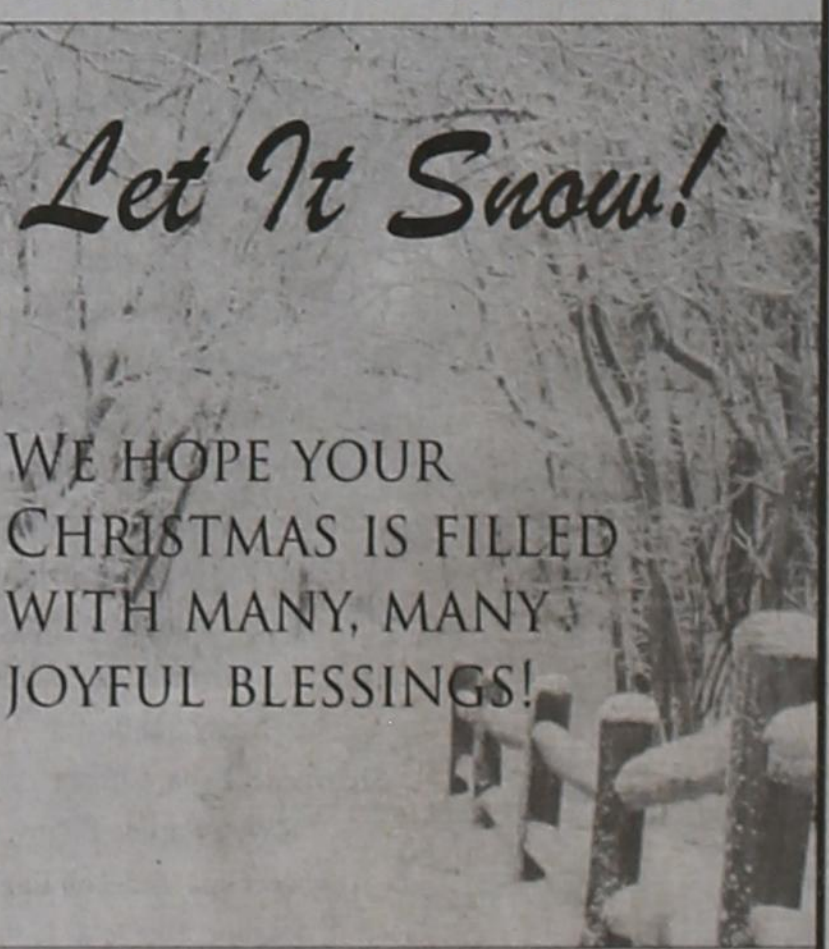


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Dear Santa,
Cant you bring me a real horse for Christmas? I would also like a DSI46. I will leave you hot chocolate on the table.

Love,
Isaiah Curtis

Dear Santa,
How are you? Have you had a good year? For Christmas I would like leggos. Star Wars Edition, Leggo Armies and a bike. I will set you out some hot chocolate and cookies. I think I have been really good this year.

Love,
Jacob McClellan

How are you? Can get me a Thundercat toy and a Buzz light year toy. Can I see you Thundercat at Christmas and please get me the Thundercat toy and the Buzz light year toy.

Love,
Elijah Fox

Dear Santa,
How are things going on the North pole? I think I have been a good little girl this year. If you see fit would you bring me a computer and a Leggos.

Love,
Camryn Cowley

Dear Santa,
How are things going on the North Pole. I have been a good girl this year. I want a barbie and a Nintendo Ds. Please have a safe trip around the world.

Love,
Tyara

Dear Santa,
How are things going on the North Pole? Please have a safe trip around the world I want a laptop!

Love,
Robert Seguera

Dear Santa,
How are things going on the North pole? I have been a very good girl this year. I would like soms barbies, shoes, and lots of toys. Please have a safe trip a round the world.

Love,
Haley Perez

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a computer, hamster, ring, bike, four wheeler, kite, yoyo, phone and a picture frame.

Love,
Marisol Hernandez
P.S. How are you Santa?

Dear Santa,
How are things going on the North pole? I would like a hermit crab, and a bunch of toys. I would also like a bear. Have a safe trip around the world.

Love,
Ashlee York

MRS. NORMAN'S
FIRST GRADE
LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa Clous,
I wish that you would bring me for Christmas a Doll house with two dolls and one baby. The house is pink with polka dots. The polka dots are black.

Love,
Aneliz Alaniz

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I hope this wish comes true on Christmas Day. I wish all my friends could come over and play with all my presents. I wish for a dirt bike.

Love,
Raelea Blevins

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and a bike, I want a desk and a pink Barbie house with black polka dots. Santa how are you doing? I want to see Rudolph the reindeer.

Love,
Avery Cates

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and Mrs. Claus? I would like to see Rudolph the red deer. I would like a puppy, a moma dog, a big dinosaur and a very fast horse.

Love,
Emily Hadderton

Dear Santa,
Can you please get me a toy for Christmas? I love you. I am going to tell you what I want. I want a call of duty black-ops and a wii game. I want an I-pod, an x-box, a toy called Johnny the Skoal and a toy Ninja. Your friend,

Love,
Landon Hair

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a dirt bike, a pup and a wii game.

Love,
Jesus Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a pretty doll for me.

Love,

Madison Gary

Dear Santa,
I want a bed set. I want make up. I want a real dog. I want a fake cat. I want lots of presents. I want toys I want a real gold fish. I want a desk.

Love,
Jezreel Levario

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I see Rudolph and you? I have been good. I want a drum set.

Love,
Michael Morris

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck, a transformer, a puppy, a bicycle, a box of cars, a Wii game, and balloons.

Your friend,
Jair Rodriguez

Dear Santa Clous,
I wish that I could see Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. I want a Nintendo 3 DS. I want an I-pod with movies and games, a Wii an x-box 360, a car 2 set and a laptop with games.

Love,
Kelby Short

Dear Santa,
I want a bed and a pillow. I want blue training wheels for my bike. I want a purple door for my room. I want a wii. I want a Dance3.

Your friend,
Aracely Soto

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a bike for Christmas. I want a Nintendo DSI with games. I want new shoes.

Love,
Samuel Walls

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler I want an I-pod. I want the video game Cars 2

Your friend,
Wes Wilks

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. How are you? When do I get to see Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus?

Then I want a cat. I want a bike. I want an I-pod. I want a toy bear and a toy snake.

Love,
Briley Winkle

Dear Santa,
I want a new dirt bike part. How is Rudolph doing? How do you make toys? I want a drumset and drumsticks. I want an X-box 360 game. I want a toy monster truck.

Love,
Zander Wisenburg

MRS. MCCOOKS
FIRST GRADE
LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? I try to be good. lease give me a monster truck a DSI, a laptop, a frisbee & dirt bike with training wheels, a trampoline and some leggos. Thank you Santa

Your friend,
Dylan Martin

Dear Santa,
I hope you've had a good year. I know you work really hard getting ready for Christmas. Please bring me a 3ps and a desk for my cumputr. I will leave a snack for you.

Thank you Santa,
Raymond Salas

will set out milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Julian Basquez

Dear Santa,
I know you've been busy. I've tried to be good this year Please bring me an x box 60 and a dsi. Have a Merry Christmas

Love,
Trace- J Price

Dear Santa,
I know you've been busy getting ready for Christmas I've tried to be good this year. If you agree please bring me an x box 360, a dog, a laptop with earphones, and a football. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I love you Santa,

Love,
Emma Gamoneda

Dear Mom and Dad, I love yall because y'all help me. I want a nintendo, a DSL a camera helicopter and camera jet, a transformer, a boat, a camera, a pokemon and a laptop.

Love,
Valentin Cesillon

Dear Santa,
I know you're busy. I've tried to be good this year. Please bring me an x-box connect a DSI, a blizzard maker, and an air swimmer. I

Dear Santa,
Can you please give me a reindeer, a feather, and a squeaky toy. I've tried to be good.

Love,
Chelsy Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I love you so much because you're nice. For Christmas I would like a Barbie car. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,
Haylee Molina

Dear Santa,
I will give you milk and cookies. I want a dog, a wii, and a helicopter.

Love you,
Javen Perez

Dear Santa,
I know you've been busy delivering toys. I want an x-box 360 and some cherries to eat, too. Have a safe trip.

Your friend,
Jonathan Forden

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Dear Santa,
I love you. I tried to be good this year. Please bring me a jet pack, a monster truck, a football and some air swimmers. I will leave cookies for you.

Your friend,
Josiah Silva

Dear Santa,
I love you so much. I want you to bring me a squeaky girl toy. I will leave out cookies for you.

Love,
Leah Perez

Dear Santa,
I love you. I'll leave cookies and milk out for you. For Christmas please leave magnets, a car, a phone, and some money for me

Your friend,
Logan Boyles

Dear Santa,
I know you've been busy making all the toys for boys and girls. I've tried to be good this year. Please bring me a BB gun, a monster truck, 3 baby dogs, and a jet pack. Thank you Santa

Love,
Logan Tidwell

Dear Santa,
I hope that you are feeling good. Please bring me some jewelry, some make-up, a camera, air swimmers, some socks and a pair of panties I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love you,
Sadie Schoonover

Mrs. Bridgemans Second Grade Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
How are things going in the North Pole? I want a computer, Ipad2. Is it cold in the North Pole? I also want shoes for Christmas. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Marti Cruse

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a hat, shirt, jacket, and shoes. Hope you have a merry Christmas.

Love,
Iva Cruse

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Is it cold in the north pole? I put my christmas tree up with my family. I want a phone, ipad, dsi, Tayler Lautner pillow, Tayler Latuner pillow case, Tayler latner sheet. I want my mom to get well and my dad home. Have a great Christmas!

Love,
Daisvana Cruz

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is the North Pole very very cold? Can I get a big Tv. When is your birthday. A ph one, ipad, dsi and a TAYler lotner blanket, and a pillow TAYler lotner room. I want a dog names Chistmas

Love,
Audrey Collazo

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the north pole? Is it cold in the North pole? I put up my Christmas tree with my family yesterday. When is your birthday? This is what I want for Cristmas a phone, ipod, dsi, taylor lawner blanket, Taylor Lawner pillow, Taylor Lawner sheet, Taylor Lawner pillow case. Can I get my dad back?

Love,
Jocelyn Moore

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are things going? Please buy me an Ipod touch, I want dress up stuff too! Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Adriana Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you? Can you please get me a phone, and a cat, please give me a microphone. HOpe you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Anabel Macias

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is it in the North pole? I want a Nintendo 3DS, computer, ipad, ps3, game board, posters, bike, toy cars, army men, pop the pig, unorobot, shirt, phone, play station 3, remote control helicopter and more games for my wii. Have a Marry Christmas

Love, Jayden Carroll

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been good. I want a airplane that flies. A phone that has games. Is it cold in the North Pole? I want a Nintendo 3Ds, Hot wheels, wall tracks, Scaly the skelton, spong bob toys, a Toy car, the shark that flies, pop the pig, doggie dog, Disney headbans, A box with Gold, I want a toy bird. A bike. I hope you have a Merry Christmas

Have a Holly jolly Christ
Love,
Kalen Soto

Dear Santa,
How are you? is it cold over there? I want a Ipad 2, and a xbox 360, and a bike and a remote control helicopter, and a computer and a phone. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Jhonathan Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good day. What are you doing? I just want one thing so went be really busy; I want a spy hat.

Merry Christmas
Shawn Ledbetter

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? is it cold at the North pole. Are you excited about Chrismus. I know I am I lost my to front teeth today. I want a dog named Chrismus. My brother wants ads and I hope you can get my mom and dad back together. I miss my dad. Thank you for the bicycle.

Love,
Mia Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing I want a nintendo ipod prizebox, dog, shoes, playstation a wii, I wish you a merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas,
Love,
Knoah Escobedo

Dear Santa,
How ar ya. Is it cold I'd like a nintindo 3ds, a nintindo ds, an xbox with Maden War fair, Dragon Bal Z Nintendo ds and a new numchuck

Have a holly, jolly Christmas
Damon Mauney

Mrs. Reiter's 2nd Grade Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,
Ples can I have a call phone and pelet gun and mphree play and a play station 2 ples can I have mot car and sum cbsan da pupey and a bike an bebe gun ples can i have la top an a fou wheeler and a drtbike.

Love,
Marcos Perez

Dear Santa,
Can you please make me a robt hores for me I know that you believe that I like chrimsst because you know you think I am silly girl

because you know the right thing to do because you know the right to give my siter but plesse can you make her a new flower that has a bigger speaker that will her happy for cister because I love yo St. Nick and be nice to your wife. becaus know she loves you.

Love,
Addee Karoline Williams

Dear Santa,
I know that you been busy. But I Love Chrismus because its when we give toys. I want a dog for Chrismus. I want some cutes shoes for Chrismus. And some more toys. And cute clothes. Thanks for all you give me. I have a lote a toys because santa gave me all of those toys.

Love,
Laci Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Ples get for me a ultimate optimus prime a nintendo DS charger and Morio and Sonic game and a remote control car, truck and a airplane and a now stor for my mom and my famule to be together and a forb truck with muthr tiurs with the pathres and the contrand a trallr and a trackr that well be niss and I was blev in you santay clas.

Love,
Rance gg Davis

Dear Santa,
Can you make me a stuff angry bird thats red. And can you make me a bike. And can make me a trants formor for chrismus and a halo toy. And Santa can I get a halo game.

Love,
Zachary Courtney

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the presents last year I still love all my presents from last year they are fu to play with. Santa Claus this year I would like a Leapad, Dsi thats all I want for Chrismus. The best thing about Chrismus is not its about being with family and friend thats the true meaning of Chrismus

Love,
D'Leagh Ramos

Dear Santa,
I won't a new DS for Chrismus. Can you plesse get a new drirt bike for Chrismus. Can you plesse get me connect for launcher for Chrismus. Can ty okese get me a new bike for Chrismus. Can you plesse get me a new book for Chrismus. Can you plesse get me a big eraser for Chrismus.

Love,
Zachary Sawyer

Dear Santa,
I wunt a pupy. And a good Chrismus. And a Barbies and a blak pupy and wite strips. I went a home for my Barbies. I went a baik and a stoder. And a DS games and a 2DS games.

Love,
Trinity Cates

Dear Santa,
I like Chrismus becuse you git to have presens and we git to play in t snow I wont git a video game and I want to have a wii and I want to have a robot and I want to have a video gam.

Love,
Hezekiah Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a new football and a tea and a new XBox 360 and I want a new Bike and I want a new wii and a toy car, and I want a car for my dad.

Love,
Kendrick Curtis

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and I hope you like my Christmas tree. but do NOT go to my house I wont be there and I hope you get me a dog and if you get me a dog I will sing for you. And I hope I get to touch your raindeers and I will make you cookies and milk for only you and better eat them or you wont be Santa anymore so you better eat the cookies and milk.

Love,
Mykaela Turner

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a computer and a bike and a baby doll and some jewley and a psp and more Ds games. Thank you so much for bringing us presents.

Love,
Kyna Hudman

Dear Santa,
Could I pleses have a Xbox 360 for Chrismus and a rodot cat. Could I plesse have a camera I like Chrismus becuse it snows and you come and a convertible.

Love,
Hannah Anell Smith

MR. RODRIGUEZ'S SECOND GRADE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa:
I would like a baby doll and a Brat doll. Hi, Santa. Please say hi to the reindeer for me. Merry Chrismus!

Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a spy wash and i want spy gorf and a wash and i want a spy

clases. and you kume a fuball and i wunt a praset and a fillwillr and a gotcar and a wnrarfar2 and what do you want for krismus do you want a dog and can you get my dog a culy and can you get my dad a gun fro hem and i wnut a custam for halen kuny you give my sinta ladtip and cant you give my mom a rig an a hun and fish and a arv you kmen to halen and you cum to room ples give us a praset and do you live ha has and you kum to arm you kuny kum she a kyu

Love,
Joseph

Dear Santa,
I would like alot of barbies and bratz. I would like alot of books and alot of Justin Bieber stuff and a nintendow and a Barbie car and a laptop. I would also like a Justin Bieber Radio and a waterbet and I would like my own room for Chrismus. I would like barbie stuff and a barbie house and a bikecycle for Chrismus and a fake puppy and I would also like alot of movies. Even I would like my own desk and I would like xbox 360.

Thank you,
Lupita

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy. Then I want a doll. I want a pink D.S. I want all my presnt full of new shirt. I want to has fun with Santa. I want to has fun with my family. I want a new pink bike. I want a pink dress. I want a blue dress with my doll. I want a new shoe and I want a hot pink dress. I want J.B. song and said never say never. I want a kite in winter. I want a swimming pole. I ant a wii to play. I want Just Dance 3.

Thank you,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I would like a psp and a ds and a football and a pake of play dog and xbox three and a forwiler and then a pake of play cats and then a pake of downus and then a laptop and then a book of the three little pigs and then a motcutrowear and then a pake of mor bls and gase for my psp and games for my xbox three60 and then a pet hamster and then a plystashin three adn then a petho swan and a sophrrowsowt

Thank you,
DaShawn

Dear Santa,
I wold like a psp360 with go mean I wont a basketball gle and a basketball and a xbox 360 and ps3

Thank you,
Spencer

Dear Santa,
I hope i get a least ten or fifteen presents from you and if one of them can be a dsixi with a mariocart and a xbox 360. I hope you bring lots of other kids oten thing. And i hope you bring me a baseball and a baseball bat and a soccer ball and a goal and a cupter.

Thank you,
Steven Huff

Dear Santa,
I ant a computer with game a bicikle and a little hourse and a psp a football and a basketball and a pull and a dsi and a tranpolin xbox 316 money and a skatbord borde and i want a chrismus tree a box of popcom and chrismus stuffs in a little box and the last thing is chrismus.

Thank you,
Leonardo

Dear Santa,
are you having a good time. I am having a good time. I olemost brok my arm. Is it going to snow? do you know what I am going to get for next Chrismus? are you rill santa? It has been a pane for me. Has it for you santa? What presints do I have? Do I have good luck? Can I open early presints on the 18? Do I have a power ranger toy? Do I have a Benlo toy to? Do I have a watch to?! Thank you for all you done.

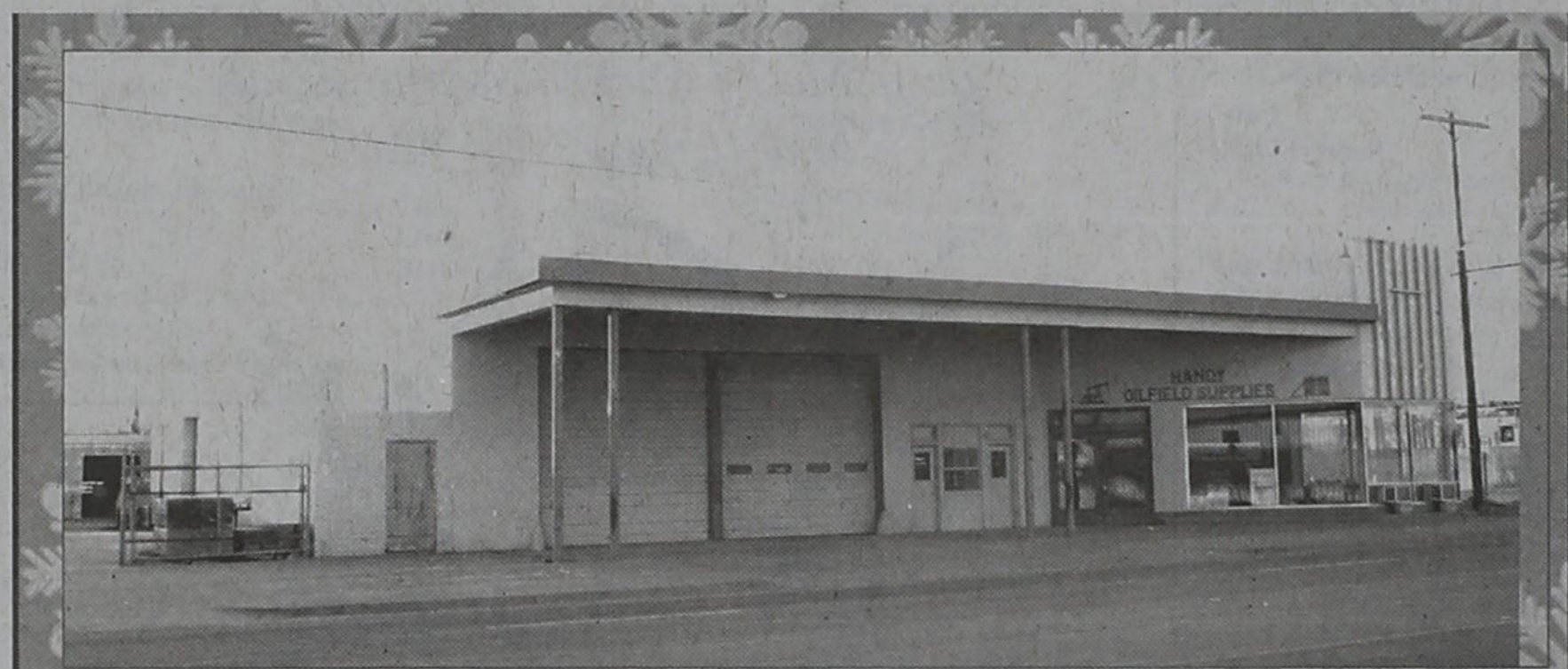
Love,
Xavier Childers

Dear Santa,
How has your year been myn has been good I want some lencon logs and a ipod and a psp and I want starwars babelle front original for D's and I want a Mareobros, for wii and Madden 12 for wii and if I get the psp I whant starwars clown wars and mini golf for wii and a grafeete scooter, and a ramp for my bike and a glo in the dark football and 2012 basbeball game for wii and a toy bow and arrow and a war game for Ds but not call of duty and I wish you a merry Chrismus.

Thank you
Drew

D-ar Santa,
I wunt a des and a ipod and a gife and a psp and a toyan da note boock and a joker and a toy bat man and a toy rober and a doll that looks like me and a wee and pack man and batman halaween costume and a spiter man holloween costume and I wunt a ricky ranog holloween costume and a other

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costume and a spiter man holloween costume and I want a ricky ranog holloween costume and a other niky manog holloween costume and a fob holloween costume and a four bob n susea and three girl baby susea and a santa hat and a dog and a cat and a gold fish and a baby bag and a baby cat and baby gold fish.

Love, Cienna

Dear Santa, I want a dirtbike. Then I, want a big bike. Then I want a psp. Then I want a toy bear. Then I want a toy dog. Then I want a wii. Then I want a toy herse that could make noise. Then I want a xbox 360. Then I want a toy mordxicle. Then I want a playstaxen. Then I want a toy paret. Then I want a toy animals. Then I want a toy baseball and a toy bat.

Thank you, Javon

Dear Santa, Thank you for gifts i want just dance 3 and my sister wants a husky dog and my brother wants a day of and a new puppy new moves my dad wants a new cap my mom wants a new dress.

Love, Alex

Dear Santa, Thank you for bringing gifts for us to play with. And I would like new puppy from you. And I would like the justdance 3. And I would like a husky dog. And I would like some shoes and some more new moves to. And that's all I want.

Love, Briley

Dear Santa, I want a super mario brother game and a petshops and a moxi girl magic show car and a moxie girl horse riding club and a barbie dream town house and a barbie camper and a

Love, Citlaly

Mrs. Dalby's second grade letters to santa

Dear Santa, How are you? Is the North pole snowing because it snowed in Post? How are the reindeer? I've been really good this year. Can you get me a kindle fire please and please some bobs. also some school stuff please. some d.s. games please. A mini computer would be cool. and miss me jeans please with crosses on the back of the pockets please. Also real earrings please.

Love your friend, Meagan Blair

Dear Santa, Hello are your elves ok and are you ok? May I have a toy, Santa, and May I have a toy reindeer please? I would really love reindeer toys and a SantaClaus toy for me please. I really really really want a toy reindeer.

Love, Jose Garcia

Dear Santa, I know you have been working.

That why I'm going to leave milk and cookies. Santa can you bring me a blue Nintendo 3Ds and games for my Ds, like batman games Can you get games for me like Just dance 3? How are the reindeer?

Love your friend, Triston Gomez

Dear Santa, Hi, how are you? Do you think I'm on the naughts list or the nice list? All I want is a bike and it can be a mogoose. The color can be hot pink wink black starts on it All I want is an ipad with lots of games, and All I want is a cellphone that looks like hot pink with black stars before I go, could you tell your reindeer that I said Merry Christmas Bye santa

Love, Aracely Gonzalez

Dear Santa, Hey, Santa Claus, is it snowing in the North Pole? Here's what I want. I just want a chance to be lik you. I've been very good all this year. How is Rudolph? Are you ok Santa Claus? I like Christmas, Santa Claus. I love you very much, Santa Claus. Can you bring me anything I mean anything for reals. I don't think I know what I want this year. You are the best, Santa Claus!

Love, Marielle Gonzalez

Dear Santa, I love you, Are you busy today? How are the reindeer today? is it snowing at the North Pole? Are you checking your list? How is Rudolph? I've been good this year. May you bring me something good, Santa? Would you bring me a wii please santa? May you bring me an elf for Christmas please?

Love, Xavier Hernandez

Dear Santa, Hey, how is Rudolph? How are you? PS. Is squeeze-a- burp real? Besides, it is not polite to burp without an excuse me. Can I have a remote control car? A remote control airplane is really cool too and a gas remote control helicopter. It's going to be really awesome!

Love, Kohen Hudman

Dear Santa, Hey, How are you at the North Pole? How is Rudolph? How's Mrs. Claus? How are the elves? They are very funny! Can I have a new soccer ball?

Love, Jaclyn Loera

Dear Santa, How is the North Pole? Is the North Pole cold? How is Rudolph? May I have a horse farm because I love love love horses? They are my favorite animal That is all I want. Also please can you give my dog a bone.

Love, Lillian Perez

Dear Santa, Hey Santa is it snowing at the North Pole and is Rudolph ok? Are the elves ok? Could you please give me a Wii game like MRWF3 and Bad ifild2? And could I get an x box cord and some head phones?

Love, Carter Rank

Dear Santa, Hi Santa , how are you doing? I hope you are having fun up there. What is it like up there? How are the elves and the reindeer? I hope everything is going great! I know you've been busy. Is it snowing up there? What have you been doing? I hope you and the elves are having a very good time and the reindeer too and even Rudolph with his red sparkly nose on his face. He and all the other reindeer and you have a wonderful and Merry Christmas! I hope I see you on Christmas! I love y. I'll see you later, bye.

Love, Macee Rathbun

Dear Santa, Hey how is Rudolph? How are you elves doing? and how is the north ple? I hope that you watching me. I want foo christmas a fone and a xbox 360. ds.

Love, Aiden Rodela

Dear Santa, I hope you get me your cool, toys,

Hey, how is Rudolph? I want a game and a skateboard. I want a tran and a tennis ball

Love, Juan Rodriguez

Dear Santa, I love you Santa. You are nice to give toys to children and it is nice. I like you a lot and I want monster hiy girls ples. I want to see you Santa

Love, Baylee Smith

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I hope you are ok. I want an x box 360. I love you Santa! How is Rudolph? Is he ok, yes he is ok I love Rudolph! He iz cute with his red nose I want an x-box and a 5x box 360 connected I love you, Santa and your reindeer. I love you. Have a wonderful Christmas Santa and Rudolph I love ya'll.

Love, Jennifer Trinidad

Mrs. Meyer's 3rd Grade Letters To Santa

Dear Santa, I . have been good this year. How are the elves? Tell them I said hi. Hows is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a puppy, I would also like the movie Jack and Jill, I would also likea big happy family, I would also like a strawbeary rone horse. And a crown pleas. Mery Christmas

Love, Braylee

Dear Santa, Thank you for stuff you brought me last year. This year I would like Brats Mascade, canely from plum crazy, Doctor zombie Land.

Love, Vange

Dear Santa, I hope you have a good day Santa. Do you have presits? I think you have presits I would like you too bring me a Armyman and a X box 306.

Love, Austin

Dear Santa, I hope for all those G.I Joe stuff. Please get me all them things can you save me a cookie and ples let me open my presents first? On the boneman castle please put traps on the castle and biye the mettle door The wall on the side can boneman faces on the castle arnd a dunjin. On the plane, can it have camofauge on the plan and can the submarine be gra? Can the jeep be camo too pleas.

Love, Zavan

Dear Santa, How are you Sana? How have you been? I want is a laptop a dsie and candles.

Love, Nadia

Dear Santa, How are you doing Are you having a good Christmas? For Christmas I would like.. Mario Party DSI, Super Mario 63 DSI, DSI, Mario Movie, And a Nerfgun have a nice Christmas.

Love, Cohen

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus, and the elves and the raindeer? I think yall are getting blessed. I don't need anything for Christmas. Our Christmas tree is already filled with presents. I would like an angel. I want a doll that looked like Jesus and doll that looked like God.

Love, Shayla

Dear Santa, I hope you have had a good year. I have been kind of good How are you and Mrs. Claus and the elves I would like a Ds3, some Clothes some book a baby doll and my whole family with me . I would like a good family and a zumba for Christmas and that's all I want.

Love, Alyssa Perez

Dear Santa, I hope you get me your cool, toys,

Dear Santa, Am I on the naughty list, or good list? I moved to Post, Texas during the summer. I've had a good year for Christmas I want the lego Batman wii (wee) game, because it's fun. I also want a Electric Razor Scooter, because my old one is boring, and the wheels are stuck. I also want a gumball machine. Would you like the cookies from me, on Christmas Eve night? Do you want chocolate- chip cookies, or plain cookies? Do you want milk with you cookies, if you want cookies, too? I hope I'm on the good list. See you on Christmas, and God bless you!

Love, Brennan T. Riker

Dear Santa, I am being good now but I was grounded because I made a B. I was grounded because I lied in church to. Anyway I want a for-wheeler because my sister had one but we lost it. I want a playdough pizza party beacuse it looks fun. I also want a drumset because my dad has one. He let me try it out. I want a regular one not electric. How are your elves? Is Mrs. Claus good at making your suits? Is your reindeer ok? Do you have alot of good kids? Or bad kids?

Sincerely, Chelsea Thomas

Dear Santa, How are you? Am I on the naughty list of Nice list? I think I should be between both of them. This year I want 10 paint brushes so I can paint, I also want a computer so I can design, I also want battle ships so I can play with my little brother. I also want an art center so I an have a place to paint. I also want a camera so I can take pitures. How many elves do you got?

From, Koltan Wink

Dear Santa, I have been good all year. Am I on the naughty list? I want mario cart 7 so I can have some fun, a computer so I can look up youtube. and a go cart so I can have some fun. Is Summer on the naughty list? Is Rudolph real? How many elves do you have?

Sincerely, Blake

Dear Santa, Am I on the naughty or the nice list? I want a sonic generation game because it's awesome. and I want a 3Ds because I don't have one, and I want the Sonic RAcceing game. Hows Mrs. Claus and the elves? I hope that you have a good Christmas. It's going to be a good Christmas.

Love, Cruz

Dear Santa, Hi Santa have I been o the nice or naughty list? I'm 8 years old. I'm good, how are you? I live in Post I'm Jayden, and I'm in the third grad. I want a shotgun so I can go hunting with my dad. I wanna t-shirt, and pants, and stars, so I can play snow fight wach the baseball games and ride a bike. How is Mrs. Claus. Are the elves ok for helping you? What kind of cookies do you like?

Love, Jayden

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! I have had a pretty good year. I think I should be on the nice list. I go to school at Post, Texas but I don't live there. What I would like for Christmas is a plane what I can fly because my other one broke. I would even like some camo to wear because my other ones got too old or small. I would even like a new gun, so I can shoot a diffrent gun when I go hunting. I was wondering how your reindeer are doing? What kind of cookies do you like? Have you had a good year? I can't wait to open my presents on Christmas morning.

Love, Krece Kirkpatrick

Dear Santa, I've been good all year. I'm in

third grade. My name is Javen I live in Post, Texas. I want a bike for Christmas. Because it fell apart. Can you bring me a computer so that I can play games. I want a go cart for Christmas so that I can drive it to school. How many elves do you have? What kind of cookies do you want? Is Rudolph real?

Love, Javen

Dear Santa, Am I on the naughty list or nice list? I have been good all year. I am in third grad, to. I want an I pad I think it is fun. And a computer, I think I can learn a lot. And some board games because I get boerd sometimes. What are your favorite cookies? How many elves do you have? Is Rudolph real?

Love, Emma Thompson

Dear Santa, My name is Kiana Salone I live in Post, Texas. I was born in Oklahoma. I really love to play sports and, I love to play at the park. What I want for Christmas is a new TV because my other one broke and, I also want a dog because so me and my brother can play. What kind of present are you going to get me? What kind of cookies do you like? How is Rudolph doing?

Love, Kiana Nicole Salone

Dear Santa, Am I on the naught or nice list? My name is Josiah and I think I've ben good and naughty this year? I want a PSP for Christmas because I never got to. On Christmas I want a bebe gun becase my other one broke? I want a xbox 360 because I never got to play it? How is Mrs. Claus douing? When are your reindeers going to pull your slead? How is the north pole dowing?

Sincerely, Josiah

Dear Santa, Hi I am Stephen, I like putting Gel in my, hair. But I don't like going to bed, so when you come, just sneek and be so quiet, and by the way I am in 3rd grade. I want a new bike because I am to big for my bike. and I want some new hair Gel my doesn't work, I want some candy too. How have you been doing? How have you been doing? What cind of candy and cookies do you ilke? Don't eat alot of cookies and you know where my Christmas tree is. So have a good year with your Deer and Mrs. Claus and your elfs.

Your friend, Stephen Solis

Dear Santa, Hi Am I on the nauthy list or nice list. I been good all year. I am 9 years old. I live in Post and I am SHAYLYN I am 9 years old. I am in 3rd grade. Can I have a very big bag of alot of makeup. And barbie dresses and barbie highhills So I can play dress up. Thank you Santa Claus. How is Mrs. Claus is she okay. Is Rudolph. How are the elves.

Love, Shaylyn

Dear Santa, Am I on the naughty or nice list? I've been good all year. Im in third grade and I live in Post and my name is Karla. I want a Ipod because I can go online to play games. I want a Ipad so I can write notes on it. I want a cellphone so I can call people. What Cookies do you like? How is Rudolph. How many elves do you have?

Love, Karla

Dear Santa, I'm in 3rd grade. I live in Post and my name is Jacki. I've been good all year and i have a kind family. I would like a phone because I will like to play games on it. I wonder if you can get me a ipod because I can listen music. Then there's one more thing can you get me a Dsi because I can play games on it. What kind of cookies do you like? How many elves do you have? How is your wife is she doing good? Merry Christmas.

Love, Jacki Sanchez

Dear Santa, My name is REaly M'Kenzie exepit I go by Kenzie. I've been good all year, but I've been curious, am I on the naughty list or nice list? All I want for Christmas is to spend time with my family and drink egg-nog and have a big feast. How many elves do you have? How is Rudolph? What are your favorite cookies?

Love, Kenzie Ann Eidson

Ms. Turk's 3rd grade Letters to Santa

Dear Santa, How are you? What is your favorite color? What are your favorite cookies? I would like a bike because mine broke. I would like a D.S. games because I finished all the levels on it. I would like a wii games because I finished all the levels on it. I would like xbox 360 because I donte have one.

Love, Chris Jackson

Dear Santa, Im Blane I live in Post t.x. were do you live. how do you get across the world in one day? Santa I would like fix and flat for the tires of my bike. Or moden warfair 3 so i can fase my brother online. Or a tent so I can go camping.

Love, Blane Justice

Dear Santa, My name is Izaih I'm from Post, Tx. I wanted to know how you can fly around the world in one night? How do you make so many presents? I want a nintindo 3DS because I dont have one. I also want a xbox 360 because I have a cousin that has one and he lets me play it. I also want an Elf on a shelf because they are very funny.

Love, Izaid Landa

Dear Santa, I'm Jayden Diaz and I'm from Post, Tx and i have two brother one sister and how much elfs are there are the north pole. I will like a xbox 360 to replace the other xbox 360 that broke and a new bike because It got flat and the chain fell off. The other thing I want is a new call of Duty blakops game because it got stuck in my xbox 360.

Your friend, Jayden Diaz

Dear Santa, My name is octavia and I have a brother named Josiah. This Christmas my Dad is coming to see me and my brother. What I want for Christmas is airswimmier because it could fly. I want a zuuzupet it is a frirend that will play with you. I want a phone because if I miss the bus I can call my granny or Nikki or mom. How is the weather? I hope you have a good time.

Love, Octavia Silva

Dear Santa, Hie I'm Jacob Isbell from post, texas. I'm going to ask you a question okay. Do you really fly around the world? I want 3 things this year a back suit so my brother can't see my in the night. A new bike to replace my old one, and a trained black bird so it can play with me. Bye

Love, Jacob Isbell

Dear Santa, My name is Chemo I am 9 year old. I live in Post. An in 3rd grade Am in the good list. I want a wwe 12 game my game broke. And a toy mntoy are gone. And a bike my old bike is broke. Is Mrs. Claus good? Are the elf make toy. Why did Rudolph has a red nose is he sick

Love, Chemo Rodela

Dear Santa, My name is Ethan and I live in Post, Tx. I'm in 3rd grade I've been good all year. I want a tap so I will have my own tap for a phone. And a game on my xbox that is college football twelve so I could play it. I want a game call duty mine war three. So I could play it with my dad. And have a good day. How are you doing. And I hope you have a fun trip around the earth.

Love, Ethan Fox

Dear Santa, I'm in 3rd grad. I live in Texas at the lake my name is Tamara. I want a jacket. Iphone shoes I want a jacket to keep me warm. I want a phone is to play if I'm bord. The

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shoes to run faster. hos is rudoph is he good? how is mis. claus and you? are yall good?

Love,
Tamara Read

Dear Santa,

I'm Deziere I'm from Post, Texas. How many elfs do you have? Do some of the elfs help you? Do you like the cookies? Do you like the suit? Is it soft? I want a bike because my other one is broken. I want a cooking machine because I want to help cook with my mom. I want a puppy to play with because I miss my old one. And he ran away. That's all I want for Christmas. Wait one more thing! A good Christmas for everyone.

Love,
Deziere Levario

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Victor. I am from Midland but now I am at post now. I wanted to ask is the south pole real, yes or no. Maye I have a skateboard for Christmas someone stole mine because I left it outsid of my house. When I got back it was gone. The other thing was my cousin Adsine spray painted my bike when I left it outsid of his gramather house. It was red my wheels were flat I am asking if you can trial to get me a new bike and wheels and skatboard I've bee good I won't to know if you like cookies and milk. One more thing dose rodoff have a real red nose.

Love,
Victor Gutierrez

Dear Santa,

I've been both bad and good. My name is Clarissa. What is your fav color? Do you have rell elves? Is your fav color red? I want 4 presnts this year. I want a bible, lotion, angez, phone. I hope you have a good Christmas. Please answer these questions. Merry Christmas. I'm from Post, Texas

Sincerely,
Clarissa

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa my name is Leah I love gifts I have three sisters Laci, Lissette, Lauren. Laci is the little one, Lissette is older than me and Lauren is the big sister. I live in Post, Texas. Santa how are you? I like living there. Santa Claus how do you go to everybody's house in the world is that hard. How is your raindeer? How are your elves? Santa I want a wii because I want to see how fun it is. I want a new pair of shoes because my old ones have mud on them. I want a puppy because my other one died.

Love,
Leah Gonzales

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa. Have I been on the nice list or naughty list? I live in Post, Texas My name is Kagen. I've been good all 12 months long. Can I have a puppy so my dog has a friend? Can I have a xbox 360. Because I don't have one. CAN have a laptop because I don't have one. What kind of cookies do you what? How many elves do you have? How is Mrs. Claus doing?

Love,
Hagen Hodges

Mrs. MALDONADO'S 3RD GRADE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I hope it's not much trouble. I want a 3ds. I want Mario Kart. I want Super Mario 3dLand. I want a small flat screen tv. I want mario MIX for wii. I hope you can get me these things because I have been a good kid this year. Can I please get these things for Christmas, Santa?

Love,
Matthew Basquez

Dear Santa,

I wanted to known how you are. For Christmas, I would like a home. If it is not to much trouble I would like a marshmallow shooter. I would like some boats that are blake. It would be awsome if you could get me a mail kit. If you could get me some arts or crafts. I would like some air nozzes. Can you get me some water proof booth. I would like some earings. It would be awsome if you got jsut dance kids 2. Could you get me just dnace 3 for wii. Would get me some high heels,

Love,
Caycee Britton

Dear Santa,

How are you doing in the North Pole! I now that I might of bin bad. I want an ipad, cellphone, nintendo ds, make up set. I hope that is not to much for you. Oh, and Santa I have a qestin how do you deliver so many presents in one night? I also want a tranlen, barbie doll, jacket, purse, and snowboots. Have a good Christmas Eve!

Love,
Caroline Carrillo

Dear Santa,

I want a nintendo Ds, a mario kart 7, a mario 3-D land, And a spy glasses. And a toy hero of silver surfer. And a toy train. And a toy car. And a ball. And basketball. And a soccerball. And a football. I want a nice teacher who help us.

Love,
Mahen Contreras Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for Christmas. I want to see my grandma. I want for Christmas is a singing Josy doll.

Love,
Fatina Esparza

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you aren't mad this year because this is what i want for Christmas. I want a nerf vortex, a xbox, a hone, a new bike, lego halo men, a lego set, new shoes. That is what I want for Christmas.

Your friend,
Carson Holson

Dear Santa,

I want a nutcrackr. and hihill and mackup and a dress. mthree plaer. Was i good or bad. how are you? am i hon the good list. are on the bad list. I thank i wus good. I do not get present from you.

Love,
Charlene Ortiz

Dear Santa,

I promises iw ill be good this year. But what i whont for Chrimas. I whont a i pod and a lap top and phone. shoes. and call of duty. I will try to be good for these present. but what i really really whont for Chrimas is a barbie manchen. but i dont wont presents this year case i allredy have a presents. I have my famly.

Love,
Kelista

Dear Santa,

Did you know that I have been good? Thank you for giving use toys. One more thing how have you been doing? Santa can I have a I pod touch. Can i have a laptop. Can I have a bike. I never got a nutcracker in my life. Can I have a Namng 2 the Dvd. I want a Christmas sweter so I can be warm. Can I have one more thing a playstaiton #2. thank you for giving me toys last year. I love you!!!

Love,
Sterlin Self

Dear Santa,

i want a koo koo bird. i want a angry bird. and a laptop. Can you make me a pare of stompey. Can you get me a pare of deoterrant. Can you buy me a angry bird is is my faret kind of angry bird. Can you buy that four me. Can you buy me a how to tran your dragon.

Love,
Alie Smith

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a merry Christmas and maybe I could see you adn ride youre slay that would be my wish and I'll give you something special and also food for youre raindeers well feliz navida, merry christmas and ahppy new year.

Love,
James Elton Toney

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, my name is Nathan and I just want to say hi. Also these are the things I want for Chrimas is... a lego fire and police staition and a guitar. So how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Hey Santa, I've been a good boy this year. I would appreciate if you can get me these things.

Yours Truly,
Nathan Taylor

Dear Santa,

I wold like a laptop and spy net remote control car, call of duty mw3. I know i have been bad but i will do better for the rest of my life. If can you i wold like a phone and a remote control helicopter. I hop that I can get candy. i will be good as long as I can. I will tack back all of the mean things that I sad. I am happy for my frinds and family. I am happy that we have schools. i am happy for my life. I wold liek the best Christmas.

Love,
Jaden Wilson

Dear Santa,

I have been a little bit good this year! I really do want an iphone, and some clothes. I also want a frankie stein doll too. I also want a popcorn machine to make popcorn. I would also like a bike too. If you read this letter, I would really like to go to the North Pole. Can you send me a picture of your reindeers! Some kids don't believe that you are real. The most thing I really want is a good Christmas. And Christmas is my favriot holiday!

Love,
Magdalena

FOURTH GRADE LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

I want a xbox 360 and and clothes and shoes and sock and pant and shirt and i wld like playstation and shoes and, coat and other stuff and i wish you a merry christmas and a nintendó ds.

Love,
MJ

Dear Santa,

I would like for Chrimas. I would want a wii and a game for my nintendo, and cloths a remote controller car. A wii game. A bell of santa clause sleigh.

Love,
Jaime

Dear Santa,

Please tell the elves they are cool and always keep the place going! How are you doing? Please tell me if im bad or good. I want scrap booking stuff, artsy fartys new stuff, and any thing you can put under my pillow for my sisters. I also wrote this because kids my age are dying. I feel bad for them. So anyways please make my wish come true.

Sincerely,
Chloe Dissinger

Dear Santa,

I don't know what I want, so I just want a dirtbike, fourwheeler, and a 243. I hope everybody gets their wish.

Love,
Michael Dean

Dear Santa,

How are you I hope you are doing good. I am doing good. I hope I am on the good list. What I would want for Chrimos is my very own camara. I want another thing and that is a dog. That is what I mostly want for Chrimos.

Your friend,
Merari Resendiz

Dear Santa,

How are yall doing over there in the North Pole. All I want for Christmas is a phone and a digital camera because I love taking pictures and when I grow up I want to be a photographer. I was nice this year.

Love,
Paulina Ceja

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I hope thing are going well for you. I would like a camera for Christmas. I have been good this year. I hope I get to see you before Christmas. I will leave some cookies and milk on the table. Last year we could not find your note that told us were our bikes were, then my mom found it finally. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love,
Chelsey Nelson

Dear Santa,

I would like a RC and a game for my xbox 360. It is called battle field 3. I really don't want anything else.

Sincerely,
Omar

Dear Santa,

I would like a real tomahark, a crossbow, sword, knife and bolo machete, a remote control air plane, and a car that is remote control.

Love,
Ryan R.

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is my family to be happy and God to approve of us. Also joy to the world. Peace, Love and joy. Somehow help everyone to heal. Give to my family.

Love,
Jordan

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is laptop and kinect more games for my wii.

From,
Jazmine

Dear Santa,

All I want for Christmas is a Ipad3g, a 4wheeler, Ipod Toutube7 jeans, a bicycle, a xbox kinect just dance and to have Jesus in my lief.

Love,
Alex

Dear Santa Clause,

All I want for Christmas is my family and friend. My list starts off like this first I want an Ipod, toms or isoris, colored (pink) contacts, Black eye peas exprens, camera, and most of all to keep my best friends now until forever!

Your Best Friend,
Cloie

Dear Santa,

Thank you for what you do. I want a basanet. Because my gram gave me a baby doll for my birthday. And now I want her to be abel to lay down.

Love,
Maddie

Dear Santa,

I really want a mp3. I want a touch screen phone. I want a bike. I want to see rudolph! I want a scooter. I want so clothes with long horns on it. I want boots and hightops. I want my own playhouse.

Love,
Machaela

Dear Santa,

I would like a jorly box with jolrey in it. I wish you can help Isaac belve in you.

From,
Kierra

Dear Santa,

I want a phone, and a ipod. I want a ds3 and a pokey mon I want a bike.

Love,
Isaac

Dear Santa,

Some kids want presents for Christmas but I want to give. It is good to give because some kids don't have what we have. It is good to get some presents but you also might want to give also. That I why I am writing to you. I hope other kids can do what I do.

Love,
Sadie Soto

Dear Santa,

I wont everything in the whole wide world exept girl toys I hat girl toys.

Love,
Miguel

Dear Santa,

How is it doing in the North Pole. I want a Ipod for Christmas and I want a Ipad2. I want a touch screen computer that they have at the doctor. Offices I want a radio and a brand new touch screen Thank you

God Bless You
Love,
Cierra

Dear Santa,

I was wondering if you could give my nefwhey and my nees a reely special gift and it was that they want to live with their parents but they cant because they fight to much but now my nefew wants to go with his dad and my other nefew wants to go with his mom and so does my nees.

Love,
Giovanni

Dear Santa,

I hope you stay warm and have plenty of cocoa. I have been a good Lil' Bear this year. For Christmas I wold like for my Daddy's leg to get better, the Cars 2 movie, some Cars games for my DSI, Batman toys, and an Iron man flying toy and maybe some snow, too. I am excited because my birthday always comes right before Christmas. Thank you for all the presents from last year, I played with all of them. Thank you Santa, and Merry Christmas.

Garrett Thomas Graves,
5yrs. old

SOUTHLAND ISD LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

May I have a monster truck? May I have a ladybug? I would also like a books. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Elin Aguilar

Dear Santa,

May I have a Fire Truck? May I have a toy pig? I would also like a tiger. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Zackary Boss

Dear Santa,

May I have a Let it rip game? May I have a doll house with barbies? I would also like a clock. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Alison Abston

Dear Santa,

May I have a Dog? May I have a fire truck? I would also like a horse. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Jordan Hernandez

Dear Santa,

May I have a monster truck? May I have a jacks? I would also like a monster book. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Myranda Vizcano

Dear Santa,

May I have a doggy? May I have a dishes? I would also like a doll. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Anais La Boy

Dear Santa,

May I have a DS? May I have games? I would also like a truck. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
J.D. Hamilton

Dear Santa,

May I have a go cart? May I have a truck? I would also like a four wheeler. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Dimitri Hair

Dear Santa,

May I have a police car? May I have a monster truck? I would also like a motorcycle. I have been very good. I love you Santa Claus!

Love,
Cesar Sigala

Dear Santa,

I would like a transfmer and a big truck and a nintendo 3ds. I also wont a water walker ball. I love you.

Love,
Dade Haltord

Dear Santa,

I wold like fijit friends and a penc rocen hrs. I went prel dres shoz. My letl bruthr cooper wold like a roc and rol snobrd. I love you.

Love,
Gracie Taylor

Dear Santa,

I wold like a unikrn and a kasl. I wold like a zebra shotr I also wont a shrk air swimmers and a water-walkerz ball. I love you

Love,
Sylee Peterson

Dear Santa,

I wold like a spidrman bole and nintendo 3ds. I also wont a tranformer and a shrkair swimmers. I love you

Love,
Rey Flores

Dear Santa,

I wold like a shrk air swimmers. I wont a nintendo 3ds. I also wont a paper jamz. I love you water walker ball. I love you

Love,
Isaias Gallegos

Dear Santa,

I would like a real Chihuahua. I would a little Chihuahua. can it be little puppy for ever. just dance 3. water slide and a barbie and a barbie car. because you are so sweet because you bring toys to oth people also can I have a real pet guinea pig I love you Santa Cloe

Love,
Piper Broks DAughterly

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike and a barbie and guinea pig I would a car and a rabbit and a kichen a slid and a water slide and a picture of me and you I wuld a little white board and a watch and a desk. I love you santa clause i love you and you gev us presents. i jes love you I jes luvu you santa clause I love you so much much I jes love you santa clause.

Love,
Madison Garcia

Dear Santa,

I would like a DS game power ranger game and wii game power ranger game Ds game Mario party. A water slide craons a rodot boy a computer a psp a ps game A gene pig a white hord a Christmas game for my psp a manster lock rock a safiotrs. I love you Santa I been nise.

Love,
Cory Hamilton

Dear Santa,

I wold like a doll house. barbie cam bike pool, guine pigs, cooking suplize, smurf, warter slide, window crtons, tent, picture of me and you, little white board, markers, eraser, ring, wach, wood hose. I like your hat santa.

Love,
Rebecca Nino

Dear Santa,

I would like a car and a puppy I like yorkie and the just dance two I like a nintendo XL and scream and a water slide do you like

bucket of cookies? I love Santa.

Love,
leigh Villa

Dear Santa,

Here is a list of things I want for Christmas. Pooh Bear stuff, tools and a tool box, a laptop, money, barns and noble gift cards, Walmart gift cards, candy, fruit, a Piglet pillowpet and a Tigger pillow pet.

Love,
Elizabeth Payton

Dear Santa,

I wantx a x box 360.

Love,
Benajmin Flores

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is all the monster high dalls, and their beds and clothes, and their swim suit. A litt skelton. A pink bird with a egg in it.

Love,
Marina Sigula

Dear Santa,

I hope you give me some of the presents my brother and I want becaus an air hog car and mw3 a new head set and a halk I air plane but the only thing that I want the most is a dog and a be be gun.

Love,
Dylan Gossett

Dear Santa,

How are you doing today? I am doing great. I will like some stuff for my Easy Bake oven please. May I please have a JB bed spread and a JB bus and some shous and some JB hat and JB gloves and a scarf

Love,
Kalli Davis

Dear Santa,

Can I pece have a baby doll. A play kitchen set. A 3ds. 10 math books. A princess lap top. A play dres up. A winnie the pooh bear. A can in the hat game. A brace-let. A coloring book. A play cat, fake nails, fake make up. A fake horse. A high school musical toy. A monster high set.

Love,
Sesily Amber Olavarrria

Dear Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I am doing great. Santa may I please have a castle with barbies and a horse. May I please have a horse that is as tall as my knee? Can it be the same color as my horse? May I please have a pilgrim doll with a child please with a horse too. A Indian girl also with a child and horse please

Love,
Trea Peterson

Dear Santa,

How are you today? What I want for Christmas is a Ds and

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Love,
Mackenzie Valdez

Dear Santa,
Can I have a new Nintendo D.S. 3D? Can I please have a new rifle gun? Santa please bring me an xbox 360. Santa please bring me some cloths and pants. Santa how are your reindeer and your elves? Santa please bring me a new bed. Santa please bring me some toy food erasers. Please bring me a Iphone and a Ipod and a phone and a real real real iso smarts.

Love,
Payton Robinson

Dear Santa,
How is the weather up ther? Are you having a good time? Do you have hot chaclate? Can I have a bb gun and a football, shot gun, plama screen tv, goat?

Love,
Cordale Benham

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? It is

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pretty windy. How is Mrs. Claus? Our family is doing fine. How about you. Do you have any kids? Dasher is my favorite. Is it cold up North are the elves cold? I would like a 223 Rifle. I would really like those spurs I saw yesterday, dove straps, goat, xbox360 kinect, ipod

Love,
Joby Fogerson

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want an Ipad, an Ipod and a mp3 player a camera. Have a nice Christmas. I love reindeer and I love you too. I will be good and I'll listen to my mom, dad, and my teacher and you I promise I will be good for the rest of my life. I also want a real puppy a real horse please can I have a Iphone 4 I want it cause its cool.

Love,
Celeste Valencia

Dear Santa,
How is your day going? HOW are your elves? Are they awesome! Santa how is the North Pole? Santa

are you getting the reindeers ready for your sleigh? Santa, I want a barbie, coloring book, cloths, shoes, necklace, german shepherd and Monster High Stuff. and thats the most stuff I wanted.

Love,
Abagial Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer how is Rodolph? I wish I had a Ds 3D. I wish I had some new clothes and shoes. I wish I had a horse.

Love,
Diana Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Can I have a BB gun nerf gun rifle, bow and arrows, shot gun, plasma tv., an Apple Ipad with Itunes that are fifty dollars, extra nerf bullets, and a wii.

Love,
Isiah Valdez

Dear Santa,
How aer the the reindeer? How

Is Rudolph? Santa, I would like a mp3 player. Please Santa. I would like a friend for Franky. And a rill little puppy. And a game for my Nintendo ds. PS. tell Rudolph-I love his red nose.

Love,
Savanna Welch

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer? I would like an American doll hair kit set. I would like a doll crib. I would like a safari sun dress for American doll. I would like a wheel of fortune ds game. I would like American doll twin clothes. I would like American doll shoes. I would like American doll clothes. I would like an American doll horse set. I would like American doll purty earrings. I would like American doll birth stone earrings. I would like American doll animal earrings. I would like anything thats hella kitty.

Love,
Ryleigh Graves



Coach's Corner

by Steve Smith

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Once again it is the time of year that we are busy preparing to celebrate your birth. Your birth was unnoticed by most of the people of that day as they busy preparing for the census. Your entry into the world was in a humble stable, not in a grand palace, as the wise of the day thought it would be. The only witnesses were a few humble shepherds who were watching the skies by night, and some truly wise men who were searching for a sign. Some things have not changed in over 2000 years. Today, people are so busy preparing for the celebration; they have forgotten what the celebration is for. In this season of overindulgence, greed, and desire for worldly goods, let us all remember the reason for the season.

In a nation founded by Christian men on Christian principles, I think it important to remember this time of the year and what it means

to us. Today it is so easy to forget the most important priorities. We work hard, play hard, and think about money, and our position in life, and reacting to the world around us so intently we often lose focus on the correct priority.

John Wooden made a point when he explained, that we should not let making a living prevent us from making a life. We get so busy we do not spend enough quality time with and on our families. We get caught up in material things, thinking those things make up life. The pursuit of material possessions often takes precedence over the things that are more lasting, such as faith, family and friends.

Faith, Family, Friends
Give me faith, family, friends; they're all I'll ever love

They're all I'll crave from crib to grave and all I'll bring above.

Give me faith, family, and friends, above prosperity

For wealth untold and fleeting gold do not appeal to me.

Give me faith, family, friends, not notoriety

To have a name with worldly fame does not compare you see.

Give me faith, family, and friends; they are my priority

I'll be well known among my own and rich I'll surely be.

-Swen Nater
That night God appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!"

2 Chronicles 1:7

Solomon didn't find a genie in a bottle with three wishes to be granted him. God gave Solomon a credit card with not limit and told him to have at it. What would you do if you won the lottery? Do you think the winnings will make you truly happy. Do you believe the winnings will give you time to spend quality time with your loved ones? Did you know that 70% of lottery winners end up divorced? Knowing that, would you still want to win it

and take a chance of being in the 30%? If you are single, you probably would risk being able to find someone who would want you and not your money. Do you really want to play those odds for your family, or even your life?

If you are not happy with the faith, family, and friends you have now, money will not make you happy later. But given the opportunity, there are few who would pass on the cash and choose what Solomon chose: "Give me wisdom and knowledge to rule properly, for who is able to govern this great nation of yours?" Solomon put his position, his responsibility and the people ahead of his own welfare. Because God could trust him with wealth, He gave that to him. What gifts do we receive?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Perhaps this Christmas season, each of us will commit to giving more of ourselves and worry less about scurrying through malls in a vain search for the elusive "perfect gift." The true spirit of Christmas is not found in pretty bows, glossy wrapping paper or sparkling lights, though all these things can remind us of a higher purpose: the love Jesus offers us and the priorities we should in return have in our lives.

Amid the glitter and glitz of a commercial Christmas, may we ever remember the babe of Bethlehem and follow him in giving the gift of self." And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). To the shepherds, an angel declared, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

May the name and life of Jesus Christ be the true spirit of the season and forever be with us as we put Faith, then family, then friends, before work, riches, and worldly gifts. May we boldly and goldly give ourselves to our Faith, family and friends.

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