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Happy Holidays  
From All Our  
Staff!

Dear Santa

For Christmas I want a game cube and a scooter and a white motor scooter and a pair of roller skates.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a silver and grey helmet for Christmas. If you can get my helmet for me, I will ask my Mom and Dad for the rest of my list.  
P.S. I have been a good boy, and by the way, I won't forget your cookies this year.  
Your Friend,  
J.J.  
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Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I'd like a Barbie, a Strawberry Shortcake doll, a trampoline, and some new shoes. I promise that I've been a really good girl this year. If there's room on your sleigh, my brother, Kolton, would like some cowboy stuff. I guess he's been kind of good, too. We'll leave milk and cookies by the tree for you.  
Love,  
Chanda

Nicholas  
King  
1 grade

Dear Santa,  
Santa, my name is Adam. How is Rodolph. For Christmas I would like some Hulk toys or stuff for my room. We've barely moved in and my room is empty so Santa if you could send me Hulk items ... I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk.  
Have a merry Christmas,  
Love, Adam  
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More Santa Letters  
From Baird Inside

## Burn Ban In Effect For County

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn stated Monday that the Burn Ban is in effect for Callahan County as of Monday morning, Dec. 22.

The decision was made by the County Court at their Monday, Dec. 22, 2003 meeting.

Dry conditions prevailing throughout the Big Country has prompted several counties to reinstate the Burn Ban.



A range fire, which broke out in the early afternoon on Sunday, engulfed many acres of range land near Baird, TX. Texas Marshal Windham, who was on the scene Sunday, estimated the endangered acres to be approximately 100. Baird Fire Chief Russell Robbins reported on Monday that approx. 250 acres had been burned by the fire, which remained contained on Monday morning.

No homes were endangered by the fire.

The fire apparently broke out at about 2:00 in the afternoon on Highway 283 approximately 10 miles south of Baird.

Fire Departments at the scene on Sunday included Baird, Eula, and one unit from Oplin.

A strong wind fuelled the fire, causing it to spread rapidly. Small areas continued to flare up or rekindled along the Hwy. 283 Sunday afternoon.

A local rancher, Mr. Hayden, who was present at the scene, said that he owned about 80 acres of land in the immediate area. He added that he had livestock on the land.

A bellow of smoke rising from the fire could be seen from Interstate 20.

## Christmas Eve Services

The Baird First United Methodist Church will be holding a Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 6:00 PM.

First Baptist Church of Baird holds a special Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 PM, Dec. 24.

## State Unemployment Rate Drops; County Rate Is 4.3

Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined two-tenths of a percentage point over the month from 6.5 percent in October to 6.3 percent in November, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The number of unemployed Texans dropped from 717,489 to 692,323 over the month. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment added 8,600 jobs from October to November.

The increase in Total Nonagricultural Employment in November marks four consecutive months of growth. The majority of the increase was centered in Trade, Transportation and Utilities (TTU), and Government.

"The Texas labor market continues on a healthy track," said TWC Chair Diane Rath.

Metropolitan Statistics show Abilene with a November unemployment rate of 3.9, only slightly higher than Amarillo and San Angelo with 3.5, and Lubbock with 3.0. Fort Worth-Arlington (5.5) and Dallas (6.2) are higher.

On a county level, Callahan County unemployment rates for November were 4.3.

## County Shows Sales Tax Figure Increase

Towns through Callahan County are "Open for Business" considering the sales tax figures from the State Comptroller's office for the last reporting period.

Baird (1.5%) Reported \$4,868.59; Clyde (2%) \$25,515.68; Cross Plains (1.75%) \$9,667.16; Putnam (1%) \$1,221.14; for a county total of \$41,272.57.

That's a whopping 29.22% over the same period last year. Callahan County 2003 at \$484,081.95 was far ahead of year to date last year

## School Board Hires Elementary Teacher; Approves District Improvement Plan

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education approved several plans and policies at their December 18 regular session, including the District Improvement Plan for 2003-04.

The Board also unanimously voted in favor of a motion to hire Jennifer Clyburn as elementary teacher.

Jennifer Clyburn will begin (see Board Minutes inside ...)

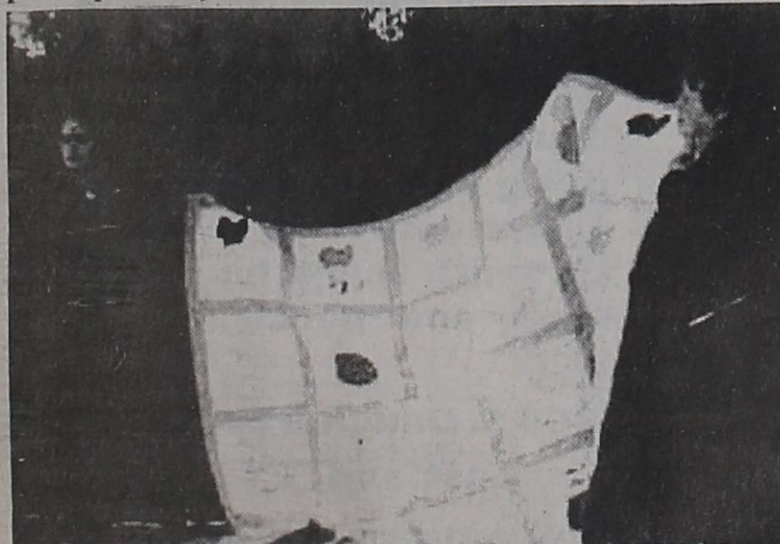
her teaching duties on Jan. 5, 2004. She is a resident of Baird, TX.

At the meeting, Ronnie Fox was presented with a letter jacket by Coach Bryan Webb. The presentation was in honor of the work Mr. Fox does for the athletic department keeping stats on games. Coach Webb said.

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Instead of giving gifts to each other, the 3rd grade class decided to buy toys for tots. Lcpl Stokes and Lcpl Ruth-erford came to Baird Elementary on December 19th to pick up the toys.



Lois Dillard of Baird donated a quilt to Baird Elementary. Charles Bar... of Garland won the quilt.

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## POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following candidates have authorized this newspaper to announce their intention to run as candidates for the Spring Primary Election.

State Senate Dist. 24

Troy Fraser  
(Reelection)

(Pd. Pol. Advertisement)

## 11th Court Of Appeals

Eastland, Texas  
Proceedings (En Banc)  
December 18, 2003

### Affirmed

David B. Smith v. J-Hite, Inc., Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Michael Lucien Talbott v. State of Texas, Jones. (Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Michael R. Feldman v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Justice McCall).

### Reversed & Rendered

Gary Carpenter and Julie Perez v. The Holmes Builders, Inc., Dallas. (Memorandum Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Michael R. Feldman v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

### Appeals Dismissed

Timothy Frye Patterson v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel

consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

### Order Not Disposing of Case

Abudu Kadiri Alli d/b/a United Foreign Auto Salvage v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

### Motions Submitted & Granted

Aric Danyl White v. State of Texas, Collin. State's motion for permission to file a post-submission letter brief.

Vecentie Morales, Jr. v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. State's motion for permission to file late brief.

In the Interest of K.J.L., III, and C.A.L., Nolan. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Travis Jerome Rain v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Samuel Joe Dela Rosa v.

## Baird First United Methodist Church News

### Women's News

The United Methodist Women met on November 9. Cathy Brock gave the devotional. Ruth Fisher and Barbara Corn were hostesses.

The Lord's Acre was on November 15. All who worked that day were greatly

State of Texas, Coleman. Appellant's counsel's motion to withdraw and substitute counsel.

Danny Allen Haynes v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Frank Kamasz and wife, Irene Kamasz v. Lone Star Bank, Harris. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file brief.

### Motion Submitted & Granted in Part

Roberto Avila v. State of Texas, Harris. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall) Appellant's motion requesting the Court to obtain original videotaped statement received as State's exhibit six.

### Cases Submitted

Martin and Sandra Coyne et al v. Kaufman County, Kaufman.

Joe Luis Ortega v. State of Texas, Fisher.

Benita Garrison, LaKerrie Owens, and Tracey Stanley v. Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Dallas.

GeoSurveys, Inc., Tony Preslar and Calvin W. Donaghey v. State National Bank f/k/a United Bank and Trust, Abilene, Taylor.

Micahel V. Garza v. Monica Lynn Garza, Harris.

bleased. Thank all of you who helped make the Lord's Acre a success. We appreciate you all. God bless you.

A business meeting was held on December 14, and the Christmas party on December 15 at Barbara Corn's house.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas.

submitted by Onida Walker, President

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### New Study "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus"

A new study will be starting in January. The study is not about history or the church or the denomination. Instead, this is a study that will help us understand our own hearts as we learn the heart of Jesus.

The title of the study is "Experiencing the Heart of

Jesus," written by Max Lucado. This outstanding study is available in paperback for the nominal cost of \$17.95. It can be purchased at Bible Book Store or Abilene Educational Supply at ACU.

Our approach will be to spend a week of individual reading and study at home, followed each Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. by a one-hour group meeting. Our at-home study will begin on Monday, Jan. 5, and the one-hour group meetings will begin on Sunday evening, Jan. 11. The complete study will last for 10 weeks.

Please consider joining our study. If interested, contact Pastor Larry Gaumond by Jan. 1, 2004.

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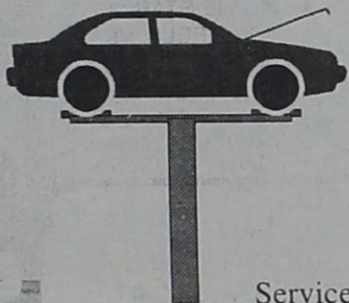
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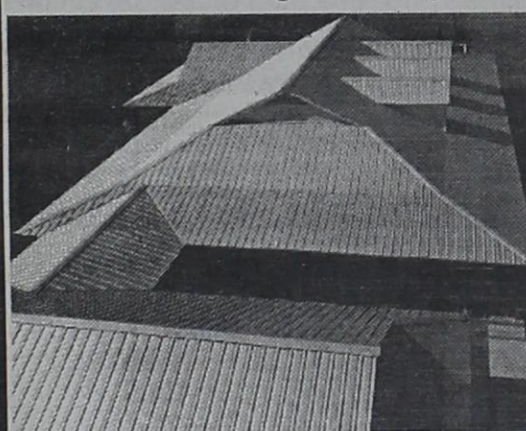
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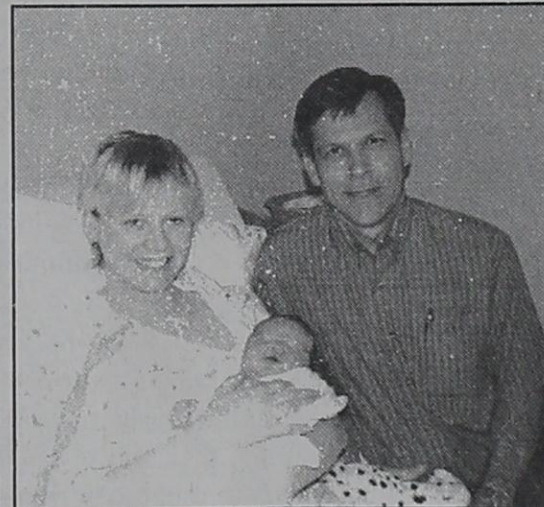
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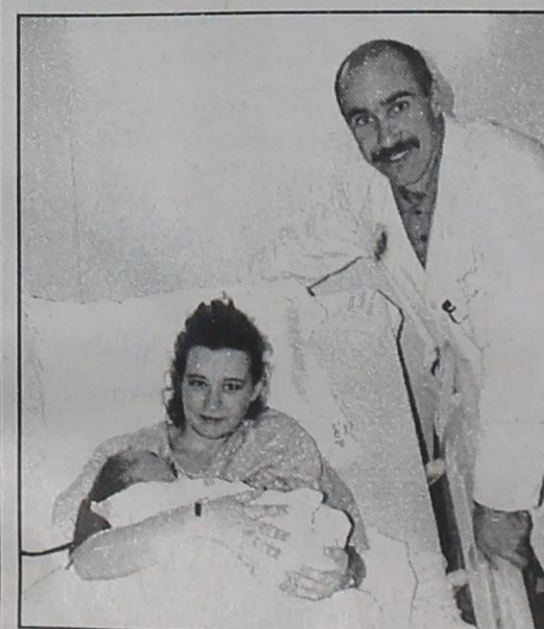
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**AG TALK**

**Livestock Payments Begin**  
 The USDA's Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) began making payments to livestock producers on Thursday, December 18th. Payments totaling \$103 million will be directed to producers who suffered grazing losses in 2001 or 2002, due to drought or other severe weather. The sign-up for this program is over; the sign-up began August 6th and ended November 21st.

Producers with livestock in the following counties in the 17th Congressional District are eligible to receive payments: Garza, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Tom Green and Concho. Again, producers in those counties in my Congressional District are eligible for the Livestock Assistance Program because those counties were declared Primary Disaster counties.

The Livestock Assistance Program is a grazing loss program, and payments are provided on a per head basis for sheep, goats and beef and dairy cattle, as well as some other kinds of livestock.

**ARS Celebrates 50 Years**  
 The USDA's Agricultural Research Service, or ARS, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. The ARS is the chief scientific research agency within the USDA, with approximately 2,100 scientists conducting studies in more than 100 research centers across the country.

One of the greatest achievements made by the Agricultural Research Service occurred in 1941 when scientists developed a technique that led to the mass production of penicillin.

ARS scientists have also made breakthroughs in studying bacteria that lead to food-borne illnesses and greatly improved the understanding of the link between the development of cataracts and the lack of certain vitamins and minerals in one's diet.

Again, I am pleased the USDA's Agricultural Research Service has achieved 50 years of service to the country. I wish them 50 more years of success.

**A Cowboy's Christmas Prayer**

I ain't much good at prayin', and You may not know me, Lord —

I aint much seen in churches where they preach Thy Holy Word,

But You may have observed me out here on the lonely plains,

A-lookin' after cattle, fellin' thankful when it rains,

Admirin' Thy great handiwork, the miracle of grass,

Aware of Thy kind spirit in the way it comes to pass

That hired men on horseback and the livestock that we tend

Can look up at the stars at night and know we've got a Friend.

So here's ol' Christmas comin' on, remindin' us again

Of Him whose coming brought good will into the hearts of men.

A cowboy ain't no preacher, Lord, but if You'll hear my prayer,

I'll ask as good as we have got for all men everywhere.

Don't let no hearts be bitter, Lord. Don't let no child be cold.

Make easy beds for them that's sick and them that's

weak and old.  
 Let kindness bless the trail we ride, no matter what we're after,

And sorter keep us on Your side, in tears as well as laughter.

I've seen ol' cows a-starvin', and it ain't no happy sight;

Please don't leave no one hungry, Lord, on Thy good Christmas night —

No man, no child, no woman, and no critter on four feet

I'll do my doggone best to help you find 'em chuck to eat.

I'm just a sinful cowpoke, Lord — ain't got no business prayin',

But still I hope you'll ketch a word or two of what I'm sayin':

We speak of Merry

Christmas, Lord — I reckon You'll agree  
 There ain't no Merry Christmas for nobody that ain't free!  
 So one thing more I'll ask  
 You, Lord: just help us what You can  
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# The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

Sometimes things turn out plumb backwards. One hundred years ago, when Wilbur and Orville Wright's flying machine took to the air—10 feet up and 120 feet forward—most folks were shocked. A few dozen people—mostly skeptics—gathered for the event in Kitty Hawk, NC. Some still photos and shaky movie frames document the historic flight. Most gathered there were nay-sayers, huffing and puffing that “if God had intended men to fly, He’d have given us wings.” A dozen seconds later, the plane came back to earth and rolled to a stop. They grew silent....

A century later, 35,000 people gathered in Kitty Hawk where a \$1.2 million replica was assembled for the flight re-enactment. Folks with IQ's of third grade and beyond figured the symbolic flight would be a piece of cake. President Bush and other notables were on hand, and hundreds of media reps covered it all....

However, there was nothing to cover! The US, preeminent in aviation and the first nation to send men to the moon, couldn't get the replica off the ground! The story? “Flight canceled,” of course, and cheek color of the day was red....

Comics are having a field day, much as they have since the first moon landing. When sound systems fail, they've lamely mentioned, “We can put a man on the moon, but we can't get microphones to work.” Probably it was funny the first time....

Reminds me that some 40 years ago, when the missile race between the US and USSR was escalating, Yankee hawks claimed that we had missiles capable of wiping out major targets thousands of miles away. Why, they asked, didn't we blow Cuba out of the water when the USSR installed missiles there?

“We didn't have nothing that would shoot that close,” a joker panned.

Speaking of locations, the Indiana University president cared not at all when Bobby Knight left the Midwest for his current assignment coaching basketball at Texas Tech. Someone said the prexy now has “Knightless sleep instead of sleepless nights.”

Of late, Knight is ticked off concerning off-court issues, perhaps about one chair short of throwing something. He called fan conduct at SMU the worst he's ever seen, and lackluster crowds at his team's home games in Lubbock (just over half the attendance for women's games on average) prompted his suggestion that if attendance doesn't improve, TT should drop men's basketball. United Spirit Arena seats more than

15,000; men's average attendance is less than half that figure. A student section seats 3,600; highest attendance this season has been 2,441, and at four games, there were 714 or fewer present.

During a pep rally masqueraded as a “news conference” soon after he was hired, much was made of his \$5,000 gift to the library. Hey, that's it! Students won't miss the women's games, but at other times, perhaps they're at the library....

Finally, ticket sales for the Red Raiders' game with Iowa in Dallas were such that Knight warned they might never play in Big D again. Wow! And these remarks were made when the Red Raiders were 9-3. If the record were reversed, he'd

tell us what he REALLY thinks....

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**In football**, Phil Bennett, whose SMU Mustangs went 0-12 in football this year, said that if TCU leaves Conference USA, he would prefer not to play the Horned Frogs in the future. The Ponies lost games by an average of 21 points. TCU is a natural rival in an adjoining county, and was one of the few 2003 opponents SMU came close to beating! Go figure.\*

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**Proximity** was one of the reasons the old Southwest Conference was able to maintain marvelous rivalries. Though I have no particular connection with any of the schools, I miss the Saturdays when SMU, TCU, Rice and Baylor had great games against each other. In those days, student crowds often traveled by the thousands to road games. And coaches' salaries were

in perspective. If the current structure is valid—and it's not—Baylor owes Grant Teaff a few million bucks.... And the same goes for the late great sportscaster, Kern Tips, who could make a run-

away sound like a cliff-hanger....

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# BAIRD BEARS

## Baird Basketball Teams Move Forward With Wins In Roscoe

Both the Baird Bear basketball Varsity Boys and Girls' teams moved forward against Roscoe in Friday's games.

Varsity girls won 61-56 over Roscoe. Varsity Boys also booked a 55-44 victory over the West Texas team.

Baird JV Girls took a very narrow loss of only one point to Roscoe (32-31). Baird JV Boys turned the tables with a 36-33 win.

Baird VG player Harris scored a total of 18 points for the Bears. Jeremy Sims put 14 points on the board for the Baird VB. He was closely followed by Josh Sims with 12, and B. Mendez

with 11.

After a short Christmas break, the Baird Bears basketball varsity teams move on to the Eula Tournament, Monday -Wednesday, Dec. 29, 30, and

31.

The Tournament is held in Eula. JVG, JVB, VG, and VB meet Throckmorton in Baird on Friday, Jan. 2.

Good work Bears!

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### Basketball Scores

**Baird 61, Roscoe 56**  
Girls

Baird 18 16 12 15 - 61  
Roscoe 17 10 10 19 - 56

Baird - Harris 18, McDowell 14,  
Windham 9, Moore 9, Bell 5, Sweeney  
3, Russell 2.

Roscoe - Alexander 15, Osborne 15,  
Eldred 13, M. Solis 9, Duncan 2, S.  
Solis 1, Martinez 1

JV Score - Roscoe 32, Baird 31

**Baird 55, Roscoe 44**  
Boys

Baird 8 13 13 14 - 55  
Roscoe 6 11 15 12 - 44

Baird - Rodriguez 7, L. Mendez 1, B.  
Mendez 11, Morgan 2, Scott 6, Josh  
Sims 12, Jeremy Sims 14

Records - Baird 9-1  
JV Score - Baird 36, Roscoe 33

## Basketball Schedule

### High School

Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29, 30, 31, There, TBA, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 2, Throckmorton, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Jan. 6, Munday, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 9, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVG, VG  
Tues., Jan. 13, Albany, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 16, Gorman, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Jan. 20, Ranger, Baird, 4:00, JVB, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 23 TBA  
Tues., Jan. 27, Cross Plains, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 30, Albany, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Feb. 3, Gorman, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Feb. 6, Ranger, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Feb. 10, TBA  
Fri., Feb. 13, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVB, VB

### Junior High

Jan. 5, Gorman, Here, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G  
Jan. 12, Ranger, There, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G  
Jan. 17, Cisco Tourney, There, TBA, TBA  
Jan. 19, Abilene Christian, Here, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B  
Jan. 26, Cross Plains, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B, 8G  
Jan. 29 & 31, Albany Tourney, TBA, TBA, TBA  
Feb. 2, Albany, Here, 6:00, 7G, 8G  
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Feb. 9, Cross Plains, Here, 6:00, 7B, 8B, 8G

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## First Baptist Church Of Baird Events Scheduled

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For more information on any of these events please contact the church 854-1574.

**Dec. 24th** Special Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 p.m. for all the family. No other church activities that evening.

**Dec. 31st** No activities at church. Family time for New Year's Eve.

**Jan 2-4, 2004** YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND for all youth in the community. If interested please contact the church office or Ryan Ward, 854-1903.

## Baird I. S. D. Board Minutes December 18, 2003

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular session on Thursday, December 18, 2003 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. (@ 7:45 P.M.), Burke Robinson, Allen Wilson, and Gerry McDowell.

Other school personnel present: Sandra Carter, Becky Edington, Martha Lynn, Lana Walls, Bryan Webb and A. L. Hunter.

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addresses as follows:

Estate of Darrell Young  
c/o Joe L. Cope, Attorney  
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All persons having claims against this Estate that is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2003.

Joe L. Cope  
Attorney for the Executor  
(12-25-03)

audit report for 2002-03 as presented by Gerald Rodgers of James Rodgers and Co., P.C. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the driver education fees for 2004 for \$200.00 was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn from closed session at 9:00 P.M. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to hire Jennifer Clyburn as elementary teacher as assigned was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

Others present: Lacy Hogue, Al Pickett, Ronnie Box and Gerald Rodgers.

President Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Allen Wilson gave the Invocation.

Ms. Carter gave the Superintendent report - Enrollment is steady a 373. Ball games started at 2:00 on Dec. 19, 2003 at Roscoe instead of 4:00 P.M.

Byran Webb presented Mr. Ronnie Box with a letter jacket for all the work he does for the athletic department keeping stats on games.

A motion to approve the previous months minutes was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to pay the bills for December was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve new policy from TASB Update 71 was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2003-04 was presented by Becky Edington and Sandra Carter was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the

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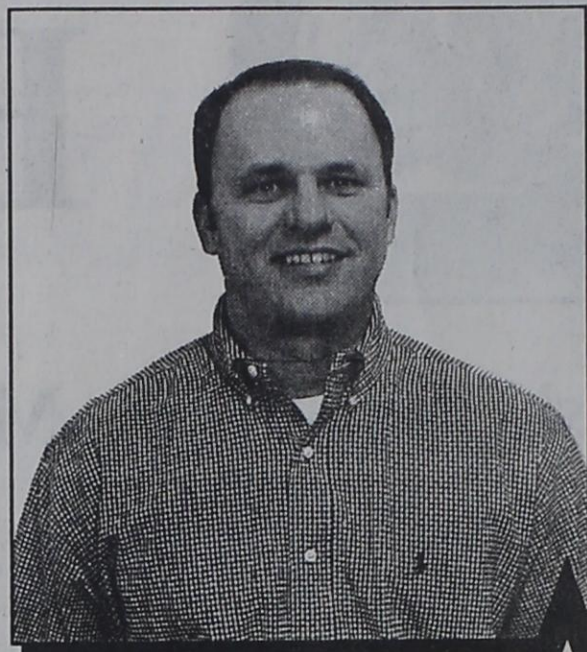
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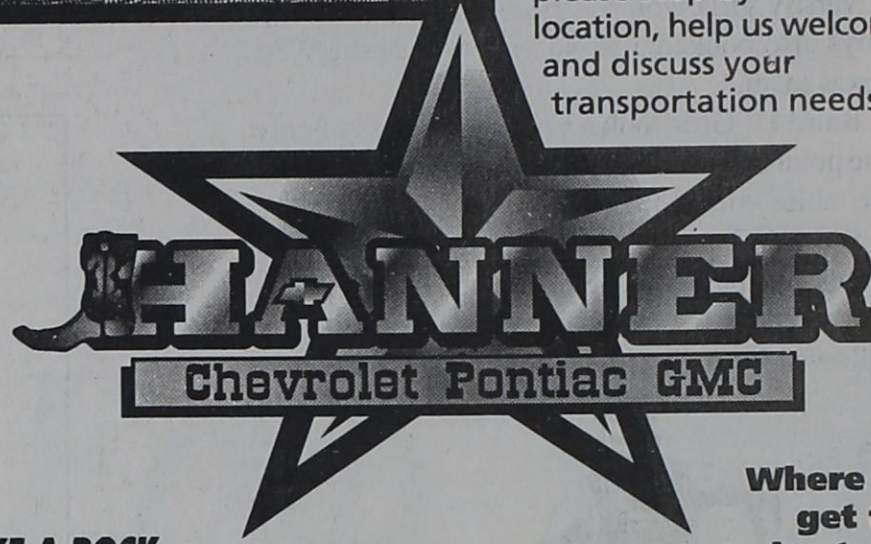
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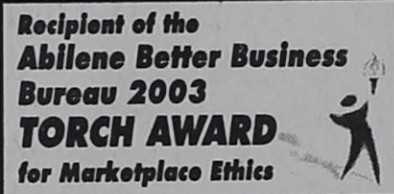
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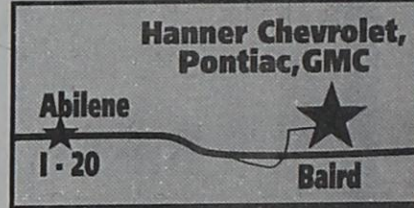
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**Monday, January 12th, Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th, 10-12**  
**Wednesday, January 14th, Clyde Community resource Center, 306 N. 1st, 10-12 & 1:30 -3**  
Please bring child's Immunization Records  
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**Texans Talk Homeland Security**

Since the terror attacks of 9/11, protecting and defending our homeland has been priority number one for our government. One could hardly escape the images of destruction in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania as they replayed again and again for days on television sets worldwide. The media saturation forced many parents to talk to their children about terrorists and the evil that exists in the world. Since that time we have become a more vigilant society, aware of the potential for terrorism, even with chemical or biological weapons. We are aggressively working to protect against and respond to disasters with a renewed sense of urgency and purpose.

Your response to the following question provided interesting insight into

Texans' state of preparedness. "The threat of biological, nuclear or chemical weapons is a concern Americans must consider. The Department of Homeland Security has issued guidelines and life-saving tips to deal with potential attacks, but many people remain uninformed of what to do in case of an attack. In what ways have you prepared for an incident?"

Thirty percent of respondents had discussed potential attacks with their family and prepared them to react to a threat. More than half of all surveyed acknowledged that they look for unusual behavior in public places, and 10 percent of your workplaces have established emergency evacuation procedures. Still there were a number of Texans who checked "yes" when asked if they were unprepared and did not know how to respond to a

threat. Below are some of your thoughts:

• As a truck driver, I am constantly on the alert and ready to report of defend. *Robert, Santa Fe*

• Having lived abroad I don't have the normal American feeling of apathy on the subject of terrorism and feel that I am very aware of my surroundings. *Carter, Irving*

• Water treatment plants, malls, nuclear facilities and downtown areas are all areas of concern. *Brandon, McKinney*

• We have hurricane guidelines. Why not terrorism guidelines? *Anonymous*

• Our best defense is a good offense - bring the war to the terrorists in their land. *D.H., Austin*

• I'm constantly mindful of what is going on around me. *Marcos, San Antonio*

• I don't know anything about the issued guidelines. Where are they posted? *Tran, Houston*

There were many who expressed concern that they were unaware of the

guidelines or any plans their community had in place in the event of a chemical, biological or nuclear threat. In response to these questions, I've devoted the remainder of this column to helpful resources on how to prepare your workplace, your family and yourself for a potential terrorist attack or emergency situation.

**Ready.gov** Under the recently formed Department of Homeland Security, the federal government has created simple, easy-to-follow procedures for all Americans. At [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), Texans can link to a variety of helpful state and local resources. They've posted the following basic guidelines:

1. Make a kit of emergency supplies 2. Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency 3. Be informed about what might happen At the website, you can find descriptions of how best to follow these suggestions and sit down with your loved ones to create a plan of action for your family.

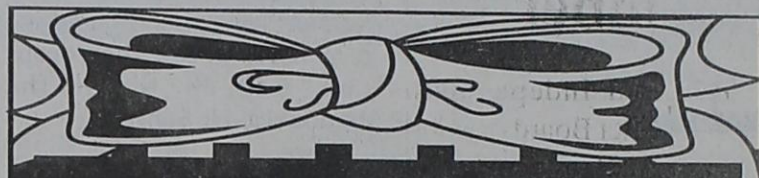
**Citizen Corps**

In addition to being prepared on an individual level, many Americans, like those of you who responded to this survey, have wondered what more they can do to

protect their communities from terrorist attacks and to prepare for unforeseen emergency situations. Citizen Corps, which was created in response to this desire to participate, brings homeland security efforts to the local level through public education and outreach, training, and volunteer service. Citizen Corps programs build on efforts of established community safety and emergency preparedness programs like Neighborhood Watch, which has worked successfully for more than 30 years, and enables ordinary

people to play an active role in promoting the safety of their neighborhoods and towns. More information about Citizen Corps is available at [www.citizen-corps.gov](http://www.citizen-corps.gov).

An active and involved citizenry has been the hallmark of America's democracy. Now more than ever it is important to exercise your freedoms and your voice, to safeguard your community and the ones you love. Together, we can continue making our nation more secure.



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# Santa Letters From Baird

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For Christmas I want a Cat in Hat play station, 2 games, a Finding Nemo dud, a Santa Claus DVD, a Brock Lesharatzon figure, a remote control car and some Lord of the Rings action figures.  
Your Friend,  
Garrett Deel  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Brat doll, a Swamp Princess doll, and a Kelly set. Have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Jessi Daniel  
\*\*\*

**1st Grade - Mrs. Kendrick**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a hot wheels video camera, a T-Rex race track.  
Ethan Boothe  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be a good girl this year. For Christmas

I would like a trampoline, Sponge Bob Barbie, Sea Splash Barbie and Kelly doll, clothes, a big diamond ring, and a beautiful dress. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table, by the Christmas tree.  
Your Friend,  
Raven Holden  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good this year. I would like a dirt bike and a crossbow and GI Joe. I also want a Harry Potter Playstation 2 game and a monster truck that drops goo. Say Hi to all the reindeers. Hi Santa.  
Love,  
Sam Green  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a new bike, Go Go My Walking Pup, Easy Bake Oven, Sponge Bob and Finding Nemo X-Box games, Finding Nemo movie, horse toys, Play Station II - Barbie's Horse Adventure.

Trouble game, Bop It, a new LeapPad book and a Gamecube with games.  
I will leave the door unlocked so you can get in and I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Kara  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a fourwheeler for Christmas. I would also like an X-Box and a backpack with a stereo. A Mario Driving Game would be nice. I will have some milk and cookies and a present for you. See you soon.  
Love,  
Dalton York  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like some stuffed bears and a dirt bike. I also want a motorcycle. I have been good this year. I'll leave you some milk and cookies.

Your Friend,  
Jonathon Davis  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I hope you bring whatever I want but don't mix it up. I want you to bring me a beanie bag chair a mini H-wheeler, TV and a Santa light.  
I love you!  
Preston Clark  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a kareoki machine. I also want big Barbie and a stocking full of perfume, makeup and Barbie stuff.  
I love you  
P.S. Give Rudolph a kiss.  
Kassie Page Kirkland  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station.  
Thank you. And I want Spiderman and Hulk.  
Scotty Burton  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I would like an electric scooter, remote control airplane, remote control pickup, billfold and some games. Don't forget about Heidi. She has been pretty good too.  
Coby McGonagill  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like some Barbies, a CD player and clothes that is all I want for Christmas.  
I have been good this year. Please come to see me.  
Dominique Bond  
\*\*\*

# Department Of Justice Clears Redistricting

Friday the U.S. Department of Justice approved the new Congressional District maps for Texas, shortly after a three-judge federal panel ruled that mid-decade redistricting is legal under Texas laws.

The approval came as a federal panel in Austin hears legal challenges by Democrats to the new map, which gives the Republicans as many as seven additional seats.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said that Friday's ruling was a very important step, but only one in a multistep process. Some say that challenges to the redistricting could go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Under the Republican plan the whole state has been redrawn.

Twenty-eight counties have been split, and most Congressional Districts are radically changed. The 17th District, which includes Eastland, Callahan and many other counties from this area, is done away with in the new plan. Eastland and Callahan Counties would be near the end of a tangled string of counties anchored at the New Mexico border.

Lubbock would be the leading city in this collection, which would be called District 19. Brown County and others to the south would

be attached to Midland on the west. This would be called District 11.

A horizontal collection to the north of us would be attached to Amarillo and called District 13.

Before redistricting, the Big Country was generally contained in the 17th District, and represented since 1978 by Charlie Stenholm, a moderate Democrat. Stenholm says he plans to run again regardless of which district he has to run in.

Democrats say that plans to put more Republicans in Congress illegally affects minority and rural voting power. The redistricting plan was passed after a year of Legislative fighting and three special sessions.

Rep. Gov. Rick Perry said Friday that the DOJ decision validated efforts to draw fairer districts that reflected the voting patterns of Texas. On Saturday Gerry Hebert, an attorney representing Texas Democrats, sent a letter to the U.S. Justice Department asking it to explain how it arrived at its decision to uphold the Republican redistricting plan.

He reported that he had heard from people within the agency that Civil Rights lawyers investigating the Texas map recommended that it not be allowed.

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# Cliff Notes

Submitted by Cliff Lindsay

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"If You had the time God, I would like to do that."  
And God asked, "What questions do you have in mind for Me?"  
What surprises You the most about mankind?  
"That they get bored with childhood and rush to grow up and then long to be children again.  
"Then they lose their health to make money,  
"And then lose their money to restore their health.  
"That by thinking anxiously about the future they forget the present  
"Such is the way they live they are neither in the present or the future.  
"That they live as they will

never die, and they die as though they have never lived.  
God's hand took mine and we were silent for awhile.  
And then I asked as a parent  
"What are some of life's lessons  
You want Your children to learn?"  
"To learn they cannot make anyone love them  
All they can do is let themselves be loved.  
"To learn it is not good to compare themselves to others.  
"To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.  
"To learn it only takes second to open profound wounds,  
And it takes many years to heal them.  
"To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most but is the one who needs the least.  
"To learn that there are

people who love them dearly,  
But simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings.  
"To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.  
"To learn that it is not enough to forgive one another,  
But they must forgive themselves.  
"Thanks God for Your time," I said humbly; Is there anything else You want Your children to know?"  
God smiled and said, "Just know that I'm here, always."

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each of the program's components independently prior to working with the entire program.

The course is a four-semester-credit-hour course and will be offered on Monday nights beginning at 6:00 pm, with the lab on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm. Commuter registration will begin on January 12. For more information, call Linda Gann at 647-3234 EXT. 130.

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Model #YFM 350 FXJ, Frame JY44KBA06VA, Engine #061729  
Honda TRX 250 with gun boot and gun rack (1999).....\$4,600  
Vin. #478TE 2105XA204718, Engine #8204900  
Kubota Tractor with front end loader and John Deere 6 ft. tiller, Model L2850, Vin. 04KU1139.....\$21,500  
Millermatic Challenger 172 and M-10 Gun.....\$1100  
Welding helmet, gloves, rods, wire, clamps, vice, fence bulking jigs  
Celestron C7 telescope 2002.....\$3500  
Case, Minolta 201, adaptors, 50mm lens, 200mm lens, various filters  
North Star Pressure Washer #1575541 plus hoses and gun - \$789  
Stihl FSE 60 Weed Eater - \$275  
Horton Legend SL crossbow case and arrows with case - \$425  
Stihl 026 Chain Saw with extra chain, bar oil, and case 2001 - \$472  
Ridge runner ATV trailer for four wheeler - \$2000  
2 Aluminum ATV ramps - \$250  
Hoyt split limb compound bow with quiver, SRB hard case, arrows - \$1000  
Craftsman 6 drawer and 5 drawer roll away tool chest (red) - \$400  
Craftsman 678 tool set - \$1800  
Craftsman torque wrench - \$150  
Craftsman robo grip pliers - \$75  
Jorgensen Clamps - \$200  
Various framing hammers, rubber mallets, small sledges - \$150.00  
3/4 inch impact wrench (three of them) - \$700  
Mikida reciprocating saw - \$250  
Dewalt hammer drill - \$178  
Craftsman 2hp router - \$250  
7 1/4 circular saw - \$119  
Right angle grinder and case - \$79  
2 high lift jacks - \$139  
Dewalt 24v drill - \$238  
2 bolt cutter 36" and 18" - \$146  
18v combination kit from craftsman - \$300  
Cannon 4' x 6' x 3' - \$1200  
Ruger red label O/U 12g #41010176 - \$850  
S&W model 39 (9mm) pistol (purchased new but can not find s#) - \$500  
Raven arms 25 cal. pistol (registered to me but cannot find s#) - \$100  
RWS 177 air rifle with leupold 9X scope - \$450  
Randal #1 survival knife - \$450  
AG Russel survival tool - \$128  
4 military CN gas grenades - \$250  
4 S&W tear gas canisters - \$100  
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1000 rounds 223 caliber - \$400  
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Lee hand reloader and dies for 9mm, 45 cal., 308, and 223 - \$600  
22cal 5000 rounds - \$100  
Bushnell 50 binoculars - \$125  
4 military trip flares - \$500  
12 gauge 8 shot nickel plate 20" police riot shot gun - \$500  
My grandfather's 16 gauge sweet sixteen Browning shot gun - \$400-?  
Savage over and under 223/12 with leupold 9x scope Serial# F590496 - \$680  
Russell size 9.5 snake boots - \$250  
2 cases of 12 gauge, 2 cases of 20 gauge, 1 case of 16 gauge shells - \$150  
Damage to two steel doors of garage - ???  
Damage to tractor, impound fees and deliver fees - ????

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# Santa Letters From Baird



# Santa Letters

### Kindergarten - Mrs. Tollett

Dear Santa,  
I want a pink dress with clomping shoes also a white dress. A play kitchen, strawberry shortcake doll, a rug for my room with angels on it. A toto. My own desk. A train. Finding Nemo.  
I love you and thank you for all the presents.  
Season Cartwright  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I like your big red suit. It was nice meeting you. I want a motorcycle with a helmet, just in case I fall.  
Please bring my sister clothes for her dolls.  
Thanks,  
Dillon Marshall  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tori Miller and I would like to know if you thought I was a good little girl this year. I think I have been pretty good this year.  
Santa, here is my Christmas wish list. 1. Easy bake oven 2. go-go my walking puppy 3. kids make-up 4. Brat Doll 5. Barbie & clothes 6. My Little Pony 7. Barbie Horse 8. Lite-Brite 9. Leap Frog books 10. Bike 11. skates 12. dress up clothes 13. Barbie Swank movie 13. The Brother Bear movie.  
Santa, I better go now. You have a lot of work before Christmas eve.  
Santa, I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Tori Miller  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a hot wheel bike, a remote control, and an airplane.  
Arturo Gomez, Jr.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I hope to get Nala, Simba, and punba animals, stinky, also a Rapunsale doll, Barbie shoes, butterfly toy that flies, doll house for my Barbies. If you can get me these I will leave good cookies for you. Fly careful.  
Emily Cerda  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy car that's real fast, and a X Box, bike, stuffed bear, and match box cars.  
From Austin Moser  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
You are so nice. I have been good. I like Ninja turtles and Power Rangers if you have any.  
What kind of cookies do you like Santa? Oh and I want to see Rudolph the Reindeer please. I love you Santa very much.  
Merry Christmas Reindeers and Rudolph and Santa.  
Anthony Estrada  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie house for Christmas.  
Donie Saenz  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I am sorry if you think I have been bad. I want a scooter, motorcycle, helmet, knee and elbow pads. I want rocket power suit, Spiderman web slingers, remote control truck, spiderman - green goblin toy, game boy. Now, I love you so much, and I am sorry I found 3 presents. Please forgive me.  
Love, Emrey Barron  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I'd like a Barbie, a Strawberry Shortcake doll, a trampoline, and some new shoes. I promise that I've been a really good girl this year. If there's room on your sleigh, my brother, Kolton, would like some cowboy stuff. I guess he's been kind of good, too. We'll leave milk and cookies by the tree for you.  
Love,  
Chanda King  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a train and a toy guitar and the camouflage truck, a big toy rollercoaster and a big toy man (like Jose's) and a toy house - it

doesn't matter how big it is - just so my man can fit in the rooms, and a girl to go with the man. And a golf stick and a hockey stick and a

puck ...and that's all.  
Austin Almanzar  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I love you because you bring toys. I have been very, very, very, good. Will you please bring me a Scooby-Doo Toy, a Barbie Truck and vampire teeth but I don't know if you have any of those in the North Pole. I want a Barbie tree. I have never seen one but I bet you have on in the North Pole. Santa, I know Ms. Tollett is not a little kid, but could she have a present because she is a good teacher.  
Love,  
Megan Welch  
\*\*\*

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### Kindergarten - Mrs. Gerngross

Dear Santa,  
I would sure like a barbie cruise ship. And I may would like it if I could have a barbie doll with a swimsuit. And I would like a cheerleader barbie. And I would really love it if I could have a cheerleader

barbie sleeping bag. And a Scooby-Do van. And I sure would like a snow Kelly.  
Love,  
Emily May  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dillon Isenhower. I want a big red Hummer that is remote controlled, and a little 4-wheeler and ramp. I want a tool set with a tool box. And a new pair of gloves. I also want a new pair of boots.  
Love,  
Dillon  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I would like a house with 3 little people. I would like a baby. Bring my sister something too. I want a play washer and dryer like Grandma's. I want a pig that has money in it. I want a necklace. I will give you cookies and a glass of milk. Merry Christmas Santa Claus. I want some baby clothes and diapers (little). I

want a book of Santa Claus. I want some barbies. I love Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Allison Robbins  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me any Spiderman toys, some clothes size 5t. Please bring my brother some toys and clothes. Would you please bring my little sister some toys and clothes also. Please bring good Christmas presents to all my cousins.  
Love Always,  
Angel Covington  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a dirt bike for Christmas. I want 3 Clifford the Big Red Dog movies. And 3 Clifford stuffed animals. I want a DVD of the Hulk. And a New Spiderman suit and new Spiderman mask. Well, I wish I could have a Spiderman web shooter. I like you, Santa. You're my friend.  
Love, Colby Wilson  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a real

horse and a Barbie computer. Also can you get me Polly Pockets and a train for my tree next year. Thankyou for the toys I got last year. Please make sure all the boys and girls get some neat stuff. Thank you and have a nice trip.  
Love,  
Meagan Buchanan  
P.S. I will make you some cookies  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kyle Barron. I have been pretty good. I want a gun for Christmas. Please bring Cole a toy too.  
\*\*\*

Dear Santa,  
I have tried very hard to be a good boy. Sometimes, it's hard, when I am bored. I would like to have lots of fun toys like airplanes, dinosaurs, and trains under my Christmas tree. Don't be afraid of my dog, Kiki. She does not bite, unless I have the ball. My brother and me will leave you some delicious cookies that we are going to make with Grandma. Please leave a present for Daddy and Mommy. They try hard to be good, too. Thank you.  
Maveric Thompson  
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Dear Santa,  
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Love,  
Chelsea Matthews  
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Love,  
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Love, Kaitlyn Robinson  
P.S. Have a safe trip  
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P.S. I have been a good boy, and by the way, I won't forget your cookies this year.  
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J.J.  
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Love,  
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By Nicholas King  
1st grade  
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