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### It's Pageant Time!

Who will be our 40th Swamp Cabbage Queen? Will you wear your tiara proudly as you reign over the festivities and earn a great college scholarship? All young ladies from 13 to 21 who attend the LaBelle School System, have graduated from LaBelle High School or are Home schooled in the Greater LaBelle Area. If you want to compete for the title of Swamp Cabbage Queen or Princess please call Jerri Lynn at 239-989-7032.

Come to the down home country pageant on January 31 celebrating our heritage and have a good time!

### Legion serving

#### Christmas meals

American Legion Post 130 will once again be serving Christmas dinner for those alone or in need. The Post delivers as many as 500 meals to the community on Christmas Day. The tradition continues with volunteers starting to cook, package and deliver meals which include turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, butter, salad, cake, candy cane served with a bit of Christmas cheer from the Post and its supporters.

If you would like to help or know someone who needs a Christmas dinner, please call 675-8300. Remember to provide the person's name, address and directions for delivery.

### Work day at the LaBelle Nature Park

The Hendry/LaBelle Recreation Board and Coalition for Eco-Recreation would like to invite community organizations, youth groups and individuals to a LaBelle Nature Park Trail Clean Up on Sat. Feb. 1, 2009 from 8 until 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed to rake and pull weeds around the gentle old oak and rake trails leading to the old oak. Gloves, long sleeved shirts, long pants, sturdy shoes and insect repellent are recommended. Participants are encouraged to bring their own gloves, rakes, clippers, and wheelbarrows. Water will be provided. Call Margaret England at 863-674-0695 for information. The LaBelle Nature Park is located at Hardee Street and Fraser on the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle. Website: <http://www.labellenaturepark.net>

### No Trash Pickup

There will be no trash or recycle (Port LaBelle) pick up on Thursday, December 25, 2008 or January 1, 2009 due to the Christmas and New Year's day holidays.

Normal pick up will resume the next scheduled day. Transfer stations in both Clewiston and LaBelle will also be closed.

Please call 675-5252 if you have any questions.

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### Light Up LaBelle: Winners



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#### First Place Commercial

LaBelle City Hall at 481 W. Hickpooshee Ave (Highway 80).

## LaBelle Native Featured on National television program

One of LaBelle's own young men was selected to star in a special Christmas program airing on the Country Music Channel (CMT) during the month of December.

Max Davis, who grew up in LaBelle, responded to an application on the CMT website asking for people to participate in their new production, "The 12 Days of Redneck Christmas". They were looking for people who celebrated the holidays with unusual traditions. With producer/comedian Tom Arnold

(My Big Redneck Wedding) at the helm of this show, Davis knew they were looking for something over the top and completely outrageous. This fall, he, his wife Margaret and son Robert, submitted an application and video loaded with zany traditions guaranteed to get attention.

He was working on his tractor in Bonita Springs when he got a phone call saying his family was the one they wanted. They started filming in November and completed filming just

before Thanksgiving. Davis said that he learned a lot about what goes on behind the scenes and had a new appreciation for actors. "It was 40 degrees up there when we were filming the mud fight. We were wet and cold and had to keep going. We did whatever the director wanted us to do, several times, if necessary". Filming started early each day and ended late. "We were all exhausted, but wouldn't trade this experience

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## Port LaBelle Utilities new office complex

By Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

Port LaBelle Utilities' employees presented their new office complex to the community Dec. 9. Located at 3300 Utility Road in Port LaBelle, the buildings house Special Districts including mosquito control and all waste management services such as recycling, trash pick up and hazardous material management.

The complex also houses the maintenance department, which has been cramped inside the old EMS building behind the Courthouse.

Clarke Mosquito Control has its own section which includes a lab for identification and counting mosquitoes. Clarke has four trucks in Hendry County and can call in aerial

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
Director of Recycling/Special Districts Terri Cross shows Port LaBelle Utilities new office complex to Tax Collector Peggy Hampton and County Administrator Judi Kennington-Korf.

## Father and son face charges

By Jo Coombs  
Caloosa Belle

On December 18, shortly after noon, Sergeant Shawn Reed stopped a vehicle on S.R.#29 for a traffic violation. When pulling off the road, the passenger of the vehicle was seen putting his left arm behind the seat appeared to try to put something behind it. Backup was called because of the passenger's actions.

When Sergeant Reed approached the driver he smelled a strong odor of marijuana from within the vehicle. Sergeant Reed asked for and was given permission to search the vehicle. Deputy Sheriff Conchetta Shepherd, arrived on the scene and while the passenger

was exiting the vehicle, spotted a plastic bag under the seat which contained a green leafy substance suspected to be marijuana. After taking both men into custody, Sergeant Reed searched the vehicle and located over 60 grams of marijuana.

The driver, Bernabe Astorga, age 45, of 260 Yeomans Avenue in LaBelle, was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana Over 20 Grams (Felony) and Giving a False Identification to a Law Enforcement Officer. A passenger, Cesar Astorga, age 24, of 260 Yeomans Avenue, was also charged with Possession of Marijuana Over 20 Grams.



Submitted photo  
CMT is airing "The 12 Days of Redneck Christmas" and LaBelle native Max Davis is starring in the show. Even though the show is about Christmas the producers wanted to highlight the restorations Davis does with old cars and trucks.



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services as needed. Since Special Districts was created in the '80s, it has always shared office space with other departments, said Director of Recycling/Special Districts Terri Cross. Finally, the department has the room it needs to operate. The building complex did not use any ad valorem tax money and was paid for strictly by special districts and grant monies. The buildings are environmentally friendly and built to withstand severe weather. In fact, they have been wired and may even be used as a temporary Emergency Operations Center, if necessary.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
**New County Commissioner Tris Chapman had a few questions for Director of Recycling/Special Districts Terri Cross.**



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant  
**Kenneth Ward, a seven-year Hendry County maintenance worker, and John Williams, who has worked for East County Rec for four years, enjoyed Port LaBelle Utilities open house.**



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**Second Place Residential**  
The home of Tim and Winn Weathington on Palm Street.



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**Second Place Commercial**  
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**Third Place Residential Honorable mention**  
Vicki Reynolds on Florida Street. Dana and Linda Smith on Philips Road.

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for anything. It was the coolest thing we ever did," he exclaimed. His family agrees. His mother, Allison Davis, of Felda, also made an appearance on the show, as well as numerous friends. Although the show is about Christmas, the producers wanted to highlight the restorations Davis does with old cars and trucks. Calling himself the ultimate recycler, he rescues old, abandoned and forgotten vehicles and transforms them. Those that he can't restore completely, he'll use the front or back ends to make furniture. The program shows him re-doing an old Coca Cola box into a love seat that he presents to Margaret as a

Christmas gift. Two of his trucks, a 1954 Chevy and a 1937 GMC, were sold to country music legend George Jones. The Chevy, painted bright red and named the "Possum Truck", was designed as a tribute to Jones, and is complete with a tag emblazoned with "No Show", another of Jones' nicknames. After he bought the Chevy truck, Jones asked Davis if he had anything that would "go a little faster". He showed Jones the GMC, which is a turquoise street rod powered by a Corvette engine, and Jones loved it. Inside his shop, he created a rec room with lumber salvaged from an old barn he deconstructed. Unique collectibles, signs and photos adorn the walls. There is even a stage and sound system in case anyone wants to do a little

pickin' and grinnin'. The 12 days of Redneck Christmas is airing most days through December 26. Please go to [www.cmt.com](http://www.cmt.com) for show times and additional videos and [www.redneckgenuity.com](http://www.redneckgenuity.com) for information on his restorations.

**Safety trailer awaits signature**

**By Patty Brant Caloosa Belle**  
Children in Hendry and Glades counties could soon have access to a state-of-the-art bicycle safety program and equipment. However, taking advantage of that opportunity has a limited time frame - the only thing lacking is a signature. The head of a local agency must agree to be responsible for housing the trailer, as well as providing tags and insurance. The trailer is a self-contained bicycle rodeo, carrying 40-60 bicycles, traffic cones, helmets and educational materials - everything necessary to put on a safety presentation - just add kids. The trailer can be pulled to any location where volunteers can set up and get down to the business of helping kids learn road and bicycle safety. Kids can either bring their own bicycle or use one from the trailer - so all kids who show up can participate. The trailer could also be used for other selected uses.

**Bicycle safety**  
The Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee, represented by Linda McVey, will have units in the Swamp Cabbage Festival Parade next February, including bikes and the crash dummies. The next BPAC meeting will be Feb. 3 at the Coffee house on Fort Thompson Ave. at 5 p.m. Ms. McVey also noted that Earth Day will be celebrated on April 25 next year. It is uncertain if it will be located at Barron Park or the Capt. Hendry House in 2009.

**Sidewalks**  
Some \$200,000 in Florida Department of Transportation fund-

ing for sidewalks is earmarked for Hendry County. DOT's Debra Stallings reported that sidewalks are finished or being finished on Eucalyptus and Hookers Point; Harlem and Berner Road in Clewiston are in the works while Felda and Cowboy Way are up next. The county's master plan for sidewalks is proceeding. Despite budgetary constraints, the Buckle Up program will continue although there will be some limitations on the giveaways.

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# 2008 great year for Lake O Holiday scanner survey finds nearly 99 percent accuracy rate

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Officials with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District both agree, 2008 was a great year for Lake Okeechobee and environmental enhancement projects.

The County Coalition for Responsible Management of Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries, and the Lake Worth Lagoon heard from the heads of those two agencies Friday during their annual policy meeting at Okeechobee's Shrine Club.

Carol Wehle, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District gave an update on work done during 2008.

Weather challenges, restoration opportunities, and the drought, were three of the main obstacles this year.

Ms. Wehle said the agency had to respond to a water shortage and a flood in the same year. They initiated water restrictions which for the most part were very well received.

"Water is more at the forefront of the public now than it was before, that's a positive," she noted.

Ms. Wehle said they continued to improve the health of Lake Okeechobee with removal of invasive plants, additional tree planting, the removal of 5,000 discarded tires (50 tons) in the Lake, cultivated apple snails in new trees to provide snail kites with food, and treated torpedo grass.

"We don't necessarily want Lake Okeechobee to be nine feet, but if that's what Mother Nature provides, we try to make a positive difference," she said.

Tropical Storm Fay was the biggest storm of the year. It provided to be a good drill for the Districts Emergency Preparedness. Some areas of the district saw up to 15 inches of rain. Lake Okeechobee raised their level to 15.5 feet. The levels of the Lake have declined since then and the forecast for the dry season in 2009 is less rainfall than normal.

Another big project this year is the state's purchase of U.S. Sugar. Ms. Wehle said a lot of work has been done since June 30. She noted they have received a tremendous amount of input from the public on this purchase. Governing Board meetings are planned on December 15-16th to decide on the direction of this purchase.

Wehle was asked about the contamination present on US

Sugar property. She noted the district conducted an exhaustive environmental study. The District has required US Sugar to spend the money for the cleanup. U.S. Sugar will pay the district 130 percent of the estimated cost to do the cleanup. She also defended the appraisals on the property.

Martin County Commissioner Sarah Heard said they must get the price right because they are using taxpayers' dollars and will resell part of the property. She noted they must get the taxpayers money back. She said she wants to see more restoration projects. She noted Martin County gave the District \$27 million in taxpayer money and haven't seen any projects.

Federal dollars earmarked for stimulus projects could be used for permit ready projects in Martin and other counties.

Hendry County Commissioner Kevin McCarthy said there is no good plan for what they will use the land for. He said more projects need to be located north of the lake to clean up the water in the Lake. He noted money spent in the lake should mean fewer dollars spent south of the Lake. "We've got to protect the estuaries, but you do it with a plan. We are doing this backward."

"We are all going to be sorry down the road. The sugar industry is going away anyway," he added.

Palm Beach County Commissioner Jess Santamaria said he was concerned about the loss of jobs in the Glades due to the U.S. Sugar purchase. He noted he has not seen a plan to offset the loss of jobs.

"I do hope there is a real serious effort to look into this potential problem. The people of the Glades are already hungry for jobs," he noted. He said unemployment in the Glades and Hendry County are close to 20 percent.

Commissioner Donna Storter of Glades County agreed with Hendry County. She said they need to be cautious with this purchase. She also said she was disappointed the Governors office and his staff have not provided a plan for the economic impacts.

The District has also moved ahead with more land purchases to protect the Everglades and provide more water storage. The District purchased 22,607 acres in 2008 at a cost of \$196 million.

The district also completed designs for a C-43 reservoir, and Lakeside Ranch near Okeecho-

bee. They completed the Chandler Slough trailhead in Okeechobee and installed equestrian and hunter trailheads at Allapattah in western Martin County.

The district also completed the purchase of the Brady Ranch.

The district also constructed a weir to protect the S-65 E structure. It was completed two weeks before Fay hit. Wehle said if the work hadn't been done the structure would have failed and significant flooding would have occurred in the Kissimmee Valley.

Colonel Paul Grosskruger, head of the US Army Corps of Engineers office in Jacksonville, said his department continued to work on Lake Okeechobee, the Kissimmee River restoration and the Herbert Hoover dike in 2008.

He said they have focused on the worst sections of the dike first. A 22-mile section between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade is due to be repaired. 11 miles of the dike are under construction.

Colonel Grosskruger said the new lake regulation schedule has worked better and has helped prevent damaging releases of lake water into the estuaries.

The Department of Agriculture Rich Budell said budget cuts have impacted money available for best management practices for ranchers.

Dr. Paul Gray of the Audubon Society urged the Coalition to support more water storage projects north of Lake Okeechobee.

Lee County thanked the South Florida Water Management District for their work on the Caloosahatchee River protection plan.

Storter thanked the District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for work done on the Pearce Canal in Buckhead Ridge.

TALLAHASSEE -- When consumers are holiday shopping this year, chances are excellent that they will be charged the correct price.

That's the conclusion reached by Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Charles H. Bronson following a pre-holiday scanner survey in which 63 stores in 28 Florida cities were inspected for scanner accuracy.

In all, only 43 errors were detected at the checkout lines among 3,302 items tested -- an error rate of just over 1 percent. Moreover, nearly half of the errors were in the favor of customers.

"Our retailers do a good job keeping up with prices, including sale prices which frequently change, and inputting accurate information into their scanners to reflect the actual price of the merchandise that they're selling," Mr. Bronson said.

Only three of the 63 retailers visited by Commissioner Bronson's inspectors last week failed their inspection, which means that they had an error rate of 2 percent or more. Those receiving a failing grade were a Petco in Miami, a Staples in Lake Mary and a Circuit City in Orlando. As none of them had been cited previously for failing a scanner test, each has received a warning letter and will be placed on a higher frequency of inspection.

While the survey found that scanning errors are relatively uncommon, mistakes do occur. It means that consumers need to be aware of the price that they

should be charged, Mr. Bronson said.

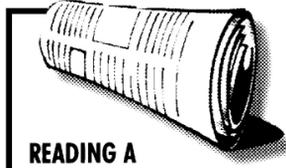
For example, among errors detected during last week's sweep was a \$20 overcharge for flatware at a Sears in Miami. At the other end of the spectrum was an Office Depot store in Tampa, where a GPS unit scanned \$50 below its actual price.

Those errors, as well as all others found during last week's visits, were immediately corrected by store management when they were informed of them.

"The important thing is to know the price of the item that you're buying, make sure that's what you're charged at the checkout line and keep receipts," Mr. Bronson said. "If there is any discrepancy, bring it to the attention of store personnel."

Commissioner Bronson's Division of Standards tests checkout scanners, as well as scales and other devices used for products sold by weight or measure.

Consumers who believe that they have been overcharged, or who detect problems with a store's scales, are encouraged to call the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-HELPLA (1-800-435-7352).



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## DoE announces holiday reading list

TALLAHASSEE--Education Commissioner Dr. Eric J. Smith encourages Florida families to share the gift of reading during the holidays by visiting the 2008 Just Read, Florida! Recommended Holiday Reading List. The list includes a wide variety of interesting books, each with a holiday theme that will spark the interest, imagination and love of reading for people of all ages.

The gift of literacy is a wonderful way to keep children engaged in learning while they are away from school. Research suggests that students who continue to read while on holiday breaks and vacations maintain their academic progress made during the school year.

To access the 2008 Department of Education's Recommended Holiday Reading List, visit <http://www.justreadfamilies.org/>. The Web site also offers parents the tools they need to nurture a reading-friendly environment at home. Resources available online include links to county and municipal public libraries and tips for parents on reading with their children.

The Department of Education makes reading a priority in Florida's public schools and the community groups and volunteer organizations that support them. For more information about the Department of Education's Just Read Florida Office, please visit <http://www.justreadflorida.com/>.

## Arrests

Annetta T. Perkins, 26, was arrested on Dec. 22 under a charge of fugitive from justice. Deputy Jesse Poole was the arresting officer.

Arbel Lopez Lopez, 25, was arrested on Dec. 20 on a charge of violation of probation. Bruce Slade was the arresting officer.

Tomas Quintanilla, 19, was arrested on Dec. 19 on charges of cocaine trafficking more than 28 grams and narcotics possession. Deputy Terri Hessler was the arresting officer.

Dadrión T. Williams, 18, was arrested on Dec. 18 on a charge of selling cocaine within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, business or school. Inv. Brett Daley was the arresting officer.

Cesar Astorga, 24, was arrested on Dec. 18 on a charge of

possession of marijuana over 20 grams. Sgt. Shawn Reed was the arresting officer.

Bernabe Astorga, 45, was arrested on Dec. 18 on a charge of drug possession of marijuana over 20 grams. Sgt. Shawn Reed was the arresting officer.

Antoinette Thomas, 44, was arrested on Dec. 18 on a charge of felony probation violation. Concetta Shepherd was the arresting officer.

Stephanie Lopez, 23, was arrested on Dec. 16 under a charge of fugitive from justice. Cpl. Michael Horne was the arresting officer.

Kenneth I. Elders, 22, was arrested on Dec. 16 under a charge of fugitive from justice. Cpl. Michael Horne was the arresting officer.

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**OBITUARIES:** A great guy died in LaBelle and the family didn't even let anyone know. They didn't put an obituary in the paper. They buried him in another state. I think they should have given his friends and relatives in town more consideration.

**LAWSUIT:** In regard to the lawsuit filed against the sheriff's office in regard to the policy requiring all pregnant women be placed on night duty, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is painfully clear as to what can and cannot be done REGARDLESS of what one or two people think. We may not agree with the laws but if it is in place, FOLLOW IT! Now there goes more taxpayers funds out the door along the other suits already in the works. I would imagine there will be more as well before it is over and done with. A suit that is filed for Following the Law is a little better to muster rather than one filed for NOT following the law.

**LABELLE:** It seems that the stories I here from my mother are becoming less of a thing of the future and more of a thing of the past. I am a young person in town, however I have lived here my whole life. The more technology we get, the faster things go. We need to slow down a bit and get back to helping each other. When I was younger it seems like it would have been nothing to baby sit for the neighbors or give the elderly lady down the street a hand with her yard work. Now we are lucky if we have time to do our own work. The faster things go, the less pride we take in them. As for these people dragging the name of our town through the mud, I think they are a perfect example of those who are spoiled by the easy come and they are not willing to let go. The should stop thinking of only themselves and start thinking about those they are supposed to have been working to help.

**SHOPPING:** It's a real job trying to find your "stuff." The big stores are supposed to have everything but you can wear yourself out looking for it.

**DRESS CODE:** LaBelle Middle School is the only school in the district that has this dress code requirement banning hooded sweatshirts and jackets. All the rest of them still have a bit of common sense. A few people got together and had a meeting -- nobody else showed up and they got to write their own dress code unopposed. The moral of this story is, when they hold a meeting to do this stuff, you need to show up as well. Or, you get what they cram down your throat. Oh yeah, yes, I have a kid in this school so I know all too well the situation. You end up purchasing two jackets for the child. One that they want, and the one they can wear to school. My kid wants a UF jacket that has a hood on it. But, since it can't be worn to school, that dictates another jacket for school! My kid was not in that school then, so I got what I got.

**HOODS:** I was born and raised in the north, as were my children. After a few years of clothing my children with the typical hat, coat and mittens, I realized that half the time they were running out without their hat on. The good solution was to buy coats and sweatshirts with attached hoods, and I told the kids to flip them up when needed to keep the wind off their necks. Now, evidently, a hood has taken on a brand new meaning. Just as with many other controls, we are trying to get rid of the instrument of misuse rather than the misuse itself. Isn't there a better way to handle this?

# Thank you

## Toys for Tots

Once again, the Toys for Tots party was a great success! Many of the county's most generous people came laden with toys for our youngest residents! About 100 people came to share the holiday spirit and when the evening was done, there were 190 toys under the tree!

This was the 11th Toys for Tots party, and this one might well be one of the most important. Because of the current economic times, the Marine Corps' drive has not received its usual number of donations. However, here in LaBelle/Ft. Denaud, we surpassed the number of toys we contributed last year! It's a heart-warming effort, made possible by everyone's generosity. And, not to be outdone, Fiesta Tents, who provided our shelter from the cold with one of its very colorful tents, also donated to our effort!

Ronnie and Cathy Lee gathered up our toy treasure and they'll see them on their way to the happy hands of some of the county's children.

So many people to thank, and no way to do it adequately! But we're saying "Thanx" anyway! For

everything.  
Happy Holidays!  
Jeannie and Wayne Horlacher  
Ft. Denaud

## Christmas in the Park

The Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce would like to thank everyone for making the annual "Christmas in the Park," a true success. It could not have been possible with out the help of the following supporters: B.J. Abolt Park decorations, Willie Mae Lamar Park decorations and all prizes at the fish pond, the United Way for Santa Claus, Terry Woods and the City of LaBelle with decorations and man power, the LaBelle Rotary Club, LHS Honor Society, the Kiwanis Club of LaBelle, Parks and Recreation, Phillip Pelliter and his crew, Wesley Hansen for his generosity, First Bank, Florida Community Bank, Olde Cypress Community Bank, LaBelle High School's Honor Society for all their help and last but not least the Lady from the LaBelle Assembly of God. Again thank everyone.

**The Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.**

# Letters to the Editor

## More on Aqua Isles

Dear Editor:  
I am writing to correct false and defamatory statements in recent letters to the editor regarding Aqua Isles Mobile Home Park.

I represented the seller in the closing held June 29, 2007. Pursuant to applicable statutes, notices of the offer to purchase and an offer to consider selling the property to the park homeowners' association were mailed to its president, secretary and treasurer by certified mail on April 30, 2007, and they were received by the three officers on May 1, May 7 and May 9, 2007. I have the certified mail receipts as proof of mailing and receipt by the officers. We never received a response from the association during the almost two months between the mailed notices and the closing. Thus, statements that the homeowners were never notified or that they were never "given an opportunity to buy the park" are patently false.

Further, because of the seller's concern that the park might be "condominized" by the new buyer, a clause was written into the contract, and then later the deed, that the park could not be subdivided and sold to anyone other than the homeowners' association before July 3, 2012. When at the last minute the buyer balked at closing with this restriction, the seller refused to back down. Hence the apparent effort now by the owner to sell the property to the homeowners since it cannot subdivide the park, except through the homeowners' association, for several more years.

The park homeowners' association was properly notified and the homeowners should look into the problems within their organization before ignorantly blaming the seller. Many members opposed the purchase then and now. Further, they couldn't raise the money to buy it. The homeowners' association and its members could have purchased the park in 2007 but it and they chose to do nothing. There is no one to blame for the current situation but the association and its members, as the seller did all it could to help the park's residents.

**John Jay Watkins  
Attorney and Counselor At Law**

## Get the facts straight on Aqua Isles

The AIMHOA (Aqua Isles Mobile Homeowners Association) and the Mediation Board of Aqua Isles would like to address the article entitled "Aqua Isles Residents Oppose Sale," dated Dec. 11, by Patty Brant.

It is a fact that residents (600 strong during the winter season) of Aqua Isles have supported many LaBelle projects -- not only by volunteering, but financially. The residents support businesses, churches, restaurants, grocery stores, car dealers and many others by spending money in the community in which we live. Many residents call LaBelle home and live here year round with that number increasing every year as many snow birds convert to the

LaBelle style of living. But that decision to live here permanently may have changed once they read your article of Dec. 11.

How would you like it if, as a resident home owner of Aqua Isles, who has his home listed for sale and is possibly sold to a prospective buyer and that prospective buyer reads the article in the local paper that states, "Now, it seems, the park could cease to exist if plans by a developer from Arizona work out." Would not that buyer question whether they should buy into a Park at this particular time?

Then, there was another false statement in the newspaper. The current owners of Shamrock Morgan Aqua Isles LLC, Inc. are Shamrock Holdings and Morgan Management. These owners do buy and sell mobile home and RV communities as investors, not developers and are currently under contract to sell the park to the AIMHOA. Both homeowners and RVers are given the opportunity to purchase a share. Upon completion of this sale, the park would become a resident-owned community. As such, the money generated from rent stays in the community in the form of master mortgage buy down, improvements, maintenance, less fees for shareholders, etc. In other words, the revenue from the park remains in LaBelle and is not sent to investors in Arizona or New York.

The selling price, with the help of a state-appointed mediator, legal council and the Mediation Board, was lowered from 20 to 16 million dollars based on its rental income. Aqua Isles has 225 mobile home lots and 140 RV sites and is a revenue-producing property. It will require a large number of residents to participate before Aqua Isles can become Resident-Owned.

The AIMHOA has asked and received from the current park owners an extension so that we have up to Jan. 20, 2009, to get enough participants, do the necessary studies and appraisal and have a closing in late February. The owners have signed an agreement knowing full well that many of the potential buyers are still up north until after Christmas.

Added to the misinformation is that, while a former home owners' board had a First Right of Refusal prepared by an attorney and signed by our former owner, it was never recorded! Unrecorded documents are useless; and then the former board lost the document so that our current board could not rectify this mistake.

Yes, the economy has impacted everyone -- some more severely than others but, if you are going to live in Aqua Isles, you are going to pay rent. Why not take that rent amount and apply it toward purchasing a share in the Aqua Isles Cooperative? As a shareholder-owner you receive a Memorandum of Occupancy with your lot number attached and your share becomes real property and is viewed as a deed by the state of Florida.

Most prospective mobile home owners prefer purchasing a home in a resident-owned community--thus assuring that the community remains a mobile

home/RV retirement community and their investment will increase not decrease in value.

We trust that this will give the residents of LaBelle and the community a much better understanding of what the AIMHOA is trying to accomplish and, as a community, we fully expect that LaBelle will give their full support to the residents of Aqua Isles as we strive to become a resident-owned retirement community. If we as residents do not purchase enough shares to acquire our community, Aqua Isles is certain to be sold again.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to respond to this misinformation.

**AIMHOA Board  
Don Craig, Ron Gillette,  
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Ron Spaulding, Gas Dallaire,  
Beryl Spuydt and Ron Webster  
Mediation Committee--  
Dewie Black, Homer Lake  
and Bob Eltzroth.**

## Where is the Transparency?

As a nation, we are witnessing the Federal Reserve giving \$800 billion to solve the nation's economic crisis. Actually, the commitment is over \$7 trillion. But for a moment we will ignore the big United States picture and just focus on Florida.

The South Florida Water Management District is deciding to purchase land from U.S. Sugar for \$1.34 billion to protect the Everglades. This purchase at a time when Florida is saddled with a \$5.8 billion budget shortfall.

Where is the transparency? Back in 2007, this same organization purchased 12,000 acres for \$51,813,488 from Mabry Carlton Ranch, Inc. in Sarasota County.

Wow! To the ill-informed this \$52 million purchase has little meaning.

The seller, Mabry Carlton Ranch, Inc. have sold the ranch and must re-locate other property.

Not so fast! "Purchasing the remaining title to the 4,746-acre property will add significant acreage to Myakka coreconservation area. The additional 7,630-acre conservation easement will provide a buffer of compatible agricultural lands. Under the terms of the 7,630-acre conservation easement, the property owner may only construct a maximum of seven residences and a log cabin on the property. Cattle operations, limited agricultural operations and hunting will be allowed. The owner has also agreed to follow District guidelines to preserve the property's water resources and natural systems." [emphasis added]

So they sell the ranch and get continued use of the property. It would be interesting to see if or who pays property taxes on this property if anyone.

Under terms of the sale, Southwestern Florida Water Management and Sarasota County government will maintain a portion of this property at an estimate cost of over \$70,000 per year.

Just like the games being played in Washington.

So who owns Marby Carlton

Ranch, Inc? The Senator Pro-Tempore Lisa Carlton, her mother Barbara Carlton, and her sister Sarasota County Judge Kimberly Carlton-Bonner.

So, when the Everglades property is purchased from US Sugar, who gains and who loses?

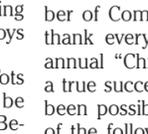
At a time when many Florida families are having a difficult economic time!

Signed electronically  
**Sincerely,  
/s/Thomas Horrigan**

## Bon Appetite

I trust that each and every one of you and your families will have a wonderful and blessed Christmas. To those of you who know me well, I trust there is no doubt as to my penchant for seeing the positive in every situation, regardless of the negative implications. Always applying the Neville rule of thumb, that there is no such thing as a problem. They are just opportunities in disguise. Once you have accepted this as your guide you then apply the antidote for what I call being "SNIOP"ed. Subject to the Negative Influence of Other People. From birth we are all subjected to the negatives in life. Why, for example, are traffic lights not called "go" lights instead of "stop" lights. Better that you accept that God, or that supreme being, whatever that is to each of us, must have had a great sense of humor to have created this cataclysmic, chaotic, hodgepodge, we call humanity. In my heart I believe that if today is my last day on earth, I will have given my best efforts and loved, laughed, and "Forest Gumped" my way through it--my way, while hopefully serving as a positive influence on my family and friends. I believe there are two things you must have and do. First you must have an attitude for life. Don't be afraid to care enough to do your very best. Second: don't be anonymous. Make some noise. Get involved. Demand happiness and don't let it elude you. Don't take life too seriously. Reduce threats and insults to the ridiculous. Always consider the source and react accordingly. Refuse to lower yourself to the others level. As my Dad used to say, "Bill, the first hundred years are all down-hill and nobody gets out alive." Nothing is permanent and to change is to progress and succeed. The sum of who you are will never be based on what you can obtain or possess. You will only be remembered for what you chose to do with what you were born with, already have, and how you apply and use it. Celebrate Christmas as if it's the best one, or even possibly the last one you'll ever have. Turn your struggles into character building attributes for the greater benefit of your loved ones, and celebrate LIFE! There is an old saying that I feel has substance in what I consider to be the Drama that each of us is playing out in our assigned, scripted role in life. The saying goes like this, "Life is a banquet and most of us are starving to death." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Bon Appetite! You deserve it!

**T.W. Bill Neville  
LaBelle**



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# Hope - The handle of Christmas

**By Les Morgan, pastor**  
Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle

Have you thought recently about the way God has designed us?

Most of us are able to handle the stresses of life and the pressures of daily living. We can sort through the calamities which come our way. Even the financial reversals that seem to be coming on to many families are not totally "junking" the average person. We find ways to endure the summer heat (find that AC switch!) and the wintery blasts which occur seasonally (leave Ohio and get to LaBelle ASAP!). Emotionally people are able to recover and cope with life after the death of a loved one. Though the surviving ones are never "the same," people, for the most part are able to handle life and walk, or limp, through the adjustments. We can go without food or water and even air, though not for very long.

There is one thing, however, that is essential to living. If we lose this indispensable ingredient no one can survive. That one thing that is so crucial to life is HOPE. If we lose hope, we lose everything!

Years ago an S-4 submarine was rammed by a ship off the coast of Massachusetts. Because the damage was so severe, it sank

immediately. Every effort was made to rescue those aboard the underwater craft, but all failed. Near the end of that awful ordeal, a diver placed his helmeted ear to the side of the vessel. It was then he could hear the tapping of Morse Code from inside the sub. Slowly the question came from inside: "Is... there... any... hope?"

In life we all feel that way sometimes. We get rammed unexpectedly by pressure or illness. Sudden unemployment can sink us quicker than we can swim. It is when we are so overcome with stresses that we sit on the bottom of life's ocean and tap out a signal to others -- to anyone who will listen - "Is... there... any... hope?" It is in those moments that we wonder if we will ever recover. Without hope, we will not.

However, on the reverse side of this, so long there is hope, we can press on. It is amazing how we can endure if there is even a small measure of assurance that hope is either in reach or on the way.

At Christmas, however, a handle of hope is extended to us. Expectation is ushered into life in the most marvelous measure. It is as though God puts on underwater equipment and dives into our ocean of anxiety. Assuredly He begins tapping in a code that penetrates our weariness, signaling, "I... am... in... control... and... I... love... YOU! Therefore... you... have... hope."

Clearly this message of hope is seen in the coming of the Lord Jesus. Paul writes in I Corinthians 15:19 that, "for this life, we have

hope in Christ." His words supersede the "Do-it-myself" crowd. "Self-sanctification" offers little hope for the abused. The "Try-a-little-harder" mantra wears mighty thin to the hurting alcoholic or drug addict.

No, in the toughest junctures in life where hope has been sucked out of our souls, we find that we need more than a 50/50 proposition. We need help. We need hope.

We need Jesus. Someone put the following thoughts together. I have come to appreciate them very much, Perhaps you will, too.

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator.

## Witches Brew

**By Pudge Lehman**

The latest disaster has been a stopped up toilet. I tried a snake and a plunger. Then I listened to my Suzy. Just pour boiling water with some dish detergent from as high as you can. Worked like a charm. Can't believe I forgot this one. Convenience foods and pre-mixed stuff is expensive and unnecessary. For pancakes in the morning just make the batter the night before. In the A.M. heat the griddle and bake. They have the small phonebooks at the Chamber of Commerce that are a good size to carry in the car. Just discovered a new batch of sayin's. "Wouldn't it be nice when we mess up our life we could just press Ctrl-Alt-Delete and start over?"... or....

If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist.

If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist.

If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

This week, be sure to go to the church of our choice and worship the One who came that we might have hope!

Merry Christmas.  
\* Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of the Caloosa Baptist Church located in LaBelle, located 200 yards behind Flora and Ella's.



When you hear somebody say "Well, I caught my selflookin' Y o u know you're speaking to a southerner. In the "olden days we ALL had a drug problem We were drug to church on Sunday. We were drug to weddings and funerals. We were drug to family reunions. And we were drug by the ears when we misbehaved. We would love to see all of you at the Shrimp Creole over Rice dinner on Jan. 14, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary.

# LaBelle Middle School holds first Science Fair in ten years

On December 4, the LaBelle Middle School held its first Science Fair in over ten years! The students were asked to discover a problem that they would enjoy finding the answer to, and then to figure out a way to solve the problem. In order to do this, the students put in months of work while receiving support from their parents and teachers. Their science teachers taught the sci-

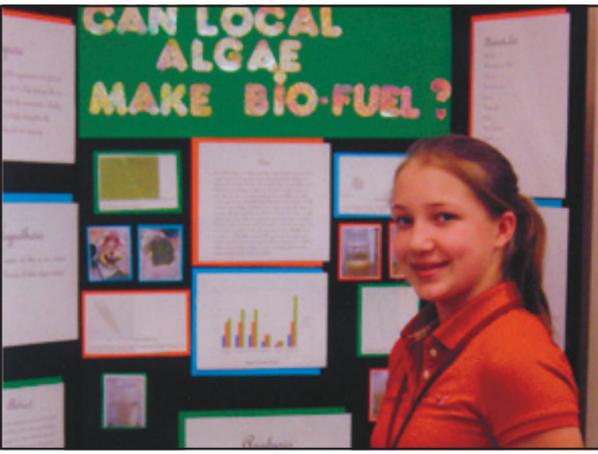
entific method and what was needed for a science fair project. The language arts teachers and librarians helped the students write and type their research plans, research papers, and abstracts. The math teachers taught the students to make graphs by hand and by using computer generated graphics. Parents supported their children by offering encouragement, ideas and supplies needed for the

experiments. This turned out to be even more of a learning experience for everyone involved than any had anticipated! Cory Taylor was the overall school winner. Her board was titled: Can Algae Make Bio-fuel? The top fifteen students from the whole school will attend the Thomas Alva Edison Kiwanis Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Myers on January 31. The top

fifteen students are Cory Taylor, Tabitha Parker, Brennah McVey, Michael Vasquez, Derek Bass, Juan Arrieta, Emma White, Myaa Barnhart, Andrew Benkert, Jessica Smith, Timmy Smith, Travis Burchard, Glenn Burton, Gigi Maldonado, and Andrea Lutkenhaus. Second place winners are: Jim McVay, Anna Lopez, Yasmin Cortez, Suzanna Harrison, Elizabeth White, Magali Salinas, Me-

lissa Dunham, Ronnie Burton, Kyle Dean, and Sergio Bustamonte. Third place winners were: Hipolito Salinas, Katie Guerrero, Amanda Phipps, Daryl Spooner, Enrique Molina, Sergio Gomez, Austin Garcia, Caroline Johnson, Mark Sloan, and Homer Garcia. Honorable Mention went to: Shelby Williams, Ezequiel Juarez, Joe DiPofi, Melanie Lopez, Chris Miller, Alejandra Magana, Victor

Calvo, Alton Burton, Matthew Cooper, Enrique Molina, Anka Mourfield, Celia Resendiz, Karra Gutierrez, Tania Santiago, Skylar Bell, Alberto Molina, Heyri Juarez, Garrett Goodwin, Michael Martinez, Albar Ramirez, Courtney Inman, Erika Gonzalez, Clarisa Callejas, and Jose Erreguin. Congratulations to these and all the students who completed science projects this year!



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## Overall Winner

Cory Taylor was the overall school winner. Her board was titled: Can Algae Make Bio-fuel?



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## First Place Students

Back row left to right: Michael Vasquez, Travis Burchard, Derek Bass, Andrea Lutkenhaus, Cory Taylor and Timmy Smith. Front row left to right: Brennah McVey, Andrew Benkert, Juan Arrieta, Glenn Burton, Hummynn-Byrd Myaa Barnhart, Giovanna Moldnoda, Tabitha Parker and Jessica Smith.



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## Second Place Students

Back row left to right: Elizabeth White, James McVey, Ronnie Burton, Melissa Dunham and Suzanna Harrison. Front row left to right: Kyle Dean, Magali Salinas, Anna Lopez and Yasmin Cortez.



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## Third Place Students

Back row left to right: Mark Sloan, Austin Garcia, Homer Garcia, Caroline Johnson and Hipolite Salinas. Front row left to right: Sergio Gomez, Katie Guerrero, Amanda Phipps and Daryl Spooner.



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## Participation Awards

Back row left to right: Shelby Williams, Ezequiel Juarez, Joe DiPofi, Melanie Lopez, Chris Miller and Alejandra Magana. Front row left to right: Karra Gutierrez, Tania Santiago, Skylar Bell, Alberto Molina, Heyri Juarez, Garrett Goodwin



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## Participation Awards

Back row left to right: Victor Calvo, Alton Burton, Matthew Cooper, Enrique Molina, Anka Mourfield and Celia Resendiz. Front row left to right: Michael Martinez, Albar Ramirez, Courtney Inman, Erika Gonzalez, Clarisa Callejas and Jose Erreguin.

## Faith in the Marketplace

# Merry Christmas not heard that often now

I wish you all a Merry Christmas! I don't hear that very often anymore, except among friends and acquaintances. In stores and in public in general, it has been replaced by the politically correct "happy holidays." Now, I'm willing to accept, without getting all bent out of shape, a greeting from a stranger that I might have a happy holiday. After all, the greetings I've received seem to have been quite sincere and well intentioned, and probably offered in compliance with a management instruction. My normal reply, however is always, "Merry Christmas."



Fr. Alan Kelmerleit

I don't do that to make a public statement. I do it because I am a person who will celebrate Christ's Mass. It is the holy day of Jesus' birth, of God becoming incarnate. I'm not embarrassed or hesitant because of what Christmas is. And I wish others only what I hope for myself - a merry Christmas, that is, a Christmas filled with joy and good cheer. If someone wishes me a happy whatever their holiday is, I will accept that with grace and ap-

preciation for their kindness. If someone decides to be offended by my Christmas wish, I am sorry that they suffer from the bitterness they've allowed to infect their soul.

Christmas is indeed a holy day. No matter how we celebrate it in our American culture, no matter how commercial it has become, it is and always will be the day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. I made a promise the first Christmas after I was ordained, that no matter where I might serve, there will always be a worship service on Christmas Day. So, at 9:30 am on Christmas day, at Good Shepherd, that promise will be kept once again. Those who are willing to make time in their busy day will join with me, and we will celebrate in praise and worship the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will hear the story and sing the hymns, and be reminded once again of the greatest gift that has ever been given in the history of the world.

So, once again, I wish you a very merry Christmas!

Fr. Alan is pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, located one block south of Rt 80 on Collingswood Pkwy in Port LaBelle. 863-675-0385. FaithMarketplace@embarqmail.com.

## Engagement



Submitted photo

Natalie Williams and Clint Walker.

## Williams-Walker engagement

David and Carol Williams of LaBelle are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie, to Clint Walker of LaBelle. The prospective groom is the son of Andy and Denise Walker of LaBelle. The wedding is planned for February 28, 2009.

The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of LaBelle High School. She attends Hillsborough College in optician program. She is employed as a certified paraoptometric with Family Eye Care.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of LaBelle High School. He attends Edison College. He is employed as a firefighter-EMT with Alva Fire Control District and volunteers with the LaBelle Fire Department. After the wedding, the couple will reside at their home in LaBelle.

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## HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF CHANGE TO PERMITTED USES IN CERTAIN ZONING CATEGORIES

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following by ordinance:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, MORE SPECIFICALLY TABLE 53-1 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS, TO PROHIBIT AGRICULTURE IN RG-1, RG-1M, RG-2, RG-2M, RG-3, RG-3M, AND RG-4, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A public hearing on the ordinance will be held on January 13, 2009, at 5:05 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Room, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.

All persons wishing to be heard on this issue may appear at said meeting. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the Clerk, 2nd Floor, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpoochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

Janet B. Taylor, Chair  
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# Community support to help with cancer battle

## Florida Community Bank proudly supports Lucy's Angels in fight against breast cancer

LaBELLE— Once the Christmas decorations are down, Florida Community Bank will kick off the 2009 New Year in pink by once again supporting Lucy's Angels. Lucy's Angels for Breast Cancer Care, Inc. recognizes that because the population in rural counties is small, residents are often the last on the list to receive assistance, in spite of the fact that the general income level is lower. Statistics show that the farther a woman has to travel, the less likely she is to be screened. Since the best protection is early detection, Lucy's Angels partners with local agencies, like Hendry Regional Medical Center to provide free mammograms for qualified residents of Glades and Hendry Counties. Lucy's Angels motto is "By the Community, For the Community," a motto that Florida Community Bank also takes pride in. Here is how you can help make sure that the women in Glades and Hendry Counties are receiving the medical attention that they need in order to detect breast cancer early. After all, you never know when the person in need could be your grandmother, mother, daughter, sister or aunt.

Florida Community Bank will be selling raffle tickets for a pink ribbon blanket that was handmade by Mary Bartoshuk and donated to Lucy's Angels to raise money for free mammograms. The blanket will be displayed in FCB's lobby throughout the month of January. Stop by and purchase your chance to win! Tickets are 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. The lucky winner will be announced on Jan. 31, at the Bosom Buddies Walkathon.

Another opportunity to support Lucy's Angels is through its annual walkathon. The Second Annual Bosom Buddies Walkathon will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009. The walk will begin and end at Barron Park. Make this a fun event for your family, friends, or co-workers by gathering a group of 5 or more people to walk together. If you form a team, the entry fee is only \$12 per person. If you do not have a team,

it is \$15 per person. You must register prior to Jan. 16, 2009 in order to get these special rates. All entry fees include a free t-shirt. And all monies raised will benefit Lucy's Angels and will go directly back into our community by providing free mammograms. You may register for the walkathon during normal business hours at Florida Community Bank.

For more information about the walkathon or the blanket

raffle, you may contact Susan or Margie at Florida Community Bank at 863-675-1313 or stop by at 155 N Bridge Street, LaBelle. For more information regarding Lucy's Angels, you may contact Alex Perez at 863-675-3236 or email at lucysangelsfund@yahoo.com.

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## Toys for Tots Drive

For the 12th consecutive year, Sheriff and retired Marine Master Sergeant Ronnie Lee has organized the "Toys for Tots" in Hendry County. Sheriff Lee and his wife Cathy along with other volunteers have helped make Christmas a happy time for thousands of Hendry County children who would have otherwise had no toys. He has also watched as a second generation of Hendry County residents have received Christmas toys through this program. This year with the economy being what it is, donations have been less than in the past and Sheriff Lee expressed his gratitude to all local merchants and individuals for their donations.



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## Not unless mom does

There was no way that little Rylee Pack could be convinced to sit on Santa's lap. So Mommy (Kristin) had to try out Santa's lap before Kylee would agree to even a double-decker sitting. Santa and an elf had a place of honor with their own Christmas tree at the Rodeo Bar & Grill. A car and motorcycle show was held on Saturday with cash prizes and trophies for the winners. Instead of an entrance fee, every participant brought a toy or toys to be distributed by the Salvation Army to kids in the community.

## Community Briefs

### LaBelle Heritage Museum meeting

The regular monthly meeting of LaBelle Heritage Museum will be Thursday, January 8, 7 p.m. at LaBelle Masonic Lodge on Lions/Jaycees Dr. (west of Hwy. 29 south). The program speaker will be Larry Lucky Sr. of Ortona and the public is invited to attend.

### Vaudeville acts wanted

Vaudeville acts wanted for Laff Revue, the next production of the Fire House Cultural Center. Production dates are January 22-25 and January 29-February 1.

All acts considered; sword swallowing, knife throwing exhibition, roping exhibition, can-can girls, dancing, stand-up comedy, skits, and any other specialties. If you have an act, call Martha at 673-3738 by January 7.

### Widows' Support Group

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at the Forey Grill, Thursday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

### Old Timers' Dinner

Make plans to attend and mark your calendars for the kickoff event of SCF, the Old-Timers' Dinner, Thursday, Feb. 19 at LaBelle Civic Center. It's in HONOR of our Old-Timers, not just for Old-Timers. Catering is by Buddy Taylor/Gator Hammock, and tickets sold in advance at \$15 each with tables for 10 at \$150 available. Doors open at 4:30 and dine at 6 p.m.

### "Little Big Town" coming

Uptegrove Elementary School PTO invites you to a PRIVATE concert, by invitation only, of "Little Big Town" (made famous by their hit song - "Boondocks") on Sunday, January 25, at the LaBelle High School Auditorium. There will be catered hors d'oeuvres and buffet at 6 p.m. with the doors open for acoustical concert at 7:30 p.m. Seats are available for a minimum donation of \$125 per person. Seating is limited, make your reservations today! Dress: Cowboy Formal. Contact: lisa\_st.john@yahoo.com (863)

675-4027 or mdhudson@strato.net (863) 885-1392 for tickets.

### Evening Under the Stars

Bored of sitting at home with nothing to do or no place to go? Well, come and enjoy an "Evening Under the Stars" filled with live music, delicious hors d'oeuvre, dancing and fun. LaBelle High School's Allied Health Academy invite you to join them at the LaBelle High School on Jan. 10, 2009. A dance will be held from 7 p.m. till midnight for adults 21 and older. Tickets will be \$15 for a single adult and \$25 for a couple, if purchased before Jan. 10. Tickets will also be sold at the door: \$20 for a single adult and \$30 for a couple.

The dance will be a formal black tie affair, so put on your best dancing shoes and come join the fun at an "Evening Under the Stars."

Please contact Shana Rodriguez at LaBelle High School for tickets. They may also be purchased from Academy members. Call 674-4120 ext. 273 or 673-0234 over the holidays.

### Get your flu shot now

Hendry Regional Medical Center is offering flu shots for \$20. For additional information call Convenient Care Center at 675-2356.

### Legion bingo

The American Legion, 699 Hickpochee Avenue West, holds bingo every Monday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening of bingo!

### GED testing

The LaBelle Adult School will be offering GED Testing January 12, 13 and 14. Must Pre-Register. If you have any questions please contact the LaBelle Adult School at 674-4118 for more info.

### Classes offered

The LaBelle Adult School will be offering Substitute Teacher, Computer and possibly a Conversation Spanish class the second week of January. Sign up at the LaBelle Adult School. If you have any questions please contact the LaBelle Adult School at 674-4118 for more info.

### Flag football game

The weekend of February 28 has been set aside for the annual Heather Marie Fry Old Timers Flag Football Game. We need teams to participate, players to play and businesses and people to help sponsor this event. If you are interested in doing any of these things, please call Tony (673-5739) or Debbie (673-0894). All proceeds to benefit LaBelle's 2009 Relay for Life.

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### Tour time

It was free popcorn night on December 18th as the LaBelle Firehouse Cultural Center played host to the LaBelle High School Drama Club. The students were given a history and a tour of the theater by Linda Reecer, President of the Cultural Center. Afterwards, they were treated to a performance of the play, "Two Across".



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### Blanket drive success with hopes for more

Maria Sandoval hands over 90 blankets to Arlene Betancourt to use for our area's homeless. In this season of cold, damp weather, a clean blanket can make an immense difference in someone's life. Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church and First Bank joined forces to gather blankets. The deadline is Dec 29; but even after that, they won't be turned down. Stop by Carlson Memorial or First Bank and bring in new or clean used blankets. Arlene told Maria that they had given out the last blanket; so these were sorely needed.

### Church Briefs

#### Blankets for the homeless

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church and First Bank are joining forces to collect blankets for the Homeless Coalition. During these cold months, those who are blessed to have shelter and warmth should give to those who do not. You can bring CLEAN used blankets or purchased ones. They can be dropped off at First Bank, 301 W Hwy 80, or Carlson Memorial UMC at 310 Campbell Street. The blanket drive will end Dec 29.

#### Christmas Eve service

Christmas Eve praise and worship will be led by Pastor Jay Goforth of Healing Waters Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Barron Park. All are welcome. If it rains the service will be held at Community Christian School at 6:30 p.m.

#### 'For The Lord'

Freedom Fellowship Ministries is beginning a new program called 'For The Lord,' geared toward young people ages 17-30. It's a small group setting for support and continuous lifestyle improvement for young people struggling with things like addiction and personal problems. Meetings are Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, please call Freedom Fellowship at 612-9899.

#### Come to New Beginning

New Beginning Full Gospel Church, 4501 Birchwood Parkway, Port LaBelle has Sunday services at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Wednesday at 7 p.m. They wel-

come anyone without a church home.

#### Christmas Eve Candelight Service

The First Baptist Church of LaBelle, 330 North Main Street, will hold a Christmas Eve Candelight Lord's Supper Service on December 24 starting at 6 p.m. Please come and join us for this special time!

#### Holiday services

Christ the King Lutheran Church Christmas services are planned for Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. and New Year's services are planned for Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 4 p.m. Sunday services are set for 9:15 a.m. and Bible study is set for 10:15 a.m. Christ the King Lutheran Church is located at 350 C.R. 78, just 4/10 mile west of Highway 29. Sunday services regular times are 9 a.m., the Lord's Supper is set for the first, third and fifth Sundays each month. Pastor Fred Koehler welcomes everyone.

#### Grace Baptist Church Christmas Eve Service

Grace Baptist Church, located at 4200 N.E. Eucalyptus Blvd., in Port LaBelle, will have a special Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m. Chalk artist Vester Arnold will present a brief message while drawing a beautiful picture. The picture will be given away to one of those visiting the church. A nursery will be provided. For more information call: (863) 675-3349. Pastor Zimmerman and Grace Baptist wish all of LaBelle a Merry Christmas!

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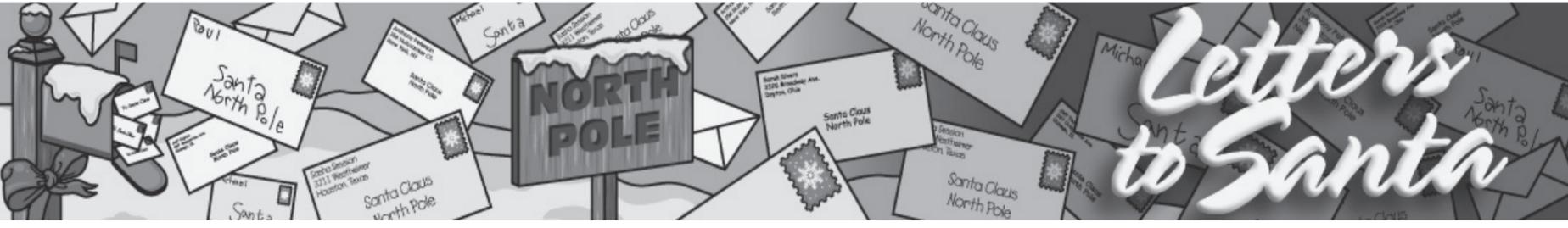
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## Country Oaks Elementary School

### Mrs. Brookins

Dear Santa,  
I want a hawick hely.  
I want a nuwbik with pegs.  
And a ds. And a nuw tv cus  
ceps suting of on me.  
From Brett

Dear Santa,  
I want a ipod touch. And a wii.  
And a laptop. And a camera.  
And a figeader in my room. And  
a ice-cream mushein. And a play-  
sation2. And a new bike. And  
a new scooter. And a new house  
for my pet shop. And some  
checers. And a ipod. And a pu-  
pet. And a pogostick  
From Abigail

Dear Santa  
dolls, toy cat, BookS, Math  
Book gams, Mice toy, drawing  
Book, new bike, balls, xbox 360  
From Briana

Dear Santa  
I whant a Xbox 360 and a PS2  
or a PsP and a robot.  
frome ErneSto

Dear Santa  
Plise can I have A PSP A DS A  
SonicVontished PS2 A weraslrs.  
from Bryce

Dear Santa  
I want a Xbox 360  
From Francisco

Dear Santa  
I wish I had tow Kool cars  
with a rea maacuhchoy. And a  
munster chok  
from BraYan Zavala

Dear Santa  
I whant a wii, a batman game  
the lego; the indiana jones game  
lego, what 1,000,000 dollars, i  
want a pet king kobra, D.S, a????  
big brother!!!!  
From: Jadon

Dear Santa I want a atendo.DS  
and a wii and a truper cuastern  
merry Christmas Santa.  
from Jason.

Dear Santa i want a little  
puppy and lot of toy like Hannah  
Montana and a phone and a ipod  
touch and a cheetah girls  
from Alejandra

Dear Santa  
I want for Crismas a ipod  
touch. And please give me a  
phone. I want a wii and a new  
bike. no only 2 thigs I want.  
from Citlalli Velasquez

Dear santa  
i want a reall puppy and a doll  
house, and a ieye Pode. and a re-  
all horse.  
from Maria

Dear Santa i want to have a air  
hoag and a storwor the clon war  
and a cool car and a PSP and a  
Play Stachen 3. and you air a grat  
Santa.  
from Alvaro Salas

Dear Santa  
I want a new bike with no  
training wheel. a nerf dart tag. A  
pogo stick. Hulk smash gloves  
from Thomas

Dear Santa  
I wish that you would come to  
country oaks and for christmas. I  
want a PSP and a pokemon Ruby  
gba game. I will see you in a  
newspaper.  
from Jocelyn

### Mrs. Condon

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be good.  
This year, I hope you bring me  
a ripstick for Christmas. I would  
like a bloch ripstick.  
love santa  
from Justin

Dear Mom,  
I have been a good girl. I hope  
you buy me a stuffed polar bear.  
My new polar bear will have  
white fur and black eyes with a  
black nose too. It's size is small.  
Love, Shareefa

Dear GranPa,  
I hope you come here at  
Florida. and we can have dinner  
at night. Then you can play  
with us It's called The Life game.  
I have been good with grandma,  
I helped her bake cookies that  
look like trees. We did them yes-  
terday I been good at school. We  
do math, science, I have to go  
well bye  
Love, Jeneen.

Dear Santa  
I have tried to be good. This

year I hope you bring a make up  
set from High School Musical.  
It has Venssa Hudgens and Zac  
Efron. Love Maira  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa  
I have been good. This year, I  
hope you bring me a psp. I want  
guns games, and moives on my  
psp.  
From Kennedy, Serrano

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year  
and want an iPod and an PSP. A  
game I would like is Star Wars  
the Clonwars and Smack down  
US Raw 2008  
Love Santa Claus from Emiliano

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I  
hope you bring me a High School  
Muiscal a doll named Gabreilla is  
my favorite doll.  
Love Myra

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. This year  
I hope yuou bring me a elitrek  
scooter. It will be blue. I will want  
it medium. Love, Nain

Dear Santa,  
I have been good at school.  
This year, I hope you bring me  
the Nintendo DS. I want a pink  
one the game about Hannatt  
Montana. It will be the best day  
of my life because you are the  
nicest person in my heart.  
love Gisselle! Merry chrismis Santa

Dear Santa  
I have been good this year.  
This year I hope you bring  
me a game for a PSP. It is called  
Smackdown vs. Raw 2009.  
Love Ezequiel

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be good.  
This year, I hope you bring me  
a Barbie set ant a Brat set and with  
both Sets I would like a house  
to come with it. I would like a  
baby doll that looks like a real  
baby and sounds like a real baby.  
Santa I beleve in you.  
Love, Emily Merry Christmas Santa

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. This year I  
you bring me a Hannah Montana  
wig and with Hannah montana  
clothes. I hope you bring me  
a hannah bike and with a back  
pack. I hope you bye me a han-  
nah montana makup.  
Love Briana Mary Christmas.

### Ms. Dana & Mr. Wedeles

Dear Santa Claus.  
My name is Esther N. How is  
your wife? I been good with my  
mom. I want a nitendo D.S. and  
aything you like.  
Sincerely, Esther N.

Dear Santa  
I'm Paige. How's Roudolph?  
I've ben a good girl. I'd like a  
Beach raser, and a labtpo. Plus a  
D.Rex.  
Merry Chrismas! Paige

Dear Santa Claus, How are  
you? How is Mrs. Santa Claus?  
My name is Leandro. For Chris-  
mass I wanta flat screem tv Ipod  
tuch, smack down vs Raw 2009,  
Midnigth Club three farmy PSP. I  
help my mom wash the dish and  
bake cake. And I help my Dad  
cook food.  
Merry christmass, Leandro

Dear Santa Claus How is Mis.  
claus being is she good or dab or  
Sik. I awas halp my Mom. I want  
a play StaShan 3 and a Sallphon.  
how is reindeer's ockay or Sik  
Sin Leonardo 2  
Love Leonardo 2 Ho Ho Ho!

Dear Santa Claus,  
My Name is Samantha M.  
Have you been good? I am go-  
ing to put milk and cookies out  
for you and I hope you bring me  
two, or three presents. I want a  
Ipod and a Wii.  
Merry Christmas! Sincerely,  
Samantha Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa how are you Do-  
ing? My name is DuStin. for  
Christmas I want a new hows,  
fingerborde, Bassballcards. and  
29 BarBie Dolls and RoloBand2.  
Marry Chrismas.  
Dustin ho ho ho .... I Love You

Dear Santa Claus  
My Name is Nadial G. How  
hav you been? I hope well. I have  
been good because I got lots of  
treats. I want A bike, Sandls and  
for evrebode to be safe and have  
the best CHristmass. Sincerely  
Nadia. HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!

Dear Santa Claus

I am Alex. Are you fine? I be-  
ing good I help my mom. for  
christmas I want to get a Wii for  
christmas and TECh DECK and a  
games. have a great day.  
Merry christmas ALEX

Dear Santa Claus, and Mrs.  
Claus, My name is Jocelin N. Do  
you like what you do? I've been  
a little good and a little bad. I  
would want anything you give  
me. Say hello and good-bye to  
everyone over at the North Pole.  
Especially all the reindeer.  
Sincerely, Jocelin.

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus  
I am Destiny. Are you and Mrs.  
Claus doing fine? I have been  
good because I got all A's on my  
report card, got to be a Citizen  
of the Month. I want any Han-  
nah Montana stuff, and a Wii.  
and a board game. And let my  
mom have a new house. I hope  
you and Mrs. Claus have a happy  
Christmas  
Sincerely Destiny HO! HO!

Dear Santa  
at first I would like to know  
how Rudolph is doing? by the  
way thank you for that cool thing  
that you gave me last year. I  
would like to tell you Santa Claus  
about what I want this year. I just  
want a bike. That is all.  
Best wishes, Derrick

Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Jose V. How is  
your wife? I bveen good with my  
mom, and dad, and my brother  
and sisters. I want a P.S.P., and  
a Gameboy, and a Santa book, and  
Heeley shoes.  
Sincerely, Merry Christmas,  
Best Wish! Jose V.

Dear Santa Claus my name is  
Kassandra K. How are you, and  
your elfs, your work, and your  
reindeer? I want a typewriter, D.S  
games. I'm a good gril to my sis-  
ters.  
Sincerely Kassandra P.S. I love  
you! HO! HO! HO! HO!

Dear Santa I am Vanessa F.  
How are your helpers? I am do-  
ing good. I've been good because  
I help my mom. What I want for  
Christmas is a Wii.  
Best Wishes, Vanessa.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I'm Charlie R. How is your  
wife? I've have been good to my  
family. Can I have a ipod, PSP  
with Midnight club in Los Angelas  
and Crash mind over muntants.  
Sincerely Charlie

Dear Santa, I'm Eric A.  
How are you doing? Are you  
sick? I have been a good boy, I  
think? May I have an army suit  
with every thing, and for ev-  
erybody to have a good Merry  
Christmas.  
Sincerely Eric P.S. Including you.

Dear Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus,  
Evens North pole Rudolph. My  
name is Victoria. Mr. Santa Claus,  
how have you ben, and how  
many toys do you make a year?  
Santa Claus I have ben good be-  
cause I want toys for Christmas.  
And for toys I want a trampoline,  
and a phone, and free tickits to  
Disney World.  
Sweet wishes Victoria goodby  
Santa Claus HO! HO! HO! HO!

### Mrs. Gonser-2nd

Dear Saint Nick,  
How are you doing? How  
is Mrs. Claus and the rain deer  
doing? How are the elves? How  
long dose it take to get to get ta  
my house? This is what I like a  
miny motorcycle. And I wish  
people will stop the wars going  
on.  
From your best Friend,  
Brandon DiBernardino

Querida Santa Claus,  
Como estas? Meporte bien.  
este ano. yo guieto una muneca  
linday un juguete. POR FAVOR  
PARAMI MAMA un collary PARA  
MI PAPA un chocolate. FELIS Ma-  
bidad Santa Claus!  
Yida Serrano

Dear Santa, How are you do-  
ing, Santa? I want a Trashingating  
robot, Santa. I will name it S.T.  
Bukoly, Santa. It will be a good  
robot. From,  
Anthony Ozuna

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing?  
How are your reindeer and  
elves? How is Ms. Claus? How  
long does it take you to get from  
the North Pole to My house? I  
wish you and Ms. Claus a very  
nice Christmas. Please bring me  
an I-Dog, and doll of Hannah  
Montana, and I wish I got good

teeth.  
Santa is My friend!  
from, Love Lisandra Martinez

Dear SanTa, Are you Working  
on the Toys? I want to know what  
I want? I want a remote control  
Truck. I hope you will come To  
my house. Love, "Moe"  
Maurice ShinhoSter.

Dear Santa, How are your  
reindeer and elves? I wish you  
and Mrs. Claus a very nice Christ-  
mas. Can you please bring me a  
Nintendo D.S. for Christmas?  
From, Santos Peguelos

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer and  
elves? I want a doll called Han-  
nah Montana. I wish you and Mrs.  
Claus a very nice Christmas!  
Your Friend, Ohdaly Rojas

Dear Saint Nick,  
How are you doing? Will you  
please give me an ipod touch? I  
all so want a Jurmen-shepured.  
By the way, how is Mrs. Claus?  
Good? GREAT! Have a nice  
Christmas!  
LoVe, JuLissa Andrade

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? Please  
bring me and my family and my  
cousin's and my friends a pres-  
ent. And I want a P.S.P. and a wii.  
And my mom needs a job and a  
coat to keep warm.  
Merry Christmas! Ho-Ho-Ho!  
Sincerely, your friend, Israel  
Alegria

Dear Santa,  
I hope your wife is better. How  
are your raindeers doing? Do you  
live in an iglee? I want you to get  
me a dog. Have a nice Christmas!  
Love, Rebekah Garcia

Dear Santa Claus, I wish you  
would bring me a I-dog and a I-  
pod and would you please write  
my name on both surprises? I  
wish you can give work For my  
dad and mom when it's hot days  
and we get to pay everything that  
we have to pay and that we had  
some left over money like about  
one hundred fifty nine dollars. I  
Love you Santa Claus. from Mari-  
bel Ramirez

Dear santa  
How are you doing? How are  
your reindeer and elves? How is  
Mrs. Claus? How long does it take  
you to get from The North Pole to  
My house? This is my christmas  
list. please bring me a speed Bike  
I wish you and Mrs. Claus a very  
beautiful and Merry Christmas.  
You ar nice! Love Omar Salas

Dear Santa,  
I will love a dirt bike and  
4-wheeler. I will love My Mom to  
have a job. So please bring her  
a job. Have a Merry Christmas,  
Santa. From, Julian Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How is everybody?  
I would like for Cristmas a  
lot of Bobble Heads. And I wish  
for peace in the world. I wish  
you and every body a very nice  
Christmas. Love, Myra Prince  
P.S. I wish we had internet.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a four wheeler,  
and a Nintendo D.S. and a P.S.3,  
and a Xbox 360, and a speed  
bike, and an I-dog and a wii. I  
wish everybody a good Chrismas  
Your best friend, Ezequiel More-  
no P.S. Mary Christmas

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How are  
your reindeer and elves? How is  
Mrs Claus? How long does it take  
you to get from the North pole to  
my house? This is my christmac  
list. Please bring me Xbox 360. I  
wish you and Mrs. Claus a very  
nice christmas. From, Edgar Gar-  
cia

### Mrs. Heckathorn-3rd

dear Santa how are you? how  
is Mrs. clause doing? I would like  
a Lego at te, Midnight club Los  
Angeles and the lego Republic  
gunship. sincerely Philip

Dear Santa Claus How are  
you on this fine day how are the  
reindeer and Mrs. Claus and the  
elf's I've been good I once did  
tge dishes by my Self and help  
my mom clean up my room and  
I wanted a Batman action figure  
and Batmobile and I also wanted  
a rubix cube for Christmas thats  
all I want for Christmas  
Sincerely, Gabriel

Dear santa how are your Rein-  
deer and how is Mrs. Claus how  
are you and I now am going to  
tell you what I did to be a good  
girl I helped take care of my little

sister and my little brother and  
pleas give me a pink motor scoo-  
tor that you could sit on and a  
little spa treatment and that is all I  
wand Love aubriana Talamantez

Dear Santa how are you do-  
ing. This year I been good at  
being nice to my sister. How is  
Rudolph doing. It the NorthPole  
cold. I want for Chirmas is to  
help my Mom Pay the bill. I want  
Internet. thaK you for everyting  
Santa Claus. Love Kylie

Dear Santa how are you is  
the raindeers good is rudolph  
good to is Mrs. Claus is good to  
I want three toys please I want  
you no the the horses in the little  
box and I want two of the bar-  
bies that have dogs. I have been  
good. I want dog bones please  
for my dog chico like 5 treats.  
Michele

Dear Santa how are you?  
How's the reindeers are they be-  
ing good? I been trying to be nice.  
And I did my chores without be-  
ing told. And how Mrs. Claus and  
the elfs. Santa can I have a ip-  
hone and a ipod and Thank you  
what for me. Love Nellanie

Dear Santa Now were doing.  
I been good this year. I help my  
mom with my Little Sister. Dear  
Santa this year I will like a dress  
and black shoes. I would like a  
dog with a bone. Could I have a  
laptop. You are a kind man.  
Love Briana

Dear Santa this is James. Is  
your reindeers doing good. Is  
Mrs. Claus doing good. I've been  
doing good stuff this year. I clean  
the livingroom. I have taking care  
of my little sister. This Christmas  
I would like a Spider-Man web  
blaster. And the real Spider-man  
suit that shoots out real web and  
the gloves are real stiky. And a i-  
pod. Sincerely, James

Dear Santa My names Kobe  
how have you been this year  
and how is Mrs. Claus and I have  
been good because I all wase say  
sorry when I do something bad  
all and how is Rudolph and for  
Christmas I would like you to  
bring me a digi and a slime Gun  
and how are the Elves and for  
my dog some chew toys Merry  
Christmas Santa Claus Sincerely  
Kobe

Dear Santa how are you. This  
year I picked up my toys without  
being told. This year I would like  
legos. Merry Christmas from La-  
zaro

Dear Santa how you doing in  
the northpole. Here is how I am  
been good I was nice to my sis-  
ter I help take of my baby bother.  
Sant here what I want to Christ-  
mas a computer game, WWE  
raw shirt. Have a Merry Christ-  
mas. from Gerardo

Dear Santa how are you doing  
i've ben good I have cleaned my  
room with out being told. How  
are the riendeer doing how is  
Mrs. Claus doing and how is ru-  
dolph doing. So can you please  
thriy to give me a bike, skate-  
board, Games. Love Taylor and  
have a Merry Christmas Love you  
Santa and Mrs. Claus By.

Dear Santa how have you  
been and how have you been is  
it a busy week. I help my mom  
some times and I have been try-  
ing to ignore my brother. Dear  
Santa I would like to get an mp3  
and I will also like to get a phone.  
Thank you for all the things you  
gave me. Love Maria

Dear Santa I have been very  
good. how have you been I wish  
you could give me a psp & Xbox  
love Chandler

Dear Santa how have you  
been have you been busy. This  
year I have been good by doing  
my chores with out being told  
and I have been nice to my Sister.  
How is Rudolph. Has the rein-  
deers been good. On Christmas I  
might make cookies for you. For  
Christmas I will want a scooter,  
ipod, computer. Love Viviana

### COES-Mrs. Maddox

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I've been good  
today. You are nice and kind. Are

the elfs working still? Tell the elfs  
good luck! Santa I want wowwe  
alive cubs and thoes puppys that  
swim in pools only one. Santa  
your the best and nice and kind.  
good luck and Merry Chrismas!  
And nice coat and Boots and hat.  
My mom does'nt know how to  
make cookies but she can give  
you milk. So where going to buy  
some.

Sara Cordova

Dear Santa,  
How are you today Santa?  
I've been waiting for chrismas.  
Can you bring me a mp3 player.  
And can you bring my brother an  
xbox? And can you please bring  
my sister a laptop? Please bring  
my brothers a wee? And please  
bring a Laptop?  
Ana Desantiago

Dear Santa,  
I Want a Lincoln park CD and  
I Want a neW bike finally pSp  
game Crashbandacoot and a  
football  
MattheW Villa

Dear Santa,  
I have been nice Can I have  
a Mp4 and a Hannah montana  
camera and how is your rein-  
deers and has your elves been  
good and have you been getting  
leters and pleas Can i have own  
more thange a I pode  
Meaghan Batton

Dear Santa,  
Santa I hope I am on the good  
list and my family my brother  
want a Xbox 360 and my mom  
want a ring and I want my  
Gramnd to come.  
Andy Rosoldo

Dear Santa,  
How are you christmas is com-  
ing up and I realy want a play sta-  
tion and for my grandma a truck.  
And for my brother a I touch. I  
really want a lap top. Grandma  
pomdale realy wants a ice cream  
maker. My brother and me want  
a wii. Santa have you been good  
to the elfs. Have you been good.  
How cold is it up there. Hows  
roof off with the shiny nose.  
Jessica Koff

Dear Santa,  
My sister want Hannah Mon-  
tana and my brother want lor-  
man Hulk glove I wont Tommy  
20 and Ben lo Aliens mix up.  
Luis Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I want 3 wiis for me and my  
sisters and 2 laptop for me and  
my sister Beverly I only need 2 be-  
cause my sister Kimberly already  
has one. And I want a D.S. only  
one because I will share with my  
sister. Now I want a puppy to so  
a puppy was my last gift. Now I  
want to talk about Chrismas how  
is rood-off and are the doing and  
you know I always wanted to go  
to the north pole. Now that was  
all I need to say bye.  
Love: Melody Paz

Dear Santa,  
Will you be mad I ben a little  
bad but I want a psp and a ldog  
My sitter want a Ipod and a Ipod  
touch. We wish you a Merry  
Chrismis pleas dot be mad.  
\*\*\*Hugo Armijo

Dear Santa,  
I want a laptop for Christmas  
My sister want's earrings for  
Christmas My mom want's a cof-  
feemaker My dad want's a guiter  
My little brother want's a timer.  
Adah Andrade

Dear Santa,  
Four christmas I want a play-  
station2. Four christmas I want a  
laptop. I want an I-dog. I want a  
ice cream maker. I want a phone  
four christmas. Four christmas I  
want a guitar. Four christmas I  
wanta an Xbox 360. Santa I want  
a coffee maker. Santa I want a  
Itouch four christmas. Santa I  
want a electric monopoly. Santa I  
want a guitar hero.  
Mario lo Rivera

Dear Santa,  
Want are you boin Santa and  
your efles tonight. Sant I will like  
a I touch and a lap top. And for  
my sister will like a I touch and a  
lap top to. And for my mom she'll  
lik a coffee maker and She'll like  
a bren now car that she loved.  
And for my baby borther any  
kine of toy. And for my two Aunts  
I will like to give them a camera  
touch. And for my Dad I will like  
some tollis.  
Evelyn Villegas

### Mehlenbacher

Dear, santa,  
I had been a good boy this



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year. I want a wii and a icoster and Nerf long Shot. Christmas is my favrit holloday  
your Best friend Elmer Carranza

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am great. Thease are the thangs that I want. D.S. wii. Sochic. Styling Studio.  
Love, Taylor Alexander

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a computr and a bike and a goled ring. Santa I tried my best to be nice. you are nice.  
Love Geovanna Regino

Dear Santa,  
you are nice I want a nintendo D.S. For Christmas are you great I am great How are your rainbers? I will let you some cookies on the tadow.  
your friend Jesus Benitez

Dear Santa,  
You are so nice. I want Some-thing for Christmas. I want a bike for Chrirstmas.  
from Nancy Martinez

Dear Santa, you are nice I've Ben very good and i think i should get presents so I want a Four wheeler and DS game a PsP a X box a batman toys you're friend Clayton Griffin

Dear Santa,  
You are very nice. I want a psp. I want a fourwheeler. I want a x box 3 60 I want a a ex box I love Santa.  
Your friend Austin Revels

Dear Santa  
How are you? I Want A mP3 and Agame called sPiderman and another game suPersmash Brawl from AleXis Arenivar

Dear Santa I wish for a powny. You are nice and I Love Christmas. I wish for a computer and I wish For some Hannah montana stuff. Is mis clause downg good? I Love you. Your the best. I hoPP you are downg good.  
Love, Jade Villarreal

Dear Santa  
I want a nintendo DS. I want X box 360. I want psp. I Love Christmas you are nice. from Kiara RoSado

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
I have been good and what I want for christmas for my nintendo ds and the games are called bolt and madagascare escape to africa and pokemon ranger shad-ows of almia.  
Your friend Dayne Grimaldo

Dear Santa,  
I want a D.S and the game is Kirby super uoch he is the super pick puff. Santa You are very very nice. Christmas is the best day a my life. Love Agustin Resendiz

Dear Santa,  
I really really want a nintendo Ds and bratz to. I want clothes for them. And a Big house. and games for the Ds. the games I want are sponge Bob, Jrack and Fash and bratz. pleas Your friend Allyson Wilkes

Dear Santa  
You are very nice. I can't tell you how good your are. I wan't a nintendo DS with a BoLt game and the Sponge BoB game and then I will have the best Christ- mas ever.  
Love Matthew Rosado

Dear santa,  
I want an D.S because I was good. I want a gameboy. I want two golded neckcles. I want a ring for my Mom. I want a watch for my dad. I want some clothes. I want a computer for Christmas. I want a tellophoe. I Love you so much santa. You are the best.  
Love Vanessa Garcia

Dear Sant  
I want a DX game and a WWe game the game is call Raw v. smake. my friend Jorge Gil

## Mrs. Pollard-3rd

Dear Santa, I want a wii a PsP a xbox 360 a snowboard game for my playstation2 and a coooooool video game for my playstation I want a English bulldog  
love, Eli edgar Barnes

Dear Santa!!!  
Hi Santa!!! My name is Mark Vasquez. I've been very good this year. I help a lot. I do my

chores everyday. I love to help in the kitchen a lot I make tea, lemonade I cook a lot I wash dishes, and put them away. I try to be helpful. I was involved in Operation Christmas. We filled shoeboxes with toys, candy, soap with washcloths, pencils, I notebook, markers, underwear, socks, but most importantly a note. For Christmas I want a 1. playstation3 for games 2. MX. VS.ATV UNLEASHED, Midnight Club LOS Angeles. Love, Mark

Dear Santa  
Hello My name is David Agu-irre. I been doing great this year I am helping my mom cleaning and I just wanted to see how Mrs. claus and the Elves are doing and tell them I realy love and I been listening to My teacher and my mom and I am doing good at School. And Santa hear are the three things. 1. New Monoply board Game 2. Rock band 2 3. Nitendo wii Thank you Santa Claus I love you very much.

Dear Santa  
How are you and Ms. Clause and the elves doing. I'm not proud of what I did will you forgive me. Please can I have a playstation3 and spiderman3 and grandtheft autos and dres. love robert by sahta

Dear Santa, I hope you and Mrs. Claws have a good christ- mas. this year I would like to have two things. The first thing would be a new swimming pool and the second thing would be a new pare of ear phopes for my ipod. Yes I ben good because when my parents say clean my room I clean my room and I also help my parents do dishes, laun- drey, clean the house and make bed's. sencerly,  
Danielle Rennalds

Dear. Santa Clous  
Merry Christmas how are you and Mis Santa, Clous doing are your elves working hard. I try to help my mom to wash the dishes and brum and make the bed's and take care of my little sister. If you cood bring me a wii and a DS and the game of Hellow Kitte to play it with the DS. Love, Ya- neth Bedolla To. Santa Clous

Dear Santa, how are you and your elves doins. I have been So good with Helping my ParentS Cleaning the house and wash- ing the car. I also take care of my baby chicken. I hope you bring me Some cobl stuff this year hear are some things that I woub like a mangoose bike, a some bMx gear, a Playstashain controlier  
Love Michael Rothenhoefer

Dear santa  
How are things going at the North pole? I would like some pink flower sicker for my helmet, a Jonas Brother CD, and a guitar.  
Love, Katie Whited P.S. Tell Mrs. Claus hello for me.

Are you getting ready for Christmas? Because I have been good this year, I wash the dish- ish, and help my mom take care of my baby brouther. I will like to have a Nintendo D.S., A trampolin, A bike. Thank you for evything. Love, Maria Villeda

Dear Santa! My name is Eric Geronimo how are your elves and Mrs. Santa doing in the Factoria but I have been helping my mom broom my room. I want 1. Pipstick 2. biversP3. Some games of cars. thank you Santa  
love Eric Geranimo

Dear Santa, how have your rain Deer and your elfs doing. I been helping my mom drying the dishes and cleaning my bath- room. and what I what from you is a Hannah montana Set and I want a bike and I want a couple of PuZZles for christmas Happy merry christmas From: Kelly for: Santa clouse

Dear Santa I hope you are not busy with your elves because it is almost time for Christmas. I want- ed to ask you how are you doing. I think santa is in good shape still. I was wondering if Santa can aford a bike. My dad keeps telling me that he is going to buy at first I believe him but, now I don't believe him. So if santa can please buy me a bike than all try my very very best in school and try to be a good student.  
P.S. have a very very nice Christmas.  
love, Alan Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus, are you and miss Claus getting ready for Merry Christmas. I hope I see one of your raindears this year. I

want a PSP and a Xbox 360 and also a fourwheeler for Christmas because I have been good cause I gave food to the dogs When my mom told me to do it I Love Merry Christmas because We get presents. Thank for the presents.  
LoVe Eduardo Gomez

Dear Santa, How are you Are you and miss close getting read. I helped my mom with the dishes and helped dad with the trash. Santa can you give me a for wheeles and a ds and a game cool ones. Love Latsavis

Dear Santa, how are you and Mrs. Claus. I hope you and your elfes are working hard to make toys for us. Do you know what I want I want a PSP, bike and a play station2. Do you know what I'm doing I am doing great I am helping my mom do dishes, clean the bathroom keep my room clean and help my mom take care of my baby sister.  
Love, Jeremiah Garcia

Dear Sant, Merry Christmas! My name is Leslie Rubira are you getting ready for Christmas? Well if you are I am to so are you and Miss, Clous, Vinadedra, elf- ives fine I hope so Sant Claus I've been a good girl I help my mom, dad I help my mom with dich my dad wash the car so what I want for Christmas is: \* idog, \* ipod\* wil Love Leslie Rubira

Dear Santa,  
I want a laptop for Christmas. So that I could send messages to my Best friends. I want it to be blue or, pink. I've been good all year. How are you doing? What is the weather like over there?  
Love Ruby

Dear Santa, I wanted a car for my brother and for me and want a camera for my sister and I want an Xbox 360 and a plapstation and games to play the playsta- tion and a game I want is sonic vs mario and a Wii and I want a gameboy and a gameboy for my brother and I want money for I can buy stuf and a game called Wall.E and I a toy called eye clops and I want a powerweel and a toy called TRI-BOT for I can play and I want a lot of candy for me and my brother and I want a game called Raw vs Smack down and thats all I wanted. Love Ivan

Dear Santa, for Christmas I want a pink DS please. I want a blue PSp for my little brother please. I want a X-box 360 for my brother please. I want a four- weeler for my brother, for Ruby she wants a laptop and I want a laptop too. I want some clothes and some shoes for I can wear. for Christmas I want a cellphone. Christmas is the best best holi- day. Merry Christmas LOVE  
ISCEI Gomez

Dear Santa, Could I please have a nintendo D.S and a laptop and a X-box3 60 and last of all a horse and a dolphin. I want it because I want it my whole life. Thank you Love Joshua

Dear Santa, how are you doing I am good how are the rain- deer so I wan't a psp for Christ- mas and waned a alive baby I wish to see you if you come to my house do you like to fish I do please come and bring a lot of prpp please I wan't to see your raindeer. love, tatianna

Dear Santa, for christmas I want a wii, another psp, and a ps3. I want this stuff cause their cool. For the wii I want call of Duty world at war. For Christmas I also want a ipod. For christmas I want a rifle. For the wii I want Sarwars the force unleshed.  
Love Neydel Rego

Dear Santa I am doing good and can I have a four wheeler for christmas. and the Elimination chamber, and the raw arena. and a IPod. and Call of duty world at war playstation2. and a golden neckles that is big and heavy. and a wii. and a tennis game for the wii.  
From Benjamin to Santa

Dear Santa, I whan a wii for christmas. and for my baby cousin a litt swing set. For my litt sister Brook a litt pony for Christmas. and for My litt Sister Mia a litt mouckey and one mor thing me and my Sister Chaoya ltingdis. P.S. Your red nos roder rowdoff wouh his he doing bad or good crouw. Love Alexsis

Dear Santa, i want for Christ- mas a PlayStation2 and a PsP with some games. I want a Xbox 360 and the game transformers

game and starwars games. I want a four wheeler and a Playstation3 and a pet dog and a wii.  
Love Markquis Skervin

Dear Santa,  
I am doing very, very good, and I would like games called Bolt (for DS) Sonic Unleashed (PS2) Daxter (PSP) Sim2 2 cast- away (DS) memory card (for PsP) Star Wars force unleashed (for PS2) A wii Xbox 360 PS3 and A Star Wars the clone Wars (for DS). love: Kinsey

Dear Santa,  
i love Christmas That when my Dad comes to LaBell n i love like you Santa and you give me So much prisent and i love that and i want a gameboy and a wii Some people Say that is cool and a ituch or a red or black blueberry to call my mom or my family and my friend to and I do believe in you and i love my sister and i co not to feel mad and you Should give her one too and i wont a pespe it will be fun and i would shere and a pone a cd player of Hanna montna with some High School mucicle Love Emily

Dear Santa, I wish for a bike and a wii I also want to have a good Christmas. I amlistening in class a lot. Can you tell rodaph hi for me. I wish I can also get good grades for 3 grade. I also can't wait for my field trip it is the first one. I also wish to see you to. Love: Jailine

Dear Santa for ChristMas I want a trampoline and a Hannah Montana toy and a Wii and a sunglass Newskechers and a XboX and a SMarboard and games for the Xbox. from Monica to Santa

Dear Santa  
for Christmas I want a laptop. or a good thing that I would like. And some clothes to wear. Or a Ipod or a IPhone. I would want an Xbox 360 and a Playystation2. I would like a room and a bed. I like Christmas because it is Jesus birthday and they give us Present's. I am thankful for having Present's. Santa I am thankful you giving me Present  
Love Priscila ho ho ho  
Merry Christmas

Dear SANTA, I would like you to whisper what you will bring to me tell me if you can. I would like a cat, a supply of laptops, and all magic treehouse books. Bring me to your workshop so the elves would let me choose something. When I chose some- thing take me for a ride around your entire nation. I would like to have a snowball fight with you. And then after the snowball fight we would build a snowman. And then after the snowman you would take me home. Then when I get home I would climb into bed and doze to wait for you again. Sincerely, Alberto

## Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Timpner

Dear Santa,  
Please help all of the children that are poor, and my grandma and my family. Please help them. I want a cupcake maker for Christmas and a iPod. Love Kayla Davis Thank you.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please help my baby sister. She is very sick. Can you help my dad be with me. Please let my grandpa get better from her leg. Please get me a go- cart. Please get me the Bratz doll. Thank you. Jaqueline Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
My grandma is at the doctors. My uncle is in the army. Please take care of them. I want a psp and a DS and a new wii game. Please and thank you Santa. My cousin wants a new game for her DS, and a toy for my cousin Cryst- al. Thank you. Austin Bell

Dear Santa,  
PleaSe help my grandma to come to Florida and all my fam- ily in Mexico to come to Florida. Please give me a Xbox and give my brother a bicycle and Thank you Santa for help me and my family and I Love You.  
Kevin Mancilla

Dear Santa,  
How are you this year? Please buy my mom some cleaning supplies. And my dad some fish- ing supplies, and my brother well I don't know what he wants probably toy cars. Bryce some posters he really wants a couple of posters.  
Can you get me something like an i-pod or a wii or a couple

of things. Please get my teachers some school supplies.

Thank you!  
Novie Kohutek

Dear Santa,  
Please help my dad. He is in the hospital and my teacher. She have a broke lag. Thank You.  
Ian Jobson

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Can you please help my uncle. He's at war? far far away. Thank you, Santa Claus. Can I please have a laptop?  
Thank you, Santa Chelby Vil- lanueva

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am good two see you Santa. You are nise and I want a game, a computer and a dog. Thank you Santa  
Jose Olvera

Dear Santa,  
Please help my mom to get better Santa. Please I want my mom to get better, and my dad to get a job. Please give me some toys for me and my little brother and give my aunt Arianna an Ipod and a videogame and a playstation.

Thank you! Jorge Menjibar

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please help my best friend because she sliped at the store and she a bruise. I want to get some chocolates for her. I want a barbie for my cousin and I want to get a cupcake maker for Christmas. I want to get some chocolates for my family and my cousins. Thank you Santa  
Stephanie Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please help my dad before Christmas. Can you plcase get me a game. Thank you  
David Mar

Dear Santa,  
Please can you help Mrs. Timpnrs foot feel beter so she will feel beter now. Will you do that. Please and thank you for the presents last year and for this. I will want to get a Incredible Hulk video game for Xbox 360 and I want gears of war 2 Special ed- tion thank you.  
Timmy Lawton

Dear Santa,  
Please help my daddy beause he is sick. Can I have a toye for Christmas please. And help my teacher Mrs. Timpner and her leg.  
Thank you. Dedrick McClain

Dear Santa,  
He are you? Please help are family. My sister is sick. Mrs. Timpner need help on her foot. I want a Xbox 360 an playastash- in3 an gamicude Thank You.  
Brandon Stanford

Dear Santa,  
The gresits that you have gave me are very good and I want a baitbox with bait in it glease and a fishing pole. And please help Mrs. Timpnrs foot.  
Thank you Easton Rodinson

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please help my grandma because she is sick. She is in the hospital. They operated her. Thank you Santa.  
Leily Lopez-Ramos

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Please help my brother and my sister and my grandma and my grandpa. Please help my family. Mrs. Timpner's leg beause she drop.  
Thank you. Karla Morales

Dear Santa,  
Please help my Dad be more time with me. Please help my brother get some things for Christmas. Please help me get more things of Hannah Montana. Thank you santa. Have a good Christmas. Jenny Perez

## Reukauf-3rd

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you make lotes of toys. How is Mr.S. ClauS doing? I was hoping That you would go to the North pole. I am doing better in School. My teacher is working hard. She has been grading stacks of pa- pers. Wen She is dun She is tired at the end of the day. The Class is egsosted! Make Shureyou daliver gifts to everY house in the city. Make Shure the elves work VerY hard this year. Make Shure ro- dophs nose is very red. I would like a mpB Player + a labtop + a wil. Marry Christmass from  
Tyler Banning

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Dear Santa,  
How are you? I Wonder how Mrs. Claus is doing. I help Rod- olph and the other reindeer are ready for the big trip on Christ- mas eve. I wish Santa Claus can give gifts to the Poor people that has no money. Some people that is poor might have no family or no house. If the children don't have food I give them some of my food. Like my friend is poor but I give her some of my food.  
Merry Christmas  
Love, Alainna Yelling

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus duwing, RudolPh has a nis nows, I's like brit nice lite and the Other rein- deer The elves must have made A Iote of toys. Then I love sci- ence, and you not ceting. I ben- cindu good and bad a littel bet. Then I will help my naber Mr. Falde he liks Play golf. I will go two my frends. Then we eat diner inside. Ket contherble and we go relax. Then we go two slep and drem of Santa Claus coming at nite. Merry Christmas  
Love Frankie Santiago

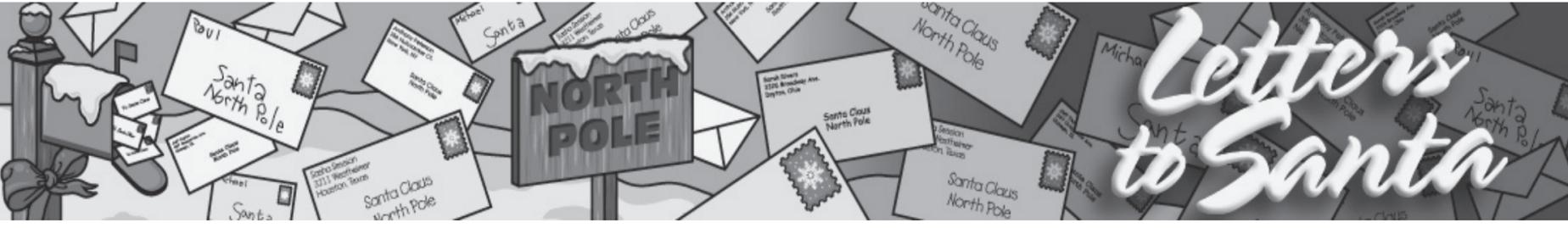
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is all the kids doing good? I hope every kid has a good Merry Christmas and gets lost of presents. Santa are you ready to deliver the pres- ents and is Rudolph the reindeer ready to fly in the sky? I hope evyone gets a presents and has a good Merry Christmas. Make sure you give bling to Mrs. Reu- kauf the queen. And take care of the poor people and I hope to go to college and get a good job. Are the elves wroking hard and trying to do there best? Happy Merry Christmas. I will try to do my best in school.  
Love, Guadalupe Soto

Dear Santa,  
How is it going? I hope Mrs. Claus is doing well. I hope Ru- dolph is doing his best with all his hard work. Are the elves hav- ing fun with there work? Are the elves making some tech. toys for my teacher? Is the technology going to be fun? I hope it would. How long does it takes to go around the earth on your sleigh? Just incase you do not make it to the poor. I hope they would be happy with there presents. I hope every one will have a Merry Christmas. Plus I wish everyone luck for what they want. I wish for a star wars game, a zero Grav- ity Micro, toy dragon.  
Merry Christmas  
Love, Nicholas Castillo

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa is Mrs. Claus fine? I hope she is fine. Is she having a great day of the month Dec. and is she ready for christmas? Is Ru- dolph and the reindeer in good shape? Are the elves working hard on those toys for the kids? In school my teacher grades a lot of big stacks of paper, but when she finishes them she is tiered. This is what I want for Christmas, a laptop, truckload of bling and warm fluffy boots. Please take care of the poor.  
Love, Selena Acosta

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? How is all the reindeer and animals doing? Is everybody feeling good? I hope you and ev- eryone else are in good shape. Are the elves working hard? Do they also get to relax? I hope they get enough sleep. Make sure they are healthy. I hope you get some sleep too! I have been doing good in school. I'm doing a very good job in hand writing. I hope I don't have to have a boring Christ- mas. I like spelling and reading. Do you have enough things to make the toys with? Now this is what I want for Christmas. I want a i pod, a wii, and a high school musical Troy doll. Make sure the poor little and big kids get a well Merry Christmas. Also let the adults have a well Merry Christmas. Have a Merry Christ- mas Santa! Love, Alondra Reyna

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I hope you are okay and Mrs. Claus is kenof okay and the other rain- deers. I hope they are all okay. I hope the elves are all okay they must be working very hard. I hope they get a lot of sleep when they finish there work. You proba- bly want to get your stuff ready for Christmas For Christmas I want a psp and a ipod and awill. Give the poor people presents to they need love.  
I am doing great at school. My favorite subject is science.



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Don't to give out presents on Christmas.  
Love  
Juan Zamora

Dear Santa,  
Is Mrs. Claus ok, and all the reindeer? How are you? Is Rudolph going to lead the sleigh? Is the elves at work? I bet the elves make the best toys in the world. Please wish them a Merry Christmas. I'm doing great at school. We are working on suffixes and prefixes. We are also working on 6, 7 and 9 time tables. I'm learning a lot of math. I would like a new hamster, wii and Olive Garden give certificate. Please bring the poor people gifts to, do not bring me gifts if you have to. Please bring gifts to the older people to, thank you Santa.  
Merry Christmas Love,  
Kaitlyn Dean

Dear Santa,  
How are you? and How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer. How are the elves? are they making toys for the boys & girls I am doing very good in Writing and spelling and my best is math and reading. I will want a PresentS It Will be a Wil and a DS and 2 games. and I will Love to have 1 dog and cat.  
Merry Christmas Love Michelle

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is Mrs. Claus helping the elves? Is Rudolph and the other reindeer getting the right amount of food? How are the elves doing? Are they making littlest pet shop toys? I love lps toys! I have 19 toys in all. I'm doing well in school. I got strait A's on my reportcard. My favorite subject is Math. The toys I want are: LPS gym, LPS toy and a bling set. Please take care of the poor. If there is some toys left gife them to the poor children. Love,  
Margie Pardo P.S. Merry Cristmas

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope Rudolph and his reindeer are in shape. How are the elves probably busy making toys I LOVE tech. toys. By the way, I'm making saight A's in school My hand writing is getting better. I just have a little trouble in times tables. For Christmas I want a phone, a little football, and a wii. And for the poor they need money, toys, and our love. Some of my favorite subjects in school are Reading, Math, and AR. Merry Cristmas Your friend,  
Josh Miller P.S. Rudolph is my favorite reindeer

Dear Santa,  
Are you doing well? Is Mrs. Claus doing well in the North Pole? Is the reindeer are doing well in the North Pole. Are the elves working very head in the North Pole? Is the toys technology because I love technoloy toys and my class too. And tchnoloy toy some thing that my Dad like too. In school I'am improving in school because it is on my paper. In school have a good hand writing in school so in home work. And I have a diPloma in school. Well I have a spelling in school. And I wil like a big tree for christmas. And I will like a doll too, and a laptop. And I like you. Please give some kids toys.  
Merry Christmas! Love  
Ella Pierre-Louis

Dear Santa,  
How How How all kinds have a good Christmas. Is Mrs. Claus having a good Christmas. Is Mrs. Claus happy because is Christmas. Mrs. Claus is happy to see Santa. For Christmsa people get gifts. for Christmsa I'm going to get a bike. Poor people need to get gifts for Christmas. I do not no what is my mom and dad is going to get. In the north pool Santa Live. I can not Live in the north Pool. Some people go to the north pool is Santa. I will neve go to the north pool. Santa write the good people. In the good people get gift. in bad people he does not write the name. I might get my namy in the list. Santa does the elves look the same? there are a lot s of elves in Christmas. are elves small Santa? elves has the same close. Merry Christmas  
Love Nicolas Serrano

Dear Santa,  
How have you and Mrs. Claus doing? I am sorry for being mean to my brothers and sister. I had a 100 on a reading test. I am reading chapter books and Sunshine State books. I want a Spy Gear, Shotgun (Nerf), and a Hornet Nerf and all the collection of the books Marvin Redpost. Love,  
Jose Espinoza

Dear Santa,  
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Love, Steven Calderon

### Mrs. Sherrod

Dear Santa,  
Are you doing good? How about Mrs. Claus, is she doing OK? I hope this will be the best Christmas ever! I'm sorry I've been bad to my sister. I help around the house, Papa's, the farm, and Plant City. I want a new BB gun, the (Nerf) Vulcan, and the Nerf video game. Please get me all this stuff. I liked last Christmas. It was awesome! I liked my old Remote control boat, but it broke.  
Love, Jaxon M. Purvis P.S. You're the best!

Dear Santa, I can't believe it has already been a year since last Christmas. My sister and I got one year older. I thought I was good this year. Christmas is my favorite time of the year because baby Jesus was born. Every year you must have fun flying around the world. Have fun this year delivering toys. For My family to have the best Christmas ever and I want a new hockey stick please.  
Sincerely, Caleb Stitt

Dear Santa Claus,  
How have Mrs. Claus? Do you have Rudolph the red nose reindeer? How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I am sorry that my homework was not done. This Chistmas is going to be the best of all the seasons and it is God's birtday this week. How old is he going to be? Do you no what Santa Clause or Mrs. Clause what about your elves or rudolph your red nose reindeer? I hope you are going to bring me a green machine and the Starwars battlefront for my psp. How many elves do you have?  
Sincerely, Pedro Rangel, Jr.

Dear Santa,  
How have you been Santa Claus? Is is snowy at the North Pole? Do you have many presents? Is your Mrs. Claus is o.k.? I was good at my brother and sister. I was good helping my dad. I was good feeding my dog Copper. My mathy test was awesome! This Christmas I would really like a Wii and a real guitar and a blob for Wii. Thank you for getting me a Wii.  
Sincerely, Enrique Gonzalez

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing to day? Santa does it Snow in the North pole right now? How is Mrs. Claus and the elf's and the riendeers doing? I Hope you Have a wonderful Christmas this year. and tell the elf's that I wan't a Skateboard for Christmas and I won't HannaH Montana Stough this year. Stanta Claus and Have a good year this Christmas. And I Hope you like my cookies and milk that I am going to give you this year. and I am are ready Super reader 4 and I can't what to get another Piece of paper and necklace and I am all ready one my sixes and I wan't to pass to my seves and I won't to have a good Christmas This year in my new House I Just can't what to Chirsmas and when my Brothers Baby gets here  
Love, Alyssa Torres

Dear Santa,  
How have you and Mrs. Claus been? I hope the reindeer still haven't been teasing RudolPh. I have been a little bad, but I am sorry about that. But my brother has been really mean to me. I made straight A's and went to the A honor roll. This Christmas I would like a shotgun Airsoft gun, Call of Duty 5, and a 20 gage shotgun. Thank you for all of the stuff from last year.  
Love, Jason Mathis

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Love, Kassidy Redish

Dear Santa, How have you been? Are the reindeer ok? Does it snow a lot in the North Pole? Are the elves doing ok? I hope tehene not to tired to build toys. I have been very good this year. I was mean to my sister, but I help my mom with the laundry. This Christmas I would realy like a Taylor swift cD and a new my little Pony castle and a dog. Thank you, and I will make you cookies and milk.  
Love, Melanie Garza

Dear Santa Claus,  
HOw have you been? Are you having fun at the Northpole? Are the elves making a lot of toys? I feel like you are leaving me lots of presents. I love Christmas. I've been good this year. I'd like new Super Mario Bros. and thank you. I enjoyed the presents from last year. Maybe I am giving cookies.  
Love, Abby Sigala Luna

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer doing? Hopefully you are doing good. I am. Has it ben snowing a lot? I'm sorry but I've been a bad boy a little to my brothers and sisters. So now I'll start being a lot nicer. So I get I'll start off saying I've had a good year. So now I'm going to be a good boy. I'll tell you I love to read. Santa a lot. This Christmas I would really lik a cD from Taylor Swift. I love her songs a lot. Next I want a IPod. and last but not least a forwheeler.  
Love, Christian Guijosa

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing now Santa? How are the reindeer doing up North? How are Mis. Claus doing up North now? It is Snow so much up North now? How is the elf doing up North now? I wish that it the best Christmas ever. I am sorry I be bad to my brothers. I help my mom wash the dish everyday. I like Christmas so much? I wish that you come to my house. I like the toy you dring last christmas. I safe the toy that I got last Christmas? I wish I had a skateboard, a dog or a bike.  
Love, Dianca Alvarez

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I am sorry for being mean to my brothers and sister. I had a 100 on a reading test. I am reading chapter books and Sunshine State books. I want a Spy Gear, Shotgun (Nerf), and a Hornet Nerf and all the collection of the books Marvin Redpost. Love,  
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Sincerely, Love,  
Darren Ethridge.

Dear Santa  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer and the elves and Rudolph? Are they doing very good? I hope they are. I am very sorry for being mean to my little brother. I obey my mom when she needs my help. When she tells me to clean my room. I do it. I am very sorry for being bad. Santa Claus I hope you can give me this. A little teddy bear and a good Christmas. When you come there will be some hot milk and some cookies all for You.  
Love You, Brianna Cardenas  
Thank you.

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you Santa Claus? I bet you are Looking at naughty list or good list. I've been good this year. In my A.D. I make A.R. Shining Star. Christmas is my favorite holiday. I will maybe get you Cookies. Please give me a book or something. Merry Christmas  
Love, Julian Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa how are you and everyone else doing? Santa dose it Snow at the North Pole? Santa I wish I could See you and the raindeers in Person. Well I'm Sorry I been very mean to my brothers and sisters. Will you for give me Please, and get what I want? I been very good, but I help my Parentws work and sometimes clean the house. I have a realy nice teacher that teaches good. I got A.B honor roll last Semester. But I didn't get A.B honor roll on my progress report. I've been reading more Picture books then ChaPter books. I'm not gona lie to you. Some People don't bealive in You, but I do. Now I'm going to tell you what I want. I would like an IPod, Des, High School Music movie. Thank you very very much for last years Presents, and this years Presents. I hope You and everyone else have a nice Chrismas this year. I'm going to give you Cookies and milk. MERRY CHRISTMAS.  
Sincerely, Lizbeth Paniagua

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Ciara. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I imagine that you and your elves are very busy this time of year. I have been good this year as you already know. I help my brother read his A.R. book. I feed all of our animals in the house all the animals are 3 dogs, 2 fish, comilon, berdid dragon, aguana, and

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Love, Kara Dawn Alexander

Dear Santa Claus  
Hello, my name is Diana. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I think you and your elves are working hard. I've been good this year because I wash my cloeths, help my mom in the kichen, and feed my baby brother everyday. This year I think I would like to ask for these things: 1. Nintendo DS-

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**Mrs. Sutton**  
Dear Santa Claus  
How are you and, Mrs. Claus, with the elves? I know I am good, just that I sleep to much, don't squish me while I'm sleeping. I help my mom pick up trash, wash dishes, fix my bed. Here is a list of things I would tell you if you can give me. 1. Nintendo Ds-Pink. 2. Slushy maker 3. A swim to my Puppy. Thank you for Presents and have a wonderful Christmas.  
Love, Emily Juarez

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Miss Santa Claus and elfs My name is Cristian. I've ben good some time. I ben bad mos of the time. I wish for a fourwheeler and Playstation3. and a other four wheeler. And Merry Christmas  
Love Cristian  
Dear Santa,  
Hellow Im Ivan Espinoza How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good all year I help walk my dogs, I clean my room, I hele clean sometimes. I have been a little bab sorry! These are something I want for Christmas  
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Best wishes Marry Christmas  
Oh Oh Oh Zeida

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**BUCKHEAD RIDGE - 2** Story, 3BR, 2BA, Screen Porch, Hot Tub, W.D, \$850 mo. Call for info. 863-634-5236

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**Houses - Rent 0930**  
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# Enterprise-Rent-A-Car employees volunteer at soup kitchen

FORT MYERS—Employees of Enterprise-Rent-A-Car volunteered at Community Cooperative Ministries' Soup Kitchen, assisting with serving meals and other tasks. Community Cooperative Ministries' is a United Way Partner Agency, and companies such as Enterprise-Rent-A-Car give back to the community through volunteer projects coordinated by the United Way.

"Enterprise-Rent-A-Car and our employees believe in giving back to the community where we live and work. We want to do everything we can to help agencies such as CCMI stretch their resources when so many people need their assistance. Our reward is seeing people receive the meal they need, and knowing we have made at least a small difference in someone's life," said Robert Wil-

son, Vice President/General Manager of Enterprise-Rent-A-Car. Wilson is a United Way board member.

Enterprise-Rent-A-Car supplied the food that was served by ten of their employees.

The United Way Volunteer Center connects individuals and companies to volunteer opportunities throughout our community. You can reach The United Way Volunteer Center by calling 433-3900 or by dialing 211. United Way 211 also connects Lee, Hendry and Glades residents with caring, trained specialists, who will match their needs with local human services or volunteer opportunities. Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, United Way 211 is an integral component of our community's social service infrastructure.



Submitted photo  
**Rob Wilson, Dave Scerbo, Chris Lamb, Austin Peterson, Dominique Stokes, Matt Pethers, Melissa Hauck, Jen McGrath, Kim Rider & Dena Garrett.**

# Be Healthy, Be Happy! Healthy eating during the Holidays

By Brenda Barnes

Nibble here -- nibble there -- nibble-nibble everywhere! The holiday season gives us plenty of opportunities to nibble on all sorts of goodies. You might be baking cookies, making candy, or cooking a complete holiday meal, but please remember that each time you "taste" something, those are added calories. Calories may be the last thing that you want to hear about just before the big holiday, but a nibble here and a nibble there will add up to a lot of extra calories before you realize it. It's okay to eat some of your favorite foods during the holiday season, but try not to go overboard. Try to plan ahead. Decide what foods are your favorites and what foods you can do without. Don't be afraid to say "no". If your Mom or Grandmother begs you to try all of their hearty dishes, just tell them that you want to save your taste buds for your favorites. Don't skip meals! You need to keep your body satisfied so that you don't over indulge at the end of the day. Drink plenty of water and munch on something healthy before starting to cook or before attending any parties. Try to keep yourself busy by talking with family and friends instead of focusing on the table full of goodies. If you do happen to splurge one day, it doesn't have to sabotage your entire holiday healthy eating plan. Accept the choices that you made and start fresh the next day without feeling guilty and give it your



**Brenda Barnes**

best. Happy Holidays and remember, be healthy and be happy!

\* Brenda Barnes is the Public Information Officer and Planning Consultant for the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments. If you would like to read an article about a particular health topic, please call 863-674-4047, extension 126)

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## Santa visits!

Submitted photo/Teresa Chandler  
**Children in LaBelle visited Santa Claus at Seacoast National Bank on Dec 18. Children received a "free" family photo and refreshments. Over 70 children came to tell Santa their Christmas wishes!**

## Briefs

### "Relay for Life" Golf Tournament

On Saturday, January 31, there will be a Golf Scramble to benefit "Relay for Life." The tournament will be

held at "The Glades" on Route #80 East with a "shotgun start" at 8:30 a.m. The format will be 4 person teams in three categories - men's women's and mixed. The cost is \$40 per person (includes cart), and advanced reservations are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams, nearest to pins and long drives, etc.

There will also be a raffle featuring terrific prizes donated by area businesses. Cash and prize donations, as well as hole sponsorship (\$100/hole) would be very much appreciated.

For more information and/or to reserve a spot, call 517-2377 and 675-3825.

## Letters

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1. Pink 2. i-pod-Blue 3. lap top-Pink Thank you for all your hardwork and have a great Merry Christmas.

Love, Diana Espinoza

Dearest Santa.

Hello, my name is Areli. And I wonder how you and Mrs. Claus and the elves are doing. And I'm trying to work hard at mathamatices I'm not really good at them. And I hope your having a good time and sweet dreams. And I hope you bring the things that I want for Christmas. And I hope your having a good time in the snow. And even at home. 1. Something special for my best mom. 2. A bike 3. And a big pool. Love Areli Happy Christmas

Dear Santa,

How are you, and Mrs. Claus doing? Are the raindeer ready to fly? Are the elves finishing up the toys. I know that I've did some bad things this year, but would you forgive me. I'm going to write the top 3 presents under the sentence. 1. a bike 2. Pixos and 3. an Easel. One more question. Why don't you wrap your presents? Love, Emma Bridwell

Dear Santa how are you and Mrs. Claus doing in the North Pole this is what I want for Christmas a PSP a fourwheeler and a PlayStation3 and a Xbox 360 and a Nintendo ds and a bike and a Nintendo wii.

Happy Holidays RaYmond

Hi my name is David I'm trying to be a good person, but I've doen one bad thing thiS year and that bad thing is I didn't go to sleep when my mom tells me to. Santa and Mrs. Claus How are you doing. I bet your very busy this year, but I Just wanted to tell you wat I want for Christmas this year and what I want is a Nintendo wii a smackdown VS raw 2008 game and a labtobe and thats what I want for Christmas this year by.

love David #7

Dear Santa, My name is Kayla Hood and I don't think I have ben a good girl but pleas don't be mad Santa and how have you ben are the raindeer doing good and how is the elves doing. Do you like cookies and milk I do. This year I would like to ask you for three things but I have more than three. 1. Ipod 2. That glitter nail thing 3. heelies I love you Santa and have a good year Love Kayla XOXOXO

Dear Santa

How are you and Miss Claus doing. I bet that you and your

elves are doing hard work. I know that I haven't been very good but now Im doing better So these are the things That I want for Christmas 1. SPA Kit 2. MAIRO Game for my nintendo D.S 3. I-Pod touch ThankYou for all of your hard work and have a Merry Christmas! happy! holidays! Maggie

### Mrs. Williams 2nd Grade

Dear santa

I always help my mom in the Kichen. I broom the flor and I wash my dads dishes. I even do eVery thing my brother ses. Santa can I have a new game for crismas. And for crismas pleas con you bring me a new rimot canchrol car. Can you bring my mom and dad a love note. Thanks Santa we all love you. Love Esdiel

To Senta Clows.

I hade a good repot card that hade a b cs on it. I love Senta-clows and ples brening me and my brathers a lots of toys. One I wownt a pesp. Two for my baby brather he wons a 4-Wleear a smaller one. Three My Big brather he wowns clows. love Davian

Dear Santa.

I helP my mom And my teacher Says I'm good and for You To goen me adsl cud goen me the DS I my And Some Bate I wc vene HaPPfen You and my Srse Wusa little Dog My little Wus a Cra Frome Kati

Dear santa,

I have bin good this hole year except for togay. So if you can fir-give me i promises to be good every day. I hope you give me a pennel that is for riting neet and drawing

cool. I would be so happ if you can bring my uncul a play sashan 2 and my dad a hoov move.

from Zion

Dear Santa

I bin rily good. Last week I went to the AB hanrl at my skoot It was fun! Even I help my mom clean my room. And I bin a good brothr. Can I please get me a wii and a motric please. Love Ricardo From Ricardo To Santa

Dear santa

I had bin on my best behavior. Can I please have a wii. I would be so happy if I had some new shoes. Can you please get me and my brother have our own gameboys. May I please have more new games for my game stashin.

from: Ben

Dear Santa

I've been good this year. I help my mother clean the house. I want a p.s.p. please could you give me a wii por fa bor could. You lovely give my brother a Ds please.

from Omar

Dear Santa

I've have ben good at my house. I helped my mom clean the car yesterday. At home I clean my room. Santa could you give me a ipod. Santa please could you give my baby brother some new shoes and new clean clothe. Santa it wud be nice if you give my brothe a ultra dinosaur.

your friend Alejandro

Der santa

I awas do my home werk I whont a foltwelr Ples geV me a dog. Ples gev me a wii. Ples get me a Dore The Explor haisi Ples get me a Bieb.

Love Lliana Ibarra

**Wednesday December 24th  
6:30 pm in Barron Park  
Christmas Eve Praise & Worship  
Led by Pastor Jay Goforth of Healing Waters**  
*In case of rain or snow the service will be held at Community Christian School at 6:30pm*

**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2:11-13**

Dear Santa  
I was bin good this week. can you bring me a psp. Santa can you bring me a play stashion. can you bring me a Xbox 360. Santa can you bring me a wii. Santa can you bring me a compured. I Love Santa to bring me a gameboy.  
Love Javer

Dear Santa  
I helpt my mom with the dishes. And I do my hamewrak every day. Santa can you bring me a doll hals and Santa I will Love to gitt a wii plese. And Santa I will Love to Dese games plesse Santa.  
Love Sherrie

Dear Santa  
I want a mp3plaer and a ipod a baby a live goes to pody how adoat a toy mostayn for my brother and a dionosor for my other little brother. And a modersckl for my big brother. And a ipod for my sister. I was very good Santa I got good grades on my reoport card I helped my mom clean the house and I thank you for the presents.  
love Veronica

Dear Santa Clous  
I have bin good his year santa clous and i bin helping my mother all the days. And in school i bin good. Santa please bring me a hoplecter. Santa could you please give me a mottcikle with a rezmot cunthrol.  
Jr-17

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3/2 - 1 car. S. Edgewater \$625/mo  
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2/2 - On Albany Rd - new carpet/vinyl & paint inside/out - \$625/mo

**COMMERCIAL LOT (C-1), 1+/- AC. SR 29 S. Close to an area of proposed development \$195,000. Seller Financing. Broker/owner**

**CONVENIENCE STORE** (formerly Circle K) with beer and wine license. Conveniently located on busy Cowboy Way Corner. \$399,000

**SELLER FINANCING, INCOME PROPERTY**, 18 mobile homes and store/laundry off Cowboy Way, on Alice St. \$997,500. Possible Lease/Purchase

**51.28 ACRES** east of LaBelle on Al Don Farming Rd. Secluded and heavily wooded. \$7,000 per acre. Seller Financing.

**14+ ACRES**, Busy intersection in N. Ft. Myers. SE corner of I-75 and Bayshore Rd. Popash Creek runs thru site to river. \$2,900,000

**INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY** corner of SR295 and S. Industrial Loop Rd. 1.1 ac. lot w/3000 sq. ft. building. \$695,000

**900+/- ACRES SOUTH OF LABELLE.** Grove or cleared land. Buy all or part. \$8,995 per acre.

**38 ACRES** south of LaBelle. **BRING OFFERS!** Can be divided \$6,000 per acre

**6 OAK COVERED ACRES** on Sunset Trail, Muse. **Seller financing. \$109,000**

**5+/- HEAVILY WOODED ACRES** with fixer upper, Kirby Thompson Rd. **Seller financing. \$165,000**

**BEAUTIFUL TREE COVERED,** oversized lot, Thigpen Rd. \$59,900. **Seller financing**

**2 ACRE LOT** on Busy SR 80 in Alva. Front half +/- zoned commercial. \$395,000

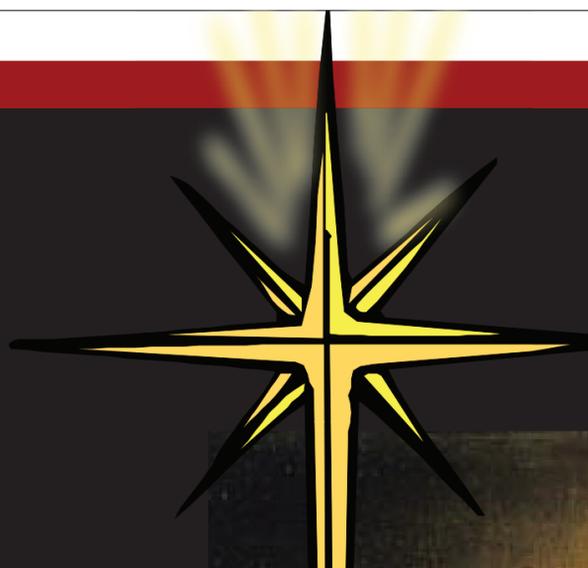
**2 MOBILE HOMES** on half acre lot. Conveniently located on Tangerine Ave. \$146,000.

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