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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

#### Des Moines is Jell-O champ

According to a new survey, Des Moines, Iowa, leads the nation in per capita consumption of Jell-O gelatin, beating out Salt Lake City for top bill-

The unscientific survey was started in 1997 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Jell-O. A company spokes woman said it was updated because every year the company receives "a lot" of calls.

In terms of sheer volume, New York City buys the most Jell-O products, but its residents don't consume them at the same rate as their Iowa counterparts.

#### Fire set to impress girl

One of the five suspects charged with setting a fire that gutted part of a high school in Durham, N.H., apparently had a selfish motive: He did it to impress a girl, police said.

Four men and a juvenile have been charged with setting the Dec. 1 fire that caused \$250,000 in damage at Oyster River High School and canceled school for two days.

One of the accused was dating a student at the school, police said.

"The story is that one of the kids was dating a girl from Durham and they were talking about how it would be nice if she didn't have to go to school so she could see him more," a police spokesman said.

#### Robbery by snake

Police say a man who robbed an Oklahoma City convenience store of \$40 and a pack of cigarettes was armed only with

The robber told the store clerk it was a copperhead; police said it was a small python.

Lyle Burpo, 21, was arrested a short time later on a robbery charge.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Dec. 15 Winning numbers: 11-13-22-24-25-44 Estimated jackpot: \$4 million Winners: 0

Next drawing: Saturday, Dec. 18 Estimated jackpot: \$7 million

Dec. 20 - Broadway, New York City's main thoroughfare, becomes the "Great White Way" as it is lit by electricity for the first time (1880).

Dec. 21 — The Pilgrims, although anchored near Cape Cod since Nov. 11, leave the Mayflower and set foot on American soil for the first time (1620).

Dec. 22 — Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, when ordered by Hitler's army to surrender, says "Nuts!" and causes confusion among the German officers (1791).

The coldest weather of the winter so far is expected to hover over the area for the next several days. Morning lows should be about 18 Monday, 16 Tuesday and 23 Wednesday. Highs should be about 49 Sunday, 38 Monday, 46 Tuesday and 51 Wednesday.

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## Commissioners reaffirm detention-center support

By RONN SMITH

Editor

Bailey County Judge Marilyn Cox asked members of the commissioners' court Monday whether they still support the idea of seeking a detention center to be built in the county. She said their answer was a strong "yes."

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fort to get the program started,

cotton representives met with

USDA officials Dec. 16.

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"I told them I had recently met with Speaker (Pete) Laney about this, and that we were getting ready to proceed and I wanted to make sure the commissioners were still 100 percent behind this," Cox said.

She added that the county is just about ready to schedule a public hearing on the issue to see what the

citizens think. In fact, commissioners probably will set the date for the hearing at their next meeting, Cox

County officials have been working on the project with Muleshoe City Manager Rick Hanna, who worked through the process of securing a detention center when he

was city manager of Post.

Commissioners also discussed four people who are delinquent in paying for soil conservation work done by the county, but they agreed to try notifying the debtors one more time before taking any legal action. The total amount due for the work is \$480.



Just like this!

Band director Phil Phyillaier signals students during Tuesday night's concert by Watson Junior High School band students. The junior high band and choir performed their annual Christmas concert the night after high school students had filled the auditorium with similar strains.

### McCathern gets his new book out for Christmas

determinations

Gerald McCathern, the farmer-author from Hereford who writes historical fiction about the early days of the Texas Panhandle, got a new book out this year just in time for Christmas.

Called Dry Bones, this work explores the earliest "towns" in the Panhandle — Tascosa and Hide Town, now known as Mobeetie.

McCathern points out in the book's foreword that some of his historical details may not be strictly accurate, but his intention is to blend the region's history into an imminently readable tale. That he does. His philosophy is, as he quotes Elmer Kelton, "If it didn't happen this way, it should have."

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### Hope Chest workers see past Christmas

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Organizers of Muleshoe's Hope Chest say an outpouring of donations during the past few days have left the group optimistic that there will be Christmas help available for those who have been referred to the group.

Now they want to remind citizens that neediness is a year-round problem, so giving has to be a year-round solution.

"The calls have been just wonderful the last few days," said Cindy Coberley, one of the Hope Chest directors. "Now we just need to have



people remember us for the rest of the year."

The primary aim behind Hope Chest, which is organized under the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance, is to help P.O. Box 175, Muleshoe those residents who are not 79347. More information is being helped by other social available by calling Coberley service agencies but who nev- at 272-3250.

ertheless have basic needs that are not being met.

Typical of such cases is "Mrs. E." a 75-year-old who is wheelchair-bound and depends on Social Security. Her only Christmas request was "something warm to wear."

And "Mr. F." 78, who has no family and lives on Social Security. His wife died two years ago and he is still paying on her medical bills, "but I'm doing OK."

Donations may be sent to

Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Y2K update: Many people are more ready than they think

A coalition of Texas agencies known as Readiness 2000 has provided the city of Muleshoe with information about many of the issues that concern citizens as the new year approaches.

The Journal will be reprinting some of this material until Jan. 1.

More information on any of these issues is available by calling city hall at 272-4528.

No. 6: Some of the biggest Y2K concerns are related to personal activity, rather than computer woes, and many people are more prepared than they realize.

Y2K readiness requires the same safety precautions and general preparedness that you use daily to prepare for natural hazards such as hurricanes, floods or winter weather.

Since potential Y2K problems have people's attention, this is a good time to check your preparedness.

Make sure financial and insurance records are in a safe place. Check smoke detectors and other protection devices for fresh batteries and proper connections.

Update or prepare a readiness (or disaster supply) kit, and if it isn't used for Y2K, keep it throughout the year to be ready for the next severe weather event.

Disaster kits are easy and inexpensive to prepare. They should include a 72-hour supply of basic items found in most households, including flash-

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All-state pair

Representing Muleshoe on this year's all-state football team are senior Matt Conklin (left) and junior Jeff Shelburne, both linemen. Head coach David Wood has called Conklin "the cornerstone of our offensive line" and Shelburne the leader of the defensive line.

### AROUND MULESHOE

#### **DECA students raising funds at games**

Muleshoe High School DECA students are involved in a Learn and Earn project called "Split the Cash" at home varsity basketball games.

During each game, students will sell \$1 chances to split the evening's sales with the winner. Tickets will be available throughout the varsity girls' games and during the first half of varsity boys' games. The lucky numbers will be drawn during boys' halftime activities.

Money earned by DECA will be used for student travel to district, state and national competitions.

Committee chairmen for this project are Lisa Ramírez and Liz Torres.

#### Co-op offices to observe holidays

Bailey County Electric Cooperative's offices will be closed Dec. 23-24 for the Christmas holidays and Dec. 31 for New Year's.

Regular business hours will resume after the holidays.

#### New residents being sought out

The Jennyslippers are anxious to welcome new residents to the community.

Anyone who has moved to Muleshoe within the past two months, or anyone who knows of someone else who has moved here within that period, is asked to call Andrea at 272-3002 and leave a message.

#### **Church sets two Christmas Eve services**

The First Methodist Church of Muleshoe has scheduled two services on Dec. 24. The first, set for 7 p.m., will last an hour and will feature a reading of the highlights of the biblical story of redemption, the singing of carols, Communion and a candlelight service.

The second service, starting at 11:30 p.m., will last half an hour. It will be a shorter version of the 7 p.m. service and will culminate with lighting candles at midnight.

#### **Breast-cancer screening set**

Low-cost mammograms will be available Dec. 21 at South Plains Health Care Providers, 208 W. Second St. in Muleshoe.

Each woman screened also will receive a breast-risk appraisal and individual instruction in self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for residents who qualify.

Examinations are by appointment only. More information is available by calling (800) 377-4673.

#### **Christmas Card donations sought**

Project Christmas Card volunteers at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center are seeking donations from community members and businesses for their annual fund-raiser.

The donations will be used for renovations and other projects at the center.

Donations can be dropped off at local banks or with Joy Stancell at the nursing home. They also may be mailed either bank or to Christmas Card Project, P.O. Box 202, Muleshoe 73947.

Checks should be made payable to the Christmas Card Project. The cutoff date for donations is Dec. 20.

More information is available by contacting Lona Embry or Joyeline Costen.

### **Public Calendar**

Dec. 21 — 8:30 a.m. Muleshoe City Council, in the council chambers at city hall.

#### **UPDATE**

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lights, personal hygiene and first aid items, prescription medication, canned goods, cooking utensils and a portable radio (with extra batteries).

Some of the biggest Y2K concerns are related to personal activity, rather than computer glitches. The Texas Department of Banking is concerned that many people may endan-

gerthemselves and their money by withdrawing large amounts of cash from their banks.

Some Texans already have lost their savings by having the money stolen from hiding places at home or by sending it to scam artists trying to cash in on the Y2K scare.

Banks are FDIC-insured, and deposits will remain accessible.

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#### Government-in-Action tour winners

Terrell Herington (left) of Muleshoe and Jodie Coker (right) of Lazbuddie recently won the Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest for 2000. Triston Thorn (center) of Lazbuddie is the alternate. A group of about 25 parents and teachers, along with the five contestants, attended the contest, where the contestants were asked to speak on "Rural Electric Cooperatives — Building on the Past To Meet the Challenges of the Future." They also were asked a question in regard to their knowledge of the rules and regulations of rural electric cooperatives. The girls' parents are Jay and JoAnn Herington, Roy Don and April Coker and Garvin and Janette Thorn. Other participants were Clay White of Whiteface, son of John and Nita White, and Josh Hall of Muleshoe, son of Wells and Janet Hall.



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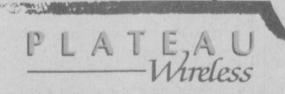
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### AROUND THE AREA

#### Clovis commissioner recall fails

Residents of northeast Clovis voted by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin Tuesday not to recall City Commissoner John Schuller.

While the vote on election day was close, Schuller's victory was assured by an early vote that supported him by more than 2-to-1 and absentee voting that favored him by nearly 4-to-1.

Schuller actually lost at one polling place, with voters at Yucca Junior High School voting 117-92 in favor of ousting him.

Schuller, who has been on the commission since March 1998, was the target of a recall drive initiated by businessman/developer Bobby Newman.

#### Treadway defense: Attorney was on coke

Defense attorneys for Michael Treadway of Farwell, convicted of murder in the death of Texico businessman Red Prather, say Treadway's defensewas ineffective because the lead attorney was on cocaine or going through withdrawal from cocaine during much of the trial.

A notice has been filed with the court stating that attorney Jeffrey Buckels of Santa Fe will take over Treadway's case. Buckels takes over from Joe Shattuck of Albuquerque, whose colleagues say his conduct during the trial was inappropriate.

Buckels has asked the court to give him until March 15 to prepare a motion for a new trial, saying that much of the basic groundwork for the trial will have to be done from scratch.

#### Conservation district cancels election

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has declared that all unopposed candidates in the Jan. 15 election are duly elected and the election will not be held.

That means Dale Gober of Bovina will serve his second fouryear term as the director representing Bailey and Parmer counties and a portion of Castro County.

The new Bailey County Committee consists of Gerald Shanks, Lavon Hunt, Rodger Buhrman, Jerry Nichols and Joe King, all of Muleshoe.

The Castro County Committee consists of Ronnie Hoelting of Nazareth and Kevin Riley and Vic Nelson, both of Dimmitt.

The Parmer County Committee is made up of Mitchell Wiseman of Friona, Ellen Gallman of Lazbuddie, and Tommy Williams, Todd Christian and Pat Ware, all of Farwell.

#### **Business workshop scheduled**

A workshop on "SBA Financing for Small Business" is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in the Small Business

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TOOLEY

Robin Tooley of Maple was among the outstanding 4-H'ers honored Nov. 22 at the annual South Plains District Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock

About 35 4-H members received their gold stars at this year's banquet.

Tooley is the 17-year-old daughter of Howard and Jan Tooley, and has been a member of 4-H for seven years. She attends Three Way High School at Maple.

Her projects have included foods and nutrition, beef production, sheep production, swine, dog care and training, and meat goats.

She has served as club president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and district council delegate.

Her awards have included the I Dare You Award; reserve champion goat showman for two years in Bailey County; reserve champion Southdown at El Paso; reserve breeding

# All farmers should contact FSA office on 2000 payments

Crop producers who have not contacted the Muleshoe Farm Service Agency office to ensure that shares are designated on their PFC contract for the year 2000 are reminded that they need to do so.

Individuals may designate whether they want to receive 50 percent or 100 percent of the payment.

For those who do not designate a month in which they wish to receive the payment, the payment will be made in September of next year.



Tooley

ewe and ram at El Paso; reserve champion lamb at county; grand champion steer, heifer and lamb at the local show; and reserve champion steer at the Littlefield Jackpot.

Administration's Lubbock office at the George Mahon Federa Building, 1205 Texas Ave., Room 411-C.

There is no registration fee for the workshop, but pre-registration is encouraged due to limited space.

Reasonable arrangements for those with disabilities will be made, if requested in advance.

Registration (or more information) is available by calling (800) 676-1005 or (806) 472-7462, ext. 230.

#### Clovis college sets registration

Spring registration at Clovis Community College is scheduled for Jan. 12-13.

Students who have not applied for admission should report to the college's admissions office, Room 126.

Those who have already applied for admission may register in Room 101 in the order listed on Page 7 of the college's Spring Course Schedule.

Senior citizens who wish to receive a reduced tuition rate may register Jan. 14. Late registration will continue through Jan. 21. More information about registration is available by calling (505) 769-4025.

Students enrolling at the college for the first time should plan on attending one of two Jan. 10 orientation sessions, either 9 a.m. (Mountain time) to 10:30 a.m. or 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. These students may register Jan. 10-11. More information is available by calling (505) 769-4112.

The deadline for items to appear in Around the Area is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's edition and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's edition. Items may be brought to the office at 304 W. Second, mailed to P.O. Box 449 or faxed to 272-3567.

# Three students graduate from Eastern

Three Muleshoe-area students were among 218 candidates for fall graduation Dec. 17 at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Honor students graduating magna cum laude have maintained a grade-point average of 3.7 to 3.79, while those graduating cum laude maintained overall averages of 3.6 to 3.69.

Muleshoe graduates include Gloria Melendez Chavez de Agundiz, bachelor of science in education (elementary education), magna cum laude; Karen L. Barnes, bachelor of science in education (special education), cum laude; and Sylvia Graham, bachelor of science in computer science, cum laude.

### MILITARY NEWS

MENDOZA

Marine Cpl. Ramón Mendoza of Muleshoe will be among those U.S. military personnel spending the Christmas holidays overseas.

Mendoza will spend the holidays deployed to Okinawa with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, which is home-based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Mendoza is one of more than 63,000 personnel serving the nation away from their families during the holidays.

A 1992 graduate of Muleshoe High School, Mendoza joined the Marines in 1995.





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### MULE TALES

#### Lady Mules dominate New Deal tourney By STACY LOCKER and MITCH MASON

The Lady Mules slaughtered New Deal's JV team in their first game of the New Deal Tournament. Lindsey Field and Myndi Heathington led the Lady Mules to a 73-21 victory.

The Lady Mules were off to a slow start defensively as they led only 19-12 after the first quarter. For the remaining three quarters, however, the Lady Mules held the Lions to only nine points, including a scoreless third quarter.

With this outstanding defense, the Mules were able to control the offensive game as well. Lindsey Field scored 25 points, followed by Myndi Heathington and Britni Gartin with 15 and 10 points respectively.

The Lady Mules collected 17 steals and caused 26 turnovers, resulting in their victory in the first round of the tournament. After this win, they advanced to the semifinal game against the Tahoka Lady Bulldogs.

Four Lady Mules in double figures led to another blowout in that game, with a score of 78-28.

The Lady Mules wasted no time, as they gained an early lead of 20-6 after the first quarter. With this lead, the Lady Mules dictated the rest of the game.

By winning this game, they advanced to the championship game against the New Deal Lady Lions, where they faced a tougher challenge.

The Lady Mules managed to win the tournament with a 44-36 victory despite trailing by six at halftime. Heathington led the scoring with 14 points (two three-pointers), followed by Field with nine points and nine rebounds.

#### Mules win consolation in 1-27 By STACY LOCKER and MITCH MASON

In the I-27 Tournament on Dec. 10-11, the Mules improved to a 5-3 record by coming out on top of the consolation side of the bracket.

In the first round, the Mules faced a stubborn Hale Center team that limited the Mules to 35 points and forced 25 turnovers en route to a 58-35 win.

Bret Clements led the Mules' scoring with 12 points, and Mitch Mason followed with nine. This loss placed the Mules in the consolation bracket, where they first met with the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Mason led the scoring against Dimmitt with 16 points, followed by Clements with 10 and James Barrett with nine (three three-pointers).

The Mules also controlled the boards by collecting 49 rebounds, limiting the Bobcats to 29. Clements led the team in an outstanding rebound performance, collecting 26 of the 49.

After trailing by five a halftime, the Mules advanced to the consolation semifinal game with a 45-40 win.

The Mules faced Happy in the next round, but left Happy with a frown by defeating the Cowboys 50-35. The Mules were in control for most of the game; Happy did give the Mules a scare with a third-quarter rally that brought the Cowboys within two

But Muleshoe pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 15-point

The Mules were paced by Clements' 18-point performance, with help from Barrett who contributed nine.

With this win, the Mules advanced again — to the consolation championship game, where they met the Whiteface Antelopes. With a score of 94-57, the Mules were able to put up more

points than in any previous game this season. Muleshoe stormed out to a 26-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 46-24 halftime lead. With a 31-point fourth quarter, the Mules prevented any chance of a late Antelope comeback.

Clements led with 26 points and 13 rebounds, followed by Mason with 16 points (including four three-pointers) and 16 rebounds. Darrell Lewis scored 12 points and Jeff Shelburne had

#### JV Lady Mules take Plains tourney By MITCH MASON and STACY LOCKER

The JV Lady Mules brought home a championship trophy from the Plains Basketball Tourament last weekend.

They had a big win over Seagraves in the first game of the

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tournament, 57-34.

Muleshoe started off lacking in the first quarter, trailing 10-8, but overcame their sluggish start to a steady pulling away for theremainder of the game.

The second quarter laid the foundation, with Muleshoe scoring 14 points to Seagraves' six.

At halftime, Coach Donnie Scott made some adjustments that hurt Seagraves. The third quarter put together a larger margin between the teams, with Muleshoe again outscoring the Eagles 19-5.

When the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Mules had triumphed with a span of 23 points. Megan Tipps was the high-point shooter with 14 points; Candace Hutto followed with 10 points and Megan Barrett and Shari Alanis tied with nine each.

Other contributions were six points from Melissa Flores, five points from Tiffany Flores, and two points each from Mindy Locker and Kayla Glover.

Game two of the tournament pitted Muleshoe against a tough Sudan team. Scott commented that neither team played to its potential in the game, but Muleshoe wanted the win just a little bit more.

Tipps and Hutto led the Lady Mules with seven points each. Glover added five points, Locker six and Tiffany Flores four. Each quarter was nip and tuck, as each period ended with only a one- or two-point difference.

Muleshoe fell behind by a point (9-8) at the end of the first quarter; the second quarter ended in a tie. Muleshoe managed a two-point lead by the end of the third quarter, and that margin held. The final buzzer found the score at 29-27.

The JV Lady Mules then advanced to the championship game against Whiteface. Sickness and injuries plagued the Lady Mules, but the team stepped up and picked up the slack.

Muleshoe led 8-2 at the end of the first quarter and 17-6 at halftime en route to a 40-24 final score. Tipps once again led Muleshoe in scoring, with 13 points. Glover and Locker each

Other girls adding to the scoring were Tiffany Flores with five, Hutto with four, Alanis with three, Laura Wood with two and Megan Barrett with one.





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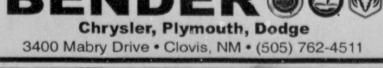
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#### Lettin' it fly

Lazbuddie's Savannah Black (No. 30) launches a shot in Tuesday's game against Silverton. Her teammate, Staci Foster (No. 12), watches for the rebound. Black was high scorer for Lazbuddie (with nine) in a losing 32-30 squeaker. Lazbuddie's varsity boys lost an even closer heartbreaker,

### New Mexico city woos New Year visitors

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Las Vegas, N.M., may live in the shadow of that other town with a similar name, but this New Year's Eve it's trying to step out into the limelight.

"Y2; Qué?" (as the celebration is being called) even includes a cowboy justice of the peace for couples wanting to get married.

Events for families with children are available, and the city's historic downtown - becoming known for its architecture

- will be lighted for the holidays, suitable for just strolling and listening to the music overflowing from nearby establish-

Several motels are offering special rates, and those who stay over until Jan. 1 are invited to join (free) the New Mexico Polar Bear Club and it's mind-clearing dip through

Information is available by calling (505) 425-8631; reservations at (800) 832-5947.

#### BOOK

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Dry Bones details the last few good seasons the buffalo hunters had in what is now the Texas Panhandle. The huge herds of bison had mostly been wiped out already in lands to the north, so herds of hunters swarmed south to take advantage of the last easy hunting.

It was an exciting but dangerous time in the region, with the handful of established ranchers facing an onslaught of new arrivals - other cattle ranchers, sheep ranchers and, eventually, the most dreaded of all, sodbusters.

The book is dotted with historical figures who are documented as visitors to the region - Billy the Kid, Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, Col. Goodnight, Bat Masterson and even Dutch Henry, the outlaw.

There are also numerous references to fabled ranches, often with colorful names such as the Turkey Track and T-Anchor.

The action centers on the

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Though they trailed 5,000 head of longhorns from Central Texas in 1866 and built a major cattle operation on the open plains, they recognize the significance of a prairie covered with sun-bleached bones of the buffalo herds and penetrated by the first trickle of civilization in the form of settlers.

This yarn is a fitting followup to McCathern's last saga of the Panhandle, Horns.

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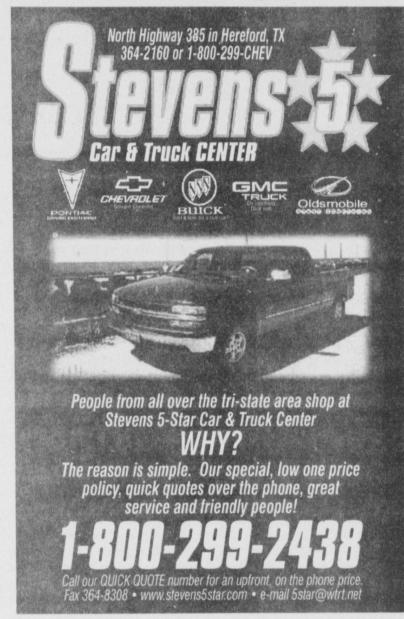
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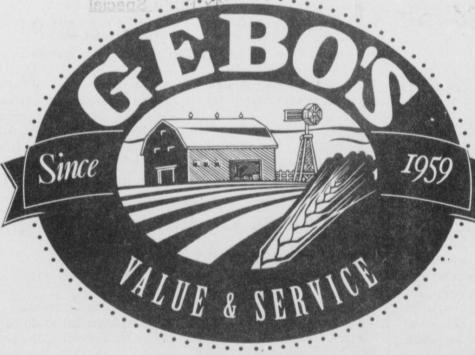


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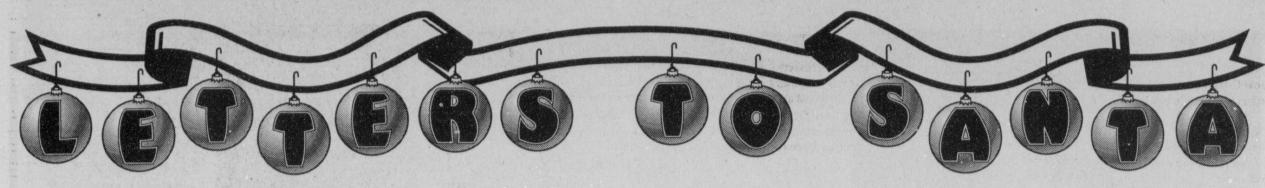
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Dear Santa,

I want a computer and a copier and a printer. Next Christmas, I want Bubba. The next Christmas, I want a shirt Scooby Doo that talks when you push it. Please bring me all these toys from you to Patrick.

Love,

Patrick Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a toy - a truck. I want a Big Foot truck.

Love,

**Polo Garces** 

Dear Santa,

I want a game — a Nintendo 64. I want a dog — a robot dog. I want a baseball and a football. Thank you Santa Claus.

Love,

Ricky Morin

Dear Santa.

My name is Sheridan Nicole White and I am 5 years old. I have tried to be good this year

I would like to have a KettCar for Christmas. It looks like a go-cart, but I will have to pedal it.

Also, bring me a big surprise that I don't know anything about. Please bring me some goodies in my stocking.

I will leave food out for you so you'll have a snack. I think you will like chocolate chip cookies and milk! Love,

Sheridan

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie for Christmas. For my big sister, could you bring her some makeup? For my other sister, some books. And for my Dad, tools. For my Mom some cups for coffee.

Signed, **Brenda Ceballos** 

Could you bring me a dinosaur and a wolfe, cat, dog, and some white rats? I have been a good little boy. And I

For my Mom could you bring her a new table? For my Dad could you bring a new truck? I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Signed, Gilberto

Dear Santa,

Could you please bring me a truck, and a stuffed rabbit? And a bat, train, and a ball. And also a bear, and cowboy. And a trampoline, and a jump rope? I have been a good boy.

My Dad wants some tools. And for my Mom a toothbrush. And could you bring me a boat? I will leave you some cake on the table.

Signed, Adelaido Godinez

Dear Santa.

I've been a good little girl. Could you bring me a Barbie? And a computer? For my brother could you bring a toy bird? For Vivian could you bring a book so she can read? For my Mom a real pretty dress. For my Dad, some pants and shirt. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Signed, Norma Ronquillo

Dear Santa,

I want a truck — a tractor truck and a monster truck. I want new crayons and a toy school. I want a computer. I like you. You make good toys. Love,

Joey Guerra

Dear Santa,

I want a new doll - a Rosie doll. I want a stuffed rabbit and a new Barbie. Bring Gage a new truck, and a new

> Love, Katie Scott

Dear Santa,

I want a computer and a car - a colored car - orange, brown, red, yellow, black, pink, green. And another car that's just green. And another computer that is all different colors. Love,

Luis Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I like when you bring me boots, a bike and a sled. I'll wear my boots outside in the snow. I want a red bike.

**Matthew Kemp** 

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me Ramelio. It's a robot with a control. When you talk into it, then Ramelio will talk. I want a Hot Wheels car. I want a Zorro hat and

You are the goodest Santa in the whole wide world.

**Nicholas Miramontes** 

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a Teddy Bear Puzzle, and also some cars. And also a truck. And could you bring a shirt for my Dad? And for my Mom a real pretty dress. I will leave you some cake and milk under the tree.

Miguel Quintanilla

I would like to have a motorcycle with batteries. For my Dad some boots. For my Mom a dining table. And for my brother a Nintiendo. And for Joaquin a bike. I've been a good little boy. I'm going to leave some cookies

Signed, Luis Ruvalcaba

Dear Santa,

Could you bring me a Winnie the Pooh, and Tigger. And a Christmas tree. A ball, a book, and a small puppy. And for my Mom, bring her a pillow. And for my Dad a bed. I have been a good little girl. I will-leave some cookies and milk on the table.

Signed,

Cathy Galindo

Dear Santa,

I want a ball for Christmas. A football for my brother. A doll for my sister Jackie. I have been a good boy. I will leave some chocolate cookies and milk under the tree.

Signed, **Javier Torres** 

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. I want a Barbie and a car for the Barbie. And also a computer, and a book. And for my Mom could you bring her a diamond ring. And for my Dad, could you bring him a shirt. I will leave you cookies and milk under the tree.

Merry Christmas

Signed: Samantha Camarena

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. I want a Barbie for Christmas. And a computer. For my brother could could you bring tractors and the animals. For my Mom, could you bring an Indian. For my Dad, bring a shirt. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Signed, **Yvette Bustillos** 

Dear Santa,

Could you bring some little pants for my baby brother. And also a small toy for my little baby brother. And could you bring me a toy Robot. Could you bring some tools for my Dad so he can fix the car. For my Mom, could you bring her a dress. I will leave you some Santa cookies under the tree.

Signed, Alex Vidana

Dear Santa,

I have been a good little girl. Could you please bring me a Barbie. A little toy animal. For my Mom could you bring her some perfume. And for my Dad, bring some clothes. For my sister bring her a notebook. I will leave you some cookies and

milk under the tree. Signed, Jennifer Vasquez

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and some clothes. And for my brother Paco, could you bring him some cars. A horn for my Dad. A drum for my Mom.

I have been a good girl. I will leave some eggs and some hot chili on the table for you.

Signed, Yanira Regalado

Dear Santa.

I would like to have a turkey. Candies, lollipops and pumpkin pies. I would like to have a rabbit. And also could you bring me a drum. Could you please bring us a Christmas tree. And a T.V. so I can see all the rabbits. I will leave you a small toy. Thank you.

Signed, **Eric Orozco** 

Dear Santa,

I want a green and red Power Ranger.

Love,

Alex Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I want a race car with a remote control and a bike.

Love.

Frank Baca Jr.

Dear Santa,

I want a truck and toy motorcycle.

Love,

A.J. Barron

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie jeep, play iron for the clothes and a barbie. Love.

Dalia Cortez

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car and a bike. Love,

Ramiro Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, a bicycle and a truck. Love,

Micheal King

Dear Santa,

I want a teddy bear and some Love,

**Alexa Fuentes** 

Dear Santa,

I want a big power ranger, a truck, and horse and batman and robin. Love.

**Xavier Reyes** 

Dear Santa, I want hand cuffs, a gun, a remote control pick-up and a cowboy hat. Oh and a horse.

Love, Weldon Williams

Dear Santa,

I want some power rangers, a big buzz from toystory and a remote control motorcycle.

Love, **Matthew Olivarez** 

Dear Santa,

I want a buzz lightyear, and brand new robin and woody.

Love, Matthew Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I want a new set of legos like Mrs. Hernandez's with lots of cars, a set of magnets, games for my gameboy like a pokemon game with instructions. Some flower seeds, because the cows tore up our flower beds. A play horse that I can ride on and a tea set for a tea party and remote control helicopter. I am going to leave some cookies and milk out for you.

Santa, who is Mrs. Claus?

Love. **Kolten Morris** Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I will leave out some cookies and milk. I want a gameboy with Mario and other games. I want a black and silber bike and helmet. Some books to reak and some movies. That's all.

Love, Lane Divin Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa,

and a play farm with all the things. Love,

Seth Russell Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa, I want a swimming pool, a bide, a jumpoline and I want a big barbie. Love you and thank you for the cook-

I want a four-wheeler, roller skates,

Love,

Keena Diaz Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa.

I want a train, a motorcycle, and a bike. I will leave somthing for you to eat.

Love,

Vicente Soland Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I want cd's for my new computer and airplane with a remote control and a Mickey Mouse game. And a play house. I want new clothes for Ashley and a Merry Christmas. A duck puppet and a book that sings, so that my mama can show her the pictures. I will leave some treats with milk. Merry Christ-

I love you. **Shea Scott** 

Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa, I want a Play Shreader, a coffee pot so that I can put water in it and a jeep.

Love, Ross Steinbock Lazbuddie Pre-K

Dear Santa,

I am going to get Christmas cookies for you and Mrs. Claus.I want a skateboard, a shor robot that plays games with you, and a sled. My brother Houston want a sleepover Blues Clues and a Playdough Blue Clues set.

Dear Santa,

Love,

I love you,

**Dallas Cox** 

I want a Play Station game, some talking wrestlers, and steering wheel. I like Rudolph because he has a shiny nose.

Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Lazbuddie Kindergarten

P.S. Chelsee wants a new horse to sleep with. Shawndee wants some cd's.

**Todd Nichols** 

Dear Santa, I want a train and a computer. My brother wants a train and a computer, too. I will leave you crackers and milk.

See you later. Victor Godinez Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a dinosaur that has a button that opens his mouth and his tongue comes out. It has a button on his tongue that grabs the man. The tongue goes back and when you press the button on his head, the man pops out. I have a mom and a dad and I love them very much.

**Justin Schacher** Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie airplane. My brother want to get a snowboard. My sister want a new radio and new cd's. I will leave you some cookies and some milk.

I love you Marissa Koelzer Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Dear Santa, We're going to leave you some cookies and milk. What I want you to bring me is some Barbies, some

baby dolls, and some baby clothes.

I love Santa, **Audrey Daniel** Lazbuddie Kindergarten

I'm going to leave you some cookies and milk. I want to know what Mrs. Claus is doing. I want a Scooby doo Skateboard. We need a flat top computer. My sister wants a skate-boarding Barbie and a Barbie that does tricks. My bother wants a Tasmanian devil skate-board. Jarrod

love Santa.

Love, Jarrod Jesko Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Love.

Jerod Smith

Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I like for Christmas a little train for Blane and I'd like a Roly-Poly thing with a man inside. For my sister I'd like a Barbie and horse. I'd like for Blane to have fun. I'd like

for my mom a new egg grinder. I'm going to leave you some cookies and reindeer food. I love Santa

Dear Santa, I would like a computer, some lights to put on our house outside and a teddy bear. I will leave you something to eat.

> **Denise Sanchez** Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I want a baby and a blanket for her and a stroller. I would like some clothes. My sister wants a sweeper.

I'm going to leave some milk and cookies for you. Have a Merry Christmas.

Lazbuddie Kingergarten

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Love, **Emily Agee** 

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want a blue baby, he has blue clothers and lie's a boy. I

also want a stroller. We got a present

under our tree. Me and my bother have

big ones. I wish you Merry Christmas.

Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Love Jordan Mason

I want a playdoll house, a rabbit with batteries, and a bird that sing.

Santa, so you have lots of toys?

Love, Jessica Estrada Lazbuddie Kindergarten

I love your Reindeers. They are

I want a babydoll, a milliton, and please get my sister a necklace.

Love, Kylie McGehee Lazbuddie Kingergarten

Dear Santa,

a dump truck that is big and a game, an Intendo 64. I wish you a Merry Christmas and

Rudolph the Reindeer.

Kenton Randolph

How is the reindeers doing? I want

Lazbuddie Kendergarten

Love,

Dear Santa. I want a box with stuff you can get ready to eat. I want a talking Ferbie, a pink and white one, and talking Barbie that walks with her baby, some Barbies that paints your fingernails and I want

### **Christmas Is Only As Strong** As Its Weakest Link

don't usually think of Christmas and chains as going together, unless I'm reading about the ponderously-chained Ghost of Christmas Past who so terrorized old Ebenezer Scrooge! But I believe this to be true: Christmas is a "chain" which is only as strong as its

If Christmas deals only with



weakest link.

Focus Faith Curtis Shelburne

lights and tinsel, egg nog and poinsettias (all of which I enjoy very much, I hope you understand), and the Yuletide joy and peace, love and good will, we sing about are just artificial twinkles and largely illusory light, then Christmas is a weak and pathetic thing which can't possibly stand the test of life and time and which will fade a long time before the January sales (and credit card bills) end.

with parties and good times, but nothing to do with hospital rooms and disgusting diagnoses. If Christmas has to do only with smiles and "Merry

Christmases" and nothing to

If Christmas has to do only

something beautiful and wonderful and real. And Christmas

do with hope at a graveside . . .

a computer and finger stickers.

If Christmas has to do only with sales and not souls, presents and not His Presence, holiday cheer but not lifelong

If Christmas has to do only with Jingle Bells and nothing to do with "God with us," well, then, Christmas is not up to the task of making a real difference in our lives, and it's just one more momentary diversion for the despairing, one more false hope for people who know no hope, and it certainly won't make much difference in life, or in death, or in anything at all very real or substantial.

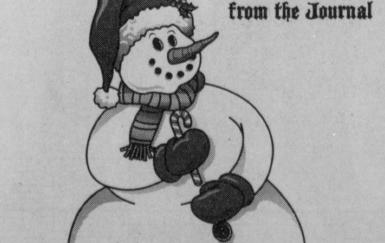
But if Christmas, and all that is best about this good season, points to real light and hope, glimmering reflections from the Father of Lights, the Giver of Joy, the Sender of the very best Gift, then the Christ of Christmas can use this time of celebration to point us to light that truly is stronger than darkness, hope that is genuinely stronger than despair, and life that is ultimately and infinitely stronger than death.

Then we discover that the Light of Christmas is real indeed because He is real, and life is far more substantial than death. Then Christmas means

joy can and will last forever. Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D

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Church of Christ in Muleshoe



How are your reindeers? Do they like to fly.

Love, Paola Estrada

Lazbuddie Kingergarten

Pear Santa, I want a bike, a white book with

colors, a car and a gameboy.

Love, Joel Regalado

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie store, a little bear, ranklin and a computer.

Love, **Simone Gonzales** 

Dear Santa,

I want a baby, a barbie bike, a barbie purse, a barbie wallet and a computer. Love,

**Tiffany Toscano** 

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie jeep, only.

Love, Desiree Reyna

Dear Santa.

I want a doll, a play horse and a bike.

Love,

**Trinity Raymond** 

Dear Santa,

I want a doctor thing (operation game), a new bike and a star wars gun.

Marquise Treviño

Dear Santa,

My name is Ashley Thomas. I would like some new clothes and a doll that is like a real baby. I want a Barbie doll that goes in the water and she has a

I will leave you some cake and

Signed: Ashley

Dear Santa,

My name is Max Vargas. I would like Pokemon Master. It is a toy with two Pokemons. I would like roller skates, rollerblades and a skateboard. I want a new bike, my old one got broken. And a new VCR for my movies. I will leave you cookies and juice.

Signed,

wish you a Meny Christmas at xaM

Dear Santa,

My name is Jose Quezada. I would like the toys from Toy Story. Buzz Lightyear is my favorite and the book, Simba's Pride. I will leave you some spaghetti at my Grandma's house.

Signed, Jose

Dear Santa,

My name is Douglas Bartholf. Please give me a red Power Ranger from the lost galaxy. I have a new blue Power Ranger. My blue one needs some one to play with. I will leave you a sandwich and some milk.

Signed, Douglas

Dear Santa,

My name is Colton Hill. Please bring me a baseball bat and ball. My brother would like a toy Bugs Bunny. My mom loves breakable stuff (like snowmen). My two sisters like dolls and rings. My dad likes trucks. I will leave you chocolate milk and cookies.

Signed, Colton

Dear Santa,

My name is Reynaldo Del Toro. Please bring me a toy train, a sail boat and a new drum. Also a pumpkin. I will leave you some cookies.

> Signed, Reynaldo

Dear Santa,

My name is Madeleine Precure. Please bring me a Barbie house and a white teddy bear. Also new shoes. My mom need jewlry. A little bitty teddy bear for my sister Rachel. Also a choo-choo train for Rachel.

Signed, Madeleine

Dear Santa,

My name is Stephanie Vasquez. Please bring me Angelica that eats ice cream. Also a butterfly shirt. Please bring a Barbie for Madeleine. I live in an orange house. I will leave some chicken out for you to eat.

Signed: Stephanie

Dear Santa,

I would like some skates and a train. My name is Jon Paul Rosas. I will leave some cookies and milk on the kitchen table for you. Please bring my

sister a doll and my brother and me a remote control.

> Signed, Jon Paul

Dear Santa,

My name is Armando Toscano. I would like some new skates, a little car, and a fake motorcycle. Also a football, and a baseball bat and glove. I will leave you some cookies.

Signed: Armando

Dear Santa.

My name is Summer Lowe. Please bring me a teddy bear, a barbie blanket and pillow. Please bring my sister Paige a little baby monkey. Also a doll for my sisster Cassidy. My mcm would like a heart Beanic Babe. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Signed,

Summer

Dear Santa.

My name is Rashelle Hall. Please bring me a doll that has a dress on. Also a Barbie that has skates on that you push. Please bring a teddy bear. I will leave you christmas cookies and milk.

Signed, Rashelle

Dear Santa,

My name is Weston Griswold. I want a four wheeler. It is a bike with four wheels. I will leave you some gingerbread cookies. Santa, My brother, Justin does not need anything cause he does bad stuff.

Signed, Weston

Dear Santa,

My name is Alyssa Leal. I want a thing that you make ice cream. It's real!! And I want new shoes and some new clothes. I will leave you some butterfinger ice cream on the table.

Signed, Alyssa

My name is China Dawn Williams. I would like a flipping Barbie, roller skates and ice skates, a yo-yo and skate Barbie. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and water.

Signed, China Dawn

ke for Christmas a little Dear Santa,

My name is Alexandra Martinez. I would like a Barbie doll that wears a skirt and a Barbie car. It comes in a big box. I like roller skates. I will leave you some chicken noodle soup.

Signed,

Dear Santa,

My name is Ariana Martines. I would like a Baby Dill Pickle and Angelica. I want a little brown teddy bear. I want Tommy who eats ice cream and a gingerbread doll. My mom makes good cookies. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Signed,

Ariana

Dear Santa,

My name is Jr. Rodriguez. Please bring me a wooden bat, a motorcycle, and a toy truck. Also a real dog. I will leave you some oreo cookies out to eat.

Signed: Javier

Dear Santa.

I want a Pokenon. I want a computer. I want a toy Power Ranger. A game. A book. Connecting rings. Thank you,

**Pablo Garces** 

Dear Santa.

I would like to get only a bike. We already have the Christmas tree. I hope my family and I go to Mexico to see my aunts and uncles. We have to clean our house before Christmas is over. I hope everyone gets a present. My family hopes we go to Mexico. Have a Merry

Your friend, Diego Salcido

Dear Santa,

Christmas

I would like to have Christmas. I wonder what you are going to bring to all the little children. I do not know if you will bring snow down.

Merry Christmas, Jr. Garcia

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a bike. My family wants to go to Kansas and get together and celebrate Christmas. My family hopes everyone gets a present. We don't have a tree yet but we will. Your friend,

J.J. Mendoza

Dear Santa,

I want some computer games and a new football. I would like a new bike and a cool basketball. I would also like some new clothes from Gap and Old Navy. I would also like for my family to get what they want.

Merry Christmas, Colby Lane Carpenter

Dear Santa,

I woild like a kumputer and a trapline. I would like a roking horse and a juping horse and a saddle.

Your friend, Adrian Muniz

Dear Santa,

Hi! Santa How are you today? I want to tell you somthig. I have been so! good that I help my mothre. I help my dad when He is sick. I helpmy brothr when hi needs help.

I want you to bring my three thing. A Barbie weth a stroller weth her baby. I Love you. and miss clus, the elfs and

Your friend,

Adilene Montejano

Dear Santa, Hi! Santa I ben very good. I want a Nintendo. and a game boy culur. and a computer, sinet book.

Your friend, **Adrian Chacon** 

Dear Santa, I want a play stashne and car that you can ride and remote control car

and a supur computer. Your friend, **Daniel Fierro** 

Dear Santa.

I will leave some cookies and milk. I want a bicke and a barbie. Santa I Love you and all the reindeers.

Your friend, Lynn Reza

Dear Santa,

Hi! Santa I mite wake up if you make nose. I want a barbie haos and a jrapleyg with swimming pool.

Your friend, Carina Hernandez Roa

Dear Santa.

I want a computer. and playstation I want you to bring sumthing to mi bruther. I want you to bing a moter sicl.

and I v

Your friend, Juan Gonzales

Dear Santa.

Hi Santa how are you todday? I want to tell you something I want a play's stayshen and a sague and I will live you some cockes and I am been very good.

Your friend,

Chris Ortega

Dear Santa, I want my mom to have more money. I want my grandparents to have more money. Please bring me a new bike and a new scooter. I love you, Santa! Merry Christmas and have a good night.

**Bradley Lennon** 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

I want a "walkie talkie" and binoculars. I hope my mom and dad have a Merry Christmas. Make a fine Christmas for all people.

Love, Court Crawford 1st Grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

I would like to get a little backpack for Christmas that has Tweety on it. I will also need a cash register so I can play grocery store. If people are poor, give them stuff.

Merry Christmas, Joseline Garcia 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

I want a CD of Brittany Spears, Backstreet Boys and NSINC. I want you to bring my parents a book to read and a Longhorn Christmas.

Please come to see me. I love you, Andrea Solano

1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

I just thought I could make a wish come true and I want a present that will let me paint my nails. Please give my friend a present, too. Let my mom have a heart box and my dad a watch. Oh, Santa, give my teachers a necklace.

1st grade - Lazbuddie

Love,

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas!

**Ashley Castenada** 

Please bring me a blue car and a football. For my mom, bring a necklace. I like Christmas.

Goodbye, Jaime Campos 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a go-cart and a barn to hold my go-cart. I wish my family had all they want. I want to see Rudolph at Christmas time.

Merry Christmas to you, Santa.

Love, Logan Daniel

1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a casssette of Ricky Martin. I want rollerskates, too. Please give my grandpa some shoes. Santa, I want to see you and Rudolph

when you come to my house. Thank you, Rodrigo Mata 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa.

I want this doll that when you give it food, it needs a new diaper and a doll that feels like and looks like a real baby. I wish my family would have a

Merry Christmas, **Brooke Lennon** 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa, I wish I had a Barbie house and a doll that looks real. I wish my mom had a snowman ring and I wish the poor people had some dolls to play with.

Merry Christmas, Santa **Shelby Martin** 1st grade -Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

I wish for a remote control airplane and I want two walkie-talkies. For everyone in the whole world, I want for them to get gifts and any kind of gift you got. For my friends, I wish for them to get any toys they want. For dogs, I want them to have a lot of food, water and bones.

**Arthur Gomez** 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Love,

Dear Santa, Please bring me a remote control car and walkie talkies. Mom needs an angel for her tree, so bring her one. Also, I love my grandma so bring her a candle to light. Have a Merry Christ-

mas! Love. Pablo Arce 1st grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa. I wish my mom and dad would get something nice cause they love me and hug me. Please bring the kids that I don't know something from you. I want rollerblades and a Furbee for

Christmas. Merry Christmas, Santa Love,

1st grade - Lazbuddie

Lacy Russell

Dear Santa, Please give people who don't have money, money to buy Christmas presents for their kids. Please bring my Dad a special gift. Would you please bring me a skateboard and a remote control car that jumps.

1st grade -Lazbuddie

Colton Weaver

Thank you, Santa Claus!

Dear Santa, I want a Dizzy Kitty and a Dizzy



Dog. I wish my grandpa would feel better and have a Merry Christmas.

Mariah Steinbock 1st grade -Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

Please bring me rollerbiades. I would also like a rockin horse. Please bring my family all the stuff they want. Love,

Tasha Barnes 1st grade -Lazbuddie

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Anyway, I just wanted some rollerskates and a bicycle. Please give my mom a real good phone. And please give the children toys that don't have any. Merry Christmas, Santa! and have a Happy New Year.

Love, Cristina Imery

1st grade -Lazbuddie

Dear Santa, Please bring my sister a cat. Please bring me a B.B. gun. My Christmas wish for the 2,000 is for everyone in the whole world to have a piece of gold.

Logan Mason 2nd grade - Lazbuddie

Love,

Dear Santa, I want a Pokemon ball, a Pokemon watch, a Donkey Kong Nientendo game, a Pokemon movie, a chihuahua, and a magic eight ball. I also want a B.B. gun, a computer, and a song called Grandma Got Ran Over by a Reindeer. My Christmas wish for the year 2,000 is for everybody to get what they want.

Love, Frankie Rodriquez 2nd grade - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa. I want a Pokemon watch and a talking Pikachu. I would also like a Furby, a Poodle, a Chihuahua, a soccer ball and a Donkey Kong game. Also I want Elmoes shirt, a Brittney Spears tape, A Bean Pal Baby Snap and a puppy. My Christmat wish for the year 2000 is that

everyone will have food. Love, Lydia Campos

2nd-Lazbuddie

Dear Santa. I want a Blastoise, Raichu, Deddude, WigglyTuff and JigglyPuff, Jolteon, Vaporean, Mew and Mew, Venonal, Venomoth, and a Pokeman Watch. Also I want a Lee Madalton doll named Beary Cute. I want an army suit that is camaflouge gray and black. I also want rollerblades and a dog Tiny. My Christmas for the year 2000 is for everyone in the wold to have a good Christmas.

Kinzi Schacher

Dear Santa,

Love,

I want a Nintendo 64. My Christmas wish for the year 2000 is that no one goes to bed hungry.

2nd grade - Lazbuddie

Love, Riley Smith 2nd grake - Lazbuddie

Dear Santa, I want four ten, a real Pokemon ball with Blastoise. I also want a big wagon, some spurs and chaps, all the magaziods, a belt for bullets to go in, knives with cases and a blet, army boots and everything like the army wears. I want a Harley Davidson Motorcylce and jacket and pants. My Christmas wish for the year 2000 is for my family to be rich.

Love. Kyler Steinbock 2nd grade-Lazbuddie

Dear Santa, Can I get a Pokemon watch, a Beanie Baby kit. and all the Pokemon toys at Burger King. My Christman wish for the year 2000 is to not let anybody cry.

Monica Vera 2nd grade - Lazbuddie

Love,

Dear Santa, I want roller blades and my little sister wants a Barbie airplane. My Christmas wish for the year 2000 is

that my mon could get another job.

2nd grade - Lazbuddie

James Kielzer

Love,

Dear Santa, I want a real Pokemon ball with Paichu, GeoDuDe, Wigglytuff and Pikachu in it. I also want some rollerblades. My Christmas wish for the year 2000 is that every kid in the world would not go to bed hungry.

2nd grade - Lazbuddie Dear Santa, I want a bike with brakes and gears

on the handlebars. My Christmas wish

I want a Gameboy, a bike, and my

ouwn twenty two. My Christmas wish

for the year 2000 is that everyone gets

Kayle Jeskonib a em gnird uoy bluo'

for the year 2000 is that everyone in the world could have what they want. Love,

**Darin Ivy** 

2nd grade - Lazbuddie Dear Santa,

what they want for Christmas. Dylan Haney

2nd grade - Lazbuddie

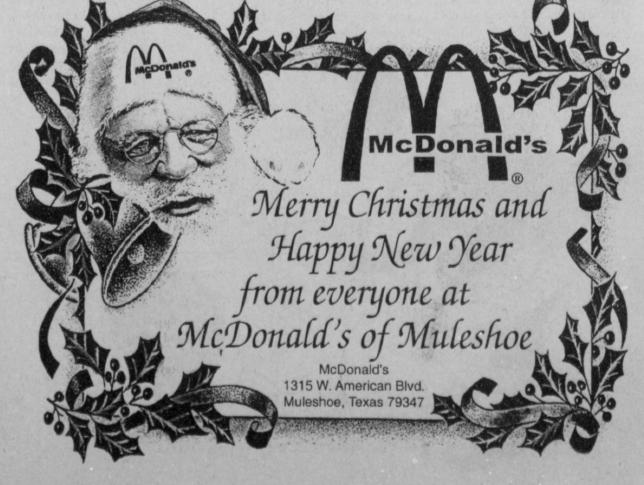
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Dear Santa,

Dear Santa, I wont a cupodre and sprinidosix 44 a i skatebod, i want a sos. i Love you,

Here is some stuff I want for Christ-

mas. A puppy, game boy, little Legos, More letters on Page 8



## Santa Letters

beast ware, nintendo, remote control caar, play teepee, old navy half zip pull over, cat, remote control motorcycle, new pair of shoes.

Your friend, **Justin Bigham** 

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer and a diary and a barby jacket and a bike and shoes and clothes a boxcar children book a big swimming pool. N Sync CD and a back street boys CD and a doll.

Your friend, **Jasmine Toscano** 

Dear Santa,

How are you, how is Rudolph. Can I have a Pokémon book and a computer, new shoes, a cd player, a per of gluf's, a Play Station, a little tedy bear, play glasses, a siging Christmas frog, a neckless of bell's, a rag doll kitten, and a swimming pool.

Your friend,

Mackenzie Elledge

Dear Santa,

How are you. I would like a computer, some Barbes and clothes and baby dill, NSYNC CD and a Back Street Boys CD and a Bird.

Your friend, Briana Arguiano

Dear Santa, How is rodolph and you. I want a Pokémon book, Pokémon jacket, Pokémon cards, a stereo, a Playstation and a game for my cumputer. Boxcar children capter books swimingpool and the new N'Sync cd.

Your friend, Brenda Rodriguez

Dear Santa, How are you? I would like a Pokémon, pooh shrit, shoes, stuffed white tiger, new snowsuit, wind braker, clock, Tonya, meet Smatha, Poo bear, doll, Britney Spears, N-Sync, Furbie, money, rag doll, chalk dolle. Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Tessa Burris

Dear Santa.

How are you and how is Rudolph and I would like a stero and a Nnintendo and a PlatStatuib and shoes and a Backstreet Boys and a NSync cd and a computer and a swiming pool.

Your friend, John McGee

Dear Santa.

How are you? I want a computer, a Playstation, a sterio, a bike and some reindeers. And I want a bat. And I want a soccer boll, and I want to go swimming. And I want a trampolene.

Your friend, **Anthony Gonzales** 

How are you,? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? How are your reindeers? I want a Gameboy, a stereo, a Backstreet Boy CD, the Boxcare children chapter books.

> Your freind, Ali Eagle

Dear Santa,

How are you. Please can I have a bike, Pokémon hat, diary and a stereo, the tap of Backstreet cd and how are your rreindeers. Can I have a computer. Dress, shoes, and a sinderla dress.

Your friend, Shayla Parker

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a Pokémon book, and a Nintendo and a computer, diary and ababy sister and

boxcare children books. I would like to have a football, bacstreet boys book, furrbie bed.

Thank you. Your friend,

Callie Sterling

Dear Santa,

How are you and Rudolph and Mrs. Claus. Please get me a computer but it doesn't matter what you get me but if you can get me a diary and a stereo and shoes and Backstreet boys cd and a NSync cd.

> Your friend, **Ashely Cisneros**

Dear Santa,

I would like an Intel play Qx# and a furbby and a year supply of hot dogs and a rad 2.0m, a vidio camra and one more thing please Santa a laptop computer and a digital cam-

Your friend,

Steven Richards

Dear Santa.

I want a stereo and Nintendo 64 and a CD Pac and Backstreet Boys and Brintney Spears and Blue jeans call Ware a Zone's and Jean Co's. I want the cd of N'Sync. I want a cumter. I want a jacket. I want the movie Backstreet Boys. I want a

> Your friend, Juan Quezada

Dear Santa,

I wut a skabor and a Backstreets back 5 bokxs.

Your friend,

Nathanel Briseno

Dear Santa,

I wot ten cars, Two and Tommy tos. I wot a remote control car. I wot a bike. I wot a tne Backstreet Boys kiss swiss.

Your friend, Carlos Busitillos

Dear Santa,

I want a clos and toy.

Your friend,

Marisela Cosanova

Dear Santa,

I will like a car that has a top it opens and a Barby on the car and a Baby doll. I have ben a good gril whith my bruthers and mom an ddad and my Gradad and Gramom.

Your friend, Erika Tovar

Dear Santa,

Hi! Santa how are you today? I want a Nintendo 64. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend,

Arturo Zubia

Dear Santa.

Hi, Sant! how are you. I would like a supur computer an dplay stashne and a supur Nintendo and a Big sceam tv and a game boy and a computer

Your friend, Raymond Flores

Dear Santa,

I will like a car of Barbys, big dolls. I'm gonna be a good girl in Christmas. I want a play station. I will let you some cokies and some milk. I am fine. I have a lot of friend. Send me a note so I can know about you. I want a big computer. I want some Christmas store. Are you ok? How is Rudolph? I wish your friend are ok. I want a trampolin and swimming poll. Have a nice day for Chrismas Santa.

Lizette Flores

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? Did you enjoy the cookies and milk I left for you last yar? How the elves? I relly liked the presents you left for me last year. I have played with it all year. THis year I would like to have apuppy and baby doll and clothes and TV and a Barbie and a stereo and swimming pool and a computer.

Your friend, **Brenda** Gomez

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? I really liked the presents you left for me last year. Are ready for the year 2000? This year I want a hot tub boom box.

Your friend, Joseph Lopez

Dear Santa,

How re y ou and Mrs. Santa? Thank you for my prezents. I want a go car and a dog and a bike.

Your friend, Juan Gardea

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? This year I want a new cowboy rope and a new jacket so I won;t be coled. I even want a bullwip. I also want a wagon the lokks like a trailer.

Your friend, **Eddie Herrera** 

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? Thank you for everything I got last year. This year I want a TV, stereo and a pizza and I will leave cookies for you and the nex thing I want a go cart and a hot tub and a lava lamp and I will give you another later.

Your friend, Tony Mendoza

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? Did you enjoy the cookies and milk that I left for you last year? the presents you left for me last I have played with it all year. This year I would like to have a trampoline, I want a computere, I want a little trackter, I want a little German sheped, I want a toy motersickle. Have ahapy yer.

Your friend,

Martin Hamm

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Santa? How are the elves? I really liked the presents you left for me last yar. I had a bike remember? This year I want you to bring me a hot whele set and a track.

Your friend,

Jovany Valdez

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Santa? Did you enjoy the cookies and milk I left for you last year? How are the elves? I really liked the presents you left me last year. I have played with it all year. This year I would like to have a puppy

and a computer. Your friend.

Melissa Mendoza

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? I'm really thankful for the presents that you left for me. I would like to have a puppy and a lava lamp good-boy. Your friend,

Griselda Segura

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Santa? How are the elves? I really liked the present you left for me last year. This year I would like to have a C.D. Player, puppy and Barbie stereo, Rugrat music jewelry box, TV, computer, swimming pool, hot tub.



How are you and Mrs. Santa? I really liked my presents from last year. Can I have a playstation and a lava lamp, CD palyer and a CD for the CD player.

Your friend, **Andrew Villarreal** 

Dear Santa,

Hello. Bring me everything in the world. I really want a computer. Bring my mom another baby. Bring my daddy more computer games. Bring my brother more toys. I live close to Mrs. Lowe by the football field. I will leave you a baby.

Jordan Stroud

Dear Santa,

Thank you for all the toys. I want a computer. I want a remote control car. I want a lot of toys! Bring my daddy a truck. Bring my mom something so she can hear. My sister would like a dolly and a teddy bear. Bring my brothers a Christmas tree. I will leave you a back pack so you can carry all the toys!

Love, Juan Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want to give you flowers. Please bring me a Barbie computer, and a Christmas teddy bear. Bring me a baby rabbit. Bring my mom a new dress, new earrings, and new hup shoes. Bring my daddy a new jeep car. I live in Muleshoe. I will leave you a boy ring. Love,

Adriana Guerra

Dear Santa, Thank you for the toys. Bring me a computer and a bicycle. Bring my sister, Alyssa, a Barbie. Bring my brother an ABC truck. Bring my mom a flower. Bring my dad some new clothes. I live at 403 E 4th. I will leave you some

cookies and milk. Love.

Michael Martinez

Dear Santa,

Bring me a Woody toy. Bring me some little cars. Bring my mom a ring. Bring my dad some checks. Bring my big brother a trophy. Bring my little brother some Pokémon toys. I live close to Yolanda's. I will leave you a bus.

Love,

Matthew Garza

Dear Santa. You are nice. Bring me a Power Ranger with a blue car. Bring me a

Mortal Combat video. Bring my dad some money. Bring my mom a necklace. Bring my sister a Spice Girl toy. I live close to Mickey's house. I will leave you some cookies and a ham-

burger. Love,

Gilberto Triana

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the toys. I want a Barbie cash register and Beanie Babies, and a play station. Bring my mom some clothes. Bring my dad some shoes. Bring my sister a teddy bears. Bring my brothers some toys and bring Logan a lion. I live in Muleshoe. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love, **Brianna** Long

Dear Santa,

Bring me a teddy bear. Bring my brother some farm stuff. Bring my

sister some Barbie stuff. Bring my mom a flower pot. Bring my dad some tools. Bring Randy some tools too. Bring Belinda some pictures and a frame. I live in Muleshoe. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Colton Baker

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my whole family. Bring me a CD for the car and a CD player. Bring me an angel doll too. Bring my mom some clothes, and my

and milk. Love, Baylee Bessire

Dear Santa,

Bring me a toy horse, and a car. Bring me a train. Bring my mom a purse and my dad a belt. Bring my sister a doll. Bring my brother a water

We'll be publishing more Santa Letters in the Dec. 23 of the newspaper!

gun. I live in Muleshoe. I will leave you a star.

Love,

Roman Chavez

Hello, I want a little Christmas bear

and a snowman. Bring my mom a dress. Bring my daddy a toy kitty. Bring my brother a basketball and my sister some candy. I live in Muleshoe. I will leave you a toy truck.

Love, Sarah Garcia

Dear Santa.

Dear Santa,

I want some wrestlers and a basketball. I want a drum too. Bring my mom a diamond ring. Bring my sister a Barbie. Bring my grandma a diamond ring and a rocking horse. Bring my grandpa a play bull. I live at Clovis. I will leave you some candy.

Love,

Salvador Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I am glad Christmas is coming. I want one of those footballs that makes the bat go further. I want a new Play Station game. I also want a CD player. Bring my mom a 49er's T-shirt. Bring my dad a football jersey. I live at 421 W. Ave. D. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Love, **Matthew Ambriz** 

Dear Santa.

I'll give you an angel. I want a real dog. I also want a teddy bear. Bring my mom angel. Bring my dad a computer. Bring my baby sister Blues Clues. I live close to Muleshoe. I will leave you my Chihuahua.

Love,

Samantha Reyna

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for toys. Bring me a Barbie house and a playhouse. Bring me a baby animal. Bring my mom a heart and my dad some money. Bring my sisters some dolls. I love on a rancho. I'll leave you some candy.

> Love, Crystal Rodriguez

Bring me a real dog. Bring me some clothes. Bring my grandma some rings. Bring my Aunt Mary some jewelry. I live in the country. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love, Gilberto Gomez

Dear Santa, I want a hoola hoop and a new dolly. I also want a lot of dolly stuff. Bring my mama a diamond ring. Bring my daddy a jacket. Bring my baby brother a baby toy. Bring my Papa a new shirt. I live in Farewell. I'll leave you some

cookies and milk. Love,

**Cassy Torres** 

Dear Santa, Are you real? Hodges said you weren't real. If you are real bring me some pants. I want some of those tall shoes too. Bring my mama a camera. Bring my daddy 3 pants cause he doesn't have a lot, and he has to use them for work. I live close to the track

by Gilbert. I will leave you some cook-

Love. Marielena Campos

Thank you for all the toys. Bring me a Nintendo and a Star Wars game. Bring my mom a truck. Bring my big brother a guitar and my little brother a Power Ranger. Bring my sister a Barbie. I live on Birch Street in a marorhouse. I will leave you a bear.

> Love, Issac Baca

Dear Santa,

I want a present. Bring me a goldfish. Bring me some Barbies. Bring me some candy. Bring my mom a new tshirt and jacket and CD. Bring my dad a desk. Bring my brother a football

CD. Bring my sister a computer. I live

close to the gas station. I will leave you a Christmas tree.

Love, Ivana Agundis

Dear Santa, I would like to have a pokémon ball and a pokémon cards and pokémon jaket and a bracelet for my sister and a neakless for my mom that says I Love

From:

Dear Santa,

you please.

Callie Ann Sterling

To: Santa Claus. Thank you. p.s. I do bulev in you. I Thank you now

My name is Kari. Please bring me a

some clothes, too. My house has red

and white lights. I'll leave you milk

Furby game and Glittery Tatoos. I want a Puppy Races game. I would like

and cookies on the paper. Signed,

Dear Santa,

Kari

My name is David. Please bring me a go cart and a four wheeler. Also a little train. My house is brown and red brick. I will leave you a pumpkin pia out to eat.

Christmas. And a toy car. That's all I

live in a long trailer house with white

on it. I'll leave you a cupcake on the

Signed, David

Dear Santa, It is me Alex. I want a ball for

couch so you can find it. Signed, Alex

Dear Santa, I am Andrea. I want a barbie for Christmas. I also want a teddy ber or something like that. My house is orange bricks with a brown roof. I'll

leave milk and cookies on the table in

the kitchen. Signed,

Andrea

Dear Santa. I'm Belinda. Hello! How are you? I would like you to bring me a locket to wear. I also want a barbie. My house has a chimeny and it is white. I'll leave

chocolate chip cookies outside for yo Signed,

Belinda

Signed,

Dear Santa I am Catie. I want a Bubba Bear for Christmas. I also want a new barbie with blonde hair. My house is blue and is out in the country. I'll leave cookies on the glass table in the living room for

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### D'Anne Kegley honored

D'Anne Kegley of Lubbock Allgood, Sandi Chitwood, was honored with a baby shower Nov. 13 at the home of Linda Elder of Muleshoe.

Special guests were Lynn Box, the honoree's mother, and Rheba Barrett, the honoree's grandmother, from Muleshoe.

Sheryl Engelking, Sherri Hunt, Sherri Shipman and Judy Wilbanks.

The table was decorated with a bear in a balloon floral arrangement. The refreshments served were assorted fruit Hostesses were Elder, Anita breads, punch and coffee.

## Microwave oven makes T.J.'s Donuts holiday entertaining easy

If you're like most Americans, you'll probably be entertaining in your home more than once this holiday season.

According to a national survey by Sears, Roebuck and Co., 72 percent of Americans plan to entertain in their homes during the holidays - and more than a third expect to host three or more occa-

Fortunately, today's microwave ovens can help make holiday food preparation quick and simple.

"With today's fast-paced lifestyles, it's harder to find the time to prepare special appetizers, meal and desserts," Sears microwave buyer Christine Lewis said.

"Here are a few ideas on how to use the microwave oven, before and during the holiday crush, to make your life easier and help you enjoy your own party," she added.

Prepare and freeze as many items as possible two to three weeks ahead of the celebration. At a holiday meal, party or when unexpected guests arrive, the foods can be microwaved quickly with less fuss and mess in the kitchen.

For a quick treat, prepare your favorite cookies, muffins or quick breads in large batches. Let cool, wrap and freeze.

Then, when you find yourself running short on dessert items, simply microwave them for a few seconds to defrost.

The microwave is an excellent tool for making quick sauces for desserts, entrees or exciting side

Chocolate melts quickly and easily in a microwave to form the

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL base of a dessert sauce to pour over ice cream or cake or to give a warm, just-cooked taste to purchased baked goods. Try adding mint, orange or almond extract to

> fruit preserves such as apricot, raspberry, strawberry or peach into

Cook in the microwave, and then strain to remove bits of fruit and seeds This will make a greattasting glaze.

Frozen chicken breasts can make a quick gourmet entree. Simply defrost in the microwave, and sauté in a skillet with olive oil or

Transfer to a serving plate, and cover with a fruit glaze or quick tomato or cheese sauce made in the microwave.

"Microwave cooking times vary based on the wattage of the oven," Lewis warned. "While a recipe may call for a certain amount of time, experiment with your own microwave to get the result you want."

Guests can enjoy appetizers that were made in the microwave oven, while the cook puts the finishing touches on the main meal.

"The important thing to rememeasily with the help of the microwave oven," Lewis said.

with french fries

the chocolate. For a simple glaze, pour a jar of

Try this simple chile con queso: Mix a jar of salsa with cubedprocessed cheese and heat until the cheese is melted.

ber is how easy it is to prepare good-tasting foods quickly and ( 328 S. Main St. All specials come with bread, dessert and drink.

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## Some precautions beforehand can help avoid vacation trouble

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL room. This includes sliding glass

A family vacation is an ideal way to celebrate the holiday season, as its arrival brings winter break for schoolchildren and time off from work for parents and leave a light and radio or televiother family members.

Vacations are designed to be an escape from the stresses and strains of everyday life. Unfortunately, many travelers not only leave their worries behind, but they also frequently leave their safety skills at home, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

"Vacationers are a favorite target for thieves," according to the institute. "When people go on vacation, they frequently carry a lot of cash, as well as expensive sports and camera equipment. They can be easy marks, since many vacationers are more focused on seeing the sights than keeping an eye on their wallets."

To ensure a safe vacation, people should consider the following precautions, the institute advises:

#### Hotels/Motels

 When registering at the front desk, ask the clerk to write the room number on a slip of paper rather than reveal it aloud.

If the clerk does announce it, ask for another room — that way strangers won't know the assigned room number.

• Don't let anyone unfamiliar into the room. Verify any unexpected visitor or delivery by calling the front desk and by asking to see identification.

• Don't leave valuables in your room. Store them in the hotel's safe-deposit box.

• Keep guest-room keys in a safe place; do not display them in public or carelessly leave them on restaurant tables or other places where they can be stolen. If a key is lost, ask for a new room. If the hotel uses passkeys, have them

re-coded. · Securely lock all doors to the

windows and connecting doors. Never leave the room unlocked —even for a minute or two. When going out for the day or evening, sion on. Place the "do not disturb" sign on the outside of the door to discourage burglars.

• If something or someone in the hotel does not seem right, trust the gut feeling and call security immediately.

· Ask the bellhop to point out safety features in the room. Be sure to check the floor map, in order to know where all the exits

· Keep a pair of shoes next to the bed. Wearing shoes allows faster movement, and they could keep your feet from getting burned if there is a fire.

Also, place the room key on the nightstand where it can be easily found. In the event of an emergency evacuation, take the keys along in case the exits are blocked and there is a need to return to the room.

· If smoke is coming into the room, touch the door, frame and knob. If they are cool, slowly open the door. Take along a wet towel to be used as a facial covering. Go to the nearest exit as quickly as possible. If the door is hot, do not open it; remain in theroom. Soak towels in water and use them to block the crack under the door to keep smoke from filling the room.

. Know how to use the phone. A fire or other emergency is not the time to learn how to contact the front desk or get an outside line to dial 911.

#### Cars and parking lots

• When vacationing by car, plan the route carefully. Travel on main roads and use maps. Have the vehicle serviced before leaving for the trip. Equip the car with a flashlight, flares, fire extinguisher, first-aid kit and bottled water.

• If the family doesn't own a

phone that can be used in the car, consider renting one during the vacation in case of an emergency.

· Always park the vehicle in a well-lit area. If walking in the hotel parking lot seems uncomfortable, ask hotel security to provide an escort.

• Don't stop at the scene of an accident, but look for a well-lit pay phone or use a cellular phone and call the police.

#### Airport

· Be aware of individuals who try try distraction tactics at security or during check-in; it may be a ruse to facilitate stealing baggage or other personal items.

· Don't wear heavy belt buckles or jewelry that could set off metal detectors. Those belongings could be stolen during the time of focusing on satisfying the airport's security requirements.

• Put identifying information on the outside of all luggage. Personal information such as the home address should be placed only inside the luggage. Otherwise, the information might invite a burglary by tipping off a crook that the house is unoccupied.

#### Touring

· Find out from the hotel concierge or local residents what parts of town are considered risky and avoid them. Ask the hotel for a map of the area around the hotel and study it before heading out.

• Walk with purpose and project an assertive businesslike attitude. Criminals can often be discouraged by not looking vulnerable or easily intimidated. Be aware of surroundings and trust instincts. When uncomfortable feelings start to surface, get out of the

•Be vigilant when visiting tourist attractions - pickpockets like to work in crowded areas where people are easily distracted.

And crooks often work in groups: One will provide a distraction while another is trying to steal things.

### THREE WAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances — Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual General Fund and Food Service Special Revenue Fund Year Ended August 31, 1999

		1B	100-199 General Fu	nd
Data				Variance
Control				Favorable
Codes	REVENUES:	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 600,855	\$ 687,439	\$ 86,584
5800	State Program Revenues	685,142	675,769	(9,373)
5900	Federal Program Revenues	300	321	21
5020	Total Revenues	1,286,297	1,363,529	77,232
	EXPENDITURES:			
	Current:			
0010	Instruction & Instructional Related Services	673,784	645,173	28,611
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	54,024	43,461	10,563
0030	Support Services — Student (Pupil)	130,482	164,095	(33,613)
0040	Administrative Support Services	153,796	145,609	8,187
0050	Support Services — Nonstudent Based	267,483	277,293	(9,810)
0080	Capital Outlay	180,000	35,616	144,384
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	10,000	11,082	(1,082
6030	Total Expenditures	1,469,569	1,322,329	147,240
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under)			
	Expenditures	(183,272)	41,200	224,472
7020	Other Resources		24,483	24,483
8030	Other (Uses)	(35,000)	(23,584)	11,410
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources			
	Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(218,272)	42,099	260,37
0100	Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	502,264	502,264	
3000	Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	\$ 283,992	\$ 544,363	\$ 260,37

EXHIBIT A-3

B Food Servi	240.24 ce Special Rev		Totals (Memorandum Only)		
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			(35,000)	(23,584)	11,41
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613	613		502,877	502,877	
(5,501)	(7,150)	(1,649)	278,491	537,213	258,72



Malachi Ray Rodríguez, 8-month-old son of Micheàl and Kimberly Rodríguez, is the winner of Alco store's "cutest baby contest." He received \$25 for first place, and the contest raised mored than \$900 for Muleshoe Meals on Wheels.

### OSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reported the following patient load:

Dec. 10 — Antonia Cadena, Mildred N. Ferrell, Billye E. Jones and Linda J. Mathys.

Dec. 11 — Emma Armstrong, Mildred N. Ferrell, Floy B. Hanson, Billye E. Jones, Clark A. Price and Stella M. Smith.

Dec. 12 — Emma Armstrong, Mildred N. Ferrell, Billye E. Jones, Clark A. Price, William C. Seagroves, Stella M. Smith and Max Steinbock

Dec. 13 — Emma Armstrong, Mildred N. Ferrell, Billye E. Jones, Clark A. Price, William C. Seagroves, Stella M. Smith, Mary J. St. Clair and Max Steinbock.

Dec. 14 — Myrtle Clayton, Ruby Everett, Mildred N. Ferrell, Olan Gatlin, Raymond Gonzales, Mary Holt, Billye E. Jones, Dovie Matthews, Clark A. Price, William C. Seagroves, Mary J. St. Clair and Max Steinbock.

Dec. 15 — Myrtle Clayton, Billy Crouch, Ruby F. Everett, Mildred N. Ferrell, Olan Gatlin, Mary F. Holt, Billye E. Jones, Dovie C. Matthews, Clark A. Price, Juana Reves, William C. Seagroves and Max Steinbock.

Dec. 16 — Myrtle Clayton, Billy Crouch, Mildred N. Ferrell, Mary F. Holt, Billye E. Jones, Dovie C. Matthews, Clark A. Price, Juana M. Reyes, William C. Seagroves and Max Steinbock.

#### **RAYMOND GONZALES**

Services were held Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for Raymond Gonzales, 73, of Muleshoe. The Rev. Joe Augustine was the celebrant. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Gonzales was born Sept. 8, 1926, in Rocky Ford, Colo. He died Tuesday at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He married Adelina García in Rocky Ford on Oct. 14, 1948. She died Feb. 12, 1988.

He moved from Rocky Ford to the Muleshoe area in 1960. He was a farm laborer and a member of Immaculate Conception

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Dec. 4

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Charles Rosendo Villarreal,

John Nicholas Rodríguez, no

James C. "Buddy" Embry Jr.,

aggravated assault with a deadly

Catholic Church.

Mr. Gonzales is survived by three sons, Johnny Gonzales, Felipe Gonzales and Rudy Gonzales, all of Muleshoe; five daughters, Gloria Avila, Mary Ford and Susan Chávez, all of Lubbock, and Vicki Gonzales and Della Orozco, both of Muleshoe; seven sisters. Nettie Roman of La Junta, Colo., Coomen Jiménez and Jessie Maesta, both of Pueblo, Colo., Madalene Almarquez of Abilene, Margaret Carrillo of Stanton, Texas, Stella Cereceres of Portales and Virginia Solis of Las Animas, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Felix Gonzales Jr.

Jesús José Flores, evading an

#### officer. Dec. 6

Martha Arreola, hindering apprehension of a felon.

Cassandra Ann Flores, hindering apprehension of a suspect.

Richard Herrera Sigala, burglary of building and theft of a motor vehicle.

### **OPS NEWS**

The TOPS No. 34 Christmas party was held Dec. 16 at the Church of Christ on American Boulevard. There was an exchange of gifts.

Thirteen members weighed in at the meeting. Polly Otwell and Alene Bryant were the weight recorders.

Janie Hughes was announced as the best loser and Bryant was the first runner-up.

Both the opening and closing TOPS songs were led by Linda White.

The prayer and pledge were

led by leader Laverne James, who also called the meeting to

Hughes, the secretary, read the minutes from the previous week's meeting.

Get-well cards were sent to Aurora Mata, Evelene Harris, Jerrell Otwell and Alma Robertson. A sympathy card was sent to Lucille Harp, who lost a nephew who lived in Lubbock.

The next meeting will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 30 at the same location. Guests are welcome.

### Officials say Texas medical system is safe

AUSTIN — At least 44,000 hospitalized Americans die each year because of medical errors, according to a report released recently by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medi-

But the report does not cite how many accidental deaths of patients were recorded.

Neither the Texas Department of Health nor the Texas Board of Medical Examiners keeps track of deaths attributed to "medical errors" that could include misdiagnosis or misprescribed drugs.

Texas health officials reacted to the report, however, saying physician- and facility-licensing procedures help to ensure patients safety.

"Our system has worked well, and physicians that don't meet our requirements are disciplined," Dr. Bruce Levy, executive director of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, told The Dallas Morning News.

"If a medical provider represents an imminent threat to the public, we can suspend their state license, and we now do that about a dozen times a year," Levy said.

In Texas, physicians do not have to be re-examined once they are licensed, but they must take at least 24 hours of continuing medical education each year.

More than 900 Texas physicians have been disciplined in the last six years for violating state rules and requirements.

Disciplinary actions ranged from license revocations and suspensions to public reprimands and fines, Levy told The News.

Ninety-nine physicians have been disciplined for malpractice or other infractions in 1999, including nine who lost their licenses to practice in Texas.

Licenses of 43 doctors have been suspended and 18 doctors have had restrictions put on their licenses, Levy said.

Texas hospitals are required to report any abuse, neglect or exploitation of patients to the Department of Health, said Nance Stearman, director of the Health Facility Licensing and Compliance Division at the Texas Department of Health.

#### **TNRCC** sends Y2K alerts

Failure to prepare for the year 2000 computer bug will not be accepted as an excuse if violations of state environmental regulations occur.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has sent a series of Y2K alert letters to companies that must comply with state environmental regula-

"It is important that you under-



stand that the failure of any aspect of your operation as a result of

Y2K problems that cause noncompliance with TNRCC rules will not be considered an 'act of God," cautioned TNRCC Executive Director Jeff Saitas in a letter to the companies.

"Consequently, any such failures will be subject to normal enforcement procedures."

Since August 1998, three letters have been sent to alert the regulated community of its Y2K responsibilities.

The most recent letter, mailed Nov. 19, was sent to about 900 small chemical companies that have less than 50 employees each.



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## Time to say adieu



### Two long time employees this week bid farewell to local businesses

Maxine Donaldson has retired after 31 years at First Bank of Muleshoe. Maxine worked as Assistant Cashier.

Working with and getting to know her associates and customers came easy to Maxine and she appreciates the wonderful relationships which developed with customers over many years.

Pictured are: (left) Wilma Smith, Lucy Faye Smith and Maxine Donaldson at a retirement reception held at First Bank on Wednesday, Dec. 15. and (below) Francis Bland, Frank McCamish, Staci Buie, Melba McCamish, Sandy Vandevender and Charles Mayhugh at a retirement party in honor of Mayhugh at Muleshoe Motor Co.



Muleshoe Motor Company. Charles wishes to let everyone know that he has been diligently training Staci and John to take his place and he promises that all his faithful custom-

ers over the years will still receive great service.

This sentiment is echoed by Charles Mayhugh,

who is retiring after 28 years on the sales floor at

Good luck to Maxine and Charles Your contributions have truly enriched this community

### Canned fruits and vegetables have advantages

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Canned fruits and vegetables may not look as appealing as their fresh counterparts, but when it comes to nutrition, don't count them out, says Dr. Janice Stuff, a registered dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine.

Fruits and vegetables destined for the cannery are picked at full ripeness and usually processed within hours.

This gives them a nutritional creasing the amount of beta-meal preparation time. head start over produce destined for green-grocer shelves, which is generally picked several days earlier to withstand the stress and time of transport. Once canned, the nutritional content remains stable for up to two years. In contrast, fresh produce continues to lose sensitive nutrients until consumed.

Canning and cooking also yield some advantages. Heat breaks down cell structures, incarotene and lycopene, a cancer-fighting antioxidant found in tomatoes. It also kills bacteria, and the vacuum created during canning keeps the contensts safe until opened.

And, because fruits and vegetables are canned when supplies are plentiful, their price is generally attractive.

Easy-to-store and ready-touse, canned foods offer convenience and can significantly cut

Canned fruits and vegetables do have a nutritional downside, however. Canning, like cooking, causes the loss of some heat-sensitive and watersoluble nutrients, although most can be reclaimed by using the canning liquid.

Canned foods also tend to be higher in salt and sugars, making it advisable to look for lowsodium and juice-packed ver-

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#### FW LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8570 met for its regular monthly meeting Nov. 8 at 203 E. Ash.

Answering roll were Janie Rodriquez, Joy Nicholson, Yvonne Stockman, June Green, Ruby Green, Mariann Anzaldua, Leah Bell and Carol Buhrman.

Club rituals, including recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the opening prayer, were conducted by club mem-

Minutes and the treasurer's report from the October meeting were read and approved by members.

Items in accounts payable were presented by Nicholson. Members approved payment of the following items: JC Penney candle holder, flowers and hotel expenses for District 13 President Burgenbrock, and ceiling fans.

In old business, the auxiliary previously voted to buy a phone card to be sent to a local serviceman stationed overseas. It was decided to send the card to an individual closer to Muleshoe rather than sending the money to the National Auxiliary.

Progress reports were submitted by several committees;

Buhrman told the ladies that the soup-label collection was going well. At meeting time, she had not quite collected the 100 labels required by the State Auxiliary for credit. However, with the holidays quickly approaching, she said she was optimistic that the local auxiliary would meet the goal. This is a continuing project that benefits orphans.

Ruby Green, Nicholson and Bell reported on hours spent at Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center. Green has accumulated 208 volunteer hours at the hospital while Nicholson spends 20 hours monthly volunteering. Bell questioned whether cutting her grandmother's hair counted toward volunteer work. According to national standards, any time spent in service at a nursing home counts toward national recognition for the local auxiliary.

Bell reported that the "Make A Difference" canned-food drive netted close to 100 cans of food that were donated to the local food pantry. Pantry official Kay Graves commented that the organization is "always in need of donations."

Auxiliary school projects are scheduled to begin after Christmas. Nicholson has coloring books from the Department of Public Safety. Bell presented members with the Pledge of Allegiance recited in conjunction with sign language. Special thanks to Ginger Caldwell for her help with learning the "signs." She is in the prayers of auxiliary members because of her health problems.

In further business, the November district meeting place is Wellington, Texas. Rooms are reserved for anyone wanting to attend.

Stockman presented a new fund-raiser program to the members. Catalog sales of knick-knacks could net the group 30 percent of the profit. Members voted on and agreed to sell the items as an ongoing project.

Anzaldua mentioned that Berta Combs of Meals on Wheels was in desperate need of delivery persons for Thanksgiving day. Members voted to deliver to 12 people on Thanksgiving. Meals will be provided by Nicholson, of Dairy Queen. Bell, Green and Stockman will help prepare and deliver the meals.

Joe Ambriz and Freddy Anzaldua, local VFW officers, asked the ladies about taking over the concession stand at the "old" VFW. The idea was tabled for further discussion.

There being no further business, the ladies conducted a silver drill and collected \$5.53. The next meeting was set for Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

An informal meeting to plan the party was held Nov. 30, followed by a second informal meeting Dec. 6. The first Monday of each month will be the new regular meeting time for the auxiliary.

The Dec. 6 meeting put the final touches on plans for a combined VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party.

The party was scheduled for Dec. 18. VFW and auxiliary members were to bring a \$5 gift to be exchanged. Women are to buy gifts for women and men for men. Door prizes were to be awarded to those attending the party who are not directly involved in either organization. The party was open to everyone, but no one under the age of 18 was to stay after 8 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary was in charge of food for the occasion, with each member assigned a specific dish.

In light of the occasion, a designated driver was to be present to escort those who feel they require the service.

Also discussed Dec. 6 was the Toys for Tots collection and current canned-food drive. All members were encouraged to take an unwrapped toy or can of food to 203 E. Ash.

The auxiliary is working in conjunction with the local food pantry, Leal's Angel Tree and the Bailey County Ministerial Alliance's Hope Chest. Outside donations are welcome. Members are encouraged to remember that Christmas is the season for giving.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the auxiliary is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 in the VFW building at 203 E. Ash.



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