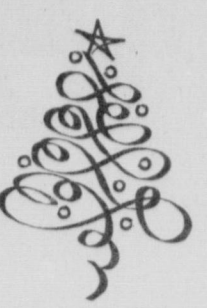


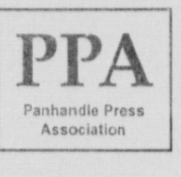
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Have A Merry Christmas!



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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

Not like chicken?

Reinforcements were dispatched to Autry State Prison at Pelham, Ga., to quell a two-hour disturbance that may have been sparked by an inmate angry over the quality of a chicken dinner.

"It appears they were incited by one particular inmate who was complaining that his chicken was not thoroughly cooked," said Scott Stallings of the Georgia Department of Correction.

During the dispute, the inmates broke off sprinkler heads, broke windows and set fire to mattresses, he said.

Cows lounge in comfort

Here's the ultimate in cow comfort: a bovine water bed. Cow water beds are much like human water beds — the bed surrounds the cow in cushy softness while supporting it when it lies down.

The idea is that comfortable cows produce more milk. "The stalls with the water beds fill up faster than the other stalls," said John Marshman, who has installed 75 water beds in his barn.

"Cows are just like everybody else. When they figure out something is more comfortable, that's where they'll go."



Drawing date: Wednesday, Dec. 19
Winning numbers: 15-24-35-37-44-46
Estimated jackpot: \$26 million
Winners: 0
Next drawing: Saturday, Dec. 22
Estimated jackpot: \$30 million

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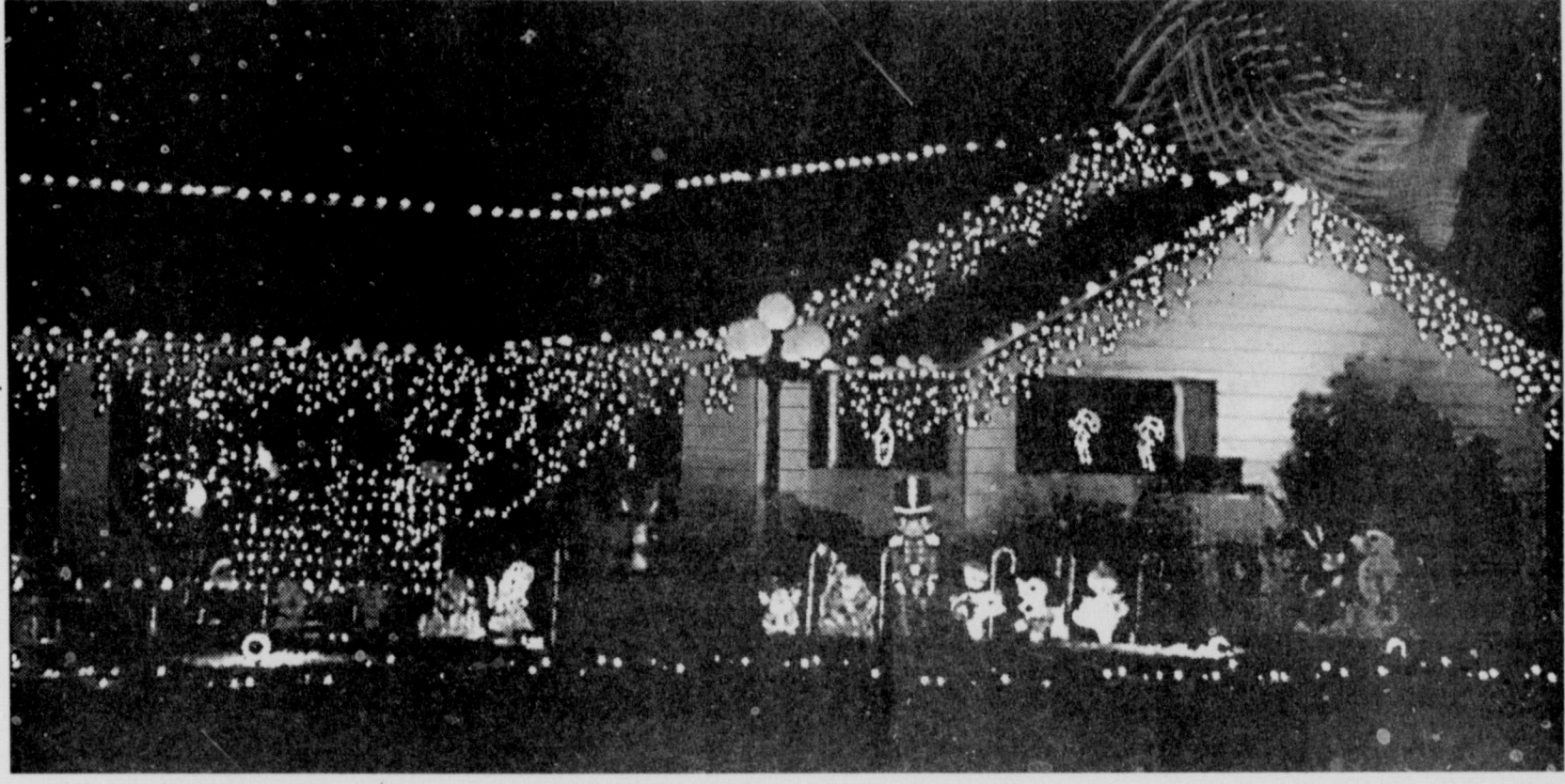
- Dec. 20** — The Goliad Declaration of Independence for Texas is issued (1835).
- Dec. 21** — Mary James Long is born at Port Lavaca, the first Anglo-American born in Texas (1821).
- Also on Dec. 21 — The Fredonian Declaration of Independence for Texas is issued (1836).
- Dec. 23** — U.S. troops occupy Confederate-held Indianola, Texas (1863).

LOCAL WEATHER

The National Weather Service is predicting a chilly week for the area, but not unseasonably cold. With partly cloudy skies, daytime highs should be in the mid- to upper 40s, with morning low temperatures dropping to about 18 Sunday, 22, Monday, 18 Tuesday, 23 Wednesday and 25 Thursday.

Editor Ronn Smith can be reached at 272-4536 or ctyankee@fivearea.com

Missed your paper? Call carrier Bobby Flores at 272-6719 or the Journal during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Light in the darkness

The home of the Melvin Seymores, just west of U.S. 70-84 on West Camp Road, captures the joy of the holiday season.

Park View inspection finally set for Jan. 2

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The re-inspection of Park View, the Muleshoe Area Hospital District's new nursing home, has been scheduled for Jan. 2.

"As soon as we pass, we will move residents in the nesd day," Bill Paxton, administrator of the facility, told the district's board members Thursday.

Tim Campbell, the board president, responded drily: "We thought we were going to move after the last inspection."

Both Paxton and Jim Bone, administrator for the district, said they believe all of the state inspectors' major points have been ad-

ressed. Paxton said the facility's staff will be moving into the new offices this week.

Park View was inspected Oct. 8, but state inspectors presented a list of issues to be addressed before the facility could be licensed.

District voters approved more than \$3 million in bonds for construction of the new facility, and the first payment on those bonds is due in a matter of weeks.

Bone said, however, that the district has about half enough cash available by shuffling money from various funds, and expects to meet the payment.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

Blue Denim II Plus 2 (Dave, Rick, Brenda and Clara Sudduth) performs Christmas carols Thursday at the final yule party in the current nursing home.

Mules 65, River Road 62 — it was beautiful!

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

The Mules squashed the turnover bug that has plagued them this season and defeated the Amarillo River Road Wildcats 65-62 Tuesday night before an exuberant home crowd.

"It feels good to win one," Mule coach Ralph Mason said. "We needed this win tonight."

Lincoln Riley set the tone for the Mules by stealing an offensive rebound from a Wildcat and putting it back for the first tally of the night. Riley also scored on a

baseline jumper to put the Mules on top 4-0 early in the game.

Riley made the paint his home as he scored nine of the Mules' 14 first-quarter points — including the final bucket of the period, on a feed from Valentin Colunga to beat the buzzer. The Mules led 14-11 at that juncture.

River Road turned up its intensity as the second period began, and claimed the lead 4:21 into the quarter. Riley kicked the ball to the corner where Stephan Shelburne had spotted up outside the arc for a three to put the Mules back on top.

The teams then exchanged three-pointers with Kyle Atwood and Shelburne dropping them in for the Mules. Riley was back in the paint as the first half ended, scoring three times in the final minute to give the Mules a 31-25 advantage at half-time.

Unreeling eight unanswered points in the first two minutes of the third stanza put the Wildcats temporarily in the lead. Riley posted six points for the Mules midway through the period and Shelburne drained

see MULES on page 16



Santa has busy day

Santa Claus visited all ages on Thursday. At left, he gets that famous list from kindergartner Matthew Dickerson. At right he delivers gifts to residents of Muleshoe Area Healthcare



Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

Center aided by Shannon Chapman. With the kindergarten crowd, Santa is sometimes known as Gene Sheets; with the older crowd, he's sometimes known as Melvin Griffin.

A Merry Christmas to All!



We wish all of you and your loved ones the most wonderful Christmas ever, and in this coming year of 2002, it is our hope that you may have...

- ❁ Enough happiness to keep you sweet
- ❁ Enough trials to keep you strong
- ❁ Enough sorrow to keep you human
- ❁ Enough failure to keep you humble
- ❁ Enough hope to keep you happy
- ❁ Enough success to keep you eager
- ❁ Enough friends to give you comfort
- ❁ Enough wealth to meet your needs
- ❁ Enough enthusiasm to look forward
- ❁ Enough faith to banish depression
- ❁ Enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday

This message was a favorite of founder H.D. "Jack" Snell Jr., and sharing it with you has been a United Christmas tradition since 1976.

United
Supermarkets

All United Supermarkets locations are closed on Christmas Day so that our employees may enjoy the holiday with their families.

AROUND MULESHOE

Learning Center closed for holiday

The Muleshoe Adult Learning Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday through Jan. 7.

The center will resume classes at the regular hour Jan. 8, one day later than Muleshoe Independent School District resumes classes.

The center also will be enrolling students for a new semester at that time.

More information is available by calling Sharon Grant at 272-7540.

Addresses for holiday giving listed

Last-minute donations to local charities can be mailed to:

- Hope Chest, Box 202, Muleshoe 79347;
- Bailey County Food Pantry, Box 202, Muleshoe 79347;
- Meals on Wheels, 300 S. First, Muleshoe 79347; and
- Rainbow Room, 902 W. Avenue J, Muleshoe 79347.

Public calendar

Jan. 2 — Last day to file for candidacy in the March 12 primaries. Information is available from the Democratic and Republican county chairs.

Jan. 3 — Mammograms at Plains Memorial Hospital, Dimmitt. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

Jan. 5 — 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Penguin Parade," the weekly Storytime feature at Muleshoe Area Public Library. It will be preceded by "Ready for Life" (for newborns to age 2; with parents) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and followed by "Saturday Afternoon at the Library" (for all elementary students) from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Jan. 7 — Mammograms at Muleshoe Area Medical Center. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

Jan. 11 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Providers, Muleshoe. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

Jan. 12 — 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "Pandas," the weekly Storytime feature at Muleshoe Area Public Li-

brary. It will be preceded by "Ready for Life" (for newborns to age 2, with parents) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and followed by "Saturday Afternoon at the Library" (for all elementary students) from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Jan. 15 — Mammograms at South Plains Health Providers, Muleshoe. Reservations required; (800) 377-4673.

The deadline for items to appear in Around Muleshoe is 5 p.m. Monday for Thursday's editions and 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's editions.

Lady Mules continue to rack up wins

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Lady Mules had little trouble with Amarillo River Road last week, avenging last year's playoff in a 63-51 win at home.

Muleshoe extended its season record to 13-2.

The full game story, with comments from coach Shanna Simms, will appear in Thursday's *Journal*.

River Road never led but at the four-minute mark of the second frame, the Lady Cats knotted the score at 18-18. Britni Gartin was fouled driving the lane and dropped in a free throw to put the Lady Mules on top for good.

Shani Rasco finished the half by dropping in one from the charity stripe to give

Muleshoe a 27-22 pad.

The Lady Mules never looked back in the second half, continuing to build on their lead. Tori Barton sank the Lady Mules' only three of the night a little more than five minutes into the third period.

Sara Benham made back-to-back buckets to give Muleshoe its largest lead of

the night, 45-30, with 2:27 remaining in the third quarter. River Road pulled to within 10 points with four minutes left in the contest.

Rasco led the Lady Mules with 18 points, followed by Gartin with 13 and Sara Benham with 11.

The Lady Mules scored 30 points off the bench to 4 for the Lady Wildcats.

3 Mule football players on all-state list

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Three Muleshoe football players were on the Class 3A all-state roster released Wednesday by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

Kyle Atwood, a senior, was picked as a second-team wide receiver, while senior linemen Daniel Johnson and Jeffre Skipworth were honorable mentions.

The full story, with coach's comments on the all-staters as well as the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* All-South Plains honorees named Friday, will appear later in the *Journal*.

Offensive picks for the Lubbock paper's honor team include Atwood and sophomore running back A.J. Flores. Honorable mention went to Johnson,

Skipworth and senior quarterback Lincoln Riley.

Defensively, Riley got the A-J's nod as the honor team's punter. Honorable mentions on this side of the ball were linemen Johnson, Bradley Thomason and Rey Martinez, also seniors; Atwood as a defensive back; and linebackers Stephan Shelburne, a senior, and Brian King, a

sophomore.

District 2 dominated the A-J team, with Muleshoe with four offensive positions and seven on defense.

Shallowater had a total of nine players listed, Cooper six, Lubbock Roosevelt and Littlefield four apiece and Dimmitt zero.

Even Santa has to get into shape after the holidays!

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We're probably not on your Christmas list.

Most people might prefer not to think of a hospital over the holidays. But some will have to. There will be injuries and illnesses..... and babies will be born. And at this hospital, over the 24 hours of Christmas Day, some people will be doing just what we do every day, in case you need us. Some will celebrate Christmas with our own families early, some late, so we will be here if you need us. Most of you won't think about us at all, because you'll just know we're here. And that makes us very proud.

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Kinder Korner

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! I am Austyn Steinbock and I'm 3 yrs. old. I would like a four wheeler (a real one) nothing else — just that. Thanks.
Signed,
Austyn Steinbock

Dear Santa,
My name is Kyan Garner. I am 3 yrs. old. I have been pretty good all year. If you can, would you please bring me a rocking horse, a teddy bear, a bicycle and a duck. Merry Christmas!
Signed,
Kyan Garner

Dear Santa,
My name is Calli Sirkel. I am 2 yrs. old. I would like a baby doll with a bottle and blanket. I have been good at Kinder Korner. Mom says I have been ok at home. Thank you.
P.S. I just moved. Don't forget where I live.
Signed,
Calli Sirkel

Dear Santa,
My name is Bethlee Gable. I am 4 yrs. old. I have been pretty good most of the time. I would like a Barbie jeep — that is all. Thanks.
Signed,
Bethlee Gable

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashley Scott. I am 2 yrs. old. I have been very good this year. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll, a bottle and blanket, for her. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.
Signed,
Ashley Scott

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaylie Morris. I am 4 yrs. old. I have been good this year. I would like you to bring me a bike without training wheels and drumsticks (without the drums). Merry Christmas!
Signed,
Kaylie Morris

Dear Santa,
My name is Karlee Springfield. I am 3 yrs. old. I have been really good this year. I would like you to bring me a pink baby doll and a bottle. Merry Christmas!
Signed,
Karlee Springfield

Dear Santa,
My name is Micha Williams. I am 4 yrs. old. Would you please bring me a Barbie doll. That is all. I have been good this year. Thank you.
Signed,
Micha Williams

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashton Hunt. I am 5 yrs. old. I would like for you to bring me a baby doll and a baby bottle and a Barbie Nutcracker doll, and some roller skates. Haley is 1 yr. old. She needs a baby doll. She is sweet so bring her something for her stocking too.
Signed,
Ashton Hunt

Dear Santa,
My name is Conner Harrison. I am 4 yrs. old. Could you bring me a green truck so I can haul cotton seed like my Dad. That is all. Thanks and I'll see you.
Signed,
Conner Harrison

Dear Santa,
My name is Branden Locke. I am 4 yrs. old. For Christmas I would like a green truck to haul seed and my sister Chelsea needs something too. Thanks and Merry Christmas!
Signed,
Branden Locke

Dear Santa,
Boy do I have a list for you! My name is Braden Bessire and I go to Kinder Korner. I am 5 yrs. old. I would like some Rescue Rangers, a remote controlled monster truck and a Hot Wheels Cyborg City, oh yeah and a grey Power Ranger. Thank you.
Signed,
Braden Bessire

Dear Santa,
My name is John Welch — "Little John" to everyone at Kinder Korner. I am 3 yrs. old and I would like for you to bring me a Lazer gun and a surprise (you pick it). Thanks and Merry Christmas.
Signed,
John Welch

Dear Santa,
My name is Garrett Welch. I am 5 yrs. old. I've been fairly good this year. I would like you to bring me some Rescue Rangers, a scooter and a trampoline for Christmas. Thanks and I'll see you Christmas!
Signed,
Garrett Welch

Dear Santa,
My name is Cambree Glover. I am 3 yrs. old. I have been pretty good this year. Would you please bring me a baby doll and some surprises. Thanks.
Signed,
Cambree Glover

Dear Santa,
My name is Joseph Carrion. I am 4 yrs. old. I would like you to bring me a choo-choo train,

a bell for it and a track. Thank and have a great Christmas.
Signed,
Joseph Carrion

Mrs. Aianis' Class
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little boy. I hope you have a safe trip and take good care of your reindeers. This year I only want three things. Please bring me a Playstation, a four wheeler, and a mountain bike. I want a playstation to play games. I would like to have a four wheeler so I can go to my friends. On Christmas I'm going to have my tree decorated and you can put the presents under the tree. I'm going to leave some cookies and some milk for you. Thank you.
Signed,
Juan Carlos Orozco

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your reider. this year I only want three things. Please bring me a computer so I can play games. For my nice mom I want some clothes. For my good dad I want some new tools. I hope you bring me this stuff Santa Clause. If you come to my house, I promise I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Signed,
Alejandra Gomez

Dear Santa,
This year I have been a good little girl. This year I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your raindeers. This year I only want three things, an Easy Bake oven, some cloths, some shoes and some rollerskates. For mom and dad, for my mom bring her favret C.d Los Angels de Charlie and her favret carpet. For my dad, I want you to bring him his favorite boots, for my brother bring him a Nintendo 64 game. For my grandma bring her some shoes and some clothes. For my whole people in the world bring them whatever you want to bring them. I hope you have a nice trip and I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Signed,
Jessica Ann Medina

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip tak ker of your reindeedeers. This year I only want Three Things. Please bring me a neclace and a computer and rollerskates. I want the neclace to ware when i go to parties. I want the computer to learn. I want the rollerskates so I can go roller skeatsing. with my friend's. I will leave cookies and milck.
Signed,
Jessica Reyes

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your reindeers. This year I only want three things. Please bring me a beautiful dress, some gold jewelery and a puppy with soft



black fur. I would like the dress in time for Christmas. I would like the jewelery to look like a princess. I want the puppy to play with my friend and me. I will leave you cookies and milk. I will be waiting for you.
From,
Abigail Regalado

Dear Santa,
Yo me e portado muy bien. Hohala que tenga un buen viaje. Este año solamente quiero tres cosas. Quiero una computadora, unos patines y un jeep de Barbie. Si me traes todas las cosas te dejo el chocomilk y galletas. La computadora la quiero con una pantalla chiquita como la que hay en la Alco y de color azul. Los patines los quiero de Barbie del tamaño 2 1/2 de color rosa. El jeep lo quiero rosa tambien. Esto es todo por este año. Te espero para el otro año. Que tengas un buen viaje este año.
Signed,
Cinthya Ronquillo

Dear Santa,
I am a good litte boy and I want a Xbox and a Max steel and a Helicopter. The X-Box that i want is like Nintendo 64 but with an X on it. I want the kind you put a C.d. in it. Please bring this X-Box because my playstation doesn't work any more. I want the Max steel toy because it is my favorite toy. I want a helicopter because I like helicopter's. I will leave cookies and milk for you.
Signed,
Ismael Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I have been nice little boy this year. I hop you have a safe trip and tak ker of your reindeers. This year I only want three things. Please bring me a 3 wheeler. I would like a 3 wheeler to corral the cattle in a pen. I would like a puppy. I would like a puppy to help me to corral the cattle. I would like a brouther. I would like a brouther to play with him. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Signed,
Gilbert Morales

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice litte girl this year I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your reindeer. This year I only want three things. Please bring me a computer a puppu, and rolles. Pleas

bing them, I want a computer to got to the internet. I want the puppu beacuse I like puppies. I want the rolleskates to skate with my friend. I will leave milk and cookres at the table.
Signed,
Alejandra Montejaro

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little boy this year. This year I only want three things Please bring me a Playstation with 2 of my favorite games. The names ar Legend of the Dragon and Super Field two. I need this Playstation to play game on my T.V. I need these games to play on my Playstation. I will Leave you some cookies milk.
Signed,
Alex Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I have been a good lite girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your reindeers. This year I only want three things. Please bring me a computer, and a gameboy color, a neclace. I woul dlike the ecomputer for my and my sister room. I would like the gameboy when I come from school and I clean my room and I don't got noting to do I can play my gameboy with my sister. My neclace is when I go to school I can put my neclace on. My name is Anabel Regalado I live in Muleshoe. I hope you remember my name. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
P.S. I wnat a bike for my litte brother. He wants it for Christmas this year.
Signed,
Anabel R.

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take care of yur reindeers. This year I only wnat three things. Please bring me a new computer, a pass ward Journal, and bring something for my mom and my dad. I will like a computer because I can learn with it. The Pass Ward Journal so I can keep my secrets from my brothers. I want a presnet far my momm and my dad beucse they take care of my. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Signed,
Gladis Ramos

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little boy this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take of your reindeers. This year I only want three things. Please bring me a 4 wheeler Becaus I will help my Dad to round up the cow.s. Bring a computer for my sitstr fo she could do her homework and a Nentntdo zega for I could play the game of Harrypotter. I will leave some cookies and

milk.
P.S. I hope your have a doog Christmas. Love Ever
Signed,
Ever Juarez

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice little boy this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your reindeers. this year I only wnat three thing. Please bring me a remote control truck, a heli copter and a Playstation. I like the remote control truck so I can play with it in the dirt. I want the helicopter becusee it can fly. I want the PlayStation becuse my 'sister and I can play together. I will leave you some cookies and some milk.
Signed,
Cristian Godinez

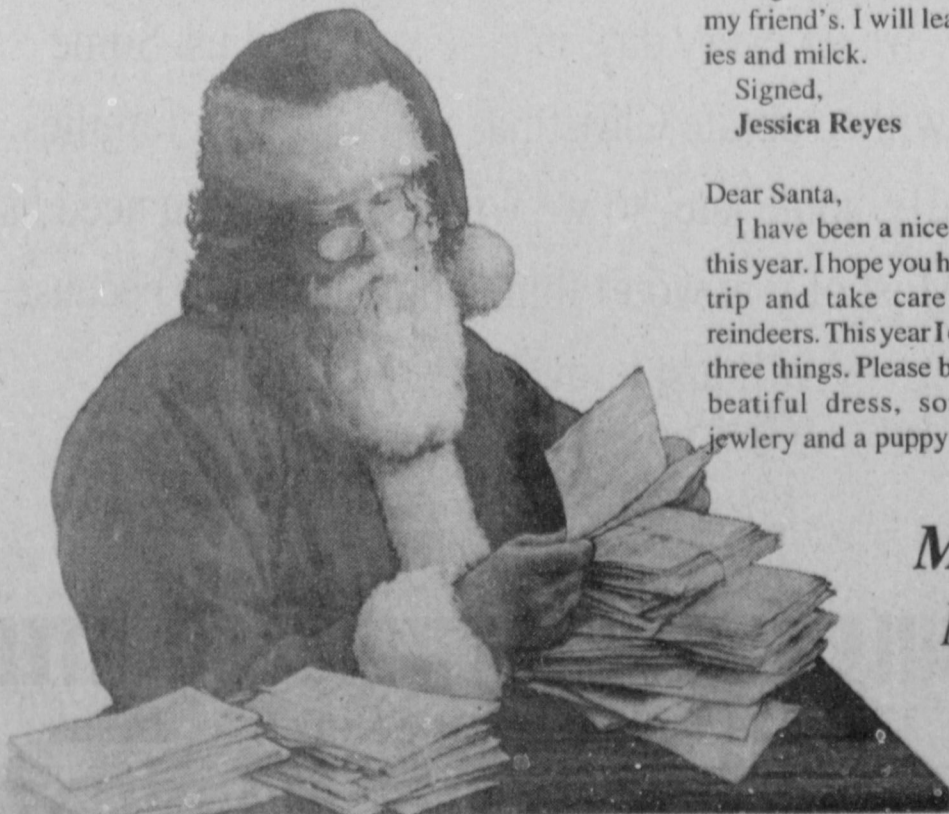
Dear Santa,
I hve been a nice little boy this year. I hope you have a safe trip and take care of your reindeers. This year I only want three things. please bing me a Nintendo 64, a Barbie for my sister, and a bike for my mom and Dad. I wold like the nintendo to play Games. I want the Barbie for my sister to play with the Barbie. The bike is for my mom and Dad so they can ride it. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you.
Signed,
Miguel Vargas

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice boy all this year. I want you to bring me a four wheeler to go work with the cows. I want a Playstation too, with games and a football. I want to play with my brother. And I play football at home. I will give you a cookies an milk.
Signed,
Erik Salcido

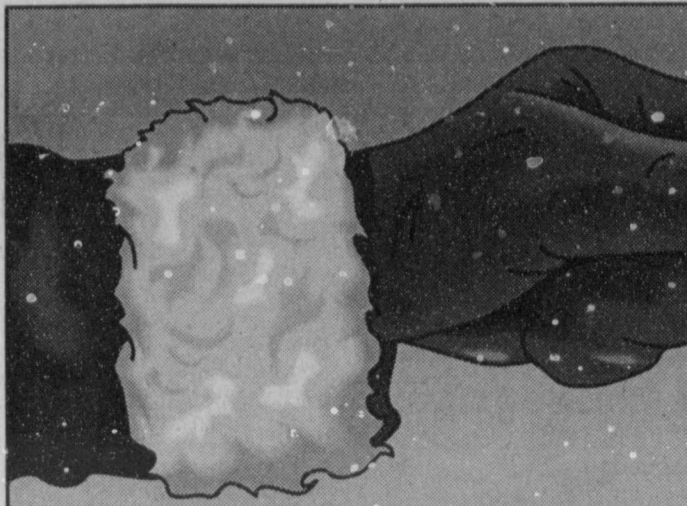
Dear Santa,
I have been a very nice girl this year. This year I want a easy oven bake for Cristmas and a doll with baby clothes for cristmas and a backpack. I wan't an Easy Bake oven because it makes cookies, cakes and ice cream. And a doll too so I could play with my cousin Britney. And the pink backpack so I could take to school and put my stuff in the backpack so I won't forget my homework. I will leave milk and cookies for you.
Signed,
Priscilla Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little girl this year. I hope you have a safe trip. Take care of yur raindeers This year I just wan't three things. I would like a GameBoy, an Angelica doll that comes with a car, and a Barbie doll. I wan't the GameBoy so when I am bored I can play with it. The Angelica doll to play dolls. The Barbie doll so when my cousens come they can play with me and the Barbie of Britney Spears. I hope you get in time. My name is Lupita Regalado Cevrantes. So please don't forget my name and where I live. I better go now because I do not have enough room. Bye PS. I will live you cookies and milk!
Bye!
Signed,
Lupita Regalado

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice boy this year. I just want three things this year. I want a four cheeler, a monstertruck, with a control to play in the snow and a playstation 2. I want the four cheeler to push the cows. and



Merry Christmas!
More Letters On
The Next Page!



Letters To Santa Claus



the playstation to play with my brother. I will leave cookies and milk at the table.

Signed,
Diego Saenz

Mrs. Benham's Class
Third Grade

Dear Santa,

There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are a Karaoke machine and a bed. The first thing I would like is a Karaoke machine. I would like a karaoke machine because you can sing on it. The second thing I would like is a bed. I would like a bed because I think it is soft. These are the things that I would like for Christmas.

Signed,
Skyler Smith

Dear Santa,

There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are \$1,000 and a snake. The first thing I want is \$1,000. I would like \$1,000 so I can buy toys. The second thing I want for Christmas is a snake. I would like a snake because they look cool. These are two things I would like for Christmas.

Signed,
Jon

Dear Santa,

There are two things I like for Christmas. These two things are a babydoll and clothes. The first thing I would like is a babydoll. I would like a babydoll because I like play baby. The second thing I would like is some clothes. I would like clothes because they are pretty. These are two things I like for Christmas.

Signed,
Melissa Martinez.

Dear Santa,

There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are a go-cart and a four wheeler. The first thing I want is a go-cart. I would like a go-cart to ride. The second thing I want is a four wheeler. I would like a four wheeler to ride around on. These are two things I would like for Christmas.

Signed,
Steven Jaramillo

Dear Santa,

I want Hot Wheels Sharkpark and a trampoline and Laboratory stuff and energy paintball and a cool sword.

Love,
Marcus Valle, age 4



Mrs. Bohler's Class
Fifth Grade

Dear Santa,

I can't wait till this Christmas I would like a long list of things, I would like a pool, house, horse, 4 wheeler, hanglider. Preteen accessories, \$500 gift certificate to the Mall and for everyone to be home on Christmas, I bet you can't wait for Milk and cookies.

Signed,
Xandra Ballenger

Dear Santa,

I am going to tell you what I want and you better get it. Let's see I want a pack of golf pens, and a pack of burned cd's and cloths and 50 Dollars to by something for my mom and lectronic portable cd player with head phone's.

P.S. Give it to me please.

Signed,
Matthew Garza

Dear Santa,

How are you doing me fine. I've been a good girl I thing but it's up to my mom if I've been a good girl well I thing I have anyway What I want for christmas Hmmm! Well I want a maniqure, our Baby dog Cha-Cha Back Because we lost her at Mrs. Domingues's house wen we went to go visit her so thats what I want rilly more than eneything in the world or almost anything i the world and a lot and lot of cloth and for my grand mo to get Better from her eye I should right this to god because santa ant rill

Signed,
Claudia Peña

Dear Santa,

Yo me e portado my bien este año hola que tenga un buen biage.

Este año solo quiero tres cosas. Lo que quiero es una camara unas pinturas, y unos patines. La camara yo la quiero para retratar amis amigas y ami familia. La quiero de color azul y que tenga pintado un angel. Las pinturas de verdad. Yo las quiero para pintar ami hermana o ami mamá. Y las pinturas las benden en el famili dollar. Los patines son color azules rayas blancas, son forma tenis para jugar con mis amigos o mis amigas unas carreras. Haber quien patina mas recio. Y te dejare unas gayetas con leche.

Signed,
Mayra Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I've been nice. I want a CD player for Christmas and a CD of AAliyah or Alicia Keys, or Puff Daddy and clothes and shoe's but what I really want for the children and family's to have a good and happy oh and safe Christmas day with there family's and friends and have a good time together I want to donate gift's to New York for the children and parent's because it's said what happen September 11, 2001 and a happy Christmas to all the person's who died September 11, 2001 and for everybody who died a long time ago or before September 11, 2001.

Signed,
Adriana Toscano

Dear Santa,

How are you me fine. Well What I really want for Christmas is a bike of girls kind and a mortar scooter and for my baby sister She wants a doll for her to play with for my mom and Dad I want king size bed for them too sleep on I hope you bring me all those things! please.

Signed,
Natalie Regalado

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a nice Christmas! I guss I've been a little bad.

But I'll understand if you don't get me anything. What I want for Christmas is a Labtop but if I don't get a Labtop I want a CD player with a CD in it. The CD I want is called, Alisha Key the CD that has (I keep on falling) It's cool. I wish I get the both things for Christmas. I know that Christmas is not only about gifts it's about familys get together and enjoy the friends, kids, familys. But when that season comes I get so excited that I can't control my feelings quick. I hope you have a super super super great Christmas with your family and elves. Happy Christmas Santa.

Signed,
Maribel Tafolla

Dear Santa,

I want for christmas is a baby puppie, a bike, a Hitclip's britteny SPear's, a labtop, a fish, To get my ear's pice and a big big CD player and that is all that I want. Merry Christams Santa! see you next year! Hold on I want for Christmas is a Dary, Phone, a Kereoce Mushine.

Signed,
Haley Sexton

Three Way Schools

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Thank you for bringing Pokémon movies and Blues Clues Treasure Box movie when it was Christmas and I was little.

I want a new nap pad, some bubbles, pokémon stickers, a new book. I want some green play dough for Christmas too.

I'll leave out some plums for you.

Love,
Andrew Winett, age 4
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,

I like toys, bike and a Barbie for Christmas. I been good.

Love,
Yessenia Avila, age 4
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,

I want toys and a present. I want Barbie dolls. I've been good. I'll leave you some cookies.

Love,
Jennifer Garcia, age 5
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,

I been good at my Dad's house. I want a jeep and a motorcycle. I want some Pokémon stickers, a book, hat, and a toy apple.

I will leave some apples and some apple juice.

Signed,
Landon Price, age 4
Three Way Preschool

Dear Santa,

I been good sometimes. Thanks for my ABC computer last year. Thank you for bringing my Christmas kitchen.

This year I want a Barbie computer, a "Barbie Butterfly My Size," and Barbie finger polish. I want some Barbie makeup too and a Barbie Jeep. I want a Barbie Bubbles Shampoo game and some playdough.

I will leave some snacks on the porch table.

Love,
Tabitha Drew, age 5
Three Way Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I been good yesterday. Thank you for the presents last year.

I want a "Q Book," new clothes, yellow play dough, a new pillow, some shampoo, a candle, a new mouse for the computer.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.

I want a "Barbie Butterfly My Size" too.

Love,
Tina Price, age 6
Three Way Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Thank you for giving me a book to color. I want a little white board to write on and a blanket. I want a big truck and that's all.

Love,
Jacob Jasso, age 5
Three Way Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I've been good this year. Thank you for my Barbie car from last Christmas. I want a bike with flowers on it and a candle with leopards on it. I want a Barbie coloring book. I'll leave you milk and chocolate chip cookies.

Love,
Misty Davis, age 6
Three Way Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my Kelly doll with a stroller. I been good. Thank for my new shoes. I'd like to have a movie of Rug Rats. Thank you for getting me my makeup. I'll leave out chocolate Christmas cookies and milk. I'd like to have "All Dogs Go To Heaven" movie and a bag to put my stuff in so I won't leave my room messy. I'd like to have a Barbie paint book. I'd like a chalkboard.

Love,
Nicole Silhan, age 5
Three Way Kindergarten

Ms. Perry's Class

Three Way First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are doing Thank you for the Barbie and doll you bough me last gear Please bring me a Barbie car and a Barbie.

Love,
Desiree Kingsley, age 7

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the bike and video game you brought me last year. I have been goon this year and I would like a scooter. Happy Christmas.

Love,
Rowdy Davis, age 7

Dear Santa,

I like the talking Barbie you brought me last year. I hope you liked the cookies. I have been good this year so please bring me a go cart, a bike and a Barbie.

Love,
Sara Avila, age 7



Dear Santa,

How are you doing? thank you for the glas tea party set, you brought to me last year. I hope you like the milk and cookies I have been very good this year so bring me a poochie dog for christmas.

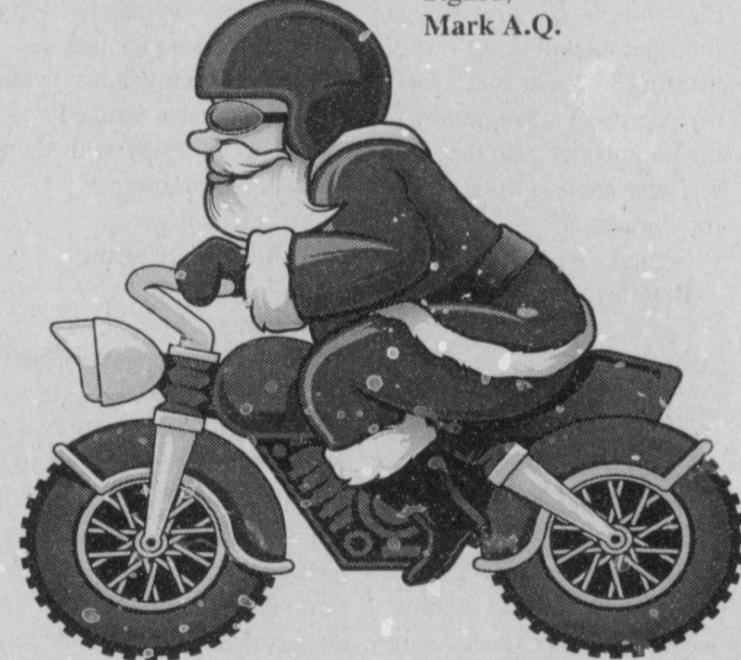
Love,
Ashley Tomas, age 7

Ms. Perry's Class
Three Way Second Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the big truck you brought me last year I hape you like th emil and cookies I will

Love,
Mark A.Q.



leave for you I have been really good this year so please bring me a scootes.

Love,
Enrique Garcia, age 8

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the little motorcycles you brought me last year. I have been good this yea so please bring me a bike and a go-cart. Merry Christmas!

Love,
Abran Avila, age 8

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Thank you for the super nintendo and games you Brought me last year. I hope you like the milk and cookies I will leave for you. I have been pretty good this year so please bring me a scooter, booster pack of pokémon cards, a pack of crayons, a bible, an imac computer, and a four wheeler with keys.

Love,
Kevin Perry-Ketchum, age 7

Mrs. Benham's Class

Third Grade

Dear Santa,

There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are a Gameboy and a bike. The first thing I want is a Gameboy. I would like a Gameboy so I could play with it. The Second thing I want is a bike. I would like a bike because I could ride it aroud. These are the two things I want for Christmas.

Signed,
Christian Castorena

Dear Santa,

There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are a bike and a three-wheeler. The first thing I want is a three-wheeler. I would like a three-wheeler to rid at my house. The second thing I want is a three-wheeler. I would like a three-wheeler to ride to my cousins house. These are two

things I would like for Christmas.

Signed,
Benny Martinez

Dear Santa,

There are two things I want for Christmas. There two thing I want for Christmas is a monster truck and my own house. The first thing I want for Christmas is a monster truck. I would like to play with the monster truck when I am bored. The second thing I want for Christmas is my own house. I would like my own house so I can do every thing I want. These are the two things I want for Christmas.

Signed,
Mark A.Q.

Dear Santa,

There are two things I would like for Chirstmas. These two things are a car and a bow and arrow. The first thing I want is a car. I would like a car because I would not have to walk to the store. The second thing I want is a bow and arrow. I want a bow and arrow because I want to shoot birds. These are the two things I want for Chirstmas.

Signed,
Nathaniel Regalado

Dear Santa,

I would like two things for Christmas. These two things are PlayStation and Play Station games. The first thing I want is Play Station 2. I want Play Station 2 because it has cool games. The second thing I want is Play Station games because I lost mine. These are the two things I want for Christmas.

Signed,
Steven Durben

Dear Santa,

There are two things that I would like for Christmas. These two things are a Gameboy and a bike. The first thing I want is a Gameboy. I would like a Gameboy so I could play with it. The Second thing I want is a bike. I would like a bike because I could ride it aroud. These are the two things I want for Christmas.

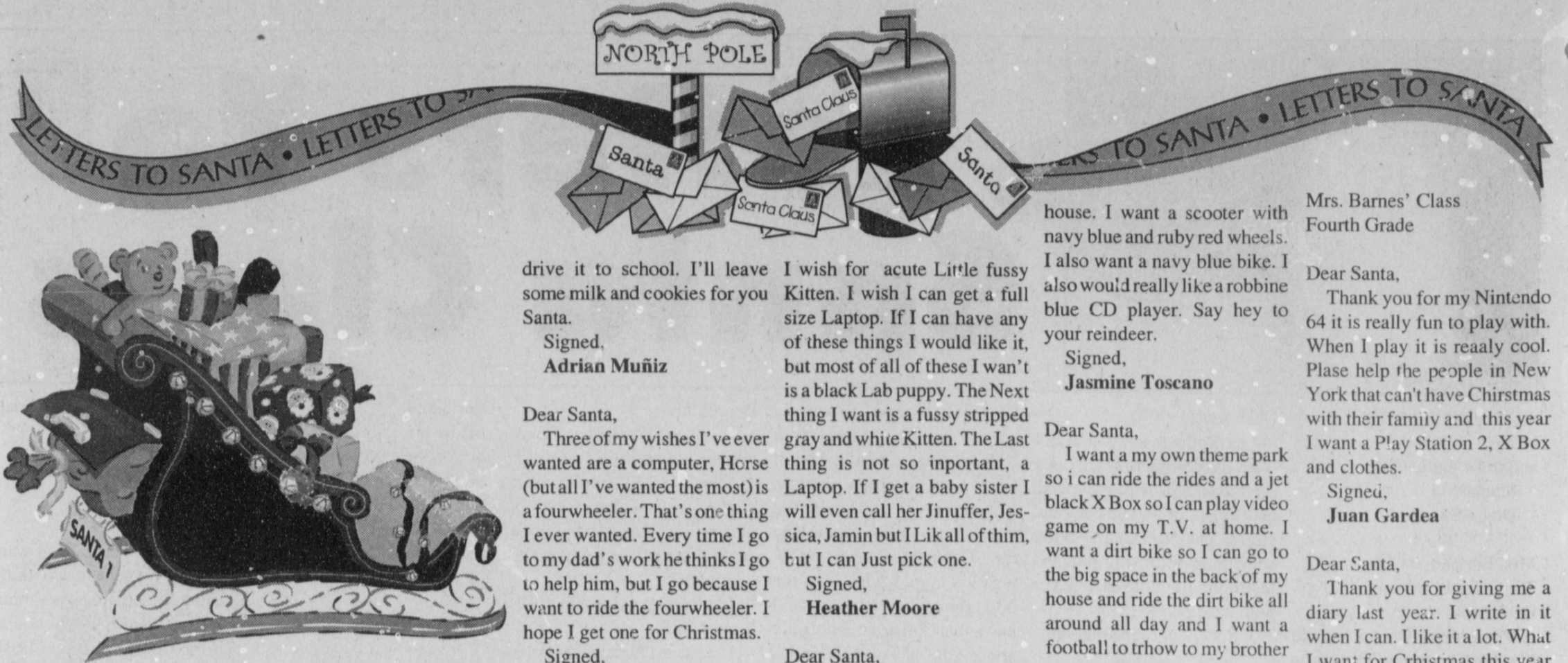
Signed,
Thalia Clounga

Dear Santa,

There are two things that I would Like for Christmas. These two things I would Like for Christmas is to see my DaD and a stop watch. The first thing I wan't is to see my DaD. I wan't to see my DaD because I miss him. The second thing I wan't to see my DaD because I wan't to time myself. These are the two things that I want for Christmas.

P.S. I want mony to buy a

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present for My MoM.
Signed,
Amy Howard

Dear Santa,
There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are Play station and money for my parents. I like Play stations because they are fun. The second thing I would like for Christmas is money for my parents. I want money for my parents because they need it. These are two things I want for Christmas.
Signed,
Bradley

Dear Santa,
There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are some clothes and a scooter. The first thing I want is a scooter. I would like a scooter to ride on it. The second thing I want is clothes. I would like clothes because they are my favorite. These are two things I want for Christmas.
Signed,
Jasmine Hernandez

Dear Santa,
There are two things I would like for Christmas. These two things are a fourwheeler and a motor scooter. The first thing I want is a fourwheeler. I would like a fourwheeler to ride on. The second thing I want is a motor scooter. I would like a motor scooter because I can put my feet on the Gas peddle. These are two things I want for Christmas.
Signed,
Victor Salas

Dear Santa,
There are two things I want for Christmas. These things are a race car set and a set of crasher cars. The first thing I want is a race car set. I like a race car set so I can race with them. The second thing I want is a set of crasher cars. I like a crasher cars so I can crash them. These are the things I want for Christmas.
p.s. I also want a game boy advanced, a power digivice, Street Fighter The movie, and the game dinosaur.
Signed,
Tyler Gregory

Dear Santa,
I won't a fold in basketball goal were you can take it anywhere. Like in the park or some where els. The next thing I won't is a violet purple and a little of navy blue on the scooter. The thirid thing I won't is a Mountain bick the color of navy blue. So when I go to Colorado I can ride it an it won't be as hard with a regular bick. The fourth thing I won't is neon green skates from Clovis New Mexico in the Mall.
Signed,
Sarah Johnson

Dear Santa,
What's up? These are thing I

won't for Christmas. if you can handle it. Please may I have a playstashion two with two games of my chouse. You can pick them out. I've been relly good this year, I think. So can I have something relly special like a new big house with our won backyard play ground. Thanks you very much. Merry Christmas Santa Clause.
P.S. make my house your first stop please. Cause I want to get up and play with them early in the morning.
Your friend,
Callie Ann Sterling

Dear Santa,
I want threc things for Christmas. These three things are a giant teddy bear, a walkman, a packet of post cards. The first thing I want for Christmas is a giant teddy bear. I want a giant teddy bear to relax on it while I read for twenty minutes. Or sometimes sleep on it. The second thing I want for Christmas is a walkman. I want a walkman to hear music and to share it with my brothers and sisters. The third thing I want is a packet of post cards. I want a packet of post cards to send to all my friends. And when my mom or dad are on vacation I will send them one. And these are the reasons I want these stuff for Christmas.
Love, your friend
Daniela Aburto

Dear Santa,
There are four thing I want for Christmas. The first thing I want is 5 pairs of navy blue jeans. The second thing I want is a great big T.V. that is colored. The third thing I want is a pair of silver earrings. Finally the last thing I want is another big white tiger.
P.S. I think I deserve lots of presents.
Love,
Tessa Burris

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Big Brown Bear and a barbie doll. I have been good this year. Please don't for get the children who don't have mommy's and daddy's this year to help them write you. I will have chocolate chip cookies and milk waiting for you this year.
P.S. Don't forget I will be in Amarillo at my granny's don't let the dogs scare you and be careful coming down the fire place.
Signed,
Lyndsey Michelle Counterman

Mrs. O'Hare's Class
Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,
I would really want a Navy blue Electric guitar to play music all night long. I want five swimming pools but you dont have to get them for me if you don't want to. I really want a red and orange Neon so I could

drive it to school. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you Santa.
Signed,
Adrian Muñiz

Dear Santa,
Three of my wishes I've ever wanted are a computer, Horse (but all I've wanted the most) is a fourwheeler. That's one thing I ever wanted. Every time I go to my dad's work he thinks I go to help him, but I go because I want to ride the fourwheeler. I hope I get one for Christmas.
Signed,
Alma Marrufo

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christas is a New born baby a boy for my mom and dad and for you to bring me Aarne Carter so I cold marry him? What I really want is a fourweeler and a puppie and kittens and Barbie (Lot's and Lot's of Barbie's.)
Signed,
Alyssa M. Lozano

Dear Santa,
I like the ranedear I like the presents you get for me but most of all I would like a convertable I would lik the celebertycd/ The new Briteny Spears cd. I would like a collectors Barbie and a Barbey Bugey. I would like a laptop and a game to go with it. If you can please get me a pair of toesocks and blue ones to Can I have some snow pants. I think you will have a present waiting for you. It might be a cookie. It might be some milk. I dont know!
Signed,
Jessica Howard

Dear Santa,
For Cristmas I want a baby sister named Jennifer. I Really want a motorcycle, go cart and a dog. And can you tell Rudolph I said hi.
Signed,
Jared Skipworth

Dear Santa,
I want a baby blue convertable for Christmas. Santa I would like a house with three floors. Santa I would like a purse thats at Wal-Mart and it has two sections and it has a lot of cool stuff and I really really want all of this.
Signed,
Mari Andrade

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me my BB gun, sled and a killer whale zoo book!
Signed,
Chuy Valdez

Dear Santa,
I want a pet snake. I also want a playstaiton 2 and some games. Misson Inpossible 2 the movie. Duke nukem the vedio game. Say Hey to rudoph for me Thank all the elves. Bye Bye.
Signed,
Austin Bamert

Dear Santa,
I want a huge castle ok-ok I'm just kidding I really want a Nintindo gamecube and a book shelf and a baby brother named Adrian.
Your freind,
Andrew Santos

Dear Santa,
I wan't a cute little cudle baby sister. If I could have a baby sister it would be a miracle. I will Just dream. If I could have a black Lab puppy.

I wish for acute Little fussy Kitten. I wish I can get a full size Laptop. If I can have any of these things I would like it, but most of all of these I wan't is a black Lab puppy. The Next thing I want is a fussy stripped gray and white Kitten. The Last thing is not so inportant, a Laptop. If I get a baby sister I will even call her Jinuffer, Jessica, Jamin but I Lik all of them, but I can Just pick one.
Signed,
Heather Moore

Dear Santa,
I want a go cart that is blue. Next I want a computer that has the coolest scen and to buy the coolest games for the computer. Then I want a Laptop that is gray with a blue seen and to be the best Laptop ever and I want it to be one of the Laptops that are from the year. Then the last thing I want is a baby brother that is good behaved and not to get me in troble or to hit me so hard. I want to name him Mark Antiny that is all I want for Christmas.
Signed,
Christopher Ortega



Dear Santa,
One of my Presents I want is a 4 wheeler with 4 wheels. I want a sister. I want to sing like Selena!
Signed,
Aglae Chacón

Dear Santa,
I want a Paint ball gun. The next thing I want is a limo and a go car with no top on it. The last thing I want is Roudopdh and you slegy and Loir, Mrs. O'Hare, and Jared Skipwort for my brother. Now I want a cow and hippo, goat, monkey, cast a dimond, and a cool boy. A plus that ston two and a new house and last a new car.
Signed,
Larry Richardson

Dear Santa,
I would like a big old rusty dusty museum from the inside and Looking nice on the outside. Thats all I would like for Christmas.
Signed,
Dena Mata

Dear Santa,
I have been a nice boy all this year. I want you to bring me a four wheeler to go work with the cows. I want a Playstation too, with games and a football. I want to play with my brother. And I play football at home. I will give you a cookies an milk.
Signed,
Erik Salcido

Dear Santa,
What I relly want for Christmas is a 10 year old bruther and a Game Boy Advans and a new nentindo and a 4 wheeler.
Signed,
Stuart Precure

Dear Santa,
I want to have the tallest

house. I want a scooter with navy blue and ruby red wheels. I also want a navy blue bike. I also would really like a robbine blue CD player. Say hey to your reindeer.
Signed,
Jasmine Toscano

Dear Santa,
I want a my own theme park so i can ride the rides and a jet black X Box so I can play video game on my T.V. at home. I want a dirt bike so I can go to the big space in the back of my house and ride the dirt bike all around all day and I want a football to throw to my brother and my friends.
P.S. Hope you come to my house.
Signed,
Chris Anguiano

Dear Santa,
I bet your tired everytime you give out presents. I think you work too hard and don't your deindeers get tired too? OK let's talk about what I want for Christmas . The fierst thing I want is a pet alien. I want a pet alien because I want to show

my friends. The second thing I want for Christmas is a theme park. I want a them park to ride the rides and get money. The last thing I want for Christmas is a museam. I want a museam to look at the cool things.
Signed,
Journy Valdez

Dear Santa,
I want to live in France. I was joking so don't let me live in France. I really , really want my sister to stay home and not go to college!! I want aa ginger bead house and I want some clothes. Santa I will also give you some cookies and milk.
Signed,
Jessica Marie Behrends



Mrs. Barnes' Class
Fourth Grade

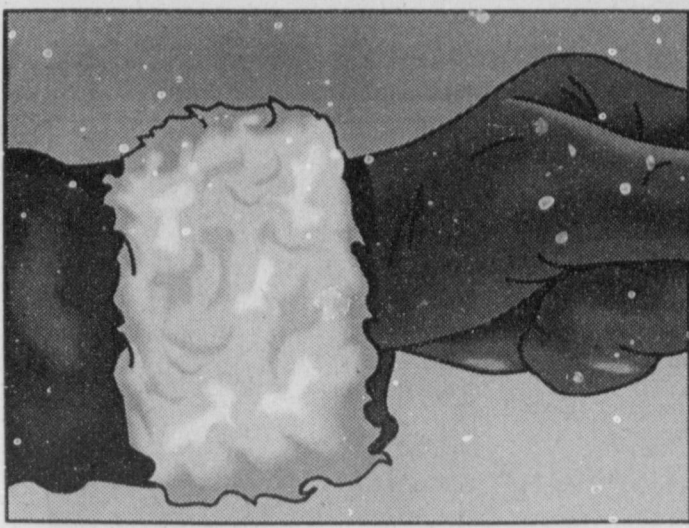
Dear Santa,
Thank you for my Nintendo 64 it is really fun to play with. When I play it is reealy cool. Plase help the people in New York that can't have Chirstmas with their family and this year I want a Play Station 2, X Box and clothes.
Signed,
Juan Gardea

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me a diary last year. I write in it when I can. I like it a lot. What I want for Christmas this year is a foot ball and roller blade shoes. What I want really is my family. I want a ring for my mom, cologne for my dad, a Barbie jeep for my sister, and a little truck for my brother. I want to sing songs around my tree wih all my family. I want ot sing Dashing throught the snoq, that's my favorite Christmas song ad so is Rudolph the Red nose raindeer. I want to sing it wih my famiuly. It will be lots of funa dnI will try to be a good girl for you. I wuold like you to try to make the people in New York happy. Thank you,
Signed,
Ashley Cisneros

Dear Santa,
I am really thankful for all the wonderfu. and glorious thing you broght me. these are the thins that I got a BMX Mongoose bike, Por skates, glow in the dark skooter, grayish purpleish nintindo 64, a Sony stereo , some blue jeans zip off pants and some Navy lbue old Naby shorts. a 24' trampoline, Nkie and Addidas for school. Hotwheels Shark attack set with hotwheels cars. Santa this year I would really kike for my whole family to be there and I will also like a Play station 2, play station regular, Super Ninetindo, Mario Cart Racing, NBA live, Zelda, NBA street , Soccer ball, NBA basketball, paddle ball.
P.S. How is Mrs. Claus.
Yours Truely,
Kenny Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Gracias por la barbie maravillosa que so llama joyas. Que me trajiste el ano pasado. Tambien miotra barbie que se le

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Letters To Santa Claus



cambia el pelo de colores. Y por mi poporo roas y mi popita de barbie. Este ano to prometo que you a ser una nina muy buena. Con mi mami y con todoas mis presentoas. Y con mis primos Jovon y Joshua. Gracias portodo este ano quiero cuarto barbies. Quiero la barbie que tien a un traje de bano otra que seio cambia el pelo morado. Lo otra que tambien solo cambia el pelo rosa. Y un CD Player. tambien una puigita para mis barb is. Estodo este ano. To voy a dosar galletas y leche. Feliz Navidad!

Signed,
Jenifer

Dear Santa,

Thank you for everything you gave me last Christmas. This year I would like a Hager it is Hut Harry P OTter Lego set but most of all I would like a guinea pig and a lego Creator Harry Potter. I would like a Rad 4.0 and a Chrip-chi for my little brother.

Signed,
Xavier Mora



Dear Santa,

Thank you for the basketball goal you gave me last year. I've used it alot. What I wuld like for chirstmas is a snowwhite Christmas, I hope it is beautiful. the second thing I would lide for Christmas is a Game Boy advance. It looks ptery neat. The next thing I would absoluty love is a bundle of Ty beanie babys. It does not matter witch of the types, I would love to have some. My favoraites are dogs. Thank you very much for beanie babys you gave me last year. I love them. The third thing I would like for Christmas is a nentindo game cube, with a game called luigie's mansion. Please help the people in New York have a merry Christmas. Merry Christmas

Signed,
Cole Hawkins

Dear Santa,

The first thing that I want to say is thank you for the things that I got last year they were really great! The first thing that I would like to have this Christmas is a real artivicial inteliginee robotic dog and a vidoe camra for a laptop. If you would pleas. also a new C disk drive for my borther. The last thing I want to say is thank you.

Signed,
Steven Richards

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the wonderful baby doll you gave me last year. This year what I want is for my family and I to be together and have fun. thank you for eveything you have givin me over the years Ive really enjoyed them. This year I want a Aaron Carter cd because I don't have it. Please get rid of the terrists that are reuning America. Please help the people in New York.

Your friend,
Brittany Railsback

Dear Santa,

Thank you Santa for hte remote control car goes fast. Thank you for the pants they fit me little big. for Chirtmas this year I want a goo-cart that is dark red wit my name in the wheel. I would like some glassess that fold. they have some little springs. I want to give my dad a box of tools, like a drill. I want to gve my mom a little foor for her rings that comes with a watch. I would like to give a mobil home for my brother that is married. I want to hgive my mittle brother a remote controle car.

Thank you,
Arturo Zubia

Dear Santa,

I am thankful for the things you gave me last year like the bike. It was fun to ride and the Boom Box. It was wxting to hear. But this year I want a Playstation two with games. The next thing I want is chatper books about Christmas carols, also I want a EMoc laptop with some amazing disc. But the thing I want realy is my family together and celabrate together, love and care. Aslo I want a disc of Christmas that have my favte songs That all I want Santa. Thank you!

Signed,
Stephanie Garcia

Dear Santa,

I'm thankful for what you gave me last year. But what I'm really thankful for is to have a wonderful family that cares for me. Santa I would like another remote control car and remote control fire turck. But Santa this is't all I want the rest is going to be on my short Christmas list.

P.S. I'm looking forward to your visit this Christmas. Oh! how is Mrs. Santa Claus.

Your friend,
Trenton

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the diary that you gave me last Christmas. Thank you for the glorious bike and I hope that you had a fabulous Christmas because I know how you felt last christmas. You had horrible dreadful night. I like all the toys that you put in the box las tyear. It had a hadband with Snow White in the middle. A big bottle with baby stuff in it but i couldn't play with it because my mom said it had too much stuff in it, but, I still got it down frm the closet. I remember when you gave me alittle box of alpebet letters od my brother and I could practice. So when we finished we did it again and again without my mom's help. Merry Chirstmas.

Signed,
Juanita Recio

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presnts you gave last year I erezly liked them expeshly the Lugia you gave me that was awsome. Oh and I also we like dthe Boom box. Next time I will leave some cookies, milk, water andd food for the reaindeer because I know that they get prety hungry to. OK now lets get to what I want. All I want for Crhimes is a X box and a compter and that is all oh and I also forgt ther will be apreant on the table

wating for you and your raindeer. I also will have a presnt for rodoll but the ony way I will give it ot hime is if he leaveas me a picture of him and if not he cane also wake me up and I can take two picture of hime and you but thats all for now. The End Merry Chrimes

Signed,
Joseph Lopez

Dear Santa,

I am thankful for the figt you gave me last Christmas. I liked the green bike and the power puff girls backpack. this year what I want for Christmas is those roller blade shores and there will be a present for on the table.

Merry Christmas
Ashley Quezada

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my toys last year. This is what I want this year! A new Nintendo 64 game shoes that turn into foller blades, a new pear of showes. I wish that all of my family makes it ot Muleshoe. When my famly gts here I wish for a big supper at Leal's

Thank you,
Craig Black

Dear Santa,

Thank you, for the jacks, jump-rope and patleball that you gave my last year I foved the jump-rope to exersize with, I'll be onest with you I brike the ball off the patle my siter whitney used to for when the parents went to work shed hit the little kids. I didn't know how to play jacks but I tried and I liked it. This year I want your reindeer but stuffed and you that is all

Love,
Lindsay Moulton

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the fantstic bike you brought me last year. I'm enjoying my purple but since my bike is flat I can't ride on it but I'm really glad that it's almost Christmas. It's Jesus birthday. I am glad that my dad cmae home safe. I wish my grandpa and grandma wer e here for Christmas but they past away a long time ago. Well I'ss still miss them as much as they love me. what I want this year for Christmas is a Dell computer.

Merry Christmas
Lynn Reza

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the magnificent basket ball goal you have me last year It was the best Christmas present that you ever gave me. I appreciated what you gave me, and now I can play basketball wit h my new basketball goal. Thank you for the race cares that you gave me. They are awesome. Sometimes I play with them in my room and I appreciated it. The best Christmas present that I got was a 100 car set. I am almost finished filling up one side of my car set. What I fot for Christmas was that I got a new game. It is call NFL Exteme. Ity is a cool game because you can hit people and you can slide. That was the coolest game I ever got. These are the best Christmas presents that I ever got. I had a good Christmas because I got to open



presents.

Signed,
Anthony Gonzales

Mrs. White's Class
Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,

I want some toys to play with so I won't have to play with my old toys. I also want a Dell computer to play on. I do not know what my famly wants. My mom probably wants Angle's. My brother probably wants Harry Potter stuff and my sister some dolls. I hope you get my letter becous, we relly want this stuff. I hope you can get all this stuff we want because I relly want this stuff. I wil probably write again to you.

Signed,
Veronica Soliz

Dear Santa,

Since I've been a nice little girl I want a computer. It is the thing I wont in the whole world. We have one but they dn't let my use it. Thats was I want one. I hope your nice and bring my computer.

Love your friend,
Erika Tovar

Dear Santa,

I will like a lot of CD's for Christmas and some clothes and shoes. I would like a dirt bike that is red, my favorite color, and a watch and lots of candy. I will also want a gameboy with a game called Pac-Man. But, do not forget my house.

Signed,
Breann Baca

Dear Santa,

I want a motercilyk and a gocart with two seats and seats belts and all the pockemon cards.

Signed,
Terry Weston

Dear Santa,

I now that you are not real but I want to tell you what to bring me for christmas. I would like for you to bring me a paintball gun, a robot to do me homework. For my mom a staril and for my dad a pickup. For my little sister a jeep for my big sister a doll. Oh have you ever fell of a house and broke you back.

Signed,
J. Andrade

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a new Dell computer for my family and for my big sister, I want pants

and a shirt. For my other sister I want two pairs of baggy pants because my sister loves baggy pants. For my little brother I want a box of cars. I want for my baby sister two dolls because she loves dolls.

P.S. Don't forget to come to our house on Christmas eve.

Signed,
Lucero Granados

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas this year. New close for school. New shoes. A bran new dell compputer. A gold neclcs and a gold braselit. A hit Klips. A stufft Panda bear. New house for my mom and dad. A stufft Pooh Bear for my broter John Paul Vargas. A stufft Pokemon for my brother Max. Street Jests size 10 and a helmet, kneebads, elbobads. Pokemon cards for me and my brother Max. This is the most thing I want for Christmas. I want everbody in the all wide world to be safe. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year to every body in Mulshoe Texas.

Signed,
Patricia Vargas

Dear Santa,

I want a Pokemon gameboy and a play staiton 2 and a new T.V. and a VCr a new Desk for my brother and a new chair and a new bones for my dogs. I want my sister to come home with me.

Signed,
Santiago Vera

Dear Santa,

Please come to my house. First bring twelv C.D's for my sister. And three pairs of clothes and boots for my other. Next bring a blue lava lamp. Finally for me I want a gold braslet.

Signed,
Griselda Segura

Dear Santa,

How are your today? I have been pretty good this year. So for Cristmas I would like a blue four wheeler so when my sister gets hers fixed we can ride together. Then I want a playstation and games called Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen and Raman and Rugrats. Next I want a new moutain bike. I want them all to go to my Nanas house and I think you know where that is.

Signed,
MacKenzie ChezLynn Elledge

Dear Santa,

I do not no what I would want for Chistmas this year. But I would like for my bother Alex to have the courage to do his play. Then for my little bother Elias, well for him a little puppy just for him so he wouldn't get in trouble by my Mom and dad. For my littlest sister Mari, A little snow white polar bear for her to hold at night when she is asleep and now I decided what I would want for Chistmas, a happy Marry Chistmas for All my family.

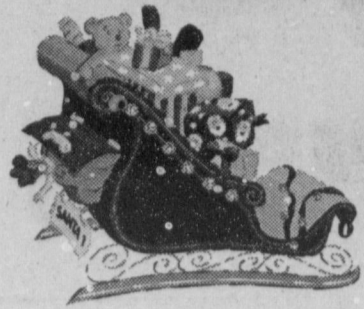
Signed,
Xavier Cuevas

Dear Santa,

May I please have the Backstreet Boys CD Black and Blue? I also want a puppy. Can I have the movie Shrek and the movie Mickys Magical Christmas. And an other CD holder. There will be cookies by the tree you can get milk or something from the frige. I also want an other warm blanket. And a stuffed animal. I also want a glitter gel pen and a gel pen notebook.

Signed,
Miranda Camarillo





earrings that have just a little pearl in it. My brother probably want's the CD "Nelly." On the front it is blue. Thank you so much.

Love,
Cooper

Dear Santa,

What I really want is a Sizer and Charzard Pokemon cards and please get me some neogenises cards and please can I have a vertuel basball game for my tv and poke'mon sadeim the toy.

Signed,
Caleb Conner

Dear Santa,

I would like a Kareoke and an Easybake Machine and the Destany's Child cd for this years Christmas.

Signed,
Tiffany Standard

Dear Santa,

I would like a computer. I would also like a printer and some toys for my little brother. May I have a stereo for my brother, and on the computer I want a Dell computer. Please bring a Pansonic stereo for my brother. I would also like a stuffed toy animal for my little brother.

Signed,
Juan Quezada

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Dell computer. Next I want a PlayStashin two ps Merry Christmas.

Signed,
Michael Olivas

Dear Santa,

I want you to get me a brand new Dell laptop from Walmart. Next I want a mongoose dirt bike from Toys R US. The third thing I want is a Honda 4 Wheeler. Then I want a brand new T.V. The last thing I want for Christmas is a used DVD Player.

Signed,
John McGee

Dear Santa,

I hope you get this letter to you so I hope you could get it. It's my Christmas letter to you. The first thing I wish for is a new bike with twenty-five speeds and a horn. My next wish is a nex Dell computer with a printer and a cd burner and a play station 2. For my dad Juan a Ford pickup. My Mom is all ways telling us she wants a robot to do all the work a to make the food. My sister tells me to get her a Barbie car for her.

Signed,
Adolfo Salcido

Mrs. Lackey's Class
Third Grade

Dear Santa,

There are two thing I want for Christmas. These things are a bunch of Joke Books to read and My Family to Be Happy. I like Joke Books so when I get bored I will read them and tell the jokes. The second thing I want is My Family to Be happy Because we don't have a bunch of presents Because we have to pay the Bills. That's all I want for Christmas thank you Santa.

Sincerely,
Erika Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I was thinking about getting a real electric guitar. My dad probably wants a green tie or some socks, and my mom probably wants a pearl necklace or

Dear Santa,

There are 8 things i want for chistmas they are a red go-cart I would also a purple computer and a purple room and battires for my skateboard Shannon. The kind of go-cart is a yamah the kind of computer ia dell and a goldfish and a tank for the kind of goldfish i want a babyfish. I would also like a telescope i want to see the stars and moon and the big dipper and the milky way and the north and shoes. How are your evels if they're good If they are write me back!

Sincerely,
Valeria Olivas

Dear Santa,

These are the six things I want for Christmas, a fib finder that's pink with cards, a resposibility of a male robin with red and blue colors. A pixter with ativities of math, reading and games, a poochi that's blue with red colors. This is the last thing A experiment of a mad Scientist and I could create things.

Merry Christmas Santa
Love
Marina



Dear Santa Clause,
How are your reindeers? Do you make real animals? Do you like the snow? Do you like the north pole? Do you like making toys for people?

There are two things I would like for Christmas. I would like a Roar and Snore Norbert. I would like it to be green. I would like it because it roars and snores and sleeps.

I would also like a blue and red Remote Control Racecar with a blue and red Remote Control because it can go fast and you can turn it.

P.S. Ther are some milk and cookies. They will probably be on the fireplace.
(unsigned)

Dear Santa,

There are two things that I want for Christmas. These two thing are for my family to be there because it would not be fun to have some of the family come. The second thing I want is a Harly Davidson motorcycle. I would like to ride it across the country!

Your friend,
Thomas F.

Dear Santa,

I'm glad to send you a letter about the things I want for chirstmas. There are going to be six things I want for chirstmas. The first thing I want for chirstmas is a music box. I like the music in it. It plays chirstmas music. The second thing I want for chirstmas is skates! The color will be blue. I love blue. I always wanted

skates for chirstmas. It is for me the best sport to do in summer and spring. The third thing I want for chirstmas is a make-up I always wanted a make-up set but, my Dad says that I am too little and it is only for grown-ups. The fourth thing I want for chirstmas is a pair of cowgirls boots. When I grow-up I'm going to be a cowgirl because they work hard. The fifth thing I want for chirstmas is a puppy I want it black with white spots. I want a puppy because I always have to have cats. The sixth thing I want for chirstmas is a cuputer. I want it blue. I want it because I want to learn new stuff.

I hope you get my letter!
Your friend,
Vivian Ronquillo

Dear Santa,

There are three things I want for Christmas. The first thing I want is a telescope so I can see the stars, Maybe even the moon. I also want pairs of socks! I have none! Well, maybe a few. There is one thing I really want but I probably can't have. It's a puppy. I would give up my other presents I'm getting for Christmas this year. If I can I would like it brown with white spots. That is pretty much all I want. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,
Cassi Stegall

Dear Santa,

There are four things I want for Christmas. These four things are a remote contrle truck and a CD player with a CD that is called back street boys or a collection of gel pens that have all the colors there are and a collection of Joke books. I want all the colors there are and all the books about all the cartoons and I want a CD called a Eric Corle CD. I am so glad Christmas is coming.

Your Friend,
Erick Avila

Dear Santa,

There are three things. I want for Christmas. These things are Easy Bake Oven and a new Black Scooter. Also I would like a Blue Dell Computer. I hope you have a great Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Ariel

Dear Santa,

I would like two things for Christmas. These things are a Palimino horse and an ATV. The first thing I want for Christmas is a Palimino horse. I can't wait to ride her! The second thing I want for Christmas is an ATV. I cannot control myself on an ATV. Please bring these gifts.

Sincerely,
Natalie Head

Dear Santa,

There are some things I want for chirstmas! One of them is a set of football pads. I want the pads to be the Jaksonvill Jagwirors.

Thanks Santa,
Nick Hurtado

Dear Santa,

I want six things for Christmas. Witch are a big floffy pillow, a big cuddly bunny, a fuzzy warm Christmas suit and hat, a colorful toy mouse for my dog named Baliey and a file finder. P.S. I will leave you some cookies

Love your friend
Sandy Mojica

Dear Santa,

There are some things I want for Cristmas. These things are four Sega games for my sister these Sega gamse are Sonic the HedgeHog, dirtbike game, Final Fantasy, Froggy, and I want a black DvD plarer for my momaddad with a Leather case for it. I also want two glass bears one with fake d'monds around the lege, and another one that as dresed up itself. Also please bring me a Devastar named Alexa. She comes with a pink dress and a cat. And two re and blue batle bots. A little swimming pool with a dog flote. A blue bilt in swimming pool for my hole family. A Harly Daversin mortar sikle for my hole family with reflaktors. A motor scoter for me. by I have to go O.K.

P.S. Expect milk and cookies.
XOXOXOXO
Love
Britney

Dear Santa,

I would like this one thing for Christmas, Like a new Mexican Diva or a Karakee machine with three tapes. The Diva doll's name is Kiki and has a brown dog. She also has brown hair and talks. The Karakee machine is gray and blue with a little micraphone. The three tapes I want are Britany Spears, S Club 7 and Backstreet Boys. I just want one of these things for Christmas.

P.S. Expect milk and cookies.
Love
Ivon Mendoza

Dear Santa,

There are two things I want for Christmas. The first thing is a moter scooter so I can ride it to my best friends house. The second thing I want for Cirstmas is a gray silk and black jacket so I can where it when its cold. My sister wants a girl Cocker Spaniel for Christmas. She would play with it all the time and walk it every day. My big sister wants another white phone so my other sister can't listen on the other line. She wants a computer so she can talk to her friends. My mom wants a new screen TV so we watch movies without it messing up.

I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Your friend,
Cassidy

Dear Santa,

For Cristmass I want a red gas powered moter scooter. I want a mote control battery powerd airplane to. The last thing I want for Cristmass is a one hundred dallor bill in a bubble gum walot.

Signed,
Sterling Lepard

Dear Santa,

There are five things I want for Christmas. This is one thing I want for Christmas. I would like a red gas engine Yamaha motor skooter. I also would like a white horse that can run fast. Ialos would like a Yamaha 250 motor dirtbike. I would also like a blue remote control dirtbike that goies 10 miles an hour. a guitar.

Love,
Tyson Turnbow

Mrs. Whalin's Class
Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,

There are 3 things I would like for Christmas. They are a



Scooter, bracelet, and Computer. The first thing I would like is a purple scooter because I can go outside and play with my friends. The second thing I would like is a shiny bracelet that can sparkle and is real. The third thing I would like is Computer because I can play games and type papers on Clarisworks. Have a good Christmas holiday!

The End!
Brenda Gomez

Dear Santa,

There are three things that I want for Christmas. The first one is a laptop so I can go on the Internet. I want a laptop so I can do my homework and practice my times. My second thing is a dirt bike so I can give rides to my brother. I want a dirt bike so my dad and I can go hunting really fast. My last thing is a game boy so I can play at home at night, but I have to let my brother play. The end

Signed,
Juan Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

There are three things I would like for Christmas. They are a dog, gameboy color, Rollen runners. The first thing I would like is a dog. My parents would get me a dog but I'd have to take care of it. The second thing I'd like is a gameboy color for my grades. The third thing I'd like is Rollen runners. My dad and mom might get me Rollen runners for my behavior.

By
Amber Fuentes

Dear Santa,

There are three things i would like for Christmas. They are Neklace, radio, and a bag of candy! The first thing I would like is a silver necklace because it is so beautiful like a shining diamond. The second thing I would like is a blue radio so I could listen to Countryry, rap and regular music. If I had a radio i would put in CD like Garth Brooks, Shania Twain, Dixie Chicks, Backstreent Boys and Britnany Spears. The third thing I would like is a bag of candy. I would like milkduds because they are so cream and chocolate! This is

Signed,
Dalmacio Barron

Dear santa,

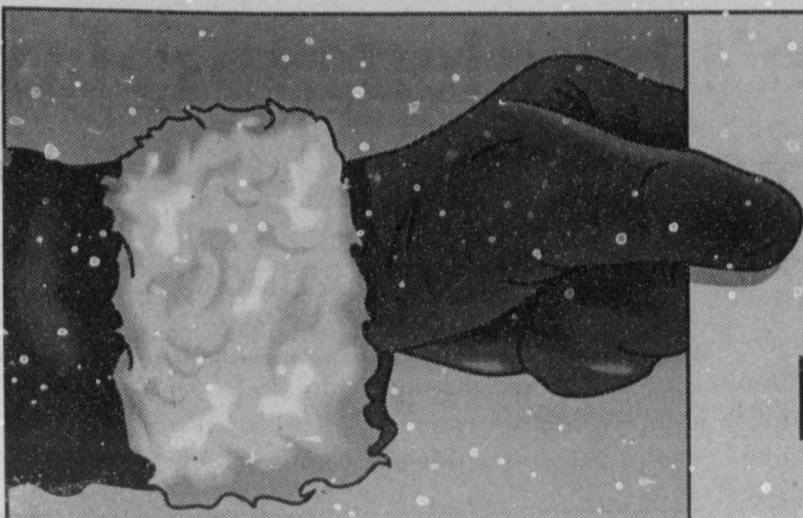
There are 3 things I want for Christmas. The 3 things are a basketball goal, peace and a basketball. The first thing I would like is a basketball goal for Christmas so I can practice my shots for gym. The second thing I want for Christmas is a basketball for my goal if I get one. The third thing I want is peace because of the Trade Center tragedy on September 11.

Have a merry christmas,
Signed,
D.J. Atwood

Dear Santa,

There are 3 things I would like for Christmas. They are Cd player, beagle, and playstation2. The first thing I would like is a CD player because I never had one. The second thing I'd like is a beagle because they're so cute. The third thing I'd like is a





Merry Christmas from all of us at the Bailey County Journal!



playstation2 because there cool.
Signed,
Briana Anguiano

you cookies to eat. Tell Mrs. Claus hello for me.
Love
Austin

Dear Santa,
There are four things I want for Christmas. The first thing I want for Christmas is a new baseball glove so that I can catch baseballs. The next thing I want for Christmas is a NFL foot ball so that I can play foot ball with my uncles and brothers. Then I want a hunting game that I have to shoot deer I would really like that because I have two more like it. The very last thing I want for christmas is a very expensive bike that has pegs on the front and back of the bike.
Your friend,
Eddie Herrera

Mrs. Pierce's Class
Second Grade
Dear Santa,
I was wounder how you were feeling. Thank you for the glass tea set. I want a game boy and khaki pants.
Your friend,
Ashley Thomas

Dear Santa,
How is everyone doing, especially Rudolf? Thank you for last years toys. Santa I want a bike and money. Tell the elves thank you.
Your friend,
Belinda Pacheco

Dear Santa,
There are 3 things I would like for Christmas. They are a new video game, laptop and games. The first thing I would like is a video game because I will stay out of your hair and I will share with my brother. The second thing I want for Christmas is laptop so I can do my homework and then print it on my printer. The third thing I want for Christmas is games so I can play on my lap top.
Signed,
Justin Griswold

Dear Santa,
Are you doing good. thank you for the toys last year. I want a goat car.
Your friend,
Jaden Herrera

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? How is Mrs. Claus the reindeer and the elves? Thank you for the steko. Aks for something you want this year. A bike and a Selena trophy.
Your friend,
Chesiree Pena

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good girl this year. Could I please have

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you for what you

and the reindeer doing? Thank you for the things that you gave me last year. I want a party and makeup.
Your friend,
Crystal Rubio

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus, and Rudolf? I miss all of ya'll. I miss all of the reindeers. Thank you elves too. I miss all of ya'll. Thank you for my toys. I want come clothes and choes.
Your friend,
Ariana Martinez

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thanks for what you brought me last year. This year I want a talking Rudolf toy. I also want a tall King cat toy with kittens.
Your friend,
Adrienne Fulton

Dear Santa,
How are you Mrs. Claus? What are you doing at this time of year. Thank you for the scooter, Santa. I want a game cube for Christmas.
Your friend,
Reynaldo Del Toro

Mrs. Roberts' Class
Second Grade

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the toys that you brought me. Thank you for the book. How is Rudolf the elves and Mrs. Claus How are deers doing? pleas beg me a Beik and a scuder.
Your friend,
Junior Simental

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the candie you brot me last year. Santa, how are? Santa, Claus Rudolf and the elvs doing. I like the you got me las year. I whont for Christmas a Aaron carton cd and a Britny Spears cd.
Your friend,
Marissa Olivas

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys and candy in my stoking and under my tree. How are you and mrs. claus, elfs and peguins doing? Can try to give me a bike and a game boy.
Your friend,
Issac Baca

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the night caper. How are you doing Santa, Mrs. cluas, Rudolf and the Elves? Please bring me a pool

table and Harry pater puzzle.
Your friend,
Mateo Castillo

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys and clothes last year. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a lap top and skates.
Your friend,
Katelyn Scott

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys that you brought me last year. How are you Santa? I am glad because you are doing fine at the North pole. These are the things that I want for Christmas a radio and computer.
Your friend,
Marielena Campos

Dear Santa,
Thank youf or the rollerblades. How are you doing? The fauorite thing I want for Christmas is rollerblades shoes.
Your friend,
China Williams

Dear Santa,
Thank your for the clothes. How are you and Mrs. Claus. I want a toy becuae you ate my friend, I want a Dragon Ball Z toy and a laptop computer for Christmas.
Your friend,
Gilberto Triana

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy last year. How are you and Mrs claus doing? I want a Brintey Spears Barbie doll for Christmas Please bring me a bike.
Your friend,
Melissa Casnova

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the Harly moter cycle, candy and for the nuts. How are you, Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? This year I want a Barbie clothes and a Barbie harley moter cycle.
Your friend,
Cassy Torres

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the clothes and the toys. How are you doing? How's Mrs Claus doing? How's Rudolf and the elves doing? I love what you gave me. I liked the barbie and the clothes. Please bring me some clothes that have flowers on them.
Your friend,
Rashelle Hall

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents.

How are you doing today? at your North pole I hope you are working hard at the North Pole Please bring me a big bike for christam I would also like a scooter.
Your friend,
 Micheal Freeman

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toy that you brought me. How is Mrs Claus? How are you and Rudolf and the Elves? I want a cmputer and a date phone.
Your friend,
Maricruz Quintanilla

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the pikachu slippers you got me last year. I hope you and Mrs. clause are doing fine. I want a Britney spears doll. I want a barbie telephone.
Your friend,
Valerie Eccles

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys last year. Thank for you for bringing the bubblebath and scrubber with shampoo. Thank you for bringing a tubbey tubbey. I hope you are doing fine. But I want a big charaplen and I want some close and Teney shoes.
Your friend,
Delilah Arzola

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me last year. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves and Rudolf doing? I want a robot and some skate shoes.
Your friend,
Angel Alvarez

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how are you doing? Thank you for bringing me that carusl. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolf doing? Please can you bring a lip gloss make randa mail maker?
Your friend,
Isabella Alfaro

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things I got last year. How are you and Mrs. Clause, Rudolf, dashfull, prancer and Quped doing? I want a optical angel and a real horse.
Your friend,
Dakota Epperson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving me the nucercere. So, how is Mrs. Claus and Rudolf and the Elves? This year I want a Game Boy and a scooter that runs off a motor.
Your friend,
Robert Lee Brewster

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys you brought me. How are the Elves and Mrs. Claus? How are you doing? Are you doing great.? I wish I could see you and the raindeers. My favorite this is a game cube. Please bring me one for Chirstmas.
Your friend,
Jose Marrufo

Mr. Reed's Class
Third Grade

Dear Santa,
I want a big dog. I want it to be a big poodle. and I want a sem-truck.
Brandon Ellis

Dear Santa,
I want to God bless America and buy them some food and clothes and praying gudaian angels I love them
Eric Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control cral hydrolics with working enging and a \$10000000000 please
Keifer Ruthardt

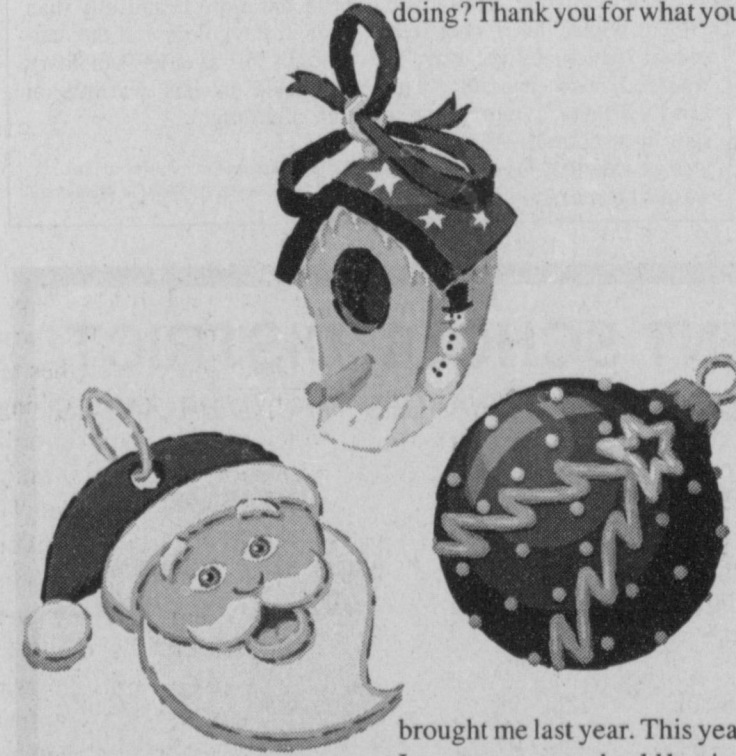
Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is a new bike and my brother wants a pach of pokemon cards
Jeffrey Vasquez

Dear Santa,
Im thankful for my Mom and Dad. I want a go-cart and Roleg runnrs and a bike.
Your friend
Vanessa Velazgqz

Dear Santa,
I help yol Have a goo Mrs. Claus and yol can brig my a bic.
Love,
Brianne Garcia

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a teddy bear, bicycle and bunkbed for me and my sister. I have been really good this year.
Love,
Tessa Garner

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GOOD
TO
YOU!



Barbie dress-up-clothes. My brother Austin wants a water gun. My other brother Adam wants a big tractor. Dad wants a bicycle and Mom wants a dish washer.
Love,
Stephanie

brought me last year. This year I want a puppy and gold boxing gloves. Thank you Santa.
Your friend,
Louis Guzman

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thanks for the skooter. I want a bag of toy dinosaurs.
Your friend,
Robbie Gregory

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Thank you for bringing me the stuff from last year. I would like a dareoke machine and a jar of bubble gum.
Your friend,
Dominique Mata

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus? Thank you for a doll on Christmas Santa, I want a scooter for Chirstmas.
Your friend,
Stephanie Vasquez

Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Claus,

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a tractor for Christmas. I am 1 year old and my mom says I have been a good boy. I have a sister Stephanie who would like Barbie clothes for Ken and Barbie to dress up for a wedding. My brother Austin would like a Bibleman sword.
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I have tried to be a good boy this year. Could you please bring me a big watergun. My little brother would like a big tractor. My sister Stephanie would like Barbie clothes to dress up for a wedding. Santa could you please bring mom a new dishwasher. Daddy would like a bicycle. We will leave

Happy Holidays!





Courtesy photo: Clay Kidd

Business of the month

Gathered to honor Carolyn's Christmas Creations as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce business of the month for December are (from left) Tiffany Boehning, Buck Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, Chamber President Mark Washington and Chuck Smith.

'CREATIVE LIVING'

Information on faux finishes, preparing delicious desserts, and spicing up foods will be featured on "Creative Living" at 1 p.m. Dec. 25 and 3 p.m. Dec. 29. (All times are Central.)

"CreativeLiving" airs on public broadcasting station KENW-TV from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

Sharon Hanby-Robie of Whippany, N.J., representing Minwax Home Decor, will show a new way to give a vintage crackle finish to furniture.

Joan Toole, a cookbook author from Lake Forest, Ill., will demonstrate cooking "en concert," which means cooking for the heart and soul, and she will

feature desserts.

Marcie Rothman of Los Angeles, representing Five-Spot Press, will share some ideas for spicing up ordinary foods.

Information on peanuts and furniture refinishing products will be featured at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24 and 1 p.m. Dec. 27.

Gayle Stephenson of Gorman, Texas, a food communications specialist with the Texas Peanut Producers Board, will discuss the growing, harvesting and storing of peanuts. She also will demonstrate some easy-to-prepare recipes that are delicious.

Lynn Hack-Gerhart will demonstrate furniture refinishing techniques using QRB products,

and she will also explain how to make some simple repairs for broken legs on furniture.

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It doesn't take long to relax once you find the right key

Do you have a little silly thing you do or used to do that is really ridiculous, but to you it is one of the best things in the world?

My friend Monica and I used to go walking. One day we stopped on the football field and just decided to spin until we fell down.

It was dark so all the stars were out. We would spin and spin until we just could not stand up any longer, then we would lie on the ground and look at the sky.

Every star was a shooting star, so we could make a million wishes. We called it "moon dancing." For some reason, just thinking about that relaxes me.

It seems that sometimes the only thing that makes sense is the thing that doesn't make sense at all.

I've discovered that the best way to "get away from it all" is to stay right where you are. Just take a little time to do something you love, even if it makes absolutely no sense at all.

I have heard that if you'll hold a pencil between your thumb and forefinger and think about something and relax to the point where the pencil drops out of your hand, it is worth 30 minutes to an hour of sleep.

It's amazing how easy it is to get overloaded. Taking a minute or two to think about your favorite place or taking 30 minutes to do something you love can recharge you amazingly. For me, that

KATYE'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By Katy Cook

release comes through moon dancing. *student at Three Way High School, writes this column for the Journal.*
(Katy Cook, a former

This Yuletide View Is Much Better in Color

If this comes under the heading of bragging, well, sorry. But it has just occurred to me that I get to go to work every day in what simply must be one of the most beautiful places anywhere in town during Christmas—the inside of our own little church.

Aw, shoot! Why be overly modest? May I share a secret? I'm proud (properly proud, I hope) of our little group, and I genuinely enjoy these folks pretty much all of the time.

ber 25, and we ought to be excited about his birth every day of the year, and consequently we should, theoretically speaking, be able to sing "Silent Night" at any time. But such disclaimers made just before singing the carol pretty much dampen the joy of crooning the tune, December or no. And if you don't sing "Silent Night" at church in December, lest someone be dangerously misled into thinking that Christ was born on the 25th, well, you're probably not going to sing it with much gusto and genuine feeling in, say, June or July.

You see, back then we had a little bit of a tough time with "Silent Night" in the sanctuary (hard to believe, I know), and we never even got close to lights and candles and poinsettias and candlelight services.

We were poorer for it. We should have let our spirits rise higher than "Jingle Bells."

Now, don't misunderstand. The church I grew up in blessed me in wonderful ways. But our dearth of color and beauty in December said something about a view of God and worship that was at times sadly cold and colorless.

The view is much better in color. And why not? God created color! One of his best gifts, I think. And now the "Silent Night" of Christ's birth is filled for me every year with a depth of color and a richness of meaning I only dreamed of as a child.

It's Christmas, and it's beautiful—and I'm thankful to find the colors of God's love reflected more beautifully than ever in the colors and the candlelight of a quiet sanctuary blanketed in His warmth on this silent night.



Focus On Faith

Curtis Shelburne

But never more than at Christmas.

Poinsettias. Lights. Candles. Silhouetted shepherds and wise men. Christmas carols. Christmas music. Christmas spirit. A blessing, I think, from His Spirit.

I've always enjoyed Christmas, and I had some great Christmases as a child. But Christmas at church, sadly, wasn't much to write home about. Most of our folks were nicer than their theology, thankfully, but our theology was a little on the drab side. A little thin and cold, which made for a bit of a drab December.

Oh, we enjoyed "Jingle Bells" and "White Christmas" as much as anyone, and I loved "Silent Night" but I sang it at school (which, by the way, is where I also learned "The Lord's Prayer") more than I sang it at church. And it may well be true that Jesus probably wasn't born exactly on Decem-

Curtis Shelburne is minister of the 16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

ROTARY NEWS

The Muleshoe Rotary Club met Dec. 18 at the Bailey County Coliseum. President Wanda Hooten called the meeting to order.

The prayer was led by Don Carter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sandy Vandevender.

Among the guests were James Cox with Ed Cox and former member Kevin Wallace with Jay Messenger. Members' upcoming birth-

days and anniversaries were announced.

Rotarians placed in charge of upcoming programs were Don McElroy (Jan. 8) and Adrian Meador (Jan. 15).

Robert Lepard presented Muleshoe Boy Scout Troop 620 Leader Mike Richards, who updated the membership on all the Scouts' activities for the past year and plans for the coming year. Rotary sponsors the troop.

Hooten presented the Scouts' a check for \$500, which is traditionally given each year to support upkeep of the Scout hut. The club was informed that the Scouts are seeking a grant to build a new multi-purpose building.

Carter was the Hunger Plus winner for the week. He adjourned the meeting by leading the club in Rotary's Four Way Test.

TODAY'S RECIPE

APPLESAUCE PUMPKIN BREAD
2/3 cup margarine, softened
2 2/3 cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup applesauce
1 cup pumpkin
3 1/3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. baking powder
3/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground mace
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2/3 cup apple juice

Using an electric mixer, beat the margarine until fluffy; mix in sugar and eggs. Add applesauce and pumpkin, beating at medium speed

for 30 seconds. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and spices. Alternate adding dry ingredients and apple juice to the original mixture, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Spread batter in two greased and floured 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for an hour or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the pans on a wire rack for 10 minutes; remove from pans and cool completely. Makes two loaves.

RICKY MORIN HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Today is your special day and we just want to say... Isn't it great You've just turned 8! Happy Birthday

Love,
Dad, Mom & Mercedes

MULESHOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	August 31, 2001	August 31, 2000
REVENUES:				
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$3,345,002	\$260,352	\$3,605,354	\$3,432,677
State Program Revenues	6,384,926	342,281	6,727,207	6,984,601
Federal Program Revenues	87,411	1,074,947	1,162,358	1,118,102
Total Revenues	<u>9,817,339</u>	<u>1,677,580</u>	<u>11,494,919</u>	<u>11,535,380</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Instruction & Instructional Related Services	5,737,732	990,559	6,728,291	6,940,102
Instructional and School Leadership	800,111	69,449	869,560	792,872
Support Services - Student (Pupil)	1,174,377	608,418	1,782,795	1,463,969
Administrative Support Services	468,755	—	468,755	491,299
Support Services - Nonstudent Based	1,019,629	—	1,019,629	918,699
Ancillary Services	4,870	34,174	39,044	39,858
Capital Outlay	82,755	—	82,755	164,578
Intergovernmental Charges	306,418	—	306,418	369,630
Total Expenditures	<u>9,594,647</u>	<u>1,702,600</u>	<u>11,297,247</u>	<u>11,181,007</u>
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>222,562</u>	<u>(25,020)</u>	<u>197,672</u>	<u>354,373</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Operating Transfers In	—	31,461	31,461	5,988
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>—</u>	<u>31,461</u>	<u>31,461</u>	<u>5,988</u>
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	31,461	—	31,461	5,988
Total Other Financing Uses	<u>31,461</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>31,461</u>	<u>5,988</u>
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>(31,461)</u>	<u>31,461</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>191,231</u>	<u>6,441</u>	<u>197,672</u>	<u>354,373</u>
Fund Balance — September 1 (Beginning)	<u>6,619,649</u>	<u>72,557</u>	<u>6,692,206</u>	<u>6,337,833</u>
Fund Balance — August 31 (Ending)	<u>6,810,880</u>	<u>78,998</u>	<u>6,889,878</u>	<u>6,692,206</u>



Looking like champions

Lady Mules celebrating their title at New Deal's Mean Green Tournament earlier this month are (back row, from left) coach Shanna Simms, Sara Benham, Tiffany Flores, Mindy Locker, Britni Gartin, Sheni Rasco, Candace Hutto, Rendi Hodge, Kayla Glover and coach Su Scott; (front row, from left) Tori Barton, Jessica Carpenter and Annie Cox.

DPS hotline not for 911 calls

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The public needs to be aware that an erroneous e-mail is being circulated about the Texas Department of Public Safety Roadside Assistance Hotline.

The toll-free line has been operated by DPS since 1989 for motorists to use when reporting non-life-threatening situations on Texas roads and highways.

DPS then passes the information along to the appropriate police agency or DPS office.

If a tow truck is ultimately dispatched, the motorist is responsible for any costs incurred. Some cities and agencies do have courtesy patrols and roadside trucks to provide non-towing services and they may be dispatched by the local agencies when appropriate.

These two points are mis-

represented in the widely circulated e-mail that has led to an increase in inquiries to the Roadside Assistance Hotline.

The number, (800) 525-5555, is printed on the back of virtually all Texas driver licenses and identification cards.

Customers of participating wireless companies—ALLTEL, Nextel, Cingular Wireless, Houston Cellular and Verizon Wireless—can dial DPS (377) free of airtime charges anywhere in Texas. Examples of when a motorist should call the hotline include:

- Stranded with car problems;
- Hazardous road conditions;
- Debris in the roadway;
- Suspicious activity at a rest area; and

• Obviously intoxicated or dangerous drivers.

The hotline is not intended to replace 911 as an emergency number.

To better assist our communications operators, please have the following information ready:

- Caller's name and cell-phone number (and vehicle description if applicable);
- Highway location (mile marker would be helpful); and
- County location, or city location if inside city limits.

New grass friendly to home uses

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

OVERTON — The future should be greener for home gardeners, golfers and soccer moms thanks to Axcella, a new turf grass developed by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Overton.

The newly released turf grass, the seed of which should be available next year, promises all the advantages of traditional winter ryegrass turf grasses with none of the disadvantages, according to its developer, Dr. Lloyd Nelson, small grains breeder based at the station.

In much of Texas, winter turf grasses are used to overseed Bermuda lawns or athletic fields to provide a green lawn during cold weather. Ideally, the ryegrass will die off before Bermuda grass breaks dormancy in the late spring.

Many ryegrass varieties used for overseeding were not developed as turf grass, but for forage production.

Annual forage ryegrasses, such as Gulf, grow too fast, requiring mowing twice a week or more in the spring. Perennial ryegrasses last too long, continuing to grow into late June and early July,

crowding out Bermuda grass and leaving thin or bare spots in summer lawns.

Though Nelson has developed forage varieties for most of his career, he selected Axcella for its turf grass qualities.

A true annual, Axcella will typically begin to die out in mid- to late May, just when Bermuda grass lawns are waking up.

"Axcella's early maturity should allow an easy transition from the winter grass to the warm-season grass and put an end to brown or bald spots in home lawns and soccer fields," Nelson said.

Another advantage to Axcella is that it is the most dwarf of the dwarfs. That is, Axcella is the result of selections of plants with the shortest and tiniest leaves, then bred and re-bred to reinforce these characteristics.

Thus, it will require less mowing during the winter and spring, saving time and money, Nelson said.

Winter hardiness? The High Plains may have to wait for further varieties to be developed, as Axcella would not likely survive winter there. But for most of the rest of Texas, it

should be well suited. In tests at the Overton center, it remained green at temperatures as low as 15 degrees.

Knowing Axcella's leaf and stem characteristics, Nelson expects it will stand up well to wear and tear from cleated athletic shoes, but can't say for sure until he see results from tests on soccer fields in College Station and near Commerce.

Seed production and marketing of Axcella has been contracted to an

Oregon based firm, CEBECO International Seed Inc. Conditions in Texas are

not conducive to ryegrass seed production. Oregon, with its wet winters and cool, dry summers, has the optimum growing conditions for ryegrass.

CEBECO has already marketed the seed in South American countries, where there is extensive use on soccer fields, Nelson said.

In agronomic circles, Nelson is well known for developing TAM 90, one of the most widely grown premium ryegrass in Texas and the South.

He is developing 15 wheat lines and 20 ryegrass lines, one of which is another turf variety.

OBITUARIES

THELMA LEWIS

Services were held Thursday at the First United Methodist Church of Sudan for Thelma Lewis, 78, of Sudan. The Revs. Jim Hawthorne and Cliff Hargrove officiated. Burial was in Sudan Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Home of Sudan handled arrangements.

Mrs. Lewis was born, Nov. 10, 1923, at Quitaque. She died Tuesday in Longview, Texas.

She moved to Sudan in 1976 from Rochester, Minn. She was a Sudan school cafeteria employee for many years.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by several nieces and nephews, two of which — Maurine Thomas and Viola "Peet" Shupe, both of Diana, Texas — had been her primary care-givers.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Oleta Reece, and three brothers, Robert Dudgeon, Roy Dudgeon and Noble Dudgeon.

The family suggests memorials to Sudan EMS or the First United Methodist Church.

WILOTA RICHARDSON

Graveside services were held Friday at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock for Wilota Richardson, 85, of

Morton. Bill Schlabach officiated.

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements.

Mrs. Richardson was born June 18, 1916, at Hedley, Texas. She died Thursday in Morton.

She married Erwin Delbert Richardson on June 25, 1932, in Hollis, Okla. He died Jan. 5, 1974.

She had lived in Morton since 1994, when she moved there from Lubbock. She was a homemaker and a member of the Taylor Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by two sisters, Kathryn Webster of Lubbock and Billie Ruth Primrose of Breckenridge, Texas; three grandchildren, Ronnie Richardson, Konnie Simpson and Belinda Steinbock; and six great-grandchildren, Rhett Richardson, Ryan Richardson, Cheyenne Richardson, Montana Steinbock, Brock Steinbock and Mariah Steinbock.

She was preceded in death by a son, Homer Wallace Richardson, on Sept. 16, 1993; a sister, Alta Marie Embry, on Aug. 9, 2000, and a brother, James Wallace Grimsley, in 1988.

The family suggests memorials to the Arthritis Foundation.

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THE PENITENT PRIEST!

EZRA WAS THE FAMOUS SCRIBE AND PRIEST LIVING IN BABYLON DURING THE REIGN OF ARTAXERXES (464 B.C.—424 B.C.). IN THE SEVENTH YEAR OF THIS KING'S REIGN, HE WAS GIVEN ORDERS TO GO TO JERUSALEM WITH A COMPANY OF JEWS BECAUSE THE REPORTS ABOUT THE PREVIOUS COMPANY, WHO HAD GONE EIGHTY YEARS BEFORE, WERE NOT SPECIFIC ENOUGH AS TO THEIR CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITIONS! IT WAS EZRA'S INTENTION TO TEACH JERUSALEM'S JEWISH COMMUNITY GOD'S LAW AND SEE TO IT THAT THEY CONFORMED TO ALL THE MOSAIC LAWS! EZRA WAS SO HORRIFIED TO LEARN THAT THE JEWS, IN JERUSALEM, HAD STRAYED AWAY FROM THE LAWS OF MOSES, TO SUCH AN EXTENT, THAT MANY OF THEM HAD EVEN MARRIED HEATHEN WIVES, THAT HE EVEN ACCEPTED BLAME FOR THIS HIS OWN SELF AS HE PRAYED TO THE LORD FOR FORGIVENESS. (EZRA 9:5-7). HIS WEeping AND OTHER PENITENT GESTICULATIONS SO IMPRESSED THE CONGREGATION THAT THOSE WHO MARRIED CONTRARY TO THE MOSAIC LAW, WERE ALMOST ALL PERSUADED TO GIVE UP THE FOREIGN WOMEN THEY HAD MARRIED! (EZRA 10:1-3)



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Texas plans for bioterrorism

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Chemicals or microorganisms turned into weapons at the hands of terrorists is a picture many people have not had or did not want to imagine until recently.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, this scenario has many people asking: "Who or what is going to protect me and my family?"

State Epidemiologist Dennis Perrotta at the Texas Department of Health says many answers lie in a strong and flexible public health system at local, state and national levels.

"Knowing about and responding to a virus or a bacterial agent that is affecting people is the nature of public health," Perrotta said. "Whether the infection is naturally occurring or the result of a terrorist act, TDH and other public health agencies are trained to react quickly. That's what public health professionals do every day."

The key is rapid detection of unusual occurrences, he said.

"The sooner we identify any disease outbreak, the quicker we can bring together local, state and federal resources and the more lives we will save. We stay in touch with doctors and other health-care providers, monitoring their reports and investigating unusual occurrences," Perrotta said. "We make sure that prevention and control measures are in place."

Health Department teams have been working on bioterrorism response for several years, according to Perrotta. "We coordinate with federal agencies and help develop response plans with local communities across the state. Preparedness and coordination are crucial."

Perrotta draws a distinction between chemical and biological attacks.

"Chemical attacks cause injuries almost immediately and will elicit an immediate emergency response," he said. "But bioterrorism is more complex because it can be done without much, if any, notice. The first clues to a biological agent release may be sick people who seek medical care days or weeks later, perhaps in different cities."

"In response to bioterrorism, as with any other epidemic, public health plays a critical role," he added.

After the events of Sept. 11, the Health Department issued an alert to doctors, hospitals and other health-care professionals around the state, reminding them to be especially watchful for suspicious symptoms and infections and to immediately report these to the local or state Health Department 24 hours a day.

Some frequently asked question the department has received recently include:

• "What is bioterrorism?"

Bioterrorism is the dispensing of disease microbes by individuals, groups or governments for the express purpose of causing harm for ideological, political or financial gain.

• "What are the chances that a bioterrorist attack will occur in my hometown?"

No one really knows the chances, so it is important for cities, counties and the state to have plans in place to respond quickly. There is no need for panic, but it is wise to be prepared.

• "How many bacteria and chemical agents do I have to worry about?"

Among the myriad chemicals and microbes from which to choose, only a few dozen agents are likely candidates. Fortunately, spreading them to cause maximum exposure and injury or illness is no simple task.

• "What about smallpox? Is there a vaccine I can get for me and my family?"

Smallpox vaccinations were discontinued in the 1980s after the disease was eradicated, and no vaccine is available to the public. Some vaccine is kept by the federal government to be sent to affected areas if an outbreak occurs.

• "What can I do to protect myself from anthrax?"

No anthrax vaccine is available for the general public. Anthrax is not contagious and can be treated with antibiotics. As soon as an anthrax outbreak is detected, these antibiotics can be distributed to those exposed in time to prevent disease.

• "Should I get gas masks for myself and my family?"

There are many types of gas masks, but no one type protects against all chemicals and microbes. Because a chemical or biological attack will almost certainly be a surprise, a gas mask

would need to worn 24 hours a day to be an effective protection. Gas masks themselves also present some risks when used, especially to people with certain pulmonary problems.

• "What can I do to protect myself and my family?"

Be alert, as usual.

Family members know better than anyone what health problems are unusual for them. Report any unusual symptoms or illnesses immediately to a health-care provider. Any case where a number of people have unusual symptoms or illnesses also should be reported to health officials.

Eagles pocket Kress Kangaroos

By DELTON WILHITE
Journal sportswriter

THREE WAY — The Three Way Eagles pushed their season record to 10-5 and evened the score with the Kress Kangaroos, defeating Kress 71-64 Tuesday in front of a home crowd.

The Eagles had lost to Kress in the Whitharral Tournament earlier this year.

When Three Way got in its transition game during the second quarter, the Eagles flew away from the 'Roos and put 10 points between them and Kress by intermission. A full-court press in by the Kangaroos in the final half chipped only three points off the Eagles lead.

"We have been working on our transition game," coach Linda Pshigoda said. "In our first eight games we depended on outside shooting. Now we're making layups and our shooting percentage has climbed. Tonight we shot 68 percent in the first half and 62 percent for the game."

"Those transition buckets have helped our confidence and made us a better team. We have not peaked yet, and the kids are getting better with each game. Tonight we were a

little shorthanded with Rigo Rodriguez sidelined with a concussion, but Canaan Heinrich stepped up for us tonight."

Kress managed to lead the Eagles only twice in the first period and once early in the second, and never by more than two points. Three Way had a one-point advantage at the end of the first period (19-18) and Kress got the first bucket as the second period started.

Anthony Furgeson hooked up with Chris Kindle on a give-and-go to reclaim the lead for the Eagles a little over a minute into the second period. Three Way never trailed after that even though the Kangaroos canned four three-pointers in the period.

The Eagles had opened a 10-point lead by intermission, but after the break the 'Roos stormed back in the third period scoring seven points and cutting the Eagle lead to three points.

Kindle stopped the 'Roo run by penetrating into the paint for a bucket.

Robert Rodriguez completed an old-fashioned three-point play by sinking the free throw after being fouled while making a layup. That gave the Eagles a 10-point margin as the

third period was drawing to a close.

Kress made two from the charity stripe before the third stanza ended with them trailing the Eagles 57-49. The Eagles demonstrated their ability to handle the ball and the pressure of a full-court press in the final frame.

Kress tried to force the Eagles into mistakes by pressuring the ball on both ends of the court. Three Way continued to move the ball and never allowed Kress to get closer than five points as the game wound down.

Kindle led the Eagles in offense with 25 points (including seven of eight free throws), followed by Rodriguez with 21. Furgeson had 16 points, Rhett Richardson four, Heinrich three and Jordan Gray two.

The Eagles take a Christmas break before returning to the gym to get ready for district play to open Jan. 4.

The Eagles will match up with Cotton Center in their first district game, then Lazbuddie. Whitharral, Amherst and Spade make up the balance of the district. With no clear-cut favorites this year, the district race appears wide open.

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Residents and Staff of the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center and Volunteer Christmas Card Project Members



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Christmas for children

Maria Richards of Children's Protective Services accepts a toy from Five Area Systems' Ronnie Kenmore as part of a project to distribute Christmas gifts through the Rainbow Room, the Angel Tree and the regional child welfare program. The toys were donated by customers during a Plateau Wireless promotion.

NURSING HOME NEWS

Alda Odum, Mollie Johnston, Mary Johnson, J.C. Shanks, Cecil Davis, Riehl Williams, Clara Coffman, Bootie Tiller, Jackie Davenport, were guests of First United Methodist Church for Christmas supper Monday evening.

Doug Logsdon, Melvin and Wanda Griffin and Retha Tigue were the means of transportation. The residents were greeted and escorted into the church for the meal by Louis Wayne and Wanda Shafer, Rodger Buhman and other members of the church. W.E. Meyers delivered meals to Webb Watts and Johnnie Kimbrough.

The Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard directed a special candle light and music service Tuesday morning.

Beverly Wagon, Linda Nowell, Pat Watson, Mary Jo Burge, Claudine Embry, Dorothy Turner, Josie Ovalle and the activity department staff shampooed and set the women's hair Tuesday afternoon. Norma Eaves gave manicures.

T.J.'s Donut Shop sent boxes of doughnuts and cinnamon rolls to the residents Friday afternoon, by way of Bob Phillips.

The Rev. and Mrs. Randy Tho-

mas from the Lazbuddie United Methodist Church came Thursday morning to play piano and sing Christmas carols.

Aline Locke, Bootie Tiller, Grace Plyler, Alda Odum, Mary Johnson, Clara Coffman, Annie Chávez, Mary Manríquez, Johnnie Kimbrough and Ozell Cherry painted ceramics in crafts class Thursday morning.

Locke, Tiller, Odum, Cherry, Cecil Davis and Riehl Williams also went on a Christmas shopping spree at Alco and took a coffee and fried pie break at McDonald's.

Melvin and Wanda Griffin, Terri Brown, Ruth Kitchens, Retha Tigue and Janis Cowley were the transportation and escort crew.

Pat Watson directed a musical "Christmas of Today and Yesterday" program Friday afternoon.

The young people of Farwell's Church of God in Christ (Menonite) visited Friday evening and sang to the residents.

Members of the Muleshoe Church of Christ directed a Communion service Sunday morning.

Harold Burge and Buster Kittrell taught the Bible study Sunday morning.

Members of the Primitive Bap-

Towns can apply for state veterans' cemeteries

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL
AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst recently announced that Texas communities will soon be able to apply for a Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

In addition, incoming Texas Veterans Commission Chairman-elect James Duncan announced the appointment of two new members to the committee that oversees the cemetery program.

Dewhurst said requests for proposals will be sent in January to all county judges, major cities, veterans organizations and other parties interested in obtaining a state veterans cemetery. He said the deadline for returning proposals probably will be in late spring.

"We want every com-

munity to have a fair shot at this," Dewhurst said. "I suspect we'll receive many fine proposals from deserving communities across Texas."

Dewhurst said the cemetery committee was created by the 2001 Legislature to set guidelines on the location and size of the cemeteries, and eligibility for burial in them.

The committee also is responsible for deciding where the cemeteries will be located, and will meet in January to begin the site selection process.

The committee is composed of the three members of the Veterans Land Board, Duncan (as chairman of the Texas Veterans Commission), and two people appointed by Duncan to represent the state's veterans.

The Veterans Land Board is composed of Dewhurst, Col. Ladd Pattillo, USAR (Ret.), and Mike Ussery.

Duncan appointed retired U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Sue Turner and Glen M. Gardner Jr., as the other two committee members. Turner is the outgoing chair of the Texas Veterans Commission, while Gardner is chairman of the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations as well as department adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Texas.

Dewhurst said that after the deadline for proposals from communities, the committee

will choose up to seven locations for the cemeteries across Texas. He said the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs can't award more than 20 percent of its available cemetery funding to any one state, limiting Texas to a maximum of two new cemeteries per year.

Dewhurst, an Air Force veteran, said state veterans' cemeteries will complement the four national cemeteries in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and El Paso. Dewhurst said there are no known plans for more national cemeteries in Texas, and about 500,000 of Texas' 1.7 million veterans are 65 or older.

By Joy Stancell

tist Church came for a singing service Sunday afternoon.

Sister Maria from the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the youth of the church baked Christmas cookies for the residents and came to sing and distribute the cookies Sunday night.

Dr. Kyle Sheets and his family went caroling at the center Sunday evening.

Mary Johnson's son and his family from Breckenridge, Texas, visited her over the weekend.

Gladys Wilson and a helper delivered batches of homemade peanut brittle Monday morning

and paid a visit to Hattie Heathington.

Ricki Kelly's gymnastics students performed for the residents Monday morning.

The third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders from Lazbuddie school performed two Christmas plays for the residents Wednesday morning.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins directed the sing-along Wednesday afternoon.

Ann Williams and the secret prayer sisters of the Muleshoe Church of Christ have made and delivered Christmas goodies to the care-center staff.

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TOPS NEWS

Muleshoe Church of Christ was the scene Dec. 13 for the TOPS No. 34 meeting.

A Christmas party followed the meeting and gifts were exchanged.

Alma Robertson led both the TOPS No. 34 songs.

Leader Laverne James presided over the meeting and led the prayer and pledge.

Thirteen members were present for the weigh-in conducted by Alene Bryant and Linda White, weight recorders.

Bryant was the best loser, with Robertson as first runner-up and Jewel Peeler as second runner-up.

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The Dec. 20 meeting also was held at the Muleshoe Church of Christ.

Jewel Peeler led both TOPS songs.

Leader Laverne James presided over the meeting and led the prayer and pledge.

Secretary Tommie Fulcher read the previous week's minutes, which were approved as read.

Get-well cards were sent to Evelene Harris and Ruth

Clements. Retha Knowles is the card chairperson.

Eleven members were present for the weigh-in, conducted by weight recorders Alma Robertson and Polly Otwell. Fulcher was named the best loser, with Molly Davis as first runner-up and James as second runner-up.

The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Jan. 3 at the same site. Visitors are welcome.

BIRTH FLORES

Hector Flores and Lori Cuevas of Muleshoe are the parents of a daughter, Anita Marisol Flores, born at 10:51 p.m. Dec. 3 at Plains Regional Medical Center in Clovis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long.

She has three brothers, Xavier Cuevas, age 9; Alex Flores, 7; and Elias Flores, 2.

Great-grandparents are Victoria and Joel Cuevas and Anita and Mario Flores, all of Muleshoe.

Great-grandparents are Benito and Juanita Alarcón of Muleshoe and Beva Martínez of La Feria, Texas.

HOROSCOPES

DECEMBER 23-29

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Aries — March 21/April 20
A family disappointment may hurt, but will come as no surprise. Try to curb your cynical nature if others are involved. Not everyone has such a thick protective outer shield as you. If romance is the source of stress, it may be time to take a look at the big picture. What do you really want?

Taurus — April 21/May 21
While others may think of you as a rock, you know there's a very soft side that can be easily hurt. It's not so bad to show this part of you from time to time — especially to loved ones. Quiet times towards the end of the week give you a chance to clear your mind. Give meditation a try.

Gemini — May 22/June 21
If your budget crisis is getting close to the U.S. national debt, it may be time to reassess the situation. Go ahead, and make a new financial plan for 2002. You really don't have to skip; you just have to be smarter with your spending. A family gathering goes more smoothly than expected.

Cancer — June 22/July 22
Change is on the way, and now's the time to start planning for the new. If there's a chance you could be moving, this would be a good time to start laying out the groundwork. Don't be afraid to share your feelings with your partner. An upcoming trip gives you a lot to look forward to.

Leo — July 23/August 23
A simple misunderstanding with a family member could turn out to be a full-fledged battle if you let your temper take hold early this week. Be patient. Try to talk things out. Explain your side, but listen to the other, too. A creative outlet, like writing or painting, helps you get through.

Virgo — Aug 24/Sept 22
It will be an emotionally draining week. A love relationship in need of change will reach a turning point. Even if it hurts, you will feel the decision was the right one. Spending time with family helps ease pain. Kids are an especially good diversion. You'll realize what's really important this week.

Libra — Sept 23/Oct 23
Procrastination will work in your favor this week — so don't feel guilty if you want to indulge. A dream early in the week will provide clues into a current problem. Think about it. An upcoming social event will require some extra effort.

Scorpio — Oct 24/Nov 22
Although you usually thrive on pressure, leaving too much to the last minute could work against you. An organized approach is what you need. Children and younger family members play a big role this week — especially if you're a parent yourself. Patience will be needed on Thursday.

Sagittarius — Nov 23/Dec 21
Teamwork will be much more effective than going solo this week. Don't be afraid to delegate responsibility and ask for a helping hand. A lucky break later in the week probably will have you counting your blessings. An event you were dreading turns out to be not so bad. Scorpio is involved.

Capricorn — Dec 22/Jan 20
Don't announce bold plans unless you're sure you definitely will pursue them. You're good at talking the talk, but when it comes to walking the walk, it's a whole other story. Think about it. Be prepared to help out a friend in need later in the week. New romance looks promising. Put some extra effort into your appearance.

Aquarius — Jan 21/Feb 18
Saying exactly what's on your mind could prove offensive this week — especially to sensitive family members. Do yourself a favor: Think before you speak. A compromise will have to be made with your partner in order to solve an ongoing battle. Give without giving too much.

Pisces — Feb 19/March 20
Avoid arguments and conflict early in the week, especially if you are feeling particularly edgy. A creative surge makes you the hit of the party later in the week. Single? You may not be for long. A sexy Scorpio has an eye on you. A package you've been waiting for finally arrives.



Used cell phones donated

David Williams of Five Area West Plains Telecommunications loads one of several boxes of used cellular telephones donated to Women's Protective Services in Lubbock. About 600 units were donated.

Protect your family: Keep food safe

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION

— The No. 1 concern of most parents and other caregivers is keeping loved ones safe.

One way to do that is by limiting the risk factors that can cause foodborne illnesses, said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Cooperative Extension food and nutrition specialist.

"Foodborne illness comes from eating food contaminated with harmful bacteria," she said. The flu-like symptoms can occur anywhere from a few hours to several days after eating the contaminated food, she added.

"Food poisoning, as it is often called, can make babies, young children and older adults very sick," Van Laanen said. "The immune systems of these groups of people are less effective in protecting against and fighting off infections."

To help prevent these illnesses, Van Laanen, along with Britta Thompson, Extension food and nutrition associate, offered the following food handling tips:

• **CLEAN:** Keep everything clean. Wash hands with hot soapy water before and after handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers and handling pets. Teach children

TODAY'S RECIPE

SALMON, ARTICHOKE AND BEAN SALAD

1 can (14-3/4 oz.) or two cans (7-1/2 oz.) salmon, drained and chunked

1 jar or can (16 oz.) marinated bean salad

1 jar (14 oz.) marinated quartered artichoke hearts

1 1/2 tsp. Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1 pkg. (10 oz.) ready-to-eat salad greens or spinach leaves

Prepare the dressing. Drain liquid from the artichokes and beans into a small bowl or pitcher. Blend in mustard and cumin.

In a separate bowl, combine the beans, artichokes, salmon and dressing. Portion 2 cups of greens onto each of four plates.

Top each plate of greens with 1 1/4 cups of salmon mixture.

Makes four servings.

to wash their hands for 20 seconds.

In the kitchen, wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and countertops with hot soapy water after preparing each food.

A simple solution of a teaspoon of chlorine bleach to a quart of water can be used to sanitize food preparation surfaces. Wash fresh raw produce under running water, but don't use soap or other detergents.

Use a small vegetable brush to help remove surface dirt from hard-skinned produce.

• **SEPARATE. DON'T CROSS-CONTAMINATE:** Cross-contamination — spreading bacteria from one food to another — can hap-

pen when the juices of raw meat, poultry and seafood come in contact with other foods.

To help prevent this, when shopping at the supermarket, place raw meat in plastic bags to keep the juices from dripping on other foods.

When storing these meats at home, put them on a tray or pan on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator for the same reason.

• **COOK:** Be sure to cook foods to adequate internal temperatures in order to kill any bacteria. A food thermometer is the most accurate way to make sure food has reached safe internal temperatures.

If a thermometer is not available, visual signs can help. For example, red meat

MULES

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a three from the corner to get the Mules back on top with a five-point pad.

Atwood continued to find Riley running on the fast break or open in the paint as the Mules built on their lead. Riley saved a pass too far under the basket to score and dropped the ball back to James Hancock, trailing on the fast break to put the Mules up by nine.

The Wildcats hit a three with 1:25 remaining in the third period before Riley put a post move on his defender for two points. Colunga found Landon Sheets open 20 feet from the bucket to give the Mules

a 10-point margin at the end of the third.

River Road deluged the Mules with 22 points in the final frame. Brennan Broyles stepped up for the Mules with 10 points while Sheets added four and Atwood dropped in a free throw to keep the Mules on top.

Riley led the Mules in scoring with 29 points (all in the first three periods), Broyles had 13 and Shelburne 11 (including three three-pointers),

Sheets six, Atwood four points (with a three-pointer) and Hancock two.

Lubbock Trinity Christian was scheduled to visit the Mules on Friday before the Mules began a five-day Christmas break.

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TPDES Registration No. WQ0004337-000 APPLICATION. JIMMY GAYLE WATSON, 1460 FM 1760, Muleshoe, Texas 79347 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for new TPDES Registration No. 4337 to authorize the applicant to operate a new dairy at a maximum capacity of 15,000 head in Bailey County, Texas. The application was received by TNRCC on April 23, 2001. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land. The proposed facility will be located 1.5 miles west on Farm-to-Market Road 1760 from its intersection with US Highway 84 in Muleshoe, then 0.25 mile south on a private road. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin. The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Muleshoe Public Library, 322, West 2nd Street, Muleshoe, Texas. The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments. **INFORMATION.** Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13037, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Issued: Dec. 18, 2001. Signed: LaDonna Castañuela, Chief Clerk; Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. Published in the Bailey County Journal Dec. 23, 2001.

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