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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

#### The winner: a bare room

Pop superstar Madonna recently presented the prestigious Turner Prize to artist Martin Creed for his controversial work, "Bare Room With a Light That Switches On and Off."

Previous winners of the \$28,600 prize include an elephant-dung painting and the pickled remains of a cow and calf.

Madonna, no stranger to controversy, swore on live television during the London award ceremony, causing Britain's Channel Four to issue an apology.

### Deer attacks bystander

As Robert Brooks of Colorado Springs used an outdoor faucet recently, a buck deer suddenly appeared and charged him.

A number of does were apparently in the area, making it appear likely that Brooks got in the way of a delicate mating dance.

At first, Brooks threw a bucket of water at the deer, but to no avail. He was able to get his hands on the antlers, but the animal pinned him against the house.

Brooks escaped and ran to his car, but the deer chased him and pushed him against his vehicle. Brooks was treated at a hospital for puncture wounds and sore ribs.



Drawing date: Wednesday, Dec. 12 Winning numbers: 4-7-15-48-49-52 Estimated jackpot: \$16 million Winners: 0

Next drawing: Saturday, Dec. 15 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

### On this date in history

Dec. 16 — Benjamin Edwards rides into Nacogdoches, Texas, and proclaims the Republic of Fredonia — using the old stone fort as his capitol — and declared Texas independent of Mexico (1826). Although the rebellion was quickly put down, it was the cause of considerable disquiet in Mexico City and was one forerunner of the successful independence movement in the following decade.

Also on Dec. 16 — The Republic of Texas Congress grants the first railroad charter west of the Mississippi.

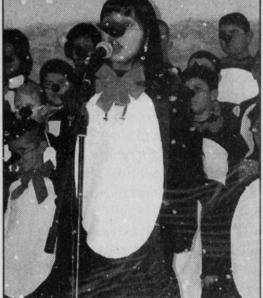
### LOCAL WEATHER

As of Friday, the National Weather Service was predicting that the chance for snow would end sometime Sunday morning — with a bitter-cold temperature of about 18. After that, morning lows should be mostly in the upper 20s except for Tuesday's 23. Sunday's high of about 44 should warm to 60 by Tuesday, then settle into the 50s.

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### Penguin heroes

Santa (Robert Brewster) looks a little skeptical as Rudolph (Rashelle Hall), Donner (Dominique Mata) and Cupid (Samantha Reyna) introduce themselves in "How the Penguins Saved Christmas," the Christmas play staged Dec. 10 at Dillman Elementary School. Andrea Alfaro (above right) as a penguin offers musical encouragement to Santa to "Remember" after he lost his memory due to a fall. At left, Jordan Smith as the Penguin King uses an icicle to hypnotize Santa. The idea is to restore Santa's memory, which the penguins succeed in doing, and that is how they

## Lady Mules dunk 10-0 Slaton in 44-39 win

By DELTON WILHITE

Journal correspondent

SLATON — The Lady Mules entered the Tigerette cage in Slaton on Dec. 11, coming face-to-face with a very disciplined and undefeated team, and emerged with a 44-39 win.

Chris Kennedy's Slaton girls came into the contest with a 10-0 record and controlled the tempo of the game, trying to prevent the Lady Mules from running the floor and pushing the game into high gear.

Anne Cox made only two points in the game, but they were the silver bullets that put the game out of reach at 44-39. She had been fouled with six seconds remaining in the game and Muleshoe leading 42-39.

Slaton called time-out to try to freeze

Cox, and when she stepped to the line there was not a friendly face in sight as the Lady Mules had all dropped back on defense in case Cox were to misfire.

She hit nothing but the bottom of the net on the first shot to give Muleshoe a fourpoint lead, and then for good measure added the second free throw.

The Statue of Liberty play in football is a very tricky play to sell and execute to the defense. But Statue defense in basketball proved to be very effect as the Lady Mules did not move on defense so they could be called for an unnecessary foul as Slaton brought the ball down court as the final seconds ticked away.

The lack of movement by the Lady Mule defense must have startled the Tigerettes, as Slaton failed to get a shot up in the final six seconds.

Jessica Carpenter — Muleshoe's leading scorer at 13 points — had given the Lady Mules an early lead by scoring five points of her own and feeding Shani Rasco after crashing the boards and pulling down an offensive rebound among the tall trees. Rasco's shot put the Lady Mules up 7-2.

Slaton called a time-out, and Kennedy settled her troops back into their game. They nailed Muleshoe to nine points for the final four minutes of the first period while scoring eight unanswered points, taking a 13-9 lead into the second period.

Mindy Locker hit a free throw with 5:30 remaining in the first half to complete a traditional three-point play and cut the

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### uleshoe-area farm scenes featured on calendar

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Stacy Thompson of Muleshoe has made area farms and farmers the stars of her photography, and now some of those photos have been put together in a special me-

Thompson, a novice photographer, said she is intersted in "the beauty of the harvest and sunsets." The calendar photos feature those subjects as well as crops, machinery and silhouettes.

She began taking these photos to decorate the walls of her office and "it just grew from that."

Individuals pictured on the calendar include Jim and Jan Crawford, James L. Wedel, Marshall Pool, Eugene Shaw, Tim Black, Clay Grant, Chris Bass and John Saylor.

To help defray printing costs, Thompson is selling the calendars for \$15 apiece. More information is available by calling 272-3652.



This cotton close-up joins harvest scenes on the calendar.

### Farm Bureau, Farmers Union decry Senate delay

WASHINGTON, D.C. (DTN) — Reacting to Republican senators voting Thursday against a motion to move ahead with the farm bill, American Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman urged his members Friday to call their senators and tell them "it will be a slap in farmers' faces" if the procedural delays result in a farm bill with less money than the \$73.5 billion in the current congressional budget resolution.

National Farmers Union President Leland Swenson also issued a statement that the group is "appalled" at the Senate

But the statement by Stallman, a wellknown Texas Republican, is the most likely to cause a reaction.

The Senate voted Thursday on a cloture petition by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., to bring the farm bill debate to a close and hold a vote early next

Daschle and the Democrats have been

pushing for a vote because the congressional session is coming to a close and they are worried that Congress is less likely to be generous with funding farm programs next year.

Stallman expressed "profound disappointment and anger" at the Senate's failure to move ahead with the farm bill and said farmers and ranchers will "hold accountable those senators who have kept the measure bottled up."

Stallman continued by saying, "The stalling tactics used by some senators this week have jeopardized needed assistance for farmers. If the result is that we don't get a final bill until next year and the \$73.5 billion allocated to agriculture in the budget is cut, we'll know who to blame. We

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### Area cotton growers more cautious

#### By SHAWN WADE **Plains Cotton Growers**

Explaining the reasons why Farm Bill deliberations by the Senate have slowed considerably is becoming a significant challenge.

That explanation is especially difficult in light of the fact that obstacles continue to pop up to delay approval of the Senate's version of farm legislation. As of Friday, the Senate

appeared to be looking at a farm bill vote no sooner than this Tuesday.

Had Senate Democrats been successful in their effort to pass a cloture motion to limit further debate and restrict the filing of additional amendments, the Tuesday vote would have

been locked in.

As it stands now Tuesday is still a likely date, but by no means certain.

Plains Cotton Growers and cotton producers across the High Plains have been actively communicating with Texas Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey see COTTON on page 2

### AROUND MULESHOE

### Library programs to change

The Muleshoe Area Public Library will move its regular "Storytime" from Mondays to Saturdays starting in January and also begin new programs called "Ready for Life" and "Saturday Afternoon at the Library."

Based on the fact that 50 percent of an infant's brain growth occurs by the age of 6 months, "Ready for Life" will be for children from newborn up to the age of 2. Parents must attend with the child.

"Ready for Life" will be very informal, with board books for parents to read to their children as well as group activities and information on vaccinations, health care and day care. The program is scheduled for Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

The regular "Storytime," for children ages 3 to 6, is now scheduled for Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend, but this is not a requirement.

"Saturday Afternoon at the Library" is designed for all elementary-school students and is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. It will feature reading and craft projects.

More information is available by calling 272-4707.

### Moisture scant from rain shower

J.K. Adams, official weather observer for Muleshoe, reported that Tuesday's brief rain left only .08 of an inch of moisture in town.

The National Weather Service forecast called for a slight chance of moisture again through Sunday morning.

### Cemetery board seeking donations

Members of the board of directors of Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery Inc. are seeking donations to help pay for the upkeep of the perpetual-care cemetery.

The income from the corporation's trust fund is not sufficient right now to pay these costs — a fact partly blamed on the drastic decrease in interest rates in recent months, which has reduced the group's income.

The board is taking this action as the result of requests from the membership at the annual meeting held in August, according to a letter from the organization.

Contributions or memorials can be mailed to P.O. Box 373, Muleshoe 79347, or dropped off at 104 E. Avenue C.

More information is available by calling 272-5727.

### Addresses for holiday giving listed

Last-minute donations to local charities can be mailed

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

### 4-H fruit orders being distributed

The fruit ordered through members of Bailey County 4-H has arrived and will be immediately delivered by club

The Extension office has several boxes of mixed fruit (apples, oranges and grapefruit) available for \$16 a box to those who did not place an order.

#### McDaniel memorial fund open

A memorial fund for Jeanie McDaniel has been established at the First Bank of Muleshoe to help the family with expenses.

McDaniel was killed in a traffic accident Nov. 27 near Littlefield.

#### School news

Parents and others interested in activities in the Muleshoe Independent School District and learn about changes in the current week's activities by calling 272-7669. The information line is also updated for changes in the school schedule due to bad weather.

#### Public calendar

Dec. 16 — 6 p.m. Screening of the film "Shalom Jerusalem" kicks off the Christmas party at New Covenant Church, four miles east on U.S. 70. Fellowship afterward.

Dec. 17 — Noon. Muleshoe School Board, in the board room of the administration building.

**Dec. 21** — 2:30 p.m. Muleshoe schools dismiss for Christmas.

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

### **FARM BILL**

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need the bill finished in the Senate immediately and we need a conference committee to approve a final bill before the Christmas recess," he said.

"It is clear that opponents of the farm bill are stalling and using procedural delays," Stallman asserted. "The House, made up of 435 members, completed its farm bill in three days and considered 45 amendments. In contrast, the Senate has debated the farm bill for all or part of nine days, without an end in sight. With cloture, there would have been ample time for opponents to offer their amendments."

With another cloture vote scheduled for Tuesday, Stallman said there still is an opportunity to get the farm bill on track.

"This cloture motion must pass. The House, which passed its farm bill in October, and the senators who have labored mightily to get this done, deserve it. Any senator who votes against cloture will

be telling farmers they don't care if farmers suffer the consequences of no farm bill or one that is scaled back."

Earlier Friday, the Farmers Union, whose members are more likely to vote Democratic, saidit was "appalled by the actions of some Republican members of the U.S. Senate to block progress toward the completion of the farm bill.

"The Senate's failure to pass a motion for cloture to

move debate forward is a major obstruction to finishing the farm bill this year," Swenson said "Without a new farm bill, farmers and ranchers will have the smallest safety net ever for their 2002 crops."

Swenson also called on Farmers Union meinbers to call senators who voted against cloture.

"The majority of the Senate voted for cloture and have indicated their desire to help rural America,"

Swenson said. "We are puzzled why senators who represent rural citizens and agriculture producers would try to impede this important legislation. Farmers and ranchers, and the organizations that represent them, should contact these senators and ask them why they voted to block completion of a muchneeded farm bill."

Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison were listed as opposing cloture.

### COTTON

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Hutchison, encouraging them to seek the quickest possible route to passage of the bill without neglecting the need to fairly debate proposed amendments.

Producers are watching the Senate closely. It is clear that they are differentiating between legislators who are listening to their concerns and acting to move the process forward and those who seem unconcerned with the serious financial situation of farmers and ranchers struggling to survive and turn a profit.

Some Republican senators have argued that the bill has so much extra baggage that it will not be easily conferenced with the House farmbill, which was passed in October through the concerted efforts of House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest and ranking member Charles Stenholm.

That argument rings slightly hollow as the pri-Republican mary alternatives also have their own challenges to overcome in a conference committee.

Political gamesmanship is easy to spot and constituents, with the availability of live coverage of activities in Washington, will ultimately make the determination of who is serious and who is not.

### SLATON from page 1

Tigerette lead to a single point.

Britni Gartin then swiped a Slaton in-bound pass and passed across the lane to Carpenter for two points and the lead.

Slaton briefly regained the lead three minutes into the third period, but Gartin picked a Tigerette's pocket near midcourt and found Carpenter streaking to the bucket to give the Lady Mules a 26-25 advantage they refused to relinquish.

Slaton slowed the pace at every opportunity, and the Muleshoe fans got to see the Lady Mule zone defense at its best. It was like watching a well-choreographed ballet as the Muleshoe defenders moved with the ball and kept the Tigerettes away from the basket.

Locker had eight points for Muleshoe and Gartin added seven. Sara Benham had six points, Rasco four, and Candace Hutto, Kayla Glover and Cox made two points each.

The Lady Mules were scheduled to play Lamesa on Dec. 14.



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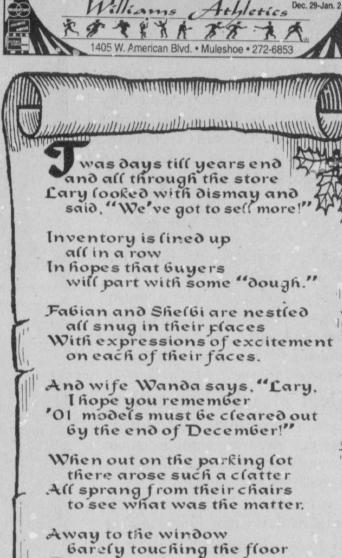
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### Science fair winners

Among the participants at the Dec. 4 Texas Math and Science Coaches Association in Seminole were Watson Junior High students (back row, from left) Jordan Saylor, Monica Posadas, Chrisie Reeves, Lorenzo Nuñez and Garrett Riley; (front row, from left) Franklin Piland, Adam Zamora, Patrick Precure, Kelsey Tipps and Colby Carpenter. Not pictured is Cami Vandiver. The sixth-graders had the firstplace calculator team (Zamora, Riley, Precure and Carpenter) and the first-place math team (Tipps, Piland, Riley and Zamora), which enabled them to win the sweepstakes award. Placing as individuals were Tipps (second in number sense and first in math), Precure (fourth in number sense, fourth in calculator), Carpenter (sixth in number sense, first in calculator), Piland (seventh in science, fourth in math), Riley (third in calculator, second in math), Zamora (fifth in calculator, third in math), Saylor (eighth in science). Vandiver (10th in number sense), Posadas (ninth in science, seventh in math), Chrisie Reeves (10th in science) and Nuñez (ninth in math).

### Eighth-grade boys down Littlefield and Cooper

By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter

The eighth-grade Mules opened their basketball season with a 36-35 squeaker at home over the Littlefield Wildcats. The score was knotted at 28 at the end of three periods.

Littlefield converted both ends of a one-andone to take a two-point lead. Myles James found a passing lane to Tyler Sheets on the blocks, and he sank a turn-around jumper to retie the game at the fourminute mark.

Brady Black on the baseline open for two points to tie the game at 32 after the 'Cats had scored two from the charity stripe. Sheets made a free throw with 2:30 showing in the game to give the Mules a one-point advantage.

The 'Cats took a 35-33 lead with only 16 ticks remaining. Turnbow spotted up in the corner and with seven seconds left in the game canned a three to give the Mules their first "W" of the year. Black led the

Trevor Turnbow found Mules with 16 points, Sheets had 11, Kevin Kilmer added five and Turnbow had three.

> The Mules traveled to Lubbock Cooper and drowned the Pirates 50-22.

The game started slowly but Muleshoe owned a 7-2 advantage at the end of one period. Scoring picked up in the second period, and the Mules went to the locker room with an 18-8

Sheets exploded on the inside in the third frame and put 12 points on the board as the Mules ran away from the Pirates 41-17 after three stanzas. Turnbow, Eli Villa and Black all knocked down threes in the final quarter.

Sheets led the Mules with 21 points, Black had 16, Villa and Flores added three each and Caleb Heinrich dropped in two

The Mules traveled to Dimmitt to tangle with the Bobcats on Dec. 3 and returned to their home court 10 against Dec. Shallowater.

Smith put in seven points, Kasey Wood and Dickson had six each, Rasco made three, Posadas and Reeves

the Lady Mules. Dickson joins the Wood girls out front along with Rasco and Smith on the blocks for the eighth-grad-

dropped in two points for

Andi Black, Veronica Nuñez, Hillary Tipps and Sarah Sexton join Posadas, Hall, Robertson, Reeves and Pacheco in providing the punch off the bench for Muleshoe.

The Lady Mules traveled to Shallowater Monday December 10 for a confrontation with the Lady Mustangs.

## Eighth-grade girls take three lopsided victories

By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter

The Dimmitt Bobbies seemed to stay lost in the "Woods" — meaning cousins Kasey and Brandi — when they visited the Muleshoe competition gym Dec. 3.

The Lady Mules' trapping full-court press created too many turnovers for the Bobbies, as Muleshoe pounded them 32-14.

When the Wood cousins snapped the trap shut on the press, the Bobbies would lose control of the ball, and the Lady Mules were scoring easy points.

Seven seconds into the game, Kasey Wood was fouled going for a layup off the opening tip. Connecting on a free throw gave the Lady Mules a lead they would never relinquish. Post-to-post passing proved rewarding as Madison Smith found Jenna Rasco for two points on the blocks.

Kasey Wood hit nothing but net from 20 feet on an in-bound play and Rasco dropped in a free throw to put the Lady Mules up 8-4 at the end of one period. Monica Posadas drove the lane to get the Lady Mule offense cranked in the second frame.

Smith made two from set the Lady Pirates of Lubthe baseline and Brandi Wood set up Kasey Wood with a pass as she cut through the defense like a Ginsu knife. Kasey Wood fed Rasco posting up on the block for a turn-around jump shot to push the Lady Mule advantage to 21-10 at halftime.

The Lady Mule defense completely shut down the Bobbies in the second half until only 3:37 remained in the game. Chrisie Reeves scored from the elbow on an in-bound play to complete the scoring for the Lady Mules.

Smith led the Lady Mules with nine points; Rasco and Kasey Wood added six points each. Brandi Wood made five, Posadas dropped in four and Reeves chipped in two for the Lady Mules.

In the Lady Mules' first game of the year, Muleshoe plucked the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles 35-9. Ashley Dickson and Brandi Wood each had seven points while Kasey Wood added six for the Lady Mules in the contest. Rasco made five, Posadas dropped in four and Trisha Robertson, Smith and Pacheco had two points each for the Lady Mules.

Next, the Lady Mules

bock Cooper adrift, inundating them 36-10 in Muleshoe. Four points were the most the Lady Pirates could muster in any one period. Kasey Woodhad a three-

pointer and 11 points for Muleshoe; Brandi Wood had a three and added 10 points. Dickson dropped in six points, Smith scored four, Reeves and Robertson made two points each and Lindsey Hall chipped in a point for Muleshoe.

The Lady Mules went on the road and skinned the Lady Wildcats in Littlefield with Brandi Wood scoring 15 points.

> Dear Friends and Neighbors,

There are no words to describe how your prayers, help, food, cards, flowers and especially visits from friends and neighbors have sustained us through this trying time. Everybody has lifted our family's spirits with the thoughtfulness they have shown toward us. All your prayers have helped Marty through this time of illness. He continues to improve daily.

A very special thank you to those who helped harvest our cotton.

> Marty McGuire Family 'Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:33b

With love,

OSPITAL NEWS

Muleshoe Area Medical Center reports the following patient load:

Dec. 6 — James K. Angeley, Celia Cardenas, Rey DeLaRosa, Andrea Flores, Beatrice García, Baby Graxiola, Maria G. Graxiola, Pauline Guinn, Baby Rivera, Edna Rivera, Maria Salinas and Ernestine Steinbock.

Dec. 7 — James K. Angeley, Jessie Davenport, Beatrice García, Baby Graxiola, Maria G. Graxiola, Pauline Guinn, Frank Hinkson Ernestine Steinbock.

Dec. 8 — None reported. Dec. 9 — None reported. Dec. 10 — James K. Angeley, Jessie Davenport, Pauline Guinn, Mary Hernández, Celeste Olvera, Ernestine Steinbock and Murpha C. Street.

Dec. 11 — James K. Angeley, Jessie Davenport, Mario E. Diaz, Pauline Guinn, Mary Hernández, Kathleen Hickey, C. Mahaney, Bobbie M. Reynolds and Murpha C.

Street.

Dec. 12 — James K. Angeley, Chase V. Chisman, Jessie Davenport, Mario E. Diaz, Cappy Gatewood, Pauline Guinn,

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### **Both Joys and Sorrows** Seem Larger at Christmas

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It's almost Christmas again. And I'm again struck by the fact that the venerable season in which we celebrate Christ's birth has about it a magnifying quality. Big trees, loads of lights, gifts galore, scrumptious feasts. Everything surrounding Christmas seems larger than life, magnified by festive light. That's true of Christmas joys. It's also true of Christmas sorrows.

I haven't really performed more funerals during Christmastime than at other times. (I



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just went back to my records and checked.) But it seems so. Maybe I just remember those more clearly. I remember standing at the pulpit in sanctuaries alive with Christmas lights and candles, trees and garlands of evergreen, and in the midst of the regalia of life and love and joy, I remember looking for the words to give expression to the feelings of a family, a church, and myself as we stood face to face with death.

Joys and sorrows. Both seem

even larger at Christmas. A dear friend and church member whose husband recent ly passed away sent me a copy of a letter she wrote just after her husband's death. She writes, "I remember the first time I met Jack [I've changed the names]. We were all loaded into a car to go to the Maxwell irrigation swimming hole. Jenny (a friend's sister) was Jack's date. I sat in the back seat with Jenny beside Jack. On the way to the swimming hole, Jack

would put his arm around Jenny's shoulders and tap at my shoulder next to her. I was exasperated! How could he do that when he was with Jenny? resolved that I never wanted to see that boy again.

"Soon afterward there was a party in the Jefferson Valley schoolhouse. We played a game, "Fishing for Love." A girl sat in a chair blindfolded and stuck up each thumb. The boys stood, one on each side, and would grasp the chosen thumb. It was the girl's choice to decide which thumb-grasping hand she would choose to accept and walk with. Every time that Jack grasped my thumb, just before I started to choose it, he would release his grasp. I finally learned to recognize his grasp of my thumb, and I would choose the other boy's hand. Again I said to myself, 'I never want to see that boy again.

"I married that irritating boy! And I was married to him for over 60 wonderful years! The last words I heard Jack utter were in answer to a nurse's question. She was trying to keep him oriented when she pointed to me and asked, 'Who is that over there?'

"Jack replied, 'That's my "'How long as she been your

"Jack responded, 'Sixty-five years,' his humor there until

the very end. "I am so thankful for those wonderful years.

For this dear lady, Christmas will be different this year. Her sorrow will seem even larger. But she and her husband knew the real meaning of Christmas and they honored its Lord.

Beneath the sorrow, perhaps a deep undercurrent of quiet joy and hope will also be magnified by Bethlehem's light. Curtis Shelburne is minister of the

16th & D Church of Christ in Muleshoe.

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EXHORTING THE TROOPS TO ACTION! ALL BIBLICAL LEADERS, BOTH GOOD AND BAD, SEEM TO HAVE SHARED ONE THING IN COMMON -THE ABILITY TO STIR THEIR ABLE-BODIED MEN TO ACTION WHEN IT WAS NEC-ESSARY! MOSES HAD IT (NUM.31:2-6) AND JOSHUA, MANY TIMES OVER! (JOSH. 4:14) WITH THE ISRAELITE LEADERS ONE SURE THING WAS TO REMIND THE MEN THAT GOD WAS ALWAYS WITH THEM! WHEN THE VILLAIN OF THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH,

SANBALLAT, WANTED TO STIR UP THE ENTIRE ARMY OF SAMARIA AGAINST THE JEWS, HE RESORT-ED TO VERY HEAVY IRONY AND SATIRE BEFORE HE URGED THEM ON TO DO BATTLE OVER THE WALLS OF JERUSALEM! (NEH.4: 1-3) THE LEADERS HAD IT-OR THEY DIDN'T LEAD!!

THEREFORE, LET US GO NOW AND FIGHT WITH THEM WE SHALL PUT A STOP TO IT

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My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all thy words. -Psalm 73: 26, 28

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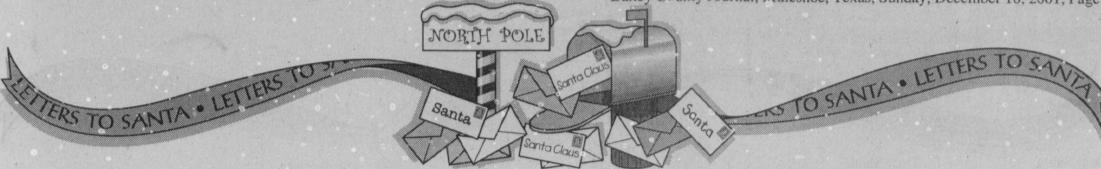
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I will bring you some cheese. Will you get me a lot of preasents?

Love,

Jessica Vargas

Dear Santa,

Hi. My name is Kaitlynn. I have been very good this year. I wanted to ask you about the antlers on your reindeer and how they fly. Now then, let me tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a playhouse with a garden, a Cinderella doll, some snow-globes, an ankle bracelet, a tent, a Fashion Snap Patti, and the baby called Shoo Shoo. I also would like a new bike. I have lots of friends and family that I hope you go see. I would like for your to bring my Granny a bouquet of beautiful flowers and Pops needs a Harley so he can go ride with my Daddy. Please bring my new baby cousin Lucas a little clip on fishy-deal for his bed that helps him go to sleep. Oh, and bring Gary Hooten a new shirt. Please bring Mommy a new Freezer and a new Harley Davidson for Daddy. Thank you for letting me come sit in your lap at the mall and for bringing toys to all the children all over the world.

Love,

Kaitlynn Marie Hendricks age 4

Dear Santa,

This is Jesse Leal, I'm 2 yrs. old now. Can you bring me a bicycle, a scooter and one of those remote control snakes?

My little brother Luke wants some toys to play with too, please.

Thank you and I miss you.

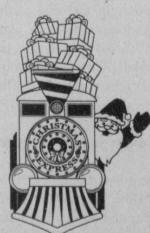
Love,

Jesse and Luke

Dear Santa,

I Stefani want Jam and Glame Barbie van, Barbie. Sincerely,

Stefani Lopez



Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me Toy Story toys. Please look at my Christmas tree because it is pretty. Please bring my little brother some baby toys. Thank you!

Tre Villa III 3 yrs. old

Ms. Strawn's

kindergarten Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my mom a ring.

Love, **Summer Sanders**  Dear Santa,

How are you? Please bring my sister a doll and a truck for my brother, A.J.

I Love You,

Janice Barron Dear Santa,

Please bring my mom some make-up and my brother a monster truck. Please bring my sister a doll.

I Love You,

Joshua Flores



Dear Santa.

Would you bring my dad some tools? Please bring my mom some Christmas lights.

Love,

Jose Quintanilla

Dear Santa Claus.

Please bring my baby brother a rocking chair and a big bike for my mom.

I Love You, Jimmy Gilliam

Dear Santa,

Please bring my dad a race car and a dress for my mom. Please bring a Christmas tractor for my grandpa.

Love, Michael Railsback

Dear Santa Claus, This year please bring my mom perfume.

Love.

MaKenzie Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my dad tools and my mom a

Love,

**Matthew Dickerson** 

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my mom a present, and my dad tools.

Love,

Izaiah Toscano

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my dad tools and my mompens.

Love,

Ace Alvarez

Dear Santa,

Would you please bring my dad a real horse? Also a real dog for my grandma. Be careful.

Love,

Isaias Salas

Dear Santa,

Please bring my baby brother Jason a tricycle. Would you bring my mom a new big car.

Love,

Jonessa Toscano

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my mom some make-up and some clothes for my brother Frankie.

Love,

Katie Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring a bike for my brother Jr. and a hat for my mom. Please bring a apple for my dad.

Love,

Linda Rodriguez

Mrs. Ambriz's kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a barbie doll school, a school bus for barbie and a barbie doll baby.

Sabrina Guilliam

Dear Santa,

. I want a bear, a train, a toy horse, a toy car and a football. I would like to get my mom a ring and a watch for my dad. Get a drum for my big sister and a boat for my little sister.

Signed, De'Onte

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a scooter, a power ranger set and a battery truck, one I can ride. I also want a truck that has slime on it and has batteries. I also want a drum set.

Signed, Britton

Dear Santa, My name is McKenna. I am 5 yrs. old. I would like a Miracle baby. And could you bring my baby sister a baby toy. For my Mom and Dad bring some shoes and some clothes. I will leave some cookies on the bend tables. And some milk, too.

Signed,

McKenna Dunham



My name is Diana, I am 6 yrs old. Could you bring me a Barbie, and a Barbie car. And a toy microwave. For my Mom and Dad could you bring a Christmas tree. And could you bring me a Blender toy. I will leave some cookies on the T.V. and I also want a box where you make cookies, and a toy coffee pot.

Signed,

Diana Salcido

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a toy bear, and a firetruck.

Signed,

Jared Quiroz

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a sled. Bring my brother new boots. Bring my dad a black cowboy hat and my little brother new boots, his old pair are getting dirty. Bring my mom a black cowgirl hat, and spurs.

Signed, Pablo

Dear Santa,

I want a sword with a orange thing on it for Christmas. I would want a job for my dad in Muleshoe, where the cafeteria is.

Signed,

Joey

Dear Santa,

I want a computer, a barbie, a book that has a pen that says words. I also want the puppy that is in Blues Clues. I also saw a barbie with a trailer. I would like that too, and a Barbie video game and the Dalmations.

Signed, Rosa

Dear Santa,

I know it's almost Christmas. I don't want you to forget Christmas. All the kids in the world want presents. If you can't make, it's ok for Christmas holiday. If you can make it, bring me a toy sailboat, a baseball hat, a teddy bear, thank you Santa.

Signed, Jordan Villalobos

Dear Santa.

I hope you come to my house and bring me presents. I hope you get my presents under the tree. I hope you can bring me the things I want all my life, a mega man suit.



Dear Santa,

My name is Bailey, I am 5 yrs old. A Barbie tour bus. And a toy train. For my Mom and Dad could you bring some flowers and a helmet. I will leave some gingerbread cookies and some apple juice on the table.

> Signed, **Bailey Bales**

Dear Santa,

My name is Miranda, I am 5 yrs old. I want some shoes. And a bike, and some pants. Could you bring a ring for my Dad. For my Mom, please bring her a dress. I will leave some cookies on the table.

Signed,

Miranda Cortez

Dear Santa.

I would like you to bring me a toy car, a play doll house, a play pick-up, a watch. For Emily bring a play horse, Andrew wants a sword, Patrick may want a watch. The last thing for me is a play calender.

Signed, Adrienne

Dear Santa,

I want a calander that has puppies. I would like a big ball. I would like a yellow wig, a bear, a heart Christmas ornament for my tree.

Signed,

**Emma Smith** 

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo game and a Lava Lamp. I also want shoe skates, a new clock, a TV and a walkman that plays tapes.

Signed,

Elias Leal

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a nutcracker, a toy train, a truck with it. A doll, a rocking horse, a mommy Furby.

Signed,

Kari Brown



Mrs. Clapp's kindergarten Dear Santa.

Hi! I want you to bring me a black motorcycle to piay with outside.

When you come to my house I will have a present for you.

Signed,

**Matthew Barron** 

Dear Santa,

I love you. I would like to ride with you. I want a Barbie jeep. I wish you could come to my house.

Signed,

Katelyn Gable

Dear Santa, I would like a blue bear, a baseball and a bat, and red and white candy cane.

Signed, JoAngel Garcia

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I want a pair of purple shoes and for my family a little clock.

Signed,

Miranda Garza

Dear Santa,

I want a baby robot like on TV.

I love you, Santa. Please bring my little brother, Tomas, a power ranger, and one for my little brother Junior. For my big sisters, Lindsey and Whitney bring a toy power ranger too.

Signed,

Victoria Guzman

Dear Santa,

I want a blue soccer ball, a brown big teddy bear with a scarf, and a baseball, baseball bat, and a glove.

Merry Christmas. Signed,

**Xtacey Herrera** 



I want a brown remote control car, and a red motorcycle. One I can ride.

Signed, **Emanuel Morales** 

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa!

This is Mercedes. I would like Barbie car with a key, and a blond puppy. I hope you can find my house. Merry Christmas

Signed, **Mercedes Morin** 

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a blue spaceship, a red firetruck, a telescope, a big red teddy bear, a choo-choo train, and a red farm toy tractor. Merry Christmas from Alex.

Signed,

Alex Peña

Dear Santa,

I want a blue scooter, and a new baby doll. Merry Christmas.

Signed,

DonAnn Rempe

Dear Santa,

I like you and wnat to be your best friend. I like your whole family. I would like a blue scooter, a new pink bike, a football, and a new brown teddy bear.

Signed,

**Ashley Reyes** 

Dear Santa,

Can you bring me a present? I would like a swimming pool, a trampoline, and some toys to share with my sister.

Signed,

Blanca Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I want a blue remote control car, and a yellow train. Signed,

**David Rodriguez** 

Dear Santa,

Please bring me red glasses, a blue remote control car and a green frog - toy

Signed,

Cedar Snow

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! Please bring me a book about Rudolph, a pink motorcycle, a wrestling game, and a play station. For my baby sister bring her a toy elephant.

Signed,

Roman Villegas

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll. Don't eat too many cook-

Signed, Keelee Whittaker

Mrs. Wallace's kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a toy car and a little doll. Could you bring my mom a new van.

I Love You,

Sara

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a toy puppy and a ring. Could you bring my sister more Barbies.

I Love You,

Brittany

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a my size Barbie and the movie Monster, Inc. Please bring my mom a heart bracelet.

I Love You,

Erica

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a skate board and a boy toy house. You Christmas! Thopesyou haves mhe holds a blastist ball om Also a power ranger. My brother a monster toy and a Barbie for my sister.

Love,

Bryant

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Easy Bake oven and a box of creative stuff. Also a box of rings.

Love,

Shaylee

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me my size Barbie and a doll named Sally. Could I have a horse for my dolls to ride on?

I Love You,

**Bonnie** 

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a toy motorcycle and a sled. Please bring my sister Megan a new dress.

I Love You, Zachary

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Max Steel set and a monster truck. My dad needs a tie and a new hairbrush for my

Love,

Keenan

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a scooter and a new bike. Please bring Alex, my brother a big truck.

I Love You, Anthony

Dear Santa,

Please can you bring me a toy boat and a blazer truck? And a teddy bear.

I Love You, Blaine

Dear Santa,

Could you bring me a toy motorcycle? Also a bike that I can ride, and a boy cookie maker.

Santa

NORTH POLE

Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,

I Love you! Thank you for bringing toys for Christmas. Please bring me a toy house.

Love, **Dominique** 

Dear Santa,

I love you! Please bring me a car that runs really fast. Thanks for the food.

I Love You, Uriel

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I wish for a bean bag dog so my dog named Lou can play with it. And a train .

Love, Judd

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a stuffed Teddy Bear for Christmas. I Love You, Santa.

Love,

Arthur

Dear Santa, ILove you! I wish I could get a Barbie phone and the move Stuart Little. Merry a good days brown 1 150

Love,

Marissa H.

Dear Santa,

I Love you and miss you. I saw my present under my tree. Please bring my cousin Alixis a Barbie. I would like a big bear.

Love,

Marissa C.

Dear Santa Claus, Please bring me a poster of Backstreet Boys and a Barbie. Please bring my baby sister a baby toy.

I Love You,

**Alixis** 

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Barbie and some new shoes. Could you bring my baby brother a toy giraffe?

Love,

Carolina

Mr. Reed's 3rd grade Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and reinder doing this year. Santa I hope I'm on the good list. I don't want to be on the bad list This is the things I want. I want a dog. Then I would like a scooter. The last thing I would like a happy day.

Signed, **Zach Toscano** 

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and reindeer doing this year? Am I on your naughty list? Can you give my mom a ring, and you give me the ring. Can you give my grandpa a new turkey cooker. Can you give my grandma a cooking col-

lection. Now can you give my sister Lindsay a girl kitten like mine boy kitten. Now me will you give ma a Game boy Advance and a

Game boy color. Signed, **Tawni Smalley** 

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your-elve's and reindeer doing this year? I want a Game boyAdvans plesa. a go cart a boobox a Gamboy Game and four Lowraiders one for me and three for my coisin plesa. Have a Merry Christmas and thanck you for all the pesents.

Signed,

Roberto Corral

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I was thanking if you would go to the homeless shelter and give them some stuff don't come to my home I got engh stuff all-ready. do you still have rood off? does is nose still glow? bye-bye Santa I HOPE YOU HAVE A MERRY Xmas.

Signed,

Vanessa Chavez

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves, And reindeer doing this year? I want a Dragom ball Ztoy of Goku mohis hands. And when you gillrew in the control with press the butten in back of him and it will make noese.

The next thing i want is a

movie of Dragom ball Zit's

called Lord Slug. Signed,

Esteban Vidaña

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves' and reindeer doing this year? Can you get a now tube fore my bick and sume playstason games. My sister wants a know tude to. I wan't a Big

Radeo Merry Chrismas

Signed, Chris Toscano

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and reindeer doing this year. How do you get around the world so fast? Is it fun? Does Mrs. Clause come with you? And maybe you can go to the homeless shelter and give gifes to them to. Mabe you can give me a game for a Game Boy Advance I Wish you a MARRY Chrismas

Signed,

Vanessa Chavez

Dear Santa,

How are you Mrs. Claus How are your elves and reindeer doing this year? Sant you now what I want for CHRiSTmas I Whant a stariz. and you now what my mom whant She whant a schrim tive pleas. and pleas bring my Dad a now car that you pole from the sprilkuls, and bring my sister a now chrocral car pleas, and bring my baby-brotr a now car that he knad rid on.

Signed, Rico Alarcón Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus, your elves and reindeer doing this year? I wont a gocar Plese Diva Stay Santa are you ok? and I wont a Gameboy Color. Plese. Merry CHRISTMAS.

ENS TO SANTA . LETTERS TO

Signed,

Anna Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and raindeer doing this year? Can you tell Roddoff I said Hi? For Chrismas I want a CD Player and a game of Pack Man Advance and a Poochie. Thank you for the presents you brought me lastyear. Write to me soon! Merry Chrismas!

Signed, Amy Regalado

Dear Santa, How are you Mrs. Claus. and and reindeer and How are you Mr. Santa I got to tell you somethings could you Please. give me a toy and I want to tell you. What I want I want but Please a bike. and Divastar and a red Christmas carel songs. Poochie tube and a radio. The scateing shoes

Signed, Karina Sigala

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus, your elves and reindeer doing this year? May I please clothes and a pair fo taneyshoes and a pair of sandells? May I have a bike for Cristmas? May you give the people who can't aford a good Cristmas, because I don't wan't anyone to be unhappy for Cristmas? May I have a Gameboy and can my sister Sarah Garcia cone live with me and my mom? Please wite me soon.

Signed,

**Ashley Garcia** 

Mrs. Lackey's 3rd grade

Dear Santa, "I like Christmas becasem ut us best time of year." "I just wanted to ask you for some presents and thank you." I want a GameBoy Color two games for it a Nentindo 64 and a T.V. "I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a

Your freind, Fernando Caraveo.

Happy New year."

Dear Santa,

Hare are you Mrs. Claus you elve, and reindeer doing this year? Santa thes kids love you very much even Tawni & Israel & Anna& Rico & Vanssa & Gabriel. Santa can you give us sume toys? Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry CHristmas. List Playstation I X Box. Merry CHristmas Santa.

> Signed, **Israel Cortez**

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and and your raindear. this year. Can you tell him? I am going too leave. him cookies and. I want a Spyro The dragon. Reptos Rage game.

your frind, **Gabriel Vargas** 

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and you elves and reindeer doing this year? I already wrote to you on My copumter But not from here at school Mary DeShazo 3rd grade. It is fun here at achool I fogot to tell you on the computer I want from you two cute twins dolls and they come in one scollor with a line in the middle and one doll But is comes with a girl doll And a boy doll Thank you Santa for the TOYS YOU have gave us and last year I know you are going to roundrock Because that's where were going and in Mulshoe I got some presnts at MY Grandma's house. I am Going to have a Lot and Lot OF Presents.

Signed,

**Belen Gonzales** 

Dear Santa, I Want a Tyco RC Dragonfly. Pokemomon gold Version, Forty inches of snow. X box Game cube. Luigies-Mansion Pokemon-Staduim two.

Gameboy Advance, Merrey

Chrismas Ganta! Signed,

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Do you really live at the northpole? I would really

like a Tyko R/C Jackknite

& a Tyko R/C Dragon fly &

Joshua Stanford

a Game Boy Bolor & 12 inches of snow & a XBox

Your friend, Joshua Quiroz

Dear Santa, Ihop you and Mrs. Claus are doing gud. Pleas can you give me a stuft bear and a dive star and a boom box's and a toy doll pleas and the pour pup gril that swims and a advance game pleas and a toy flag and a pet rabbut please. I wish you a mery christmas? Ho, ho, ho,

Thank you. Signed,

Billie Jean Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

How are you Mrs. Claus your elves and a Diva Star Can you being me a hit clip not two be maen. And a Poochie it is cut And a hors. And cowgirl boos. And sunthing fow miy famle. And a Slena hit clip. the gift. 202 Ber. And a biyk

Adrianna Camarillo



Signed,

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My little brother Luke wants some toys to play with too, please.

Thank you and I miss

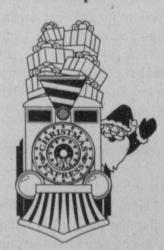
Love,

Jesse and Luke

Dear Santa.

I Stefani want Jam and Glame Barbie van, Barbie. Sincerely,

Stefani Lopez



Dear Santa,

Will you please bring me Toy Story toys. Please look at my Christmas tree because it is pretty. Please bring my little brother some baby toys. Thank you!

Tre Villa III 3 yrs. old

Ms. Strawn's kindergarten

Dear Santa Claus, This year please bring my mom a ring.

Love, **Summer Sanders**  Dear Santa,

How are you? Please bring my sister a doll and a truck for my brother, A.J.

I Love You, Janice Barron

Dear Santa.

Please bring my mom some make-up and my brother a monster truck. Please bring my sister a doll.

I Love You,



Would you bring my dad some tools? Please bring my mom some Christmas

lights.

Jose Quintanilla

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring my baby brother a rocking chair and a big bike for my mom.

> I Love You, Jimmy Gilliam

Dear Santa,

Please bring my dad a race car and a dress for my mom. Please bring a Christmas tractor for my grandpa.

Love. Michael Railsback

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my mom perfume.

Love, MaKenzie Mendoza

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my dad tools and my mom a ring.

Love.

**Matthew Dickerson** 

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my mom a present, and my dad tools.

Love.

Izaiah Toscano

Dear Santa Claus.

This year please bring my dad tools and my mompens.

Ace Alvarez

Dear Santa.

Would you please bring my dad a real horse? Also a real dog for my grandma. Be careful.

Love,

Isaias Salas

Dear Santa,

Please bring my baby brother Jason a tricycle. Would you bring my mom a new big car.

Love,

Jonessa Toscano

Dear Santa Claus,

This year please bring my mom some make-up and some clothes for my brother Frankie.

Love,

Katie Reyes

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring a bike for my brother Jr. and a hat for my mom. Please bring a apple for my dad.

Love,

Linda Rodriguez

Mrs. Ambriz's kindergarten Dear Santa,

I would like a barbie doll school, a school bus for barbie and a barbie doll baby.

Sabrina Guilliam

Dear Santa,

. I want a bear, a train, a toy horse, a toy car and a football. I would like to get my mom a ring and a watch for my dad. Get a drum for my big sister and a boat for my little sister.

Signed, De'Onte

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a scooter, a power ranger set and a battery truck, one I can ride. I also want a truck that has slime on it and has batteries. I also want a drum

Signed,

Britton

Dear Santa,

My name is McKenna. I am 5 yrs. old. I would like a Miracle baby. And could you bring my baby sister a baby toy. For my Mom and Dad bring some shoes and some clothes. I will leave some cookies on the bend tables. And some milk, too.

Signed. McKenna Dunham



Dear Santa.

Myname is Diana, I am 6 yrs old. Could you bring me a Barbie, and a Barbie car. And a toy microwave. For my Mom and Dadcould you bring a Christmas tree. And could you bring me a Blender toy. I will leave some cookies on the T.V. and I also want a box where you make cookies, and a toy coffee pot.

Signed, Diana Salcido

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a toy bear, and a firetruck.

Signed, Jared Quiroz

Dear Santa,

I would like you to bring me a sled. Bring my brother new boots. Bring my dad a black cowboy hat and my little brother new boots, his old pair are getting dirty. Bring my mom a black cowgirl hat, and spurs.

Signed, Pablo

Dear Santa,

I want a sword with a orange thing on it for Christmas. I would want a job for my dad in Muleshoe, where the cafeteria is.

Signed, Joey

Dear Santa,

I want a computer, a barbie, a book that has a pen that says words. I also want the puppy that is in Blues Clues. I also saw a barbie with atrailer. I would like that too, and a Barbie video game and the Dalmations.

Signed, Rosa

Dear Santa,

I know it's almost Christmas. I don't want you to forget Christmas. All the kids in the world want presents. If you can't make, it's ok for Christmas holiday. If you can make it, bring me a toy sailboat, a baseball bat, a teddy bear, thank you Santa.

Signed, Jordan Villalobos

Dear Santa, I hope you come to my house and bring me presents. I hope you get my presents under the tree. I hope you can bring me the things I want all my life, a mega man suit.

Signed,



Dear Santa,

My name is Bailey, I am 5 yrs old. A Barbie tour bus. And a toy train. For my Mom and Dad could you bring some flowers and a helmet. I will leave some gingerbread cookies and some apple juice on the table.

Signed, **Bailey Bales** 

Dear Santa,

My name is Miranda, I am 5 yrs old. I want some shoes. And a bike, and some pants. Could you bring a ring for my Dad. For my Mom, please bring her a dress. I will leave some cookies on the table.

Signed,

Miranda Cortez

Dear Santa, I would like you to bring me a toy car a play doll house, a play pick-up, a watch. For Emily bring a play horse, Andrew wants a sword, Patrick may want a watch. The last thing for me is a play calender.

> Signed, Adrienne

Dear Santa. I want a calander that has puppies. I would like a big ball. I would like a yellow wig, a bear, a heart Christmas ornament for my tree. Signed,

**Emma Smith** 

Dear Santa,

I want a Nintendo game and a Lava Lamp. I also want shoe skates, a new clock, a TV and a walkman that plays tapes.

> Signed, Elias Leal

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a nutcracker, a toy train, a truck with it. A doll, a rocking horse, a mommy Furby.

Signed, Kari Brown



Mrs. Clapp's kindergarten Dear Santa.

Hi! I want you to bring me a black motorcycle to play with outside.

When you come to my house I will have a present for you.

Signed.

**Matthew Barron** 

Dear Santa,

Hove you. I would like to ride with you. I want a Barbie jeep. I wish you could come to my house.

Signed,

Katelyn Gable

Dear Santa, I would like a blue bear, a baseball and a bat, and red and white candy cane.

Signed, JoAngel Garcia

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I want a pair of purple shoes and for my family a little clock.

Signed,

Miranda Garza

Dear Santa.

I want a baby robot like on TV.

I love you, Santa. Please bring my little brother, Tomas, a power ranger, and one for my little brother Junior. For my big sisters, Lindsey and Whitney bring a toy power ranger too.

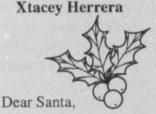
Signed,

Victoria Guzman

Dear Santa,

I want a blue soccer ball, a brown big teddy bear with a scarf, and a baseball, baseball bat, and a glove.

Merry Christmas. Signed,



I want a brown remote control car, and a red motorcycle. One I can ride.

Signed, **Emanuel Morales** 

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa!

This is Mercedes. I would like Barbie car with a key, and a blond puppy. I hope you can find my house. Merry Christmas Signed,

**Mercedes Morin** 

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a blue spaceship, a red firetruck, a telescope, a big red teddy bear, a choo-choo train, and a red farm toy tractor. Merry Christmas from Alex.

Signed, Alex Peña

Dear Santa,

I want a blue scooter, and a new baby doll. Merry Christmas.

Signed,

DonAnn Rempe

Dear Santa,

I like you and wnat to be your best friend. I like your whole family. I would like a blue scooter, a new pink bike, a football, and a new brown teddy bear.

Signed, **Ashley Reyes** 

Dear Santa,

Can you bring me a present? I would like a swimming pool, a trampoline, and some toys to share with my sister.

Signed,

Blanca Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

I want a blue remote control car, and a yellow train. Signed,

**David Rodriguez** 

Dear Santa,

Please bring me red glasses, a blue remote control car and a green frog - toy

> Signed, Cedar Snow

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! Please bring me a book about Rudolph, a pink motorcycle, a wrestling game, and a play station. For my baby sister bring her a toy elephant.

Signed,

Roman Villegas

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie doll. Don't eat too many cook-

Signed,

Keelee Whittaker

Mrs. Wallace's kindergarten Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a toy car and a little doll. Could you bring my mom a new van.

I Love You,

Sara

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a toy puppy and a ring. Could you bring my sister more Barbies.

> I Love You, Brittany

Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a my size Barbie and the movie Monster, Inc. Please bring my mom a heart bracelet.

I Love You,

Erica

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a skate board and a boy toy house. You Christmas! Thopesyou haves mine holds a blastist ball om Also a power ranger. My brother a monster toy and a Barbie for my sister.

Love,

Bryant

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Easy Bake oven and a box of creative stuff. Also a box of rings.

Love,

Shaylee

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me my size Barbie and a doll named Sally. Could I have a horse for my dolls to ride on?

I Love You,

Bonnie

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a toy motorcycle and a sled. Please bring my sister Megan a new dress.

I Love You,

Zachary

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Max Steel set and a monster truck. My dad needs a tie and a new hairbrush for my mom.

> Love, Keenan

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a scooter and a new bike. Please bring Alex, my brother a big truck. I Love You,

Anthony

Dear Santa, Please can you bring me atoy boat and a blazer truck?

And a teddy bear. I Love You, Blaine

Dear Santa,

Could you bring me a toy motorcycle? Also a bike that I can ride and a boy ccokie maker.

Santa

NORTH POLE

Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,

I Love you! Thank you for bringing toys for Christmas. Please bring me a toy house.

Love, Dominique

Dear Santa,

I love you! Please bring me a car that runs really fast. Thanks for the food. I Love You,

Uriel

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I wish for a bean bag dog so my dog named Lou can play with it. And a train..

Love, Judd

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a stuffed Teddy Bear for Christmas. I Love You, Santa.

Love,

Arthur

Dear Santa, ILove you! I wish I could get a Barbie phone and the move Stuart Little. Merry

a good day. tame Love,

Marissa H.

Dear Santa,

I Love you and miss you. I saw my present under my tree. Please bring my cousin Alixis a Barbie. I would like a big bear.

Love,

Marissa C.

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a poster of Backstreet Boys and a Barbie. Please bring my baby sister a baby toy.

I Love You,

Alixis

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a Barbie and some new shoes. Could you bring my baby brother a toy giraffe?

Love,

Carolina

Mr. Reed's 3rd grade

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and reinder doing this year. Santa I hope I'm on the good list. I don't want to be on the bad list This is the things I want. I want a dog. Then I would like a scooter. The last thing I would like a happy day.

Signed,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and reindeer

lection. Now can you give my sister Lindsay a girl kitten like mine boy kitten. Now me will you give ma a Game boy Advance and a Game boy color.

and thanck you for all the pesents.

Roberto Corral

How are you doing? I you still have rood off? does is nose still glow? bye-bye Santa I HOPE YOU HAVE

Signed,

Vanessa Chavez

Esteban Vidaña

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves' and reindeer doing this year? Can you get a now tube fore my bick and sume playstason games. My sister wants a know tude to. I wan't a Big

Chris Toscano

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and reindeer doing this year. How do you get around the world so fast? Is it fun? Does Mrs. Clause come with you? And maybe you can go to the homeless shelter and give gifes to them to. Mabe you can give me a game for a Game Boy Advance I Wish you a MARRY Chrismas

Signed, Vanessa Chavez

Dear Santa,

How are you Mrs. Claus How are your elves and reindeer doing this year? Sant you now what I want for CHRiSTmas I Whant a stariz. and you now what my mom whant She whant a schrim tive pleas. and pleas bring my Dad a now car that you pole from the sprilkuls. and bring my sister a now chrocral car pleas, and bring my baby-brotr a now car that he knad rid on.

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus your elves and reindeer doing this year? I wont a gocar Plese Diva Stay Santa are you ok? and I wont a Gameboy Color. Plese. Merry CHRISTMAS.

TO SANTA . LETTERS TO

Signed,

Anna Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves and raindeer doing this year? Can you tell Roddoff I said Hi? For Chrismas I want a CD Player and a game of Pack Man Advance and a Poochie. Thank you for the presents you brought me lastyear. Write to me soon! Merry Chrismas!

Signed, Amy Regalado

Dear Santa,

How are you Mrs. Claus. and and reindeer and How are you Mr. Santa I got to tell you somethings could you Please. give me a toy and I want to tell you. What I want I want but Please a bike. and Divastar and a red Christmas carel songs. Poochie tube and a radio.

The scateing shoes Signed,

Karina Sigala

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus, your elves and reindeer doing this year? May I please have a jelrew box with jelrewinit? Can I have sone clothes and a pair fo taneyshoes and a pair of sandells? May I have a bike for Cristmas? May you give the people who can't aford a good Cristmas, because I don't wan't anyone to be unhappy for Cristmas? May I have a Gameboy and can my sister Sarah Garcia cone live with me and my mom?

Please wite me soon. Signed,

**Ashley Garcia** Mrs. Lackey's 3rd grade

Dear Santa, "I like Christmas becasem ut us best time of year." "I just wanted to ask you for some presents and thank you." I want a GameBoy Color two games for it a Nentindo 64 and a T.V. "I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year."

Your freind, Fernando Caraveo.

Dear Santa,

Hare are you Mrs. Claus you elve, and reindeer doing this year? Santa thes kids love you very much even Tawni & Israel & Anna& Rico & Vanssa & Gabriel. Santa can you give us sume toys? Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry CHristmas. List Playstation I X Box. Merry CHristmas Santa.

> Signed, **Israel Cortez**

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and and your raindear. this year. Can you tell him? I am going too leave. him cookies and. I want a Spyro The dragon. Reptos Rage game.

your frind,

**Gabriel Vargas** 

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus and you elves and reindeer doing this year? I already wrote to you on My copumter But not from here at school Mary DeShazo 3rd grade. It is funhere at achool I fogot to tell you on the computer I want from you two cute twins dolls and they come in one scollor with a line in the middle and one doll But is comes with a girl doll And a boy doll Thank you Santa for the TOYS YOU have gave us and last year I know you are going to roundrock Because that's where were going and in Mulshoe I got some presnts at MY Grandma's house. I am Going to have a Lot and Lot OF Presents.

Signed,

Belen Gonzales

Dear Santa, I Want a Tyco RC Dragonfly. Pokemomon gold Version, Forty inches of snow. X box Game cube. Luigies-Mansion Pokemon-Staduim two. And Gameboy Advance, Merrey

Chrismas Ganta!

Signed, Joshua Stanford

Dear Santa, How are you doing? Do you really live at the northpole? I would really like a Tyko R/C Jackknife & a Tyko R/C Dragon fly & a Game Boy Bolor & 12

inches of snow & a XBox Your friend.

Joshua Quiroz

Dear Santa, I hop you and Mrs. Claus are doing gud. Pleas can you give me a stuft bear and a dive star and a boom box's and a toy doll pleas and the pour pup gril that swims and a advance game pleas and a toy flag and a pet rabbut please. I wish you a mery christmas? Ho, ho, ho, Thank you.

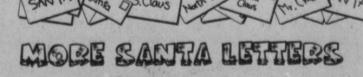
Billie Jean Rodriguez

Signed,

Dear Santa,

How are you Mrs. Claus your elves and a Diva Star Can you being me a hit clip not two be maen. And a Poochie it is cut And a hors. And cowgirl boos. And sunthing fow miy famle. And a Slena hit clip. the gift. 202 Ber. And a biyk Signed,

Adrianna Camarillo



Dear Santa,

my grandma a cooking col-

Signed.

**Tawni Smalley** 

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus and your-elve's and reindeer doing this year? I want a Game boyAdvans plesa. a go cart a boobox a Gamboy Game and four Lowraiders one for me and three for my coisin plesa. Have a Merry Christmas

Signed,

Dear Santa, was thanking if you would go to the homeless shelter and give them some stuff don't come to my home I got engh stuff all-ready. do

A MERRY Xmas.

Dear Santa, How are you, Mrs. Claus and your elves, And reindeer doing this year? I want a Dragom ball Ztoy of Goku mohis hands. And when you press the butten in back of him and it will make noese. The next thing i want is a movie of Dragom ball Zit's

> called Lord Slug. Signed,

Dear Santa,

Radeo Merry Chrismas Signed,

Rico Alarcón

Signed,

**Zach Toscano** 

doing this year?Am I on your naughty list? Can you give my mom a ring, and you give me the ring. Can you give my grandpa a new turkey cooker. Can you give



How are you Mrs. Claus and your elves and reindeer's doing this year? Wot I want for christmas is. A boom box, dive star's and A hitclip and pooch. And thanck you for all the prasint last year. And wrat my back soon.

Signed,

**Brooke Lennon** 

Dear Santa,

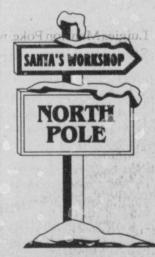
I want a Gameboy color with two pokemon Games and two football. Ho! Ho! Ho! Mary Christmas and a happy new year!!! remember to keep Christ in your Heart.

Your friend, **Aaron Pope** 

Dear Santa,

How are you, Mrs. Claus your elves, and raindeer doing this year? How is roadoff. I want playstain. And Gamboy. And a Game for the playstain. And a Game for the Gameboy. And all the pokeman cards. the And pokemon stadeyame. And the new one. And I want a milon dollars. And a TV. And all the pokemon stuff. And a computer.

Signed, **Leonard Franco** 



Mrs. Brown's kindergarten Dear Santa,

My name is Macoy, I am 6 yrs. old. I would like to have a toy rocket. Bring my Mom and Dad a new computer game. Please, bring my Mom a necklace and earrings. I will leave some cookies and milk on the cabinet. Check the cabinets to see in which one the cookies are in.

Signed,

**Macoy Ruthardt** 

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandon, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have a baseball bat, hat and a ball. Bring my Dad some golf clubs. and for my Mom bring her a hat. I will leave some cake for you on the table.

> Signed, Brandon

Dear Santa,

My name is Brandi, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have some make-up. And a babydoll and a basket. Please bring my Mom a ring. And for my Dad bring some tools. I will leave a plastic bag with a cookie in the fridge.

P.S. And could you bring some tools.

Signed, Brandi Dear Santa.

My name is Nathan, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like an electric guitar. And also a Harley-Davis motocycles with remote. Could you bring a big sailboat for my Dad. And bring some jewelry for my Mom. I will leave a cookie in the living room for you.

Signed, **Nathan Stanford** 

Sheta tike

Dear Santa,

My name is Marion, I am 6 yrs. old. Could you bring me a T.V. because I do not have one. And some Barbies. Please, bring my brother some cars, and for my sister some Barbies. I will leave some cookies and milk in the living room.

Signed, **Marion Gutierrez** 

Dear Santa,

My name is Elizabeth, I am 6 yrs. old. I would like for Santa to bring me a bike, a trampoline, a swing set too! I would like a present for my sister and my mom and for my brother, dad and uncle. My grandma would like something tool

Signed, Elizabeth

Dear Santa,

My name is Brendon, I am 6 yrs. old. I would like for Santa to bring a charge motorcycle, motorscooter and a football. My brother wants a with big wheels ad a seat. She needs new lights in the kitchen. My dad would like Christmas lights to put on the house.

Signed, Brendon

Dear Santa,

My name is Hadlea, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have some snow boots. And could you bring my sister a horse I will leave some cookies on a plate, on the table. I love you Santa.

> Signed, Hadlea

Dear Santa,

My name is Breana Freeman, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have a new bike, and some more Barbies. Could you bring my brother a new bike, too. For my Dad could you bring a new Christmas tree. I will leave some cookies and milk on the fireplace.

Signed, Breana Freeman

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan Herrera, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like a trampoline. Could you bring my Dad a motorcycle. And for my Mom bring her a car. I will leave you a bunch of cookies in a present.

Signed, **Ethan Herrera** 

Dear Santa,

My name is Cristien, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have a train, and I would like a ball, and a trumpet. Could you bring my Mom a new dress. And bring my

dada new screwdriver. I will leave some cookies in the refrigerator.

Santa

Signed, Cristien Holguien

Dear Santa.

My name is Andrea, I am 6 yrs. old. I would like a Barbie and a stuffed cat. For my baby sister could you bring a big baby. For my Mom bring her some new shoes so she can walk. For my Dad some new clothes. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Signed,

Andrea Dominguez

Dear Santa,

My name is Joshua, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have a Playstation, and 2 Gameboys. For my brother, bring him some drums, and a sailboat. For my Dad, bring him some clothes. And for my Mom a new window. I will leave you some chicken in a bag.

Signed Joshua Garza

Dear Santa,

My name is Emily, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like for Santa to bring me a Barbie, a Easy Bake Oven, I could bake cokies for my class or Mrs. Ricky. Get my mom a ring and a special book from school. I thing my dad would like a hat, my brother likes horses and cows.

Signed Emily

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica, I am 5 yrs. old. I would like to have a scooter. For my brother, could you bring some wrestling belts. Could you please bring my Dad a wedding band. For my Mom, bring her a radio. I will leave cheese and hot chocolate.

Signed Jessica Vargas

Dear Santa,

My name is Alexander, I am 6 yrs. old. I would like to have a Gameboy. And a new bike. Could you please bring my Mom and Dad a new pick-up. I will leave some cookies in the container on the fish tank. Merry Christmas Santa Clause.

Signed **Alexander Morris** 



Mrs. Bock's first grade

Dear Sant, how is rudolph? for christmas I want a shes That have 2 butens and rolrskast at the bottom but give me the blue whunts and a computer and a toy rudolph.

Love,

Marissa

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? I want a car. I want a toy rudolph. I want a toy boy. I want a toy girl for my sister. I want a bb gun. I want stuffed bear. I have been good. and a chrach.

Love, Jaime

Dear Santa,

I want a Toy and a girl and a boy and Rudolph and good reindeer.

Love, Jaime

Dear Santa,

I want a toy. I want a dragon fiy. I pabolgun. Sant I want a robot dog. I want a robot.



Dear Santa,

I want an shoes that are like roller blades. I want a red rider bb gun, and a shot gun. I want a new train and a new bike. I would like a new can opener for my Dad.

Love, Weldon

Dear Santa, I want a toy. I want a toy car. I want a go cart. I love you Santa.

Love,

Zedrek Herrera

Dear Santa,

Santa i want to no about your reindeer names.

Love,

Morgan

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer. Rudolph is my favorite. I want a doll. I would like a some cloths. I need some shoes. I love you Santa.

Love,

Alexa

Dear Santa,

I like to have a matorcycle, I wot a red rider bb gun and a shotgun, I want a new train and a new bike. I woulke a new can opener for my Dad.

Love, Isaque

Dear Santa,

I want a Book and a fack dog and a fack cat and dishish and a Bene BaBy cat and a Bene BaBy dog and a jres and a cande and lilen and a big cat dog and a big dog and reindeer and a big BaBy and a dog and a two cas and a Big dog and a red kar.

Love. Daniela

Dear Santa,

I wat a mostr trok I want a sede ov litt Bawaw for m'I sistr a pins m'I Mom a reng m'I Dad a bano tovs for m'I bror a capr vat hox in the gano. Love,

Alex

Dear Santa,

I want a Astronaut compiater, playstation, and shoes that change into skates.

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and a Book to Raed and a toy pet but I will not breg it to school and My teatcher Miss Bock.

Love,

Jessica

Dear Santa, I want a gocot and I want

a rudolph toys I want a

papongn. Love, Larry

Mrs. Powers' first grade

Dear Santa, I want a hors and computer and a happy christmas you will make me a hors and a computer and my brother he wants a monster truck and my other Brother wants a game boy culer and

we want the moovy mugeto

Signed, Brenna

Dear Santa, I want a play station Games and B.Bs ad a gicture of elves and reindeer and you Santa.

Signed,

Logan and a branch

Dear Santa, I want sum B.B.S a B.B. Gun and a new skooter a pichr of all of the reindeer a new cat and a pupit and two

sleds.

Signed, Caleb Wood

Dear Santa, I wish for a C.T.R. Crash racing Game and a Ty Corc. Remote contral car and a rumole robots and The cards.

Signed,

Frank

Dear Santa,

I Love you Santa. I want a kids car. Santa you are nice. Santa I Love you with all of miy Hart. I want a play house.

Signed, **Brandy** 

Dear Santa,

I want a computer for Chrismas and a rimote car and for my sister She wants a Barbe adn a Jamin clam troll bus.

Signed, Carlos Nuñez

Dear Santa,

I like t play with cars and trucks and a van with a tin wheels.

> Signed, Manuel

Dear Santa,

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Signed,

Sheridan

Dear Santa,

I want a computer a computer is very prdy computers are wat I want Santa you make me Hape I Love you Santa.

Signed, Stephanie

Dear Santa,

Santa I want sum new close and sum new shos to and a pisher's of you to I Love you Santa you are nice

to. the end. Signed, Samantha

. Dear Santa, I want like a remote care, football basketball, truck I have been a very good boy I will leave you cookies and

milk. Signed, **Xavier Reyes** 

Dear Santa, I wat a big monster Trucks. I wot rof andashr cus it I want a morster

Trucks an Rumble Robots. Signed,

Angel

Mrs. Toscano's kingergarten

Dear Santa, Please bring me a control truck, some red & gren candy canes, and a play car. I would like a choo-choo

train that goes in a path. Signed,

Juan Pablo Regalado

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a color book, crayons, a Barbie, and some dresses for Barbie. A puppy that has a telephone and a table with chairs. Please bring my mom a candy cane.

Signed, **Valerie Godinez** 

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Bat man video game. Please bring my sister a Barbie. My mom wants a new carpet. My dad wants some black boots. Thank you. Signed,

Miguel Medina

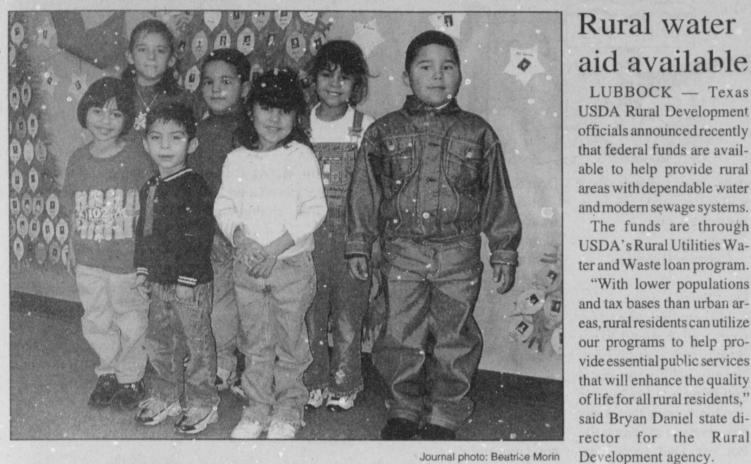
Dear Santa, Please bring me a motorized car, a teddy bear, and a

puppet. Please bring my

mom a teddy bear and a new dress. Please bring my dad some books. .

Signed,

Alessandra Ramirez-Zaragosa



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Dillman honorees

December Character Kids at Dillman Elementary School are (from left) prekindergartner Celeste Flores, second-grader Janeth Rodríguez, pre-kindergartner Paul Castillo, kindergartner Dago Delgado, kindergartner MaKenzie Mendoza, first-grader Gabriela Reza and first-grader Jaxiel López.



### Citizen of the month

Megan Barrett (left) and Gradee Adrian congratulate Delton Wilhite on being honored as the Student Community Action Club's citizen of the week for November. Wilhite shared the honor with Mike Hahn, who was unable to attend the club's monthly meet-

### **BITUARY**

#### **BONNIE CROW**

Services were held Wednesday at the Frist Baptist Church of Morton for Bonnie Crow, 67, of Morton. The Rev. Paul Lively officiated. Burial was in Morton Memorial Cem-

Ellis Funeral Home of Morton handled arrangements. Mrs. Crow was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Athens, Texas. She died Monday at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She moved to the Bledsoe area from Lamesa in 1949. She married Noel Crow at Bledsoe on Feb. 26, 1955, and they moved to the Morton area.

She was a graduate of Bledsoe High School and Jessie Lee's School of Hair Design in Lubbock. Later she worked as a medical records technician at hospitals in Amherst, Morton and Levelland.

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Mrs. Crow is survived by her husband; two daughters and a son-in-law, Arlene and Rick Monroe of Buda, Texas, and Teresa Loveless of Wimberly, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dwayne and Karen Crow of Plano; a sister, Pat DeVore of Kingsland, Texas; and a brother, Clyde Brownlow of Amherst.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association (8008 Slide Road, Lubbock 79424) or the First Baptist Church (201 S.E. First, Morton 79346).

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Aries - March 21/April 20

Start forgiving yourself for past mistakes. Remember an open mind means seeing more than your side. Talk is cheap, but that doesn't stop you from ranting at work on Wednesday. A heart-to-heart discussion will help put romantic differences into perspective this weekend!

Taurus -- April 21/May 21

Don't let holiday spending get out of hand. Giving is one thing, but extravagance is quite another. Stop spending needlessly. A Gemini gives you some good advice Monday. Take it. And, don't let your stubbornness got in the way of asking questions. Good news comes Tuesday when finances take a turn for the better Gemini -- May 22/June 21

Take time off for a very early spring-cleaning. Go through closets, files and piles of paper, and throw out any unwanted clutter. It's time to make room for new things. Is that Capricorn flirting with you at work? Yes. Fight the urge to rush it. Things have a way of flourishing on their own.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

Find time for your favorite hobbies this week. Practice them, and turn them into the art they were intended to he. Need a break? A Libra invites you to do something out of the ordinary by the end of the week. Don't be afraid to try something new. You will find a new side of yourself when you open up.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Put exercise back in your schedule this week, Leo. If discipline's the problem, solve it with creativity. Why not try something new like karate or yoga? A Scorpio notices your new-found confidence Friday. Do what you do best, Lco. Flaunt it. A work opportunity comes your way.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

Your indecision is driving a Cancer at home crazy. You're not being fair to the crab. Make a list of priorities of things you need, and pursue them. Start putting some responsibility back on yourself and taking the burden off of others, like family members who come to the rescue. Don't know where to begin? Communication is key. Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

Whether it's a vacation, a business trip or just some personal space you're taking, don't leave your partner far behind. Romance is as rocky as ever, and you really need to learn when it's best to hang in there and when it's time to call it guits Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22 Why does it always seem like two steps forward, three steps back where your

career is concerned, Scorpio? Because you never ask for more. Practice being assertive on the job this week. A boss lets you know of a good opportunity on

Monday, which calls for lots of creativity. Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21 A hectic holiday schedule may need some adjustments. Stop making appointments you don't intend to keep. A Leo friend is annoyed with empty promises. A welldeserved day off on Thursday gives you time to collect your thoughts and figure out

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20 Well now Capricorn, letting go has never been your strong point, but your love life is becoming more and more like a full season of television reruns. Stop playing the "been-there-done-that" role, and start making some new beginnings. Tell your old

flame to take a hike and look for new horizons with someone else Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

Don't let holiday stress cloud career goals. That dream job is just beyond your fingertips, but not far beyond your grasp. Do what it takes to make it happen. Be aggressive. Exercise activities are great stress relievers. Try your hand at something new over the weekend.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

An upcoming family function could be the cause of stress this week. A compromise will have to be met before feelings are hurt. Give a little, but don't let yourself get taken advantage of. Children are the focus of the weekend. Throw a party and act

> Scottish waterfalls 8. Hideaway, slang

9. Expression of praise

26. Used when listing items

37. Flat tableland with steep

40. Ruhr River valley city 41. Ancient city in S.W. Jordan

50. The distinctive spirit of a

people or an era 51. Bring dishonor upon

55. Pertaining to nerves

56. Causing fear 57. Irish mother of gods

59. Usually with wooden soles

58. Arabian sultinate

60. Ancient Greek City

61. Moray, for one

10. A way to look 11. Burden

12. Utter sounds

22. Keeps tickin'

13. Compass point 21. Lucky number

28. Type of spread

30. Romanian city

32. Joins wings, pl.

36. Signing, abbr.

31. Arabian Gulf

33. Exploiter

39. Humbug

46. Waders

48. Gamboges

53. Ribonuclease

54. Besides

34. Rank

29. Bridges organ parts

# Seventh-grade girls' district record reaches 2-2

By DELTON WILHITE Journal sportswriter

basketball careers.

The seventh-grade Lady Mules are 2-2 in district as they start their

They dropped their season opener to the Lubbock Roosevelt Lady Eagles in a heartbreaker, 26-20.

The Lady Mules owned the lead for most of the game, but the Lady Eagles flew away with the lead on a free throw with less than four minutes left in the game. Muleshoe did not score after Kate Lepard made a free throw

with 4:28 left. Lepard made 10 points in the game for the Lady Mules, Chelsi Hawkins had six and Cecilia Reyna made four points to round out the Muleshoe scoring.

Aweek later, Muleshoe jumped on Lubbock Cooper's Lady Pirates and scuttled their ship 31-20. More Lady Mules got in the score book, with Lepard making 15 points and Hawkins adding five. Reyna had four, Shayla Hall added three and

Brittini Torres and Madison Myers two each.

On their first road trip, the Lady Mules traveled to Littlefield and tamed the Lady Wildcats 37-22. Hawkins exploded for 20 points in the contest and Lepard made five points for Muleshoe. Reyna had four, Torres and Calli Hancock three each and Abby Lawrence two.

Next, the Dimmitt Bobbies visited the Lady Mules and never trailed in the contest.

In the first quarter, Lepard tied the game at two each with 3:50 left, but Dimmitt surged ahead 9-4 by the end of the period and hung on for a 32-27 win.

Reyna converted a Dimmitt turnover to Lady Mule points as the third period ended to cut the Bobbie lead to 22-20. Then Hawkins found Torres open on the baseline for two points to knot the game at 22 with less than five minutes left

Dimmitt went on a six-

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point run to regain the advantage before Hawkins scored on an in-bound play with two minutes on the clock. The Bobbies scored with 30 seconds remaining and Lepard made a final free throw.

Lepard had 13 points, Hawkins added eight, Reyna made four and Torres dropped in two for the Lady Mules.

The Lady Mules were

## RIRTH

**OBENHAUS** 

Jarrod and Misti Obenhaus of Muleshoe are the parents of a son, Jordan Levi Obenhaus, born at 5:25 p.m. Dec. 8 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

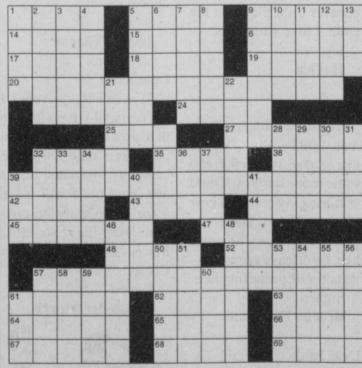
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scheduled to complete the first half of the season by visiting Shallowater on Dec. 10. In the new year, they will compete in the Lazbuddie tournament Jan. 10-12.

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Clues ACROSS

Mythological mountain
 Afflicts

9. Traps

14. College army

15. Annoyance

16. Old Irish alphabets 17. From a distance

18. Soluble ribonucleic acid

but goodie 20. Studs Terkel's

23. Yellow-fever mosquitos 24. Muslimism

25. By way of

27. Visual sense 32. A plant fiber used in making rope or sacks

35. Having little substance 38. Fill up

39. Deductible item for some 42. Awry

43. Helios 44. Coal tar product 45. Richard \_\_, actor

47. Substitute 49. Honey and carpenter

52. Type of mission

57. Spiteful withholder

61. Designed chairs

62. A circle of light around the sun or moon

63. Swiss river 64. Related on the mother's side

67. Selenes

66. The destroyer (Hindu)

68. Oceans

69. \_\_ Blyton, children's author

Clues DOWN

1. Towards the mouth or oral region

5. St. Francis of

2. Bulgarian capital 3. A crosspiece between the legs of a chair

4. Having a strong sharp smell

Crossword Answers

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HIGH SCHOOL AREA

• NICE 3-2 1/2-2 carport Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP 2650' + Lv. area, fans, storm windows & doors, new roof, cov. patio, concrete cellar, fenced vd. w/ add. 2 carport, large workshop, & stor. bldg. PRICED REDUCED \$60K!! HS-7 HWY. 84-2-1 1/2-2 Brick, Cent. Heat, win. air, built-ins,

fans, workshop/storage, fenced yd., also good office location!! PRICED REDUCED!! 40K!!HS-2 • 3-1 Home, Fl. furnace, fans, storage & 2 apartments, corner lot!!! \$35K HS-3

VERY NICE 3-1-1 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, nice carpet, FP, large covered patio, fenced yd., stor. bldg., MORE!!

3-11/2-1 carport, wall furn. heat. oven, cooktop, basement, shop/storage!! \$16K!! HS-6 TOBE MOVED - 3 bdrm., 1 bath, cnt. heat/evap. air, built-

ins!! \$12K • EARTH - 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, 1850' + liv. area, fenced yd., +3 add. lots!!! A STEAL @ \$38K!!

• EARTH – 4-2-2 carport home, Heat Pump, fans, storageworkshop!! \$35K

• EXCELLENT DAIRY LOCATION-1120 ac., 7 circles, 20 wells, very nice 3-2-3 Home w/basement, 40' x 60' barn w/ 30' x 40' shed, 3 mil. lb. grain facility, add. 3 bdrm. home, 2 mobile homes, on pavement convenient to Muleshoe, Clovis, Portales, & should have 5K head permit within 60 days!!! Could be split if needed!!

 PLEASANT VALLEY, Approx. 160 acres, 2 bdrm home, 1 bath, 2 car detached garage, on pavement!!

• W. of SUDAN-NICE 3-3-2 Brick Home, 5 acre tract on Hwy. 298, Cent. Air & Heat, built-ins, large Quonset Barn,

• PRICE REDUCED - 108 acres or 7 acre tract on Hwy. 70, approx. 2100' office area, 16,900' commercial bldg. w/load-

ing dock, 3,400' warehouse, new well, 2,800' runway!!! • 2-2-2 carport Mobile Home on 1.997 acres on pavement

**AUTOMOBILES** 

Due to overwhelming response, our wholesale to the Public continues at all Bender locations — Clovis, NM.

### SPECIAL X-TRA SAVINGS PRICING GOOD THRU JAN. 8, 2002

Dark or White 24 oz.

AMBROSIA ALMOND BARK

Diamond 6 oz. bag

**ALMONDS OR WALNUTS** 

Ellis 6 oz. bag

**PECANS** 

Nestle 12 oz. bag

CHOCOLATE CHIPS

Shurfine 16 oz. tub

**SOUR CREAM** 

Birds Eye Peas, Mixed Vegetables or Broccoii 16 oz. bag

**FROZEN VEGETABLES** 

7 lb.

**BAG OF ICE** 

Solo 15 ct. 9 in. Plates or 20 ct. 16 oz. Cups

**PLASTIC WARE** 

Ziploc Ot. or Gal. 15-20 ct.

STORAGE OR FREEZER BAGS

37.5 sq. ft.

**REYNOLDS WRAP HEAVY DUTY** 

100 sq. ft. roll

**GLAD CLINGWRAP** 

2 oz. btl. Schilling Pure

**VANILLA EXTRACT** 

3 lb. bag Red or Golden Delicious

**APPLES** 

5 lb. bag

**MIXED FRUIT** 

Hillshire Farms 16 oz. pkg

LIT'L SMOKIES

Peyton's 10 oz. pkg

**COOKED HAM** 





**EACH WITH 1 REWARD COUPON** 

1 ITEM PER COUPON

• 13.5 oz. Rice Krispies • 20 oz. Raisin Bran

• 15 oz. Corn Pops **KELLOGG'S CEREAL** 

• 12 oz. Corn or Rice • 16 oz. Multi Bran

**CHEX CEREAL** 

Kraft Asstd. 16 oz. btl

SALAD DRESSING

Santa Fe 20 oz. bag

**TORTILLA CHIPS** 

Shurfine With Peanuts 12 oz.

**MIXED NUTS** 

Carnation 10 ct. box

HOT COCOA

Rolling Pin Premium 1 dozen

**GLAZED DOUGHNUTS** 

Dole Classic 3 lb. bag

**ICEBERG SALAD** 

28 oz. btl

**SUN LIGHT ULTRA DISH LIQUID** 

Lipton Family Size 24 ct.

**TEA BAGS** 

Original 2 pk. "C" or "D", 4 pk. "AA" or "AAA" **ENERGIZER BATTERIES** 

100 speed 24 exposure

**FUJI 35MM FILM** 

Nabisco 11 oz. box

**NILLA WAFERS** 

6 oz. Liquid or 12 ct. Liquicaps VICKS NYQUIL

Asstd. Pantene 15 oz. btl

SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER

17.6 lb. bag Purina Mainstay

DOG FOOD

Liquid or Powder Pre-priced \$2.99

XTRA LAUNDRY DETERGENT

10 lb. bag

**RUSSET OR RED POTATOES** 

48 oz. btl asstd. Crisco

COOKING OIL

Pilgrim's Pride 18 ct.

**EXTRA LARGE EGGS** 

C&H 4 lb. bag

**PURE CANE SUGAR** 

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Owens 1 lb. roll

BREAKFAST SAUSAGE

6 pack cans

**COCA-COLA, SPRITE** OR DR. PÉPPER

14 oz. can **EAGLE BRAND MILK** 

25 lb. bag Pioneer

**ALL PURPOSE FLOUR** 

Asstd. Sara Lee 37 oz. pkg

**HOMESTYLE 9 INCH PIES** 

Nabisco 20 oz. pkg

**OREO COOKIES** 

### BLUE BELL OR BLUE BUNNY ICE CREAM

**ASSTD. 1/2 GAL. ROUND** WHERE AVAILABLE

OR

LOWE'S OR SHURFINE MILK

**ALL VARIETIES GAL.** 

TAMALE STEAMER .... EACH \$999

WRAPPING PAPER ..... EA. \$1

40 SQUARE FEET

BALI CRYSTAL

**CHRISTMAS** 

**EACH WITH 1 REWARD COUPON** 1 ITEM PER COUPON







FROZEN TURKEY

10-14 LB. AVG. OR

CORN KING WHOLE **BONELESS HAM** 

5 LB. AVG.



EACH WITH 4

**REWARD COUPONS** 

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## QUALITY MEA

X-TRA SAVINGS PAK BEEF MEAT BOLOGNA ... 12 OZ. PKG 99¢ T-BONE OR TOP SIRLOIN STEAKS ..... LB \$299 DECKER BONE-IN SPIRAL CUT HALF HAMS..... LB \$229 2 PACK CRY-O-VAC BONE-IN PORK BUTT ROAST ...... LB 99¢ DECKER BONELESS OLD FASHIONED PITT HAM ..... LB \$339 X-TRA SAVINGS PACK PEYTON'S REG. OR THICK SLICED BONELESS SKINLESS SLICED BACON ...... 12 OZ. 3/\$5 CHICKEN TENDERS ..... LB \$179 PEDRO'S PORK FIESTA HILLSHIRE FARMS TAMALES .....DOZEN \$339 ASSTD. VARIETIES 1 LB. PKG.

PEDRO'S MILD OR SPICY BEEF SMOKED LOWE'S HOMESTYLE OR BURRITO SIZE BRACH'S SELECT GROUP HOLIDAY CANDY ......8-11.5 OZ. PKGS 2/53 6 PACK

FLOUR TORTILLAS .... 10 CT. 89¢ PEPSI, **MOUNTAIN DEW** OR 7-UP .....24 OZ. BTLS \$279 ASSTD. LOWE'S HONEY BOY PINK SALMON... 14.7 OZ. CANS 3/\$5 DOLE IN JUICE PUNCH BOWL SET ..... 27 PC. \$10 PINEAPPLE ...... 20 OZ CANS 4/\$5

### PRODUCE FROZEN & DAIRY CALIFORNIA SWEET

NAVEL ORANGES..... 10/\$1 WASHINGTON EXTRA FANCY **RED DELICIOUS** APPLES ..... LBS 2/\$1 TANGELOS ..... 18 79¢

DELICIOUSLY FRESH! **MIXED NUTS OR** BULK WALNUTS ..... LB \$169 RAW. ROASTED OR SALTED **BORDEN'S** 

PEANUTS ..... 16 OZ. BAGS 2/\$3 GARDEN FRESH BROCCOLI .....LB 69¢ CHERRY TOMATOES ... PINT \$179

PIZZA ..... 15-18 OZ. PKGS 3/\$5 ASSTD. SHURFINE ICE CREAM ...... 1/2 GAL. RND. 2/55 CREAMY AND LIGHT IMPERIAL SPREAD ..... 48 OZ. TUB 99¢ KRAFT COLBY, COLBY/JACK OR LONGHORN CHEDDAR HALFMOON CHEESE ..... 10 OZ. PKGS 2/54 LAY'S® PRE-PRICED \$2.99 POTATO CHIPS ...... 12.25 OZ. 3/\$5

ASSTD. TONY'S

ITALIAN CRUST ORIGINAL

FOLGERS COFFEE .... 39 OZ. \$499 SHUR SAVING SOFT DRINKS .... 12 PK. CANS 2/54 TOMATO SAUCE ... 8 OZ. CANS 8/51

REGISTER TO WIN AN 8 FT. CHRISTMAS STOCKING FULL OF TOYS.

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