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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Bin Laden blamed again

The death of the world's most wanted man could be just what Nova Scotia lobstermen need right now, a Boston lobster dealer said recently.

Shaken by a recession and the war on terrorism, many Americans don't feel like celebrating this holiday season. And they're definitely not buying the amount of lobster they typically would, said Neil Zarella, president of the Boston Lobster Co.

Most of the live lobster Zarella ships comes from southwestern Nova Scotia.

"It's bleak," he said in a telephone interview.

"We need ... bin Laden to get whacked so that everybody celebrates and goes out and has a lobster. You need something for the country to rally."

In addition, mild temperatures, calm seas and light winds at sea this month are resulting in large daily catches, 600 to 680 kilograms, for many boats fishing between Cape Sable Island, N.S., and Yarmouth, N.S.

"They keep catching them. ... We have to move them," Zarella said of lobstermen not only in Nova Scotia but also in Maine, where the season is open year-round.

Fishermen would probably like the weather to deteriorate so they could stay ashore and allow the lobster glut to rectify itself, said Denny Morrow of the Nova Scotia Fish Packers Association.

"I don't think there's been one day when they couldn't fish. There's been a lot of lobster come in," Morrow said.

The glut of lobsters has resulted in the lowest prices in years. In Nova Scotia, live lobster has been selling in stores for \$5.99 a pound.



Drawing date: Saturday, Dec. 15  
 Winning numbers: 5-9-34-38-40-50  
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 Next drawing: Wednesday, Dec. 19  
 Estimated jackpot: \$24 million

### On this date in history

Dec. 19 — The Texas Congress establishes the republic's national boundaries (1836).

Also on Dec. 19 — Alexander Somervell decides to abandon Texas' invasion of Mexico and orders his men to return. About 200 of them refuse and continue their march; this is known as the Meir Expedition, and all were captured and imprisoned (1842).

### LOCAL WEATHER

The National Weather Service forecast (as of Tuesday) called for partly cloudy with generally milder temperatures through the first of next week, with a slight chance for showers over the weekend. Thursday should be a pleasant 60 degrees, Friday about 55, and Saturday through Monday in the 40s.

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## Lady Mules still tromping opponents

By DELTON WILHITE  
 Journal sportswriter

It took the Lady Mules less than eight minutes Friday night to convert the Lamesa Lady Golden Tornadoes into a gentle breeze.

Muleshoe, now 11-2, outscored Lamesa in the first quarter 15-4 before dropping the Lady Tors 69-43.

Jessica Carpenter, Tiffany Flores and Sara Benham each had a bucket before Lamesa could nudge the zero from the scoreboard.

Muleshoe coasted through the next two frames and poured in 26 points in the final stanza. The Lady Mules kept the net hot by scoring three-pointers in each quarter, four of them in the final period.

Britni Gartin pilfered a Lamesa pass and went hard to the basket, sinking the layup while being hammered by the defense. Converting the free throw, Gartin completed the three-point play and pushed the Lady Mules to a 20-6 lead early in the second frame.

Shani Rasco had her first of four blocked shots in the second period and Tori Barton busted a three to send the Lady Tors to the dressing room trailing 29-15.

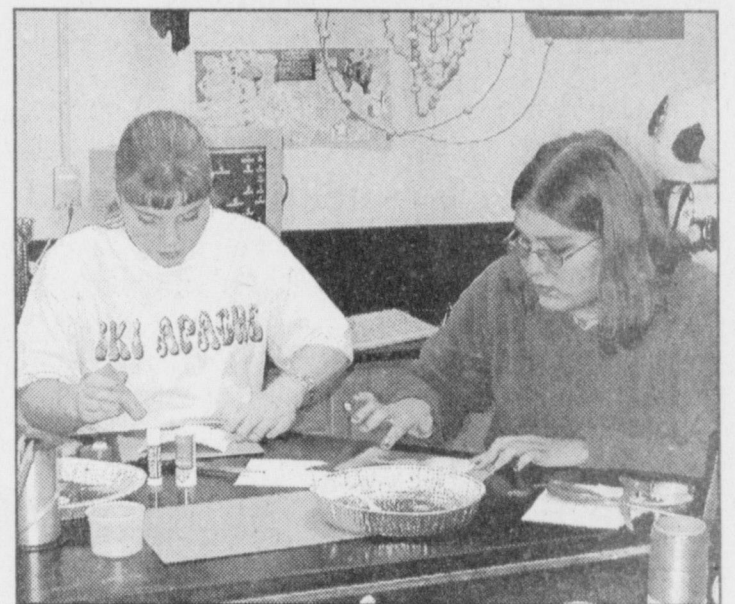
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Journal photos: Beatrice Morin

### Character lesson

Watson Junior High eighth-graders make Christmas cards for residents of the Muleshoe Area Healthcare Center. Above, Arsenio Geter Jr. (left), Logan Caddell and Josh Ramirez work under the watchful eye of Character Counts volunteer Druscilla Hutton. At right, Madison Smith and Chelsea López try their artistic skills.



## City to shoot for warehouse distribution facility

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

While preliminary work is being done to secure a cheese plant for Muleshoe, and Bailey County officials still hope to attract a prison, there is another development possibility on the horizon.

This one is a long shot, but it's a shot Janet Claborn (the city's economic development officer) is willing to take.

Claborn said last week that she has learned of a warehouse distributorship interested in locating in a small community.

At the same time that she and City Manager David Brunson met with the Bailey County Commissioners' Court, she mentioned the warehouse operation to see how commissioners would feel about offering tax abatement as an enticement.

The proposed facility is expected to employ between 200

and 250 people, she added, and maintain an inventory worth \$40 million to \$50 million.

Commissioners agreed that they would be willing to consider the abatement move.

Claborn emphasized that she merely wanted the commissioners' reaction for now — they would not take up the issue for action unless the

company decided to locate the warehouse here.

She said some type of tax abatement would be necessary in order to land the warehouse — simply because the other candidates will be offering it.

She emphasized, though, that tax abatement doesn't mean what many people think it means — no tax money at all

for the abatement period.

Claborn said the abatement can be structured in many ways. The county might forego taxes completely for one or two years, but then phase in the full tax load gradually over the remaining years.

While the abatement can be see **PLANT** on page 2

## Varsity Mules come close against Lamesa

By DELTON WILHITE  
 Journal sportswriter

LAMESA — The varsity Mules let Lamesa blow away an opportunity for another win column blow away Tuesday night in Lamesa.

The Mules turned the ball over three times in the final minute and half to allow the Golden Tornadoes whip past them 55-50.

With less than three minutes

left in the game, Lincoln Riley scored in the paint to put the Mules on top 50-44. Lamesa scored twice from the foul line and sank a two to sneak close to the Mules as the game drew to a close.

The Tors knotted the game at 50-50 after the Mules' second turnover — with 32 seconds showing on the clock. The Mules' third turnover then resulted in a Lamesa three-

pointer as the clock ticked down to three seconds. Lamesa was fouled after a steal and knocked down both shots from the line for the final points.

As the game opened, Brennan Broyles stole the ball and was fouled scoring to put the Mules up 3-0. The Mules owned a 9-8 lead for as the first period slammed to a close with

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### Library notes details of new schedule

Topics for the Muleshoe Area Public Library "Storytime" — which moves from Mondays to Saturdays in January — will be "Penguin Parade" (Jan. 5), "Pandas" (Jan. 12), "Reach for Peace" (Jan. 19) and "Australia" (Jan. 26).

These will run from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

New programs starting in January will be "Ready for Life" (for newborns to age 2 — with parents) at 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Saturday and "Saturday Afternoon at the Library" (for all elementary kids) from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

### Angel Tree helps

Opening gifts from Muleshoe's Angel Tree are the Sigala children (from left), 12-year-old Ana, 6-year-old Andres Jr., 4-year-old Adriana and 8-year-old Karina. The annual charity drive, held through Leal's, culminated with the gift presentation Monday at First United Methodist Church.



# AROUND MULESHOE

## Learning Center observing holiday

The Muleshoe Adult Learning Center will close for the Christmas holiday from Dec. 21 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.

## 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 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.

## 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 members.

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.

## MULES

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Landon Sheets taking a charge in the paint.

Lamesa took the lead with a bucket as the second period started. Kyle Atwood banked a three off the glass from the top of the key to put the Mules back on top 12-10 early in the second period.

The Tors managed to tie the game at 15, but Stephan Shelburne untied the knot after being fouled putting back a rebound of his own shot. He made both free throws, and Luis Sánchez picked a Tors pocket and Shelburne nailed a three to put the Mules up 20-15 with less than three minutes to intermission.

Riley kicked the ball out to Sánchez spotted up on the arc for a three to end the first half with the Mules leading 25-19.

Lamesa, however, overtook and passed the Mules in a 10-point run with three

minutes remaining in the third period.

The third period ended with the teams tied at 35, and the lead changed hands five times in the final frame. The Mules put 15 points on the boards in the final frame, but turnovers gave Lamesa the opportunity it needed.

Riley led the Mules with 14 points, Broyles and

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for any period up to 10 years, she said 10 years would be necessary in this case.

"Even though people are concerned that they aren't going to get taxes, we aren't going to get it at all if we don't do this," she said.

"We're not just giving it away, which is what some people would think," she said. "What this plant would bring to local businesses by

## 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. 20** — 7 p.m. Muleshoe Area Hospital District Board, in the board room of Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

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

*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.*

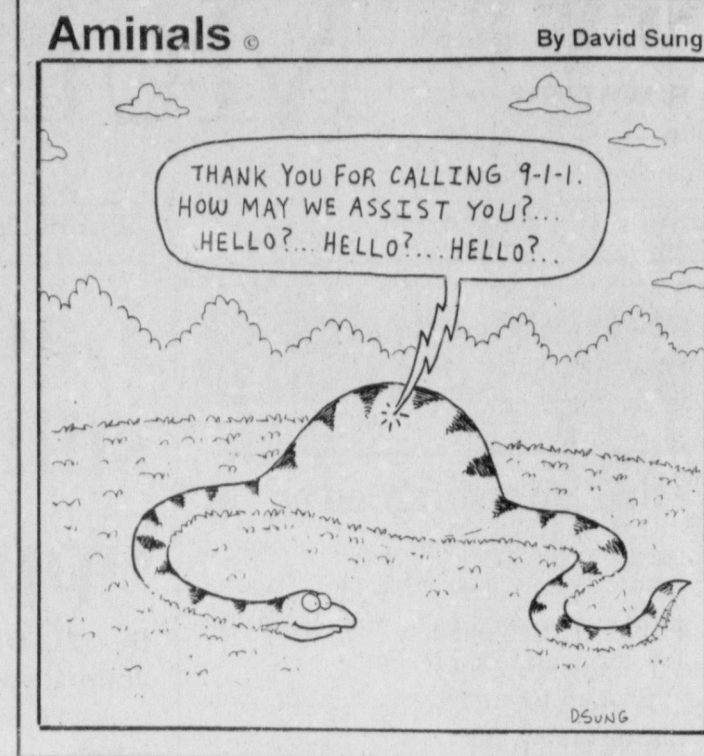
## Photographs of High Plains to be on exhibit

**CANYON** — Beginning Jan. 15, a photographic study of the High Plains will be featured at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

The exhibit is titled "Flat Places," and includes 60 black-and-white photos by Dumas native George Tuck, now of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Tucks says he traveled 10,000 miles back and forth across the High Plains taking photographs of "the symbiotic relationship between agriculture and petroleum, the never-ending

skies that seem to abound in flat places, flat parade grounds outside old military forts, bare cottonwood trees reflected in a river next to a Mormon Trail campsite, frost-covered trees against a winter sky, and more."



According to Martha Kennedy, immediate past curator of the museum's Great Plains Art Collection, "The photographer treats classic themes such as cattle branding, trading horses, cultivating crops and small-town life, with an informed

and sensitive eye."

Other photos feature well drillers, grain-elevator operators and workers repairing train tracks in bitter cold.

The exhibit will be featured in the Alexander Gallery of the museum through Nov. 15, 2002.

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# New plant forms not always as welcome as expected

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

Plant breeders, bless them, sometimes seem determined to bring us every variation of every species in cultivation.

Of course, without the constant experimentation, we'd never get those new forms that really do represent a step forward. But sometimes the selections that get introduced commercially do produce a little humor.

I recently had to chuckle over the newspaper story about Texas A&M University researchers working on a purple carrot.

Granted, purple carrots probably are going to be more nutritious than the familiar orange ones (the deeper color should contain more anti-oxidants).

But, according to William Woys Weaver's book on heirloom vegetables, carrots WERE purple until we bred the purple out of them. And why did we do this? Because the French preferred orange carrots, and the French were considered (still are?) the ultimate arbiters on food questions.

Now comes news of a lawn grass that retains its green color even when the leaves are dead in winter. Developed by a British seed firm, the grass apparently stays green because of a gene discovered in a wild fescue.

A writer in the British magazine *Gardens Illustrated* (this month's issue) states that the originators "claim that 70 percent of consumers want a greener lawn



all year round, but with the growing trend for ditching the lawn altogether, or for increasing its biodiversity with daisies or other pretty grassland plants, one wonders just how good their market research was."

The writer has a point, but the report says the breeder had been working on this grass for 30 years, and certainly three decades ago we'd all have been lining up for the new grass — being marketed as 'So-Green' in England, but I don't know if that's what it will be called in America.

Anyway, the writer may be willing to give an aristocratic sniff and pass on by a grass that stays green even in death, but there's another new introduction that has him downright indignant.

It's a variety of maple called 'Green Pillar,' and it stays green in the fall rather than turning scarlet, as others in its species do.

"How ignorant can you get? . . . Who, in their right mind, would want to bother with planting an *Acer rubrum* if its leaves stay green and boring until the day they fall off?" the writer asks.

"It never ceases to amaze me how plant breeders so consistently miss the point,"

he writes. "Admittedly, the whole industry is geared to producing plants that look enticing on garden-centre staging, or are perfect for urban landscapers rather than for real gardeners, but that still does not excuse them for some unwelcome introductions."

Now, I'm in no position to throw stones on this subject (I've been told by a reader that my plant selections are "squirrely"), but I do have to agree that a maple without fall color doesn't seem like an improvement unless it's also going to produce \$10 bills or something equally unique.

Well, enough of snooty garden writers — now back to the real world.

If last week's column (about getting ready to start vegetable plants indoors) didn't produce moans and imaginary backaches, consider this: Even if you plan to start vegetables outdoors but you want to get a head start on the neighbors, you have only about a month to locate the black plastic mulch or whatever you will spread on the ground to warm it up early.

This black plastic generally comes in rolls 4 feet wide and 50 feet long, though you can buy wider widths.

As you know, black absorbs the sun's heat, so a layer of black plastic over the soil heats the ground by a very simple process and allows seeds to sprout earlier. I have read that this will raise

soil temperatures by 10 degrees, but with our clear skies and bright sun I swear it can be more like 15 or 20 degrees.

This can allow you to plant VERY early. Needless to say, you need to roll the black plastic off the garden before the end of May or risk having

cooked vegetables while they are in the seedling stage.

A new form of this mulch is made of paper. I don't see how it could be as effective at raising the soil temperature, but the catalogs say it comes close. The big advantage is that this one can be left on the garden to decom-

pose and increase the soil's organic matter. That certainly makes it worth trying.

Happy planting!  
Questions and comments can be sent to Garden Writer, 571 County Road 1018, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, or e-mailed to ronnsmith@hotmail.com.

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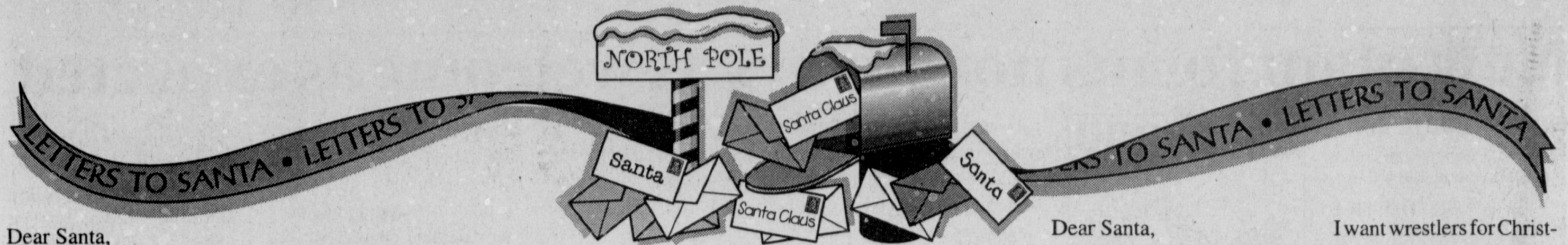
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Signed,  
**Fabiola Vargas**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike, a Barbie, and a real horse. Also a baby puppy. Please bring a scooter for my sister. My mom needs some books.  
Signed,  
**Carina**

Dear Santa,  
I want a dinosaur Rex and ropa. I want new blue shoes. I want new clothes for my mom too. My dad wants a perfume like a cow. I want a little choo-choo train. My casa esta en la hospital donde hay cookies y leche. You go straight.  
Signed,  
**Arnaldo Que**

Dear Santa,  
Yo te quiero mucho. Yo quiero regalos como motos y carros. Te voy a dejar galletas de ginerbread. Para mi mamá quiero ropa y botas para mi papá. Quiero una ropa para mi hermano. Una barbie para mi prima que no va para la escuela.  
Signed,  
**Anthony Velasquez**

Dear Santa,  
Hello, my name is Oziel. Go to my house because I am going to leave you snacks and coke. I want a truck and a dinosaur Rex. Buy my dad a shovel and for my mom I want a pintura because she likes those.  
Signed,  
**Oziel Reyes**

Dear Santa,  
I am having so much fun at school and I'm having fun with Mrs. Toscano. I love you. Could bring me a barbie and a teddy bear? I want a ring for my mom and dad. Can you bring me a gray horse for my brother?  
Signed,  
**Liliana Vasquez**

Dear Santa,  
Comote llamas? Te quiero pedir una barbie para mi y para mi hermanita Andrea. Yo te quiero mucho! Quiero uno osito para mi mamá. Para mi madrina quiero un osito y zapatos. Ven a mi casa.  
Signed,  
**Dalia Melendez**

Dear Santa,  
Tu que eres tan bueno, quiero que me traigas un juguete de remote control truck, and a blue motorcycle de control tambien. Te voy a dejar cookies with leche. Bye-bye.  
Signed,  
**Dago Delgado**

Dear Santa,  
Hello, can you bring me a motorcycle with controls and a computer for my brother, Juan. Where is Rudolph? Can you bring me a little Christmas tree?  
Signed,  
**David Gonzalez**

Dear Santa,  
Lo quiero mucho. Quiero que me traigas un beary una truck. Me puedes traer un Christmas tree? Me compras una shirt like Muleshoe Mules. I want a candy cane, a book, markers, pencils and a mat to sleep.  
Signed,  
**Javier Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
Yo quiero una truck para mi papá. Quiero un monito de Santa y un dulce que el tiene en la mano.  
Signed,  
**Brian Venegas**



Mrs. Pierce's Class  
Second Grade

Dear Santa,  
How are your and Mrs. Clause doing? Thank you for the toys last year. I want a Digimon thing that goes in the computer.  
Your friend,  
**Salvador Gonzalez**

Dear Santa,  
Haaw you and Miss Claus dreing Thankk you for the toys Can cook me some cookies? a pet rat an I wut bike tires  
Your friend,  
**Colton Hill**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? thank you for last year's prent. Santa this year I whant a computer and a bike.  
Your friend,  
**Samantha Reyna**

Dear Santa,  
I wish you would get me a batman toy and a pokemon toy. You are the best Santa Claus.  
Your friend,  
**Bert Torres**

Dear Santa,  
How are your and Mis. Claus. I wunt a puppy and a gameboy advance. Thank you for the scooter.  
Your friend,  
**Ricky Morin**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Think you Santa Claus for what you gave me last year This year I want 1000 days out of school and a gold car.  
Your friend,  
**Hector Granados**

Mrs. Mardis' Clas  
First Grade

Dear Santa,  
I have bin good. I have rot my Letr to you. haow are the reindeer? Bithewa How are you?  
Love,  
**Annie Shafer**

Dear Santa,  
I whont Santa to get me a present?  
from,  
**Priya Patel**

Dear Santa,  
how are the reindeer? Dose Rudolph Have a red nose? I want a 4 weeler.  
Love,  
**David Flores**

Dear Santa,  
I wont enm rocich and a plastasin this is frum Jo Paul rosas.  
Your friend,  
**Jon Paul Rosas**

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

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph. The red nose. Reindeer I wish You a Merry Christmas. How are you? I wish for a Bell. Adn a cumpydr.  
Love,  
**Alma Quintana**

Dear Santa,  
How are yay? Sanat and the reindeer How is rudolph Love miguel I wont a dag and hars.  
Your friend,  
**Miguel Quintanilla**

Dear Santa,  
How is all the reindeer Egoeshley. Rudolph. Egoeshley. Mis. Claus. I bin so god. cen I have a Modrsico. How ar you  
Luv,  
**Camilo Torres**

Dear Santa,  
I Love Santa reindeer Rudolph cookies good Binck and a cat and a dog.  
Your friend,  
**Desiree Reyna**

Dear Santa,  
you are a big boy? how are you? I im good? I wot a preisit I will be good I will mack cookies for you can you brig me a preisit.  
Love,  
**Selena Villegas**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? can I hav Rudolph ples and a dog miy stestr wuns a presnt and miy bruthr wuns a presnt to.  
Love,  
**Hailee Gonzales**

Dear Santa,  
and Mrs. Claus How are you? I havi ben good Hood are the rudolph and the others? I want a Here potr gam Merry christmas.  
Love,  
**Garrison Myers**



Dear Santa,  
How are you? Im asen If your Reindeer are good I wut a horse.  
Love,  
**Christopher Cage**

Dear Santa,  
How arn yow How is the reindeer How is Rudolph How is Mrs. claus is evretheng good will you dring me teluskoop Merry Christmas.  
Your friend,  
**Colton Stegall**

Dear Santa,  
I git wor lebr it wus prite. But the stemp wus you un yoosul. I wut a fomr and a I sckas. Haw is Rudolph dooe. Merry Christmas Mis Claus.  
Love,  
**Amanda Scolley**

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? duren? How are the reindeer duren? How are you duren? I am good? I wont a gameborey? How are your duren? Mis Clos?  
Love,  
**George Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
How are you How is Rudolph Me a Bic.  
Signed,  
**Joel Regalado**

Dear Santa,  
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Signed,  
**Andrea Shaw**

Mrs. Hernandez's Class  
Lazbuddie Pre-K

Hello Santa,  
I want a remote control megazor, a toy zebra, a squeaky dinosaur and a Power Ranger. I will leave you some cookies on the kitchen table. I love you Santa, I have been very, very good.  
Love you Santa,  
**Jonathan Jesko Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car and a tractor. I have been a good boy. I want a dress for my Mom and a tie for my Dad.  
Thank you,  
**Robert Porras Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas. I have not been bad at school. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and a coke.  
Love you,  
**Haldon Ivy Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle for Christmas. I have not been bad at school. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and a coke.  
Love you,  
**Haldon Ivy Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
Is there snow on the North Pole? We had snow last week. I got to play in the snow.

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a baby and a new bicycle for Christmas. We already put up our Christmas tree it looks pretty. I have been a good girl.  
Good bye,  
**Haley Ivy Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big Barbie and some clothes amd some shoes for the Barbies. I have been a brave girl.  
Thank you,  
**Nancy Marrufo Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Hello Santa,  
I want a red megazor and bring it to my house.  
Thank you,  
**Houston Cox Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a baby, that's all. I have been a good girl. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Thank you,  
**Anais Andrade Lazbuddie Pre-K**

Mrs. Seaton's Class  
Lazbuddie Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Batman toy. My sister wants a Barbie. My mom would like a special snack.  
See you at Christmas,  
**Jose Roblebo Laz. Kindergarten**



Dear Santa,  
I would like a pink bike. It has flowers. My brother will like roller skate shoes. My mom will like new shoes. Dad will like anything you give him.  
I will give you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
**Ashton Mason Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
I want a little cat and a rabbit. My little sister wants a Barbie and a little dog.  
I will leave you some candy.  
Love,  
**Selena Marquez Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
How do the elves make toys?  
I want a real horse. I will name it Twinkle. I will ride it everyday.  
I will leave you some donuts.  
Love,  
**Haley Beasley Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a baby, that's all. I have been a good girl. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Thank you,  
**Anais Andrade Lazbuddie Pre-K**

I want wrestlers for Christmas. I want Triple H, the Rock, and Stone Cold. My mom wants a new ring. My dad wants a watch.  
I will leave you a candy cane.  
See you Christmas,  
**Brandon Rowand Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
How's Rudolph? How is Prancer? Are the elves busy making toys?  
Can I please have a jet airplane? I would also like a dirt bike. Cambry likes baby dolls. Kolby needs a new pacy. My mom needs a red, heart bowl. Dad needs a new fishing pole. Grandma needs a new camper.  
I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Signed,  
**Cutter Glover Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
Will the elves make me a toy? I want a toy truck. My sister wants a baby. Mom wants a new TV. My dad likes to watch horses on TV.  
I will leave you a candy cane.  
See you Christmas,  
**Daniel Diaz Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a game boy and a computer? My little brother wants a Power Ranger gun. My mom wants tennis shoes with skates. My dad likes a motorcycle.  
I will leave you a candy cane.  
See you Christmas,  
**Albert Moran Laz. Kindergarten**

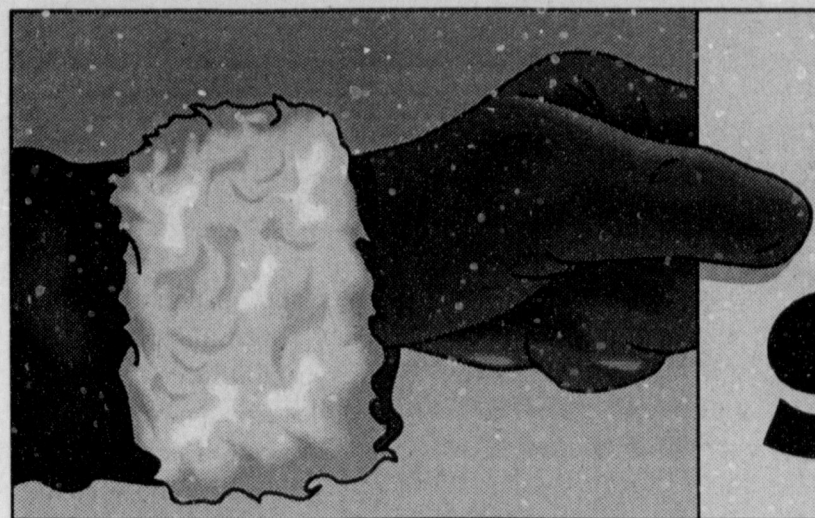
Dear Santa,  
I am going to leave you some milk and cookies. I want some presents please.  
I want a Barbie and a Barbie car. Colton wants some games for his Nintendo 64. My dad wants some tools. I already have a present for my mom.  
I am moving. My house is by my Grandma's.  
Love,  
**Allison Weaver Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
Do the elves make toys? Does it snow at the North Pole? It snowed here last week.  
Santa, I know you bring toys to the boys and girls that are good. I have been real good. I want a Game Boy please and a teddy bear. Lauren might want a baby. Jack wants some toys. My mom might want a new computer and I don't know about Dad.  
I will leave you some cookies that me, my sister, and my mom make.  
See you Christmas,  
**John Ryan Isaacson Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
Will hte reindder pull the sleigh to my house? Dasher is my favorite reindeer.  
I would like a swimming

Merry Christmas!  
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# Letters To Santa Claus



pool for my Barbies. My sister wants a teddy bear. My brother wants a truck. My momma wants a bracelet. My daddy wants a CD player.

I will leave you milk and cookies.  
Love,  
**Madison Jesko**  
**Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
You are sweet. You bring us presents. Do your elves make all the toys? Is the sleigh ready to go?

I would like a Walkie Talkie and a 4-wheeler. I'm not sure what my sister wants, she never tells us. My mom wants a water fountain. My dad want a new fishing game.

I'm going to leave you cookies this year.  
See you Christmas,  
**Austin Mason**  
**Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? Are they ready to take you up in the sleigh?

I would lie a Game Boy and a computer. My brother Victor wants a Game Boy, too. Please bring my mom a present too. My dad wants some tools.

I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
See you Christmas,  
**Luis Godinez**  
**Laz. Kindergarten**



Dear Santa,  
I would lie a Barbie for Christmas. Adrian wants a truck. My mom would like a new dress. My dad would like a new car.

I will leave you some candy for a snack.  
Love,  
**Yessica Contreras**  
**Laz. Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,  
Can the elves build toys? I would like for them to build me a motorcycle. Andrea wants a swimming Barbie. My little brother wants a Batman toy.

Would you please bring my presents to my Christmas tree. I live at Lazbuddie.  
See you then,  
**Visente Solano**  
**Laz. Kindergarten**

Mrs. Carlyle's Class  
Lazbuddie 1st Grade



Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a four-wheeler and a helmet.  
I wish that my Granddad and Grandma would get a new dog.

How do you make your reindeer fly?  
Merry Christmas,  
**Seth Russell**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a CD player and a Digevisé.  
I wish that my Grandma and Grandpa could come to my house.

How do your reindeer fly?  
Merry Christmas!  
**Victor Godinez**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a truck with cars that is built out of linking cubes—it has a crane. And I want a DVD player to carry around in the car.

My wish is that my cousins drive safely to my house and my grandmothers.

What do your elves look like? How cold is it at the North Pole? What's your Christmas tree look like?

I love you, Santa,  
**Kolten Morris**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me roller skates and a Barbie that skates.

I wish everybody will have a house at Christmas.  
I love your reindeer. They are pretty. What do you feed them?

I love you,  
**Denise Sanchez**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Teddy bear and some books.

I wish my mom would get a nice Christmas present.  
Do you get cold when you deliver the presents?

Merry Christmas,  
**Callie Anstead**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a game boy and a TV for my room.  
I wish everyone would

have a great Christmas.

Do you get any presents? I will bring you one.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Jared Timms**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a computer and a cat.  
I wish that all the people that are sick will get well.

How do the elves make all those toys?  
I love you,  
**Keena Diaz**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a glittering T-shirt and the Barbie and the Nutcracker movie.  
I wish Chrissy could come for Christmas.

How do you make all those toys?  
I love you. I hope you have a happy New Year!  
Signed,  
**Shea Scott**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a new pair of shoes (rollar skate) and a robot that brings you something.

I wish all my family will be home for Christmas.  
How are your reindeer?  
I love you,  
**Karina Galaviz**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a DVD player and a Lee Middleton doll.

My wish is that all the children have toys on Christmas Eve.

What do your elves look like? What do they wear and how do they stay warm?  
Tell Mrs. Claus merry Christmas.

Love,  
**Chandler Barnes**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a remote control car and a book of Rudolph.

I wish that my mom will be happy.  
Can your reindeer really fly?

I wish you a Merry Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Alfredo Chivera**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a piano and a toy house that I can get in.

My wish is for my friend to get well.

How are all your reindeer? Are they feeling good?

I love you, Santa,  
**Jessica Estrada**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a half Chihuahua and half Pekingese dog and a horse.  
Please help Seth get better.

How do you get around the world from place to place in one night with just one sleigh in 12 hours?  
I love you,  
**Amy Bradshaw**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Skill-Loader and a four wheeler.  
Please help my Pepa feel good.

I love you,  
**Ross Steinbock**  
**Lazbuddie 1st grade**

Mrs. Magby's Class  
Lazbuddie 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
Can I please have candy in my stocking? I would like these movies, Shrek, Osmoses Jones, and How the Grinch Stole Christmas. I would also like a Game Boy Advance with the game Spongebob Square Pants. Finally Santa, I would like a B.B. gun.

My Christmas wish is for peace on earth and for the war to stop.

Love,  
**Todd Nichols**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
I would like the movies, Shrek and Monsters Incorporated. I would also like some boots and chaps.

My Christmas wishes are for America to be O.K. and for my little cousins to feel O.K.

Love,  
**Justin Schacher**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
I want the movie Monsters Incorporated, Shrek, Scooby Doo and the Cyber Chase, and Osmoses Jones. I also want a Game Boy Advance and a new fishing pole.

My Christmas wish is that the war would stop.

Love,  
**Dallas Lynn Cox**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
I want the movie Monsters Incorporated and a four-wheeler for Christmas. Also I would like a Game Boy Advance and the movie, The Grinch.

My Christmas wish is that my Dad could have good crops for his cattle.

Love,  
**Emily Agee**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,

I would like a four-wheeler for Christmas. May I have a saddle, spurs and chaps so I can ride my horse? I would also like a B.B. gun and a remote control monster truck.

Santa, my Christmas wish is that the Afghanistan people could come to Texas.  
Love,  
**David Anstead**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
May I have a movie about the Grinch and a Game Boy and some Legos. I would also like a four-wheeler and some play dough.

My Christmas wish is for my grandma to get well.  
Love,  
**Luis Tafoya**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game Boy and two cool games. I also would like the Pokemon Three movie. Please bring me ten books. Could you please bring all the stuff my mom and dad want and one box of Legos. Please Santa.

My Christmas wish is for the battle in Afghanistan to stop.

Love,  
**Hector Montelongo**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
I want a B.B. gun and a three-wheeler. I also want the movie Scooby Doo and the Cyber Chase.

I wish that the war would stop.  
Love,  
**Kenton Randolph**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
Would you bring me a new baby carrier and a new baby walker and a new playpen because my baby stuff is no good. Would you also bring me a new baby doll and a Monsters Incorporated movie. Would you also bring me a Game Boy Advance? Finally would you bring me a Password Journal?

My Christmas wish is for the battle in Afghanistan to stop.  
Love,  
**Kylie McGehee**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby sister and a playhouse for Christmas. Also can you bring me a playpen, stroller, and a walker.

My Christmas wish is that I wish everybody was O.K. and had food, clothes, and homes.

Love,  
**Jordan Mason**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
May I have the movies, Monsters Incorporated and Scooby Doo and the Alien

Invaders? I would also like a big wheeled scooter, a backpack with wheels and a Christmas tree globe.

My Christmas wish is to help my grandpa get well.  
Love,  
**Jarrold Kaleb Jesko**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**

Dear Santa,  
May I have a little oven, a password journal, a big blue bear that I can sleep inside the skin? Also a pair of shoes that turn into skates. I want these things so I can make cakes and so I can use the bear to sleep in. I want to use the password journal like a diary and I want the skate shoes so I can learn how to skate. My Christmas wish is for all the people on the earth to have food, water, and a home and everything they need.

Love,  
**Paola Estrada**  
**Lazbuddie 2nd grade**



Mrs. Miller's Class  
Lazbuddie 3rd Grade

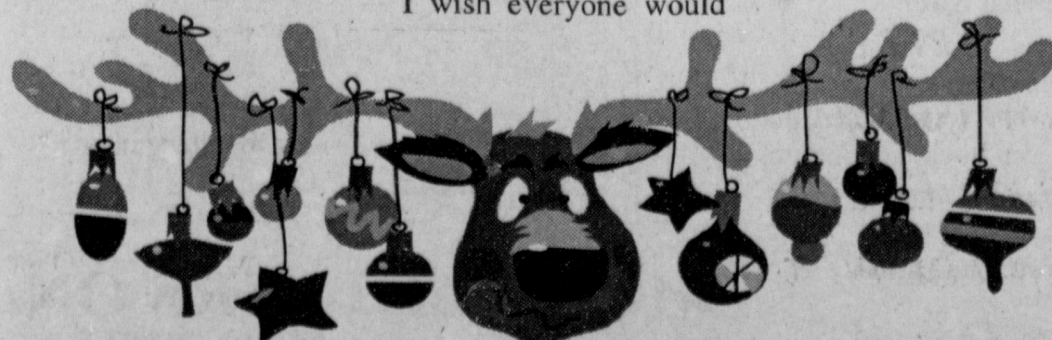
Dear Santa,  
I need a new alarm clock so it can wake me up in the morning. May I have a CD player to listen to music. May I also have a new computer so I can play computer games.

Love,  
**Shelby Martin**  
**Lazbuddie 3rd grade**

Dear Santa,  
The first thing I would like for Christmas is a baby doll that feels like a real baby. Also, I would like a little bag that has his clothes in it, some shoes, some diapers and some bottles. I would not like him to wear the same clothes all the time. Next, I would like a skateboard that I could ride in the snow, it would be fun. Finally, I would like a radio because I could listen to my cassettes.

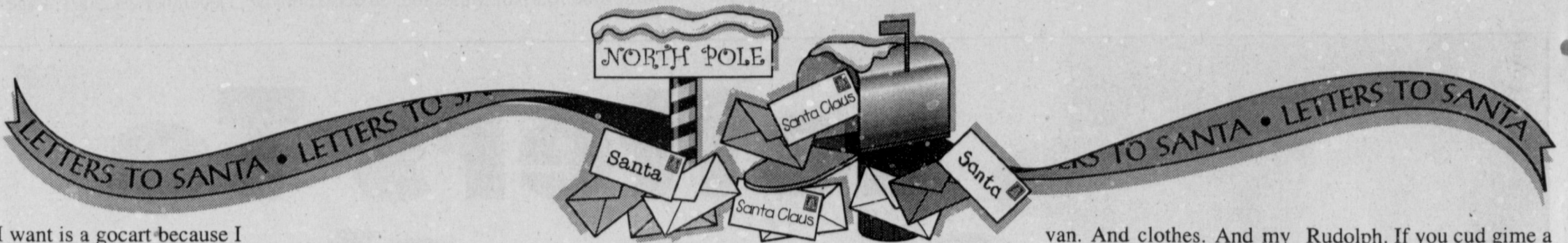
Sincerely,  
**Joseline Garcia**  
**Lazbuddie 3rd grade**  
**Merry Christmas!**

Dear Santa,  
May I have a Robo baby because it is cool. Next, I could really use roller shoes because I think they will be real cool to wear to school. May I have gooze because it looks fun to play with. Also, may I have Tecno because I want to tease Cinnamon, my dog, with it. Could I have a new born kitten because they are fun to play with? Could I have Harry Potter game for my gameboy? The last thing



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I want is a gocart because I want to learn to drive it.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Jordan Hernandez**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Laptop computer so I could do my history. I would love to learn about Egypt. Next, I would like a tv so I could watch my favorite movies. Finally, I would like a remote control racecar so I could race with my friends.  
Love,  
**Arthur Gomez**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade



Dear Santa,  
One thing I would want is a printer and a mouse that Santa Claus gave me last year. My daddy said "That they might get me a printer."  
Secondly, I would want is a house puppy and a leash. I love puppies and the leash is so I can take him or her to the bathroom outside.  
Thirdly, I would like to have a four wheeler so I can fly in the air and ride it on the airplane runway.  
Love,  
**Lacy Russell**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade  
p.s. Hope you'll be at my house Santa Claus!

Dear Santa,  
This is what I need for Christmas. I need a Christmas tree so I can put presents under the tree. Secondly, I like to have a pair of teddy bears so I can play with them. Then, I like to have a picture of Santa so I can know him. Fourthly, I'd would like a gameboy color. Fifthly, I use some rollerblades so I can ride on the road. Next, I could a skateboard so I could ride in the snow. Also, I want a computer. The sixth thing I would like to have a basketball or shoes for basketball games.  
Love,  
**Andrea Solano**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
One thing I would like to have a scateboard because I would like to ride it on the porch.  
Next, I would like to have is a silver dollar because I have the two thousand one.  
Finally, I would like to have a big, big teddy bear because I would sleep with him.  
Love,  
**Mariah Steinbock**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade  
Merry Christmas Santa!

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter because I would ride it around my house. The next thing I would get is a motorcycle so I can ride it to the elevator. Thirdly, I would like to get the movie that is called Harry Potter so I can watch it on T.V. Also, I would want a remote control car. So I can make it crash into the wall. Finally, I would want a train. So I could make it go on the tracks.  
Love,  
**Court Crawford**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
May I get a remote controle airplane so I could bug my sister and have fun. Second, may I please have a gameboy game so I can enjoy spare time at home. Third, can I have a new Nintendo game like snowboarding. My cousin and I can go against each other and have a great time.  
Love,  
**Colton Weaver**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
One thing I want is a bike so I can ride it to school. The next thing I need is a alarm clock so it can wake me in the morning to get ready for school. The third thing I want is a teddy bear to play with after I do my homework, work I did not get finished with at school.  
The forth thing I need is a pair of house shoes so I can wear them at home.  
Love,  
**Tasha Barnes**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
It would be really nice if I had a new watch because my other watch is broken. Also, the second thing is a new scooter because I can ride it around my house. Next thing is some new rollerblades because my other ones are too small. Third thing I would like is some new basketball shoes because my other ones are too small. Next thing is some new headphones for my cd player. My other ones are broken. The last thing I'd like is a new computer because my other one broke down.  
Love,  
**Lakota Goe**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
This is what I need:  
A new skate-board, a truck and my own computer with alot of games. Also, I would like a remote control truck and car. Nex, a big air plane for my little toys.  
I could really use a sled so I could ride back home. A new bicycle, a radio, and a soccer ball. Next, some clothes. Then a gameboy. Finally, a video camera.  
Thank you santa.  
Love,  
**Jaime Campos**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
I could really use: some

rollerblades so I can play with my friends! The next thing I want is a bunch of tapes so I can listen to music! Finally, I would like to have a Blowpen set so I can make a lot of pictures!  
Merry Christmas,  
**Victoria Pollard**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
First, I want some Zelda Nentendo games. Also a real scorpion. Can I have it Santa? Next, I want some Sega games. Santa pretty please may I have some gameboy games too? Thirdly, can I have a pet spider? Can I please have a microscope? I would like lots of candy too. Fourthly, I want some slides, a slide set, for my microscope. Lastly a computer.  
Love,  
**Tanner Beasley**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Dear Santa,  
First, I would like roller blades so I can ride around. Secondly, I want a big stuffed animal tiger so I can play with it in my room. Next, I would like a cooking set so I can cook with my mom. Then, I would like a pencil case so at school I would have alot of pencils. Sixth, I would like black gloves so they would keep my hands warm. Seventh, I would like a coloring book and crayons so when I get bored I can color. Finally, I would like a Harry Potter computer game so my brother and I could play on it for a long time.  
Love,  
**Savannah Sain**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade



Dear Santa,  
I would like a remote control truck with flames on the sides and the hood, so I could chase my brother. Next, I would like a CD player so I could listen to all my CDs. Finally, I would like a CD of "Bone Thugs In Harmony" so I could play it in my CD player.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Rodrigo Mata**  
Lazbuddie 3rd grade

Mrs. Nickels' Class  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I hope I will get wut I wont. I wont pads, kiking shoes, glufs, John Dear combine, also mouth peace and pads for my himent and the tracer lite up desk. ples bring me a case for my nintido gams and a hamster and a hamster cage.  
Love,  
**Kirk Williams**

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby bear. and a movie of the grinch. Barbie

and the nutcracker. Please bring my borther and sister a toy too.  
Love,  
**Priscilla Arzola**

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog Clifford. I want a bear. and a vollie ball I want a Picture of my family.  
Signed,  
**Randy Facundo**

Dear Santa,  
I want an Unicotr and a bike, raindeer, and a ball for me. and a tacter for my brother. Please bring my sister a pair of shoe skits.  
Love,  
**Desiree Cisneros**

Dear Santa,  
I want toys for Christmas. I want a Scooter. I want the sun to shine. I have cried for Santa.  
Love,  
**A.J. Barron**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike I want a Barbee I want to be happy I want a new Van.  
Love,  
**Barbara Bartholf**

Dear Santa,  
Please make everyone happy. I want a comeputer and some games for it. I want a nintendo sixtyfor and some games for it. Rudolph.  
Your friend,  
**Osmar Diaz**

Dear Santa,  
I want a rill slae and eight rill rainder and bells and streeing. I want a horse with a satool. I want cloths like you. I want rootof to. I hope eveone get a present.  
Signed,  
**Felipe Espinoza**

Dear Santa,  
I want a movie of the grinch, Barbie, and the nutcracker. I want Cristmas to keep coming today. I want a TV for Cristmas.  
Love,  
**Stephanie Infante**

Dear Santa,  
trampulyne and a new game for my gameboy and one chane my family I will give my frende a baby botr  
Love,  
**Brandon Jaime**

Dear Santa,  
I want a pupey that acks like a rile pupey eight of thum to me please Santa. I want a stuvt horse and two baby horse and one gronup horse please Santa. I want two baby tedey bare and two gronup tedey bares please Santa. I want my frints awas to be my frints.  
Love,  
**Jessica Kube**

Dear Santa,  
I want some shoes that you can lock and unlock roller skate shoes  
Love,  
**Brett Lieurance**

Dear Santa,  
I want a jam glam barbie

van. And clothes. And my size barbie in the nutcracker.  
I want the grinch toy.  
Love,  
**Stefani Lopez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation and shoes and a ball. I want a scooter. I want a bike. I want a dog.  
Love,  
**Christopher Lozano**

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed rabbit and a Playstation and I want my fres too haf a present.  
Love,  
**Anthony Moreno**



Dear Santa,  
I want a Jam an Glam barbie van. A dol that my baby sister has. An i want a baby unicorn. Bring my sonsin toys to. Santa  
Love,  
**Kasdadie Springfield**

Dear Santa,  
will you bring me a Playstation 2. Santa will you make sure you get what Brther what's and. I what a Hot whells Fireball and a Jeep. also i what helmet and kneepads and i what elbeow pads all in that box one more thing i what some shoes.  
Love,  
**Colton Clarkson**

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie Nutcracker and I want lots of toys. Please bring my mom some nice jewelry and my brother batman and my big brother a new radio.  
Love,  
**Tiffany Toscano**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like you to bring me some dishes. I would also like a barbie. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
**Cindy Arreola**

Mrs. Hill's Class  
1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
Hau are you? Are your reinder ok? Espeshle

Rudolph. If you cud gime a new pier uf mittens and Espeshle a tree.  
Love,  
**Michelle Lira**

Dear Santa,  
I will put a caerit for Rudof. I would like Erin Carders Cd. also I would like a Plastashun.  
Love,  
**Shelbi Harrison**

Dear Santa,  
How are your elf and reindeers and Mes. Clos and you? I wont a Barbey and a bell from the reindeer and my sister wons a Barbey with a Baby. Have a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
**Yolanda Gonzalez**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and How is mises clos? I wont a remot control car and a ras track. I wont a bick and a plastashen 2.  
Love,  
**Ramiro Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a gutar for Christmas and the hole culeschon of Lord of the rings. Can you get these things?  
Love,  
**Ryan Johnson**

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas. I have been good this December. Will you plece bring me a playstashen two?  
Love,  
**Sam Sirkel**

Dear Santa,  
I wud like a C.D. of Eren carter. and a Speshl render. also a toy of Santa, and toy of Misis clos.  
Love,  
**Brandy Facundo**

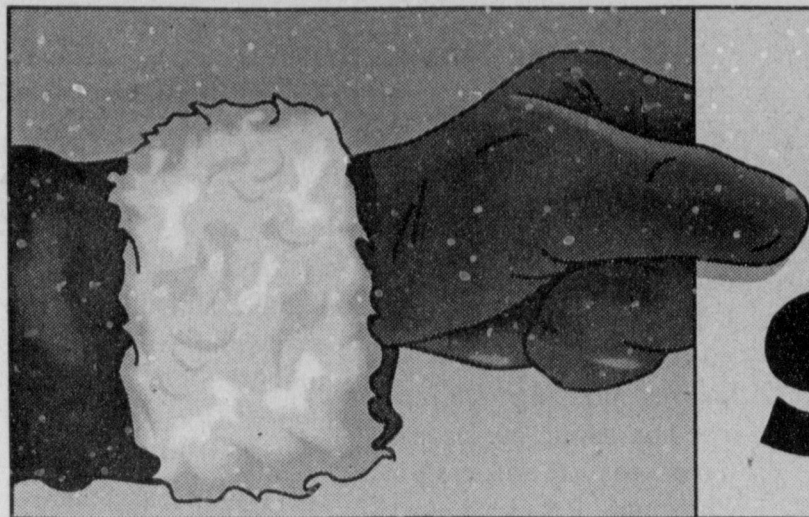
Dear Santa,  
How are you? haw are your elf and meisis clos? I hop you are not sic if you are not sic I wod like you too breg me a bic and a per of snow boots and a per of boksing glufs and a play stashin too. Iv been good this week.  
Love,  
**Cruz Castorena**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Have you been bisy? Have your reindeer been bisy? and Santa



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been busy? How is Rudolph and Blitzen? I want a remote control car.  
Love,  
**Jr. Baca**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I would like a scooter and a play station two. I would like boxen gloves and a T.V. screen.  
Love,  
**Jr. Marrufo**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a slay and some scats and a teddy bear screen.  
Love,  
**Jose Gutierrez**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a bike please. I would like a car please. Can you bring a Barbie truck for me? Now have you bin busy?  
Love,  
**Gisela Villegas**

Dear Santa,  
Do you raise hamsters? I would like a male hamster and a sled. And a scooter.  
Love,  
**Sarah Whitworth**

Dear Santa,  
Are your elves being good? How are you? I would like a game boy and play station two and a puppy.  
Love,  
**Adrian Estrada**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Are your reindeer doing good? Is Mickey Claus doing fine? I would like a skateboard.  
Love,  
**Trinity Raymond**

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas how are you feeling good. I want a Barbie and a nutcracker. I want a big screen T.V. I want a dog.  
Love,  
**Mikah Stiles**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Is Mrs. Claus ok? I have been good. I would like a bike also a skateboard. How are your reindeer? My sister would like a game for my computer.  
Love,  
**Nathan Cruz**

Dear Santa,  
Is your elf sick? I want a Barbie doll and a nutcracker.  
Love,  
**Brandy Castorena**

Mrs. Conn's Class 2nd Grade

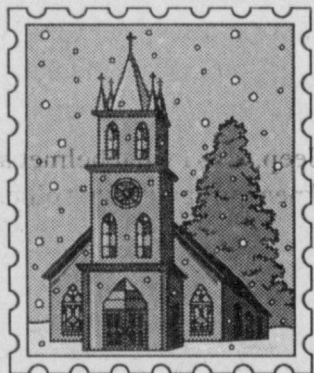
Dear Santa,  
and Mrs. Santa, thank you for the toys that you gave me last year. This year I want you to give me a dirt bike and a dog. How are the elves and the reindeers now Santa?  
Your friend,  
**Polo Garces**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the baby doll. How are you? How is Mrs. Santa? I love you to bring me a Barbie car and Barbie please Santa.  
Your friend,  
**Keiry Nava**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the Barbie. I really like it. How are you? How is Mrs. Santa? I would like to have shoes skaters.  
Your friend,  
**Norma Ronquillo**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the little airplane that you gave me last year. How are you and Mrs. Santa? I would like a Nintendo.  
Your friend,  
**Adelaido Godinez**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the elves and Mrs. Santa. Thank you for my bike from last year. I want a bike and a Nintendo.  
Your friend,  
**Luis Ruvalcaba**



Dear Santa,  
Gracias por las cosas que me tragiste la otra Navidad muchas gracias Santa Claus quiero una Barbie.  
Your friend,  
**Janeth Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the things you brought last year I want a scooter and a Barbie.  
Your friend,  
**Jennifer Vasquez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll with a scooter and shoes that have

skates in them. Thank you and I will live cookies and milk.  
Your friend,  
**Yagaira Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me something special and can

you bring me shoes and a ring for my ant.  
Your friend,  
**Cathy Galindo**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the shoes. Santa, I want a dirt bike and a scooter.  
Your friend,  
**Eric Orozco**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the clothes and the toy. How are you and Mrs. Santa? I want a skaters and a TV.  
Your friend,  
**Yvette Bustillos**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all the stuff that you brought me. How are you and Mrs. Santa? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? This year I want to have shoes and a scooter.  
Your friend,  
**Jose Tafolla**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for all of the stuff that you brought for me last year. How are you and Mrs. Santa doing? I want a dirt bike.  
Your friend,  
**Samantha Camarena**

Mrs. Dunham's Class  
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the bike last year. I would like some American girl doll stuff, twist or braids, and some dolls. Thank you for the stuff last year. I love the snow. I can't wait until Christmas. Happy holidays.  
Love,  
**Belen Gonzales**

Dear Santa,  
The present that short was perfect I love it it was perfect I check your Biedr is perfect and your soot is perfect and your shoe are prety. I want a bicke and sum pats and my mom and dad to have magic.  
Signed,  
**Ivana Agundis**

Look for more letters in Sunday's paper!



I will be good so I can go outside so please try to come to Muleshoe T.X. and I will be so good so you can bring me gifts. Merry Christmas. Thank you.  
Signed,  
**Crystal Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for getting me a boen arrow last year. This year please give me a gameboy advance and a bebe gun and another play station 2 game. and that's all.  
Signed,  
**Matthew Ambriz**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me the movie of Simba's Pride. This year I want the movie of Charlots web and the movie of Simba's Pride and I want a computer and how is your wife and how is Rudolph. and how are you. and how are the rest of your reindeers.  
Signed,  
**Jose Quezada**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for my Nintendo 64 and my BB gun and I ben bad. But if you forgv me I want a Boen aro and a pelet gun.  
Signed,  
**Joey Guerra**

Dear Santa,  
I liked the scooter and I hope that you can get a computer and I wish that if you can a T.V.  
Signed,  
**Sergio Vasquez Jr.**

Dear Santa,  
If you give me a new bike. I would like that and this year I would like a telephone please can I have a Bowin arow one more a puppy in a box a Black Lab please thank you if I get it and can you put a lot of peanut butter cups in my stocking I like those they taste good very good and can you put chocolate chips to please them are good things to I am in love on them things.  
Signed,  
**Brittany Moore**

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to tell the elves to make me a train set. And please will you tell the elves to make me a Dell computer please. And a zoid blocks please Santa Clause.  
Signed,  
**Weston Griswold**

Dear Santa,  
Santa please can I have a TV and a new bike and some tubes. Thank you. Merry Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Trevor Hill**

Dear Santa,  
I loved the 2000 Barbie. Can I please have a purple phone and a vesear thanks if you do. I will love you cook-

ies and milk. and Have a Merry Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Danielle Macias**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the bike last year. Can I please have a twist braids and a C.D. Player and a Telephone please. Santa I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Marissa Ramariz**

Dear Santa,  
May I have a Play Station 2 and games for it. Please may I have a Bike with hand Brakes and a computer game cold Boks 2.  
Signed,  
**Jordan Stroud**

Dear Santa,  
I loved the hair stuff you gave me. Can you please get me a ice cream maker and a robow-baby please. thank you.  
Love,  
**Alyssa Leal**

Dear Santa,  
Thank for the scooter that you gave me I would love it if you gave me a computer and a dog and a tale.  
Signed,  
**Doroteo Ruiz**

Dear Santa,  
how are you well I am just fine in the way Thank you for what you brought me last year But this year I want a trapolling please  
Love,  
**Gilbert Gomez**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me a bike. I wish I had a Barbie cupure please. and a Barbie doll please. and a Barbie register. thank you.  
Signed,  
**Adriana Guerra**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for giving me a Baby doll last year. this year can I have a bike for Christmas and a dogy.  
Love,  
**Summer Lowe**

Dear Santa,  
I'm sorry that the snow was hard last year and that you did not give me presents. And can you please ask your wife Mrs. Santa Claus if she can give you some cookies to give kids all over the world. And please some goodies in my stocking and my brother. And please wish every body in the hole wide world a Merry Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Patrick Mendoza**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for everything. Santa will you please try to



give me a new DivaStar and a white teddy bear a big teddy bear Santa a Barbie cook with me oven. Santa please forgive me for being bad and I will try to be good from now on and forgive me for being bad to my sister. Santa do not let me be fitting and if I am bad put me on your bad list you have my permission to Santa but I would really like I would really like if you bring it.  
Signed,  
**Andrea Alfaro**

Dear Santa,  
I will be better from now on please can you give me a play station and please. Give me a T.V. can you give me only lak UBout 8. Toys, please Because I am 8 years old. I am Matthew Paul Garza.  
Signed,  
**Matthew Garza**

Mrs. Morris' Class  
2nd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want a three speed bike for Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Matthew Bishop**

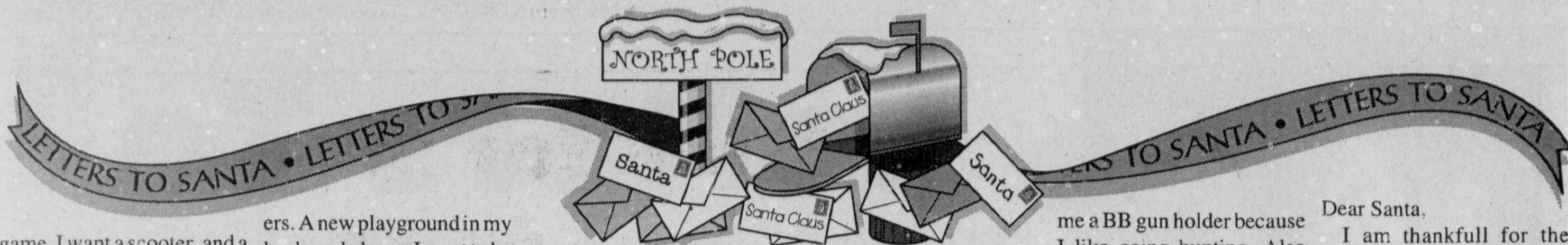
Dear Santa,  
I have been good all year. I want a play station 2, those tin shoes that have blades in them. a Barbie plan, a big bene baby that is a bear, a stuffed animal that is a cat, a big screen TV, a noo crismus tree. I Love you Santa. Oh the mooves I want Max stebel's big moove, monster's enc, the forth fre wele moove. Merry Christmas.  
From,  
**Brianna Long**

Dear Santa,  
Do you want to know what I want: If you do hear is a List, toy cars, robot, small soldiers. Merry crissmas to you.  
From,  
**Zachary Epperson**

Dear Santa,  
I have done my best this year. Don't get me the 82x4s instead I want a remote control plane, polaroid camera, and 5 particle boards, ho, ho, ho Merry Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Jordan Smith**

Dear Santa,  
I want a cassette and CD player and a play station 2





game. I want a scooter, and a game for the play station. And please bring me a computer. And last of all I want a mongoose bickicle and helmet. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
**Michael Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
I have been goob this year. I want toys from Santa to Christmas. I hope it is Christmas. I like radio. Marry Christmas.

Signed,  
**Isaak Thiessen**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good sow I won't a scooter whit a morder sow I can ride my scooter in my frut porch. sow I can let my sister ride my scooter. and sow I can ride my scooter whit my friend. and sow I can ride my scooter sow i can ride my scooter whit Alex and Damin. sow we can play a rase down the hill.

Signed,  
**Armando Toscano**

Dear Santa,  
I want a TV for me. I want a game cube. I want an X box, game boy, CD player. But For my sister I am going to get her a computer. For my brother. I will get him a X box and a game cube. I will get my mom and dad a screan TV. I will get them a car and a 4 willer. Merry Christmas.

From,  
**Damian Gardea**

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a trick bik and a Game boy cooler. and a letherick razer and a razer for my mom. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
**Hunter Carter**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. Les go on. I would please like a computer, me mo mo and most of all I would like a new cd player. My Dad want's lots of cole. Merry Christmas.

From,  
**Baylee Bessire**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this December I wat the movi Mootoo returns, packaemon 3 moovy, digymon cards, pox dvd 3-de, Eren carder CD. Merr Crismes.

Signed,  
**Max Vargas**

Dear Santa,  
I want a camputer, and a little puppie. Can you give me a play station too. I would like a unicorn. Mary Christmas.

From,  
**Sabrina Chavez**



Dear Santa,  
I wish for two new scoot-

ers. A new playground in my backyard please. I want to be a cheef. A hottub, playstation, bike, and a reindeer. I have a surprise when you come to my house and eat. Have a good ride. Merry Christmas.

Signed,  
**Alex Flores**

Dear Santa,  
I would like Pexter. I would like the amarecen girl name Linzy. I would also want you to give me the amaracen girl bunkbed.

I have a supriz at my hose wating for you.

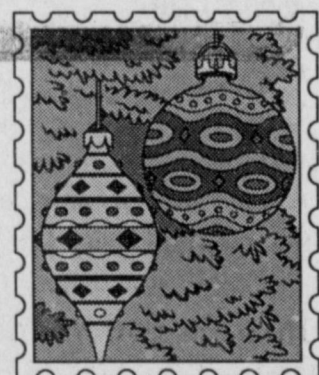
Love,  
**Madeleine Precure**

Dear Santa,  
I have been good thes year. Ples come to see me. I am wish for oll the toys in toy stor or the world. Merry Christmas ho ho ho.

Signed,  
**Juan Hernandez**

Dear Santa,  
I want for crismis is a Barbe, and the Nutcracker move. and a toy to play with and the cande for crismis choclet not the wuns with cheres gold canoes. I wish you a mare crismis I wish you a mare crismis and a hape ner.

Signed,  
**Annie Saldaña**



Dear Santa,  
I want to have a Barbie Nutcracker, scooter, clothes. Playstation 2. Big bear. A barbie Nutcracker movie. A toy story 2 movie. And a castle. Those Cinderella Barbies. A computer. Toys. A queen. Unicorn. 100 candy canes toys. Wreathe, a pet frog, baby seal, Game cube. and Merry christmas Santa

Love,  
**Jodee Hall**

Dear Santa,  
I want to have a electric blancet, heater, lap top, bord gams, pick up sticks, game boy, game boy color, and gamebory advanced sent to my Dads home. Merry crismas.

From,  
**Douglas Bartholf**

Dear Santa,  
I want Buzz lightyear, and a unicorn, and a Dvd, and a Star wars. Merry Holiday

From,  
**Roman Chavez**

Mrs. Morris' Class  
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Chrismas is a dragon-ball-Z because I never had a dragon-ball-Z action figuer. There is a cartoon about it and me and my brother like it. Can you please bring my dad a cd cleaner because he needs one. My



brother would like the whole collection of Digimon toys because he likes Digimon. My mom would like a new mira for her Mustang because the mira was broken. My baby would like shoes because she likes shoes.

Signed,  
**Sergio Montejano**

Dear Santa,  
What I wont for crismes is new games of my nitedo 64 and a dog like we use to have. I wont games fore my nitedo 64 cause we have no fun games. I wont a new dog cause we los are's. It was too small. I want a radio to and a alarm. I wont a radio so I can play my cd's. I wont an alarm so I can wack up early in the morning. I also want a computer one that has the internet and that has a printer, and a cd burner. I wont it so I can email my cusens and so I can do my homework.

Signed,  
**Ramon Peña**

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a over head because I like playing school. Also, I would really like a computer so I can play games on it. Santa this isn't a present, but I really want some friends so they can play with my other friends at recess. I also want paper and a printer for the computer. If I get one I will be excited. The best thing I want for Christmas is for my family to enjoy it and have a Merry Christmas for us.

Love,  
**Devnie Orozco**

Dear Santa,  
I want a cd player boom box Because I don't have a boom box. I just want one so I can lisen to a cd. I want the cd called Aleasha Keaz. Because if I get a cd player boom box I could lisen to it. I want the cd dream street because I like the song they sing called it hapens every time. I want a set of gel pens and black paper Because I thin black paper is cool. I think gel pens are too. I also want a hands free phone Because I just want one. I think they are cool!

Signed,  
**Megan**

Dear Santa,  
I want somthings that are cool. I want a Winnie the pooh book because I like to coler a lot. I also want mark-

ers because I like to outline the pictures. the last thing I want is crayon's to coler inside of the picture. I hope you feel fine. How is Mrs. Claus? I have been a little good and a little bad.

Signed,  
**DenyS**

Dear Santa,  
I want something for Christmas like some school stuff so I can have fun and play school with some stuedents. I also want one of those cool Bazts at Wal-Mart because you can play with and also you could put diffent close on it. Foy my mom for christmas, I want to get her a gold watch and a vase fool with flowers because I want her to be happy and proud. For my dad I want to get him another jacket and also a pair of shoes too. For my big brother and my little brother I will get them a pool table and also I will get them a pair of shoes because they could were them to school and I would also get them a pair of clothes for school.

P.S. and get my mom some shoes too.  
P.S. and get my dad a wathc too.  
Signed,  
**Yvonne L.G.**

Dear Santa,  
I want a telephone and a computer a radio jump rope. Some of those music hit chips. Can you bring my mom some coke-cola stuff because she loves coke-cola stuff. Will you bring my dad baseball card's because he likes baseball cards. Can you bring my littel brother pamper's and wipes? They tell what they want so I can give them it. I will try to get you a present. I really want a trip in your slay. I will leve some cookies and milk. Marry Christmas!

Signed,  
**Heather Gutierrez**



Dear Santa,  
I want a cd player because I like to listen to music. I also want a saddle because I like rideing horses. Please bring

me a BB gun holder because I like going hunting. Also my dad wants some tools and my mom wants a jew-elry box. Bring my sister a Cristmas tree for next Christmas. P.S. I wll leav some cookies. Have a gate Christmas.

Signed,  
**Gage Edwards**

Dear Santa,  
I would like some Navy air plane's and some army toys, some farm toy's and a pool table and a computer for the whole family. Don't forget my sister Ashley Star, she wants a telescope. My brother Roman Lee, he wants a low Rider car. My brother Ramiro Ray wants some toy cars and trucks that go real fast. My Baby brother Rocky Tee wants toys that make noise with lots of flashing lights. Thank you very much.

Signed,  
**Romeo Jay Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a boom box and a CD called AM to PM by castina milan. I want them becuse I like lots of toy's . and music a lot. I also want a set of gel pen's and black paper. Also, a barbe mortorcicle. Also dad wants a golf set of work. My sister want's a barbie car to drive in. My mom wants neckklosis and rings to be pretty. I'll give you some cookies and milk becse It's a long drive to my house. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Cristmas. HO. HO. HO!

Signed,  
**Raenee Wildman**

Dear Santa,  
The main thing I want for Christmas is a play station because when we go to tera's and whitney's that is thats wot I do all day. The second main thing I want is a J.I. Joe set. They are so cool to collet any ways I love the Navy and our country.

Signed,  
**Roper Kerby**

Mrs. Brown's Class  
3rd Grade

Dear Santa,  
I'm thankful for the Elfs for making the toys for us. I'm happy that we have Christmas Eve and lights, God making Snow. I'm thankful for Mom and Dad, Grama, Grampa. I'm thankful for my parents that give me and my sister pesents under the tree. I want a fier Ball race track.

Love,  
**Sylvester**



Dear Santa,

I am thankful for the people who Loves me. I am thankful that we have shellter and food. I am happy that we sellabrate crismas every year. Dear Santa, I would like to have a Playstation 2 for crismas.

Your friend,  
**Clay Peña**

Dear Santa,

I am exited about Chritsmas. I want a new CD player or a collection of gelpens that have all the colers. If you could, bring me a CD with the CD player and bring presents for all the kids.

Your friend,  
**Erick Avila**

Dear Santa,

I enjoy Christmas because i spend time with my family. I want to get my brother a new bike and my mom a dvd player, my Dad some boots, my grandpa a jacket my grandma a kitten. My aunt Bea a dog, my cousin Sasha a jacket, my big cousin Salmon some tennis shoes, my aunt Laura some work clothes. I want a computer, i want a Basketball court, a go-cart, a history book, a telascope, a pellet gun, a CD player, a bahaman CD, a Britney spears CD that has the song maned I'm slave for you and i want a Lab puppy, i want a Monsters inc. video.

Signed,  
**Valeria Olivas**

Dear Santa,

I have been looking forward to this Christmas. I am thankfull for food because food gives you energy to stary helthy. I am also thankfull for my Mom because she takes care of me and loves me. And I am thankfull for freedom. There are a few things I want for Christmas. The first thing I want is a portable cd player. And I want a bike so I can ride it to my friends houses.

I will leav you some milk and cookies.

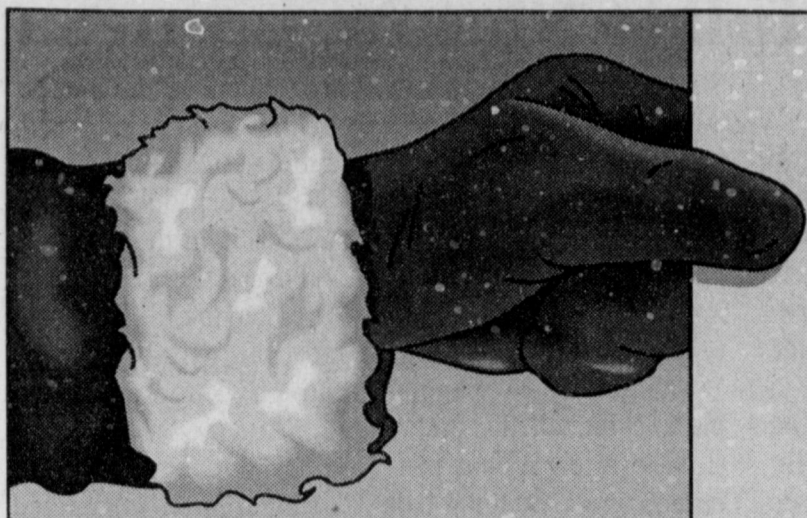
Your friend,  
**Cassidy Lowe**

Dear Santa,

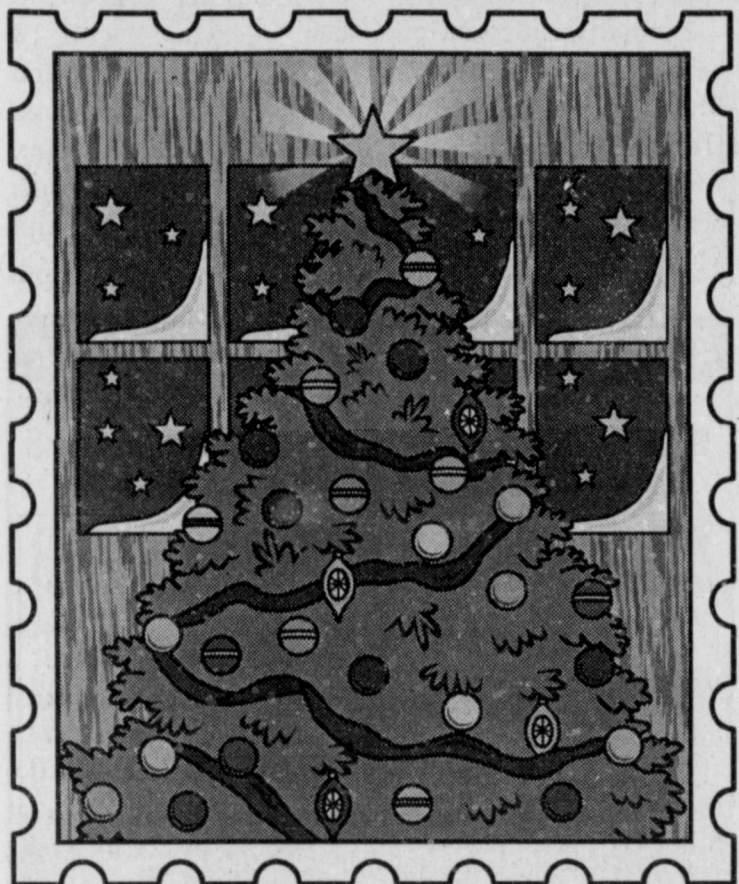
I will thank you for Christmas and presents. I will leave you cookies and cheese. I bleve in you Santa and I rilly won't a bik and a jacket for the winter and for my family I wont presents for my famley. Are you wiley Santa and do you realy hav reiners that fly and do your realy have a sled that flies.

Love,  
**Cody**





# Look for more Letters to Santa in the Sunday paper!



Dear Santa,  
I am really looking forward for Christmas this year because it is fun to get presents. I am thankful for Christmas, my mom and Dad and my two brothers. and my warm house too. For Christmas I would like a porcelain doll and I will also like some mystery books and scary books too. I would also like the book The Ghost of Fosl Glen.  
Signed,  
**Jennifer Payen**

Dear Santa,  
I love to have Christmas with my family. I'm thankful for having the best family and friends. Santa I want a mountain bike because it is cool to ride on it feels good when the breeze flows through my hair. I want a diamond ring for my mom, a pair of boots for my dad, and two glass bears for my sister. And a glass angel for my grandma, new clothes for my grandpa, and new toys for my dad and grandpa. And a new pair of black pants for my mom.  
Your friend,  
**Britney Crandell**

Dear Santa,  
I am so excited about Christmas. I am thankful for my mom and my dad my cousins and my baby sister, and my sister. I want a PlayStation 2 with Madden 2002, and I want a Game Boy Advance with a game.  
Your friend,  
**Matthew Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
I am excited about Christmas coming. I am thankful for my mom and my dad, grandma, grandpa, cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, family, shoes, clothes, home, pets, toys, school, food. I want a new Mexican Diva doll or a charoche machien with three tapes.  
Signed,  
**Ivon Mendoza**

Dear Santa,  
I'm thankful for my dad, my mom and my sisters and what I want for Christmas is

transformer and a Legend of Zelda Majora's Mask video game.  
Signed,  
**James Robert Dunn**

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is my favorite time of year because you get to open presents like on your birthday. Santa before I will ever tell you what I want I am going to tell you what I am thankful for bringing presents to other kids because some kids can't get presents. Santa, I want a real clock so when my mom wakes up I could see what time it is. I want to get a white board and a marker to go with it.  
Signed,  
**Hannah Ransear**

Dear Santa,  
Santa for Christmas all I want is my Ant Nanda and my uncle Junior and two cousins Sabrina and Pelone and my little cousin Zacery. and for Christmas I do not want toys because my Ant Nanda and Junior now live in Red Oak. Dear Santa, I am thankful for my Ant Nanda and Uncle Junior because they live 3 miles from Muleshoe and Santa for Christmas everything I want for Christmas is my Ant Nanda.  
Your friend,  
**Isaias Guerra**



Dear Santa,  
I feel thankful for my mom and Dad. I want a bike because I don't have one and a Joey NSync Doll and Rolling Runners.  
Your friend,  
**Vanessa Velazquez**

Dear Santa,  
I am thankful for my clothes and my shoes and for my mom and Dad for watching over me. I am thankful for my little sister because she is so nice. I am so excited because Christ-

mas is coming. I like Christmas because we get to open presents, I will leave you cheese and cookies. I want a bike and a shirt for my mom and Dad. could I see one of your reindeer?  
Signed,  
**GeneVie Villalobos**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I would like an easy bake oven. I would also like Betty Spaghetti. I would like a shirt and pants with pigs on them. I would like a CD player. With CDs. I can't wait to see you.  
Signed,  
**Amanda Rainey**

Dear Santa,  
I am so excited about Christmas. I am thankful for my family and friends. The first thing I want is a 70 Blue dirt bike. The second thing I want is a set of Jack Stone lego set. The third thing I want is a happy Christmas.  
To Santa Signed,  
**Chance O'Hare**

Dear Santa,  
I'm excited because Christmas is coming. I'm thankful for my friends and family, the soldiers that are fighting in Afghanistan. I want a present. This one, X Box, OK Santa? And another thing I want is the Tom Raider movies and the games with the X Box. OK Santa? I want a computer game too.  
To Santa,  
**Joey Ramirez**

Mrs. Castañeda's Class  
4th Grade

Dear Santa,  
This year I want to have 4 things. One thing is a puppy for outside. He should not bite or claw me or my friends. I wish he was a Labrador. The next thing I want is a new set for my bike. I want it to be jet black. The next to the last is for my family to be happy. Now the last important thing is that my grandpa will not die. I hope I will get to have what I wish for.  
Love,  
**Stephanie Kirby**

Dear Santa,  
I really don't want anything. I just want a puppy and the whole world to be happy. Please get something for the people that don't have toys and stuff they need. Thank you!  
Love,  
**Alyssa Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
I want to have a CD player to take it around places. I want C.D.'s like Backstreet Boys, Little Bow Wow, and Little Romeo. I would like to have a D.V.D. player with movies like Harry Potter, My First Kiss, She's All That, and have The Last Dance. I also want a trampoline and a

swimming pool. The last thing I want is big screen T.V. and a PlayStation.  
Love,  
**Julia Silva**

Dear Santa,  
I don't want a lot this year, but what I will want is for my family to be ok and that my brothers don't get in trouble. What I want is some lovely, cool, stylish clothes and some CDs called Drawrule and Nsync and Eve and Mrs. Ellet. I would also like a CD player or DVD player and some high heel boots. But there's something that I have to have and that is a necklace from Alco and a movie called She's All That.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Brenda Franco**

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a new computer. Also I want a fabulous story book. Then I want a brilliant bike and a marvelous 4 wheeler and a humongous trampoline. I would like a Harry Potter doll. Also I want to have a Horrible Harry and the Christmas Surprise chapter book. After that I want a big family Merry Christmas! I want a big and huge swimming pool for my family. I want a skating party for my birthday. Then I want a Lipstick to make my little sister happy. I want a fast book that I want for Christmas.  
Merry Christmas!  
**Marisela Casanova**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want the 4th Book of Harry Potter. Then four Nintendo games one of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, NFL Blitz 2001, Pokémon Snap and Pokémon Stadium. Thank you Santa.  
Your friend,  
**Guadalupe Hernandez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll house and a real puppy or a cat. But I really want a puppy. That is my favorite animal. If you would, can you get a baby for my baby house; a Kelly doll, and a Kelly horse. P.S. Please bring something for my baby sister.  
Signed,  
**Starlit Schonasky**

Kinder Korner  
Dear Santa,  
My name is Zach Duncan. I am 4 yrs. old. I have been good and I would like for you to bring me Bob the Builder Trucks, I really need Lofty. Thank you.  
Signed,  
**Zach Duncan**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cade Box. I am 5 yrs. old. No matter what anyone else tells you, I've been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a toy

gun with soft bullets. You'll know my house because there is a big red Texas Tech sign in my yard. Thanks.  
Signed,  
**Cade Box**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Treg Box. I am 2 yrs. old. I've been fairly good this year. You might double check my brother Cade's letter if he tells you he's been good. I would like a toy gun. Thank you and Merry Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Treg J. Box**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kenlea Barnes. I am 3 yrs. old. I would like for you to bring me a doll and boots and some



princess stuff. I've been good (just ask Gran). Thank you.  
Signed,  
**Kenlea Barnes**

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! How are you doing? I have been doing fine. I have been pretty good. I would like for you to bring me a Mr. Potato Head and a cat-dog. Thanks man!  
Signed,  
**Terran King**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jett Black. I am 4 yrs. old. I would like for you to bring me Shaggy and Scooby, Daphne, Wilma, Freddy, the snake and the Tonka. Thank you and Merry Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Jett Black**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Lauren Isaacson. I am 2 yrs. old. I would like for you to bring me a Barbie (the Nutcracker Barbie and the movie too). Bring my brothers a surprise and for my Daddy — some crackers for his tummy — oh yeah, make the surprise for John Ryan and Jack, tractors (green ones). Thank you.  
Signed,  
**Lauren Isaacson**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tony Castillo. I am 4 yrs. old. I have been pretty good so if you could, would you bring me a tractor (a red one), a baseball, and some candy for my stocking. Thanks and have a great Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Tony Castillo**

**Merry Christmas!**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rachelle Whitworth. I am 3 yrs. old. I would like you to bring me a doll for Christmas. Don't forget my sisters. They need something too. Merry Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Rachelle Whitworth**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dagen Dunham. I am 2 yrs. old. I have been real good this year (ask Mrs. Scott or Mrs. Tunnel). Mom or Dad might not give you the right answer. I would like you to bring me a helmet so I can play football. Merry Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Dagen Dunham**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashley Price. I am 3 yrs. old today (Dec. 11). I would like a teddy bear and skates. Thank you and have a great Christmas.  
Signed,  
**Ashley Price**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Sam and I am 3 yrs. old. I would like you to bring me a choo-choo train stop sign for the train and a dinosaur. Thanks.  
Signed,  
**Sam Euresti**

Dear Santa,  
I am Lauren Piland and I am 3 yrs. old. I would like for you to bring me a doo named "Sister Calli." She has a mommy and painting stuff. Thank you and have a great Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Lauren Piland**

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! Boy have I been good this year! I would like for you to bring me a horse (a play one) a bear and bring a little bear for my sister. I am 2 yrs. old right now but by the time you come, I will be 3. Merry Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Blake Parker** "Blakey Poo" to those who know me.

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa! How are you? I am Kinzi Cleavenger and I am 2 yrs. old. I have been a good girl this year. I would like you to bring me a doll (deep down I really want a firetruck but mommy says I need a doll). Merry Christmas!  
Signed,  
**Kinzi Cleavenger**





Courtesy photo: Clay Kidd

### Employee of the month

Gathered to honor Mary Jo Schacher as the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce employee of the month for November are (from left) Chamber President Mark Washington, Schacher, Mike Holt, Wells Hall, David Marricle and Chuck Smith. Schacher works at United Supermarket.

### HOOPS

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Shani Rasco had her first of four blocked shots in the second period and Tori Barton busted a three to send the Lady Tors to the dressing room trailing 29-15.

Then, with 18 seconds left in the third period, Carpenter drove the baseline for a layup. She swiped the ball from a Lady Tor and was fouled driving to the hoop. Sinking both attempts from the charity stripe to end the third period put Muleshoe on top

45-28.

In the final quarter, the Lady Mules swept past Lamesa 26-15 with Flores nailing two from behind the arc and Gartin and Rendi Hodge contributing a trey each. In the final minute, Hodge was fouled shooting a three, and sank all three free throws.

Candace Hutto was fouled putting up her patented scoop shot and connected on a free throw to end the scoring for the night. Lamesa's Ashley Hunter led

all scoring with 19 points and the Lady Tors made 15 of 20 free throws.

Gartin led Muleshoe with 18 points, including a three-pointer, and Barton dropped in three threes and 11 points. Benham had nine points, and Flores made two threes and eight points to go along with Carpenter's eight. Hodge nailed a three and six points, Hutto made three, Rasco, Locker and Cox two apiece.

The Lady Mules grabbed 40 rebounds in the game.

## Freshman boys top Shallowater in overtime

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

After struggling in the Muleshoe JV Tournament, the freshman Mules broke into the win column Monday by defeating the Shallowater Mustangs 56-54 in overtime Dec. 10 at home.

The Mules lost to the junior varsity teams from Hale Center, Tulia and Friona in the Muleshoe tournament and dropped their next district game to Dimmitt.

But then the Mules found themselves facing a larger and — at least at the beginning of the game — more confident team from Shallowater. The friendly confines of their home gym apparently gave the Mules the support they needed to play the game of their young lives.

The Mustangs controlled the opening tip quickly leaped to a 6-0 lead in what appeared to be another blow-out for the struggling young Mules. Danny Bonilla finally got the Mules on the board, putting back a rebound with 1:15 left in the first period.

Brady Broyles hit from 18 feet with 10 seconds remaining in the first period to cut the Mustang advantage to 8-4. Trent Black nailed a three as the second frame got under way, and from then on the Mules' confidence increased and they kept the game close.

Bonilla put together an old-fashioned three-point play by driving the lane and then canning the free throw. Thomas Buenrostro sank a shot with just less than a minute remaining in the half, and Bonilla drove the lane for two as the half ended with the Mules trailing 19-16.

Barry Morris got the shooter's roll as he hit a three from the corner to crank the Mule offense in the third quarter and tie the game at 19-19. Tyler Wood nailed a three at the six-minute mark to give the Mules their first lead of the game.

There were 13 lead changes in the rest of the game as the teams battled for an advantage. After six lead changes in less than four minutes in the third period, Shallowater took a 34-29 lead into the final frame.

Black found Kory Atwood open underneath to cut the Mustang advantage to 34-31 one minute into the final period. Bonilla drove the lane for two, popped out on the arc and knocked down a three to give the Mules a 36-34 advantage with six minutes remaining.

The battle raged as the time ran down, with the lead changing hands six times in the final quarter. Eric Newton drained a three with just

under two minutes left to give Muleshoe a one-point advantage.

With less than 14 seconds to go, the Mules called time out to discuss the situation. Down by two points, the Mules in-bounded the ball and Bonilla dropped in a 10-foot running jumper to send the game to overtime.

The Mustangs took a five-point lead as the overtime period began. Morris saw Wood running through the Mustangs' back door and got him the ball for an easy two. Morris made four-of-six pressure free throws in the final minutes to tie the game at 53 with 1:35 showing on the clock.

Bonilla muscled out the Mustangs to grab Morris' missed final free throw and put it back to give the Mules the lead for good. Atwood was fouled pulling down a defensive free throw and sealed the win by making one-of-two from the charity stripe with 14 seconds re-

of the team. Mason shared his thoughts about the team, the district and Region I competition, then fielded questions.

Those in charge of the next two programs were Robert Lepard (Dec. 18) and Don McElroy (Jan. 8).

Hooten explained the club's membership drive, which is scheduled for January through March 31. A committee led by George Nieman created the rules and rewards for the drive. Members are to seek responsible individuals who seek to better Muleshoe and the world while practicing the Rotary ideals.

Nieman was the Hunger Plus winner for the week.

## JV boys fall to Slaton, Lamesa

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

SLATON — The Slaton Tigers mauled the junior varsity Mules 54-39 on Dec. 12. The Mules stayed close at first, ending the first period trailing by only three points, 13-10.

Layne Sheets led the Mules with 11 points, including three three-pointers, and Eric Villa had nine. Bryan King added eight, Daniel Campolla four; Chris Peña and Tatom Heathington had a three-pointer apiece and Glen Scott dropped in a point for Muleshoe.

In Lamesa on Dec. 14, the Mules contained the Golden Tornadoes in the first half, then let Lamesa blow past them in the final half for a 64-49 win.

Heathington was hot from behind the arc in the opening minutes, giving the Mules a 9-7 lead with 2:30 left in the first period. Lamesa climbed on top with five unanswered points before Sheets snagged a Tornado pass and went for a bucket that ended the first period with the Mules trailing 12-11.

Campolla briefly put the Mules on top when he put back a rebound to open the second period. Lamesa poured in six points before

Sheets was fouled driving the lane and connected on a free throw.

After a defensive stop, Heathington drove the baseline and scored — pulling the Mules back to within two at 18-16.

The teams exchanged baskets, then Villa canned a three after Sheets penetrated and kicked the ball back out past the arc to him.

King got position and put back a rebound to push the Mules up by three points. Lamesa knotted the score with a traditional three-point play at 23 each. A Mule turn-over resulted in

two points as the buzzer ended the first half with Lamesa leading 25-23.

The Tors pounded the ball inside in the third period to out score the Mules 23-13 and take a 48-36 lead into the final quarter. Lamesa was too big and too strong on the inside for the Mules to overtake.

Heathington connected on four three-pointers to lead the Mules with 18 points, Sheets added 10 and Villa had seven points. Campolla and Alex Agundis each had four, King, Scott and Peña dropped in two apiece.

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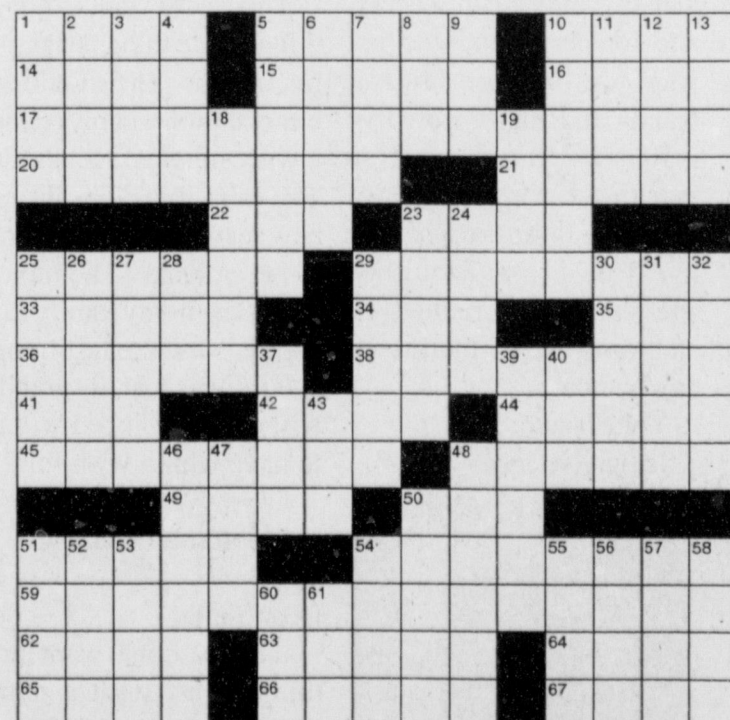
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- A way to wound
- Bogs down
- Requests
- Yeasts
- Wipe out
- A way to burn
- Two-year-old sheep
- Of cheekbone
- Timbers
- Greek island in the Mediterranean
- The god of the underworld
- Work natural fibers into a thread
- Ancient Persia ruler
- A major division of geological time
- Black or green
- In a way, chopped
- Dazed
- Enchantresses
- Ghastly pale from physical or emotional distress
- Knife
- Predatory whale
- Hawaiian Island
- The content of cognition
- Abba \_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
- Toboggan
- Bearded or dwarf
- Unpleasant person
- Request
- Last in an indefinitely large series

### Clues ACROSS

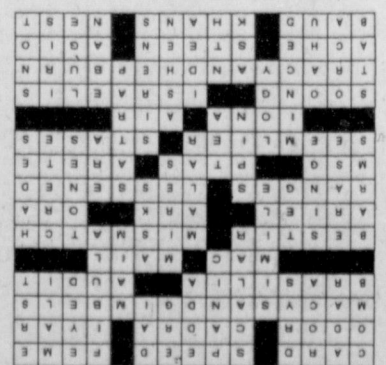
- Greeting or sympathy
- Velocity
- A wife (law)
- Smell
- Flour moths genus
- Hebrew calendar month
- Retail rivals
- A city built on the central plateau
- Inspect
- Raincoat
- Flexible armor
- Rouse
- One-sided contest
- Spirit in "The Tempest"
- Sacred chest
- Opening
- Stoves
- Reduced in size
- Food additive, abbr.
- School groups
- A sharp narrow ridge
- More becoming
- Conditions of balance

- Private school in New York
- The act of singing
- Mei-ling \_\_\_\_, wife of Chiang Kai-shek
- Peace talk participants
- Famous acting duo
- Sustained dull painful emotion
- Jan \_\_\_\_, Dutch painter
- Exchange premium
- Data transmission speed measure
- Caravanserais
- A cozy or secluded retreat

### Clues DOWN

- Search thoroughly
- Hebrew calendar month
- Cape near Lisbon
- Dehydrates
- A variable quantity
- State of sudden fright
- Icelandic poems
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- Thai
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- In a way, looked

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# Clemmons feted with shower

Monica Clemmons of Lubbock was honored with a bridal shower Dec. 2 at the home of Fred and Ruth Locker of Muleshoe.

The honoree is the daughter of Terome and JimElla Clemmons of Muleshoe and the bride-elect of Marcus Williams of Poland, formerly of Plainview. The prospective groom is the son of Brenda Williams of Plainview and Bobby Williams of Amarillo.

The table was covered in a hunter-green tablecloth. The centerpiece was an arrangement of silk poinsettias and pine cones.

Refreshments, served from crystal and brass appointments, were sandtart cookies, wassail and iced tea.

The bride-elect's colors included burgundy and hunter green. She wore a corsage of red roses.

Special guests were the bride-elect's mother; Amelia Clemmons of Muleshoe, the



Monica Clemmons pauses during her bridal shower.

bride-elect's sister; Ella Wese Norman of Muleshoe, the bride-elect's grandmother; and Lillie Williams of Plainview, the prospective groom's grandmother.

Hostesses for the occasion were Connie Alanís, Paula Benton, Janice Bradshaw, Diane Brown, Linda Campoya, Carol

Cox, Jan Crawford, Paulette Foster, Bonnie Green, Lori Hendricks, Druscilla Hutton, Adena Johnson, Diane Saylor, Ricki Kelly, Kay Lepard, Ruth Locker, Johnette Marlow, Kay Moncrief and Cindy Purdy.

The hostess gift was an occasional chair.

# Varsity Mules fall to Slaton Tigers 74-68

By DELTON WILHITE  
Journal sportswriter

SLATON — After picking up their first win in the final game of the I-27 Tournament by scorching the Tulia Hornets, the Mules took on Slaton on Dec. 11 and came up short 74-68.

Lincoln Riley returned to active duty after missing the I-27 games with a sprained ankle he sustained in the Hale Center contest. He may have returned a little too soon, but his presence made a difference as the Mules displayed character in several comebacks during the 32 minutes.

When Slaton had jumped out to a 13-5 lead with 3:30 left in the first period, Riley drove the baseline to re-crank the Mule's sputtering offense.

Kyle Atwood nailed a three from the top of the key, and Chance Turney scored in the lane to draw the Mules to only a three-point deficit with less than two minutes left in the first frame.

The Tigers streaked away from the Mules before the end of the

period, however, and led 24-14 by the end of the quarter. Riley re-injured his ankle as the second period got under way. The Mules played well enough in the second frame to keep the Tigers from blowing them out and went to the locker room trailing 42-30.

Riley returned after the intermission, and the Mules responded by outscoring the athletic Tigers 22-16 in the third period, trimming the Slaton lead to 58-52.

Atwood opened the sec-

ond half by driving the lane and dealing the ball to a wide-open Stephan Shelburne. Shelburne nailed a three after a Mule defensive stop.

Landon Sheets canned a three and Riley kicked the ball back out to Atwood behind the arc for the Mules' third three-pointer of the third quarter.

In the final frame, Muleshoe continued to chip away at the Tiger advantage. Turney sank both shots from the charity stripe after being fouled on a put-back, pushing the

## OBITUARY

### CLAUDIA CANTRELL

Graveside services were held Monday at Sudan Cemetery for Claudia Mae Cantrell, 84, of Earth. The Rev. Bobby Broyles officiated.

Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Mrs. Cantrell was born May 1, 1917. She died Dec. 13 in Olton.

She married Vearnie Earl "Dink" Cantrell on Feb. 2, 1934. He died in January 1981.

She had been a resident of Earth since 1950, when she moved there from Sudan. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Cantrell is survived by four sons, Rudy Cantrell of Bula, Gene Cantrell and James Cantrell, both of Earth, and Ronnie Cantrell of Tucumcari; nine daughters, Louise Miller and Nancy Cantrell, both of Earth, Ruby Fulenwider of Springlake, Pansy Scott of Dallas, Patsy Gilmore of Tucson, Ariz., Gloria French of

Gray, Texas, Renda Callaway of Midland, Linda Reaves of Dumas, Ark., and Peggy Alvarado of Georgetown, Texas; a sister, Betty Clawson of Richmond, Vermont; 34 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Billy Roy Cantrell, in 1946; a granddaughter, Georgia Ann Cantrell, in 1979; and a sister, Melba Hayes.

The family suggests memo-

## HONORS

### MOORE

Bill Moore, retired Muleshoe school superintendent, has been elected to the board of directors of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

He retired from the Muleshoe post in May 1999.

Turney four and Matt Luna one.

Mules to within one point, 60-59, with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

The Tigers, however, had more offense left in their tank than the Mules could stop in the final two minutes.

Sheets canned three three-pointers to lead the Mules with 17 points, and Riley followed with 16. Atwood also had three threes and 12 points, Brennan Broyles added eight, Shelburne seven with a three-pointer,

## BIRTHS

### 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.

Grandparents are Victoria and Joel Cuevas and Anita and Mario Flores, all of Mule-

shoe. Great-grandparents are Benito and Juanita Alarcón of La Feria, Texas.

### RIVERA

Juan and Edna Rivera of Bovina are the parents of a boy, Juan Carlos Rivera, born at 6:42 p.m. Dec. 5 at Muleshoe Area Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Camio Rivera, Anita Bañuelos, Rafael A. Carrera and Maria del Socorro Arzeta.

## NURSING HOME NEWS

By Joy Stancell

The residents made snowflake tree ornaments in craft class Thursday morning.

Zona Gatewood and Janis Cowley directed the devotional Thursday morning.

Friday afternoon, Avis and Harold Carpenter filled the center with music and song and reminded residents and staff of their blessings.

Saturday morning, Buster Kittrell came to give the men haircuts and shaves.

Iris Clements and Harold and Mary Jo Burge directed the bingo bash Saturday afternoon.

Brenda Black's class from Watson Junior High continues to visit and decorate the residents' doors for Christmas.

Zona Gatewood directed a "Carol of Lights" on Friday evening, shortly after the residents' supper. The residents joined in with singing and playing rhythm-band instruments.

Alta Gore's family hosted her 90th birthday party in the employee dining room Sunday afternoon. A host of friends and

family came to the celebration.

Tuesday morning, the Rev. Gary and Judy Hubbard from the Earth United Methodist Church directed a memorial service for John New and Alva Sparks.

The center staff and residents extend sympathy to the family of Alva Sparks.

Linda Nowell, Josie Ovalle, Eva Nell Dale, Beverly Waggon, Claudine Embry, Dorothy Turner, Lanell Stancell and Janis Cowley shampooed and set the women's hair Tuesday afternoon. Norma Eaves gave manicures.

Joe Embry, Harold Burge, Stacy Conner, Cody Favor, Elsie Damron and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nowlin were among the visitors Tuesday.

Members of the 16th and Avenue D Church of Christ came for a singing service Sunday afternoon.

The Watson Junior High advanced choir and its director, Allison Johnston, and accompanist, Fran Hamilton, presented

a Christmas concert at the care center Tuesday afternoon.

Buster Kittrell and Harold and Mary Jo Burge served coffee and doughnuts to the residents Wednesday morning. Harold Burge directed the discussion; Steve Claybrook, Loyce Killingsworth, Buster Kittrell and Jim Claunch directed the devotional.

Glenda Jennings and Jackie Scoggins came Wednesday afternoon and directed a sing-along and puppet show.

Those associated with the center appreciate contributors to the Christmas card project.

The residents' visit from Santa Claus is scheduled for 4 p.m. Dec. 20.

Nettie Quesenberry was visited by her daughters, Anna B. Lane and Nadine Macha; her sons-in-law, Jack Lane and Abel Macha; and granddaughter, Michelle Standard, and children.

Mary Johnson was visited Tuesday by her newborn great-grandson, Jordon Levi Obenhaus.



## Muleshoe Cattle Market

SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 2001

## REPRESENTATIVE SALES

1283 head of cattle, 196 hogs and 189 sheep and goats for a total of 1,668 animals were sold at the Dec. 15th sale. Market steady on all classes of cattle. Good selection of quality cfs. and yearlings offered at the sale this week. Packer cows steady to a dollar higher. Remember, **NO SALES Dec. 22nd and 29th**. First sale of 2002 will be Jan. 5th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at Muleshoe Livestock Auction.

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| Antonio Dominguez, Portales, NM | 11 | Hol. Bulls   | 198 lbs.  | at \$106.00 |
| Schaap Dairy, Portales, NM      | 24 | Hol. Bulls   | 326 lbs.  | at \$77.50  |
| Jose Almanza, Muleshoe          |    | Yell. Str    | 315 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| Rudy Temorio, Bernalillo, NM    | 4  | Mxd. Strs    | 369 lbs.  | at \$115.00 |
| Rudy Temorio, Bernalillo, NM    | 3  | Mxd. Strs    | 448 lbs.  | at \$111.00 |
| Humberto Mendoza, Muleshoe      |    | Char. Bull   | 395 lbs.  | at \$111.00 |
| D&S Cattle, Levelland           | 8  | Char. Strs   | 489 lbs.  | at \$101.00 |
| D&S Cattle, Levelland           | 8  | Char. Strs   | 589 lbs.  | at \$92.00  |
| Robert Zetsch, Friona           | 3  | Red Strs     | 525 lbs.  | at \$95.00  |
| Bo Chunn, Causey, NM            | 2  | Mxd. Strs    | 533 lbs.  | at \$95.00  |
| Bo Chunn, Causey, NM            | 4  | Mxd. Strs    | 626 lbs.  | at \$85.00  |
| Walking T Farms, Muleshoe       | 6  | Red Bulls    | 691 lbs.  | at \$78.00  |
| Schade Ranch, Piñon, NM         | 13 | Bk. Strs     | 720 lbs.  | at \$82.50  |
| Rudy Temorio, Bernalillo, NM    | 2  | Mxd. Hfrs    | 318 lbs.  | at \$101.00 |
| Rudy Temorio, Bernalillo, NM    | 4  | Mxd. Hfrs    | 411 lbs.  | at \$91.00  |
| Ceferino Reyes, Hereford        | 6  | Mxd. Hfrs    | 330 lbs.  | at \$102.00 |
| Robert Zetsch, Friona           | 3  | Red Hfrs     | 400 lbs.  | at \$96.00  |
| Schade Ranch, Piñon, NM         | 14 | Mxd. Hfrs    | 438 lbs.  | at \$96.00  |
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| D&S Cattle, Levelland           | 7  | Char. Hfrs   | 483 lbs.  | at \$91.00  |
| D&S Cattle, Levelland           | 13 | Char. Hfrs   | 564 lbs.  | at \$86.50  |
| Earl Smith, Pampa               | 2  | Bk. Hfrs     | 488 lbs.  | at \$88.50  |
| Waverly Crisell, Pep, NM        | 3  | Bk. Hfrs     | 668 lbs.  | at \$80.50  |
| Alma Rodriguez, Bula            |    | Red Pair     |           | \$840.00    |
| Cody Acosta, Olton              |    | Char. Cow P6 |           | \$575.00    |
| L.R. Farms, Channing            | 6  | Red Cows P6  |           | \$550.00    |
| L.R. Farms, Channing            | 8  | BWF Cows P5  |           | \$550.00    |
| Brenda Jesko, Muleshoe          |    | Bk. Cow      | 1605 lbs. | at \$37.25  |
| BT Livestock, Morton            |    | Red Cow      | 1645 lbs. | at \$38.00  |
| Paula Nix, Olton                |    | YWF Cow      | 1400 lbs. | at \$44.75  |
| Jacob Vandering, Hereford       |    | Hol. Cow     | 1415 lbs. | at \$36.50  |
| Juan Soto, Clovis, NM           |    | Hol. Cow     | 1310 lbs. | at \$37.50  |
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# HERITAGE FOUNDATION

A hostess is on duty to Conducted tours of the Muleshoe Heritage Center holiday decorations are available each weekday from 1 to 5 p.m. and on weekends, by reservation.

Muleshoe Heritage Foundation board members begin planning early each year for this festive season.

Board members held their monthly meeting Dec. 3, but came early to put up this year's decorations. They also brought pot-luck contributions for later in the evening.

The men dragged out the Christmas trees to put up upstairs in the Janes ranch house and in the Santa Fe depot.

Members began decorating while men checked the outside lights on the buildings. Keith Hawkins reported that 135 bulbs had to be replaced, which proved quite a job.

Board members attending (and spouses where noted) were President Wells Hall and his family, Vice President Dan and Millie Throckmorton, Secretary Walter Marie Boness, Treasurer Vivian White, Public Relations Representative Jean Allison, Keith and Brenda Hawkins, Rita Hawkins, Larry Nickels, Ladene Spears, Magann and Jack Rennels and Lonnie Adrian.

Student-Community Action Club members came for their annual decorating of the old-fashioned Christmas tree downstairs in the Janes ranch house.

A live tree was brought to the house and members placed the ornaments they had made. The tree had a patriotic theme this



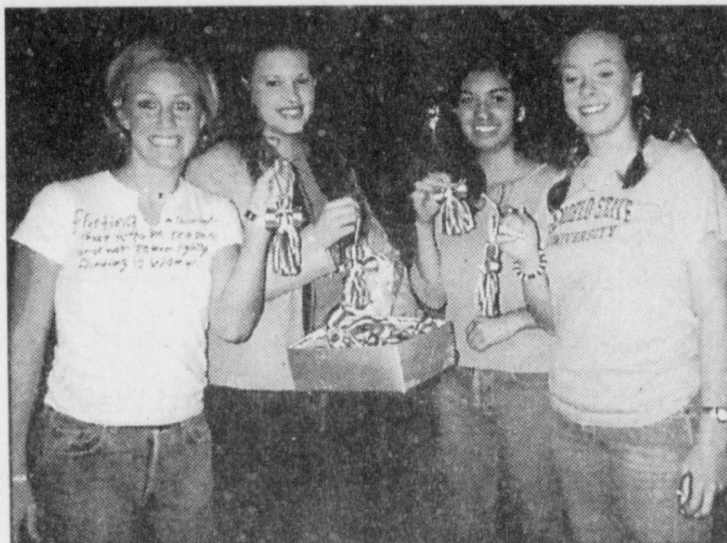
Hailey Wallace (third from right) and her Little Miss Christmas USA court.

year of red, white and blue decorations. Under the tree, members placed canned goods for the Bailey County Food Pantry, as they sang carols and continued decorating the downstairs of the Janes house.

Rope wreaths made by club sponsors Gina and Chris Mardis were hung on the front of the house. Allison, the other club sponsor, brought cider (and "did some bossing," she said) to go with other Christmas refreshments brought by club members.

By the end of the Monday before Christmas, the center was decorated and ready for guests and activities.

One of the biggest celebrations of the year at the center each year is the Old-Fashioned Christmas Open House, held Dec. 8 this year, tours were conducted, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were on hand for pictures and interviews



Megan Barrett (left), Jessica Hardt, Carmen Flores and Laura Wood show the ornaments made by club members for the Muleshoe Heritage Center's old-fashioned Christmas tree.

with their young guests, and Christmas refreshments were served to all.

A new activity this year was the Cutest Christmas Baby Con-

test, for those from birth to 2 years old, and the Little Miss or Mr. Christmas USA, for those ages 2 to 5. Judges for the contest were Peggy Buhman, Myrt Feagley,



Winners in the cutest baby category were first-place Kiara Regalado (left), held by her mother, Anna Regalado, and second-place Megan Elliott, held by her grandmother, Sheila Stevenson.

Robert Montgomery and SCAC members Carmen Flores and Elizabeth Castorena.

Allison introduced the judges and the Mistress of Ceremonies Magann Rennels of Channel 6.

Rennels introduced and interviewed each contestant. The interviews were shown twice on Channel 6.

Assisting with the competition were Boness as registrar and SCAC members Janna Skaggs, Laura Wood and Nikki Bonds.

The judges had to choose from nine babies and six Little Miss USA contestants.

Winners in the birth to 2 years competition were:

First — Kiara Regalado, daughter of Anna and Salvador Regalado of Muleshoe; and

Second — Megan Elliott, daughter of Tessa and Brent Elliott of Clovis and granddaughter of Sheila and Jo Bob Stevenson of Muleshoe.

First place as Little Miss Christmas USA went to Hailey Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wallace of Muleshoe. No second place was offered in this category.

Prizes of \$50 went to the first-nine babies and six Little Miss USA winners and \$25 to the second-place winner, awarded by the Muleshoe Heritage Foundation.

## TODAY'S RECIPE

**APPLE HARVEST OATMEAL CAKE**  
 1 1/2 cups (firmly packed) brown sugar  
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 3 eggs  
 3/4 cup margarine or butter, softened  
 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. baking powder  
 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
 1 1/2 cups peeled apples, finely chopped  
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
**Frosting:**  
 2 cups powdered sugar  
 1/4 cup margarine (1/2 stick), melted  
 5 tsp. milk  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla

1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
 In a large mixing bowl, combine the brown sugar, oats, flour, eggs, margarine, cinnamon, vanilla, salt, baking powder and baking soda. Beat for three minutes at medium speed.  
 Stir in the apples and nuts.  
 Pour into a lightly greased and floured

13x9x2-inch baking pan.  
 Bake at 350 degrees F for 35 minutes, then cool completely.  
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- 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!! \$49K!! HS-4
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CASA DE LOWE'S  
HOMESTYLE OR BURRITO SIZE  
**FLOUR TORTILLAS** .... 10 CT. **89¢**  
NABISCO ASSTD.  
**RITZ CRACKERS** ... 14.5-16 OZ. **2/\$4**  
SHURFINE MINI OR REG.  
**MARSHMALLOWS** ... 10-10.5 OZ. **2/\$1**

## FROZEN & DAIRY

SHURFINE GRADE A LARGE  
**EGGS** ..... 18 CT. **77¢**  
SHURFINE QUARTERS  
**MARGARINE** ..... 16 OZ. PKGS **3/99¢**  
SHURFINE ULTRA  
**WHIPPING CREAM** ... 1/2 PINT **2/\$1**  
SHURFINE ASSTD.  
**ICE CREAM** ..... 1/2 GAL. ROUND **2/\$5**  
SHURFINE REG. OR 1/3 LESS FAT  
**CREAM CHEESE** ..... 8 OZ. BOX **69¢**  
PLAIN  
**EGG NOG** ..... QUARTS **2/\$3**  
LAND O LAKES REG. OR LIGHT  
**BUTTER** ..... 16 OZ. BOX **\$2<sup>99</sup>**  
SARA LEE ASSTD.  
**PIES** ..... 37-40 OZ. **2/\$5**

SHURFINE SELECT GROUP  
**VEGETABLES** ... 12-15.5 OZ. CANS **3/99¢**  
BETTY CROCKER ASSTD.  
**FROSTING** ..... 12 OR 16 OZ. **2/\$3**  
BETTY CROCKER ASSTD.  
**CAKE MIXES** ..... 18-18.25 OZ. **77¢**  
SHURFINE  
**BROWN OR POWDERED SUGAR** .... 2 LB. **77¢**

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**BLUE BELL OR BLUE BUNNY ICE CREAM**  
ASSTD. 1/2 GAL. ROUND  
WHERE AVAILABLE

OR  
**LOWE'S OR SHURFINE MILK**  
ALL VARIETIES GAL.

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

**1¢**



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**SHURFINE WHOLE FROZEN TURKEY**  
10-14 LB. AVG.

OR  
**CORN KING WHOLE BONELESS HAM**  
5 LB. AVG.

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**REWARD COUPONS**  
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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 Broccoli 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 Qt. 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**

**1¢**

• 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. Liquecaps  
**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**

Owens 1 lb. roll  
**BREAKFAST SAUSAGE**

6 pack cans  
**COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR DR. PEPPER**

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**