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A QUICK READ OF THE NEWS

### Pilots must think golf a bomb

For now, the golf course at the Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort and Country Club in Phoenix has a 19th hole, courtesy of an Air Force jet.

An unarmed practice bomb dropped from an F-16 jet, plummeting to earth near a fairway.

Planes from Luke Air Force Base outside Phoenix routinely drop practice bombs at the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range, near the golf course.

The 25-pound bomb landed about 75 yards away, sending a cloud of dust and smoke into the air. No one was injured, but the course was evacuated while the unarmed device was removed.

The mistake could have been due to broken equipment, a base spokeswoman said.

### Sibling bond at new height

Nick Nordberg of Belding, Mich., has a new T-shirt. It features a picture of his baby sister and the words "I delivered Hannah."

The 11-year-old earned it. His mother started feeling cramps on Tuesday, four days before she was due to deliver. But Karrie Kulhawick wasn't sure if she was in labor. Before long, any doubt was gone.

Nick called 911. From his description of his mother's condition, dispatcher Tracy Larson knew she'd have to help the boy deliver his sister.

Within 20 minutes, Hannah was born in the bathroom of the family's home.



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### On this date in history

Dec. 23 — NBC (the National Broadcasting Co.) establishes a permanent coast-to-coast radio network (1928).

Dec. 24 — The first completely solar-heated house was occupied in Dover, Mass. (1948).

Dec. 25/26 — On Dec. 25, the carol "Silent Night," composed by schoolmaster Franz Gruber, was sung for the first time in the village church of Obendorf, Austria (1818).

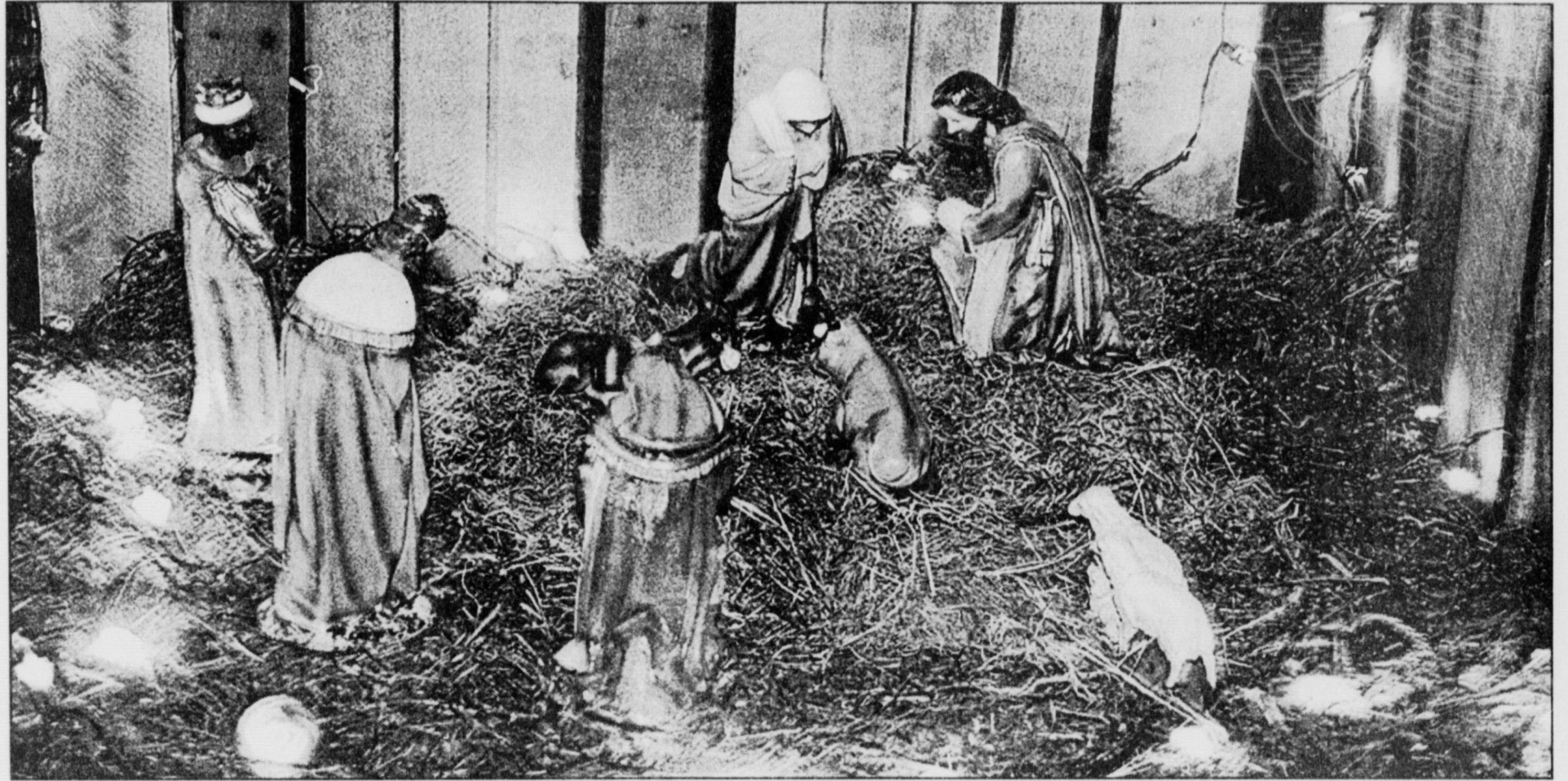
### LOCAL WEATHER

Moderate daytime temperatures with fairly cold nights is the long-range forecast. Expect a high of about 46 on Thursday and then mid-50s through the weekend. Low temperatures should be in the upper 20s Friday and Saturday and about 30 on Sunday. No great chance of further precipitation is seen through the weekend.

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## Merry Christmas to all!



Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

As the age-old stories unfold again — such as this one depicted in yard decorations at 224 E. Eighth St. — the Journal staff extends warmest wishes for a merry Christmas and prosperous new year to everyone near and far.

## City council plans 20 mph speed limit around East Park

By RONN SMITH  
Editor

The Muleshoe City Council voted Tuesday to have an ordinance drafted that will lower the speed limit to 20 mph on Fifth and Sixth streets from American Boulevard south to beyond East Park.

Also, stop signs are to be installed on Fifth and Sixth streets at Avenue E in hopes of slowing down traffic in the park area.

A group of citizens in the area recently presented the council with a petition asking for slower speed limits and possibly other traffic-control devices.

The council considered slashing the speed limit only in the blocks that present the most problems, but Councilman Juan Chávez said he would prefer a uniform speed and Mayor Robert Montgomery, Councilman Jerry Hicks and Councilwoman Sharon Grant all agreed with him. Councilman Cliff Black was absent.

Similarly, Chávez said the slower speed limit is mainly only needed in the summer, but "you can't just do it part of the time."

Montgomery said an ordinance should be drawn up for a vote at the council's next meeting.

City Manager Rick Hanna also said work should begin soon on repainting the water tower on 20th Street, and users may get some unusual flows.

## Y2K update: Fire alarms unaffected

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

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

### No. 7: Most fire detection and suppression systems are not susceptible to Y2K concerns.

The state fire marshal's office has said that this is a good time to be sure that all fire detection (such as smoke alarms) and suppression (such as sprinklers) systems are serviced within the manufacturers' recommended schedules regardless of Y2K concerns.

Basic functions of fire sprinklers and fire-alarm control panels are not date-sensitive.

Check any Y2K concerns with the manufacturer, especially for alarm panels with programmed maintenance notification.

Most fire-alarm systems have battery backup. Check to be sure that automatic battery-recharge systems have batteries that are fully charged.

## Drive safely and sober, DPS urges

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

The Texas Department of Public Safety estimates that as many as 30 people could die in Texas traffic crashes during the 54-hour Christmas holiday that runs from 6 p.m. Dec. 24 through midnight Dec. 26.

As many as 32 people could die in traffic crashes during the New Year's holiday, which runs from 6 p.m. Dec. 31 through midnight Jan. 2, DPS

estimates.

"Texans need to buckle up, slow down and designate a driver," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, DPS director.

"We repeat the same words every year, and every year, people neglect to take their own safety into account and pay a terrible price," he said.

As in previous years, alcohol-impaired driving and failure to use seatbelts con-

tributed most to the number of fatality crashes during the 1998 holidays:

- 57 percent of the fatal crashes during the Christmas holiday involved alcohol.
- 61 percent of the Christmas fatalities weren't wearing seat belts.
- 35 percent of the fatal crashes during the New Year's holiday were related to alcohol.

## Kemp announces race for sheriff

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Muleshoe native Ronald "Ronnie" Kemp has announced his candidacy for Bailey County sheriff in the March Democratic primary.

He has served as chief deputy in the sheriff's department since April 20, 1998. Before that, he spent 22 years in the Albuquerque Police Department, retiring as a sergeant in 1995, and two years with the Corrales (N.M.) Police Department. He also spent a short time as a detective at an Albuquerque high school.

Kemp attended elementary, junior high and high school in

Muleshoe, and is a 1967 graduate of Muleshoe High School. He has been married for 32 years to the former Andy Kay Thompson, also a graduate of Muleshoe High. They have two children and two grandchildren. She is employed at the *Muleshoe Journal*.

The candidate's education includes two years at Texas Tech, a year at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. (after which he was certified by the Army as a Vietnamese linguist), a semester studying law enforcement at Central Texas



Kemp

College in Killeen, 27 weeks as a cadet in the Albuquerque

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Journal photo: Beatrice Morin

## Heritage at the Heritage Center

Mary López and Camilo Espinoza perform traditional songs during the Dec. 11 Christmas open house at the Muleshoe Heritage Center. The "Old-Fashioned Christmas on the Plains" came off without a hitch after being postponed for a week because of foul weather.

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## AROUND THE AREA

### Clovis commissioner recall fails

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

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

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

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

### Treadway defense: Attorney was on coke

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

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

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

### Conservation district cancels election

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

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

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

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

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

### Business workshop scheduled

A workshop on "SBA Financing for Small Business" is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 29 in the Small Business Administration's Lubbock office at the George Mahon Federal Building, 1205 Texas Ave., Room 411-C.

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

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

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

### 60-70-84 widening scheduled

Clovis-bound motorists will find some inconvenience starting in February when work begins on widening U.S. 60-70-84 to five lanes within the city of Texico.

The resulting highway should alleviate some congestion just west of the state line, where westbound traffic held up by trains has a tendency to be held up even further by vehicles trying to turn left into a popular convenience store.

Eastbound traffic also is sometimes delayed by vehicles waiting to turn left on U.S. 60 to Amarillo.

### Littlefield tables detention center

The Littlefield City Council last week tabled — for the second time — action on approving the financing for a proposed \$11 million youth detention center in the city.

It was explained to the council that the financing for the center is being changed from competitive bidding to negotiating the certificates of obligation, which can eventually save the city up to \$50,000 a year over the bidding method.

### Clovis college sets registration

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

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

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

More information is available by calling (505) 769-4112.

## MILITARY NEWS

### ELLIS

Muleshoe High School graduate Bobby J. Ellis recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy for training as a seaman apprentice.

Under the Seaman Apprentice Program, enlistees who have not chosen a career field receive shipboard and nautical training prior to being assigned to a Navy ship. Once they are shipboard, they may either train for a job or request more schooling.

Ellis is the son of Valen and Jane Ellis.

## AROUND MULESHOE

### Candidate filing deadline is Jan. 3

Anyone wishing to run for a county elected office in the March primary must register with the county chairperson of their party by Jan. 3.

Publicly announced candidates include two Democratic candidates for Bailey County sheriff, incumbent Coy Plott and challenger Ron Kemp.

### New residents being sought out

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

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

### Church sets two Christmas Eve services

The First Methodist Church of Muleshoe has scheduled two Christmas Eve services. The first, set for 7 p.m., will last an hour and will feature a reading of the high-lights of the biblical story of redemption, the singing of carols, Communion and a candlelight service.

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

## KEMP

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Police Department Academy, two years studying criminology at the University of Albuquerque, and training by the Albuquerque Police Department as a police manager and supervisor.

His professional background began with three years in Vietnam assigned to the Army Security Agency (Signal Intelligence) as a military adviser to the South Vietnamese government. While there, he received the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star.

He joined the Albuquerque Police Department in 1973 and achieved the rank of sergeant in 1987. He served in the uniformed patrol, DWI unit, SWAT team and criminal investigations. As a sergeant, he supervised the uniformed patrol, general crimes investigation unit, street narcotics undercover investigations and code enforcement operations.

He also served as shift commander in Albuquerque on several occasions, in charge of more than 40 people.

He said he was required to handle budgets, personnel problems and internal investigations, and also was required to attend many public meetings to address the general public.

As Bailey County's chief deputy, he has started new evidence-holding procedures and a night shift for deputies.

In 1981, he was honored by the American Red Cross for saving a girl caught in a flooded arroyo in Albuquerque.

He said his hobbies include guitar, woodworking, reading detective novels and "watching as much football as possible."

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# Once I had a visit from the boogeyman

I was sittin' by the campfire pokin' coals amongst the embers. It was late up in the fall and I was makin' one last round.

The sun had set itself like it was sneakin' off to China, not a single steer I'd seen that day and not a track was found.

Through the rattle of the quakies and the night wind's steady breathin', a sound, or just a feeling seemed to slither up my neck.

I stopped stock-still and listened but the rustling of the mountain gettin' ready for its bedtime was the most I could detect.

There was something, some sensation out there set my nerves to skritch'n', and a shiver rolled like itchy fingers crawlin' up my back.

It was thick as muddy water, this vexation I was feelin', when suddenly a cowboy rode from out the inky black.

I jumped like I'd been snake bit! Spilled my coffee on my leggin's, hooked a sagebrush when I fell back, heard my jacket pocket tear.

Then he drifted sorta sideways, sidled slowly, semi slidin', his horse's hooves not touchin', simply slippin' through the air.

He was dressed kindly old fash-



## BAXTER BLACK ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

ioned with his mohair chaps and pistol. He kinda came in focus as he eyed me hard and long.

"Have you seen my arm?" he asked me but his lips weren't synchroneshing. Then I noticed that this stranger had been sewed together wrong.

You could almost see right through him. His anatomy was murky. And his members swayed and slithered like a basket full of snakes.

"And I'll need a head — like yours would do," his goulsh mouth asserted. "It's mine!" I cried. I tried to bluff though I dang sure had the shakes.

He had a sort of evil grin, mostly teeth and fragments. "Don't argue with me, catfish bait, for tonight I'm hunting hearts.

"Just count yourself unlucky that I found your camp this evening 'cause I'm doomed to haunt this trail in search of fresh replacement parts."

He was on me quick as lightening as his body came unraveled; I was in a limb tornado and was standin' in the eye.

Arms and feet and hands and torso, noses, toes and metatarsals flew around me like a cyclone; I knew my time had come to die.

All the air was filled with voices, shrieking fingers on a blackboard, shouting bad pun after bad pun like a vaudeville show in hell.

"It's been said, 'no guts, no glory' if you have the stomach for it." "Don't spread yourself too thin," I thought as I fought the infidel.

"Off with his head!" the cyclone said. "Off with his wrist and nostrils! A penny for your thoughts," he cried. "A nickle for your brain!"

The Cheshire Cat, the Wicked Witch, the ghost of the Headless Horseman all seemed to have supporting roles in driving me insane.

Their cacophony ascended till I felt myself dissolving into pan-

icked little molecules like specimens in jars.

So I reached out through the wall of what had once been one good cowboy and his house of cards all shattered like a million shooting stars.

The kaleidoscopic comets whirled above me, then showered down upon me like a blanket where it pinned me helplessly.

Thus it held me till I promised I would make a grim donation. I could feel my body changing as he took the best of me.

Yes, my friends, I lost the battle to this grisly apparition. I was changed and now my future was without a solid plan.

Would my charming personality remain a source of wonder or would I roam the planet a dismantled boogeyman?

I sat up a little woozy as the spectator pulled together. Still unhinged, I wasn't certain what I thought I saw, I'd see.

He was morphing right before me like a human biscuit rising using dough still sticking to his bones and parts he got from me.

Like the dirty look I'd given which, on him appeared quite natu-

ral, the upper lip I'd sacrificed was stiff and his to keep.

He moved a little easier with the elbow room I gave him and I'd sung a cowboy lullaby which put his leg to sleep.

As he rode off, he returned to me the backward glance I gave him. I lay there really not quite sure if he was him or me.

His departure left a silence broken only by the echo of the hand that I had promised as it clapped eternally.

# Extension official praises recent moisture

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION —

Dreams of a white Christmas came true early for wheat producers in the Panhandle, who welcomed much-needed moisture in the form of snow, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Snowfall from the most recent system was light, but District Extension Director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said two recent cold fronts brought relief and 20 inches of snow to drought-stressed wheat in parts of the Texas Panhandle.

"The greatest amounts of snow were in the southern portions of the district," he said. "But even the mere traces of snow in the northern areas were beneficial."

Robinson said the moisture helped with the growth of the wheat, and the low temperatures helped to lessen greenbug infestations.

"We've been running very high populations of greenbugs," he said. "And an extended period of cold

temperatures is helpful in slowing their development."

Robinson said the snow provided great relief to the wheat, but more moisture is needed.

"For the wheat crop and the overall moisture situation, the snow was a blessing," he said. "It certainly helped us but did not fix the problem."

Robinson said the cold fronts were accompanied by strong winds, which were not so helpful.

"The snow would have been much more beneficial had high winds that came with the fronts not drifted the snow out of the wheat fields," he said.

Dennis Newton, county Extension agent in Deaf Smith County, said even though most of the 9 inches of snow in his county were blown off the wheat fields, the crop received 1 1/2 to 2 inches of moisture from the cold fronts.

He said the snow was beneficial to wheat in the county, but it did take a negative toll on cotton.

"We still had about 18,000 acres of cotton to be harvested," Newton said. "These acres were completely covered with snow and will probably be lost."

Newton said if there is no more moisture, producers will have to wait at least one week to finish harvesting the cotton that does survive.

"It will certainly have an effect on quality and grades," he said.

Robinson added that the winter pastures were also snow-covered, leaving limited forage for cattle.

"Anytime there is snow cover on the forage, supplemental feeding is required," he said. "The cattle are naturally stressed from the cold weather and snow, but it is not anything severe."

In the South Plains, district Extension director Jett Major said the district was blanketed by 2 to 6 inches of wet snowfall early in the week.

"With cotton harvest 90 percent complete, the snow halted all

harvest operations," he said.

Major said the snowfall did provide much-needed moisture for the wheat.

"However, more is needed to complete the soil profile," he said.

Major said the grain sorghum harvest is nearing completion with average to good yields.

"The large sorghum acreage is creating storage problems for many elevators," he said. "Grain is being stored on the ground where grain elevators are filled to capacity."

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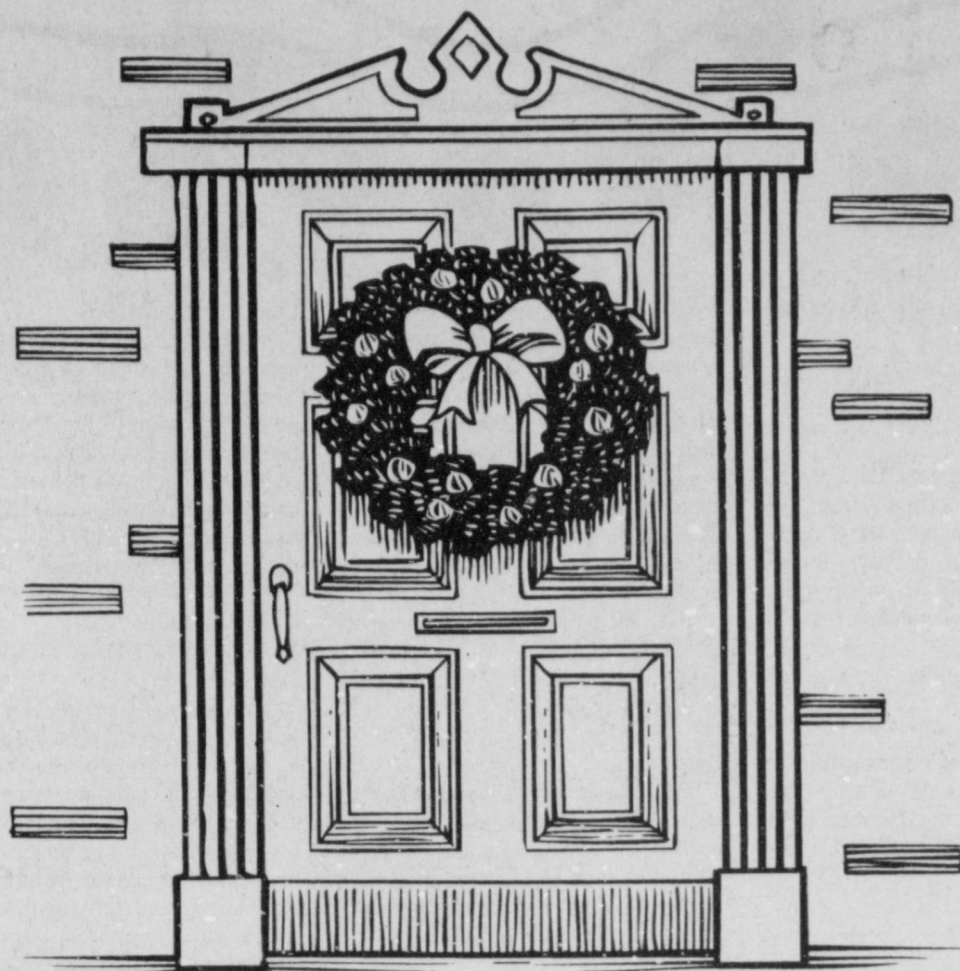
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**Happy Holidays**

# SEASON'S GREETINGS From Our Home To Yours

*It's not the trappings or the trimmings, or even the snowfall that make this season come alive, but rather it's the joy that we feel in our hearts, and we feel overjoyed to know people like you! Please accept our sincere gratitude for your friendship and support.*

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

-Mulshoe Area Healthcare Center



## Our Christmas Card To You

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Shari Alanis  
R.D. "Tub" and Pat Angeley and Misty  
Alfredo and Marianna Alzaldua  
J.K. and Margaret Adams  
Jean Allison  
Noe Anzaldua Family  
Kevin and Lisa Aufdenkamp

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James and Dianne Brown  
Alene Bryant  
Anthony Buenostro  
Cindy and Jennifer Barnes  
Barbara Blackman  
Harold and Mary Jo Burge  
Randel Bryant  
Joe and Rebecca Baker  
Lloyd and Janice Bradshaw  
Charles and Tommie Bratcher  
James, Terry, Riley and Russell Byers  
Gladys Black  
Monty, Britni and Jett Black  
Chad, Kourtnee, Britton, Brooklyn and Brylee Beall  
Ted and Nancy Barnhill  
Curby and Mary Janice Brantley  
Junior Bustillos Family  
Harvey and Marie Bass  
Wanda R. Brownd  
Terri and Stephanie Brown  
Genie Borjas

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Margaret Collins  
Clara Coffman  
Joe and Cassie Crandell  
Joe and Joyeline Costen  
Jimmy and Myra Copley  
Terome, Jim Ella, Monica, Jerome and Amelia Clemmons  
Marshall and Helen Cook  
Olive Cox  
Buck and Lynn Campbell  
Jimmie and Pauletta Crawford  
Mary Crane  
J.D. and Julie Cage  
Delmar, Pat and Bret Clements  
Butch and Judy Cox  
Edwin, Carol, Jeanne and James Cox  
Patsy Chance

**D**  
Nona Blake Douglass  
Duane and Jewel Darling  
Cecil Davis  
Gary and Glenda Dale  
Mike and Leslie Dale Family  
Cleon and Wilma Davis  
Cyrus and Eva Nell Dale  
Elmer and Billie Downing  
Minnie Davila

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Derrel, Kathy, Kyle and Bryce Embry  
Buddy Embry  
Jerry and Louise Engelking  
Frank and Sally Ellis  
Alton and Margaret Epting  
Aleene Embry  
Calvin and Lona Embry

**F**  
Velta Fyie  
Gabriel Flores  
Vicki Ferguson  
Steve, Paulette and Brice Foster  
Annie Floyd  
Tommy Floyd  
Clifton Finley  
Hector Flores Family  
Bob and Barbara Finney  
Evelyn and La Queta Freeman

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Crispin and June Green  
Tom and Janie Gibbins  
Arthur, Eldridge, Willie Mae, Keshia and Mott Graves  
Ruby Garner  
Melvin and Wanda Griffin  
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Graves  
Ronnie, Vickie and Sheila Garner  
Rammie, Mandy, Tessa and Kyan Garner  
Alice Garza

Inez Garza  
Ruby Green

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Wells and Janet Hall Family  
H.D. and Helen Hunter  
Robert and Maurine Hooten  
Bruce and Patty Hartline, Aubrey, Micah, Cory and Logan  
Bernice Holdeman  
Maxine Harris  
Frank and Lavonne Hinkson  
Aubrey and Margaret Heathington and Dimples  
Kenneth and Darlene Henry  
Ronnie and Sue Holt  
Mike, Sheree and Holly Hunt  
Lary and Wanda Hooten  
Dale and Tisha Hughes

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Charles and Georgette Isaac

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Buck and Carolyn Johnson  
Clara Lou Jones  
Joe Bates and Cora Belle Jennings  
Darrell and Glenda Jennings  
Donald, Debra, Gary and Chris Jones  
Al and Virginia Jennings

**K**  
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Guy and Elsie Kendall  
Buster and Wanda Kittrell  
Bunt, Ruth Ann and Kody Kitchens  
Joe and Melba King  
Wade and Toby King and Children  
Max and Pat King  
Arleen Keethly  
Hubert and Nancy Kidd and Cari Ann

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Bob and Nina Landers  
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Raul and Kathy Lozano  
Jesse and Irma Leal  
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Mart Long  
Muriel Lewis  
Ted and Mellissa Logou

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Herman and Joyce Morrison  
Andy and Maggie Martinez  
Frank and Melba McCamish  
Jay, Sally, Amanda and Suzanne Messenger  
Bill and Yaunda Martin  
Ada Murrah  
David and Debra McIntire  
Van and Betty McCormick  
Rich, Cindy, Kole and Kristen Magby  
Anita Mitchell  
Mark and Eileen Morton  
Dewey Moore Family  
Tim McCormick Family  
Clayton and Gladys Myers  
C.L. and Jamie Myers and Family  
Thurman and Rhonda Myers and Family  
Alice Marrufo  
Mr. and Mrs. L.F. McCormick

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Jack and Joy Nicholson  
Zachary Nicholson  
Anissa Norman  
George and Dianne Nieman  
Jim and Betty Noble  
Chad, Kayla and Kennedy Nickels  
Guy and Trey Nickels  
Thora Baker Nieman

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Leon and Josie O'Valle  
Mary B. Obenhaus  
Maria Olivas

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Bernard and Arline Phelps  
Frank and Johnnie Parker

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Kenneth and Glenda Price  
Wayne and Sandy Peterson  
Letha, Nancy and Carl Patterson  
The Jeff Peeler's  
Julia Patterson  
Luis, Aida and Louie Pacheco  
Jewell Perry  
John H. and Della Puckett  
Donald and Norma Prather  
Bruce, Cindy, Aaron, Tyson and Derek Purdy  
Bob and Eulaine Phillips  
Jarrell and Olgaline Pruitt  
Paul and Betty Poynor

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Clinton and Maxine Rogers  
Louis C. and Jane Reeder  
Alberto and Mary Ann Ramirez, Lisa and Adam  
Trinidad Ramirez  
Joe and Darla Rhodes  
Katie Roubinek  
Jack and Magann Rennels and Family  
Maxine Ragsdale  
Hazle Robinson  
Antonio and Hilma Rojas  
Maria Rodriguez  
Silvia Rodriguez

**S**  
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Joe Shipman  
Garry and Sherri Shipman  
Todd, Heather and Blayne Shipman  
Ronald and Joyce Scott  
Jim and Barbara Scott  
Charles and Izetta Shain  
Lucy Faye Smith  
Wilma Smith  
Leamon and Joy Stancell  
Jr., Chandra, Bethenie and Brianne Sanchez  
Chuck Smith  
Dyan Shipley  
Walt and Rose Sain

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Raymond and Charlene Treider  
Dorothy Turner  
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Jerry, Norma and Jessica Torres

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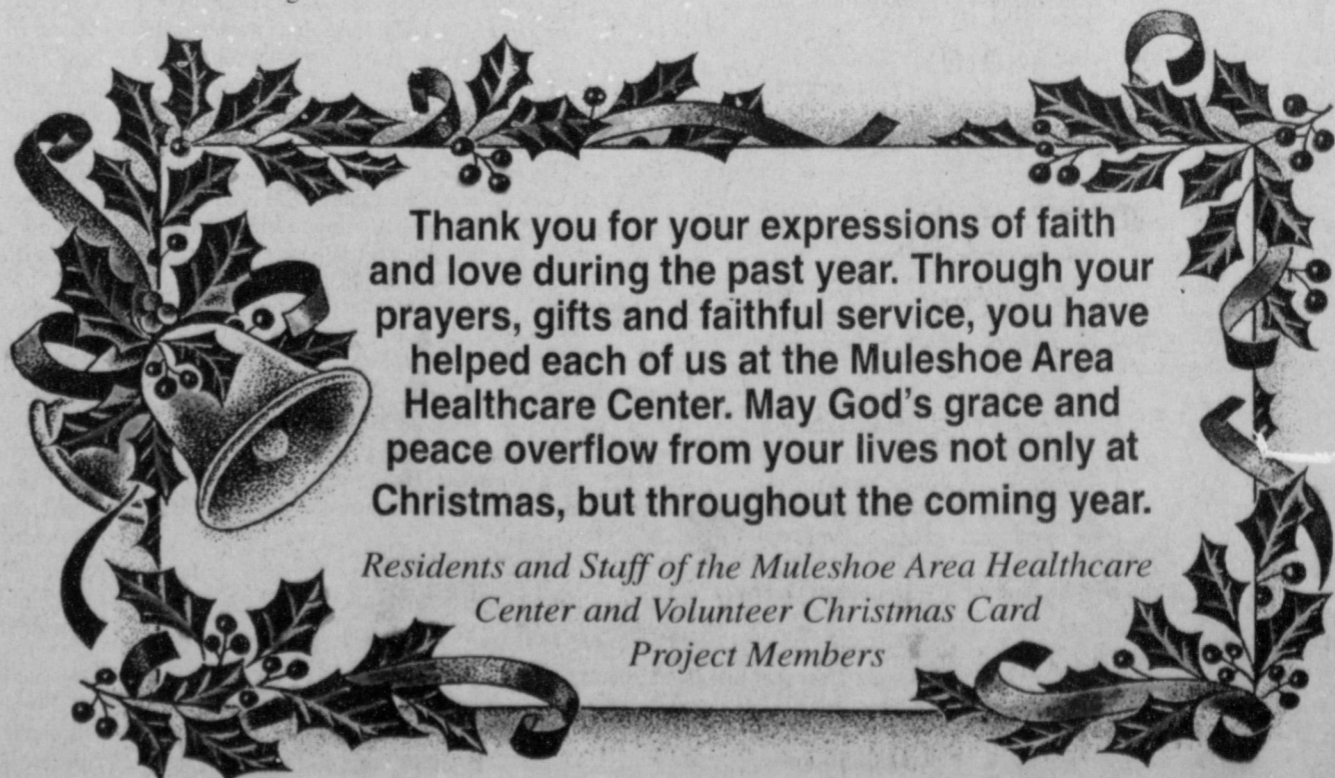
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Gordon and Marilyn Wilson  
Frank and Betty Wuerflein  
Vivian White  
Mildred Williams  
James and Fern Warren  
Roger, Dawn, Cory and Dan Williams  
Joy Whitt  
Riehl Williams  
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wedel  
J.E. and Margaret Wilhite  
Jo Wood  
Agnes Wolf  
Crystal Walton  
Rusty and Christie Whitt, Keisha and Brandy  
Velma Jennings Warner  
Stanley and Patricia Wilson

**Y**  
Hugh and Pat Young  
Maud Young

**Special Groups**  
Mulshoe Rebekah Lodge #114  
Mulshoe Roadriders Members  
Danny Dickerson  
Robin Dickerson  
Kimberly Dickerson  
Matthew Dickerson  
Alberto Ramirez  
Adam Ramirez  
Janice Johnson  
Jeanie McDaniel  
Tabatha Obenhaus  
Walter Lackey  
Brenda Lackey

**Businesses**  
Lasting Impressions-Helen and Kathy  
First Bank of Mulshoe  
Wilson Appliance  
Do All Family Enterprises  
TJ's Donuts  
Joe Shipman and Son Body Shop  
Bob Stovall Printing-Wells Hall  
Decorators Floral and Gifts  
Five Area Telephone and West Plains  
Telecommunications, Inc. and Employees  
Joe's Boot Shop and Employees  
Dairy Queen  
Country Junction-Manager Barbara Hall  
Mulshoe Journal  
Germania Insurance  
Lambert Cleaners and Employees  
Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.-  
Bruce, Patty, Wayne and Andy  
KMUL-1380 AM  
Williams Athletics and Office Supply  
Leal's Restaurant  
Alex's Tire Service  
Pat Angeley-Certified Public Accountant  
Viola's Mexican Restaurant  
Dale Oil Company  
The Fair Store  
Morrison Oil Company  
Bratcher Motor Supply  
Mulshoe State Bank  
Scott's Car Wash  
Main Street Beauty Shop  
Channel 17  
Sanitary Barber Shop  
Jim's Firewood  
McCormick's Upholstery and Drapery  
Southside Welding  
Mulshoe Pea and Bean  
Family Hair Salon  
State Farm Insurance-Mark Morton  
The Honey Comb  
Shear Shack  
Mohawk Auto Parts  
McCormick Seed-Tim McCormick  
Hereford Feed Ingredients, Inc.  
Mulshoe Co-Op Gin Company  
Harvey Bass Appliance  
Henry Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Sheree's Attic & Merle Norman Cosmetics  
Mulshoe Art Loft-Arline, Dale & Inez  
Farmer's Group Insurance-Wanda R. Brownd  
Mulshoe Area Public Library-Dyan Shipley  
Mulshoe Motor Company-Lary Hooten  
Fry and Cox True Value  
Sain Irrigation and Machine  
The Dinner Bell Restaurant  
Western "66" Company

**Memorials**  
In memory of: Daisy Ingram  
Given by Velma Jennings Warner



Thank you for your expressions of faith and love during the past year. Through your prayers, gifts and faithful service, you have helped each of us at the Mulshoe Area Healthcare Center. May God's grace and peace overflow from your lives not only at Christmas, but throughout the coming year.

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

# LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,  
I am Damian. I want some new crayons for Christmas. I also want some new markers. I really want a small solder. My house is brown and white with a thing that twists around. I'll leave gingerbread cookies at your house.  
Signed,  
**Damian**

Dear Santa,  
I am Doroteo. I want to have my own room. I would like a toy octopus. Please bring me a big toy train I can ride on. My house is white with green on the top. I leave you a hamburger inside my refrigerator.  
Signed,  
**Doroteo**

Dear Santa,  
I am Dusty. Please bring me a record player. I also want a blue and red bike. I would like you to bring me and Derrick a finger skateboard. My house is bluish gray. I'll leave you a cookie on my desk on a plate.  
Signed,  
**Dusty**

Dear Santa,  
I am Hunter. I want a new toy. A basketball. I also want another bike. A red one. My house is gray. I'll leave you some cookies and milk on our table in the living room.  
Signed,  
**Hunter Carter**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Levi. Please bring me a little skateboard and a guy ski on the bottom of it. There is a big GI Joe guy that you can't paint a beard on, I want him. My house is tall and yellow, a darkis yellow. I'm gonna leave little Christmas tree cookies and donuts on kitchen table for you.  
Signed,  
**Levi**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Rissa. I want you to bring me a pink bike. I also want a barbie car. Please bring me a brown teddy bear, too. My house is green and blue. I leave you a cookie on the kitchen table.  
Signed,  
**Marissa**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Melissa. Please bring me a pink and yellow bike. I would like a toy dog that walks. I also would like some new clothes. My house is yellow and orange. I'll leave you some milk and donuts on the kitchen tables.  
Signed,  
**Melissa**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Mateo. I want a game boy with a Pokémon game. I would like some new markers. My house is white and short with a chimney. I'll leave you some pizza in the fridge if my mom doesn't eat it.  
Signed,  
**Mateo**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jodee. Please bring me a Barbie car and the horse that goes with it. A teddy bear that comes with a ball. My house is light grey, with a brown van in front. I will leave cookies and a pie out for you.  
Signed,  
**Jodee**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marisela. Please bring me a Barbie, a Barbie house, and a play stove that I can cook on. Also a Barbie pink car with a key. I live in a white house. I will leave you some snickers out.  
Signed,  
**Marisela**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Marissa. Please bring me a teddy bear, a sticker doll, and a plain key. Also I would like a kite. My house is brown and white with bricks. I will leave 10 cookies out for you.  
Signed,  
**Marissa**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Trevor. Please bring me a go-cart and a new bike. Also a toy tractor that picks up trash. I live in a red brick house on a dirt road. I will leave you some new black boots out.  
Signed,  
**Trevor**

Dear Santa,  
I like you because you bring toys. Your are nice to us. You never be mean to nobody. I want a bike. One of those little guys.  
Love,  
**Antonio Marrufo**

Dear Santa,  
Please give me some toys- a blue race car, a red race car, a green race car, a purple race car, the pink race car, the

white race car, a brown race car. I want yellow Pokemon and a blue one.  
Love,  
**Bert Torres**

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a sled so I can sled down my ditch. That's all I want.  
Love,  
**Hector Granados**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for our toys. I wish that you would bring me a pretend kitchen. So I can cook. I want a microwave that is pink so I can cook for me, and Bert and Brian. We can eat them. I want you to bring me a computer so I can play games.  
Love,  
**Isabella Alfaro**

Dear Santa,  
Please give me a truck a racer truck. I want some crayons and a computer.  
Love,  
**Jaden Herrera**

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa! I like you too! I want you to bring me something that is blue. I want you to bring me some of those things you always give me\* those power ranger suits. I want you to bring me some magnets.  
Love,  
**Robbie Gregory**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, Woody and Buzz and a Barbie.  
Love,  
**Sabrina DePalma**

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me cookies. I want a present - a picture of Santa. I want a toy - a Pooh Bear.  
Love,  
**Selena Villegas**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Monster truck and that's all. D.J. wants a Monster truck too. Zachary wants a rattle.  
Love,  
**Shawn Atwood**

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer. I want a little Christmas tree and lots of candy. I want pattern blocks and a baby puppy. I don't want any bees that sting!  
Love,  
**Sofia Quezada**

Dear Santa,  
I want a super rebound.  
Love,  
**Jazz Garcia**

Dear Santa,  
I want a race car and a motorcycle, and a skate board.  
Love,  
**Blane Parker**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a baby bed and a doll.  
Love,  
**Mikah Stiles**

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck trailer.  
Love,  
**Manuel Quezada**

Dear Santa,  
I want a dragon.  
Love,  
**Martin Marrufo**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Power Ranger.  
Love,  
**Frank Recio**

Dear Santa,  
I want a star.  
Love,  
**Savannah Cain**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big, real motorcycle and car.  
Love,  
**Angel Arreola**

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue truck and batman truck.  
Love,  
**Joe Gutierrez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a giraffe, a race car and skates.  
Love,  
**Jaime Ramos Jr.**

Dear Santa,  
I want an angel barbie and a toy that makes real snacks.  
Love,  
**Stephanie Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy that makes real snacks, and one that makes pizzahut snacks.  
Love,  
**Justin Dunn**

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie, a girl mickey mouse and a boy mickey mouse.  
Love,  
**Brandy Franco**

Dear Santa,  
I want an angel barbie.  
Love,  
**Barbara Bartholf**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll and a Elmo that sings and plays guitar a Blues Clues that closes his eyes and I want a Black Jacket like Elmo's goon. And I want some more wrestlers and my mom want some more makeup and my Dad wants a new car.  
Love always,  
**Marcus Daniel Valle**  
Age 2 1/2

Dear Santa,  
My Christmas list this year is very long. I would like a computer with plus & minus & divide & times & equals. I would like Scooby Do painting and coloring picture on the computer. Alphabet express and counting and racing on the computer. I hope that you can bring it to my house because I don't have a chimney. I also want headphones.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Patrick Mendoza**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Mortal Combat on PlayStation game and a guitar. I have been a good boy, I think. Also, a remote control car.  
Love Santa,  
**Issac Baca**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a car w/a remote control. I am a good boy.  
Love,  
**Frank Baca, Jr.**

Dear Santa,  
I want a play station and bike. I also want a puppy, a pickles doll, and a giddy-up girl. I am going to leave some milk and carrots for you and some carrots for the riendeer.  
From your friend,  
**Gabriella**

Dear Santa,  
I hope you come to house. Fore Christmas I want a baby cat and a puppy. I want my sister to come for Christmas. I wanted to thank you for what you gave me last year and I want new clothes Santa. I really want a puppy and a Kitty and I'll leave cookies and milk.  
Your friend,  
**Abigail**

Dear Santa,  
I want three controls for my 64 nintendo, a game about Toy Story 2, a Sega with controls, and Mario's Kart for my 64. I like the things you gave me the last two years in Mexico. Please bring three - ten speed bikes, one for me, one for my dad, and one for my sister.  
Your friend,  
**Daniel Galindo**

Dear Santa,  
I want to thank you for all the presents you gave me last Christmas. I want to tell you something and here it goes. Well if you could give me the four presents. A puppy, a tea set, a doll angel and a little doll that is called new born baby. These are all the things I want for Christmas. And if you can't bring the present, it's okay. If you bring me the stuff I'm asking you for, I will leave you some milk and some coolies. If you can't bring the presents I will still like you forever and I hope you have a nice Christmas. I will always believe in you and I will not forget you. Bye Santa!!  
Yours truly,  
**Maribel**

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation for Christmas. I want to go to Michigan and to go see my family again and for them to have a good Christmas. Oh, and Santa I want to thank you for last years Christmas too.  
Your friend,  
**Ruby**

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a cat. Who is a girl doly who is like your wife and a dog, and a stuf dog and a stuf cat, and little bay doty and a baby frby, and that is all.  
From,  
**Sara**

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player, watch, buzz toy from Toy Story two, game boy CD's and a toy car. That's what I want for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.  
Your friend,  
**Alex Godinez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Babydoll and a puppy. I am going to leave cookies and milk.  
I hope you bring my puppy for Christmas, because I want to play with him and

feed him. I wish you have a lot of presents for me.  
Your friend,  
**Karina**

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the puzzle. I want a Buzz toy and a woody toy from Toy Story 2. A Barbie for my sister, A toy car for my little brother. A shovel for my Dad, A Santa toy for my mom. And a snowman toy for my grandma.  
Your friend  
**Arcadio Quintanilla**

Dear Santa,  
I want a go car for Christmas. And my mom wants a dress. My little brother wants a toy car, and my Dad want a van. My older brother wants a bike. I also want a Playstation.  
Yours truly  
**Juan Vidana**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a control car, and control motorcycle. And a tiger that transforms. I want 4 CDs for my playstation. I want one about ninjas, another one about twisted metal, I also want one about Croc 2 and one about spirow. I hope you can bring all of the things I want. I will have cookies and milk.  
Your friend,  
**Danny Montejano**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Well me I'm doing good. How is Mrs. Claus? What I want for Christmas is for my family to get one thing that they want and me I don't want much. My dad want's a new pair of overalls. My mom want's a new cookie jar and a preshious moments. My bother Cody want legos and army figers. My other bother wants my pal two thousand and the snowboard that you ride in the house and has a screen and you are really riding and when you do a trick the screen talks. What I want ia a charocke machine if you can get me one but you don't have to. That's what I want for Christmas.  
Your truly,  
**Lorie Ann Black**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a nintendo 64 and a few games for the nintendo 64. The last thing I would like for Christmas is a game nmaed sonic dream cast. I want the nintendo 64 because maybe the nintenso 64 may not have a free game inside. I want the game sonic dream cast because it is a fun game I know it is fun to play because I played it at Sears.  
Love,  
**Gilbert Mojica**

Dear Santa,  
First thing I want is a Sega Dream cast and vnu car. I want a soccer ball. I also would like for my Sega Dream cast is a game called NFL 2k. First reason I want a Sega Dream cast is because its fun. First reason I want a soccer ball for its a sport. The second reason is I lide the sport. The first reason I want a game calles NFL 2k so I can play something. The second reason is NFL 2k so I will have football game.  
**Jordan Marlain**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bike, Ready 2 Rumble boxing for N64, and a three controlers for N64. The reason I want a new bike is I have a old bike. The reason I want a game is we only have three games. And the reason I want 3 controlers for N64 is that we only have one.  
Love  
**David Rodriguez**  
4th grade

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a porclin doll foy my collection. I also want the worlds largest hershey bar (with large almonds) because I live chocolate and it is good. And I want a computer so I can get on the internet. I want a T.V. so I can watch it. I want snowso I can play in it. And I want a harry potter book so I can read it. Well nothing more to say by Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
**Kenzie Beard**

Dear Sants,  
How are you doing? I would like a few Playstation games. Also I would like my own water ski (57"). I would like Electronic hand held games, and Texas Longhorns football stuff. And I would also like a N64 and James Bond game. The things I would like about all of these toys is that I could play with them and with all my friends.  
Merry Christmas,  
**Garrett Riley**

Dear Santa,  
This is what I would like a skatboard, jell phone and some DC's like Britney Spears, Richy Martin, Never been kissed, Backstreet or 98 degrees. If you

want to know why I want these is because they are fun to play with and listen too. I would like to skateboard because it is fun to stand on, jell phone to I can talk to my friends, some CD's so that I can listen to them and sings. Also I would like some Dock Martins and some new Addise shoes. I would like these because I would like them so that I can walk in the snow. I would like a new bike cause my bike broke.  
P.S. Please let it snow three ft.  
PLEASE!  
Your,  
**Ashley Scolley**

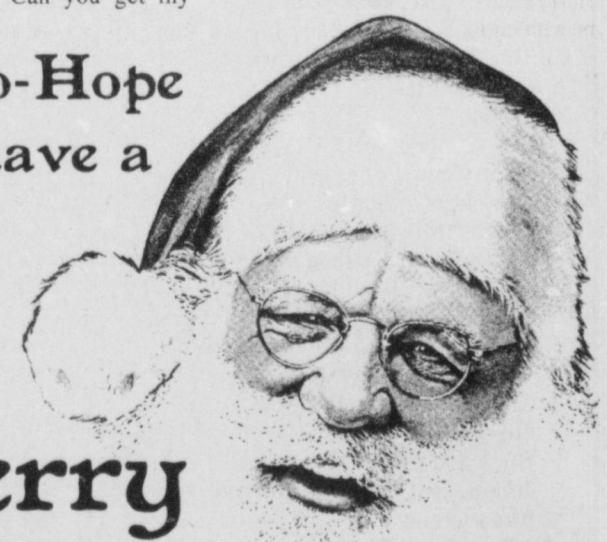
Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a snow boarer I want a snoboards is cause so I could go snow boarding, and a hot wheels cd rom because so I can so the giants. And the Mayhem wrestling for gameboy I want that because it is cool.  
From  
**Patrick Orozco**

Dear Santa,  
On Christmas I want a bopit becaus it is fun and kiips you working. The next thing I want for Christmas is a bike because I could ride it with my friends. The third thing I want is a pool because when my cousin comes over they would probley want to swim which would be fun.  
Love you Friend  
**Kendrea Davila**

Dear Santa Clause,  
How are you doing? I am fine. I would like NFL Game Day 2000, a new football signed by Tim Couch and Rickey Willans on the New Orleans Saints a remote control airplane and alot of football cards. I want the football cards and foorballs and football game because I live football and airplanes.  
Your friend,  
**Austin L. Allison**

Dear Santa,  
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I would really like if you could bring the stuff I ask for. What I want for Christmas is a new computer so I could stop begging my mom. I I get a computer I'll learn about math. And can you please bring my brother a CD player so he could stop asking me for money. he will use it for when he travels with the Muleshoe Mules!! Can you get my

## Ho-Ho-Hope you have a Merry Christmas



brother Jonas a Coaching job Schoolership. He workd real hard and studs alot so I think he deserves it dont you? Can you get my mom and daddy a new big screen tv so they could stop fighting over the tv, and last can you get my favortie teacher Mrs. Castaneda new earings and a ring I love you and I believe in you please bring these things bye.  
Love,  
**Cynthis Barrera Alfaro**

Dear Santa Clause,  
How are you? I want a game call Madden 1998 and I want it because I don't have a one like this game before. And I want a Lap top because I don't have one like it. And I want a game called game day 2000, because I don't have one like it.  
By  
**Stephen Dominguez**

Dear Santa  
For Christmas I want a toy called new two because I like the way he was made and I want books called pokemon because I like reading. And I want a game boy color. Because I want it in color because I have not got one.  
Love  
**Jennifer Carrion**

Dear Santa,  
The first thing I want is a lot of footballs and a 4 weeler, a dirt bike and a very big computer for Christmas and a sega dream cast with to controlers and three games.  
The rason I wans these things is that I think it will be cool to have all of these things.  
**Richard Rojas**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I will like a bike. The second thing I want for Christmas is for all my uncles to come for Christmas and all of my cousins to come too. I want a bike because I could ride it with my friends. I want mu uncles and cusens to come for Christmas because U want to have a very, very good Christmas with my uncles and my cusense.  
Love,  
**Maria Zubia**

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I am fine. I would like for my dad a pear of pant and shoes and a t-shirt and for my mom a new dinnerget and for my brother Samuel a game boy and for all of my sister a computer and for my bother Nathan a pokemon game for my bother Joel and Chamel a new truck for them only and for me a trip to Mexico for a hole month, and I wish you a marry chismas and a happy new years  
Your friend  
**Sonia Regalado**

Dear Santa,  
What I really want is my family could spent time together. I also want for christmas is a 15 speed bike, Puppy Dog, my own computer, Geuss who, A new tv and I want is my whole family to to San Antonio to the river walk. I wish you a marry christmas and a happy new year.  
Your friend,  
**Monica Sanchez**

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a Nintendo 64 with four controlers and Goldeneye DK 64 Mission Imposable, and a Game Shark for my brother also. My four year old sister would like a whole patch of dolls and barbies. My one year old sister probaly like a little bit of dolls and a small bike just her size. Just for me, I would also like a Junior size foot ball.  
Merry Christmas  
**Patrick Precure**

Dear Santa,  
I would like it if you gave my brother a super nintendo he has wanted one for years. So I ask you can you give my little brother a super nintendo?  
Sincerely,  
**Amado Flores Junior**

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a v.c.r. if you don't have one and if not it's ok because I want other stuff to like a game boy and if you can't bring that it's ok to just like I said I would want a t.v. and I would give the other one to my mom because my dad always watches t.v. but what I ever was a bike because my other bike is already old it is very very hard to choose I want both but I cant have both but I will choose and I choose a bikde because my other won old and If I cant have a bike than a v.c.r. because next Christmas I might ask for a v.c.r. so I want a bike.  
Sincerely  
**Erika Martinez**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a new bike, doll house, the thing that I wished for was a computer and some clothes.  
Merry Christmas  
**Olivia Delgado**

Dear Santa,  
I don't want ane toys at all I want for all of my family to have a good Mery Chresmas and have mom and dad thas all I want.  
your friend  
**Gorge Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
I would really want a skateboard, skates, knee pads, and a soccer ball. I would also want a comper with a nintendo 64 and lots of games. I would want my family from Mexico to come to my house on Christmas  
Sincerely,  
**Ruben Campos Jr.**

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is for me to go

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to Mexico and spend Christmas day I don't care if I don't get present for Christmas. I just want to give things to my aunt, sisters, mom, dad, uncle, and my family. I use to want lots of presents but not no more. This is all I want for Christmas.

Sincerely Yours,  
**Ivonne Marquez**

Dear Santa,  
I hope my family comes for Christmas. I would also like to go and live with my mom. I wish that I get clothes for Christmas. I also would like to have a game called War Zone. I would also like to have a movie called the Matrix.

Sincerely yours,  
**Jacob Vega**

Dear Santa,  
I want to be with my family this Christmas cause I live there and food to have something to eat. Then I just want to have a good time with them. I don't want to have a lot of gift just my family to gether this Christmas, and a good time with them this time. I would like to have a uncler to cause I like to wear teme.

Sincerely yours,  
**Samantha Miller**

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a gocart for Christmas and some clothes for the winter and some pants and for my brother to come with his girlfriend or by himself just along he comes over hear for Christmas holidays and for him to get what he needs for the house he is going to move.

Your friend,  
**Abraham Flores**

Dear Santa,  
I wish that me and my whole family could get together and celebrate Christmas together. Also I want a new bike. Also I wish my dog could have a toy that she can fight with. Also some computer games and some cloths from old navy and gap. And my family what they want.

Merry Christmas  
**Ashley Grumres**

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a locket. I would also like to have the second and third Harry Potter book, and I would like to be with my family. The last thing I would like is a vcr fr my T.V.

Sincerely yours,  
**Kayla Harp**  
P.S. Merry Christmas!!

Dear Santa,  
I want my family to like my presents that I gave them. I would like Christmas to be a good day I just want snow for Christmas and a bike for Christmas and some shoes. Santa have a Merry Christmas to you. Santa I just want that and nothing else.

Your friend,  
**Leticia Castorena**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Bailey. I am 3 yrs. old. I want a super Barbie, with lipstick, and some suits for her, and some shoes for her.. Could you put some candy, chocolate please.

Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
**Bailey Bales**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cade, I am 3 years old. I want a choo-choo train. I've been pretty good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you.

Thank You,  
**Cade Box**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Treg, I am 10 months old. Please bring me some John Deere toys. I don't shout or pout, but I cry a little.

Thank You,  
**Treg Box**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Desirae. I am 2 yrs. old. Could you please bring me a doll and small Barney and Teletubbies etc. that I can carry easily.

Thank you  
**Desirae Jesko**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Madison. I am 3 yrs. old. For Christmas I would like a candy cane, a bike (red) and a doll.

Thank you,  
**Madison Baker**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Hadlea. I am 3 yrs. old. I would like for you to bring me a kitchen and fork to go in it, also a red tractor.

Love,  
**Hadlea Geisler**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Garrison, I would like you to bring me airhockey with a pool table under it, 10 in 1. Don't put a Beanie

**Shelbi Harrison**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Brandon. I am 2 yrs. old. For Christmas I would like a motorcycle (a green one) and a bicycle. Bring Chelsea something - She is pretty good, too. We will be looking for you.

Thanks,  
**Brandon Locke**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Garrett Welch. I am 3 yrs. old. I have been pretty good most of the time. For Christmas, I would like a football and helmet (a black one). My brother wants a helmet (a white one). See you Christmas - well, I won't see you but I'll be waiting for you.

Signed,  
**Garrett Welch**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Ashton, I am 3 yrs old. I want a present, a green one, some candy canes. A puzzle, a new baby and a blanket. Thank you Santa.

Signed,  
**Ashton Hunt**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kaylie Morris. I am 2 yrs. old. I try to be good, I want you to bring me a Barbie, and a car for her. Some more presents for Nana and Pappa, Courtney and Kevin. Presents for my daddy. Thank you Santa I Love you.

Signed,  
**Kaylie Morris**

Dear Santa,  
my name is Conner, I am 2 yrs. old. I need a new tractor and a truck. A yellow truck. Please put candy in my stocking. It's on the fireplace. That's all I want.

Signed,  
**Conner Harrison**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Caleb I am 5 yrs old. I want a new guitar. A drum set and a choo-choo train. Thanks for the bike, please put candy in my stocking.

Thank you Santa.  
Love  
**Caleb Wood**

Dear Santa,  
My name is katlin, I am 3 yrs old. I want a rocking chair and a baby. nothing else. Would you put cande in stocking.

Signed,  
**Katlin Hicks**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Savannah, I am 3 yrs. old. I want a horsie, some cowgirl clothes, a baby sister and a baby brother, I really want a baby sister, and boots.

Thank You Santa.  
Love,  
**Savannah Vincent**

Dear Santa,  
My name is McKenna, I am 3 yrs. old. I want a Barie Jeep, with a telephobe to call Garrison. I want Toy Story in my Stocking.

Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
**McKenna Dunham**

Dear Santa,  
My name is Tesa. I am 4 yrs old. I would like for you to bring me a Blues Clues book, new covers for my bed a Blues Clues toothbrush and a TV for my room. I will leave cookies and milk on the kitchen table.

PS. Bring my baby sister a doll.  
Thank you,  
**Tessa Garner**

Dear Santa,  
I want race cars. I want Power Ranger. I want soldiers. I want a baseball bat.

Love,  
**Britton Beall**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll.

Thank you,  
**Jackie Torres**

Dear Santa,  
I want Power Rangers. I Duplos. I want a CD. I want soldiers. I want sticky blocks. I want cars.

Thank you,  
**Anna Que**

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbies. I want a Barbie car. A daddy barbie. I want a computer. Games for the computer. I want a baby that cries.

Love,  
**Andrea Dominguez.**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Buzz Lightyear. A Woody. Please bring me a present.

Thank you,  
**Isaias Salas**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll.

Thank you,  
**Briana**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Power Ranger. I want a Blue Power Ranger and a Red Power Ranger. A new football.

Thank you,  
**Brandon Jaime**

Dear Santa,  
I want presents like a Barbie or Hotwheels. Some more Barbies. Some boyfriends so I can make presents for

them.

Thank you,  
**Alexis Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a present. I want a Blue's Clues tape. I want a Tubby Movie.

I Love You,  
**Alexa Reyes**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me some stickers. I would like football. Please bring me phone. Please bring me some paper and scissors.

Thank you,  
**Caleb Wood**

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby with a bottle. Bring me something to paint my finenails. Bring Thomas a little trampoline. Bring me and Allie a tunnel that you can get into. Bring a wagon for Thomas.

Love you Santa,  
**Tiffany Eagie**

Dear Santa,  
I want a present for Christmas. I want to get a Barbie. I want a bunch of Barbies. I want a Lego for Christmas. I want a toy reindeer Santa Clause bring me a skateboard. I want a brush for a Barbie.

Thank you Santa,  
**Leandra Briseno**

Dear Santa,  
Come to our house. Please bring our presents. Bring me a pool table. Bring my brother a Mr. Potato Head and Woody. Bring me Duplos. Bring My brother a Buzz Lightyear.

Thank you,  
**Felipe Espinoza**

Dear Santa,  
I want a backpack and some paper, crayons, markers, and pens. I also want a new pillow. I want a rocketeer and a bunkbed. I want a waterbed for my sisters.

Love,  
**Zachary Mumau**

Dear Santa,  
I want a yellow teletubbie. I want some pretty bears. I want a computer. I want a Barbie. I want marker.

Love,  
**Linda Sanchez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Winnie-the-Pooh house. A teletubbie car and bicycle. I want a book and some presents.

Love,  
**Samantha Ramirez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a teletubbie (purple, green, yellow, and red) and a Barbie.

Love,  
**Cristal Ramirez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie. I want a coloring book.

Love,  
**Daniela Mendoza**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie jeep. I want my mom a brand new car. I want a star for my sister. I want a Christmas tree. I want to get my baby brother a teddy bear.

Love,  
**Desiree Cisneros**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a Barbie car. I want a dress for me.

Love,  
**Jessica Elizarrarez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll and some books. I want some doctor stuff.

Love,  
**Claudia Orozco**

Dear Santa,  
I want some play doctor things. I want a baby doll. I want a Pazoo puppet.

Love,  
**Vanessa Reza**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie that is the little mermaid one. I want a new shirt with teletubbies on it. I want another computer.

Love,  
**Sierra Espinoza**

Dear Santa,  
I want glasses for the swimming pool. I want a waterbed. I want some toys.

Love,  
**Ramon Mendoza**

Dear Santa,  
I want a parking car. I want a bike, a computer, and a cassette.

Love,  
**Jaxiel Lopez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want a car to race. I want presents.

Love,  
**Juan Regalado**

Dear Santa,  
I want some presents. I would like a Barbie.

Love,  
**Alyssa Clark**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big toy truck. I also want a car. I want a big truck and trailer. I want a tractor.

Love,  
**John Mendoza**

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy motorcycle. A play gun. I want a blue Power Ranger. I want some new black boots.

Love,  
**Randy Facundo**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie car, a Barbie bike, a Barbie van and a Barbie. I want alot of Barbies for the van. That's all I want.

Love,  
**Yolanda Garcia**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big remote control truck. I want a remote control motorcycle.

Love,  
**Eric Villescas**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big remote control Motorcycle. I want a green Power Ranger.

Love,  
**David Flores**

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer. I want a pink bicycle. I want a big Barbie car and a Barbie. I want a big remote control car.

Love,  
**Dainelle Vasquez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a present. I want a ball in it. I want a purple Barbie and I want another Barbie, blue. I want a purple toy.

Love,  
**Laura Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie car. I want a Barcie with pretty hair. I want a toy dog.

Love,  
**Cindy Arreola**

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car. I want boots like my dad. I want some pants for me. I want a big race car driver thing. For Carla I want a dress for the dance.

Love,  
**Adrian Estrada**

Dear Santa,  
I want some shoes like my dad. I want a toy bus. I want a dog.

Love,  
**Alfredo Rascon**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big toy truck. I want a dog. I want a Christmas tree with lights. I want a horse.

Love,  
**Alejandro Rodriguez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy policeman with a remote. I want a choo-choo that goes by itself. I want a car that is in a square and seats go back and forth.

Love,  
**Camilo Garcia**

Dear Santa,  
I want two motorcycles. I want a police truck. I want two policeman(toys). I want a computer. I want a remote control tractor. I want one car.

Love,  
**Antonio Zubie**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big truck and a car, little. A truck with a block. I want a play cow.

Love,  
**Victor Gonzalez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy motorcycle. I want some teddy bears. I want a movie called "Space Jam."

Love,  
**Andres Sigala**

Dear Santa,  
I want a big toy motorcycle. I want some presents. I want a toy truck and a race car.

Love,  
**Zedrek Herrera**

Dear Santa,  
I want Betty spaghetti for Christmas and a tede bear. I want to give my mom a nice present for Christmas. My dad id giving me a toy for Christmas. Me and my family will celebrate Christmas.

Love,  
**Maria Quintanilla**

Dear Santa,  
I won't a bike. And I won't my perents to stop fighting. I won't a dress for Christmas. You are so nice that I want a dog. If you are so nice why don't you bring me a ring. And bring me a nice mom. And bring me so more pig's.

Sincerely  
**Sandra**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a moccontrol car and a gold car and a toy car and a race car and a truck and a pair of boots and a pair of wranglers and a cow boy shirt and foot balls

Signed,  
**Roman**

Dear Santa Clase,  
I would like my family to be there and a barbey the ome that you can paint hair with and I would like a sleeping bethey barbey. And I would like it to snow a lot. And Chrisams to never to be gon ever

Love,  
**Monica**

Dear Santa Claus,

I'm just writing you this letter for you to now what I want for Christmas. I want Betty spaghetti and I want a teddy bear to and I want a bicycle to and some coloring two books and something that you can't bring me for Christmas a swimming pool and a computer and a t.v. and a barbe set.

Love,  
**Adriana Toscano**

Dear Santa Claus,  
All I want this year is a bird any cind of bird if I get a bird this year I will Get a hall lot of stuff from me I hope you get something you like it. and I will not tell you what it. is good what I am going to give you I hope you will like it. goodby.

Love  
**Alysha Rainys**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dirtbike Santa I want a fonix game so I can be relly relly smart and I want a computer and I want the computer be huctup in my room. Santa I want a play staytion and two reemotes and 10 games and can they be good.

NancyoSanta  
From,  
**Moises**

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote controle fire truck and a CD backstreetboys B\*wich a car dumprtruck and the movie toy story 2.

Love,  
**Trenton Fugua**

Dear Santa,  
I want a pony pane an Erin the bear and bames for a computer. I want for my little brother books and two stuffed animal. You can pick. We have been very gook.

Your Friend,  
**Danielle King**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie with pink nair and a porcelain doll with a purple dress and she lookd like casady's and give Summer on too. Like both of my porcelain dolls and Casady's too. Make my room clean please and the house clean and my teeth to be pretty and cinderelia's dress to be sparkly with the hair braided.

Your friend,  
**Larissa Shea Grey**

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl. What I want for Christmas is a Barbie car and a Barbie lots of toys of girls, Super Sport cars and pizzas that are cooked too. If you do I'll give you cookies.

Your friend  
**Cynthia Ramirez**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa and Mrs. Claus? I am good this year. I want a go-cart and let nothing happen this year.

Your friend  
**Larry Richards**

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dog, a Play Station and a Nintendo game called Donkey Kong.

Your friend  
**Stuart Precure**

Dear Santa,  
Santa I've been very good. I want a stereo and the Brittany Spears C.D., the Backstreet Boys C.D., and the Christina Aglara C.D. and the Nsync C.D..

Your friend,  
**Tiffany Standard**

Dear Santa,  
I've been very, very, very good. What I want is a CD of Basty Boys and I want a Selena t-shirt and a CD player and Super Sports Barbvie CD Rom.

Your friend,  
**Alyssa Lozano**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you and you wife have a good christmas. I love you. I want a bike, six CDs one Nsync, one Backstreet Boys, Brittang Spears and the biggest Barbie Angel. And for my big brother a car.

Your friend  
**Brenda Franco**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Digimon Dinosaur called Raymon. And for my brother a Digimon called Raumon.

Your friend,  
**Jose Green**

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a CD, a Motorcyde, and a wrestler.

Your friend,  
**Jared Skipworth**



Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good and I hope you have a good Christmas. I want the Jesse Doll for Christmas and a C.D. player and a lots of toys.  
Your friend,  
**Genevieve Galvan**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I want a CD player and Beach Boys and Star Wars Episode 1.  
Your friend  
**Austin Bamert**

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-car for Christmas and a racetrack and dirt bike, a CD player and the CD of Lou Baguto. That is all I want for Christmas.  
Your friend  
**Frankie Reyes**

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good girl. How are you? I want a C.D. player with C.D.s and headphones and a little T.V. and Jewlry.  
Your friend,  
**Miranda M. Camarillo**

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good to my family. On Christmas I want an Easy Bake and a TV. with a VCR, a computer, SkateBoard Barbie, Play Station and a Play Station games.  
Your friend,  
**Sarah Johnson**

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good. I want two Playstision games for Christmas. One is calles CTR Crash Team Racing and the other one is Called PackMan2  
Your friend,  
**Joseph Sena**

Dear Santa,  
I want a train and Pickachew and TV and VCR.  
Your friend,  
**Santiago Vera**

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. Cn you please bring me a bollte of perfume and some make-up to put on? Please give my family what they want too, I want the kind of perfume that has the big ball. You just press it. The Perfume comes out. Have a good Christmas! I love you!  
Your friend,  
**Lucero Granados**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a pokemon book, and a Tweety watch. How are you doing?  
Your friend,  
**Veronica Soliz**

Dear Santa,  
I wish that Christmas was here. How are you? Hope it snows. I hope you don't get sick.  
Your friend,  
**Xavier Mora**

Dear Santa,  
I really like you and your big red shiny suit. Any way, I want to tell you what I want for christmas. I would like money, & an horse, & a scope for my bee bee gun, & a mouth peace, & pads for my football pants, & a football, & some football tites that are pants. Well I hope you have the things I want BY!  
Love your friend  
**Wes Wood**

Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a moder sikle because it is cool and I would get my brother to fix it up jist like my fourwilor ro a BIG BIG fourwilor like a size 900 were my brother can trake me on a ride and my mom and dad can rike it and my brithr Rhet and Landon can ride on it and meand Roper can ride mine. I hope I get the big won.  
Love,  
**Gunner Kerby**

Dear Santa,  
I went a stoncoldstevosten and a letendo 64 and a ring and a sting and for my brother a mords and pokemon's first move and pekucho's vchason and toy store2 and the book and for my mom a lot of mony and for my gramole a new howm and for jrmly a new howm.  
**Herman Quezada**

Dear santa,  
how are you today. my consens say you can make, it arond the wold. all the pre k kid's say you are really, because my, cosen max, told me, have a grate hoday. i want a nentendo 64.  
**Miguel**

Dear Santa Claus  
I hope you have a happy Chrismas. I hope you come ot my house. I want a gocar. by  
your frend  
**Joseph**

Dear Santa  
My cousin Daisy Estrada says that you are not real but I just say that I dont believe in you just because then she will make fun of me. I want a trampaline for christmas. And I will also like to have a computer but you could only get one big thing. And I have been trying to be good to. Have a nice christmas.  
Happy Christmas Santa.  
Love  
**Hilda Rascon**

Dear Santa Claus,  
Houw are you doing this year. I hope you are doing well. Becuse you have too

deliver all those presents for Christmas. I want a parret for Christmas.  
Happy Chistman  
**Love Jacie**

Dear Santa  
How are you am fime. I been good lately. I help poeple. I give poeple candy. And I ant a Angelbarbedall my size. I beiven you so do a very wonels and I want a little tv and a telophon your good santa clou you send ever won presens I want the back street boys to have there concirt here. my friend Jovanne love back street boys and I want a stereo and some sedys MERRY CHRISTMAS.  
From  
**Ashley**

Dear Santa  
Hi Santa This is Tana This is to see you this is the happys day of my life I wook like a puppy for chistmas.  
Happy Chismas  
**Tana**

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing.  
This is Mariah. Im making a list for Chistmas. I want a puppy,Kelly Doll, aGrils to go,a fasin Doll.  
Thats almost what I want for Christmas.  
Love you,  
**Mariah**

Dear Santa Clause  
How are you doing today fime that good santa I was going to tell you if you will bring me a computer or a puppy or a puppy toy. And I will leave you some ciilies and milk please come to my house. And bring me a lot of presents and my sister wants a new tv coulde you bring her that please. and my brother wants a playstation please bring it tohim. And my mom want a pretty pretty white dress. And my day wants some new new clothes. And belev that you are real. Please bring us that santa clause  
your friend  
**Vanity Garcia**

Dear Santa Clause,  
How are you? I am fine. Anyway I would like one of those clear balls that have electricity in it and I would like you to give my baby brother a rattle.  
Your freind  
**John Michael Salinas**

Dear Santa  
How are you? I am fime for crismas I would like 2 dinisor books and some barbi cloth and a barbi  
p.s. PLEAS bring it  
YOREfriend  
**Andriana**

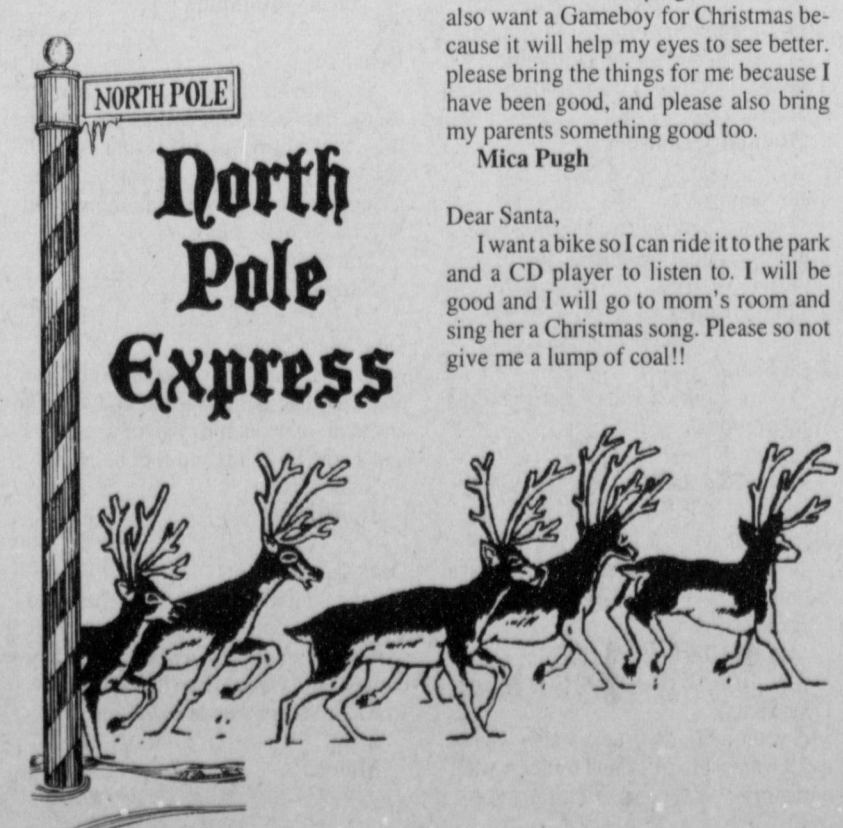
Dear Santa,  
How are you I am fine. Now I am ritting to you in my own letters. These are the thing I want for Christmas. A pier of lether boots and twen baby dolls and some baby clothes and a brittany speriscd and the new melleneum cd of backstreet boy's  
Your Frined  
**Jovanne Lopez**

Halo santa  
Haw are you doeng if you come to my haws i wil give you mild and coces ael i want to say is can you make me a playstation with a lot of CD's ok i hafe to go remembr i want one by  
**Mikey Flores**

Dear Santa,  
You are a nice person. I think you treet animal's nice. A monster truck and a n 64 and a football and a WWF resler.  
you freind  
**Mario**

Dear Sants,  
How are you? You are nicek. I want some shoe and a shrit and a pair of jeans. OH I almost forgot tell Mrs. Clause HI for me thank you. I put up my tree. It only has some presnts. Bye for now.  
Love  
**Lisa Soto**

Dear Santa,  
Could I please have a PlayStation game, 49er stuff, a baseball bat and a baseball, Nike shoes, a football, and some new CDs?  
Thank you!  
Merry Christmas!  
**Dillon Gallman**  
P.S. Your suit looks good on you!



Dear Santa Claus  
How are you Santa I like you soot and I like when you come in my house.  
Santa I want a traponie for christmas and I want makeup for my mom and a CD player for my brother. Iwill have milk and cookies out for you.  
your friend  
**Jessica Lopez**

Dear Santa Claus  
How are you i am fime will you get me i dont no what i want there is a lot of stuff i want like CD and clothes that is all i like for Chrismas oh ya i like your soot to i like you elfs and i like you raindears to that is alli wanted to know. ho ho ho merry Christmas  
your friend  
**Matthew Garza**

Dear Santa  
I belev in you. Some kids do not belev that you are rill. Youa know I all reaky made a Christmas list but then my dad lost it and know I have to make a brand new one. This is what for Christmas I what a trampule a cd player with a tape player. Can you bring a chair for my desk.  
love,  
**Tabitha**

Dear Santa  
How are you? I'm doing fime. For christmas I want 1,000 dolars, the cd now, and I want my family and me to move to Kanas. You have to think what other stuff I want. Ho ho ho merry christmas!  
Love  
**Kasey**

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I hope you are not sick. Can I ride in your sly. And See rodf and to the nort pole. and at trde and lot of stuf toy. I mac computer and my hors needs a firend.  
your friend  
**Amanda Heron**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cd player because you can buy Cd's for it, and on a trip you can take you CD player your headphones so your mom won't have to listen to the music you are playing. I will leave milk and cookies for you.  
**Justin Kube**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Cd player with headphones. I also want some jewelry and some 14K gold rings> I would Like some 14K gold earrings, and a kindergarten baby. Please bring me some face makeup and a TV. I would like a Pooh watch and a stuffed dog.  
**Relessia Hernandez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a 49'ers football and I want a telephone for Christmas. I also want a CD player with CD's. Please bring me a skateboard, a trampoline, a remote control car, and a computer for Christmas. Bring my family some nice things also,  
**Julio Bustillos**

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me some CD's and games for my Playstation and Nintendo 64. Also bring me some monos toys. I would like a trampoline. I have tried to be good.  
**David Lucio**

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer. It will help me on my homework and it will have recipes and cool stuff for mom and dad. I want a trampoline so that i can have many exercises on it. This is my most important thing that I want- it is a micro-size Star Wars. I would like a Nintendo and my brother will always bother me and I will not have time to play with my brother most of the time.  
**Diego DelToro**

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a horse, but my mom might not want to get it for me. I know she will get me a trampoline. I want Santa to bring me a puppy and a CD player and some CD's  
**Katherine DePalma**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bunk bed for christmas because i have a little bed that I sleep on and it feel like I am sleeping on the floor. I also want a Gameboy for Christmas because it will help my eyes to see better. please bring the things for me because I have been good, and please also bring my parents something good too.  
**Mica Pugh**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike so I can ride it to the park and a CD player to listen to. I will be good and I will go to mom's room and sing her a Christmas song. Please so not give me a lump of coal!!

**Priscilla Quezada**  
Dear Santa,  
I want smoe roller blades so I could roller blade with my friends to the store. I want a CD player so I could hear music of mu favorite singers. I also would like a trampoline so that I can jump and play with my little brother. I would like a bike so I can ride to the park and some jewelry to make me prettier. I'd like some makeup, too. I have been good to my mother and brothers-no fighting! Please bring me a Nintendo 64m a puppy and new clothes.  
Love,  
**Anna Sigala**

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer for Christmas. I really want a computer so that I can play lots of games and do reading, writing, and do work with my mom in writing recipies and homework for me. I could also draw pictures on it. I would like a Gameboy for my very own to play all day, and I would like new books to read to my mom.  
**Albert Esquivel**

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like to have a bicycle. I would also like to have a computer because it would help me to study and so well at school. Please bring me a Sega and some games to go with it. I have tried to be good.  
**Joshua Carrasco**

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would liki to have a computer to help me on my multiplication tables. I would like a CD player and some rollerblakes. Please bring me some CD's to go with my CD player, like Selena and Brittany Spears. I would also like to have a trampoline.  
**Chesna Pena**

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a super nintaindo somes games for my super nintaindo, I also would like a computer, some ganie for my computer  
Your friend  
**Luis Rameroz**

Dear Santa  
I want a play staion an I want a bike, a three wheeler.  
Your friend  
**Angel Garcia**

Dear Sants,  
I was waiting for this since Aug. What I want for chrismus is a bike a football and a control truck and football equment. Trampoline and a Xbrain yoyo.  
yours truly  
**Joshua Carrasco**

Dear Santa,  
I would ike a basketball and a new toys and a computer.  
your friend always  
**Eric Carrion**

Dear Santa,  
I want a new computer because they're fun to play on. I also want a water gun so I could wet my brothers. Also a four wheeler so I could ride it to school.  
Sincerly  
**Adrian Perez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby blue CD player because itmight be useful. Another thing I want is a ferby because it can keep secrets. The last thing I want Is a couple of goldfish so that I can have my own pets for Christmas.  
Sincerly,  
**Belen Nunez**

Dear Santa,  
I wis for Harry Potter in the Chamber of Secrets. Also the third bool of Harry Potter and the Prisoners of Axaban to help the time fly by. Then I want the Playstation game, Twisted Metal Four. Next I was the Cd. Smash Mouth - The Morning Comes and the CD. Santanasmoth.  
Sincerly,  
**Caitlin Wills**

Dear Santa,  
Hi whats up? Nothing much here. I just wanted to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a CD player with free CD's. I want a computer. I want a whole bunch of other things but not cheap stuff. Give my brother, Henry pokemon stuff and give my other brother Jonathan a real frog because thats his favorite animal.  
Sincerly,  
**Delia Ruiz**  
(A Good child)  
P.S. get me some glassass cause I really neat them.

Dear Santa,  
Here is what I want for Christmas OK! A baby blue boom box so I could play cool CD's. I also want a fish tank so lots of fish could swim in it. The last thing I want for Christmas is a stocking so that Santa can give me candy and presents.  
Sencerly, your friend,  
**Adriana Segura**

Dear Santa,  
I want Christmas movies from Estrada's video store. I want to get it to my Gramdma. I like money so I could go out and eat.  
Sincerly,  
**Irene Dominguez**

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a N64 and the game Crash Bandscool 3 and whith a controller. I also want a go-car so I can go around the apartments whith my brother and friend. I also might want a game for my Computer called Medieval.  
Sincerly,  
**David Caraveo**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega Dream cast so I will not be bored. I want the sonic adventures game so I can play on the Sega Dream cast and tons of legos so I can play with them. Also a gocart, And a Brittany Spears CD and ther's one more thing beast wars 2 chetor.  
your friend,  
**J.R. Yonung**

Dear Santy,  
I would want the game Cresh Team Racing CD. Tiny lank CD, Army men Ary Attach CD, Dune 2000 CD Tom Clancys Rainbow Six C.D, Army Men Surges Heroess far a Playstation alsa a trwobol please  
Sincerly,  
**Creston**

Dear Santa  
Here are the things Iwant for Christmas. i want a 4-wheeler and a pair of shirts and wind pants. The 4-wheeler is for my sitter, brther and me. The windsoot pants are for I can were them.  
Sincerly  
**Michael Cruz**

Dear Santa,  
Hi whats up? Nothing nuch here. I just wanted to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a C.D. player and with free C.D.'s. I want a CD player to listen to music.  
Love,  
**Reyna Granados**

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a go-car because I need to practice my driving skills. I also want a Sega Dream cast with 4 racing games with it Also I would like a i-mas computer. If you would get me a pet dog. I will believe in you! Can you get me a big package of noodles? Oh yeah, some cans of DR. Pepper, please! One more thing I would like is snowmible to get around in the snow. Well thats all! Bye!  
Yours sincerly,  
**Adam Perez**

Dear Santa,  
I want a game called Army men for playstion and a gocart. Another baseball bat please and a baseball Aso some kinex  
Sincerly,  
**Austin**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintenso 64 so I can play Mario cart. I want to get an computer jst like Mrs. Whalin with a prenter so I can look up on the internet to look up the new game and I wnt a trapoline that is 20 feet long so I can play crack the egg shed.  
Your friend,  
**Joaquin**

Dear Santa,  
I want a new laptop, laptop computer games for my laptop, bobet so I can play with it and a color gameboy so I can pass levels.  
Sencerly,  
**Holly**  
P.S. Ther is milk and cookies for you on the mantel pecie.

Dear Santa,  
I would like art supplies because I am a good artist and also like to draw. I also want some computer CD roms or CD rom games because I love computers. The last thing clothes and money for the helpless so they can get clothes and food.  
your friend  
**Frankin**  
Ho, Ho, Ho!  
Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
Can you get me Twon Hawks Pro Skater for my playstation. Can you get me new shoes because my old shoes don't fit me any more. Can you get me a computer so I can play games on it.  
Your friend,  
**Michael Jaramillo**

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Santa for cricimis I want a race cat with a miat can trow and want a toy modetsicel and a computer and a scabord.  
Love  
**Steven**

Dear Santa,  
I like a doll and a skia and a Bibe and Bire.  
Love,  
**Annabel Regalado**

Dear Santa,  
DB Love santa Bed Love Santa Love santa I B Bobe Brbe  
Love,  
**Jessica M**

Dear Santa,  
I luov you. Can you git me a shot gun  
Luov,  
**Chance**

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I would like a rumote cuntrole walk in way ploom. A train set with briges and a train stashin and tracks. A teddy bear. A teddy bear. A school play house. And a playpin.  
Love

**Jenna Lynn Whitworth**  
Dear Santa,  
I live you want a gamebye, colors pokemon yellw three playsgame get mascar crachtem racin.  
Love,  
**Joshua Stefdrd**

Dear Santa,  
I love you I want a Big car and a t.v. and nintendo game and enetheeng you think a Boy wode want doky kong  
Love  
**Ryan Hall**

Dear Santa,  
I love. I wat a Bike. I wat a toy santa. I wat a Barde.  
Love,  
**Skyler**

Dear Santa,  
I Love You. Santa. I. wat. a. Rumote  
**Alex**

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game. I love you Santa I want a Christmas Tree Too and a bell and doths too.  
**Marina Compos**

Dear Santa,  
Love santa Dear santa. I wont a brbe and a tworhas and a cmpw.  
Love,  
**Billie**

Dear Santa,  
I love you I wut SDuf Ber  
O love crof I wut yo crism  
Love,  
**Robert**

Dear Santa,  
I want a milen dolrs and noa booc.  
Livck  
**Gage Edwrs**

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa how are you today? I want to tell you something I want to breng me a playtachen gane the name is bloodie wor for my playstachen. and a movee that the name is mew vs mewtow.  
Your friend,  
**Adolfo Saludo**

Dear Santa,  
I am so good santa all off my frienda are good Santa. I want a pink car off Barbi Santa I love you.  
Your friend,  
**Lupita Regalado**

Dear Santa,  
Byke Doll and a nutr kele Doll and a nethr Kele Doll and a gold fish and a Keele Doll  
For Santa.  
From  
**Sam**

Dear Santa,  
I love e you santa Dear Santa, frof yoorrs  
Love,  
**Erik**

Dear Santa,  
I love you  
Frinlrn Simm Ryan Hall Toy  
**Brandon**

Dear Santa,  
I wot a bieck big cars  
I love you  
**Gilbert.**

Dear Santa,  
Hor are you and Mrs Santa? I like th gift that you left my thank you Santa for the gift I would like to have a computer and a puppy and some clothes and a play station an a stereo and a Barbie and a TV swimming pool  
Your friend,  
**Stephanie Garcia**

Dear Santa,  
How ar you and Mrs. Santa. I really liked the presents you left for me last year. I want a playstation and a trañd puppy and a TV with a VCR and a computer plees.  
Your friend,  
**Jessica Howard**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Santa? Did you enjoy the cookie and milk I left for you last year How are the elves I really liked the presents you left for me last year I have played with it all year. This year I would like to have a computer and a puppy and a Baby doll and swimming pool and a trampoline.  
Your friend,  
**Cristal Quintanilla**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Santa? Did you enjoy the cookies and the milke i left for you last year? Thank you for my presnts that you gave me Santa Now I want a TV and a robbot and a pupy and a crayons and marker a and a bike and a cat.  
Your friend,  
**Eric Montejano**

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs Santa? Did you enjoy the cookies and milk I left for you last year? How are the elves? I relly liked the presents you left for me last year I have played with it all year. This year I would like to have a puppy swimming pool trampoline kittan clothes computer nintendo TV playtation gocart Donkey Kong 64  
Your friend,  
**Heather Moore**

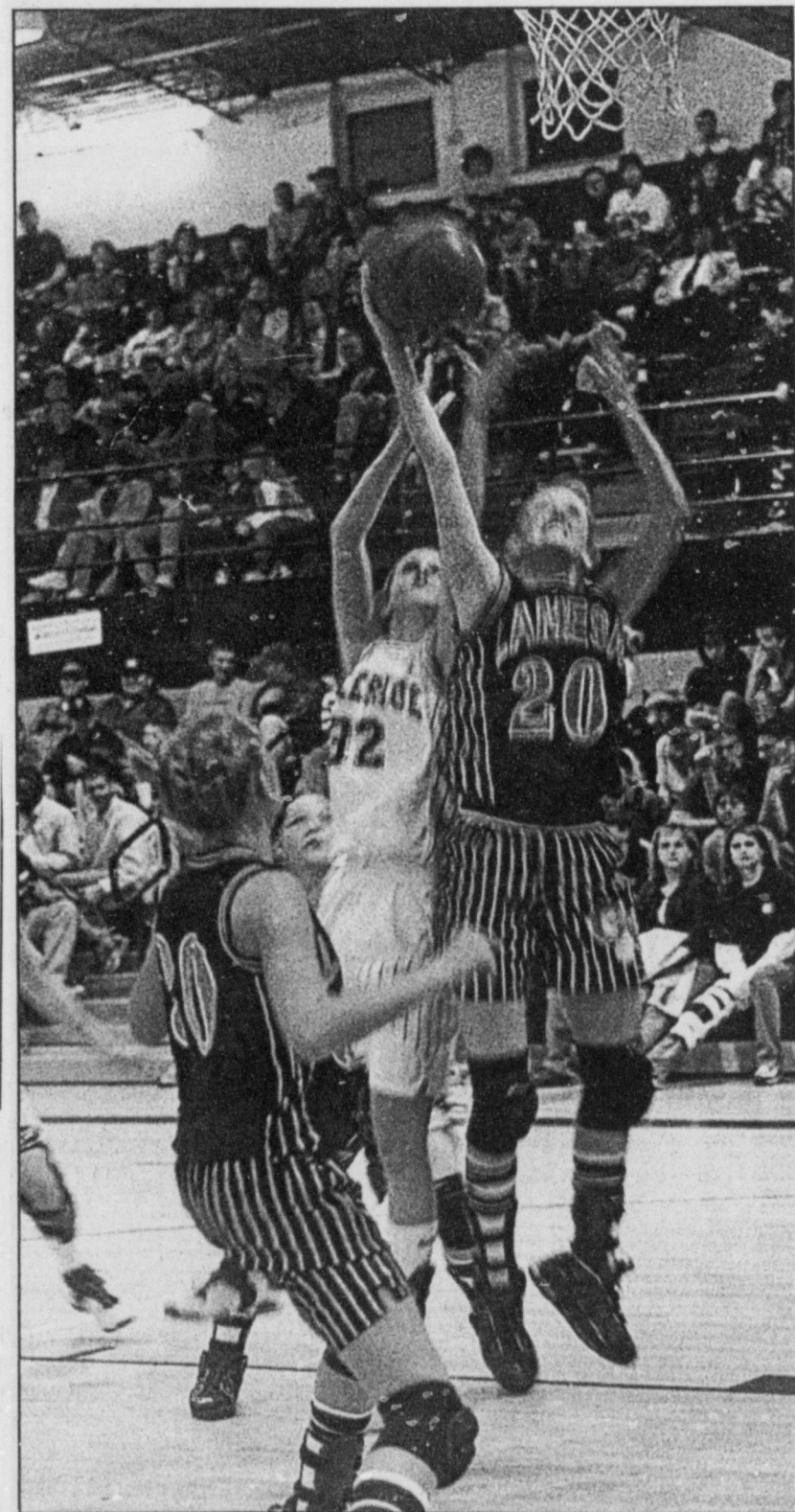




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**I've got that!**

Muleshoe's Jeff Shelburne (No. 50) and Lamesa's Josh Wade (No. 42) both seem to think they're going to come down with the ball during a Dec. 17 game at Muleshoe. The varsity Mules tromped the Golden Tornados 67-43 to extend their season to 7-3.



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**Heathington at the basket**

Myndi Heathington (No. 32) of the Lady Mules goes up against Mande Meador of Lamesa in the Lady Mules' 60-42 victory at home Dec. 17. Muleshoe got double-digit scoring from Lindsey Field (15) and Tommie Hernández in extending its record to 7-5. The JV girls also won, 46-34.

**N.M. Ag Expo being expanded to include women's activities**

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**

One thing that will be new at this year's New Mexico Ag Expo in Portales is activities in the Women's Building on the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds, site of the expo.

Michelle Bargas-Victor, chairman of the Women's Building Committee, is finalizing plans for the Feb. 22-23 event.

"We are looking at having a fashion show, and students from Portales Junior High School have asked to host a lunch or dinner as a fundraiser," she said.

Bargas-Victor said the committee

plans to get local businesses to display their merchandise and demonstrate their products at the expo.

Booth information for the Women's Building is available by calling Bargas-Victor at (505) 763-9611 or (505) 273-4332.

Visitors to the expo can expect to see more than 300 vendors exhibiting agriculture-related products and services.

Expo booth information is available by calling the Roosevelt County Chamber of Commerce at (800) 635-8036, faxing (505) 356-8542 or e-mailing chamber@portales.com.

**Baylor University to take part in nine-year weight loss study**

**SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL**

**HOUSTON** — Obesity is linked to adverse health conditions, but researchers have no long-term evidence that weight loss actually results in health benefits.

"We know that being heavy is a problem. However, we need to know if lowering weight decreases the chances of dying and increases health," said Dr. John Foreyt, a professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and principal investigator. "We have short-term data that says yes, but no long-term data."

Baylor has joined 14 other institutions in a nine-year, nationwide Study of Health Outcomes of Weight-loss.

Researchers hope the study's data also will determine if interventions designed to produce sustained weight-loss will improve the health of obese individuals with type 2 diabetes.

Many obese individuals develop diabetes, which increases their risk for lipid disorders and atherosclerosis, or cardiovascular disease. Unlike other studies, this one will examine obesity and its direct relationship with cardiovascular disease.

"The study is very important because with all of the medical interventions, the population as a whole is living longer, becoming more prosperous, and as a result, becoming heavier," said Dr. Henry Pownall, professor of medicine and co-principal investigator.

**HONORS**

**KENDALL**

Christy Holt Kendall, a 1995 graduate of Muleshoe High School, graduated Dec. 18 from Texas Tech with a degree in human development.

She is employed at Hydromatic Irrigation in Lubbock.

Kendall is the daughter of Cecil and Charlotte Holt and the wife of Michael Kendall.

**CCC GRADUATES**

Four Muleshoe-area students were among those graduating from Clovis Community College on Dec. 10.

They are Priscilla Aguirre, associate degree in liberal arts; Kathy Sue Strickland, associate degrees in accounting and computer information systems; Robert R. Orozco, associate degree in nursing; and Emily Jean Bomer, associate of general studies.

**PHONE COMPANIES**

Five Area Telephone Cooperative and West Plains Telecommunications presented service awards to longtime employees during their Dec. 10 Christmas party.

Awards included:

- 25 years — Hugh Young, public affairs representative, and Raymond Davenport, central office and toll supervisor;
- 20 years — Kelvin Johnson, combination technician, and Margie Silguero customer service representative;
- 10 years — Clay Kidd, engineer; Jacque Boutell, administrative assistant and office manager; Beverly Beggs, plant records representative; and Ronnie Kenmore,

customer service representative; • Five years — Anna Pérez, plant records representative; Scott Springfield, construction line worker; Sharla Saylor, customer service representative; James

Atwood, combination technician; and Danny Dunagan, computer and Internet technician.

After the awards presentation, the staff played bingo and had a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

*To The Shipman Family  
Joe touched our lives in a marvelous way.  
He will always live on in our memories  
and in our hearts. He was well loved.*

**Dairy Queen**

Jack & Joy Nicholson  
Vicki, Anissa, Shari, Kathy, Raul,  
Anthony, Gabe & Zachary

*I wish to say "Thank you" to  
everyone who came to my  
retirement party and made it  
such a success. Every gift,  
bouquet of flowers, card and  
phone call reminded me of how  
great Muleshoe people are.*

**Maxine Donaldson**

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### The aliens have landed

Castle Crawford (left), Kyra Kimbrough and Stephanie Williams portray aliens in the "Strictly Scientific" skit during a Lazbuddie Elementary School Christmas program, "Close Encounters of a Christmas Kind." Rowdy Smith portrayed Santa and Erica Derma was Mrs. Claus during the program, put on by second-, third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

### Reverse mortgages now available to Texas seniors

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

On Nov. 2, Texas voters approved legislation that allows homeowners to borrow money based on the equity in their homes.

Previously, due to conflicts between HUD requirements and Texas legislative language, lenders were unable to offer reverse mortgages.

A reverse mortgage is a loan on the equity in a home, and unlike traditional home-equity loans, this one does not have to be repaid until the borrower(s) no longer reside in the home.

So, instead of making monthly payments, a reverse mortgage pays the homeowner. There are two main types of reverse mortgages, one is from the Federal Housing Authority and the other is from

FannieMae.

FHA is a U.S. government agency and Fannie Mae is a private corporation chartered by the federal government.

The amount of money a senior homeowner is eligible to receive depends on three factors: The age of the youngest borrower (must be at least 62), the value of the home, and current interest rates.

Prospective borrowers do not have to have credit or income qualification to be eligible. The title remains with the homeowner(s).

The proceeds are treated as tax-free income and do not affect Social Security or Medicare.

Because of the complexity of the program, both FHA and FannieMae require the prospective borrowers to attend a free

counseling session to determine the advantages and disadvantages of obtaining a reverse mortgage.

"Senior homeowners in Texas will be able to utilize the reverse mortgage to pay off debt such as credit cards, take care of maintenance on their home, or any other needs they may have," said Audra Pickens, regional manager for The Reverse Mortgage Co.

"The reverse mortgage has been a godsend to many seniors in other states, and I know it will improve the quality of life for Texas seniors as well." Whatever the need, seniors will be able to get their homes to work for them.

More free information about the reverse mortgage is available by contacting Pickens at (800) 366-3135.

### Shopping for jewelry isn't like running to a convenience store

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Buying a piece of fine jewelry is unlike buying any other product. What other gift is made of materials that often are billions of years old?

The natural gemstones and precious metals from which fine jewelry is created have a uniqueness and complexity that often require special knowledge.

Most consumers have a hard time evaluating a strand of quality cultured pearls or distinguishing between a blue topaz and a sapphire.

And, even if they do know the difference between carats and karats, how do they know they are getting what they're paying for?

With the proliferation of jewelry outlets, including catalogs and electronic shopping, selecting where and what to buy can be a daunting experience.

The Jewelry Information Center, a nonprofit trade association headquartered in New York City, provides the following tips on finding the right jeweler and what to look for when buying fine jewelry.

**Buy from a trusted jeweler or one who has been recommended.**

Choosing the right jeweler is like choosing a doctor: Ask friends or colleagues to recommend someone they know and trust.

Otherwise, find out how long the jeweler has been in busi-

ness by checking with the Better Business Bureau or a chamber of commerce.

The right jeweler is a professional who can guide customers through the selection process. And a professional will be there later if the piece needs to be cleaned, restrung or remounted.

Ask what the return or trade-up policy is. And finally, ask if the jeweler is affiliated with one of the jewelry trade associations, such as Jewelers of America or American Gem Society, that require a code of ethics for their members.

**Don't be dazzled by discounts.**

If a store is offering unbelievable discounts of 50 percent or more, the sale probably is just that — unbelievable. Consumers should play it safe by shopping around first and comparing actual value.

**Look for the registered trademark and quality mark.**

When buying a piece of gold jewelry, the karat mark, often called the quality mark, tells the percentage of pure gold in the piece.

Gold must be alloyed with other metals, such as copper, zinc or silver, to give strength and durability.

Fourteen-karat gold, for example, is 58.3 percent gold: The rest is alloys.

Jewelry of less than 10-karat gold (or 41.7 percent gold) cannot legally be sold as gold in the United States.

Ask the jeweler to show you the quality mark for gold, platinum and sterling silver jewelry. If the quality mark appears on the piece, a registered U.S. trademark is required by federal law. If the trademark is not there, don't buy it.

**Know what defines quality in gemstones.**

To qualify as a gem, a stone must possess beauty, durability and rarity. No two gems are alike.

Diamonds are the hardest and the oldest gemstones known to man. Their quality is determined by the four C's — cut, color, clarity and carat weight.

A well-cut diamond unleashes a brilliance unmatched by any other gem. Compare similarly cut and sized stones of different qualities and look for the diamond's unique sparkle.

The four C's are important criteria for colored gemstones as well. Generally, the purest and most vibrant color possible in any given gemstone is the most valuable.

**Know what to look for when buying cultured pearls.**

The best quality pearls should have deep luster, beautiful iridescence and surface cleanliness, and should be perfectly round.

Less expensive but also elegant are baroque pearls, with semiround or irregular shapes. Avoid pearls with chips near the drill holes, as the chips can enlarge over time.

### Hotline lawyer helps elderly woman get refund

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Maria Johnson, one of the lawyers who staffs the Legal Hotline for Older Texans, remembers the caller well.

"She sounded frail," Johnson said, recalling their first encounter. Johnson eventually learned that the woman was partially blind and had just come home from a stay in the hospital when a vacuum-cleaner salesman came to the door.

"The salesman left with a check for \$1,600," Johnson said. "He'd even taken the old woman's Dirt Devil!"

The problem was this: The woman had succumbed to the salesman's pitch, but once he was gone, she realized she didn't want the new vacuum cleaner after all. But the check had been cashed, and calls that the woman and her friends made to the company asking that the money be returned were unsuccessful.

Could the hotline help?

Johnson tried, but her office cannot actually represent citizens in legal actions. Reluctantly, she prepared to close the woman's file. Then Johnson saw an article in the *Wall Street Journal*. "It was a front-page story about the tactics used by the same vacuum-cleaner company. But it mentioned some sort of golden age clause which allowed people over age 65 to change their minds about a purchase and get a refund."

The time period for the refund was a year, and Johnson noted that 10 months had already elapsed since the elderly caller had first written her check.

Johnson called the woman immediately and also enlisted a friend of the woman to help draft a letter to the vacuum company.

"The friend didn't get the *Wall Street Journal*," Johnson

said, "but her dentist did. She ran down to the dentist's office" to get this additional ammunition. The letter was sent certified mail, but Johnson said she could hear an imaginary clock ticking away in the background.

The result? Just under the

wire. "The caller got a refund from the company for the full \$1,600," Johnson said, grinning with satisfaction.

The hotline can be reached at (800) 622-2520. Its primary mission is to serve low-income clients over the age of 60.

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### Hospital has Giving Tree

Preparing to add another loop to the Giving Tree at Muleshoe Area Medical Center is Shirley 'Simmacher' (left). Gathered around are Cynthia Turney, Lionel Patterson and Charlotte Harris. Surveying the canned goods gathered for the Muleshoe Food Pantry are Irma Garcia (left) and Tina Costilla.

## A & M research cuts food-borne pathogens risk in poultry

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION —

Two studies at Texas A&M University are aimed at keeping salmonella and campylobacter, the leading food-borne pathogens in the United States, from fouling up poultry at processing plants.

The first — in broiler chickens — indicates that simply adding a prophylactic such as lactic acid to poultry drinking water during the feed withdrawal period before slaughter will decrease the chances of contaminating carcasses with salmonella and campylobacter.

According to Dr. Dave Caldwell, assistant professor and one of the cooperating researchers on the project, the lactic acid acidifies the crop, a food storage area in the bird and reduces the risk of contamination.

"We think we're on the right track," Caldwell said of the cooperative research project with Dr. Billy Hargis, professor of veterinary medicine and pathobiology at Texas A&M, and Dr. Allen Byrd, research microbiologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service in College Station.

Poultry, particularly broiler chickens, are "genetically selected essentially to consume feed," Caldwell said. Just prior to slaughter, adult birds have to go through an 8- to 12-hour withdrawal from feed so that the intestinal tract will be clean from feed and other ingested materials.

"If the intestine ruptures without such a feed withdrawal period, then you have a dirty carcass that will not pass inspection," he said.

But because broilers are bred to consume feed, birds will consume anything they can find in the chicken house, even if it is fecal matter from the floor. That ends up in the crop, which is part of the alimentary canal.

If, during the slaughtering process, the crop ruptures, it can contaminate that and other carcasses and the equipment

around it with either salmonella or campylobacter.

"This is disastrous from the standpoint of preventing the spread of food-borne pathogens in poultry," Caldwell said.

Therefore, the practice that is intended to prevent food-borne illness actually amplifies a mechanism for the spread of salmonella and campylobacter.

"Our goal is to prevent the crop from becoming contaminated in the first place," he explained.

The lactic acid is easily administered through the drinking water and is easily and inexpensively administered at the farm, Caldwell said.

"It is a very simple procedure, and it doesn't cost the grower anything in terms of equipment, just the lactic acid," he added.

In the second project, researchers looked at ways to reduce food-borne pathogen contamination in turkeys.

The commercial processing plant for turkeys is different than that for broilers, Caldwell said. With chickens, contamination happens more frequently toward the end of the processing "line" at the site of crop removal. With turkeys, the processing is less automated, and the crops are removed by hand, making it less likely contaminated crops will rupture and subsequently foul up processed carcasses.

In both chickens and turkeys, carcasses are lowered into scalding water for 45 seconds to 1 1/2 minutes to facilitate feather removal.

Texas A&M researchers found that increasing the temperature of the water and changing the pH could potentially lower the incidence of salmonella and campylobacter on processed turkeys, making this another inexpensive and easily implemented process.

"Heat kills both salmonella and campylobacter very nicely," Caldwell said.

The poultry industry seems very responsive to both procedures, he noted.

One chicken processing

## CREATIVE LIVING

Information on decorating with fabric dyes and cooking with tequila will be featured on "Creative Living" on Dec. 25 at 3 p.m. (All times are Central.)

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

Dianne Giancola of Stamford, Conn., representing Prym/Dritz Corp., will show what supplies and tools are needed to turn wood and wicker into colorful decorating items for the home, using fabric dyes.

Lynn Nusom, a cookbook author and chef from Hillsboro, N.M., will demonstrate several exciting recipes from one of his newest cookbooks.

New quilting techniques and cooking with wild rice will be featured Dec. 23 at 1 p.m.

Patsy Shields of Sellersburg, Ind., representing Sulky of America, will show several different quilting techniques, including stipple quilting, thread sketch quilting, twin needle quilting and cross hatch quilting.

Joe Domina, executive chef at the Portland (Ore.) Hilton Hotel, will demonstrate cooking with wild rice. He will explain where wild rice

grows and how it is harvested.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden of Portales.

The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam and Puerto Rico and is distributed by West Link of Albuquerque.

Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending a first-class stamp for each handout requested, along with name, address and booklets requested, to "Creative Living" Requests, c/o KENW-TV, 52 Broadcast Center, Portales 88130.

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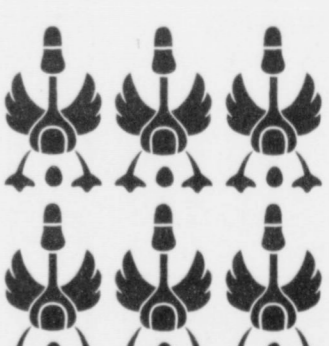
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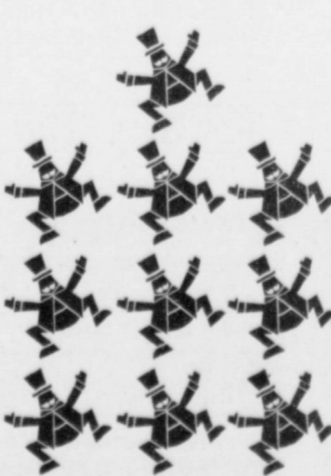
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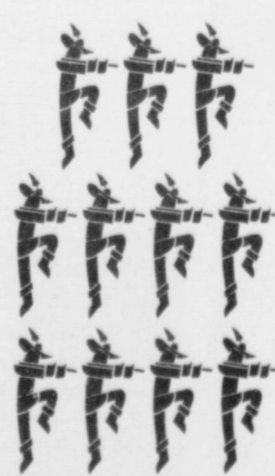
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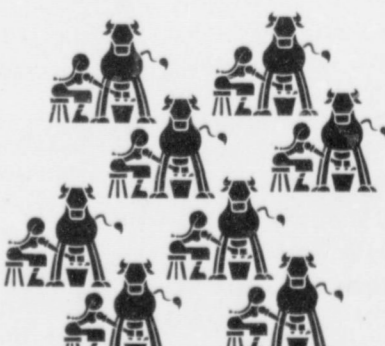
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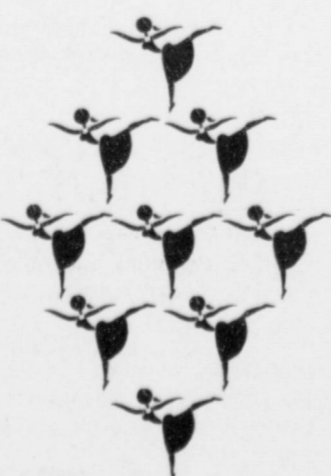
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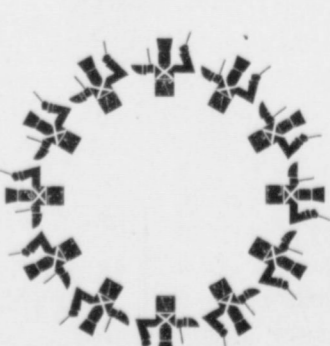
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# Pesticide withdrawal may have impact on vegetable growers

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL COLLEGE STATION —

Withdrawal of just one key pesticide used on potatoes, onions, cabbage and watermelons could cost Texas growers \$18 million, or 8 percent of the total farm receipts for these four crops, according to a recent study completed by Texas A&M University.

Kent Hall, associate with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service-Agricultural and Environmental Safety group, which conducted the study, said the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act changed the standard for pesticide registration.

The act requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to conduct risk assessments on all pesticides by the year 2006 to determine if they meet the new standard.

Pesticide uses that do not meet the standard could be withdrawn.

The agency is beginning with those pesticides it considers to pose the greatest threat to human health and the environment. According to Hall, this includes several used on vegetable crops in Texas.

A&M recently completed a study estimating the impact of loss of these pesticides on these four crops. There are about 87,000 acres of these crops harvested in Texas annually, with total gross receipts of \$206 million.

For instance, the study found that if the disease downy mildew is present and not controlled in onions, cabbage or watermelons, up to nearly two-thirds of yields could be lost.

Aphids in watermelons, cabbage or potatoes could reduce yields by up to 48 percent, and whiteflies could reduce yields in

watermelons or cabbage by up to 58 percent.

Weeds are just as bad — uncontrolled pigweed or sunflower in any of the four crops could result in as much as a 60 percent yield loss, the study found.

"Pest control is critical for abundant production of high-quality crops," Hall said. "The public demands a quality product, particularly in produce. If an onion, for example, has a blemish on it, the buyer will pick another onion that doesn't have a blemish."

There are few pest-control chemicals approved for use on fruits and vegetables. Therefore, loss of any pesticide reduces the grower's ability to produce an abundant blemish-free product.

Also, growers rotate pesticides to reduce pest resistance. The fewer chemicals available for controlling a particular pest, the more chance for the pest to develop resistance.

Registrations are being analyzed for more uses of existing pesticides and new pesticides also are being developed and submitted for vegetable-use registration.

"This all takes lots of time and money," Hall said. "If a critical pesticide use is withdrawn, loss in crop yield and quality will likely result. If the loss is substantial, growers will move on to other more profitable crops before the new pesticide uses and new pesticides are available."

Suppliers of production inputs unique to that crop, processors, workers and others who realize income from the production of that crop in the area where it is produced will be adversely affected. If there is a significant loss in U.S. production of that crop due to withdrawal of the pesticide, consumer prices will

increase and so will foreign imports.

Research has revealed that healthy diets require substantial amounts of fruits and vegetables. Reduction of supply and increased prices will result in fewer fruits and vegetables in consumers' diets, especially the poor.

The estimated losses due to pesticide withdrawal in this study are minimal considering all U.S. agricultural production, Hall said.

However, if all uses of a key pesticide important to both minor crops such as vegetables and major crops such as wheat and other field crops are withdrawn, the negative impact on U.S. agriculture could be very substantial.

About 15,340 acres of potatoes are harvested in the state annually, according to a five-year average from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Seventy percent goes to the fresh market and 30 percent goes to processing, mostly potato chips, according to numbers compiled by the Agricultural and Environmental Safety group.

About 92 percent of the Texas onion crop goes to the fresh market, with 8 percent going to processing.

The state ranks sixth in the nation for onion production, with an average of 16,840 acres harvested each year.

Texas ranks first in the nation for the production of commercial watermelons, growing 20 percent of the U.S. crop.

Texas producers harvest about 45,060 acres annually.

Nearly 10,000 acres of cabbage are harvested each year, making Texas the No. 2 producer in the nation. About 15 percent of the U.S. crop is produced in the state.



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Dimas Acosta, Muleshoe		BWF Str	225 lbs.	at \$111.00
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Daybreak Farms, Bovina	6	Char. Bulls	453 lbs.	at \$97.00
Daybreak Farms, Bovina	4	Char. Bulls	581 lbs.	at \$86.00
Darrell Mutschler, Muleshoe	2	Bik. Strs	463 lbs.	at \$100.00
WJ Trust, Morton	7	Mxd. Strs	467 lbs.	at \$94.00
WJ Trust, Morton	7	Mxd. Strs	571 lbs.	at \$92.25
Berna Dean Radford, Muleshoe		Bik. Bull	500 lbs.	at \$92.00
Corky Long, Levelland		Bik. Str	520 lbs.	at \$95.00
Forrest Savage, Denver City		Red Str	540 lbs.	at \$90.00
DMD, Inc., Friona	15	Mxd. Strs	593 lbs.	at \$92.00
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# Cornyn begins initiative to get guns away from felons

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn recently introduced Texas Exile, a state-wide initiative to get guns out of the hands of felons and keep gun-law violators in jail longer.

It is illegal under state and federal law for a felon to possess or use a firearm.

Mayors, district attorneys and U.S. attorneys will join Cornyn in introducing Texas Exile in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Tyler, Beaumont and El Paso. Announcements already have been made in Dallas and Houston.

Cornyn appointed William Sessions as state chairman to Texas Exile. Sessions, a former federal judge who also served as FBI director from 1987 to 1993, will oversee eight attorneys who will prosecute felons caught possessing firearms. Violators will be prosecuted



under a federal gun statute and the longest possible sentences will be sought.

"Today we are sending a clear message to criminals: Gun crime means hard time. If you carry a firearm illegally in Texas, you will go to prison," Cornyn said Dec. 6.

The attorney general's new public awareness campaign slogan, "Gun Crime Means Hard Time," will appear on

billboards and in broadcast advertising across the state.

Modeled after Project Exile, a successful initiative launched in Virginia in 1997, Texas Exile is funded by a \$1.6 million grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

**Insurers to run Y2K checks**  
Insurance Commissioner José Montemayer has directed all insurance companies and groups operating in Texas to evaluate their computer systems right after New Year's Day and report whether the year 2000 computer programming problem affected their operations and customer service.

The so-called Y2K glitch, if uncorrected, may cause certain computers to read the date "00" as the year 1900 instead of 2000.

Montemayer also told insurers to back up their financial, claims, policy administration,

sales and all other mission-critical data files if they have not done so already and to continue archiving this information through the first quarter of 2000.

Y2K problems such as improperly canceled policies and billing system failure could result if company computers and software fail to handle the dates properly in 2000.

According to the Department of Insurance, of 534 Texas-based "domestic" insurance companies, only eight are considered at risk of not being ready for Y2K. The rest are either considered Y2K-ready now or are on schedule to be ready before Jan. 1.

**Drinking water to be tested**  
The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has received EPA approval for its Source Water Assessment Protection Program.

By May 2003, more than

16,000 public drinking water sources in Texas will be tested under the program.

Results of the testing will be public information. Among the data will be sources and possible sources of contamination and contaminants found in the water.

**Online auction is under way**  
Unclaimed property was successfully auctioned online, Dec. 10 through Dec. 16, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

The agency used online auctions at [www.eBay.com](http://www.eBay.com); [www/Yahoo.com](http://www/Yahoo.com) and [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) to sell 81 items including jewelry, silver flatware, stamps, coins, currency and collectibles. Items up for auction came from unclaimed safe-deposit boxes turned over to the state from banks that were unable to locate the property owners.

Texas is the first state to hold an online auction to dispose of unclaimed items from safe deposit boxes, Rylander said.

**Prison guards march**  
State prison guards marched to the Capitol Dec. 4 to persuade Gov. George W. Bush to call a special session of the Legislature to seek pay raises.

Bush's spokeswoman Linda Edwards said the governor will not call a special session to consider pay raises.

Wayne Scott, executive director of Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Texas prison employees rank 46th in the nation in pay.

**Other highlights**  
Some 200,000 revelers are expected to attend Austin's Eve party. At about 6 p.m. Dec. 31, Congress Avenue will be converted into a ballroom.

## OBITUARIES

### STERLING

Graveside services were held Saturday at Sunset Memorial Terrace in Farwell for Gene E. Sterling, 78, of Farwell. The Rev. Bobby Burris officiated.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Sterling was born Oct. 10, 1921, in Clarksville, Texas. He died Dec. 16 at Clovis.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He moved to Farwell from Muleshoe in 1952 and married Viola M. Tharp in Clovis on March 3, 1952.

He was a farmer in the Farwell area.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Gena Sterling of Roswell, N.M.; a daughter, Cathy Wiese of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; four sisters, Marjorie Kemp and Hazel Ball, both of Muleshoe, Texas, and Odie Lee Sitzes of Tyler; two brothers, Bobby Dean Sterling of Amarillo and E.J. Sterling Jr. of Littlefield; and four grandchildren, David II, Alexander, Heather and Hunter Sterling, all of Roswell.

### JIMMY LEE VILLA

Services were held Saturday at First Assembly of God in

Muleshoe for Jimmy Lee Villa, 40, of Hereford. The Rev. Jack Stone and David Alvarado officiated. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery.

Ellis Funeral Homes handled arrangements.

Mr. Villa was born Oct. 5, 1959, in Friona. He died Dec. 15 at home.

He had moved to Hereford three years ago from Muleshoe. He was a farmer and a member of Good News Church in Hereford.

He is survived by his wife, Anzelma; three sons, Jimmy Jacob Villa and Hilario Villa, both of Hereford, and Timothy Frank Villa of Muleshoe; two daughters, Bridget Reyna of Muleshoe and Yvette Yvonne Villa of Hereford; five sisters, Joann Mondragón and Sylvia Benavidez, both of Hereford, Nellie Salgado of Lamesa, Felipa Ybarra of San Antonio and Betty Rejino of Muleshoe; five brothers, Cirillo Villa of Oklahoma City, Camilo Villa of New Home, Texas, Thomas Villa of Friona, Angel Villa of Amarillo and Alex Garcia of Muleshoe; and a granddaughter, Christian Nicole Reyna of Muleshoe.

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## WILD REFUGE NEWS

### By DON CLAPP

#### Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge

The Llano Estacado Chapter of the National Audubon Society from Lubbock conducted the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge's annual Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 19.

Fifty-six species were observed this year, compared to 37 species during last year's count.

One bird observed was the pyrrhuloxia, which resembles the cardinal. The male is gray with red on its face, crest, wing, tail and underparts.

Its normal range is southwestern Texas, southern New Mexico, southern Arizona and Mexico. Other recordings of species seldom seen on the refuge included the fox sparrow, bushtit, sage thrasher and short-eared owl.

The first Christmas Bird Count was conducted in 1900 to protest a tradition called the "side hunt," where participants hunted all species of birds and the one who shot the most birds won.

Today more than 1,700 individual Christmas counts are held during a 2 1/2-week period, and the results are vital in assessing the status and health of North American birds.

Although sandhill crane num-

bers are lower on the refuge this year than last because of the deeper water in Lower Paul's Lake, hundreds may still be seen during early morning or late evening at the south end of the lake.

During the Christmas Bird Count, 2,500 cranes were observed. Biologists captured and marked 16 sandhill cranes last March in the Central Platte River Valley of Nebraska.

Five others survive from a group marked in 1998. Each crane carries a standard U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service aluminum band on one leg and a 1-ounce transmitter above the knee joint on the other leg.

More than 200 of these transmitters are expected to be attached to cranes over the next three years.

Although the lesser sandhill midcontinent population is the largest in the world — more than half a million birds — and is counted on the Platte rivers in Nebraska, these transmitters will assist biologists in gaining more reliable information about migration and wintering patterns.

Each transmitter is worth more than \$3,000. Any hunter retrieving a marked crane is asked to notify the refuge office at (806) 946-3341

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