

## Miraculous Staircase

A short story by Arthur Gordon  
 (Editor's Note: The following article was submitted to the Lockney Beacon by Pauline Sams. The story was printed in the December 14, 1982 issue of Woman's Day.)

On that cool December morning in 1878, sunlight lay like an amber rug across the dusty streets and adobe houses of Santa Fe. It glinted on the bright tile roof of the almost completed Chapel of Our Lady of Light and on the nearby windows of the convent school run by the Sisters of Loretto. Inside the convent the Mother Superior looked up from her packing as a tap came on her door.

"It's another carpenter, Reverend Mother," said Sister Francis Louise, her round face apologetic. "I told him that you're leaving right away, that you haven't time to see him, but he says..."

"I know what he says," Mother Magdalene said, going on resolutely with her packing. "That he's heard about our problem with the new chapel. That he's the best carpenter in all of New Mexico. That he can build us a staircase to the choir loft despite the fact that the brilliant architect in Paris who drew the plans failed to leave any space for one. And despite the fact that five master carpenters have already tried and failed. You're quite right, Sister; I don't have time to listen to that story again."

"But he seems such a nice man," said Sister Francis Louise wistfully, "and he's out there with his burro, and..."

"I'm sure," said Mother Magdalene with a smile, "that he's a charming man, and that his burro is a charming donkey. But there's sickness down at the Santo Domingo pueblo, and it may be cholera. Sister Mary Helen and I are the only ones here who've had cholera. So we have to go. And you have to stay and run the school. And that's that!" Then she called, "Manuela!"

A young Indian girl of twelve or thirteen, black-haired and smiling, came in quietly on moccasined feet. She was a mute. She could hear and understand, but the Sisters had been unable to teach her to speak. The Mother Superior spoke to her gently: "Take my things down to the wagon, child. I'll be right there." And to Sister Francis Louise: "You'd better tell your carpenter friend to come back in two or three weeks. I'll see him then."

"Two or three weeks! Surely you'll be home for Christmas?"

"If it's the Lord's will, Sister. I hope so."

In the street, beyond the waiting wagon, Mother Magdalene could see the carpenter, a bearded man, strongly built and taller than most Mexicans, with dark eyes and a smiling, windburned face. Beside him, laden with tools and scraps of lumber, a small gray burro stood patiently. Manuela was stroking its nose, glancing shyly at its owner. "You'd better explain," said the Mother Superior, "that the child can hear him, but she can't speak."

Good-byes were quick—the best kind when you leave a place you love. Southwest, then, along the dusty trail, the mountains purple with shadow, the Rio Grande a ribbon of green far off to the right. The pace was slow, but Mother Magdalene and Sister Mary Helen amused themselves by singing songs and telling Christmas stories as the sun marched up and down the sky. And their leathery driver listened and nodded.

Two days of this brought them to Santo Domingo Pueblo, where the sickness was not cholera after all, but measles, almost as deadly in an Indian village. And so they stayed, helping the harassed Father Sebastian, visiting the dark adobe hovels where feverish brown children tossed and fierce Indian dogs showed their teeth.

At night they were bone-weary, but sometimes Mother Magdalene found time to talk to Father Sebastian about her plans for the dedication of the new chapel. It was to be in April; the Archbishop himself would be there. And it might have been dedicated sooner, were it not for this incredible business of a

choir loft with no means of access—unless it were a ladder.

"I told the Bishop," said Mother Magdalene, "that it would be a mistake to have the plans drawn in Paris. If something went wrong, what could we do? But he wanted our chapel in Santa Fe patterned after the Sainte Chapelle in Paris, and who am I to argue with Bishop Lamy? So the talented Monsieur Mouly designs a beautiful choir loft high up under the rose window, and no way to get to it."

"Perhaps," sighed Father Sebastian, "he had in mind a heavenly choir. The kind with wings."

"It's not funny," said Mother Magdalene a bit sharply. "I've prayed and prayed, but apparently there's no solution at all. There just isn't room on the chapel floor for the supports such a staircase needs."

The days passed, and with each one Christmas drew closer. Twice, horse-men on their way from Santa Fe to Albuquerque brought letters from Sister Francis Louise. All was well at the convent, but Mother Magdalene frowned over certain paragraphs. "The children are getting ready for Christmas," Sister Francis Louise wrote in her first letter. "Our little Manuela and the carpenter have become great friends. It's amazing how much he seems to know about us all..."

And what, thought Mother Magdalene, is the carpenter still doing there?

The second letter also mentioned the carpenter. "Early every morning he comes with another load of lumber, and every night he goes away. When we ask him by what authority he does these things, he smiles and says nothing. We have tried to pay him for his work but he will accept no pay..."

Work? What work? Mother Magdalene wrinkled up her nose in exasperation. Had that softhearted Sister Francis Louise given the man permission to putter around in the new chapel? With firm and disapproving hand, the Mother Superior wrote a note ordering an end to all such unauthorized activities. She gave it to an Indian pottery-maker on his way to Santa Fe.

But that night the first snow fell, so thick and heavy that the Indian turned back. Next day at noon the sun shone again on a world glittering with diamonds. But Mother Magdalene knew that another snowfall might make it impossible for her to be home for Christmas. By now the sickness at Santo Domingo was subsiding. And so that afternoon they began the long ride back.

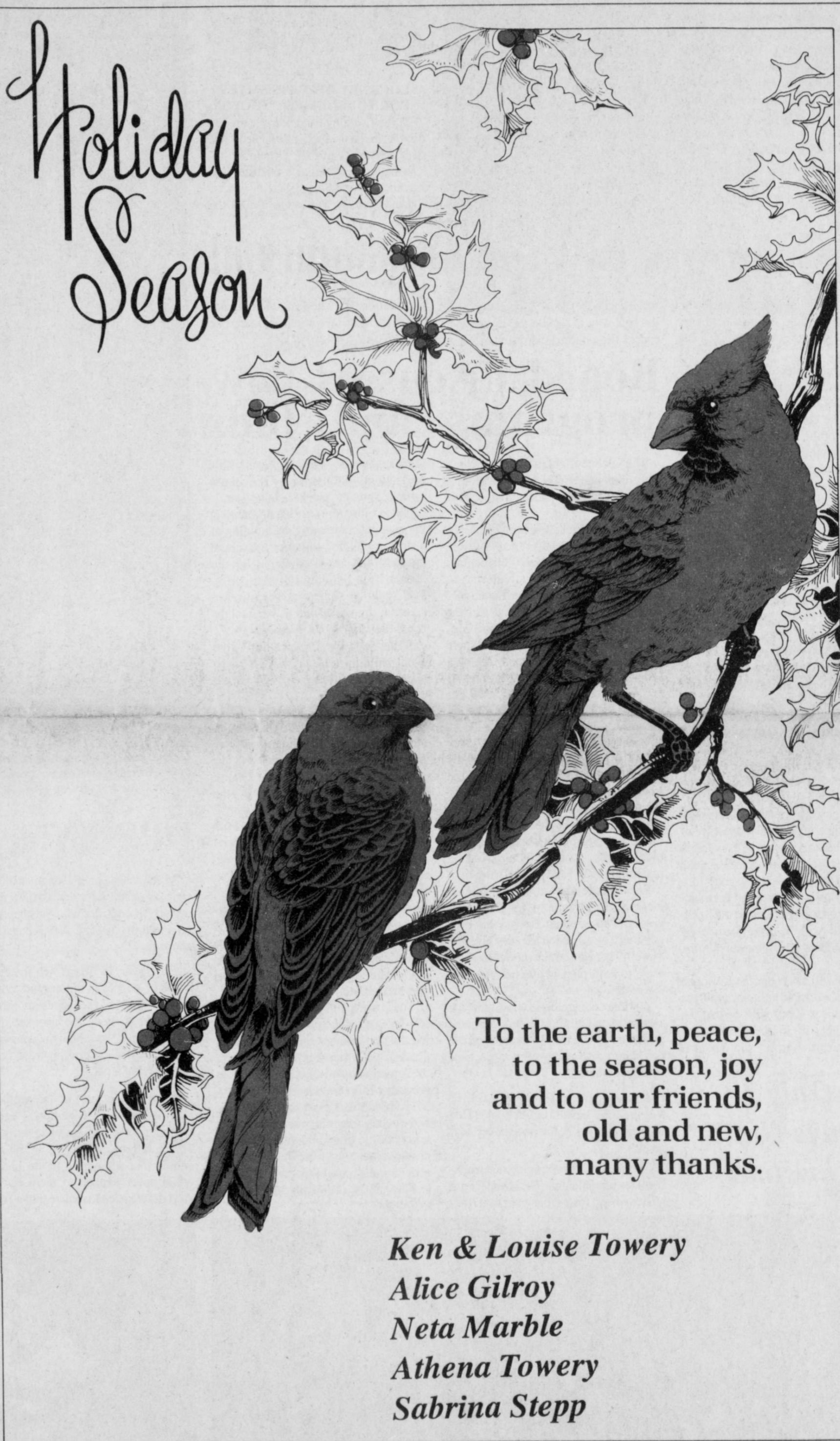
The snow did come again, making their slow progress even slower. It was late on Christmas Eve, close to midnight, when the tired horses plodded up to the convent door. But lamps still burned. Manuela flew down the steps, Sister Francis Louise close behind her. And chilled and weary though she was, Mother Magdalene sensed instantly an excitement, an electricity in the air that she could not understand.

Nor did she understand it when they led her, still in her heavy wraps, down the corridor into the new, as yet unused chapel, where a few candles burned. "Look, Reverend Mother," breathed Sister Francis Louise. "Look!"

Like a curl of smoke the staircase rose before them, as insubstantial as a dream. Its base was on the chapel floor; its top rested against the choir loft. Nothing else supported it; it seemed to float on air. There were no banisters. Two complete spirals it made, the polished wood gleaming softly in the candlelight. "Thirty-three steps," whispered Sister Francis Louise. "One for each year in the life of Our Lord."

Mother Magdalene moved forward like a woman in a trance. She put her foot on the first step, then the second, then the third. There was not a tremor. She looked down, bewildered, at Manuela's ecstatic, upturned face. "But it's impossible! There wasn't time!"

"He finished yesterday," the Sister said. "He didn't come today. No one has seen him anywhere in Santa Fe. He's



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 to the season, joy  
 and to our friends,  
 old and new,  
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gone."  
 "But who was he? Don't you even know his name?"

The Sister shook her head, but now Manuela pushed forward, nodding emphatically. Her mouth opened; she took a deep, shuddering breath; she made a sound that was like a gasp in the stillness. The nuns stared at her, transfixed. She tried again. This time it was a syllable, followed by another. "Jo-se." She clutched the Mother Superior's arm and repeated the first word she had ever spoken. "Jose!"

Sister Francis Louise crossed herself. Mother Magdalene felt her heart contract. Jose—the Spanish word for Joseph. Joseph the Carpenter. Joseph the Master Woodworker of...

"Jose!" Manuela's dark eyes were full of tears. "Jose!"

Silence, then, in the shadowy chapel. No one moved. Far away across the snow-silvered town Mother Magdalene heard a bell tolling midnight. She came down the stairs and took Manuela's hand. She felt uplifted by a great surge of wonder and gratitude and compassion and love. And she knew what it was. It was the spirit of Christmas. And it was upon them all.

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** The wonderful thing about legends is the way they grow. Through the years they can be told and retold and embroidered a bit more each time. This, indeed, is such a retelling. But all good legends contain a grain of truth, and in this case the irrefutable

fact at the heart of the legend is the inexplicable staircase itself.

You may see it yourself in Santa Fe today. It stands just as it stood when the chapel was dedicated almost ninety years ago—except for the banister, which was added later. Tourists stare and marvel. Architects shake their heads and murmur, "Impossible." No one knows the identity of the designer-builder. All the Sisters now is that the problem existed, a stranger came, solved it and left.

The thirty-three steps make two complete turns without central support. There are no nails in the staircase; only wooden pegs. The curved stringers are put together with exquisite precision; the wood is spliced in seven places on the inside and nine on the outside. The

wood is said to be a hard-fir variety, nonexistent in New Mexico. School accounts show no record that any payment for the staircase was ever made.

Who is real and who is imaginary in this version of the story? Mother Mary Magdalene was indeed the first Mother Superior; she came to Santa Fe by riverboat and covered wagon in 1852. Bishop J. B. Lamy was indeed her bishop. And Monsieur Projectus Mouly of Paris was indeed the absent-minded architect.

Sister Francis Louise? Well, there must have been someone like her. And Manuela, the Indian girl, came out of nowhere to help with the embroidery.

The carpenter himself? Ah, who can say?



# Lockney Longhorns win Holiday Classic again

**COTTON CENTER FALLS TO HORNS IN TOURNAMENT OPENER**  
The Lockney Longhorn varsity boys basketball team captured the championship trophy in their own tournament, the Longhorn Holiday Classic, held this past weekend in the Longhorn gym.

This is the second year in a row that they have kept the trophy at home. Coach Phil Cotham commented that "Our kids pulled together and we got the job done." Their season record now stands at 8 wins and 5 losses.

The red and black Longhorns ran away with their first game of the tournament held on Thursday, December 15, against Cotton Center. They led all four quarters and came out ahead 70 to 37. They led each of the four quarters.

Leading the scoring for the Longhorns was Joe Louis Guerrero with 9 field goals and 1 free throw for 19 points. Justin Means scored 12 points with 5 field goals. Close behind was Mark Gatica with 11 points. He made 4 field goals and had 2 free throws.

Louis Perales scored 4 field goals for 9 points. Bringing home 6 points apiece were Steven Vasquez, Scott Armstrong and Wesley Teeter with 3 field goals each.

Kip Holt scored 1 field goal for 2 points and Gilbert Ruiz shot 1 free throw to bring in 1 point.

According to Coach Cotham "This was a good confidence builder after the beating we took from Littlefield. Everyone on the team scored."

Scores by quarters were Lockney 21, 17, 15, and 17 and Cotton Center 8, 10, 8, and 11.

**LOCKNEY DEFEATS PETERSBURG**

Lockney played Petersburg in a semi-final game on Friday and defeated the Buffaloes by a score of 51 to 42.

Leading the scoring was Justin Means with 18 points. He scored 5 field goals and shot 5 free throws for a total of 18 points. Louis Perales and Wesley Teeter both pulled in 11 points. Perales

made 3 field goals and 3 free shots and Teeter hit 4 field goals and 2 free shots.

Scott Armstrong scored 9 points with 2 field goals and 3 free throws and Steven Vasquez made 1 field goal for 2 points.

Coach Cotham commented that "It is always hard to come back and play well against a team that you've already beaten. This is one of the better games we've had this year."

Scoring by quarters were Lockney 11, 17, 14, and 9 and for Petersburg 11, 12, 5, and 14.

Lockney led the first three quarters. This brings their season total to 7 wins and 5 losses.

**LOCKNEY DEFEATS SMYER FOR TOURNAMENT TROPHY**

Three Lockney Longhorns scored in double digits in their tournament win over Smyer, Saturday, December 17. The score at the end of the buzzer was Lockney 53 and Smyer 42.

Louis Perales was top scorer for the

Lockney Longhorns with 18 points. He made 5 field goals and 5 free throws.

Wesley Teeter shot 6 field goals and sank 1 free throw for 13 points. Scott Armstrong hit 4 field goals and made 2 free throws for 11 points.

Not far behind was Joe Louis Guer-

rero with 8 points. He made 3 field goals and 2 free throws. Scoring 1 field goal was Steven Vasquez for 2 points and Justin Means made 1 free throw for 1 point.

"We jumped out to a big lead early, but lost a little momentum in the third

quarter. Our kids pulled together in the fourth quarter and got the job done," said Coach Cotham.

Scores by quarters were Lockney 17, 17, 7, 12 and Smyer 6, 18, 12, and 6. Their season record now stands at 8 wins and 5 losses.

## City approves payment of landfill bill

The Lockney City Council met Friday in a called meeting. All members were present with the exception of Dee Copeland.

Discussion centered around the paying of the bill, in the amount of \$16,285. owed the county for digging the pit and covering the concrete and metal at the north side of the landfill and the paying of the bill, in the amount of \$2,342, for the leasing of extra equipment.

After discussing the issues the council voted to pay both bills in full, immediately. The council also voted to cancel the current landfill contract they have with the county effective February 1, 1989.

The contract with the county covered the digging of pits as needed and the use of the landfill by county residents. The charge for this service cost the county \$2,000 per year. The contract can be terminated by either party with a thirty day notice. The council gave a six week notice.

The city is willing to renew the agreement with the county and to waive the \$2,000 fee if the county will agree to dig and cover the pits as before and pack and bury the trash as deemed necessary by the State Department of Health.

The council feels that it is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the City of Lockney that this matter be handled in this manner. The majority of the trash from the City of Lockney goes to a landfill in Crosby County and the major portion of the trash dumped at the Lockney landfill will be hauled there by county residents who live outside the city limits.

The city will keep the landfill open three days a week and have an employee on the premises. They will see that the landfill is kept up in accordance with specifications from the health

department. The council perceived that the best way to handle the matter is to cancel the contract before starting on

## Board discusses new programs and bids

The Lockney School Board held their December meeting in the board room at the Lockney Independent School District office.

Charlotte Mitchell, school counselor and school principals, Terry Ellison, junior high; Joyce Evans, elementary school; and James Poole, high school, led the discussion on the Potentially Gifted and Talented Program and the At-Risk Programs that are being considered for the Lockney school system.

A Potentially Gifted and Talented Program is scheduled for this summer and there will be in-service days set later for the teachers who will teach this program.

The state mandates that At-Risk Programs be set up if the school has a 5 percent drop-out rate. Even though the Lockney system has a drop-out rate of 2.9 percent the board members, along with Mitchell and the principals feel that an at-risk program should be scheduled for this summer along with the potentially gifted and talented program.

Last summer they conducted a three week reading program for the lower grades. This summer the reading program will be extended to older students as well. There will be in-service days set aside to help prepare the teachers for these sessions.

A drug education curriculum for kindergarten through sixth grade was presented by Charlotte Mitchell and the curriculum was approved by the school board members.

Mitchell gave a report on the TEAMS Results-Exit Level High School. (This will be reported in the newspaper next week.)

The state is now requiring that teachers aides be evaluated. The school board went over the forms that were sent from

negotiations for a new one. The council feels that it can be worked out in the best interest of everyone concerned.

the state and they were approved. This evaluation will be done by the school principal and the teacher-supervisor.

Three bids were opened and read at the meeting concerning the building of a storage building to house the school property that has been stored in the former bank building on main street. The bank building was sold to Jim Doucette by sealed bid at last month's board meeting.

Sealed bids for a 50 foot by 50 foot metal building were advertised in the Lockney Beacon and opened at the board meeting.

The board voted to accept the bid of \$15,000 from Noel Industries of Plainview. Other bids considered were from Moats Welding, of Plainview, in the amount of \$19,375 and Chuck Humphreys, of Plainview, in the amount of \$18,173.

A resignation was accepted from Tanya Covington. She is a Chapter I reading assistant. Hired to fill the position was Ann Lee.

The board approved a motion to call for sealed bids on the sale of other property owned by the school system. A description of that property will be advertised in the newspaper as soon as the legal description is verified by the appraisal office.

The board members went into executive session for the purpose of evaluating the performance of the superintendent, W.H. Hallmark. The evaluation of the superintendent is a state requirement that is done each year.

W.H. Hallmark discussed the heating and cooling systems in the elementary schools. Bills were paid, minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and a report was given on taxes and investments before the meeting was adjourned.



A LIVING DOLL AMID THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS--Cameron Kemp, daughter of Jimmy and Jami Kemp, sits among the presents under the family Christmas tree. The Kemp home was on display during the Athena Study Club

Home Tour last Sunday. Along with her Mickey Mouse and her teddy bear Cameron eagerly awaits the arrival of Christmas.

Staff Photo

## DPS officer cautions holiday travelers

In this season of reflection on the year past and promise for the next, we would do well to consider what has happened on our highways and what we might do about it.

Each year, in Texas, we lose thousands of people in automobile crashes and hundreds of thousands are injured. Yet, seldom does the average driver give a second thought to the dangers we are exposed to everytime we get behind the wheel of a car.

"That's a big part of the problem", said Major V. J. Cawthon, Regional Commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "The belief by most people that something tragic like this could never happen to them is widespread. We need to realize that no one is

immune from having an accident," continued Major Cawthon.

Even though we are starting off the New Year with one of the deadliest holidays we have, there are certain things we can do to protect ourselves and our families.

Major Cawthon suggested the following become a part of your holiday travel plans: try to plan your trip so most or all of the travel can be done during

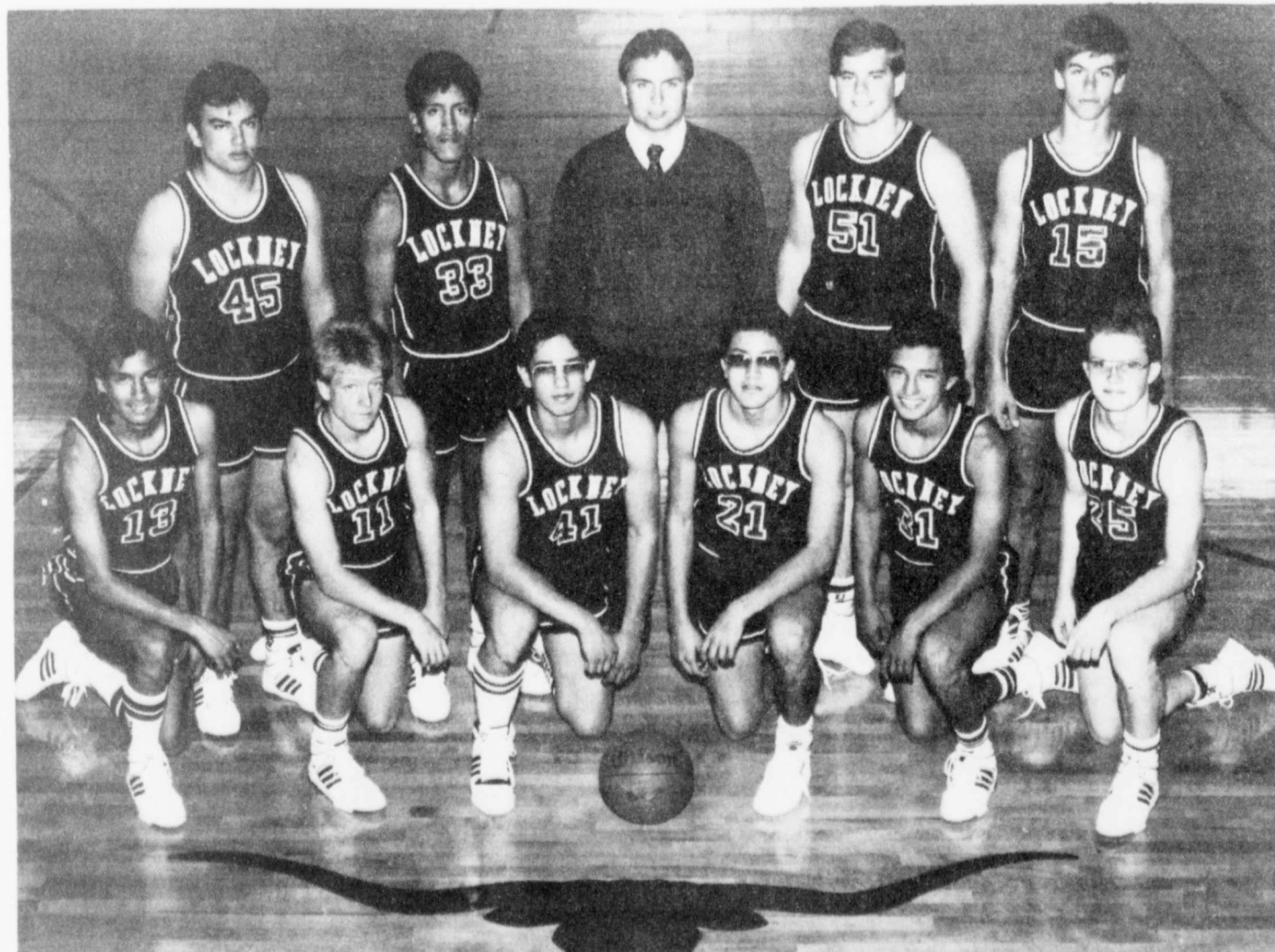
daylight hours. It's a fact that your chances of having a crash increase dramatically at night. Drive within the posted speed limit and obey all traffic laws. Another is simply drive courteously and defensively which means watching out for the other guy and expecting the unexpected. And, of course, everyone should take advantage of a proven life saving device--safety belts.

But, probably, the most important safety factor is simply avoid alcoholic beverages and other drugs until you reach your destination.

So, during this season of making commitments for the New Year, why not make a commitment to be the best driver you can be. Together we can make Texas a safer place to live.



Only 3 Days Until Christmas



1988-89 LOCKNEY LONGHORN VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM -- (Top Row, L-R) Joe Louis Guerrero, Jorge Bernal, Coach Phil Cotham, Wesley Teeter and

Justin Means. (Bottom Row, L-R) Mark Gatica, Kip Holt, Steven Vasquez, Gilbert Ruiz, Louis Perales and Scott Armstrong. Portrait by Chuck Wilson



1988-89 LOCKNEY LADY HORNS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM --(Top Row, L-R) Erin Adrian, Almadena Basaldua, Jessica Lemons, Soifa Luna and Anna

Cortez. (Bottom Row, L-R) Amy Turner, Shedia Hill, Tandi Gant, Sundai Workman and Melinda Basaldua. Portrait by Chuck Wilson



# Blanco awarded Ethnic Missions Scholarship



VERONICA BLANCO

A Lockney resident has been awarded an Ethnic Missions Scholarship by the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

Veronica Blanco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodolfo Blanco, will attend Wayland Baptist University in Plain-

view, where she will major in nursing. More than 1,284 ethnic students have been helped to attend eight Texas Baptist universities and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, through the program.

The scholarships are funded through the annual Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions observed each fall in Texas Baptist churches. More than \$1.5 million has been invested in the scholarship program since 1956.

## Trees can enhance home landscapes

Overton—Although many possibilities exist for unique Christmas gifts, why not consider one that converts carbon dioxide back into oxygen?

"An invention of this type likely would be hailed as quite a breakthrough—yet we already have it in trees," said Charles "Chuck" Stayton of Overton, wood products specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Stayton said homeowners may want to add a tree or two to their landscapes in the coming months. They can get a head start on 1989 and Arbor Day activities in January by placing trees on gift lists for family members this Christmas.

He said the trees should be healthy, perhaps container grown, adapted to the specific area of the state where they will be planted, and in keeping with general plans for the individual home landscape to which they are being added.

The specialist said trees may be selected to serve many purposes in the landscaping effort. "They can add beauty, provide shade and generally enhance the value of the property."

Stayton said an average size tree, or actively growing grass on a 50-50-foot lawn, releases enough oxygen each day to meet the respiration needs of a family of four. Each person requires a modest amount of about a pound of oxygen a day for respiration purposes, he said.

Stayton said that scientists have calculated that for every ton of wood a forest grows, it removes 1.47 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and replaces it with 1.07 tons of oxygen.

"Thus, a healthy forest is a silent-running air replenisher. Young, vigorous trees will produce oxygen to balance the quantity of carbon dioxide resulting from burning such fossil fuels as coal, oil and gas," Stayton said.

Adding trees to home landscapes—or replacing older trees with younger plantings—can be a "family affair" as well as a project that appeals to all age groups, he said.

## New Arrivals

### GALLAGHER

Bill and Brenda Gallagher are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Melanie Liann, born at 8:53 a.m. December 15 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. and is 21 inches long.

Melanie has an older sister, Mary Lauren.

Grandparents are J.P. and Tommie Williams of Lockney and Barbara and Chuck Gallagher of Idalou.



## El Progreso Study Club hears Christmas story

El Progreso Study Club Christmas Party was held in the home of Dorothy Smith this month. The roll call was answered by thirteen members, each telling of "My Holiday Plans" in answer to the roll.

The rooms were beautifully decorated for Christmas. Later Pauline Sams told an interesting holiday story of the "Miraculous Stairway". A story of a

chapel built in Santa Fe New Mexico in the 1800's without a staircase to the choir loft. Some time later a mysterious carpenter named Joseph appeared and built a staircase. No one knew him or where he came from.

Secret pals exchanged Christmas gifts and the hostess gave each one a tree ornament. Later a delicious Christmas desert was served on a Christmas plate. Members present were: Linnie Abbott, Katherine Ball, Edythe Clarke, Faye Ferguson, Cornelia Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Bobbie Kellison, Alice Mitchell, Merle Mooney, LaVerna Sams, Pauline Sams, Dorothy Smith, Kathleen Thornton.

The next meeting will be held January 11 with Kathleen Thornton.

## Cooper selected as Outstanding Young Man of America

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program has announced that Christopher Thomas Cooper has been selected for inclusion in the 1988 edition of OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA.

Now in its 26th year, the OYMA program is designed to honor and encourage exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor, such as service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation. Achievements in these areas are the result of dedication, responsibility, and a drive for excellence—qualities which deserve to be recognized and remembered.

The men listed, along with fellow Outstanding Young Men throughout North America, were selected after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and College officials, clergymen, business leaders, as well as from various civic groups and community organizations. Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.



SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS--The Kindergarten through sixth grade music students of Amy Thornton entertained the Senior Citizens at their annual Christmas

Party. The Senior Citizen's building was decorated in a festive manner and the Christmas carols added to the Christmas spirit. Staff Photo

# Senior Citizens Rockins

The Christmas and birthday party was really wonderful. Mrs. Amy Thornton and 27 of her music students presented a program of Christmas carols. The students and parents who drove them to the center and participated there were 112 people at one time. Then numbers were drawn and the gifts were passed out. Each and everyone enjoyed the program and exchanging of gifts.

Remember our New Year's Eve party Dec. 31st. Barbecue brisket will be served. People are asked to bring a food

that you eat with barbecue.

The menu for Jan. 2, 1989 will be printed in the Dec. 29th Beacon. Cut the menu out and put it by the telephone, be sure to call before 9:30 a.m. "please" if you are to eat that day or sign up day before would help alot.

Thanks to all the ladies that baked goodies for the Bake Sale. Most of all we want to say a "big thank you" to all the people who brought the goodies. Lockney has some wonderful people. The fund raised well over \$600.00. Thanks again.

back to see their son, Scott graduate from Texas Tech University. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology and Construction Specialization.

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### BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 22: Georgia Galloway  
Dec. 24: W.L. (Red) Carthel  
Dec. 25: Edith Cooper  
Dec. 28: Edna Cox

### ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 23: Walter and Lewzetta Gloyna  
Dec. 24: Lee and Minnie Wright  
Dec. 27: Raymond and Mildred Martin  
Dec. 28: Cecil and Dennis Cox

### AILING

Velma Harrison, R.V. Webster, Agnes Frizzell, Elmo Savage, Myrtle McCready

### ROCKINS

Guests of Jewel Thompson Monday for lunch were her sister and husband, Naomi and V.G. Rogers of Odessa and his daughter, Jerry Carter of Arlington, Texas.

Pat and Dottie Stansell were in Lub-

**Remember Christ our Savior, was born on Christmas Day.**  
It's our privilege to have you as our customers.  
Thanks, friends.

**Schacht Flowers & Gifts**



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY--Mr. and Mrs. T. Owen Thornton** of Lockney will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Dec. 28, in fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church, Lockney, from 7 to 9 p.m. Hosts will be their children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Thornton and children of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Killingsworth and children of Little Rock, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Kellison and children of Lockney. Owen and the former Kathleen McManigal exchanged vows on Dec. 24, 1938 in Amarillo. --Portrait by Wilson Photography

## Lockney Hospital Report

Dec. 12 to Dec 19 continues care  
Dominic Balderas, Lockney, adm. 12-8, dis. 12-13  
David Rodriguez Jr., Floydada, adm. 12-9, dis. 12-14  
Cory Chandler, Quitaque, adm. 12-10, dis 12-13  
Bryan Smith, Lockney, adm. 12-10  
Johnny Tiffin, Silverton, adm. 12-11 dis. 12-13  
Opal Martin, Flomot, adm.12-11 continues care  
Laree Bomar, Lubock, adm. 12-11 dis 12-13  
Karen Miller, Lockney, adm 12-12 baby boy Mathew born 12-12 dis 12-15  
Lena Slover, Matador, adm 12-13, dis. 12-17  
Rosa Rodriguez, Plainview, adm. 12-13, baby girl Samantha, born 12-13, dis 12-15  
Dominga Cuellar, Lockney, adm. 12-13, dis. 12-15  
Ray Hunter, Quitaque, adm. 12-13, dis 12-15  
Tawana Starkey, Flomot, adm. 12-16, baby boy Jackie born 12-16, dis. 12-18  
Mario Garcia, Floydada, adm. 12-15, continues care  
Yolanda Trevino, Plainview, adm. 12-15, dis 12-16  
Jack Chandler, Quitaque, adm. 12-17, continues care  
J.M.Tye, Lockney, adm. 12-17, continues care  
Ike Gonzales, Lockney, adm. 12-17,

**Holiday Wish**

May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

**The City of Lockney**

*In the tradition of Christmas cheer, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your friendship this past year. May your season abound with love.*

**Brown's Department Store**  
**The Outlet Store**





**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES** -- Recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Lockney High School were (front row, L to R) Kima Blanca, Amy Green, Angie Moya, Sonya Garcia, Jessica Marks, Cindy Cook, Laurie Gonzales, Shana Stapp and Armando Banda; (back row, L to R) Shea Jackson, Tandi Gant, Wesley Teeter, Phillip Glasson, Jeffrey Sutterfield, Jennifer Turbeville and David Perez. Also inducted but not pictured was Orlando Mondragon. Photo by Peggy Hallmark

## Scholarship Bank urges students to apply for private grants, scholarships

Graduate, Undergraduate, and College-bound Students in need of supplemental funding for college are urged to write to the Scholarship Bank for information on private scholarship sources. The Scholarship Bank is a non-profit foundation which works with private foundations, the U.S. Department of Education, and financial aid offices to

assure that high school and college students already attending college receive information on private aid sources. Funds are normally awarded on such basis as academic standing, major, financial need, and even on a student's willingness to consider a special research project. It is estimated that over 500 million

dollars in private aid money will be distributed next year, or roughly one-fourth of all available aid. Funds for Undergraduate students range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 per student, with most scholarships renewable yearly. Graduate level grants are also available with values up to \$25,000. National Organizations are funding women 25 and older who are returning to school to continue their education. Older Female awards range from \$500 to \$20,000. Students should send for this information by sending a stamped self-addressed (business size) envelope to The Scholarship Bank, 13941 East Amar Road, La Puente, CA 91746.

## Army delayed entry offers high-tech skills training

The Army's Delayed Entry Program guarantees qualified young people their choice of high-tech skill training.

The Army also allows them to enlist in a specific skill and wait up to 365 days before reporting for duty. This written guarantee allows them an opportunity to sign up while still in high school. But they must have earned their diploma before training starts.

"The Delayed Entry Program is a guaranteed way to get an edge on tomorrow's high-tech skills today," says Captain David Duda, commander of Lubbock Recruiting Company which covers west Texas and eastern New Mexico. "If a young person passes our initial qualification screening, we can train him or her in anything from avionics and computers to telecommunications and electronics...and almost anything in between."

Some of the available specialties using advanced technology include the use of laser range-finders and thermal-imaging night sights as part of tank training. Computers that fire multiple-launch rocket systems are part of a field artilleryman's training.

In the air, the Army's Apache, Cobra and Black Hawk helicopters use state-of-the-art equipment that is manned, maintained and repaired by Army-training specialists with avionics skills.

For those aspiring to enter the medical field, the Army trains specialists and technicians to handle some of the world's most sophisticated equipment, including the advanced radiological scanning system (CAT Scan) that allows technicians to see body tissue as well as bone structure.

"The Army trains young people in skills that will be useful for the rest of their lives," adds Duda. "Important skills that include food service, administration, public affairs, transportation and logistics."

As an added incentive, the Army offers individuals a way to finance college or advanced technical training. The Montgomery GI Bill Plus the Army College Fund can mean up to \$25,200 for education after completion of active duty.

"As far as I know there is no other place that will guarantee a young person skill training, important hands-on experience, and up to 365 days to get his or her personal affairs in order before he or she starts," concludes Duda.

The Army's Delayed Entry Program is a unique opportunity for talented individuals to enhance that talent on their own terms with guaranteed training in a high-tech skill.

## Holiday meal plan should be made for health and lifestyle

Foods for the holidays are foremost in the minds of meal planners these days.

There are many pleasing menu choices that can be both festive and nutritious, according to a nutrition expert with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Mary Kinney Sweeten said that holiday foods can be very appealing and still be in keeping with the heart-healthy look.

"It certainly is not necessary to be content with celery sticks and plain toast," Sweeten said.

She said that heart-healthy holiday eating is entirely possible without dampening the spirit of the season or denying ourselves all those special foods that we like.

Sweeten said that many traditional mainstays of the holiday menu can be combined with innovative new products and good sense nutrition to create contemporary dishes that are more healthful and just as tasty.

"These foods also can be less expensive and easier to prepare," Sweeten said.

The nutrition specialist said that many people serve turkey and "all the trimmings dinners" for their holiday family gathering.

"So, many young couples may eat two or three turkey dinners in a day—one at the home of her parents and possibly one even at the home of grandparents," Sweeten said. "Although this may happen, they can stay within their recommended calories and nutrients by reducing serving size."

Roast turkey is the focus of traditional holiday dinners, and in its natural state it is lower in fat than many other meats.

"The things we add to the turkey—gravies, sauces and extra salt—can cause the problems," Sweeten said.

By allowing a choice of food items that people can add or forego—as their individual diets or lifestyle preferences dictate—holiday dinners can achieve a heart-healthy look, she said.

"As the New Year approaches, individuals also can evaluate their diets and nutrition needs and set appropriate goals for 1989 for both themselves and family members," Sweeten said.

# ★ Lockney Basketball ★

**Lockney loses in home game with Littlefield**

The Lockney Longhorns played the Littlefield Wildcats in a home game December 13 and came out the losers. According to Coach Cotham "We came out nervous in this game because Littlefield has a great team. Maybe we can play them a little closer next time."

Justin Means was the leading scorer in the game with 13 points. He sank 4 field goals and made 3 free throws. Wesley Teeter scored 4 field goals for 8 points and Scott Armstrong followed closely behind with 6 points. He made 3 field goals.

Shooting for 4 points each were Louis Peralez, Joe Louis Guerrero and Kip Holt. Peralez shot a 3 point field goal and 1 free throw. Guerrero and Holt sank 2 field goals each. Mark Gatica hit 1 field goal for two points.

Scores by Quarters:  
Lockney 8...9...10...14  
Littlefield 24...29...14...21

Record for the season stands at 5 wins and 5 losses.

### Lady Horns fall to Childress

The Lockney Lady Horns junior varsity team fell 53 - 25 in their December 1 game with the Childress girls.

Amy Basaldua was the leading shot maker. She turned in 17 points with 2 field goals for 2 points each and 2 field goals for 3 points each. She also shot 7 free throws.

Jennifer Fortenberry made 4 free throws for 4 points and Jessica Lemons and Jennifer Fortenberry each shot 1 field goal for 2 points apiece.

Scores by Quarters:  
Lockney 3...5...7...10  
Childress 12...17...18...6

The season record for the Junior Var-

sity girls is 2 wins and 3 losses.

**Abernathy girls come out on top of Lockney's 8th grade team**

The score wound up 50 to 29 with the Abernathy 8th grade team winning out over Lockney's 8th grade girls team.

Nicole McDonald held out for 21 points. She had 5 field goals for 2 points each and 2 three point field goals along with 2 free throws. Carolyn Turner shot 2 field goals and 2 free throws for 6 points and Kori Kellison made 1 field goal for 2 points.

Scores by Quarters:  
Lockney 6...2...7...14  
Abernathy 21...11...9...9

The season record for the 8th grade girls stands at 4 wins and 2 losses.

**Lockney eighth grade girls edge out Hart**

The Lockney eighth girls basketball team edged out the Hart team 28 to 22 in their December 12 game.

Leading point maker for the game was Nicole McDonald with 11 points.

She made 1 three point basket and 3 field goals along with 2 free throws.

Close behind was Carolyn Turner with 9 points. She made 4 field goals and 1 free throw.

Jeri Ann Lambert and Kyla Zumwalt each scored 1 field goal and shot 1 free throw. Reyes made 1 field goal for 2 points.

Scores by Quarters:  
Lockney 4...10...9...5  
Hart 12...5...3...2

The season record for the eighth grade girls is 5 wins and 2 losses.

**Seventh grade girls fall to Abernathy**

Four points separated the Lockney

seventh grade girls and the Abernathy team when the final whistle blew in their December 5th game.

Leading Lockney scorer in the game was Nancy Peralez with 10 points. She shot 4 field goals and made 2 free throws. D McDonald scored for a total of 6 points and Melissa Salas made 1 field goal for 2 points. Rhanda Hicker-son sank a field goal which added 1 point to the game.

Scores by Quarters:  
Lockney 5...2...5...7  
Abernathy 7...4...6...10

The seventh grade girls season record stands at 1 win and 4 losses.

**Hart seventh grade girls defeat Lockney girls**

Four points again separated the Lockney seventh grade girls and the Hart seventh grade girls when the game was over. The score wound up 23 to 19.

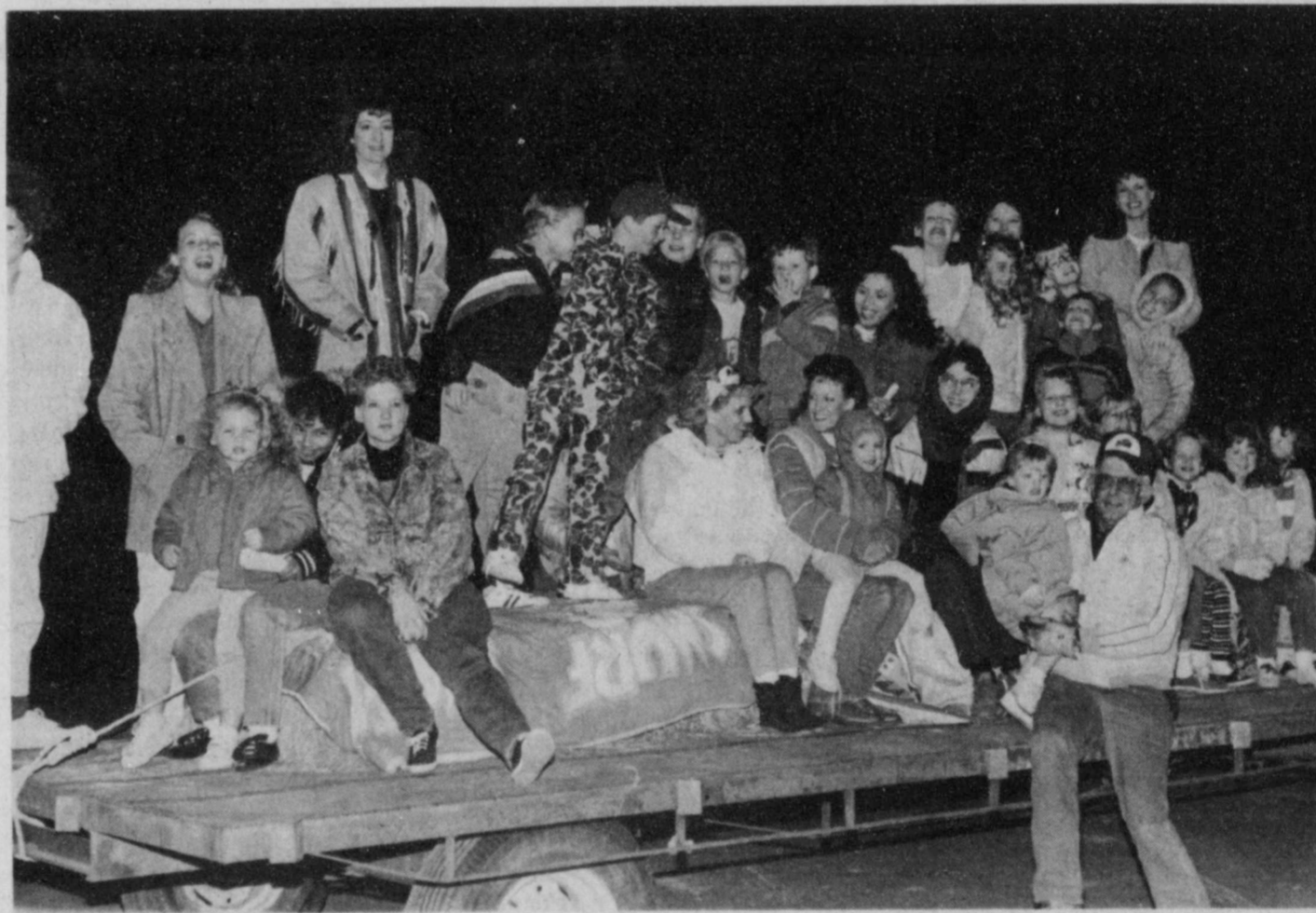
Melissa Salas made 4 field goals for 8 points and was named the top scorer on the Lockney team.

Nancy Peralez had 5 points when the game was over. She made 2 field goals and sank 1 free throw. Following closely behind was D McDonald with 2 field goals for 4 points. Melissa Hernandez added to the score with 2 field goals for 4 points.

Scores by Quarters:  
Lockney 7...2...6...4  
Hart 6...6...3...8

The season record for the seventh grade girls stands at 1 win and 5 losses.

## Congratulations Longhorns on winning the Holiday Classic!

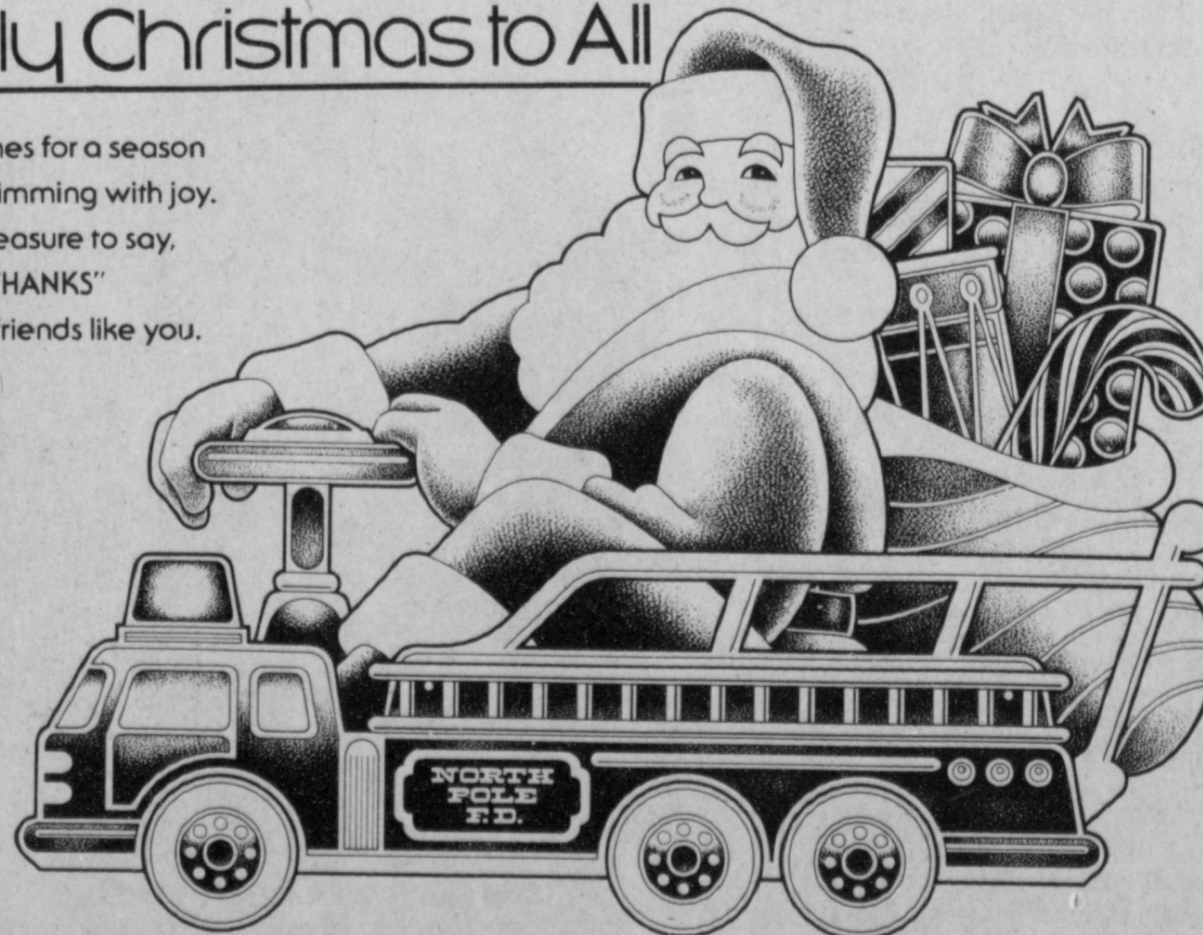


**BRINGING CHRISTMAS CHEER** -- In a modern version of the age old custom of Christmas Caroling, the youth choir of the First United Methodist Church of Lockney journeyed through the streets of Lockney on a flat bed trailer during the evening of December 14 giving

voice to special Christmas sentiments. The group is aptly named "His Kids" and enjoyed the chance to spread "His Word" on a frosty winter eve as Christmas draws near. Staff Photo

## A Jolly Christmas to All

Best wishes for a season filled to brimming with joy. It's a pleasure to say, "THANKS" to good friends like you.



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"... Round, yon Virgin Mother and Child..."  
May this Holy season bring you and your loved ones renewed peace.  
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# Why Christmas Trees Are Not Perfect

By Dick Schneider

(The following article was submitted by Mrs. Pauline Sams and was taken from the Dec. 22, 1981 issue of Woman's Day.)

They say that if you creep into an evergreen forest late at night you can hear the trees talking. In the whisper of the wind you'll catch the older pines explaining to the younger ones why they'll never be perfectly shaped.

There will always be a bent branch here, a gap there...

Long, long ago evergreens were perfect, with each taking pride in branches sloping evenly from crown to symmetrical skirt.

This was particularly true in a small

kingdom deep in Europe beyond the Carpathian mountains.

On the first Saturday of Advent the Queen's woodsmen would search the royal evergreen forest for the most perfect tree. It would then reign in honor in the great castle hall, shimmering with silver balls and gold angels that sparkled in the light of thousands of candles. While a huge Yule log chuckled and crackled, the royal family and villagers together would dance and sing around the tree in celebration.

Out in the hushed forest every evergreen vied for this honor, each endeavoring to grow its branches and needles to perfection. All strained at the task, fully concentrating on their form

and appearance.

One cold night when a bright white moon glittered on the crusty snow as if it were strewn with millions of diamonds, a small rabbit limped into a grove of evergreens, its sides heaving in panic. Beyond the hill rose the yelping of village dogs in the thrill of the hunt.

The rabbit, eyes wide with fright, frantically searched for cover but found nothing among the dark trunks extending upward into branches that were artfully lifted from the snow.

Faster and faster the cottontail circled as the excited yelping sounded louder and louder. The trees looked askance at this interruption of their evening (when growing was at its best).

And then a small pine shuddered. Of all the young trees, it had the promise of being the finest of the forest. Everything about it from its deep sea-green color to the curl of its branches was perfect.

But now...its lower branches began to dip, down, down to the ground. And in that instant before the slavering dogs broke into the clearing, the rabbit found safety within the evergreen screen. In the morning the bunny found its burrow. But the little pine could not quite lift its branches. But no matter, perhaps a little irregularity in a tree so beautiful would not be noticed.

Then a powerful blizzard lashed the land. The villagers slammed shutters closed while the birds and animals huddled in nests and dens. A small wren, blown astray, desperately sought sanctuary in the evergreens. But each she approached clenched its branches tight like a fist.

Finally, in exhaustion, she fell into the little pine. The pine's heart opened and so did its branches, and the wren slept within them, warm and secure. But the pine had difficulty rearranging its branches. There would be a gap evermore.

Weeks passed and winter deepened, bringing a gale such as never before experienced in the mountains. It caught a small fawn who had wandered from its mother. Head down, blinded by snow, it inched into the evergreen seeking a windbreak. But the trees held their branches open so the wind could whistle through them without dangerously bending or breaking their limbs.

Again the little pine took pity and now tightly closed its branches, forming an impenetrable wall behind which the fawn huddled out of the gale. But alas, when the wind ceased, the small pine had been severely and permanently bent out of shape.

A tear of pine gum oozed from a branch tip. Now it could never hope for the honor it had longed for since a seedling.

Lost in despair, the little pine did not see the good Queen come into the forest. She had come to choose the finest tree herself.

As her royal sleigh slowly passed

through the forest, her practiced eye scanned the evergreens now preening themselves. When she saw the little pine, a flush of anger filled her. What right had a tree with such defects to be in the royal forest? Reminding herself to have a woodsman dispose of it, she drove on, but then stopped and glanced back at it. As she gazed on it, she noticed the tracks of small animals that had found shelter under it and a downy feather within its branches where a bird had nested. And as she studied the gaping hole in its side and its wind-whipped trunk, understanding filled her heart.

"This one," she said. Her attendants gasped. And to the astonishment of the forest, the little pine was borne to the

great hall. And everyone who danced and sang around it said it was the finest Christmas yet. For in looking at its gnarled and worn branches many saw the protecting arm of their father, others the comforting bosom of a mother, and some, as did the Queen, saw the love of Christ expressed on earth.

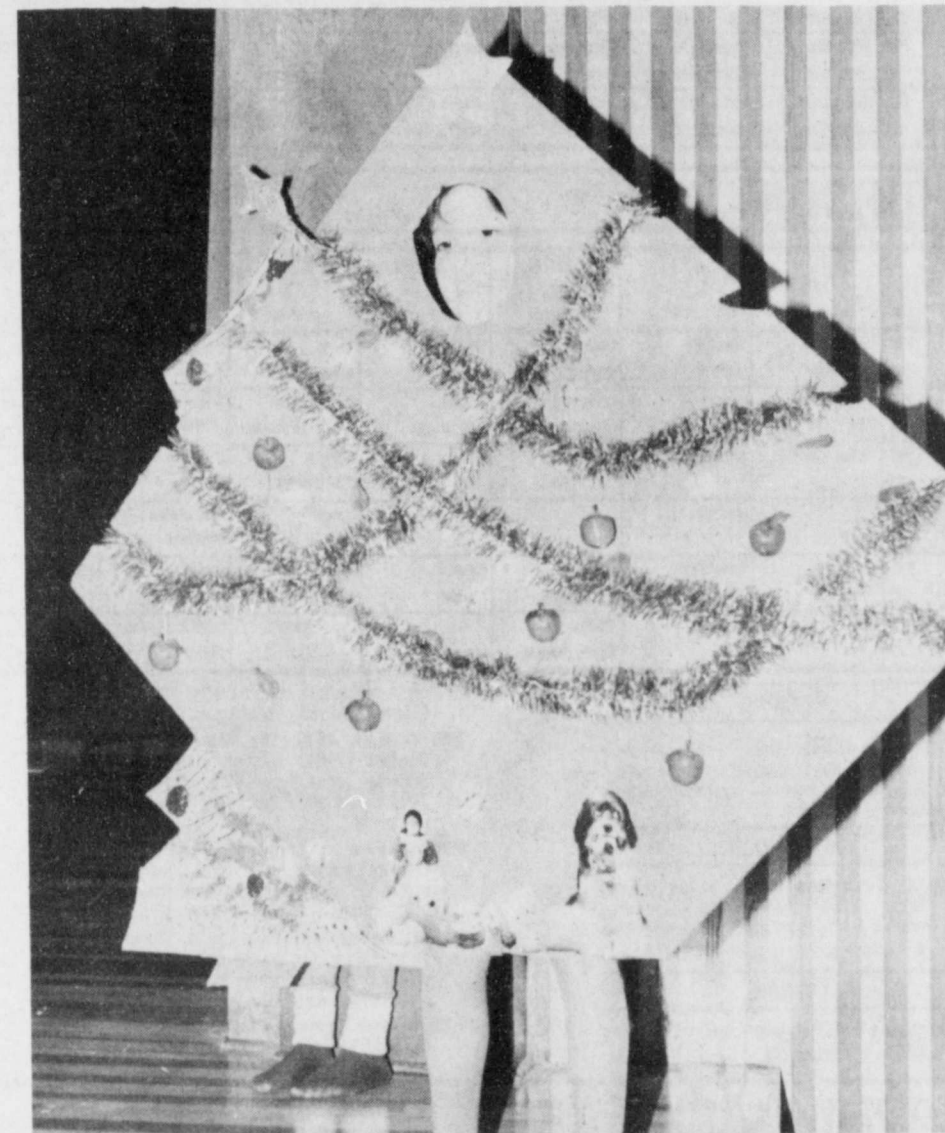
So if you walk among evergreens today, you will find, along with rabbits, birds and other happy living things, drooped branches providing cover, gaps offering nesting places, forms bent from wrestling winter winds.

For as have many of us, the trees have learned that the scars suffered for the sake of others make one most beautiful in the eyes of God.



"I'M GONNA BE SANTA'S CHRISTMAS TREE" -- The second grade at the Lockney Elementary School entertained the students, teachers, and families with a Christmas program Monday. The musical centered around

Santa and Mrs. Claus coming to the forest to pick out the Christmas tree for their home at the North Pole. Santa and Mrs. Claus picked the plainest tree in the forest because it knew that the meaning of Christmas was love. Staff Photo



I WANT TO BE THE TREE SANTA PICKS--A member of the cast of "I'm Gonna Be Santa's Christmas Tree" sings and dances for the audience in the second grade musical presented Monday at the Lockney Elementary --Staff photo

## Good Grief, Is It December Already?

By Will Stanton

(The following article was submitted to The Lockney Beacon by Mrs. Pauline Sams. It was taken from the December 1984 issue of McCall's.)

When it comes to Christmas, there are two kinds of people, orderly and disorderly. Orderly people have all their Christmas cards mailed by December tenth. Disorderly people say, "December tenth! Good grief, I thought it was November tenth."

Orderly people like to make their own cards or else buy them from some international foundation (these include a nonrepresentational painting and the phrase "Christmas Joy" spelled out in several Oriental languages).

Disorderly people send cards with such traditional subjects as Scotch Terriers. They buy them from the kid next door who needs to sell 85 boxes in order to win a tent.

Orderly people like to give hand-crafts as gifts. Maybe a little pillow filled with a potpourri of orris root and organically grown rose petals. Or a needlepoint chicken filled with sand to make a doorstop. What these gifts have

in common aside from originality and flair is that they are things you have heretofore gotten along fairly well without.

Gifts from disorderly persons may show less panache, but they tend to have a kind of down-to-earth usefulness. I am thinking of such things as a box of get-well cards or two cans of putty. Not very imaginative, you may say. True. But we don't always feel imaginative. There are times we may be under stress of one kind or another, and a quick trip to the discount store is all we have time for.

Orderly people shop early and avoid the rush. Stores are not as happy about this as you might suppose because these are the toughest sorts of shoppers to satisfy. They want to know if an item is preshrunk and colorfast. They check the warranty. They can spot a nick or a chip across an entire room, and they carry the Better Business Bureau's phone number in their wallets.

The disorderly fellow waits for the last-minute rush and comes in on it like a surfer. He doesn't ask if something is 100-percent cotton or 100-percent wool. If it's 100-percent cloth, that's close enough. He has his coat open, his hat tipped back and his money in his fist like a Las Vegas dice player. He doesn't ask about warranties, he doesn't keep sales slips and he is pitifully grateful for any sort of advice. Salesladies love him.

Orderly people put up their outside lights weeks in advance. At least the ones on our street do. My wife is unhappy because I seldom get ours up until the 24th. She says the other houses all look so cheerful—ours is the only dark

one on the street. So I compromise. I leave ours up until the end of January.

...Now who's cheerful?, I ask her. She never seems to have an answer. And, believe me, it's those days after Christmas when you really need cheering up.

Orderly people can't understand disorderly people. They would like to teach them to be orderly, too, and are baffled when their offers are turned down. "All right," they say, "if you don't mind having your life such a mishmash, just keep on the way you've been going." Well, shoot, life is a mishmash any way you look at it—at Christmas more than ever. Christmas is the World Series of mishmash.

Orderly people keep lists. This seems to be what they like best about Christmas. Lists of names, addresses, favorite colors, sizes, what they sent you last year, what you sent them last year, what you paid for it.

I hate lists. They're troublemakers. The other day I bought some things for my wife. "Where are the colored lights?" she asked when I got home. "Where are the candy canes?"

I just got the stuff on the list, I said. "Cider and doughnuts?" she said. "Canned pumpkin?"

Turned out that it was an old list that I had had in my raincoat pocket since Halloween.

"It could have been worse," I heard her telling her mother over the phone. "He could have brought home jelly beans and chocolate rabbits."

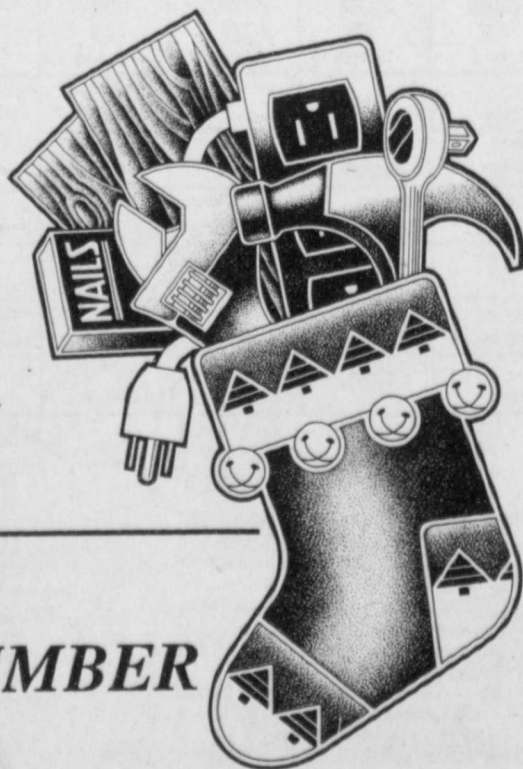
I don't know how to say this without sounding immodest, but I honestly believe that those of us who may appear disorganized are closer to the true meaning of Christmas than anyone else. We don't approach it as if we were running a small business. After all, Scrooge was orderly as all-get-out until he finally got the true spirit of Christmas, and then he did disorderly things like dropping in at his nephew's house at the last minute for dinner. And he didn't buy his goose until Christmas morning.

Orderly people are so well organized that they have time to hold open houses on Christmas Eve, where everybody had a glass of punch and a cookie and admires how efficient they are. This is a pretty cold-blooded proposition, I think. I mean, any fellow with an ounce of Christmas spirit isn't going to be standing around somebody's living room on Christmas Eve. He's going to be at the drugstore buying a gift for his wife.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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WEEKLY TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Table for Thursday, Dec 22 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

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MORNING
9:05 (3) The Next One (1984, Mystery Romance) Keir Dullea, Adrienne Barbeau. A man with no memory washes up onto a small Greek island.

Table for Friday, Dec 23 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

MORNING
9:05 (3) The Night Walker (1964, Drama) Barbara Stanwyck, Robert Taylor. Rich widow is plagued by realistic dreams about her spouse's death.

Table for Saturday, Dec 24 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

MORNING
11:05 (3) Minotaur, The Wild Beast of Crete (1961, Drama) Bob Milder, Rossano Sciacino. Youth receives a magic sword to rescue a princess.

Table for Sunday, Dec 25 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

MORNING
9:35 (3) Moby Dick (1956, Adventure Drama) Gregory Peck, Richard Basehart. The screen adaptation of Herman Melville's classic.

Table for Monday, Dec 26 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

MORNING
9:05 (3) The Grass is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank (1982, Comedy) Carol Burnett, Charles Grodin. Family looks for better life and moves from Manhattan to the suburbs.

Table for Tuesday, Dec 27 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

MORNING
9:05 (3) P.J. (1968, Suspense Drama) George Peppard, Raymond Burr. A down and out private eye is tricked into killing for a rich woman.

Table for Wednesday, Dec 28 (Weekdays) showing TV listings for channels TBS, KTXT, WGN, KCB, KLBK, KAMC, KJTV, HBO, SHOW, and ESPN.

MORNING
9:05 (3) All God's Children (1980, Drama) Richard Widmark, Ned Beatty. The aftermath of a school bus crash is the focal point of this drama.



# Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
I tried to be good. I will leave cookies for you. I want a bike. I want a jump rope. I want truck. And a play cow-boygun. And a toy jet and a toy car.

Stacey

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo And a bike and a barbie doll and a key Board and some pom poms and a pup.

Sally

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas this year I want a bike and a scooter, a barbie dream house, a barbie, a T.V. I will leave you some milk and cookies that is all I want.

Carleigh

Dear Santa,  
I Want a silver skateboard. I Want a bike. I Want a pistol. I Want a carebear. I Want a car I Want a truck I Want a Motorcycle toy I Want a unicorn toy.

Mark

Dear Santa,  
I would like a color T.V. to put in my room and a nintendo. so I could play with it when I get home from school.

Ryan Graves

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby Heather for Christmas. And a coloring book. And a pet dog. And I want to have a merry merry merry Christmas.

Heather



Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a-doll with a blue dress and a very big big teddy-bear and new school supplies and a teddy-Ruxpin a bike and a My little Pony and a jewelry box and Merry Christmas

Aimee

Dear Santa,  
I want a pony. And a bike and a barbie doll, and a rabbit and a cat and a puppy and a care Bears And a key. board!!!

Annabell

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo and a scooter I want a play Bigfoot and a Beebe Gun and a water Gun I want a sleeping Bag and key board and a jambox and a lunch box

Lorenzo

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a teddy bear and a dollhouse. We already put our Christmas tree up. At school we are having a santa's secret shop. bye Santa.

Jessica

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Star Stage and a Mickey mouse watch and Boots with a shirt and jeans and foot notes and a house with \$30,000 to pay for it and a new car Thank you

Dana

Dear Santa,  
I Want a bike because I can play with it and I will play a race with my friend and my sister too and I want a car too because they are fun to play with and a key board to because they're fun to play-with.

Rudy

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric helicopter. And a pet mouse. And a new school box.

Kyle Keltz

Dear Santa,  
I Want a bike I Want a keyboard and a bat and a friend and some toy and agutrm and a car to and a netdo and 200000

Armando

Dear Santa claus,  
I want some dolls for christmas and clothes and 2 pairs of shoes.

April

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy for Christmas. I think Puppies are cute My Sister wants a Trampoline so she can Practice gymnastics My brother wants a camera My dad wants a v.c.r. My MoM wants a new car The End.

Sarah Martin

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeers? I would like a keyboard please and a jambox Also I would like a Daybed and some clothes. Please bring me the games "Don't Break the Ice" and "Hot-potato" Thank you very much. I Love you.

Michelle Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and turtle and hen and pu and a ball and bear and boat and crayola and a cart and a cat and a toy fox.

Norma

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## CEDAR HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. H.D. Morton Jr., Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8:00 p.m.

## LOCKNEY LATIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Juan Herrera  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service - Friday 7:30 p.m.  
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Samuel Rodriguez, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Family Night 7:30 p.m.

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Service Every Sunday  
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
No Evening Services

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Dale M. Harter, Minister  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

## "ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP" FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Floydada  
Ron Dysart, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.

## SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney  
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Saturday Vigil Mass of Sunday 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass 12:30 p.m.

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Father Terry Burke  
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## WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

## LATIN AMERICAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney  
Bible School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

## CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

Floydada  
Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Spanish Assembly, Sunday 3:00 p.m.

## MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney  
Perry Zumwalt, Pastor  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

## WEST COLLEGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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Prayer Service-Tuesday 8:00 p.m.  
Service-Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Ladies Prayer 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7:30 p.m.

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Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Rev. Sammy Hollaway  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
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Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Worship 2:00 p.m.

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Rev. Pedro Reyes  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

## TEMPLO BAUTISTA SALEM

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Tivursio Villarreal  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Christian Training Time 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Bob Chapman  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Services 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Lockney  
Garry D. Higgs, Pastor  
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
R.A.'s 5:00 p.m.  
Church Training 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study (Jr. High & High School) 7:00 p.m.  
Kids of The King... Children's Choir 7:00 p.m.  
Pre-school Choir & Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.  
Baptist Women 1st and 3rd Mondays Saturday: Men's Prayer Meeting 7:30 a.m.

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Jim Jackson, Pastor  
Sunday Congregational Singing 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

## SPANISH BAPTIST MISSION

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Rev. Lupe Rando  
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Church Training 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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G.A. Van Hoose, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
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## CALVARY BAPTIST

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Dr. Ricky Johnson  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

## MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
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Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Mid-Week Prayer Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Thursday 7:00 p.m.

## AIKEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Ray Starnes, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
Brotherhood breakfast last Saturday each month 7:00 a.m.

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Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth, Jr. Pastor  
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Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Church Training 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:45 p.m.

## LONE STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

M.B. Baldwin, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Training Union 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service, Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Brotherhood, First Saturday Morning of Every Month.

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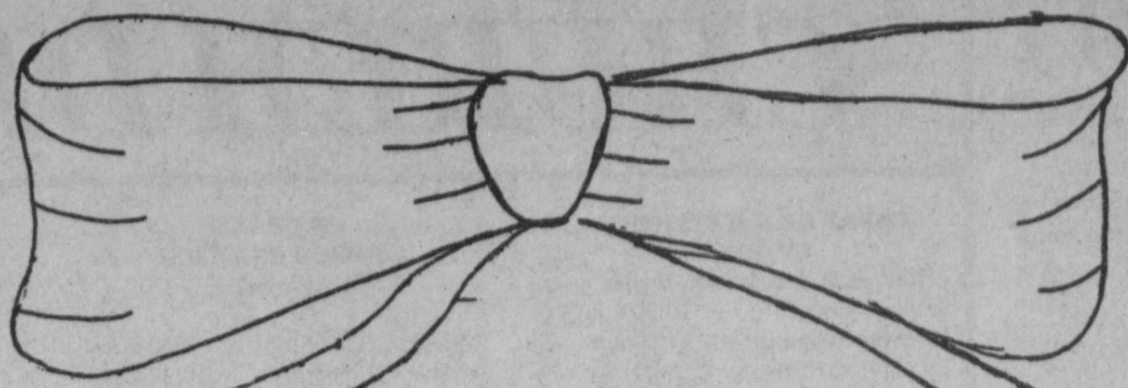


Lovely lights  
 Iridescent nights  
 Glistening colors of  
 House-top brights.  
 These lights tell everyone  
 Santa shall soon come.  
 Kyla Zumwalt

Udolph, the  
 unusual reindeer  
 didn't have any friends.  
 Only different reindeer who  
 led Santa's crew. Udolph was  
 the only one who  
 was special because of  
 his shiny nose.



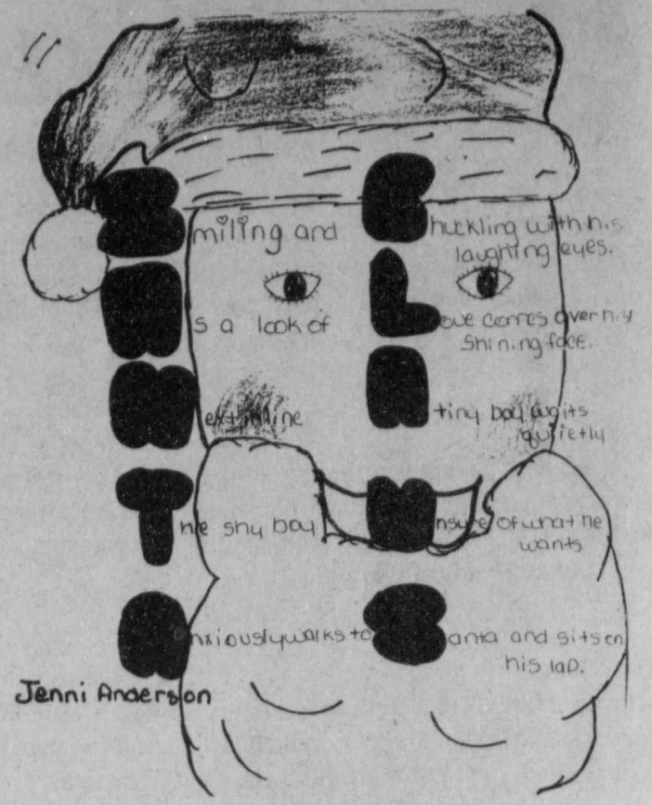
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## Changes

I remember when I was small...  
 I just wanted dishes or a doll.  
 And now that I'm all grown up...  
 I could go for a stereo or makeup.  
 But right now what would suit  
 me fine.  
 Would be my very own  
 telephone line.

Sandra Elias  
 English 8-4

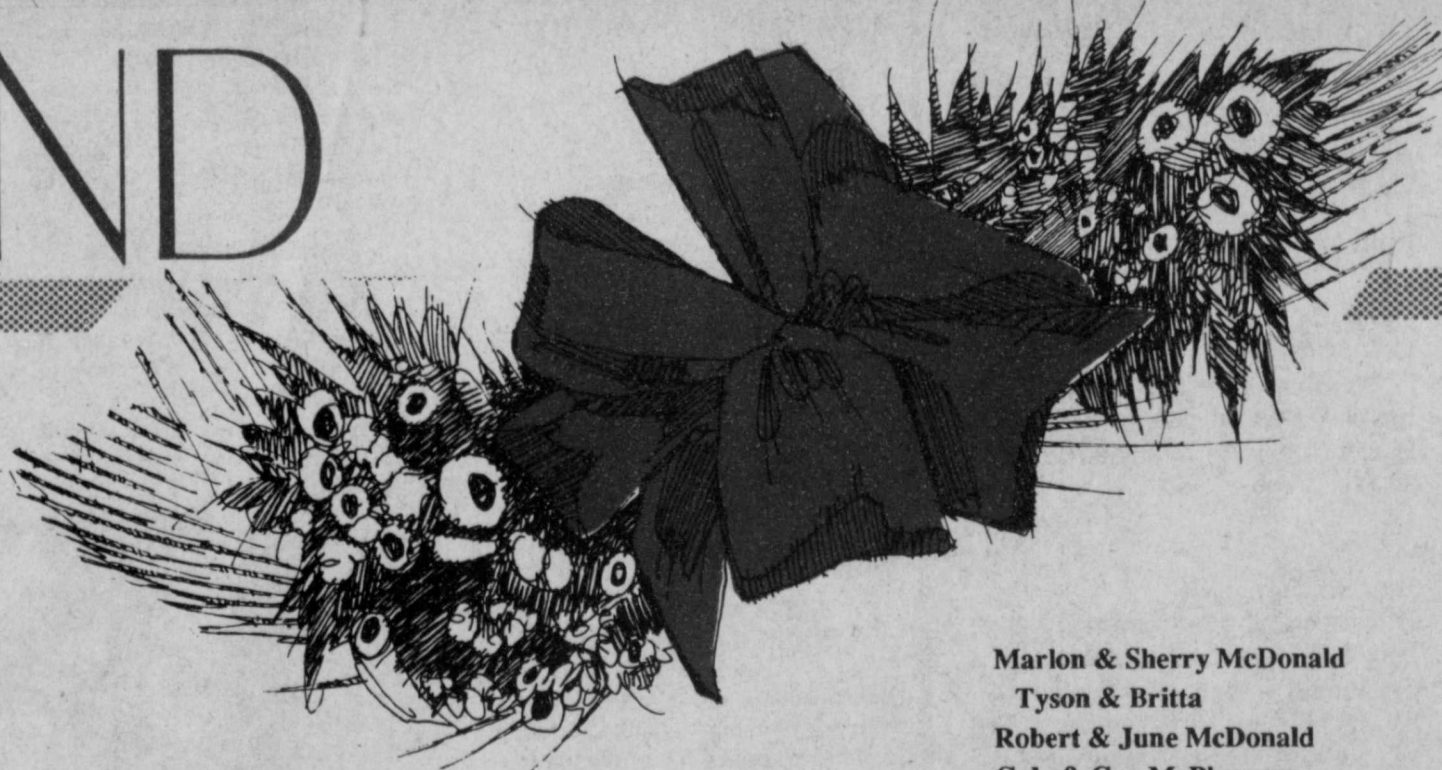


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 hirls and bids goodnight!!  
 Lisa Munoz

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# What Christmas means to me...

## WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME By Joe Tambunga

Jesus was born on that day, and we share our gifts with each other. It is also peace and loving. Christmas is a good holiday, but we do not just think about Presents and Santa clause, we think of being together and loving one another. We sing Christmas carols and drink coco and we also open our presents on that day and thank everyone for our gifts, this is what christmas means to me.

### What Christmas means to me. From Debra

Well lets start with the carols. I like to sing carols. That's one of the reasons Christmas means to me. I like to celebrate when Jesus was born. He means a lot to me. He is just like a father to me. Well which he is. But its like when Christmas come's I let every thing come out of my heart. You know like every thing I feel inside me. Well as you see Christmas means alot to me because I get alot of present's But you see that's not what that's all about. Well you know I can't really explain. Well I guess this is all I have to say!!! God bless you always!!! Good buy!!!!

### What Christmas Means to Me By Mandy Galloway

Christmas means when Christ was born. And it makes me feel good about everything I have. And those poor people in the orphanage. that don't have any parents. Christmas means to be with you family happy with no frown. I wish the people in the orphanage would get good parents like mine, they would be the happiest children on Christmas. And this is what Christmas means to me!!

### what christmas means to me by Brandon Covington

Christmas is a time for loving sharing giving and listening to stories of crismares long ago. christmas is a time to be with your family. Having a good time. opening presents wathing other people open ther presents and see the look at the smile of there face. christmas is a time to give thanks to the lord and Jesus for dying on the cross for our sens that's what cristmas. means to me



### C IS FOR CHRISTMAS By Marcy Vasquez

H IS FOR HAVING FUN  
R IS FOR REINDEER  
I IS FOR ICEICLES  
S IS FOR SANTA CLAUSE  
T IS FOR TOYS  
M IS FOR MERRY CHRISTMAS  
A IS FOR AIRPLANES  
S IS FOR SEVERAL GIFTS WE GET

## A Christmas Poem By Aurther Herrell

Merry Christmas  
Evening rest  
Rudolph  
Rounding  
Yummi dinner  
Christ  
Happy day  
Reindeer  
I love CHRISTMAS  
Santa  
Mrs. Santa  
Apple pie  
Snow



## A Christmas Poem By Jeffery Watson

Moms cookies taste good  
Elves are coming to town  
Rudolph is here  
Red colors are everywhere  
Years to come  
Chist's birthday is christmas day  
Happy times at christmas  
Ready to open gifts  
Inside are warm hearts  
Santa is watching you  
Trees are decorated  
Merry christmas to all, and to all a good night  
A time for love and peace in our nation  
School is out

### What Christmas means to me by Amanda

MEMORIES TO COME  
EAT DELICIOUS FOOD  
READ CHRISTMAS STORIES  
REJOICE AND SING  
YAWN AND SLEEP  
CHRISTMAS MORNING  
HOLIDAYS  
RUDOLPH  
INTERESTING PRESENTS  
SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
TASTEING CHRISTMAS COOKIES  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
A VERY SPECIAL DAY  
SPECIAL PEOPLE

### CHRISTMAS By Corbin Kellison

Merry CHRISTMAS to all  
Everybody is asleep  
Rudolph is coming  
Raising the garland  
Yule tide carols  
Christ child is born  
Holly on all the doors  
Riding on Santa's sleigh  
I lay in my bed waiting  
Stars in the sky  
Toys for all the kids  
Moms in the Kitchen cooking  
And to all a good night.  
Seasons Greetings

## Christmas Eve By Kaci Anne Keltz (4th grade)

One Christmas eve, in the morning, a little girl named Sarah woke up to count how many presents she had under the tree. When she was finished she had 6 presents. Sarah was excited with what she was receiving.  
Thirteen hours later, it was time to open her presents. "Mommy," Sarah said, "I'll open my presents first," "O.K." She opened lots of good gifts.  
When Santa came, that night, she recieved more gifts. So that the story of Sarah and her wonderful Christmas eve.  
THE END

### A CHRISTMAS TELL By Lakishia Monroe (4th grade)

ONE NIGHT LONG AGO AT THE NOTH POOL THE ELFS STOPED WOKING SANTA WAS UNHAPPY THE ELFS SAID WE WANT WORK KIDS DO NOT BELIVE IN CHRISTMAS. SO THE NEXT MORNING SANTA PECKS TO KIDS NAMED KIM AND BOB. THE KIDS TO NOT BELIVE IN CHRISTMAS ARE SANTA THE KIDS ROUD AND MEAN TO OTHER KIDS. THE REINDEER ARE NOT WORKING ETHER TO DAY ISN'T MY DAY SANTA SAID TO THE ELFS AND REINDEER SANTA SAY CHRISTMAS IS NOT CHRISTMAS.  
THE END

### A Christmas Poem By David

Mom and dad  
Every fine Christmas  
Roudolph  
Red nose winter  
You'll love it.  
Christmas is fun  
Happy times  
Ring-around-the-Rosie  
Its Jesus time  
So, so, so  
The best  
Merry Christmas with grandma  
Apple delights  
Something's cookin"

### What Christmas Means To Me By Dewayne Jones (4th grade)

Carols  
Helping  
Rudolph  
Imagination  
Santa  
Toys  
Merry  
A nice Christmas  
Skate on ice

### CHRISTMAS EVE By Christine Cuellar (4th)

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME. IT MEANS LOVING, SHARING, GIVING, AND GETTING! CHRISTMAS IS WHEN THE DONKEY CARRIED MARY TO BETHLEHEM, AND THE CAMELS CARRIED THE WISE MEN. WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AS THE BIRTH OF THE BABY JESUS. SO MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### THE REAL SANTA CLAUSE! By Kimberly Hooten

One night before Christmas Eve, a wonderful thing happend".Santa had came"! All the children were in bed all snuggled up in bed waiting for Santa to lay all those nice gifts under the Cristmas tree. Santa had came to all the house whome people belived in him. As Santa left he thought to him self, "Im' afraid I forgot to look around town"! AS he did, he saw a boy freezing to death! Santa didn't like the look on his face. So Santa went to take a look at him. The little boy was a orphan. Santa dose NOT like that either!!! Santa said "hello" he said. Get out of here. Im' Santa. Yeah right and i'm the tooth fary. NO I am the REAL santa! O.K. prove it. Sure, he said. And they both disapared. "WOW" said Joey you are see i told you i was real. Santa said.

### A Christmas Poem by Kelli Clark

Merry Christmas !!!  
Every thing's white!  
Rudolph is coming.  
Riding in a sleigh.  
You're always happy.  
Christ child was born.  
Ho, ho, ho.  
Remembering good friends.  
In everyone's heart there is,  
Something special.  
Time to get up!  
My present was best!!!  
A special secret is in the air!!!  
Singing Christmas Carols.

## The Night Before Christmas By Chad Stapp(4th)

Merry christmas said the elf. weve got to get ready for the big night. Rudolph the red nose reindeer is ready, Yacky the elf said. Christmas is coming, Santa said to get the reindeer ready. Get it ready Santa said. We sang tis the season to be jolly fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la Merry christmas 1 and I said. Merry Christmas to all and all a good night.

### Little Two Orphans By Mandy Gallaway (4th)

Rebbcca sat on a stool at the orphanage as she watched the cold wind blow, and as her 2 year old brother was in his crib, Rebbcca was 12. She was very sad, because they were both in the opphanage. AHe had to take care of him, not because she didn't like him it was just because they had no home.  
Rebbcca went down to open presents. When she opened one from young people, they gave her little brother a little bear with a little silver bell on it's collar.  
When they went caroling, they went to one house and they got some children. but not Rebbcca. They went to a bunch of houses, but the last one, her and her brother got a home. Rebbcca said, "I don't need anything for Santa Claus, I have the best gift of all!!



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Sharing, caroling, snowing  
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Jesus  
By Elida Balderas

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stocking  
By Danny Huggins

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mary  
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snow  
By Courtney Cummings

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By Adam Jones

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By Eric Villarreal

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By Leticia Garcia

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By Justin Graves

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By Leticia Garcia

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# Dear Santa, I want you to bring . . .

Dear Santa

Would you please give me a blue sueter and a barby doll and wish world kids a jam box any doll that can talk and a neeles for my mom a ring and a per of carengs and a wallet for my dad a ring for my ring you do not have to bring everything

from Pamela Lyn Gremaldo

Dear Santa,

For Christmas this year, I want a Barbie, a dog, a cat, a Barbie car, a Cabbage Patch Kid, a bear, a bike, a nintendo, and a scooter that is black. I will leave yow some milk and cookies.

Love  
Carleigh Smith

Dear, Santa Claus,

how are you doing? "I'm doing fine." Well here's what I want: (1) a clarinet (real), (2) a computer (color), (3) a scooter (red), (4) a snowconemachine (a snowman one), (5) four, surprizes from Toys "R" Us, (6) something to keep robbers away, (7) a special pet, (8) a table a chair set, (9) if you know David Alen he has a little airplane thats blue, thats what I want. (10) this is for you (11) I want more things than this, so wait until you get another note.

Kaci Keltz

Dear Santa,

I want Teddy Ruxpin and a doll tooa and a happy christmas and I'll go to my grandma's home and a happy christmas

Amber Wallar

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a Desk and Diary And Boots and light Brite and Bike and Hot potatoes and Clothes

Kenzie

Dear Santa,

I want a diary. I want a horse. I want a T.V.. I want a Telephone. I want a Kirsten doll clothes. I want a white bunny. I want a Apple Computer with games. I want my ears pierced in the night time. I want rings for my fingers.

Lacy

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike, Very. Very much please and a game to play with and . Wood Duck. Santa I Like you very very much and I believe, you are alive bye.

Mike Vargas

Dear Santa,

I want a Key Board pony teddy bear and Watch.

Ana

Dear Santa,

I would like a toy dog. And a dog. And a pony. and a watch. And a KeyBoard. And a teddy bear. And a bike. And a TV. And a sister or a brother. and a dress. and a Brontosaurus.

Kassidy

Dear Santa,

I would like a BB Gun. Boxing gloves. Remote Control Car. Key board. and a bike from santa

Marc

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike. I would like a makeup baby and a jambox.

Priscilla

Dear Santa,

I want a teddy bear. And I want a baby I want a jambox too. I want a black baby talk. I want a Diary. I want a Telephone.

Tessa

Dear Santa,

I want Barbie and Ken clothes I want school clothes and sunday clothes. I want a camera. I want a camera. I want a jambox. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jallie Robrett

Dear Santa claus

I want a baby Hethar and a BaBy Mis makeup and a Barbey Set and a Kiy Board and Pom Poms and a Teddy Ruxpin.

from Veronica

dear santa

I want a doll called my child I wunt aremotecontrolcar for Patrick. I want and art set for Mike. And a ring for mom. and a tie for My dad. and a doll for tashia

Labeshie

Dear Santa Claus

I would like a Barbie an the rockers and a hot pink scooter and a doll house and some more dolls for my collection and a Santa bear and fashion star barbie

love Tamie J. Marble

Dear St. Nick,

I thought I had everything I wanted but I want a play house and a precious moments bible. That's all I want but you only have to get me one, but what I really want is a precious moments bible.

DeWayne Jones

Dear santa,

I won't a nintendo a trompelen and a motorcycle and 700,000

thank you,  
brandon

Dear Santa,

I want a happy Christmas with no fighting. My dad wants good land. My mom wants us to be nice at grandparents house. Lee Anne wants to learn to drive better. Alana wants a talking Pee-Wee Herman. And I want a presious moments manger set. LWell you will see my mom later, when she visits you.

Don't eat too much!!!  
Mandy Lyn Galloway



Dear, Santa, Clause.

I know you are real. But some kids don't believe in you. I didn't really believe in you at first. But unteal my parents told me that if we didn't beleave in you we wouldn't get anything from you. Let's talk about something else. O.k. Let's start with clothes. I really need clothes for school. You can give me anything you want. And also I want some shoes. Anykind will do. What I really need is toys well I don't really need it but I want some. But the only thing that matters is that I have you and my parents and my brother's and sister's. If you can't give me all these things, you can give me what you want to give me. I like you very much. I guell this is all I have to say!!!! Wait one more thing!!!! God bless you always!! and also your elves.

Don't eat to much!!!!!!  
From,  
Debra Y.



Dear Santa,

I want a Smushy and I want a ga me For christmas and Make-up. please

Susie

Dear Santa,

I want a train set. Foot Ball suit and a race cart track for Christmas. Santa Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Jeremy Stapp

Dear Santa,

I want a foot ball. I want a Bike. I will like a book for Christmas. I want a man for Christmas. I want a motorcycle for Christmas. I want a horse.

Anthony

Dear Santa,

I will like a bike for Christmas I will like a doll for christmas I will like a duck for christmas I will like a Teddy Ruxpin.

Andrea

Dear Santa,

I would like for Christmas, a jet for christmas, and a romote control big Foot. and a 57 chevy. I would like the color red. and a race car. and a gun for Christmas.

Robert

Dear Santa,

I want a Bike. I want a truck. I want a toy Santa. I want a stocking. I want a Care bear. I want a toy. I want a book. I want a box. I want a shoes.

Willie

Dear Santa,

I want a teddy Ruxpin and a Barbie set and Some Pom Poms and a Baby Heather and a Baby makeup and a Barbie car and that is all I want.

Veronica

Dear Santa,

I want a Turbo hopper I want cars and cars sets. I want a transformer. I want a game. I want a Centurian. I want sum G.I. Joes And a Happy New Year

Hank

Dear Santa,

I would like for my mom a pretty vacuum cleaner, and for my dad some tools and for my brother a toy truck and for me I would like Rudolph the Red-nose Reindeer with hisnseglowing.

Lilia Mondragon

Dear Santa,

I try to be good but it is hard to be good. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I want a bike and intendo and a toys race car and a jump rope. I want the boys and girls to have a happy Christmas. Please get a present for my Baby brather Donovan.

Love,  
Stacey Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

Me and my brother we want new POGO BALLS for Christmas. Because mine got flat and Kelsey's got stolen, we think! My brother needs a new jambox like me! But what really want is a NEW bike Kelsey, well I don't know everything that he wants for Christmas. But I need a new bed, mine always breaks down at night. My baby brother, he needs more CLOTHES!

Love,  
Kimberly Hooten



Dear Santa,

I am a little girl nearly four years old and I live in Lockney with Dale and Dee. I have been good most all of the time. I want a Little Miss Makeup Doll and some Mickey Mouse tapes. Please remember all the other little boys and girls and bring them presents. I will leave you some milk and cookies on the table.

I love you santa,  
Tasha Ann Powell

Dear Santa,

I would like a bike and a romote control car and a school box. A book and a and a package of cars and a army sword and a pen for my dogs and to keep the other dogs away.

Pablo

Dear Santa,

I want a doll and a barbie house a log Cabin for my little animals.

By Megan

Dear Santa,

I want a cat and a doll and a Bear My Mom and Dad and I Love you and I help my Mom and My Dad.

Rosie

Dear Santa,

I've been good. Hope you'll bring me some toys. I would really like a pretty baby doll. You can pick it out. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Hope you like them. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Melanie Huggins

Dear Santa,

how are you doing are you cold? are you hot? have you seen any snow? well anyway I think I've been Pretty Good. Please bring me a Roller Racer and a Santa bear, and my little sister wants a doll. Have a Merry Christmas, and thank you.

Danny H

Dear Santa,

I Love you Santa I'll cookies and milk on a plate. I want a doll call Baby Susie and a lunch Box and a new pair of shoes, and a new brown Bear. I just want these things.

Heidy

Dear Santa,

I want a toy truck and a ball and a basketball and, I want a green soccerball and a toy man and a keyboard and I want a jambox and a toy robot and a little white and black zebra and a toy boat and a jump rope and a toy rabbit.

Michael

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. clause? I am so excited to see you. Please bring me a t.v. and a remote control car and Nintendo ana a Atari and a new tire for my bike and I will put cookies on the table.

Matthew

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control big foot and a nintendo and a jamBox, an apple computer skate board road hopper clothes and a bulldog

Jason A.

Dear Santa,

This year for Christmas I would like a computer, a scooter, a teddy Bear and a makeup doll. That's what I would like for Christmas

Leticia

Dear Santa,

I want a doll. I want a ball. I want a cow. I want a dog. I want a cat. I want a dog. I want a girl. I want a party. I want a pen.

Addy

Dear Santa,

I want a doll. And some clothes to. And wonder curl Barbie. I wnat Barbie and the rockers, and a teddy Bear. And some shoes. And a bike.

Noelia

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# Dear Santa, I will leave cookies...

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a Nintendo and Shotgun and a bigfoot Poster, a guitar, a Drum set and a Ghost play set. A car set, a chalk board, a bedroom a cartrack, a globe a ghost Busters Set, a shirt, and an airgun.

Abel Luna

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a makeup Girl. and I want a jambox too. and a baby Girl too. I want a telephone, a real telephone and a keyboard and a radio and a I want a sleeping teddy bear.

Becky

Dear Santa,  
I want a car and a ball. I would like a G.I. Joe Man. A helicopter and some marbles and a good Christmas.

Frank G.

Dear Santa,  
I want a piano I want some boots I want a bike I want a Bear

Alma

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo. And a bike and a barbie doll. and a Key Board. and a computer. and the game "Sorry. and a ball. and I want a toy of you.

RoseMary

Dear Santa,  
I want toys

Brandon Jason



Dear Santa,  
I want a football. I want a bigfoot. I want a car. I want a redcar.

Timothy Durham

Dear Santa,  
I want the Aeroturbo hopper for Christmas. I want my family to Live forever and me too. and I want you to bring me a million dollars so I can give it to needy kids. and all of that for my friend Lasaro

Terry Martin

Dear Santa,  
I want 200 million Dollars so I can buy toys and help you elf.

TJ

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Bible and a sleeping bag and a baby preemie and a new school box and a box of Crayolas. For Christmas aok! I will leave you some milk. Merry Christmas!

Lindi

Dear Santa,  
I want a Real Rifle and and that Micro Machine case and all the Ghostbuster-men and a Roller Racer too. and the two transformers named optimus Prime and ultra Magnus. thats all Santa

Jason

Dear Santa,  
I would like a baby doll, changer and a some gum balls please. I have tried to be good.

Your friend,  
Tobi Carthel

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll. I want games. I want Ms. makeup Barbie I want some jewelry.

Eliza

Dear Santa,  
I want a football, I want a basketball. I want a, soccerball. I want a robot. I want bears I want a G.I. Joe I want a skateboard I want a transformer and a games.

Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a keyboard, and a doll and a computer and a ball and a "Sorry" game. and a care Bears and Nintendo and a candy and you can have one too.

Christina

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll home and a little book and I want a ring to wear on my Finger and I Want a movie of E.T.  
My home is 208 N.W. 2nd

Erica

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Clause? I am so excited to see you again. Hoping you get my list on time.

Christmas list: roller skates Barbie scooter, faded jeans sweater, shoes, baby kitten.

DeeLisa

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby Heather. I want a Ms. Make-up. I want a key board I want a set of pom poms. I want a bear. I want a big pop. I want a doll I want a carebear. I want a bike.

Isabe

Dear Santa,  
I want a BB Gun and I want a bike. I know you are Real I want my front teeth back and my bull Dog. I want New friend's for they can play with me.

Timothy B.

Dear Santa,  
I want a real gun and a 10 speed and a remote control car and earphones and a Snowboots and a Lunch Box and a nintendo my home is 504

Angel B.

Dear Santa,  
would you get me a stereo for Christmas and an electronic robot and a bike and a walkie talkie, an organ and ornaments an a tree an things for my family I wish you a Merry Christmas

Joe G.

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo and a radio. My sister, Alana, wants a talking Pee Wee Her-man. My Dad also wants a Nintendo.

Your Friend,  
Lee Anne Gallaway

Dear Santa,  
This is what I would like for, Christmas, I would like a pair of roller skates, a watch, and a microscope, I would also like a curling iron and a blow dryer of my own.

Your friend,  
Randi Jo Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I want a B.B.Gun key board. a new, bike a new game new clothes

Noe

Dear Santa,  
I want a play dog. I want a white rabbit. I want a Barbie doll too. I want a school box. I want Clothes I want a key board. I want a jamBox. I want a Teddy Ruxpin I want a watch I want a bear. I want a telephone.

Esmeralda

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a tenspeed, and a Yamaha, Santa, send my brother a Casio, because last year you forgot to send him one. Santa, send my fother a microscope. Please send my mother clothes, and shoes. Santa, please send my brother, Mike, an art set. Please, Santa don't forget. Well Its time to say Good bye. Goodby!!!

Your friend,  
Kishia

Dear Santa,  
If you don't bring these things that's OK. I would like a Nintendo. I would also like a VCR And a Barbie Doll.

Your pal,  
Tamie



Dear Santa,  
Guess what I want for Christmas? I want a Nintendo system with the game of Super Mario Bros. II. I also want a Cordless Remote Control Car. and Microscope.

Your pen pal,  
Gerardo Luna

Dear Santa Claus,  
Guess what I want? I want a Sega for Christmas. I want a football. I want a Hit Stix. I want a baseball bat.

Your friend,  
Jason Perales

Dear Santa,  
Here's what I want for Christmas. If you can't afford the things that I'm going to say, give give me what you can give me. I want a Water,-Bed? or you can give me some clothes, shoes, and socks. Thats mostly what I need! Or, what ever you can give me is fine. I've never seen you befor but I really do want to see you. Maybe some day I can meet you. I hear you arent real. But I always say that you are real. They just don't believe you. I don't know what else to make them believe in you. I try everything I can do to make them believe in you. Well I believe in you. I hope you can do something to make them believe in you. Well I, don't what else to write. I guess this is all I have to say!!!  
Good Bye!!

Love, your pal,  
Debra

Dear Santa C.,  
Could you please give these things to me? For one thing I want what you call Dress "n" Dazzle I want a new piano, the reason is bevause I know just a few songs and want to take piano lessons. #2 I want a new pair of tennis shoes. All I have is three or four shoes I need more!  
Santa, give me what you think I need.

Love,  
Kimberly Hooten

Dear Santa Claus,  
things I want for Christmas. Nintendo, Skateboard, and a train set, Thats all this year.

Your friend,  
Ricardo Cruz 4th

Dear Santa,  
I'm happy. I have ben a good boy. I love Christmas!

Love, Josh Quebe

Dear Santa,  
My name is Dominique Guerrero and I want a scoodr. and I've bin very very nise and I like you very very much.

Love Dominique

Dear Santa,  
I try to be good but is is hard to be good. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I want a bike and intendo and a toys race car and a jump rope. I want the boys and girls to have a happy Christmas. Please get a present for my baby brother Donovan.

Love Stacey Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
This year I have ben real good, so this is what I want for Christmas. I would like to have the Nintendo games Double Dragon, Super Mario Bros. 2, and pro wrestling. I would also like the super turbo train. I want a keyboad and some tapes. I'll be sure to leave milk and cookies for you.

Your favorite, Brady Marr

Dear Santa,  
You better get me what I want. I'm sorry for shooting you and Rudolph's shiny nose off. Well, for Christmas I want a Nintendo, witha Super Mario Brothers II with it. I want a big Casio with all the kinds of tunes on it. And, also I want a transam. I also want a microscope. I want a Y 380. Then I want a Sega. I also want a motorcycle.

Your friend,  
Chad Stapp

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas Eve. I want a trampoline, Nintendo, power set, and a Dress N Dazzle. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. OH, and a if you can't afford this, it will be fine with me.

Your Pal,  
Christine Cuellar

Dear Santa,  
Here are some things I would like for Christmas. A pair of socks, some Hit Stix, and a Casio Echo Piano. And my last thing is a Phantom X-19 Stealth fighter. And that's the things I want for Christmas

Your friend,  
Joe

Dear Santa,  
I want a BMX Mongoose and a Nintendo with three games Super Mario Bros. II , and pro And, Donkey Kong Jr. and a Telescope and some clothes and I want a Train car set, and a go-cart ride.

your pal,  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
If you don't give me these things I will be satisfied. I would like to have some Hit Stix. I want everybody to have a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. I want everyone to be happy.

Your friend,  
Mandy

Dear Santa,  
I really want you to get me a Nintendo. Or, you could get me a Sega Could you please get me Thunder Blad? Oh, I almost forgot, I also want a Yamaha motorcycle.

Your friend,  
John

Dear Santa,  
Here is what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo, walkie Talkie, a Transformer, some Hit Stix, a trampoline, a TV, and VCR.

Your friend,  
Danny

Dear Santa,  
Guess what I want for Christmas. I would like a microscope, and a Precious Moments Bible, atari carteges, and a Yamaha.

Your friend,  
Dewayne

Santa Letters written by Mrs. Johnson's first grade class:  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a sudr.

Love Matt Smith

dear santa clos,  
I bin good and bad and I wont a scuder and I like you are niys to the boys an girls Sabnta Claus. I want a babe doll and breg me a mot cntrol to brthopr. I love you.

David Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a play scucter bcus it is my favite tey ad I luvue uo becuse I luvue yor wiskrs ad I luvue uou becus uo are great!

Luve, Veronica Pedroza

Dear Santa,  
I like Christmas and love you. My brothr dot blve n you.

Love, Robert Bartlett

Dear Santa,  
I've bin a gud gewl. I want Barbie's. I like Christmas and I love you.

Love, Jennifer Bennett

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good grl this week. Pese bring em a ltl Ms make-up.

Love, Sharyl McMurtrey

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a mery Christmas and a hapee new yer.

From Micah Higgs to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a coloring book and sum mag-ick marks or crayons in my stoacken. I want new clows. I want a cany cayn in my stoacken. I love you Santa. I have bin good and bad. I want a new shrt and I want new pants and I want new socks and I want a hug from you to.

Susie Tambunga. The End

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Sega Game Nintendo Game and Hit Stix. The games I want for Sega is Double Dragon, Wrestling and Pac Man. And I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your pal,  
Gilbert Garcia

Dear Santa,  
If you come see me I would like you to bring me a Nintendo, Swatch, clothes, and Kid Carus for my Nintendo.

Your pal,  
Corbin Kellison

Dear St. Nick,  
I have not been good or bad. But if you come to my house please bring me a Yamaha, Nintendo, jamBox. or a bike. The one thing I never had is fun Christmas. Or you could bring me tapes.

Your friend,  
Cornelio Garcia

Dear St. Nick,  
Hi! Its Christmas again. All I really want is a Nintendo, Hit Stix, and clothes, I want some other things too, but that's all I I want real bad. I also want a radio a badly too.

Your friend,  
Leigha Wood

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy some times. I would like to have a Sega, Nintendo, and a TV for Christmas. And a lot of Nintendo tapes. Children are going to keep you busy. That's all that I want for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Kalpesh Patel

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a tree and a dollhouse.

Lulia



# GREETINGS

WHEN WE COUNT OUR BLESSINGS THIS HOLIDAY, WE THINK OF DEAR FRIENDS LIKE YOU! THANKS FOR BEING SO KIND THIS ENTIRE YEAR.

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# PEACE

of this holy day and the joy it brings stay with you throughout the year.

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# Christmas means many things...

## What Christmas Means to Me

Christ  
Holly  
Reindeer  
Igloo  
Snow  
Tree  
Mistletoe  
Angels  
Santa  
Treats  
Rudolph  
Elf  
Everybody together

By Diana Lemons

## What Christmas Means to Me

Merry  
Elf  
Rudolph  
Red Nos  
Yearly  
Caroling  
Holiday  
Remember  
Ice  
Tree Top  
Mistle Toe  
Apple Pie  
Santa's workshop

Marissa Camacho

Christmas  
House  
Riding on a Slay  
I love Christmas  
Santa  
Tree  
Merry Christmas  
Special Holiday  
Celebrating

Chelsea Patridge

## Christmas

Christmas thing's  
Happy faces  
Red and green  
Inspiration and fun  
Santa  
Tree's  
Moon light  
After you  
Secrets

Angie Henderson

Musical  
Early  
Reindeer  
Running  
Young  
Christ  
Holy  
Rudolph  
Israel  
Silent  
Trees  
Money  
Angels  
Star

## Good Bye Christmas Eve

Santa had not had a good year. He was not getting any letters. On Christmas Eve nobody had belief in Santa, except for one small girl. He name was Karen. She had heard about the sad news, she hated it. It was Christmas morning, she and her family went to church. Christmas was fun...for her.

by Aubrey Kirk

## The Baby Jesus

Merry the mother of Jessus. He was born in a small town of Bethlim laying in a manger the son of God would be the new king lots of people and animals came to see him. Lots of them were poor the Drummer Boy had nothing to give to him so he playe this drum for the little baby. When the drummer boy finished the baby smiled at him.

Matthew Harris

## The Little Girl Without Slippers

There was a poor little girl named Betty who did not have any clothes or slippers. She had two brothers and one sister and her dad had died. John the oldest boy had a limp all his life. James the other boy was in a wheelchair and her mother was very ill. Betty asked Santa for slippers and clothes and her family not to be sick. It was Saturday night she was selling candles but nobody bought any. She was cold without any clothes or slippers all she had were rags for clothes and bare feet. So she went home without any money. It was Sunday which was Christmas Day. John was walking and James was out of his wheelchair and her mother was out of bed. Then she saw some glass slippers and a pretty white and red dress. Then she said my wish did come true thank you Santa. Betty and her family never had to worry about food, clothes, and money.

Lisa Perez

## What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas is a time for family and friends to gather around to catch up on the old and new. People laughing and crying to mothers trying to calm their children down. Children begging to open presents, mother saying wait just a second. Thats what Christmas is to me.

By Tamarah Burson

## The Christmas Angel

Once upon a time there was a boy and a girl, who got lost going home it was snowing and very cold, they kept on walking. They could hear noises in the dark forest, but they kept on walking, they got to a bridge which was dangerous to cross, the little girls started to cry, because she was scared. The little boy told her don't be scared Jesus will protect us, All of a sudden a brite light appeared. It was an angel. The angel said don't be scared I will guide you home safely.

Richard Cuellar

## Christmas means to me.

Johnnie Mosley

## What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas means to me because it is when Christ was born and he's name is Jesus. I am going to tell you a story about the day when Jesus was born. It started one day at a town named Bethlehem. That is where Mary and Joseph tried to find a place where Mary could lay down but they found a place outside of Bethlehem at a old barn. Mary made a little bed for Jesus can lay down and sleep but then He woke up and did not make a sound. But they did not know there were three sheperds and the sheperds saw this big star that said to the sheperds there is a new born King named Jesus. Please go and see him and bring a gift and they went to see and that is how Christmas came. The end.

Michael Reynaga

## What Christmas Means to Me

What Christmas Means is everyone giving gifts. I tmean having fun with friends and family. Going Christmas caroling at the nursing home and to everyone reading the Christmas story of the day Christ was born. Decorating the house and Christmas tree. Santa Clause coming and leavin speical gifts.

by Cynthia Martin

## A Lonely Christmas

I am an orphan named Christmas. I live at the orphanaghe. Everybody calls me Christy. When I first came, everybody laughed at my name. Around Christmas, I just lay on my bed and don't join in on anything, even meals. But, on one special Christmas, when it's time for adoption, on open house, people came to the girls ward. I was sitting on my bed, looking sad, when a married couple who couldn't have children, and wanted one very badly said, "Oh, look at this little girl. She looks sad! What's your name?" "Christmas, but everybody calls me Christy." I replied. "I like her" she said to her husband, "Let's adopt her. Do you want to be adopted?" I nodded. They told me to pack my things, while they signed my papers, and I was adopted. Their house was beautiful. I even saw presents under the tree for me! Whe it was Christmas Day, I opened my presents, and I got some toys and some clothes. I said, "I haven't ever had toys and clothes this pretty before!" They laughed. It was going to be a good Christmas. This is not a true story.

Kaci Mathis

## The Little Match Girl

One cold and weary night there was a very young girl dressed in rags. She had been wearing her mother's slippers but they were to big and she lost them. She curled up in a corner like a Christmas ball. She was freezing. But she had sold no matches and she knew if she went home without selling any matches her famther would beat her. So she lit a match. She saw a beautiful tree. 'PUFF' it went out and the Christmas Tree was gone. She lit another match. She lit another match. She saw a very warm stove. She was about to feel the warmness of the stove when 'Puff!' It went out. She lit another match. She saw her grandmother. Oh, grandmother take me with you. See, her grandmother died a long time ago. She lit a whole bunch of matches. Oh grandmother stay, but then...'Puff!' the matches went out. And the little match girl was dead. She had froze to death. The next morning the

people found her and buried her. And from then on she lived with her grandmother.

Amy Anderson

## Greedy

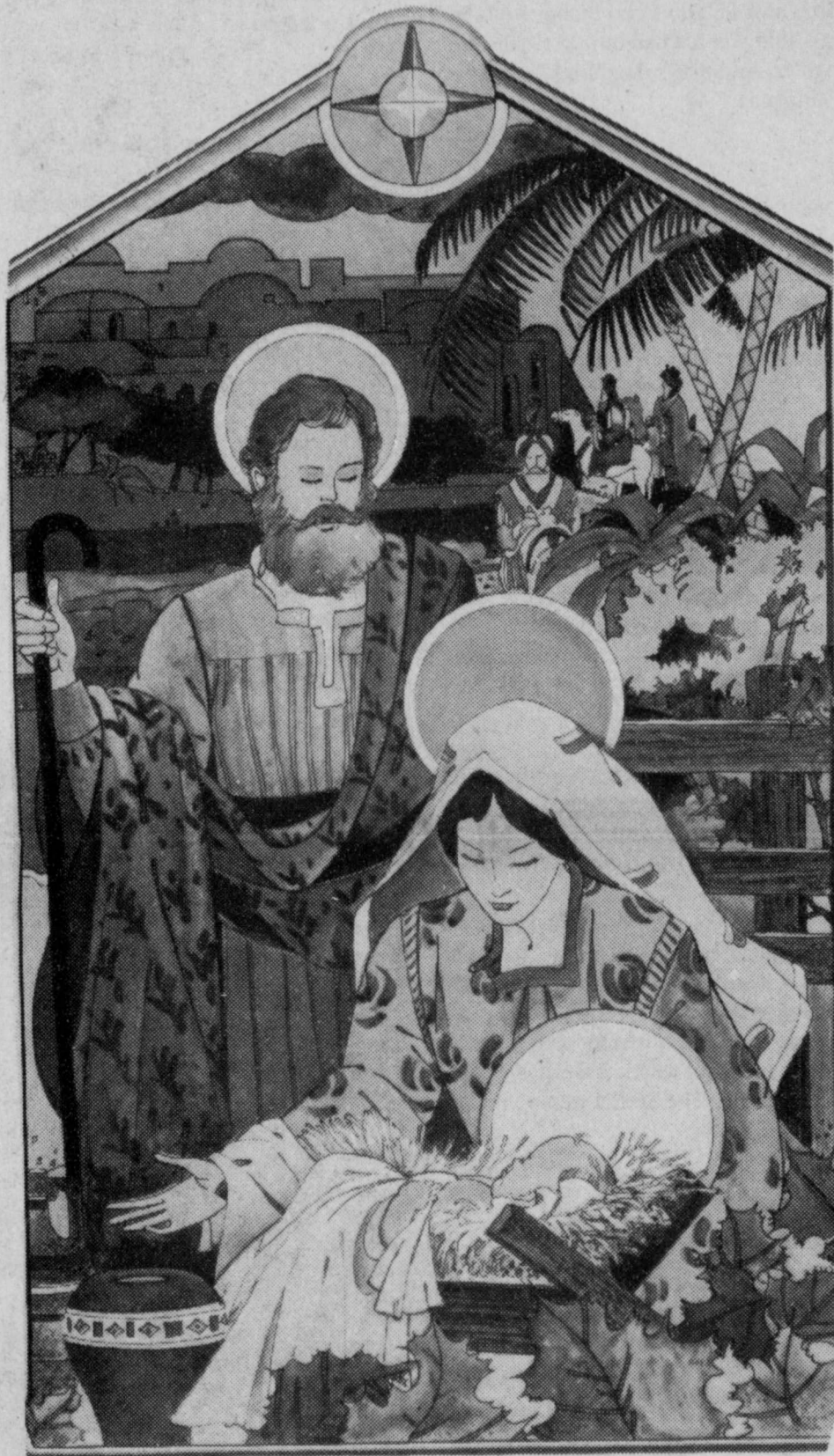
Once there was a boy named Seth who wanted everything in the world for Christmas. But one day he went to the mail with his mother and Santa was asking the kids what they wanted for Christmas. It was Seth's turn to go. Seth was asking for everything. But then Santa said why don't you ask for one thing. Ok I want my father to come and so he did.

Federico Cervantes

## Different Ways of Saying Merry Christmas

There are many ways of saying Merry Christmas. You can say it by love, friendship, or by just saying Merry Christmas. There are also many difereent languages. If you put them together you get: There are many ways to say Merry Christmas in different languages. You already know one way and thats just Merry Christmas. Some of you may know another one Feliz Navidad. Now here's one you don't know. In Hawaii they say Mele Kalikamaka. In France they say Juoroui Noel. There are lots of other ways, but you get to find those out yourself.

Leigha Dyan Wood



## Love at Christmas

Christmas is a wonderful time. But many people do not have one present to give or receive. That is sad. Just think, all kids want is things that cost a bunch. The poor children would like a doll or a little truck. Just remember you're lucky if you get a big thing like a stereo.

Cody Hayes

## What Christmas Means to Me

What Christmas means to me. To me Christmas is a time for sitting around the tree. Sitting by the fire. My happiness grows higher and higher. Giving and receiving gifts. Family gives me a lift.

Aaron Graham



CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

May your holiday be filled with the blessings of His faith and love.

MUNCEY ELEVATOR

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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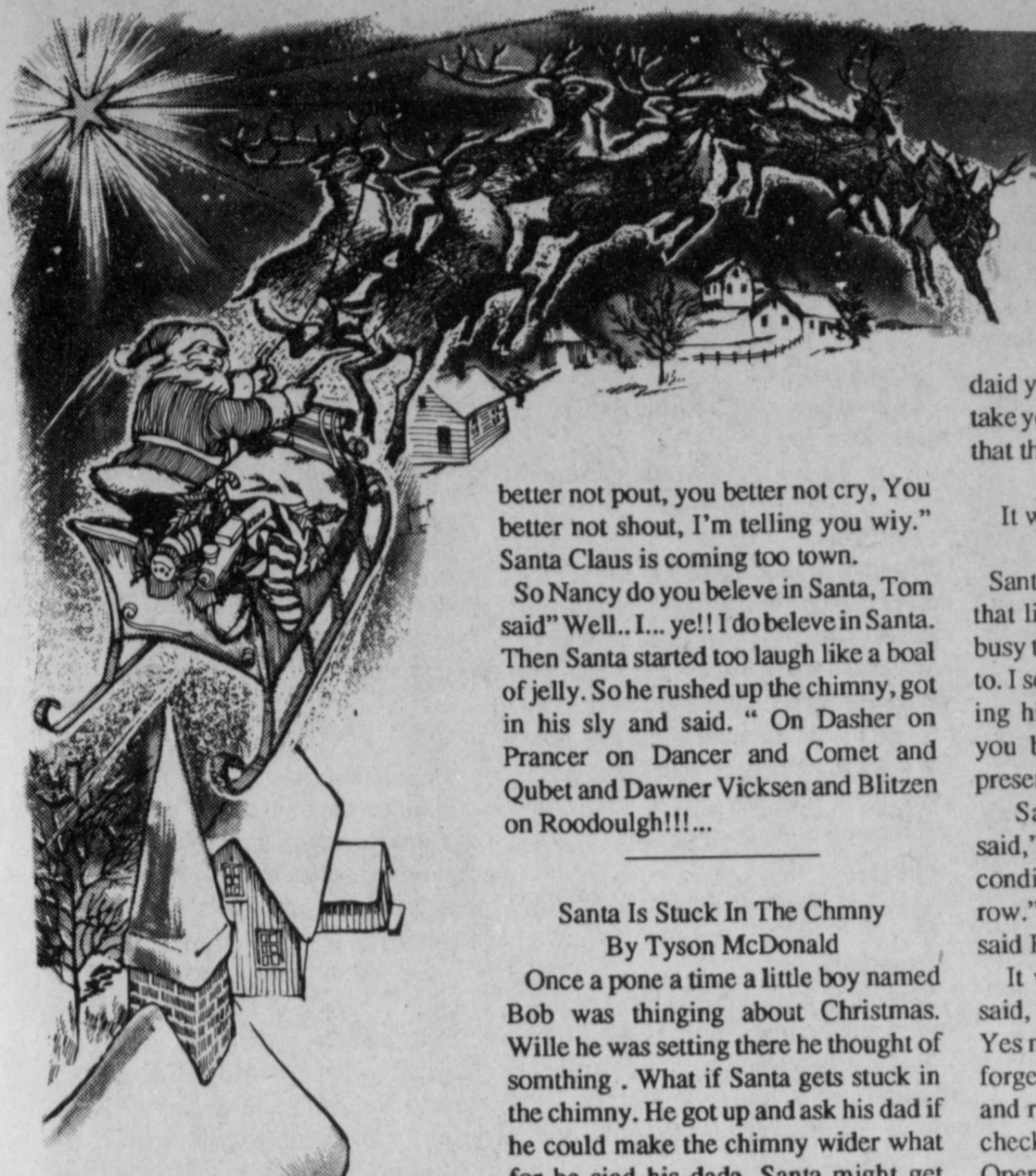
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We owe our success to customers like you, and we're very grateful. May you have a joyous Yuletide season!

D. & J. Gin



# Santa Claus is coming to town



Mrs Poole's 3rd grade Language Arts class:

### Santa's Surprise By Stacy Bigham

It was a very clear and bright night. Santa Claus was at the North Pole where he lived getting ready for Christmas Eve. He was busy telling his 4 head elves Popkins, Starry, Twinkle and Bopper all of the toys that were to be made. All the elves were very busy.

Santa was checking his list over and over again to make sure who was naughty or nice. Then he saw a little girl named Sally who was on the naughty list. He said, "Sally sure would be very disappointed if she did not get any toys this year." So he put her on the list of children who were nice.

On Christmas Eve Santa was getting ready to go, but he checked his list again just to be sure. Then he said, "You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, I'm telling you why, Santa Clause is coming to town!" On Christmas Eve Sally woke up and she was very happy. Santa was glad he checked his list over and over again, or Sally would have been very disappointed. Then Santa was thinking, what if I gave everybody something even if they were naughty. No Way! All those poor elves are already to busy, they would get real mad at me!

Now Santa always make sure he wrote the names of the children on the right list. He also made sure he checked his list over and over again. Santa has never make any more mistakes since Sally was put on the wrong list. Santa even picked out a few of his elves to help him check his list. They were called the special list checkers from then on.

### Santa's helper makes a new toy By Ryon

One day Santa's helpers got up early and started to work. They had alot of things to do. All the helpers worked but one. His name was Theodore. He made toys but everyone always made fun of him. So he decided to build a toy that would be the best. So he started to work. He worked day and night for 12 days.

Finally he finished his toy and it was time to show everyone the toy. He went to find everyone so he could show them but he could not find anyone anywhere. Finally he found them in the room where he built his toy.

They where looking at the toy. They where jealous because they could not make a toy like it. They asked how it worked. He turned it on to show them how it worked but something went wrong and it blew up and Santa made him scrub floors.

### "I Beleve in Santa now"

By Adam Cummings

Ones long ago there was a little girl called Nancy. She did not beleve in Santa. When ever Christmas came she always told her little brother Tom, that there is no such thing as Santa Claus. But Tom allways said, "I beleve in Santa." Then one Christmas Tom woke up and thought he herd a noise, so he looked out the window and Tom saw Santa on the roof top. With a cuplump ashesw whent evrey where!! With a stare Tom sooked at the strange mas. Tom yeld, "It's Santa!" Then Nancy came, in and she looked and then she dashed behind the couch! Tom said "Theres nothing too be afrade of" So Nancy got out from behind the couch. Nancy said, "your just a man." Then Santa pointed and said "you

better not pout, you better not cry, You better not shout, I'm telling you why." Santa Claus is coming too town.

So Nancy do you beleve in Santa, Tom said "Well.. I... ye!! I do beleve in Santa. Then Santa started too laugh like a boal of jelly. So he rushed up the chimney, got in his sly and said. " On Dasher on Prancer on Dancer and Comet and Qubet and Dawner Vicksen and Blitzen on Roodough!!!"

### Santa Is Stuck In The Chmny By Tyson McDonald

Once a pone a time a little boy named Bob was thinging about Christmas. While he was setting there he thought of something . What if Santa gets stuck in the chimney. He got up and ask his dad if he could make the chimney wider what for he siad his dada. Santa might get stuck siad Bob. His dad got up and siad son ill think of something. he thot and he thot. Finly he thot of something. We can cut a scaur out of the chimney. And put a slide cinde of like thing in it And put a bunch of soap suds on it and he will slide like butter. That night Santa slipt. Bob herd something and got out of bed. And saw Santa felling the stockings up. Santa walked up and pointed at him, and

daid you have ben so good I'm going to take you for a ride in my slay. And withat that they flew over the moon.

### It was the Night before Christmas By Rodolfo Cervantes

Santa Claus is a jolly old jolly old man that lives in the North pole. He's very busy this time of year. The elfs are Buzy to. I see a picture about him. He's pointing his finger and probably is saying, you better be good or you wont get presents.

Santa is feeding the riendeer. He said, "Rodolph you should get in tip top condition" for Christmas eve tommarow. " O.K. Santa I will start right away" said Rodolph.

It was Christmas night. Mrs Claus" said, " Get ready for your trip Santa." Yes my dear, he said. Be sure you don't forget anything Santa. Get out the sliagh and riendeer on to the sliagh. Present's check, riendeer check, sliagh check. Open the doors By dear, By Santa. Up...up....up and away!

The End

### Santa new song By Anthony Poole

A long time ago in the north pole Santa was upset about somethang. All the girls And boys were sick of the Christmas songs. Evvery year they would go cloring to houses in ther naberhood. Everyere

they would sing the same song. So Santa called the elvs to a meeting. When the elvs got there they side wats wrong Santa we were working on the toys. All the girls and boys are sick of my songs what sould I do. then one elve side make up a new song. No I can't Do that I's so upset I can't thank of some words! then one elve side go get Rudoleh he gets good Ides. then santa said go get him. what do you you want Santa I was eating my otas. Try to thank of a new song. why well all the girls and boys are sike of my songs. that is a big problem. well I thank the song should be about note and nise. and when you Know when ther awake. ho!! ho!! ho!! thanks Rudolf for the song. well Santa got to work on the Song. when He got fich he let the elvs read it. then he made copys of it. he sint it to the presentent they liked it. then it came to the children they liked it. but the song went liked this you beter not pot you beter not cry you beter not shot I'm thelling you why Santa cluse is coming town.

### Freidy meats, Santa Claus. By Ashley Breakinridge

Once upon time there was this little codig in the woods. It was Christmas eve. and the children that lived in that house where so excited about Christmas. They drove there parents up the wall.

That night one of there children said, "Momy can I stay up to see Santa Claus? His moucher said "No" They all went to bed. Every boddie was asleep. expeit Freiddy. He waned to see Santa CLAUS. The clock struck 12:00 and down the

chiminy Santa Claus came with a bound. Frieddy got up and went down stairs. He looked at him, Santa Claus and Santa Clause looked at him, Santa Claus pointed at him and said, "Have you ben good?" He said "Good enuf." The next morning was Christmas, Freiddy run and Toor open his present. They had a good Christmas.

The End

Dear Santa,

This year I want a trampoline, a new whatch, a back pack, and good roller skates, I would also like to have a microscope, and a ring with my birth stone. Well I guess thats all this year.

Your friend,  
Cynthia Martin

Why Santa Should Bring Me Presents  
Dear Santa, I help Mrs. FortenBerry Pass alt The Papr and I help my Gemr and I So my MoM and Karlon.

Love Brooke Hooten

Dear SANTA,

why do you think I disirve presents from you to me. do you think it is becuse I have ben nice to my litle sister and I have playd nice with her when she wanted to.

The End  
From, Danny Huggins

Santa,

I hav bingood I hop that I git presents. I blevis SanathClos. I lik win SathClos and I Clenup in room I ipite the dish-wosher I fed the dog becus I wunt prasus frum Santa.

From, Sarah Crider

Der Santa,

I AM nis to Miy sestr I AM nis to Miy Bruthr. I Mid Miy Muther I do not het I do not pll I do not kek I do not destrb the kes I Mid the techr the End.

From Meradith Burson

Dear Santa,

Ive been good. and the reason I should get toys is because ive helped my mom clean house, I do not fight with my brothers, I let pther pepole play with my toys, I mind my mom and dad, im nice at school, I leason to my teacher, I play with my frinds and ive only got my Name on the board twice

Love, Nicole

Dear Santa,

I uziv sum towe Bcuz I have Ben a ver good to miw dog I Duzrv towe Bcuz I hav Ben good to miu mom I go all sid to play so my momcan wrk.

Love, Kristen

Dear Santa,

I chood Git tos beekus I hafv mind my muthr and fothr and I hafv dun chors and I hafv cleen my room and I play with my bruthrs and sistr and I cleen my bruthus room.

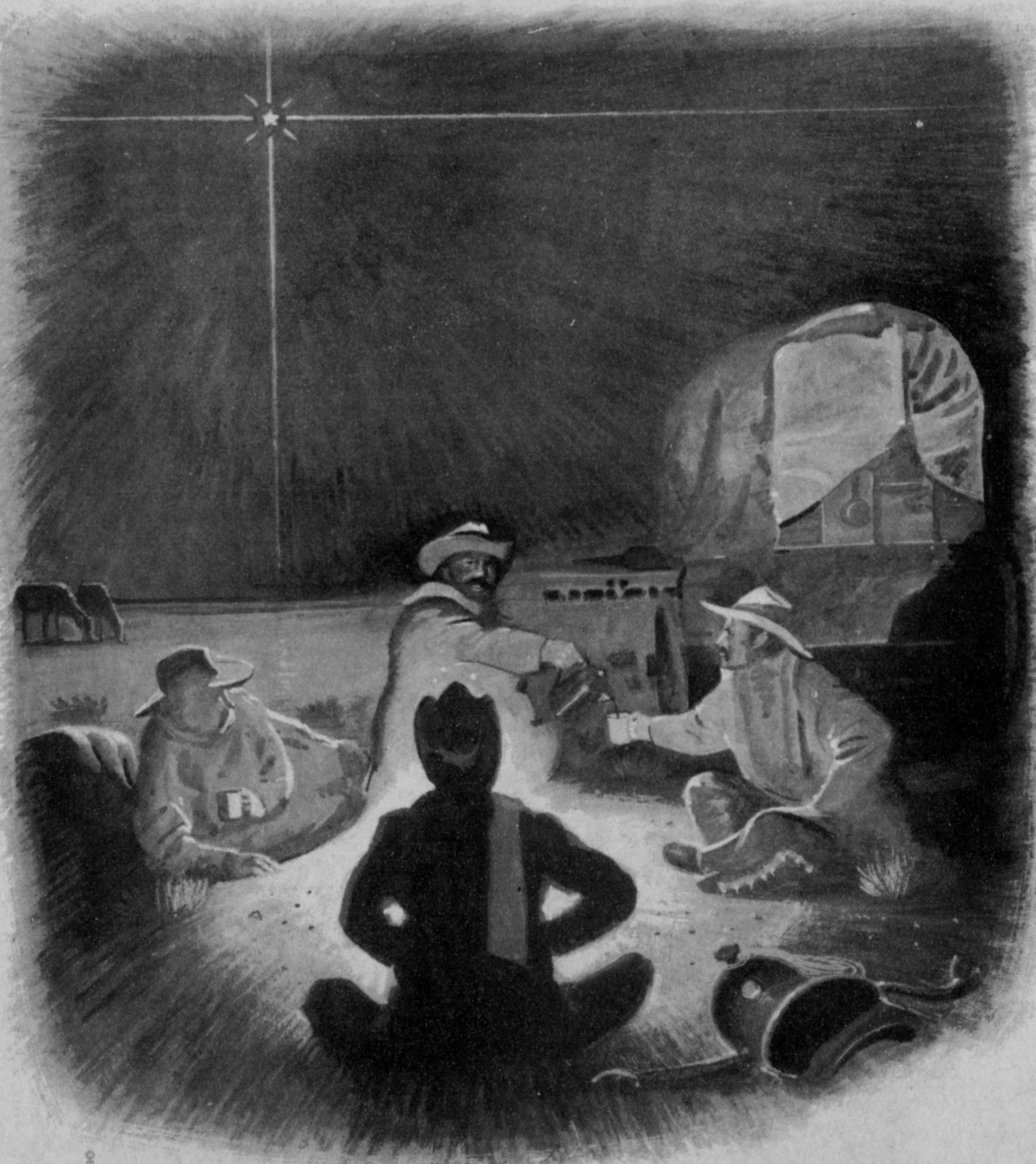
Lov, Krystal Allen

Dear Santa,

I thike I shod git Touise Bikus I have ben veri nice. I have ben helping mi mom and mi gran moe. and I hav Ben lesning to mi mom. I have ben folowing instruksuns and bin vere nise.

Love Lauren H

## SEASON'S GREETINGS



May every blessing be realized and every joy be cherished.  
The spirit of Christmas is the spirit shared.

## LOCKNEY GIN



# Christmas is so exciting to me . . .

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is exciting to me. Santa, I'd like to have a Nintendo game, a Yanaha, and a Pee-Wee Herman Doll.

I wish I could have Sega, Dress'n Dazzle, and My Pet Monster.

I'll leave cookies and milk for you. I want Hit Stix, Trampoline and a set of Dictionaries. I've been a good girl all year.

Your #1 Pal,  
Denise Sherrill

Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year. I would like Dress-n-Dazzle, a lot of Barbies, Dolly Surprise, too. I would also like a Yamaha, trampoline, and a Cabbage Patch Kid with growing hair. I would love a scooter, a bike, some clothes. Well that about wraps it up. Ho, Ho, Ho, get it, Wraps.

P.S. Don't get too chubby!!!

Love Ya,  
Amy Anderson

Dear Santa,

Christmas is exciting to me. I have been a good boy, and that's a fact! The first three things I want are ropers, a Nintendo, and a My Pet Monster. I also want twelve G.I. Joes, ten Pretender Transformers, and a go-cart.

I also want a Yamaha motorcycle, some horses, and a blue bike.

Your #1 pal,  
Dale Baeza

P.S. Please give me these toys.

Dear Santa

I want a Dress 'n Dazzle, Scooter, and a jam box. I have been a good girl. Please come to see me on Christmas Eve. I will leave cookies and milk.

Love Cris

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. First of all I want a Casio. I want ropers for Christmas. Please send me a trampoline. I want a microscope for Christmas. That's all I want for Christmas. I have been good. I hope you feel fine.

Your friend, Rosa Banda

Dear Santa,

Christmas is very exciting to me! This year I would like a Yamaha key board. I would also like a trip to Abilene to see my cousin Tonya and DeAnn. Here some other things I would like to have. A new pair of Ropers, a bandana bow, a new pair of jeans I wear size eight, a new purse like my brown one, a dress n dazzle, a pair of hit stix, a watch. I would also like to have a new lunchbox any kind and a scooter. Merry Christmas! Hope to get some of these toys!

Shanna Mathis

Dear Santa,

I would like a waterbed, a barbie doll, a new bike, and head phones for Christmas. I also would like a Nintendo and cassettes for my brother and that's all I want for Christmas.

Your pal, Amanda

Dear Santa,

Here are some things I want for Christmas. Well first of all I want something for my sisters and my mom. "Oh," and I also want something for my brother. I want a pair of pants and a shirt.

I would like three barbie dolls for three of my sisters. I would also like two diamond rings for my other two sisters. For my mom I want an apron and a salt and pepper set. "Oh," I almost forgot I would like a microscope for my brother.

Well, bye..! I'd better leave.

Love Patricia

Dear Santa,

The things I want for Christmas are Nintendo, Sago, and Ill bike.

Your pal, Ricky Reyes

Dear Santa,

I've been very good this year. I haven't got a spanking yet! So, I guess I'm ready to tell what I want. Well, I would like a key board, Operation Game, and jogging suits. Please a few knick knacks to go in my stocking. I would also like new frames for my glasses.

Your friend, Cody Hayes

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a portable radio, real baby, denim pants, computer and compact disc player. I do believe in you. That's all I ask from you. This is mostly for me.

Yours truly,  
Marissa Camacho

Dear Santa,

Christmas is very wonderful. I would like a watch and guards, tapes, and a pig brush, and spray bottle. Also, I would like alarm clock. Hit Stix and some games. I would like jewelry, books, and a sleeping bag, and anything you would like to bring to me. I'll leave some cookies.

Your friend, Kaci Mathis

Dear Santa,

I have been good, and I would like a Sega. I als would like a checker game. I have been very well (OK) in school. I would like a pencil.

Your friend, Mike E.

Dear Santa,

I have been a good girl so I would like these things when you come, a new comforter, a new backpack, a PeeWee Herman doll and the game L.I.F.E. That is all.

Your friend, Angie Henderson

Dear Santa,

These are gifts I would like to have. First of all I would like Nintendo tapes. I would also like a radio controlled plane, car, and boat. But most of all I would like a Yamaha keyboard. And for my stocking I would like small transformer.

Your friend, Carlos

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a keyboard, ten speed, and ropers. I also want a trampoline, socks, and clothes.

Your friend, Kim Cumbie

Dear Santa,

I've been very good and a little bad this year. I think it is my turn to tell you what I want. I want a Nintendo, Sega,

Yamaha, Casio, Hit Stix, Pee Wee Herman, microscope, trampoline, and Alaska dog. That's all I want! Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Rudy Jimenez

Dear Kris Kringle,

Here are somethings I want. I don't want to ask for too much. I want a Yamaha, and a microscope. And really that's all I want. I don't know if I've been good or bad. And I really love my two parents, my brother, and two sisters.

Your friend, Lorraine Banda

Dear Santa,

These are the things I want for Christmas. Well, first I want a Nintendo game called Wheel of Fortune and for Mom I want a pair of jeans. And for me I want a phone, for Dad and Jake a pair of Hit Sticks. And that's all I want for Christmas.

Your #1 fan: Janet Jones

Dear Santa,

I believe in you! Some people don't because they think they are so big and cool. They think we are stupid to believe in Santa. I want a Barbie Doll, new clothes and shoes for school, and a makeup kit, and a Casino.

Your friend,  
Chelsea Patridge

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Your pal, Josi C

Dear Santa,

These are the things I would want for Christmas. I would like two new Nintendo games, one is Super Mario Bros. II and Pro Wrestling. I would like a bow and arrow and rifle too. I would like Hit Stix and a lot of clothes, and a Swatch. That is all I want for now.

Your friend, Jeffrey

Dear Santa,

I want these things for Christmas. I would like a Nintendo, Casio, Hit Stix, bike, Walkie Talkies, football, and a trampoline.

Your friend, Michael M.

Dear Santa,

Here are things I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo, Barbie Doll, the game Candyland. Next I want my own telephone, Hit Stix, and Baby Heather. Then I want a Casio keyboard, microphone, and a pair of skates. I also want my own T.V., VCR, and a skateboard.

Your friend, Dalanda Watson

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a bike and, a phone. If I could have those things I would be happy. If I could have these things I would be more happy. If those things were mine I would be happy. I can be more happy I could have I, can be more and more happy.

Your friend, Karla Flores

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Barbie Doll, Dress 'n Dazzle, and trampoline. I also want a perfume, perty barbie, teddy bear, and Hit Stix. Merry Christmas, Santa, I love you.

Your pal, Joann

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a BMX bike, TV, and VCR. How are you doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you have a fine Christmas.

Your pal, Auther Herrell

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I have been a good boy. I would like to have a Dino Rider for Christmas. I really want a walking one - one as big as the house. My little brother Landon has been good too. I will be at my Nannie and Grandy's on Christmas Eve. I will leave a yummy snack of for you. Hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.

Love Todd Cotham

Dear Santa,

I'm a good girl. I want a Barbie for Christmas. I like you!

Love Diana Garcia

Dear Santa,

I like you! You are a very nice man! I want a piano and a Barbie doll.

Love Jessica Salazar

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas. I am good and I like your beard!

Love, Marcus Muniz

Dear Santa,

I want a new bike and a scooter. I am always good Santa, I like you!

Love Juan Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a football and a scooter. I've been very nice! I like you.

Love Jonathan Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a pretty doll. I've been nice. My sister is nice too. Bring her something good!

Love Jennifer Graves

Dear Santa,

I want a dolly for Christmas. I want a scooter, too. I've been nice.

Love, Stacy Gonzales

Dear Santa,

I want a piano and a barbie for Christmas. I love you.

Arasely Ramirez

Dear Santa,

You are so nice I'd like to give you a doll or maybe a McDonald's gift certificate. My name is Amber and I am 4 years old. I have a sister Ashley, she's one, and we have both been good this year. Ashley and I want the same thing this year. We want a kitchen. If your elves have some extra time my dad wants some chrome rails and my mom wants a coat. Tell Rudolf Hi!

I love you, Amber & Ashley

Dear Santa,

Christmas is exciting to me. I really want a microscope, Super Mario Bros. 2, Bugle Boys pants with a shirt that matches, and a free-style scooter. Be sure to get the cookies and milk, and don't step on them!

Your friend, Johnnie Mosley  
P.S. Don't forget to wrap the gifts

Dear Santa,

I would like to have a game of air hockey. That's rally all I want. But you sure are nice to go all over the world. I will see you Christmas morning.

Your friend, Gracie Rodriguez

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo and Sega for Christmas. I want a car set and a BMX for Christmas. Also a VCR and a pellet gun. Also some Hit Stix.

Your friend, Michael P.

Dear Santa,

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Your good girl, Juanita Ray

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## Merry Christmas

## BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON



May your Christmas be filled with the joy of Christ's birth and blessed with the light of His love.

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# I've been good this year



Dear Santa,  
I like a good toy car for Christmas.  
Billy Joe Luna

Dear Santa,  
I want a be be gun. I want a home. I want a 4 wheel tractor.  
Rolf

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie for Christmas. We could change bobe. Is fun for me. Sum bobe are difrtme I like. A bobe is fun for me.  
Connie Reynaga

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy ruxpin when he talks and win he plays.  
Jessica Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a spec and sal and tadey ruxsber and a boy Michild and a baby that toks and rolrskas and a jup rop and a dot that has a woshbol bak-updol.  
Andy

Dear Santa,  
I want a G.I. roll in thunder and a mitt or a crossfire. I love you.  
Adam Jones

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I really want a computer and a keyboard. I want a jogging suit and a pair of stone washed baggies. I also want a Beach Boys tape. I want as many clothes as I can, get. Well, I guess that's all.  
Your friend,  
Deidra McDonald

Dear Santa,  
I would like Yamaha large Key Board, a Nintendo with videos Trogen, Mike Tyson's Punchout Double Dribble, Super Mario Brothers II, Rambo Ghost and Goblins and Warriors, I would like a Pair of Hot Stix.  
Your friend,  
Rowdy Boggs

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Barbie and the rockers and 3 candy canes. I like you.  
Esmeralda

Dear Santa,  
I like gum box engulfe and a chre-pulen and a bik and a per of HiTops.  
The End.  
Jordan Reed Lambert

Dear Santa,  
I want a beg football. I want a trc. I want a traplen.  
Eric Villrrel

Dear Santa,  
I am Brooke. I want for Christmas a play jet. I am six you are a good Man tell Roodof Merry Christmas.  
Misty Brooke Hooten

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and the utr rander? I want a toy jet and a toy santa and a bick for Christmas and a bear for my Babe Brutr and a rase car for my to Brutrs.  
Love Roy Rodriguez jr

Dear Santa,  
I blev in Sata. Taderoxbun and a ce-board.  
Sarah Crider

Dear Santa,  
How is rudolph? I want a BaBe toy and cloths. I want a bed for mi Babe doll. And A Ber that dansis and sengs.  
Love, Elida Balderas

Dear Santa,  
I like you. I want a piano. I like your suit. I like your reindeer. I would like a doll.  
Don Monica

Dear Santa,  
I like how you dres and I like you. Can I have a turbol hoper and a bike and I want a bigfoot.  
Love A.J. Martinez

Dear Santa,  
Your look good Santa. I will like toys. A brbe dol and a horse. six more cats for Christmas and my litl sistr wants glas sliprs.  
Love, Paige Nielson

Dear Santa,  
I hope you haven't ben sick. I wod like sum uv these thengse, new close, and a new neclus, a new bicke, a new doll, a new book and sumpthenge, for school.  
Yor friend, Lauren Mangold

Dear Santa,  
I like Roodof. Can you tell your uthr raders to stop maken fun uva him becus I like ola uva your randers and I like your soot. I want a baby doll and I want a baby crib ples and my sestr Lisa will want a new soot and my sestr Lori will like a new tede bear and my granmo's will like a play Snowman. Thank you.  
Leticia Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I like your berd. I want a bisikl nd I want a doll and I want a pray dollee and my bruthr wants a robot and my uthr bruthr wants a tran and my sitr wants a pray dollee.  
Love, Krystal Kay Allen

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a gymnastic mat, and a baby grow, and a gum and a tidly ruxbin. Thank you hav a Merry Christmas.  
Courtney Cummings

Dear Santa,  
I want a biy doll giving yourself is more than you can ever buy!  
Magdalene Harris

Dear Santa,  
I like your suit and I like you. How is the weather over there? Is it bad are good. Would you please bring me a hoola hoop, some pretty clothes, a Barbie doll, please give me some new penceles for school and Little Miss make up doll.  
Nicole Mosley

Dear Santa,  
I would like some new crayons, a calendar, a Barbi doll and pencils.  
Love Maribel Rodriguez

I think you are a nis man. I want a nu bike. My sistr Jennifer wants a nu bike. My uthr sistr kayla wants a bike.  
Love, Justin Graves

Dear Santa,  
I hope you dote have a cold this yr. Want I want for Christmas is a kebord and I want a bton and I want a Mincy mousey woch and I want a brbedoll and i want brbedoll clos and want a doll  
Love Kristen Kellison

Dear Santa,  
I like Rudof. How is the North Pole? I want a keyboud, I want a makup dol and a isscrem shop and a bear.  
Love Eliza McCready

Dear Santa,  
I lik you. Is it fun ov thr? Has Rudof bin good? I will lik a bic from yu. I want a bot cus I lik playing in the wodr.  
Love, Jason Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I lic yu. I want a bab doll and I want a cuoladoll and I want culrs and nu tede bar.  
Love Lulu Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy this year. I want a Christmas. I hope that Elfs and Santa are making what I want for Christmas. If you got my letter, send it before Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Michael Reyaga

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a Nintendo, Yamaha, and a new bicycle. I also want a 12 gage pump shot gun, a microscope, and the movies Over the top Platoon and Predator. But I'll settle for a trampoline, or a computer. Thats all I want a for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Aaron Graham

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline, microscope some walkie talkies, Grow Up Baby and Dress and Dazzle. I believe in you! Most people dont believe in you! I know that you have nine reindeer. I know that at the North Pole it's very cold. I know that you are very nice and jolly.  
Your friend,  
Melissa Felan

Dear Santa,  
Hello Santa. Its Christmas time again. I would please like a couple of things like Hit Stix, a trampoline, and faded shorts like my sister's Get something for my parents and sisters and nephew. Say "Hi" to Mrs. Santa.  
Your friend,  
Lisa

Dear Santa,  
This year I've been very nice. I want a brand-new bike and Walkie Talkies. My brother wants a brand-new car. I want some Hit Stix. I want an Nintendo and a Sega. I want a Casio too. That's all I have to say.  
Your friend,  
Gilbert

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a real baby doll, radio, denim pants, and a computer. I believe in you. Is it cold at the north pole?  
Your friend,  
Matild Banda

Dear Santa,  
I would like a dirt Bike, 12 gage, 1 pair of boots, new high tops, and a pakage of candy. They said if you are show your face. The raindeer are faith in you. Can you please please please, bring me a 12 gage shot gun please.  
Yours truly,  
Chris Mathis

Dear Santa,  
I really believe in you, I think you are a very nice man. This is what I want, a trampoline, a real, baby, m and be sure to come to my house. I'll have some cookies for you and some milk.  
Your friend,  
Shirley Torres

Dear Santa,  
I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some clothes, radio, blow drier and a curling iron. I also want some shoes and some things for my desk at home. Well, I have to let you go. By!  
Your friend,  
Marcy Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
I really believe in you, I think you are a very nice man. This is what I want, a trampoline, a real, baby, m and be sure to come to my house. I'll have some cookies for you and some milk.  
Your friends,  
Nicole

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Your friend,  
David Padilla

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Your friend,  
Mark Arismendez

Dear Santa,  
I really don't want much this year. All

Dear Santa,  
Here is a list of what I want for Christmas. First of all I would like a Melissa Doll, its like a real doll. I wanted a watch but my mom already got me one. Next I want a new coat. Thats about all I want for Christmas this year.  
Yours truly,  
Esmeralda Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I've been fairly good and this is what I want. I want a Nintendo, TV, and Hit Stix. I also want a Sega Master System Fantasy Star. I want Nintendo Tapes like Super Marios 2 or Two player double dragon. I also want a pair of shoes, pants, and shirts.  
Your friend,  
Fedrica

Dear Santa,  
I like you. Can I have a skateboards a keuboard, rumot control, bigfoot with no strengs. Please make me a race track.  
Love Ramiro Martines

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a Nintendo, keybord, grass, and tapes. Then I want a BMX bike, furrey, and a Tv, VCR, and a staroe, I guess that is all.  
Your friend,  
David Padilla

Dear Santa,  
I want a Yamaha Keyboard, and a Beach Boys tape, Kokamo, I also want my family not to be sick. I want a pair of stone washed jeans. I want a pair of light blue ropers too.  
Your friend,  
Saundra Pyle

Dear Santa,  
This is what I would like for Christmas I'd like a Yamaha dirt bike and a Nintendo power set. And for my mom a ring. The thing for my dada is a colone. For my sister an acid washed jacket. And one more thing for me, I'd like an electric guitar.  
Your friend,  
Mark Arismendez

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for christmas. I want a Sega with Chop lifter, and two other games, I want Super Mario Brothers 2, Double Dragon and guns, I also want a stereo. I also want other games for Sega, and Nintendo.  
Your friend,  
Kory

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**The Night Before Christmas**  
On the night before Christmas the house is silent. Everyones a sleep dreaming about santa and elves. And the Christmas tree is on. Kids leave Santa milk and cookies. Then Santa comes and leaves the kids presents. Merry Christmas.  
Michelle Garza

Dear Saint Nick,  
This year I have been pretty good so this is what I want. I want the Nintendo game. Double Dragon, Super Mario Bros. 2 and Blades of Steel. I want a stand for my drum and new Drum sticks. I would like board game like Torpedo Run to play on a bad day. I would also like a Swatch. I will be sure and leave you milk and cookies.  
Your friend,  
Brady Marr

Dear Santa,  
This year what I want for christmas. I want a Nintendo, walkie talkies. I want a trampoline, and football, and a baseball glove for baseball season. I believe in you.  
Your friend,  
Romualdo Chavira Jr.

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I want is an Oxyn diamond ring, a new watch, and my brother, sister, and I all want a trampoline. Well, that's all I want.  
Your friend,  
Pamela Burlson

Dear Santa,  
I want a talking Peewee Herman. I want a aromat control car, and some more games for my nintdo.  
your freid,  
George Villareal

Dear Santa,  
I really believe in you. Now, this is what I want for Chrstimas: A Nintendo, Sega and Yamaha Thats all I ask from you. Well, thats all I want for Christmas. Well, better buy.  
Your friend,  
Julian Jimenez

Dear Santa,  
I want a trampoline and a Yamaha, and a Dress 'n Dazzle. I believe in you! I know that you have mine reindeer. I know that in the north pale its very cold. And I know that you are very nice and joyful.  
Your friend,  
Velma Perez

Dear Santa,  
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With fondest wishes for health and happiness, we send our friends and customers our sincere thanks.

**LONGHORN VIDEO**  
Dick & Sharon VanHoose

With our deepest appreciation, we say,  
"Merry Christmas, Everyone!"

**THE TASTEE BURGER**

May the Peace of this Holy Season be yours throughout the year. Sincere joy to all our wonderful customers.

**Rowell V & S Variety**  
Viola Rowell Henry Rowell  
Lawson Rowell

**Jim, Peg, Terry, Lisa & Wanda**

Dear Patrons,  
We're proud to know you as our good friends and customers. With sincere appreciation, we say,  
"Thanks and Merry Christmas!"

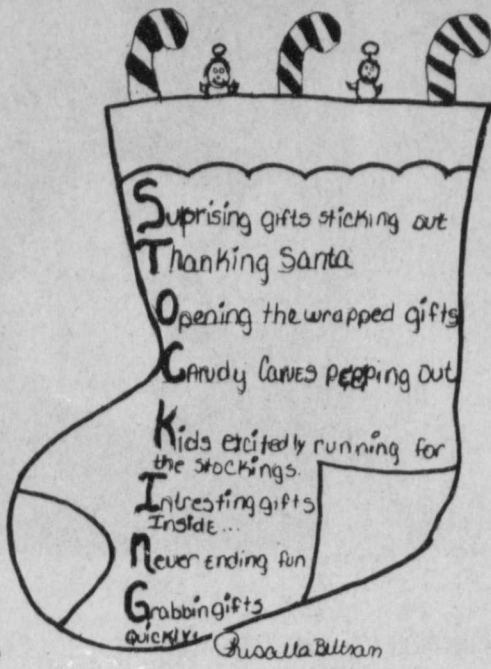
**Sterley Gin**



# Christmas comes but once a year...

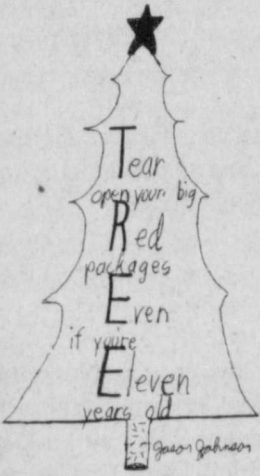
Celebrate birth of Christ  
 Have family over to celebrate  
 Remember the fun of last Christmas  
 Interested in what to do next year  
 Sing and enjoy just being here  
 Thanking the Lord for giving His Son  
 to die  
 Making next year's Christmas list  
 A savior is born...  
 Special time of year.  
 By Amanda Henderson

Every elf makes presents.  
 Loving and caring for kids.  
 Forever living in the forest.  
 By Jake Jones



Cinnamon jingles  
 And  
 No one  
 Dances like  
 You and me.

Christmas is  
 A time to be  
 Nice.  
 Elves go  
 Sleighing on the snow.  
 By Richard Guerrero



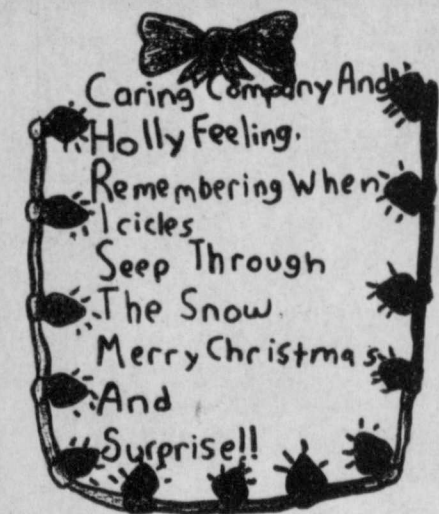
Colorful, long candy canes  
 Opening up bright pink boxes  
 Looking out the window at beautiful  
 lights  
 Other holiday colors paint festive  
 spirits  
 Ringing Christmas colored red and  
 green bells  
 Seeing Santa's toasted brown sleigh  
 fly away.  
 By Nicole McDonald

Santa jingling in the air,  
 Little laughs from children every-  
 where.  
 Everyone eating and enjoying Christ-  
 mas  
 Icicles hanging from the roof.  
 Gifts flowing out of the stockings.  
 Handing and exchanging gifts from  
 door to door.  
 Carolyn Turner

Lively  
 Illuminated colors  
 Give happiness to  
 Hearts of all  
 The kids, as well as  
 Santa and his red-nosed reindeer.  
 By Ryan Ford

Christmas  
 Angels  
 Nuts and candy  
 Deers  
 Yuletide  
 Candles  
 A savior is born  
 Nativity  
 Enjoy.  
 Sammy Salas

Christmas comes but once a year  
 Hoping you are full of happiness  
 Relatives from far and near  
 Into our hearts a spirit come  
 Sharing, loving, giving  
 Time for giving gifts...  
 Moments to remember...  
 A time to remember Jesus's birth...  
 Savor all the precious moments.  
 Have A Merry Christmas  
 Dana McCarty



Giving and receiving are what people  
 like about Christmas...  
 Important gifts that they give and re-  
 ceive.  
 Very large and expensive gifts that  
 people give and others receive.  
 In large heavy boxes.  
 Nice neat gifts people give and others  
 receive.  
 Giving joyfully and receiving within the  
 heart is what Christmas is about.  
 By JoAnn Amador

Carolers singing happy  
 Houses with bright lights  
 Rudolf's nose so bright  
 Icicles sparkling  
 Stockings filled to the top  
 Tinsel hanging from the tree  
 Mistletoe for loving  
 A Savior is born  
 Santa Claus is giving  
 Heather Henderson

Christmas  
 Colors are very  
 beautiful red and  
 green. The wreath on  
 the door with all of the  
 loving presents under the  
 tree. The houses decorated  
 with lovely dancing lights  
 very beautiful Christmas colors  
 make life very beautiful.  
 Linda De Leon

Sweet  
 Angels  
 Never Greedy  
 Thankful  
 Always Giving  
 Chris Gonzales

Giving  
 Is  
 Very  
 Important.  
 Never be  
 Greedy.  
 By Joe Perez

Christ  
 Happy Hearts  
 Ringing Bells  
 Icicles  
 Santa Claus  
 Trimmed trees  
 Magical Moments  
 Angels  
 Singing  
 Renee Salas

Christ was born...we celebrate  
 Hanging stockings over the fireplace  
 Ringing bells  
 Interesting presents  
 Snow on the ground  
 Traveling kin folk  
 Merry children playing  
 Angels on the tree  
 Singing harmonies to neighbors  
 By Joey Adams

Scary as a ghost  
 Crazy as a physco  
 Rude with his money  
 Odd such as an oddball  
 Old, mean man  
 Greedy with his money  
 Envyng other rich people  
 By Damain Luna

Christmas carolers singing.  
 Oh, bright, fresh green trees.  
 Lights glistening outside houses.  
 Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree!  
 Rudolph, the red nosed reindeer  
 Santa Claus dressed in a bouncing red  
 suit.  
 By Samantha Salinas

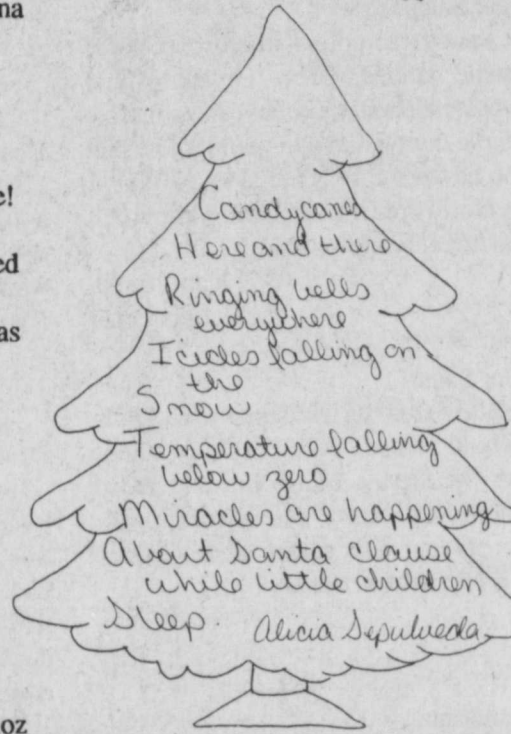
Cheering is  
 Here  
 Round and near.  
 Is  
 Santa coming  
 Tonight? Of course,  
 Many will cheer  
 As  
 Santa draws near.  
 By Lisa Munoz

Christ was born this day many years ago  
 Here in Bethlehem  
 Right on Christmas morning  
 In a stable were the cattle stayed  
 Shepards watched their sheep  
 The wise men studied the star  
 Mighty was the stay  
 As you open your gifts on Christmas  
 remember the  
 Savior born this day long ago in Bethle-  
 hem.  
 By Tami Vernon

Snow  
 At the  
 North Pole  
 Tiny  
 Antlers  
 By Cosme Gonzales

Like diamonds  
 In the cold  
 Glittering  
 Having brilliance  
 Twinkling like  
 Stars.  
 Kori Kellison

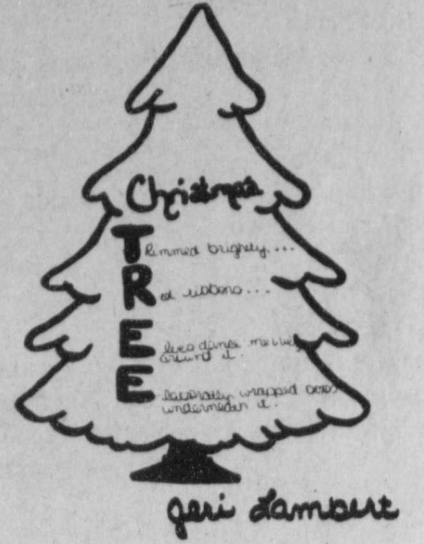
Stingy  
 Cheap  
 Rude  
 Oh, no Christmas is almost here  
 Oh, so greedy  
 Good grief!  
 Empty hearted  
 By Melissa Griffith



Recognizing the wonderful season  
 from a ringing bell, your joys become  
 priceless and cannot sell! Beginning  
 what seems to be the longest month, you  
 count the days. Oh, how you try to pass  
 it by in many different ways! As you  
 should know, only one way matters, to  
 sit and remember your treasured years,  
 though it begins to grow in gratitude,  
 sharing your love with tears. A golden  
 dream quickly shoves you behind, when  
 Christmas comes surprisingly, with  
 come and giving in your mind. For  
 Christmas is something money can't  
 buy, but a feeling of love beyond your  
 most adventurous dreams. Love makes  
 Christmas as it seems, out of beauty  
 from the bluest skies. As you should tell,  
 Scrooges belong only within our imagi-  
 nation of a Christmas song.  
 By Andy Stapp

Is Santa Coming  
 By Shawn Hill  
 Hurry Santa, hurry,  
 You must not be late.  
 I've stayed up all night waiting for you,  
 And soon the day will break.  
 If I asked for too many things,  
 And you can't haul them all,  
 Just take back a few gifts.  
 Besides, there's always next fall.  
 And if you're trying to scare me,  
 You're doing a pretty good job.  
 I promise to share my things  
 And not to be a snob.  
 Well, Santa, I'm getting sleepy,  
 And it's time for me to go.  
 But I promise I've been good  
 Oh, Well, I guess you should know.

Christmas colors  
 Of the night  
 Light up all  
 Over town  
 Revealing it as a peaceful town with  
 the Christmas colors  
 By Angela Reyes



Oh,  
 Christmas  
 tree how  
 beautiful you  
 are...  
 with all the  
 decorations...  
 with all the lovely  
 wrapped presents  
 and with all the  
 bright lights.  
 By David Perez

Christmas  
 is my favorite season.  
 The days get colder  
 and  
 I love the way the unique  
 snowflakes embrace  
 the land.  
 Christmas  
 is the season to hang our  
 stockings over the fire, place,  
 give gifts to our favorite people,  
 and to proceed caroling up  
 and down the icy streets.  
 Christmas  
 is my favorite season;  
 I wait for it every year.  
 To me, Christmas  
 will always be  
 near.  
 By Orlando Garza

★ MAY THE PEACE AND  
 LOVE OF THE SEASON  
 BLESS YOUR HOME ★★

May all your holiday memories be cherished.

Handwritten signatures and names around the illustration include: Cindy Means, Ronda Aupill, Judy Clark, Norma Bradford, Dana Lawrence, Karen Hooten, June McDonald, Cheryl Dunlap, Merry Christmas Bonnie Hardin.

Merry Christmas and thanks.

Greetings of the Season...

...And the warmest of wishes to all!  
 Your friendship means a lot to us.

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