



# Ho...Ho...Hoping Your Holiday Delivers Loads Of Good Cheer!

From all of us who write the stories, edit the pages, run the presses and mail it to you weekly . . . to you, who make it all worthwhile . . . our sincere best wishes and heartfelt thanks.

May all your news be good news this holiday season.

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**HOUSE EXPLODES**--This house located 1 1/2 miles east of Cedar Hill exploded on Friday, after a butane gas leak ignited. Three men were injured and two of them remain hospitalized. Top and bottom photos show what remains

of the home. A Love Fund has been started for the Arrendondos at the Floydada Branch of The First National Bank in Lockney, and The First National Bank in Lockney. **Staff Photos**



## Three Cedar Hill residents injured in house explosion

By Alice Gilroy

Three Cedar Hill residents were injured, one severely, after the home they were living in, 1 1/2 miles east of Cedar Hill, exploded blowing one of the men out the door and another onto the roof. The accident occurred Friday, December 18, and appears to have been caused by a butane leak.

The 911 call was received by Sheriff's deputies and EMS personnel at approximately 6:30 p.m. Chief Deputy Charles Overstreet was the first emergency personnel to arrive and was joined shortly by Paramedic Paul McIntosh. Overstreet and McIntosh administered to Louis Arrendondo, 63, who had been found on the roof with two broken legs.

Two other victims of the explosion, Sisto Arrendondo Jr., 20, and Alfredo Arrendondo, 62, had already left the scene with Alfredo driving the severely injured Sisto to Lockney General Hospital. The younger man was then flown by AeroCare to University Medical Center, where he is listed as critical, with head injuries and facial fractures.

Alfredo Arrendondo, Sisto's uncle, was treated for a cut hand and released from Lockney General Hospital.

According to Paramedic Paul McIntosh, "When I first got the call and heard about the possible injuries and the number of victims, I called for two helicopters to come to the scene. Before I arrived, two of the men were already at Lockney General and the hospital had requested a helicopter.

"One of the helicopters then went on to Lockney General and the other came to the scene.

"The roads were too muddy for the ambulance and we had to park about 50 yards from the home and walk in.

"Deputy Overstreet was already with the man on the roof when I got there. Deputy Greg Pierce had backed his pickup up to the wall so we could climb on the bed of the truck and then up to the roof. It also helped stabilize the wall which was very shaky.

"We were up there with a mattress and a cookstove which had also been blown up there."

Louis Arrendondo was placed on a backboard and lowered to the bed of the pickup with the help of Floydada Fire Department and other members of EMS. He was then carried to the ambulance and placed in the helicopter to transport to Methodist Hospital. He is currently in stable condition.

According to Durrell Fortenberry,

who lives nearby, "I heard what I thought was a gunshot and heard pheasants fly up. I looked outside and didn't see anything. A short time later I got a call from the Arrendondo's sister that there had been an explosion at the house and they needed help out there.

"Alfredo Arrendondo had drove to his sister's on the way to take Sisto to the hospital. He had told her that he couldn't find his brother Louis.

"I went to the house right away and found Louis on the roof. I stayed with him until Overstreet and McIntosh arrived."

Information gained by The Hesperian-Beacon indicated that Sisto and Louis Arrendondo were close to the cookstove at the time of the explosion. Alfredo Arrendondo was standing at the doorway and was blown outside the door.

## Winners announced in Floydada and Lockney decorating contests

Floydada and Lockney have announced the winners of their annual Christmas lighting contest.

Residential winners in Floydada are: Johnny Bill and Margie Sue, 816 Mesquite, 1st place; Larry and Rhonda Stovall, 800 W. Tennessee, 2nd place; Joe and Vicki Christian, 914 W. Lee, 3rd place.

The home of Jerry and Jodie McGuire, 902 W. Crockett, received an Honorable Mention.

Floydada business winners were: City

of Floydada, 1st place; SPS, 2nd place and the Floydada Branch of The First National Bank in Lockney, 3rd place.

Lockney residential winners were: Dale and D'Lee Powell, 601 S.E. 4th, 1st place; Joe and Lozell Keeter, 603 SW 1st, 2nd place; W.T. Cooper, 305 W. Locust, 3rd place.

Lockney does not have a business lighting contest.

All first place winners in the contest received \$25, second place was given \$15, and third place was awarded \$10.

## Mosley speaks to Texas Art Education Association

Lisa Mosley, art teacher at junior high and high school in Lockney, presented a slide presentation entitled "The Wall of Pride: Bringing Art and the Community Together" to over five hundred members of the Texas Art Education Association at their state convention held recently in Abilene.

She focused on the mural project from its beginning stages through the

progress and pitfalls up to the current time. Workshop participants were given an opportunity to see how over 1200 people in Lockney have joined together to work on the 12' X 72' mural.

Mrs. Mosley also presented two Experience Institute Workshops teaching other educators a simple method of

creating cylindrical drinking vessels using clay and PVC pipe.

Educators attending the conference participated in a wide variety of tours, hands-on workshops and other presentations focusing on art education.

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## Annual Christmas meal shaping up

The annual county-wide Christmas meal for elderly, shut-ins and others who have no family with whom to share a holiday celebration is coming together once more. Plans are being finalized for the event which is scheduled for Friday, December 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal will be served at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada.

Sudie Cochran, the main organizer of the event, will be joined by a host of other volunteers who give their time and efforts toward making this charitable meal a success. Cochran is currently

looking for a volunteer with a large vehicle, such as a Suburban or van, who would be able to take food to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock on Christmas Day.

"Bulk food is going to be delivered there, and Brooks Oil is furnishing the gas and the turkeys to feed those who are staying at the home," stated Cochran. "We will also need volunteers to help deliver food to shut-ins in Floyd County. We have help with the cooking and preparing of the meal, but we can

always use help with deliveries and with monetary donations. If you would like to make donations of money, please take it to Johnny Summers at Pay-N-Save. We are just running up a tab there and any money could help pay for it. Last minute contributions are especially welcome."

Anyone who is able to get out of the house and would to share their Christmas meal with others who are alone should come to Floydada's First United Methodist Church on Christmas Day. Cochran and her volunteers will be on

hand to serve a holiday meal.

"We have served the meal at the Massie in the past," said Cochran. "This is going to be much nicer. We really appreciate the church opening up their kitchen to us."

If you would like to volunteer to deliver, or if you know a shut-in, in Lockney or Floydada, please call Sudie Cochran, Fred Thayer or Cindy Dudley.

"We look forward to serving those who do not have a family to share their Christmas with," said Cochran.

## Wade Wiles bestowed awards at banquet

The Southwest Association of Western Horsemen held its annual awards banquet Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Sirloin Stockade in Lubbock. Wade D. Wiles of Floydada was awarded High Point

Youth Rider for 1992, receiving a pair of handmade silver-mounted spurs.

He was also recognized for achieving high point and reserve honors in the following individual classes: 13 and

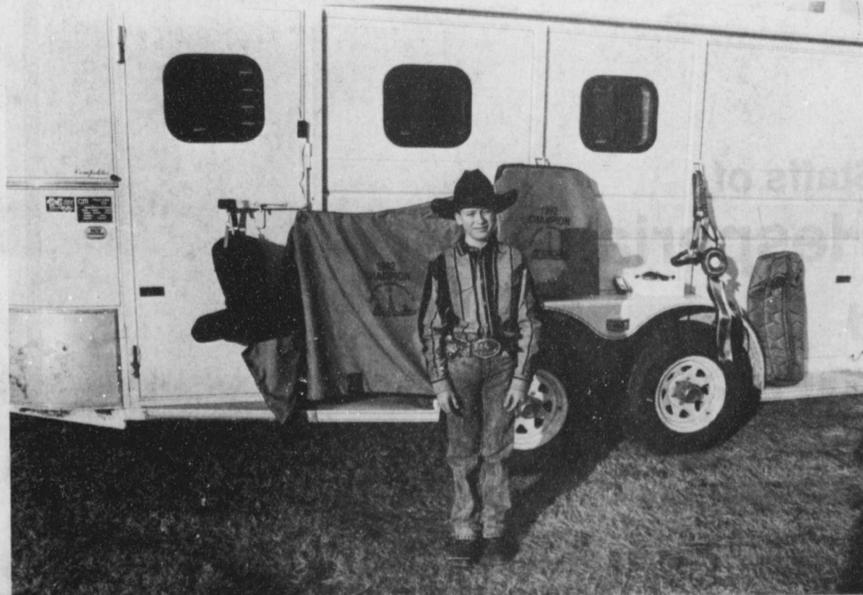
under Horsemanship, Novice Horsemanship, 13 and under Western Pleasure, Novice Western Pleasure, Western Pleasure Open, and Limit Trail.

Wade is the 13-year-old son of Mr.

and Mrs. Gerald L. Wiles of Floydada. He is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, the American Junior Quarter Horse Association and the Floyd County Horse Project, under the supervision of Debbie Shatley.



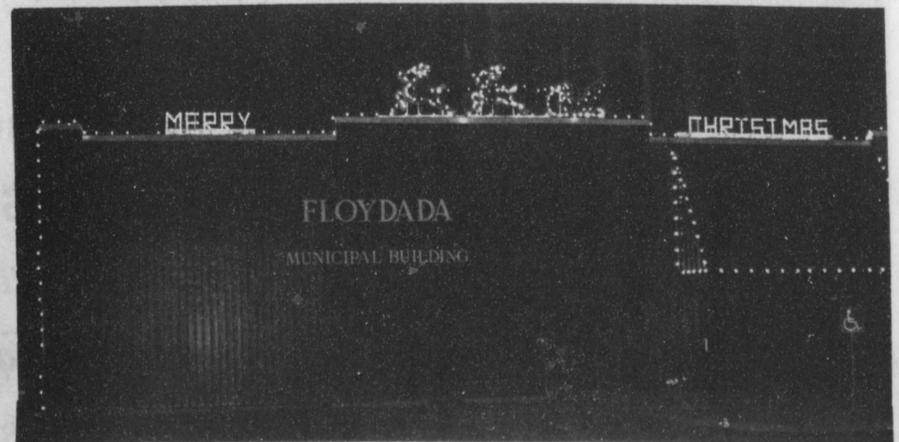
**LONE STAR SANTAS**--The local branch of Bank of America, along with many other businesses throughout the state served as collection points for toys to be distributed to children. The Floydada branch of Bank of America contacted the local schools to get names of children in this area who might be in need of toys for Christmas. The 1990 Study Club also donated food to add to the toy bags being distributed by the local Lone Star Santa. Shown here are Bank of America employees (left-right) Kay Tinney, Darlene Foster, Manager Curtis Willis and Sandra Schwertner. Schwertner is also a member of the 1990 Study Club.



**WILES WINS HORSEMAN HONORS**--Wade Wiles was recently named High Point Youth Rider for 1992 by the Southwest Association of Western Horsemen. He was also recognized for achieving high point and reserve honors in

several classes. He was presented with various prizes including: a belt buckle, boot bag, horse blanket, halter, spurs, hay bag, bridle bag and ribbons.

Staff Photo



**1ST PLACE - BUSINESS**  
City of Floydada

## BY THE WAY!

BY ALICE GILROY



For those of you who read this column on any kind of regular basis I hope you remember the story of my giblet gravy gone to paste.

You know that I try real hard to be "Susie Homemaker". You also know that my family tries real hard to overlook the fact that I fall far short in that area.

I was determined that I was going to be a "Real Mommy" this Christmas and do some genuine baking. My mom had raised me right—she had set a good example. I knew what it was like to be a "Real Mommy". I figured I could at least try.

My chance came when I was asked to bring cookies to my little boys Christmas party. I was supposed to bring enough for 18 kids.

I knew what other "Real Mommys" would bring. There would be all kinds of elaborate decorated goodies. They would be home baked and artistically designed. I was going to make my son proud of his "Real Mommy."

I decided to make some sugar cookies and cut them out with Christmas designs. I had bought some Christmas cookie cutters about two years ago. I just had to find them and dust the cobwebs off.

I started to get worried the day before the big bake off. What happens if they flop? What would I take then?

Friends suggested buying some decorated cookies at Pay-N-Save for an emergency. I relented—but I was determined not to use them. "Real Mommys" don't use fake cookies.

The day before the bake-off I start looking through my recipes for a sugar

cookie recipe. I couldn't find one (which tells you something right there). I wasn't worried because I knew my mom—my great mom—the wonderful cook—would have a good recipe.

I called her up and explained my dilemma.

She said, "Well—I have a recipe, but why don't you do what I've been doing lately. Just go to the store and get those frozen rolls of sugar cookie dough and use that!"

I was crushed!! I couldn't believe it! All this time I thought she was a "Real Mommy!"

Anyway—it didn't take me long to come to my senses. I went to Pay-N-Save and bought the cold roll of Sugar Cookie dough. I rolled the dough out, took out my Christmas cutters and my red and green sprinkles. Then I called by son into the kitchen and Brandon and his dad cut out shapes and sprinkled cookies.

They think I'm a "Real Mommy!"

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Everyone here at the newspaper would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

For those of you who have suffered a loss so close to Christmas you have our sympathies and our prayers.

I hope that in some way the true meaning of Christmas and what the birth of Jesus means to us all, will comfort you during this time. You may not manage to feel a lot of joy at this time, but it is my hope that your faith will bring you peace.

Merry Christmas.

## This Week

### ST. MARY'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St. Mary Magdalen Church, Floydada, will be having a Christmas Children's Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. Midnight mass will follow at 10 p.m. that night. Christmas Day mass, Friday morning, will be at 11:30 a.m.

### LOCKNEY CLINIC CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

In observance of the Christmas holiday, Lockney General Hospital Clinic will close at 12 noon on Thursday, Dec. 24, and reopen on Monday, Dec. 28.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Floydada City Hall offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. The landfill will be closed on both Friday and Saturday, Dec. 25 and 26.

### COATS FOR KIDS

The 1990 Study Club is sponsoring "Coats for Kids". Please help provide a coat for needy kids. Leave your coats at

Mr. T's Cleaners, 103 N. Main in Floydada, where they will be cleaned at no charge.

### EXHIBIT EXTENDED

The special exhibit of the paintings by Lubbock artist Bob Chennault, is extended through Jan. 7 at the First National Bank of Floydada.

### SOUP LABELS

The Duncan PTA would like to thank everyone for their Campbell's Soup Label contributions this year. Deadline for having all labels in is March 1. Please save the front part of the label and not the UPC code.

### WEATHER

Courtesy of Energas		
DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 16	40	32
Dec. 17	46	25
Dec. 18	61	38
Dec. 19	42	40
Dec. 20	46	31
Dec. 21	56	39

## Floydada Police Report

December 20, Floydada Police received a report of burglary of a habitation. The home is located in the 600 block of E. Mississippi and was vacant at the time of the burglary. A ceiling fan, valued at \$60.00 was taken from a ceiling and several doors were damaged. The damage was estimated at \$289.00.

Police were also called to Perry's on December 21, in reference to a theft. According to police reports, Mary Ester Salas, 29, of Petersburg, was charged with theft after she set off the alarm when she was leaving the store. Found in her purse was a package of tube sox valued at \$4.89 and children's underwear, valued at \$6.49. She was taken before the city judge where she pled guilty and paid a fine of \$50.00.

Police investigated several "fender benders" last week with no injuries involved.

On December 18, at 2:31 p.m., in the 900 block of S. 5th, a five year old boy was injured when he exited the front of

his school bus and ran in front of the bus into traffic. The boy struck the back part of the right front quarter panel of a Ford Sable, causing him to fall back and hit his head on the pavement.

The Floydada ambulance was called and he was transported to Lockney General Hospital at 2:49 p.m., where he was treated and released.



MOSLEY PRESENTS HANDS-ON WORKSHOP — Lisa Mosley, art teacher for both the junior high and high school in Lockney, presented a hands-on workshop with clay at the Texas Art Educators Association state convention. She also did a slide presentation on the work progression for the "Wall of Pride".  
—Courtesy photo

## Courtroom Activities

In county court December 2, Dani Marken Robertson received 90 days deferred adjudication and a \$90.00 fine judgement on his February 26, 1990 speeding appeal.

December 10, John David Young was found guilty on his October 1, 1991 appeal of a charge of Not Secure By Safety Belt. He was fined \$35.00 plus \$107 court costs by Judge Boyce Hart of Motley County, who was sitting in for Judge Hardin.

December 17, the September 28 Resisting Arrest charge against Jose Bueno was dismissed.

Also on December 17, Marcus Bueno pled guilty to his September 28 charge of resisting arrest. He was fined \$50.00

and court costs. Dwight Lee Moore pled guilty on December 17 to his November 17, 1992 charge of Criminal Trespass. He was fined \$250.00 and sentenced to 30 days in jail which was probated for one year. He was also ordered to pay court costs.

Two assault charges from November 17, 1992 were dismissed against Moore. December 18, Kirk Dewayne McDonald was charged with resisting arrest. There was no disposition on this case.

Also on December 18, David Wayne Martin filed a speeding appeal. There was no disposition on this case.

## Mosley speaks to artists

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Featured speakers for the 31st annual conference included Jeanne Rollins, art consultant for the T.E.A.; James Clarke, National Art Education President; and Randy Broadnax, Art Department Chair and instructor at Cedar Valley College.

Mrs. Mosley recently received notification that she has been accepted to present The Wall of Pride presentation at the National Art Education Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on April 6. This program will bring national attention to the mural project. According to Mrs. Mosley, "If weather and school schedules permit, the Wall of Pride will be installed during late March or early April."

Join us for  
a Retirement Reception  
Honoring  
*Fred Cardinal*  
Sunday, January 3rd, 1993  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
First United Methodist Church  
203 West Kentucky Street  
Floydada, Texas

## Floydada EMS Report

By Sharon Langford  
FLOYDADA — The Floydada EMS has been working hard responding to 15 emergency calls in the month of November ranging from generalized weakness to respiratory distress to cardiac arrest. One hundred ninety five emergency calls have been answered by the EMS from January 1, 1992, until November 30, 1992.

Floydada EMS has 14 crew members: EMT - Paramedics include: Ted Porter, director; Paul McIntosh, Mike Reeves. EMT - Basics: Richie Porter, William Bertrand, Joyce Owens, Bryan Branham, Placido Gonzales, and Rene Myers. ECA's include: Rhonda Guthrie, Shonda Guthrie, Becky Emert, and Stan Pierce.

Board of Directors for Floydada EMS are: Eric Cornelius, Joy Assiter, Connie Bearden, Kyle Smith, Paul McIntosh, and Jimmy Lou Stewart.

Remember, if you are in need of emergency medical care, do not hesitate to call 911.

## Dear Santa...

Merry Christmas.  
Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a rollerblade baby and some roller skates for me. I have been a good girl.

Love,  
Amber Dorman, age 4

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for all the toys and everything you gave me thank you. Wood you please bring me baby alive and the game dont wake daddy and roller skates and a precious moments. I have been a good girl.

Love,  
April Dorman, age 7



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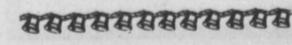
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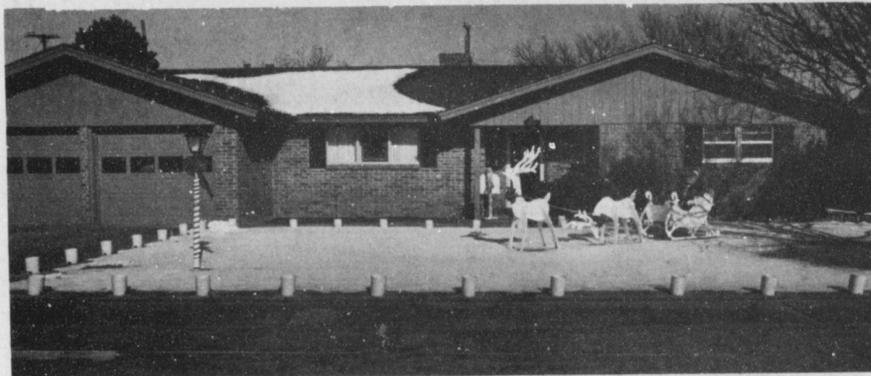




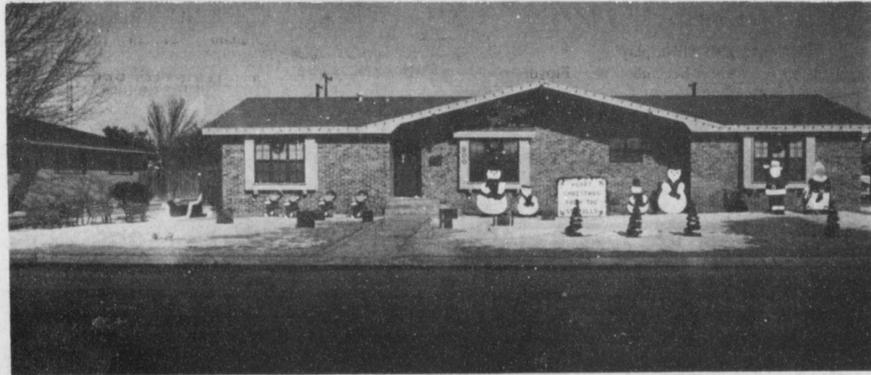
**BINGO DONATION**--Cub Scout Pack 259 has donated \$100 to Lockney Care Center for a new bingo set. Pictured here with the check are Lockney Cub Scouts: (front, left-right) Galen Smith, Tyler Phillips, Wade Miller, Kevin Afill, Danny Huggins and Colt Smith; (middle, left-right) Care Center Residents Liller Garrison, Bettie Counts, Bessie Jackson, Grace Foster, Ada Hawkins; (back row, left-right) Olga Applewhite and LaVerna Sams.

Photo By Jim Huggins

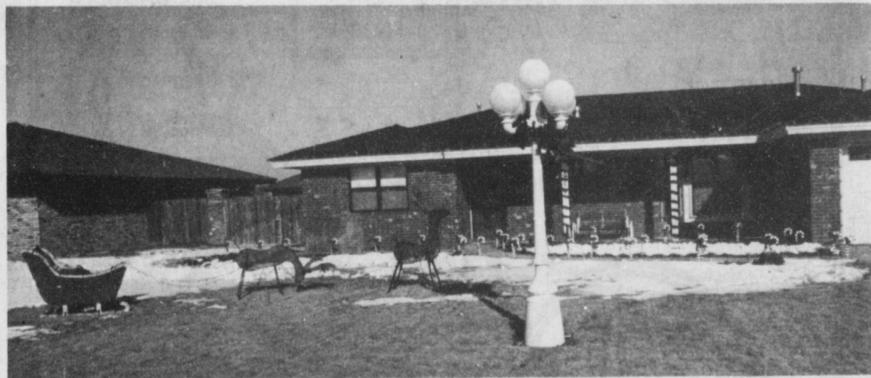
### Floydada Lighting Decoration Winners



**1ST PLACE - RESIDENTIAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bill Sue, Floydada



**2ND PLACE - RESIDENTIAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stovall, Floydada



**3RD PLACE RESIDENTIAL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Christian, Floydada

### GOEN & GOEN

102 E. California, Floydada will close Thursday and Friday of this week and next week in order to celebrate Christmas and New Years.

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### Holiday Greetings To All Our Friends

Once again the holiday seasons are upon us. We look forward to it with anticipation. The past year has been successful, and we the board of directors wish to thank each of you for your contribution to the Day Care Center.

Thanks for allowing us to care for your child, for your assistance especially during our annual spaghetti supper, and for your contribution each year.

The Day Care Center is a vital part of our community. Its people like you who continue to make it possible for us to meet the changing demands to provide this care.

We invite you to come and visit us at the Center and remember us at this time of giving. We wish each of you the best holidays ever.

FLOYD COUNTY DAY CARE  
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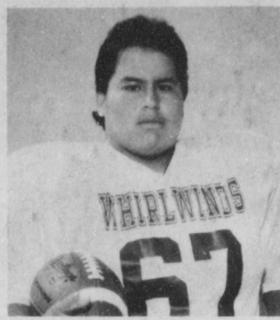
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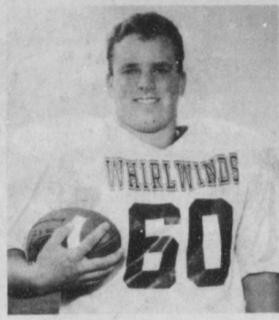
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# Honors continue for Whirlwind grid players

By Bill Gray

Post-season accolades continue to pour in for members of Floydada's 1992 District 2-3A co-champions. Last week's announcement of the Class 3A All-State team included three Whirlwinds: Todd Cage (1st Team offensive line), Scott Crader (2nd Team defensive line) and Michael Henderson (honorable mention offensive back).

On December 21 the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal released its 1992 All

South Plains football team, and Floydada led all area 3A squads with six players selected to the 24-man roster 2-3A co-champ Tulia had four players named to the honor team, and Hornet head coach Dan Pair was chosen as the All-South Plains 3A Coach of the Year.

Whirlwind 1st Team All-Stater Todd Cage (6-0, 237) was selected All-South Plains for the second consecutive year at offensive guard. Cage was joined on the offensive line by junior tackle Rafael

DeOchoa (5-8, 229), one of six underclassmen on the squad. Senior Michael Henderson (6-0, 185) was named an All-South Plains running back.

Henderson scored 14 touchdowns and averaged 9.2 yards-per-carry. He rushed for our 1000 yards as Floydada repeated as the area's 3A team rushing leader.

Floydada's Scott Crader was named to the All-South Plains defensive unit. The 6-0, 215-16 senior made 111 tack-

les, five quarterback sacks, blocked two punts, and caused five fumbles from his defensive end position. Joining Crader on the defensive team was senior Jammie Davis, who was named to the defensive secondary. The 6-0, 180-pounder had 99 tackles, intercepted three passes and recovered one fumble for the Whirlwind stopper unit.

Senior Micheal Gilliland (6-0, 235) is the first Whirlwind in a number of years to be named the 3A All-South Plains kicking specialist. Gilliland's booming and well-placed kickoffs prevented any runbacks from touchdowns in 1992. His 42-yard field goal helped knock perennial power and defending district champ Littlefield out of a playoff spot in the

tight District 2-3A race in the next-to-last game of the season.

Although the Whirlwinds failed to advance past the bi-district playoffs, the numerous honors gained by team members are fitting tributes to the individual players, their team, their coaching staff, their school and their community.

## Varsity vies in Abernathy Tournament

The Floydada High School Boys Varsity team played in the Abernathy Basketball Tournament held December 10, 11, and 12. The team played four games in three days, winning two and losing two. The team defeated Sundown and Abernathy and was bested by Tulia in an overtime and Denver City according to Coach Mike Cocanougher.

Meeting Sundown in the first round of play on Thursday, December 10, FHS defeated their opponent 49-36. High point individual for the game was Jammie Davis with 16 points. Michael Henderson made 10 and Gabino Suarez had 8. Brandon Gilliland scored 6 points and Johnny Eguia made 4. Tyrone Henderson added 3 and David McCarty netted 2. Other players seeing time on the court included Tate Glasscock, Josh Thayer and Tad Terrell.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	16	9	11	13	49
Sundown	9	10	12	5	36

Floydada 16 9 11 13 49  
Sundown 9 10 12 5 36

**FHS TAKES ABERNATHY, 58-49**  
Playing against host team Abernathy, the 'Winds posted 58 points to defeat their opponent by 9 points. High point player in the Friday, December 11, match was M. Henderson with 20 points. Davis made 17 points and Gilliland posted 13. Suarez netted 7 and Eguia made 1. Other players participating in the match were Glasscock, McCarty, Thayer, T. Henderson and Terrell.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	6	6	22	24	58
Abernathy	8	9	11	21	49

**TULIA BEATS 'WINDS IN OVERTIME**  
The Tulia Varsity defeated the FHS

varsity boys 56-50 in overtime play during the Abernathy Tournament. The two teams entered the overtime period tied at 47-47 during game action on Friday, December 11. M. Henderson again lead the scoring, making 23 points. Davis scored 15 and T. Henderson had 5. Eguia netted 3 while Suarez and Gilliland each had 2. Other players involved in the game were McCarty, Glasscock, Thayer and Terrell.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot.
Floydada	10	12	12	13	3	50
Tulia	15	8	11	13	6	56

**DENVER CITY DEFEATS FHS 81-59**

Meeting Denver City on Saturday, December 12, the FHS varsity boys were bested by Tulia, 81-59. Davis lead the scoring with 19 points. M. Henderson followed with 13 and Gilliland had 8. McCarty, T. Henderson, and Terrell each scored 4. Suarez netted 3. Eguia and Glasscock each made 2.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	11	14	13	21	59
Denver City	17	25	23	16	81

**BOYS LOSE TO LCHS**

Playing LCHS on Tuesday, December 15, the FHS varsity boys were narrowly defeated, 66-60. According to Coach Mike Cocanougher, the team just had a bad first half in shooting. Said Cocanougher, "We outscored LCHS in the second half, 40-31. The kids made a good comeback and played much better in the last two quarters."

High point player for the game was M. Henderson with 19 points and ten rebounds. Davis scored 16 points and Gilliland had 10 points and eight rebounds. Eguia also made 10 points. Suarez had 3 points and T. Henderson made 2. Other team members assisting in the effort were Glasscock, McCarty, Thayer and Terrell.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	8	12	19	21	60
LCHS	12	23	19	12	66

The team now has a 6-4 season record. They will be playing in the Canyon Tournament December 28 through 30. They will meet Hereford at 6:00 p.m. in the Canyon High School Gym.

## Floydada varsity girls defeat LCHS

Playing at LCHS on Tuesday, December 15, the Floydada Girls Varsity earned a 45-25 victory. High pointer for the match was Kacie Lackey with 13 points made on six field goals and one free throw. Younger and M. Bailey each made 6 points, Younger on three field goals and Bailey on one field goal and one free throw. Earning 4 points during the game were Suarez (two field goals), Shayla Turner (two field goals), K. Bailey (two field goals), and Vickers (one field goal and two free throws). Cocanougher made one field goal for 2 points and K. Turner had one free throw to add an additional point to the total.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	11	11	12	11	45
LCHS	4	6	9	6	25

The FHS Varsity girls will be playing in the Slaton Tournament December 28 through December 30.

**FHS VARSITY GIRLS DEFEATED BY POST**

The FHS Lady 'Winds met Post on Tuesday, December 8, and emerged from the match with a 42-41 loss. High point player for the Floydada girls was Holly Henderson with 10 points including on three point field goal and three free throws.

Kelly Bailey made 7 points on two field goals and three free throws. Elisa Suarez had 6 points from two three point field goals. Kristy Hinsley made 5 points on a field goal and three free throws. Tara Vickers posted 4 points on two field goals and Mandy Bailey made one three point field goal. Earning 2 points each on field goals were Tamie Cocanougher, Tian Younger and Carrie Emert.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot.
Floydada	7	8	12	11	3	41
Post	8	8	12	10	4	42

**GRAHAM BESTS FHS VARSITY GIRLS**

Participating in the Abernathy Tournament on Friday, December 11, the FHS varsity girls were beaten 63-39 by first round opponents from Graham. Leading the scoring for the local girls was Vickers with 10 points on five field goals.

K. Bailey made 8 points on three field goals and two free throws. Younger posted 6 points on three field goals and Cocanougher made 5 points on two field goals and a free throw. Henderson and Hinsley each made 4 points, Henderson on field goals and Hinsley on free throws. Kayla Turner added 2 points on free throws.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	5	13	10	11	39
Graham	21	14	15	15	63

**TULIA OUTSCORES FHS VARSITY GIRLS**

Meeting Tulia next in the Abernathy Tournament on December 11, the FHS girls lost by 16 points. According to Coach Deanery Logan, the girls were defeated 46-30.

High point maker for the team was Vickers with 8 points on two field goals and four free throws. Cocanougher netted 6 points on two field goals and two free throws. M. Bailey and Henderson each made 5 points on successful free throw attempts. Suarez had one three point field goal and K. Bailey netted one two pointer. Hinsley made one free throw good.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	5	4	6	15	30
Tulia	7	10	16	13	46



## Floydada JV girls are victorious over LCHS JV

The Floydada JV girls soundly defeated LCHS on Tuesday, December 15, by a score of 51-36. Jodie Villarreal and McCandless were the high scorers with 11 points. Lindi Probasco made 7 points and Hinkle had 6. Crow made 5 and Lacy Golightly had 4. Smith and Warren each added 2 points and Missy Pernell had 3.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	7	12	8	24	51
LCHS	9	5	13	9	36

**JV GIRLS ARE BEATEN BY POST**

Meeting Post on December 8, the FHS junior varsity girls were defeated 38-29. According to Coach Regina Smith, the high scorer for the evening was Dana McCandless with 16 points on five field goals and six free throws. Joni Smith made 5 points on two field goals and a free throw and Zacha Harris had 4 points on field goals. Leslie Warren made 2 points on free throws and Jamie Crow had one field goal for 2 points.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	1	9	7	12	29
Post	5	10	13	10	38

**JV GIRLS DROP TWO IN TULIA TOURNAY**

First round play of the Tulia JV Tournament on December 10 pitted the FHS JV girls against Friona. The team was defeated 45-18. Scoring for Floydada were Crow with 8 points on three field goals and two free throws, and Warren with two field goals and two free throws for 6 points. Smith made a field goal to net 2 points and Harris had two free throws for an additional 2 points.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	2	8	4	4	18
Friona	4	12	16	13	45

**TULIA TAKES FHS JV GIRLS**

Tulia defeated the FHS JV girls in second round play of the Tulia JV Tournament on Friday, December 11. The Floydada team went down 40-27. Harris and Pepper Hinkle shared high point honors with 6 points each on three free throws. Warren, Smith and Salina Shorter each netted 4 points on field goals. Crow had one three point shot.

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Floydada	6	8	9	4	27
Tulia	6	10	9	15	40



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**WE ARE THE RIGHT ONE--R.C. Andrews students show off their "We Are The Right One" T-shirts that they wore during their spirit and pride program. The program works on building school spirit, pride and team work.**  
Staff Photo



**PRESIDENTIAL HOSTESSES--Selected as Presidential Hostesses at South Plains College are: (standing, left-right) Robin Galloway, Sharla Durham, Shana Shoemaker, Libby Medlin, Michelle Murillo, Kimbra Willmon, Edna Garza, Dena Potter and Tamie Reese; (seated, left-right) De Ette Darr, Dr. Marvin Baker and Shelli Conkin.**

### Heflin hosts Keeping You In Stitches Quilt Guild

By D'Lyn Morris  
Guild members and guests enjoyed the December meeting and quilting held in Brenda Heflin's home in Floydada. The group worked on a Bow Tie quilt pieced in black and Amish colors for Brenda's son Ty.  
During the business meeting officers for 1993 were elected. Terrisu Mann will remain as president, DarLee Foster, vice-president and treasurer; Kay Brock secretary, and D'Lyn Morris scrapbook chairperson.  
Each member chose the month she wants to host the monthly meeting for next year. The 1993 meeting schedule will be as follows: January - Cindy Belt; February - Sidney Jackson; March - Kay Brock; April - Jan Heichelheim; May - Gay Terrell; June - D'Lyn Morris; July - Shawnda Foster; August - DarLee Foster; September - Terrisu Mann; October - Anne Jones; November - Jill

Graham; December - Brenda Heflin.  
Shawnda Foster won the beautiful wreath blocks designed in rich green and red prints made by Brenda Heflin.  
Members exchanged Christmas gifts relating to quilting. Gifts ranged from quilted button covers to spool holders.  
Terrisu Mann will host the Christmas

party for members and their husbands.  
Cheryl Dawdy of Floydada was a guest at the meeting. All members were present including Cindy Belt, Sidney Jackson and Stewart; Kay Brock, Jan Heichelheim, Gay Terrell and Lexi; D'Lyn Morris, Shawnda Foster, DarLee Foster, Terrisu Mann, Anne Jones, Jill Graham and Brenda Heflin.

### We Salute In Floydada...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Thursday, Dec. 24: Frank Maldonado, Rosie Rando, Delfino Pesina, Louise Turner, Jason Nutt  
Friday, Dec. 25: Penny Golightly, Lea Ann King, Brian Rando  
Saturday, Dec. 26: Estafana Mercado, Charles Massie, Steve Lloyd, Stephanie Flores  
Sunday, Dec. 27: Rudy Esquivel Jr., Sheldon Sue  
Monday, Dec. 28: Monty Anderson,

Becky Wetsel, Shonda Guthrie  
Wednesday, Dec. 30: Jennifer Rainwater, Dale Minner, Patricia Hill, Jaynette Harrison  
**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
Thursday, Dec. 24: Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Woody  
Friday, Dec. 25: Joe and Tencha Garza Jr.  
Saturday, Dec. 26: James and Cyndi Williams

## Butler and Jarrett wed in Lockney

### Galloway chosen as Presidential Hostess at South Plains College

FLOYDADA — Eleven freshmen coeds have been selected to serve as Presidential Hostesses for the 1992-93 school year at South Plains College.  
Selected for the honor are De Ette Darr, Michelle Murillo and Kimbra Willmon of Levelland, Edna Garza of Whitharral, Shelli Conkin and Sharla Durham of Anton, Dena Potter of Shallowater, Tami Reese of Plainview, Robin Galloway of Floydada, Libby Medlin of Tatum, NM and Shana Shoemaker of House, NM.  
"The role of the hostess is to serve as official college representatives at open houses, receptions, dinners and other special events hosted by the college's president," said Carole Long, Dean of Women.  
"In addition, these hostesses will assist in greeting special guests and dignitaries and touring prospective students around the campus," she added.  
The finalists are selected through

nominations by faculty and staff members and a series of applications and interviews conducted by the Dean of Women, the Coordinator of New Student Relations and a third qualified person selected to assist in the interviewing process.  
The hostesses are required to be full-time students and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average. Candidates are evaluated on personality, poise, appearance, communication skills, general knowledge of South Plains College and their ability to represent the college in a positive manner.  
Miss Galloway is a 1992 graduate of Floydada High School and the daughter of Doug and Elaine Galloway. While in high school, she was a member of National Honor Society, DECA and was a state qualifying twirler. She is a fashion merchandising major who enjoys sewing, water and snow skiing, crafts and modeling in her spare time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Butler of Lockney announce the marriage of their daughter LaDonna to Scott Jarrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jarrett of Floydada.  
The couple were married December 18 at the Grace Fellowship Church in Lockney. Officiating was the Reverend Ted Samples.  
They will live in Floydada. Jarrett is employed at the Punkin Patch Restaurant and she is employed by Allsup's in Lockney.

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### We Salute In Lockney...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Dec. 24 - W.L. Carthel, Jami Kemp, Byron Kemp  
Dec. 26 - Julio Ramierz  
Dec. 27 - Betonia Belt  
Dec. 29 - Windy Adams, David Turner, Amanda Barnett, Julie Ellison  
Dec. 30 - Kori Kellison, Lennie Gilroy  
Dec. 31 - Karah Jo Hrbacek, Tracy Long

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**  
Dec. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cynus  
Dec. 28 - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bil Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jones  
Dec. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Zachary, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Clark  
Dec. 30 - Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Shepard  
Dec. 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wilson

### Floyd Data

FLOYDADA — The Smith family had their early Christmas dinner December 12, at the home of Marie Tardy and Lanelle as hostess.  
Present were the three girls and sister-in-law, Alma Curry Smith, Mrs. Clara Smith Martin, Hale Center; Mrs. Marie Smith Tardy and Thelma Smith Jones and sister-in-law, Alma Curry Smith, Floydada.  
Others there were nieces and nephew Leon Payne and wife of Lubbock, Mrs. Wynona Smith Willis, Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Mozelle Smith Caldwell, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tardy, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Geo (Anita) Martin Patton, Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Smith and Lanell Tardy.

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

**There's Nothing In The World Like Christmas In The Country**

And we couldn't be happier than to share it with such wonderful people. To all of you we wish a season filled with warm fires, good friends, and dreams come true.

**Clark Pharmacy**  
Danny, Vicki, Carissa, Jarrod & Allyson

## Senior Citizens Rockins

There were 64 who enjoyed another delicious meal on Thursday night.

There were 32 sweatshirts delivered to the Boys State School from the Lockney Senior Citizens for Christmas.

The ticket for the quilt was drawn and the winner was Dovie Gilliland from Plainview. The ticket was sold by Octavia Carthel and raised \$1,162.00 for the Center.

"Thanks Dovie for helping the Senior Citizens."

There were 19 gifts donated by the Senior Citizens to be used as door prizes. Heather Graham, granddaughter of Lozell Keeter, did the drawing for the gifts. The winners were: Slow Cooker - Frances Montandon; Litter of Dalmation pup's - Shorty Hartman; Home Made Candy - Verna Duvall; Potted Poinsettia - Ruby Hartman;

Kitchen Towel - Billie Huggins; Peanut Brittle - Ann Handley; Wooden Magazine Rack - M. Pyles; Wooden

Sleigh - Ray Sissney; Afghan - Marie Wylie; Christmas Wreath - Neva Smith; Painted Picture - Katherine Cooper; Candy Dish - Heather Graham;

Apple Dish - Ross Cooper; Cosmetic Tray - Lozell Keeter; 5 Lunch Tickets - Clyde Baxter; 2 Christmas Wooden Angels - Leona Watson; Bag of Shelled Pecans - Jewel Thompson; Canned Goods - Elton Wylie; Candy Jar filled with Candy - James Hill.

Lets remember our sick in prayer: John Turner is in the hospital in Lubbock.

The Senior Citizens would like to thank Dub Hallmark and the Lockney School Board for the Senior Citizen Passes to school activities. "We appreciate them very much."

Don't forget that we will be closed December 23 and will not reopen until January 4.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**--The family of John Will and Lennie Stewart invite you to attend a 60th Wedding Anniversary reception in their honor Saturday, January 2, 1993, from 1 - 4 p.m. in Latta Hall at the First United Methodist Church in Crosbyton. Pictured are John Will Stewart (third from left) and Lennie Stewart (second from left) with an anniversary cookie presented to them at a November family gathering. Their daughters Shirley Largent (left) and Eugenia Williams (right) are pictured with them.

Courtesy Photo

## Senior Citizens News

By Thelma Jones

**FLOYDADA**— We have had lots of snow and cold weather the last two weeks, we hope we have pretty weather during the rest of the holidays.

There is still a lot of sickness and deaths among us. Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Holland on the loss of his sister; the Tye, Marble and other families on the loss of a brother, Keith Tye; and to Mrs. Bill Hambright, who lost a sister-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall Spears and Mary Susan of Dallas are spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Mary Spears.

Mrs. Hollis Payne is still in the hospital and improving very much.

Mrs. Opal Earp visited Thelma Jones one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tardy and family

of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Tardy and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tardy of Lubbock spent Sunday with Mrs. Harvey Tardy and Lanell.

Beulah Baker spent the weekend in Ralls with her daughter and family and they had their Christmas yesterday.

Mrs. Valree Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Turner, and Loreta and Leroy Burns attended the birthday party last Saturday night for L.G. Pierce in Lubbock, also Mr. and Mrs. Travis Young. Mike and Nancy Carter from Midland visited Mrs. Rebecca Smith and Brit Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Harrison visited her sister, Mrs. Mona Dunn Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Altha Ginn of Littlefield spent Monday with Thelma Jones and other friends.

## Floydada Senior Citizens Menu

December 28 - January 1

**Monday:**  
Lasagna, zucchini, green salad, French bread/margarine, banana pudding

**Tuesday:**  
Brisket, mashed potatoes, fried okra, sliced tomatoes, biscuits/margarine, orange sections

**Wednesday:**

Chili and beans, carrot raisin salad, cornbread/margarine, pineapple fruited gelatin

**Thursday:**  
Pork roast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cornbread, carrot cake

**Friday:**  
Closed  
Beverage choice served with each meal.

## Buffalo Grass NSDAR Chapter gathers at the Lamplighter Inn

Buffalo Grass Chapter NSDAR met at Lamplighter Inn December 15. Fourteen members and one guest, Mrs. Evelyn Branch were present.

Vera Jo Bybee conducted a short business meeting. She asked that each member or officer having a report to fill out, to get it to her by the January meeting.

Roxanne Cummings, Evelyn Branch and June Sherman led the group on a tour of the hotel. They have done much work in the refinishing of the building. This is one of the older buildings in town, and there is a lot of history connected to it.

June Sherman and Roxanne Cummings served refreshments to: Evelyn Branch, Ona Ruth Neff, Emily Johnston, Susan Dunavant, Vera Jo Bybee, Mary Lou Bollman, Sue Lovell,

Dorothy Hodges, Carolyn Cunningham, Nancy Marble, Eugenia Bethard, Grace Zabielski and Ozena Norris.

The next meeting will be January 26. Mrs. Virginia Taylor, National Defense Chairman will be giving the program, "In Defense of Our Nation." All members and prospective members are urged to be present.

The  
**BASKET CASE**  
in Lockney  
will close at 1:00 p.m.  
on Christmas Eve  
and be closed  
until January 11



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**--Celebrating birthdays at Floydada Nursing Home during the month of December were Maude Parvin, Eddie Jarrett, Loren Thompson and Mamie Bradshaw. Shown here is: (left-right) Grace Jarrett and her brother-in-law Eddie Jarrett.

## December birthdays celebrated at Floydada Nursing Home

By Lorilla Bradley

Another year is closing  
And as usual its December  
With parties . . . Santa Claus  
So much we must remember!

Mrs. Bradshaw we now greet  
. . . She's counting 98 . . .  
Two more years and she can brag  
The century mark . . . how great!

We welcome Mr. Jarrott . . .  
And may each day be happy  
With friends around to pass the time  
And keep him feeling "snappy"!

To Mr. Thompson on his day  
. . . He's counting 81 . . .

May everything just fall in line  
For lots of "old time" fun!

Our Mrs. Parvin celebrates  
. . . She's counting 82 . . .  
Another year of "this and that"  
With things she'd like to do!

Let's honor all these people  
With the good old Birthday Song . . .  
Please join us as we sing it  
And come out good and strong.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 was party time at the rest home with members of the City Park Church of Christ hosting. The Hesperian-Beacon photographer came for the picture taking.

Following this everyone was ushered into the dining room with the honorees being seated at the "honor table. Each one wore a lovely red carnation compliments of Williams Florist and Card Shop. Their places were marked with a special card. The table was laid with a green cloth and centered with a poinsettia.

Seated with Mr. Jarrott was his sister-in-law, Grace, and Pauline Hand was guest of her father, Mr. Cage. Marguerite Holmes was visiting Mabel Redwine.

Jo Bryant gave a brief history of each honoree after which the poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday Song.

A delicious refreshment plate of assorted kinds of cake complimented with a very tasty fruit punch was served to the honorees, guests, home residents and employees.

The next party will be Thursday, Jan. 21, 1993. You are invited to be with your friends and loved ones at that time.

## New Arrival

WALTON

Lance and Karen Walton announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Michelle. She was born December 15 at 12:25 p.m. in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 5 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 18-1/2 inches long.

Samantha has one sister, Lauren, who is four years old.

Grandparents are Weldon and Jane Pruitt, Duffy and Claudia McBrayer of Hereford and Floyd and Linda Walton of Alamosa, Colorado.

Great-grandparents are Bill and Beth Tye and Mrs. Buddy McBrayer of Hereford.

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"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Let's exalt in the occasion of His birth, and in the spirit of peace, joy and brotherhood that embraces all mankind at this special time of year. On this wondrous holiday, we join with you in celebration and prayer and extend our thanks for your valued patronage.

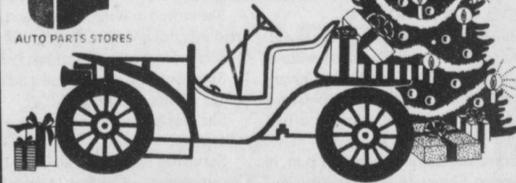
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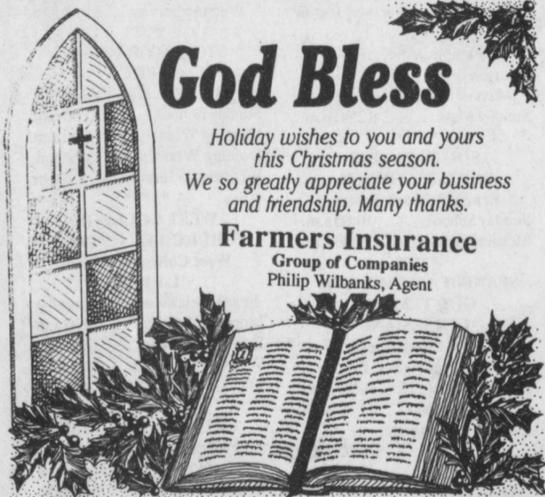
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## Aposento Alto Pentacostal Church plans Christmas program in Lockney

The pastor and members of the Aposento Alto Pentecostal Church on Southeast 2nd Street in Lockney would like to invite everyone to join them for the annual bilingual Christmas program. This year's play is entitled "The Great White Throne". The play will be performed on Friday, December 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

everyone attending. During this holiday season, members of the church would like to remind everyone of the real reason for celebrating. "The birth of Jesus Christ is and always will be the greatest gift of all. We love you all, and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," stated church members.

Individual fruit sacks will be given to

For more information call 652-2204.



**LEARNING ABOUT TRADITION--**The Spanish class of Floydada High School visited youngsters at Duncan Elementary last week to share stories about different cultures and Christmas traditions in South America. Each kindergarten class was then treated to Pinatas made by the Spanish class. Shown here are Brandon Gilliland holding the pinata and dodging the stick. He was assisted by Charla Yeary. The youngster was not identified.

Staff Photo

## Cheek serving in Somalia

FLOYDADA — Marine Cpl. Laron L. Cheek, son of June C. Cheek of Floydada, is currently serving with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, CA off the coast of Somalia and recently participated in an early morning amphibious landing from a three-ship amphibious task unit.

The 1987 graduate of Floydada High School, joined the Marine Corps in June 1987.

The landing, which involved more than 1,700 Marines and Navy SEALs set in motion the largest humanitarian effort ever undertaken by American military forces. The operation is a textbook example of the mobility, flexibility and capability of a forward-deployed Navy-Marine Corps team and how they effectively reach all parts of the globe on short notice, . . . from the sea.

### Letter To The Editor

**Former resident dies**  
Dear Editor,  
I am writing you to ask that you let our many friends there know that Malcom Lider, son of George and Lillie Lider died Nov. 24, 1992.

His brother, George Foy Lider died in 1989. Malcom finished high school in Floydada in 1936 and on to Baylor Univ., finishing in 1940. His brother, George Foy Lider died in 1989. Malcom is survived by his wife, Ann, and two daughters, Sandra Dennis and Suzanne Cookson; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Floydada was home for our family many, many years. Our parents died in 1970.

Thank you so very much, his sister,  
Selma Lider Johnston  
(Mrs. Rex Johnstn)

Malcom finished high school in Floydada in 1936 and on to Baylor Univ., finishing in 1940.

Malcom is survived by his wife, Ann, and two daughters, Sandra Dennis and Suzanne Cookson; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thank you so very much, his sister,  
Selma Lider Johnston  
(Mrs. Rex Johnstn)

## Obituaries

### EVA FORTENBERRY

Funeral services for Eva Jewell Fortenberry, 79, of Clarendon were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Rob Seale, pastor, and Doyle Hall, a deacon, officiating.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. in Silverton Cemetery by Robertson Funeral Directors Inc.

Mrs. Fortenberry died Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992, in Memphis.

She was born in Grapevine and lived in Lockney before moving to Clarendon in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of Donley County Senior Citizens Association and Calvary Baptist Church.

She married Charles Fredrick Fortenberry in 1932 at Silverton. Survivors include her husband; a son, Elmo of Clarendon; a sister, Eunice Hutson of Nocona; three brothers, Laurence McCain of Lockney, Clifton McCain of Amarillo and Cecil McCain of Las Vegas, N.M.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity or to the Donley County Senior Citizens Association.

### MIRIAM DAVIS

Services for Miriam Davis, 91, of Wiley were at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home with Jay Henderson, minister of 11th and Amarillo Street Church of Christ in Plainview, officiating.

Burial was in Lockney Cemetery. Mrs. Davis died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1992, in Wiley after an illness.

She moved to Wiley in 1980 and married Alvah Davis on May 9, 1921, in Abilene. He died in December 1980.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Clarence.

Survivors include a daughter, Doris Zieammerman of Wiley; 11 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Nephews were pallbearers.

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### APOSENTO ALTO DE PENTECOSTAL

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Chon Sepulveda, Pastor  
Wednesday Evening . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.

### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Claude Porter, Pastor  
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.

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Floydada  
Gene McCarty, Minister  
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.

### EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Sammy Holloway  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Afternoon Worship . . . . . 2:00 p.m.  
Training Union . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

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

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Church  
Training . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
R.A.'s, G.A.'s,  
Mission Friends . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Evening Meal . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Acteans . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Lockney  
Harold Abney, Pastor  
Les Reed, Youth Minister  
Kent Lloyd, Music Minister  
Sunday:  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Discipleship Training . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Kids of The King  
Children's Choir . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Youth Activities . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
RA's and GA's . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Pre-School Choir . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Adult Choir . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
3rd Saturdays:  
Men's Breakfast . . . . . 7:00 a.m.  
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:  
Baptist Women . . . . . 3:00 p.m.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Robin Hoover  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Clark Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lockney  
Tommie Beck, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 10:30 a.m.  
UMY . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
United Methodist Women, Hill Circle, 3rd Tuesday . . . . . 9:30 a.m.  
Ruth Wesley Circle, 2nd and 4th Mondays . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

### FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL CME

Floydada  
Rev. James Jenkins  
Sunday . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday:  
Bible Study . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

### GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

211 N. Main, Lockney  
Interdenominational Church  
Rev. Ted Samples, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

### GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

John Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Monday Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday:  
Prayer Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### IGLESIA DEL REY JESUS

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Lupe Banda, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Evening Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday:  
Youth Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### MAIN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Lockney  
Ed Hull, Minister  
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.

### MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Floydada  
Rev. Ralph Jackson  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
BTU . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Mid-Week Prayer . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday:  
Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

### NEW SALEM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### PRIMER IGLESIA BAUTISTA

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.

### SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lockney  
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor  
Wednesday:  
Communion Ser . . . . . 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday Vigil:  
Mass of Sunday . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Mass . . . . . 12:30 p.m.

### SOUTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

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Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Family Night . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### SPANISH BAPTIST MISSION

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Rev. Lupe Rando  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 10:55 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
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Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Christian Training . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA

Rev. Herman Martinez  
308 W. Tennessee  
Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Prayer Service . . . . . 2:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship . . . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday:  
Evening Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Service . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### TRINITY CHURCH

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James Poteet, Pastor  
Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: Prayer . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

Providence Community  
Gary Kleypas, Pastor  
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Adult Bible Class . . . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

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Evening Worship . . . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Service . . . . . 8:00 p.m.

### WEST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, to J.D. Copeland, at the following address:

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## Reduce high blood pressure with less salt

**Submitted by Jim Word**  
The first step in lowering high blood pressure in some people is taking the salt shaker off the table. Most Americans daily consume far more sodium than their bodies need.

According to the American Heart Association, the average American consumes about 6 to 18 grams of salt each day. Your body only requires about a half of a gram daily. Table salt is 40 percent sodium can lead to high blood pressure in some people.

High Blood pressure is a major factor for heart and blood vessel disease, the nation's leading killer.

Most foods in their natural state contain sodium. First, take the salt shaker off of the table. Foods may taste a little

bland at first, it takes only about two to three weeks for tastes to change. In time, food will not taste good with salt.

Read the labels on prepared and pre-packaged foods. Consumers should watch for the word "sodium" and the symbol "Na" on labels. These identify products that contain sodium compounds.

When preparing meals at home, leave out the salt or cut the amount you would normally use in half.

The American Heart Association recommends that sodium intake not exceed 3,000 mg. per day. One-half teaspoon of table salt contains 1,000 mg. of sodium.

The American Heart Association is the nation's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to the reduction

of disability and death from heart and blood vessel diseases, which annually kill almost one million Americans. Last year the American Heart Association spend more than \$218 million for research support and public and professional education and community programs.





# ASCS sets ACP sign-up

The 1993 ACP program has been announced by the Floyd County ASCS office. Sign-up is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 14, 1992. The ASCS has a continuous ACP sign-up

during the year. The ASCS County Committee will meet January 7, 1993 to approve the applications that have been received since the sign-up began.

A number of conservation practices are available for cost-share assistance including standard terraces, parallel terraces, basin terraces, diversion terraces, grass waterways, irrigation tailwater recovery pit system, lake system for irrigation tailwater, recovery only, irrigation land leveling, irrigation pipelines and irrigation pipeline pivot system.

Larry Benjamin, SCS Conservation Technician, states that anyone who would like more information about the cost-share program should contact the Floyd County ASCS office or the Soil Conservation Service in Floydada. Telephone numbers are 983-3763 for the ASCS office and 983-2352 for the SCS office.

All programs and services provided by the USDA, ASCS, and SCS are available to everyone without regard to race, religion, sex, handicap, color, age or national origin.

## Farmers eligible for conservation program funding

The U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) has rescinded a recently-enacted policy change that inadvertently disqualified many Texas farmers from participating in a major federal conservation program, announced U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (R-TX) and U.S. Representative Larry Combest (R-TX).

Gramm and Combest said the ASCS notified them of the change after they had requested the agency to rescind the new policy.

Specifically, many Texas farmers and ranchers will now again be eligible for funding under the agency's Acreage Conservation Program (ACP), which provides matching funds for area farm-

ers and ranchers to install water-efficient center pivot sprinkler systems.

"I am pleased that ASCS reacted quickly to reversing this unintended action," Gramm said. "Farmers in the Texas High Plains and West Texas in general have been making tremendous progress in conserving water and reducing soil erosion through the installation of the efficient new sprinkler systems,

and I want that progress to continue."

Because sprinkler irrigation systems reduce water consumption by about one-half of traditional irrigation systems, farmers have rapidly installed the efficient sprinkler systems in recent years.

"From 1986 to 1990, the number of center pivot systems being used in the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District increased by almost 50 percent," Gramm said. "I was concerned that many farmers simply wouldn't be able to bear the cost of installing the new sprinkler system unless they were eligible for funds under the cost-sharing ACP."

The two legislators said the ASCS recently issued new guidelines that define which irrigated land qualifies to receive ACP funding for converting to sprinkler irrigation systems.

Producers do not irrigate the small amount of land "set-aside" in order to participate in the farm program. Under the new definition, producers would have been ineligible for ACP funds because the set-aside land was not irrigated, even though the remaining land would otherwise be eligible.

U.S. Representative Larry Combest said, "This new definition would have caught conservation-minded producers between a rock and a hard place. Ironically, by complying with ASCS set-aside rules, farmers would have been shut out of the ACP program."

Combest and Gramm said the ASCS has now decided to use the old policy as it relates to ACP funding for Texas farms and ranches. The old policy would not consider non-irrigated "set-aside" land when determining eligibility for ACP assistance.

## Pesticide applicator conference set

The Floyd-Briscoe Pesticide Applicator Laws and Regulations Conference is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 7, 1993, in the Lockney Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Persons attending will qualify for two CEU's, which meet the re-licensing requirement in laws and regulations for private applicators.

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., followed by Mark Brown, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, giving the CEU explanation.

Bill Rogers of the Texas Department of Agriculture will be speaking on the laws and regulations affecting private pesticide applicators, the right to know law, new and existing rules, recordkeeping requirements and applicator license and certificate requirements.

James Knoll, TWC, will talk about the pesticide container collection and recycling program, container preparation, TWC's role and collection dates and sites.

Troopers Longfellow and Warren, Texas DPS officers, will present D.O.T. regulations - transporting hazardous and flammable substance and commercial driver's license requirements.

The Federal Immigration and Reform Act will also be one of the topics on the morning's agenda. The Federal Atrazine label revisions by Mickey McCall, representing Ciba-Geigy, will conclude the conference.

A catered meal will be served at noon.

Interested persons must pre-register by January 5.

To pre-register call Mike Mallett, CEA-Ag, Floydada, 983-2806; Scott Strawn, CEA-Ag, Silverton, 823-2131, or Mark Brown, EA-Entomology, Crosbyton, 675-2426.



### Merry Christmas

Y'all

*A special greeting and heartfelt thanks to everyone on the farm. Your dedication and hard work make it possible for us all to enjoy the holidays with good food and good cheer. Have a great Christmas!*

## Cotton acreage listed

By Shawn Wade

Production estimates for the High Plains have not been an easy thing to develop for the 1992 crop according to Lubbock based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG).

Best estimates from area crop watchers now place the size of the High Plains crop between 1.35 and 1.37 million bales, nearly 150,000 bales below the December USDA estimate for crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S. Harvested acreage is expected to be near the USDA estimate of 1.39 million for the area.

"The 1992 crop will definitely go down in the books as one of the strangest on record" notes PCG Executive Vice-President Donald Johnson. "The fact that we lost over one and one half million acres of cotton is noteworthy by itself, adding in the fact that 1992 will be one of the highest quality crops ever produced from a predominately a late crop makes it that much more noteworthy."

Total crop losses for the area were approximately 52 percent of expected plantings and averaged as much as 60

percent when accounting for the fact that only 2.7-2.8 million acres had actually been planted when the heavy rainfall and seedling disease problems that followed swept through the area.

Acreage figures, provided by the State ASCS office in College Station, indicate approximately 1.475 million cotton acres were certified as standing and slightly under 1.672 million acres reported failed in PCG's 25 county area.

The report also indicates that total planted acres were expected to be over 3.1 million.

PCG calculations indicate that a crop of 1.37 million bales would produce average yields of 473 pounds per acre from 1.39 million harvested acres or 445 pounds per acre from 1.475 million acres. Each scenario is well below the 524 pound average yield estimated by USDA to achieve their 1.51 million bale estimate.

A breakdown of cotton acreages for the 25 county area through the beginning of December is included in the following table.

### 1992 Total Upland Cotton Acreage Texas High Plains

County	Intended Plantings acres	Reported Failed acres	Reported Standing acres
Bailey	88,919.0	81,646.0	6,652.5
Borden	27,698.7	5,467.6	22,231.1
Briscoe	37,018.3	25,828.3	11,169.3
Castro	50,368.9	34,148.2	15,833.8
Cochran	125,129.7	103,657.4	21,404.2
Crosby	196,766.9	115,920.0	80,675.9
Dawson	234,575.3	57,943.3	176,632.0
Deaf Smith	4,204.7	2,397.7	1,735.0
Dickens	30,344.4	9,872.0	20,472.4
Floyd	174,098.6	139,044.4	34,956.2
Gaines	288,430.5	49,662.0	238,767.7
Garza	36,609.9	3,502.6	33,107.3
Hale	203,989.2	182,095.0	20,685.7
Hockley	239,835.9	146,697.5	93,029.7
Howard	88,858.4	38,569.1	50,289.3
Lamb	170,417.1	151,155.2	18,932.9
Lubbock	258,622.4	194,792.8	63,829.6
Lynn	241,286.7	82,120.2	159,166.5
Martin	110,971.8	24,212.3	86,759.5
Midland	30,128.5	1,053.9	29,074.6
Motley	30,438.3	2,242.0	28,199.2
Parmer	54,711.2	47,204.1	6,402.1
Swisher	60,203.6	52,582.2	6,602.1
Terry	239,418.3	94,602.0	144,816.3
Yoakum	129,891.8	25,429.4	104,462.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,152,938.1</b>	<b>1,671,845.2</b>	<b>1,475,804.3</b>

Information provided by USDA-ASCS



**HAYES PLACES FIRST WITH "MAINARD"**—Cody Hayes, son of Cleatis and Betty Hayes of Lockney, took first place with his Limousin steer, "Mainard", at the Wichita Mountain Classic. The steer show was held in Lawton, Oklahoma and approximately 500 steers were shown in the two day event. Mainard was purchased from local breeder C. Byron Brock. Courtesy Photo

## Horse project meeting slated

The Floyd County 4-H Horse Project organizational meeting will be held on Monday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Ron and Debbie Shatley for parents of interested 4-H members.

The meeting will be to discuss the scope of the horse project and to implement a horse related activities calendar for the new year.

Parents of 4-H'ers who have an interest in this project are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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### Cotton Loan

#### Deficiency Payments

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### Cooperating Gins for 1992

The following gins in Floyd County have certified the use of bagging and ties that meet Commodity Credit Corporation requirements to place cotton in the loan: D&J Gin, Lockney Coop Gin, Crume Gin, Darty Gin, Blanco Gin, Floydada Coop Gin, and Barwise Gin.

### Conservation

#### Compliance Reminder

If you have bought, leased, rented, crop shared or are thinking about, buying, leasing, renting, or crop sharing a farm or ranch, you need to immediately check with SCS (Soil Conservation

Service) about the Conservation Plan on the farm or ranch in question. This is important because the Conservation Plan was formulated with the previous occupant and stays with the land regardless of the status of the subsequent occupant.

### Conservation Reserve Program

Fire guards are encouraged on CRP land especially around buildings, homes and along roads. If you are interested, please contact SCS (Soil Conservation Service) for specifications and to modify your plan.

### 1993 Farm Program Signup

Signup for the 1993 Farm Program will be March 1, 1993 through April 30, 1993. A preliminary announcement of a set-aside of 7.5% was made for upland cotton.

### Final 1992 Wheat, Oats, and Barley Deficiency Payments

Final "SL" rates subject to the \$50,000 limitation are: Wheat - \$0.81 bu, Oats - \$0.17 bu, and Barley - \$0.56 bu.

If you requested a wheat advance payment (\$0.325), your final wheat payment will be \$0.485 bu.

These should be in the mail by December 14, 1992.

### Farm Changes

Any changes to your farm operation should be reported to this office as soon as possible.



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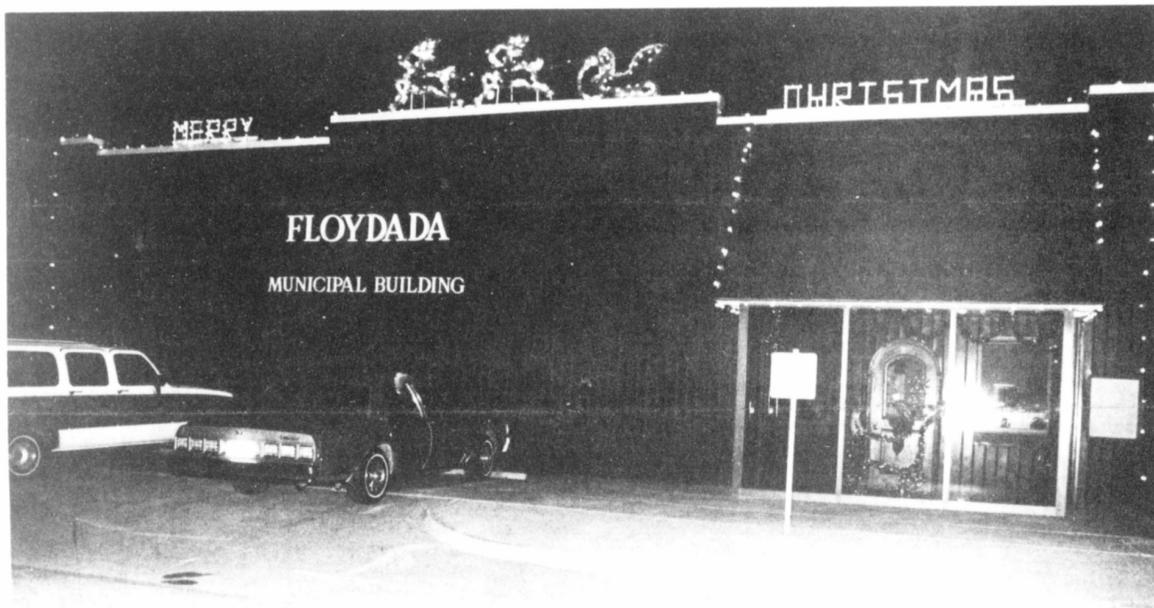
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# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

**Editor's Note:** The following is a reprint of a letter that was sent to the Editor of *The Sun*, a New York newspaper. Virginia O'Hanlon wrote the original letter in the fall of 1897. The letter and reply was printed Tuesday, September 21, 1897. The editorial reply was by Francis Pharcellus Church.

The Editorial read:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun* it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a

Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, VIRGINIA, whether they be men's or children's, are nutfle. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an act, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there

were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIA'S. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment, except in the sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

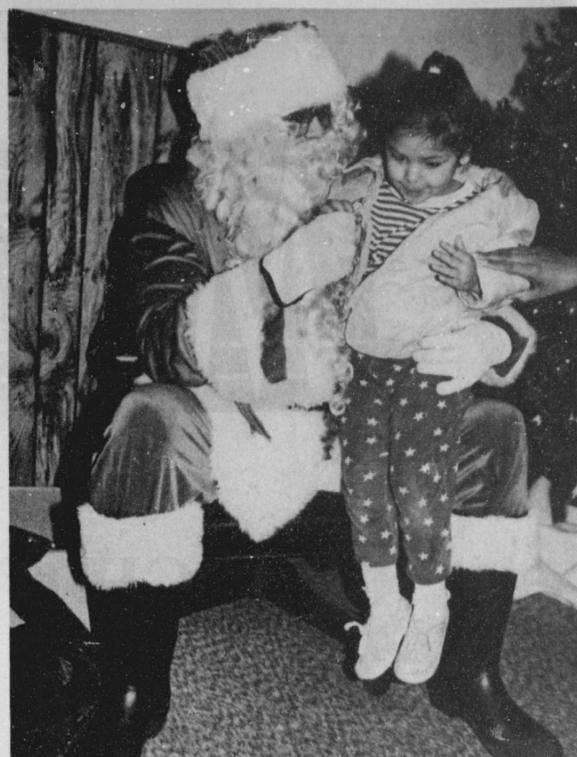
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys to catch Santa Claus on Christmas Eve, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn. Of course not, but that's not proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. The most real things in the

world are those neither children nor men can see.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, VIRGINIA, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

*Wishing You A Joyous Noel*



**A WORD TO THE WISE** -- This little girl seems pleased with Santa's response to her whispered Christmas wishes. Santa made the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Office one of several stops around the county to visit fans before his Christmas Eve flight. -- Staff Photo

## Floydada kindergarteners write Santa

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie. For my sister I want a little doggy. For my brother, he likes Batman. For all of my family I want a Christmas tree. For Mommie a ring, she needs a lot of rings and Daddy a new car.

Thank you,  
Yvette Rubio, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Mig 28 jet. Give my baby brother, J.C., a new pacifier. Please give my dad a tractor and my momma something pretty and breakable.

Your friend,  
B.J. Chappell, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Nutcracker toy, and a dinner table for children. I want clothes for my mom and my dad.

Love,  
Jackie Rendon, K-1

Dear Santa,

Bring me a car and a fire truck. I'll have some cake for you.

Your friend,  
Elijio Rubio, K-1

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll and I'd like a Barbie car. I'd like a baby doll for Breanne.

Love,  
Katy Gooch, K-2

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a little dog and a Barbie doll to play with. I will leave you cookies for Christmas.

I love you,  
Hazel Delgado, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a dollhouse and a playhouse. I'd like a Claws truck, too. Eric wants a toy reindeer to play with. I'm your friend.

Love,  
Stefanie Langford, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

Please bring me a little doll. I'd like a real rabbit, too.

I'm your friend,  
Lolly Garza, K-1

Dear Santa,

I want a Skipper doll and a tiny Christmas tree for dolls. I need a new school box. I'd like a purple one.

I love you,  
Nikki Carver, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

Could I have a toy for Christmas? I would like a remote control car.

Love,  
Jeffrey Johnson, K-1

Dear Santa,

I want a model airplane. Please bring my brother an airplane like mine and bring my sister a doll. Bring my Mom a necklace and my Dad some toys.

Love,  
James Woods, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I wish you would give me a jet and a football to go with my football suit. I'd like you to bring my sister a ring. Could you bring me a Claws truck, too? I Love You.

Your friend,  
Spencer Schacht, K-1

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle, a four-wheeler, a three-wheeler and boxing gloves.

Love,  
Christopher Enriquez, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Hot Shot and a Nintendo. Bring my sister a t.v. I love you, Santa.

Isidro Segura, K-1

Dear Santa,

I'm saving some cookies for you. Could you please bring me a red fire truck?

I love you,  
Paul Irlas, K-1

Dear Santa,

I love you. I want some play make-up for Christmas.

I love you, Santa,  
Kimberly Aleman, K-1

Dear Santa,

Please send me a police car, tractor set, and clothes for mom and dad. And please bring my dad work boots. I like Christmas.

I love you,  
Jesus Cruz, K-1

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a brown bear, because brown is my favorite color. Bring my brother a Robocop toy. I love you, Santa.

Lidia Arellano, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a game and some toys. Bring my little sister a baby doll. Bring Mom and Dad some new clothes, please.

I love you,  
Manuel Moreno, K-1

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a Barbie house. My brother, Eric, would like some little cars.

I love you,  
Melissa Morales, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a train.

I love you,  
Shane Nichols, K-1

Dear Santa,

Bring me some real make-up. I'd like some Barbie clothes and a Barbie doll.

I love you,  
Meagan Eubanks, K-1

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a big foot and a little dog.

I love you,  
Victor Mata, K-1

Dear Santa,

Please get me a present.

Love,  
Kim Van Cieve, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want a two-wheeler motorcycle and that's it!

Love,  
Raul Mendoza, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want a Lamborgini, a motorcycle and that's it.

Love,  
Mikey Rangel, K-2

Dear Santa,

I want a big Barbie, a water baby and a Baby Alive. A watch New Kids on the Block and a football for Cody.

Love,  
Callie Leeson, K-2

Dear Santa,

For my brother I want Batman and Blanca a baby. I want roller skates and a sparkle Barbie. For mama a watch and Daddy a ring.

Love,  
Jessica Garza, K-2

Dear Santa,

I would like a set of markers, crayons and shoes (red ones). I would like a purse, Santa Claus and a Christmas tree for myself. I need some scissors.

Thank you,  
Cynthia Castillo, K-2

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# The Miraculous Staircase

A short story by Arthur Gordon

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 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?



## Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,  
I wist wy pert a hat and a berand a gund. I fab dwy haf six dis.

Love,  
Derrick, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a gun for Christmas. a play snake, a kite, a Nentino Gameboy.

Love,  
Jonathan Luna, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I dont have a chimney what will you do? Do your reindeers talk? I want a master Blaster Gun.

Love,  
David, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a kitty surprise. I want a bike and dolly. I want swings and a swim pool. I want a radio and a clock and a computer. I also want disk for my computer.

Love,  
Renee Garcia, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
Wat do radirs eat. Do you like cookies and milk. My little bruther hast to cace misin wood you giv him suthen good. Do you love boys and girls. Do you like red and white and black and yellow. Do

you love radirs. I want a shirt with you on it. I has to cace misin to wood you giv me suthen good to. And my big bruther has to cace misin to wood you give him some to.

Love,  
Denise, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a Hulkster. I want a motorcycle for my brother. I also want a motorcycle. I Love Santa Claus.

Luv,  
Peter Anthony Gonzales, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a shot gun. I want a bow and arrow. I want a little toy for my baby brother. I want a toy snake and a little rabbit. I also want a vase for my mom. I want a little baby fish. I want a wagon for my other brother.

Luv,  
David Garcia, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, I want a cat.

Amy Nichols, 1-A

Santa Clause,  
Will you bring me a present? I will be glad, Santa Clause. We kiss right on the smile. I will bring a toy, Santa Clause. Merry Christmas to write on the smiling Christmas.

Joel, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I will be gone to ski. I want a knife and real horse my sister wants a game boy.

Luv,  
Hunter, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
Where do you live? Is it cold over there? I wish I could see you. I want a bear. I want a Barbie.

Sabrina, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a tad le Bob wit loc her and fum.

Love,  
Amanda, 1-A

Dear Santa,  
How does your Raindeer eat? Santa. Do they eat Grass Santa? I Want a Movie of all Dogs go To Heaven and Home-alone Two Santa. And a drum and real a good tire, Santa Clause. We will leave milk and cookies for you. and a shirt with you on it. and a necklace, a ring and a swimming pool.

Love,  
Alyssa Bennett, 1-A

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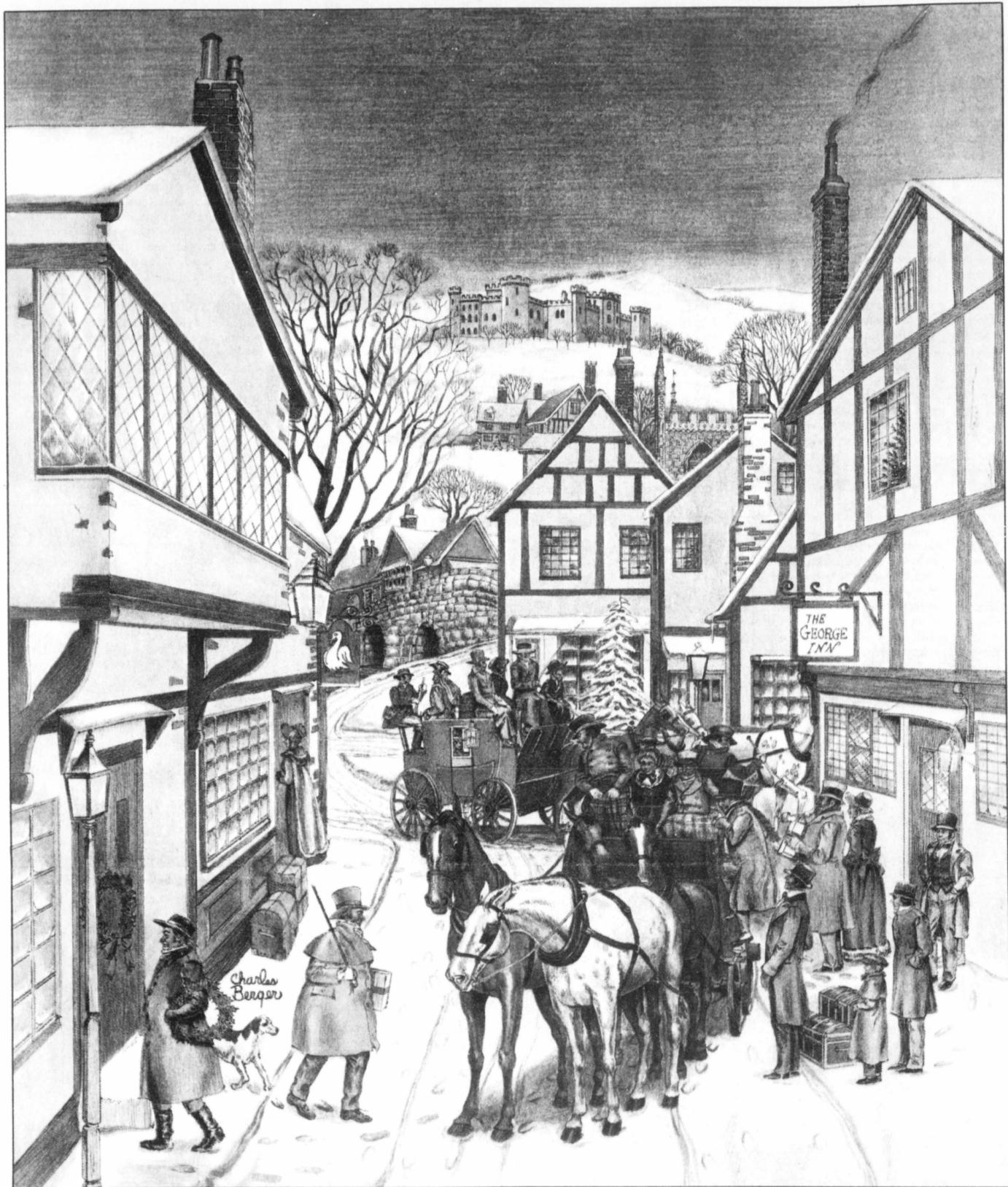
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 3. Fast a-way the old year pass-es,

'Tis the sea-son to be jol-ly,  
 Strike the harp and join the chor-us, } Fa la la la la la la la la.  
 Hail the new ye lads and lass-ies,

Don we now our gay ap-par-el,  
 Fol-low me in mer-ry meas-ure, } Fa la la la la la la.  
 Sing we joy-ous all to-geth-er,

Troll the an-cient Yule-tide car-ol,  
 While I tell of Yule-tide treas-ure, } Fa la la la la la la la la.  
 Heed-less of the wind and weath-er,

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# Lockney youngsters keep Santa busy with requests

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a Bugs Bunny to play with. Also I want watch and a playhouse for me to play inside please.

I love you Santa,  
from Rebecca Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
I want a reindeer for Christmas and a barbie and a poodle and a book of the Little Red Hen and a hat and a new dress.

Love,  
Nicole

Dear Santa,  
I would like these things a Nerf bow and arrow, a sonic the hedhog gam and this some baseball cards and a Chicago balls cap and a new baseball bat, a San Francisco Forty Niners and a helmet.

Love,  
Jordan

Dear Santa,  
If you can get me a gun and a gootball. I would be a very good boy because I love you.

I love you Santa.  
Love from your friend,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
Do you know what I want for Christmas. I want a baby and a puppy surprise. Also I want owoter baby teddy bear and some blocks. That is all I want.

Love,  
Natalie

Dear Santa,  
I want a basketball goal knockout a stuffed animal. Also a phone, a TV, and a waterbed. Also a VCR a poodle and new clothes and a rabbit, a troll, a pretty Princess game.

Love,  
Julie Ann Martinez

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a doll with some clothe, a radio, some shoes, some dresses, a play house, a puppy, some flags and a night light.

Love,  
Leslie Cuellar

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Christmas is a Little Miss Magic doll. And what ever Santa gives me is Okay with me.

Love,  
Lala

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a toll for Christmas. Some games for Christmas a bed and a stocking full of candy and a game called Candyland.

Love,  
Mary

Dear Santa,  
I want a skating baby and a skating Barbie. Also a trolling baby, clothes, jewelry, makeup, and some dolls. I would my own bedroom and my own TV and VCR.

Love,  
Misty

Dear Santa,  
I want a walking gogo and a roler skater and that doll that comes in a pouch. Also a babby wanna walk and a barbie thats all Santa.

Love,  
Ashlie

Dear Santa,  
I want super nitdow and a big hug

from you. And can you bring me a race track and a real car please and come.

Love,  
Eric Reyes

Dear Santa,  
I want are mote car and a nintendo and a Ninja turtle thre movie. Also any kind of little car and a Ninja turte skateboard.

I love you Santa,  
Eric Robles

Dear Santa,  
Will you please give me a bike, a doll, a troll and a barbie. I woud also like a bell with a santa and a little santa by it self. And any thing else you want me to have will be fine.

Love,  
Crystal Olivaez

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a thing that you make a cake and that you can make ice cream and snowcones and a singing mermaid and a real pupey.

Yesenia Guerrero

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl I want roller blades, starlight, colorblastter and a baby to love and talk to.

Love,  
Sabrina

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? I love you Santa. say hi to wour girlfriend for me Santa. I will like a Mermaid book or a movie about the Mermaid or a barbie.

Love,  
Julia

Dear Santa,  
I would like a go-go and a baby likes to talk, a singing Mermaid and a troll with a baby alive and some necklace, some earrings and some rings.

Love,  
Monica

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog house for my dog to sleep in and a toy for the dog and for my sister that is a baby. And bring a dress for my mom bring my dad some too land.

Love,  
Jessie

Dear Santa,  
I hope I have been good this year. But what I want for Christmas is rollerblades and Nintendo game and a Beethove movie. I hope I get those things for Christmas. I love you Santa.

Love,  
Vance Hrbacek

Dear Santa,  
I want three Bibles for Christmas and the X-12 Robot and for my sister, she wants a cabbage patch doll house.

Love,  
Brady

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a train for my brother and a puzzle for me for Christmas and a doll for my sister to play with and a teddybear. That is all.

Love,  
Syndee Nevarez

Dear Santa,  
I would like "Don't wake Daddy" and a Teen-talk barbie and EZ 2 do and Happy Holiday Barbie and Cabbage Patch Splash 'N-Tankid and Barbie Fold 'N funhouse.

Love,  
Analisa Balderas

Dear Santa,  
These are the things I want for Chistmas. I just hope I get what I ask for because I like it very much and these will be on the back.

Love,  
Corye Beth Gill

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control train and a remote control air plance and some marbles and a domino valley set.

Love,  
John Wayne Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barney Doll and a California roller baby. My own telephone. My two front teeth, and a built in swimming pool, new skates and one of your bells and lots of trolls.

Love,  
Amber

Dear Santa,  
May I have a troll and some shoes and a doll lunch box and a doll and a barbie and a thon and some socks, a some colors and a pupy and a book and some pencils.

Love,  
Christina Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I do not care what you give me but I want this. Medium bike, troll earring and clothes. A crimp and curl horse too Santa.

Love,  
Jalee Dietrich

Dear Santa,  
I would like 2 trolls and Doodle dome. A Noah's boat with animals and ponies for my sisters. 3 cars and motorcycles. That is all I want.

Love,  
Joe Michael

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll that skates and a female cat, so she could have kittens. A movie of Beauty and the Beast and a Teddy bear and a bow for the Teddy Bear and a Bird with a cage and a fish.

Love,  
Nora Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a troll for Christmas and a troll watch. And I would like a Barbie car for Christmas and I would like a doll that has dimens.

Love,  
Leticia

Dear Santa,  
I love you very much so please bring me a trampoline, nintendo, swimming pool, radio bike, more trolls, a puppy, a bunny, and a doll named Starla.

Love,  
Jana Alyse Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I beg if you would give me a super

Nintendo and a bull wip and a bow and arrow.

Love,  
Matt McPherson

Dear Santa,  
I will take what ever you give me for Christmas. How is everything going up at the North Pole? I hope you have a good Christmas. I will!

Love,  
Todd Cotham

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me these things, gameboy, bike, scary books, puppy dog, guns, home along 2.

Love,  
Chantry Meyer

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Would like a gun, a game boy, rollerblades, a t.v. and a super nintendo, trampoline, tether ball, built in swimming pool, three in one tournament table and a go cart.

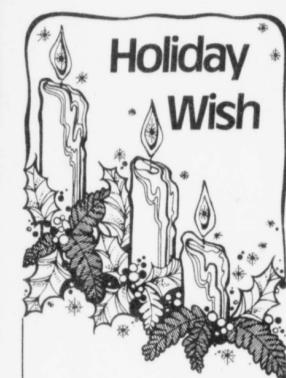
Love,  
Nathan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a go-go and a baby likes to talk, a singing Mermaid and a troll with a baby alive and some necklace, some earrings and some rings.

Love,  
Monica



WHO IS THIS PERSON? -- A quizical look accompanied this child as she solemnly spoke of Christmas with Santa Claus during the Lockney Holiday Affair. -- Staff Photo



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

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# The Story of Jesus

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God could have come to us in any way He chose. Why did He choose to be born to a humble Judean couple in a lowly stable?

The Gospel according to St. Matthew tells us "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His Mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

"Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream saying, Joseph, thou son of David fear not to make unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins.

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the Prophet, saying,

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

The prophet referred to by Matthew is Isaiah, who prophesized several hundred years before the birth of Christ, "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign: Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel."

St. Luke tells us "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed . . . And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house of lineage of David.

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

It was part of God's plan that His son should be born to the wife of Joseph, a son of Abraham.

For the birth of Jesus fulfilled a promise by God to Abraham, who was called to be the father of many nations.

It was to Abraham that the One God first revealed Himself. It was Abraham who was willing to leave his home and family to journey to a strange land in obedience to the Lord.

Because of Abraham's great faith, God rewarded him with a promise; "...I will bless thee, and in multiplying thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore . . ."

God also included other nations in His promise to Abraham: "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed: because thou hast obeyed My voice."

God kept His promise to Abraham; despite his old age, the patriarch begat a son, Isaac, who in turn begat Jacob. Jacob in turn begat twelve sons, the ancestors of the twelve tribes of Israel.

One of these twelve, Juda, was destined to be the ancestor of David, the King. David in turn, became the ancestor of Joseph, the husband of Mary, who was to be the mother of Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that the Messiah was to come from the line of David, the son of Jesse; "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow of his roots;

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord . . ."

"And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles

seek: and His race shall be glorious."

It was because he was of the house of David that Joseph had to journey to Bethlehem while Mary was with child. In journeying to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph were fulfilling the prophecy of Micah: "But thou Bethlehem, Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Juda, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old from everlasting."

Studying the history of salvation shows us that the birth of Jesus to the young spouse of a descendant of Abraham recalls God's promise to one man who was faithful in answering God's call.



**DOUBLE ORDER** -- This duet of youngsters has just placed a double order for Christmas goodies while sitting on Santa's lap at the First National Bank in Lockney. -- Staff Photo



## One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only 33 when the public turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Almost 20 centuries have come and gone, and today He is a central figure of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever set, and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

Hallelujah



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David and Michael

# "The Littlest Angel"

By Charles Tazewell

*(This is a story for people who love Christmas and Christmas trees, holly berries and mistletoe, Santa Claus, and music boxes that tinkle Silent Night. The Littlest Angel is as real and heart-warming as the spirit of Christmas.)*

ONCE UPON A TIME—many years ago as time is calculated by men but only Yesterday in the Celestial Calendar of Heaven—there was, in Paradise, a most miserable, thoroughly unhappy and utterly dejected cherub who was known throughout Heaven as "The Littlest Angel!"

He was exactly four years, six months, five days, seven hours and forty-two minutes of age when he presented himself to the venerable Gatekeeper for admittance to the Glorious Kingdom of God.



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the miracle  
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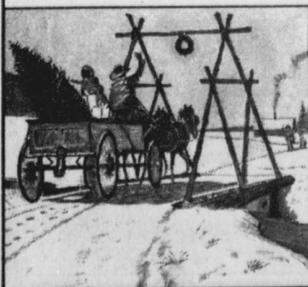
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The simple pleasures are still the best,  
and for us that means having the  
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Standing defiantly, with his short legs wide apart, the Littlest Angel tried to pretend that he wasn't at all impressed by such Unearthly Splendor, and that he wasn't at all afraid. But his lower lip trembled, and a tear disgraced him by making a new furrow down his already tear-streaked face—coming to a precipitous halt at the very tip of his small freckled nose.

But that wasn't all. While the kindly Gatekeeper was entering the name in his great Book, the Littlest Angel, having left home as usual without a handkerchief, endeavored to hide the tears by snuffling—a most unangelic sound which so unnerved the Gatekeeper that he did something he had never done before in all Eternity. He blotted the page!

From that moment on, the Heavenly Peace was never quite the same, and the Littlest Angel soon became the despair of all the Heavenly Host. His shrill ear-splitting whistle resounded at all hours through the Golden Streets. It startled the Patriarch Prophets and disturbed their meditations. On top of that, he vociferously sang off-key at the singing practice of the Heavenly Choir, spoiling its ethereal effect.

And, being so small that it seemed to take him just twice as long as anyone else to get to nightly prayers, the Littlest Angel always arrived late, and always knocked everyone's wings askew as he darted into his place.

Although these flaws in behavior might have been overlooked, the appearance of the Littlest Angel was even more disreputable than his deportment. It was first whispered among the Seraphim and Cherubim, then said aloud among the Angels and Archangels, that he didn't even look like an angel!

And they were all correct. He didn't! His halo was tarnished where he held on to it with one hot little chubby hand when he ran, and he was always running. Furthermore, even when he stood very still, it never behaved like a halo should. It was always slipping down over his eye or else, just for pure meanness, slipping off the back of his head and rolling away down some Golden Street—just so he would have to chase after it!

Yes, and it must be recorded that his wings were neither useful nor ornamental. All Paradise held its breath when the Littlest Angel perched himself like an unhappy fledgling sparrow on the very edge of a gilded cloud and prepared to take off. He would teeter this way and that way—but, after much coaxing and a few false starts, he would shut both eyes, hold his freckled nose, count up to three hundred and three, and then hurl himself slowly into space!

However owing to the regrettable fact that he always forgot to move his wings, the Littlest Angel always fell head over halo!

Now, anyone can easily understand why the Littlest Angel would, sooner or later, have to be disciplined. And so, on an Eternal Day of an eternal Month in the year Eternal, he was directed to present his small self before an Angel of the Peace.

The Littlest Angel combed his hair, dusted his wings and scrambled into an almost clean robe, and then, with heavy heart, trudged his way to the place of judgement. He tried to postpone the dreaded ordeal by loitering along the Street of The Guardian Angels, pausing a few timeless moments to study the long list of new arrivals, although all Heaven knew he couldn't read a word. And he idled more than several immortal moments to examine a display of aureate harps, although everyone in the Celestial City knew he couldn't tell a crotchet from a semiquaver.

But at last he slowly approached a

doorway which was surmounted by a pair of golden scales, signifying that Heavenly Justice was dispensed within. To the Littlest Angel's great surprise, he head a merry voice, singing!

The Littlest Angel removed his halo and breathed upon it heavily, then polished it upon his robe, a procedure which added nothing to that garment's already untidy appearance, and then tiptoed in!

The Singer, who was known as the Understanding Angel, looked down at the small culprit, and the Littlest Angel instantly tried to make himself invisible by the ingenious process of withdrawing his head into the collar of his robe, very much like a snapping turtle.

At that, the Singer laughed, a jolly, heart-warming sound, and said, "Oh, so you're the one who's been making Heaven so unheavenly! Come here, Cherub, and tell me all about it!"

The Littlest Angel looked furtively from beneath his robe. First one eye. And then the other eye.

Suddenly, almost before he knew it, he was perched on the lap of the Understanding Angel, was explaining how very difficult it was for a boy who suddenly finds himself transformed into an angel. Yes, and no matter what the Archangels said, he'd only swung once. Well, twice. Oh, all right, then, he'd swung three times on the Golden Gates. But that was just for something to do!

That was the whole trouble. There wasn't anything for a small angel to do. And he was very homesick. Oh, not that Paradise wasn't beautiful! But the Earth was beautiful too! Wasn't it created by God Himself? Why, there were trees to climb, and brooks to fish, and caves to play at pirate chief, the swimming hole, and sun, and rain, and dark, and dawn, and thick brown dust so soft and warm beneath your feet!

The Understanding Angel smiled, and in his eyes was a long-forgotten memory of another small boy in a long ago. Then he asked the Littlest Angel what would make him most happy in Paradise. The Cherub thought for a moment, then whispered in his ear.

"There's a box I left under by bed back home. If only I could have that!"

The Understanding Angel nodded. "You shall have it," he promised. And a fleet-winged heavenly messenger was instantly dispatched to bring the box to Paradise.

And then, in all those timeless days that followed, everyone wondered at the great change in the Littlest Angel, for among all the cherubs in God's Kingdom, he was the most happy. His conduct was above reproach. His appearance was all that the most fastidious could wish for. And on excursions to Elysian Fields, it could be truly said that he flew like an angel!

Then it came to pass that Jesus, the Son of God, was to be born of Mary, at Bethlehem. And as the glorious tidings spread through Paradise, all the angels rejoiced and their voices were lifted to herald the Miracle of Miracles, the coming of the Christ Child.

The Angels and Archangels, the Seraphim and Cherubim, the Gatekeeper, the Wingmaker, even the Halosmith put aside their usual tasks to prepare gifts for the Blessed Infant. All but the Littlest Angel. He sat down on the top-most step of the Golden Stairs and anxiously waited for inspiration.

What could he give that would be most acceptable to the Son of God? At one time, he dreamed of composing a lyric hymn of adoration, but the Littlest Angel was woefully wanting in musical talent.

Then he grew tremendously excited over writing a prayer! A prayer that would live forever in the hearts of men, because it would be the first prayer ever to be heard by the Christ Child. But the Littlest Angel was lamentably lacking in literate skill.

"What, oh what, could a small angel give that would please the Holy Infant?"

The time of the Miracle was very close at hand when the Littlest Angel at last decided on his gift. Then, on that Day of Days, he proudly brought it from its hiding place behind a cloud, and humbly with downcast eyes, placed it before the Throne of God. It was only a small, rough, unsightly box, but inside were all those wonderful things that even a Child of God would treasure!

A small, rough, unsightly box, lying among all those other glorious gifts from all the Angels of Paradise! Gifts of such radiant splendor and breathless beauty that Heaven and all the Universe were lighted by the mere reflection of their glory! And when the Littlest Angel saw this, he suddenly knew that his gift

to God's Child was irreverent, and he wished he might reclaim his shabby gift.

It was ugly and worthless. If only he could hide it away from the sight of God before it was even noticed!

But it was too late! The Hand of God moved slowly over all that bright array of shining gifts, then paused, then dropped, then came to rest—on the lowly gift of the Littlest Angel!

The Littlest Angel trembled as the box was opened, and there, before the Eyes of God and all His Heavenly Host, was what he offered to the Christ Child.

And what was his gift to the Blessed Infant? Well, there was a butterfly with golden wings. Captured on a bright summer day on the high hills above Jerusalem, and a sky-blue egg from a bird's nest in the olive tree that shaded his mother's kitchen door. Yes, and two white stones, found on a muddy river bank where he and his friends had played, and, at the bottom of the box, a limp, toothmarked leather strap, once worn as a collar by his mongrel dog, who had died as he had lived, in absolute love and infinite devotion.

The Littlest Angel wept hot and bitter tears, for now he knew that instead of honoring the Son of God, he had been most blasphemous. Why had he ever thought the box was so wonderful? Why had he dreamed that such utterly useless things would be loved by the Blessed Infant?

In frantic terror, he turned to run and hide from the Divine Wrath of the Heav-

enly Father. But suddenly he stumbled and fell, and with a horrified wail and clatter of halo, rolled in a ball of consummate misery to the very foot of the Heavenly Throne!

There was ominous and dreadful silence in the Celestial City, a silence complete and undisturbed save for the heartbroken sobbing of the Littlest Angel. Then suddenly, The Voice of God, like divine music, rose and swelled throughout paradise! And the Voice spoke, saying:

"Of all the gifts of angels, I find that his small box pleases Me most. Its contents are of the Earth and of men, and My Son is born to be King of both. These are the things My son, too, will know and love and cherish and then, regretful, will leave behind Him when His task is done.

"I accept this gift in the Name of the Child, Jesus, born of Mary this night in Bethlehem."

There was a breathless pause, and then the rough unsightly box of the Littlest Angel began to glow with a bright, unearthly light, then the light became a lustrous flame, and the flame became a radiant brilliance that blinded the eyes of all the angels!

None but the Littlest Angel saw it rise from its place before the Throne of God. And he, and only he, watched it arch the firmament to stand and shed its clear, white, beckoning light over a stable where a Child was born.

There it shone on that Night of Miracles, and its light was reflected down

the centuries deep in the heart of all mankind. Yet, earthly eyes, blinded, too, by its splendor could never know that the lovely gift of the Littlest Angel was what all men would call forever: "THE SHINING STAR OF BETHLEHEM!"

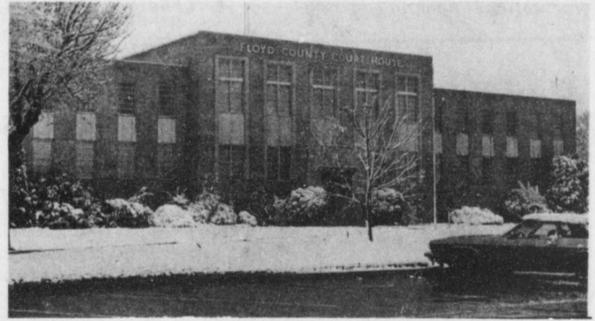
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MERRY CHRISTMAS  
FROM ALL OF US  
AT THE DENTAL  
CLINIC!

Dr. Charles Craig  
Dr. Randall Griffin  
Dr. Bill Dean

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the Elected Officials of Floyd County



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County Commissioners

Connie Bearden Floyd Jackson

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Sheriff County Clerk

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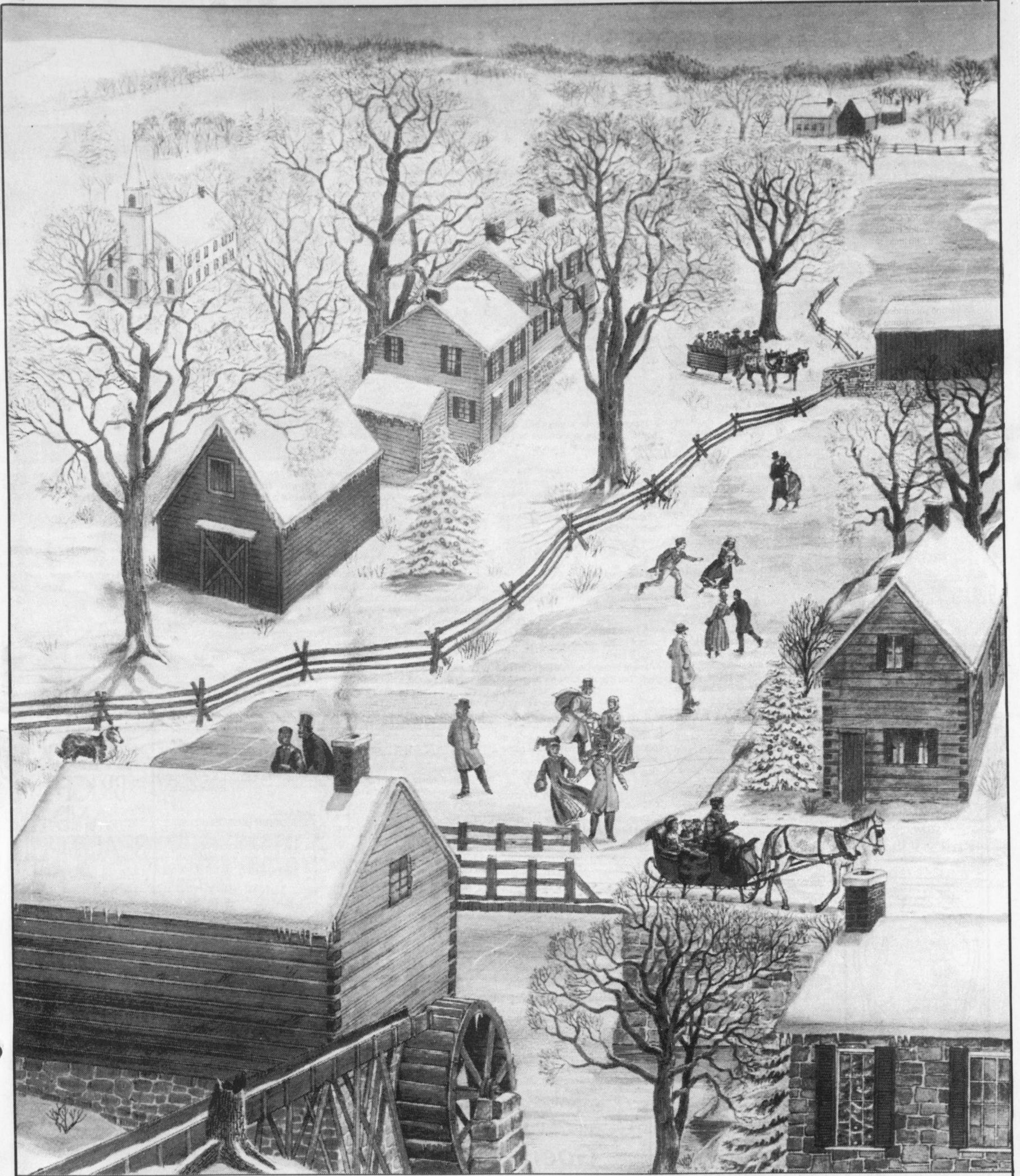
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District Judge District Attorney

Randy Hollums Becky McPherson

District Clerk

Barbara Edwards



**W**ith Christmastime once again upon us, we pause to remember the simple joys of days gone by. Though times have changed, the true spirit of the holiday remains forever constant. May the enduring happiness and brotherhood that marks this wondrous season be yours always.

From All of us here at

# CAPROCK INDUSTRIES

4 Miles Northwest of Lockney

# Lockney youngsters write to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have Starla doll. My sister would like a ball. My brother would like a playhouse. Thank Santa, I Love You. We were good boys and girls. I Love You Santa.

Love,  
Taylor, Heather, Ashley Brock

Dear Santa,  
I would like some roller blades please, and some bones for Chelsea. I would also like some walkie talkies and please bring my dad a Christmas shirt.

Love,  
Brandon Gilroy

Dear Santa,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are Rudolf and your reindeer? I hope you make it okay on Christmas Eve.

Do you make Super Nintendo games? If you do, I would like a Home Alone one. I also would like a Nolan Ryan statue and a Jone Montana statue and some Hit Stix.

I have been good and so has my sister, Jenna. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,  
Mark Ford

Dear Santa Claus,  
I can't wait to see your toys this year. Last year my toys were great. I need a baby alive, the one that talks. I really lover Barney too. Could you bring a tape and a Barney doll. Daddy wants another playoff game, but could they win this one!

Love,  
Ashley Fortenberry, Age 5

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? Please bring me a bike, a doll and barbies. Tell Mrs. Claus hello!

Love,  
Melissa Hernandez, Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
May I have little Miss Magic Jewels and Beuty and the Beast tape Magic Bottle Baby.

Love,  
Amanda Leigh Hancock, Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please cod you breg me walking dog skates size 1 roller barble caramd. clothes. th dog that potlesas the magic patty baby, baby alive.

Love,  
Mandy Ballea, age 7

Dear Santa Claus,  
I Love You. I wish for a bear, I wish for a naw jacket and I wish for a Playrab. I wish for a T.V.

Love,  
Nichde, age 7

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love Santa Claus. A barbie house, Beauty and The Beast puzzles Barbie clothes, mermaid doll, Barbie with long hair, Beauty and the beast game, and organ forx-maj.

Love,  
Valerie Molina, age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
I like your suit Santa. Please bring me little Miss Magic Jewels, Magic Potty Baby and Big trolls. Good Luck.

Love,  
Tiffany

Dear Santa Claus,  
Pleas Santa I wood like Bubbie Bobbie on Nintendo. I also want roller blades siz one, Batman Retuns gam for gam gear.

Love,  
Justin Stoerner

Dear Santa,  
I would like everyone to have a house. I would like everyone to have food to eat. I would like three things for Christmas. I want a game called Airpro Hockey. Also a Game Boy and roller blades.

Your friend,  
Ben Vandiver, age 7

Dear Santa Claus,  
Here is what I want for Christmas—Roller blades, radraler, turtle game, turtles books bat man movie.

Love,  
Abel Rodriguez, Age 6

Dear Santa,  
I would like a motorcycle, a bat man figure, a bat man car, the joke, and I would also like to have you for Christmas.

Love,  
Jesse Garcia, Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
I love you. Ples can I have a cow bow hat and a Gataria amey suet army toy gun.

Love,  
Colt Smith, Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hi, how are you? I would like roller blades, a walkman, walkie talkies and dirt bike. Tell Rudolf hi!

Love,  
Brandon

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me Dalmation bed spread, a fast trax, and bean bag.

Thank you very much,  
Dane

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control race car, a Ninja turtle costume and an angel for my Christmas tree. Ho, Ho, Ho!

Love,  
Nathan Hancock

Dear Santa,  
I want a Batman costume, a pitchfork and Bruno the Bad Dog. Don't forget my name is Adam.

Love,  
Adam Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. My name is Denice. Please bring me a Snoopy, a stroller, a radio, a tape recorder and a baby doll.

Love,  
Denice Muniz

Dear Santa,  
I wish you could come to my house tomorrow! I want a Barbie and a baby doll with make-up.

Love,  
Yvette Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a playschool doll house, a kitchen, a snowman and a bunny. I'm very good in school.

Love,  
Linda Naranjo

Dear Santa,  
This is my list: a football helmet and clothes, a football and a tool belt. I want to be a Lockney Longhorn.

Love,  
Wesley Francis

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a lot of Ninja turtles. My sister always says hi to me so bring her a candy cane.

Love,  
Jason Mondragon

Dear Santa,  
I want a candy cane and lots of pretty stuff. Tell Rudolf I know his song.

Love,  
Gabriel Pinales

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbee jeep, a talking baby and a potty trained baby. James wants 2 little cars and a camou-flage jeep.

Love,  
Emily Mercado

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. Please bring a Batman toy and a GI Joe toy.

Love,  
Derrick Franco

Dear Santa,  
I love my mother and my dad. I want the Ninja turtles, Be-Bop Shredder and crane.

Love,  
Ruben Guerra

Dear Santa,  
We made a picture of you at school. you looked pretty good. I want trucks and toys.

Love,  
Phillip Luna

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike, a TV, a Gio-man and Nintendo game and football.

Love,  
Jeran Butler

Dear Santa,  
I like to play and make things at school. Please bring me a Batman car and a motorcycle.

Love,  
John Vasquez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring three bikes for Mario and a car for Joe. I want a car when I grow up. Bring me a cat woman toy, an Indian toy and a Santa Claus toy.

Love,  
Jessica Cruz

Dear Santa,  
You can come and stay with me. I would like to have a doll.

Love,  
Ana Karina Salazar

Mrs. Schaeffer's Early childhood class would like the following for Christmas:

Grizelda Solis—Red car  
Alejandro Ascencio—a bike and a volleyball  
Adrian Luna—toys  
Lucy Salazar—A bike  
Janet Leal—candies, crying doll  
Paul Lopez—bike and toys  
Yvonne Martinez—a horse, bike, red car

Lydia Mendoza—bike and a motorcycle

Benjamin Balderas—bike with training wheels, don't wake Daddy Game and Bruno the bad dog truck.

Dear Santa,  
I want 1 truck, Mario paints, crash dummies, and trolls. My sister, Cristina wants a Jambox. Joann wants a radio for her truck. My Mom wants clothes. And don't forget my Dad.

Thanks,  
Paul Amador

Dear Santa Claus,  
I wish I had a troll, a bike and a lot of flowers and plants for my mom. My brother wants a police car. I also want a big Barbie car. I wish that I could buy a shop of tools for my dad.

Love,  
April Bueno

Dear Santa,  
I want a nindo, crash dummies, a gameboy an ambulance and a baseball shirt.

Love,  
Anthony Galvan

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a copier machine, lite-brite set, barbie playhouse, Starla-Loves to Sing Doll, Magica Fax Machine, playskool cassette recorder and player.

Love,  
Julia Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of regular boots, Baby-Loves-to-talk, a Minnie Mouse watch and a doll.

Love,  
Cristina Pesina

Dear Santa,  
I would like Xmen Land of the Lost, Tree House, Bicycle, B-B gun, Adam's Family tape, cartoon tape, new boots, and a T.V.

Thanks,  
Dustin Rose



IMPORTANT DECISION--J.W. McPherson gives serious thought to Santa's question before answering that he wanted a live baby goat for inside the house.

Dear Santa,  
Want an Eartquake westler, I will lick a phon wrestler, Ninja Turtles, football, macho man westler, Hacks aw Jim Dugan wrestler, undertaker wrestler, the game of Ninja Turtles, Hungry-Hungry Hippo, remote control car, football stand, toy car garage, new bike, Beauty and the Beast, Det Cars and Shark Attack.

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me LEGO, Aladdin, Rudolp, Dick Tracy, Batman, Super Doubler Loop and Batman.

Love,  
Sergio Soliz

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me GI joes, little cars, santa teddy Bear, a bike, a slinky, fire truck, Lite Brite set, ultimate Warrior Wrestler, and Hulk Hogan Wrestler.

Dear Santa,  
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Love,  
Michael Martinez

I luv you Santa,  
A.J. Rosales

Dear Santa,  
I would like an aerial doll, Beauty and the Beast tape, roller skates, blade baby and a magical dream baby, Magic Dream Barbie house.

I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love,  
Jessica Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want a Beauty and the Beast, a Barbie car, a play cat, a toy snake, a play apple and an Ice Cream Shop. Dad wants tools and mom wants clothes.

Love,  
Cathy Bernal

Dear Santa,  
I have been a very good girl this year. I would like thing parachute, walk in gogo, bike, pink skates, dress up games, magic copier, playhouse. I will leave you milk and cookies.

I love you,  
Melody Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a magic copier, and a barbie, a Merimad. I have been a good girl.

Luv you,  
Rose Anna Castillo

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**Darty Gin**

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wishes you a Merry Christmas

... and may all of your gifts need to be heavily insured!

**Happy Holidays!**

Dale  
Kyle  
Pat  
Greg  
LaVerne  
Tail  
Sam  
Elaine

'Tis the night before Christmas as the Yuletide begins—Everyone's stirring at the Lamplighter Inn.

Roxanna is trimming the tree with great care  
And Evelyn's baking her holiday fare.  
Wrapping and boxes, and ribbons abound—  
As holiday guests come from all 'round.  
There's a touch of romance 'neath the mistletoe  
and carolers gather 'round the piano.  
When everything's done and looks just right—  
We settle back in for a long winter's night.  
But not before wishing good friends far and near—  
A Merriest Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Evelyn + Roxanna*

# For Christmas I would like...

Dear Santa,  
I want a T.V.

Love,  
Amanda Villarreal

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a bundell baby for Christmas also a keyboard, Mickey Mouse watch and a horfen troll cheerleader (Whirlwinds), my baby puppy too.

Your friend,  
Lindsay Mayo

Dear Santa Claus,  
I lov you. I wot a barbe and a barbe car. May I hav a good Prsen glas? Ples may hav a bike and a bear.

Love,  
Michelle

Dear Santa,  
I am six years old. I have been a good girl this year. Boots, marta Barbie ring and I guess thats all see you soon.

Love you,  
Emily Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
How is all the readirs? May I please have a roll blade Baby and a Buudy and the Baest tape. I love you.

Love,  
Cheryl

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a bike, a motorcycle and a duck

Love,  
Oscar

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring a kite. Please get me a football. Merry Christmas!

Love,  
Paul Anthony Perales

Dear Santa,  
Ho Ho Ho.  
I've been a good girl this year. For Christmas I'd like a Barbie van, barbie clothes and a new bicycle. How are you? I am do fine. Have a good trip. How is Mes Klos? I hope she is fine, you to.

Love,  
Rachel Vega

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a football.

Love,  
Victor

Dear Santa,  
Ples can you gev ma a Book that I can read every time I go to be. and can I have Bruno the bad dog. and can I please have a book about planes. Can I have dont wake daddy.

Love,  
David

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Magic Motor home, Puppy Surprise, Barbie Power wheels, Beauty and the Beast Cassette tape, Barbie Mermaid. Candy Land Game. I also wish everybody a Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Jessica Ochoa

Dear Santa,  
I wish I will gitt all of the toyse but I No that I can't gitt all of thime OK This is Wot I wont I wont Byd and the Beast tape and trolls and cande cans.

How is Mrs. Claus. Have a saft trip. I wish I will gitt this to that is roller skates.

Love,  
Cammy Craighton

Dear Santa,  
Will you get me and my brother a pocet nif and I wish that you can get my coloring paper about you. Santa I wot you to get me a stocking for my dog and a troll tree has and a troll.

Love,  
Tony

Dear Santa,  
I wot the tape of Byaete and the beast adn I wot a bike. How is Rudolf? Is he fine? Heow are you Santa? heow is Miss Clas? Ples be cerful Sannta.

Love,  
Stephen Alford

Dear Santa,  
I wot california Baby, little Mermaid, barbie, beauty and the beast. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Rachel Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy this year. I would like a Wal-Mart truck like power wheel and a train.

Love,  
Esequiel

Merry Christmas Santa,  
I would like a nintendo, turtle van and a truck. Sister wants a snow baby.

Love,  
Lee

Dear Santa,  
1) basketball goal for door (2) bike (3) wrestling ring (4) Ninja Turtle punching bag (5) Ninja Turtle chair (6) Nintendo Game

Love,  
Cagan Cummings

Dear Santa,  
How are you I am fine. I want a tinkle, tinkle, Linda Clare doll, and a magic Jewle doll and babre shop doll. How do you replace Ruedolf's light bulb? I really hope my mom and my ant's and Uncles will come down for Xmas. I would give you something for Xmas but I don't have any money. Well I got to go now.

Bye, Bye, Santa  
Stephanie Martin

P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies, Oh Bye the way the milk is in the frigidaire, help your self!

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing fine. I am fine. Here are some toys I would like to have: a Polly Pocket, baby doll, trollhouse, art kit and puzzles.

There will be cookies and milk waiting for you. I hope you haven't been working too hard.

Love,  
Jana Miller

Dear Santa,  
I want a new pair of ropers and a black western hat. I also want crash dummies and a bunch of new cars to play with. I will leave milk and cookies for you to eat.

Love,  
Nathan Hancock, Pre-K

Dear Santa,  
My name is Desiree DeLeon. I live in Lockney Texas. I have been a good girl. I want a barbie, Ariel The Little Mermaid, color, andpapers to color on. Bring my baby sister a doll. Santa I will leave you some cookies and milk for you.

P.S. Your beard looks like cotton candy.

Love,  
Desiree

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want Trolls, teacup poodle, waterbaby, phone and roller-blades. I like Rudolph he wouldn't need a nigh light his nose is bright I like that. I hope I get what I want. Is the North pol cold, good by Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Amanda Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a hamster, stereo, watch, waterbaby, new shoes, new clothes, roller blades, ropers, phone, teddy bear. I love Christmas.

Love,  
Yoshabell

I want a TV and a VCR. Also a baby, roller blade, a baby shivers, a gameboy. And a phone. I also want three move baby hamsters and a tape recorder.

Love,  
Cameron

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tea set, school clothes, school stuff to play with like a trapper keeper, more fish, jewelry, paint, color-books, and a paint book.

Love,  
April

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone, my own t.v., a v.c.r., a trampoline, and a desk.

Love,  
Galen Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a rollerblade baby doll and a trampoline. Some rollerblades. Shoes, clothes and some trols with an easy to do maker. My bundle baby, VCR and a TV in my own room and game. And some barbies.

Love,  
Samantha

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sega Genesis, A Game Genie, A original Bart Star card, 150 Hardy Boybooks, 10 more Nintendo tapes, and Sonic Hedge Hog game, and a trained baby Great Dane, and a new Bee-Bee gun.

Love,  
Ben

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy train and a toy tractor and two toy trailers and a Batman game and a tape recorder and a nintendo game.

Love your friend,  
Miguel

Dear Santa,  
I want a kid sister for Christmas. I love all the reindeer. Because they are cute. December is my favorite month in the year.

Love,  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
I want to hamsters, a jambox, some microphones, a tape, a telephon and a baby that lithes up and a rollersket baby, TV, VCR, Nintendo.

Love,  
Tasha Ann Powell

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy and a four wheeler a remote control model air plane.

Love,  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Santa,  
I want some roller blades, Batman Returns the movie, biking shorts, and a Cleveland Indians baseball uniform. Thats all Santa.

Love,  
Cody Craighton

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. For Christmas I would like a baby roller blade and Little Mrs. Mageic jewels and baby shivers.

Love,  
Amber

Dear Santa,  
I would like some new Breo. And some flexie blocks, and some new piano music to play for fun. Plus I want a big box of just Nolan Ryan baseball cards if you have time.

Love,  
Garrett Mathis, age 8

Dear Santa,  
I would like a BB gun. And a new tv, fastracs and a desk and a bike for my house and a Crtmas tree.

Love,  
Corey Hayter

Dear Santa,  
I want a little dog and I want bike and I want a troll and a doll.

Love,  
Katie

Dear Santa,  
I would like a football game and some football cards. I would also like some football N.F.L. pencils.

Love,  
Bubba Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo and a truck and a teddy bear and I want a bike.

Love,  
Armando Jr.



CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS BRING GREAT BIG SMILES

Dear Santa,  
I want a movie of Look Who's is Talking, Baby Loves to talk, and Barbies. A nintendo tape, The Beast and Dumbo and the movie of Pretty Women and Sisters Act. Also Home Alone, Barie and Ken dolls, shampoo doll.

Love,  
Angelica

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring me a Brudo the bad dog and a remote control car and a four wheeler.

Love,  
Marcus

Dear Santa,  
I want Broodo the bad dog, the clows, a robot and computer, video tap of Batman, gameboy, hotshot sparking rods, Domnorolley don't waked a game.

Love,  
Jorge

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want a puppy surprise. I want a wanna walk and dog I want a gogo I want a rabbit I want a pig I have been good this year.

I love you very much,  
Tina

*"For unto you  
is born this day  
in the  
City of David  
a Savior,  
which is  
Christ the Lord."*

-- Luke 2:11



Merry Christmas!  
**Vivian's  
Country  
Creations**

**SANTA'S HITTIN' THE TRAIL!**  
Here's hoping you and your family  
rope up a season of joy!

Brian's  
Tractor  
Service

Brian & Becky

**Season's Greetings**  
Here's to a magical night and a  
glorious holiday!  
Enjoy.

Plainview Production Credit Assoc.  
Mabry Greenhaw Laura Turner

Dear Santa,  
I want a hamster, stereo, watch, waterbaby, new shoes, new clothes, roller blades, ropers, phone, teddy bear. I love Christmas.

Love,  
Yoshabell

I want a TV and a VCR. Also a baby, roller blade, a baby shivers, a gameboy. And a phone. I also want three move baby hamsters and a tape recorder.

Love,  
Cameron

Dear Santa,  
I would like a tea set, school clothes, school stuff to play with like a trapper keeper, more fish, jewelry, paint, color-books, and a paint book.

Love,  
April

Dear Santa,  
I want a phone, my own t.v., a v.c.r., a trampoline, and a desk.

Love,  
Galen Smith

What fun it is to celebrate Christmas,  
especially when the folks you treasure  
bring you so much pleasure. Thanks!

**D & J Gin**

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TO ONE AND ALL**

**SEARS**

Todd, Karrie, Whitney & Kelsey Williams

**Season's Greetings!**  
Thanks for giving us the opportunity to serve you.  
Merry Christmas and best wishes to all.

**Strickland's  
Restaurant**

We will be closed December 24-January 3 so that our  
employees may enjoy the holiday.  
We will be open as usual beginning January 4.

Bill & Maxine

# Dear Santa, Please bring me

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard for Christmas and some pencils and a Chisma tree for Chisma and a Bike and a computer.  
Love,  
Danny Molina

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a remote control car, a basket of apples, oranges and nuts. Please remember all the boys and girls.  
Love,  
Kevin Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Brudo the bad dog and a remote control car.  
Love,  
Ramon Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control car, a bike and a four wheeler.  
Love,  
Angel Salazar



Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like for you to bring what I want for Christmas. A remote control car and a bear and wagon.  
Love,  
Omar Cruz

Dear Santa,  
I want to get a new bike for Christmas, a barbie, a barbie car. Also a Teddybear. Also a gown to sleep in.  
Love you Santa,  
Krystal

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Bruno the mad dog, truck and the monster truck.  
Love,  
Coty Garza

Dear Santa,  
I hope you come and see me for Christmas. For Christmas I want a skating barbie and the skating baby. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas!  
Love,  
Tracie

Dear Santa,  
I've been pretty good this year, I think. I've at least been good enough to get a pool table, a beanbag chair, and a nutcracker. If you have time I would also like some GAK, and maybe a Nintendo game like Super Mario 2 or 3, or Bases Loaded. That's about all for now, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and keep making those toys, cause I'll be back next year.  
Your Friend,  
Danny H.

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? I am doing just fine. I hope you are to. I would like Crayola Fashion Designer Lite Desk and any Polly Pocket. Well I guess that's all. Merry Christmas!  
Your Friend,  
Melanie Huggins  
Age 8, Grade 3

Dear Santa,  
My name is Cheyann and I am 1-1/2 years old. I live in Lockney. Please bring me a pony that you can crimp his hair, a talking baby and a basketball. Please don't forget all the other little boys and girls. I will leave some reindeer food out on the porch.  
Thank you,  
Cheyann Powell

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby love to talk. Go-go my wokpup, Rok Brorbe prosln.  
Love,  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll house and a chalkboard. My little brother Adam wants a Bruno the Bad Dog. My big brother Simon wants some weight for muscles and a leather jacket. I think we have been good.  
I love you Santa,  
Sarah Martinez  
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a Beauty and the Best Sleeping bag and tent, and a talking baby, Garfield Kloc, a bik.  
Love,  
Britta McDonald  
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you doing? How is Mrs. Santa? Super sooker, laceup boo My broher cowboy hats and sister bike fibsoot home blue jeans fibsoot.  
Love,  
Laci Durham

## Merry Christmas

Dear Santa Claus,  
Are your rendrs feeling good. How is Mrs. Claus? I want bows, couch, purse, camera, books, radio, boots, Roller blade Barbie.  
Love,  
Maricruz Ramirez  
Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,  
Thank you for the presints. They were the very best toys. I whod like you to bring me a boy super socre 50, color blastr, Fast tracks, Bat man carr, radio troll wach, tether ball set, ninja turtles, paint twistr, spurs, army tent.  
Love,  
Justin Wright

Dear Santa Claus,  
How ru downen? This year I wud like a clock radios, tape payer, Stuffed Santa Claus, Barbie with lon hairs, stuffed reindeer, baby doll with bottle  
Love,  
Angela Prather

Dear Santa Claus,  
Can I please have? a turtle blimp, sonic the hedge hog 2, a army tank, tent, ninja gadin, Joe Montana football, clutch hitter, mutations muta raft.  
Love,  
Kirk Wilson

Dear Santa Claus,  
How ar yall doen? I wod lik a bike. I wod lik a most face. I wod lik the dog that brks call Bruno, I wod lik a wach. I wod lik a football soot.  
Love,  
Ty Arjona

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hula hoop, jump rope, doll cloth, new colors, school box, pussles.  
Love,  
Laura Solorzana

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you. I have been very good this year. I would like to have a super nintendo, super scope six and a fire-truck. I also want a bike if that is not too much. I will leave you a snack by my tree.  
Love,  
Scott Stapp  
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
How hav u ben.  
Ples let me hav a fast trax, football, comforter, bean bag, pogo stick, football uniform, toy truck.  
Thank you. Love,  
Lane Roberts  
Age 7

Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeers? How is Mrs. Santa? Please giv me a play Batman car, a wach, a book, a play turtle, a trulle wach a new school box.  
Love,  
Isaac Banda  
Age 7

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Mrs. Claws. I am riting you because I want a Monstet truck, tablet, dog, boll and a rabbit. Taking the time to read this letter.  
Love,  
Joel Ascencio  
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Mrs. Claus?  
I want a bigfoot with a rimot cunro. Supersoker 50. And a toy trakter. A rollerbaby for my sister. And a toy dog.  
Love,  
Joe Frank Bueno  
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
How is Mrs. Claus? I love you. Please beng a big dollhouse and a doll. How is the elves? Please will you beng me dishis. and my sister wonts a doll. Have a nice chistmas Santa.  
Love,  
Gloria Fierros  
Age 6

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hows your elves doing? I want a Barbie with long hair, makeup, perty dress, the movie of Buty and the best.  
Love,  
Alicia Leal  
Age 6



**LOCKNEY WINNER**--The home of Dale and D'Lee Powell won first place in Lockney's residential lighting contest. Besides the beautiful barn manger scene, the Powells also had a lighted Santa pulled by his reindeer and streaking across the sky. They achieved this effect by securing Santa, his sleigh and reindeer to the boom of a crane.

Ses Ho-Ho-Ho  
A bag of toys  
Nose is red  
Toys  
Ate cuces and melk.  
Lane Roberts  
Age 7  
1st grade

Red nose glos and flashis  
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Dirrs mac fun of rurdoloff  
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Justin Wright  
1st grade

Candy cane  
Ho-ho-ho  
Rudolph has a red nose  
I eat an apple  
Sled  
Toys  
Mrs. Claus  
A reindeers is cumin  
Snow  
Maricruz Ramirez  
Age 7, 1st grade

Sleigh  
A present  
Nise  
Toy  
AST Christmas  
Laci Durham  
1st grade

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Up on the roof  
Dawn from th chemne  
O ho-ho  
Lights  
Play in snow  
Hawse  
Britta McDonald  
1st grade

Red nose  
Uole  
Deer  
Onle red nose ranedeer  
Light  
Pransis arond  
His nose is red.  
Kirk Wilson  
Age 7, 1st grade



I'VE TRIED TO BE GOOD!



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**PAX**

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

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**Greetings...**

May the precious gifts of love and peace be yours.

**Scott Gin**



# Santa...I've been really good this year

Dear Santa,  
I want lots of presents. I want a balloon and a barbie. I have been a good girl. I'm a good girl every day. I want a barbie car and power wheel.

I Luv You,  
Junet Rodriguez, 1-E

Dear Santa,  
I luv you. Dear Santa, how are you and your elvs? I hav bin good. Dear Santa I am gain too be good forever. I want a futboll and a Santa Claus.

Luv,  
D.J., 1-E

Dear Santa,  
I want a B-B gun, and some trolls that are in the army. And a big bear. How are you? I have been good.

Love,  
Lucas, 1-E

Dear Santa,  
I want a B.B. Gun and a Basketball.

Love,  
Angelo Williams

Dear Santa,  
My name is Luis Trejo. I want a toy. I am shy to talk to you because I don't have my front teeth. I luv you Santa.

Love,  
Luis



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Dear Santa,  
I had bin good. I want a remote control car. I want a chu-chu train. I want a super nintendo. I want some Air Jordans.

Love,  
Evan

Dear Santa,  
I want a prizit and a ball and a barbe I hav bin good and a good girl. I want a bear and a troll I want Christmas. Tree and a dog.

I Love you Santa,  
Sandra

Dear Santa,  
If you come by my house you will find a cookie and some milk. And a present from me. If my mom and my dad will let me. And if I can find something for you.

Love,  
Kellen, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie. I want a barbie house, and a seat.

Love,  
Jennifer, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a ATM helmet and a real big Christmas. If you can bring this I will be really happy.

Love,  
Tyler, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a present because you never gave me my football and I once sat on your laps and you told me what do I like about school and you told me what I want for Christmas and I said a football and you never gave me it. and I live in a white trailer house. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,  
Alfredo Rodriguez, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas a fotball and a helmet and shoulder pads and pads for my knees and my pants and a shirt that has number 1 and my 2 brothers too. I am good. I am sad.

Love,  
Adrian Martinez, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I hope the things I want I get from you. I'm wishing and hoping I get totally hair Barbie. I hope I get a Bundle Baby. I'm waiting to get a real pet peret bird. I want a Barbie house. A new man for my Barbie. I want the characters of Beauty and the Beast. I want all please. I want talking Baby Alive with her food and

drinks. I would like to have that talking Barbie. A horse for my Barbie. I would like a makeup set with makeup already in it.

Merry Christmas,  
Ragan, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I love you because you bring presents to us.

Love,  
Frankie, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a bike with a radio. Also a roller blade Barby doll and a spin and art. I've been good Santa. And Marry Cristas to all of you.

Love,  
Kimberly Green, 2-A  
Ho, Ho, Ho, Marry Cristas

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring for Christmas a bike. I love you Santa. I want a playhouse. I want a Barbie. My two brothers want a Bettut. I am in 2-A in Mrs. Crow class. I love you and Mrs. Crow. I love to write to you Santa.

Love,  
Anqualita, Perez, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I do love you too. Christmas is today I see you in my house. God I see you to day. I want a doll today. I see mom kiss Santa. I love you.

Love,  
Kristin, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck for Christmas and I want a car.

Love,  
Julian Palacios, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
In Christmas I hope I get a Barbie for Christmas and the other thing that I want for Christmas is a doll and the other thing that I want for Christmas is a bunch of toys and that is the end. I love you Santa Clause.

Love,  
Cecilia, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I hope I get my to twin dogs, and for Christmas I hope I get a dolly or a barbie. Santa Claus I know one of your reindeer is called Rudoph the reindeer, his nose blinks red.

I Love You Santa,  
Mari, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I hope you give my presents. I want a car Santa for Christmas. I Love you Santa. P.S. And for my bruther a truk. I want a house. and a nuther dog. I want a cat. I been good.

Love,  
Daisy Reyes, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I Love a doll Santa. Will you give me a toy please? I have been good.

Love,  
Melinda Rosa, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a radio with head phone. And a jogging suit, a green jogging suit.

Love,  
Elisha, 2-A

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo, and a hors. I want a game called Mose Trap. That is all I want Santa.

Love,  
Chase Mitchell, 2B

Hi Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie and roler skating Barbie. And for my Baby sister I want a doll.

Amanda Luna Rena Barrera, 2-B

Dear Santa  
How have you been. For Christmas I want a GAK and total hare Barbi. And a bigger two wheeler.

Chelsea Kirk, 2B

Dear Santa Claus,  
Wat I want for Christmas. Is a Super Nintendo. and wat I want is pensle that you push n button and something pop out. and I want a car.

Isidro Juarez, 2B

Dear Santa,  
I want a T.V. and a dog. I want a sup Nintendo and a real pig.

by Scotty Gilbert, 2B

Dear Santa,  
How are you I hope you are fine did you get mush done. By the way Santa I want a California Rolla baby. Thank you I also want a Mis Magic Julirs and a Bick. if you not miyn I'll will like it bery mush. and a Babby all gone I'll play with every day.

Heather James, 2B

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a California Roller Baby, Baby all gone, radio. I also want a Hool-a-Hoop, a compoter, Ear phones I also want a play house.

Your friend  
Jessica Rodriguez, 2B

Dear Santa Calus  
How are you doing. For Christmas I want a gumboy. will you please give me a Gameboiy. Tell Mrs. Santa Claus she is nice you are to.

Love,  
Josh Galvan, 2B

Santa Claus,  
I want something spechal that I always wanted. it is a GAK. Thats what I wanted for Chrisma a long time. It will be rel fun if I hade it.

Malorie Gomez, 2B

Hi Santa,  
Haw ri you dowing? I wan a poles car and a stunt set.

Chris Wiley, 2-B

Dear Santa,  
What I want is a T.V. in my room. Becuse wen I em in troble I can whatch T.V. I want a Nitedo to go with it. I want a Batbi houes to.

Brooke Hayes, 2B

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Dole becose I never had a new barbie before and you are the only one who can help it. But I would epresheaded.

Senaida Gonzales, 2B

Dear Santa,  
I thank you for all the presenst every year. I thank you Santa for all the pre-senst you gav me Santa.

Eric, 2C

Dear Santa Clous,  
I want for Christmas a troll and a doll and a ball. I want a bike and a bird toy too. I want a Nentndo game too. I want a toy car and a toy house too.

I thank you,  
Gloria, 2C

Dear Santa,  
I would like some real cruthches I can play with. If nobody has gotten mr rolkler blades I would like them. I would like a black and hot pink saddl and bridle. I need some more chalk and a chalkholder.

Love,  
Laura, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
This year I want a bike and ume troll

Love  
Buddy, 2C

doll and a jambox. How is Mrs. Santa Claus. Are your elvs doing wrock. I will live you cockes and milk.

Love  
Adriana, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
This year I want a Jambox and sum tooll dolls so if you can't buy it for me that well be ok.

Love  
Kristie Reyes, 2C

Dear Santa,  
This year I want a new conturoler and some moiny and lots of moony too. Will you give me some neet close like a tuksedo for Christmas.

Love  
Buddy, 2C



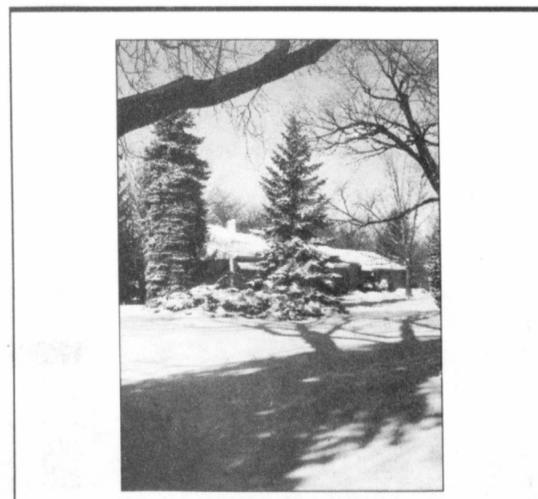
HEY, I LIKE SANTA CLAUS!--Santa Claus was a real hit with this youngster as he handed out candy during the tree lighting held at the courthouse square in Floydada recently.

--Staff photo



**O' HOLY NIGHT**  
May the wonder of His love guide you now and forever.

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Delinda & Betonia



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# Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is...

Dear Santa,  
I would like a splash and tane Kabeich pach kid. If some wone gets it I wood like a tole hiar barbe doll. If nobody gets tole hiar barbe doll I would like her. Then I wood like some barbe clowes. Then I wood like a troll.

Love,  
Amanda, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
You are very nice with your toys? Santa I wish you will go to my house and brang me presents.

Love,  
Victor, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
You are nice to me. Thank you for the presents you gave me. How is your raindeer are they OK.

Love,  
From Daniel, 2C  
to Santa

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hope you don't get snowed in at Christmastime. I hope you can bring me a troll and a homemade tent.

Love,  
Dustin Covington, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am gon to leva you some cookies and milk. I want a baseball glod and Hanke the Cowdog. I like you toys that you give. I love you Santa. I want to now want roudol looks like I like the stuf you give me good prestin to me I hop have ben good. I love you Santa Claus.

Love,  
from  
Ashley Norrell, 2C

Dear Santa Claus,  
I hop you can mack it hir. I like hou you luf. i love you and i hop you love me.

Love,  
Ricky, 2C

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a yoyo and a troll doll for Christmas. I relly belev in you Santa Claus I have ben a good girl Santa Claus and I what a walking Barbi.

Love,  
Brandi, 2C

Dear Santa,  
I would like a troll and a teddy bear. I want a bell for christmas. I want a ring for Christmas I want a neckless and a troll and a christmas car.

Love,  
Margaret, 2C

Dear Santa,  
I wold like to have a fast traks car, genises-sonic, supermitendo, a trip to the bahamas, a pet Rudolph, another sister.

Love,  
Lewis Fawver, 2C

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a rollerblade baby and a bike, for my sister she wans a doll. My baby bruther wans a trane and a football, a bike too.

Love,  
Tracy, 2D

Dear Santa,  
Please come to my house this year. I wish you would bring me a hot shot and a super nintendo and a game boy aam genic.

Love,  
Thank you  
Love  
Junior, 2D

Dear Santa,  
this year I woud like gamame boy color blaster electronic bowling.

Love,  
Kayla, 2D

Dear Santa  
I want a rollerblade baby pleas and a kih to and a harthekie. Thank you Santa. I love you and I love Mrs. Claus and have a happy new year.

Love,  
Tosha, 2D

Dear Santa,  
Pleas bare a pans for my dad. Bare a gun for J.J. and a woch for my mom.

Love,  
Jacob, 2D

Dear Santa,  
I wood like a Rollerblade for Christmas and a bunch fo other tobs.

Love,  
Mari Mendoza, 2D

Dear Santa,  
I want a Color Blaster and lots of games and the best Christmas ever.

Love,  
Thank you,  
Love  
Margo, 2D

Dear Santa,  
I want a super nintendo and a Electronic Bowling and a Game Boy and a sound swing Bat and a Hot Shot and a Sega Genesis and a Troll Kid and a nintendo.

Love,  
Joshua Aguilar, 2D

Dear Santa,  
Wood you please Bring me a color blaster and a sound swing Bat and please bring my mom a riclise and bring my Dad a row truck. Bring me a book and bring me a big trolle doll.

Love,  
thank you  
love  
Elsa Medrano, 2D

Dear Santa,  
I want you to come to my house. A Gamae Genie. Thank you, Manuel 2D 305 West Mrenut Street

Love,  
Manuel Hernandez, 2-D

Dear Santa  
please come to my house this year I wish you would bring me a Sega Genesis I love you,

Love,  
by Dustin, 2D

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas Please bring my moma a diamond necklace. And my brother a Sega Genesis. Please get my Dad a new drill. Please bring my brother a cowboy jacket. And a new ring for his girl friend. Please get me a hot shot basketball and supervan city and a play machine gun. Thank you,

Love,  
Chase Tipton, 2D

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie filled and fun house. If I don't get that I would like some Christmas clothes.

Love,  
Jamie Johnston, 2E

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I won't a bicke, shj and a little babay doll, and a per of close for Christmas.

Love,  
Tiffany Davis, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I have a few wishes for you. First of all I wish I could have a baby shivers for Christmas. I would like to give my three cousins a trool set. Sam needs a dol for Christmas.

Love,  
From  
Madison Becker, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I want a Magic Potty Baby. My mom wants Sweder. My Dad wants a Belt with his name on it. I like you Santa Claus.

Love,  
Maggie Vick, 2E

Dear Santa,  
Santa for Christmas I want a Barbie and Radio and a Nintendo and some new clothes and some new coulers.

Love,  
Ashley Juarez, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I want most of the Baffola Bills stuf, and a troll set. My sister wants a roller babby doll and My size Barbie. My brother wants a troll and a toy gone.

Love,  
Brady Rainwater, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy for Christmas. I wanta trolls and a troll careor I wanta tv and a radio. I wanta Barbie. My mom wants swetr. My Dad wants a balbucl. My sestw want a rolrbaby.

Love,  
Desira Gross, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I would like a forweller and a clasfider. For my brauther a new bike and a bat moueya. For my cousin I would give him a clarfiter.

Love,  
Jeremy Duran, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I wond like to get a Barbie and I wond like something for My Sister and I wond tell you what to give them Barbie and I love a radio for Christmas.

Love,  
Lupe Puentes, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I wot a Nintendo and a motorcycle. Johnny Joe Nintendo and a Motorcycl. Anthony I wot a Nintendo and a motorcycle. Juana wots a Barbie.

Love,  
Anthony Sanchez, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I want a new born Magic Nursery Baby for my Mom a blue and red pair of pants. For Joel a beat train. For my Dad a few match box cars. Thats all.

Love,  
Your Friend,  
Janna Szydoski, 2E

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I wand a super soucer fifty two wocky talkys, a nerf master blaster.

Love,  
David Rodriguez, 2E

Dear Santa,  
for Christmas I want a Sagajeneses for Christmas and ole uv the ninjartls and splentr and ole uv the bedgis for christmas and for miy dad giv him wats.

Love,  
Andrew Arvizu, 2E

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo for Christmas and a motorcycle and give Anthony would like a motorcycle and a lowrider. Happy Christmas.

Love,  
Johnny Joe Garcia, 2E



## Santa, Mom wrote this for me

Dear Santa,  
We asked our teacher to write this letter so you would know what to bring us for Christmas. Please bring Traci a Barbie doll house, Cody a black hat like his dad's. A big white hat for Trent, a football for D.J., a truck and two trailers for T.J., a light bright for Jarrett, a black midnight stallion for Jeremy. Tyler wants a football field goal post, Brinee wants a lazy doll, Trey would like a pair of shoes, a bicycle for Tell, also Brock. Seth wants a water gun, Jacob wants a new bicycle, Taylor a motorcycle, Perry a car, Jerry a horse and Taryn wants a doll that eats cherries.

Santa please remember all the other boys and girls here at "Floyd County Day Care" and around the world. And please remember all our moms and dads.

Love,  
Thank You

Dear Sanna Caus,  
Hi. Fine. Reindeer? For Kismas E needs baby ella doll, pink micowaves, vachum keenah. E's good girl 'es year. Bing Hallie own toys, own baby doll. Hallie sweet siser. Danks!

Love,  
Elizbess Berstran  
(Elizabeth Bertrand)  
2-1/2 years old

Dear Santa,  
My name is Heather Nichols Ware. Please bring me a California Roller blade doll, Easy Bake oven and Baking Cake kit and Pie bakeing kit. I will leave you milk and cookies. Merry Christmas.

Love,  
Heather Ware

Dear Santa Claus,  
I have tried to be a good little girl. I want three things for Christmas. A barbie that talks, and a doll that cries and says mama. And a stocking of candies. There will be cookies and milk on the table.

Love You,  
Joanna Johnston

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Dear Santa,  
I want you to know that I have moved from the country into the town of Littlefield. The toys and presents that you left for me last year have really been fun. Please bring me some more toy dinosaurs that don't roar or elephants, duplo sets, a sled, record player, electronic games, and some warm pajamas. Don't forget my friends at pre-school and Sunday School. I love you!

Love,  
Cam Chambers

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# Andrews students tell about Christmas...

Sixth grade students write poems, stories, acrostics and Christmas thoughts. We wish you all the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years.

Margaret Jones' Writing Classes

## A Christmas Story

By David Bishop, 6A  
C means cards and candles or the custom of the day, while choirs sing Christmas carols to crowds along the way.

H is hearth and holly, Holiday at home, Heavenly hosts and humble hearts and hope for throne at home.

R is for remembrance, relatives, rich and poor, gifts with bright red ribbons and recipes galore.

I is for Immanuel and no room in the inn. Instead he chose a stable with peace and love within.

S is for Savior, the shepherds and the song. For sugar plums and sweet meats and sleighs that scoot along.

T is for the turkey with tasty treats to try. It's toy trains and trees to trim, glad tidings from on high.

M is for Mary the mother of Christ. A is for any animal should have rights to live.

S is to sleep thinking of Christ.

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## A Christmas Story

By Anna Campbell, 6A  
Once there was a little girl named Ema. Ema was very poor and had no place to stay. She had no family except her dad. On cold nights, Ema and her dad stayed in an old building or hid in a church. Every night Ema went to bed hungry. But she knew not to complain, for she also knew they had no food or money. So she just laid there and prayed to the Lord that He would give them a home, food and a little money.

Ema also thought about Christmas. There would be no gifts for her or her dad. It made her so sad she began to cry and finally fell asleep. In the morning her dad and her went on the streets again. There was snow on the ground everywhere.

When they passed by stores, Ema looked in the windows and saw all the beautiful clothes and dolls. It reminded her more of Christmas so she turned away.

Dad, "Where are we going?" she asked. Well they've made a home where they will feed us and give us a few clothes. Do we get to stay the night? No I'm afraid not.

When we reached the home there were many people there. Everyone was gathered around a big wooden table waiting for their food. I saw a small boy about my size in the corner. I went and

sat by him. I introduced myself. His name was Joe. He was holding a Velveteen Rabbit. It looked brand new. I asked him if he wanted to go eat. So we did.

The meal tasted so good! When Joe and I finished a man in blue suspenders came around gathering our plates and silverware. I told Joe I really liked his rabbit and asked where he got it. Without saying a word he gave the rabbit to me. He said, "Here, you can have it if you want it." Wow! Thanks a lot Joe, this really means so much to me! I got up to show my dad. He said, "That was very nice of Joe." Then I went back to where Joe was sitting but he was gone. I looked around but could not find him. All I had to remember Joe by was the rabbit.

A man on a loud speaker said, "We have furnished enough homes for everyone." Everyone cheered! We will also have clothes, food and some money for you also! There was another big cheer. We will be getting on busses and taking you to your homes. Come on Ema! Let's go dad was saying as we were rushing out the door.

It wasn't very long until we got there. He let us off the bus and showed us around. The house was great! We finally got settled in about at 9:00. I got the rabbit Joe gave to me and slipped into bed. Before I fell asleep, I whispered softly, "Thanks Joe and good night!"

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## The Christmas Story

By Ivan Cervera, 6A  
When it's Christmas night there is lots of angels in the sky. They come to my house and leave some magic for me. Now I have lots of presents in Christmas eve. I felt my heart somehow pounding in Christmas eve. I couldn't wait to open gifts because Jesus had given them to me. I was in vacation when it was Christmas eve so on my way back Jesus was with me. When I got home he was still with me. So I told Jesus have a happy Merry Christmas because you're still with me. Merry Christmas!

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## Christmas Memories

By Carmela Chavarria, 6A  
Christmas memories are memories of baby Jesus being born. Memories are special for everyone. Christmas! Christmas!

What a day to remember!  
A day for caring and a day for sharing. The memories of Jesus is a wonderful thing.

While the angels see who's their Wonderful King!

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## The Coming of the Angels

By Carissa Coursey, 6A  
It's Christmas time and there's snow on the ground,

Angels here and there and all around.

They were well on their way to see the new king,

When one of the angels accidentally broke a wing.

They were flying out of the sky as fast as they could,

For Jesus should be pleased And they knew that he would.

Then of course the bright star led them the way,

For seeing their savior made them happy that day.

## Christmas Eve

By Zan Daniels, 6A  
Christmas is a time of cheer, a time of love, and joy. We go to our relatives that's very near. On Christmas Eve each girl and boy opens a present up, when night comes we think the faster we sleep we wake up on Christmas day.

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## Christmas

By Tony Diaz, 6A  
Christmas is a passion so hard to explain.

It flows from your heart like the pouring of rain.

Our father is looking from so high above,

To see if our family is sharing their love.

Our Christmas lights were blinking with a glare,

A knock at the door our relatives were there.

My mom ran to the kitchen to cook a big juicy pheasant.

Then we all ran to open a big Christmas present,

And lighting the town was a big shiny star.

But that was a sign that God was not far.

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## A Christmas Tree

By Dusty Duke, 6A  
A Christmas tree gives fun and lots of joy.

To every little girl and every little boy;

Decorating the tree is lots of fun, It looks good after your done;

Going to sleep and I wake up and see, What Santa Claus has brought for me;

Happy for the toys I got, I like Christmas alot;

Sharing with my family, We all gather around the tree;

Singing a song full of joy, Thankful we even get a toy.

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## The Best Present

By Lupe Duran, 6A  
One of the best presents I had is my black Peavy guitar and a amplifier.

First I couldn't wait to see what I was getting for Christmas. But there was five more days till Christmas to come. I would always think what it could be. I thought it was a peavy tube stack that I was going to get.

Finally Christmas had come. I was happy. I opened the big present first. It was a guitar case. I opened the guitar case and there was my best guitar and my amplifier.

After I opened my presents, I went to my room and jammed out with my guitar and amplifier and my foot switch called metal maniac. That was the best present I ever had.

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## Saint Nick, You're Here

By Fabian Falcon, 6A  
On Christmas morning, the elves sang and cheer. But then they stopped, and said, "Too bad Saint Nick isn't here."

The elves had a great feast, and for Saint Nick they saved some. But they were still sad, for Saint Nick hasn't come.

The elves were no longer happy, until they heard a knock at the door. And they heard a "Ho! Ho! Ho!". It's Saint Nick and nothing more.

They let him in, and again they cheered! And then a little one said, "Saint Nick, you're here."

## Christmas Is...

By Rosa Guerra, 6A  
Christmas is for sharing when everyone is caring.

Christmas is for meeting friends even when you're eating candy with Christmas brands.

Those presents are for Mary when she is being merry.

## 12 Days of Christmas

By Kyle Keltz, 6A  
On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the third day of Christmas my true love gave to me, three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love gave to me four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, seven sharks a swimming ... six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love gave to me eight G.I. Joes a fighting ... seven sharks a swimming ... six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, nine dogs a barking ... eight G.I. Joes a fighting ... seven sharks a swimming ... six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, ten Nintendos beeping ... nine dogs a barking ... eight G.I. Joes a fighting ... seven sharks a swimming ... six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love gave to me, eleven stereos blasting ... ten Nintendos beeping ... nine dogs a barking ... eight G.I. Joes a fighting ... seven sharks a swimming ... six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me, twelve cokes a fizzing ... eleven stereos blasting ... ten Nintendos beeping ... nine dogs a barking ... eight G.I. Joes a fighting ... seven sharks a swimming ... six new balls for playing ... five Christmas things ... four weird nerds ... three Barbies and Kens ... two Isotoner gloves ... and an M.C. Hammer CD.

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9. Share a great meal with someone special
10. Go carolling in the snow
11. Be kind to your neighbors
12. Tell someone you love them

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# What Christmas means to me...

## Christmas Candy

**By Justin McHam, 6A**  
Christmas candy is sweet and good for you. Santa Claus is an old man with a white beard and hair and he brings you candy on Christmas eve. On Christmas morning you can get up and eat all the sweet candy you want but don't forget Jesus birthday. Happy holiday to all and all a good night.

Merry Christmas.  
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## What Is Christmas About?

**By Lance McHam, 6A**  
Christmas is when people get together and pray. Pray that other people are having as good a meal as you are.

It is when everyone sits down and eats until they're miserable.

Christmas is a time for sharing with others. It is also the birthday of Christ, and the time for us little kids to clean up all of the wrapping paper that's all over.

Christmas is when you have the spirit of kindness and giving.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.  
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## The Best Present

**By Sonya Mendoza, 6A**  
It was Christmas eve and, I still didn't know what my parents were going to get me. I was hoping for a radio, puppy, jewelry or even hairspray. I gave my parents an idea of what I wanted, but they looked at me with a puzzled look.

My mom and dad sat me down that night to tell me I might not get a present this Christmas.

I went to sleep thinking that the best present I could ever have is to have a great family like mine.  
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## A Mysterious Christmas

**Morning At My House**  
**By Royanne Mercado, 6A**

On Christmas morning I get up early to open gifts from mom and dad, but this Christmas I slept late. I don't know how that could have happened, I had set my alarm at 7:00 a.m. I ended up getting out of bed at 11:00 a.m.

I went into my parents' room, but they weren't there. I didn't think much of it until I found out that no one was at my house except for me. I was shocked at the fact that they had left me all alone.

Then I heard someone calling my name and saying, "Wake up, Royanne, it's 7:00!" It was my brother, he really wanted me out of bed. So, I got up and went into the living room to open my gifts.  
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## Merry Christmas

**By Erbey Molinar, 6A**  
M is for mother Mary  
E is for everything we have  
R is for remember our family.  
R is for Rudolph  
Y is for year around Santa

C is for baby Christ  
H is for Heaven where we will go  
R is for running in the snow  
I is for icicles falling  
S is for Santa Claus  
T is for toys you get  
M is for a Merry Christmas  
A is for And a Happy New Year  
S is for Silent Night and good night.  
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## Santa is Always Looking

**By Gabriel Rodriguez, 6A**  
Every time you are being bad Santa's looking at you. If you are being a good boy or girl you are going to get what you want for Christmas. Santa is always going to watch you for he can tell if you

have been bad or good. If you been good you will find what you want under the tree. So you better be good.  
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## Christmas

**By Dianna Romer, 6A**  
Christmas is when we love. Christmas is when we are happy not sad. Christmas is when we give thanks to God. Christmas is when we share love and happiness. Christmas is when we give gifts to people that are sad. Christmas is when God was born. Christmas is when we don't fight.  
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## Christmas With Your Family

**By Oscar Sanchez, 6A**  
Christmas is a time to share and to be with your family. Friends come over to give presents to the little ones and to drink hot cocoa with our family. New-born babies are at home warm and their first time at Christmas. Don't forget that Jesus was born that day and a little boy played, pa rum pum pum pum.  
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## Christmas! A Gift

**From Heaven's Heart**  
**By Katie Sanders, 6A**  
Christmas is a time for sharing Shepards keeping flocks, And Mary bearing, A child from God of the heavens above  
The swaddling clothes, white as a dove.  
Three wise men, they traverse a far Following behind a big bright star Bringing gifts to Mary's new son, God's own gift, the chosen one. Always remember this special day When a king was born and laid on the hay.  
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## A Christmas Story

**By Jennifer Trevino, 6A**  
Once upon a time there was a little girl named Royanne. They put her in an orphanage cause her parents didn't have anywhere to stay. Two years went by, she turned seven on Christmas Eve, then later that day she wrote Santa a letter telling him that she wanted a doll for Christmas. On that night of Christmas Eve, Santa received the letter from Royanne and he read it. When he finished reading the letter he got the doll she wanted for Christmas. He got on the sleigh and went straight to the orphanage to leave the present. It was already Christmas morning, she jumped out of the bed to see if she could find her present under the tree, it was. She opened it so quickly that she knew that it was the doll she asked for. And for Royanne it was a wonderful Christmas she had ever had.  
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**Christmas Poem**  
**By Amber Arney, 6B**  
Christmas is a time for joy, love and kindness fills the air. Jesus was born on this December day. December is the time of month we all wait for. Presents under the green tree with flashing lights, waiting for Santa for a few more nights. Making your list for Santa, mom and dad. Then when it's the last night when Santa comes, you put out some cookies and go to bed. All night lying in bed you wonder if Santa is really there. You wonder if he'll eat the cookies you put out before you went to bed, and if he'll fly away with Rudolph and all the other reindeer pulling Santa's sled, flying away saying, "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas."  
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## Is Santa Real?

**By Ruben Barrientoz, 6C**  
Is Santa real, or is he fake? No one's seen him for goodness sake.  
When I was younger I was told, until the truth began to unfold.  
That in the North Pole he made toys, bringing them for girls and boys.  
Down the chimney they say he comes, bringing goodies for everyone.  
Now you know it isn't true, Santa never gave to you.  
The gifts you got were from Mom and Dad, I know this must make you really sad.  
So forget about him and listen to me. Santa's not real just can't you see?  
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**Christmas Is A Time For...**  
**By John Dunavant, 6B**  
Christmas is a time for sharing, giving and caring.  
It is a time for sitting by the hearth, just listening to Garth.  
It's a time for presents and a time for joy;  
It's a time to give a loved one a brand new toy.  
It's a time for shopping and standing in line,  
Everyone knows this is what you do at Christmas time.  
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**What Christmas Is All About**  
**By Oscar Garza, 6B**  
Cherish is what it is all about. It Has everything from fake to Real. Also  
It is  
Something very beautiful giving  
Thanks for your presents. Also, thanks to your  
Mom and dad  
And everyone who loves you. Christmas is  
Something that no one can forget.  
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**Christmas Poem**  
**By Emory Gilly, 6B**  
Calling your relatives to see if they are going to join you on this special day. Hoping everyone will make it O.K. Resting from the long hard drive.  
I do not want to miss this special occasion.  
Stuffing tastes so good, I'm stuffed with it.  
Trying to help, but no one will let you because you are too young.  
Memories will bring back thoughts on this struggling day.  
As we pray this day was so exciting. Supper began as this day ends I can't wait until next year again!  
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**My Silent Night, Holy Night Poem**  
**By San Jui Gomez, 6B**  
S is for Special things,  
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T is for Things that make us happy.

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"JOY TO THE WORLD" is proclaimed by fifth grade CCD students of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church during the recent Open House and Christmas Party. Students assisting their teacher, Dalia Arvizu, with the handprint wreath were (l-r) Ruth Vasquez, Analisa Enriquez, Jennifer Hernandez (kneeling) and J.R. Mercado.

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T stands for our Tree decorated on this lovely night.  
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**Santa Claus**  
**By Lindsey N. Gross, 6B**  
Tus, the night for that "O" jolly man to come. You know that one that has a stomach that looks as if all he eats is jelly, looks as if he wears blush, that one that has that long old white beard and comes down your chimney at Christmas time. He's the one who eats your cookies you set out the night before Christmas.  
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# Floydada sixth graders express Christmas thoughts...

**Christmas Time Again**  
By Jeremy Hernandez, 6B  
Christ was born on this day.  
Happiness fills the room.  
Reuniting with loved ones far and near.

In the air you can hear the laughter and chattering.  
Sharing kindness and love one another.

Time to share joy and care.  
May all people travel safely.  
A silence fills the room when a prayer is said.

Sadness appears when family members leave.

**Christmas**  
By Toni Hernandez, 6B  
Christmas is when everyone gives to each other

Having family over on Christmas to celebrate the special holiday  
Receiving gifts and rejoicing them in every way

Influencing the spirit of sharing  
Singing Christmas carols  
Teaching kids the celebration of Christmas

Merry Christmas, to all a good day  
Accomplishing the spirit of Christmas

Season greetings to all and to all a good night.

**Christmas Is Near**  
By Mack Lackey, 6B  
Coloring, Caring, Christmas Cheer  
Hopeful children knowing Santa is near

Remembering the miracle that happened that day  
Icicles hanging from the side of the sleigh

Santa will be here, I wish he could stay!

Trusting that Rudolph will light his way  
Mornings the time the gifts will be found

Around the tree the children are bound  
Sadly it's over for another year, just 365 days and Christmas will be here.



**Christmas Is Here**  
By Jonathan Martinez, 6B  
One morning on Christmas Eve Joey woke up and was dressed to play outside. So Joey's mom called him in at 5:00. Joey wrote a letter:

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo set because my cousin Tony has one.

Love,  
Joey Smith

It was time for Joey to go to bed. Before Joey went to bed he put the letter by the Christmas tree. It was 1 o'clock and Santa Claus went through the chimney and into the living room and saw the letter and gave him what he wanted. Joey woke up on Christmas morning and opened all the presents. Merry Christmas.

**The North Pole**  
By Juan M. Martinez, 6B  
No one is awake the night before Christmas

Ovens are filled with pies and goodies  
Round and round the Christmas tree  
Then to grandmas

Hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

People want to stay indoors  
Others go outside and play in the snow

Little elves help Santa  
Everyone is merry.

**Dear Santa**  
By Marcie Mendoza, 6B  
Dear Santa, I have been good.  
Every year I get what I told you  
And sometimes not.

Randy my brother wants a bike.

Santa I want a motorcycle.  
And will you have Rudolph.  
Never will you let us down.  
Till I see you again  
Always have a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,  
Marcie Mendoza, 6B

**The Magic Star and the Boy Who Couldn't Write**  
By Jose Luis Ramirez, 6B  
Once upon a time, there was a boy named Martin. He was so sad because he couldn't write, so he told his parents that he wanted to write. His parents were teaching him how to write but it didn't work.

Every day he was more sad and sad, but one night he saw a beautiful star and

that star was the star of the three wishes, but Martin didn't know that so he went to sleep because it was about 10:00 o'clock and the star was seeing sleeping, but the star couldn't make him write because he needed to make the three wishes.

The star went up in the sky and when he woke up he told his parents that he had a beautiful dream and it was about that he could write beautifully.

His parents didn't have much money to send him to school so his father went looking for a job and he couldn't find a job. He went to every place. He went to houses and houses and he couldn't find it. His family was sad but one night he saw again the star. He still didn't know about the star so he just decided to say three wishes.

The first wish he said that he could write; second he wished to have money; and third was to go to school. The second day his wishes came true. His family won \$1,000 in the lottery, he went to school and he could write each day better and better and his family was happy and him when he graduated from school he was a doctor and they lived happily ever after.

**Santa's Elves**  
By Meredith Schacht, 6B  
"Santa's elves are very upset. A terrible disaster has happened in the toy factory. The boom-boxes have gone bonkers, and the dollies are definitely out of order, Hi I'm Elfy the elf, I'm the one who's in charge of all this mess."

Santa specifically said, "Now Elfy I want this mess cleaned up before Christmas time, so I can deliver it to all the little children in the world."

"I don't know what I'm going to do. All the other elves won't help and in two more days Christmas time is here."

"Elfy come here and help me with gingerbread men. I can't seem to catch them all," called Mrs. Claus from the kitchen.

"Oh, Mrs. Claus please ask one of the other elves. I have to fix Santa's toys." I heard her call to Elfy elf. Thank goodness.

"That night I couldn't go to sleep, so I got up tried to fix the toy factory. That morning I went to the kitchen and grabbed a piece of cookie dough. I went to bed and pretended to sleep, so that when Santa rang the bell to get up, I wouldn't be in trouble, because no elf or person is allowed to get up during the night.

When the bell rang I hopped up, because I wanted to see if I had done any good to the toy factory. To my surprise everything was working until we heard Boing, Boom, Bam, Splat, Boing, Boom, Bam, Splat, over and over again.

I had to get the factory turned off before anything else went wrong.

Santa came roaring in and said, "Elfy I thought I told you to fix that machine, and all those other ones too. I'll never forget how he said it. For the rest of the day I stayed in, and tried to fix all those stinken machines, while all the other elves played and ate cookies.

Finally when I came out black and blue, everyone cheered, but all I wanted was a nice glass of hot cocoa. They must have thought I had fixed all those silly machines.

Well, after I got the cocoa, I went back in and sighed. I had a lot to do, and Santa was leaving tonight, and the machines weren't fixed. I had to hurry. I got a hammer and a couple of boards and nailed it over dolly-o-matic opening.

Then got a wrench and loosened all the screws, that took at least an hour. After that I got a saw and sawed the truck-o-matic kinda in half like it was opening up to eat something.

Then I got up and boy it hurt, I was so sore! Anyway I turned all those contraptions on and...bingo, it worked. I was so happy I ran to tell Santa. We were saved. After all the toys were made, Santa got the reindeer hitched up, and loaded all the toys, and off he went to deliver them to all the girls and boys across the world.

So if you end up with a deformed doll or a boom-box that's gone bonkers, you know why.

**Christmas**  
By Rosacela Tamayo, 6B  
Christmas is a day when people get together.  
Having joy and presents around the room.  
Receiving presents that they like.  
In the living room having alot of laughter.

Sitting around the room and singing carols.  
The little girl opening her presents.  
At the living room talking to their family.

Sitting together on Christmas Day.

**Christmas**  
By Jordan Chaparro, 6C  
Christmas time is almost here, time for another tiring year. Children wondering what they can make. I think I got a terrible headache.

Presents sitting under the tree. I wonder how many are for me. Our Christmas tree has fallen down and ornaments are scattered on the ground.

The neighbors come in the door, the dog escapes and runs some more. We have the dog in a hole. Now we have everything under control. Christmas time is now here. It's another frustrating year.

**What Christmas Is Really About**  
By Mary Jane Cisneros, 6C  
Christmas is not just presents and games. It's about Our Lord up above. Remember all the things He's given you and what He does.

Christmas is not just fun and joy. It's the time to thank the Lord. So when you think about presents, think of the presents God gave you.

So, what is Christmas really about?

**Christmas Is...**  
By Keith Collins, 6C  
Christmas is time for loving, time for caring and sharing. Christmas is also time for giving. So if you don't receive gifts, you will receive Love. You might get one or two presents, but don't worry, be happy because someone out there needs it more than you. Think about it.

**The Birth Of Jesus!**  
By Victoria Cummings, 6C  
Christ was born this very day, laying in that soft golden  
Hay, being called the "Son of God,"  
Ready to die on that old rugged Cross.

In the manger lay  
Sleeping a very special soul  
That will never be caught weeping.

**Christmas Thoughts**  
By Laura Dean, 6C  
Christmas is a time of year to give and to receive. Not only giving to people and to God.

People seem to have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.  
Christmas is Christ's birthday and a time to remember He loves us.

The best Christmas present is to love and care enough for the people who aren't as fortunate as others.

**Christmas Time Poem**  
By Ty Fawver, 6C  
Christmas time is near,  
Time for joy and time for cheer,  
Jesuses birthday will always last,  
Even after Christmas is past.  
Christmas time is the best,  
Better than all the rest.  
Turkey and ham, iced tea too,  
For only me, none for you.  
Opening presents, having fun,  
Finely at eight, out comes the sun,  
Now it's late, time for bed.  
Santays left so I lay down my head.

**Christmas Time**  
By Melissa Irlas, 6C  
Christmas time is here so every one cheer. It is time to open presents so every one gets around the Christmas tree to open all the presents.

**Christmas**  
By Jessica Palacios, 6C  
Christmas is a time to give, a time for happiness and a time to spent your hours 'Riting to Santa.

I say to Santa, I want a toy, and when you sleep, Santa comes and stops on you house to go down the chimney to live presents and what you wanted on the letter.

Moma and Popa weaks you up on Christmas Eve, and they get ready to open up presents buot when Santa stops again and says Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**By Reagan Pernel, 6C**  
Santa got scared at our house last night.  
He went down the chimney and made sure we were out of sight.  
But to his surprise a pitbull was there, staring at Santa with a glare.  
He threw down his bag and headed for the door, but poor Santa was in for more.  
He screamed and the kids ran down the stairs and put the dog outside; it was only fair.  
Santa got sick from fear that night, I don't think he'll be back next year, but he might.

**Have A Bright Holiday**

May the



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

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We count your friendship among ours on this joyous occasion.  
Our very best wishes to all.

**Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home**  
Floydada Lockney

# And a very Merry Christmas to all...

## ABC's Christmas Food & Drinks

By Karen Resio, 6C

- Apples
- Bread
- Cake
- Dr. Pepper
- Egg nog
- Fruit salad
- Green beans
- Hot chocolate
- Ice cream
- Jam
- Kosher pickles
- Lemon pie
- Meat
- Nectarines
- Olives
- Potato chips
- Quail
- Roast
- Salad
- Tea
- Upside-down cake
- Veal
- Whip cream
- X-mas cookies
- Yams
- Zucchini

## Christmas

By J.R. Riojas, 6C

C is for "Christmas" which kids love.  
H is for "holiday" is for a week out of school.  
R is for "Rudolph" that lead Santa's sleigh.  
I is for "Inside" for the coldness of the outside snow.  
S is for "Saviour" for the Lord.  
T is for "Turkey" from last Thanksgiving leftover.  
M is for "Merry" to have a Merry Christmas.  
A is for "Angels" who hovered around his bed.  
S is for "Santa" on his way.

## Christmas Is...

By Juan Jose Rios, 6C

When all your family gets together and has food and drinks and have a good time. Sometimes make a dance and have a good time. Sometimes bring your girlfriend and get a lot of presents for people.

## Have The Best Christmas Ever

By Joel Santos Jr., 6C

Milk and cookies for St. Nick  
Elves with toys  
Reindeers up in the sky  
Rudolph lending a hand  
Yepee it's here

Christ is born  
Have a holly, jolly one  
Raspberries being gobbled up  
Icicles frozen on the roof  
Santa Claus on the roof  
Toys for children  
Mary and Joseph with their baby,  
Jesus

And don't forget to decorate  
Snowflakes on the windows

## Christmas Time

By Shonda Smith, 6C

Christmas is my favorite time of year,  
When people spread joy and Christmas cheer.

Stockings are hung and trees are pulled out,  
And children are excited - they scream and run about.

Peace is all around and happiness is in the air,  
Families come together to express their love and care.

Snow is falling and it's cold outside,  
And couples are enjoying a romantic sleigh ride.

Outside a caroler uses his beautiful voice,  
To sing, have fun, be jolly, and rejoice.

Now all of this is absolutely great,  
But don't forget the true reason we come to celebrate

And that reason is Jesus - He was brought to us on this day,  
So please remember to thank God for Him when you pray.

## Christmas

By Sulema Tamayo, 6C

C is for when Christ was born  
H is for Holy night  
R is for Rudolph  
I is for "I"  
S is for Santa  
T is for Twas the night before Christmas

M is for Mistletoe  
A is for Apples  
S is for Stockings

## Christmas

By Chad Turner, 6C

Christmas time is almost here and I am ready for another great year. When Christmas comes I'll be ready and I'll jump out of bed extra early. Looking at all the gifts, I'm wondering if I'll get a new stereo set.

At Christmas time some people are happy and some people are sad, but that's OK because I like it whether it's good or bad.

Christmas time is great every year but I always look forward to next year.

## The Stolen Toys

By Brent Cruz, 6D

Santa's elves are very upset. A terrible disaster happened in the toy factory today. Someone has stolen the toys in Santa's sack. One of the elves said, "What are we going to do." Another elf said, "We better make some more toys before Santa gets done with his meal."

So they made as many toys as they could and put them in the sack. When Santa got through with his meal he said, "What is this I told you make the toys on the list." "One elf said, "We did but they got stolen and we tried to make more before you got done with your meal." Santa said, "Ho, Ho, Ho, no one stole the toys, I put them in another sack in the sleigh."

One elf said, "Sorry Santa." Santa said, "That is alright." Christmas Eve was not a disaster after all.

## My Christmas Alphabet

By Joe Guzman, 6D

A is for Christmas Angels who are high above and take care of us.  
B is for Bethlehem where our Lord was born on Christmas morning bringing us full of Joy.

C is for cars and candles for the candles to let them melt to give us light and to see if Santa ate his cookies and milk.

D stands for December, for decorations and delight, dolls and drummer boys all in the house.

E says eager sheep went to the east, so the shepherds followed them, when they started walking they saw a star that all the sheep were looking at.

F is for food that we eat on Christmas day that the Lord provided us to eat.  
G is for giving the Lord His respect and to celebrate His birth.

H is for happy people on Christmas Eve having cocoa and cookies. Full of laughter waiting to open their presents to see what they got for Christmas.

I is for interviewing other people about what they think they got for Christmas.

J says everyone is jolly on Christmas day even Santa Claus comes.

K is for keeping the kids away from the presents and the food.  
L is for love in the air and in everybody's body.

M is for money which buys us presents for Christmas day.  
N is for Noel the Christmas spirit kind of man.

O is for opening presents on Christmas morning.  
P is for pumpkin pie when everyone is eating at my grandmother's house for dinner.

Q says to be quiet when saying grace at the table.  
R says Rudolph and his other reindeer are going to land on the roof to let Santa bring our presents.

S says sneaky children are going to try to open their presents before Christmas morning.  
T says to take off the ornaments off the tree till next year.

U says you better take your umbrella outside just in case the Lord wants to give us rain.  
V is for vacuuming the floor when Christmas has passed.

W is for waking yourself up the next day to play with what you got for Christmas.  
X says it is a shorter way to spell Christmas.

Y is for yummy cookies after Christmas

mas that are left over.  
Z says mom and dad are having their Z's while we are playing with our new toys.

That is my Christmas alphabet.

## Merry Christmas

By Elizabeth Irlas, 6D

Carols  
Hearing Santa Claus come  
Reindeer's

Ice  
Sharing love  
Toys to play  
Merry Christmas  
Angels  
Savior

## Twas the Night Before Christmas

By Eric Lopez, 6D

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the zoo not an elephant was stirring not even a mouse when I heard a loud crash, I opened my eyes and I went cage opening I asked myself, "who could it be? Could it be the peanut man or Saint Nick?" So I ran to my calendar could he be that late.

## A Christmas Alphabet

By Joey Luna, 6D

A is for angels in the sky  
B is for every baby's first Christmas  
C is for Christmas day  
D is for dark and cold nights  
E is for enjoying everything we get  
F is for a favorite Christmas  
G is for giving presents to others  
H is for having nice presents  
I is for inviting other people  
J is for the joy in the air  
K is for kindness in everyone's heart  
L is for love everywhere  
M is for many presents in the world  
N is for nice people  
O is for other people near or far  
P is for presents under the tree's  
Q is for warm quilts over little children

R is for wrapping and unwrapping presents  
S is for saving presents for last  
T is for tiptoeing to the living room  
U is for unnecessary behavior  
V is for visiting your families  
W is for waking up early on Christmas morning  
X is for Xmas a shorter way to say Christmas  
Y is for yelling Merry Christmas!  
Z is for zigzag lines on stocking.

## Christmas

By Patrick Odom, 6D

One day in the out back.  
The Kool bears were stirring and what did here?  
12 kangeroos!  
Following them was an old jolly fat man.  
Who could it be? Santa Claus.  
Bringing a boomerang for me.

## A Snowflake

By Melanie Phillips, 6D

A snowflake reminds me of Christmas when my family comes to our house to visit and the house is filled with joy. A snowflake reminds me of lights on houses, trees and signs of Christmas up everywhere. A snowflake reminds me of a fireplace where I sit and watch the snow fall to the ground in the winter. A snowflake reminds me of hot chocolate and marshmallows on a cold, windy, and snowlite night. When I see a snowflake I think of my friends and me in our coats, gloves, and scarfs playing in the snow. Everytime I see a snowflake I think of snow ice cream that my dad

makes that is so delicious. Everytime I see a snowflake these are the things I think of.

## Krissy's Christmas

By Angie Rodriguez, 6D

There's a special warmth in the houses today. Everyone is celebrating Christmas! Children are running joyfully but if they get too rough mothers will say, "If you don't behave Santa won't come see you." So the children behave.

At eight Krissy meets at her grandmother's house to spend Christmas Eve. While she is there she has a dinner and at midnight she opens her gifts.

Then she says goodbye. In the morning her brothers wake up happily because Santa Claus came!

Later at around twelve noon she goes back to grandmother's and has a turkey lunch.

This is how Krissy's Christmas is like and that special warmth is everywhere.

## What I Want For Christmas

By Paul Ross, 6D

What I want for Christmas you can't go out and buy. It doesn't cost dollars, quarters, or dimes. It's not a toy, clothes, or shoes.

It takes friends, families, and a little joy, too. It also takes kindness that comes from above.

The one special Christmas gift is simply called "Love".

## Christmas

By Esmeralda Saldana, 6D

Christmas is when kids reach upon a star and wish they might have the wish they wish tonight.

Trees are put up and presents are on their way under the big Christmas tree. Just can't wait till Christmas day!

## Merry Christmas

By Jennifer Segura, 6D

M is for merry as Santa is  
E is for eating the great Xmas feast  
R is for running in the snow  
R is for rejoice of the great Lord  
Y is for you having fun with relatives

C is for caring  
H is for happiness in everyone's heart  
R is for riches  
I is for iceicles that freeze over night  
S is for the sunlight God gives to us  
T is for trees standing so tall  
M is for mistletoe  
A is for asume toys we receive  
S is for sweetness in every ones heart.

## The Christmas Alphabet

By Dane Sanders, 6D

A is for the angels singing up above.  
B is for the baby boy.  
C is for Christ, our savior.  
D is for David's village, where he was born on Christmas night.  
E is for eternal, everlasting life.  
F is for forgiveness pure.  
G is for God's son born on Christmas night.

H is for the Heavenly host who brought the good news.  
I is for Immanuel and no room in the Inn.  
J is for Joseph's journey with Mary long ago.  
K is for kindness in the air.  
L is for the love that lifts the lonely heart.  
M tells of the manger and the mother's gentle care.  
N tells of the Nativity and the Holy night so grand.  
O is for the one and only son of God.  
P is for the baby Jesus, resting in his manger.  
Q is for Christ's quintessential love for us.  
R is for the baby, Jesus, resting in his manger.  
S tells of the baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes.  
T tells of the three Kings that traveled afar.  
U is for his unfailing love for mankind.  
V is for the Virgin Mary.  
W tells of wee, little baby in the manger.  
X stands for the best part of the word, Christmas.  
Y is for the Yuletide season.  
Z, now I've told about Christmas from a to z.

Peace.  
Joy.  
Harmony.

Wishing you all three.  
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# Saint Nicholas, lean your ear this way...

## Christmas

By Cody Stovall, 6D

Waking up from your bed you stand half nodding in a daze at your presents. You are thankful for all of your toys, games, or whatever.

You are excited at this time of year. For it is this time of the year when Santa comes to everyone's house.

But even with all of these things to be thankful for, it is the thought of Jesus being born that warms my heart.

Christmas is a special time of the year, to everyone in some way.

## Christmas

By ShaVonne Taylor, 6D

'Twas the night before Christmas at the Taylor's house. Not a creature was stirring not even a mouse.

When all of a sudden we heard a loud crash. Santa had landed in our Christmas trash.

When we rushed out to see him he was gone with a flash.

'Twas the night before Christmas with Santa in our trash.

## Christmas

By Dea Watson, 6D

Our family has a Christmas tradition. This is what we do, first of all we pick out one present addressed to us. Then we sit in a circle. My cousin reads the

Christmas story and every time he says a certain word we tear off a piece of paper. If your present is not fully opened then you can't have it until next Christmas. It is a lot of fun!!

## Christmas

By Michael Black, 6E

It was a very cold and windy and something was wrong all the toys were messed up and no one knew what to do and they were fixing everything very wrong, and all of a sudden a little boy came in and fixed it all and all of the toys were fine and it was a happy Christmas and the boy's name was never heard of again.

## Christmas

By Elena Chairez, 6E

Christmas is the time of cheer. Homes are full of joy and laughter. Rudolph is pulling Santa's sleigh. It's the time to open presents. Santa Claus is on his way to houses. Trees are full of lights that twinkle. Many kids are playing in the snow. Angels are looking over people to see if there o.k.

Snowman's are standing in backyards and front yards with button eyes, a pipe, black hat, and black button nose.

## Christmas

By Ricardo Chavez, 6E

Christmas is music, music that I can hear I really like music and also reading on Christmas year I really like Santa I really do. The best part is opening the presents. Making a mistake on Christmas, I really hate making a mistake on Christmas day but Santa knows that I really enjoy Christmas.

## Merry Christmas

By April Diaz, 6E

Mom, dad and family Ear muffs Reindeer Ribbons Yo yo's

## Christmas carols

Holiday Red and green Ice Silver bells Turkey Merry Christmas Angels Santa Claus

## Christmas

By Jaron Everett, 6E

Caring Happiness Ring and ranging is what I heard. I went to the window what could it be. It was Santa throwing snowballs at me. Santa was on a John Deere tractor. Tearing up the snow Santa was throwing snow balls at me. Murmuring to myself I went in and went to bed.

A Merry Christmas to all. "Santa where did you get them clothes? At Sears?" I said.

## Christmas

By Gilbert Garza, 6E

Christmas is a special day, because it's Jesus' birthday.

Holiday that is very fun, Santa's wearing a

Red suit with white trimming. I's also my favorite holiday.

Santa coming down the chimney. Towing a big red bag with toys and saying,

Merry Christmas, "ho, ho, ho," And Jesus blessing every home.

So everyone please have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Merry Christmas

By Amanda Green, 6E

Miracles happen Everywhere. Rich or poor it Really doesn't matter. You or me it does not make a difference.

## Christmas is for giving.

Happiness fills the air. Ranting and raving people everywhere.

I know and you know that Santa is watching and will soon be here.

Trees are up Making everyone smile with A little Christmas spirit. Remember Surprises, hide around every corner.

## "A Special Christmas Night"

By Kristy Gutierrez, 6E

Stockings are hanging waiting for Santa Claus to fill them up. Children are sleeping dreaming of his shop, hoping Christmas morning will come soon, very soon.

Mother and father are in their bedroom, dreaming of all the food, all the presents under the tree. Mommy is hoping to get a new dress. Daddy is hoping to get a new chain saw like always.

## Christmas

By Mark Lucio, 6E

My name is Mark. If you know me. Everybody calls me greedy. Remember the time when I was three everybody ran from me!! You know kids all out there you really shouldn't be scared. Christmas is coming. However, you know, Remember the time of snow I was outside making a Snowman when it was done it looked pretty bad. Till my brother came by and knocked it down with thrill. My face was so sad I didn't even get mad. A gleaming light from the sky made me happy. So now I know Christmas is really fun.

## Christmas

By Nikki Meyers, 6E

Christmas is a time of giving and this wonderful Holiday is snowy and cheerful, Ringing bells help celebrate this holiday.

I like getting presents. Santa will come to bring lots of Toys to the people who are good boys and girls.

Many people celebrate Christmas, And spread the loving spirit. So be very happy because Christmas is here and God is watching over us. Merry Christmas!

## Christmas

By Monica Morales, 6E

Christmas is a time of giving. Hoping and granting our wishes. Rudolph getting ready with his long brown antlers and his little red nose. It seems as if Christmas was here. Santa is getting ready to deliver presents.

## Christmas Caper

By James Owens, 6E

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house not a creature was stirring except a mouse. I was in bed resting my head. When I heard a thump on the roof, then Santa came in drunk. Then, finally I knew he was, because he was singing, how dry I am. Then, he turned around, he did not look like Santa. Then, instead of putting down presents, he took them. So, I hit him in the head with a fruit cake. Then, he staggered up on the roof and went toward the backyard. I told him not to, but he did not listen and he fell in backward and that was the end. You now why, my dog.

## Christmas

By Princess Palacio, 6E

Christmas spirits are filled in every town. Happy homes are filled with joy. Rudolph has a nose shaped like a light bulb.

In god we trust to have a happy Christmas Holiday. Surprise under every tree. The turkey is filled with tasty treats to try.

Making cookies for Happy Holidays. A Holy Angel is held above a Christmas tree.

Smiles are filled on every person's face in this world on Christmas Day.

## Christmas

By Tony Powell, 6E

Christmas is the time for Christmas trees. Having friends over. Riding in the sled. Icing all the cakes and pies. Seeing those special eyes. Trees are wonderful with light. Merry Christmas and to all have a good night. After Santa Claus comes. Seeing him with a mouth full of glee.

## Baby Jesus Is Born

By Maria Rea, 6E

Jesus is born on Christmas Day. All the animals and the people went to see him on Christmas Day. They knew that

he was going to be born on Christmas Day. Everyone prays for baby Jesus on his birthday. They celebrate that day for him.

## Christmas

By Scott Salazar, 6E

Christmas is time to share and give and to forgive, and share that moment with family and friends. And we sit around the tree and exchange gifts to others.

## Christmas

By Joey Snell, 6E

Christmas is when people have a bunch of joy. Homes are filled with girls and boys. Relatives are having a good time. Inviting friends over to listen to the church bells chime. Singing Christmas songs along with the Christmas tape. Toys are being received, some kids even get red Christmas capes. Merry Christmas cards are being shared. Angels are flying around while Christmas greetings are being prepared. Sharing, giving, and getting is not the most important thing about Christmas. It is the loving, and the fact Jesus was born on this day.

## Happy New Year

By Martin Suarez, 6E

Happy times after Christmas And thinking of it before. Presents under the tree. Prancer and Dancer are with Santa Yelling "Ho! Ho! Ho!, Merry Christmas."

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Remember MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Christmas

By Paul Vallejo, 6E

Christmas is a holiday Here in America and every where in this town. In my house and every house there is cheer. Snow is white, its on the ground. The icicles are on the ledge of the houses.

My Christmas presents are big And shiny under the tree. So every one be happy this Christmas Day.

## Merry Christmas

By Mandi Yeary, 6E

Miracles are happening Everywhere, people Romping and jumping, Running and playing with You and me, it really doesn't matter.

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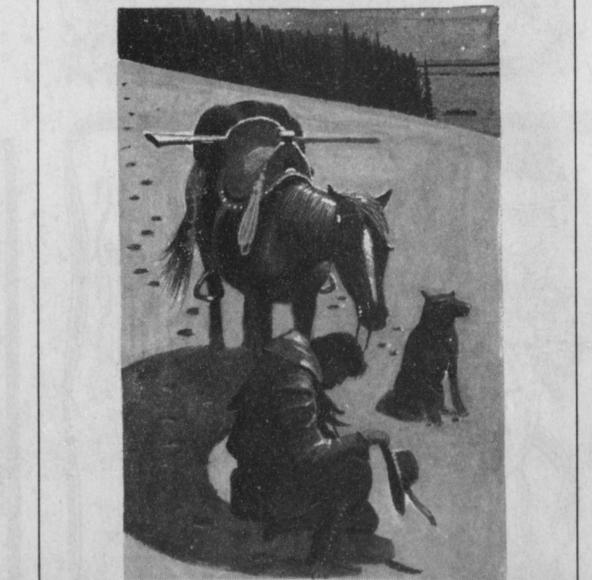
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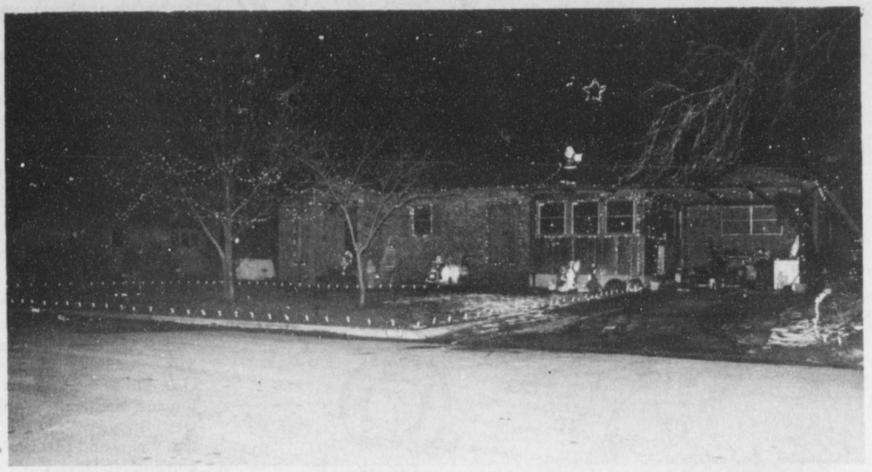


Behold His blessing for it brings hope to all mankind. In appreciation of your continued good will and patronage. Have a very joyous season.

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**SECOND PLACE LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER--** Southwestern Public Service was named second place winner in the Business Division. *The lighting contest was sponsored by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.* Staff Photo



**SECOND PLACE WINNER NAMED--**The home of Joe and Lozell Keeter at 603 SW 1st Street in Lockney placed second in the lighting contest sponsored by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce. Staff Photo



**THIRD PLACE WINNER IN BUSINESS DIVISION--**The Floydada Branch of the First National Bank in Lockney placed third in the lighting contest. Blankets that have been donated to the Department of Human Services for those less fortunate filled the space under the tree. Staff Photo

### A Prayer For All

Give us the faith of innocent children, that we may look forward with hope in our hearts, to the dawn of happy tomorrows.

Reawaken the thought that our most cherished desires will be realized, the things closest to our hearts — that we may come to an appreciation of the limitless joys and bountiful rewards of Patience, Charity and Sacrifice.

Above all, endow us with the spirit of courage, that we may face the perplexities of a troubled world without flinching, imbued with the child-like faith which envisions the beautiful and inspiring things of life . . . and restore the happy hours and experiences so many of us foolishly believe are lost forever.

Give us faith in ourselves and faith in our fellow man . . . then, the treasures and beauties of life that make man happy will spring from an inexhaustible source.

And at Christmas, when the hearts of the world swell in joyous celebration, let us cast aside the pretense of sturdy men and live, if only for a day, in the hope and joy we knew as children.

*Our sincere thanks to the unknown author.*

### 'Signs Before Christmas'

By George W. Gortezke  
 Christmastime is drawing nearer,  
 I can see it in the sky;  
 I can tell it on the faces  
 Of the strangers passing by.  
 I can tell it in the quiet  
 When I go to bed at night,  
 And the sparkle of the flicker  
 In the fireplace, burning bright.

Christmas Eve's around the corner,  
 I can tell by Mother's eyes;  
 And the way she locks the closet  
 And her happy "aahs" and sighs.  
 I can tell it by the teacher,  
 When I slip and break a rule,  
 And the other kids around me  
 While we're on the way to school.

I can see it, I can tell it,  
 I can feel it drawing near  
 By the way my father whistles  
 And my sisters call me "dear."  
 And the way the house is cleaner,  
 With the old things put away;  
 I can tell it plain as spellin',  
 That old Santa's on his way.

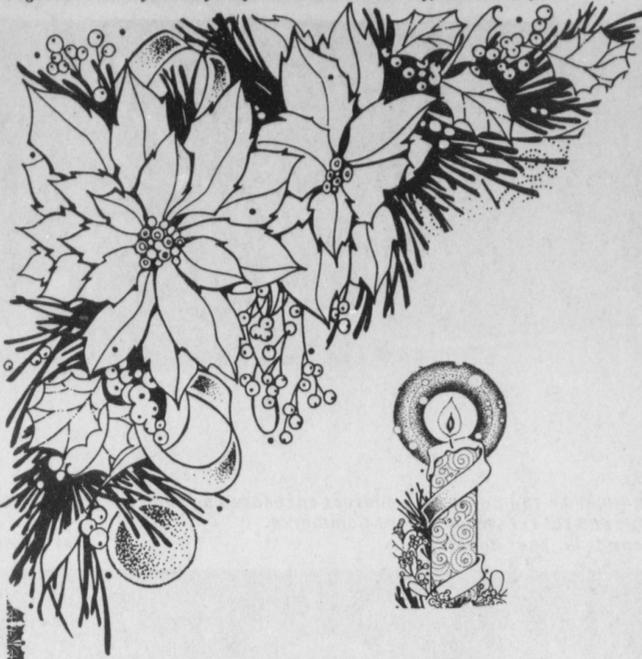


**COOPER HOME PLACES THIRD--**The W.T. Cooper home at 305 West Locust in Lockney was named third place winner in the lighting contest sponsored by the Lockney Chamber of Commerce. Staff Photo

*Merry Christmas*

Christmas Day is gettin' closer,  
 I'm as good as I can be  
 'Til the others start to wonder  
 What the world is wrong with me.  
 But I guess they don't remember  
 How it was in days of old  
 When the shepherds stood and listened  
 To the story angels told.

And I guess they just don't feel it  
 In the atmosphere at night,  
 When they say the tree's too gaudy  
 And the ornaments too bright.  
 But in little folks it's different,  
 When it's nearin' Christmas Day;  
 We can see it, we can hear it  
 When old Santa's on the way!



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