

Merry Christmas

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Scenes of the season



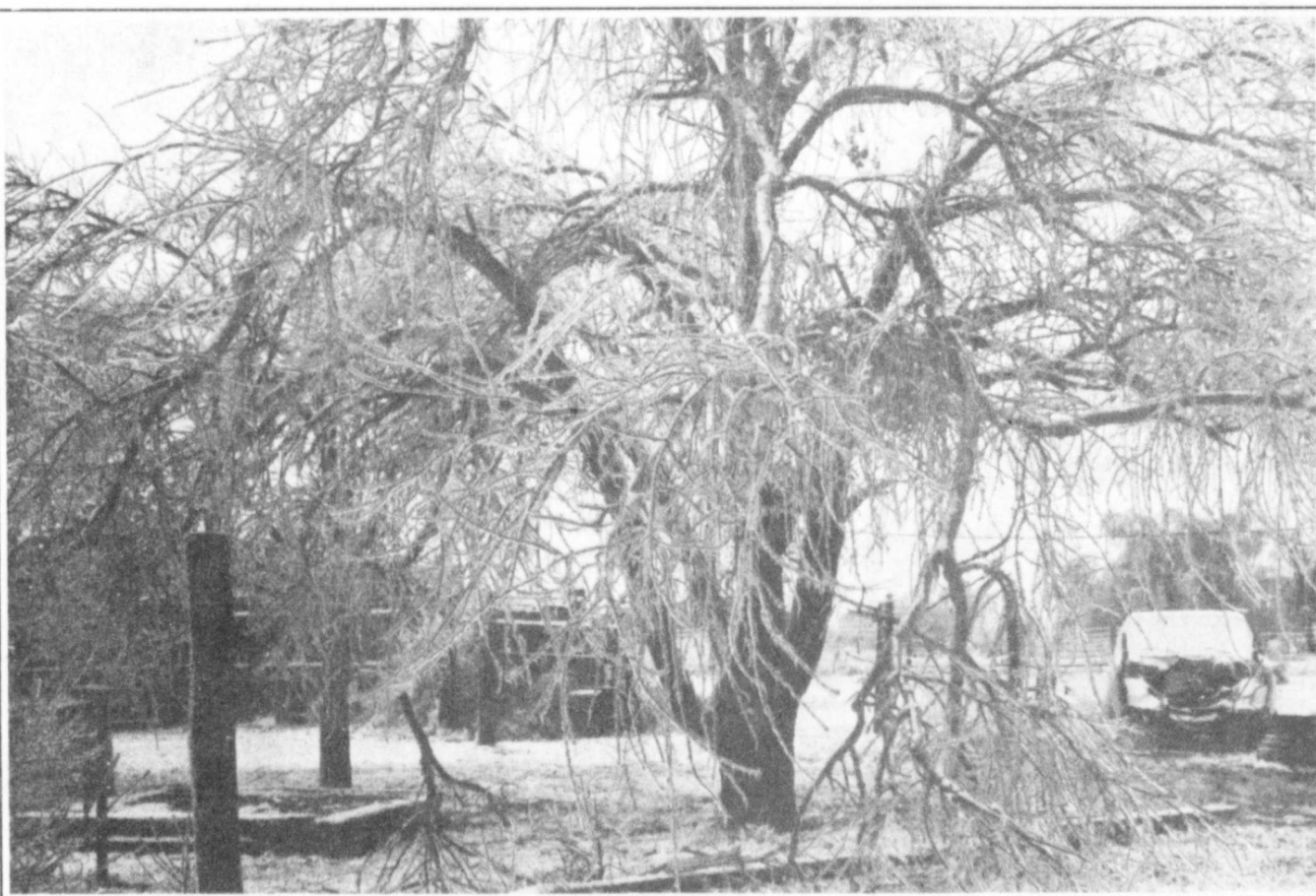
LIVE NATIVITY--To celebrate the "Reason For The Season", the Rebecca Circle of the First United Methodist Church in Lockney, recreated the Nativity Scene with members of the church and live animals. The scene

was located at the home of Byron and Charlotte Brock, Dec. 12. The public could drive by the scene in their cars after being stopped and handed homemade Christmas treats by club members. Staff Photo



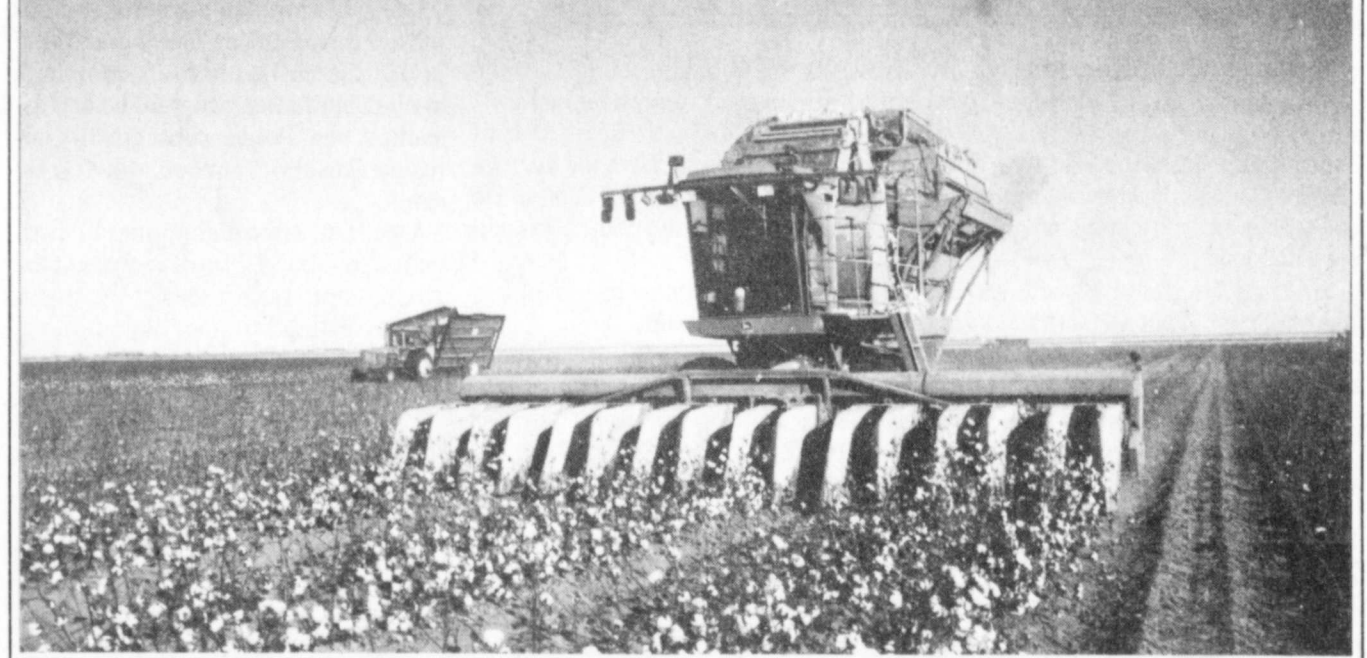
SANTA VISITS HOSPITAL--Santa Claus made a special trip to the W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 20, to visit children who might not be

home for his visit Christmas Eve. Santa is seen here giving an early present to Candy Balderas, daughter of Candelario and Mary Lou Balderas, of Lockney. Staff Photo



WINTER SCENE--The after affects of the winter ice storm that blew through the area Saturday night, Dec.

20, could be seen in frozen tree limbs. The weight of the ice damaged many trees in the area. Staff Photo



FINAL PASS--Cotton stripping in Floyd County ended in time for the Christmas holidays and before bad weather moved into the area. Some of the gins in the

area are through ginning and a final bale count should be available for next week's paper. Most cotton farmers were pleased with their turnout. Staff Photo

Three Longhorns named to the 2A All-State Football Team

LOCKNEY--Quarterback Adam Cummings, Offensive Lineman Josh Lambert and Defensive Lineman Tyson McDonald received Honorable Mention recognition on the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A All-State Team.

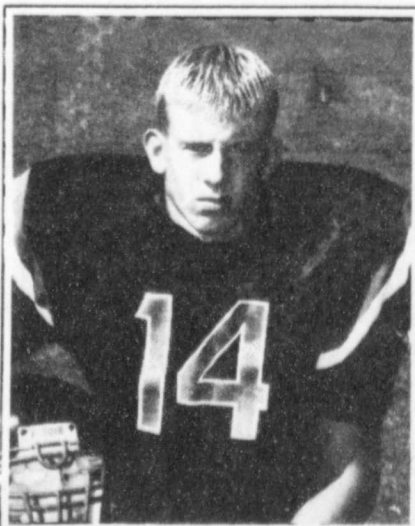
The eighth annual Associated Press

Sports Editors team was chosen by sportswriters from around the state, based on players' regular season performance.

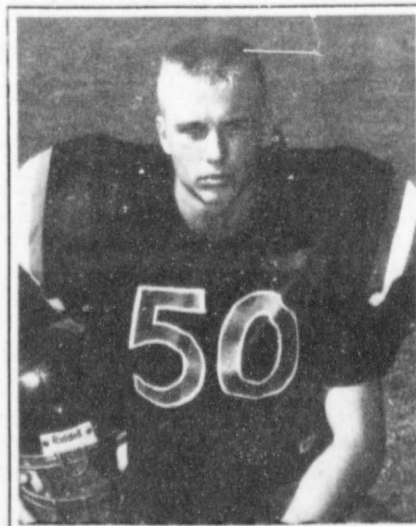
Cummings, Lambert and McDonald were also 3-2A All-District honorees. Cummings was named Quarterback; Offensive Player of the Year, and 1st Team - Offense.

Lambert was named Center: 1st Team-Offense, All South Plains Team; and Defensive Lineman: 1st Team-Defense.

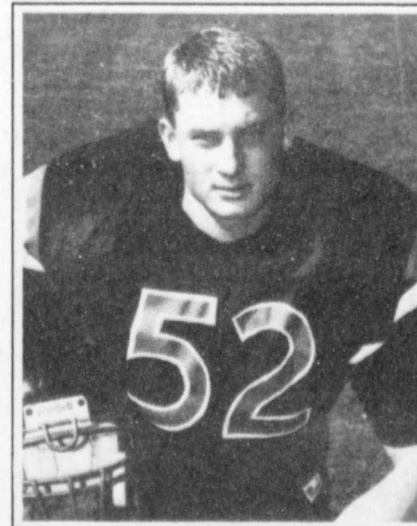
McDonald was named Guard: Defensive Player of the Year, 1st Team-Offense, and All South Plains Team; Defensive Lineman: 1st Team Defense.



ADAM CUMMINGS



JOSH LAMBERT



TYSON MCDONALD

LaBaume retires from NRCS



JON AND FRIEND--Jon LaBaume poses beside the caricature of himself which was drawn by Adam Balderas, of Lockney. The picture was presented to Jon at his retirement reception, Dec. 19.

Staff Photo

Over the 35 years that Jon LaBaume has worked with the Soil Conservation District he has tended to the concerns of landowners all across Texas, and in particular, the owners of 635,000 of Floyd County's acres.

LaBaume has been with the service in Floyd County since 1968 and announced his retirement this month.

To celebrate his years of hard work and to wish him well, friends, family, and co-workers gathered at a retirement reception Dec. 19, at the Wall Street Parlor in Floydada. LaBaume was presented with a plaque and an engraved watch.

A display of old pictures to chronicle LaBaume's service with the Floyd County District was on display, along with a cartoon caricature of LaBaume, drawn by Adam Balderas, of Lockney.

Born in Dublin, Texas (Erath County), LaBaume graduated Dublin High School in 1958.

He attended Tarleton State for 2 years and then graduated in 1962 from Sam Houston State in Huntsville with a major in Technical Agriculture and Minor in Biology.

LaBaume took six months off from school to work for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) Water Shed Planning Party in Dublin.

The program was designed to eliminate

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BY THE WAY



By
Alice Gilroy

I always wonder every Christmas just what I am going to put in this column.

Just how many ways can a person tell the Christmas story. You all know it—I can't tell it any different.

How many ways can you try to remind people what the Christmas season is all about. How many ways can you ask people to remember that the most precious gift they have ever received, or will ever receive for Christmas, was the gift God gave us through his son Jesus.

I recently came upon an article by John Eldredge called "The Beloved". He told a short story of a family whose child was stolen and sold into slavery. The parents "tried to negotiate with the embassy for their child's release, but they were continually frustrated by endless red tape. Dishonest bureaucrats denied outright the existence of child slave labor in their country..."

Years went by and the parents finally devised a plan to sneak into this foreign country in disguise and buy back their child—no matter the price.

"Though it came at an enormous personal cost, which I can hardly describe," said Eldredge, "the strategy worked; their once-captive child is now safe in their arms again."

"And I wonder sometimes...will that child ever doubt that his life is sacred, that he is wanted in the deepest way?"

Eldredge then reminds us that we are that child. He says the "true story of the Christian faith is the most dramatic foreign adoption ever told, a rescue of the first order. God created us as His children. Then we fell into the worst bondage imaginable. Still, God promised to come for us. He sent personal messengers. He followed the red tape of the Law. After all else failed, He conceived the most daring of plans. Disguised as a newborn baby,

He slipped into the enemy's camp to buy us back at enormous personal cost. God risked it all to rescue us so that we might know, beyond a reasonable doubt that our life is sacred; we are wanted in the deepest way."

So we try to remember Christ is God's gift to us.

We need to also remember--We are a gift too--Christ gave us back to our Heavenly Father. He was born to die--for that reason only. So we could be a perfect gift. Covered with Christ's blood we can be presented to God.

At the risk of losing you in a sermon, my Christmas column will simply be Bible scripture (from the easy to read "Living Bible").

It is the scripture that Eldredge used for "The Beloved".

Ephesians 1:4-5; 9-11
"Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own, through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault--we who stand before Him covered with his love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And He did this because He wanted to..."

"God has told us His secret reason for sending Christ, a plan He decided on in mercy long ago; and this was His purpose: that when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are--in heaven or on earth--to be with Him in Christ, forever. Moreover, because of what Christ has done we have become gifts to God that He delights in, for as part of God's sovereign plan we were chosen from the beginning to be His, and all things happen just as He decided long ago."

Merry Christmas!!

Courtroom Activities

In County Court Dec. 18th:
Troy Garza, 31, of Floydada, pled guilty to a Nov. 3, 1997 charge of Marijuana Possession. He was fined \$500.00 and court costs and sentenced to 90 days in jail which was probated for one year.

Anthony Gonzales, 18, of Lockney, pled guilty to a Nov. 20, 1997 charge of DWI. He was fined \$600.00 and court costs and sentenced to 180 days in jail which was probated for 2 years. His driver's license was also suspended for one year.

Francisco Luna, 36, of Floydada, pled guilty to an Oct. 10, 1997 DWI charge. He was fined \$600.00, 180 days in jail probated for 2 years and court costs.

Yrael A. Morales pled guilty to Terroristic Threat and was sentenced to 20 days in jail plus court costs. He also pled guilty to Criminal Mischief and was sentenced to 20 days in jail plus court costs. He must also pay restitution in the amount of \$339.73.

Janet Sue Sherrill pled guilty to a

Nov. 20, 1997 charge of Possession of Marijuana, of more than 2 ozs.

Charles Williams Stephens, 54, of Moore, Oklahoma, pled guilty to a September 26, 1997 DWI charge. He was fined \$750.00 and court costs and 3 days in jail.

Also on Dec. 18th the following old cases were Dismissed:

Regina Torres, Oct. 23, 1991--Theft; Eva Contreras, Dec. 16, 1991--Theft Under \$750.00;

Johnny M. Quintanilla, Dec. 19, 1995--Theft By Check;

Stacy Crosby, Jan. 31, 1992--Theft of at least \$20.00 but less than \$200;

John Mendez, May 26, 1992--Theft;

Michael James, May 26, 1992--Theft over \$20.00;

Michael Tavnyies, May 29, 1992--Theft over \$20.00;

Alex Nava, August 27, 1992--DWI;

Shane Perkins, Nov. 1, 1993--Theft over \$20.00 but less than \$200.00;

Roy B. Charles, Nov. 1, 1993--Theft.

Local SPC Spring courses announced

Registration for South Plains College courses being offered this spring in Floydada is underway through January 6 at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce office.

Late registration will be 5:30-6:30

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p.m. Tuesday, January 6.
Classes begin January 20 at Floydada High School.

Courses offered are History of the U.S. since 1867, which meets 6-9 p.m. Mondays; Principles of Accounting I, which meets 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays; American Government, Functions, which meets 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays; College Algebra, which meets 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays; Principles of Macroeconomics, which meets 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays; and College Composition and Rhetoric, which meets 6-9 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information, contact Angie Lipham at the Floydada Chamber of Commerce, 806-983-3434.



Council appoints housing commissioner

FLOYDADA -- Mayor Carthel asked for council approval of appointments to the Floydada Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and an appointment to the Floyd County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors during a regular session December 18.

The appointment of Jimmy Cervantes and Langston Williams to the housing board was approved on a motion by Clar Schacht with a second by Albert Hill. All voted in favor of the reappointment of Cervantes and the appointment of Williams to replace Ralph Jackson.

Sam Green was reappointed to the appraisal district board on a motion by Eric Cornelius with a second by Sheldon Sue. The vote was unanimously

in favor of the motion. All of the appointments are for a period of two-years.

Council members approved the sale of a taxing entity owned lot to Lottie Hall. She offered \$300.00 for Lot 11, Block 91, Original Town, located at 310 West Kentucky. The sale of the lot will be final when all taxing entities involved in the property. Motion to accept the offer was made by Clar Schacht with a second by Albert Hill. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Pete Strom from the Floydada Cable TV parent company Teleservice Corporation of America, formally notified the council that a new cable company, TCA Cable Partners II is being formed and will en-

compass the Floydada franchise. An amendment to the franchise agreement will be prepared for council approval to formally recognize the new franchise owner and operator.

An affirmative action plan for the 1997 TCDP contract was approved, by the council. The plan aims to attempt to reach employment levels of 19.5 percent minorities and 5.6 percent women in each aspect of the contract work.

Motion to approve the plan was made by Cornelius with a second by Sheldon Sue. All voted in favor.

Regular meeting night for the council was changed from the third Thursday of each month to the third Tuesday of each month effective with the month of January. Motion was made

by councilman Sue and seconded by Dale Lawson. All voted in favor.

No action was taken on the matter of appointing an emergency management coordinator. Discussion centered on the council's feeling that the logical place for the EMC to be is at the county level where there is authority in every area of the county, not just in one of the cities or communities.

City manager Gary Brown told council members that he and Police Chief Darrel Gooch were recommending the creation of a no parking zone on the south side of Crockett Street from Tree Street to Texas Avenue. There have been several complaints concerning people parking in front of residences in the area in order to attend activities at the new gym. This should alleviate the problem said Brown. Approval came on a motion by Hill with a second by Lawson.

Brown next told the council a meeting is being set up in Plainview after the first of January for a presentation to all the cities involved in the proposed WTMPA project in cooperation with Lubbock Power and Light. Mayor Carthel told council members he felt Lubbock was no longer willing to share ownership of the project and was asking for a contract obligation to purchase power from the project. This is not what the City of Floydada was approached for and will not meet the need to be able to generate power on its own as required by the contract with SPS.

A motion by Schacht with a second by Hill approved preparation of an ordinance allowing for an annual dance permit. The new ordinance will require payment of a fee of \$25.00 per year for a one location permit. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

The council entered an executive session to consult with the city attorney. No action was taken upon return to regular session.

City manager Brown reported that new regulations concerning the disposal of old tires will be in effect as of January 1. He also said that the annual audit would be ready soon and asked for a special morning meeting December 30 to review and approve the report.

Water district alleges illegal bugging

In a December 18th news release from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, officials expressed regret that their organization may have been the victim of bugging within its office by Precinct Two District Director Stanley Miller of Amherst, and insist that there is no basis in Miller's claim that any wrongdoing has occurred.

"I have not done anything wrong while carrying out my duties as manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1," said A. Wayne Wyatt. He declined additional comments, saying that he is bound by his oath after appearing before the Lubbock Grand Jury on December 16.

"Many people consider Wayne Wyatt to be 'Mr. Water' in the State of Texas. Stanley Miller's allegations of wrongdoing are just not true," said James P. Mitchell of Wolforth who has served on the Water District Board since 1976 and as its president since 1979. "Wayne Wyatt has served as Water District manager for the past 20 years and during that time, he has earned the respect of water leaders on the local, state, national, and international level," he said.

Miller, 41, was charged December

17 by the Lubbock County Grand Jury with "unlawful interception of communication." He allegedly attached a tape recorder underneath Wyatt's desk, in secret, and allegedly additional recorders were placed in other areas of the District office to record conversations that he was not privy to.

Miller is one of five elected members of the Water District's Board of Directors. He represents Cochran County and the portions of Hockley and Lamb Counties within the Water District service area.

"This action has significantly impacted both the High Plains Water District Board of Directors and the staff," said Board President James P. Mitchell of Wolforth. "The Board members and staff have been unnerved for several weeks after learning of Mr. Miller's threats and his use of hidden recording devices. We have seen a drop in efficiency among our staff because of these circumstances. It is difficult to conduct daily activities knowing that someone has tape recorded their private conversations."

"It's the same feeling you have after your home has been burglarized," said Mitchell.

According to the news release from

Carmon McCain of the High Plains Water District, the investigation of Mr. Miller began after he threatened Wyatt's life. The equipment and tapes used to bug the Water District office were seized at Miller's home following an investigation headed by Lt. Lenda Nixon of the Special Crimes Unit of the Texas Department of Public Safety. During the execution of the search warrant, a store of methamphetamine were also seized, according to Lamb County District Attorney Mark Yarbrough.

Miller will be brought before a Lamb County grand jury next month concerning possession of a controlled substance.

Stanley Miller's involvement with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 dates back to 1986, when he was elected to serve as a member of the District's Lamb County Committee.

In 1990, Miller was appointed Precinct Two District Director to represent the portions of Cochran, Hockley, and Lamb Counties within the Water District. He filled the unexpired term of Mack Hicks of Levelland who died in office.

In 1994, Miller was elected to a four-year term as Precinct Two District Director.

Miller has chosen not to run in the 1998 election.

Floydada Police Report

Dec. 4th, at 2:37 a.m., Floydada Police Officers were called to the Sheriff's Department to meet with a 23 year old woman concerning a domestic disturbance. The woman told police she wished to file a complaint against her father. She said he had assaulted her. Police subsequently arrested Rosalio Sanchez, 44, for assault.

Dec. 6th, after an ongoing investigation into burglaries of lockers in the High School men's locker room, police arrested Michael Palacio, 18. Palacio was charged with Burglary and taken to the Floyd County Jail.

Also on Dec. 6th, at 12:45 a.m. police attempted to stop a vehicle on a traffic stop. According to Police Chief Darrell Gooch, "the man driving the car stopped, got out of the car and

then jumped back in and took off. Officer Brogden pursued the vehicle for a short distance and then it stopped and the man took off running. The man obeyed orders to lay on the ground and was taken into custody."

"He was later identified as a mental patient," said Gooch. "He told us he wanted to commit suicide and wanted police to shoot him. The 47 year old man was taken to MHMR. No charges were filed."

December 8th, 9:00 p.m., police were called to a residence on Ross Street, in reference to a domestic. A woman complained that her husband had assaulted her. Joe Caballero, 35, was arrested for assault and taken to jail.

December 9, after the Floydada/Lorenzo baseball game, police took four reports of motor vehicles being burglarized. The vehicles were parked near each other close to the High School. A .22 rifle, a bag phone, a dash radio, and man's clothes were stolen.

December 14th, at 11:25 p.m., Ray Hernandez, 30, of Floydada, was arrested for outstanding city warrants.

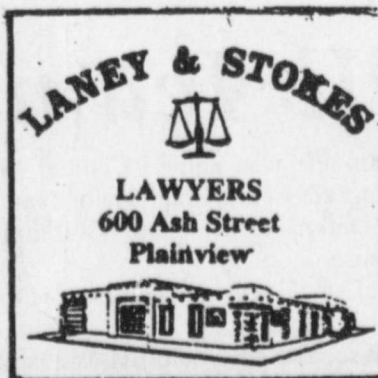
Also on the 14th, police arrested a 16 year old female runaway in the 600 block of W. Tennessee. She was returned to Brownfield.

December 17th, police took a report of theft of a blue go-cart and a black colored boys mountain bike from under a carport.



Cotton bolls, bows and lights turned this weed into a native South Plains Christmas tree. Betty Jackson and Maria Huerta decorated their office with the creation.

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LaBaume retires from SCS after 35 year service

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 nate flooding and LaBaume's interest was peaked.

"After working for 6 months I decided that was what I wanted to do when I got out of school," said LaBaume.

After graduation LaBaume went to work for Agriculture Marketing Service Cotton Division in Dallas, Austin, and Oklahoma City for six months.

Then, in 1963, LaBaume went to work for SCS full time in Silverton. Three and one-half years later he moved to SCS in Wellington and then on to Floydada in 1968.

"When I started we were known as Work Unit Conservationist," said LaBaume. "Now we're called District Conservationists."

A variety of problems occur in a diverse county with approximately 110,000 acres of rangeland, 1,500 acres of pasture, 450,000 acres of cropland and 65,000 acres of lakes.

LaBaume says in the beginning the majority of the field work was construction of terraces, waterways and diversions. "It is still a focus but not as much of one," said LaBaume.

"In the N.E. part of the county, the terraces we built in 1963 are still there doing their job. We worked with the farmers and the crews who built the terraces.

"On irrigated land we went through the process of putting hundreds of miles of irrigated pipes underground. It was basically concrete pipes at first and now it's plastic. The concrete pipes are decaying now and they will have to be replaced."

LaBaume says it is still a major concern of his office to eliminate all open ditches. "It's slower now because government funds are not available and landowners are having to do it on their own."

LaBaume has seen the advent of the center pivot system and even though he believes the center pivot system may apply the water more efficiently, he says, "Water is still water. It takes so much to grow crops.

"Our soil is conducive to the furrow irrigation system--if you do it right."

Ten years ago the big program for SCS was the CRP. "We had 97,000 plus acres enrolled in CRP then," said LaBaume. "We are still involved in CRP but we won't know until February 1998 how much land will be enrolled.

Recent rules have changed on the CRP. "In 1986-1987 it was an erosion program," said LaBaume. "They were also concerned about cropland diversion and crop reduction. Now it's an environmental/wildlife package. It still eliminates a lot of wind and water erosion, but to make it attractive and politically correct we had to get wildlife benefits out of it."

CRP occupies most of LaBaume's time and according to LaBaume, "the paperwork is mind boggling."

"Overall conservation has improved," said LaBaume. "Erosion is still occurring but it is better than when I started. The program is only about 60 years old."

LaBaume believes it is a toss-up on whether the irrigation programs or the CRP programs are better suited to control soil erosion.

A technical agency of USDA LaBaume says SCS (renamed in 1995 to the Natural Resources Conservation Service) gets criticized for telling people what they don't want to hear. "We have a variety of people who work with us--agronomists, soil scientists, biologists and range people.

Our job is to know what kind of land it is--what type of grass to plant and how to get a stand. We are there to offer technical assistance."

LaBaume believes one of the better programs of the Service has been offering equipment to test wells. "In the last 10-15 years we have been able to help people test the efficiency of their water plant and determine how much water they have. We never worried about the cost of fuel and how much water. Now because of the high costs we need very efficient irrigation systems."

The number of personnel has decreased in the years LaBaume has been in his office. "We started out with 1,500 employees in the State of Texas," said LaBaume. "Now it is down to 650 and it is supposed to go lower--however the responsibilities have increased.

"Starting this year offices are being combined. This office is scheduled to be combined by the year 2000. It could be moved to Plainview."

LaBaume believes if the State of Texas is serious about wanting a soil and water conservation program the state is going to have to pick up the slack. "The Federal Government is not going to do," said LaBaume. "Lower budgets will make it impossible to keep adequate staff and an office open."

LaBaume has trained approximately 20 people since he has been with the agency. "Our staff has been as high as 7 people and now we are down to 2."

It may be a small staff but it is made up of very hard workers. Over the years if LaBaume wasn't busy with SCS work he was very busy with volunteer work for his community.

Becoming involved with the Stock Show Association, even before his two children were active, LaBaume served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Association for over 10 years.

His efforts with youth in the community has earned him the 1986 Floydada FFA Honorary Chapter Farmer Award; the 1989 Floyd County 4-H Silver Spur Award; and he and his wife, Elaine, were given the 1995 Floyd County Friend of 4-H Service Award.

LaBaume also served as the Treasurer of the City Park Church of Christ for over 10 years. He has been active in Cub Scouts, Little League Baseball, as a 4-H leader, and has served on several committees of the Extension Service. He is currently on the executive board of the Extension Service and is also a board member of the Floyd County Friends.

LaBaume has served as a Chamber of Commerce Director, and been a member of the Soil Conservation Society of America. As a member of the Soil Conservation Society he worked his way up the ranks from Secretary/Treasurer to the position of President. He was also a volunteer for the Department of Commerce Weather Service for ten years, keeping the official records for Floydada.

He is also a member of the professional organization--the National Association of Conservation Districts.

LaBaume has no special plans for his future after retirement, other than spending time with his wife and two children: Coy LaBaume and Kelli Childre. Coy is a Correctional Officer with the Texas Department of Corrections at the Tulia Prison and Kelli is the public relations manager for Tom Thumb grocery stores in the Dallas Metro area.

LaBaume's last official day with the District will be January 3, 1998.



ICE STORM DAMAGES TREES--Freezing rain that came into the county Saturday, Dec. 20, weighted down branches and damaged trees all over Floyd County. The large iced over branch on this tree in the Dougherty community broke from the very top of the tree and fell to the ground. Temperatures fell to a low of 14 degrees in Floydada as recorded by the Sheriff's Department. -- Staff Photo

The City of Floydada offices will be closed Thursday, December 25 and Friday December 26 for Christmas holidays. If you need assistance, please call 983-2834.

LISD makes plans to repair football stands

LOCKNEY--The Lockney Independent School District Board of Trustees heard the 1996-97 audit report at their regular meeting. They called for bids on repairing the football bleachers and selling an old bus.

The 1996-97 audit report was given by Greg Bollinger, representing Bolinger, Gilbert and Moss, LLP. The audit showed the district to be in compliance with prescribed rules, regulations and guidelines in the district's financial accounting and management. Anyone who would like to see the report can do so at the school district office.

Discussion was held on repairing the visitors bleachers at the football field. Superintendent Raymond Lusk stated that the bleachers had been repaired on several occasions but are in a horrible state of repair. "They are to the point of being hazardous," he said. Board members voted to take bids for the repair of the bleachers.

They also decided to repair and resurface the existing tennis courts and will give further study to the building of additional courts.

Approval was given to selling one of the older school buses and it will be advertised for sale. A new bus had previously been ordered and delivery is expected in about two months.

The board congratulated the coaching staff on the success of the football team and thanked them for providing a thrilling season.

In regular business before the board the minutes were read and approved, bills were reviewed and approved for payment and the financial statement reviewed.

Present at the meeting were board members Louie Bybee, Bernie Ford, Dan Smith, Jesse Garza, John Quebe, and Carlton Johnson. Superintendent Raymond Lusk, Principals, James Poole, Terry Ellison and Phil Cotham, and Athletic Director Malcom Moerbe.

Santa Claus makes an early visit to Lockney

LOCKNEY--Santa Claus came to Lockney on Saturday, riding in a red fire truck. He delivered gifts to the children and baskets of groceries to the families and seniors.

Santa also made a visit to the Mangold Memorial Hospital, stopping in rooms and handing out toy lambs, courtesy of the Salvation Army.

Helping Santa with his visit were Reverend Juan Gutierrez, Pete

Gonzales, Steven Gonzales, Stella Gonzales, Dina Molina,

Lupe Rodriguez, Edith Cooper, April Bueno, Connie Bueno, Jackie Cantu, Alicia Ferrios, Debbie Gutierrez, John Gutierrez, Lolly Luna, and Alicia Luna.

Gordon Adams furnished the building Santa visited in, Jimmie Kemp brought him in the fire truck, and Kevin Payne escorted them down Main Street.

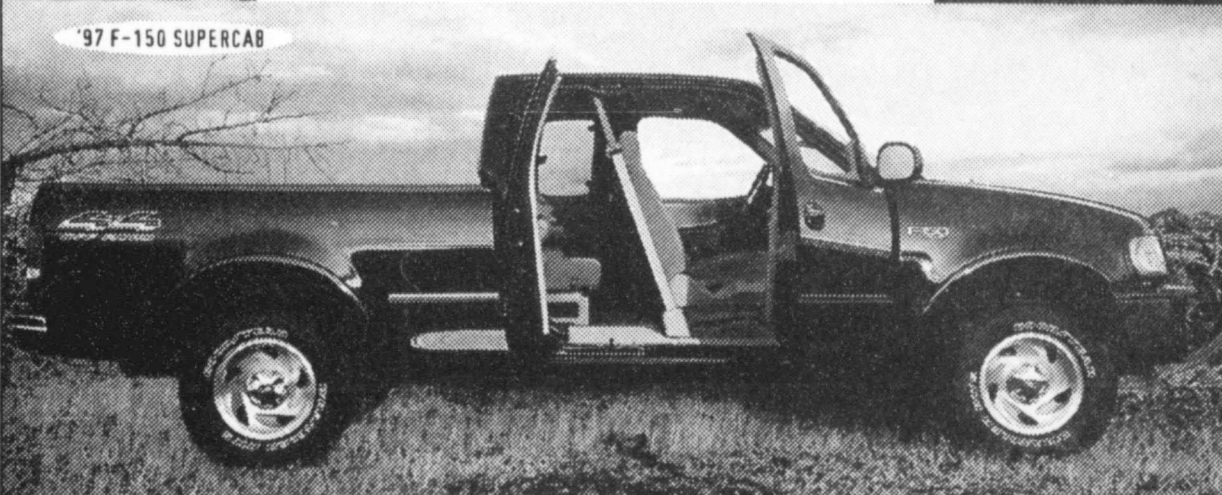
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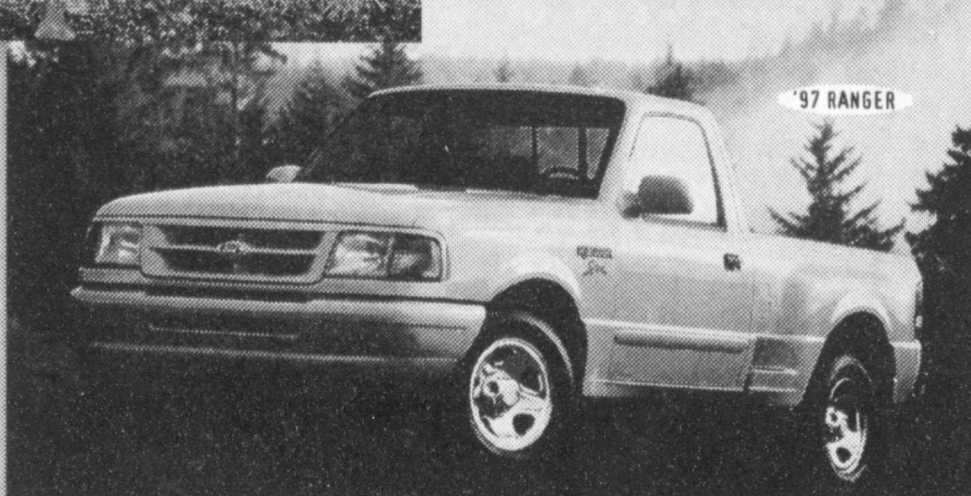
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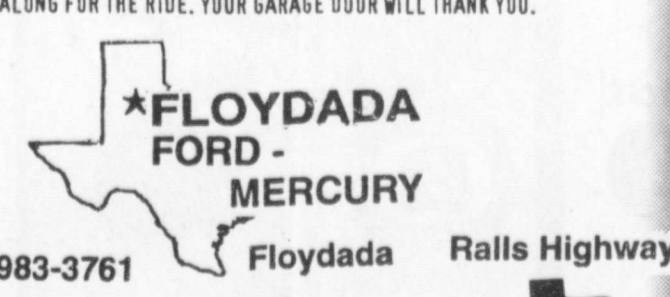


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PRODUCE

Floyd County Lifestyles

Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarette Word
The center will be open Monday through Wednesday this week only. If you are 60 years or older this center is for you. If you plan on eating lunch, please call 983-2032 by 10 a.m.

Lovene and Edell Moore drove to Waco to see Sharon and Jeff Henson's new home and to also see their granddaughter, Ambree, play basketball at Round Rock the weekend of December 15th.

Effie Foster's granddaughter, Connie Cribbs of Lubbock, graduated from Texas Tech last weekend. She will continue in January working on a Masters Degree.

Effie Foster will spend Christmas in Lubbock with her daughter, Helen Masters and family.

Our center's Christmas party took place Friday evening December 19th. There were 43 in attendance. Christmas carols, led by William Bertrand, were sung by the group. Games were led by Sandy Garza and Vivian Equia. Everyone enjoyed the games and singing. We exchanged white elephant gifts. Our director, Irene King, prepared sandwiches and other goodies for all of us. I took a lot of pictures that will go in our scrap-photo book.

Thought For The Week
How can you make this the happiest Christmas of your life? Simply by trying to give yourself to others. Put something of yourself into everything you give. A gift, however small, speaks its own language. And when it tells of the love of the giver, it is truly blessed.
Norman Vincent Peale

Menu

Monday: Mexican beef and potato stew (carne con papas), mixed vegetables (colache), pina colada pudding and flour tortillas

Tuesday: Pork or beef roast, lima beans, Harvard beets, sliced tomatoes, hot roll and pumpkin crunch

Wednesday: Chicken with mushroom sauce, blackeye peas, cabbage, grapefruit sections, wheat rolls and snickerdoodle bars

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with Italian dressing, garlic toast and apple cobbler



CHRISTMAS GOODIES -- West Texas National Bank's annual Christmas Open House presented customers with an array of wonderful taste treats for the holiday season. -- Staff Photo

Look Who's New!

GALLOWAY

I have a special secret to tell you in a whisper. Surprise and Merry Christmas! I have a new baby sister!

Rylee Sloan was born Tuesday, December 2, 1997 at 1:25 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20" long.

Parents are Rusty and D'Nae Galloway of Portales.

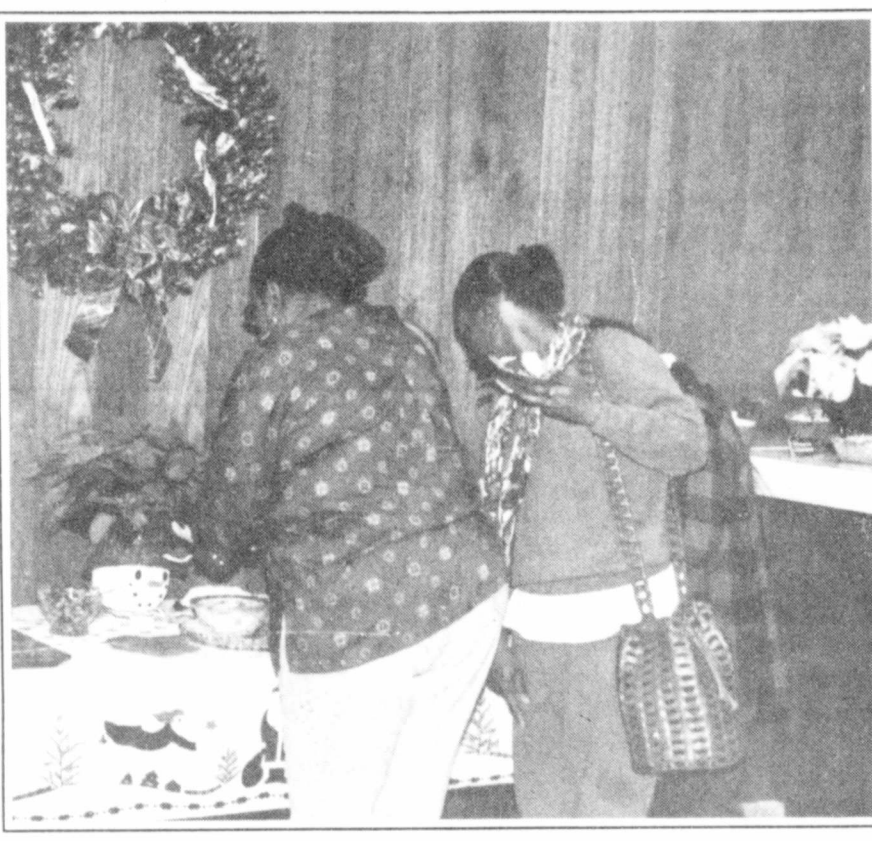
She also has a proud older brother, Ryan.

Grandparents are Doug and Elaine Galloway of Floydada and Donnie and Carla Dewbre of Levelland.

LASS

Michael Scott Lass was born December 18, 1997 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long.

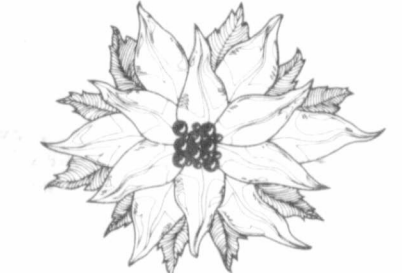
Michael has two brothers, Cody and Monte, and two sisters, Lacy and Cammy. Proud parents are Mike and Marceen Lass. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lass of Lockney and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Shear of Alexander, Iowa.



A ROYAL SPREAD -- First National Bank of Floydada presented customers with a feast of treats in appreciation of their patronage during the year. -- Staff Photo



PCA OPEN HOUSE -- Production Credit Association in Floydada held a Christmas Open House on Friday, December 20. The public was welcomed with lots of goodies and warm wishes. -- Staff Photo



1934 Study Club celebrates

By Margarette Word

The 1934 Study Club met Monday, December 15th, in the home of Marie Warren with Frances Weathersbee and Nell McClung as co-hostess.

President Lorene Newberry called the meeting to order. Recording secretary Bill Ferguson called the roll call with members answering with an "Old and New Traditions of Christmas". Mrs. Ferguson also read the minutes of our last meeting which were approved as read.

President Newberry read a "Thank You" note from Anne Carthel for supporting her in receiving the Girl Scout Distinguish Woman of the Year Award.

The president also read a letter of "thanks" for the \$50.00 we donated as a club to go toward blankets needed at the Parent Adolescent Center here in Floydada.

Instead of our members exchanging gifts this Christmas at our Christmas Party, we voted to donate \$5.00 each to go to Allison Griggs love fund. Allison had surgery on her heart Tuesday morning, December 16th in Dallas. The money was deposited in the love fund at West Texas National Bank of Floydada.

Wanda Turner led the members in prayer for Allison Griggs as she faced surgery and for others sick in our community.

Mrs. Turner introduced our program, Frieda Simpson, who is a member and is well known in our community for her gift in telling stories. Her story this year was a book entitled "A Stranger for Christmas" by Carol Lynn Pearson. This was a story of two senior adult ladies living in a nursing home and one of the ladies, believing in goodness, in faith and in hope, decided to call her children to see if they would take in a little old lady who needed a family for Christmas. She wanted them to take this little lady in their home during the Christmas holidays showing her love, kindness, to a total stranger.

I'm not gonna tell you the ending of the story because it has an unexpected, even miraculous happening that changed everyone's life.

This is a wonderful Christmas story you will enjoy reading. Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cake and lots of goodies were served to the following members: Jean Appling, Mamie Bunch, Jo Davis, Bill Ferguson, Effie Foster, Queen Annie Lawson, Nell McClung, Flora McNeill, Lorene Newberry, Frieda Simpson, Wanda Turner, Marie Warren, Frances Weathersbee and Margarette Word.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Jo Davis with Margarette Word as co-hostess.

SHAKLEE
983-5246

Birthdays celebrated at Rehab & Care Center

By Lorilla Bradley
A happy month, December....
With oh so much to do....
We'll all be helping Santa
And "keep" some birthdays, too!

We honor Mrs. Gowens
.....Her years are 95.....
She has such pleasant memories
They help her to survive!

We're greeting Mrs. Withers
.....She counts from '24.....
May every day be better
Than the ones just gone before!

To cheer our Mrs. Ferguson
.....Her years are 78.....
Lets wish her Happy Birthday
And help her celebrate!

To honor all these ladies
Lets do the Birthday Song
So join in as we sing it
And come out good and strong!

The Hesperian photographer came for the picture taking followed by everyone being ushered into the dining room.

The honorees were seated at the "honor" table which was laid with a green cloth and centered with a lovely poinsettia. Each place was marked with a special card and the ladies wore lovely corsages compliment of Williams Florist and Card Shop.

The poem was read and all joined in singing the Happy Birthday song. Mrs. Ferguson had her husband as her guest. Geraldine Gentry was seated with her mother, Mrs. Gowens. Mrs. Withers welcomed her sister, Evelyn Boren along with Cindee, Will, Laurie and Christy Appling and Mary Alice Davis.

We were very happy, as always, to have our guests. A delicious refreshment plate of chocolate and angel food cake along with a tasty fruit punch was served to the honorees, guests, home residents and employees.

The next party will be Thursday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m. You are invited to be with us at this special time.



BIRTHDAY HONOREES

Lockney Senior Citizens News

By Gladys Ragle
LOCKNEY--We had 39 present for our meeting on Thursday night, December 18. Everyone seemed to be in a good mood and enjoyed being together and eating a good meal.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Cap and Wanda Carthel at the sudden death of Keith Carthel, their son and brother.

In this Holy Season may your heart be filled with the joyful tidings that Christmas Angels bring, always remembering that Jesus is the Reason

for the Season.

MENU

December 29-31

Monday - Hamburger steaks, vegetables, salad, dessert

Tuesday - Pork chops, vegetables, salad, dessert

Wednesday, Chicken fried steak, vegetables, salad, dessert

Meals will be served with coffee, tea and bread.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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Please Notice, we will close at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 24, to allow our staff to enjoy Christmas with their families. We will re-open at 12:00 noon Friday, December 26th. Merry Christmas from Payne's!

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Merry Christmas, Billie Campbell

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December 31 - 8:00 - 12:30

DeAnn Timberlake
January 3, 10, 17 - 9:00 - 1:00

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Obituary

LARRY CARTEL
Services for Larry Keith Carthel, 55, of Plainview were held Monday, December 22, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church, Mel Morton, interim minister, officiated.
Burial was in the Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Wood-Dunning Funeral Home in Plainview.
Carthel died Friday, December 19, 1997 in Plainview Methodist Hospital.
He was born August 16, 1942 in Lockney. He married Ladonna Jane Alexander on August 24, 1963 in Plainview. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force.
He was a farmer, and he was an elevator superintendent for Southwestern Grain.
Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Lori Spain and Keisha Pena, both of Plainview and Chari Shaw of Lubbock; his father and stepmother, W.F. "Cap" and Wanda Carthel of Lockney; two sisters, Billie Howard of Plainview and Peggy Turner of Floydada; two brothers, Royce of Plainview and Bobby of Lockney; and four grandchildren.

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WILLA MAE BROWN

On December 15, 1996, one year ago, Willa Mae Brown, 53, of Jacksonville, died in Tyler, Texas. graveside services were held in Floydada City Cemetery with Monsignor Tim Schwertner officiating under the direction of Lloyd James Funeral Home of Tyler.
Mrs. Brown was born April 13, 1943 in Nashville, Tennessee, and lived in Jacksonville for 24 years. She was a dormitory supervisor at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville and was an artist. She was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Jacksonville. She was preceded in death by a precious daughter, Sienna Hope Brown.

Survivors include one daughter, Sirena Brown of Italy; four brothers, Roy Philpott of Fairbanks, Alaska, John Halpin of Dallas, Texas, Guy Clifford Scoggin of Sweetwater, Texas, and Jimmie Sanderson of Sulphur Springs, Texas; and three sisters, Clara McIntosh of Cassville, Missouri, Loye Roach, Charles Town, West Virginia, and Peggy Trotter of Amarillo, Texas.

NOTE: This obituary is being published at the request of Sirena Brown due to the fact that no obituary was provided to the newspaper in Floydada or in Tyler at the time of the death.



Angels

*When God calls little children to dwell with him above,
We mortals sometimes question the wisdom of his love.
For no heartache compares with the death of one small child.
He does so much to make our world so wonderful and mild.
Perhaps God tires of calling the aged to his fold,
so he picks a rosebud before it can grow old.
God knows how much we need them,
so he takes but a few;
to make the land of Heaven so beautiful to view.
Believing this is difficult, still, somehow we must try.
The saddest word mankind knows, will always be good-bye.
So when a little child departs, we who are left behind,
Must somehow realize God loves children.
Angels are hard to find.*

Author unknown
Submitted by Lynn Marler

Night Before Christmas! (Politically Correct)

'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck.
How to live in a world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to Elves,
Vertically Challenged they were calling themselves.
And labor conditions at the North Pole,
Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,
Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.
And equal employment had made it quite clear,
That Santa had better not use just reindeer.
So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,
Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!
The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The turs were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.

And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called unenlightened.
And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in over-due compensation.

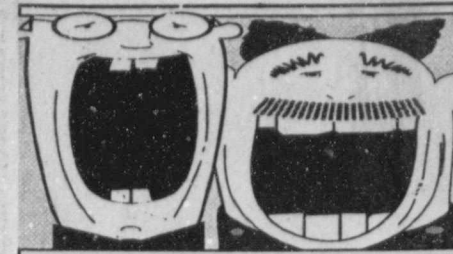
So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd had enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd never had a notion
That making a choice would cause so much commotion.

Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for girls. Or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.
No candy or sweets, they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish the truth.

And fairy tales, while not forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.
No baseball, no football; someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passe;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.
Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere, even you.
So he is that gift, it's priced beyond worth.
May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth.



This Week's Announcements

CANS FOR BAND
A cotton trailer has been placed by the Lockney tennis courts, behind the school, to collect cans to benefit the Lockney Band.

SALVATION ARMY
The Salvation Army in Lockney is in desperate need of blankets and winter coats (adults and children sizes).

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
A free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

LOCKNEY ADULT CLASSES
Adult education classes are being offered at Lockney Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. GED, ABE, ESL, and computers are available. Classes are Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Call 652-2141 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope is welcome. Meetings are at 111 North Wall, 1 block north of the courthouse. Anyone interested can call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE TESTING
Free blood pressure and glucose testing is held every other Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Lockney Care Center. Everyone is welcome.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AVAILABLE
Veterans Service Officer Ralph Jackson is available on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 112 of the Floyd County Courthouse. Call 983-4933.

LOCKNEY AA
Open meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, will be on Fridays, at 8 p.m., at Grace Fellowship Church, across from the hospital. If you are worried about your drinking, or someone else's, we understand, we care.

Final 1997 Sales Tax Rebates Received in Floyd County

The state comptroller's office has returned the final installment of the annual sales tax rebates to the 1,087 cities and 118 counties due to receive the funds. Rebates this month are on sales taxes collected in October and reported to the comptroller's office in November by monthly filers.
Total rebates received in Floyd County this month were \$14,790.67. This represents a 2.15 percent decrease from the \$15,116.15 in rebates received at this time in 1996. Total rebates to date in Floyd County for 1997 are \$175,434.48, a 0.42 percent increase over total rebates to date in 1996.
Floydada received a check in the amount of \$10,691.34 this month. This is a 1.44 percent decrease from the \$10,847.99 rebate received in December of 1996. The city total for the year now stands at \$123,533.95, an overall increase of 0.73 percent above the \$122,631.21 total received at this time in 1996.

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CNA TRAINING
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EMT TRAINING
RNR will have two Emergency Medical Technician Classes. The EMT class trains individuals to care for patients in an Emergency. The evening course will begin on Thursday January 8, 1998. The day course will begin on Tuesday January 13, 1998. To receive an application packet or for more information call (806) 983-8096.

THE SOUTH PLAINS BIBLE STUDY CLUB
South Plains Bible Study Club is meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. For more information call 652-3102 or 983-3088.

RECIPES NEEDED
Friends of The Floyd County Library are still seeking recipes from the community for their Pumpkin Day Recipe Book. There will also be a section in the book for squash recipes and "harvest time" arts and crafts. Send your contributions to Box 62, Floydada, Texas 79235.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB
The Whirlwind Booster Club will meet every second Thursday of the month starting January 8, 1998. Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Floydada High School Cafeteria. Come on out and help support our kids!

Have a good week!

Spirit of Christmas

Better Business Bureau

While Clark Kent never seems to be concerned about his privacy when he changes into his Superman outfit in a phone booth, the rest of us would do well to guard ours. First of all, there are few telephone "booths" anymore.

Most are telephone "sites" and offer no privacy at all. Many of us use public telephones in hotels, airports, and restaurants while traveling, and need to be more careful. The public telephone has become a major scene for crime. Phone booth stalkers committed more than 27,000 crimes ranging from murder, rape, kidnapping, car theft and robbery. Law enforcement officials tell us the best defense is vigilance. Don't turn your back on your surroundings. Always face out from the phone and stay alert. Use only well-lit booths. Do not put down your wallet or purse beside a phone. Hold onto your brief case, bags, laptop computer and other belongings. If you are driving, when you get out to make a call, make sure you lock your car. Never just jump into the booth with the car still running. This is a great opportunity for a car thief. All he has to do is jump in and take off. Make sure no one can see your phone card number if you make a credit card call. Some crooks specialize in stealing phone card numbers. Don't make it easy for them.

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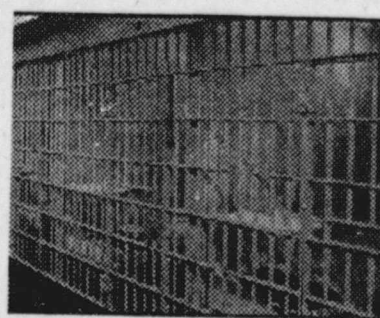
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The Family of Joye Bilbrey
12-25p

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Project Number: RMC-602302001
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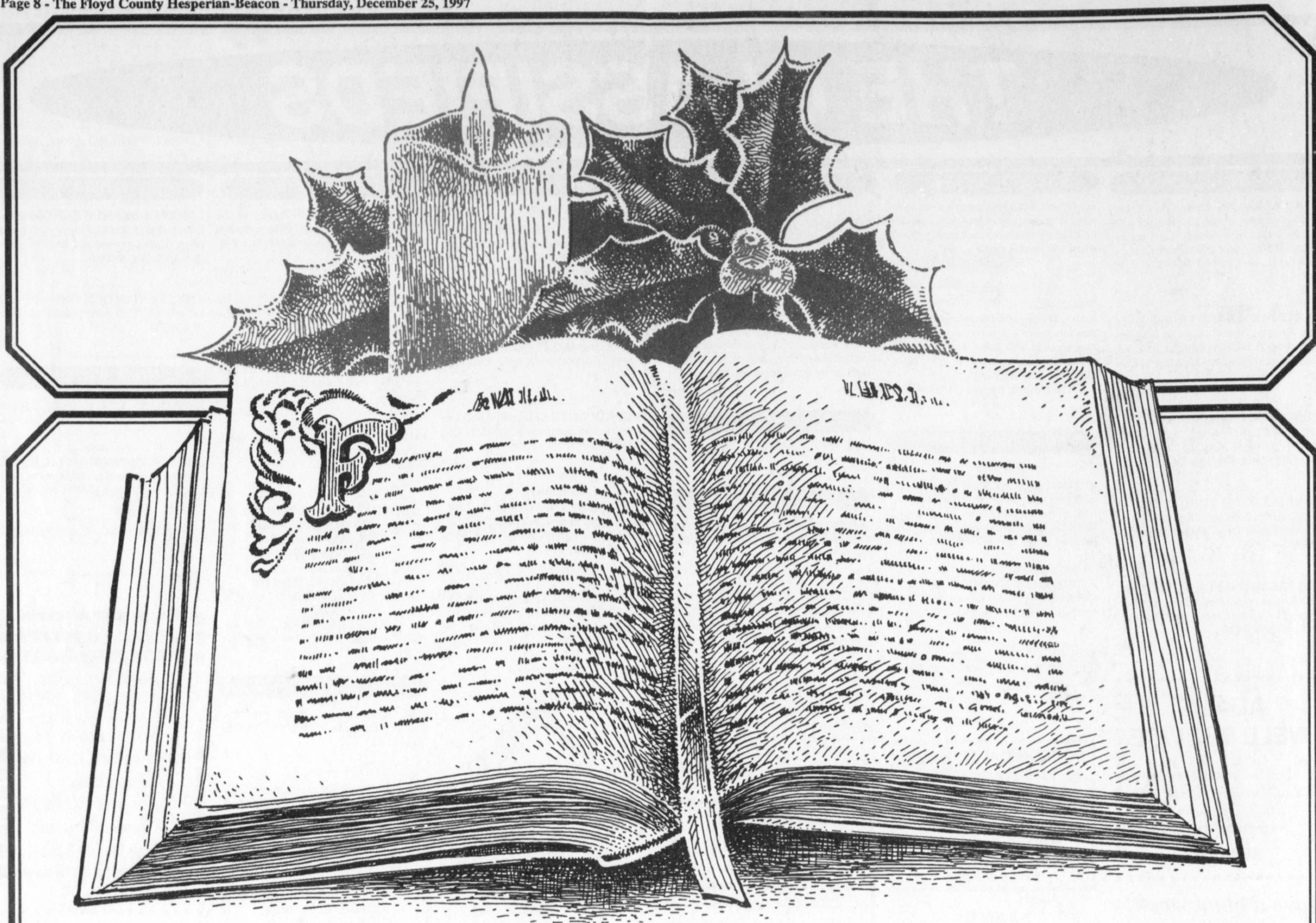
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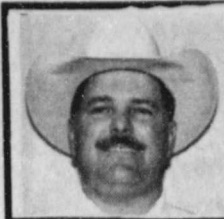
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By J.D. Ragland
Agent - Ag

Floyd County Extension News

Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital, USA in Floyd County America. Since last visit Cotton Harvest was completed here in Floyd County and those producers that didn't contract 70¢ cotton early this year are weeping about current prices. One interesting note that I have just recently learned through our Floyd County Ag Marketing Club is that, historically cotton prices reach their peak each year in June or July. Now, if you're like most farmers they don't sell until their harvest is completed which is usually around December, which is the absolute worst time to be trying to sell. With the structure of the new farm bill it's imperative that farmers become better marketers of their cotton. Possibly one should look at contracting at least a portion of their crop at peak market times. Becoming better marketers will be one of the major topics of discussion at our upcoming annual Caprock Cotton Conference.

The Caprock Cotton Conference

will be held January 20 at the Plains Baptist Assembly seven miles south of Floydada on U.S. Highway 62. The conference will address needs of cotton growers in Crosby, Floyd and surrounding counties.

National leaders in the cotton industry will join research scientists and Texas Agricultural Extension Service specialists who work directly with local growers to present up-to-the-minute information on production technology, best management practices and marketing strategies.

Topics discussed will include: new herbicide technology, seedling disease prevention, cotton marketing, boll weevil management, irrigation management and soil fertility.

The conference will provide 6 continuing education units for Private, Non-Commercial and Commercial Applicator License holders. These CEU's also qualify as credit for Certified Crop Advisors.

The pre-registration (prior to January 8, 1998) is \$25.00. There will be

a \$10.00 late fee for registration after January 8, 1998. Registration includes technical sessions, door prizes, coffee and donuts, lunch, refreshments, and access to exhibits. For more information contact: J.D. Ragland, Floyd County Agent, (806) 983-4912.

4-H'ers from around the county are extremely busy. Floyd County 4-H'ers received 6 first places and 2 second places and 2 third places at the recently held South Plains District 2 Food Show held December 13 in Levelland. Also livestock feeders preparing for upcoming Floydada and Lockney local shows, Floyd County Stock Show on January 29 thru February 1 as well as all the majors.

In between all of this the boss is coming January 26 for Performance Appraisal to see if I'm worth keeping around another year! Hope I come out O.K.

Well better go, nice visiting with ya. Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye.

USDA begins 1997 ag census collection

From USDA News

'Tis the season for farmers and ranchers to Make It Known—America Counts on Agriculture! Over 2 million farms and ranches nationwide will receive 1997 Census of Agriculture report form within the next few days. And there is something different about this census.

We are about to undertake a process that touches every farmer and rancher in the Nation, and for the first time, in history. USDA is responsible for this task," said agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Previous censuses of agriculture were conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The transfer of the census to USDA represents the consolidation of the entire Federal agricultural statistics program into one agency. Now there will be one source for all important information on agriculture.

"By combining the resources of the former Bureau of the Census with the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) staff, we expect to make the results available more than 6 months earlier than in the past," Glickman added. "Not only does the census reach everyone during mailout, but perhaps more importantly, the results published in the census of agriculture reports impact farmers and ranchers both directly and indirectly."

Although there are many studies about large-scale farming, the census is unique because it is the only source of local county-level information about small family farms. Completed report forms are due by February 2, 1998.

"I want farmers and ranchers to know we are here to help them complete their report forms and they can take advantage of our toll-free number," said Glickman.

The toll-free number 1-888-4AG-STAT, will be answered by local staff from USDA's 45 NASS field offices. USDA Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Services or Farm Service Agency staff.

Another "first" for the census of agriculture will be the collection of information about Christmas trees, maple trees tapped, and farms with all land under the Conservation Reserve Program. NASS has also fortified efforts to improve the coverage of mi-

nority-owned farms. Also for the first time, all farm operators on American Indian Reservations will be counted.

Response to the census is required by law. That same law protects the privacy of the reports; information about individual operations is strictly confidential, and census responses are immune from legal process.

Texas Agricultural Statistics Service explains 25th census

This census is the 25th national count of farms and ranches since the first Agricultural Census was taken in 1840.

Anyone who receives a Census form should complete and return it. Individuals who don't own or operate a farm or ranch could possibly receive a questionnaire. In this situation, the recipient should return the form with a note stating that the person to whom it was addressed is not involved with a farm or ranch. The cost of conducting the Census can be kept down if questionnaire recipients return their completed forms promptly, so additional mailings can be avoided. Farmers and ranchers who do not receive a report form should notify the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service (TASS) at 1-800-626-3142 or write P.O. Box 70, Austin, Texas, 78767.

Data from the Census of Agriculture are used in many ways by many different groups to help chart the future of agriculture. For example:

- Agribusinesses use county-by-county Census data to help meet farmers' needs for items such as fertilizer, seed, equipment and parts.
- Grower organizations use the results to develop marketing associations.

- Farm cooperatives use it to determine appropriate locations for facilities that will serve farm customers.

- Farm organizations use the results to devise farm programs and policies.

- Land Grant Universities use the results to allocate Cooperative Extension programs and resources.

Williams to chair Texas Beef Council

Incoming Texas Beef Council Chairman Jim Williams of Boling pledged that TBC's board of directors will continue to support a unified national beef promotion effort in 1998 while also taking care of Texas' unique needs.

"TBC's board has representation from every segment of the cattle industry," said Williams. "These different segments are committed to a strong national beef checkoff effort. At the same time, we also will direct TBC's staff to conduct as many projects as

we need to sell more pounds of beef for our Texas producers."

Williams pointed to TBC's strong relationship with the Texas-based supermarket chain HEB, and TBC's commitment to help Texas exporters increase beef sales to foreign countries, as examples. Programs generated from those partnerships not only support the national checkoff effort but benefit Texas producers as well.

Also elected to the board were Vice-Chairman Jay O'Brien of Amarillo,

Danny Evans of Sulphur Springs and David Noble of Dalhart.

In addition the board seated two new directors Jim Selman of Gonzales and Lisa Fuqua of Quanah.

TBC is one of 45 state beef councils charged with collecting and administering the \$1 per head beef checkoff program. Congress created the checkoff program with the Farm Bill of 1985. It stipulates that producers nationwide must pay \$1 per head every time any bovine (beef or dairy) changes ownership. These funds are invested in programs of research, education and promotion of beef.

Fifty cents of each dollar goes for national programs through the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board. Members of that board are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The remaining fifty cents can stay in those states that have state beef councils. However, because Texas is the largest cattle producing state, the TCB board of directors elects to send an additional forty percent of the in-state funds for national and international promotions.



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Catalog orders make J.C. Penney one of the easiest, most diverse retail companies in the world. Merchandise ordered through the catalog will arrive at the store for the customer within three working days or it can be delivered straight

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As we head into the new year, and you begin to evaluate your closet and shelves as to what will make the cut into 1998, continue to consider J.C. Penney as an excellent place to find merchandise that will compliment your household and wardrobe.

The Plainview store is located in Plainview Town Center at the intersection of 5th Street and I-27, which makes it easily accessible and convenient to shop in for the public. It is a medium-sized store and has been in existence for 61 years.

styling or pick up hair care supplies. Call or stop by for an appointment.

Though there are many colors and sizes of items featured on display within the store, additional sizes or colors are available through the catalog. You may wish to have them delivered to the store to be picked up at your convenience, or the purchase can be delivered straight to your home.

It is worthy to note that if the Plainview J.C. Penney does not have your size or color on a sale item, they will order it from the catalog with no shipping or handling charge for you, the customer.

The store hours for the J.C. Penney in Plainview are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00-7:00, and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

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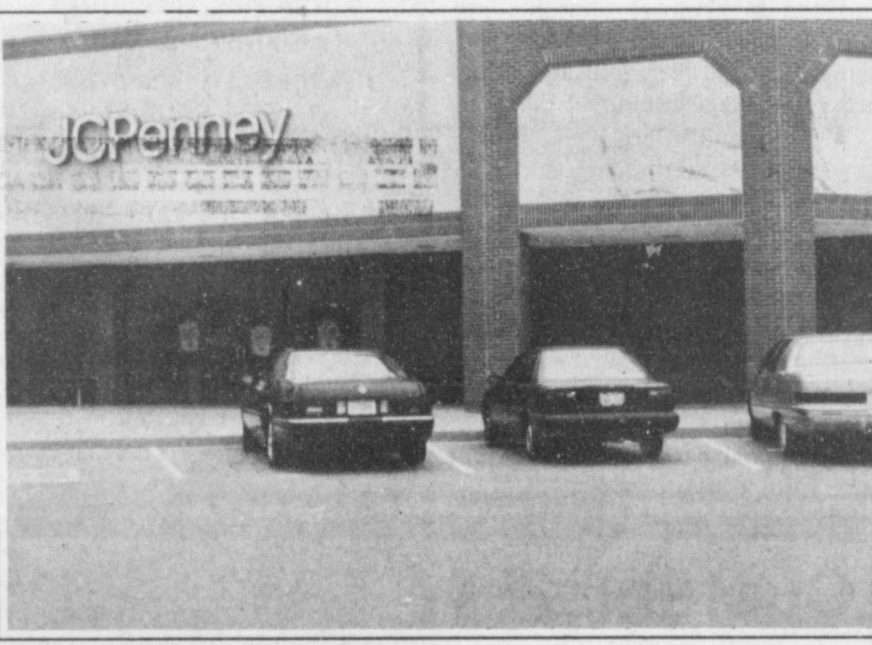
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*'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house,
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Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.
The children were dressed to crawl into bed,
Not once kneeling or bowing their head.
And Mom in her rocker, with baby on her lap,
Was watching the late show while I took a nap.
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!
The light from his face made me cover my head,
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with love,
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready, He rose without a sound,
While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and sealed my fate. . .
I stood and cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.*

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Dr. Dobson sponsor needed

The Main Street Church of Christ, which has sponsored the Dr. Dobson column for two years, has decided to drop their sponsorship and try a different community service for awhile. We would like to continue to carry this column and are looking for a sponsor. If your church or organization is interested, please contact the Hesperian-Beacon at 983-3737.

"FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" with Dr. James Dobson

Question: You listed alcoholism as a marriage-killer. My husband has that problem. It has created a great deal of pain in our home, and I am concerned about the emotional welfare of my children. Can it be treated, and is there hope for families like mine?



DR. DOBSON

Dr. Dobson: Alcoholism is a devastating disease, not only for the person who has it, but for his or her entire family. Research shows that 40 percent of people living in Western nations have a close family member who is an alcoholic. That incidence is even higher in Russia and other countries of Eastern Europe.

There is no way to calculate the impact of this problem on children, on spouses, and on the culture itself. Fortunately, it can be treated successfully for those who are willing to seek that help.

I discussed the issue of alcoholism with a panel of knowledgeable people on the Focus on the Family radio broadcast, including Dr. Keith Simpson, a physician who has treated this problem for 20 years.

I did not ask the panel members for a detailed analysis of alcoholism; our listeners already knew how serious it is. Rather, I wanted the panel to provide us with practical suggestions as to how family members can recognize the disease and then be of help to those they love. The answers they gave were most encouraging and enlightening.

Dr. Simpson was asked whether alcoholism can be treated successfully today. Is it a hopeless condition, or is there a way out for the victim and his family? This was his reply:

"I specialized in the field of internal medicine for many years, but found it to be depressing work. I could help my patients with chronic lung disease and severe diabetes and heart disease, but in reality, my efforts were just a delaying action. Over time, conditions worsened and the diseases progressed. I made my rounds in intensive care each day and watched people losing their battle for life, whereas my alcoholic patients were getting well.

"That's why I deal almost exclusively with alcoholics now, and I find it to be extremely rewarding work. I see people who come in with more horrible problems than you can imagine, but they get into a recovery program, and in a few months the difference is like going from night to day. So, yes, not only is alcoholism treatable, but the medical community does better with this dis-

order than any other chronic disease. Alcoholics emerge from treatment programs more functionally integrated, more capable and more effective than before they 'caught' the disease."

That was the theme of the entire discussion: There is hope for the alcoholic! But before recovery can begin, the problem has to be acknowledged and treatment sought. That applies to your own family, I'm sure. Your husband can be helped if he has the "want to."

Question: I've been aware of my husband's unfaithfulness for some time now. I've taken him to task for it, which has resulted in some incredible, horrible battles. I have even made demands that he stop his infidelity, yet no changes in his attitude and behavior have happened. What am I doing wrong?

Dr. Dobson: I'm afraid you've made the common mistake of misunderstanding the difference between expressions of anger and loving toughness. Simply becoming angry and throwing temper tantrums is no more effective with a spouse than it is with a rebellious teen-ager. Screaming, accusing and berating are rarely successful in changing the behavior of human beings of any age. What is required is a course of action—an ultimatum that demands a specific response and results in a consequence. Then you must have the courage to deliver on the promise.

Send your questions to: Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P. O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Co. 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the President of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Copyright 1997 James Dobson, Inc. All rights reserved. International copyright secured.

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
607 W. Lee St., Floydada
J.D. Young, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
810 S. 3rd, Floydada
Darwin Robinson, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 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.

CARR'S CHAPEL
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Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service 8:00 p.m.

CITY PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
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.
(Summer 8:00 p.m.)

EVANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. G.A. Blocker
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
701 W. Missouri, Floydada
Vance Mitchell, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Evening
Evangelistic 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Night Service 7:00 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 Tues. 9:30 a.m.
Ruth Wesley Circle:
2nd & 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
401 S. Main, Floydada
Gene Hawkins, Interim Pastor
Michael Holster
Music/Adm./Sr. Adults
Sunday:
Instrumental Ensemble 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training, Nursery, Mission Friends, Team: Kid, Bible Drill, Youth Choir, Senior Adult Choir, Deacon & Wives Leadership Study, and Adult Bible Study 4:45 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Celestial Ringers 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choir 4:00 p.m.
Study Hall 5:15 p.m.
Evening Meal 5:45 p.m.
Prayer Time (All Ages) 6:30 p.m.
Nursery, Preschool Choir, RA's, GA's Sanctuary Choir, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
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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 & Youth 5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 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.

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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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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.

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

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
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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.

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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.

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Lockney
Russell Harris, 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
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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:
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Thursday:
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
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Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
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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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Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Juan A. Gutierrez
Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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Rev. Herman Martinez
308 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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.

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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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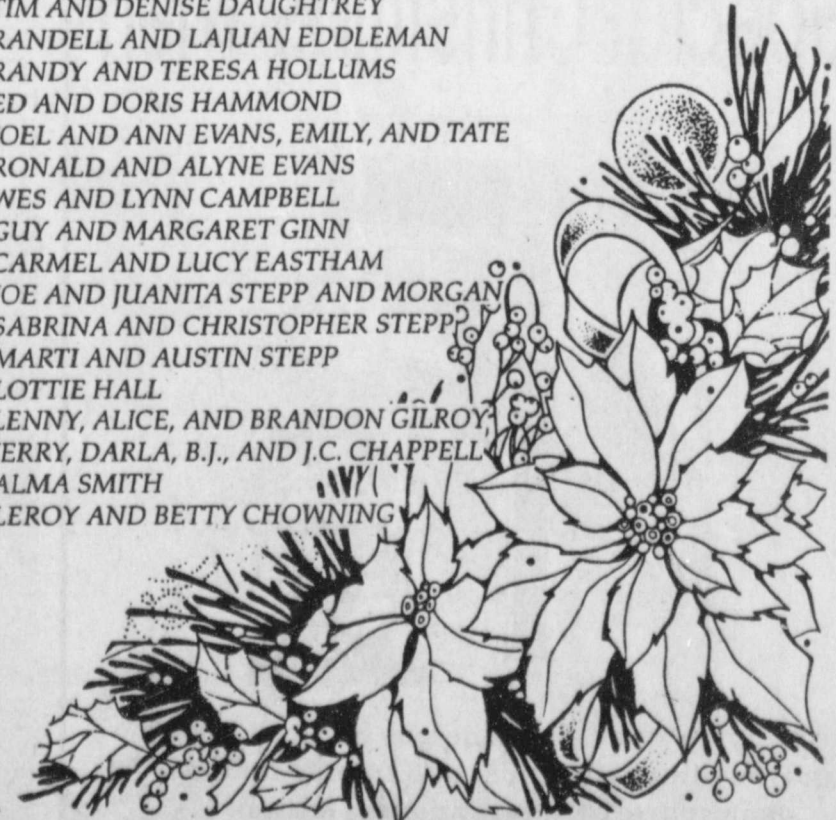
HAVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

*The tree has been trimmed,
The gifts taken care of,
The halls have been decked
The only thing left to do is wish all of
Our friends the best Christmas yet!*

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Duncan 2nd graders pen Santa letters



CHEYANN POWELL tells Santa just how she would like Christmas to unfold. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the toys. I like the toys so much. I want a Tommy Hilfiger shirt and a remote control car.
Your friend, Dustin

Dear Santa,
How is it going? I have missed you. How are your elves? I know you are busy. Please bring a Barbie sleeping bag and Camaray would like one to. Thank you.
Cassidy Gooch

Dear Santa,
How is it at the north pole? Is it cold over there? Are you and your elves working hard? Thank you for the toys you given me. I would like a four wheeler and a telescope and a nerf gun.
Your friend, Anthony Herrera

Dear Santa,
I would like a electronic pet please and a dog please and a computer and with the computer I would like games with it. My sister would like more BityBaby close.
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a watch and please bring me a four wheeler. I know I asked for a bike, and I will put out cookies and milk.
Eric Creek

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a boll and some rollerblades. I also want a dress for my mom and I went some sock's for my dad. My sister went's a Barbies and give my granfather a new phon. Have a good good good ride. HoHoHoHoHoHoHoHo Merry Christmas.
Year friend, Carolina Arizpe

Dear Santa,
I want a real telephone, a baby alive, a new puppy, a T-shirt with tweety on it, a nintendo game, and Scatogories.
from Randa Roberson

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike for Christmas. Please bring a necklace for my mother. Be careful and have a safe trip.
Love, Aurelio Delgado

Dear Santa,
I want a pr.fo skates and a cpuer fo christmas and maickp and a pr. fo nou nickes and a nowe crauls that is wut I what fo christmas.
from Macy Malone

Dear Santa,
I like your toys and candy. I like you a bunch and I like your music. My favret kind of song is gengo bells. I also like the star that I have. I want a Lintendo sixty Four.
from Steven R.

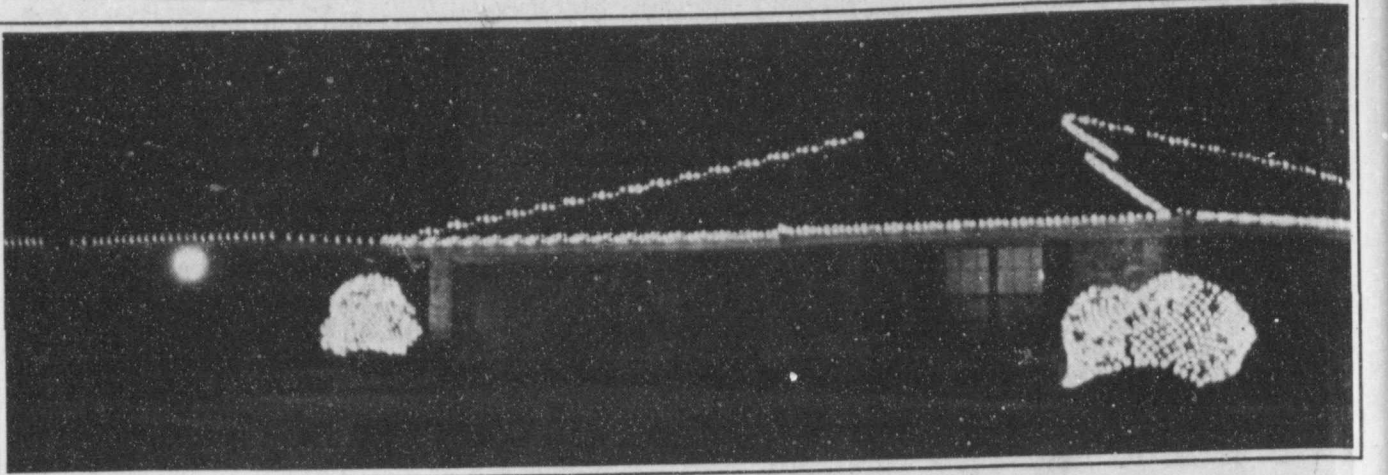
Dear Santa,
May I please have some walki talkys and a tall stuffed Buges Bunny. Also May I please have a dirtdevel for my Mama. (it's a vacumcleaner). Also my Mama would like some new wall paper. Also my Daddy would like some socks. Tell Mrs. Claus hello. How are the Elfs doing? I love you?
Love, Emily Griffin

Dear Santa,
It would be nice to have a bike. I would like you to get my family a present to. May I have a tocing Buba. Can I please have a Anastasia Barbie. Please bring me a computer. Would you please get my ants a present. Dose yor wife come with you?
yer freind, Kimberly Bueno

Dear Santa,
It would be nice if you can bring me some roler blads and some new pair of shoes. But I lik a nentendo 64 and football things. I also want a mocentrol doge. My mom wants gulere so bad. Please give me some mor markars. I hope you have a safe ride. Yore freind,
Reggie Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Rupunsule barbie almost as big as me and a real ford pickup. I would also like a hole bunch of Winnie th pooh things. I also want a new sister and three new brothers. I would also like some julree and a makup set. I hope you have a safe trip back.
Love, Jennifer Jordan

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring me a football for chrismas and I also want a bascitball to. Dear Santa I also want sox for chrismas. I want a 4 wheeler for chrismas also I want for my mom preaty jres for my mom. Dear santa I want a coaputer for me. Sincerely love your friend,
Robert Lopez



BRIGHT BUSHES -- Twin shrubs draped in brilliant white lights accent this Floydada yard. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I won't a gocart and a bike and a nintendo sixty four and a remot control car and a four wheeler.
from Moises Martinez

Dear Santa,
please bring me. A biar. and and shoes. And bring me a sega. And a cmpder. And bring me a gocar. And a moascl. And a playstashtn. And give me foobball pads.
from Daniel

Dear Santa,
It would be nice if you bring a Mortal Comback. I would like one bike. May I have a car. Can I please have a computer. Please bring me a watch. Would you please bring a car remote control. Can you brime a televishen.
Homar Diaz

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a new bike. I would like roller blades. Would you please bring me a doll house. May I have a computer. It would be nice if you bring me a TV. and bring my brother a car.
Your friend, Linda DeOchoa

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a Nintendo 64 and a mad I pickup, basecards to. Also my bother I won't to give him a new bike or a new folder and the movie fluber.
Your friend, Brandon Montreal

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have some mats. I wood like some C.D.'s for my jambox and my sister wants a dog.
Thank you, Randa Shurbet

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me craoulas and saplise. My tow brothers will like a computer. I want a cat and new dresses, socks, lots of toys, and stuffed Lonny Toonys. Can you get me new cloths, some roller blade, and a new jacket and more and more presents. and more cats. and bring my cousin lots of rabbits.
Your freind, Marisela Mata

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a bike and a nice robe for my dad. My mom wode like a new decorations for the keichen. Please help my grandparents farm. May my cousins have a new nentendo game. I do not know of anything else that I wont or any bity else. How is Mrs. Claus doing? I love you and your elves.
Your friend, J.L. Simpson

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a gocar and a toy to and a tindo sixtefour and a compuer and a dog. and a gamboy. and a boat and a ball.
from Humberto

Dear Santa,
I want a super nintendo 604. and I want a toy wat ever toy. and a want a compure and a basicow. and a bolly boll and a doll. and a Chrismas tree Happy Chrismas.
from Evelina

Dear Santa,
I like a nintindo for chrismas. I like a toy car. I like a chrismas tree.
from Rine

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a kitten for Christmas and I wish I could be a good good reader. And I wish I could have a petty kitten for Christmas. And I wish I could have a good Chrismas.
from Audrie Denise Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a dirtbike, a computer, a few mouse traps, a horse, a little pig. I hope you don't get sick and can't come. PS and a T.V and a remoke car and your signiture.
from Will Appling

Dear Santa,
Will you bring a pairs of Books for us. So we can read some Books for all of us. We can Learn to Read books. you bring a computer so I can play games, so I can learn a lot about computers.
from Jackie Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I wat a car
I wat a dog
I wat a super intendo
I wat a pizza
I wat a football
I wat a foot ball himet
from Jedaro

Dear Santa,
Will you pleac bring me a four will moter sickle. And put it at back of the yard. And can u pleac bring my mom and dad a present. And to my brother to. And to my sister. And can u bring a Hot well car. And a small remote car.
from Concepcion Castillo

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike please. May you give me a computer please, a dolly, a dress. It would be nice to spend one night please after you had gave the other children gifts. Happy Chrismus day. I hope that the reindeer's fly up and up the sky. I can't weit untile Chrismus. I have done well this past year.
Your friend, Veneza Avila

Dear Santa,
I will give my mom a nichles with a heart on it and I will give my baby brother a micy moas crolen babys.
Jennifer Espinoza

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skiper Barbie, and a Barbie house too. May I have a chrain set for my sister. Can I please have a ceramic bunny for my mom. It would be nice if you could bring my dad some tuls. Also could you please bring my brother a play-station game. Plus could you bring my uncle a new phone please. I hope you have a save trip merry Chrismus.
Martina Banda

Dear Santa,
I want a pool table and a racetrack. Please bring my mom rings and my brother whatsa dinisor racetrack.
from Ross baldwin

Dear Santa,
I won't a computer for chrismis. I won't a raindear for chrismis. My brother and I won't's a computer nitinoe. I won't a new bike and a dog.
from Allson Griggs

Dear Santa,
I want a computer with encyclopeda in it. I want a gocar. A otograph from Jerry Rice. I want tickets to the superbowl. Books. I want 1000 dollars. New bow. I want a otograph from Steve Young. I want my daddy to be home.
from Collin Campbell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a American doll and I want Samantha with her birthday stuff. I also want a Donkey Kong, gigga pet. I will leave you some cookies and milk out.
from Morgan Norrell

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WARMEST GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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It warms our heart to think of you in this most wonderful of seasons, because there's just so much to celebrate, and your friendship is one of the reasons! Merry, Merry Christmas!

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Merry Christmas to you and yours.
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Away In A Manger

May you rejoice in the splendor of His many wondrous creations in this season of love. Merry Christmas!

Much love,
Dr. Bill, JoLynn, Angie, & Laura Dean
Floydada

SILENT NIGHT HOLY NIGHT

A guiding star. A heavenly chorus. The Wise Men's search. The Shepherds' awe. And, in the manger, the newborn King.

As the sacred story is told anew, may the boundless blessings of Christmastide bring comfort and joy to you and your loved ones. Rejoicing too, we warmly send glad tidings and heartfelt thanks to all our neighbors. Noel!

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A New Way To See Christmas

By Gary Swanson

The mother sat on the simulated-leather chair in the doctor's office, picking nervously at her fingernails. Wrinkles of worry lined her forehead as she watched 5-year-old Kenny sitting on the rug before her.

He is small for his age and a little too thin, she thought. His fine blond hair hung down smooth and straight to the top of his ears. But white gauze bandages encircled his head, covering his eyes and pinning his ears back.

In his lap he bounced a beaten-up teddy bear. It was the pride of his life, yet one arm was gone and one eye was missing. Twice his mother had tried to throw the bear away, to replace it with a new one, but he had fussed so much she had relented. She tipped her head slightly to the side and smiled at him. *It's really about all he has,* she sighed to herself.

A nurse appeared in the doorway. "Kenny Ellis," she announced, and the young mother scooped up the boy and followed the nurse toward the examination room. The hallway smelled of rubbing alcohol and bandages. Children's crayon drawings lined the walls.

"The doctor will be with you in a moment," the nurse said with an efficient smile. "Please be seated."

The mother placed Kenny on the examination table. "Be careful, Honey, not to fall off."

"Am I up very high, Mother?"

"No dear, but be careful."

Kenny hugged his teddy bear tighter. "Then I don't want Grr-face to fall either."

The mother smiled. The smile twisted at the corners into a frown of concern. She brushed the hair out of the boy's face and caressed his cheek, soft as thistle-down, with the back of her hand. As the office music drifted into a haunting version of "Silent Night," she remembered the accident for the thousandth time.

THE WINCING MEMORY

She had been cooking things on the back burners for years. But there it was, sitting right out in front, the water almost boiling for oatmeal.

The phone rang in the living room. It was another one of those "free offers" that cost so much. At the very moment she returned the phone to the table, Kenny screamed in the kitchen, the galvanizing cry of pain that frosts a mother's veins.

She winced again at the memory of it and brushed aside a warm tear slipping down her cheek. Six weeks they had waited for this day to come. "We'll be able to take the bandages off the week before Christmas," the doctor had said.

The door to the examination room swept open, and Dr. Harris came in. "Good morning, Mrs. Ellis," he said

brightly. "How are you today?"

"Fine, thank you," she said. But she was too apprehensive for small talk.

Dr. Harris bent over the sink and washed his hands carefully. He was cautious with his patients but careless about himself. He could seldom find time to get a haircut, and his straight black hair hung a little long over his collar. His loosened tie allowed his collar to be open at the throat.

"Now then," he said, sitting down on a stool, "let's have a look."

Gently he snipped at the bandage with scissors and unwound it from Kenny's head. The bandage fell away, leaving two flat squares of gauze taped directly over Kenny's head. The bandage fell away, leaving two flat squares of gauze taped directly over Kenny's eyes. Dr. Harris lifted the edges of the tape slowly, trying not to hurt the boy's tender skin.

Kenny slowly opened his eyes, blinked several times as if the sudden light hurt. Then he looked at his mother and grinned. "Hi, Mom," he said.

Choking and speechless, the mother threw her arms around Kenny's neck. For several minutes she could say nothing as she hugged the boy and wept in thankfulness. Finally, she looked at Dr. Harris with tear-filled eyes. "I don't know how we'll ever be able to pay you," she said.

"We've been over all that before," the doctor interrupted with a wave of his hand. "I know how things are for you and Kenny. I'm glad I could help."

The mother dabbed at her eyes with a well-used handkerchief, stood up, and took Kenny's hand. But just as she turned toward the door, Kenny pulled away and stood for a long moment looking uncertainly at the doctor. Then he held his teddy bear up by its one arm to the doctor.

"Here," he said, "take my Grr-face. He ought to be worth a lot of money."

Dr. Harris quietly took the broken bear in his two hands. "Thank you,

Kenny. This will more than pay for my services."

A CHRISTMAS VISITOR

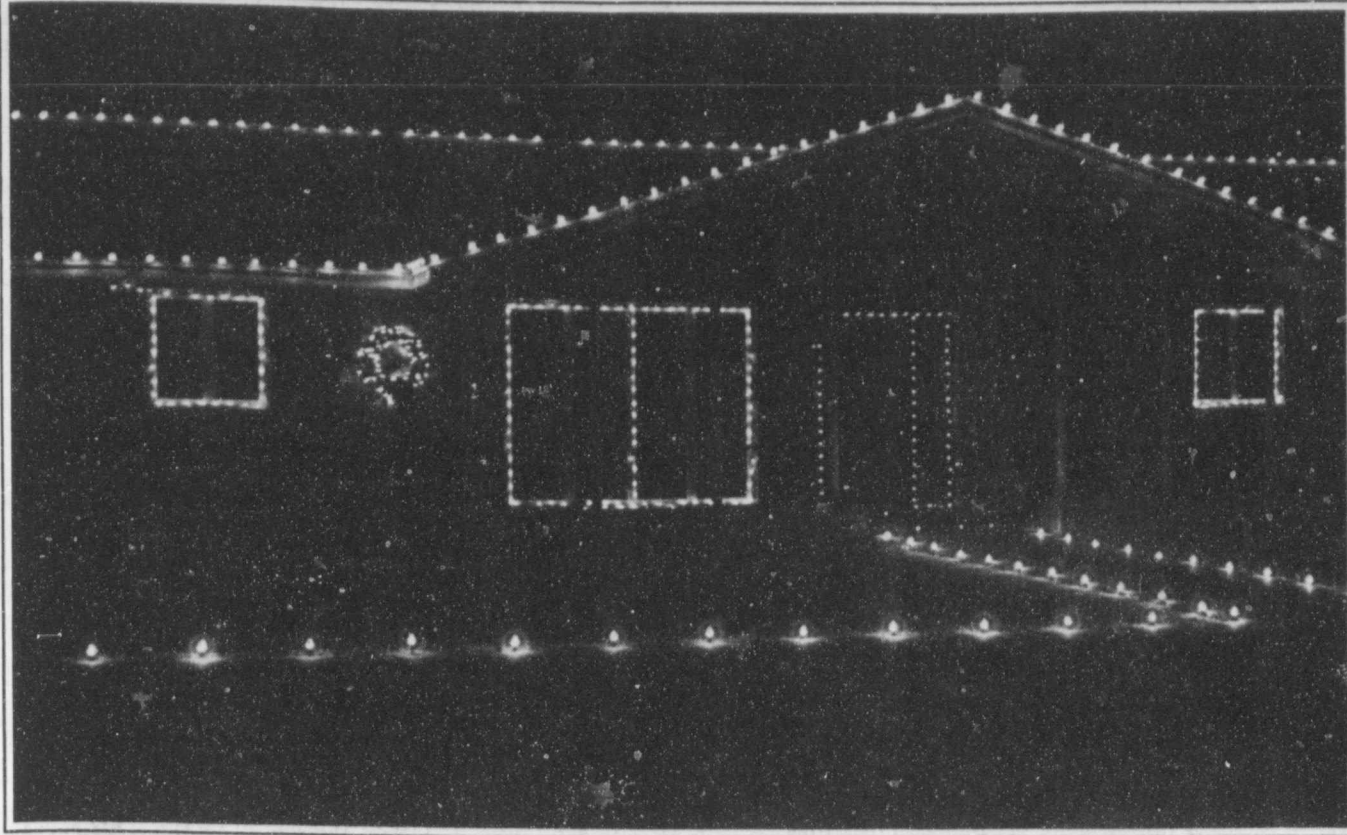
The last few days before Christmas were especially good for Kenny and his mother. They sat together in the long evenings, watching the Christmas tree lights twinkle on and off. Bandages had covered Kenny's eyes for six weeks, so he seemed reluctant to close them in sleep. The fire dancing in the fireplace, the snowflakes sticking to his bedroom windows, the two small packages under the tree—all the lights and colors of the holiday fascinated him. And then, on Christmas Eve, Kenny's mother answered the doorbell. No one was there, but a large box was on the porch, wrapped in shiny gold paper with a broad red ribbon and bow. A tag attached to the bow identified the box as intended for Kenny Ellis.

With a grin, Kenny tore the ribbon off the box, lifted the lid, and pulled out a teddy bear—his beloved Grr-face. Only now it had a new arm of brown corduroy and two new button eyes that glittered in the soft Christmas light. Kenny didn't seem to mind that the new arm did not match the other one. He just hugged his teddy bear and laughed.

Among the tissue in the box, the mother found a card. "Dear Kenny," it read. "I can sometimes help put boys and girls back together, but Mrs. Harris had to help me repair Grr-face. She's a better bear doctor than I am. Merry Christmas! Dr. Harris."

"Look, Mother," Kenny smiled, pointing to the button eyes. "Grr-face can see again—just like me!"

(This is a true story which took place in central California. It is one of many stories found in *Christmas In My Heart 6*, a treasury of old-fashioned Christmas stories compiled and edited by Joe L. Wheeler. We reprinted it from the December, 1997 *Focus on the Family* magazine.)



FRAMED IN LIGHT -- Holiday lighting outlines the doors, windows and roof of this lovely home all dressed up for Christmas.

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Brian T. Whiteley

Dear Santa,
Can I please have that Big XRC car. Can I please have flippover stilgo. Can I please have a tran set to go around the tree. Can I please have sega with a fixt T.V. In my stolging can I hav Jurrasic park starwars sonic.

Cameron Calahan

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Nintendo 64. I want a box of crayolas. And a big computer and a new pair of shoes. I want a Sony Playstation and a saga saturn. I want a watch. I want karoty fiters. And a dog. I want the movie Motal Kombak Alianaishon. And I want the game Light out and a beebee gun.

Justin

Dear Santa,
I want a seadey plar. A man and black seadey. A nel macker. A phon. A pop, a cat and a other bird so my other bird won't be only. I want the same grades. A nice big bear. A bumbed and for my mom I wont Santa to breang her a dish washer. And for my dad I want santa to bring him a lot of money. And for my brother I want santa to bring in a seanea plair. And for my hole family I wont santa to bring us a upstare house.

Kimberly Garza

Dear Santa,
I want a real rabbit a champolin a nintendo 64 a watch a room of my own some clothes a bike a big doll house a barbie a diving a computer a bird a broad game a phone a barbie jeep a purse some games for the nintendo the Casey Cartweel doll for my mom i want a foot print necklace a some clothes for my dad i want a watch a pair of boots for my sister Maryann i want a makeup set for Margaret i want a musical box.

Michelle

Dear Santa,
I want a playstashon like my brother. I want a computer. I want a bik and the color of the bike is blue and black with a nike sine. I want a water gun that nerf. I want a new pair of nike shoes. I want a basketball that has michel jordon basketball and a jaket with michel jordon on it. I want a pair of michel jordon shoes. I want a Gossbumps book it is called Bad hare day. I want the movie called the little mermaid. I love you, Santa.

Chelsea

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Susan Martin

Happy Holidays!



SIX DON'T FIT -- When these Lockney High girls decided to have a sit-in on Santa's lap, he opted for a group photo instead. -- Staff Photo

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VISIONS OF CHRISTMAS -- The eyes of Christopher Stepp reflect the thought that goes into asking Santa for that one special gift. This year, the request was for a Volcano Blowout. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a game and some stickers and I need a new house for Christmas and I want a dress and for my brother Rody I want him a new baby cat and he needs some toys and I want a new treehouse a big tree house for me and I need a toy teddy bear and I want this big huge new doll house and I love you a lot. Can I be the new girl in school please.

Tyanna

Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo 64 for christmas and I would also like a farmset. I would also like a set of picups and cars. I would also like a T.V. I would also like some new shoes. And in my stocing I want some gams for my nintendo, and strech arm strong and his dog, and 2 candy cans and tractors, and plows and some pellets, and thats all

Rusty

Dear Santa,
I would like a football otergraph by Troy Acmen. I would also like a big box of hot weels. In my stocing I would like 2 candy cans and 3 trucks. I would also like a big screen T.V.

Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Plus a doll house, and a bike. But for my brother I want a nentendo 64. And more Barbies. And the most important I want more friends. And for Mrs. Harmon, she wants a new stapler. I want a tent, and a lamp, and sleeping bag. Plus a sleeping slippers. Plus a sleeping bear.

Adriana De La Fuente

Dear Santa,
I want a glow in the dark shirt for Christmas and new shoes and a bathrobe and a watch.

Michael Flores

Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a four weeler, a bear to hug on. Please bring me a kite so I can fly it. I like to fly a kite. I like to ride a four weeler and I like to hug on a teddy bear. I will comfort him and love my teddy bear. And a hot well car. I wood like to ride in one of them. And I wood like to have a remote controlcar. And please bring me a watch.

Shaina Hart

Dear Santa,
I want you to give my brother a play game it is twice and my mom a macupset for chxmas. I want a c-d.

Christopher Hayter

Dear Santa,
Wil you ples breng my litl babe brother a big bat-mobile bee cus I nevr gav my brother nutheng for a presint. Wil you ples breng my a babe-wotr for a present.

Stephanie Luna

Dear Santa,
My sister wants pown puppy and I want a watch tha's the end.

Haley Malone

Dear Santa,
I wish I can get a sand of different coler, and I want a computer, but I wish my dad and all the people that ar in jail get out of jail and I wish my mom could have munny to get dad out of jail but I love you santa. please thanks and a wont a little radio for cinthia and thats all thanks

Dalila

Dear Santa,
I want a dog hous and a care and I want a compooter and I want a bice for Chrisme and I wont tv.

David Ramos

Dear Santa,
I wish Michael had a nentendo 64. I wish my mom had a job.

Michael Ramos

Dear Santa,
I want a football and a sega with game and a nike ring and fla ring and a Reebok ring and a 49ers jacket and a nike jacket and a reebok jacket and a FLA jacket and a remote ronchro car and hot wheels.

Eladio Saldana

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a supper Nintendoe game named baseball and black bass. If it is alright I would like to have some tickets to a cowboy game. This would be speishle if I had a big tint.

Kody Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, and a computer, and my mom dad and sister wants a car so mush, that they cant wait for it. Can you buy me one too please. Have a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Abby Zuniga

Dear Santa,
I want a new computer with some games. And I want some new clouse. I want a new bike. And a new entendle with some games.

Cinthia Torres

Dear Santa,
I want a new bascetbal and bascetbal gold and a motersicl and a new race car and I rily wish I had some new underwear and soes and a helmet to and new nike shoes.

Colby Turner

Dear Santa,
You no what I want for Christmas Santa. I want a Barbie house and a samantha iceskating dress. I hope you hav a careful trip. And put all the checks by the kids names.

Love, Kelsey Williams

Dear Santa,
Can you bring a nail maker and a computer. I want lots of money. I want lots of clothes. I want lots of things. But I do want a nail maker. Please bring me it please I love you, Do you love me?

Amber Hill

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 please. I want a basket boll gold, R.C. tornato con, I won't a desk and a black chair with a lamp, I won't a gameboy with a tape of Donkey Kong to put in it so I can play. I want a computer and a penbal desk a watch, and a dirt bike.

J.J.

Dear Santa,
I really would like a teenager courtney barbie doll. A newborn baby doll with a bottle and baby toys and a diper bag. And new tires for my bike. I want a canopy bed with a cirton around it. I would like a puppy golden retriever. P.S. it has to be a girl dog. I need new cloths I really want a box of colors and a coloring book. My mom would like a kitchen set and my dad would like a fishing pole as for my sitters Kristen would like new barbie and Jaci get her a baby doll.

Kara

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Barbie I want a computer and a tramoline and a white mouse a real one and some overalls. I think thats all see you next christmas.

Carrie

Dear Santa,
I won't a remot control Jet. I want the crasht bake can. I won't a air craftceryer.

from Brandon Rainwater

Dear Santa,
I wate a nitin 64 and a bike to ride on and a Graple and a trek and a remot car and tat is the end.

from Steven Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a truck for Christmas. tell Miss.Clas i side Hi and Big Truck. Merychitsmas.

your frinde, Trent

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a big tranpuling and a big computer Like my cousines. Will you bring me my own T.V and my own VCR and a nintindo 64 and a greenbay packer jacket. Will you bring me a play station. Will you bring me a niking and a nike neckles.

from Eduardo

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good year. I want a real computer for Christmas. I want a little Piano for Christmas. I want a play ground. I want a radio for Christmas. I want a boun box for Christmas. I want a realphone for Christmas. I want a T.V. vescar and a roment.

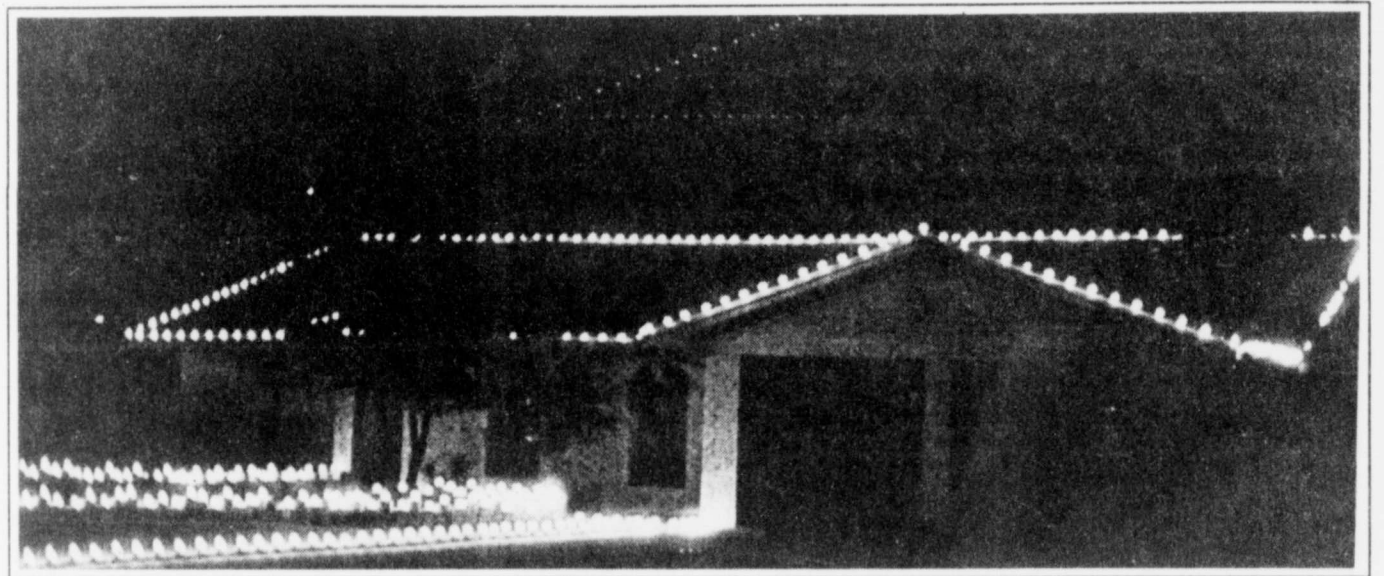
from Helen Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
for christmas i want a dodle-bear that has markers with it so i could color the bear. And my mom wants new shoes. but, i want the movie fluber so i can watch it and i want a mystery book to go with the movie so i can read it on the way plus i want a my size barbie that has a dress. Me and my brother want new close to ware for school tomorrow.

from Josie

Dear Santa, I want a purse also a watch and a nintendo 64 to. Also I want a big doll house. Really I want a game that goes to super nintendo it is called mariopaint. Also I want clothes. Also a real rabbit and my own computer and a big stereo.

from Isabel



REFLECTED LIGHTS--Reflections from the cloudy night sky enhance this photo of Christmas lights in Floydada.

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By Lon Woodrum
(Reprinted from the Joe L. Wheeler collection of "Christmas In My Heart")

Such a thing hasn't happened often, suppose. But it did happen in Springfield that Christmas. And I'm not the only one who can tell you about it. Dr. Wallis Martin knows the facts. And so does Dr. Gaffel, the specialist. And Mrs. Carol Devove will vouch for it, too.

Frank Gammon, editor of the *Daily Eagle* and my boss, called me into his office that day and held out a slip of paper.

"Look, Al. Run this down," he said. "Kid dying of leukemia. Won't live till Christmas, but he's all set to celebrate. Sounds like a story."

You don't mind the Old Man's blunt words. It was just his way. We all knew he liked kids. I took the slip of paper and left the office. The slip said, "David Stone. Mother: Carol Stone. 745 Elm Street."

I went out on the street. A few big snowflakes drifted down on the still air like tiny white paratroopers. From the courthouse tower Christmas music floated over Springfield.

Driving down Sheridan, I passed Calvary Church, where I was a member. I saw my pastor, Allan Comer, going up the church steps and waved at him. Wonderful fellow, that. He had shown me the way to a new life in Christ.

I stopped my car at a white frame house. There was a small Christmas tree in the window. I rang the bell, and the door was opened by a woman who looked a little younger than myself, around 30, with sea-colored eyes and dark hair drawn back from an intelligent, pretty face. She had a full mouth and was slim and nearly as tall as my own five feet eleven.

"I'm Al Devove from the *Daily Eagle*," I said. "I'd like to have a talk with David Stone, if I may. Are you Mrs. Stone?"

"Yes," she said. "Why do you want to see him?"

"Our editor asked me to come. May I see him?"

She hesitated. "I don't want his sufferings smeared all over the papers."

"I'll handle the story properly, Mrs. Stone."

I kept looking at her. Her pale skin stood out against her dark hair and her



A SERIOUS WISH -- Jordan Cornelius takes time out of a busy pre-Christmas schedule to have a quiet talk with Santa about his hopes for Christmas day.
-- Staff Photo

eyes were rather a contrast to both. Her eyes interested me. They were cold, yet they were trying to be warm! Something besides her son's illness seemed to be needing her.

She led me into a bedroom to a boy propped up on pillows. He was about 10. The little fellow grinned at me and said, "Hi, mister. Merry Christmas!" I tossed my hat on the bed. "I'm Al Devove, Dave. How's things?"

"Things are just fine," he said, "even if I have to be in bed a few days." I glanced up and saw pain catch at the mother's face. She turned away from me. I said to David, "Are you looking forward to Christmas?"

"Sure!" He grinned. "It's a time for us to remember God's birthday."

"Jesus' birthday. Some people don't think of that fact first when they talk about Christmas."

"I believe in Jesus. Mother doesn't believe in Him, but I do."

Again I glanced at Carol Stone, but she did not look at me. She went out of the bedroom.

"Why doesn't your mother believe in Jesus?" I asked gently.

"Oh, she just doesn't. I can't make her understand."

He paused and squinted at me. "Maybe you could help me make her understand." He seemed to take it for granted that I was a Christian.

I reached out and patted his slim shoulder. "Maybe I might do that, pal. Tell me, do you mind being in bed at Christmas?"

"Oh, it's not Christmas yet. Not quite. I'll be well by Christmas!"

I gazed at him. His dark eyes were like two bright stars in his pallid face.

"Well, that's swell, Dave. It really is."

"I have faith in God," he said simply.

"This, I thought, is quite a story!"

In the living room I found Carol Stone gazing out a window. She turned and said, "I can't bear all his brave talk about getting well by Christmas. Dr. Martin says there is no chance."

"Faith," I said, "can sometimes do strange things."

"Faith!" Harshness covered the softness of her voice. She lifted a slim hand. "It sounds so well as a word. But it's pretty meaningless, really."

I concentrated on her. "You've had it rough, huh?"

"Are you a reporter or a preacher?"

"A reporter, but I wouldn't mind being a preacher. I think it's a great calling."

She shrugged. Bitterness hardened a mouth that wanted to be tender.

"Don't preach here! I couldn't bear it."

She sounded as if she might cry, and I said, "I'm sorry I've disturbed you, Mrs. Stone."

She shook her head. "Oh, it's all right. I'm just upset. Not over you."

"The boy's father?"

I ventured, and stopped.

She put a quick look on me and took a deep breath. "David had a father, of course. I was married to him for four years. He was a religious man—very religious?" She smiled sardonically.

"He ran off with a religious woman!"

"Oh! I'm sorry. But some religious people just aren't Christians, you know."

She melted a little. She needed to talk. "I've had a difficult time looking after David. I had a job with the American Insurance Company. But David's illness..." She went to the cof-

A Gift For David

fee table for her purse and took out a handkerchief.

"His father never came to see him?"

"His father is dead. He was killed in an automobile wreck. David doesn't remember him. And I'm glad he doesn't."

I twisted my hat brim in my hands. "Life can be hard at times. But it takes a faith like David's to be equal to it."

"Poor little fellow! He's so sweet—and so deceived! He really thinks he'll get well. He doesn't even know what leukemia is!"

I went to the door. "If I can do anything, let me know," I said.

She nodded but didn't say anything. I went to my car with David's face before me. And his mother's, too. The face of faith and the face of doubt, side by side.

Back at the *Daily Eagle* I got a photographer to go out for a picture of David. Then I beat out the story. It ran the next day in the *Eagle*. The day following it was picked up and flashed all over the country by the press. There were even a few editorials on it. Television and radio took it up, too.

The Old Man sent me out for a follow-up story, and, brother, when I got out there! You never saw so many gifts pouring into one place. Packages—big, little, and medium-sized. I waded through them into the bedroom, and there in the midst of more toys beamed a pale-faced David.

"Boy," he said, "everybody is wishing me a happy Christmas!"

"You've gotten to be an important fellow," I said.

He grinned hugely. "People care when you're sick, don't they?"

I stiffened, and looked quickly at his mother. *Sick! The people think you're going to die, Dave! They love you when they think you're going to die!*

A vast sadness washed through me, and for a moment I must have shared some of his mother's feelings.

In the living room she said, "I don't think I can bear it."

"Because people have proved their

sympathy for a boy like David? At least this proves everybody isn't like the guy who has made you so bitter."

Her eyes narrowed. "It proves nothing except that people are sentimental and swayed by publicity! I wish I hadn't let you run the story in the paper. I can't stand it—seeing all those gifts pouring in for a boy who'll never live to enjoy them. If people were human they'd give to the living, not to the dead!"

"Listen—"

"David had so little when he was well and able to run about. No father, sometimes barely enough to eat. Now, when he's bound to a deathbed, things come in a flood! It's all so—so stupid!"

I left and went to the office of Dr. Wallis Martin. I knew him quite well, and he saw me.

"The boy has leukemia, Al," the doctor said. "I made sure about it. I consulted with Dr. Gaffel, a top man in this field. The diagnosis is certain."

"Which is a way of telling me there's no hope for the kid," I muttered.

"There comes a time, Al, when we have to stand by and watch someone die."

I paused at the door. "Nothing on earth could help him, I suppose."

"On earth?" He wagged his head. "Not that I know of."

From Martin's I went to see Allan Comer. We talked about little David's case, then I said, "Tell me, pastor, how far can we go with the thing we call faith?"

"How far? There's no limit, I suppose. The Bible says all things are possible to him that believes."

"Will you ask the church to pray for David?"

He nodded. "Sunday morning, Al."

That night I wrote my second story on David. I put in the words of my pastor. I reported that the church was going to pray for David.

The national press grabbed that story, too, and so did television. Letters poured in by the hundreds. People

everywhere, who believed in the power of prayer, were praying for David.

But when I went to see David again, I found his mother had suppressed the news in her home. David knew nothing about what was happening.

"You have no business doing a thing like that!" I cried. "Let the boy know that the people are praying for him. It will help his own faith."

"So he'll build up a false hope—then die! No! I can't endure this mockery! He's not your son. You don't know how I feel. I'm his mother!"

"I wish he were my kid!" I said softly. "I'd like to have a kid like that some day. How he ever got to be what he is, though, with a father and mother like he had is beyond me!"

Her eyes blazed. "His father and mother?"

"Yes."

"Please go. Go!"

I went out, and it was snowing pretty hard. I drove to my apartment, but I didn't go in. I began to walk. From far off I heard a voice singing, "Come, all ye faithful." I thought of little David, and the tears stung my eyes. I raised my face and felt the snow cold on it, and I breathed a prayer to the God who came to a cattle shed to save mankind, to come to a kid who had leukemia. And standing there in the snow, praying, suddenly I felt as if He was in the world in a special way, as He had been that first Christmas, and my heart trembled with a strange joy. I seemed to feel, too, the prayers of hundreds of people, all praying for little David Stone. I had never felt so lifted in spirit before in my life.

They put me on a special assignment the next morning, and I had to leave Springfield. I returned a few days later to find the Old Man all excited.

"Al, you've really got a story now! I've been holding things back for you. It is your story, you know."

"What gives?"

"Mrs. Stone phoned an hour ago. She asked for you. She says David is well!"

"What?"

"Don't stand there and gape. Get out there, man!"

I grabbed a phone. When a voice answered I said, "Dr. Martin, this is Al. What about David Stone? Have you seen him?"

"Yes." There was a pause. "I'm the one who told Mrs. Stone that David is all right."

"What happened?"

"It's beautiful," he said, "like God." Carol said, "I should know more about Him, shouldn't I?"

I put my arm about David's shoulders. "I think Dave and I might be fair teachers. If you're listening."

"I'm listening."

Later, as I drove back to the *Daily Eagle* through swirling snow, remem-

bering the tender look on Carol's face and the new faith shining in her eyes, I knew this was going to be a very happy Christmas indeed.

"Mrs. Stone phoned me that David insisted on getting up, that he was well. She was wrought up, so I went out. He looked so good I took a blood specimen and checked again with Dr. Gaffel. The boy doesn't have leukemia!"

"But the diagnosis! You said it was certain."

"It was, Al. Believe me."

"Well, what do you say?"

"I'm a scientist, Al. I don't know for sure whether the medicine we've given him had anything to do with the boy's recovery or not. I don't even know if the recovery will last. If you ask me, frankly, I think all those prayers had something to do with it. Faith—who knows what it might accomplish?"

I found Carol Stone weeping, but she smiled at me radiantly. Suddenly David stood in the doorway in pajamas. He said, "Hi, Al! I feel fine. We're going to have a swell Christmas, aren't we, Mother?"

Carol ran and hugged him to her heart. "Oh, yes, darling! We're going to have a wonderful Christmas. Wonderful!"

"It's the day to remember God's birthday," said David.

I sat down on the davenport, and David came and sat down by me. He reached for my hand, then sat gazing happily at the Christmas tree.



At Christmas

Packed up lots of wishes
Wrapped 'em full of fun,
For a healthy, happy Christmas
With thanks to everyone.

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Santa wishes made by other hopeful children

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello! How have you been? We are all just fine. Thank you for all the toys you brought us last year. We have tried to be good girls and hope you will remember us on Christmas. Evan would like a toy Golden Retriever and a Jewelry Maker. She would also like a chest for her dolls and a penguin. Merritt would like a toy Burmese cat and a doll that has a bottle and eats and a bicycle. Please bring our baby sister McKenna a tricycle and a toy tv remote control so she will quit changing the channels when we are watching cartoons. We will leave you milk and oreos on the table. Thank you, we love you Santa Claus.
Evan, Merritt, and McKenna

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a firetruck and motorcycle. Thank you.
Jay Potts

Dear Santa,
Hi. I've been a very good girl this year. Can you bring me a Barbie motorhome and a Barbie house. And please bring me a lot of candy. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Thank you.
Love, Breann Gooch

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Baby Check-up and a real kitty cat. I love you, Santa Claus.
Love, Maegan Nichole Hysinger

Dear Santa,
We have really been trying to be good this year, so that you will come see us. Santa would like you to bring him cowboy stuff and a blow thing if you can figure out what that is, cause mom can't. Jake would like a Mr. Potato head. And please don't forget our sissy cause she has been real good and she wants an American Girl doll and a robe. Merry Christmas.
Jake, Janson, Meghan

Dear Santa,
I want a doll that can talk and some skates and some clothes and some shoes and a barbie and a cabbage patch doll that can brush its teetch.
Angela Reyna

Dear Santa,
I would like horses with a walking Barbie and a dollhouse.
Love, Ashley Lucke

Dear Santa,
I'm not old enough to write so I'm telling Mom what to say. I love you very much. And I want you to bring me toys. I want you to bring something for Mommy and Daddy. I want a batmobile. I want the Mocan Matrol (remote control) green motorcycle. I want games that you play on my T.V. I want the batman house with secret passages. I want a baby brother but I know Santa Claus doesn't bring babies. I love Santa Claus very much. Don't forget Jordan, Keith, Randy and Kellie. Say Hi to Rudolph.
Love, Matthew Meador

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Thank you for your kindness and good will.
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MUSEUM CHRISTMAS -- An old fashioned Christmas tree and an old fashioned doll depicting a candle carrying caroler were among the many holiday displays at the Floyd County Historical Museum during the Christmas Open House. -- Staff Photo

More Floydada third grade wishes

Dear Santa,
I would really like a Dream phone, My size Barbie, a new bike, a new C.D. I would like a T.V. and a V.C.R. I would want my very own computer. You do not have to bring me all this. I will leave milk and home made cookies on my table for you. Merry Christmas!

Sandra Rendon

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want Diddy Kong Racing computer, Glow in the Dark Dartboard, encyclopedias, a rabbit, a T.V., a telephone, a race car track, and T-rex, Lost World.

Cam Battey

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and my sister needs some to how is all your reindeer Are you ready for more cookies this year? this year I am giving you 10 more cookies.

Pedro Aguilar

Dear Santa,
I want PlayMoney for christmas. I have been wanting Play Money but My MoM won't let Me get it please ask My MoM if I could get it Please.

Anthony Hernandez

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I hope I have been good. This is what I want this christmas. I want lasertag and sega and a real talking BaBy and some moon shoes. Have a saFe trip. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Nicole Aleman

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a computer and a bike. I hope I get them for christmas. I would really like is a bran new goat car. I also want is a baby dog. If you can't get it thats ok. I can ask my parents if they could by it For me. This is the last thing I want is a biggest present I ever got is a p-e room. That's all the stuff I want for Christmas.

from Magan Flores

Dear Santa,
for christmas I want a purse a doll, lots of clothes, and a good pr. of boots. I'm a good girl. So Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Years.

from Kami Holbert

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a Barbie and I want a car far my mom. I want a bisradio for my brother a me I want somethins for Rudolph he is so nice and I want something for my dad I he needs a phone and a new house.

Claudette

Dear Santa,
I want House shoes and a watergun New shoes cars remot control car and I need pencils and a cap that has a Nike on it and a gold car.

Robert Luna

Dear Santa,
Has Mrs. Claus been making yummy cookies for kids? I hope so! Mrs. Claus, has Santa being good? How are the reindeers? I hope that Rudolph is ok. I hope you give all I want witch is not muck. Also give my brother and sister have all they want too. Remember? a couple of years ago me and my brother gave you ricecrispy treats and can I see you at Christmas Have a Mery Christmas to all of you!

James

Dear Santa,
I wont a gocart and a big box or clado and the bigist present and som more and a truc and a remotrocar and a slepanslid and a dog.

from Victor Ramos

Dear Santa,
I whant a computer and a littledog. And a game, a cat, a back pack, and a Barbie and a doll and a bed and a ring for my mom and some shoes. And Santa, I will be waching for you and there will be milk and a cookie for you on the table, okay santa!! And Santa when you come I will give you a big huge when you come to my house good-by- Santa I like you.

Your friend, Stephanie

Dear Santa,
Could I please have a ten speed bike. Could I also have a new computer. Could I also have a cat house for my cat Floyd. Could I please have a little clock for my room. How are the reindeer and how is Mrs. Claus doing? I am doing fine? Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year. I am going to put some milk and cookies on my litle table.

Kayla Luna

Dear Santa,
How's it going up at the North Pole this year? Is Mrs. Claus doing a lot of sewing? How is the reindeer and elves? For Christmas I would like a computer, a Bababear, and maybe a jacket and some new clothes. Collin is still into that hunting stuff. I guess you could say that Conner has evry winnie the pooh toy there is.

Casey Campbell

Dear Santa,
I want a new clock for our classRoom and a bike and a Radio. And Also a TV. How our you and Mrs. Claus?

Gracie

Dear Santa,
I hope you are oK. Are you really ready for a lot of cookies? I want a new basket ball goal with a basket-ball. I want new shoes, I want a clock for my teache Mrs. Cowart.

Timothy Jake Vargas

Dear Santa,
I want a real talking Bubba, And a talk girl. What is Mrs. Clause doing? Is She sewing? Oh, and I like to sew. Can you please buy my mom make up? She Likes putting on make up. And give my dad a new watch. So are you ready for more cookies and milk? Well nice talking to you, bye.

Alma Crystal Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer for Christmas. I always wished for one because they are very fun. I hope everybody is happy and gets what they want and your dreams come true. I wish the teachers are happy for Christmas. I wish I can get the teachers some thing for Christmas.

Jasmine

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a football and a puppy and a cat too. I also want a cat, a watch for my brother and I want a sega game to play it called streetfright and starfox. How are you and Mrss. Clause. The end

Doug

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike for christmas. I would like for christmas is Nitindo 64. I what for christmas is a football. I what for christmas is a basketball for christmas. I would like a rele competer. I would like for christmas is a moke otrolcare. I would want a motersikle for christmas. I won't for christmas is a bat and a ball.

from Arthur castillo

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a black-cow-boy hat and clothes. A bike with a water holder. A remotcontrol control race car.

from Tate Jones

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. I want a real Computer for Christmas. I want a little Piano for Christmas. I want a Little Mermaid doll. I want a bike for Christmas. I want a sega for Christmas. I want a radio for Christmas. I want a telephone for Christmas. I want a big troumpling for Christmas. I hope you have a Merry Christmas year!

from Noemi

Dear Santa, What I want for christmas is a bike and a sony playstation and a 49er football and also a remotcontrol car.

from Ryan Monreal

Dear Santa,
I would like a Texas Tech bracelet and a thumb ring. I would like a V.C.R. and a been bag animal. Have you been good this year have the elvs worked hard on the toys. Some people think that you are not real but you are.

Kelsey Jo Robertson

In This Holy Season
May all your prayers be answered during this season of miracles.
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Happy Holidays
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Eric, Jullanne, Skyler & Jordan



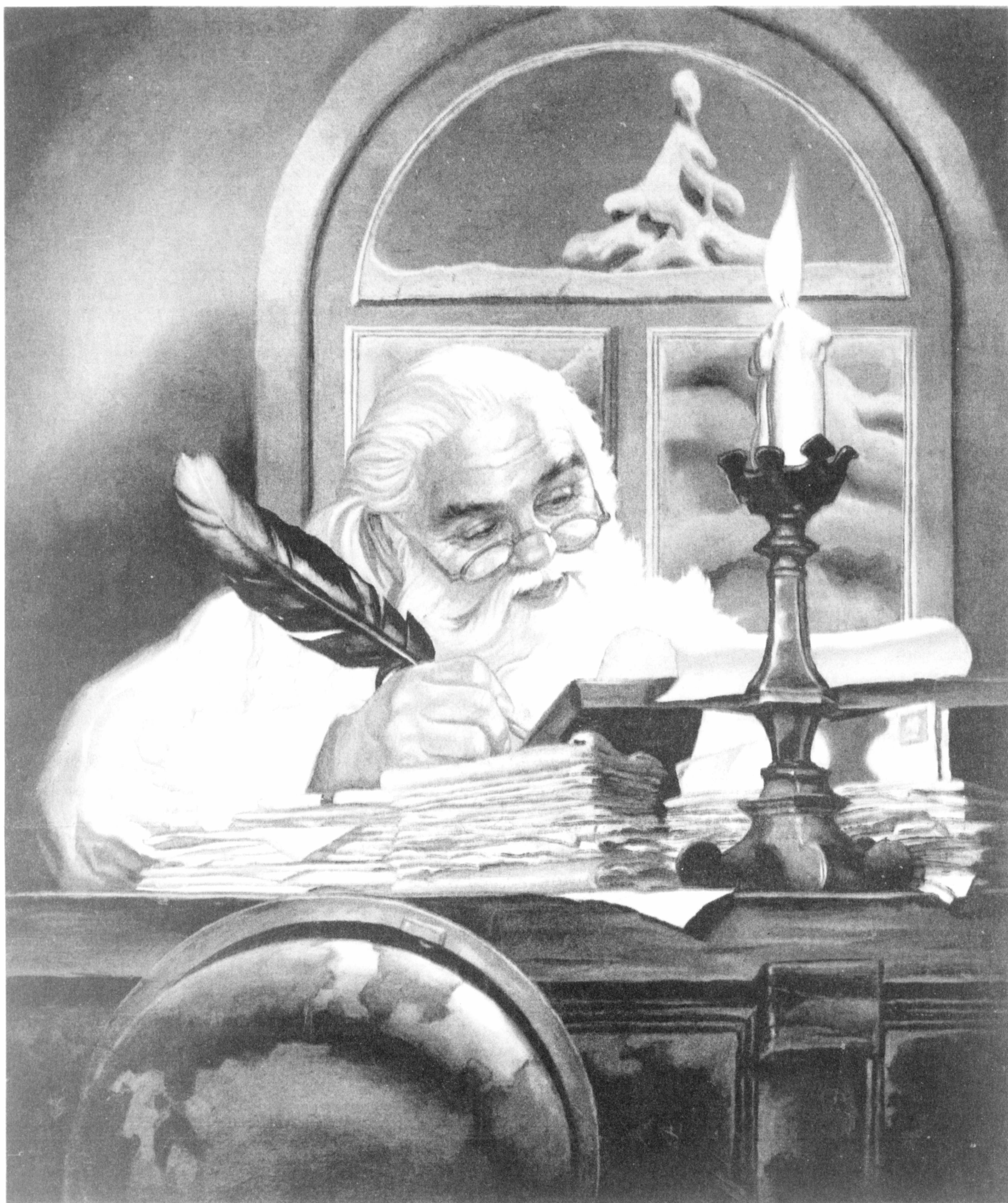
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When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

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HOLIDAY THANKS TO YOU

We're taking this opportunity to dash off this little thank you note to all our neighbors for making our year a dream come true!

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Floydada sixth graders write Christmas acrostics

By Melissa Torres
Christ
 Having close friends coming by now
 Running and playing with one another
 Ice cold winter playing with snow
 Sharing and kindness with one another
 Telegrams that come from friends and family
 Morning happiness from Mom and Dad
 Apple pie that comes from Mom's kitchen
 Singing and laughing on Christmas morning

By Morgan Foster
 Candy canes is what you eat on Christmas Day.
 Holidays are fun even Christmas Day.
 Riding a sled down a snowy hill.
 Ice skating is fun in the snowy winter.

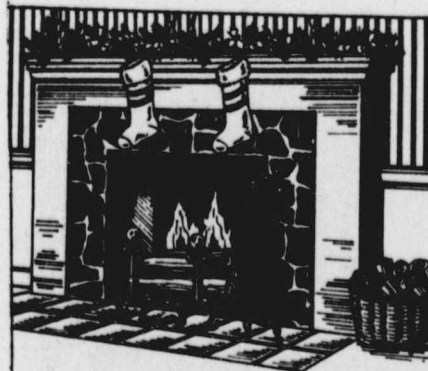
Santa is coming to town.
 Trading presents with a friend is a lot of fun.
 Merry Christmas to you and your family.
 A very merry Christmas to you from me.
 Sadly Christmas is gone now we need 365 days till next Christmas Eve. Every year there's a Christmas.
 Very good kids only get presents.
 Everybody be have because I have someone here next to me Ha! Ha! Ha!

By Hunter Hagood
C is for candy canes.
H is for happiness.
R is for rejoice.
I is for icicles on the roof sides.
S is for Santa Claus.
T is for tinsel on the trees.
M is for Merry carolers.
A is for flying angels.
S is for some fun and unforgettable times.

By Harvey Dela Fuente
 Christmas is a special time of year.
 Happy though there is bad weather.
 Riding along in the snow forever.
 In our hearts we are still together.
 Sharing all that there is to share.
 Throwing our thoughts in the air.
 Many families go far or stay near.
 As our loved ones visit here.
 Santa's bells you can hear with your ears.
 My mommy says Santa sure is nice.
 On the sweet jar there are mice.
 Run, run, run is what they do.
 Nothing better, nothing new.
 In the chimney I hear a noise.
 Not so loud I hear a voice.
 Great! Santa's here to bring me toys.

By David Lee Garcia
 Cavles are fun for everyone.
 Having fun with family is happy.
 Reindeer flying up so high.
 Icicles falling from the sky.
 Santa dropping presents everywhere.
 Talking with family about Christmas.
 Making a Christmas dinner.
 Asking for a present on Christmas Eve.
 Saying thanks at Christmas time.

By Ricky Ybara
 Noel
 Old Saint Nick
 Relatives
 Toys
 Happiness
 Presents
 Ornaments
 Love
 Eggnog



Warmest Greetings!
 May holiday joy warm your heart and home. Thank you for your patronage.
Larry, Roger & Buddy
Hammond Sheet Metal
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By Blake Pope
C is for Christ child born in Bethlehem.
H is for Holy the night he was born.
R is for Royal for He is king of heavenand earth.
I is for Infant born in a manger.
S is for Sinners He came to save.
T is for Treasure the wise men brought Him.

By Robert Wells
 Christmas is a fun time for you and me.
 Helping mom decorate the tree.
 Running and playing in the snow.
 I ride in my sleigh-look at me go.
 Sleeping and waiting for Christmas Day.
 Thinking how Jesus felt sleeping in hay.
 Making sure your up the first.
 Asking for your favorite gift.
 Saying "thank you" to everyone for a great Christmas.

By Naida Lira
M-Mary the mother of Jesus.
E-Everyone of Jesus 7 apostles.
R-Remember the things Jesus did for us.
R-Remember the miracles Jesus has done for us.
Y-Ya'll remember to pray and thank Jesus for the things He has done for us.

C-Christmas is a day to remember Jesus' birth.
H-He, Jesus himself died for us.
R-Roaring isn't allowed at Jesus' home but love certainly is.
I-I wish Jesus is known very well throughout the world.
S-Send Jesus lots of love that would make him happy.
T-Think about why Jesus died for us.
M-Meanless is not nice because Jesus is nice to everyone in His world.
A-And remember to be nice because Jesus is watching one and everyone of you.
S-Send Jesus lots of love like he sends you lots of love everyday of your life.

By Antwonette Acy
M is for Merry Christmas.
E is for Elves.
R is for reindeers.
R is for remembering Christmas.
Y is for young brothers and sisters getting presents.
C is for Christmas morning.
H is for having fun.
R is for relatives coming to visit.
I is for icicles hanging from roofs.
S is for Santa Claus.
T is for taping presents.
M is for making things for Christmas.
A is for angels.
S is for stockings full of Christmas toys.

By Israel Rodriguez
 Christmas
 Holiday
 Reindeer
 Icicles
 Snow
 Tea
 Merry
 Angels
 Santa
 Moose
 Ornaments
 Respect
 Night
 Instruments playing
 Neighbors
 Getting presents

By Gregory Garcia
 Candy canes
 Happiness
 Reindeer
 Icicles
 Snow
 Toys
 Merry Christmas
 Angels
 Santa Claus

By Chance Crossland
C is for Christ child born this day.
Having to lie on nothing but hay.
three men came to see.
this baby who is so holy.
Spice, myrrh, and gold they brought Him.
The virgin Mary the mother of Him.
Merrily singing for mother, father and Him.
Angels singing in rejoice like bells.
Shepherds saying we saw the angels.
When He was grown He helped anyone in need.
one day In Jerusalem He was hung on a cross cruelly.
Stayed in a tomb for 3 days.
He rose from the tomb toward heaven to stay.
we may think of Christmas as presents, Santa and family.
but pleaSe remember Jesus died for us lovingly.

By Omar Garza
M is for merry.
E is for elves.
R is for Rudolph.
R is for reindeer.
Y is for young.
C is for children.
H is for happy families.
R is for rings and bells.
I is for icicles.
S is for snow.
T is for toys.
M is for mistletoe.
A is for angels.
S is for Santa Claus.

By Erin K. Evans
Children around the Christmas tree.
Having laughter in heart of you and me.
Resting for the day ahead.
Inside wishing you hadn't stayed in bed.
Sharing happiness with loved ones near.
Tearing open presents with a happy tear.
Making cookies for the holiday.
Always having good things to say.
Saving love for this special day.

By Jay McLaugh
C is for Christ, who died for us.
H is for Holy, that He is.
I is for In our hearts where He lives forever.
S is for Simon, one of His many followers.
T is for the Tender love He had for us.

Happy Holidays

By Colby Stambaugh
 Christmas tree
 Hope
 Reindeer
 Icy weather
 Snow
 Toys
 Mom
 Apple pie
 Sleigh bells

By Erica Williams
 Christmas is the time of sharing and giving.
 Helping and sharing on Christmas morning.
 Remember Christmas is the day that Jesus was on Christmas Day.
 I believe that Christmas is a time of sharing.
 Snowing on Christmas making angels in the snow.
 Thanking Santa for bringing presents.
 Making Christmas dinner.
 After unwrapping gifts, we play a game.
 Singing and opening presents on Christmas morning.



WE ARE SANTA'S ELVES --Meredith Schacht and her brother Spenser were on hand to assist Santa during his visit to Lockney early in December. They helped with the youngsters stopping by to tell Santa their Christmas wishes and handed out candy canes. -- Staff Photo

By Sylvia Mancilla
C is for Christmas
H is for Happiness
R is for Relatives
I is for Icicles
S is for Snow
T is for Toys
M is for Mistletoe
A is for Angels
S is for Sharing

By Brenda Cuellar
 Cuellor family gathering.
 Harmony and peace.
 Reindeer on the roof.
 Itty bitty ornaments.
 Santa leaving presents.
 Trees sparkling with light.
 Memories of baby Jesus.
 All the gifts under the tree.
 Social gathering with friends.

By Noe Marmolejo
 Mistletoe
 Evening waiting for presents
 Ready to open presents
 Remember your families
 Yell for presents
 Cheer for others
 Hear for your name
 Rip the paper off your present
 Ice and snow outside, Sing for Christmas
 Think for what you got Merry Christmas
 And I wish you a Merry Christmas
 Santa Claus is coming to town

By Alyssa Bennett
 Caring about family and friends.
 Having fun and playing family games.
 Running around the Christmas tree.
 Inviting more family and friends in.
 Singing around the Christmas tree.
 Telling mom and dad what I got.
 Making snow angels in the snow.
 Asking for some Christmas desert.
 Seeing Santa fly away on his sled
 and he said, "HO HO HO, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night"

By Mark Alvarez
C is for Christ
H is for Happiness
R is for Rudolph
I is for Icicles
S is for Santa
T is for Tearing open presents
M is for your Mom
A is for Angels in the sky
S is for the Snow falling from the sky

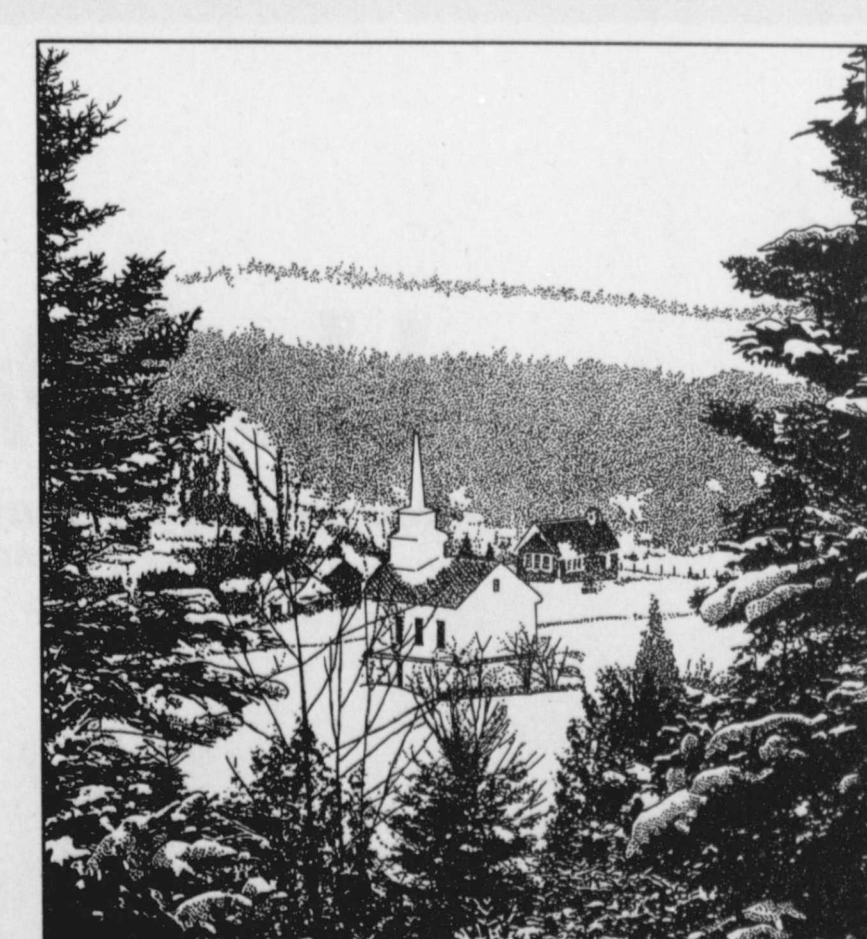
By Jenifer Jefferies
 Moms and dads every year happy as can be.
 Everywhere there is love in the air.
 Rings of fire in the fire place.
 Running kids and merry sounds.
 You can have a merry Christmas just like us and everybody else.
 Christmas is a happy time of year.
 Here is Christmas is be ready for the relatives.
 Relatives here and their and everywhere.
 Is Christmas always rowdy.
 Since it is I cannot wait any longer.
 T is a very merry Christmas to be.
 My cousins come from here and there.
 As we gather near and far we hope to have a merry Christmas.
 So be happy when it comes and I hope you have a very merry Christmas just like us! "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!" as Santa once said.

By Angelo Williams
C is for cookies for him when he comes to your house.
H is for happiness when your having Christmas dinner.
R is for Rudolph so Santa can see through the night.
I is for icicles that comes from out of sight.
S is for Santa Claus who flies over your house.
T is for tricycle without knowing all about.
M is for Mrs. Claus who helps Santa out.
A is for apple pie that your mother bakes Christmas Eve.
S is for sleeping or get no toys.

By Albaro Chavez
 Christmas is a joyful month.
 Here us come to have some joy.
 Run and jump while singing carols.
 I'll have some presents under our tree.
 So we can open them on this day.
 Till we have them all unwrapped.
 More than one share their stuff.
 All our friends join us here.
 So you can wish them a Merry Christmas.

By Ben Vandiver
 Christ was born among normal people that were traveling to Bethlehem, where He was to be born.
 Here they stayed in Bethlehem where there was no room in the inn, but they had to stay in a stable, where He was to be born.
 Right there in the stable there was no crib but a manger all snug and cozy and just the right size, where He was to be born.
 In the stable there was hay and animals and warmth where He was to be born.
 Shepherds were watching their sheep when they saw a bright star that pointed to where He was to be born.
 The three great kings also saw the star, where He was to be born.
 Many smiles of different kinds plastered on the faces that saw where He was to be born.
 Angels staring down on the Greatest King that shall ever live, where He was to be born.
 So just remember everybody knows where He was born, but it is up to you where He stays.

By Susanna Berries Alaniz
 Happy
 Ornaments
 Lights
 Icicles
 Dolls
 Angels
 Yummy
 Incense
 Santa
 Fruit
 Unity
 Nice



WITH WARM REGARDS
 As snow and frost blanket the land, we're warmed by thoughts of the many fine people we have had the pleasure to serve in the past year.
 Merry Christmas and God bless you.
Scott Gin
 Floydada

Have a Holiday Filled with Old-Fashioned Love & Joy
 The simple pleasures are still the best, and for us that means having the chance to say thanks to all of you.
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The Gold Slippers, A Christmas Story

By Kevin G. Sheldon

It was only five days before Christmas. The spirit of the season hadn't yet caught up with me, even though cars packed the parking lot of our Houston area Target Shopping Center. Inside the store, it was worse. Shopping carts and last minute shop-

pers jammed the aisles.

Why did I come today? I wondered. My feet ached almost as much as my head. My list contained names of several people who claimed they wanted nothing but I knew their feelings would be hurt if I didn't buy them anything. Buying for someone who had

everything and deploring the high cost of items, I considered gift buying anything but fun.

Hurriedly, I filled my shopping cart with last minute items and proceeded to the long checkout lines. I picked the shortest, but it looked as if it would mean at least a 20 minute wait. In front of me were two small children--a boy of about 10 and a young girl about 5. The boy wore a ragged coat. Enormously large, tattered tennis shoes jutted far out in front of his much too short jeans. He clutched several crumpled dollar bills in his grimy hands.

The girl's clothing resembled her brother's. Her head was a matted mass of curly hair. Reminders of an evening meal showed on her small face. She carried a beautiful pair of shiny, gold house slippers.

As the Christmas music sounded in the store's stereo system, the girl hummed along off-key, but happily. When we finally approached the checkout register, the girl carefully placed the shoes on the counter. She treated them as though they were a treasure. The clerk rang up the bill.

"That will be \$6.09," she said.

The boy laid his crumpled dollars atop the stand while he searched his pockets. He finally came up with \$3.12.

"I guess we will have to put them back," he bravely said. "We will come

back some other time, maybe tomorrow."

With that statement, a soft sob

broke from the little girl. "But Jesus would have loved these shoes," she cried.

"Well, we'll go home and work some more. Don't cry. We'll come back," he said.

Quickly I handed \$3.00 to the cashier. These children had waited in line for a long time. And, after all, it was Christmas. Suddenly a pair of arms came around me and a small voice said, "Thank-you Sir."

"What did you mean when you said Jesus would like the shoes?" I asked.

The small boy answered, "Our mommy is sick and going to heaven. Daddy said she might go before Christmas to be with Jesus."

The girl spoke, "My Sunday school teacher said the streets in heaven are shiny gold, just like these shoes. Won't mommy be beautiful walking on those streets to match these shoes?"

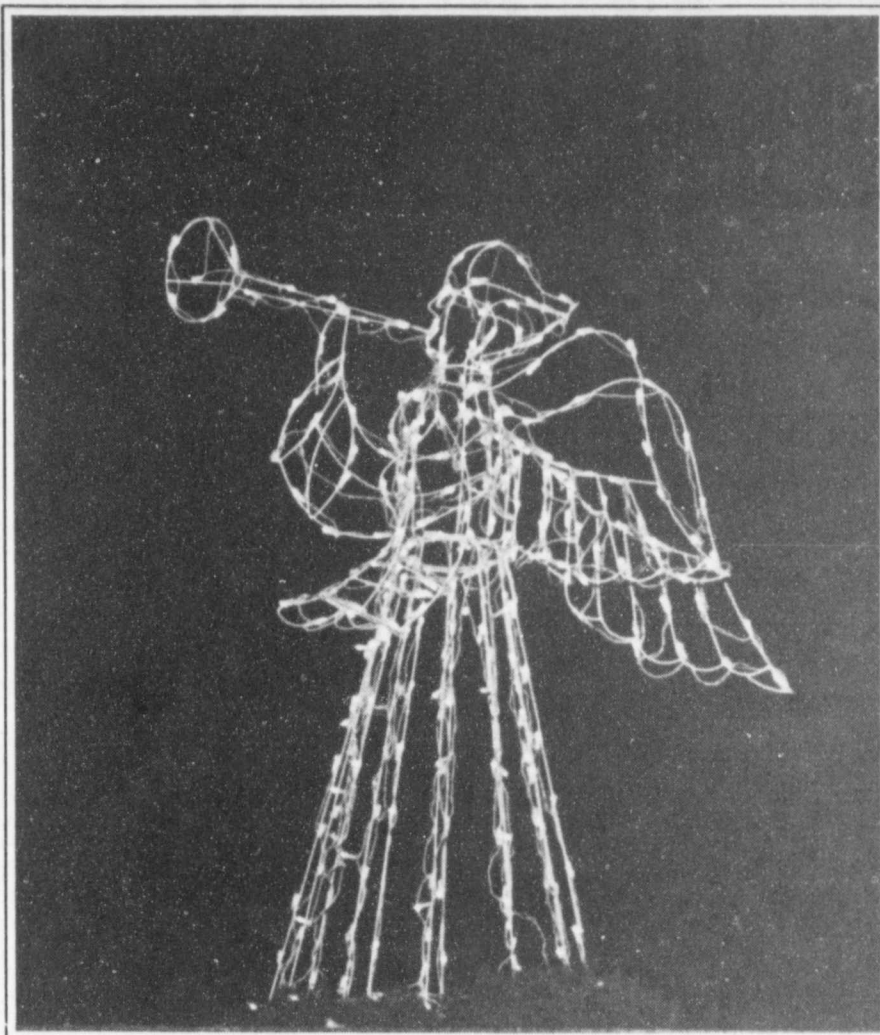
My eyes flooded as I looked into her tear-streaked face. "Yes", I answered, "I am sure she will."

Silently I thanked God for using these children to remind me of the true spirit of giving. Christmas is not about the amount of money paid, nor the amount of gifts purchased, nor trying to impress friends and relatives.

Christmas is about the love in your heart to share with those as Jesus Christ has shared with each of us. Christmas is about the Birth of Jesus whom God sent to show the world how much he really loves us. Please show this love as we think of the upcoming season.



NOT ENOUGH KNEES--Santa Claus was a big hit with Lockney's kids. When there wasn't room to sit--standing and visiting was just fine.



More 6th grade acrostics

By Anna Valadez
C is for Cards playing
H is for Happiness all around
R is for Rudolph flying
I is for icy roofs
S is for Sharing happiness
T is for Toys all around
M is for Merry holidays
A is for Angels flying
S is for St. Nick laughing

By Robert Wagner
C is for Christ
H is for Happiness
R is for Relatives
I is for Icicles on the trees
S is for Santa
T is for Trees
M is for Merry
A is for Angels
S is for Snow

By Sarah Ochoa
C is for Christ's love.
H is for everybody's happiness.
R is for Rudolph's red nose.
I is for the icicles around the house.
S is for the white snow.
T is for all the toy under the Christmas tree!
M is for the manger Jesus was born in.
A is for all the angels watching us.
S is for everyone's smiles.

By Joel Sanchez
C is for Christmas is the joyful day.
H is for Jesus that sleeps quietly in the hay.
R is for playing with your friends.
I is for I see Santa Claus helps playing till it ends.
S is for Santa Claus is passing toys all over town.
T is for Tricycles that help you ride all over town.
M is for listening to your parents.
A is for earning achievements.
S is for ice skating on ice.

FJHS 6th graders sure know their Christmas A, B, C's

By Albert Barrientos
Apple pie, Banana nut bread, Candy canes, Dining room, Enjoying Christmas, Friends and family here, Grandma & Grandpa so happy, Hot coco with hot cake, Icy side walks, Jello with whipped topping, Kids coming around, Listening to grown-ups talk, Many colorful lights, Nobody fighting, Opening presents, Presents for everyone, Quiet music playing, Ringing bells, Singing Christmas carols, Trees are blowing in the wind, Utensils in the kitchen, Very happy, Wishing for more presents, X,Y, Zing all the way. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

By Mateo Delgado
Angels, Babys, Candy, December, Eating, Fun, God, Ham, Indians, Joy, Kings, Laughing, Morning, Noon, Old thing, Playing, Queens, Running, Stuffing, Turkey, Using, Very good things, Writing, X-mas, Yelling, Zooming

By Sandra Sanchez
Apples, Bananas, Cookies, Donuts, Eggs, Fudge, Grapes, Ham, Icy tea, Jello, Kiwi, Lemons, Melons, Nutty bar, Oranges, Potatoes, Quivering gummy shakes, Raisins, Salt, Turkey, Unearthly gummy worms, Vanilla, Watermelons, X-man fruit rollups, Yellow squash, Zucchini.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

By Luis Lopez
Angels, Birthday of Christ, Christmas trees, December, Elves, Family, Gifts, Happiness, Inn, Joyful, Kind, Lord, Mary, Noel, Ornament, Present, Quilts, Rudolph, Santa Claus, Three wise men, Understanding, Vixon, Wreath, X-mas, Yoyos, Zoo toys.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Wish

Christmas has always meant reflecting upon one's blessings. We wish much happiness to all who bestowed good fortune upon us this year. God bless you all!

Rick Fuller

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Sing praise unto Him who brought love unto us.

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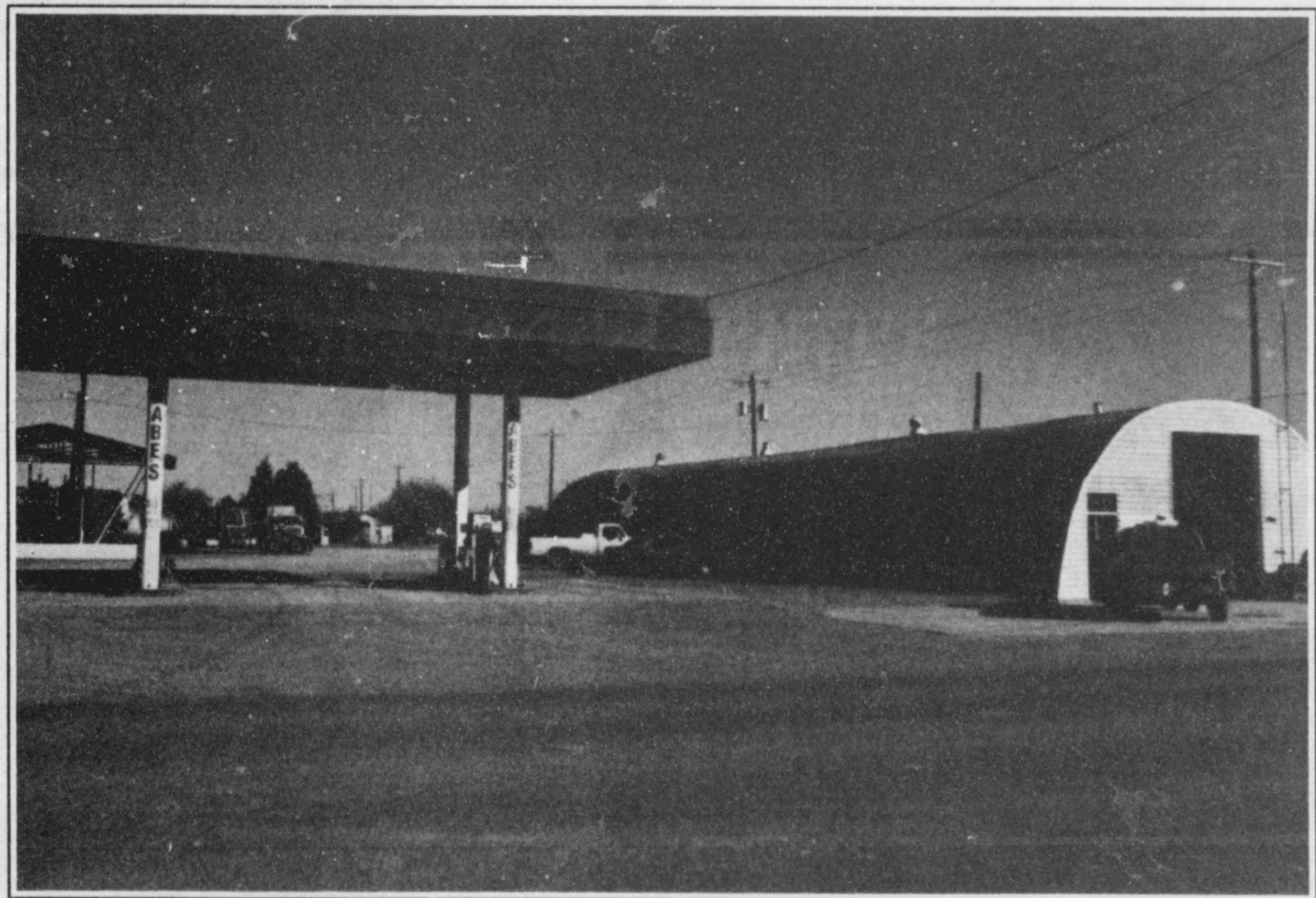
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



*In simpler times
Of slower paces,
People met with
Smiling faces,
Greeting friends as
Children played.*

*May this holiday
Season bring you
And your family
Happiness
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Joy!*



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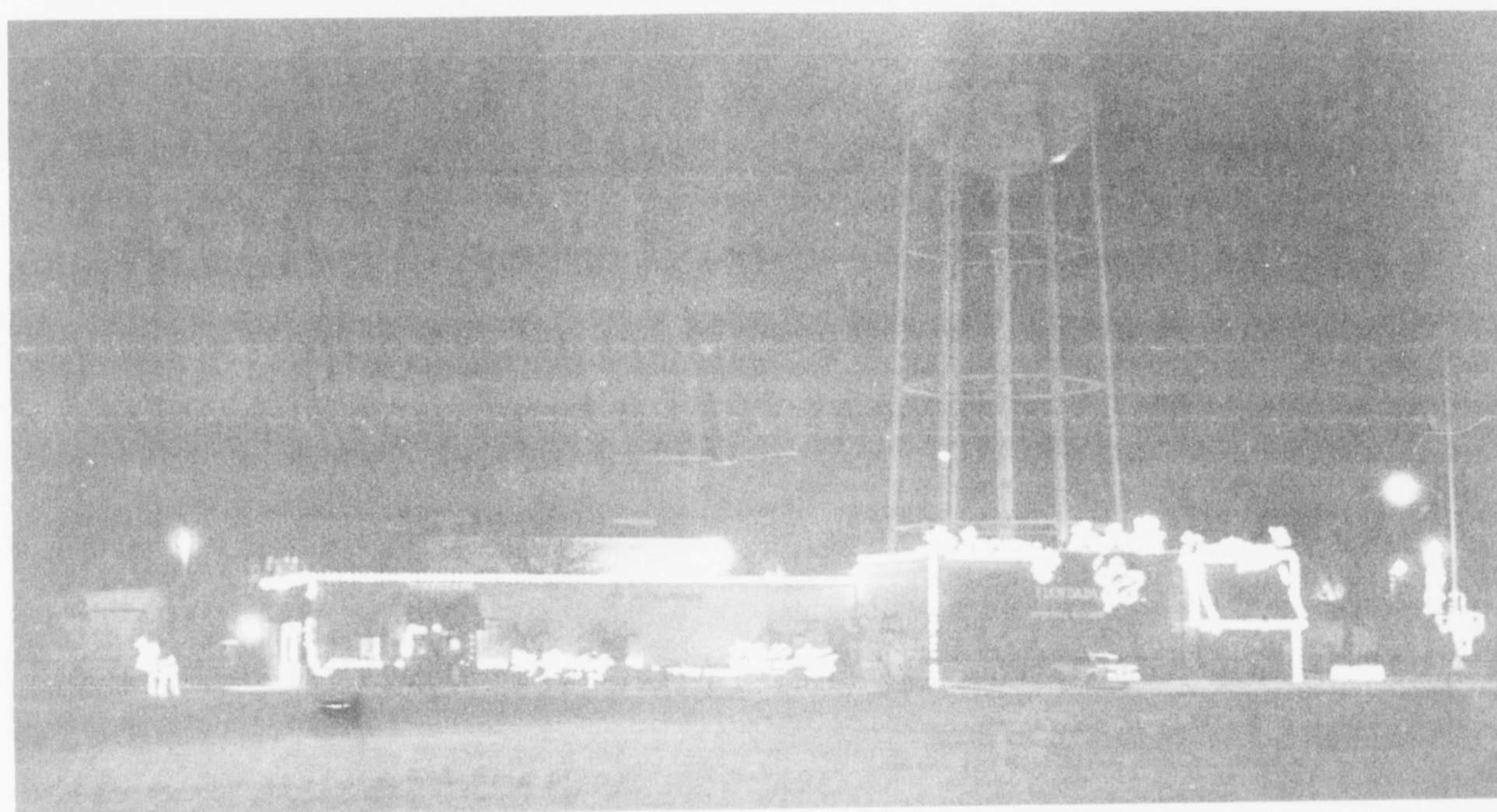
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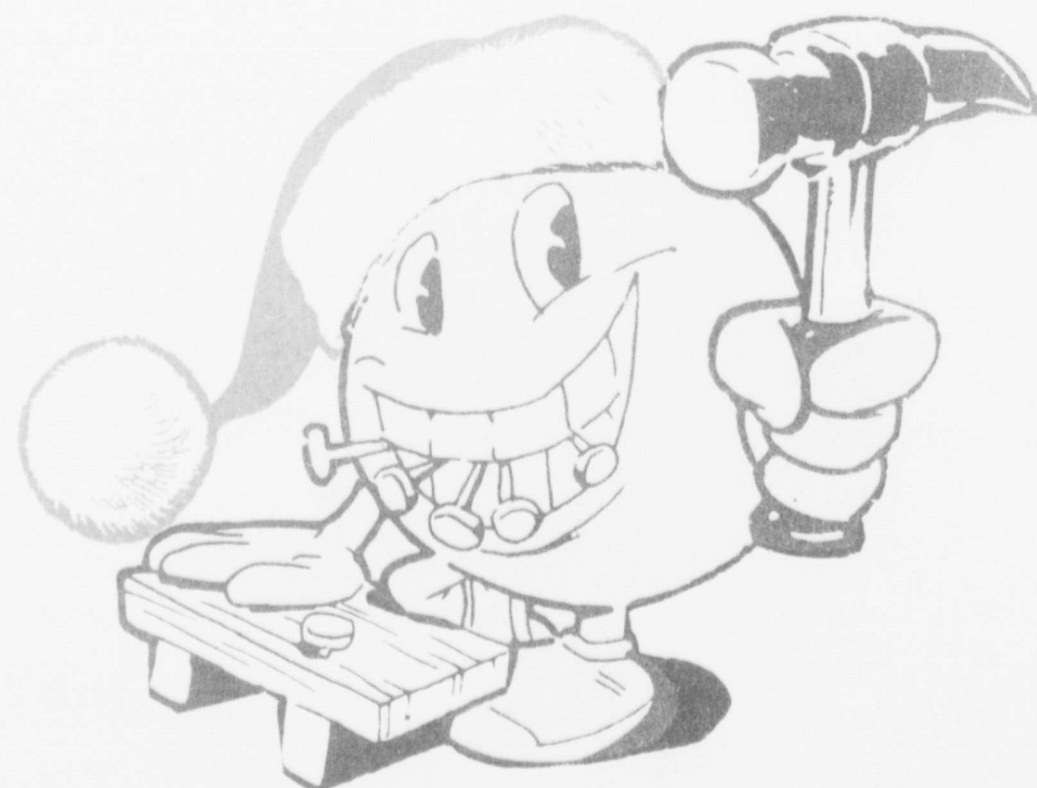


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Lockney Third Graders express Christmas wishes

Dear Santa,
I want a play station, I want a computer. I want a rifle and a bed, bat man drell. I want a CD changer, a room and a compoter, a football I want a teacher, amew box, I want a new freind I want a new clothes I want a fity dollar bell.

love
Ricky Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing great! How are the raindeers doing? Do you know what I want for Christmas. I want a radio and some C.D.'s and a T.V. set. I will put it in my room. And what I want is a gigapet. Also I want a little puppy. What I want is the Liar Liar" movie. The game I want is Life and the game Pay day. I even want my own teliphone. Gotta go.

Love
Audrie Arjona

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player, cds, rollerblades. I want a super nintindow, T.V, VCR., a computer, video games, game boy, model.

Love
Nichole

Dear Santa
I want a play sterio and a Big cd palers a modll airplan, and a Bow constior and a ninetenato 64.

Love
Dusty

Dear santa
I want a go cart also a hot wheels trach and a NFL footbal signed by E. smith and another NFL foot baall signed by T.roy Akmon a foir wheler and a three wheeler a scooter a new pair of glassis not sun glasis and a computer a soccerball a car mok and a foot bal hulmit alsa a snake and a turtle and a punthing bag and a bikes and a cowboys Locker.

Miguel Duran

Dear santa,
I would want a Sega and new clothes. And I want new soccer ball. And a basketball goal. And I want a helmit for my bike. And I want a Ninetindo 64 for my brothers and sisters too. And What I want the best is a game boy And a TV fer my sega and the ninetindo.

love
D.J.

Dear Santa,
I want a dodge ram truck, a ninetendo 64, a bike 10 dollars, a shot gun, a Jersey of Troy Aikman and 2 batting gloves a Green Bay football and a Dallas one too a CD player and lot of CDs

Love
Matthew Garza

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing great! How are the reindeer doing? Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a CD player with a tape player hooked on it and it will hold three C.D.'s. The CD's I want are the sound track to Space Jam and the sound track to Arista cats and the CD of Liean Riems. Well I guess that all gotta go! Bye!!!

Love,
Kayla Thomas !!

Dear Santa
I want a three CD changer and a bike, play station and I like you.

I Love You
Ben

Dear Santa,
I would love a Miami Dolphin jacket that swiches please. I would love Nike shoes please. I would love a Miami Dolphin football please. I would love some football pads please. I would love a Miami Dolphin helmet please. I would love a car with a remote control please.

love
Alejandro

Dear Santa
I want another giga pet, a grog and a mountain bike and a Stars wars action figur, that guy with all thats weapons and a game boy pocket and let all the poor people get sonthing and sone games to go with the game boy.

love
Greg Wayne Gonzales
and I want a beast wars

Dear Santa,
I want a Mortal Kombat Andilation video game (Super Nintindo), a Laser Challenge, a Star Wars Special Edition, Nintindo 64 with Star Fox 64 and 4 controllers, Rescue Megazord, Rise of the robots (Super), Star Wars Luses green Light Saber.

From,
Ryker

Dear Santa
I would like a nail maker and one of those dolls that can lick lolypops and drinks grape juice. I would also like a television that has a V.C.R. and I want, "All Dogs Go To Heaven" activity center for my computer. If it's not to much trouble P.S I would like a coupe of extra surprises, and how is Rudof and the rest of the reindeer? How is Miss. Clause and how are you? Seave me a note by the milk and cookies please on how their doing, by the way too front teeth would be nice.

Love
Erin Mangold

Dear Santa
I want Nintendo 64, volcano blow out game box and thing that makes a Metal Modll and a baseball bat, a punching bag and a lop world and a football. 20 dollars a real computer swimming poole and a truck and bull doser 22 rifle a black transam modll and a igiana.

love,
Albert

Dear Santa,
I want a paer of nails plas and a barbie jeep and a Cd plaer and a cd tacer and a good night sleep and a barbie hase and a paer of cloths and a paer of socks and a paer of pencils and a paer of frinds good frinds not bad frinds very good frinds ples porty ples I want a paer of shoes and a paer of pants and a paer of hands and a paer of fingers and a paer of toys from you ples prtes ples and a tv ples porty ples.

I thkn you
Jasmyne Rendon

Dear Santa
What I want is a giggle pet. A Anainstasha Barbie and the carriage for her. When I turn 16 can I have a car. I love horses so can I have one. I want my own telapone. and a jambox. one more thing Leanna Rhimes CD

Love Ya
Andrea

Dear Santa
I want a ninetindo 64, Doc Martines, Hummer of Jarasak Park, Jonny Quest figures and clothes.

Your friend
Ky

Dear santa
i want a Barbrbies, and cloth, and shoes, and a Barbie Kitchen, and a gigapet, and a ninetindo 64, and a computer and a baby doll, and a bottl for the dolly, and a salerphonganda play phone a baby puppy.

I will have cookies and milk for you.

I Love You Santa
Marlena

Dear Santa,
I want a soccer ball and two bells fram Rudof remote control baco a set of pogs that have 500 pogs, a primstar tv, a real cat, a CD player with cd's..

from:
Coby

Dear Santa
I want cdrie to have tow ant . Then I would like brienab I would len I would like a gter and last all I want for chrmas is my two front teeth.

Gabriel Pinales



HOLIDAY LIGHTS -- The spirit of the season lights up this Floydada residence. The various lighted displays brighten the spirits and mood of all who see them in passing. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa
I want a corvet and a motorcycle and a hot wheel and a Dallas jaket and ome hort wheel weith the track and a wreasealers with the ring and a punthing bag and a car with a remorte and some clothes and a coke machine.

Adrian M. Luna

Dear Santa
I just wish for everbody to have a great chrmas. and for the poor people to have some stuff too.

love
amey

*From our family to yours
Have a Merry Christmas*

Dear Santa
I would like a nero note book and a big bunkbed that is all mine and thousands and thousands of teddy bears that are cool and I would like a T.V. and a boom .book and a anter hamster and perrot.

Love
Joanie

Dear Santa
I want an angel giga pet a larket ballcourt and a nice family, My mon and Dad for christmas and Saga and Jurrasck Park Movie a baby and a cellular phone and cellular tv.

love,
andrea



BUSY KNEES--It might be hard to keep up with so many wishes but not for Santa Claus. He can listen two at a time and still get it right!

CATCH THE SPIRIT!

We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to the Lord for the Miracle of Christmas.



The SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS is Everywhere

'Tis the season for all to enjoy peace, goodwill and joy. Thanks for being our friend!

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Exact birth date of Jesus is unknown says professor

Despite the Dec. 25th celebration of Jesus' birth throughout the centuries, a Texas Christian University religion professor says the exact date of his birth is unknown.

"Nobody knows, and the Christian community has never really claimed to know," said Dr. Eugene Boring.

While historians do not doubt that Jesus was born, Boring explained that by the time people became interested in knowing exactly when the birth occurred, the information was so woven into church theology that it was irrecoverable.

Boring noted that New Testament stories about the birth were not written for biographical or historical purposes but were written to communicate the Christian meaning of Jesus' birth.

"While in my business one is hesitant to say 'everybody' and 'always,' hardly any Bible scholar or early church historian would think that we know what time of the year Jesus was born," he said.

In the past well-intentioned people have sought to explain the biblical birth accounts through reason, Bor-

ing said. "They have thought that Jesus could not have been born on Dec. 25 because there was mention of shepherds being in the fields, and shepherds aren't in the fields in December," he said.

Boring suggested that when early Christians became interested in celebrating Jesus' birth, they sought to celebrate the event rather than the actual date. The Saturnalia, a Dec. 25 festival in the Roman world at that time, celebrated the rebirth of light and warmth following the winter solstice.

After Christianity became the legal religion in the 4th Century under the Roman emperor Constantine, Boring said the church was looking for ways to promote its faith.

Considering the strong paganism still present, Boring believes the church made a good tactical move in adapting the Saturnalia festival to a Christian holiday rather than trying to stamp out the event.

"The church was saying what had been celebrated was the birth of life and light," he said. "The fulfillment of that was Jesus. All the things that

the pagans had looked for had happened in Jesus."

The Bible scholar noted that the adoption of Saturnalia as a religious celebration is a good illustration of the church's taking over the things that are already in its environment in order to interpret the meaning of the Christian faith.

"The majority opinion down through the centuries has been not to insulate the church from the so-called secular world but to take over those things from the secular world and re-interpret them," Boring said.

Boring conceded that present-day Christmas celebrations have embraced the secular, but he doesn't believe experiencing the spiritual meaning of Christmas requires disposing of the season's worldly images of stables, mangers, presents and Christmas tree.

"Jesus, the wise men and shepherds ought not to be displaced by Rudolph, Santa Claus and Christmas trees," Boring said. "But Christians ought not to feel bound to oppose those secular elements and say we simply need to be religious. Christians need to embrace it all."

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Here's ho-ho-ho-ping your Christmas is great.

Stapp Body Shop

Lockney

GREETINGS

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

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Lockney

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.

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 little. 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,

may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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.

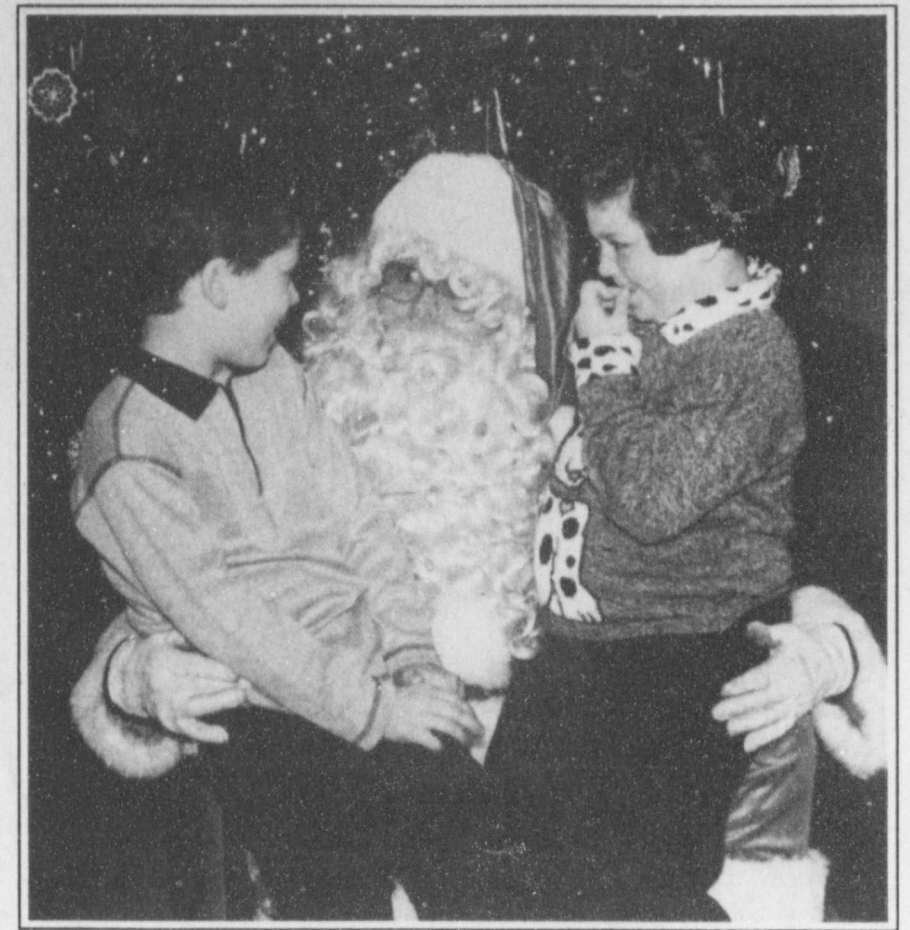
More Lockney third graders write Santa...

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a new house and I wish for a giga pet Santa I want that doll that has long hair and when the person lets her hair go I also want the boy that says let down your hair and he climbs I want 6 angels and I key chin with a horse.
Janet Leal

Dear Santa
I have been a good girl this year. How are the rainer. Now to the suff I want hand muzzler, a bike, CD player CD's and surprise in it.
Love Bethany

Dear Santa
I want a SEGA Genesis and Madden 97 bass marters clussice and NHL and mortl komebat.
Cole H.

Dear Santa
I want a giga pet and I want it to be a 101 doumashon dog and a doll house and a desk and a new TV and an alarm clock and a CD and a lunch box.
Love Keyla A. Pesina



A PAIR OF ADMIRERS -- Two of Santa's many fans pay their annual visit to make their Yule requests known. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa
All I want is a pinball machine.
Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,
I would like a ninetindo 64 and a sega Saturn for Christmas
Angel

Dear Santa
I want a bike and a pogo stick and a giga pet necklace and a phone for my room and flute.
from Edrie

Dear Santa
What I relly whant is a Nintendo 64, Tape Starfox a brand new football and lazer chalenge and CD cassette player
from, Jon sherman

Dear Santa
I want a piano and a house that I could fit in and a barbie jeep and roller blads and a big kiss on the cheek and a C.D. player and 30 C.D. taps and z102.7 C.D. taps and the spice girls and a bome box player and a Nike shirt and some nike shoes and some nike pants and some nike socks and a nike bed and some nike curtains and a gigapet.
Love Madelena

Dear Santa
I would kike a pair of glases a watch a neaf football 100 dollars and a pair of rollerskakes a computer a pair of shoes a bicycle a pet and a jam box.
love Brandon Ray Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a tantrum, a Corvette Stingray Maxel a ninetendo 64 a giga pet a new CD football gear and a remote controll airplane.
love, Greg Zavala.

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a horse a play doll house a wander Bible a play church house, the Little meremad the bay doll and girl a play Teacher and a play van with boys and girls and two C.D. players and play famaily and a play elf and a Bear and a Ninetindo christmas and a gigept.
Love Mari Cruz Castillo

Dear Santa,
If you can try to me a giga pet I want the dalmation kind, and a cabbage patch doll, and a nintindo 64, and some clothes, and a teddy bear, and a chucky doll, and a bike.
Thank you, Maria Teresa Segovia

Dear Santa
I want a telephone, and I want a giga pet and what to see Rudolf and his red nose. and I want a radio
Love Maria Gizelda Solis

Dear Santa
I want a tennis racket and a real cheerleider skirt and a computer and a Namu baby and a baby trea and a bunk bed and a bike that has a front seat and a back seat.
Love Cassandra

Dear Santa
I want a bunch but I know you can'ted get it all. anyway I want a bible case, tennis shoes for basket ball and some batteries. Thanks
Love Krrista Dar Lee Rasco

Dear Santa,
I want sega saturn a basketball goal a bat cave and the rescue mega zards.
love, John Vasquez

Dear Sant
i want a gigapet a Barbre house a Barbie car a ninetendo a basketball a tv with a vcr a cd player and a walkie talkie
love windy adams

Dear santa
what I want for christmas I wood like a ninetindo 64 and another baby doll.
Love Audrey V.

Dear Santa
how are you doing What I Want for christmas is a gigapets and triplet dolls, and A remote control car.
Love Codi Wiley

Dear Santa
I want a New room. A 410 SHOT-GUN, a nintindo 64, A big stero with a tape player and CD player on it. A CD player that is portable with headphones A new bike, And a small remococontrol airplane.
From Wes Davis

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline, soccerball, watch, Chuckie doll, moutain bike, rollerblades, books, girlcat, cd player
Brittin

Dear Santa,
All I would like for christmas is a go cart.
Thank you, Tyson Lee Carthel

Dear Santa,
I want a punching bag, some bad shoes, a basket ball goal, a basketball, a lot of good games, a lot of good clothes, a a good, good bike.
Love Manuel

Dear Santa
I want a dold a big ball bike a pet two-baby sisters I want them to be twins and a computer and a lot of toys.
cindy

Dear Santa
I want electric giutar and a remote control car and the spice girl c.d. and a nintendo 64 and a girlfriend.
Taylor B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, thre CD changer, matchbox, clothes, shoes, a gigapet, a barbie doll, a doll, a puppy, a computer.
Love Emma Morales

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintido 64 and two players and a game that has two players and socks and shoes and a girl Frened and a computer,
and that's all.
Love Ethan

Dear Santa
I want a ninetindo for christmas. I want some new clothes and new shoes for christmas. I want a lot of snow. And I think thats what my sister whants to so all of us can build a snow man. like ten inches of snow. And I want lots of books so I can read a lot. That why I like Mrs. long class room. and I want all of the poor to have a good thanksgiving and A very good christmas to.
love Benita

Dear Santa
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and that's all.
Love Ethan

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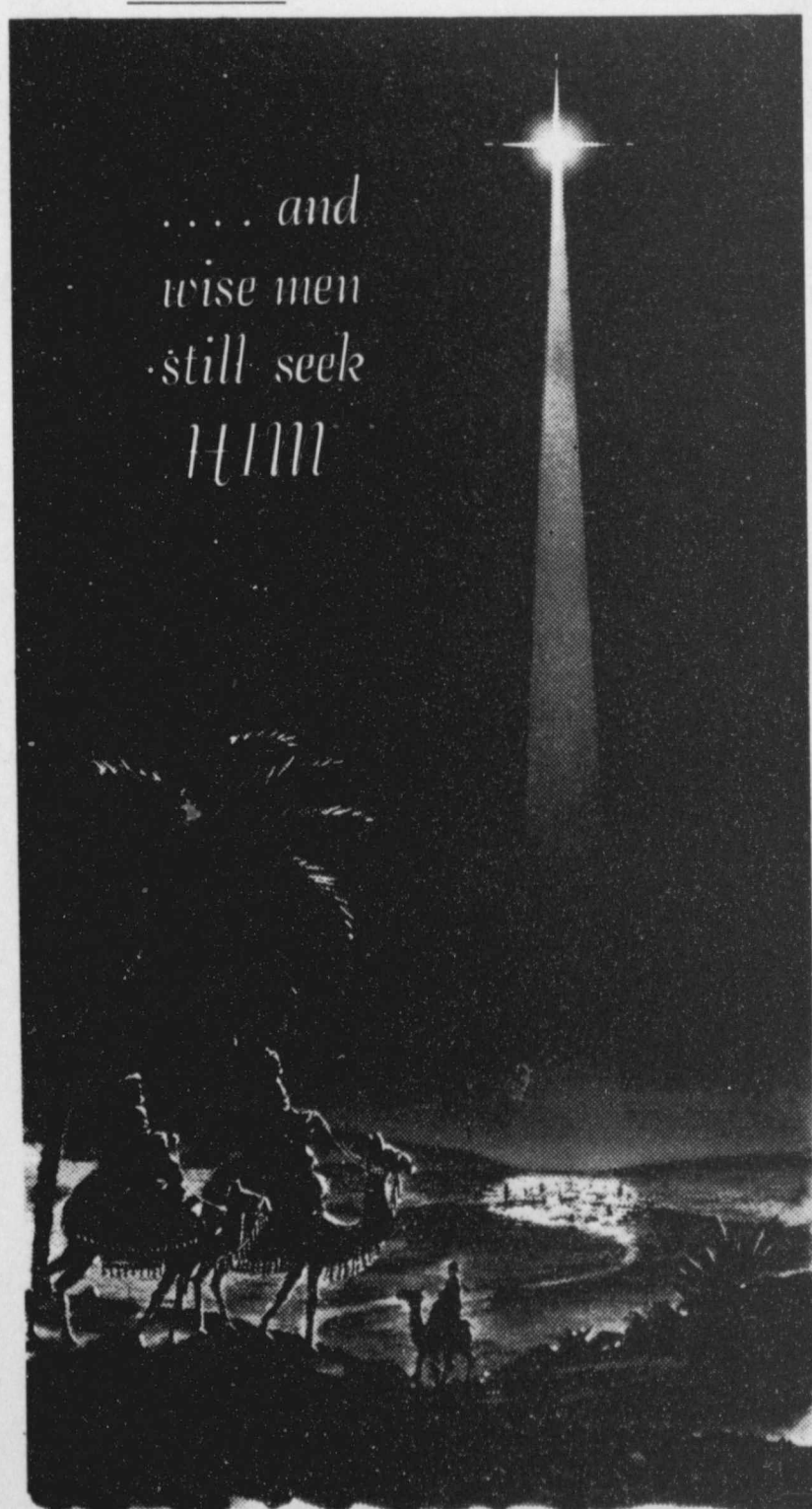
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Love Ethan

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Love Ethan

Merry Christmas!

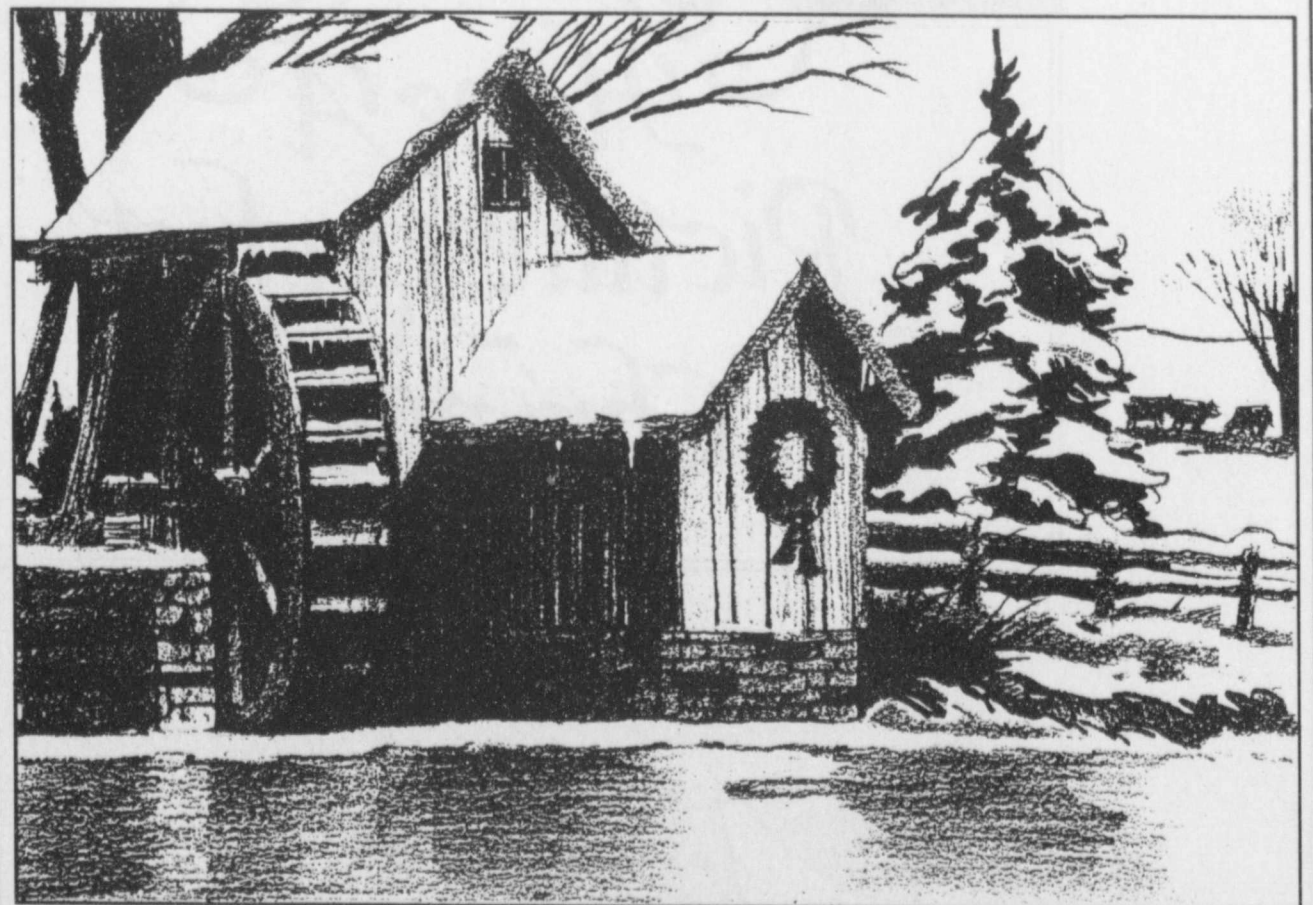
Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a Ninetindo 64 with a game called Star Fox, with for controlors, some new rollerblades, Rescue Megazards, new CD player with some CDs.
Yours Sincerely, Rion

Dear Santa
I want a CD player and a CD called Matchbox 20 and I want a jambox and I want a computer, and a CD called spice girls tv, and a easy bake only the oven.
Love Kendra



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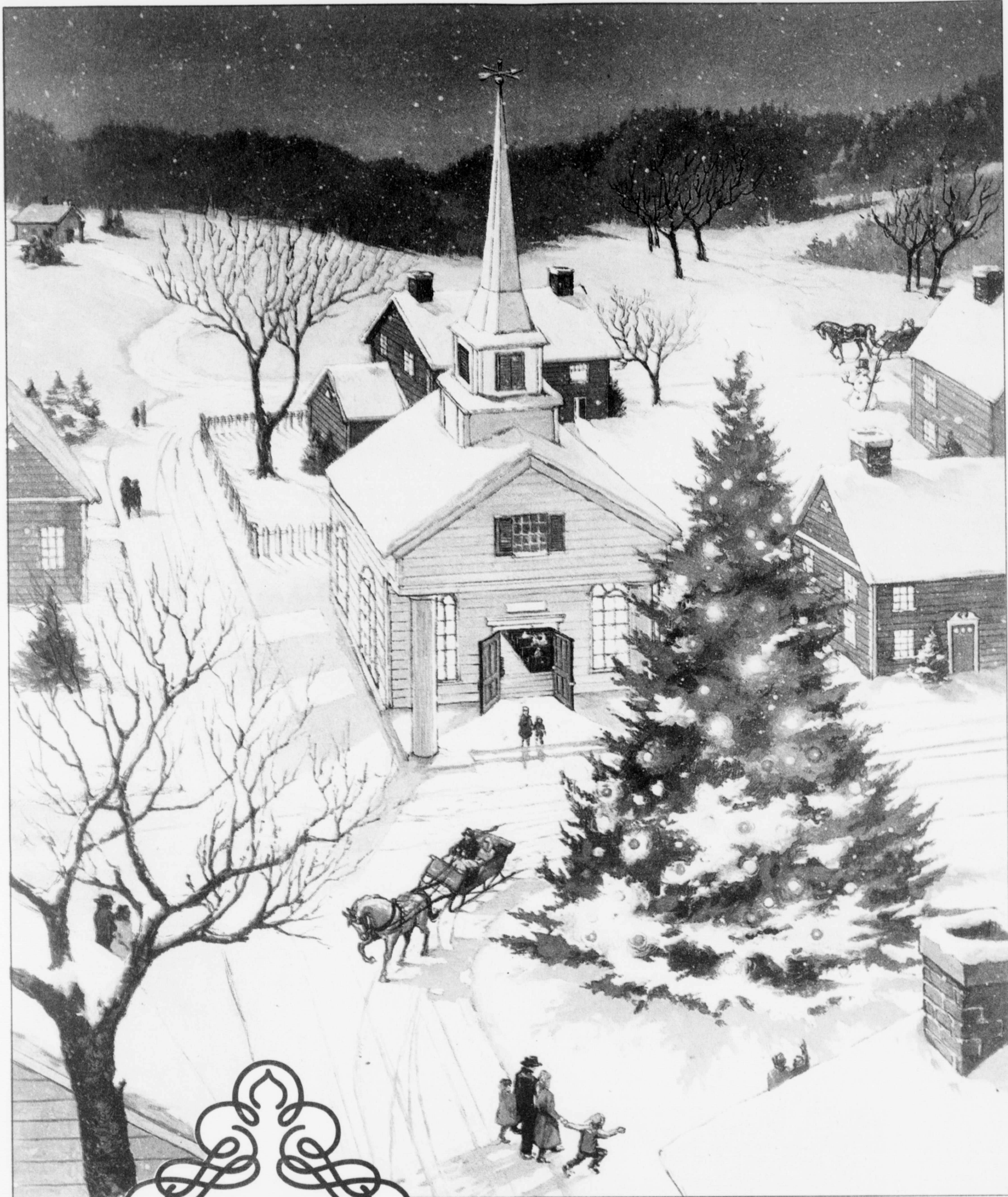
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Christmas

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| Beth Eckert | Darlenda Marquis | Shelly Smith |
| Judy Emert | Jodie McGuire | Joy Smitherman |
| George Farris | Mitzi Nixon | Nancy Welborn |
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All I want for Christmas is...

Editors Note:
On this page are presented a few of the more special letters to Santa received this year.

Dear Santa
My grandma is 93 years old. I don't know if I will get to see her. Could you bring her lots of love and hugs.
Amber Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll so she can sing and I can give her presents and leave her alone. One more thing, I want an angel to guide her.
Latrice Hill

Dear Santa
Will you bring a red headed baby to Mrs. Daughtreey and Coach Daughtreey. They don't have a kid.
Cameray

Dear Santa,
I want a secrett passage way in my room. Please make me smarter in school and I wish I was taller than I am right now.
Allen Aultman

Dear Santa
I can be so good that you will like it so much you will never forget.
Love,
Crystal Linda Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I just want my Grandpa to get well. That's all I want for Christmas!
Malarie Ann Luebano

Hi Santa,
How are you today? I am sick. My Mom wants an angel and bring my Dad a gun.
Yvette Jimenez

Dear Santa;
... Another thing I want is two nintendo 64 games called quarterback club 98 and diddy kong racing. Please give me this because its probly sold out. And one more thing please give me a since of humor like my cousin Ryan Cupp.
Lance Terrell

Dear Santa
I wish Michael had a Nentendo 64. I wish my mom had a job.
Michael Ramos

Dear Santa,
I won't a dog I men a relle dog not a fake dog a relle dog
Joe Manuel

Dear Santa,
Most of all I would love for everybody to love one another for this is the first greatest commadment that the Lord left all of us.
Lydia Mendoza

Dear Santa,
Hao is yr rандors and hao is roodolf and I wont a Terex and a dogK game and a Gareguyg and a Moodoosu.
Love, Oscar

Dear Santa
I want Vanessa to be my friend. Thank you Santa Claus
Tomas L.

Dear Santa:
I want an ambulance for Christmas. Can I have a police car? I want an ax for Christmas.
J. C. Chappell

Dear Santa
I bin vakung the house. I woiat a gig pak. I bin wochng dish'is I am sare that I bin mad at my bruther.
Robert Finley

Dear Santa,
... I realy don't want much or a littel I just want a couple of things. I also want a new IBM computer.
Kami Keaton

Dear Santa,
Santa how do you go around the world? I want 5 men toys
Zachary Hatcher

Dear Santa,
Most of all I would love for everybody to love one another for this is the first greatest commadment that the Lord left all of us.
Lydia Mendoza

We hope you enjoyed them as much as the staff did.

Floydada sixth graders write Christmas thoughts

Rudolph's Broken Leg

By Molly Long
Santa was getting worried because it was 1 week before Christmas Eve and Rudolph had a broken leg and foot. Well this is how it happened.

About 3 weeks ago Rudolph and all the reindeer were playing games and practicing flying in the forrest. But he told them "I can't fly without Santa and the sleigh". They said "it will be ok". He was still worried but he tried, and when he did he got caught in a tree and broke his leg and foot. Boy he was humiliated, but at least the other reindeer didn't laugh.

They carried him back to the North Pole where the elves could put a cast on his leg and his foot. Santa was very shocked and said, "How did this happen" and "why did you make him fly because you know he can't fly without me or the sleigh". All the reindeer walked away sad saying, "We shouldn't have made him fly". Week by week passed and he wasn't doing any better.

Then on the last week before Christmas Eve all of the elves reindeer and Santa made a plan. They said everyday we are to make him try to walk. So on the first day he tried and he fell and gave up for that day. The next day he fell again. Then the next day they really pushed him and he walked 10 steps. On the fourth he walked a mile and they were all so happy. Then on the day before Christmas Eve they told him to fly, and he did. Well of course Santa was happy and if you see a white cast on Rudolph's left leg, you will know why.

Twas the Night Before Christmas (the retelling)

By Jeremy Floyd
Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring well maybe a mouse. I saw him through the window coming to land. I heard him land it made a big clatter. Then I think I heard him come down the ladder. Away I go to the Christmas tree and there I stay until about three. I got down and I would tell you the rest but I fell fast asleep.

The First Christmas Tree

By Skyler Cornelius
One cold winter day a young deer came upon a lone fir tree.

Why do you look so sad asked the young deer?

It's almost Christmas explained the tree and I don't have anyone to celebrate it with. The young deer did not want his new friend to be unhappy. So the deer rushed back to the forest to tell the other animals about the tree.

The forest animals had an excellent idea. The next day, the animals scurried around and accumulated beautiful ornaments from the forest, they gathered bright red holly berries, nuts, winter blossoms and pine cones. Then the deer led a merry parade of animals to the tree.

Delighted to see them the tree lifted its drooping branches. We've never had a Christmas tree, announced the young deer, and you'll be the very first ever.

The animals eagerly trimmed the tree, chattering happily while they worked. Day turned to night as each treasure was lovingly placed on the tree.

Finally the birds placed a crown of holly upon the highest bough. Beneath the moons glow the animals gazed in amazement at the magnificent Christmas tree, and the animals, and the tree had the first and best Christmas tree ever!

Christmas is Coming

By Denise Rainwater
Christmas is coming! How am I supposed to keep my excitement down!

Oh, I hope I get what I asked for. I want this and that, oh, what about that over there. It's so expensive, what if I don't get it.

O.K. I'll make a list of the top five things that I really want. It'll start with my favorite one and work my way down to my least favorite one.

I'll get the top five and put them on a list for my mom and grandparents. Then I'll write a letter to Santa. The letter will say: Dear Santa, Hi, it's me, Samantha. Guess what's coming soon? That's right, it's Christmas. Along in this envelope is a list and some pictures, if you don't know what they look like. Love, Samantha.

Wake up mommy, it's Christmas. Guess what! Santa brought me what I wanted. I'm going to write a thank you note to Santa. It'll say: Dear Santa, Thank you for what you gave me. I'm really happy now. I'll be the best girl I have ever been. Thank you. Love, Samantha.

P.S. Be ready for another letter next Christmas.

The Boy Who Became A Believer

By D.J. Summers
Once upon a time there was a little boy who did not believe in Santa Claus. He lived in a children's home and all he wanted for Christmas was to have a mother and father. He has lived in this home since he was 3 years old because his parents were killed in a car accident.

All the children were writing letters to Santa Claus when Chris asked John why he wasn't writing a letter?

"Because there is no such thing as Santa Claus" said John.

Chris said, "give him one more chance." So John wrote Santa Claus one more time asking for a mother and father.

On Christmas Eve, his wish came true. He had been adopted and now has a mother, father and two brothers this year and all years to come. John became a believer that Christmas Eve. The end.

Why We Have Christmas

By Amanda Dechant
Let me tell you a little story why we have Christmas.

A long, long time ago before any of you were born, the Lord decided to bring forth a son who He could call His own. Mary was to carry this child.

Mary and Joseph her fiancise set out to the town of Bethlehem a few days before the child was to be born. The reason they went into the town of Bethlehem was to pay their taxes.

When they got there they found out there was no room in the inn. So Mary and Joseph spent the night in a stable that may have smelled bad, who knows.

So that night the son of the Lord was born and they named Him Jesus. Mary wrapped the young child in swaddling clothes and layed Jesus in a trough where he slept through the night.

To you being born in a stable is the worst place to be born but the Lord planned it that way. Now you know you know "Why we celebrate Christmas".

A Time For Christmas

By Gerald Henderson
A time for Christmas is for hope and love and a time for sharing peace with our family singing Christmas carols and that is what I like about Christmas.



SHY REQUESTER -- This youngster at Lockney was a little reticent in asking for a special Christmas gift, but Santa found a way. -- Staff Photo

What Christmas Means To Me

By Pablo Salinas
To be thankful for our health. Family so close and many friends to enjoy the season. I wish for a white Christmas. Where ever we may be this vacation time in a safe and warm place and the good Lord watching over us that is what Christmas means to me.

True Meaning for Christmas

By Tammy Lopez
Christmas is the time our Lord was born that's why families come together to share this wonderful holiday. You wake up in the morning and there are your gifts, everything you ever dreamed of. You look around; stockings over fireplace full all with toys. But that's not the real reason for Christmas. Christmas is people singing on the sidewalk, hearing family laughter all through the room. But the real reason for Christmas is we're celebrating Christ's birth.

Christmas Day

By Eric Morales
Jesus' birthday is finally here. How happy He is to see it here. Happy He is in the clouds above, celebrating His birthday with angels He loves. Receiving gifts from the angels above. Thanking them for the gifts they gave. Watching down on you this day. Thinking of what you might say!

Christmas With My Family

By Kimberly Bennett
On Christmas Eve my nephew stays the night with us and all my family members come to my aunts house and we play games. Around 7:00 we eat. After everyone is finished, we hand out presents. After all that is done, we open presents. My family only takes 3 or 4 over because on Christmas morning we go to my moms house. My Uncle Troy is there. My Aunt Tery is there and my cousins from Dallas and Ruidoso are there. My granddad cooks us breakfast after that, we open presents and they visit. Then we go tomy aunts and play then in 2 days we go home.

Christmas acrostic

By Josh Hammons
Christ
Holy night
Rudolph
Ice
St. Nick
Tree tops
Miracles
Angels
Sound of music

Christmas Foods and Drinks

By Karla Hill
Apples, Bread Carrot sticks, Drinks, Eggs, Fruit, Green beans, Hot chocolate, Ice water, Jam, Kosher pickles, Lemon pie, Meat, Nectarines, Oranges, Pecan pie, Quail, Rolls, Sweet potatoes, Tea, Upside down pineapple cake, Veal, Whipped cream, X-mas cake, Yams, Zucchini.

It's Christmas

By Ross Bennett
It's Christmas time; is it really here? I guess so since the snow is near. We gather together and laugh and play Just like you are supposed to do on Christmas Day. We drink hot coco and sit around the fire While we watch Christmas shows in our new attire. I love Christmas Day; it's the best time of the year. I feel safe and warm, and so full of cheer.

Disaster Before Christmas

By Lindsey Nutt
Santa's elves eyes are very upset. A terrible disaster happened in the toy factory today. The toy machine broke down during the night and two days counting today until Christmas Eve. The "head elf" Bernard went and told Santa. Now the whole toy factory is sad and soon will be all the children of the world! The repairmen came and fixed it, but it took most of the day. The day before Christmas they worked so hard they couldn't believe it. Finally after working so hard for one solid day, they were done. Luckily that night, Christmas Eve, Santa and the reindeer left the North Pole to deliver gifts to all the children of the world.

Christmas Is...

By Jessica Coss
I would like to tell you what Christmas is...
Jesus being born
Lights on a tree
Stockings full of toys
Giving presents to people
Joy everywhere

A Wish I Don't Want To Remember

By Eason Christian Campbell
Once there was a boy named Eason and he was so delighted by Christmas that all he would do would involve Christmas during that time. So he had one simple wish for Santa, for Christmas Eve and Day to be every day of the year.

So, when Santa Claus came, he said, "Santa, please give me this wish. I want Christmas to be every day, please!"

Santa said "You will learn a lesson from this!" He gave Eason what he wished for and after two weeks Eason got bored with his gifts and kept getting bored and bored until he thought of Christmas as a full moon-boring.

So Santa took back his gift and Eason went back to living the other way, but Christmas still was his favorite time of year.

December Brings...

By Brittany Jones
December brings happiness and joy to everyone we love. Relatives and friends peacefully above. God's smile sending us snow. He was born on Christmas Day, we know. Christmas carolers singing in the street
Candy canes nice and sweet.
The sweet aroma of turkey baking.
The Christmas scene in the making.
Santa landing on the roof top,
I'm trying to see if he's real or not.
Good kids, naughty kids, short and tall.
boots made of silk".
Now I can't wait 'til next Christmas Day.
When we open all the presents, and then go and play.

Christmas Story

By Veronica Garcia
One Christmas night, Santa Claus was getting ready to go house to house to leave presents to every child. He started to put a big sack of toys and interesting things in his sleigh, then when he was ready to leave on his journey, his reindeer were gone! Then he saw there were no reindeer, so he went searching for them. He looked everywhere for his joyous reindeer, but they were still nowhere found; but then he thought about the toy factory. When he finally got in the toy factory, Santa saw them and they were sound asleep. After he saw them, he woke them up so they all could go on their journey. "Merry Christmas".

Candy Canes and Gingerbread Men, Christmastime is Here Again!

We wish all our dear friends and neighbors a very sweet holiday season, and thank you all for seasoning our year with sweetness.

Season's Greetings and best wishes.

Staff and Residents of Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

— John 3:16

God bless you and yours in this holy season and beyond.

David & Dar Lee Foster
Jody & Shawnda Foster
Eddie & Ann Foster



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Sixth grade Yuletide originals

For Unto You A Child Is Born By Joey Martinez

Famished from their trip afar
On a donkey for they had no car.
Room at the inn was very rare,
Unless a room was kindly spared.
Never the less there was a stable.
That they could use for they were able.

On that night a King was created.
Yet in a manger he quietly waited.
Over time we would rejoice.
Uttering words in a calm voice.
Always will we remember that night.

Carefully keeping the setting sight.
Helpful wise men and animals around

In spite of the fact that no warmth could be found.

Light from a star up in the sky.
Delicately glowed do you know why?

I'd like to tell you the answer to this.
So listen carefully and you won't miss

Because on this night our Savior was made.

Ordered by heaven and Mary obeyed.

Right then and there the future foretold.

Nobly in His hand our hearts He would hold.

Santa's Coming By Becky Warren

Santa's coming!
Go to bed!
Close your eyes,
Rest your head.
There are no treats,
If you're awake.
Santa won't give,
He'll take.
You better be good over the year,
So when Santa comes,
He'll whisper in your ear...
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight!"

A Christmas Alphabet By Suelm Saldana

A is for angels that watch after us.
B is for burning the fire wood.
C is for caroling to make people joyful.
D is for December 25.
E is for elves that help Santa Claus make presents.
F is for families who gather together.
G is for thanking God for these wonderful days.
H is for hanging stockings on the chimney.
I is for icicles that hang down your roof top.
J is for Jesus carrying the cross for us.
K is for kindness all around.
L is for loving those who are near and far.
M is for memories throughout the year.
N is for the nutcracker play.
O is for opening gifts.
P is for peace around the world.
Q is for quickly opening presents.
R is for remembering memories.
S is for standing under the mistletoe.
T is for taking down the Christmas tree.
U is for union of family gathering together.
V is for the variety of Christmas colors.
W is for watching Christmas movies.
X is for X-tra vacations during the holidays.
Y is for yelling Merry Christmas.
Z is for zodiac a through z.

A Christmas Disaster By Derrick Griggs

The elves that work for me are very upset. A terrible disaster happened at the North Pole the night before Christmas. Hi, I am Santa Claus, Ho Ho Ho. The elves are little to carry big things like a drum set, trombone cases, saxophone cases, and a set of big tools.

Nine elves let the nine reindeer out and all 400 elves and my wife and I were gathering the reindeer. It took us 2 hours. Once we got the nine reindeer, the sleigh was missing a parallel runner on the left side. So we found it in Dasher's stall and put it on. We were very very tired but we had to get the presents on the sled.

When the presents were on the sled and I was going to sit in the sled, there were too many presents. Then one elf named Little Elvis had an idea. He told me to tie two presents to a reindeer. So that got 18 presents out of my way. When the elves opened the big runway doors and my hat fell off my head and on the floor.

Then Little Sally, another elf, got my hat but the reindeer started to go. So Sally ran and reached the sled and she put it in the sled. I thought I would not deliver the presents this year by the disaster this night. But I pulled it off in time. See you next year.

A Christmas Acrostic By Daniel Garcia

A is for the angels above
B is for the big green tree
C is for the Christmas Day
D is for the decorations
E is for Santa's Elves
F is for food, family and friends
G is for God's birthday (Christmas)
H is for the happiness inside
I is for the icicles we see
J is for the jolly man, Santa
K is for the kindness around us
L is for all the love
M is the merry time we have
N is for the nice people we see
O is for the only son of God
P is for presents
Q is for quickly running to the tree
R is for resting during the vacation
S is for the special gifts we give
T is for the big tree we have
U is for when the family unites together
V is for the visitors
W is for waiting til 12:00
X is for the X-tra presents I get
Y is for young one opening presents
Z is for the zooming sleigh of Santa

Twass The Night Before Christmas By Josh Bradley

Twass the night before Christmas and all through school not a creature was stirring, not even the Christmas ghoul. The janitors' stockings were hung by the heater with care, in hopes for tools that make good hardware. The janitors were sleeping with good thoughts in their heads. All snug and cozy in their big green beds. Mr. and Mrs. Tyer were roaming the halls in hopes for a chance to see Santa Claus. When out on the play ground, there rose such a clatter. Buck jumped out of bed dreaming no more. He ran to the door. The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow gave the luster of midday objects below. When to Buck's big eyes should open than a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. With a big old driver so swift and quick, Buck knew in a second it was old Saint Nick. More rapid than a copy machine, his reindeer they came. He whistled and shouted and called them by name; now Ruler, now Paper, now Scissors and Pencil; on Locker, on Stapler, on Eraser and Utensil. To the top of the room to the top of the wall, dash away, dash away, dash away all.

And then in a twinkling Buck heard on the roof the tapping and thumping of each little hoof. As Buck came inside and was turning around, down the heater came St. Nicholas with a bound. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth. The smoke circled his head like a wreath. He had a broad little face and a big round belly that shook when he laughed like the school's jelly. A twist of his hand and a nod of his head, soon told Buck he had nothing to dread. He said nothing, just went straight to his work. He filled the stockings, then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, he gave a nod and up he rose. He jumped to his sleigh and looked at his AR. Then looked at his reindeer then shook his arm. But I heard him say as he rolled out of town, "Never ever forget a noun!"

Christmas Morning By Joanna Riojas

There were two days left of Christmas. I was so excited the next day because only one day of Christmas left when was night there was a clatter on the roof. I was afraid to get up when I got up. I heard it again and again. The next morning there was a lot of presents. I got excited, then I told my parents I saw Santa Claus last night but knew it was just only a man.

The Best Present Year Ever! By J.R. Rodriguez

A present was here, a present was there.
Before you knew it, they were everywhere.
One rising high, the others low;
Before you knew it, they were going slow!
People were here, people were there.
When they come in, they were everywhere!
Opening presents as fast as they could.
When wrappers looked similar too;
Our tree's from the wood.
When everybody was finished, they went to their house.
When God rose high and said "Merry Christmas!!"

Christmas On The Ranch By Adam Wesley Ethridge

The cattle are bawling from frost bitten noses while a tired old cowboy brings 'em down from the pasture. A blizzard is a blowin' and the tree is all hung with braided rawhide and lace. Papa wanted a tumble weed but Mama said a tree, a big evergreen. The fire is burning to warm the house tonight, Christmas Eve. With cowdog asleep, supper on the stove, the presents are under the tree. Christmas Day is a few hours away. Santa comes tonight. I love Christmas on the ranch.

Merry Christmas By Clari Castillo

Merry laughter and having good times.
Evenings end when the old brown clock chimes.
Raking the snow out of our way.
Redecorating trees day after day.
You and your family snug in their beds.
Christmas angels singing over heads.
Holy nights when you put on the lights.
Reaving and singing days, magic nights.
In the house full of gleaming sun.
See Santa and his reindeer run.
Tomorrow will be Christmas night.
Merry Christmas said Santa and was out of sight.
Always believe in good dreams.
Santa will always make you believe.

T'was The Night Before Christmas By Jacob Lucio

T'was the night before Christmas when everyone was gone; not a single person was singing a single song, not even a car was rolling on the drag, when I started to notice my temper was getting bad. I started to think that he wouldn't come by, that a lot of kids would probably cry, when all of a sudden a glimmer in the sky was redder than a hot cherry Christmas pie. I knew he would come so I sprang to bed. I had wonderful thoughts in my head; it was cozy in my bed when I heard a wreck in the shed. I looked out the window and saw a man in red. I thought he would be dead but to my surprise he flew over my head. Then he said "Merry Christmas to all and to all a silent night".



A PRETTY LITTLE GIRL -- This tiny little miss has a serious talk with Santa about the coming important day. -- Staff Photo

Behold
the
Glory
of
Our Lord!



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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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May you and the ones you cherish, enjoy all the many gifts this precious season has to offer. We really appreciate the gift of your friendship.

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Nick Muniz
Manager

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Of all the gifts that will be exchanged this Christmas, the most precious among them is the gift of friendship. Thank you for giving us the gift of yours.

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Off For
Christmas...



It's been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you this past year.

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Corky & Alice Wilson
Dwight Wilson

Whirlwind kindergarten makes wish lists

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle, a doll, some play dishes, and lots of new clothes.

Love, Diana Orosco

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Barbie doll and a kitchen set and a dog that does back flips. How does you reindeer fly? How do you make the reindeer get on top of the roof?

Love, Celia Aguilar

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a donkey, Barbie set, a play horse, a Barbie, and a Barbie cassette a teddy bear. some dolls to play with.

Love, Alyssa Arneel

Dear Santa,
Please send me a Barbie house and an Esmeralda doll and a new car for my brother. I want dishes for my Mom and a basketball for my Dad.

Love, Laura Arellano

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie House that opens and closes, a baby stroller and clothes, and a talking baby doll that eats too. And a skating baby doll. I love you Santa.

Elena DeOchoa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Nintendo 64, a big toy bus, a computer, a motorcycle, a new machine, and I want toys for my brothers and sisters.

Love you, John Paul Lamas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas Ex-Marines toys and the airplane for the Ex-Marine and some sight clock glasses. And also a big truck. And I want some toy apples.

Your friend, Anthony Segura

Dear Santa,
I want a toy jet plane and a toy motorcycle and a play phone, a pencil, scissors, a red bicycle, key chain, a mouse and a toy car. I'll leave you some cookies and some milk. How is the North Pole?

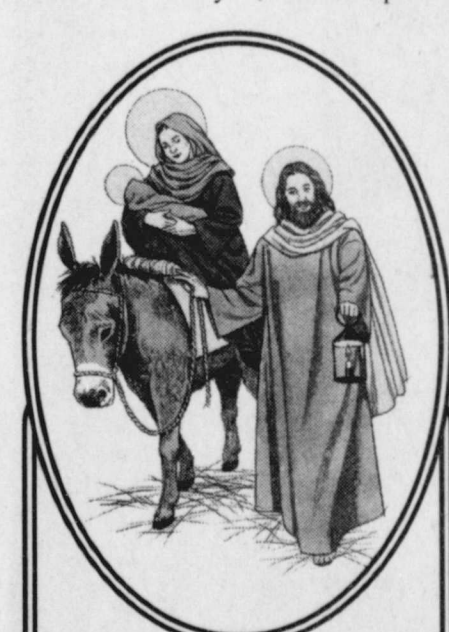
Love, Morgan Stepp

Dear Santa,
You are so good. I want maybe a bicycle and a toy dog for Christmas. Would you bring a baby doll for my baby sister and some clothes. Your reindeer are so cute, and I like them.

Love, Tara Hughes

Dear Santa,
I want a trombone and a computer. Please bring me boxing gloves and a punching bag. I want a tank to put on my back like firemen wear to a fire. Hayden wants Dinosaur Mountain. He wants a bunch of dinosaurs, and I want a guitar for both of us.

I love you, Mason Lipham



With Warm Wishes For A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS

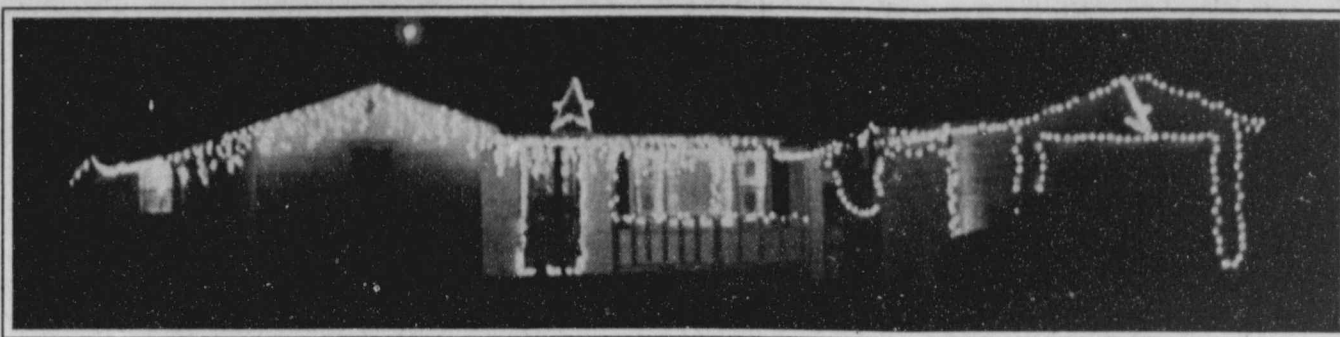
Our family wishes you and yours an abundance of love, peace and harmony this holiday season.

Your loyal patronage has already given us reason to rejoice.

H & R Block

Jim & Kathy Green

Floydada



CHRISTMAS ICICLES--The lights hanging around this Floydada home resemble icicles. Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a Barbie for Christmas-just any Barbie. Please bring me a house for Barbie. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

I love you, Andrea Torrez

Dear Santa,
I want Christmas Bitty Baby clothes. May I please have a short red wagon for Bitty Baby? I would like a globe for me and a big radio for my sister. I've been wanting a computer forever. I really, really want some chalk for outside. We will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend, Hallie Bertrand

Dear Santa,
I want a yo-yo, a doll, a Barbie, and a new dress for church. For my brother bring a Power Ranger, a Ninja turtle and a car. I'll leave you cookies and milk.

I love you, Jacque Barrientos

Could I have a computer? I like to do computers at school. Please bring my brother a baseball bat. I would like a basketball.

I love you, Cesar Mata

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Rapunzel doll and an Ernie doll. I want the Prince that goes with Rapunzel. I will give your reindeer some food. It will be on top of my roof.

Love, Jessica Warren

Dear Santa,
I want clothes for Bitty Baby. I want a Barbie doll. Could you bring the Princess Barbie?

I love you, Santa, Lindsey Beedy

Dear Santa,
Thank you for my present. I would like a cash register, money and a phone. That's all.

Carly Riojas

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll with bubble bath and a doll house with a computer. I want a Barbie doll so she can sing and I can give her presents and leave her alone. One more thing, I want an angel to guide her.

Love, Latrice Hill

Dear Santa,
Will you get me some Beast Wars? Also, a race car track with red, blue, white or black cars. I would like a real go-cart, motorcycle and a four-wheeler. I'd like a real cow truck. I want a gate for my cows. I want a Monster truck. Thank you.

Love, Miles Marble

Dear Santa,
Hi! I want a bull dog a Monster truck, a dolmation dog, a cat and a big radio. I also want a computer. Do-your reindeer eat Chocolate cookies? Do your reindeer play outside? Have a good day!

Love, Joey Martinez

Dear Santa,
I hope you eat all your cookies and drink all your milk. I hope the reindeers have a good breakfast. Santa Claus I hope you bring me good presents like a Vs4 it is an animal and it changes into a man. I like presents. bye-bye

Landry Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll. Could you bring Bubble Bath Baby with some baby clothes? I want a CD player, because my brother won't let me have his. I want a t.v. and a v.c.r. I'll leave you a snack.

I love you, Laci Nixon

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a barbie doll, a big doll, a big Barbie house, and paper to write-on a santa clause coloring book with crayons.

Dora Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bring a toy. I want a doll Could you take me on a sleigh ride?

Jennica Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie computer and I want a toy angel and I want a tape. I want a pig penny bank. I love you!

Lashoundra

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a big doll and a stroller, also a Barbie Doll.

Love, Heather Rios

Dear Santa,
I want a Star Wars game. I want a Space Jam poster. I want a football (Steelers) jersey jacket. Bring Kristan a skating doll. My sister wants that for Christmas. She wants a cheerleader outfit. Thank you!

Geoffrey Sanchez

Dear Santa,
I want a Jurassic Park the Lost World Movie, a Christmas book Free willy 3, and the Lion King movie.

Love, Rance Seymore

Dear Santa,
I like you. I know you brought me that Barbie.

Kortney Williams

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a baby doll. I want some toys I love you.

Love, Misty De La Fuente

Dear Santa,
Can you get the three Beast Wars - the lobster, fly and beetle? And then get me a T-Rex, triceratops, Velociraptor and a duck-bill. I'd a puppy, a real puppy. I would a baby bunny or mouse or worm. Thank you, Santa.

Dillon English

Dear Santa,
I want a football and I want a dinosaur that can open. I'd like a rose for my mom. I want some ABC's for Christmas. I want a Nike-Air poster. I'd like a computer.

Love, Ross Enriguez

Dear Santa,
I like toys. Will you bring me a Jeep for Christmas? When I grow up will you bring me a real car? I want a motorcycle too and some new clothes. I like your reindeer.

Love, Dale Howard

Dear Santa,
I want a robot dinosaur a stream dinosaur, also a I Love you santa.

Love, Cutter Johnson

Dear Santa,
I would like a pool table and some dinosaurs for Christmas. I like dinosaurs alot.

Love, Keith Woody

Dear Santa,
Would you bring me some games to play? I like add together games and a train game. Does Rudolph really have a red nose?

Love, Fred Williams

Dear Santa,
Please bring me play dough, a crayon box, and a coloring book. I'd like a puzzle, too.

You friend, Gabby Flores

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a car. Also a big truck, a bulldozer and a dump truck. A Christmas tree and please bring my Mom and Dad a car. Thank you

Love, Freddy Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a swimming doll. I would like roller-blades for Christmas. I would like new baby clothes. How do you get in my house? How do you get to my house? When is Christmas Eve going to be here? I will make you a Christmas card. What is your real name?

Love, Abigail Miller

Dear Santa,
I want this white dog I saw in a magazine. I want a jewelry making thing that's out of metal. I want a stuffed mom penguin. There will be some cookies in my living room.

Evan Johnson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an Indian suit, a Nintendo 64, and a big Tee-Pee. I'll leave milk and cookies out for you.

Love, Trey Casillas

Dear Santa,
I would like a motorcycle with a remote control and a dinosaur for Christmas. My brother wants a toy car. My sister wants a Barbie doll. Do reindeer really fly?

Love, Eric Suniga

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle toy and some scissors for Christmas. I would like a toy gun and some colors too. I'll leave you some pizza to eat.

Love, Michael Graham

Dear Santa,
I would like a laptop computer for Christmas because you can shut it and take it with you. Can you bring one for my brother too? I will leave you two cookies and a glass of milk.

Love, Zack Baldwin

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I would like a Barbie doll, some colors, and scissors for Christmas. Please bring some boy toys for my brother. I like your reindeer.

Love, Abigail Garza

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me skates for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk on top of my little table.

I love you, Blanca Suarez

Dear Santa,
I want to give you a present. You can get it when you come to my house. Would you please give me a Barbie doll?

I love you, Claudia Lopez

Dear Santa,
I would like a computer and a little T.V. Would you bring some make-up for my mom and some paper for my dad to write on. I like the elves. I will leave you some cookies and milk for you to eat and drink.

Love, Olivia Segura

Dear Santa,
I want a play pen, and a trampoline, a computer, a globe, some balloons, a rattle for my babysister, and a heart to hang in my room.

Love, Kaleigh Howry

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo, and a ship, and a monster truck. Can I have dinosaur too? I like to play in the snow.

Love, Damion Pleasant

Dear Santa,
Thank you for giving us toys. I would like a race car and a little remote control motorcycle. Your reindeer are pretty. I like you Santa.

Love, Alberto Jasso

Dear Santa,
I want a bike.

Oscar Alvarado

Dear Santa,
I want a bike.

Adan Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a horse, a t.v., a car, a bike

Eddy Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Barbie doll, lots of toys.

Crystal Foster

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, a teddy bear.

Annabel Lugo

Dear Santa,
I would like a fire engine for Christmas.

Love, Rudy Gonzales

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a spiderman, a football, a basketball and a Teddybear, a guitar, Thank you and I love you.

Phillip Navarro

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll. I want a computer with CD Rom with a Barbie game for it. I want a little Barbie house.

Love, Briannah Toney

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a motorcycle, and a BusLight year an airplane, some Power rangers a Batman. a toy horse.

Love, Joel Torrez

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a horse, also a playbaby a newbook. a key for anything and a cat.

Love, Kristen Marshall

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a toy wolf. I want a tiger toy and a basketball.

Love, DaVid Diaz

Dear Santa,
I want a Spider Man with a remote control and the spider web. I also want a Woody Doll and a play castle. I also want a remote control truck. and a Superman

Love, Bryan Ascencio

Dear Santa,
I want Legos, some Power rangers, a megasword for the Power Rangers, a race car. a Batman race car, Buzz Lightyear.

Love, Clint Hatcher



A SEASON OF JOY

May the hope and happiness of the Christmas season flow into your life.

Thank you for making our season a very special one.

Nelson Backhoe Service

Kevin, Terry, Neal, and Lonny

'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'
(John 3:16)

We appreciate the opportunity to know and serve so many beautiful friends. We wish all of you the best.
"Happy Holidays"

Main Street Pizza
Lockney 652-2201
David and Michael

You and your family get all the credit for making this a great year.
Enjoy the holidays!

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Federal Credit Union
Floydada

Duncan 3rd grade writes Santa



A PAIR OF LITTLE DOLLS -- Two pretty little dolls put in their orders for baby dolls at the Extension Office during Santa's visit.-- Staff Photo



EVEN BIG BOYS HAVE WISHES -- This Dallas Cowboy fan had a request or two to whisper into Santa's ear.-- Staff Photo

More Duncan Elementary kindergarten letters . . .

Dear Santa,
I would like a firetruck, and a toy soldier, Robot with a Lazer, a toy Santa Claus, a big tree that lights up.
Love,
Christopher Stepp

Dear Santa,
Hello! How are you? I would like a Ninja Sword some more Power Rangers, bicycle. Maybe a race car probably more cars, 2 plows and a car with a Power Range and every thing for Batman and Robin. I will have 2 cookies for you. I like Comet.
Camron McHam

Dear Santa,
I want a cat and a dog. What are the names of your reindeer?
Love, Maisey Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a two-wheel drive with a remote control. I'd like Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny and a new Teddy Bear. I would like a zebra that is white and I would like an easel and a marker and some books.
Love, Randy Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I love you. How are you doing? I want a horse and a Barbie and Ariel the Mermaid.
Love, Marisol Garcia

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Little Mermaid doll. I'm in K-5.
Meagan Aleman

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a radio, a bike and a computer. I'd like a mirror. I want a shelf for my books. Thank you.
Crystal Yanniss

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new bike, and a little house, a radio and a computer for my room. And a new school. Santa, I love you very much.
Adrienne Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a new video Nintendo 64 game. A war bop. I want a computer. That's all.
Love, Daniel Longoria

Dear Santa,
I want drums for Christmas. I have been good. How do you ride your reindeer? I love you!
Jesse Ibarra

Dear Santa,
I want a space shuttle for Woody and Buzz. Are you well?
Joseph Segura

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a big doll? It's a my size Barbie. P.O. Have a good day!
Leslye Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want an ambulance for Christmas. Can I have a police car? I want an ax for Christmas.
J.C. Chappell

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a baby doll.
Love, Lydia Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house, a Dalmation toy, fingernail polish, a notebook, a movie "Jungle Book Cartoon", a Simba toy, a Nala toy, a baby doll, a Cinderella cartoon, a Ninja Turtle movie, a play kitchen, some lipstick and a gymnastic Barbie.
Love, Kaylie Nutt

Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me some toys to play with. I like presents. They are fun to play with. How do you make toys? Do you have Rudolph?
Makenzie Schwertner

Dear Santa,
You are nice. I would like you to bring me a big radio and a Dalmation chair for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies to eat. They will be on the coffee table. They will be chocolate chip cookies.
Love, Jordan Cornelius

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control motorcycle and Batman and Robin. I also want a Superman.
Love, Eli jah Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. Or a game boy. Can you get my mommy some dishes for Christmas. And get my daddy a new car. And get my brother some basketball shoes that he wanted. Can you give my brother Christopher a computer. And my sister Amy her own T.V. I want Vanessa to be my friend. Thank you Santa Claus
from Tomas L

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a trampoline and a dog and some cloase and underwear and shorts and shorts, and a pet and a Christmas tree and presimts. and samthing specl. and a bick for my brother and a computer for me and a birds for me and a sugalintindo 64.
from Ricardo

Dear Santa,
I won't a dog I men a relle dog not a fake dog a relle dog. And a bike a Little bike for my sister and for my Little sister. I won't anather be begun. I won't a Laser gon. I won't a homeaLon toLK.
Joe Manuel

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I would like a stuffed animal a swimming pool and some clothes and some shoes. I would like my own computer, baby dolls, a dog, a glow in the dark dart board, glow in the dark stars, a rabbit, some books, a T.V., a C.D. player, a ancering machine, a telephone, a Preches Momend Doll, a jacket, clothes, doll house, barbie dolls, babie house, a typewriter, a swingsit, jewelry, a bible, a barbie car, a cat.
from Kalli Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I want a set of hotwheels, I want a make cantrolecar. I want my dad to get better. I want a new comeputer. I want a Nintendo 64 and a segusadern, segaSuperNinendo, Ninendo too. I want a water bed, telufoan. I want new shous. I want a big swimmingpul. I want a trampling. I want a gigupat. I want the videogame mafitkambd 2.
from Buck

Dear Santa,
I want a computer, dog or cat, a house, a real car or pickup or a truck, a swimming pool, roller skates, a horse, a skunk, a new per of tiney shoes.
Tell Fuller

Dear Santa,
I want a traply and for my Mom I want a perty angle and for my Dad I want a gofte for my Dad. And I want a swimming Pol and a baskball and I want a game for my computer and a game and a copy mchen.
from Rena

Dear Santa,
I for christmas is a bike and a computer I hope you could put me in the good list and I also want Barbie that is call my size Barbie oh and one more thing I want a gold car my dad wants a truck for christmas my mom wants a gold ring with dimes with it can you make some cloths for me.
from Savanah

Dear Santa,
I want Carrace and some cars and some toy mans and some toy little man and toy monster mans and nother kind of toys like bigfoots and soccer Boulls and baseBalls and like a lot of kinds of Toys that ther is to like footballs to and hole bunch to.
from Goubino

Dear Santa,
I want a barby car for girls and to have my ring fixed, and to have my birthday at chucky cheeses, and a hole bunch of books, and mor clothing. And I want to start tacking swimming lesens. And dancing lessons. And going back to jimnasticks. And go to daless. And get mor jewelry. And get mor money. And I want a cat. And bird. And a trapalin.
from Joann

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo 64, Micro Masings a ring for my Mom. I want three Bat man an Robin toys, Jurassic park toys, Misil lonchers I want Apockalips, Bisup, Fangor thats wolveren, some sweats, a BatMancar, Robin's Morter Sicol, and Batmans Jet and Cothes a computer and a big swimming pool and a hot tub for my Mom oK.
from Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for christmas and I want jewelry and Piggy Bank ana a real cat and the game geauss who? and 13 Dead in drive and play-Doh-Do and a Paintbrushes and paint and a maggy Doodeles.
from Nadine

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a swimming pool a trampeling. A new computer. Can you bring me some roller skates. Can you bring me a new dog. Can you bring me some little christmas tree to put in my room.
from Vanessa

Dear Santa,
I want a nintindo 64 And a bick witha front light and a back light. I want a simi truck. I want alot of toys. bute I want only toys with wels.
from Luis

Dear Santa,
I would like a phone. A new T.V. Barbie's and Ken dolls. rings, necklases, and earings. A littler bit of cloths. Art things. A Barbie Dream House. A Lava lamp. Sega games. Chapter books. ponytail holders and bows.
P.S. my ears are pierced so can't get me clipon's please.
from Tana

Dear Santa,
I want a dog so I can play. I want a new bike. A new bed. A new house, A new car, A new radio. A new T.V. A new room by my self. A new computer. New jewelry. A new calendar. A new cat. A new book. New close. New shoes. A new shirt, A new cup. New markers, New clock, A new tea set, A new bat A new feather shirt. And a fish.
from Kimberly Luna

Dear Santa,
I want a real computer, a new real damation puppy, a big swimming pool. some jewelry. a big trampoline, a rollar rink, some stuffed animals, 2 new cats. I want some rollar skates, rollar blades, barbie house, barbie car, barbie clothes. A baby barbie, a mom and dad barbie. Thank you.
from Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a computer that has Disces. I want a tramperling. And I want Nintendo 64. With ten dices. And I want a swimming pool. I want a puppy. And I want some rollo skates. I want a remot controll car. I want a toy story toy buzz light year. And I want Woddy to. And the dinosour of toy story to. Thank you.
from Gerardo

Merry Christmas!

HALLELUJAH!

May the spirit of the season fill your heart with bundles of peace and contentment.

We appreciate the gift of your kind patronage.

Rudy's Barber Shop
Floydada

Behold  The Joy!

GREETINGS!



May your holiday season deliver loads of good fortune and bundles of cheer. Thanks for your support.

Doucette Enterprises
Lockney



Season's Greetings

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

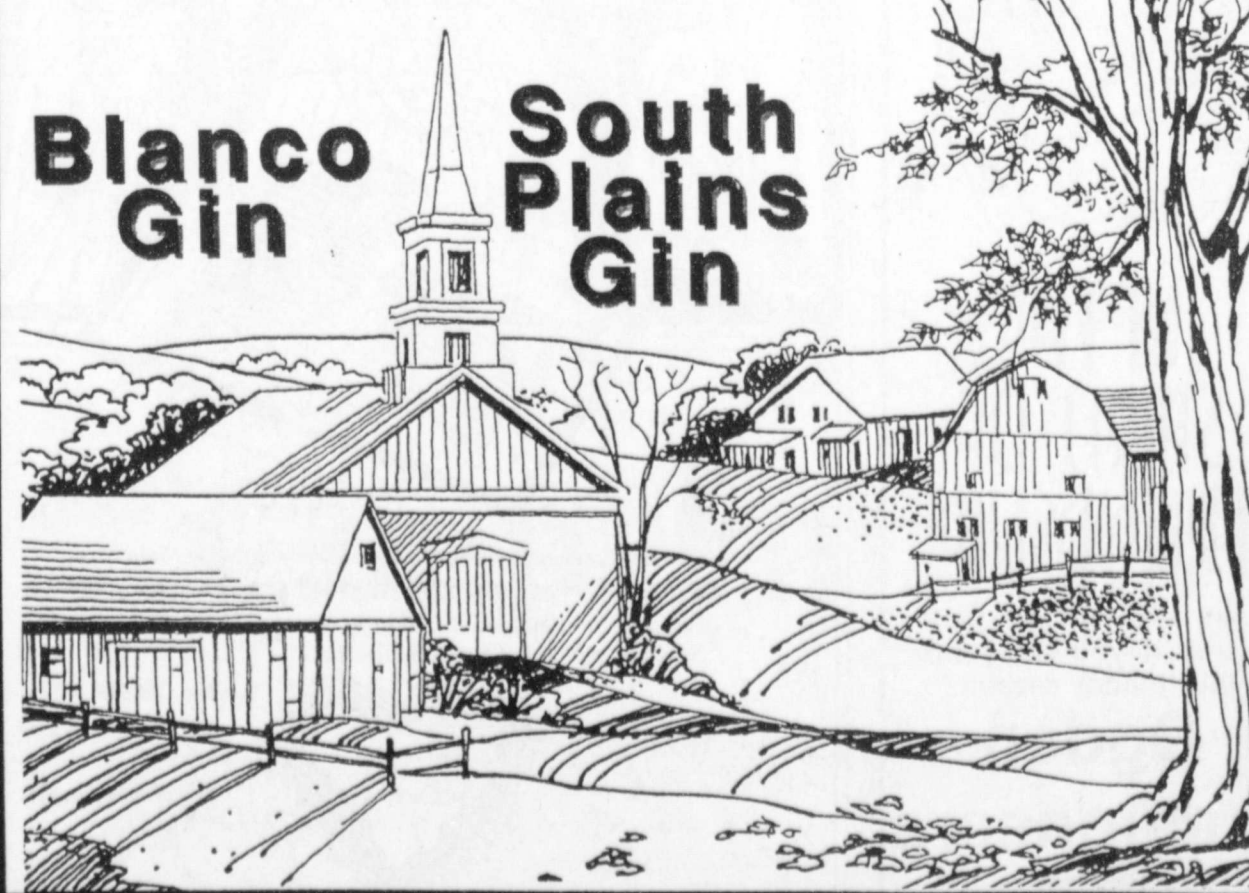
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Christmas in the Country

It's the best place to be, especially with so many wonderful friends & customers like you! Wishing all our faithful patrons holidays filled with Christmas cheer, blessed with health and prosperity. It has been our pleasure to know and serve you this past year.

Blanco Gin

South Plains Gin

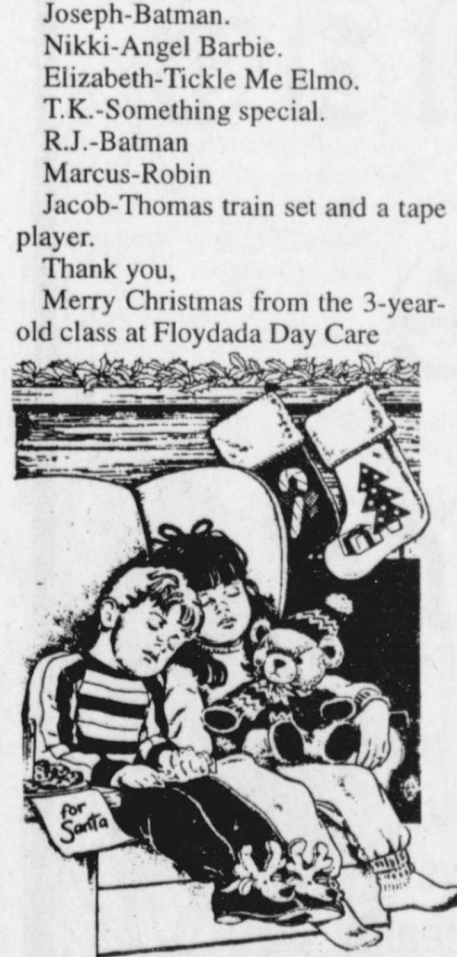


Day Care loves Santa

Dear Santa,
We have been extra special this year. Here are a few things brought to my attention by my toddler class that they are asking for:
Valerie-Barbie with a computer.
Larissa-Baby doll.
Sean-Toys.
Ryan-Record player.
Dylan-Barbie doll.
Amelia-Mickey Mouse.
Thomas-Truck.
Isiah-Something special.
Stevie-Waterbed.
Please remember everyone on this list this year. Milk and cookies will be left by all.
With love,
The Toddler Class at the Floyd County Daycare

Dear Santa,
Please bring us the gift listed beside our names. Remember all the other boys and girls all over the world. And we're wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
The 4-year-olds and older at Floydada Day Care
Ethan-A Tiger football shirt.
Joshua-Lockney Longhorn football shirt and helmet.
Anderson-Buzz Lightyear and spaceship.
Dylan-Remote control T-Rex Dinosaur and Starwars Dark Vadar Light Saver.
Brityn-A Barbie doll and Barbie's rainboots and jacket.
Missy-A Barbie doll and a farm animal game.
Troy-Bicycle and a train set.
Juan-Motorcycle that runs by itself and a pair of binoculars.
Matthew-A green motorcycle and a Batman house.
Wade-A dirt bike motorcycle and a computer.
Lashondra-A Barbie computer and a cheerleader dress and pom-poms.
J.C.-A white Power Ranger suit and sword.
Teddy-A race track with two electric cars and a big electric jeep.
Cassie-A Barbie, kitty cat, and twirler suit.
Mallory-A Barbie swimming pool and Barbie dentist.

Dear Santa,
We have been very good this year, so please bring us these toys for Christmas.
Rayce-Batmobile, Brain works.
Leann-Vacuum cleaner and Queen Barbie.
Brannon-Batmobile and Sleeping Elmo.
Joseph-Batman.
Nikki-Angel Barbie.
Elizabeth-Tickle Me Elmo.
T.K.-Something special.
R.J.-Batman
Marcus-Robin
Jacob-Thomas train set and a tape player.
Thank you,
Merry Christmas from the 3-year-old class at Floydada Day Care



IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP
...we offer our very best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.
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THREE TREES IN THE FRONT YARD OF ROBBIE AND TRACY LONG--420 W. LOCUST, LOCKNEY

Three trees grown for glory

Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world."

The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world."

The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world."

Years passed. The rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain.

The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the first tree fell.

"Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest, I shall hold wonderful treasures," the first tree said.

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the second

The story of the stockings

(Taken from *The Hesperian*, Dec. 24, 1972.)

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there..."

It's not known how this tradition got its start, but there is a lovely legend about the custom's beginning.

It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings which were hanging by the fireplace to dry.

The gold was enough for the girls' dowry so they were married and lived happily ever after taking care of their poor father as well.

tree fell.
"Now I shall sail mighty waters," thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings."

The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven.

But the woodcutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me," he muttered. With a swoop of his shining axe, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feedbox for animals.

The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold or filled with treasure. She was coated with saw dust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals.

The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail to an ocean, or even a river. Instead she was taken to a little lake.

The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard.

"What happened?" The once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God..."

Many, many days and nights passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams. But one night, golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feedbox.

"I wish I could make a cradle for him," her husband whispered.

The mother squeezed his hand and

smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and the sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful," she said.

And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake. Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through with the wind and the rain.

The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, "Peace." The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun.

And suddenly the second tree knew he was carrying the king of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hands to her. She felt ugly and harsh and cruel.

But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything.

It had made the third tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God. That was better than being the tallest tree in the world.

"In all circumstances, hold fast as a shield, to quench all (the) flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:16-17

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Wishing you a star-studded holiday!
Floydada Cable TV

Christmas wishes continue

Dear Santa,
I want a 5 speed. Just that - I don't want nothing else. Just I present. I will like your reindeer - Rudolph with the red nose. I like Prancer, Dancer and Vixen too.
Love,
A Krystal

Dear Santa,
How can your reindeer fly? There will be milk and cookies on the table. How is your bag so magic? I want a my size Barbie Doll.
Love,
Caroynn

Dear Santa,
I want a real little blue motorcycle. I want a toy bus with this big wheels.
Love,
no name

Dear Santa,
I want a Giga Pet and I want Rapunzel, the big one. And a necklace for my mommy for her birthday and some earrings for Christmas. And for my daddy I want a belt and cologne. And for my brother I want him to have a baseball bat.
Love,
Dora

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bible, a watch, and a skip whiri.
Love,
Jill

Dear Santa,
On my list I have an electronic t-rex. How come you come at nighttime when we're asleep? Please come in the daytime so I can see you. How come Rudolph had to lead you when it was a foggy night?
Love,
Billy Carl Lee

Dear Santa,
I want a Doodle Bear and the M&M where you bend his hand and an M&M comes out. Candace and Brittney want one too. I want a real dalmation dog.
Love,
A Krystal

Dear Santa,
I want a toy guitar. Are you busy working on the toys? My mom has been nice but she don't want nothing for Christmas.
Love
Joshua

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a truck.
Love,
Steven

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set for me and a skateboard for my friend Billy. I want to get Billy a guitar too. I want a skateboard too.
Love,
Cody

Dear Santa,
I want a big dinosaur like my cousin Eric. Bring me a toy motorcycle. I want a BB gun like my brother. Thats all.
Love,
Ange

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle that goes fast. And a little airplane that flies around the house when you push the buttons.
Love,
no name

Dear Santa,
I hope you've had good times. May I please have a jewelry box with a ballerina inside.
Love,
Katie Bice

GREETINGS

Behold His blessing for it brings hope to all mankind.
In appreciation of your continued good will and patronage. Have a very joyous season.
Brown Implement
Floydada

IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP
...we offer our very best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.
Ogden Auctioneers
Floydada

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11
Heart's Desire
Cynthia Bybee
120 S. Main St.
Lockney, T.B. 79241
Box (800) 652-2548

Old-Fashioned Christmas Greetings
The air is filled with anticipation,
Of the day of the big celebration,
With friends and family galore,
Just like back in the days of yore!
Have a good old time on Christmas!

Producer's Cooperative
Floydada Elevator & Fuel Dougherty

Lockney Pre-K students are excited about Christmas



FAMILY AFFAIR -- A visit to Santa became a family affair as this trio stepped up to discuss the preferred gifts for the big day. The little one just enjoyed being cradled by Mrs. Claus. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
I want a basketball and I love my mom and all of my family.
Love,
Renee Cruz
Age 4

Dear Santa
I want a car, a Barbie and some toys.
Love,
Valerie Cuellar
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want Bouncing Baby and a married girl and a backpack.
Love,
Abigail Garza
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Big Foot that's really big.
Love,
David Breckenridge
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Bring me some Barbie toys and some baby clothes and some Barbie clothes.
Love,
Logan Hanna
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a Barbie house and car. Bring me a baby and a stroller.
Love,
C.O. Harrison
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a baton and glitter finger-nail stuff and a baby that has a lollipop. Nothing else.
Love,
Shialo Huerta
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want toys and a big tall truck and a big dinosaur.
Love,
Rex Mathis
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a computer and a play station and a Nintendo 64.
Love,
Aaron Rendon
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want an Esmerelda costume for Christmas and so does my baby sister.
Love,
Jasmin Rodriguez
Age 4

Dear Santa,
Bring me a new bike because my other one is broken. I need a big green triceratops.
Love,
Damin Sherrill
Age 4

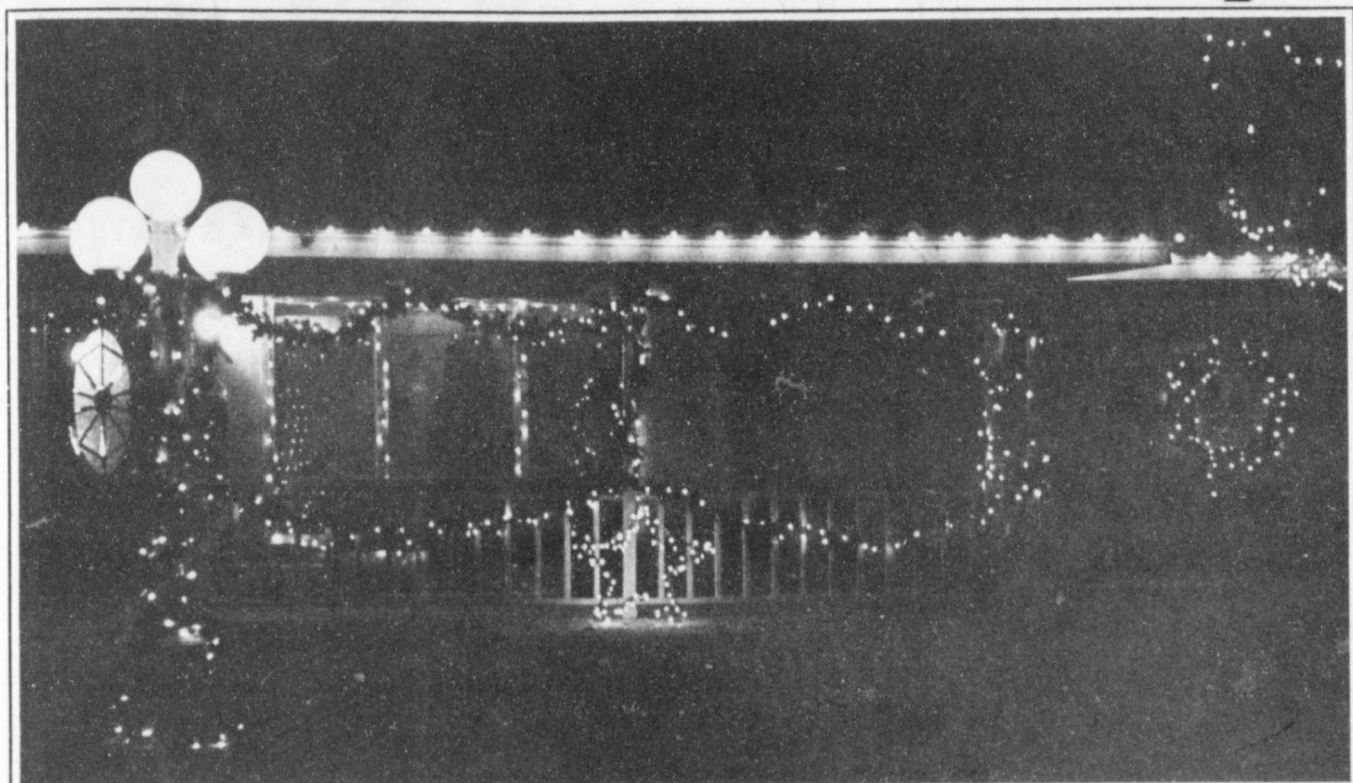
Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and a kitchen with a stove and a Gingerbread man with little sprinkles on him.
Love,
Toni Morales
Age 5

**All The Best To You And Yours
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Dear Santa,
I want you to give me a Barbie and a little Mermaid doll and a Barbie car.
Love,
Sabrina Guerrero
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll and a Barbie car and a Barbie watch.
Love,
K.C. Luna
Age 4

**Happy
Holidays**



LOCKNEY LIGHTS--The bright lights at this Lockney home illuminate the yard and welcome visitors to the home. Staff Photo

Pre-K children make Santa requests

Dear Santa,
I want a play gun and a shooter and a big dinosaur and a fake plant to go in my room.
Love,
Shaquille Thompson
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a giggle pet and some roller blades.
Love,
Johnathan Molina
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a play jeep with me riding in it so I could drive. It's little. I want a play gun that makes a loud noise and some little handcuffs. I need a little bat so I can go bang, bang, bang.
Love,
Austin McAnally
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep, a motorcycle and roller skates.
Love,
Travis Sharp
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger Rscue Megazord. It's big! I want all of the turbo power rangers with the motorcycles.
Love,
Adrain Ballejo
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want blocks and a teddy bear.
Love,
Maria Castorena
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a trampoline and some rollerblades.
Love,
Stephanie Mejia
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a policeman, a motorcycle, and a bike.
Love,
Jordan Pinon
Age 5

Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? Hot wheels cars. They go down, down.
Love,
Steven Fernandez
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want a ball and a toy. One ball for my sister and one ball for me.
Love,
Juanita Villarreal
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie Jeep and a Christmas pin.
Love,
Candi Balderas
Age 5

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring us some presents and put up the Christmas tree. I really want a Barbie car like Jasmin's.
Love,
Jodie Rodriguez
Age 4

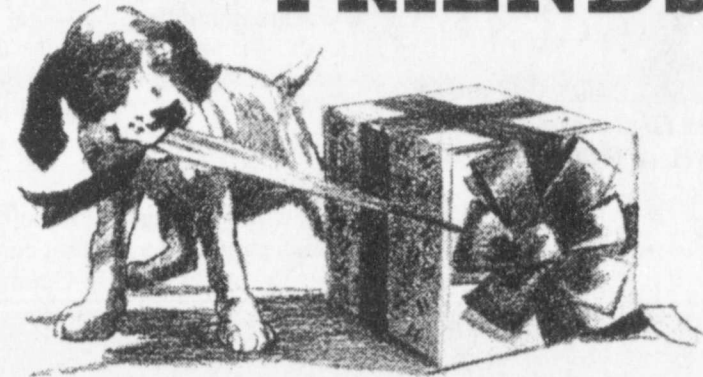
Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle for my Dad and for me. Bring my Mother a dress and my baby sister a dress and a crown for my little cousin Jessica.
Love,
Rico Rodriguez
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a battery for my jeep and a lot of stuff. Mason wants a choo-choo train for Christmas.
Love,
Halie LaDuke
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Amos Luna
Age 4

Dear Santa,
I saw Jurassic Park on tv and I want some new Jurassic Park dinosaurs and a bike.
Love,
Jr. Posada
age 4

**TO OUR "BEST"
MANY FRIENDS**



We're pulling for you to have a simply splendid season.
Happy Holidays!

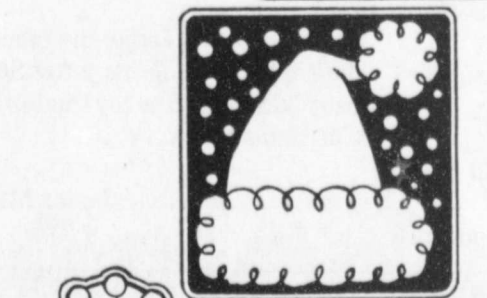
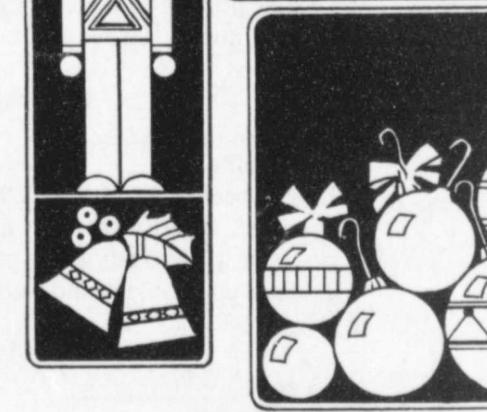
Garcia's Ok Tire
Floydada

**Merry
Christmas**



**A Time for Special Things
and Extra-Special Thanks**

Your friendship and patronage are gifts for which we are ever-grateful. Season's greetings to all!



**Lockney
Cooperatives**

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**COLOR IT
MERRY!
COLOR IT
BRIGHT!**

Thank you for choosing us.

Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Company
214 S. Wall
Floydada

**TOGETHER, WE
SHINE!**

Hope your holiday is decorated with cheer, with friends and loved ones happy and dear, have a joyous day with trimmings galore, and may memories light your days forever more.

Without you, our loyal customers, our year wouldn't have been nearly so bright. Thanks!

**Don Hardy Fuel
Efficient EngineService**
Don, Sue & Donald
Floydada

First graders in Lockney tell Santa their wishes

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus. Please give me a present. I want a giga pet and a baby doll. A Barbie house too. I have been a good girl.

Love You,
Ana Karen Sanchez
Grade 1

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? Could you please bring a Discman, bike and some Savannah doll stuff.

I Love you.
Love,
Segayle Foster
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? Would you please bring me sum toys. I would like a gigapet and a lunchbox and a backpack. I love you very much.

Love,
Anabell Gonzales
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? Can you please bring me a Giga pet roller blades and a Doodle Bear. Dont work to hard.

Love,
Janie Martinez
age 6

Dear Santa
How are you All I want for Christmas is Winnie The Pooh and sum Barbies. and I hoPe all the families are together. I thank you for the presents last year.

Love,
Ysenia Mouna
Age 7

Dear Santa,
Do you have lots of toys made? Please will you bring me a Hot Wheels car wash, Hot Wheels Construction Site and a Hot Wheels Space Truck. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love
Kyler Ellison
Age 7

Dear Santa,
How are the Reindeer? Can you please bring me a barbie fold up house. Can you please bring me Giga Pet. Can you bring me jewelry. I hope you are doing fine.

Love,
Brendi Morales
Age 6

Dear Santa,
how are the elves? Please brig me a Sega game and a big foot computer.

Love,
Jr. Contreras - 7

Dear Santa
How is it at the North Pole Would you Please give me a GigaPet a Barbe and a bike I will lev you mik and cooces.

Love
Ariel Hanna
Age 6

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the North Pole? Please blaing a Giga pet-roller blades and a computer laptop. I'll leave some cookies and milk

Love,
cheyann Powell
Age 6

Dear Santa.
How are You. I want a T.v. a giga pet and a Lunch box.

Love,
AnthonY Hernandez
age 7

Dear Santa,
Have The reindeer been good? Please Santa bring me a GiGa pet, and a train set and a tractor. I have been good.

Love,
Timothy Padilla
age 6

Dear Santa
I've been a How's Vixen? I would like a Nintendo 64, Go-cart, and Jurassic PaRK Reet rack. I will have cookie Waiting for you

Love
Devin

Dear Santa,
I like You. How is Rudolph? I would like a Real Sord and a Remote Cintol RoCket and a Laser tag.

I will leave You milk and CookieS.
Age 7
Love,
PatriCk DouCette

Dear Santa,
How is the wether? I have been good this year. Would you please bring me sum toys. I would like a bike a gigapet and a t.v. I will live sum chocolate cake for you.

Love,
Tiffany Luna

Dear Santa,
Haw is Mrs. Claus? Iwaant a Sonic 3, Sonic 2, Taz Escape from Mors.

I love you Santa,
Lucas Hall
I am 6

Dear Santa,
I have a dog. I have a cat. I want a doll and a bike.

Maria Sanchez - 6

Dear Santa,
I think I have been very good. I would like if you could bring me a Tresa the Barbie! and a little stuffed Pooh Bear. and the movie Dumbo!

Love,
Estella Leann Rogriguez
6 yrs old

Dear Saint Nicklis,
How are the elves? Are they working hard? Are the reindeers ok. Santa? Go Santa go! I wonte a purple puppy. Giga Pet, and a trampoline.

Love Daryn Bill McCarter
and I am 7 years old.

Dear Santa,
How have Mrs. Claus been? I have been vere good. I would like a doll and a Giga pet and a Bouncy Bouncy baby.

Amanda Vasquez - 7

Der Santa,
Hol are the elves.
Hol are the Rander.
Hol is Rudolf.
Hol is Mrs. Claus?
I wood lick a Skates.
I wood lick a cimputr

Jennifer Rincones - 7

What is going on at the North Pole. I am a good boy. Could you plese bring skates and a remote control car.

Thank you,
Ivain Jimenez

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas to you. I want a pink bike, a Barbie doll. I want a giga pet. I will give you milk and cookies.

From,
Hilda Salazar

Dear Santa,
Sometimes I have been good. Some times I have been bad. Santa I hope your reindeer are ok. I want a mysyze Barbie. I want hot wheels.

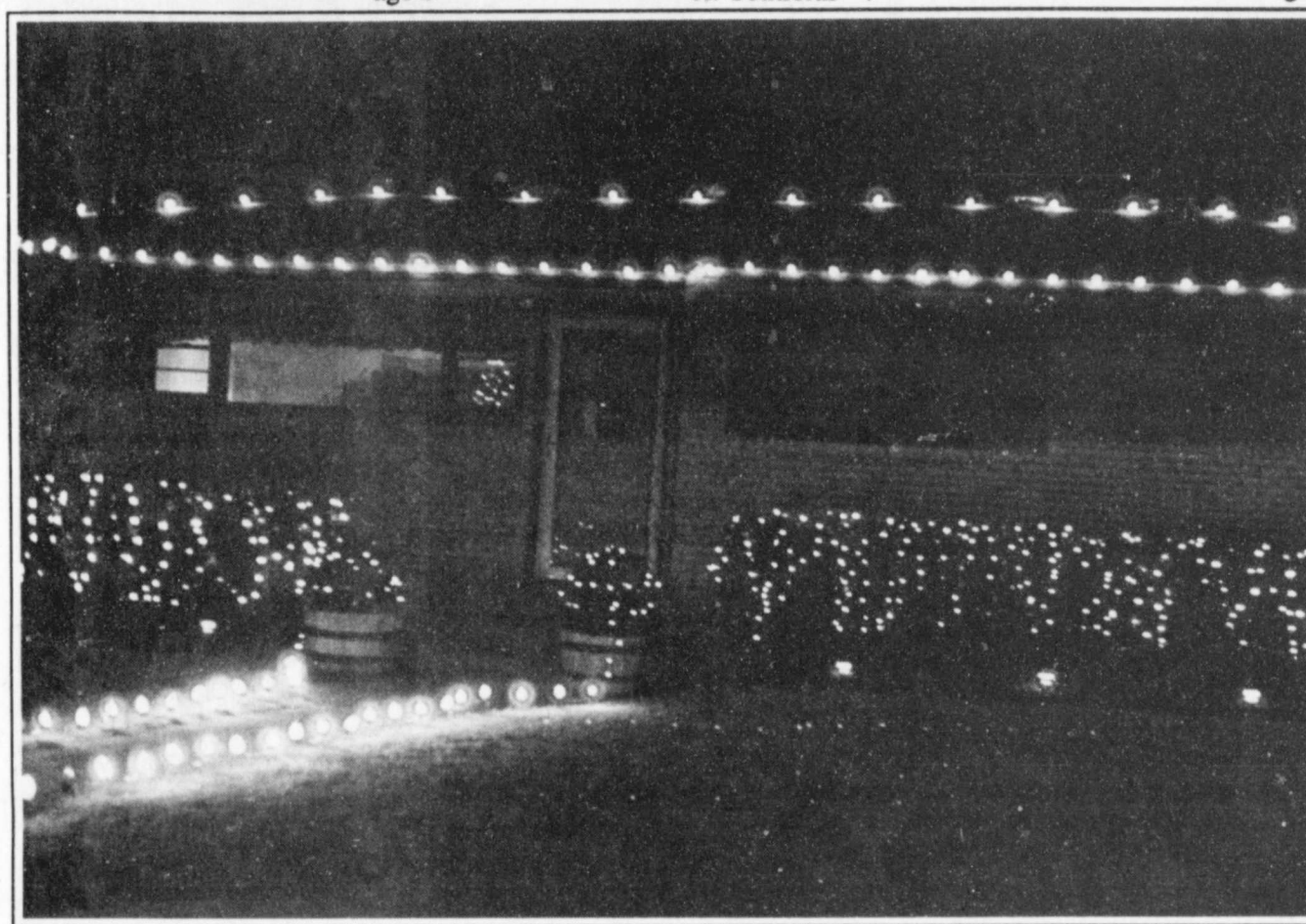
Love,
Beth Ann Davis

Dear Santa,
Thanks the toys. I hope you are feeling well. Please bring me a Sonic viedo and a Sega.

Love,
B.J. Collis



I'M THIS MANY -- Several topics of discussion come up when you talk to Santa. One of great importance is the age of a child. -- Staff Photo



CHEERY GREETING -- Yuletide cheer is abundant residence. Lights adorn the house and yard as a symbol of the holiday season. -- Staff Photo

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf. I have been very good I I wot a Nintentedo 64.

Michael Vasquez - 6

Dear Santa,
Hi! How is Mis. Claus? I would like a giga pet and a Bank with clous and soos Tickle Me Elmo.

Thank you,
Olivia Mariscal - 6

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? I have been very good. I would like a giga pet and a Memory game and some rollerblades.

Love
Emily Prayor
and I am 6

Dear Santa,
How are the elves and how is Mrs. Claus and how is the elves are doen? I want the Barbie that comes with a computer and talks. I want a car that has Bateim and moves by it self.

Saray Folres - 6

Dear HoHo,
I have mist you!
Is Mrs. Claus fine!
Is Rudolf alrit!
I hope you are filing good!
I want red make-up and a doll!
I love you! Ho Ho!

Love, Danetta McCullough - 7

Dear Sana,
I have been good. I would like a giga pet memory game.

Paula Alvarez - 6

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I hope you have a Merry Christmas, too. Please bring me a doll and a reading book. I love you Santa!

Cynthia Zavata

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a sone play station, green giga pet, and a real puppy. Thank you.

Love,
Brett Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a trampoline, a dartboard with a score board, and a lion king vjedo game. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Jessie Peralez

Dear Santa,
Please do not forget the other children. Please bring me a toy Santa, a baby kitten, and a toy eagle. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
James Mercado

Joyous Noel

May all your prayers be answered, and may you enjoy the joy and peace of the season. We appreciate your devoted support.

Phil's Electric
Floydada
Phillip & Kay

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN

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

Muncy and Sandhill Elevator

Happy Holidays

Old Saint Nick joins us in wishing you the merriest of Christmases.

To our Customers & Friends,

POOLE WELL
Service & Radiator Shop
704 Matador Hwy
Raymond & Mary Poole
Floydada

May You Be Blessed With The Joy Of The Season!

"Have a Safe and Happy Holiday"

From the Staff & Management of
City Auto, Inc.
Floydada

HOME

Is Where The Heart Is...
And ours is with our many kind neighbors who have made us feel so welcome.
We're proud to be a part of this fine community.
Happy Holidays and Thanks!

Caprock Industries

4 miles Northwest of Lockney

A String of Blue Beads

By Fulton Oursler
(Reprinted from the Joe L. Wheeler collection of "Christmas In My Heart")

Pete Richards was the loneliest man in town on the day Jean Grace opened his door. You may have seen something in the newspapers about the incident at the time it happened, although neither his name nor hers was published, nor was the full story told as I tell it here.

Pete's shop had come down to him from his grandfather. The little front window was strewn with a disarray of old-fashioned things: bracelets and lockets worn in days before the Civil War, gold rings and silver boxes, images of jade and ivory, porcelain figurines.

On this winter's afternoon a child was standing there, her forehead against the glass, earnest and enormous eyes studying each discarded treasure as if she were looking for something quite special. Finally she straightened up with a satisfied air and entered the store.

The shadowy interior of Pete Richards' establishment was even more cluttered than his show window. Shelves were stacked with jewel caskets, dueling pistols, clocks, and lamps, and the floor was heaped with andirons and mandolins and things hard to find a name for.

Behind the counter stood Pete himself, a man not more than 30 but with hair already turning gray. There was a bleak air about him as he looked at the small customer who flattened her unglowed hands on the counter.

"Mister," she began, "would you please let me look at that string of blue beads in the window?"

Pete parted the draperies and lifted

out a necklace. The turquoise stones gleamed brightly against the pallor of his palm as he spread the ornament before her.

"They're just perfect," said the child, entirely to herself. "Will you wrap them up pretty for me, please?"

Pete studied her with a stony air. "Are you buying these for someone?"

"They're for my big sister. She takes care of me. You see, this will be the first Christmas since Mother died. I've been looking for the most wonderful Christmas present for my sister."

"How much money do you have?" asked Pete warily.

She had been busily untying the knots in a handkerchief and now she poured out a handful of pennies on the counter.

"I emptied my bank," she explained simply.

Pete Richards looked at her thoughtfully. Then he carefully drew back the necklace. The price tag was visible to him but not to her. How could he tell her? The trusting look of her blue eyes smote him like the pain of an old wound.

"Just a minute," he said, and turned toward the back of the store. Over his shoulder he called, "What's your name?" He was very busy about something.

"Jean Grace."

When Pete returned to where Jean Grace waited, a package lay in his hand, wrapped in scarlet paper and tied with a bow of green ribbon. "There you are," he said shortly. "Don't lose it on the way home."

She smiled happily at him over her shoulder as she ran out the door. Through the window he watched her go, while desolation flooded his thoughts. Something about Jean Grace

and her string of beads had stirred him to the depths of a grief that would not stay buried. The child's hair was wheat yellow, her eyes sea blue, and once upon a time, not long before, Pete had been in love with a girl with hair of that same yellow and with eyes just as blue. And the turquoise necklace was to have been hers.

But there had come a rainy night - a truck skidding on a slippery road - and the life was crushed out of his dream.

Since then Pete Richards had lived too much with his grief in solitude. He was politely attentive to customers, but after business hours his world seemed irrevocably empty. He was trying to forget in a self-pitying haze that deepened day by day.

The blue eyes of Jean Grace jolted him into acute remembrance of what he had lost. The pain of it made him recoil from the exuberance of holiday shoppers. During the next 10 days trade was brisk; chattering women swarmed in, fingering trinkets, trying to bargain. When the last customer had gone, late on Christmas Eve, he sighed with relief. It was over for another year. But for Pete Richards the night was not quite over.

The door opened and a young woman hurried in. With an inexplicable start, he realized that she looked familiar, yet he could not remember when or where he had seen her before. Her hair was golden yellow and her large eyes were blue. Without speaking, she drew from her purse a package loosely unwrapped in its red paper, a bow of green ribbon with it. Presently the string of blue beads lay gleaming again before him.

"Did this come from your shop?" she asked.

Pete raised his eyes to hers and answered softly, "Yes, it did."

"Are the stones real?"

"Yes. Not the finest quality-but real."

"Can you remember who it was you sold them to?"

"She was a small girl. Her name was Jean. She bought them for her older sister's Christmas present."

"How much are they worth?"

"The price," he told her solemnly, "is always a confidential matter between the seller and the customer."

"But Jean has never had more than a few pennies of spending money. How could she pay for them?"

Pete was folding the gay paper back into its creases, rewrapping the little package just as neatly as before.

"She paid the biggest price anyone can ever pay," he said. "She gave all she had."

There was a silence then that filled the little curio shop. He saw the far-away steeple, a bell began ringing. The sound of the distant chiming, the little package lying on the counter, the question in the eyes of the girl, and the strange feeling of renewal struggling unreasonably in the heart of the man, all had come to be because of the love of a child.

"But why did you do it?"

He held out the gift in his hand. "It's already Christmas morning," he said. "And it's my misfortune that I have no one to give anything to. Will you let me see you home and wish you a Merry Christmas at your door?"

And so, to the sound of many bells and in the midst of happy people, Pete Richards and a girl whose name he had yet to hear, walked out into the beginning of the great day that brings hope into the world for us all.

Lockney Insurance Agency
Peace & Harmony
Together they create the most beautiful music of all! Merry Christmas.
Jerry Cooper
Elsa Cooper

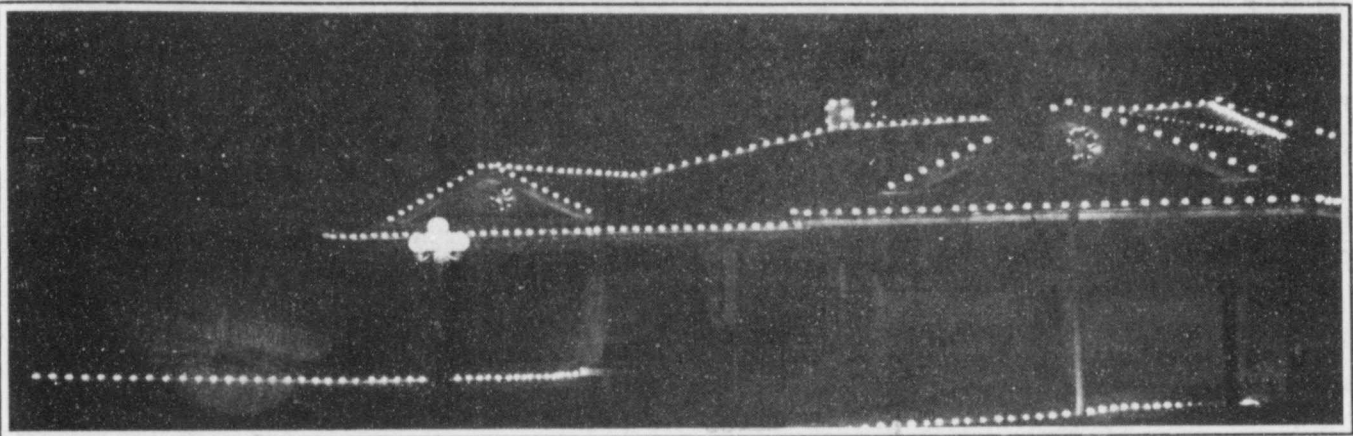
Celebrate the Miracle

Joy to the World

May you and those you love be blessed with happiness, health, and prosperity, in this joyous season. Thank you for having faith in us.

Cogdell Clinic
Floydada

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WELCOMING LIGHTS -- These multicolored lights welcome visitors and passers-by as they tour the streets of Floydada in search of Christmas light displays. -- Staff Photo

Wishing You Every Happiness At
Christmas
May warmth fill your heart and your days with hope. Wishing you all the best and a holiday filled with cheer, for you have already given us a gift - your kindness and friendship throughout the year.
MOORE-ROSE-WHITE FUNERAL HOME
Floydada, Texas
Tom Jordan, Donna Webb, Edell Moore, Nell McClary



POSING WITH THE BIG MAN -- Two Floydada girls had the opportunity to have their picture taken with the jolly old elf during his visit in mid December. -- Staff Photo

Season's Greetings And Many Thanks!
FLOYDADA EMS
Board of directors, Staff & Crew wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
"Thank you for your support through the years"

Happy Holidays!

The members of the Floydada Volunteer Fire Department want to wish everyone a safe & happy holiday season.

A Blessed Time

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.
—Isaiah 9:6-7

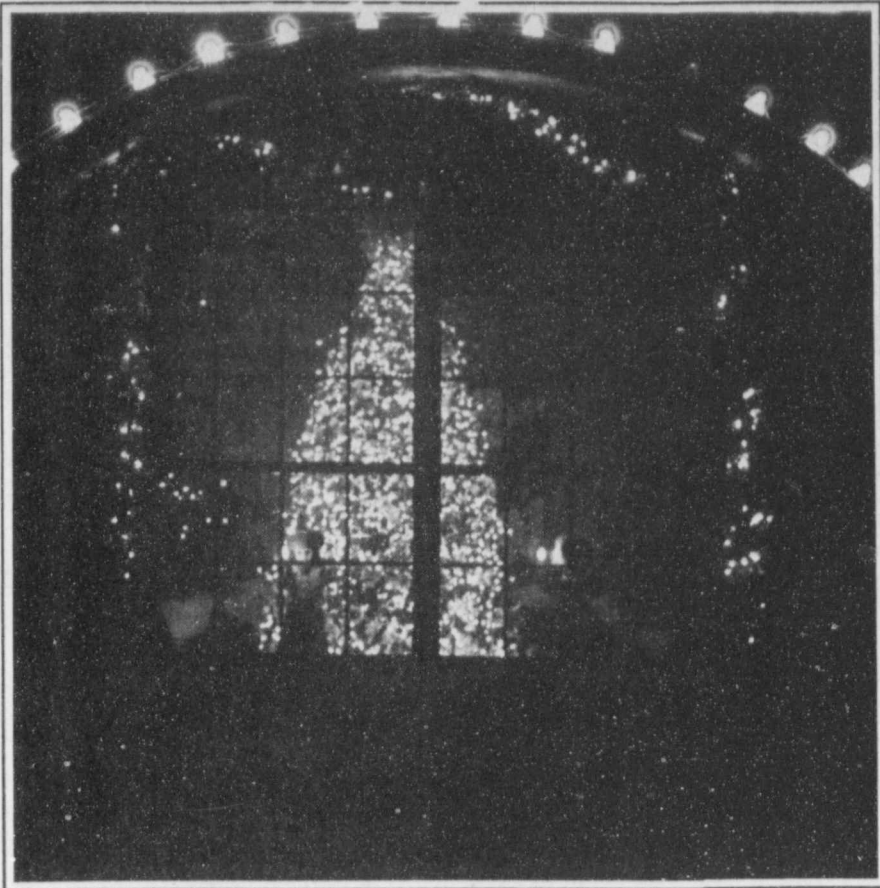
May you and yours be blessed with peace and joy all through Christmas and beyond.
Thank you for visiting us.

American State Bank

"Right Size To Be Friendly"

Wayne Parkman, Darlene Lackey, Kay Tinney, Misty Seymour, Linda Jackson, & Teresa Whittle

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WINDOW DISPLAY -- This cheerful lighted display adorns a Lockney window this holiday season. -- Staff Photo

Lockney second graders contribute Christmas letters

Dear Santa Claus,
This Christmas I would like:
A dog please if you can make it real.
Drop Across game, Trivia Game, A huge teddy bear, And a great day at school every day. And a real hammer for my dad. And some flowers for my mom. And for my brother a basketball and football and a girl friend and for me some tool stuff just like my dad.

Love,
Angelica Marie Fierros

Dear Santa,
I hope you are not too busy and that things are going good. Here is a list of things I would like for Christmas.
1. A violin. 2. Mega Rig, space center of construction site. 3. A science kit with a microscope. 4. An erector set of connex. 5. Deluxe rescue Megazord. 6. battleship - star wars kind. 7. car phone walkie-talkies. 8. movie - Old Yeller. 9. a laser chal-

lenger game.
I know I can't have all of these things. But I know you'll bring the things I want the most. I love you Santa.

Love,
Jacob Martin
2nd grade

Dear Santa,
My name is Sayla. I am in the second grade. I hope you are doing well. My brother Ethan and I have been good this year. I want a Magie School Bus tape, some wood for my tree house, a soft teddy bear with my name on its shirt, a 13 Dead-End Drive game, the game Chichen foot, and earrings that are either a dolphin or a teddy bear. Ethan wants a Choo-Choo train set, some hot wheel cars, and food for Rudolph. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love,
Sayla Barnes
2nd grade



LET ME THINK -- Deciding what to ask for sometimes waits until the last minute. Santa is a patient person and he will wait. -- Staff Photo

YULETIDE CHEER!
Many thanks for your kind support.

Pizza Gold

Floydada

Lockney first grade addresses Santa

Dear Santa,
Please take good care of Mrs. Santa. Please bring me a giga pet, and a Cassey cartwheel. And I will give you Oreos and milk.

Love,
Caithann Wiley

Dear Santa,
Please bring 2 toys; a toy truck with trailor and horses, and a bicycle. Thanks for the toys. And don't forget the other children. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Yared Pinon

Dear Santa,
I want a brand new remote controll car, a bike and a trampoline. Thank you. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love,
Derek DeLeon

Dear Santa,
How are your raindier? Thank you for the toys you brought last year. This year I want a giga pet a crash banntit 2 madden 98.

I luvu,
Caleb

Dear Santa,
I play with mi doll. thank you brought me. this year I want a giga! Pet. thanks Santa.

Paloma

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. santa. This year I want a snowcone maker and a grant bear a baby brother. Thank y very much.

Love,
Heather

Dear Santa,
How are your clves? This year I want a Giga pet and WeW wrestlers. fur Christmas. Thank you very much.

Love,
Luis

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? this year I want. thank you very much. gigpet, bol, dolo.

Love,
Vanessa

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a bike teddy bear and a reading book.

Love,
Raul

Dear Santa,
I play with my doll. This year i want a bike, bractel, headphones. Thank you very much.

Love,
Lindsie

Dear Santa,
This year I want a bike and a play-house. A California roller skate doll. I love the reindeer.

Love you,
Marissa Solis

Dear Santu,
Hao is yr randors and hao is roodof and I want a Terex and a dogK game and a Gareguy and a Moodoosu.

Love,
Oscar

Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Claus? This year I want a Leather football Miami Dophens jrsy gametable.

Love,
Trent

Dear Santa,
How are you and your raindeers? I hope you have a good Christmas day. Please can I have a Nutcracker and a remote cantroll Jeep.

Love,
Isaac Luera

Play It Again, Santa!

Here's hoping your holiday hits all the high notes this year. Thanks for helping us have a harmonious season.

Kirk & Sons

Floydada

May God Bless Your Home This Holiday Season

Wherever you live, may you be visited by faith, love and good fortune in the year to come. We feel blessed to have so many good customers and friends. Thank you for visiting us.

Lockney Oil & Butane
Hamm & Mildred Gammage
Tim & Shelley Roberts
Justin & Ashley

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the toys. I want a colifo californifornia eroller blade ddl, workout Barbie and a George of the Jungle.

Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Sega Saturn, a beast war and a Casper. Thanks.

Love,
Steven Guerra

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. Santa can you please bring me a Harley Davidson motor cycle jacket, Giga pet and a fishing rod.

Love,
Johathan Colman

Dear Santa,
I want a sony play station, motor-cycle, little puppy. I love you.

C.J. Balderas

Dear Santa,
How are your Reindeers. I wot a Boll and a Dol.

Love,
Alysha

Peace & Joy

As the holiday unfolds in all its mystery and beauty, may you experience the warmth of the season. Merry Christmas and many thanks.

Floydada Coop Gins Inc.

All The Best To You And Yours

With heartfelt gratitude for the pleasure of serving you this past year. We hope everyone enjoys a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Dr. Gary & Brenda Mangold
Dr. Kevin & Michealle Stennett
Dr. Kevin & Victory Stewart
Dr. Shayne & Dana White

Lockney Elementary fourth grade writes to Santa

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a trampoline. A trampoline so I could have a friend or two over at my house. And next I want a 10 foot pool with a diving board. So I could jump on my trampoline into my pool. Next I won't a new 3 story house, color purple, with a patio at the back and in the front all concrete half a mile out and a basketball court. Next I want a Giga-pet a cat a dog. That is all the stuff I want for Christmas. So Mr. Clause please get me what I want for Christmas.
Marisa J. Bloss

Dear Santa,
This year I want a lego toy called explorian starship. And please give me a box of legos with it. Another thing I want is two nintendo 64 games called quarter back club 98 and diddy kong racing. Please give me this because its probly sold out cause there so new. And one more thing please give me a since of humor like my cousin Ryan Cupp.
Lance Terrell

Dear Santa,
I want a button and a new bike and some stickers and a puppy and a wienie dog and a basketball.
Michelle Fierros

Dear Santa,
I don't want much so I will make it short. I want a play Station and a pawn game for the play station and crash and college football. I will leave you cookies and Pepsi. Love you santa,
Graden Long

Dear Santa,
If you could, can you get me a nintendo 64 or a play station and please get me a tantram race car I cant wait to see you at the bank.
Ricky Vasquez

I want a computer a big candy cane. A big giant screen t.v. I want a big talking barbie.
Karen Hernandez

Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
How was your year? Are your elf's making alot of toys? I hope so. I want a Texas A&M Longhorn cheerleader barbie. I want a new bike, with a water bottle holder. I want a new Chicago, Bull's Jacket. The reverse one that you can turn it to red, then black. I want a new T.V. I want a phone to call my friends at the South Plain's Mall. I want new clothes and new shoe's for Christmas. I want a new swimming pool. With a water slide, and a diving board too! I really want a new puppy dog. A real Toy Poodle. Their so cute! I want a new alarm clock. I want Lisa Frank sticker's. I want a new Big Bing Bag for Christmas.
Jennifer Reyes

Dear Santa,
Hou are you? My Birthday is in two days, December 7, 1997 on Sunday. My Mom sead, "We have four presents for you" she made a mistake! Santa, may I have a perm? I would Lika perm becaus I think it will look nice. Sant Nick, what is your favorit name Santa, Sant nick, Santa Clous? I have had fun righting to you please, right soon.
Tabetha Belyeu



Dear Santa,
I would like to have a lot of things for christmas. The most thing I would like for Christmas is that my Granpa gets well. I don't care if I get a lot of toys I just want my grandpa to get well. That's all I want for Christmas!
Malarie Ann Luebano

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a playstation, a B.B. gun, a Baby brother, new shoes, a stereo, a C.D. player, C.D.s, a basketball, and school cloths.
Ruben Guerra

Dear Santa,
I would like the doll my size molly, and patty cake Doll, and clothes, shoes called FIS, and a new mickey mouse Bed speed and pillow case of mickey mouse to. But most of all I would Love for everybody to Love one another for this is the first greatest commadment that the Lord left all of us, and that is a Merry Christmas and Happy New year Santa.
Love,
Lydia A. Mendoza

Dear Santa,
I would like a new born baby and another giga pet. How is Mis. Clause? Are your elfs working hard? I hope they are because I want a new bike. Oh! I want a new T.V. I would like a phone too! And I want a water slide. And I really want a puppy. I want a puppy bed with food and toys. I want a real Toy Poodle. Look on the bottom of the page. I really want to see what you look like! What are you bringing my sister?
Tana Smith

Dear Santa,
It's almost christmas, and I would like to have a Sega satarn with seven or eight games, and racing car set for myself. I would like to have a Bop it, a twenty-five pack of cars, a whole lot of money, and my very own room. I would like to have a secrett passage way in my room, a skate board, a picture of Michael Jordan slamming the basketball in the goll. I would like to have new school supply's, a new bike with rubber tubes, a water proof watch, a computer of my own, and please make me smarter in school. I would like new shoes, and I wish I was taller than I am right now. This is all I would really want for Christmas this year.
Allen Aultman

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexis Marie Hall. I would like a China Doll with a red night gown on. And curly hair, with a bow! And clear wings. Please sir. And Please get me a doggy giga-pet puppy please. Can you get me some movies, such as, wild hearts can't be broken, The little mermaid. And thats all. And last but not least a Chicago Bulls Starter Jacket.
Sencerly,
Alexis Hall

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie that has red violet dress and I also want some glitter and I also want a ten speed bike. I want a kitty and a wienie dog and a hamster. I also want a stamper and a shirt and shoe that are sandles and a pare of swets. I want desk a flute a phone, it is called a recorder and a computer and button. I want a toy and a pare of pencils and a zipper pouch and sicorse and biretts and a scarf and gloves you don't half to give all to me you can only give me 3 presents.
Yvette Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Chrismas is coming soon this is what I would like for christmas. I would like a new football, a kicking tee, and a new baseball glove. Santa you have white beard, a red suit, and a long cap, and last but not least your reindeer. I want a baseball card signed by Ken Griffy Junior and a football card signed by Emmit Smith, Deon Sanders, Troy Aikman, and expeshaly J. Novachek. One more thing I want for christmas is for my dads back to get well. That's not all I want the last thing is a nentidno sixty-four, and a real football suit.
Dahlen McCarter

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like precious moments, Green Bay Packers coat, finger nail polish and remover, spool dolls, precious moments plaque, toe ring, car cap, clothes, a bike, roller blaçes, beany babies (zebra, lion bear, dolfin, seal, fish, & whale). The movie, Prancer, and please send me a picture of the North Pole outside and inside and a picture of the reindeers. Spool dolls are little collectable dolls made out of spools and buttons. Precious moments plaque is a breakable Precious moments. An ear cap is an earring that you cap on your ear.
Amber Dorman

Dear Santa,
I want a pair of new overalls that are light blue with red, green, yellow and white flowers on it. Another thing I want for Christmas is a nail manicure set and all kinds of finger nail polish that is any color. I also want a football, a pair of ear caps, and Rebecca Lobo-Liberty jearsey. I also want to have a very very merry christmas with my family. I really really wish that it would snow on christmas. The last thing I want is a car that is moterised. I want you to now that I do believe in Santa Clause! Merry christmas.
Rebekah Thornton

Happy Holidays

Dear Santa,
I whan't a super bomerman game it gose to a seaga. Then I whan't a pear of nikes and wend brake of nike. And then I want Super nintendow 64. And I want some in style clothes like at the mall and an easy bake. And dont worry I'll give you some milke and cookies.
Love,
Jennifer Enriquez

Dear Santa,
I will like some roller blades and a my size doll and I also want'ed a dollhouse for christmas I also want a dress for christmas and I want't the game guesstures for christmas.
Mayra Ascencio

Dear Santa,
I want an American Girl doll and I want Kirsten or Felicity. I also want some black windsuit pants. I want some games for my brother's sega C.D. and games fo sega. I really don't want much or a littel. I just want a couple of things. I also want a new I.B.M. Computer.
Kami Keoton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a new pair of roller blades, football, football tee, baseball signe. Ken Griffey Junior football signed by Emitt Smith and Troy Aikman, and last of all this is what I really want if you can't get those other things I want a Nintendo 64.
Nathan Hancock



WHO IS THIS -- First trips to Santa are a once in a lifetime experience. as this little one finds out. -- Staff Photo

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The Promise of the Doll

By Ruth C. Ikeman
(Reprinted from the Joe L. Wheeler collection "Christmas In My Heart")

When I met my friend on the crowded street, she held out her hand to me and said, "I hope you can help me. I'm desperate." Warily she explained, "I'm about to cry and it's all over a doll. I simply have to find this doll for my granddaughter."

As tears filled her eyes, I remembered the terrible shock we all had felt over the death of her daughter, who had been such a vivacious young mother until stricken several months before. The young husband was doing a fine job with the little girl, but it was on the grandmother that much of the burden of planning for good things remained. And this explained her Christmas errand.

"I blame myself entirely," she told me, "for not starting earlier, but I never thought it would be a problem to find one of these special dolls. Yet there is not one of this variety left in town."

I asked her, "Well, why can't you settle for another kind of doll?" She shook her head. "One of the last things my daughter ever said to me before the pain got so bad was how sorry she was that she had refused to buy this doll for her little girl. She told me she had thought the child was too young for such a doll, and had refused to buy it for her birthday, supposing there were lots of occasions ahead when she could get it for her."

Then she told the rest of the story. The little girl had come to her mother's bedside and asked whether the doll might arrive at Christmastime. The young mother grasped the tiny hand in hers and said, "I promise you this for Christmas."

Now my friend was about to fail in her mission. "It's all my fault," she kept repeating. "I waited until too late. It will take a miracle now."

Secretly I agree, but I tried to keep up a polite facade of courage. "Maybe the child has forgotten, and will be happy with something else."

Grimly my friend replied, "She may forget, but I won't." We parted to go our separate ways.

With my mind only half on my shopping, I found the ribbon a neighbor wanted to finish a baby blanket she was making. A few minutes later

I stopped at her door to leave the package and was invited inside.

Her two little girls sat on the floor, playing with their dolls. As I sat down, I noticed that one of the dolls was the same type my friend was seeking. Hopefully I asked, "Can you remember where you bought that doll?"

My neighbor gave me her warm-hearted smile. "That's not a doll," she said, "she's a member of the family, and as near as I can see she probably was born and not made. She came to us by plane from a favorite aunt in the East."

So I told her that I had a friend who was searching frantically for such a doll for the little girl whose mother had passed away during the year. Apparently unaware of us, the two children played happily. The mother and I spoke in adult words about facing loss at the holiday time, and how much we wished we could help my friend.

Later when I got up to leave, the two little girls followed me to the door.

"Dolly is ready to leave, too," they told me. Sure enough, she was dressed in a red velveteen coat and hat with a white fur muff.

"Where is dolly going?" I asked. They laughed happily. "With you, of course. You know where the lady lives, don't you—the one who needs the doll so bad?"

I started to tell them that of course I couldn't take this doll. Then I looked at their faces, happy in the moment of giving. If I say the wrong thing now, something within my heart warned, I may ruin their joy of giving for the rest of their lives. Silently I took the doll, fumbling with my car keys so they did not see the mist over my eyes.

Their mother asked, "Are you both sure you want to do this?" They answered, "Yes, we do..." The mother put her arms around them tenderly.

Later I rang the doorbell of my friend. "Don't ask me how I got it, for I can't talk just yet. The doll is a little smudgy, but the worn places are form kisses and maybe they won't show under the Christmas lights."

She fondled the doll as though it were made of precious metal. Tears of joy welled up in the woman's eyes when I finally was able to tell the story.

"How can I ever thank those chil-

dren enough?" she asked. "They already have received a blessing greater than anything you or I could give them," I told her. "I saw their faces when they offered me the doll to bring to you."

And it was true. In the moment of giving they had also received, in ways past our finding out. A miracle had taken place. A promise could be kept, linking here with there, in the eternal circle of love of which the great gift of Christmas itself is a part.



The Season of Giving

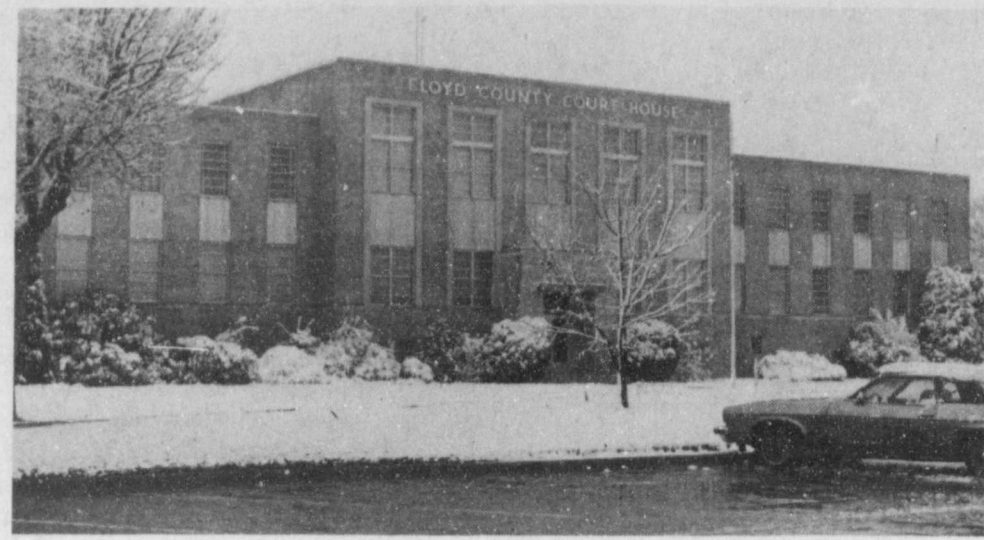


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