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# 2015 Christmas Edition — Santa Letters Inside!

## The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon



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## Hope continues to rise at Bonton Farms, funds diminishing

*A continuation of "Urban Missionary Sowing Seeds of Change in South Dallas" published in the September 17, 2015 edition of the Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon*

By Jennifer Harbin  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Bonton Farm-Works, an urban farm in South Dallas, has been cultivating more than just organically grown vegetables over the past three years. The H.I.S.

that comes from making an honest living.

The business man-turned-farmer describes the progress and the undeniable continued blessings since the farm's inception as nothing short of a miracle. But despite the abundance and success the

needed for this," he offered. "I had a conversation with him that I would not use this situation of being out of money to lose faith and that we would be able to finish the work we started."

Though their pockets are near empty, Babcock claims that since running out, they have had more happen than when there was money.

One of the first major things to happen is a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gifted a \$19,000 tractor to the farm.

One morning Babcock found a note on his door from local businessman Fred Treffinger, owner of Collins Concrete. After he and his wife had heard their story on Texas Country Reporter, they wanted to come see it for themselves.

As they walked through the farm, Babcock explained their plans for a community building with meeting space, kitchen, storage and caretakers' quarters. At the moment they don't even have room for groceries. He shared with his visitors that they want to offer cooking classes in



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Bonton Farms was the recipient of the Urban Pioneer Award by the Greater Dallas Planning Council on Dec. 8. Daron Babcock expressed that they were honored and humbled for the recognition of transformation in South Dallas. Pictured are Pakeebba Cummings, Daron Babcock and Patrick Wright being presented with the award.

the future since "a lot of the traditions of breaking bread together has been lost on the last few generations."

After just a few minutes, the couple offered to donate the concrete for the foundation of a building that doesn't even exist yet.

Babcock explained that with recent pressures on commercial entities to not

dispose of excess food in landfills, they have been getting calls from local restaurants and charities wishing to donate their unused food to the "first farm in Dallas with livestock."

"In our country, we waste 40% of food we have. Now that that's becoming an issue, the media has picked up See BONTON, Page 8



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"What's most remarkable about the farm isn't the things it grows, but the people it attracts. Our younger neighbors are great examples. Often you won't find them playing with toys or on high-tech screens, but having the time of their lives on a pile of mulch. It reminds us the people who grow up around the farm are far more important than what's grown on it," Daron Babcock, Bonton Farms visionary.

BridgeBuilders project, started by visionary Daron Babcock, instills a kind of hope that can only be attributed to the miraculous works of God and the pride

farm has experienced, funds have run dry.

"We ran out of money since the first time we started. God's been so faithful to just provide everything we

## "Spirit of Christmas" donations



Photo by Jennifer Harbin

Faith Tyler, consultant for Apex Clean Energy, a renewable energy company working in Floyd County, presents Corey Johnston with \$500 to go toward the Spirit of Christmas meals being delivered to those who will be alone or who are in need in Floydada this Christmas. The Rotary Club in Floydada also made a generous donation of \$200 to support the event headed by Floydada residents Corey and Renee Johnston. "Apex is honored to contribute to the Spirit of Christmas. It is a beautiful thing to witness a community come together and help those in need in such a supportive way during the holidays. That is why we are not only presenting a donation, but will be there on Christmas morning to volunteer. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to contribute to such a noble cause," Tyler shared. The meal will be prepared at the First Baptist Church in Floydada on Christmas morning and they are looking for volunteers to help prepare the food and are in great need of drivers. To volunteer, call KFLP Radio Station at 983-5704.

## Nutt and Trevino Awarded Teachers of the Year

Special for The Hesperian-Beacon

Laura Nutt and Nancy Trevino were both recognized as Teacher of the Year by the VFW Post of Floydada. Nutt teaches 5th and 6th grade Science at A.B. Duncan Elementary and Trevino teaches 7th grade Math and two Project Based Learning Classes at Floydada Junior High School. The teachers were nominated and voted on by fellow teachers that they are in contact with daily. They were presented with a certificate for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to the students at FJSD.



## FHS Instructor Picked as November Teacher on the Rise

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The United Supermarkets and Mrs Baird's Bread announced the November recipients of the fourth annual South Plains Teachers On The Rise program. The three November winners include Quinci Wiloughby of Sudan Elementary (Sudan ISD), Donna Hamblin of Laura Bush Middle School (Lubbock Cooper ISD), and James Pittman of Floydada High School (Floydada ISD).

These winners represent the third group of instructors to be honored for the 2015-2016 school year. Winning teachers each receive a \$100 gift card to United Supermarkets, Market Street or Amigos, as well as a \$100 VISA gift card. The students who nominate a winning teacher also receive a \$50 VISA gift card.

"We are thrilled to recognize outstanding teachers for their tremendous service in our community," said Shelby Crews, senior community relations manager for The United Fam-

ily. "The Teachers On The Rise program showcases educators who play a pivotal part in nurturing the future of Lubbock's young children."

Three more South Plains teachers - one elementary, middle school and high school - will be named Teachers On The Rise in December and every month for the remainder of the school year. To nominate a teacher, visit [www.MrsBTeacher.com](http://www.MrsBTeacher.com) and explain why your teacher(s) deserve special recognition.

Teachers On The Rise is also sponsored by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, 102.5 KISS-FM, News Talk 790 KFYO and the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance. Follow the Teachers On The Rise Program throughout the school year, including the latest monthly winners on Mrs Baird's and The United Family® Facebook pages: [www.facebook.com/mrs-bairds](http://www.facebook.com/mrs-bairds) and [www.facebook.com/unitedwestexas](http://www.facebook.com/unitedwestexas).

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## "KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL" CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

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## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## The 501

It's the night before Christmas; I'm nestled in bed. Visions of plumbing dance in my head.

It's not easy to put plumbing in the context of Christmas, but sometimes that's how things work out.

OK. Confession time. I'm the one who chose to tackle plumbing at yuletide. I wanted to surprise my husband with hot water in the farmhouse bathroom that's been in the throes of a decade-long remodeling.

Knowing I had a couple of days to get it done, I enlisted help from my seamstress, Terri. Believe it or not, she's got a plumber's brain, at least compared to mine. That means I'm the one who goes under the house. She gives me advice and hands me stuff.

If you've never been under a house, maybe you live on a slab. You miss a lot. A pier-and-beam house sits atop a space that's like another universe. If you're a human (you probably are) and you go there, you invade a dark domain that belongs to other creatures -- skunks, raccoons, packrats and spiders. And sometimes fleas. You're trespassing.

Anyway, halfway through the current plumbing challenge, I did what I always do. I told my husband what I'd gotten into. He couldn't exactly tell me to stop, not with the water cut off. It was almost like having his blessing when he didn't scold me for getting in over my head,

literally. I guess that's one way to describe crawling flat on your stomach through a maze of cobwebs, gas pipes and water pipes -- some abandoned, some not -- amid tooth-punctured soft drink cans left by rats. How did my daddy ever manage to contort his almost six-foot frame to make it through the trap door in the closet? I can still see him in his striped overalls, disappearing into the unknown, usually to shim up a place in the floor to make it level for my mother. Truth be told, he liked things level too, even if it meant going under the house.

Moi, I can live with sloping floors, but I'm not happy if there's no hot water. If a trip under the house is what it takes to install the requisite pipes, I'll go there. All I have to do is mentally prepare for the adventure, involve a cohort, breathe some PVC pipe cement and don an anti-flea bandana.

When you have to do something like go under a house, the trick is to look ahead. You tell yourself stuff like how nice it is you won't be there forever. And how wonderful it will be to have hot water. And how appreciative your spouse will be.

In the context of New Age philosophies, I think that look-ahead technique is a tenet officially called "visualization." They think they invented it.

In the context of Christmas, it's just how you talk yourself into going under the house.

This time there were no fleas. Call it one more Christmas miracle. And considering my plumbing skills, so is the running hot water.

## FISD Board Sets Meeting for Academic Performance Report for January 7

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

At the Floydada Independent School District Board meeting Tuesday, Dec. 8, trustees voted to hold a Public Hearing for the 2014-2015 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) on January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the administration building at 226 W. California.

They also approved the January board meeting for January 7 at 7 p.m.

They reviewed payment of November 2015 bills and confirmed the following resignation: GeNelle Willis.

They approved employment of the following personnel: David McCoun, Jim Bob Hobbs.

Business Manager Alicia Bice presented the Cash Flow Statement. The tax report was not available.

Eric Smith made the motion to accept the Annual Financial Report audit as presented. Gracie Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

They heard a presentation by Vince Viaille, with Specialized Public Finance Inc., on an overview of bonds.

Lyle Miller, announced attendance and training hours for each board member.

Roger Hughes made the motion to renew FISD's property, liability, and auto insurance with TASB for February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017. William

Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Kay Brotherton made the motion to approve the A. B. Duncan Elementary and Floydada Junior High Campus improvement plans associated with Priority Schools Grant as presented. Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

William Dean made the motion to adopt the resolution asking and recommending that Texas Governor, Greg Abbott, consider certain qualities in appointing the next Texas Commissioner of Education. Eric Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

## The Paperboy

### It's Christmas!

As a parent, it is our job to try and make Christmas special for our children.

If you are someone who never really experienced the kind of holidays you see in the Christmas movies, it doesn't mean you can't try and make it magical now.

A few weeks ago my wife had it on the Hallmark Channel and we ended up watching about four Christmas movies. You know what, every single one of them had a happy ending.

I hope your holidays have a happy ending and I especially hope your children have a merry Christmas.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

To you individuals that donate you times or money to things like Toys for Tots and the Salvation Army, you are incredible!

I see you ringing the bell. I see you loading gifts for little ones. I see you giving money and toys.

We live in a country where people make a difference for one another. I'd put the U.S. up against any country in the world in terms of generosity.

Any country that can be that generous can figure out a way to put petty things aside and get along. We need to make a better effort in the future to unite as a people despite the stuff being preached from the talking heads.

To all of you that decorate your homes and businesses for Christmas, I would like to say thank you.

Many places rely on volunteers to decorate public places and I tip my hat to you.

Regardless if it's a single house in the country or an entire city park, I want you to know that your efforts always make a difference to this big kid and help keep me in the Christmas spirit!

How fast has 2015 gone?  
It's Christmas people!

Probably most of us reflect on the past year during the holidays and when I do, it amazes me how fast it went. And of course, as we all know, the older you get, the faster the year goes.

I've yet to figure out a way slow time down, but I do realize that we can all make sure our time is quality time.

I encourage all you parents and grandparents to take a positive mindset to your families and make this a Christmas where your family feels love and a true bond.

If you're in a family that perhaps has some grudges with other family members, set that aside and see the good. Rekindle relationships and give some hugs.

With the years getting shorter and shorter, our chances of ever getting a rough relationship right are fleeting.

In April of 2010, the state of Texas fell into drought. For the first time since that date, Texas is now out officially out of the drought. Thank the Lord!

Most of the state received rains that absolutely crushed their yearly average.

Lakes across Texas and Western Oklahoma benefited greatly from the needed moisture. Most of the lakes in the area mentioned are at or above their norm. Others went from empty to having an abundance of water.

Overall, regardless of what happened weather-wise or economically, the rains were the biggest thing in 2015 and changed the outlook for the future and the moods of the recipients.

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## Floydada Senior Citizens News

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Center will be closed Wednesday, December 23, Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25 for Christmas holidays. The Center will also be closed Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1 for the New Year holidays.

Imogene Stansell of the metroplex area attended the Cowboy Christmas Ball at the Unity Center. She was accompanied by Robert Matthews, formerly of Plainview. The couple also visited the Floydada Senior Citizens Center on Monday for lunch, greeting friends and relative.

A light rain fell over Floydada leaving one third to one-half an inch over the area, great for the young wheat fields.

Bud Henderson visited in Weatherford, Texas over the weekend with his daughter, Heather Ingram and family and to help Heather celebrate her birthday. He also visited former Floydada resident Freida Simpson.

Wanda Williams attended the university graduation ceremony at Texas Tech University on Saturday and enjoying seeing her great-grandson, Hayden Lipham receive his college diploma.

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Faye Bertrand attended Sunday services at the First United Methodist Church. She has also been gathering pecans from her yard.

Bud Henderson delivered automobiles at Carlsbad on Tuesday, Austin, Texas on Thursday and Waco on Wednesday.

Nancy Lawson attended the pot luck Christmas dinner at the First Baptist Church on Sunday.

Floydada Senior Citizens is open to all ages. We serve at 12 noon every weekday. Join us at 925 W. Crockett Street or we will deliver a meal anywhere in town. Call 983-2032.

Our mailing address is P.O. Box 573, Floydada, Texas 79235

### MENU

December 28 - January 1

Monday - Chicken and dumplings

Tuesday - Sirloin patty

Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

(Menus subject to change without notice)

### MENU

December 28 - January 1

Monday - BBQ on bun

Tuesday - Taco salad

Wednesday - Soup and cornbread

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

(Menus subject to change with notice)

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# SOCIETY

## Hayes and Womack announce engagement



Dennis Wayne Womack & Pamela Brooke Hayes

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Bennett of Floydada Texas, the late Rayland Hayes and Korbyn Hayes are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter and mother, Pamela Brooke Hayes to Dennis Wayne Womack, son of Mrs. Betty Womack and the late Wayne Womack of Lubbock, Texas.

Brooke is the granddaughter of Harold Wayne and Geneva Bennett of Floydada Texas, Roylee and Sue Walker of Seymour Texas and the late Delbert and Hazel Hayes of O'Brien, Texas.

Dennis is grandson of

the late Malcolm and Dorothy Womack of Lubbock, Texas and the late George and Dee Deen of Portales, New Mexico.

The bride-elect is a 2003 graduate of Floydada High School. She currently owns her own cleaning business.

The prospective groom is a 2003 graduate of New Deal High School and a graduate of the diesel program at South Plains College. After college he served in the U.S. Army for 4 years. He currently is employed as an Engineer at BNSF.

The couple plans an April wedding.



Courtesy Photo

## Bunnell celebrated her 90th birthday

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Loweida Myrick Bunnell celebrated her 90th birthday on August 2, 2015 with a "Golden Age" of Hollywood themed "Premier" party.

The "star" walked the Red Carpet to accept an "Oscar" for "Best Leading Lady" in a lifetime role of mother and grandmother. Escorted by Colonel John Magill (Ret.) and presented by her daughter, Millie Grill and granddaughter, Nicolette Grill.

Over 150 guests danced in Vintage Gold gowns and top hats to "Big Band Era" songs and live country music of Roy Rogers buddy, Frankie "Flash" Fiore and the Calico Cats Band.

After dinner and a champagne toast, Emcee Georgia Ritchie, kicked off the entertainment, including a Holly-

wood Revue by the "Son City Rockettes" tap dancers, "Puttin on the Ritz" in sparkling sequined gold and black costumes with top hats and tails.

The Nostalgic Barber Shop Quartet "The Mojave Range Rovers" harmony of "Oh You Beautiful Doll" and "Happy Birthday" was fabulous.

The Gala event was held in the famous Vintage Military Airplane Hangar at the Historic Kramer Jet. Antiques and Classic Car Museum in Boren, California. as seen on "American Restoration" T.V. series and filmmaker Ben Afflack's "Pearl Harbor".

In lieu of gifts, Loweida asked that that donations be made to the Denm's Darr Memorial Scholarship Fund at Alta One Federal Credit Union, 27055 Twenty Mule Team Road, Boren, California 93516

## FUMC Youth Salvation Army



Courtesy Photos



Recently, the First United Methodist Youth helped the Lockney Salvation Army sack up 95 bags of groceries to be given out before Christmas. The group included: (back row, L-R) Joshua Cienfuegos, Mackenzy Ragland, Karis Carstensen, Jake Moore, Seattle Jackson, Scott Lass, Brett Moore, Anson Rendon, Jerry Widener and Clay Moore; (bottom) Quinten Johnson, Justin Gonzales, Edwin Martinez, Jesus Cienfuegos and Eli Alvarez.

## Santa at Post Office



Courtesy Photos

Employees of the Floydada Post Office wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Shown are (left to right) Albert Tovar, Pam Holmes, Jill Graham, Rusty Wallace, Kristi and Willis Bunch, Tracy Turner, Don Warren, (middle - seated) Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (aka Altie Nelson and Leonel Longoria), Esmeralda Garcia and Benita Longoria.

## 1956 Study Club

By Virginia Stringer

Always, always be aware of what is going on around you and your surroundings. This is the best advice for your personal safety given by Police Chief Darrell Gooch at the 1956 Study Club meeting. The meeting was held December 8, 2015 at the old gym in the high school.

President Anne Carthel called the meeting to order, introduced Police Chief Darrell Gooch and welcomed members and guests. Darrell Gooch presented a self-defense program, giving us excellent instructions to protect ourselves from criminals when you are out alone and shopping. We had a question and answer session which all members

participated in. The members enjoyed a buffet of finger foods that included a vegetable tray, a fruit tray, cream cheese pigs-in-a-blanket and an assortment of delicious desserts. The hostess was Anne Carthel and co-hostess Virginia Stringer.

Roll call was answered by each member giving a safety precaution when you're out alone. We thank you, Darrell, for your presentation. The club members voted to make a donation to the Floydada Police Department.

We welcomed guests, Rhonda Guthrie, Lavenia Hyatt and Suzanne Wyrick. We were delighted to have you ladies and welcome you back.

Then it was time for Christmas ornament ex-

change. Each member and guest brought an ornament and we had such fun opening our treasures. Thank you all for participating in this Holiday fun.

The next meeting will be January 12, 2016 at the Floyd County Library. The program will be Connie Johnson, Author. So be making your plans to attend.

Members present were: Sheryl Back, Terri Bush, Sheree Cannon, Anne Carthel, Dana Crossland, Judy Dunlap, Sherry Hacker, Linda Harbin, Charline Hendrix, Janis Julina, Janet Lloyd, Linda Matsler, Susan Simpson, JenniSu Smith, Kay Dean Smith and Virginia Stringer.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

## The South Plains Hobby Club Annual Christmas Luncheon

By Mary M. Carter

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The South Plains Hobby Club met on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the South Plains Baptist Church in South Plains, Texas. It was the Annual Christmas Luncheon starting at 12 noon. We were to bring a "pot-luck" dish and a donation for a worthy cause.

Virginia Taylor, our president, called the meeting to order. The business was discussed. We were pleased to use our donations for the Salvation Army in Lockney, Texas.

Virginia introduced our quest speaker, Char Baker. Her program was "Antiques & Things". Char had all the antiques laid out on tables with numbers attached. She told us we were going to play an identify game of antiques. We each got a paper with a list of numbers.

There were forty-six items. It was fun to see what was there for our guessing. We knew some and others we had no idea. There were teams of two. Char told us that Francis Staniforth supplied some of the items. The winners were Ethelyn Vernon and Margie Young. Char had prizes for them.

After the game some of our members and guest showed antiques too. Ethelyn Vernon brought milk holder, jar holder, and a sewing item. Helen Teeple brought a pretty posey holder. Denise Doucette brought a beautiful candy dish. It was interesting to see antiques we didn't know existed. Char had Christmas ornament favors for each of us.

Virginia read a story out of the book, "If You're Missing Baby Jesus" by Jean Gretzen. It is a true story in the authors family. She got the book at the "Friends

of the Creche" convention. It was a touching story that took us to the real meaning of Christmas.

Our hostesses were Mary Lou Zinck and Janis Julian. They had pretty table favors for us. The luncheon was delicious. What more can I say about a pot-luck at a church, but yummy!

Those in attendance: Janis Julian, Ann Hartman, Neta Marble, Char Baker, Sue Daniels, Virginia Taylor, Brenda Walls, Kathy Mulder, Mary Quattlebaum, Peggy Roberts, Helen Teeple, Nancy Marble, Margie Young, Ethelyn Vernon, Margaret Kitchens, Carolyn Marble, Glenda Ford, Mary M. Carter. Our guests: Donna Vernon and Denise Doucette.

## President of Woman-Owned Texas Company, Market Doctors, Wins National Award

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

HOUSTON, TEXAS - The prestigious Women's Business Enterprise National Council, a national leader in women's business development, announced Houston's Debbie Drury as a recipient of the 2016 WBE Star Award. Ms. Drury owns Market Doctors, a premier marketing and advertising firm, and she engages entrepreneurs at all levels as a partner and as a mentor.

Market Doctors' new technology division released its interactive touchscreen kiosk into the market this past year and received rave reviews for its breathtaking flexibility and innovation. Clients include Fortune 100 companies in the financial sector and automobile industry, and other industries have begun to discover the

environmentally-friendly lead generation capabilities of this product.

Ms. Drury released the following statement.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to receive the 2016 WBE Star Award. It means a great deal to me, and my goal in the next year is to inspire other women to pursue their business dreams and careers. Faith and fear can't live in the same body, so I choose to live fearlessly. Starting a business is difficult, but when a new business is started, a woman can know that she can reach out to friends who are willing to help and guide her dreams. I look forward to helping others succeed even more."

Ms. Drury was selected by April Day, president of WBEA, which is one of WBENC's 14 regional partner organizations.

The award will be presented on March 24, 2016, in Phoenix, Arizona, during a two-day event attended by more than 1,500 corporate and government executives.

Debbie Drury is a proud mother, grandmother and a passionate business woman with a strong faith in God. To learn more about Market Doctors, visit the website at [www.marketdoctors.com](http://www.marketdoctors.com).

Skyler Cornelius (formerly of Floydada) has been Debbie Drury's Vice President the past 6 years. Also Julianne Cornelius (formerly of Floydada) has been her National Marketing Director the past year in the Houston, Texas area.

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Obituaries

Tom Jarboe

Tom Jarboe, 84, of Amarillo, died Saturday, December 19, 2015 in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo.

Burial was held at the Llano Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday December 22, 2015 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Cox Funeral Home.

Tom Jarboe was born July 3, 1931, in Floydada, Texas to Mal and Grace Jarboe.

In 1951, Tom married Bettye Laminack. He received his undergraduate degree from West Texas State University where he later earned his Masters of Education. He proudly served in the US army, in

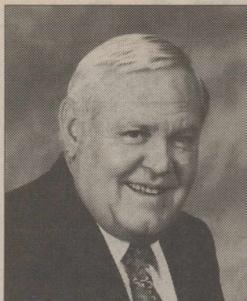
Korea, from 1952 -1954.

Tom and Bettye lived in Friona for 60 years and were active members of the community. Tom worked for the Friona ISD as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent. During his career, he impacted the lives of countless students and educators.

In 1982 Tom was named Friona Man of the Year. He was also a finalist for State Superintendent of the Year. He later worked for the Texas Association of School Boards.

Tom and Bettye were faithful members of the Sixth Street Church of Christ, where he served as a bible class teacher and elder.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother,



TOM JARBOE

er, Malvin Jarboe.

He is survived by his wife, Bettye, of Amarillo; daughter, Jeanine and husband, Chris of Amarillo; son, Jay and wife, Sherry of Keller, Texas. He was Papa to his four grandchildren, Meagan, Jayson, Ryan, and Jacob.

The family suggests memorials to High Plains Children's Home.

Phyllis Kay Johnston Martin

Phyllis Kay Johnston Martin, 62, returned to her heavenly home on December 13, 2015, after a valiant battle with cancer. Her faith in Christ carried her through this struggle and provides comfort for her family.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2015 at the Moore-Rose Funeral Home in Lockney. A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., December 18, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Lockney, Texas with Reverends Joseph Tillery and Gene Hawkins officiating.

Kay was born to G.B. and Naomi Johnston, on March 18, 1953. She graduated from Lockney High School in 1971 and attended Texas Tech University for two years.

Kay married her high school sweetheart Jim Martin on May 26, 1973. Living together in Lockney, Jim and Kay raised three children and started their own insurance agency. Kay was a loving and devoted moth-

er and was heavily involved in her church and community. Kay began her faith journey in the First Baptist Church of Lone Star, before becoming a member of the First Baptist Church of Lockney. She served her church in many capacities including VBS director, Sunday school teacher, and numerous committees. Throughout her journey she exemplified the model of putting God first in all aspects of life.

She was a decorated 4-H leader, a member of the Lockney City Council, a past member of both Lockney and Floydada Economic Development Corporations, a member of Lockney Chamber of Commerce, and a dedicated member of many other organizations. "MawMaw", as she was known, played a major role in the lives of all eight of her grandchildren. Her presence here on earth will be dearly missed, but her loved ones are at peace knowing that our Creator has welcomed her home to

rest in His healing hands.

Kay is survived by her husband, Jim Martin of Lockney, Texas; their son,

Allen Martin, his wife, Brandy, their two sons, Jon and Jett of Canyon, Texas; their daughter, Cynthia Schlueter, her husband, Shad, their four Children, Tristan, Tasha, Tucker, and Trinity of Lockney, Texas; her daughter, Sarah Dewbre, her husband, Ryan, their two children, Charlie and Hannah of Corpus Christi, Texas; her mother, Naomi Johnston of Lubbock, Texas; her brothers, Barry Johnston and Chris Johnston; and her sister, Lori Bean.

She is preceded in death by her father, G. B. Johnston Jr; her son, Michael Martin; and her grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to Hospice Hands of West Texas, the W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Foundation, or the First Baptist Church of Lockney.

Francis Geraldine Graves Taylor (Gerry)

Francis Geraldine Graves Taylor (Gerry) has passed away at her home in Austin, Texas on Wednesday December 2, 2015.

Born in Floydada, Texas, on April 5, 1937.

Gerry was preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Captola Graves, and husband, Bill Taylor.

She is survived by two children, her son, Mike Hill of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and her daughter, Brooke Taylor of Austin, Texas, as well as her brother Richard Graves of Canyon, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Marvin Hill. She then met and married Bill Taylor of

Post and Lubbock, Texas. Together they moved to Hereford, where she worked as a teacher's aide for special needs students until retirement. She was a proud member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority in Hereford. The Taylors loved being a part of the social group of friends called the Ding-a-Lings.

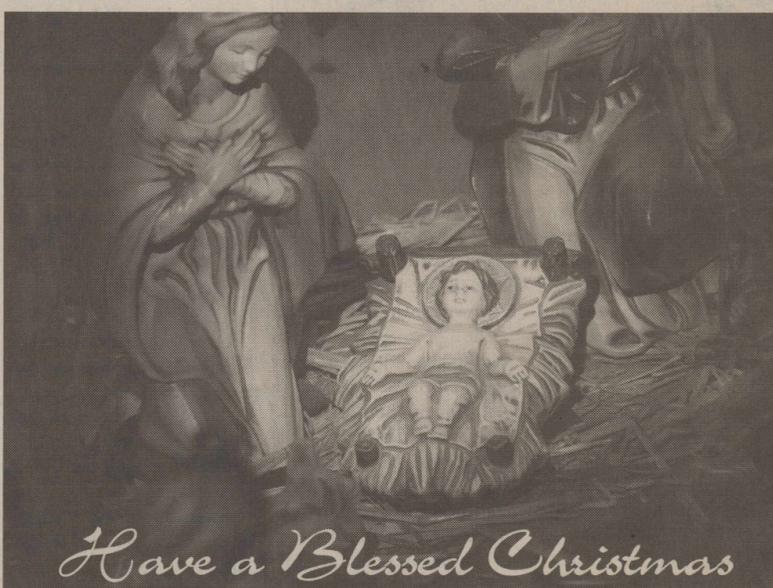
Mrs. Taylor moved to a close-knit community in Lubbock, Texas, where she eventually resided at Raider Ranch. She took part in many activities with friends there, her favorite being the Ladies Bible Study Group from Second Baptist Church. Her spirituality and religion were an

important part of her life she enjoyed sharing with others. She moved to Austin to live with her daughter Brooke this year.

She had a love of hummingbirds, her grand-dogs, family and friends. Even though she battled Parkinson's disease, she remained her kind and sweet self, never losing her sense of humor with all those who loved and cared for her.

A memorial service will be held in Lubbock, Texas at a later date. Her ashes will be buried in Post with the Taylor family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a Parkinson's Disease organization or Hospice Care.



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That Is Enough

Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.— 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NRSV)

I feel very blessed to have a job where each day the first order of business is devotions. I am an activity director at a personal-care home for senior citizens. We have a group of about 15 "regulars," who range in age from 80 to 100. We always read the daily meditation from

The Upper Room, and I make a point of reading the writer's name and location. I think this makes the members of our group feel that they are part of a much larger community of believers, many of whom are dealing with similar feelings and problems on remote parts of the

globe. We often give thanks to God that we live in a country where we can practice our faith openly and without fear of censorship or oppression. We are also saddened to know that many people in our world do not have the freedom to profess their Christian faith openly.

The words of the apostle Paul above remind us that we still have a purpose in life even though our abilities might be limited by age and disease. Even if the only thing we can do to help in any given situation is to pray, that is enough.

Becky Duke (Pennsylvania, USA)

Thought for the Day

At every stage of my life, God has work for me to do.

<p><b>Aiken Baptist Church</b> Dennis Butler, Pastor Morning Worship - 11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Bible Baptist Church</b> 810 S. 3rd, Floydada Darwin Robinson, Pastor 983-2578 Sunday School...10 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Calvary's Cornerstone Fellowship</b> Floydada Armando Morales, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Bible Study - 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Carr's Chapel</b> Service Every Sunday Morning Worship - 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b> West College &amp; Third Lockney Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Afternoon Worship - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>City Park Church of Christ</b> Matthew Benfield, Minister Floydada Sunday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Floydada Tim Franks, Pastor Logan Lamb, Min. Students Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Bible Study - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b> Lockney Joseph Tillery, Pastor Albert Oliveira, Youth Min. Phil Cotham, Music Min.</p>	<p>Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 10:50 a.m. Youth (Sunday) - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Lockney Rev. Ricky Carsensen, Pastor Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. Jr. High - 5:30 p.m. Wed High School - 6:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Grant Chapel Church of God in Christ</b> Joe Bennett, Pastor Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday - 8 p.m. Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Main Street Church of Christ</b> Lockney James Blair, Minister Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday - 7:00 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Mt. Zion Baptist Church</b> Floydada Rev. Timothy Askey 401 N 12th Sty. 983-5805 Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday Study - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>New Salem Primitive Baptist Church</b> Floydada Pastor Elder Ronnie Hedges (806) 637-0430 Sunday Singing - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship -11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Out Reach Harvest Pentecostal Church</b> 310 Mississippi</p>	<p>Floydada Rev David Ramos, Pastor Ester Ramos, Praise Leader Sunday Bible - 10 a.m. Morning Praise - 11 a.m. Evening Praise 5 - p.m. Wed Worship - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Power of Praise Full Gospel Church</b> Rev. Manuel Rendon, Pastor 704 B Main, Lockney Sunday Services - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening - 5 p.m. Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Lockney Jesus Caballero, Pastor Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Discipleship - 5 p.m. Wed. Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Primera Iglesia Bautista</b> Floydada Rev. Toby Gonzales Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed Evening - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>San Jose Catholic Church</b> Lockney Msgr. Nickolas Rendon Wed. Communion - 8 p.m. Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>South Plains Baptist Church</b> Joe Weldon, Pastor SuNday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Getsemani Assembly of God</b> 701 W. Missouri Joe M. Hernandez 983-5286 (Church) Sunday School English - 9:45 a.m. Spanish - 11 a.m. Worship Spanish - 9:30 a.m. English - 11 a.m. Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.</p>	<p>*****</p> <p><b>St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church</b> Floydada Rev. Ike Temporaza 983-5878 Sunday Mass - 11:30 a.m. Mon. &amp; Wed. Mass - 6:30 p.m. Confession Sat - 10-11 a.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bautista Salem</b> Lockney Rev. Joe Hernandez Bun Prayer Service - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed. Meeting - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Bethel</b> <b>Spanish Assembly of God</b> Washington And 1st St. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Wed Service - 7 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Templo Nueva Vida</b> Rev. Herman Martinez 308 W. Tennessee, Floydada Sunday School - 10 a.m. Evening Worship - 5 p.m. Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. Thursday Service - 7:30 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Assembly</b> 500 W. Houston Tom Ross, Pastor 983-5499 Sunday School - 9:45 p.m. Morning Worship - 10:40 a.m. Sunday Evening - 6 p.m. *****</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> Providence Community On Fm 2301 293-3009 Rev. Peter W. Harrington, Minister Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 - a.m. *****</p> <p><b>West Side Church of Christ</b> Floydada 983-2672 Or 470-0950 Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening - 2 p.m.</p>
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# AGRICULTURE

## Truck Carrying Wind Turbine Tower OvertURNS Near Dougherty Gin



Courtesy photo

A truck carrying a piece of a wind turbine tower overturned in a one-vehicle accident near the Darty Gin in Dougherty last week.

**By Kay Ellington**  
The Hesperian-Beacon

A truck carrying a piece of a wind turbine tower overturned in a one-vehicle accident near the Darty Gin in Dougherty last week.

According to Floyd County Sheriff Paul Raissez, who was on hand after the accident, the driver "took the curve too fast." Raissez said

the driver was not injured. According to the Wind Energy Foundation website, turbines such as the one in the accident are valued up to \$350,000. Raissez said that the tower was not destroyed and would be, "loaded back up, and as long as the flange is working, they'll be able to get it reinspected and recertified." He said he thought the truck was headed to

a wind farm near Crosby County which is owned by Invenergy.

At press time, spokesperson Mary Ryan with Invenergy could not confirm that the turbine equipment was theirs. Ryan was following up and will communicate further with the Hesperian-Beacon.

## AgriLife Extension Names Cotton Agronomist at Lubbock

**By Steve Byrns**  
Texas A&M AgriLife Communications  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

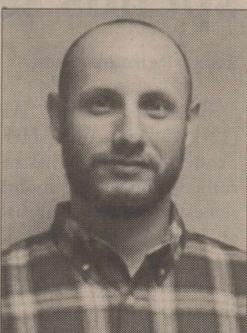
LUBBOCK - Dr. Seth Byrd is the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock.

Byrd started work Dec. 15 and is responsible for leading AgriLife Extension's educational programming efforts in cotton production across the agency's 20-county South Plains District. He is headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, 1102 E. Farm Road 1294, Lubbock.

Byrd recently completed studies to earn a doctorate in crop and soil science from the University of Georgia at Tifton. His dissertation was

on management practices for cotton irrigation, quantifying potential production risks of up-and-coming technologies and influence of leaf pubescence on defoliation of cotton. He also earned a master's degree in agronomy from the University of Florida, Gainesville, and a bachelor's in agronomy from North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

While completing his doctoral studies, Byrd served as a research assistant in the university's department of crop and soil science. There he assisted with data collection and analysis on research projects regarding cotton irrigation scheduling, conservation tillage, herbicide drift injury, defoliation, cultivar evaluations and plant growth regulators.



Dr. Seth Byrd

He holds memberships in a number of associations including the Southern Weed Science Society, American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and the Soil Science Society of America.

Byrd can be reached at 806-723-8417, seth.byrd@ag.tamu.edu.

## Cotton farmer: Without help, cotton could deal blow to Texas, U.S. economies

**By Jessica Domel**  
Field Editor  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

A combination of high inputs, low prices and no safety net could spell disaster for not only American cotton farmers, but for the Texas and U.S. economies.

In a letter to the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, fourth generation cotton farmer Dan B. Smith of Lockney spells out the situation and urges lawmakers to take action.

"The seeds of our current situation were sown years ago and threaten to play havoc with the economy of an entire region of my state," Smith, who is also a Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) State Director, wrote.

He explains the cotton industry is stressed across the

nation following the Brazilian Cotton Case. Brazil alleged the U.S. gave unfair subsidies to its cotton growers. As a result of the case, U.S. officials promised the country would not give direct subsidies for cotton farmers.

"The World Trade Organization (WTO) loss and decreasing levels of spending on farm programs dictated significant farm policy changes for U.S. cotton," Smith wrote. "The 2014 Farm Bill gave us a totally crop insurance-based support program for cotton and removed our crop from Title 1."

Losing coverage couldn't have come at a worse time for cotton growers. Cotton prices have decreased dramatically.

"The lack of a safety net has made profitable cotton farming much less likely," Smith

wrote. Cotton production is infrastructure-intensive.

Farmers rely on a network of capital-intensive businesses to process cotton.

"From gins at the local level to textile plants at the end of the chain—all must be profitable to stay in business. It's a partnership," Smith wrote.

Farmers need handlers and processors for their cotton and cotton products, who in turn need the cotton flowing into the market.

"At present, all levels of our domestic cotton industry are hurting, but without farmers growing the crop to begin with, the industry grinds to a halt," Smith wrote.

A decline in the cotton industry could result in a heavy hit to the Texas and United States

## Momentum Builds for Cottonseed Program

**By Mary Jane Buerkle**  
Plains Cotton Growers  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Several key letters of support this week are helping bolster the cotton industry's case for cottonseed to become designated as a "minor oilseed" under the 2014 Farm Bill, thus becoming eligible for ARC and PLC programs.

A bipartisan coalition of 100 lawmakers wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, requesting him to use his legal authority under the 2014 Farm Bill to make the designation, which would help cotton producers and the entire industry through these challenging economic times. A copy of the letter and the full list of signatories can be found at <http://bit.ly/CSSupport100>.

"Cotton farmers are getting hit the hardest right now and they are doing all they can just to hold on without access to key risk management tools under the Farm Bill," House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway said in a news release. "We are deeply concerned that unless the Secretary takes action, there will be significant economic consequences. We cannot allow the predatory trading practices of a few huge players in the world cotton market to destroy cotton production in this country, but that is exactly what will happen without action."

Others sending letters of support this week to Secretary Vilsack included the American Soybean Association, the American Sugar Alliance, and the American Farm Bureau Federation.

"We know that cotton farmers are suffering severe finan-

cial hardship right now due to rising foreign subsidies, tariffs, and non-tariff barriers to trade, as well as natural disasters," the letter from the American Sugar Alliance states. "The bipartisan list of one hundred House Members that recently wrote to you in support of NCC (National Cotton Council)'s request certainly illustrates the breadth and depth of concern in farm country over this compelling situation."

It is not known when Secretary Vilsack will make his decision, but Plains Cotton Growers continues to rally support from businesses and organizations wishing to send letters.

"It is imperative that we make a unified effort to see this request come to fruition," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "Plains Cotton Growers will not rest until our case has been made fully clear to the Secretary, and we hope that he will see the positive impact that designating cottonseed as a minor oilseed will have on producers struggling to deal with low prices, high input costs, weak demand, and growing competition from heavily-subsidized foreign producers."

"We truly appreciate everyone who has taken the time to send a letter, make a phone call, or otherwise advocate on our behalf for a program that could make a tremendous difference to our entire industry and the surrounding infrastructure," Verett said.

Upcoming Area Ag Confer-

ences  
January 15 - West Plains Ag Conference, 7:30 a.m., Sundown Room on South Plains College Campus, Levelland. \$35 registration fee, lunch included. RSVP requested. Contact Wes Utley, County Extension Agent-AG, 806-894-3159.

January 19 - Southern Mesa Ag Conference, Forrest Park Community Center, Lamesa. Tentative 6 CEUs. Contact Gary Roschetzky, CEA-AG, 806-872-3444.

January 20 - South Plains Ag Conference & Trade Show, 7:45 a.m.-4:15 p.m., American Legion Hall, Brownfield. \$15 registration fee with lunch included. 5 CEUs. Contact Zach Bradshaw, CEA-AG, 806-637-4060.

January 22 - Caprock Crop Production Conference, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Floyd County Friends Unity Center, Muncy. Tentative 8 CEUs; Approved 11 CCAs. \$35 registration fee, \$45 at the door. Contact Caitlin Jackson, Crosby CEA-AG, 806-675-2347 or Cristen Brooks, Floyd CEA-AG, 806-983-4912.

January 29 - Llano Estacado Cotton Conference, Bailey County Electric Cooperative, Muleshoe. 4 CEUs. Contact Curtis Preston, CEA-AG, 806-272-4583.

February 9 - Hale/Swisher County Crops Conference, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Ollie Liner Center, Plainview. 5 CEUs. Contact Jason Miller, Hale CEA-AG, at 806-291-5267 or John Villalba, Swisher CEA-AG, at 806-995-3721.

## New officers District FFA



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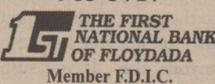
New officers were elected at the District FFA Meeting on December 14th. Keenan Nixon was elected as a District Officer and will be serving for the 2016 year. Banners were given out to those who placed at the FFA contests for 2015. Kirby Nixon, a current Area Officer, announced that he will be running for State FFA Officer next spring.

THANKS FOR READING!

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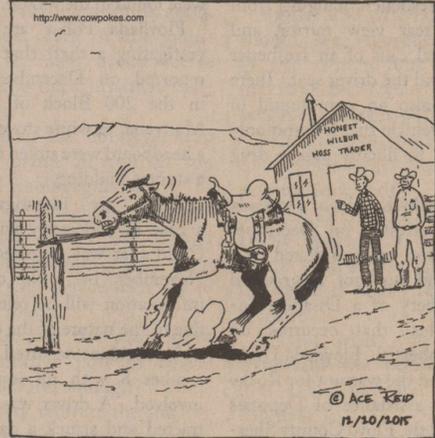
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## City Council Discusses Grass Acreage Lease, Good Friday Holiday

By Kay Ellington  
The Hesperian-Beacon

The Floydada City Council continued its discussion of the OpenGov software in its monthly meeting last week. City Manager Jeff Johnston talked with the council about the transparency that this software would provide for citizens and other stakeholders who routinely ask the council for data.

Johnston estimated a base package of the software would cost approximately

\$1,500.

Mayor Pro Sam Green expressed concern that the fees could go up dramatically in the future and that the city's data and reporting process would then be entrenched in the software program.

Council tabled this agenda item for continued discussion.

The city council approved a motion to amend and extend its lease on 512 acres of grassland. The amendment addresses the contract on the well and play lake.

In other action Mayor

Bobby Gilliland reported that Mitch Probasco had agreed to serve another term on the Appraisal District Board. The council unanimously approved Probasco for the position.

Also on the agenda, the city council discussed the possibility of adding Good Friday to the list of approved city holidays. There was discussion about making sure that the fire department and city staffing were covered, but the decision was tabled for future discussion.

## Museum Archives

### Floyd County Historical Museum "Memories, 1979"

HARRY AND NANCY MORCKEL

There's never a dull moment at the Harry Morckel home; and every room in the house bears evidence of the long, useful, happy years shared by Harry and Nancy. A visitor will always see a cake, cookies, beautiful candles, flower arrangements, books, the Bible, fishing equipment, hand made aprons, to name a few examples of their talent. But where does the Morckel story begin?

Both are natives of the "show me" state, Missouri. Harry was born May 7, 1899, in Springfield, Greene County, to C. W. and Belle Young Morckel. Nancy Matilda was born February 27, 1901, in Appleton City, St. Claire County, to Myrtle Sires and James Hale Buchanan. Harry served in World War I in the 35th Division; overseas during the summer of 1918. Harry and Nancy were married November 6, 1921, at Springfield, and moved to Floydada in August 1927. Harry was a farmer and dairyman in Floyd County and says he

sanded floors "all over this part of the county." In 1950, he opened his Morckel Farm Chemical Store. It was the only business of its kind in Floyd County. He sold this business and retired in April, 1963, and opened his candle shop. The candle shop was also the only one of its kind in the county, and people came from everywhere for Harry's candles! Business was so good it nearly interfered with his favorite hobby, fishing!

Nancy was never idle through these years. She was secretary for the Floyd County War Price and Rationing Board, and secretary for two home demonstration agents. She then was secretary through the terms of four Floyd County Agents before she became home economist for Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. in Floydada from 1949-1966. She compiled three cookbooks while at Lighthouse, and was editor of several regular columns in newspapers. For years, she baked hundreds

of fruit cakes and date-coconut cakes that were an annual sale-tradition at Christina's besides all the baking she did for parties and company meals. One of Harry's favorite expressions is, "She's the baker and I'm the candlestick maker."

Nancy was named Floydada's Woman of the Year in 1960 by the 1950 Study Club.

The Morckels have been active members of the First Christian Church, and Nancy has been a strong supporter of the Christian Women's Fellowship in the Church. She was one of the group of First Christian Women that served the Floydada Rotary Club lunch for years to finance the building of the sanctuary.

A beloved third member of the Morckel household has been Nancy's mother, "Mom" Buchanan, who came to live with Harry and Nancy in 1939 when James Hale Buchanan died.

"Mom's" story is found elsewhere in this book.

## Lockney School Board Approves Annual Audit

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

LOCKNEY - Meeting in regular session on Dec. 17, the Lockney School Board approved the latest audit as performed by Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss, LLP. In his report, Greg Gilbert gave the District a clean audit.

Gilbert reported no major adjustments and that everything was according to accepted accounting practices. He did say the District continues to operate in a deficit budget as expected in smaller school districts. The current balance on hand as of Nov. 30, 2015 including savings and investments is \$3,284,658.

In other actions, the Board approved revisions in local policy regarding the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010; amended the 2015-16 budget to move a line item into the correct fund account; approved the

Texas Academic Performance Report for 2014-15 and approved the training hours for individual Board members.

Connie Barnett, school nurse, reported that all required reports had been submitted to the state as well as all medical testing. She said they were addressing personal hygiene with the lower grade levels and would be doing normal testing in the spring for sclerosis in the appropriate grade levels.

Elementary Principal Jean Anne Williams reported 243 students enrolled and that the various grades had been conducting field trips and having class parties as they moved toward the Christmas break.

Junior High Principal Craig Setliff reported 96 students enrolled. He said they were pleased as to how the Academic UIL competition had went and the students and teachers were

focusing on semester test.

Athletic Director Malcolm Moerbe reported 132 students enrolled in the High School. He said that basketball was in full swing and the boys had enough participating so they were able to have a freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

Superintendent Phil Cotham reported that the Facilities Advisory Committee had met for the first time to discuss the needs of the district including facilities, transportation and other areas of need. The committee will meet again in January to tour the District. Cotham also said the wind projects were continuing in the northeast part of the District and would be for some time.

The Board then participated in training session for team building before adjourning the meeting.

The next Board meeting will be Jan. 14 at 7:00 P.M.

## Anna Hernandez of Lockney spends semester in Zambia

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

SEARCY, AR (12/21/2015) Anna Hernandez of Lockney has returned from a three-month semester studying abroad at Harding University in Zambia (HIZ).

As part of the HIZ curriculum, Hernandez, a sophomore communication studies major, spent the fall 2015 semester immersed in

Zambian culture. Students had the opportunity to visit Botswana and mission teams in Tanzania in addition to venturing out on African safaris.

Students in the program had a full course load available to them taught by visiting Harding professors, and classes encouraged exploration and interaction among the people of Zambia.

Harding is the largest private university in Arkansas and has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report for the 22nd consecutive year as a top 25 school in the South. Harding also maintains study abroad programs in Australia, Chile, England, France, Greece, Italy and Zambia. For more information visit [www.harding.edu](http://www.harding.edu).

## Floydada Police Report

By the Floydada Police Department

Eric Monroe of Memphis, Texas was arrested on December 14 for Possession of Marijuana. Floydada Police stopped Eric for speeding in a school zone and could smell the distinct odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. After searching the vehicle, Police found about a quarter of an ounce of marijuana and other items indicative of marijuana use or trafficking. These items included several air fresheners hanging from the rear view mirror, and several cans of air freshener behind the driver seat. There was also an item found in the vehicle that is commonly used to illicitly pass a drug test.

Rocky Knight of Floydada was arrested on December 15 after being indicted by a Grand Jury for Aggravated Robbery of a Disabled Individual that occurred on October 28. Floydada Police served the warrant for Rocky with assistance of Deputies from the Floyd County Sher-

iff's Office. An indictment is only a ruling that there is enough evidence to go to trial and the arrest warrant resulting from the indictment is to ensure the person will appear for the trial.

Guadalupe Gonzalez of Floydada was arrested on December 19 for Possession of Methamphetamine. Police stopped Guadalupe for speeding and could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. After consent to search was given, approximately four grams of Meth were found in the vehicle.

Floydada Police are investigating a theft that was reported on December 10 in the 200 Block of East Marivena. A white stove and a headboard were stolen from a storage building.

Police are investigating a case of Indecency with a Child that was reported on November 14. No other information will be released due to the nature of the case.

An accident occurred December 8 with no injuries involved. A driver was distracted and struck a parked

vehicle at a slow speed.

Another accident occurred on December 14 where a car ran a stop sign and was struck by another vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Police answered a total of 91 calls for service between December 6 and December 20 that did not need a written report.

Police are asking anybody who knows details about the cases described above or any other incidents to please contact Floydada City Hall at (806) 983-2834 at any time and the message will be given to the officer on duty. Your identity will be kept confidential. The public is the number one tool in solving cases such as thefts and burglaries. Any small detail reported to the Police can be a big break in a case and lead to the arrest of the suspect so they are not able to victimize anyone else. If you suspect that you have come across property that is possibly stolen, report it to the Police immediately. You will not be charged with a criminal offense by doing so.

## Holiday Happenings in Floydada

Dec. 24 *Carr's Chapel 110th Christmas Eve Service*, with singing, Santa, short stories/poems by children, everyone receives a sack of fruit and candy, bring a gift for your child, 6 pm, Carr's Chapel (take FM 784 West about 8 miles, then follow FM 378 south about 6.5 miles)

Dec. 24 *Candlelight Service*, 6 pm, First United Methodist Church

Dec. 24 *Spirit of Christmas Meal* delivers meals to shut-ins, elderly, and needy. Call or text Corey Johnston at 632-7586 if you know someone who might need a meal on Christmas day.

Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve Mass*, 7:30 pm, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

## Caprock Canyons Announcement Closure Times for Wildlife Management Activities

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Caprock Canyons State Park will be closed from 5 p.m. Dec. 28 until 2 p.m. Dec. 31, 2015 and on the following dates in January:

\* From 5 p.m. Jan. 12 until 2 p.m. Jan. 15, 2016

\* From 5 p.m. Jan. 26 until 2 p.m. Jan. 29, 2016

The closure is for wildlife management activities. Only drawn permitted hunters will be allowed in during these dates. Contact the park for more information.

## Wit and Wisdom

By Charles Keaton  
The Hesperian-Beacon

There's something about a Christmas sweater that will always make me laugh. — **Kristen Wiig**

There are some people who want to throw their arms round you simply because it is Christmas; there are other people who want to strangle you simply because it is Christmas. — **Robert Staughton Lynd**

Christmas renews our youth by stirring our wonder. The capacity for wonder has been called our most pregnant human faculty, for in it are born our art, our science, our religion. — **Ralph W. Sockman**

Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time. — **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Have a Merry Christmas

# House Agriculture Committee Examines Current State of the U.S. Cotton Industry

By Congressman Randy Neugebauer

19th District of Texas  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Earlier this month, the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing focusing on cotton and the economic challenges facing the industry as a result of lower commodity prices. Cotton production is the lifeblood of the West Texas economy and it was great to have two residents of Lubbock testify before the Subcommittee.

Both Shawn Holladay, President of Plains Cotton Growers, and Mike Wright, Executive VP for Agriculture lending at City Bank, did West Texas proud. While I have heard from numerous producers, ginners, and ag lenders about the difficulties facing the cotton industry, it is important that other Members of Congress who do not represent cotton acres

hear this as well, including the need to have USDA add cottonseed oil as a minor oilseed for purposes of the commodity program. You can read more about the hearing in Southeast Farm Press.

From the Southeast Farm Press

The House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing Dec. 9 to examine the current state of the U.S. cotton industry. Members heard from producers, warehousemen, ginners, and agricultural lenders on the current situation unfolding in the cotton belt.

As Congress was crafting the 2014 Farm Bill, reforming cotton policy to resolve the long-standing Brazil WTO cotton dispute, both China and India, the world's largest cotton producers, were busy implementing some of the

most destructive policies in modern history, the effects of which are now being felt in world cotton markets. From 2011-2013, China implemented a stockpiling policy that has pushed global cotton stocks to levels that are double the long-run average. That policy has significantly impacted the demand for cotton and is now resulting in a significant depression of global cotton prices.

While the U.S. has responded by growing the fewest acres of cotton since 1983, India has responded by increasing their minimum support price which has resulted in record levels of cotton production—a 60 percent increase over the last 10 years, overtaking China in 2015 as the world's largest producer.

U.S. cotton producers are left facing this unprecedented recklessness on the part of the world's two largest cotton produc-

ing nations with virtually no safety net. With growing stress in cotton country and in recognition of the extraordinary circumstances facing the U.S. cotton industry, the National Cotton Council has requested that Secretary Vilsack use his authority in the 2014 Farm Bill to designate cottonseed as an "other oilseed" and thus be eligible for the ARC and PLC assistance.

"Cotton is the economic lifeblood of many communities, and it is essential we hear directly from the folks who are being affected by these low commodity prices, rising input costs and distorted markets. Most farmers in America face these challenges at some point, but cotton farmers are trying to weather all of these conditions at once, in their severest form, and without the benefit of an effective farm safety net. I am hopeful Secretary Vil-

sack will use his authority to take administrative action like he has in the past to help cotton farmers," said Subcommittee Chairman Rick Crawford.

"Times are tough for cotton farmers, with many families facing the real possibility of going out of business. I hear from producers in my district and all over West Texas about the stress they are facing. Farmers know the risks that come with farming, and crop insurance helps in mitigating those risks. But as our witnesses noted today, crop insurance is not designed to protect against the destructive and anti-competitive policies of the governments of China and India. I fear we are in jeopardy of losing much of the U.S. cotton industry if this dire situation is not addressed," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman K. Michael Conaway. Written testimony pro-

vided by the witnesses from today's hearing is linked below. Click here for more information, including Subcommittee Chairman Crawford's opening statement, and the archived webcast.

Witness list included:

Mr. Shane Stephens, Vice Chairman, National Cotton Council, Greenwood, MS

Mr. Nathan Reed, Arkansas State Chairman, American Cotton Producers, Marianna, AR

Mr. Shawn Holladay, Producer Board Member, National Cotton Council, Lubbock, TX

Mr. Kendall "Kent" Wannamaker, President, Southern Cotton Growers, Saint Matthews, SC

Mr. Cannon Michael, Producer Board Member, National Cotton Council, Los Banos, CA

Mr. Mike Wright, Executive Vice President, City Bank Texas, Lubbock, TX

## SPC announces new Customer Service Representative Certificate program

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

LEVELLAND – South Plains College announces a new Customer Service Representative Certificate program. The new program will be offered at the Levelland Campus and Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center, 3201 Ave. Q in Lubbock.

Starting in spring 2016, this certificate, developed in cooperation with local business and industry, will help provide skills in customer service, communication, human relations, office, and computers. These skills meet the needs of employers in customer service related front desk/office positions in manufacturing, banking, hotel, telemarketing and many other service related

businesses.

The Customer Service Representative Certificate program was created through a partnership with the Lubbock Economic Development Alliance and South Plains College. According to LEDA CEO John Osborne, "As our recent business survey showed, the Customer Service Representative Certificate will provide our workforce with the professional skills desired by our local businesses. This certificate program will also be attractive to companies looking to expand to Lubbock, and we are proud to partner with South Plains College on this solution."

During an industry/educational meeting in September, area industry representatives

identified skills within Customer Service Representative Certificate and confirmed certificate graduates will meet industry need of many entry-level business/office positions in Lubbock and the surrounding area, said Rob Blair, Dean of Technical Education at South Plains College.

Certificate consists of 24 credit hours of courses delivered at 12 credit hours per semester for a full-time student. Courses for the spring semester will include Business Computer Applications, Human Relations, Employee Relations and Customer Relationship Management. In the fall semester, the courses will include Word Processing, Professional Workshop Preparation, Business Math

Using Technology and Business Correspondence and Communication.

Students must prove their keyboarding competency of being able to type 20 words a minute with five or fewer errors or be recommended to enroll in Beginning Keyboarding course. The testing will be conducted during the advisement session.

Interested students contact Pat Dennis, Professor and Program Coordinator of Office Technology, at (806) 716-4638 or Jeannie Coggins, Assistant Professor of Office Technology, at (806) 716-4917 located at the SPC Byron Martin ATC Center or Lauren Gregory, Assistant Professor of Office Technology/Accounting, at (806) 716-2249 located on Levelland campus.

## SPC Plainview Center announces extended hours, spring online registration

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

PLAINVIEW – Online registration for spring 2016 continues for South Plains College Plainview Center. SPC Plainview will offer extended office hours from 2 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 11; 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 – 14; and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 15.

Spring classes will begin Jan. 19.

Current or new students who need assistance should contact their academic advisors or the Main Office. The list of advisors can be found online under myspc.

Late registration is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 19-21 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 22. Payments are due at the time of registration.

Students can register at online at [www.myspc.southplainscollege.edu](http://www.myspc.southplainscollege.edu). Registration opened on Nov. 12.

For more information, contact Andrew Ruiz, Registrar, at (806) 716-2371 or call (806) 296-9611 ext. 4302.

## Young Guns Encouraged To Tour Cotton Incorporated

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

The Cotton Research and Promotion Program has announced dates for the 2016 Young Guns Tour of Cotton Incorporated headquarters in Raleigh, N.C. The Young Guns Tour targets young cotton producers who have not had the opportunity to visit the industry's research facility.

On March 20-22, 2016, Cotton Incorporated and the Cotton Board will host Western and Southwestern growers in Raleigh. The tour for the Mid-South and Southeast will take place June 19-21. There is no charge to cotton producers. Participants are flown into Raleigh, N.C., where they will be provided a hotel room, all necessary transportation and meals. They will get to see firsthand how Cotton Incorporated and the Cotton Board put their

assessment dollars to work in the various departments at CI. Participants will also have the opportunity to visit a spinning mill.

"It is important that producers see the facility they helped build," says Bob Stanley, The Cotton Board Regional Communications Manager for the Southwest. "Keeping young producers engaged in the process helps to keep fresh ideas flowing, which benefits the program."

The Next Generation The first Young Guns Tour took place in 2012 and was a great success, drawing participants from across the Cotton Belt. Since then, it has hosted more than 100 cotton producers under the age of 45. The goal of these tours is to encourage young cotton producers to be active in the program and local cotton organizations as well.

"We often hear the question, 'What's going to happen when all the old guys are gone?'" says Monty Bain, Southeast Regional Communications Manager for The Cotton Board. "This tour provides a way to engage the next generation and keep them invested in cotton."

The tour is open to growers of all ages, as well. The Cotton Board and Cotton Incorporated hope to maintain interest in the program by sharing their work to keep U.S. cotton viable for generations to come.

Average Age Of Farmers According to a 2014 U.S. Department of Agriculture report on the 2012 Agricultural Census, the average age of all farmers in the United States has increased with each census since 1982 when the average age was 50.5 years old. The last census found that the average had risen to 58.3.

The average age of cotton farmers is slightly less at 55.8. According to a January 2015 report from USDA, using data from the same census, the average age of cotton farmers is slowly creeping up. Only 21 percent of growers were under the age of 45. Fifty-one percent of cotton producers are between the ages of 45 and 64. That number is down by 2 percent, only because there was a larger percentage increase in growers over the age of 65.

In the West, and throughout the Cotton Belt, many young producers are discouraged by current low profit margins for the crop and loss of agricultural land to urban development or drought. By focusing on this specific age group, the Cotton Research and Promotion Program hopes to encourage producers under the age of 45 to get involved and see a bigger picture view of the industry.

produce rain or snow in a day or two."

Q: How often does a moon ring accurately predict rain or snow?

A: No one knows for sure, but some studies say this folklore is usually accurate, he adds. "There's an old saying that goes, 'Ring around the moon, means rain or snow soon.' One study shows that moon rings predict-

## Poinsettias Care and Feeding

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

With the holidays upon us, it is time to think about proper care of the poinsettias many of us receive during the Christmas holidays.

After the holidays, keep the plants in indirect sun and water regularly.

Poinsettias require moderately moist soil. Water the plants thoroughly when the soil surface feels dry to the touch.

Remove the plant from decorative pots or covers and water enough to completely saturate the soil.

Do not allow the poinsettia to sit in any standing water. Root rot could result which could kill the plant.

It is not necessary to fertilize the poinsettia when it is in bloom.

After outside night temperatures reaches 55 degrees or above, place your plants outdoors where they can bask in the warmth of spring and summer.

When the leaves age and lose their aesthetic appeal, usually by late March or

early April, cut the poinsettia back to about eight inches in height.

By the end of May, you should see vigorous new growth. Around June 1, you may transplant your poinsettias into larger pots.

Select pots no more than four inches larger than the original inner pot.

A soil mix with a considerable amount of organic matter such as peat moss or leaf mold is highly recommended.

If you wish, you may transplant the poinsettias into a well-prepared garden bed.

Be sure the planting bed is rich in organic matter and has good drainage.

Pruning may be required during the summer to keep plants bushy and compact. Do not prune after September 1.

Continue regular watering during the growth period. Fertilize every two to three weeks throughout the spring, summer and fall months with a well-balanced, complete fertilizer.

## Weather whys

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Q: There's an old saying that a ring around the moon means rain. Is it true?

A: The best answer is that it's generally true, but not 100 percent accurate, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Often you can

# SW Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle fishing report

Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

**Foss:** Elevation 7 ft. below normal, water 48. Striped bass hybrids are fair on slabs while jigging. Walleye are slow on live bait. Catfish are good on liver and stinkbait. White bass are slow.

**Tom Steed:** Elevation above normal, water 48 and murky. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, stinkbait and shad on bottom along flats.

**Waurika:** Elevation normal, water 63. Crappie are fair on jigs around brush structure. White bass are fair on minnows and flukes around points and shorelines. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut bait, stinkbait and shad around points and shorelines.

**Alan Henry:** Water stained; 54-59 degrees; 1.44 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Arrowhead:** Water off color; 53-60 degrees; 0.48 ft. low. Black bass are fair on jigs, Texas rigs and shad pattern crankbaits. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

**Coleman:** Water murky; 67-71 degrees; 5.13 ft. low. Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits, crankbaits and soft plastics. Hybrid striper are good on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are fair on shrimp and minnows. Yellow catfish are slow.

**Ft. Phantom Hill:** Water clear; 54-59 degrees; 2.16 ft. low. Black bass are

fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

**Hubbard Creek:** Water off color; 55-61 degrees; 14.86 ft. low. Black bass are fair Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

**Nasworthy:** 52-58 degrees; 1.45 ft. low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

**O.H. Ivie:** Water stained; 53-59 degrees; 45.69 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good Texas rigs, jigs, squarebill crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

**Oak Creek:** Water stained; 51-58 degrees;

17.73 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on weighted flukes, medium running shad pattern crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worn-Glo) nightcrawlers.

**Possum Kingdom:** Water fairly clear; 56-61 degrees; 0.21 ft. low. Black bass are fair to good on medium running crankbaits, Texas rigs, drop shot rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

**White River:** Water stained; 54-59 degrees; 16.58 ft. low. Black bass are slow on Texas rigs and jigs. No report on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

## Caprock Canyons Will Join More than 50 Texas State Parks in First Day Hike Jan. 1

Special to The Hesperian-Beacon

Start your year off on the right foot!

Join Caprock Canyons State Park for a hike on the start of the new year! You'll enjoy an afternoon in the great outdoors and discuss anything from the history, geology, flora, and fauna on the historic Caprock Canyons Trailway.

Meet at the Monk's Crossing Terminal along the Trailway. Hike will be easy to moderate and is welcome to all ages.

The hike will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1.

Call the park at (806)455-1492 for more information.



### Letter to the editor policy

The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon welcomes letters from readers on topics of local, state, national and international importance. Email letters are preferred to: [fcfb\\_editor@yahoo.com](mailto:fcfb_editor@yahoo.com).

All letters must include a first and last name, street address (no post office boxes), town, and daytime phone number. Letters sent via U.S. mail may be sent to 201 W. California Street, Floydada, Texas 79235.

### BONTON

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on it...people get stuck with food nobody will buy and all that goes to waste, even though there's nothing wrong with it," Babcock shared, saying that most of the waste is food we buy and don't use.

But food just kept coming, receiving 400-500 pounds a week, and Babcock decided two things needed to be done: get a commercial composting machine to turn the excess into soil and add pigs to the farm that can eat more than the other animals.

Once again, without any money, miracles began to happen. Pigs arrived at the farm, a gift from a farmer in Argyle, and two days after the Treffinger's tour of the farm, they ordered a special "in vessel" composting machine that will accelerate the decomposition process.

After meeting Treffinger for breakfast at the concrete plant, he showed Babcock 18.3 acres across the street from his business that was of no use to him. He had purchased the surrounding land to buffer the noise from his cement plant and offered it to Babcock to expand the farm. Again, without a single dollar, their farm increased by 18.3 acres.

"It's really overwhelming how He continues to see us through, meets our needs and provides for us things we don't even know we need," he shared with amazement. "The tractor has

really been helpful and (we) work more efficiently. God provided the tractor before the 18 acres. We didn't need it at the time with an acre, but now we do."

Babcock uses the continued blessings to strengthen his faith.

"It's like God does that intentionally. It's a lesson he's teaching me to trust him and he knows even better for me than I know what's good for me. If I just relax and not worry, he provides me what I need. I hope when I face trials I have these experiences that I can remember...and remember the good times."

He continued, "If we can just learn those lessons we can get through it with a stronger faith, resilience and more trust, and things get better and easier. We have nothing to fear because God is so good to us. Even in our sufferings he is rich in blessings."

A small group of West Texas contributors have been working in the background supporting what many deem a worthy and honorable cause. Floydada resident Curtis Sanders, along with his son Brian, have extended a helping hand from the beginning by hauling nutrient-rich soil, tractors, and farming supplies to Bonton, but most importantly, by getting the word out.

"Daron called me back in September and said they wanted to put in some winter vegetables, but he had found out it takes a compost with chicken manure in it to do well. He had done some

research and saw that there's some (compost) manufactured in Slaton by the Schilling Family," Sanders remembered. "My son Brian talked to Allen (Schilling) and he said he'd mix it any way they wanted to, and hauled it down there on his own truck for them."

According to their website, the West Texas business, Back to Nature, Inc., have provided agricultural composts since 1979 and produce quality cotton burr composts and blends.

After ginning season the Sanders plan to return to Bonton to help clean up the newly acquired land. Since Sanders, and fellow Bonton enthusiast Bernie Barnett, delivered the tractor on October 8, he says that many new animals have taken up residence at the farm and they are successfully collecting and selling their own brand of locally produced honey.

After Sanders has healed from this month's shoulder surgery, he says he has four to five projects in the planning stages waiting for him.

Many other generous donors from the area, after searching their hearts, have decided to open their wallets, donating hoses, gardening supplies, plows, and soil, and the list continues to grow.

Bonton Farm-Works recently received the Urban Pioneer Award, recognizing excellence in local urban planning and design, from the Great Dallas Planning Council at the Urban Design Awards on Dec. 8. The

GDPC is the oldest Dallas area civic organization that focuses on issues shaping regional growth. GDPC members evaluate local and regional policies in order to promote the long-term sustainability of the City of Dallas and surrounding region, according to their website.

According to Bonton Farms' Facebook page, they serve as an "agricultural intervention to restore health, create jobs, and ignite hope in South Dallas. To sustain the farm's operation, we sell most of our output to local farm-to-table restaurants. Ultimately, our mission is to shift that model and help feed our Bonton neighbors, who desperately need healthy food options."

To help the urban farm and missionary work, visit their Facebook page at [www.bontonfarms.org](http://www.bontonfarms.org) and become a "Friend of the Farm". By doing so, they will be able to "focus efforts on the community. This means roughly 200,000 pounds of produce, 22,000 eggs, and more will go into our neighborhood, providing not only food, but jobs, community development, and restoration in Bonton."

Checks, payable to H.I.S. BridgeBuilders and "Bonton Farms" written in the memo line, can be sent to 2075 W. Commerce St. Dallas, TX 75208. They can also be contacted at 469-400-9601.

To view the Texas Country Reporter video featuring Bonton Farms, visit [www.texascountryreporter.com](http://www.texascountryreporter.com).

## Area Football Wrap-up

### FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

2A-D1 CANADIAN 61, Refugio 20

1A-D1 (6-Man) Abbott 40, CROWELL 30  
1A-D2 (6-Man) Richland Springs 72, FOLLETT 26

2A-D2 Bremond 35, Albany 20

3A-D1 Brock 43, Cameron Yoe 33  
3A-D2 Waskom 33, Franklin 21

4A-D1 Waco La Vega 33, Argyle 31  
4A-D2 West Orange-Stark 22, Celina 3

5A-D1 Richmond George Ranch 56, Mansfield Lake Ridge 0  
5A-D2 Cedar Park 22, Frisco Lone Star 6

6A-D1 Galena Park North Shore 21, Austin Westlake 14 (OT)  
6A-D2 Katy 34, Austin Lake Travis 7

Realignment of Districts for all activities will be announced beginning Feb. 1, 2016 for Football and Basketball in all classifications. Other sports and activities will be announced later in the spring. Conference and Division Cutoffs were announced in November:

#### Conference Cutoffs

6A 2150 and above  
5A 1100 - 2149  
4A 480 - 1099  
3A 221 - 479  
2A 105 - 220

1A 104.9 and below

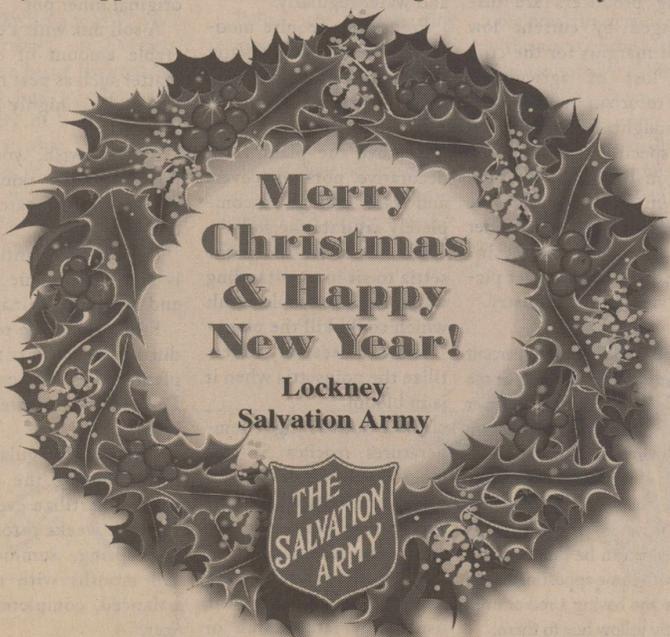
#### 1A - 4A Football Division I and Division II Numbers

1A Division I 59 - 104.9  
1A Division II 58 and below  
2A Division I 158 - 220  
2A Division II 105 - 157  
3A Division I 319 - 479  
3A Division II 221 - 318  
4A Division I 723 - 1099  
4A Division II 480 - 722

### Thank You to:

- W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital Health Fair
- Lockney High School National Honor Society
- Churches & Individuals
- Lockney Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts

For your support & donations of canned goods this Holiday Season.



### Thank you

MORTENSON CONSTRUCTION - SOUTH PLAINS 2 WIND PROJECT for your generous contribution of thousands of pounds of food & blankets this Holiday Season.

Many families, seniors and shut in's in our community will have a Merry Christmas because of you!

Thank You & Merry Christmas

The Lockney Salvation Army



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## MISCELLANEOUS

**VELMA'S GIFTS CHRISTMAS SALE** – November 27 – December 24. Lots of pretty stuff and home décor. Corner of Main and Ollie Street. Next to Payne's Appliance Service.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Public Notice

The City of Lockney will hold a public hearing at Lockney City Hall on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 5:45 pm, in regard to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program project that has recently been completed for the City of Lockney.

This public hearing is being held to review the outcome of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief water improvements for the City of Lockney. The grant was used to make water improvements in the following locations:

**Water Improvements:** Contractor shall construct a well to provide the City with an additional source of water. Contractor shall construct one (1) well, install approximately one thousand four hundred linear feet (1,400 l.f.) of six-inch (6") and eight-inch (8") transmission line, electrical and controls, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances.

- Construction shall take place south of the intersection of US Highway 70 and FM 97; along CR 160 from the new well site to the proposed transmission line for proposed Well No. 7; and at the booster pump station site located at the northeast corner of the intersection of SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Shurbet Street in Lockney, Texas.

Citizens who wish to comment, but are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments to Laurie Garcia, Lockney City Clerk; Lockney City Hall; 218 E Locust St, Lockney, TX 79241 Anyone needing additional information or special assistance may call Courtney Paz at South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721. Para mas informacion en espanol, comuniquese con Laurie al (806)652-2355.

### Public Notice

Floyd County will hold a public hearing at the Floyd County Courthouse on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 5:05 pm, in regard to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program project that has recently been completed for Floyd County.

This public hearing is being held to review the outcome of the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief water improvements for Floyd County. The grant was used to make water improvements in the following locations:

**Water Improvements:** Contractor shall construct a well to provide the City with an additional source of water. Contractor shall construct one (1) well, install approximately two thousand one hundred linear feet (2,100 l.f.) of six-inch (6") and eight-inch (8") transmission line, electrical and controls, and all associated appurtenances.

- Construction shall take place south of the intersection of US Highway 70 and FM 97; along CR 160 from the new well site to the proposed transmission line for proposed Well No. 6.

Citizens who wish to comment, but are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments to Judge Marty Lucke, Floyd County Judge; Floyd County Courthouse; 105 S. Main St, Floydada, TX 79235 Anyone needing additional information or special assistance may call Lauren Rodriguez at South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721. Para mas informacion en espanol, comuniquese con Lori Morales al (806) 983-4910.

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# DUNCAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WRITES TO SANTA

## PRE-K

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a red and a blue bumper car, a bike, a bulldozer and an electric scooter. I will leave milk and cookies. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Peter

Dear Santa,  
I have been good girl this year. Please bring me a Paw Patrol toy, a dollhouse, a Monster High doll, and a pink electric riding scooter. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Thank you Santa!  
Love,  
Evelyn

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a princess doll, a Christmas tree, a baby doll and a color change Barbie doll and her dog also. I will leave milk and cookies. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Lyric

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me an Elsa car, a singing Elsa doll, with the microphone and my own scissors and my own paper. I will leave milk and cookies under the Christmas tree.

Hurry Santa!  
Love,  
Delylah

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me some pomp oms and a Min-ion cup. I also want Olaf, Kristof, and Finn dolls. I will leave you hot chocolate with marshmallows. Thank you and have a safe landing.  
Love,  
Enzo

Dear Santa,  
I will been a good boy this year. Please bring me a toy guitar, a little belt, and a remote control car. I will leave you a burger and a soda. Thank you Santa!  
Love,  
Broshaudrick

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Sofia, the First car, Sofia the First phone, a computer and a doll with a bed. I will leave you pie and hot chocolate. Thank you Santa and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Aplitiga

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a kid size blue truck, a blue Power Ranger toy, a blue bike and a Whirlwind football helmet.

I will leave you some cookies and a coke. Thank you Santa and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Noah

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me Elsa clothes and "Frozen" games with pictures. I also want a Barbie car. I will leave you cookies, cupcakes and hot chocolate. Thank you Santa. I love you and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Zaybree

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring a Barbie tablet and a Barbie microphone. Also I would like a Barbie doll. I will leave your cookies and milk. Thank you Santa and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Mallory

Dear Santa,  
Por favor triame juguetes. Quiero camiones. Para Gilbert por favor tambien carros, Para Brittany collar3es. Para mi matros y papa trailes ropa. Gracias Santa!  
Love,  
Anthony

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. I want a dog. A big dog

for a pet and a doghouse for my dog. I will leave you cookies. Thank you and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Daryl

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie camera, a princess clock for my bedroom, a laptop, a baby doll and some new glasses. I will leave you a chicken sandwich and some lemonade. Thank you Santa and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Siann

Dear Santa,  
I have a good girl this year. Please bring me a "Frozen" car and a "Frozen" doll. I will leave you cookies with hot chocolate. Thank you Santa and have a safe trip!  
Love,  
Jocelynn

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me some legos, an Elsa doll with a microphone and a round picture frame with diamonds all around it. I will leave you a gingerbread cookie, a candy cane and hot chocolate. Thank you Santa.  
Love,  
Yalilla

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I want a Barbie house with a slide and a Barbie doll. Also bring me a medium size bear. I will leave you milk and cookies. Thank you Santa and please hurry!  
Love,  
Natalie  
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I want a baby doll that takes a bottle and a Monster High doll. I will leave you cookies and milk. Thank you and have a safe landing.  
Love,  
Erynn

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a Mega Zor, a Cowboys football helmet and a football. Also bring Jesus a football helmet too. I will leave you some juice and cookies. Thank you and have a safe trip.  
Love,  
Kayden

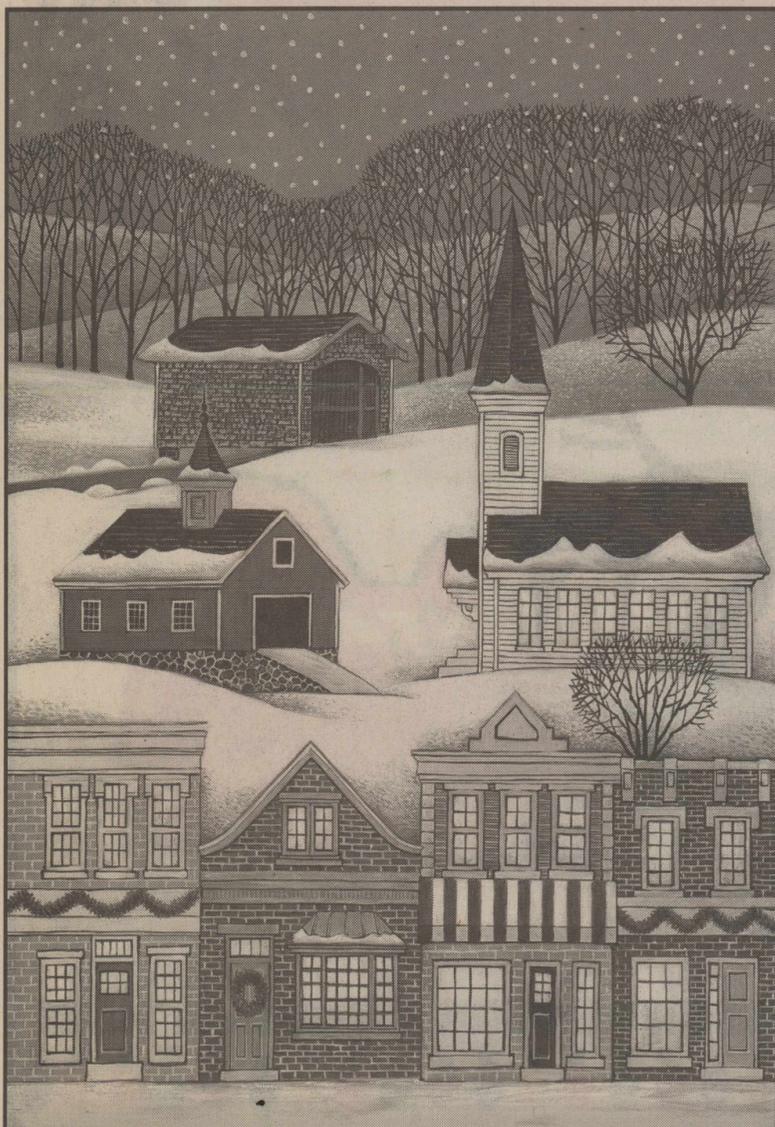
Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me a gingerbread remote control car, a black and white truck, and a talking Santa. I will leave you milk and cookies. Thank you and hurry up Santa!  
Love,  
Sergio

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most is a doll house and a Barbie. And I promise to leave out a pie for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me.)  
Love,  
Jada Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty (but nice). What I would like most this Christmas is a car and a cake. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me.)  
Love,  
Andrez Garza

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a puppy and a horse. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me.)  
Love,  
Alyssa De la Fuente

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty (but nice). What I would like most this Christmas is a bike and a scooter.



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And I promise to leave out some pudding for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me.)  
Love,  
Isaiah Bolton

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is an Elsa doll and a castle for Elsa.. And I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me.)  
Love,  
Karynee Gomez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a bike and a scooter. And I promise to leave out hamburger for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me.)  
Love,  
Joseph Cervantes

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a bike and a scooter. And I promise to leave out a watch for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me.)  
Love,  
Brandyn Diza

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a puppy and a cage. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me.)  
Love,  
Vivana Martinez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a unicorn and a pony. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the elves for me.)  
Love,  
Yarita Miranda

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty (but nice). What I would like most this Christmas is turtles and more turtles. And I promise to leave out a hamburgere for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolf for me.)  
Love,  
Corey Rosa

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a dollhouse and a doll. And I promise to leave out a sandwich for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me.)  
Love,  
Keiana Garza

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is my mommy's house and my mommy and daddy. And I promises to leave out corn nuts for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to my Mom and Dad for me.)  
Love,  
Delilah Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. What I would like most this Christmas is a batman caar and a batman cape. . And I promise to leave out chicken for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me.)  
Love,  
Abraam Avila

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5

years old. This year I have been good all of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a batman car and a spiderman doll. And I promise to leave out chicken for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolf for me.)  
Love,  
Azarion Reyna

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a doll house and a dog and a cat. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Rudolf for me.)  
Love,  
Serenity Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been naughty (but nice). What I would like most this Christmas is markers and paper. And I promise to leave out spaghetti for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to my family for me.)  
Love,  
Leo Lopez

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 5 years old. This year I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a bike and a basket ball. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to Mrs. Claus for me.)  
Love,  
Carter McHam

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is chocolate hearts and colors and glue. And I promise to leave out donuts for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to my family for me.)  
Love,  
Jaceemarie Cajas

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I am 4 years old. This year I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a dream house and a barbie. And I promise to leave out cookies for you. (P.S. Please say "Hi" to the reindeers for me.)  
Love,  
Halie Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I like Barbies, Shopkins and Play-Doh.  
Love,  
Emery Perez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Shopkins house with Shopkins and a Shopkins van. I want Shopkins jewelry too and Play-doh.  
Love,  
Daniella Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a Mickey Mouse doll and a tiny table for my Mickey Mouse doll.  
Love,  
Emily Martinez

Dear Santa,  
A Barbie house with Barbie and her family. I want a Princess Barbie bike and a stuffed tiger animal with a bow on its chest.  
Love,  
Lilliana Zuniga

Dear Santa,  
I like legos, Mario and Luigi.  
Love,  
Juan Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I want Frozen dolls and Barbies.  
Love,  
Amberlyn Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I want an Elsa doll and an Anna doll.  
Love,  
Bethany Hernandez  
Dear Santa,  
I want Legos and Play-Doh.

I like Spiderman to play with.  
Love,  
Abel Lafuente  
Dear Santa,  
I want a lot of Shopkins and a bag to put them in. I want jewelry too. I need a Shopkins van too.  
Love,  
Isabella Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I want a big Cinderella puppy and a Doc McStuffins toy.  
Love,  
Natalie Garza

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie and a Mickey Mouse. I want spoons, a bottle and a kitchen to feed a baby.  
Love,  
Harper Stapp

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me an Elsa doll and some Play-Doh. I like sparkly dresses and boots.  
Love,  
Marisol Delafuente

Dear Santa,  
I want two Power Rangers and a Wrestler. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Derrick Henderson

Dear Santa,  
I want a pretend horse that I can sit on. I want it to be pink. I want a Cinderella cage too. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Brooklyn Pyle

Dear Santa,  
I want a Frozen bicycle and a Frozen doll. I'm good.  
Love,  
Aleera Bolton

Dear Santa,  
I want Play-Doh and a doll.  
Love,  
Delicia Mendoza

Dear Santa,  
I want a Elsa and Sofia Barbie. I want some Play-Doh too.  
Love,  
Heidi Paz

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Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is some Play dough, tea set and a coli chack.  
Love,  
Payton Arebalo

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Lego, bike and Playdough.  
Love,  
Ilan Bueno

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is xbox.  
Love,  
Kyrin Bolton

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Playdough, horse and barbie,  
Love,  
Mia Casares

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Bik Legoz, Playdough  
Love,  
Andrew Delgado

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Play dough legos bike  
Jaylee Delgado

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll HOuse and Elsa and Anna skating dolls for Christmas I will leave some cookies and milk  
Love,  
Mary Degollado

Dear Santa,  
Want for Christs is Play horse  
Love,  
Leila Garcia

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is barbie dream House

Love,  
Emily Garza  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is football gear, gorilla gym mini foot ball  
Love,  
Cash Johnson

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a x-box pop patrol and popcorn machice  
Love,  
Nasser Jones

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is ipod PlayDoh barbies  
Love,  
Jessa Louallen

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Big hot wheels PoP Patrol Legos, Jurassic PoP Play dough  
Love,  
Brayden Morgan

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Play dough a tablet  
Love,  
Ixan Pecina

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Jurassic world and Xbox  
Love,  
Braeden Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Skylander  
Love,  
Hagan Strange

Dear Santa,  
all I want for Christmas is a Baby alive A playhouse clothes playfood playkitchen Go see the Good Dinosaur I phone for all of us Lyric Lailah  
Love,  
Amareah Taylor

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a tablet Playdough bike and a doll  
Love,  
Jaidyn Torres

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmaas is play dough horse barbie dream house and tablet  
Love,  
Serenidy Williams

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Puppy  
Love,  
Alianna Ellis

Dear Santa,  
All I Want for Christmas is a pupp.  
Love,  
Jenna Martinez

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Playstation  
Love,  
Toby Zepeda

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a car and a horse.  
Love,  
Jathan Sanchez  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a I Pod doll house.  
Love,  
Nevach Perez

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a horse  
Love,  
Hartlee Battey

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a I Pod.  
Love,  
Luke Morales

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Puppy  
Love,  
Mia Juarez

Dear Santa,  
All I want FOr chrIStmAs Is a trUek  
Love,  
Kaidn McHam

Dear Santa,  
All I want for christmais a truck  
Love,  
Serillo Deleon  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for chrisimas is a tablet.  
Love,  
Nikki Flores

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmaas truck.  
Love,  
Ezekiel Moreno

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a PuPPy.  
Love,  
Mallory Herrera

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Puppy.  
Love,  
Moriah De Los Santos

Dear Santa,  
All I Want for Christmas is a doll.  
Love,  
Rachel Shipman

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a doll house.  
Love,  
Janae Rosa

Dear Santa,  
All I wont for truck.  
Love,  
Demanei Wiley

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a Puppy.  
Love,  
Max Ortega

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Yolacron stoethy truck.  
Your friend,  
Lliah Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is Playdough  
Your friend,  
Bella Perez

Dear Santa,  
All I want Christmas is a toy traing.  
Your friend,  
Bnqoerick Taylor

Dear Santa,  
All I want. For.christmas. is.Power rangers.  
Your friend.  
Raul

Dear Santa,  
All I Want for Christmas is a tablet.  
you fried,  
Bailey McHam

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christ mas is a vinga.  
Your Fried,  
Jacob Stark

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Chris t mas is a magic mixer.  
Your friend,  
Abigail Reyes

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a compUter.  
Your friend,  
Katena Torres

Dear Santa,  
All I was si for hrist o fro sentoys.  
Ariel Machado  
Dear Santa,  
All I wint for christma is a traucik.  
Your friend,  
Raymond Garza

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a offImus Prime.  
Your Friends,  
Santiago

Dear Santa,  
All I want for a christma s is a bat movilego.  
Devan Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
All I wat for Christmas is a caran.  
Your friend,

Wosac Bolton  
Dear Santa,  
All I wanstr for chrisos is a barbie  
Your Friend,  
Marisso Caseras

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Christmas is a barbie mermaid.  
Your Friend,  
Mariah Wickware

Dear Santa,  
All I want for Chris t mas is a Puppet elf.  
Karah,

Dear Santa,  
All I was for christma is tmasls legoos.  
Your friend,  
Juriah  
Dear Santa,  
All I want for chris is dino-saure.  
Your  
Major Stap

## FIRST GRADE

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I want a new tablet. I want a computer. I want a toy for my baby sister I want a TCU. I want a scooter.  
I love you,  
Taniah

Dear Santa,  
I want Barbie dolls. I want a Barbie house. I want a tablet.  
Cytalina  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I want the movie Pixels. I want Thomas the Train. I want a new ipad.  
Merry Christmas,  
Luke

Dear Santa,  
I want a ball house and new Bratz. I want a trampoline. I want nail polish.  
Nalia  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
I want a cooking oven. A doll house with a elevator. I want Elsa car. I want a new ipad.  
Merry Christmas,  
Kaylee  
Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter. I want a bike.  
Love,  
Anahissa

Dear Santa,  
I want a remote control skateboard. I want a play station 3. Call of duty. A swimming pool with hot water.  
Merry Christmas,  
Aleronv  
Dear Santa,  
I want a big house and a toy car.  
Merry Christmas,  
Jocelynn

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox wun and remote airplane and ps4 and elf on the shelf.  
I love you,  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
I want ipad and ps4 and xbox and tv for mindcraft.  
Scott

Dear Santa,  
I want a doctor set. I want a hair salon. I want cklothes.  
Merry Christmas,  
Makinley

Dear Santa,  
I want an oven and a mom cat and a dad dog an ipad and a makeup collection and tennis shoes.  
Merry Christmas,  
Miranda  
Dear Santa,  
I want skateboard and a kitty. Please leave me a note.  
Merry Christmas,  
Samantha

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation20 xbox300 and gmes and a computer. Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Cooper

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and I want a scooter and a olof toys and a piy fas and a playstation4 for my bruds.  
Merry Christmas,  
Arianna

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa how are you? I want xbox1 I want coliege football 2016 for xbox1. Football TCU. I want clothes TCU.  
Happy Christmas,  
Braden

Dear Santa,  
I want can I have Jordans can I have EXAS TECH shoe? I want a bike.  
Merry Christmas,  
MJ

Dear Santa,  
Hi Santa how are you? I want a xbox1 and a piggy and elephant book and a lap top.  
Love Yael!  
Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,  
How are You? I want shopkins any kind an sparkly high heels.  
I love you!  
Nori Medellin

Dear Santa,  
I want a American Girl Doll. How are you? I want a elf. I luv Elvis in Mrs. Cornelias class.  
I love you!  
Love, Riltnn

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. For Christmas I want a 4-wheel-er.  
Chase Bland

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! How is Rudolph? This year I have been good. For Christmas I want an ipad.  
Sofia Castaneda

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been good this year. I want a minecraft game.  
George Cervantes

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. For Christmas this year I want a toy cross bow and a football. I will leave you cookies and milk.  
Armando Chavarria

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. For Christmas I want some leggos.  
Dustin Coursey

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been good this year. I want a pony.  
Desiree Ellis

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been good this year I want an xbox 360 and games.  
Braiden Garcia

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! How is Rudolph? This year I have been good for Christmas I want an Anna doll.  
Nayohmi Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I s Rudolphs nose glowing? I am excited to see him. I have been goo this year. For Christmas I want a tablet and star wars.

Caleb Garcia

Dear Santa,  
I have been good for Christmas I want a phone and an ipad.  
Emily Garza

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolphs nose glowing? I am excited to see him! I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a scooter and DS.  
Logan Bgutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. For Christmas I want a tablet and a horse.  
Natalie Hernandez

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! How is Rudolph? This year I have been good for Christmas I want a scooter.  
Marissa Lopez

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolphs nose growing? I am excited to see him. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a piano and iphone.  
Jason Luna

Dear Santa,  
I love You I have been good. This year I want a scooter like mall cop.  
Valentin Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I have been good. For Christmas I want an ipod.  
Victoria Martinez

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! How is Rudolph? This year I have been good. For Christmas I want a doll that looks like

me.  
Ashli Paullus

Dear Santa,  
Is rudolphs nose glowing? I am excited to see him! I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a chocolate pen and numi yumi.  
Tiffiny Perez

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! How is Rudolph? This year I have been good. For Christmas I want animals.  
Martin Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
You are the best! How is Rudolph? This year I have been good. For Christmas I want an iphone6!  
Devin Silleman

Dear Santa,  
Is rudolphs nose glowing? I am excited to see him. I have been good this year. For Christmas I want a doll that likes a real one.  
Kyra Williams

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this yea. For Christmas this year I want an ice cream machine. I am going to leave cookies and milk.  
Allison Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I want a shaldor pats. Thank you Santa.  
Adrian

Dear Santa,  
Dal dog cat hrtercristal kit ticin sistr those.  
Jaiazah Cooper  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie. I want a ber.

I want a tro. I want a brd. I want a gefait. I want a PIO. I want a fih. I want a turtle.  
Jaquelyn Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I wd lic a bike. Can I git a broom. I wd lic a toy that seys wut does the fox sae. I wd lic a elsa doll that seys let it go. I wd like a elf that I can cep. I wd lic sum clos and shos and hinils.  
Aivery Bennett

Dear Santa,  
I wunt a wat pood. And a ipad. And a fish. And a cquotr and anow prpe hals. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas!  
Madison Pyle

Dear Santa,  
Braing me presints and pleas braing a toy and graing me musthry toy and a ruander and cande cans and cande. I love you santa. I love you rander.  
Merry Christmas,  
Melina Villarreal

Dear Santa,  
I elf fyre doll. Barbie phone. Merry Christmas.  
Thakn you santa!  
Jazlyn Delafunte

Dear Santa, I want a toy fyre sord and a xbox369 and capselas. Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas!  
Kanon Rainwater

Dear Santa,  
I wot a tablit and a ifhono and a bick and a manstrs hiy dos. Thank you Santa. Merry Christmas!

Alyanna Lopez

Dear Santa,  
I wunt my oyn tablite. I wunt a doll of Frozen. I wunt a pusll. I want a elf and a toy rander. I wunt a bick of Frozen. Thank you Santa! Merry Christmas!  
Itzel Baltazar

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog.  
Ulisses Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Dog kit whisll cat got fis hat soklag muk gam mal.  
Sofia Salas

Dear Santa,  
I wot a ipod. I wot a elf. I wot a rascar. I wot a nrf gun. I wot a ples car.  
Alex Pacheco

Dear Santa,  
I wot my ipod to be fixed and bow and arrow and elf.  
Jada Deochoa

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy robot nd the game jenga quake ples. And Merry Christmas!  
Angel Olvera

Dear Santa,  
nrf gun. My ras car.  
Jayden LaFuente

Dear Santa,  
I want a car and a bike and a laptop. Plys. Merry Ckrimis.  
Katelyn Lopez

Dear Santa,  
xbox360 cap selais thanks Mr. Cloiz.  
Yager James

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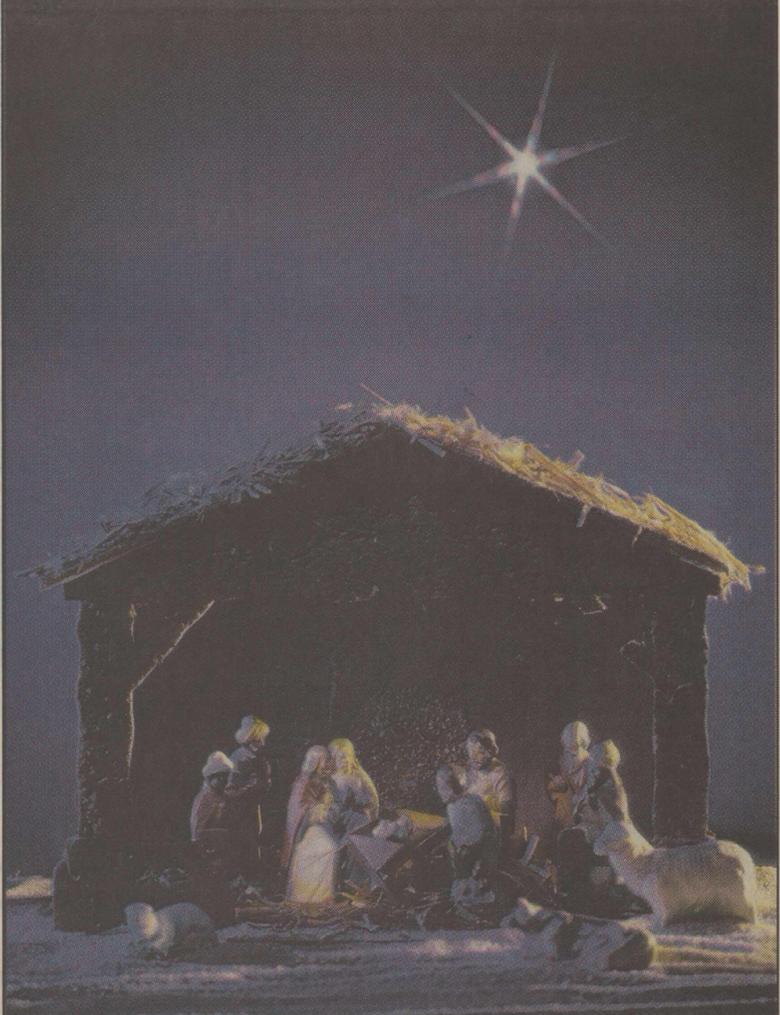
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Isaiah 9:6

We would like to thank our patients and their families and wish them a safe and Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,  
pom poms a cheerleader  
outfit. Laptop.  
Natalie Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I wot a odmsoted dhd toe  
and puy and bow dfd and  
elf.  
Cruzlic

**SECOND GRADE:**

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Calus and the  
elves I hope they are very  
good and I hope Rudolph  
and please get my mom a  
diamond necklace also a new  
camera and I really wish I  
can have some toys also we  
are gonna leave you cookies.  
I really want a phone.  
Love Mylic

Dear Santa,  
I what a pit snack and a  
sniper and a pistl and a  
cervet a bogody a langryny  
and a play satshen 4. And  
a good famly an sock frum  
Mr. Bradley the tedy bir and  
a big sock and a lite sock.  
The end.  
Love,  
Daniel

Dear Santa Claus,  
I will like you to tell Mrs.  
Claus and Roodof that I said  
hi. I wood like for crmismis  
is a three feet stuf toy chhead  
and whith I wood like four  
stuf toy baby chhead.  
From,  
Isabel

Dear Santa Clos,  
What I whont for crismis  
is a teacher desk. And what  
ever a teacher has so I can  
play with it. Saanu I what  
my gramall for crsmis plese  
give my grampal a give he is  
in the hspdol cuving threr is  
two hspdol thu big hspdol.  
From Ana to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I what a game four my ps3 ine  
kin like penst or call of duty  
goste or a rascar game or ine  
kin that you what to gev me.  
And a nutrh playstashen mrut  
like a clore won if you can  
make one if not then you give  
me a back won. The Eind.  
John Paul

Dear Santa,  
Before I toe you I wont for  
Christmas toe Mrs. Claus  
and the elves are they  
fine and toe rudeof is he  
fine and my sister and my  
brother my sister wont's  
fro Christmas is a blue  
bick and now my brother  
wont's for Christmas is a  
graskit wold and iw ont for  
chirstmas is a frozen thing.  
An my cusen wont's for  
Christmas is a baster and  
my u there cusen wont's for  
Christmas is a brobe boll is  
u presses.  
Love,  
Katie

Dear Santa,  
Can I have a new bike and  
anew doll hous and I want

hithills and a new game  
peggle and anew fish and  
anew xbox tree sixteey and  
I want a new phone and a  
ipod and anew laptop and  
you shold give all of those  
pore people presents to  
all of them because that's  
not fer that is so sad to all  
of them it is so sad. That  
they don't have presents. It  
is so sad.  
From,  
Madilyne

Dear Santa,  
I wot a ick and a givs to kids  
and presit. Dear Santa, ino  
you are dise and I can hlp  
you wif misc los mack the  
cookies.  
Love you santa.  
From Jaylynn

Dir Satuclars,  
Hisobe for it ill you wut I  
wot for crismis I wote to  
haf so much fun weth mi  
famuley so this is wut a ese  
back u fin and a now how  
hast and a snowe day and  
most iportet gift is stuf sises  
yorfrid frummy famle to yor  
to how you circudaot tack  
you.  
Love,  
Tyra

Dear Santa,  
Do you know that I'm gow-  
ing to mak ekowcker for you  
santa, do you wont them  
ples all I wont fro krimas  
is a new bike and I wont  
for my mom and I want for  
kerismus is a new skoter for

crismusus. I want a new reef  
for my dad for krismes. I  
know you could do it.  
From,  
Rj.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Hello Santa first of all  
please say I said hi to Mrs.  
Claus and all the reinder.  
Now we will talk about the  
toys but we will give you  
milk and cookies. Oh yeah  
toys first a toy gun p90  
AK-47 last but not least a  
m1911. An a 30s with super  
Mario 64. And maybe a ps3  
with a random game. So bye  
see you next x mas. Bye.  
From, Trevor

Dear Santa,  
I wot is a bick and a dog  
and a scudr. And can you go  
and pec me up to go to the  
polrux sptos and to the nffo  
and tel troff that I sed hi a  
mesclo to and do gev the  
crincken suthergo.  
Danthany

Santa Clos,  
I whont a xbox1 and a hel-  
coptar wheat a camru and a  
car wheta a camru and santa  
clos can you til santa clos  
and mes clos that I sed helo  
and I whont a ipad and let er  
bute hgy a mresit an 30 das  
wheth of duing chors.  
Love,  
Jakob

Dere Santa,  
For Christmas I wont lego  
eto sets and lego dimews-

iows xbox 360 and slimr fun  
pack and ghostbuster leve  
pack lego dimensiows and  
lego batman set and dant-  
wen miccraft and dantem-  
stuf toy and I holp all the  
chinechs gets a present.  
Love,  
Jaime

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox one and can  
you get something for my  
dad like a new phone or  
anew tool or tools or get  
something for my mom get  
like a neckless or a ring or  
a new phone or like a dress  
and my 2 brothers get my 18  
year old some waits an shoes.  
From Marty

Dear Santa,  
Befor I say wot I wot for  
Christmas. I wat to say I  
hope you cum and I wat  
to see frosty the snowman.  
And the elves and I wat a  
gift. I wot to see you and  
the randers to. I wat a helm-  
int This Christmas is going  
to be good. I wish I can see  
the grin. I wat s sckatre and  
a tablet. And apet berd. And  
I can fly your randers. Like  
I walk my dog to. I wish you  
can lev me a bick to. You will  
be my friend I love being  
friends with you and the  
elves to. I want a buk of you  
and me. I love being friends  
with you and the elves and  
randers to. I wish I can see  
you. An give me a lot of  
presents. I wish I can go to  
the northpol with you and

the randers and the elves  
to. And I wish I can git me  
glasis to. Could you pess and  
I bop you be good to. I wish  
you can gev me a big present.  
And it is a big won.  
Frend,  
Nino

Dear Santa,  
Can you get me a xbox1  
and can you get me palns vs.  
zobees and can you get me  
a pupiy and can you get me  
a bibiy gun and can you get  
me a swimming pool and  
can you get me a crayons.  
Aidyn G

Dear Santa,  
You are funny. I would like a  
laptop so I can play games.  
I would a ipod. I want a toy  
truck to play I want a bike  
to ride. See you. I wish I can  
go.  
Dominic

Dear Santa Clos,  
How do your reindeer fly  
you are so helpful I am  
wishing for Christmas is a  
dog because my other dog  
died. Also I am wishing for a  
stuffed bear because I do not  
have one. I also want a horse  
a foy doll and a muncry and  
a stuff ben becaue mine is  
broken.  
Ndom

Dean Santa,  
How are very sweet. How  
can you get on the roof?  
I would like an xbox1  
because my xbox 360

We share the same  
**JOYS OF THE SEASON.**

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bring you the joy of family  
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**Merry Christmas  
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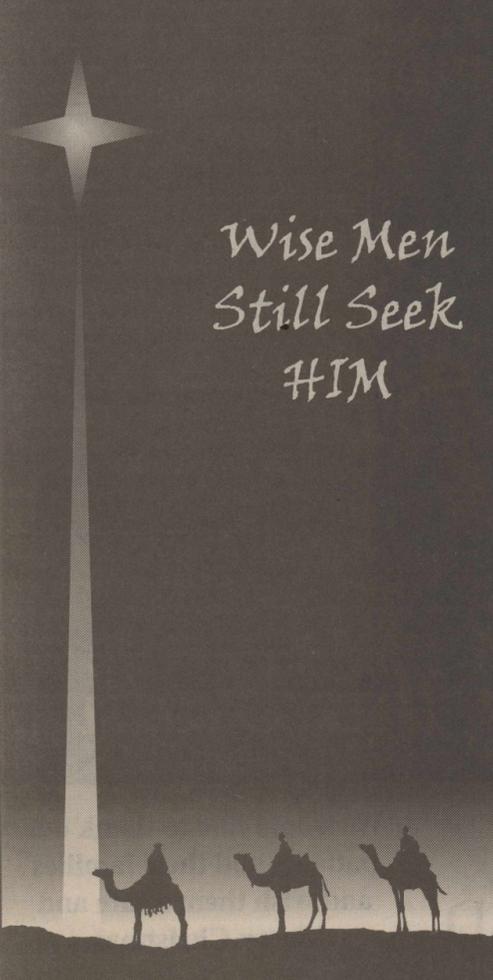
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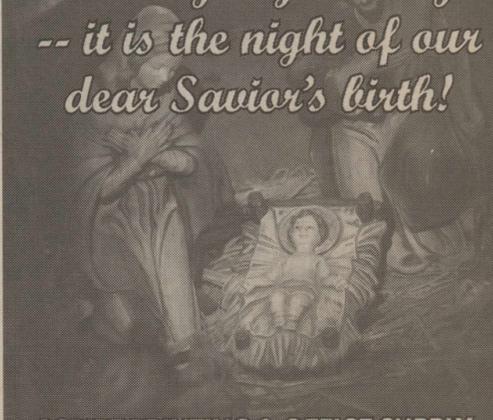
**LIGHTEN UP  
IT'S CHRISTMAS!**

*Here's hoping your season  
is merry and bright.  
Knowing all of you has  
been a delight.*

*With best wishes and thanks  
from all of us this Christmas.*

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*O Holy night, the stars  
are brightly shining  
-- it is the night of our  
dear Savior's birth!*



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dolph nose have to chang lik a light bulb. I would like a baby cat to play with outside.  
Your Friend,  
Andriya Gatzka

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good year. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? Does rudolphs nose really glow? This year for Christmas I would like shopkins and a new Barbie Dream House. Merry Christmas.  
Brittney Machado

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a good year. How are Mrs. Claus and Rudolph. Please say hi to the pups for me. Thank you how are the elves are they hard I know they are! How is rudophn has he been good. Allright I will never be mean I am wishing for a new monster high doll this Christmas. Thank you!  
Your friend,  
Panchita M Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
Do you remember when we took a picture together? Thank you for the presents last year. This year for Christmas, I would like some new things like a phone and a ipad because I could text with my friends I would also like a computer. Happy Christmas!  
Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!  
Karyme Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for my presents. Have a good year Santa! I want a phone. I will take care of it. I want a tablet I will take care of it. I want a computer also.  
Your Friend,  
Clarissa Garcia

Dear Santa,  
How are your elves santa I have agiff for you santa what do you want for Christmas? I want \$100.  
Your Friend,  
Isaiah Ortega

Dear Santa,  
I hope you had a great year! How is twinkle doing? What kind of toys des he make? Do you have to chang Rudolph's nose like a new light bulb. What I want for Christmas this year is a computer or walkie talkie, Splatoon, and lego technic. I want a computer so I can play games on it. I want a walkie talkie so I can talk to my brother I want splatoon so I can play with my family. I want legos so I can build a new truck.  
Merry Christmas!  
Reece P. Carlson

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for the toys from last year. I will never be mean. You're the best friend Christmas is my best holiday. You are the best. Because you always bring us presents. Merry Christmas. I want xbox5 video games. Remote controls. I would also like a computer and a phone.

Your Friend,  
Brohdon  
Dear Santa,  
Whats your favorite cookies do you whart water or milk? Thank you santa for my fake gun last year. I help my mom do dises. Santa I would like a laptoe fout markers, lot of fake money, skater shoes, I am going to bake sugar cookies.  
Your Friend,  
David

Dear Santa,  
Are you ready to deliver gifts to kids yet? What kind of cookies do you like. Thank you for my xbox one last year. I helped dad on the conbind. I helped my grandma wash the car. Santa I would really like a skat-erams head phones a new iphone 6s.  
Happy holidays,  
Dahlenn

Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa? What kind of milk do you like?

Chocolate strawberry or plain? Are you getting enof sleep? For Christmas I would like a eseybake oven cals I helped my mom do this dishes.  
Love you,  
Averri

Dear Santa,  
I want a easy bake oven and a jewelry box for Christmas. How are you doing santa I am going to make you a card for christmas. I hope you are doing well in the north pole come to Floydada thank you for my new glare last year! And a laptop for christmas.  
Zaniah

Dear Santa,  
Are you ready to deliver gifts to kids yet what kind of cookies do you like? Thank you for my xbox360 last year. I clend my room santa. I wunt madden nfl collg boots and a puppy chocolate chip mocha dameiny I am going to bake you some sugar cookie and milk.

Munny  
Dear Santa,  
Will you eat all my cookies? Is rudoff filling well if he is not I hope he feels better? Are you ready to deleovor presents this year? Thank you for my new ktr last year. I helpt my grandmall do the dishis 3 times santa. I would like a skateboard, big toy elfint, sholdor pads and ne pads.  
Love,  
Favianne

Dear Santa,  
What is your favorit kind of cookie? Thank you for my bike last year. I help my aunt clean the house santa. I would really like a tablit, a bike with shtrip's on it.  
Your Friend,  
Jaymlee B

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing Santa. For christmas I want a gear matt a road ripper a moder-sicol a robot a robot puppy a

### The Meaning of Christmas

*Far away in Bethlehem, a Baby Boy was born; Born with neither riches nor with fame, Yet Wise Men came from all around to bring to Him their gifts, And peace was felt by all who heard His name.*

*Angels watched Him as He slept, and gently rocked His bed; Their voices singing softly in His ear; His Mother and His Father both gave thanks to God above For the greatest gift of all, their Son, so dear.*

*They knew His life upon this earth would not be filled with wealth, They also knew He would encounter strife; But most of all, they knew that He would be a loving Child, And teach the love of God throughout His life.*

*At Christmas, as we celebrate this Birth of Jesus Christ, Let's keep in mind the truth of Christmas Day; For it's not the Christmas wrappings, nor the gifts that lie within, But our gift of love to others in every way...*

## Gift Is Just What I Wanted (Not!)

By Lucie M. Winborne  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

It's happened to everyone at some point -- that ugly, duplicate, wrong-sized (or just plain wrong) gift, to which we smile and say, "Thanks. It's just what I wanted!"

Then, as soon as the coast is clear, we get in our cars and make a beeline for the customer-service counter. Because being gracious about a gift doesn't mean we have to live with it.

Of course, if an item is homemade or unique, you're generally stuck with it, but if not, there are a couple of alternatives.

### Regifting

This option requires care. Who doesn't have "stuff" they'd like to eventually downsize, and what better way than to pass it on to another deserving soul? While thrift-store boutiques are a good option, if you decide to regift to a friend or relative, remember: be sure the item is something the new recipient will appreciate; leave it in the original packaging; and (it should go without saying) avoid regifting within the same circle of friends or relatives.

An exception, of course, is gag gifts ... the wackier the



better. Family traditions have been born out of these, some of them lasting for years.

### Returning

Whether you're on the giving or receiving end, if regifting isn't an option you'll want to check a store's return policy before you even get in the car, to see if receipts are a must. Some stores won't require one, but you're also more likely to be successful if you return an item as soon as possible after it's purchased.

In lieu of a receipt, explaining that the item was a gift will sometimes work, but if not, be ready to show verification of the purchase, such as a bank statement. You may

also be asked to show ID in an effort to weed out "serial returners." If an item is defective, your chances of getting your money back just went up exponentially, but then again, sometimes a store credit is as good a return as you'll get.

And if you're asked about the status of the gift? It's better to err on the side of kindness rather than a lie that could come back to haunt you. A simple, "Would you believe so and so already gave me one? I knew you wouldn't mind if I exchanged it for a (fill in the blank)" can ease a sticky situation.

Happy gifting. And many happy returns!

## Homemade Cookies Are Irresistible

By Philomena Corradeno

You don't have to bake your own Christmas cookies, do you? You can buy holiday cookies from the neighborhood baker or through a catalog or online. They may be delicious, yes, but

an important ingredient will be missing -- the tantalizing aromas that waft through the house when you bake your own, the scents of butter and vanilla, chocolate and spice that taunt you long after the cookies have cooled. Just be sure your spices

are fresh so they'll do their job.

Following is a basic butter cookie that you can flavor any way you like: add lemon or almond extract, or a bit of spice. Use cookie cutters appropriate to the season. Or shape into bars.

### BASIC BUTTER COOKIE

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- Red and green decorator sugar
- Confectioners' sugar

1. With electric mixer, cream butter, sugar, vanilla, salt and egg yolk until smooth. Gradually beat in flour. Wrap dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour or up to 2 days.

- 2. Preheat oven to 350 F.
- 3. Roll cut dough on lightly floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes with cookie cutters. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets. Sprinkle with decorator sugar. Bake 12 to 15 minutes. (Or sprinkle some with decorator sugar and bake, and sprinkle some with confectioners' sugar after cookies have cooled.) Makes about 3 1/2 dozen cookies.



## Gifts for Loved One in Nursing Home

The most important gift you can give to nursing-home residents and their caregivers is your time. Frequent short visits are highly prized. It doesn't matter if you don't have much to talk about; even a few minutes of quietly holding hands or walking can bring much joy.

If you're trying to think up some holiday gift ideas for friends or family in a nursing home, consider the following:

- Small photo albums, the kind with one picture on a page, are especially welcome for those with cognitive losses. Create a label for each picture by describing who it is and what they are doing. Caregivers can "read" the album with the resident.

- Plants and flower arrangements should be small because space is very limited in most facilities. Consider whether the resident will be able to care for the plant or whether a caregiver is able and willing to care for it.

- Residents who are still able to write cards and letters might appreciate a box of varied greeting cards to keep in touch with old friends.

- Grandparents will enjoy an audio of messages from their grandchildren. Artwork from grandchildren is also highly valued.

- Large-print books and magazines and those with colorful photos can be a great addition to the commons area of your family member's care

facility. Musical tapes or CDs that can be used by everyone are welcome gifts, as are travel videos and movie classics.

- If your family member or friend is unable to enjoy a gift for him or herself, remember the facility. New games, contributions to a fund for a new rocking chair or physical therapy equipment, activity supplies or artwork can brighten the lives of all the caring people who work in the facility.



transformers a invisiblichip a temothelecopter a robot a bioinic chip a computer a getur a drum a fobei card a superhero a fone a case with wepens a heandcuf a spy stuf. I am going to bake you milk and cookies.  
Azael

Dear Santa,  
Can you say hi to Ms Claus for me please? Thank you for my bike last year. I helped my mom because my brother dropped my mom's close so I picked it up. Santa I would really like a laptop, iphone6 a new bike, ipode I am going to bake you some cookies.  
Your Friend,  
Alli H

Dir Santa,  
The kids bin good I hop you aliv pezit. I will back you sum cholic cihkuces.  
Avrian

Dear Santa,  
How are you I am fin? Thank you for my dog's 1 year ugo I help my dad I wish for call of do de 3 and a tent and a 4welr and bet's I am going to back you sume coce's.  
Your Friend,  
Christian

Dear Santa,  
Wi you want sum cocit cocies and plz cinil be on the goldfish and des is whot fou tanck tob tguhn and whih you mic wl you mid in.  
Devin

Dear Santa,  
Are you getting enough rest? Thank you for my shoes last. I help my mom clean the dishes santa I would really like new bik sleeping bag and blanket and pool. I got you oreos and milk.

Happy Holidays,  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
How are you. I hope you are doing well. Thank you for giving all the children gifts last year can you please get me any pokeom things. I promis to give you cockis and milk. I help my mom.  
Your Friend,  
Hazel

**THIRD GRADE**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask for Christmas are a real dirt bike a real forwiller a new bike a flat screen a monkey with banans and bey bey gun shot gun. I want a real electric gatar I want to go the north pole and see roodoff and a dart.  
Thank you Santa,  
Dustin Zavala

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: bike, car toy, skuter, game board.  
Love,  
Robert

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a new toy.  
Love,  
Jordan

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: Deer santa clos will roodof leed your slay I wont a iphun6.  
love, Mackenlee

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want an iphone6s with a case, I want it zebra. An apple laptop just like the teachers. And a case for my laptop it has to be pink or purple. And I want a new bike it has to be pink or purple. And I want a ipad and I want new reading glasses.  
Thank you Santa,  
Liveeiama

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a xbox360 and lots of games whith and a car for my grampa and an wii ana an lots of games go see roodoff at the south pole on yaa lots of stuff for my grandma, granpa.  
Love,  
Jorge Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I wunt a ipod, jiwatt fat head, peyton manning fat hed, same genes licke my causesns and a frigrader inmy room and my beg is to go with and see roodof and frosty the snowman. Thank you Santa!  
Logan

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a white horse that real white horses and white cat and I want a computer and a phone the you can tap and have games.  
Thank you Santa,  
Amaric

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a dog but my Grampa is airgeect. And I want fourwiller and the most thing I want is my mom's marrieg to be better.  
Love,  
Jaiden

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: ps33, two new tres.  
Love,  
Chema

Dear Santa,  
This year I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: Haloroch, xbox1, playsten4, a new xbox360 controller disne infinte3.  
Love,  
Jakob

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want for Christmas is apod and iphone and tablite some presents for my teacher the moisty prent wnt for Christmas is a ginny pig and rabbit.  
Thank you Santa,  
Soriah

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a little dog and a cat and I wunt all the flamy together and I wunt a xbox an I wunte now buse and iwunte ahor's and I wunt me to rede gud and to mack gud grad and I wunte sume pans and shrt and I want ot be

popleger and a you.  
Thank you Santa,  
Desiree

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a tablet with a green case and a iphone6 whith a blue case and a laptop.  
Thank you Santa,  
Saul

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a grille and a real car and a red hose radeer and a xbox1 and a shot gun. A ipad and computer and iphone.  
Thank you Santa,  
Ethan

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been naughty(but nice!) Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a ps4 to play video game like call of duty black ops III and that all I want for Chrismas.  
Love,  
Nathaniel

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a ps4 and a xbox1 and I want a ifone6 and a soccer fiefelb and a liyeh.  
Thank you Santa,  
Leo

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want to tablet. I want a invis-

ible blanket. I want a big yardstick. I want giant lego play set. And a small fake Christmas tree.  
Thank you Santa,  
Braxton

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: Leogs bed shets, dsins for my room.  
Love, Kirsten

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, exbox350 and game and ipod6 and every-thing every kind of game.  
Thank you Santa,  
Abram

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want xbox360 and a phone and lego dimentions and a computer and yeti files chapter 3.  
Thank you santa,  
Luis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a bow and arrow a tablet a laptop a iphone.  
Thank you Santa,  
Isabel

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: Dirt bike, muststash, computer, nerf guns.  
Love,  
Draven



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Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, just cause 3 lego dimentions.  
Thank you Santa,  
Joaquin

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a brand new saddle. And a iphone. And maybe a new hot pink holter and I would like a laptop.  
Thank you Santa,  
Preslie

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I pad, ipod, DS, phone.  
Thank you Santa,  
Katelynn

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, makeup, nailpolish, phone.  
Thank you Santa,  
Alyse

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, bike four willer, xbox360.  
Thank you Santa,  
Hailee

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a mermaid towel and rocks and makeup pallet.  
Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a

few things I am wishing for: I want a wii, legos, books, apple legos.  
Love,  
Amy

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I wish for ifone, laptop, bike.  
Thank you Santa,  
Naima

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want a foon, a tablit and some puppes and kittens.  
Love, Kimara

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for; Joggers, Js, mustache.  
Love,  
Braun

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a batman toy and a robin toy and a toy shot gun and a new game for my DS.  
Love Josiah

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, call of duty part 3 I want carry mode 1234 and left 4 dead 123 on my ps3 and saint and I realy want called midnight club los Agelos.  
Thank You Santa,  
Christopher

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I want to santa to being

a playstasha4 fro crismis and some legos.  
Love,  
Brae

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I wunt minecrat store mode and a fone.  
Love,  
Luis

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a iphoun a laptop. I want a mindcraft game on xbox one. I want my oun tablet.  
Thank you Santa,  
Luna

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, shopkins food set and a tabillet a root clook like adine. That is it.  
Thank youSanta,  
From Sydni and Elves(I have a elf called Elves)

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a cotton candy maker and ice cream maker and for a phone and a tablet.  
Thank you Santa,  
Nikiki

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few thing I am wishing for: xbox1, iphone, ipad, minecraft for my xbox1, call of dute. Super mario cart of my natindo ds lite sistam.  
Love,  
Bradley

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: tablit and a goosebumps game on wii and I want a wwe game on ps3 and a shooting game on ps3.  
Love,  
Eliaza

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I wich that my family can be together.  
Thank you Santa,  
Luc

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I pad, shopkins, rodolf the red nose raindeer plush, phone, a baking oven, and a genger bread house.  
Than you Santa,  
Ariana

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a iphone disdy in findey 3.0 and skylander super sharget and wii u.  
Thank you Santa,  
Angel

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: Some big bows! Some out-fins form spirkle oneline and the movie the good dinesor. New showse and a laptop and a box of snack ezz the plastik ons and a suitcase and paint with a lot of stuff. P.S. a real puppy dog!!!! And a big puffy dress.  
Love, Allyson

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: I am wishing for a xbox one and a ippod for Christmas.  
Love,  
Tyrean

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want for chirstmas is a hat and apers and a shoe and a laptop and pofe.  
Thank you Santa,  
Jane

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a laptop, xbox1, a iphone, and a weii, and a tablet, feafa 16, and new clows and new shoes, and caladuty black ops.  
Thank you Santa,  
Jonathan

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: a D.S. XL., a romote control car yello, blue, red iw ant a midcraft sorud.  
Love,  
Ava

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, a hover board, pie face, crono bomb.  
Thank you Santa,  
Caleb

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good all of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: bike and a xbox-one phone and a coputer and

a tablet and soldiers and wwe raw ring.  
Love,  
Marucs

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: tablit, ifon, bivvyvle and lots of clors and coloring books.  
Love,  
Karlle

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a shimery nail set, I want a tier for my bike, I want the things that my mom took a picture of and I want an elf on a shelf. I want a rainder, I want a sant toy, iwant to learn how to be nice and magic marker and laptop and all the shimerry in sparkle.  
Thank you Santa,  
Miranda

Dear Santa,  
This year, I have been good some of the time. Here are a few things I am wishing for: Call of duty black ops3, dead risyn 3, fifa 16 and iphon6 and galex6 new shert and new pants and new shoes and a laptop.  
Love,  
Sam

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. Some of the things I would like to ask you for Christmas are, I want a cordyon for Christmas and a DS and I will leve you good kooros.  
Thank you Santa,  
Diego

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# LOCKNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WRITES TO SANTA

## FIRST GRADE

Hannah Kasner  
Dear Santa and Mrs Clause, I would a frozen jump house and a Frozen Barbie House and a Elsa doll with a microphone. I want a American Girl Doll and I toy puppy. I want a kayla doll with a white and blond hair.  
Love,  
Caelyn Jimenez

Dear Santa and Mrs Clause, I want a American Girl Doll. I want the Kayla with brown hair and bland.  
Love,  
Mattee

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a pony. I want a deer. I want a frozen dower. I want aanna.  
Love,  
Isabel

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? And I would like an easy bake oven for Christmas. How is Rudolph doing? Would you like sam cookies? What kind of drink would you like?  
Love,

Dear Santa and Mrs Clause, Please can I have a frozen pla set?  
Love,  
Natalie Gonzalez

Dear Santa,  
I want a motor and a body kit. I also want a remote control car.  
Love,  
Sal Naranjo

Dear Santa and Mrs Clause, How are you doing? I want a American Girl Doll.  
Love,  
Kaylee Sarinana

Dear Santa and Mrs Clause, Please bring me a PSP.  
Love,  
Zac Luna

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a PSP and a 3DS. Please.  
Love,  
Bo Alvis

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a PSP song bag

Love,  
Jordan Sonny

Dear Santa,  
You are the best. I wish a baby doll. I wish a picka boo and a puppy. I wis for a hows Santo. I wish a wee. I wish for a watr gn. I wish for a ex box now. Thank you.  
Love,  
Stormie

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Are you doing good. I want a Nabi to play with. I want a Elsa toy that sings let it go and a Anna toy that sings Love is a open door. I want Just dance 2 of 5 that is a wii game. I want a toy elf. I want a snowman toy that sings Chrtsmas songs.  
Love,  
Aaliyah

Dear Santa,  
I Love you Santa. I want a Elsa toy that sings songs about Let it go. That's wut I wunt. Santa how are you

Santa. I like your cot Santa. How are your Elf's Santa. And how are your randers Santa.  
Love,  
Alondra

Dear Santa,  
I want a soodr. I want a foodo. I want a Santa toy. I want a fsey toy. I want a elf toy. I want a sed toy. I want a nrtgow. I want a Rudolph toy. I want a Santa soot. I want a noow shooz nike.  
Love,  
Isaac

Dear Santa,  
I want a bick. Dear Santa I want a books. I want Frosty the Snowman. Der Santa I want a Elf. Der Santa I want a gingerbread house. Der Santa I want Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.  
Love,  
Yari

Dear Santa,  
Love Christmas elane I ot xbox, helicoeter rodolpe, mis

klez love satos. Love Santa is coming. Bike blue Dragon Dancer. Chriist tree tozdad.  
Love,  
Logan

Dear Santa,  
Santa How. I wont a happe Christmas. I want a xbox thet is blue. I want a we. I want a toy dinosaur. Can you give me a toy from micka-onis that macks frinch fris toy. I want a toy oragin. I want a toy spiarone.  
Love,  
Zeke

Dear Santa,  
How dus the north pol look. I want cakes. I want a gift. I want a elf on the shelf and a fownd and a toy cichina and a cala doll and a baby doll and a Rudolph doll. Marrey Christmas. I love you Santa.  
Love,  
Natalie

Dear Santa,  
Hauw are your wradear. I want a baby sistr. I want a hot tyab. I want a loa toy girl vidteo gam. I want a baby dalls for my carriage. I want aana frozen.  
Love,  
Caitlynn

Dear Santa,  
How are you doying. I mis you and halls Mis Clos. I wish foo a pla stshshin. I wish foo a ex box. I wish foo a go crt. I wish foo a foo loer. I wish foo a wii. I wish foo drt bick. I wish foo a plan. I wish foo a helckopter.  
Love,  
Angel

## SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, an Xbox 2, a tablet, a playhouse and a spiderman action figure.  
Love,  
Parker

### Deck the Halls



Deck the halls with joy for the most wonderful season of all. May the happiness last all the year through!

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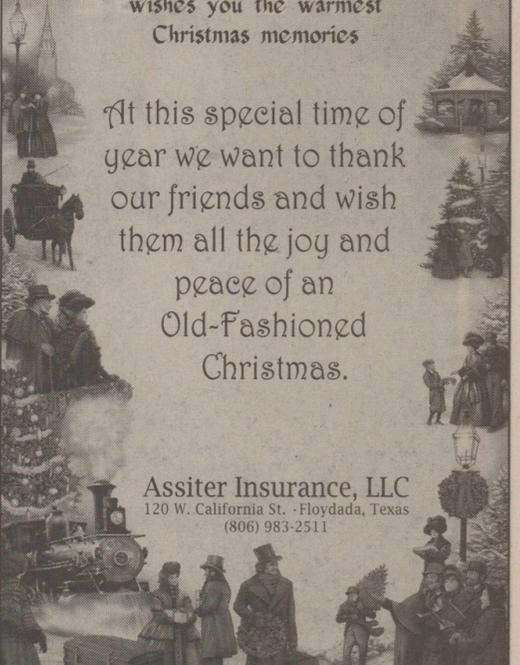
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike for Christmas. Also a Jack-in-a-Box, a tablet, an iPhone and a skateboard.  
Love,  
Payton

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot model. I want a big jet outside. I want a electric scooter. I want a yodd with a mock trolits. Hot wheel thrunderstorm. 3D Xbox with a ntendoe zomde strick. I want an nfe for nuthen. Lich up munch truck voce camando.  
Love,  
???

Dear Santa,  
I want a Kindle fire. I want a iPhone 7. I want a half bike and a half scooter. I want crazy carts. I want a electric scooters. I want a German Shepard. I want cool shoose. I want a xBox 1. I want Playstation 2 games. I want xBox 360 games. I want some rollerskas. I want a new soccer ball. I want a lot of sticky hands. I want a Playstatoin 4. I want ningu stars. I want cool toys.  
Love,  
Aatrayu

Dear Santa,  
I love a xbox. I love a dog. I love a xbox 3D. I love a robots girls. I love a mads robots girl. I love a puppys. I love a xbox 360. I love a xbox 3d. I love a dog. I love a mustang. I love a robots girls. I love a computer. I love a hot wheel. I love a puppys. I love a helcoptrs a remote helcoptrs hedlit to.  
Love,  
Roman

Dear Santa,  
I want a America doll and a phone. I want a now kitchen set. I want a tablet. I want a now stuffed animals. I want a german sheppard.  
Love,  
Rihanna

Dear Santa,  
I want a Ipod. I want a Iphone 7. I want a America doll. I want a kitchen set. I want a scooter fire. I want a toy car. I want a pubbpy. I want a some clothes. I want a some shoes. I want a electric scooter. I want a stuffed animals. I want a German Sheppard. I want a doll house. I want a kindle fire. I want a Christmas tree. I want some toys.

Love,  
Yadira

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and can I have a phone and a Xbox 360 and a Copeder and some game and a elechik scooder.  
Love,  
Joseph

Dear Santa,  
I want tow America dolls and sum clothes and shoe and sum shopking and a phone a car for my America dolls and America dolls clothes and shoe.  
Love,  
Angela

Dear Santa,  
I want tow America dolls. Sum shoes clothes and a phone and sum shopkins and a doll house and sum clothes for my America dolls

and a car for the bolls and a horse a rill one.  
Love,  
Ciara

Dear Santa,  
I want a tablet and America doll and clothes and phone and toys an Xbox 306 and kitchen set and paly station and shoes and electric scooter and computer.  
Love,  
Mandi

Dear Santa,  
I want a kitchen set. I want a Ipod. I want a toys. I want a now tablet. I want a Elf on shelf. I want a stuffed animals. I want a now boocks. I want a now doll.  
Love,  
Amryee

Dear Santa,  
I want dsen football en a ipod en a pear uv shos en a pear uv clos en a scodr

Love,  
Robert

Dear Santa,  
I want a American girl doll and I want to see you and a shopkin and a dog and a tablet and a horse.  
Love,  
Adris

Dear Santa,  
Want for Chismas is a America Doll and a xbox 360 and raveole and a dogs and a kichen set and a Barbies.  
Love,  
Lillian

Dear Santa,  
I want a cats. I want a dogs. I want a mat.  
Love,  
Haylee Sanchez

Dear Santa,  
All I want I a tramplen and a dad and that's all.

Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Jada

Dear Santa,  
How many elevs are in your workshop and is your sleigh magical and how do you give all of the children in the world a toy in one night and how did you become Santa and how do the reindeer fly. And how many names do you have and do you have a snow glob collection. Do you have a dog two dogs and how many reindeer are there. I want a little live pet clever keet and a new puppy surprises.  
Love,  
Becca

Dear Santa,  
Santa I want remote control motorcycle and you elf on a shelf. I want ibox shual, a nrf gun and batman game mind

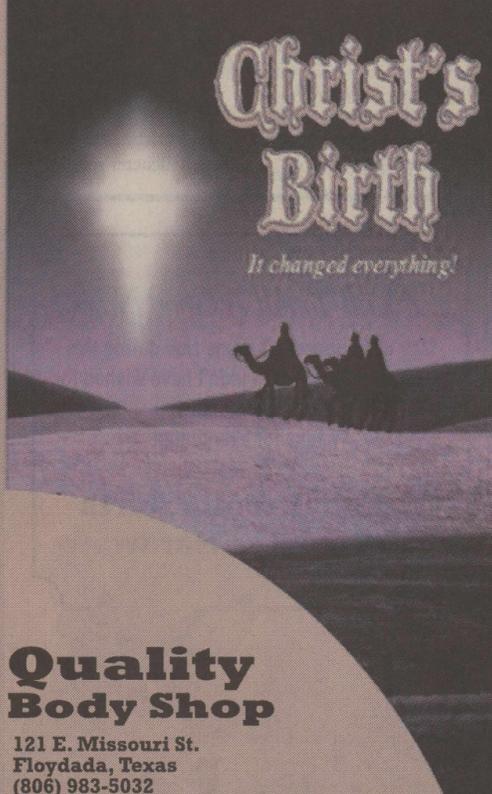
And the angel said to them, Do not afraid, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

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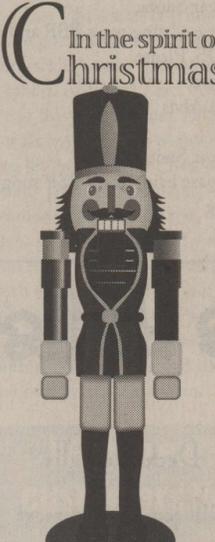
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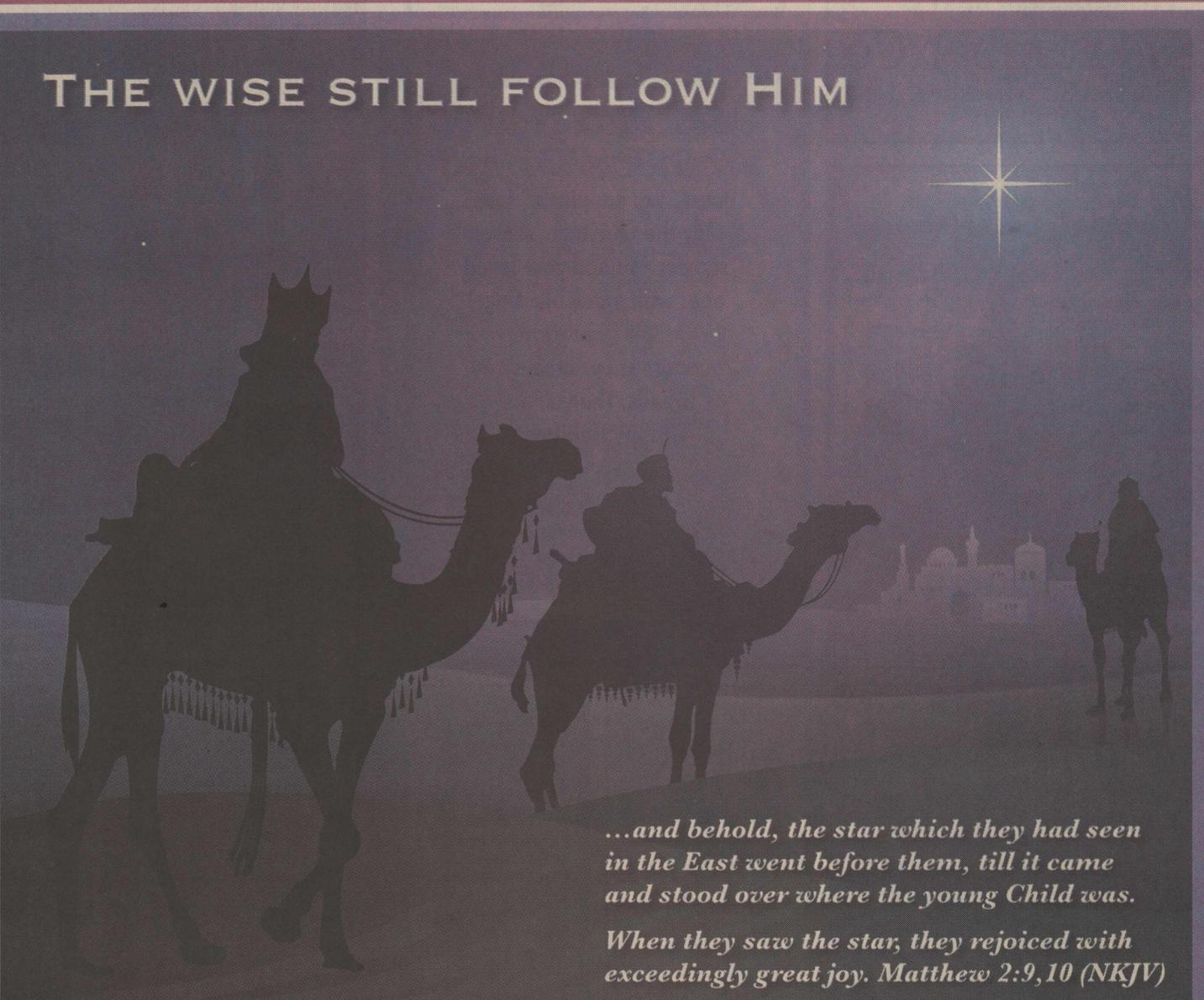
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...and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. Matthew 2:9,10 (NKJV)

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Misty Holt CNP

and their families

craft stored mode.  
Love, Edward

Dear Santa,  
Phon, Elf on a shelf, xbox game, America doll, ipod, tablet, DS, football, mackup, nel polesh, lipstick.  
Love,  
Madi

Dear Santa,  
I want books. I want Barbies House and car. I want a bunch of Barbies. I want a America doll. I want Makeup. I want Ipod. I want a kitchen set. I want a toy. I want all the frozen dolls. I want play school things.  
Love,  
Nayahlee

Dear Santa,  
I want a laptop and a dog and a tablet and also books and a phone and a America doll and a Ipod play mak-up and a gutr.  
Love,  
Elli Anna

Dear Santa,  
I want a ifon for Christmas phone and a ipod charger and a ipod.  
Love,

Joel  
Dear Santa,  
I whot a xbox and the game for the xbox call of duty black opt and a controller and a headset for the xbox and a ipod whith all the Christian music.  
Love,  
Josiah Cuellar

Dear Santa,  
I want a tablet and a DS and a soomr kitty, fake nails and America doll.  
Love,  
Mikayla

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation. I want a football. I want a laptop. I want a elf on a shelf. I want call of duty three. I want the move Chrimres five.  
Love,  
Johnny

Dear Santa,  
I want a playstation four and a madden and wwe and a ipod and a xbox.  
Love,  
Dominick

Dear Santa,  
What I want for Christmas is a kitchen set and the Doc

moble and Christmas and toys and children and a phone.  
Love,  
Kara

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox one, a army tanka's, hot weel track, a truck that ho's a tracker, pick up traler, construcoin vilcol's, gold, trofey, forwiler part's, sky night move, hot weel's, fairy tail move.  
Love,  
Coltin G.

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike for Christmas. I want a new berbe in the dream house and a phone and I want a ipod for Christmas and a pepe pig house and a new electric scooter for Christmas and a iphone six for Christmas.  
Love,  
Abery Ascencio

Dear Santa,  
I wood like a puppy and a ipod and a suffd animl raindeer and a Grinch doll and a bicke and then I want a bounce ball and a kitchen set and a monster

hihe doll house and a tran play set and s some close and some shoos and a jore box and some jore.  
Love, ???  
Dear Santa,  
I will like a new skateboard and some new shoe for Christmas and a new bike.  
Love,  
Esaiel

Dear Santa,  
I want a berbe derem house and I want a phone and I want an ipod for Christmas and I want a pepa pig playhouse for me and my sister and I want a kitchenset and I want electric scooter and a spung bob play house for me and my sister for Christmas.  
Love,  
Jayslin

Dear Santa,  
I want a skodr. I want babes dos. I am giving you come koles. I puppy dog. I want a fon. I want a kitchen set. I want a dollhouse. I want a bike, a new electric scooter.  
Love,  
Aubrey

Dear Santa,  
I won't some toys. Some

Cool toys. I won't a bog. And a new blakit. And a phon. And a kitchen set. And a dollhouse. And a ipod.  
Love,  
Isabella  
Dear Santa,  
I want a real puppy for Christmas and a new bick  
Love,  
Kennedi

Dear Santa,  
I wod like toys for Christmas and fun stuf. Thank you for making Christmas spirt.  
Love,  
Adrian

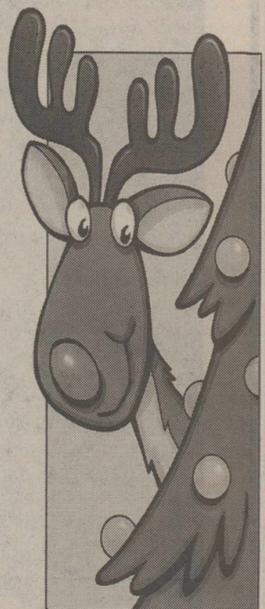
Dear Santa,  
I want a toy corvet and something for my sisters and a xbox and a playstation, green bay jacket and blanket and dirt bike and fuor wheeler.  
Love,  
Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a puppy doll and a book.  
Love,  
Mireyah

Dear Santa,

I want a mata robot fighte and a big T-Rex Holikhan and Red Hollkhan Bachce oof.  
Love,  
Lynne

Dear Santa,  
I would like this please green bay blanket, cars, reindeer, Gree Bay Jacket, Lego city police, drums.  
Love,  
Nick



# Christmas Around the World

By Sabrina Napolitano  
Special to the Hesperian-Beacon

In America, Christmas means Santa Claus, brightly decorated Christmas trees and gingerbread cookies. But other countries celebrate Christmas in their own special way! Take a look at some of the unique Christmas traditions below and share them with your family. It's a fun way to learn about a new culture, and might even provide some ideas to spice up your own Christmas.

## The United Kingdom

The British celebrate much the way we do in America, but with an added twist. During Christmas dinner, they'll tear apart Christmas "crackers" -- cardboard tubes wrapped in decorative paper made to resemble a large sweet. Inside is a paper hat, small toy and a riddle or trivia. The paper hats are normally worn at Christmas dinner, which usually consists of roast beef or goose. For dessert, the British will have a nice Christmas pudding,

traditionally made with dried fruits held together by egg or suet.

## Poland

Christmas Eve in Poland is very important. As the country is largely Catholic, most Poles will fast during the day and eat a special dinner after the first star is seen in the sky. This meal is traditionally meat-free. Before dinner, the family will break bread together using an Oplatek -- a wafer embossed with religious imagery. The eldest member of the family will break a piece of the wafer first while a prayer is said, passing it around until each member has one.

## Italy

The Italians love to use nativity crib scenes to tell the Christmas story. In fact, it's not uncommon for nativity crib scenes to be very grandiose, sometimes covered in candles and decorative paper. The largest nativity crib scene is in the Italian city of Naples, with more than 600 objects on it! Typically, Italian families eat a light fish dinner on Christmas Eve before going to Midnight

Mass. One of the real treats of an Italian Christmas are the sweets such as struffoli, balls of fried dough drizzled in honey.

## Australia

Down Under, it's actually summertime during Christmas! Even though it's hot, that doesn't stop the Australians from celebrating. Many decorate their houses with Christmas bush, a native tree with white flowers that turn red in the summer. Australians even have their own Christmas carols, such as "Six White Boomers," which tells the story of Santa using kangaroos to delivery presents in Australia's summer weather.

## Ghana

Ghana is a coastal country in Africa where Christmas is celebrated starting Dec. 20. During Christmas Eve services, there usually is a lively celebration with drums and dancing. For their Christmas meal, Ghanaians tend to eat okra soup, porridge and a yam paste called "fufu," which is usually dipped in the soup.

## Argentina

It's also warm in Argentina during Christmas, so

the meal on Christmas Eve may be eaten in the garden or even be a barbecue. A popular dessert is pan dulce, literally, "sweet bread." In addition, there are usually fireworks. Some Argentnians also will light "globos" -- small hot air balloons made of paper with light inside. They release them into the night sky, and globos can be seen floating all over Argentina on Christmas Eve!

## Philippines

If you visit the Philippines during Christmas, you may see "parol," a bamboo pole with a lighted star on it, usually decorated with colored Japanese paper or cellophane. It's the most popular Christmas decoration in the Philippines. On Christmas Eve, there is a large midnight feast with family, friends and even neighbors known as Noche Buena. Some of the dishes found laid out on the table might be lechon (roasted pig), bibingka and puto bumbog (steamed rice cakes), as well as white rice. Of all the Asian countries, the Philippines has the largest concentration of Christians and Catholics, so Christmas is widely celebrated.



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