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CHD abandons plan to re-open hospital

By Juanita Stepp
FLOYDADA — A split vote by the board of trustees for Caprock Hospital District on Tuesday, December 21, resulted in a decision not to proceed with the scheduled re-opening of the facility. The motion, made by board member Tom Farris, called for the district to "abandon all efforts to reopen the hospital." The motion also directed hospital administrator Ronny Ammons to make the appropriate staff reductions and to secure all property belonging to the district. The motion followed a request from Dr. Tommy Swate that he be allowed to address the board. Board President Fred Thayer declined to allow his statement after consulting with attorney Thomas Riney who was also in attendance. Board member Joy Assiter provided a second to the motion. Ammons then made an impassioned plea asking the board to refrain from taking this action at this time.

He indicated that approximately a million dollars and several months have been spent in the effort to re-open the hospital. He also said that with the re-opening so close to a reality, it would be devastating to halt the process now, both for the community and for the employees as well as the doctors he had recruited. Assiter asked Ammons to elaborate concerning the doctors. He replied that two physicians had agreed to come on a part-time basis until they finish residencies in 1995 and then to be full-time staffers. Assiter replied "But that is in 1995. It won't help us now."

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Expanded Floydada landfill will open after the new year

By Juanita Stepp
FLOYDADA — City Manager Gary Brown announced to the council that a pit has been completed and the expansion of the municipal landfill should be open and functioning by mid-January. He asked the council to set fees for use of the landfill in preparation for the opening. Council members agreed to a

\$20.00 per ton fee for disposal of materials at the landfill. The hauler will be responsible for separation of various types of materials to be recycled and all haulers will pay at least a \$5.00 minimum for using the facility. Residential city customers who now pay a fee to have their trash picked up under the city's contract with Waste Management Systems, will receive coupons which may be used in lieu of the minimum fee at the landfill when they need to dispose of approved materials which are not dumpster-able. Motion for the action came from

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ACRES OF COTTON--Compresses in the area are filled with a bumper Floyd County cotton crop. The crop, which totals 195,589 bales, was stripped and ginned in record time thanks to the good weather. Staff Photo

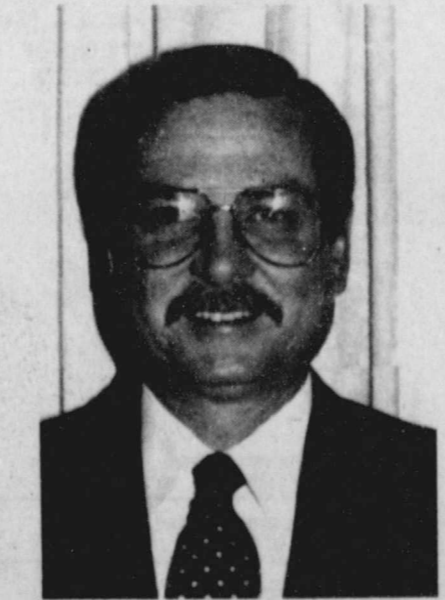
Ginning of 1993 bumper crop completed early

Floyd County's cotton crop exceeded even the optimist's expectations with a bumper crop of 195,589 bales ginned in the county, surpassing the 1988 bumper crop of 182,303 bales. Ginners have been pleased not only with the record crop but also with perfect stripping and ginning weather which led to county gins finishing their work in record time. Compared to the dismal 1992 crop of 17,847 bales when six of 14 gins did not even open, all Floyd County gins were open for business. Some of the gins were through ginning by the first and second week in December. Lockney and Floydada Coop were the last to finish, on the 16th and 17th of December respectively. Said one ginner, "This crop was ginned in record time. It's one thing to finish ginning this early if you don't have a cotton crop, but quite another when you have a bumper crop like this." The 1990 crop was also a good year for cotton and a short ginning season, however the 1990 crop of 163,686 bales was still surpassed by this year's crop. Good grade and good prices are also reflected in this year's crop. A breakdown of the gins bale count over a four year period is listed below. Blanco Gin reflects Floyd County and Crosby County cotton however the majority of the cotton is from Floyd County.

GIN	1993	1992	1991	1990
Blanco Gin	11,192			
Brown Gin	7,523	Not open	6,750	8,484
Darty Gin	11,255	3,621	11,179	11,671
D&J Gin	24,597	4,842	17,176	17,918
Floydada Coop	49,400	3,746	35,682	42,500
Hendricks Barwise	17,074	1,002	13,809	12,000
Lockney Coop	25,557	3,970	25,200	19,363
Lockney Gin	11,854	Not open	8,500	9,700
Marble Bros.	3,788	316	3,243	3,550
McCoy Gin	6,700	Not open	3,443	6,400
Scott Gin	10,668	Not open	9,335	10,034
Sterley Gin	—	Not open	7,400	7,229
South Plains	12,494	Not open		8,137
Crume Gin	3,487	350	6,000	6,700
TOTAL	195,589	17,847	147,717	163,686

Leonard Gilroy to run for County Commissioner Pct. 2

By Alice Gilroy
Leonard "Lennie" Gilroy of Lockney has announced that he will be a candidate for Floyd County Commissioner Pct. 2 subject to the Republican Primary on March 8, 1994. In making his announcement to run for Commissioner, Gilroy



LEONARD (LENNIE) GILROY

Cochran plans Christmas meal

Plans have been finalized for the annual county-wide Christmas meal for elderly, shut-ins and those who have no one else with which to share a holiday meal. Sudie Cochran, the main organizer of the event, will be joined by a host of other volunteers who will be

serving a Christmas Day meal at the First United Methodist Church in Floydada. Cochran is currently looking for a volunteer with a large car, such as a suburban or van, who would be able to take food to the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock on Christmas Day, and to one drop off point in Ralls. "Bulk food is going to be delivered there," said Cochran. "We will also need volunteers to help deliver food to shut-ins around here." "We have a lot of volunteer cooks," said Sudie. "I'm very proud of the people in Floydada." According to Cochran, any kind of donation should be made to Pay-n-Save. "We just run up a tab at the store," said Cochran, "and any money given would be used to pay for the food."

Anyone who is able to get out of the house and who does not have anyone else to share their Christmas meal with should come to Floydada's First United Methodist Church on Christmas Day between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cochran and her volunteers will be on hand to serve you a holiday meal. If you would like to volunteer to deliver, or if you know a shut-in in Lockney or Floydada, please call Cochran or Fred Thayer.

Hesperian-Beacon closed Friday
Both offices of The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon will be closed on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holiday. Regular offices hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 27. We wish everyone a safe holiday and very Merry Christmas.

BY THE WAY!

BY ALICE GILROY



It seems like every year around the holidays we start hearing about tragedies in communities and families that are close to us and reading about tragedies among people who live far away.

The tragedies happen all year long and of course we are much more sensitive to it at this time of year. Deaths in the family during past Christmas seasons always bring a touch of sorrow during your new Christmas celebration.

Every year we have some kind of tragedy that we have to report on and it very often overrides any good news we have.

This year is no different. We have the sad news of the hospital not opening and pending lawsuits against the hospital board and board members. So much hard work with such a sorrowful ending. Now the board members have to decide which way to turn from here.

Do we have good news to report on? The landfill is open again. That's good news. Lots of very hard work paid off in this circumstance.

Sudie Cochran is having her annual Christmas dinner for those who have no one to spend Christmas with. More good news.

And—of course the COTTON CROP

IS VERY GOOD NEWS!!!

When I stop to think about the news and what is good and what is bad at this time of year I can't help but think about the Christmas special "How The Grinch Stole Christmas".

That mean ol' Grinch took every symbol of Christmas that he could find. He stole the town's food, presents, Christmas trees and all of their decorations. After he had fled Whoville loaded down with all of their Christmas treats he waited at the top of a hill and listened for the crying from all the citizens of Whoville—but as you all know the story—he never heard it.

Instead of crying the Grinch heard singing from the Whos in Whoville. They remembered what Christmas Day was all about.

It was a very short story—but very much to the point.

This will also be a short column but I hope very much to the point.

Don't let your problems make you forget why there is a Christmas Day. There is nothing in this whole world that is as important as remembering and celebrating the life of Jesus and what He has done for us.

Merry Christmas to everyone in Whoville.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

As much as I hate to get involved in civic feuds it seems the matter of Dr. Swate will not go away until someone comes forward and puts the facts on the table and a definitive decision is made that the public is aware of and supports based upon having facts not rumor or disinformation.

Mr. Swate says in his letter to the People of Floyd County that he was candid and up front with the CHB concerning his background. This may or may not be the truth but he certainly was not candid and up front with the people of Floyd County in his letter.

Mr. Swate's letter leaves the impression that he is now anti-abortion and because of this and his insistence upon representing poor people he had angered medically powerful people. The truth is Mr. Swate has operated abortion

clinics in Texas. When Mr. Swate ambiguously speaks of medically powerful individuals, I assume, he means the Texas Board of Medical Examiners who suspended, then probated his license for five years beginning Jan. 24, 1992. As far as I know the medical associations and boards in Texas are not biased against abortion but have rather been pro-abortion.

Throughout his open letter Mr. Swate gives the impression that this is a matter of conflicting personalities. While there seems to have been plenty of conflicting personalities since Mr. Swate arrived this is not the basis for any of the objections that I have heard or feel myself toward Mr. Swate.

It has been indicated that those who object to Mr. Swate do so because he has been an abortifacient. While myself and many others in this community feel that

abortion is reprehensible, repulsive, immoral, and unconstitutional this has never been the basis for our objection to Mr. Swate practicing medicine in Floyd County. While the personality conflicts hardly seem professional and seem to have started since the arrival of Mr. Swate this was not an issue.

The real issue which has never been addressed and is the subject of the objections of citizens of the county is qualification to practice medicine. Mr. Swate's only specialty is OB-GYN and in this field he has been found guilty of "professional incompetence which resulted in the injury of patients and of failure to practice medicine in an acceptable manner." These are direct quotes from the findings of Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. This was a result of at least 14 cases brought to the board in which patients suffered severe injury as a result of practices by their physician, Mr. Swate.

As to Mr. Swate's lawsuit against Mr. Thayer, president of CHB, he should be

thanking Mr. Thayer instead. Mr. Thayer defended Mr. Swate in every possible way at that meeting which I attended. It seems kind of ironic that Mr. Thayer is being sued by the very person that he and other members of the board have championed.

James W. Potocet

Dear Editor,

Petersburg EMS wishes to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Swate for his assistance at the scene of a recent motor vehicle accident, and for his continued assistance enroute to the hospital. His expertise was much appreciated, as was the fact that he fit into the team rather than taking it over.

Floydada is fortunate to have him on its medical team. We look forward to a continued association with him. Again, thank you.

Rex McLaurin, EMT-P
President, Petersburg EMS
Gary Collins, EMT-P
Larry Lyde, EMT

Dr. Swate assists Petersburg EMS

Petersburg EMS and Dr. Tommy Swate joined forces Wednesday, December 15, when they came to the aid of an accident victim in Petersburg.

In a letter published in this week's edition, the EMS crew expressed their thanks to Dr. Swate. In a mutual appreciation, Swate mailed a letter to the Petersburg Post expressing his admiration of the EMS crew.

According to Swate he and his son were returning home from Canyon when

Brown arrives for duty at Dyess AFB

Air Force 2nd Lt. Jason C. Brown has arrived for duty at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

Brown, a command and control officer, is the son of Gary L. and Charlene Brown of Floydada.

Bonner graduates from University of North Texas

FLOYDADA—Andrea LaTrice Bonner, daughter of J.P. and Iva Bonner of Floydada, graduated from the University of North Texas during Fall commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Miss Bonner received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Strategic Management.

With more than 27,000 students, the University of North Texas is the fourth largest university in the state. UNT is the largest and most comprehensive university in the North Texas region with more than 130 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Floydada Police Report

Floydada Police took a report on December 20 of a burglary of the First Christian Church.

Stolen from inside the church was one electric microphone, valued at \$219.00, three hand held microphones valued at \$219.00 each, three microphone jacks, \$90.00, and one extension cord, \$30.00.

December 16, at 9:08 p.m., police observed a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road and stopped the driver at the intersection of US 62 and US 70.

Rudy Tomas Valdez, 33, of Floydada, was arrested for DWI.

December 6, at 10:04 p.m., police were dispatched to the 300 block of W. California in reference to a man with a gun threatening people gathered in an alley. Police arrived at the scene and arrested Eduardo Guerra, 17, of Floydada. A .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol was also confiscated.

December 5, at 1:04 p.m., John Elroy Vaughn, 59, of Plainview, was arrested in the 200 block of W. Houston for DWI after police observed Vaughn's car weaving and failing to maintain a single lane.

December 4, police took a report of a burglary of a vehicle in the 200 block of W. Mississippi. Stolen from the vehicle was a pair of Converse Tennis Shoe, valued at \$100.00, a Norelco shaver, valued at \$80.00 and a Sony Walkman, \$69.00.

December 3, Johnny Sanchez, 33, of Floydada was arrested for DWI and Possession of Cocaine. According to the police report several witnesses observed the pickup he was driving swerving in the road. He was stopped at 4th and Marivena at 4:32 a.m. and arrested for DWI. While being searched and booked into the Floyd County Jail a small plastic bag of Cocaine was found in his hat.

May your holidays be filled with Joy... and may the coming year bring you health & happiness



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Thanks so much for the 1993 FHS Annual and the extra pictures of Michael. Also thank you for the poinsettia at the Baptist Church. God bless each and everyone.

Steve and Maria Brown

Christmas and New Year

Christmas is named after Jesus, the prince of love, justice, peace and beauty.

New Year means a new way, a new day and new thinking in the process of our existence and therefore a new being and a new life.

A New Thinking in such a way that fills our lives and guides us to understand our responsibilities and missions with respect to ourselves and the world surrounding us.

A New Thinking in such a way that fills our lives and gives us more wisdom and power with compassion and "craft" (care, to love every mankind regardless of race and origin; respect, to forgive and trust one another).

A New Being that if we found a mankind who doesn't know, hasn't learned how to love, care and share, then we who believe in the Prince of love, peace, justice and beauty will stand with him, instead of rejecting and isolating, and walk with him and give him the taste of love, compassion and friendship.

Only with some "craft" we can hope for a better home, life, community and educational environment of ourselves and our children.

At this special moment of Christmas and New Year let us pray that our nice, modernized and outstanding hospital in Floydada will open its doors against all the odds and unjustified events to needy people and patients and will rise like the beautiful sunrise of Texas in Floyd County to serve its people for years to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Karim Moshrefi
Laboratory Supervisor
Caprock Hospital District

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Commissioners say "No" to new deputy and overtime pay

By Neta Marble

Sheriff Charlie Overstreet met with the Floyd County Commissioners during special session on Tuesday, December 21 and presented them with reasons why the sheriff's department needed to hire a deputy to replace Kyle Adams. After much discussion the commissioners voted to not hire a new deputy and also to not pay any overtime to the present deputies.

Overstreet asked the commissioners to let him hire a new deputy to replace Kyle Adams who moved at the end of October. He brought copies of the department logs, which were highlighted to show how often the deputies are called out, for the commissioners to look at.

Judge Bill Hardin asked if Overstreet kept a printout of the monthly budget expenditures and Overstreet replied that he did.

Hardin stated, "In October, November and December you are a little over \$3,000 under your budget. Of course there are some things in this budget that I can see as additional expenses. The teletype for one thing. A decision will have to be made on the teletype machine. We can either buy the one we have now when the lease contract is over or let them have it back and buy a new one. That will come up sometime after the first of the year. It will take about \$3,000 to \$4,000 to buy it outright in January. If we keep it we will have to buy a maintenance agreement."

Hardin asked Overstreet to explain why he thought he needed another deputy.

Overstreet replied, "If you want us to continue to work comp days during the holidays you will be asking us to work some double days."

Hardin asked Overstreet to give a description of the hours the deputies work.

Overstreet replied, "Days off are rotated. One deputy is off on Friday and starts on Saturday and another starts on Saturday and is off on Sunday. One is off on Wednesday and another on Thursday and then they work 8 straight days. Basically I work 8:00 to 5:00 but I am now working seven days a week. It works out to where everyone works on Tuesday."

Howard Bishop asked, "Why does everyone work on Tuesday?"

"It just falls that way," replied Overstreet.

Deputy Greg Pierce stated, "It is also the day that we schedule doctor and dentist appointments for the prisoners. There are more people available to take them to the appointments."

Bishop asked, "Of the prisoners that are in the jail at any given time how many were city arrests and how many were county arrests." He was told that it was probably half and half.

Hardin asked how many arrests were made for the three courts in the county and how many warrants were served in the last month. The reply was, "Approximately 16 to 17 arrests in that time period and we served over 100 warrants, probably more because the grand jury met in December."

"The problem is not that we don't have enough people to cover the work load. We have plenty of people to cover everybody's shift. What we don't have is enough to cover when someone calls in sick, has an appointment or a holiday or things like that. That is what we don't have a person to cover," stated Jon White.

Overstreet told those present that he didn't mind working, that he never had. "It is just like yesterday; I worked all day out in the car and turned around at 2:00 a.m. and took a prisoner to Amarillo to put on the bus to Huntsville. I had to wait while they did all the paperwork before I could come home and I didn't get back here until just before the meeting. I spend more time at the jail than I was hired to do. I am working seven days a week and I am just about ground down."

Hardin stated, "You understand where we are coming from. If you go over the budget we don't have the funds."

Overstreet, "You just got through telling me that I was under the budget."

George Taylor asked if the teletype was in the budget and was told that only \$5,000 had been budgeted for it.

The commissioners then discussed what it would cost to hire a deputy and the figure came to \$21,000 before Social Security, Retirement, and Workmans Comp was taken out. They also stated that they would have to buy a new patrol

car, "and that would bring the figure to \$35,000," stated Taylor.

Overstreet then told the commissioners that if they were not going to let him hire a new deputy that he would like to see the deputies salaries increased.

Bishop remarked, "Charlie I would definitely be in favor of that if, in about ninety days, you can get everything all leveled out. I would definitely be in favor of it. If you can get it worked out."

Overstreet asked, "Get what worked out."

Bishop replied, "With the amount of deputies you have right now and see if it is going to really work."

"Howard Gene, it is going to have to work out," stated Overstreet.

"It doesn't look like we have much of a choice if you cut it, we have to be satisfied. We have to work with you. We have tried to do whatever you have asked us to do to help work this out, it is hard at times. You are going to have to understand that. There are only so many people over here and there is so much to do. It has to be covered 24 hours a day and certain things done," stated White.

"We are willing to do it without another deputy as long as we can share the salary Kyle was making," stated Overstreet.

"We have done without a deputy now for 60 days and it looks like we are going to have to continue to do it," White stated.

Floyd Jackson replied that the money was just not there, "Charlie, that is what we are talking about."

Charlie rebutted, "Yes it is, the money is already in the budget. It is Kyle's salary and it is already in the budget."

"I realize that, it's not taking care of yours. You are taking care of that over there, we don't run that, we are not taking care of that. You take care of the bills and we don't know what you do."

Overstreet replied, "Come over and set with us."

Jackson countered, "I take care of mine. You all take care of yours."

White stated, "We are, and if you don't know that you need to watch a little bit."

White added, "Sitting down and looking over a piece of paper doesn't always tell you what we do out there Floyd."

Jackson again repeated, "The money is not there, and you are asking for more money. That is what we are talking about."

"All right if the deputy had stayed here how were you going to pay him?" Overstreet asked. "I would like to ask one question. Why have the commissioners got so hard against me?"

Jackson, "We are not hard against you Charlie."

"That is all we are asking for is to be compensated for our time," Overstreet commented.

Jackson repeated, "The money is not there Charlie, it is just not here."

"Okay then what we are going to do is close the sheriff's office down when everyone gets their time in and we can't work comp hours."

Jackson, replied, "Charlie you are still running things."

Overstreet commented, "But you are the ones telling us to do it. You have to provide public safety. You are required by law."

White stated, "We have a breakdown in communications somewhere because the money was there when the budget was approved and it hasn't been taken out."

"No, it hasn't" stated Jackson

White continued, "Then we had four deputies to start with. This is the fourth deputies salary that we are talking about. If we are not going to hire a deputy, then all we would like to do is get a little increase in salary because we are putting in more hours."

"This is the same thing. You keep talking about money that is not there," Jackson said again.

White, "We are talking about money that is there."

Jackson, "It is not there."

White, "Can somebody help me explain this to him?"

Jackson, "I can understand dollars and cents pretty easy."

White, "What I am saying is that we had four deputies and that you budgeted the salary for each of those deputies. Is this right Bill?"

Hardin, "Yes, we budgeted \$350,000 for the year."

White, "And we budgeted in there for four deputies, right?"

Hardin, "Right, but if that deputy was here you would be over budget right now."

Jackson, "Now if you can't understand that, you'd be over."

White then asked, "When are you going to start paying deputies overtime when they can't get in comp time?"

Hardin, "We have said that we are not going to pay any overtime."

White, "That was the agreement the last time, that we were going to pay overtime till we decided what to do about the four deputies."

Hardin, "I don't believe that decision came out of this court."

White, "Maybe I need to be reminded, but that is why I asked about it the last time."

At that time Overstreet told the commissioners that he would like for the commissioners to give notice to the public that because of no decision being reached "we cannot always answer all calls."

Hardin replied, "I think that the public is aware that we have a sheriff and three deputies and the sheriff and three deputies cannot answer those calls then..."

Overstreet, "We cannot work overtime and not get paid. It is alright for me to work but it is not right for the deputies to work overtime and not get compensated for it. That violates the state labor laws and can get us in trouble with the labor board."

Hardin, "I'm not asking you to do that."

"You are not saying that? But that is what you are going to do if you are not going to pay overtime."

Jackson, "I don't think anybody over here is going to offer you any suggestions as to how you run that over there."

Overstreet, "I'm not asking for suggestions as to how to run it."

Jackson, "I'm not trying to give you suggestions. You run that Charlie."

Overstreet, "We are trying to but you won't give us the money to do it, sure we can run it but we will be violating the law."

Jackson, "We cannot afford any more. I don't know where the money will come from. It isn't there."

White, "Then you are asking us to work for free."

Jackson, "Not necessarily."

White, "You are not saying that because you don't want it in the paper, is that it?"

Hardin, "You can put anything you want in the paper."

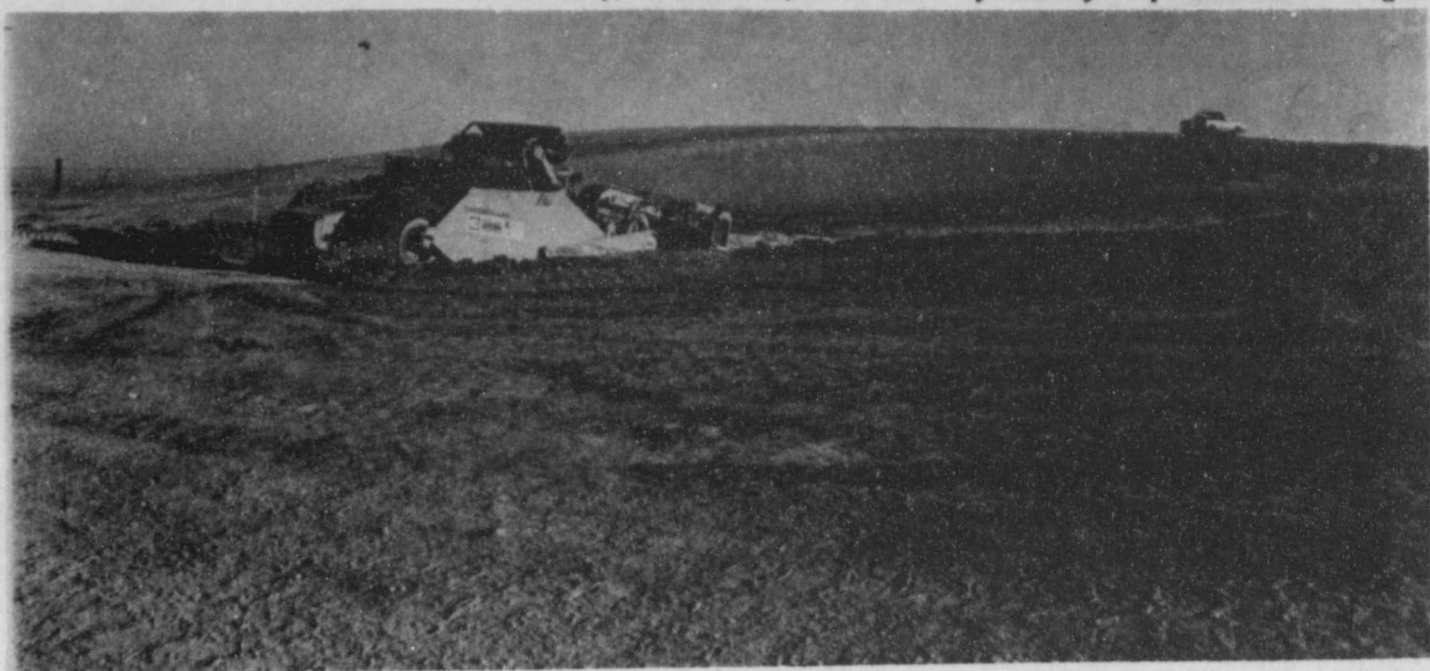
Overstreet, "That is not what we came over here for."

White, "Everybody in here is a full grown, mature adult and we ought to be able to reach some kind of a compromise."

Hardin, "If you can figure out where the money is coming from I don't think this court has any qualms about giving you another deputy but we don't have the money."

Overstreet, "You are automatically asking me to reduce my budget. I don't

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LANDFILL TO RE-OPEN--Workers have been busy at the Floydada Landfill preparing new pits for the opening of the landfill scheduled for mid-January. Staff Photo

Dr. Swate files federal lawsuit

Dr. Tommy Swate is continuing his fight against Caprock Hospital District and St. Mary's Hospital in court, this time in Southern District (Houston) Federal Court.

Swate filed the lawsuit December 20, against the individual board members of Caprock Hospital Board of Directors and the president and vice president of St. Mary's Hospital. The defendants named are: Caprock Hospital Board President Fred Thayer, board members Kenneth Pitts, Tom Farris, Joy Assiter, Carmel Eastham, and St. Mary's President Charley Trimble and Vice President Richard Pope.

According to Swate the suit will be litigated in Houston because of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy which had been filed in Harris County on Dr. Swate's behalf by his attorneys. "This will put the venue in Harris County," said Swate.

Swate alleges in his lawsuit that Caprock Hospital District violated his contract and interfered with his professional practice. He also accuses the Hospital Board of "conducting illegal meetings when they did not give proper notice nor have a proper agenda."

"I'm going to ask the board to get an attorney general's opinion on whether or not they can use taxpayers money to defend themselves," said Swate.

"This suit is not against the taxpayer-it's against the individual board members. I will be asking the court to order the board members to pay for the damages out of their own pockets."

In the 18 page lawsuit, Cause #H934055 Swate requests that a tempo-

rary restraining order be issued to the defendants, restraining the defendants from:

"Evicting Dr. Swate from the clinic or refusing to let him practice there; notifying patients that Dr. Swate is no longer in practice;

"Depriving Dr. Swate of the salary, personnel, staff, equipment and clinic space as provided in the contract; taking any action to close the clinic... and violating the bankruptcy stay order in any manner."

"My ultimate goal is to open this hospital," said Swate. "I could leave here and go somewhere else, but I like the people here and I'm not going anywhere."

According to Caprock Hospital District's attorney, Thomas C. Riney, "The first order of business concerning this lawsuit will be the hearing in Houston on January 5 to try and get the venue changed to Lubbock, because of the travel and expense hardships this will cause on all the defendants named in the suit."

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**We Salute
in Floydada**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Thursday, Dec. 23: Reyes DeLeon, Anthony Herrera
Friday, Dec. 24: Louise Turner, Rosie Rando, Dolores Trevino, David Martinez
Saturday, Dec. 25: Brian Rando, Penny Golightly
Sunday, Dec. 26: Steve Lloyd, Anthony Alaniz, Jerry Pearson
Monday, Dec. 27: Rudolfo Esquivel Jr., Sheldon Sue, Juan Mendoza, Drew Welborn
Tuesday, Dec. 28: Amy Hinsley, Shonda Guthrie
Wednesday, Dec. 29: Becky Wetsel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Thursday, Dec. 23: Lucio and Irma Vasquez, Jesse and Emma Sanchez, James and Cyndi Williams, Don and Sandra Martin, Kevin and Kellye Northcutt
Saturday, Dec. 25: Joe and Tencha Garza, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gourdon
Sunday, Dec. 26: Bob and Charlene Alldredge
Monday, Dec. 27: Wes and Lynn Campbell, Manual and Ninfa Enriquez
Tuesday, Dec. 28: C.L. and Inetha Robinson
Wednesday, Dec. 29: Mr. and Mrs. Erbey Molinar, Juan and Adriana Garza

**We Salute
in Lockney**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Thursday, Dec. 23: Randy Martin
Friday, Dec. 24: Jami Kemp, W.L. Carthel, Mac Belt
Saturday, Dec. 25: Felix Nuncio Jr.
Sunday, Dec. 26: Carlos Rendon
Monday, Dec. 27: Betonia Belt, Jenal Evon Rodriguez
Tuesday, Dec. 28: Zane Montandon, Cruz Peralez, Tim Mitchell
Wednesday, Dec. 29: Amanda Barnett, Rosie Rendon

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Friday, Dec. 24: Manuel and Meli DeLeon
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Tuesday, Dec. 28: Harold and Kay Abney, Archie and Glenda Jones, Dan and Reeda Cay Smith, Bill and Ann Anderson

**Look
Who's
New!**



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Dear Friends:
Guess who is sleeping in my bed — My new brother, Taylor Vaden. He was born December 12, 1993 at 1:41 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 20 1/2 in. long.
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Our proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ross, Floydada; Mary Bonsal, Austin; and Jerry Bonsal, Houston.
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Love,
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CAPROCK COMMUNITY ACTION CUTS RIBBONS. The staff of Caprock Community Action welcomed a full house to their ribbon cutting officially opening their new brick building on 12th and East Lee Street. Shown here officially cutting the ribbon are: (l-r) Mrs. W.O. New-

berry, Olga Enriquez, Grace Gomez, Director Josie Lopez, City Manager Gary Brown, County Judge Bill Hardin, Jimmy Karr, and Area Supervisor Tammy Flores.
Staff Photo

Senior Citizens Rockins

By Gene Newton
There were 70 present for an exciting night on Thursday. A good meal was enjoyed by all.

The quilt drawing was held and the winner was Elizabeth Armstrong from Floydada. We want to thank all the people from Lockney, Floydada, Plainview and other towns who bought tickets on our quilt.

We also want to thank all the donors for the door prizes that were given away on Thursday night.

Door prizes and winners were:
\$50 Savings Bond, FNB, Lockney: Maxine Hill
\$25 Gift Certificate, Browns: T.V. Copeland

Cordless screwdriver, Milsteads in Plainview: Shorty Hartman
Ladies watch, Margarets Jewelry in Plainview: Sonny Sutton
Two silver dollars: Virginia Strickland

Gift certificate, Old Blue Quilt Box: Velma Harrison
Wooden shelf, Lloyd Duvall: Martha Davis

Wooden sleigh, Lloyd Duvall: Wanda Carthel
Wooden basket, Lloyd Duvall: Clementine Carthel

Five sacks of fertilizer: Les Ferguson
One week of lunches, Lucy Record: Homer Cypert
One week of lunches, Lucy Record: Octavia Carthel

Leona Watson gave everyone present

**Clark presents Christmas story at
El Progreso Study Club meeting**

By Doris Thacker
El Progreso Study Club met in the home of Alice Mitchell on December 8th. The meeting was called to order by the president, Hazel Johnson. Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Christmas Carol".

The program was turned over to Edythe Clark who brought us a beautiful Christmas story, "Home for Christmas" by Laura Wilder. It was enjoyed by all.

New business was a discussion on how much to give to M.H.M.R., Salvation Army and the Nellie Brown fund. It was decided to give \$50.00 to each one.

Hostess, Alice Mitchell, invited club members to the dining room to taste the delicious dishes that members brought

a Country Yard Stick. If you have never seen a yard stick you have missed out. Thanks Granny from all of us.

Thanks to everyone who brought baked goodies and thanks to everyone who bought at the bake sale.

We have one more Thursday night in the month on the 30th. We will have either chili or stew so bring a dish to go with either or go with your appetite.

Thanks to Leona and Kathryn for a lovely month as our hosts.

**This 'n' That
Club holds
Christmas party**

By Mildred Cates
FLOYDADA—This 'n' That Club met on Dec. 14 for their Christmas party in the beautifully Christmas decorated home of Margie Sue.

After a salad luncheon, gifts were exchanged. Each member brought a gift of underwear or socks in boys and girls school age sizes to be donated to the S.O.S. for needy school children.

Attending were all 13 members: Winnie Beedy, Queen Annie Lawson, Ila White, Dorothy Reeves, Betty Baker, Thelma Crawford, Mamie Bunch, Faye Jackson, Jonelle Fawver, Jo Lyles, Mildred Cates and the hostess, Margie Sue.

with the recipe for everyone to take home.

The meeting was closed with the Club Collect.

Members present were Edythe Clark, Arla Copeland, Fay Ferguson, Elaine Gibson, Cornelia Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Bobby Kellison, Alice Mitchell, Merle Mooney, LaVerna Sams, Doris Thacker and Kathleen Thornton.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Arla Copeland on January 12, 1994.

Our sympathy to the Fred Huggins family.
Our prayers to those with ill folks.
God bless you all.
We will see you all January 3, 1994.

**Floydada
Senior Citizen Menu**

December 27-31
Monday: Salisbury steak, brown gravy, green peas, cauliflower w/cheese, cornbread, apricots, ginger-snaps, milk/beverage choice

Tuesday: BBQ chicken, corn cobbets or corn, spinach casserole, tossed salad, biscuits, vanilla pudding, milk/beverage choice

Wednesday: Fish nuggets, pinto beans, zucchini, coleslaw, cornbread, poke cake, milk/beverage choice

Thursday: Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, hot rolls, peach cobbler, milk/beverage choice

Friday: Ham, navy beans, carrots, tossed salad, cornbread, ABP dessert, milk/beverage choice

This Week

COURTHOUSE CLOSED
Floyd County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, for the Christmas holiday and on Friday, Dec. 31, for New Year's.

**LIVESTOCK SHOW
WORKDAY**
Floyd County Livestock Show Association will have a work day beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, in order to clean up the county barn.

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Dec. 16	57	34
Dec. 17	51	31
Dec. 18	50	26
Dec. 19	63	32
Dec. 20	45	27
Dec. 21	48	25

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**Garcia selected as Presidential
Hostess at South Plains College**

Annett Garcia of Floydada was among one of nine freshmen coads who have been selected to serve as Presidential Hostesses for the 1993-94 school year at South Plains College.

"The role of the hostess is to serve as official college representatives at open houses, receptions, dinners and other special events hosted by the college's president," said Carole Long, Dean of Women.

"In addition, these hostesses will assist in greeting special guests and dignitaries and touring prospective students around the campus," she added.

The finalists are selected through nominations by faculty and staff members and a series of applications and interviews conducted by the Dean of Women, the Coordinator of New Student Relations and a third qualified person selected to assist in the interviewing process.

The hostesses are required to be full-time students and must maintain a 2.5 grade point average. Candidates are evaluated on personality, poise, appearance, communication skills, general knowledge of South Plains College and their ability to represent the college in a positive manner.



ANNETT GARCIA

The daughter of Balentine and Sara Riojas, Miss Garcia is a 1993 graduate of Floydada High School. Student Council, cheerleading, track and UIL One-Act Play are listed as primary high school activities, in addition to serving as secretary/treasurer of the senior class. An English major, Garcia enjoys reading, writing, softball and cheerleading in her spare time.



GIn Christmas, is for a CHILD named Jesus.
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HReminds us of the HEAVENS, and the Angels
Who watched over Him under the star's guiding light...

RIs the REJOICING and the happiness
That we feel because of this day.

EMeans that we are all so IMPORTANT
that He was sent to take our sins away.

CCan only mean that He is our SAVIOR
Who taught us all to care, and...

HIs for the TRADITION of Christmas
For all of us to share.

OIs for the MIRACLES
That He brings to everyone who calls, and...

RTells us, that He's ALWAYS there
Even when a sparrow falls.

AThe last and the most important stands for
Our SALVATION, the very meaning of His birth...

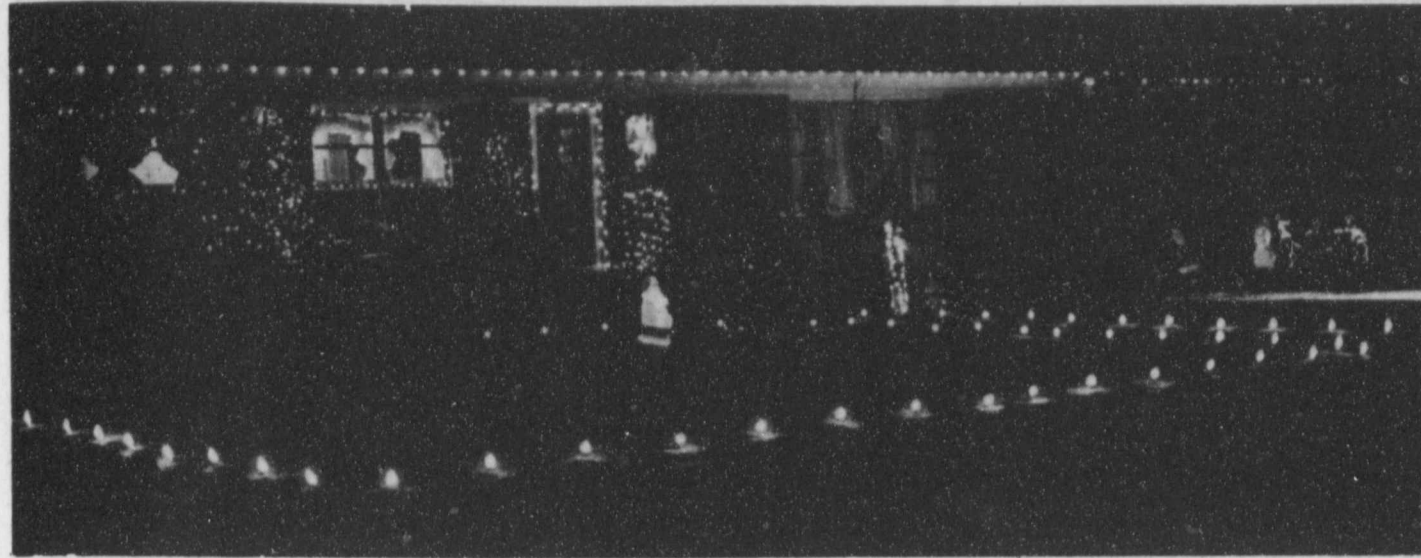
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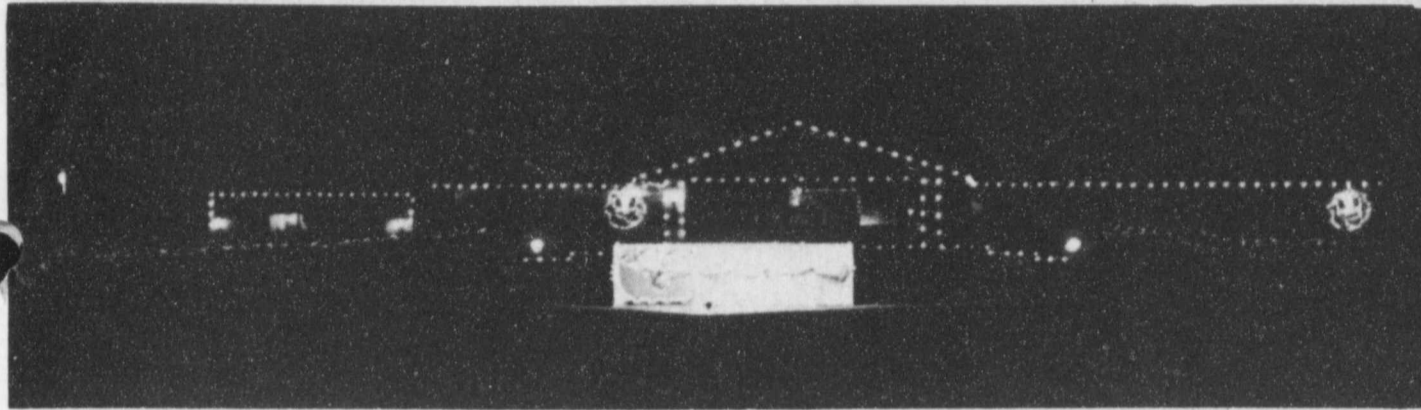
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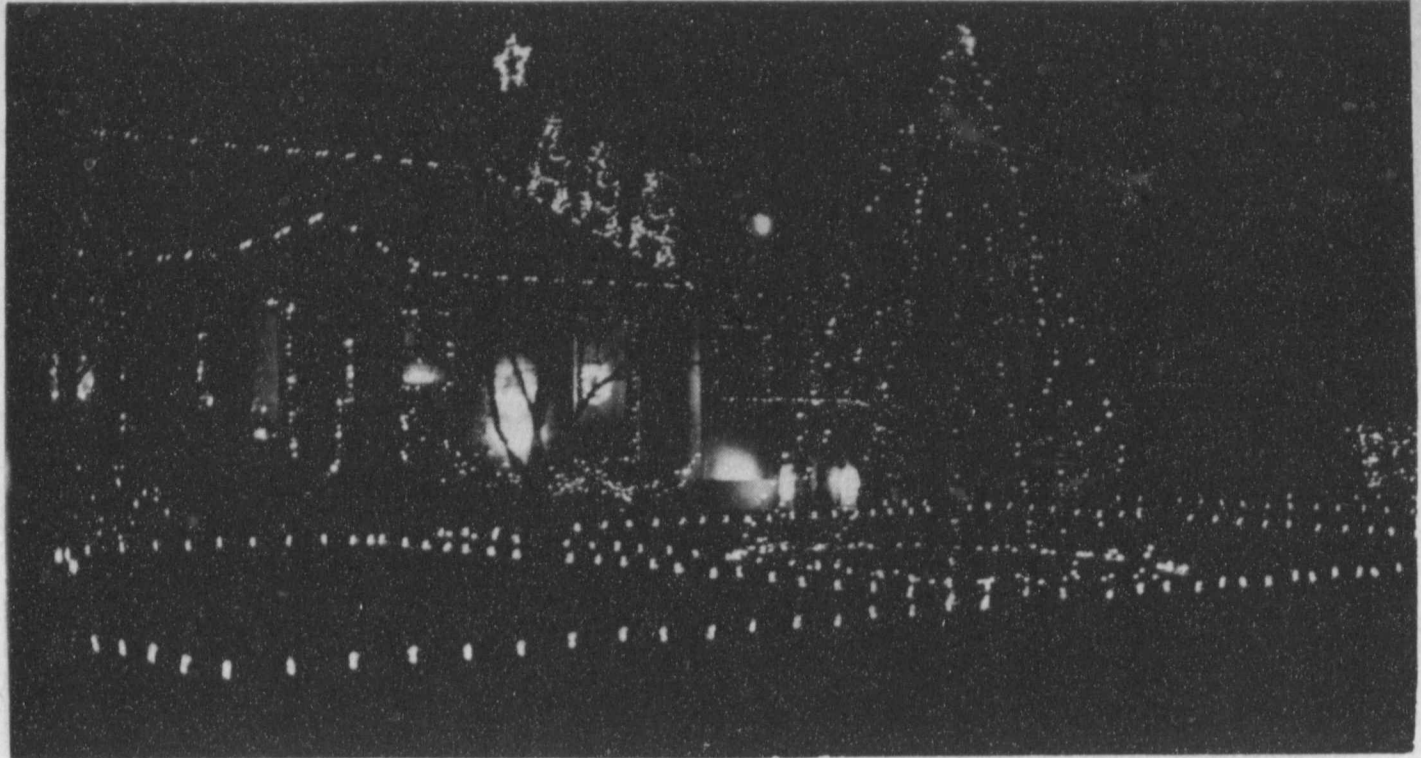
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THIRD PLACE
Joe & Lozelle Keeter, 603 SW 1st

Commissioners say "No" to deputy

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understand why we can't use what was budgeted for salaries."

Hardin, "Where are we going to come up with \$40, \$50 or \$60,000 when you go over budget?"

Overstreet, "Judge, I am not trying to go over budget."

Hardin asked if anybody wanted to make a motion that "we just hold it like it is."

White, "But we need a decision of what is 'hold it like it is'. Twice now we have agreed to pay overtime and now the judge does not want to do that."

Hardin, "I don't think there is anything in these minutes that say we were going to pay any overtime."

Overstreet, "Well, I am not going to argue that, but we need to discuss the fact that we could save money by doing it that way."

White, "We are not going to use up that deputies salary if we pay overtime. That is a lot of money, it is not going to take the entire deputies salary of \$1500 to pay for overtime. But we would get some kind of compensation for having to work when someone is sick or when we get called out in the middle of the night and stay out till..."

White, "Part of it we can take off in comp time like Tuesday when we had everybody working. That is a good day for someone to take off. I've put in 30 hours of overtime this month and I took 8 of it off in comp time. But some of it needs to be compensated. We're not asking for the whole \$1500. We are going to try to come in under the budget, like by driving to Amarillo with the prisoner instead of driving down to Huntsville and staying in a motel."

"We can save you money by paying you overtime but it is going to be real hard to leave an answering machine on at the sheriff's office telling everybody to call in on the next pay period because everybody has already worked their time. We can't volunteer our time. We do quite often but not 20 or 30 hours a month."

He continued, "We are just asking for a little help from you guys. You tell Charlie he has to run things but you hold the purse strings and he can't run it without money. We just want to reach a compromise. We're not asking for the

whole thing, we're not asking for everything. We just want to meet somebody in the middle with you guys."

White, "The budget was set forth for Charlie to run the office and like I say we don't want to go over budget, we want to stay under budget. We just need a little help from you guys."

"I understand everyone's thinking about not hiring a new deputy and we are willing to do without it, we are just asking for a little help."

Hardin, "Well, I don't know where the help is coming from if you go over \$350,000 on that budget."

White, "Well, we shouldn't do it if you have \$1500 and some odd dollars budgeted for Kyle's salary and we use a little bit of it for overtime and not the whole thing we should theoretically come in under budget and we are going to do everything possible to do so. We will take everything off in comp time that we can. All we ask is that if we have to turn in some overtime for unforeseen accidents we just ask that it be approved. We don't want to have to come over here on our hands and knees."

Bishop, "All right, how much overtime are you asking. How many hours? How many dollars? What are we talking about?"

White, "Okay, I believe it is approximately 103 hours during the month that we would have to use in order to use up Kyle's entire salary. I have 22 hours of overtime this month that I didn't have time to take off in comp time and that is extremely unusual. I get more overtime at night because I work at night and I get called out more. Charlie puts in overtime too."

Hardin, "Charlie, your salary is set and we can't do anything about your salary."

Overstreet, "That is what I am saying, if we can compensate the deputies when they have to work overtime. I can't work seven days a week. After a while it pushes you over."

Jackson made a motion to not hire a new deputy and to not okay any overtime pay. The motion was seconded by Bishop with the comment, "This is all we can do today. We will have to take it under further study."

George Taylor asked to go back to the subject later in the meeting and was figuring on what it would cost to give them a percent of the salary as long as they stayed within the budget. "If they can stay within the budget I would be in favor of giving it to them. If they continue on I think they would come in \$13,000 under budget."

"But we will have to buy the teletype when the contract runs out or buy another. \$5,000 is all that we have budgeted for the equipment and we are probably looking at \$15,000," stated Hardin.

Bishop added, "I had contemplated about \$3,000 per year."

No further action was taken.

At the beginning of the meeting George Taylor made a motion to approve farm contracts for Gale McPherson, bury and clean old improvement, 1 mile west and 3 miles north of Barwise; Nita Jo Hartman, clean out drainage ditch 14 miles south of Floydada; and Kenneth Bean, clean up improvements 1/2 mile south and 2 east of South Plains.

Commissioners also discussed the use of Caterpillar 613C Tractor Scraper since it is no longer being used to dig pits for the landfill. Bishop stated, "That could be subject to change the way this landfill thing is going."

Jackson commented, "Resale won't be much. We can call and get an estimate but I don't think it will be much."

"There are a few jobs we could use it for but I'm not sure we can justify keeping it," stated George Taylor.

Howard Bishop commented, "I think we should keep it unless it brought a good amount of money."

Hardin suggested that the tractor scraper be kept for some time to see how much it was used and that it be specified that it could be used on county roads only.

Jackson stated, "Let's find out what it will bring and then we can decide." The commissions decided to table the item until next month.

Present at the meeting were Judge Bill Hardin, Commissioners Floyd Jackson, George Taylor and Howard Gene Bishop; Sheriff Charlie Overstreet, deputies Jon White and Greg Pierce and the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.



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Councilman Clar Schacht and was seconded by Councilman Eric Cornelius. Voting in favor were Councilmen Amado Morales, Dale Lawson and Leroy Burns as well as Schacht and Cornelius. Councilman Wayne Tipton was not present for the meeting.

The Floydada City Council Passed a resolution approving the lowering of electric rates by SPS. The action was virtually mandated by previous rulings by the Public Utility Commission and will mean reduced city revenue from the franchise agreement with SPS. Motion to pass the resolution came from Schacht with a second by Morales. Voting in favor were Schacht, Morales and Cornelius. Lawson and Burns voted against the issue.

Following the vote, Mayor Hulon Carthel told those present, including SPS manager Randy Duke, that they should be aware that SPS had violated

the franchise agreement in a number of ways and that the city could have gone to court to break the agreement rather than lower the rates. He suggested that the utility company observe the terms of the franchise more closely in the future.

City council members authorized advertising for bids on the proposed city hall renovation and expansion project. Schacht made the motion and Morales seconded. All voted in favor.

... Final approval of the annexation into the city of property along the Ralls Highway was made by the council. Motion for the approval was made by Cornelius, seconded by Lawson and approved with one abstaining, Councilman Burns.

... An offer of \$100.00 made by Bert Emert for a tax title lot at 314 W. Marivena was accepted by the council. Sale will be final when all taxing entities involved have approved the offer.

... Council members approved revi-

sions in the 1992 HOME Program Rehabilitation Guidelines on a motion by Cornelius, seconded by Schacht. The revisions include the fact that in order to qualify, the program applicant must be the owner of record at the courthouse or possess a life estate concerning the property. HUD has told the consultant, Kay Howard, that land sales contracts will not be recognized in determining the owner of record.

... Council members approved the city's participation in the Texas Municipal Asset Pool, a financial investment service which assists government entities in safely investing reserve funds to their best advantage. Schacht made the motion and Cornelius seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor.

... Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. Payment of city bills was also approved, along with a review of financial statements for the month of November.

CHD abandons plan to re-open hospital

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Farris reminded the board that a motion and second had been made and asked that the vote be taken. Vote on the motion was four (Farris, Assiter, Thayer and Carmel Eastham) voting in favor. Board member Kenneth Pitts was the only dissenting vote.

Ammons asked the board to define a timetable for reducing the staff. Thayer replied that the reductions should be carried out as soon as feasible.

The Tuesday morning meeting began at 7:00 a.m. with the reading and approval of the minutes from previous meetings followed by the tabling of old business including a policy and procedure manual and the purchase of software for the clinic operation. The next issue addressed was retaining legal counsel.

Thayer announced that the firm of Jones, Flygare, Galey, Brown & Wharton in Lubbock had resigned as counsel for the district. He informed the board that he had contacted the firm of Gibson, Ochsner & Adkins from Amarillo and asked the board to ratify his actions and agree to employ the firm as counsel for the district. This was done on a motion by Pitts with a second by Assiter and all voting in favor.

Thayer then asked the board to agree to employ the firm of Fulbright and Jaworski to represent the district in a lawsuit filed by Dr. Swate in the Houston Federal Court. Motion by Farris, seconded by Pitts was passed by unanimous vote to do so. A hearing concerning the lawsuit is scheduled for January 5, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. in the Houston Federal Court.

The board also voted to amend the by-laws for Caprock Hospital District Board of Directors as recommended by Administrator Ammons. Financial re-

ports were reviewed and approved as presented. According to the statements, the district had \$659,000.00 in the bank as of November 30 with approximately \$200,000.00 in outstanding taxes yet to be collected. Revenues for November totaled \$346,000.00 and expenditures were \$28,000.00. Bills approved for payment at this time totaled \$30,276.00.

Board members entered an executive session at 7:20 a.m. for the purpose of consulting with their attorney concerning pending and contemplated litigation and a settlement offer. The session ended at 8:05 with no action resulting from the closed door discussion.

Additional information items and an administrators update were touched on briefly, but not discussed as the board deemed them irrelevant in light of the decision to abandon plans to reopen the hospital.

Attending the session were board

members Fred Thayer, Kenneth Pitts, Joy Assiter, Tom Farris and Carmel Eastham. Also present were hospital administrator Ronny Ammons, Attorney Thomas Riney, Dr. Tommy Swate, several hospital employees and about a dozen other individuals including the Hesperian-Beacon reporter.

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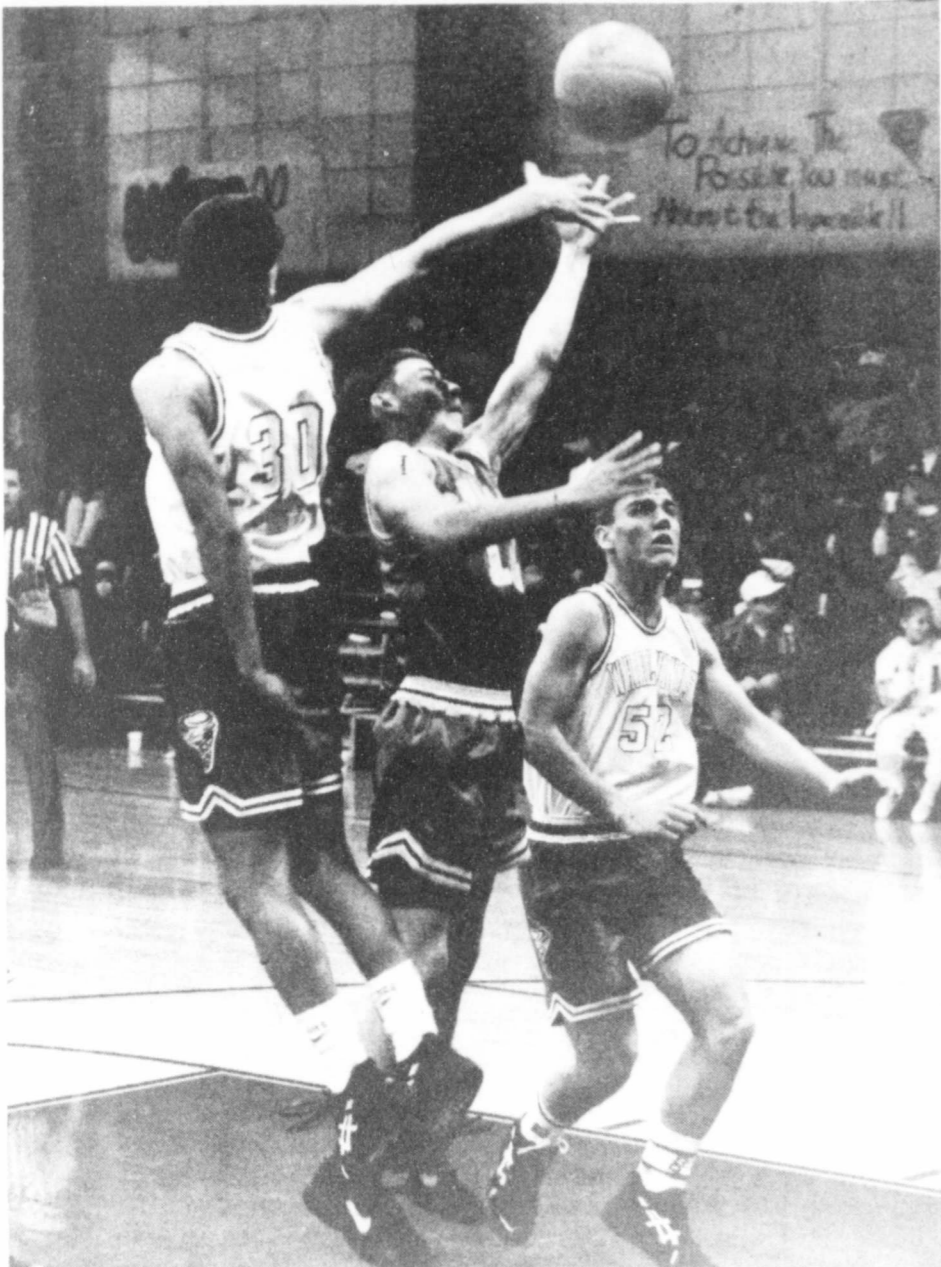
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GOING FOR THE BALL — FHS varsity basketball players Brandon Gilliland (#52) and Rod Vela (#30) were out to stop Crosbyton's Tommy Brian (#14) from scoring in Friday night action. The Whirlwinds won the December 17 game, outscoring their opponents 74 to 64. High scorers for FHS included Thomas Henderson with 26 points, Vella with 19, Pete Cooper with 13, and Gilliland with 11. The FHS girls varsity team lost, 59-39.

-- Photo Courtesy of Ben Gillespie, Crosby County News Chronicle

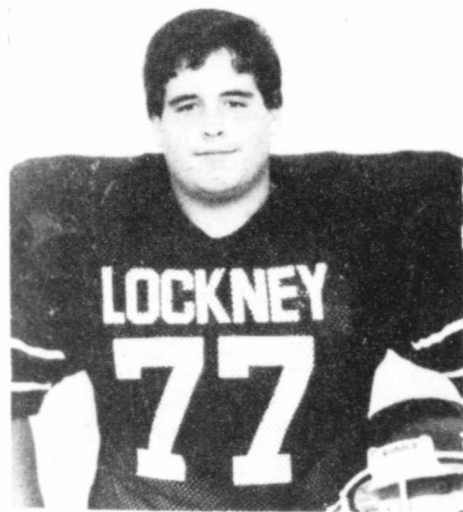
Martin, Riddley are selected for All-State Team

Allen Martin and Phineas Riddley, members of the 1993 Lockney Longhorn football team, were named to The Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A All-State Football Team. Each earned Honorable Mention status.

Lineman Allen Martin, 6-3, 280 lb. senior, was named to the offensive team along with Sol Lee DeLeon, Idalou; Ray Perez, Post; Brandon Hartman, Shallowater; Tatum Lynn, Idalou; Jarrod Busby, Springlake-Earth; Michael Wilborn, Olton; Conrad Garcia, Idalou; Chris Williams, Crosbyton; and Brian Hulet, Springlake-Earth.

Linebacker Phineas Riddley, 5-10, 145 lb. senior, was named to the defensive team along with Lemuel McDonald, Post; Mike Walton, Springlake-Earth; Chris Williams, Crosbyton; and Todd Moore of Seagraves.

Squads are chosen by sports writers and editors from across the state on the basis of regular-season statistics.



ALLEN MARTIN



PHINEAS RIDDLEY



YOUTHS ASSIST ELDERLY — Members of Lockney Boy Scout Troop #259 provided some needed funds for residents of the Lockney Care Center. The youngsters carried out various fund raising projects and donated

\$100.00 so that rhythm band instruments could be purchased for residents. The scouts also entertained residents with Christmas Carol singing on Thursday, December 16. — Staff Photo



PUPPETEERS—Lockney's 6th grade Theatre Arts class presented a Christmas program with handmade puppets to the Lockney Nursing Home residents, Friday, Dec. 10. The cast used their original poem, songs and music. The cast consisted of (not in order): Nick Castro, Mike Gary,

Juan Gonzales, Mike Gross, Dominique Guerrero, Jason Jimenez, Billy Joe Luna, Christian Lynn, A.J. Martinez, David Martinez, Carlos Nunez, Josh Quebe and Eric Villareal. — Staff Photo



TAJ MAHAL VISITORS — Orba Miller (right) and her son Van (left) presented a program to sixth grade students in Bettye Poole's classes last Thursday. The pair gave students a first hand account of their visit to India and the famous Taj Mahal. Miller was dressed in traditional Indian garb for the occasion and souvenirs of the trip were displayed for the enjoyment of the students. — Staff Photo



LIFE MANAGEMENT RETREAT PARTICIPANTS -- FHS students and sponsors who participated in a recent Life Management Skills Retreat were: (back, l to r) Veronica Cabrera, sponsor Jan Willson, Stephanie Riojas, Carla Webber, Orlando Lira; (front) sponsor Mac Willson, Esmeralda Navarette and Mary Romero. — Staff Photo

Andrews 6th grade studies India and the Taj Mahal

FLOYDADA—The sixth grade Social Studies classes at R.C. Andrews are using Discovery Posters to learn about interesting places in the Eastern Hemisphere and the United States. The famous Taj Mahal in Agra, India is one that has caught the interest of most sixth grade students.

Mrs. Orba Miller and her son, Van Miller spoke to the sixth grade students on India and the Taj Mahal in an assembly at R.C. Andrews Dec. 16. Both have Indian artifacts of their trip," said Bettye Poole, sixth grade Social Studies teacher.

"They made excellent resource persons for the students as they told about the customs of the people of India and gave an eyewitness account of their tour of the Taj Mahal and had on display



teacher. An example of the intricate and beautiful artwork that made up the construction of the museum was displayed on a tile block. Also Mrs. Miller was dressed in an authentic Indian costume.

At the end of the slide presentation, Mr. Miller answered questions from the students. The sixth grade students presented Mrs. Miller with a polished gray brass vase made in India.

"Qualified resource persons make a lesson come alive in a way that can rarely be accomplished by a textbook," said Mrs. Poole.

Van Miller and Mrs. Orba Miller will be returning to India on Dec. 31. The Millers are grandmother and uncle, respectively, of Erica Miller, a sixth grader at R.C. Andrews.

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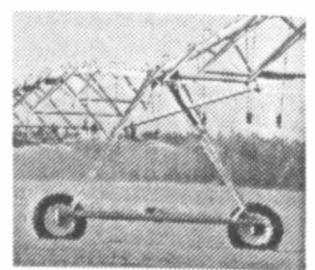
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Obituaries

KERMIT O. GLOVER

Graveside services for Kermit Oliver Glover, 83, of Floydada were at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, in Floydada Cemetery with Neeley Richardson, retired pastor of Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Glover died at 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1993, in Floydada Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1910 in Merkel, Texas. He moved to Floyd County in 1916 from Merkel. He was a farmer and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Nadine Glover of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sons, Carl Weldon Glover of Amarillo, Donald Kelson Glover of Lubbock and Kermit Glover Jr. of Plainview.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

DANELLA GONZALEZ

Funeral services for Danella Gonzalez, infant daughter of Rosemary and Richard Gonzalez, were Wednesday, Dec. 15, in Tynan Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1993 in Corpus Christi Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Danella was born Nov. 22, 1993 in Beville.

Survivors include her parents; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Gonzales of Tynan and Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Gonzalez of Houston; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fonseca of Mathis and Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Luna of Edinburg.



EVELYN A. HUGGINS

Funeral services for Evelyn Aldyne Huggins, 78, of Floydada were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, in First Baptist Church, Floydada, with the Rev. Howell Farnsworth, pastor, and Hamilton Gammage, Elder at Main Street Church of Christ in Lockney, officiating.

Burial was in Floydada Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Huggins died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, at Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney, following a short illness.

She was born Evelyn Aldyne Roy on Aug. 29, 1915 in Wolfe City, Texas, and married J. Harold Huggins on Nov. 27, 1941 in Floydada.

She was employed by both Southwestern Bell Telephone and the Capada Drive-In for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; a son, Jim Huggins of Lockney; a brother, Guy Roy of Dallas; and two grandchildren, Melanie and Danny Huggins of Lockney.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharron Samman, who died Dec. 10, 1989.

FRED J. HUGGINS

Services for Fred J. Huggins, 66, of Lockney were at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Abney, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lockney Cemetery by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Huggins died at 7:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 1993, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born on Sept. 27, 1927 in Lockney. He married Billie Skaggs on Feb. 22, 1948 in Matador.

A lifetime Lockney resident, he was a building contractor in the Lockney area. He served in the Navy during World War II at Aleutian Island, Alaska. He was a member of Lockney Masonic Lodge #867, the 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason at El Paso, a member of V.F.W. #7993, and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Billie; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Don Boswell of Ft. Worth; one son, Terry Huggins of Dallas; a brother and sister-in-law, John E. and Reta Huggins of Lubbock; and two granddaughters, Holly Boswell of Galveston and Wendy Boswell of Ft. Worth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary Jewel and Emmaloyce Huggins.

The family suggests memorials to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, First Baptist Church or the Lockney Senior Citizens.

BONNIE I. JULIAN

Services for Bonnie Irene Julian, 86, of Floydada were at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, in South Plains Baptist Church with the Rev. Ernest Stewart, pastor of South Plains Baptist Church, and the Rev. Nathan Mulder, a Baptist pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Julian died at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1993, in Lockney Care Center following a lengthy illness.

She was born Bonnie Irene Everist on Feb. 22, 1907 in Dawson, Missouri. She married Murray Marvin Julian on June 26, 1933 in Denver, Colo. He died on Oct. 4, 1978.

A homemaker, she was a member of South Plains Baptist Church and the South Plains Hobby Club.

Survivors include three sons, Terry of Austin, Kendis of Floydada and Bruce of Perryton; one sister, Bernice Sandusky of Littleton, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Clay Julian, Wade Julian, Tim Julian, Dicky Julian, Nathan Johnson and L.M. Johnson.

The family suggests memorials to South Plains Baptist Church or Hospice of the Plains.

MILDRED PLUMLEE

Graveside services for Mildred Plumlee, 90, of Matador were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, in East Mound Cemetery with the Rev. Rickey Lawrence, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Roaring Springs, officiating.

Interment was directed by Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Plumlee died at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1993, in Levelland Nursing Center.

She was born on March 14, 1903, in Bellmont, Okla. She was a retired licensed vocational nurse and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include five sisters, Ruby Pharis of Fort Worth, Arie Webb of Floydada, Nora Braselton of El Paso, Billie Webb of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., and Lucille Wright of Levelland.

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Sunday Worship 5:00 p.m.

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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Claude Porter, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Floydada
Gene McCarty, Minister
Sunday:
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Howell E. Farnsworth Jr.
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Interest Studies 5:30 p.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Children's Choirs 4:00 p.m.
Evening Meal 5:45 p.m.

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

GRANT CHAPEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
John Williams, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Monday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday:
Prayer Service 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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

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Lockney
Ed Hull, Minister
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Floydada
Rev. Ralph Jackson
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Mid-Week Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

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Lockney
Johnny Silva, Pastor
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.
G.A.'s 7:30 p.m.
Ambassadors 7:30 p.m.
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PRIMERA MISION BAUTISTA
Floydada
Rev. Lupe Rando
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
1st Wed. Organization Night

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Lockney
Msgr. Tim Schwertner, Pastor
Wednesday:
Comunion Ser 8:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil:
Mass of Sunday 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass 12:30 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lockney
Harold Abney, Pastor
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.
Kids of The King
Children's Choir 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Activities 7:00 p.m.
R.A.'s and G.A.'s 7:00 p.m.
Pre-School Choir 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
3rd Saturdays:
Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
1st Tuesday and 3rd Mondays:
Baptist Women 3:00 p.m.

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Floydada
Clark Williams, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Youth Fellowship 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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

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Ernest Stewart, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Evangelistic Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday:
Family Night 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Floydada
Father Ricardo Salditos
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses 7:30 p.m.

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

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:30 p.m.

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

TEMPLO PODER DE LA ALABANZA PENTECOSTES
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Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

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500 W. Houston, Floydada
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James Potet, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer 7:30 p.m.

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Gary Kleypas, Pastor
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 10:00 a.m.
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Card of Thanks

The family of Francisco Morales Sr. would like to thank each one, who in their own special way, brought comfort to us during our time of sorrow. Thank you for your special prayers, the beautiful flowers & plants, food, cards, telephone calls and visits. May God Bless each and everyone of you.

Florinda Z. Morales
Oscar & Maria Elia Barrera & Family
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Amado & Frances Morales & Family
12-23p

Simple words are never enough to let you know how much your love and concern means to us at this time. All we can say is thank you. Thank you to all the fire boys, the nurses, Dr. Gary, and a special thanks to all who have brought food, sent cards, called, offered your assistance and all of your expressions of love. It is all appreciated so much.

Billie Huggins
Sandra, Don, Holly & Wendy Boswell
Terry Huggins
John Huggins
12-23c

A special Thank You to Kenneth Pitts for his courageous show of support and confidence in his vote to pursue health care for Floydada. The vote was noted and admired. Thank you to the citizens who attended the board meeting and supported the hospital.

Caprock Hospital Distrit Employees
12-23p

The Family of Bonnie Julian would like to extend a heartfelt thanks for each act of love and concern shown to us during our time of loss of our loved one. Every kindness has made this time easier for us, and we truly love and appreciate each one.

Terry and Leona Julian & Family
Kendis and Janis Julian & Family
Bruce and Jolene Julian & Family
12-23c

Jewel Teague and her family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped her celebrate her 90th birthday.

12-16p

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FLOYD CO. AG. UPDATE

Early voting for Water Conservation District No. 1 to begin December 27th

Early voting for a special High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 election begins Monday, Dec. 27, 1993, and will continue through January 11, 1994. The January 15, 1994 election is to elect a Director and five County Committee members to represent Floyd County in Water District matters.

Early voting ballots in Floyd County may be cast during normal business hours at the Floyd County Office of the High Plains Water District, 108 E. Missouri, in Floydada. Verna Lynne Stewart is the election clerk.

Gilbert L. Fawver of Floydada, David Appling of Floydada and Bruce Rigler of Plainview are seeking the Precinct Five District Director's position. Fawver is the incumbent Precinct Five Director seeking re-election to a four-year term.

District Director's Precinct Five consists of all of Hale County and the portion of Floyd County above the escarpment.

The Board of Directors meet monthly to consider Water District business. They oversee all Water District activities — including legal, financial and business matters. Board members set long-range goals and direct staff activities through the Water District manager.

Four members of the Water District's County Committees are elected from the County Commissioner's Precinct in which the voter lives and one member is elected at-large. Candidates for County Committee positions are Edwin Nutt of Floydada, Precinct One; incumbent Charles W. Huffman of Lockney, Precinct Two; Nathan Johnson of Floydada, Precinct Three, and incumbent A.C. Pratt of Floydada, Precinct Four. F.L. Montandon III of Aiken is the candidate for County Committee member-at-large.

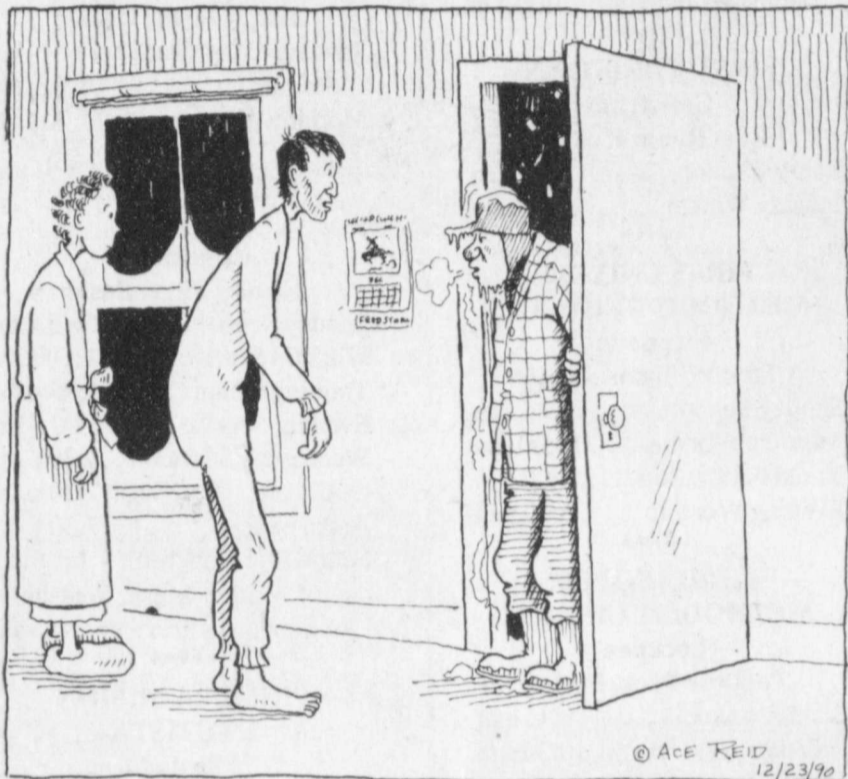
County Committees meet regularly to

recommend approval or denial of applications for water well permits and agricultural water conservation equipment loans. Committee members help keep Directors advised on water-related needs of their county. Also, they serve as a local contact person for water conservation problems or opportunities in their community.

Additional election information is available by contacting Becca Williams, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, TX 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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Have a safe & Merry Christmas!! Farm Bureau to help Russian states improve agriculture system

Submitted by Texas Farm Bureau
 John H. Costello, president of The Citizen Network for Foreign Affairs, today announced a five-year agreement with Texas Farm Bureau and AKKOR, the private farmers' organization in the Russian province of Krasnodar, to support private farming in Russia.

Steve Cochran, TFB Field Services director, recently spent 12 days in Krasnodar, near the eastern edge of the Black Sea, meeting with local farmers to determine how Texas Farm Bureau can assist AKKOR.

Cochran noted that several state Farm Bureaus and the American Farm Bureau Federation have adopted states in Russia for the purpose of helping improve their agricultural system. TFB adopted Krasnodar.

Cochran said Russia, which he compared to American agriculture in the late 1930's to early 1940's is in dire "need of cooperatives, both purchasing and marketing." The TFB field services director pointed out that U.S. co-ops have long since been very successful and that



PLEASED SHOTGUN WINNER—Jerry Jarrett(center) of Floydada was the recipient of a shotgun given away by the Elks Lodge in Plainview. Bill Brown, E.R., presented

Jarrett with the gun and Larry Webb (r) sold him the winning ticket. Money raised by the ticket sales will benefit local charities. Staff Photo

Herbicide request being made

Crop has record setting potential

By Shawn Wade

With better than 95 percent of the High Plains crop harvested cotton producers and ginners across the area are looking forward to something which doesn't come very often—a Christmas holiday without cotton in the field waiting for harvest.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG), the excellent crop being enjoyed on the Plains is the result of the crop's overall earliness and outstanding weather conditions that allowed producers to get in the field and get their cotton harvested with only minimal delays.

So far this rare combination of events is allowing many area gins to finish processing their part of the 1993 crop before the Christmas holidays. Many more are expecting to finish before the new year begins. Only a few are planning to be operating into the month of January.

All indications still point to a near record crop for the High Plains. The December USDA crop estimate remains 3.45 million bales from Texas crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S.

These two districts are often used as a yardstick of overall production in the 25 counties that make up the High Plains. "This crop has the potential of setting a number of records," says PCG Executive Vice-President Donald Johnson. "Not only is this one of the best crops ever in terms of quality, it is also going to end up being one of the biggest ever produced on the Plains."

Johnson adds that, so far, marketing of the 1993 crop is also moving at a rapid pace. No firm numbers were available at press time. However, Johnson says that in talking to a number of producers during the past week most reports a majority of their cotton has already been sold or arrangements in the process of being made.

HERBICIDE REQUEST BEING MADE

Information received December 17 indicates a request for a Section 18 label for the herbicide Staple® on cotton is being submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture by Texas Cotton

Producers (TCP). The request is being developed in response to producer requests from across the state.

Producers interested in writing letters supporting this request may do so by addressing them to Mr. Mark Trostle, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711.

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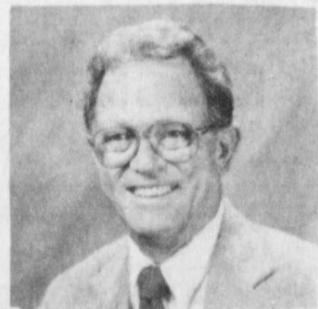
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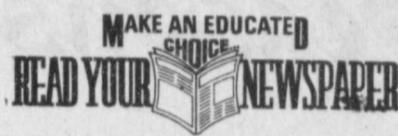
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Further information may be obtained by contacting:
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Caprock Hospital District
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COMMISSIONERS COURT, FLOYD COUNTY, TX.
BY WILLIAM D. HARDIN, County Judge
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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. Gary Brown, City Manager, City of Floydada, Floydada, Texas, hereinafter called "Owner" for:
FLOYDADA CITY HALL ADDITION
Floydada, Texas, in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents which were prepared by and may be obtained from the Architect, will be received in the City Manager's Office, City of Floydada, 114 West Virginia, Floydada, Texas, until 3:00 P.M., Monday, January 17, 1994, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the 3:00 P.M. closing time will be returned unopened. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the Owner and shall be identified with the Project name, the Bidder's name and address and the designated portion of the Work for which the Bid is submitted.
Bids will be received for general construction, HVAC, plumbing, mechanical, electrical and minor demolition.
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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Site on Monday, January 10, 1994, at 3:00 P.M. Bidders will be given a tour of the proposed project. Attendance at this Pre-Bid Conference may be a prerequisite for bidding the Project. At the Owner's discretion, this requirement may be waived.
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Andrews Campus Improvement Committee holds Dec. meeting

FLOYDADA—The R.C. Andrews Campus Improvement Committee met Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 4:00 p.m. in the family room. Future meetings will remain on the 15th of the month, however, the time will change to 8:30 a.m. These meetings are open to the public.

Several new ideas were discussed during this session. Penny Taylor had attended a workshop entitled "Sharply Accelerating the Reading Achievement of Students at Risk." This program would help learning disabled students or students with limited English skills increase their reading ability.

Some aspects of this program include listening to the book on tape while following along in print, using different types of background music, and using color and lighting effectively. The type of method used would depend on the individual student's learning style. It was suggested that parent volunteers could be used to record books for this purpose.

Betty Poole reported on a social studies workshop she had attended on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Ester Arellano discussed a possible upcoming workshop dealing with family issues. If there is enough interest, there will be five two-hour sessions including raising children, bonding, keeping children out of trouble, and

controlling anger. A babysitter will be provided, the dates and times will be announced later.

Eric Arellano and Erika Miller shared ideas proposed by the "Winds" students concerning attitude improvement of Andrews students. They felt a study hall after school and a homework hotline would be very helpful. They also felt the students should get various rewards for high grades. Scott Greenway suggested an "E" for effort honor roll, so students who had done their best could receive an award as well as straight A students.

Mrs. Enriquez announced that Eric and Erika would continue to meet with the committee as student representatives. She then presented an idea to involve more students in campus activities. The "Andrews Activators" would be modeled after a student council. Students may run for office, or possibly write an essay stating why they would like to serve in this position.

After a discussion of school rules, the meeting was adjourned.

Those attending were Principal Ellen Enriquez; teachers, Betty Poole, Penny Taylor and Scott Greenway; parent representatives, Ester Arellano and Karen Miller; student representatives, Eric Arellano and Erika Miller, and community representative, Lynn Marler.

Courtroom Activities

December 20, 1993 in county court, Sonny Byrd was charged with theft over \$200.00 but less than \$750.00.

Also charged with theft were: Russell Simpson, Johnny Robert Lopez, Norah L. Williams Jr., Calvin Craver, Curtis Catlett, Jake Neudorf and Serafino Mendoza. There was no disposition on

any of these cases.

Tranquino Gomez Jr., was charged with DWI on December 20. There was no disposition on this case.

John E. Vaughan, 59, of Plainview, was charged with DWI on December 21. There was no disposition on this case.

Also on December 21, Johnny Sanchez, 33, of Floydada, was charged with DWI. No disposition on this case.

Rudy Tomas Valdez, 33, of Floydada, was also charged with DWI on December 21. No disposition on this case.

Clyde Lovell was charged with theft on December 21. There was no disposition on this case.

Tommy Michael Dodson, 48, Garvin County, Oklahoma was charged with DWI on December 21. He pled guilty and was fined \$500.00 and sentenced to six months in jail which was probated for two years and court costs.

Gregorio Rosa Jr. was charged on Dec. 21 with assault. There was no disposition on this case.

Gregorio Rosa III was also charged with assault on Dec. 21. There was no disposition on this case.

In J.P. Court, November 30-December 21 there were 56 misdemeanor cases filed. Of those 56 all were traffic related except for:

Roy Hernandez, 26, of Floydada, who was charged with Public Intoxication on December 6;

Calvin J. Coleman, 29, of Floydada, charged with Public Intoxication;

Roger Adams, of Childress, charged on December 3 with Issuance of a Bad Check;

Ginger Warren, charged on December 3 with operating a beauty shop without a license (the license has since been renewed).



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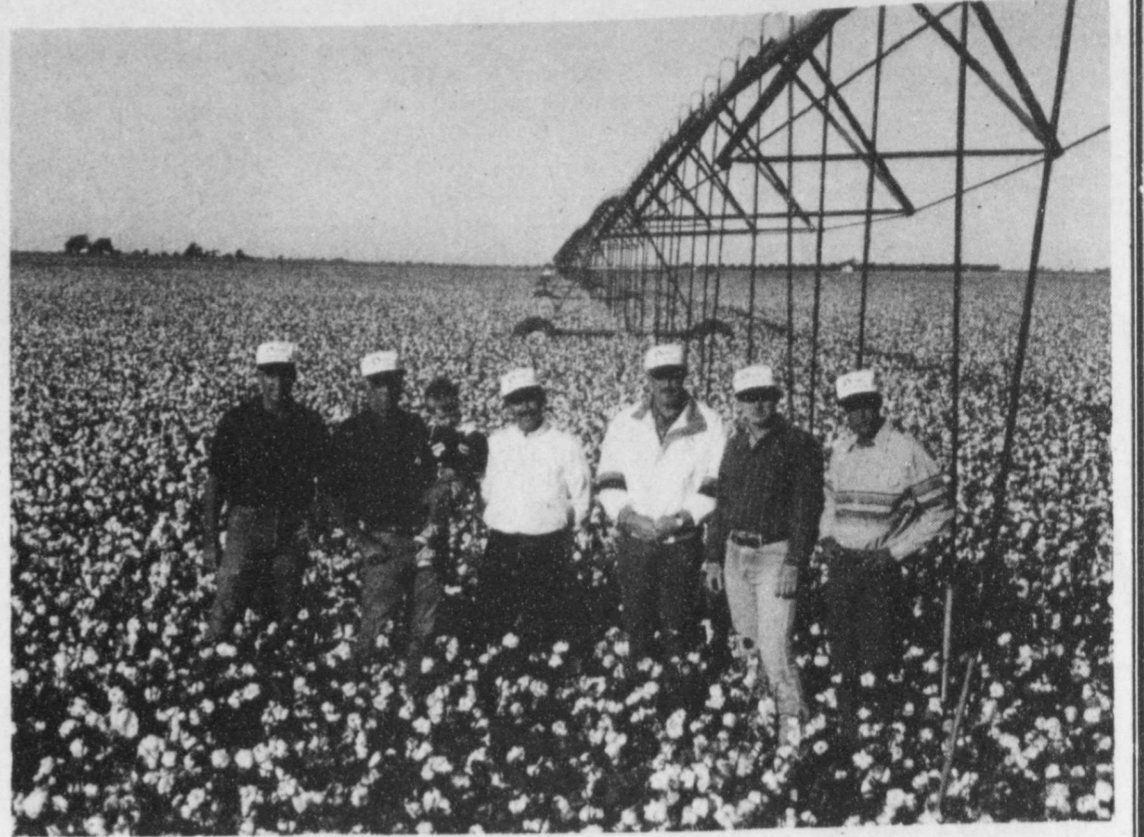
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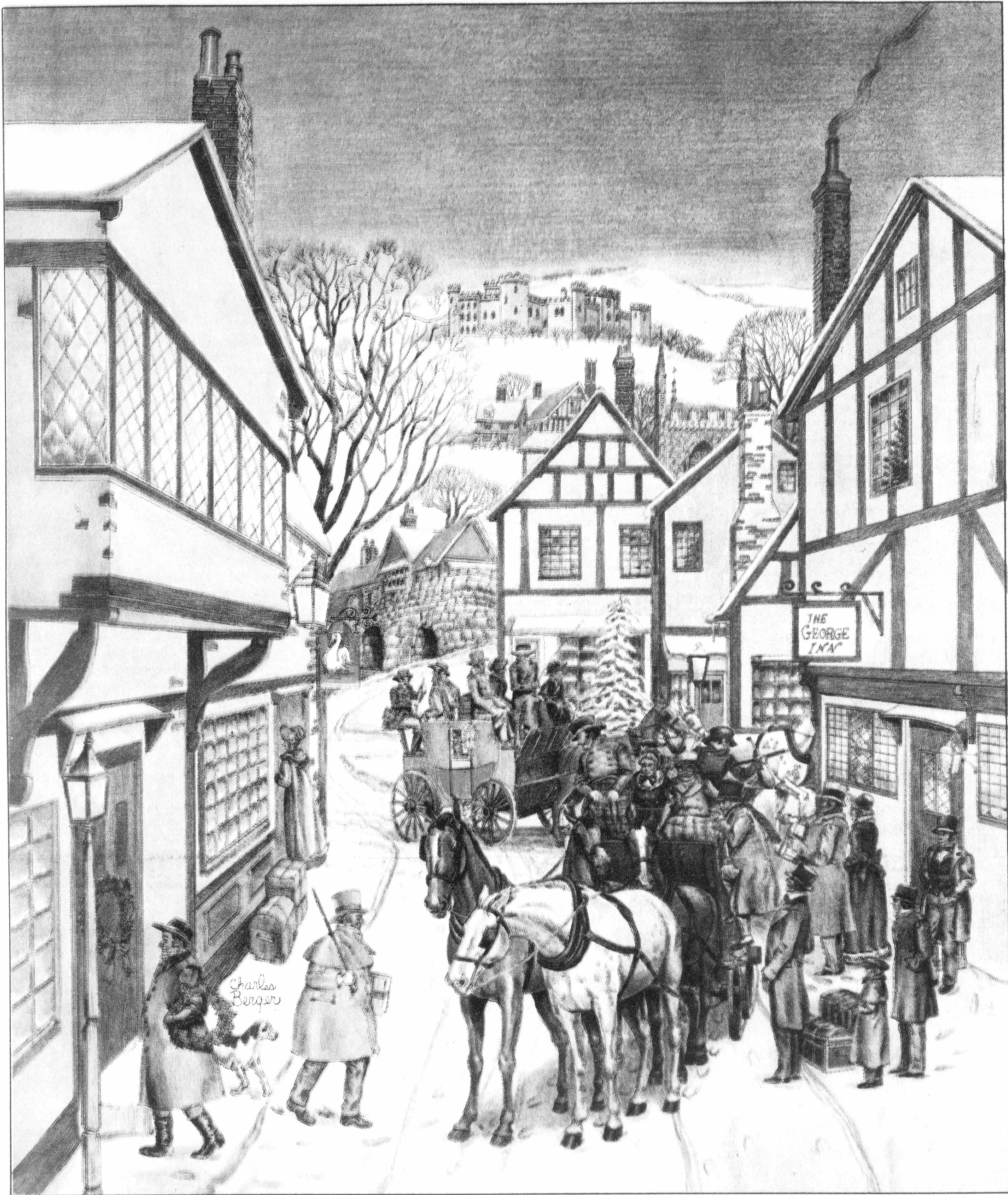
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The Star of Bethlehem

The little village of Bethlehem, hardly more than half mile wide, and only a single street in length, had houses of white stone with small domes, and were snuggled in the dark foliage of olive trees. Fig groves and vineyards adorned the rocky terraces close by. It was a land which held many sacred memories.

It was to this land that Joseph and Mary were coming, the early home of their own great-grandfather David, who had kept his father's sheep on these very hills and had learned to sing the songs of praise to God.

The ascent to the town over the dusty glare of grey limestone hills, was the last of their journey and was so steep that Mary had to alight from her donkey and go up on foot. Presently passing through a low gate, she and Joseph were at last in the mountain town of Bethlehem.

In those days, the simplicity of life made the passing wayfarer welcome in the homes. To bring water at once to wash the travelers feet, dusty with the Eastern sandals, was an act of courtesy. Food and lodging for himself and his beasts were provided, and the traveler was made to feel that he was under the sacred protection of his host. However, when Joseph and Mary reached Bethlehem every house was filled, for travelers had been journeying there in great numbers because of the census. Even the Inn, which was a crude building, consisting of a single empty room, on the floor of which a traveler could spread his carpet for sleep, was filled to overflowing.

The only place they could find shelter was in an old stable, which had been built in a natural hollow, or cave, on the hillside. The stable was in darkness. The deep breathing of sleeping cattle, cows and donkeys warmed the chill air. Hay was strewn about and with the aid of his lantern, Joseph soon made a comfortable place for them to sleep. However, the dim light of his lantern was soon overpowered by a great illumination from heaven. The old stable was presently filled with light, and beams as radiant as the sun shone all about. A wonderful thing had happened, a little child had been born and Mary, His mother had wrapped Him in soft swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger. The gentle rustle of wings was heard in the air and snowy white angels hovered over the manger. With joyous song they greeted the little messenger of mercy and love—the Christ Child—whom God had sent to the world; the Little King who had been born in a lowly stable and laid in a cradle of hay.

The sleeping hills were now flooded with celestial splendor. An angel of the Lord, in an intense sheath of light, came from heaven and surprised a group of shepherds near the ancient watchtower of Eder, announcing to them the birth of the Holy Child. Multitudes of angels

sped through the sky, spreading tidings of joy afar. Music rang throughout the land, music of the angel host. The great gospel anthem fell upon the earth in all its divine beauty and thrilling force. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." The shepherds ran up the steep road over to Bethlehem and seeing the star that God had placed over the stable, found the King of Glory and worshipped Him with adoration pouring from their hearts.

The same star that burned over the sacred manger that night that brought other men from a far off country; Wise Men from the East. They, too, had seen

the sign in the sky, heralding the birth of a King. The star had guided them over mountain, valley and parched deserts till at last they reached Bethlehem. Their camels walked one by one through the narrow streets, bearing their rich burden, for these men were kings of great wealth. The star pointed to the stable; the camels knelt before the open door and the Wise Men unloaded the treasures they had brought; boxes of gold, sweet perfumes and rare spices. They laid their gifts at the feet of the smiling infant in the manger, and fell upon their knees in fervent worship of Jesus.

—Taken from the December 21, 1945 issue of The Lockney Beacon

The Angel Has Synthetic Wings

By Lois Freeman

If you visit the home of a friend or relative and an angel hovers in suspension above your head, think nothing of it. I promise you it won't be Gabriel.

There's a perfectly good explanation for the phenomenon, so don't get all shook up thinking the trumpet has sounded and you have been left behind.

Remember, the lady of the house has made many decisions in the past 60 days.

She has, in all probability, done 90 percent of all the family Christmas shopping, wrapped all the gifts and decorated the tree and home. She has made costumes and helped with the holiday decorations and parties for Bill's and Suzie's class at school, Sunday school and church programs.

She has planned both Christmas and New Year's parties and entertained adult friends and neighbors, as well as attended parties of others.

She has taken Bill and Suzie to see parades and to visit with Santa Claus. She has made covered dishes for hubby to take to his company parties, as well as for her own office.

She has baked cakes and pies, made candies and cookies, roasted turkey and

made dressing.

She has returned and exchanged Christmas gifts and battled the crowds at "white sales." She has held down a public job and performed her regular household duties.

Right now she is tempted to rip the month of December off her new 1982 calendar in hopes that that would solve the "mad rush" problem that will surely come again.

The signs of the strain she has been under are almost as visible as the blinking lights of the Christmas tree were.

At this point she is about to crack and feels a definite need for a guardian angel. But the one you will be staring at will not be in that capacity — it has synthetic wings.

The angel, suspended from the ceiling, was overlooked when the lady took down the tree and other decorations. The reason being she was simply too exhausted to look up.

And when she finally did regain enough strength to raise her head, she was not up to pulling all the boxes of decorations and placing the angel in its assigned annual storage space. So there it hangs - still beautiful, but out of place.

Think I'll just leave my angel in suspension 'til next Christmas.

Ten Commandments for Christmas

—Submitted by Jo Bryant - Taken from a newsletter.

1. Thou shalt remember to keep Christ in Christmas.
2. Thou shalt pause in thy business to consider the magnitude of God's Gift of Christ to humankind.
3. Thou shalt remember that Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn, and, remembering, give Christ the chief room in thy heart.
4. Thou shalt participate joyfully in the Christmas activities of the thy church.
5. Thou shalt be of generous heart in answering the appeals of the needy at Christmas time.
6. Thou shalt take time to plan for the

happiness of those outside thine own circle of family and friends.

7. Thou shalt enjoy, in unhurried calm, the priceless heritage of Christmas carols and great Christmas art.

8. Thou shalt give of thyself in all thy gifts, giving not for duty, reciprocity, or personal satisfaction, but for the simple joy of giving.

9. Thou shalt remember, with patience and understanding, all those who serve thee - the sales people, the news-carriers and all others who bear the physical burden of the holiday season.

10. Thou shalt teach thy children the true meaning of Christmas, of the Prince of Peace who came to show just a way to righteousness and happiness.



THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS--Fifth and 6th grade Sunday School students of the First United Methodist Church in Floydada displayed the true meaning of Christmas as they presented a live nativity scene on the Floyd County Courthouse lawn during Floydada's "Come Home For Christmas" December 3. --Staff photo



In The Spirit
Of The Season...

May Peace and Joy
Light Your Way



One Solitary Life

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

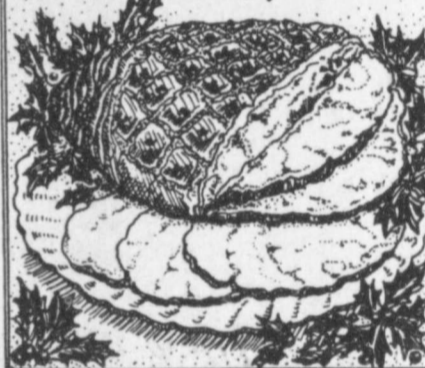
While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Almost 20 centuries have come and gone, and today He is a central figure of the human race.

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

Christmas Cheer

We take special delight in wishing you a season that's done to perfection in every way. You're a cut above the rest—happy holidays and thanks.

Caprock Meat Co.
Floydada John, Irene, Jennifer & Jeremy Hernandez



BLESSINGS OF THE SEASON



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

Pay-n-Save
Lockney

Nick Munoz, Manager

You Light Up
OUR
Lives!

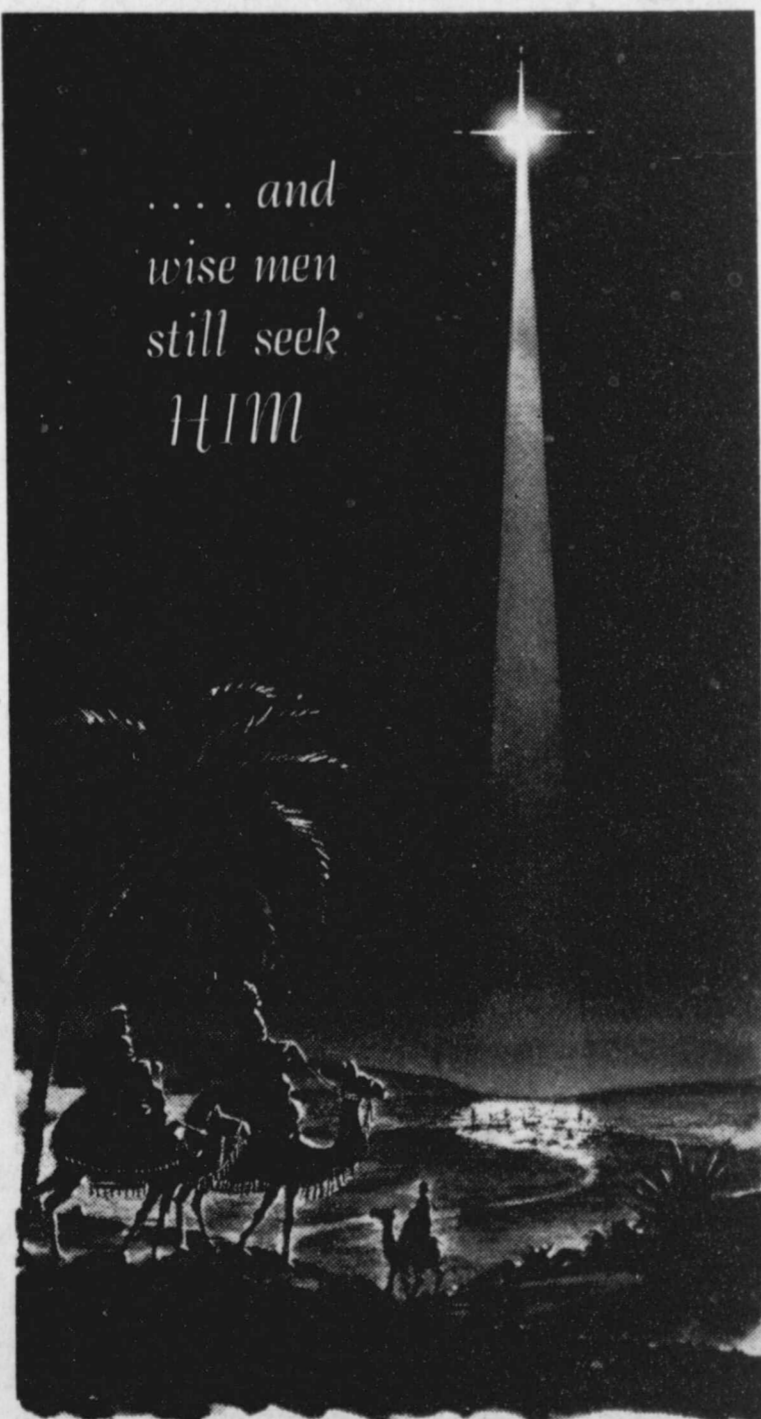
Merry Christmas and bright wishes to all our valued customers.

We wish you a season that's positively glowing!

Phil's Electric
Floydada
Phillip & Kay



... and
wise men
still seek
HIM



Lighthouse Electric
Cooperative, Inc.

Ronald McDonald House places order with Santa

Dear Santa,
Our Wish List for Christmas includes the following items for the Ronald McDonald House:

FOOD:
Coffee
Filters for coffee maker
Fruits and vegetables, fresh and frozen
Pickles
Assorted Dry Goods - flour, sugar, creamer, commcal, baking soda, spices,

etc.
Fruit breads for freezing (banana, pumpkin, etc.)
Cheese
Luncheon meat
Fruit juices
Microwave meals (lunch buckets, etc.)
Individual dry cereal
Cake and muffin mixes
Meat - frozen and canned
Preserves

Tea bags
Casseroles for freezing
Homemade cookies
Microwave popcorn
Frozen pizzas
Slice and bake cookies
Frozen TV dinners
Baby food
Canned frosting
OFFICE:
Tape - Scotch and masking
Liquid paper
Computer paper
Supplies for Minolta Ep 2100
Postage stamps
Copy paper
Labels for LaserWriter
Heavy Duty electric stapler
GENERAL SUPPLIES:
Sample/travel size of shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, hair spray, lotion, deodorant, etc.
Diapers
Umbrellas
Light bulbs - 60W and 100W

Blow dryers
Curling irons
Heating pads
STORAGE ROOM -
CLEANING SUPPLIES:
Paper towels
Toilet tissue
Trash can liners - 8, 13, or 33 Gallon
Squeegee
Spray bottles
Pine Sol
Bleach
Endust or Pledge
Carpet spot remover
Cascade
Lysol - spray or liquid
Windex
Mr. Clean or 409
Air freshener
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:
Needlework kits
Groups to fix meals for families
Lighted globe on stand
Fresh flower arrangements
Camcorder

Gift certificates for restaurants and merchants
Movies for VCR
Kodak film - 35mm, 200 speed
Dryer softener sheets
Gasoline for van
Movie passes
OLDER CHILDREN & TEENS GAME ROOM:
Cassette tapes, Magazine subscriptions (Teen, Hot Rod, Seventeen, etc.)
KITCHEN:
Napkins
Foil
Cookie sheets
Ziplock bags - all sizes
Loaf pans
Cup towels/Dish cloths
Skillet - all sizes
Plastic wrap
Mixing bowls
Roasters
Sponges
Bibs

double
Pillowcases - white
Pillows
Also to anyone, who may want to make a donation, please call Jean Curtsinger at (806) 744-8877, to avoid duplication.

Thank You,
The Ronald McDonald House
Lubbock, Texas



May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

From the staff of
Floydada Nursing Home
'Merry Christmas'



CHILDREN'S DELIGHTS--Gigantic lollipops, peppermint sticks and floppy-eared bunnies, all favorites of children, could be found greeting visitors at the First National Bank in Lockney during the holiday season. --Staff photo

Christmas wishes revealed by Floyd County Day Care kids

Dear Santa,
We have been good boys and girls. Please bring us toys and candies and don't forget all the other children everywhere else.
This is what we want:
Briana - Bike
Andrew - Candy
Charlie - Santa to come
Landon - Ben city
Payte - Transformers
Garrison - Dinosaur
Adam - Toys
Kelsey - Bike and a baby
Keegan - Batman car
Mary - Doctor girl and tape recorder
Patrick - Toy snake
Heather - Pink boots
Thank you,
3 year olds
Floyd County Day Care

toys for Christmas. We will leave some milk and cookies for you.
We want:
Sierra - a watch
Chad - a little tike car
Jorde - a race car
Trevor - a motorcycle
J.R. - a tractor
Tara - a doll
Xavier - guns
Dillon - a game
Thank You,
2-Year-Olds
At Day Care

Dear Santa,
Our stockings are empty and waiting to be filled. Please don't pass us by for it wouldn't be Christmas without a toy. Bring us the toys beside our names and don't forget all the other boys and girls in the world. Especially these at Day Care.
We want:
Tell - Ball gun
Christopher - Sonic spinball game
Taylor - A bike
Edric - Barbie and Barbie lighted house
Tana - Barbie and Barbie house with a top on it.
Britnee - Glue Barbie
Randy - A race car
Jonathan - A bike
Kody - A walking-shooting robot
Eric - A cotton stripper and a combine
Adam - Harley motorcycle
Kevin - A monster truck and a fire truck
Traci - A bike and a Ken doll
Thank you,
4 & 5 Year Olds

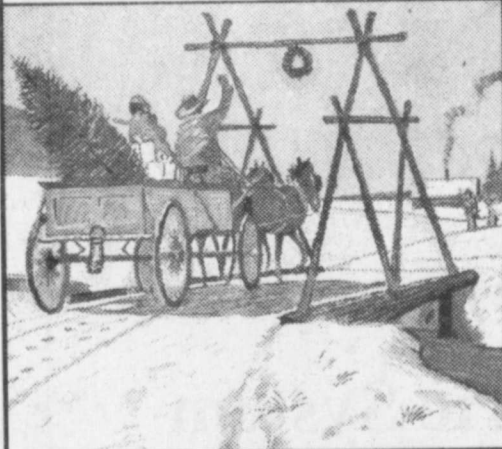
Dear Santa,
We are ready for Christmas and really trying to be nice. We would like these

LIBRARY:
Books in Spanish
Magazine subscriptions - People, Good Housekeeping, Texas Monthly, Etc.
LAWN & GARDEN SUPPLIES:
Fertilizer
Bucket for watering plants
Patio broom
Yard blower
BEDROOMS:
Sheets - flat and fitted, twin and double, white
Blankets - thermal or vellux, twin and double
Mattress pads or sacks - twin and double
Mattress protectors - vinyl, twin and

Have a Holiday Filled with Old-Fashioned Love & Joy

The simple pleasures are still the best, and for us that means having the chance to say thanks to all of you.

Floyd Co. Central Appraisal District



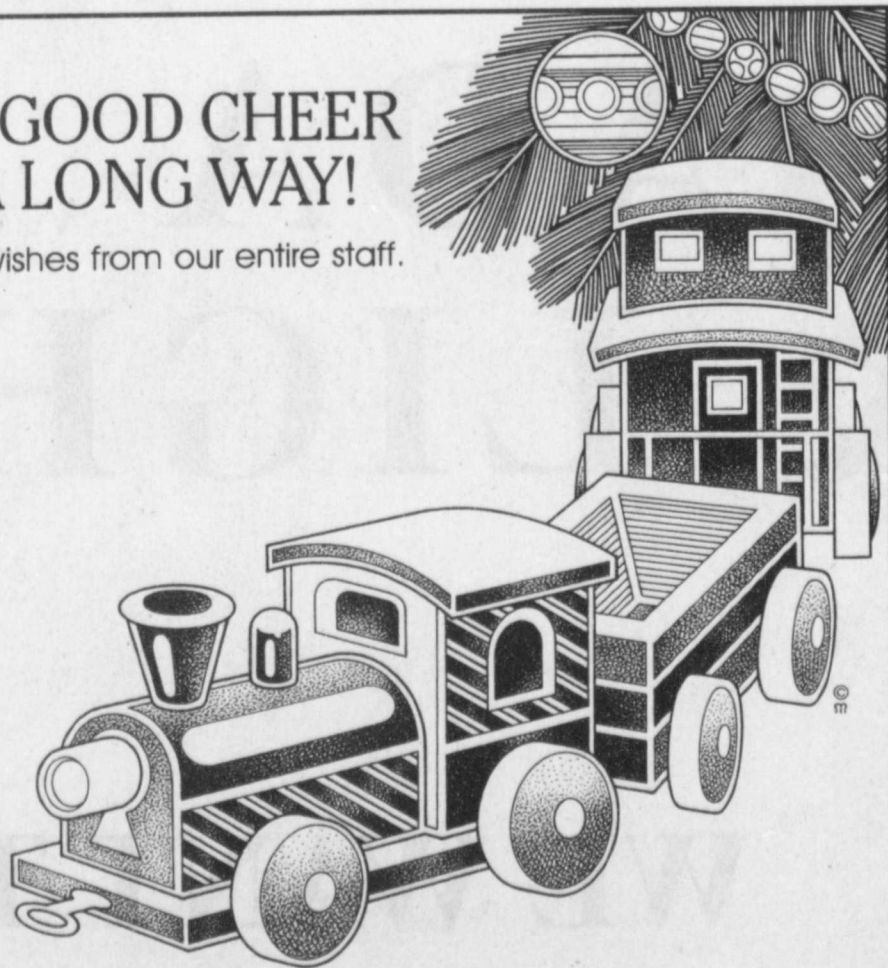
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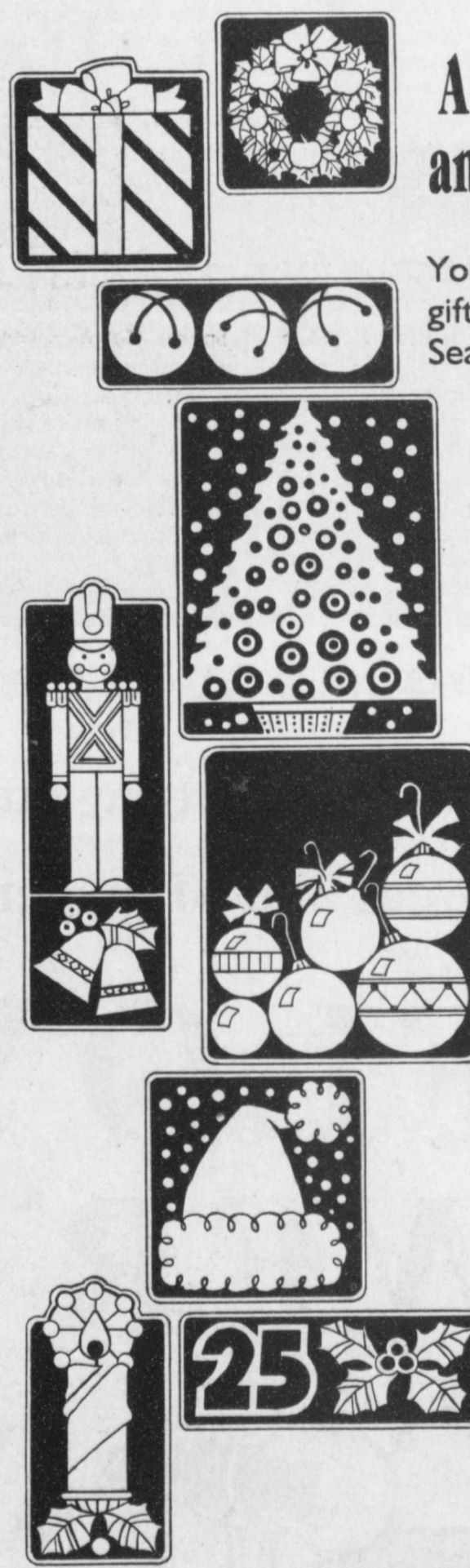
Arlene Bearden
Vicki Sellars
Jerry Pearson

LITTLE GOOD CHEER GOES A LONG WAY!

Best holiday wishes from our entire staff.



Floyd County Farm Bureau



A Time for Special Things and Extra-Special Thanks

Your friendship and patronage are gifts for which we are ever-grateful. Season's greetings to all!

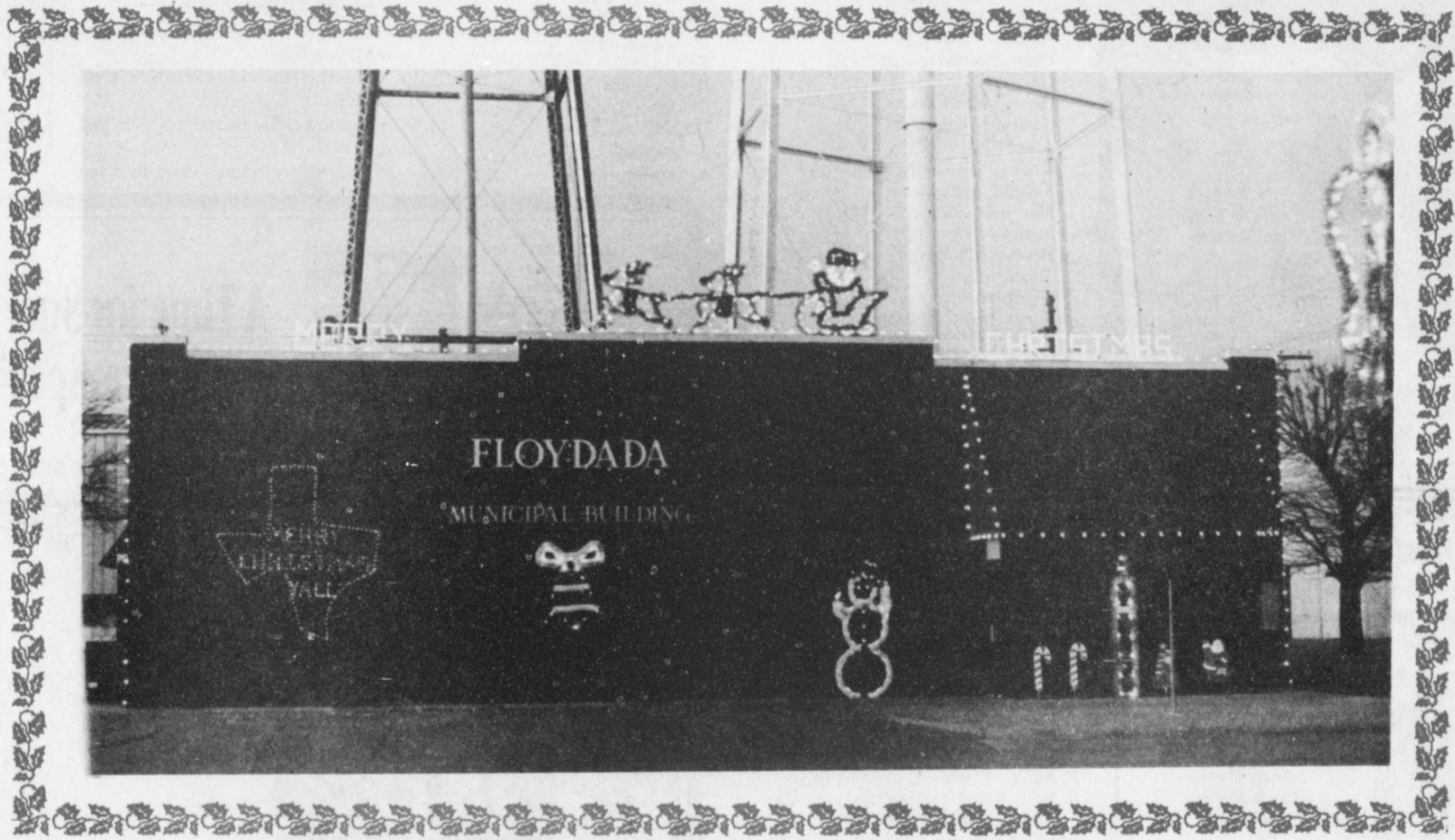
Lockney Cooperatives

Lockney

Sterley

Merry Christmas

To EACH of our Friends and Customers
May This Be Your Happiest Holiday Ever.



To our friends who will be traveling during the holidays, buckle up and have a safe trip
From the Employees and Management of Your Home-owned Electric System

FLOYDADA POWER & LIGHT



WE WANT TO
HELP YOU
BUILD FLOYDADA



Wishing You A Magical Season
Thank You For Your Belief In Us!

— W.J. —
MANGOLD
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

P.O. Box 37, 320 North Main
Lockney, TX 79241
(806) 652-3373

Yes, Virginia, There Is A Santa Claus!

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

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

Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun it's

so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

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

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

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

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

wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. The most real things in the world are those neither children nor men can see.

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

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



WELL LET ME THINK -- WHAT DO I WANT? This youngster was thinking long and hard about everything he wanted for Christmas, while visiting with Santa in Lockney. --Staff photo

Lockney kids tell Santa what they want

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Super Nintendo, paint dazl Barbie car. Jasmen collection and pony. Thank you Santa.
I love you Santa.
Moureen Ballejo - 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 1. skateboard 2. Lickin lizzards 3. Pooltable 4. Shoes with lights
Thank you,
Brandon Gilroy, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a super nintendo, game boy and a sega nintendo. My dog wants a bone.
Thanks,
Jaime Ledesma, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Sega game, 2 bike tubes, a game boy a some shirts and pants. A Spiderm, a gameboy a tiger and a game.
Thanks,
Frankie Mendez, 1st grade

Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Pool table. Super Nintendo, motorcycle, SEGA, Game-boy.
I love you four a friend
Joe Frank Bueno, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega Genesis and game boy and VCR, big bike and My sister wants a little house for her doll.
Love,
Eugene Gonzales, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll, a ring, a toy skateboard, a jumprope, and a Barbie car.
Thank you, Love,
Aracely Luna, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How big is your sleigh? Please, Santa, will you bring a 4 wheeler? Can you bring me a Sega?
Love,
Edward Reyna

Dear Sant,
How many jingll bells are there on the ranedeers harnesses? Will you bring me the tape of Aladdin and Please bring m the game mouse trap. Please bring Troll tree house. and Salley sekrit. There will be cookies for you.
Your frind,
Jana Miller

Dear Santa,
How are Your Elves? Please Santa bring me a Pool Tabl, Bike, Sega, foot ball and a C.d. Player.
your Frind,
Form Jeffery Peralez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bike and a Batman. Thank you,
Danny Cervantes, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skateboard, roller skates, anew red biecke, knee pads a football suit. Bigfoot with ears.
Love,
Davis Hooten, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a little T.V. and a big T.V. for my grandma. And a a little pup. And my cousin a cologne and another cologne.
I love you Santa,
Julia Martinez, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a beauty and the beast tape. Could you bring a moove? Ples bring your reindeer. Ples bring some toys, presents, moove, and bike.
I like you,
Jessica Gutierrez

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers? For Christmas I want a t.v. and a sega and f ll jet jumprope a vcr for my room Please a bascet ball and a batting hemtt
Your frind,
Mark Ford

Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph have a red nose? I will have some Ball. Will you brig me a watchh and a baby check uP, and a troll, and a T.v. and a bumPbed.
your frind,
Cristina Pesina

Santa Claus,
Please bring me a paing and dazzel Barbie and a paing car and a dog with pups. My sister wants a doll her Name is iinfr. My baby brother wants a ball.
Thank you, I love you,
Teresa Day, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy horse, a Tyranos Rex, a boomrang a Sega, toy motorcycle and a puppy.
Love,
Hagan Johnson, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Bardi doll, and a bear and a sleepin Beauty Doll and clothes.
Love,
J.J. McClendon, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please can I have a football? Please bring stechArmstong, a Mastrap game, the Hamwrd bound video, a free willy video, and a sleeping bude video.
Love,
Justin Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please Baby giggle A. Baby check up. How ar the reindeer?
Your frind,
Vilma Perales

Dear Santa,
How is Vixen I want a Waterbed 6wills Please criscros track Can I Please Have Book May I Have a JumRoPe
Your frind
Cagan Cummings

Season's Greetings

God Bless You All

We wish you great joy at this time of year.

May this be your happiest Yule ever!

Brown's Department Store

Claude and Wilma Lockney

May Your Home Be Blessed This Holiday Season

Here's to a future that knows no ill, A world filled with brotherhood, peace and good will. Where every child has a place to call home, And a person is judged on his merit alone.

While this may seem like a pipe dream to some, We admit there's a lot of hard work to be done, And the best place to start is where we are living, By sharing the spirit of this season of giving.

Joe's
100 S. Main, Floydada

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a jump rope, a T.V. a little baby, roller skates, and a Sega Genesis
Thanks, Your Friend,
Amy Molina, 1st grade

Dear Santas,
Please bring my mom and me a dress. I want a Barbie, a My size Barbie.
I love you,
Jamie Ray, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a BATMAN. Please bring Angel a batman. My mom wants earrings and my dad a hammer. My little sister a Barbie. Ruben wants a truck.
Thank you,
Mike Rodriguez, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
I want a TV, VCR and a baby that walks.
Love,
Isabel Torrez, 1st grade

Dear Santa,
Please bring me A jumprope and A doll for my sister and new shoes and lyl Mrmade Poster.
Thanks,
Crystal Vasquez, 1st grade

Happy Holidays To All!

Peace on Earth

May you and your loved ones have a safe and joyous Holiday Season, a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Nick Long
201 W. California, Floydada
9833441

State Farm Insurance Companies Home Offices: Bloomington, Illinois

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A blessed and beautiful Christmas to you and yours. We appreciate your patronage and support.

Probasco Flying Service

Mitch Probasco Jimmy Cervantes
Floydada

This brings a wish at Christmas time that you always will be blessed, with the Peace and Hope this season brings and with lasting happiness.

Mike's Ag Service
Mike and Martha Hadderton
Floydada

WARM WISHES

Dear Santa, How are you? How's Mrs. Claus? How's Rudolph?

Dear Santa,
Please will you bring new bikes for my brother and my sister and me. For my mom a new diamond ring for my Dad a new Saddle.
Love
Ashley Brock
I Love Santa!

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph? How big is Your sleigh? I want Aladdin toys and movie? Please bring me tape bring me a tape. I love you?
Your friend
Karah Jo Hrbacek

Dear Santa
I want jewelry. And the little babies The one that has skates, and A babe Check up. I Love you I am your friend. I Love you very much
Your friend,
Angie Gonzalez

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph. I want a gamboyo wud You bring me Seda are You fine Santa can i tuc pracer please bring me ras Santa bring me a jupp wud you bring me x-men can You bring me a ples bring me a ring I wot oo Saga
Victor Martinez

Dear Santa Claus,
I Lov You. How is Rudolph? I want a Dog, Sparkle barbie, Scates, and Wokman. I Love Santa. I want a cat. How are You and Mrs. Claus doing?
Your friend,
I Love You and Claus.
Melania Van Zandt

Dear Santa
I, Want, Scats. I want Rudolph. I want, a, wallemen How, Is Rudolph. Cd Plare your friend
Kellen Hooten

Dear Santa
I Want a Saga Genesis. for christmas. I have bin vere good This yir. HaW is Rudolph the rebnose reindeer?
Your friend,
Casey Kennedy
Sear Santa Claus

I Love you. How Are you reindeer? I Hope rudolf I Hope he is ok pulling the slau. Please Santa can I have a baseball bat. I want a red baseball a blue baseball bat and baseball glove I want it to be brown. Please Santa, can I have a intido with a Moveo?
I Love you.
Addie Foster

Dear Santa
I Want rudolf. tWo and hoW. is Mrs. Claus. I Want to Have goods gifts I Want to Have a good Christmas. I Want Bolly Bocket I Want a BiBe Bighause snowite crayola Book
Iuv Denise
Denise Salas

Dear Santa,
I Luve Santa Claus I want a basbol I want a rudolf Im Not Lin Santa I want a Sega I want to taka piChr Im a I Needa pach Santa
Frank Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Woole men? Can you bring me Ple Pocit and bring me a Babeolgne. Have a Safe trip.
your frende
K. K. Kelley

Dear Santa
I Love Rudolph's red nose. How is Mrs Claus? Can I have the key fors atak pak, Sega Genesis, finger pante, and a bike.
Love
Zane Montandon

Dear santa.
How are you? I want scatebord and sega Genesis. I want a walkman.
Your friend
Marcos Perales

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega Gene Sis, walkman CD player, and a tent. Can I please have Super Nintendo. have a good trip.
Your friend,
Brandon McDonald

Dear Santa Claus.
I Bine Beregood Haw Is Ms Clos Haw is Rudolph? Can you bring me a walkman, a walkie-talkie, remote control racing car, and toy cars. I Love you.
Your friend,
JoShua Raissez

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? How is Dasher? How is Danar? I want a Polly Pocket.
Lindsay Collins

Dear Santa
I want a Big Barbie sise. How is Mrs. Claus and How is Rudolph?
Luv,
Alicia Leal

Dear Santa,
I have ben verey good this yir. I have ineded my Mom and Dad so will you git me some roler skats and a bank.
Annie Reece

Dear Santa,
Can I have a game to Sega Genesis and can I haf a wotrgon? Have a Safetrip Xavier Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
How is Mis Closs? I Love you Santa, and Mis Closs. I want Sume Skats and Barbie and a Baby.
Love,
Marti JoAnn Nolan

Dear Santa
How are you? Santa? How is Mis claus? I want a Barbie van. Please can you Bring me Brite lite Please. My brother Adam wants a lego rocket. My brother Simon wants clothes.
Sarah Martinez

Dear Santa,
I Lov you I want a sega Genesis. How Rudolph? How Dasher?
Your friend,
Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want a baby that cries, a kitchen and a Barney. I like to sing Christmas songs. Do you know Jingle Bells?
Love,
Jamie Butler



POSING WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS--Kids got the opportunity to pose for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the couple's visit in Floydada. --Staff photo

Christmas cookies for kids to make and give

Turn your kitchen into Santa's workshop by setting aside an afternoon to bake and decorate cookies with the kids. The following mom-tested tips can help make the experience a memorable one for everyone.

***Let Kids Take Part In The Planning.** Review favorite recipes and ask your child to help choose the cookies you will bake.

***Getting Started.** Read the recipe together from beginning to end. Then gather ingredients and equipment.

***Teach As You Go.** Practice pouring, measuring and counting. With older children, review fractions and kitchen safety, or talk about favorite holiday traditions.

***Play It Safe.** Make ovens, stove tops and sharp utensils off limits to very young children. Supervise older children.

***Cleaning Up.** Teach the importance of cleaning up as you work.

***Encourage Creativity.** Assemble a variety of decorating materials and encourage your children to use their imaginations to package their cookies to give as gifts.

The smallest hands will be able to shape "Holiday Cookie Surprises", a recipe developed in the Quaker Kitchens with children in mind. The simple oatmeal cookie dough is molded around a bite-size piece of chocolate, gumdrop or other "surprise," then rolled in colored sugar crystals or sprinkles.

To give cookies as gifts, pack in holiday tins or create clever packaging of your own. To make cookie bundles, arrange a few cookies in the center of a square of food-safe wrap, form the square into a bundle and tie at the top with a ribbon.

"Holiday Cookie Surprises"

- Cookies:**
1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)

Fillings:
Approximately 48 small candies (such as bite-size pieces of chocolate, candy-coated chocolate, jelly beans and

- gumdrops)
Coatings:
Colored sugar crystals or sprinkles
Powdered sugar*

Heat oven to 325° F. Beat margarine and sugar until fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add combined flour, oats and salt; mix well. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Press desired candy piece into center of each ball and shape dough around candy so it is completely hidden. Roll cookies in colored sugar crystals or sprinkles until evenly coated or coat in powdered sugar as directed below. Place balls on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 14 to 17 minutes or until bottoms are light golden brown. Remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Makes about 4 dozen.

*For powdered sugar coated cookies, bake uncoated cookies as directed above. Remove to wire rack; cool 5 minutes. Place about 3/4 cup powdered sugar in plastic bag. Gently shake 3 to 4 cookies in sugar until coated. Repeat with remaining cookies. Sift remaining powdered sugar over cookies.

Dear Santa,
I want tapes, skates and a walker.
Love,
Audrie Arjona
Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train and a fake gun. Please come on Christmas Eve.
Love,
Benjamin Cook

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of money for my piggy bank. Some dollars! I want a choo-choo train, a motorcycle and a new car. That's it!
Love,
Manuel Fierros

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie that's as big as I am so I can wear her clothes and her earrings. Fly your reindeer to my house!
Love,
Amanda Gonzales.

Dear Santa,
I want a three-wheeler. Come to my house and bring my sister a house and a car.
Love,
Cameron Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a house, a bed and a couch. I just want them so I can play with them. I always behave at school.
Love,
Camille Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle, a robot and a jeep. I like to see pictures of you.
Love,
Ethan Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I like you. I like school! I want a Barbie and a fun house and boys!
Love,
Andrea Guerrero

Dear Santa,
Bring Grandpa some Reindeer shorts. Bring Irene some big shorts and Alex needs a truck. I want a Barbie Bike!!!!
Love,
Jasmyne Rendon

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Mermaid Bike, a Barbie and a Mickey Mouse watch that sings. My brother needs a hug because he's sick. I just fight with him sometimes.
Love,
Karina Salazar

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie that's eleven and a bicycle! Bring my mom and dad a bike! My sister wants one, too!
Love,
Cassandra Torres

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a monster truck and a racecar track and a choo-choo train. I wanted to say "Hello!"
Love,
Samuel Gross

Dear Santa,
I want a race car, a motorcycle and a tractor! You can knock on the door and let you in!
Love,
Paul Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want a hug from and a bike with dollie's on it. I like you!
Love,
Desiree Sanchez



Rejoice!

Wishing you a wondrous and magical season.

Love and peace shall dwell upon the Earth for all mankind.

The Breakfast Shop

The Lucio Family
Lupe Almaguera
Penny Gordon
Juanita Baqlderas



GREETINGS



Behold His blessing for it brings hope to all mankind. In appreciation of your continued good will and patronage. Have a very joyous season.

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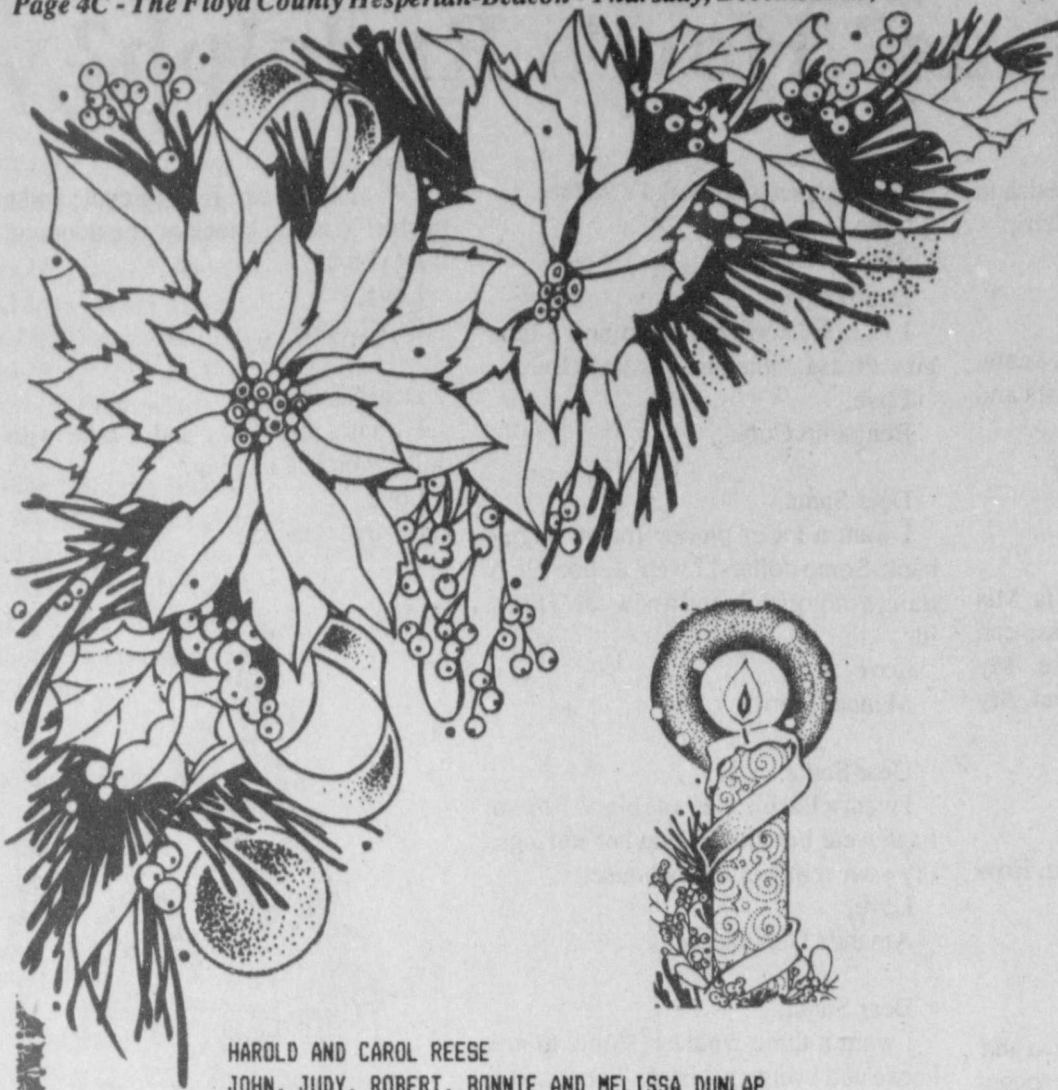
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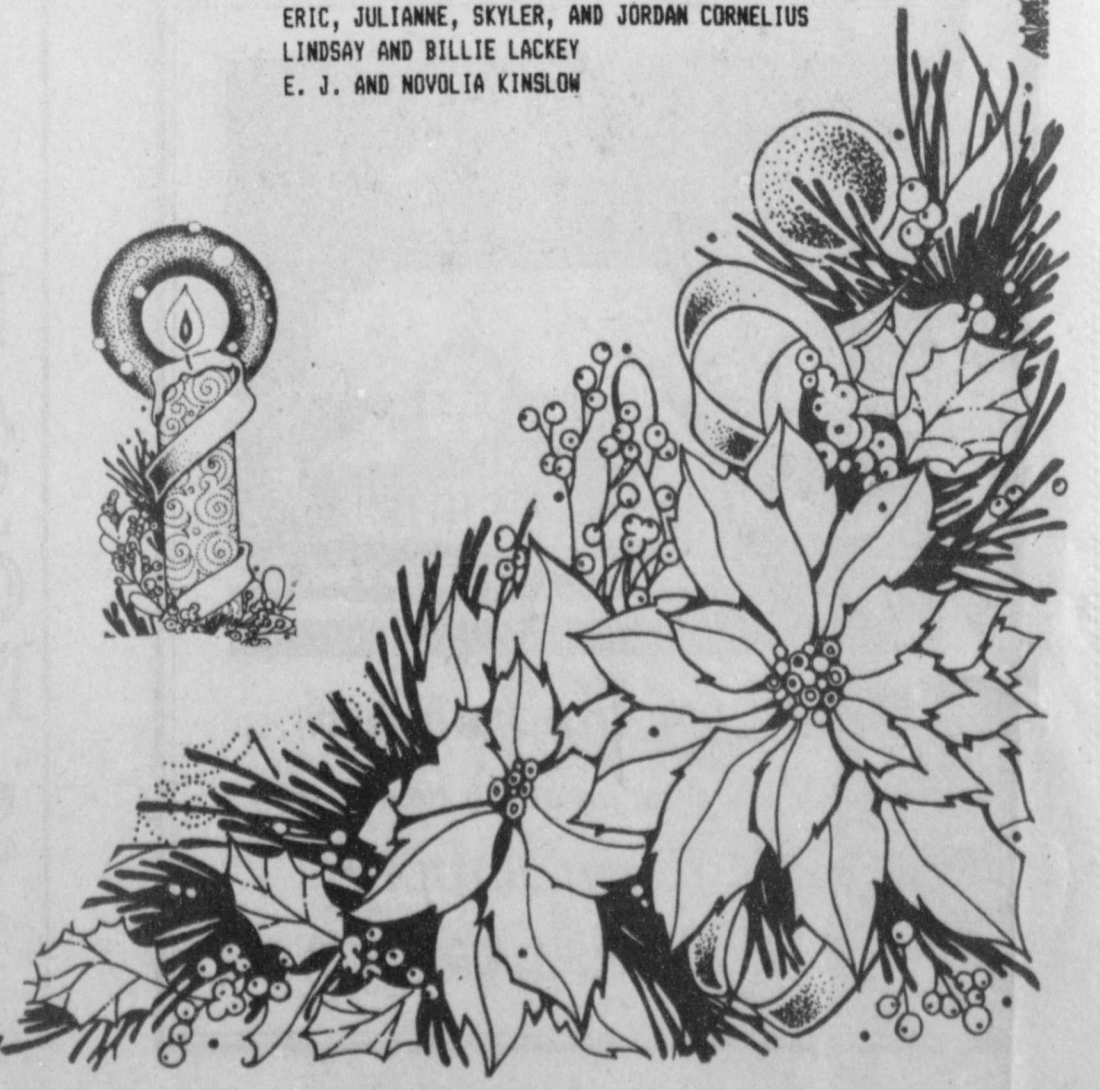


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Christmas defined through the writings of R.C. Andrews sixth graders

CHRISTMAS ALPHABET

By Felicia Garcia, 6-A

A time of joy
Big and small celebrating on this holiday

Christmas love
Dressy clothes
Earning one another's love
Forever together
Gifts of love to one another
Happy holiday
Indeed happy
Joyfully loved
Kinfolk all around
Love, laughter
Merry Christmas
Naturally happy
Opposite of hate
Presents under Christmas tree
Quite beautiful
Relatives from all over the world
Seasons Greeting
Tree lighting
Unreal it seems
View outside is beautiful
Wal-Mart shopping
Xylophone playing Jingle Bells
Young and old celebrating
Zippy Zoppity

CHRISTMAS POEM

By Tiffany Garza, 6-A

Christmas is laughter. Christmas is cheer. Christmas is also when Jesus was

here. Christmas is for sharing gifts within the year. Christmas is family getting together at the end of the year. And if it wasn't for Jesus we wouldn't have any Christmas at any year.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By Cesar Garcia, 6-A

Mary
Evening
Restful
Reindeer
Yesterday

Christmas

Hopping
Rising
Indoor
Santa
Tasteful
Meaning
Apple Pie
Snow

CHRISTMAS

By Shannon Bailey, 6-A

Christ
Happiness
Reindeer
Icicles
Santa
Time
Mary
Apple pie
Snow

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Caroline Rodriguez, 6-A

Dear Santa,
I have been a pretty well behaved kid this year. So for Christmas I only want a jacket of the Raiders. Please be sure and stop for some milk and cookies at my house.

I'll do you a favor and tie up the dog and clean house. But I am sure the dog won't bite you.

I want you to bring the school a little extra. For athletics class bring some new sports equipment.

Well, so long til midnight. Be sure and bring them fancy reindeers to my house.

Merry Christmas to you and a Happy New Year.
Love.

CHRISTMAS TIME

By Ireal Irlas, 6-A

I like Christmas because I get to get lots of presents and a lot of people in my family come and they spend Christmas with us. I also like it because it is just like Thanksgiving except at Christmas they give presents.

In Thanksgiving we eat and talk about what we all want for Christmas. The important thing that we must keep in our hearts is the birth of Christ. Spending time with the whole family loving each other. We will all enjoy the holidays. We will be going to Oklahoma to visit my sister. I enjoy being with my nieces. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS IS...

By Josh Tipton, 6-A

One day long ago a baby was born. The day he was born is now celebrated as Christmas. Christmas is a time for your house to smell like pine. It is a time for you to lay in bed and see the flickering of lights on your neighbors house. But most importantly the night Jesus was born.

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Nichole Hartline, 6-A

Christ
Happiness
Running to Christmas tree
Icicles
Street singing
Tearing open presents
Merry
Aunts and uncles
Sharing

Ice
Singing

Friends

Opening presents
Racing to grandma's

Caring

Amusing
Reading with people
Incredible
Nice
Greetings

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

By Laura Garza, 6-A

Christ
Holy
Receive
Ice cream
Songs
Trust
Manger
Angel
Star

Santa

Neat
Oh oh oh
Winter

CHRISTMAS

By Kocrist Burks, 6-A

Christmas is a time for giving and sharing.

A time for bringing star cake.

It's a happy time.

A time we give thanks to the Lord.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

By Breanna Burge, 6-A

May your wishes come true
Everyones happy
Reeths
Reindeer
You should give peace on earth

Cherish

Happy children opening gifts
Rudolph
It's lovable
Santa Claus
Together around the Christmas tree
Merry
Angels flying around Jesus
Sleigh

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Elda Segura, 6-A

Candy canes on the Christmas tree
Happy family
Red nose reindeer
Icicles hanging from the roof
Saint Nicholas
Tis for trees in homes
Merry Christmas
A room of love
Santa Claus on the roof

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Erin Dawdy, 6-A

Fall is gone and winter is here,
Christmas is coming, tis very near.
Soon there will be snow and sleet.
On our beds an extra sheet.
There will also be a Christmas tree.
And pretty gifts for you and me.
I wish the world both peace and joy.
And happiness for each girl and boy.

CHRISTMAS

By Jody Bueno, 6-A

Christmas is a time for sharing,
it is also a time of caring.
This special holiday is fun.
In December theres not much sun.
So when you are feeling down just think of Christmas and how much fun it will be.
Merry Christmas

SANTA'S JOURNAL

By Shane Lloyd, 6B

Sept. 16: Today I woke up and got my first Christmas request. It was from a small girl named Samantha. She wants a puppy.

Sept. 23: I am getting letter after letter now. The most popular items seems to be a Nerf Arrowstorm for boys and the Barbie dream house for girls.

Dec. 1: Today Prancer sprang his ankle. He had better be able to make his rounds on the 24th. Letters are still pouring in.

Dec. 3: Today I got a letter from a boy named Andy. He wants a Michigan Wolverine's Starter jacket.

Dec. 7: Today I got a toothache. Mrs. Claus says it will be gone in 2 or 3 days.

Dec. 10: Mrs. Claus was right. My toothache is gone.

Dec. 13: Prancer participated in the drills today, but his ankle is still giving him fits.

Dec. 15: Elves ran out of red paint. Must get them some more.

Dec. 17: Today I got a letter from a young lady named Stacey. She wants a Chevrolet turbo-diesel pickup. She wants it to be navy blue and champagne.

Dec. 20: Today I got another letter from Stacey. She wants a matching horse trailer and 2 registered quarter horses.

Dec. 21: We have begun painting the sled again. I'm glad I remembered to get the red paint.

Dec. 22: We began loading the sled today.

Dec. 23: No time for journal today.

Dec. 24: We made final adjustments to flight plan and set off at 9:00.

Dec. 25: We had a successful flight. Only 2 children saw me this year.

Dec. 26: I started getting thank you notes today. I'm glad the children enjoyed their Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY

By Kayla Davis, 6B

Christ was born today
Heaven is where he lives
Righteousness feels his heart
Is the special day today
Sharing and caring and bring gay
Tis the season to be jolly
Merry Christmas to all
Appearances that fill your heart
Spiritual sounds that light your life

Doing everything possible
All people are happy
Ya'll have a very Merry Christmas.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

By Mandy Emert, 6B

Christmas is a time to be happy, for we are celebrating Jesus' birthday.
Christmas is also a very beautiful time of year, all of the Christmas trees are up with cute ornaments and lights on them, and stockings hanging from the fireplace just waiting to be filled.

On Christmas family comes and everybody opens presents, laughs, and has a good time.

On Christmas morning kids awake and find that Santa has come to see them and they realize that they have been good this year.

To me Christmas is the best time of year.

CHRISTMAS

By Camelia Rosa, 6B

Christmas is a special day that everyone enjoys. Christmas is loving joy. A day when they open presents and are cheery all day.

SANTA

By Kalli Hopper, 6B

There's someone on the rooftop
I don't know who
I think he's coming down the chimney now.

I got just a glimpse of him
He looked so jolly with his laughing eyes and frostbit nose.

He was carrying a big bag of toys
I saw him put them under our tree.
Then he left but not before saying ho, ho, ho!

DECEMBER

By Candice Herrera, 6B

December is the day to hollar, that the moon looks like a silver dollar. While everyone is stuffed with stuffing and outdoors your breath makes smoke like an engine puffing.

CHRISTMAS DAY

By Jeff Lyles, 6B

It's Christmas Day and a time for joy.
Santa has come and left his toys.
The lights on the tree are bright and glowing.

Outside the wind and snow are blowing.

The family gathers around the table,
To hear the story that began in a stable.

Baby Jesus was born that night, and
The world was suddenly turned to light.

On Christmas Day we pause to say,
"Jesus is the reason we have this season."

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Christine Pesina, 6B

Getting presents is great, but the best part of Christmas is . . . spending time with your family. If you go and see your family you are having a very special moment with the ones you love. If you can't see your family, you still will be having a loving moment with God. Even though Christmas comes once a year, God will always love you. He always loves you more when you remember on his birthday December 25 in a manger.

CHRISTMAS POEM

By Artemio Diaz, 6B

Christmas is love and joy, and lots of presents.

Christmas is a time of sharing, and a time for happiness and caring.

Christmas is when Christ was born. And to clean up wrapping paper that has been torn.


Christmas is a time for the spirit of giving.

And a time to be thankful that we are all living.

Christmas is when relatives come over

And pinch your cheeks and say, "You're older!"

That is what Christmas is all about. But when it's over don't cry and pout.



Happy Holidays


At Christmastime, we join in giving thanks to the Lord for his many fine creations both large and small.

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Kathy Green
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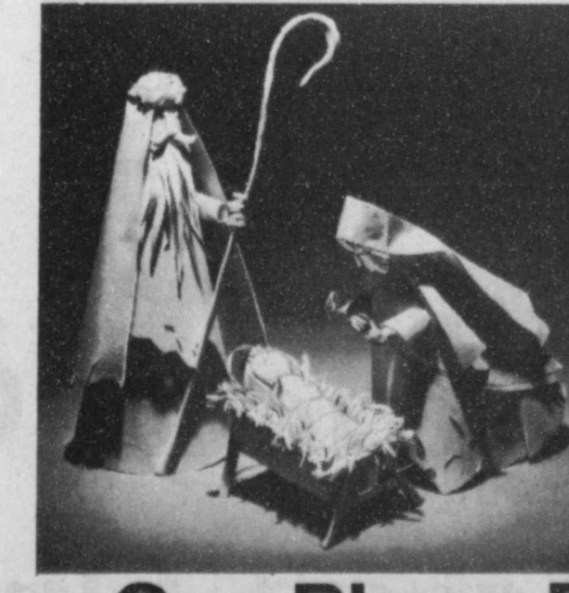
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Christmas



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Holiday Greetings To All Our Friends

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


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

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

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

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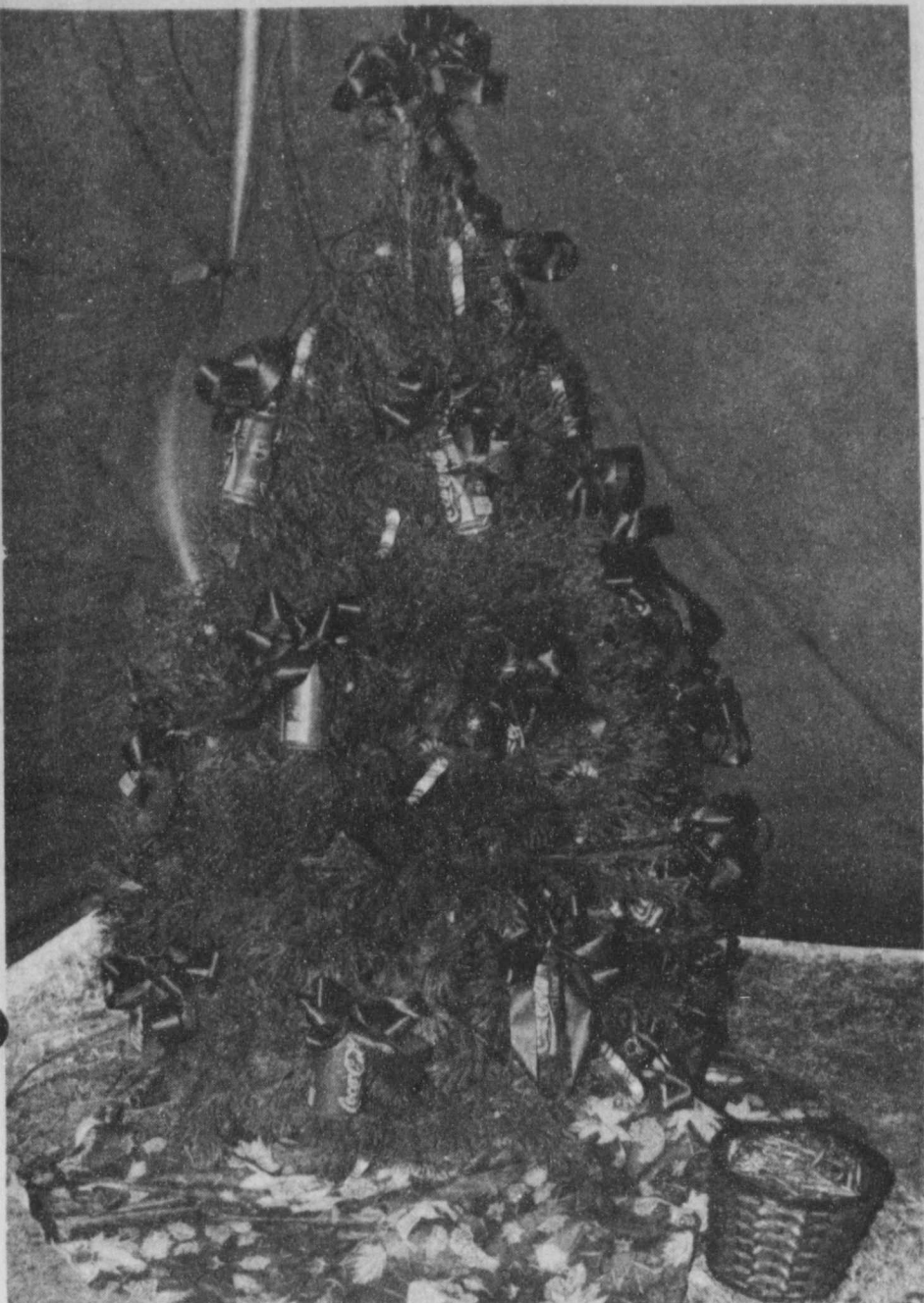


Merry Christmas to you and yours.

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Sixth graders express Christmas meanings



COCA COLA TREE--Displaying originality in decorating was this Christmas tree set up in Floydada for a recent visit from Santa. The tree was adorned with Coca Cola cans. --Staff photo



MERRY CHRISTMAS



In the true spirit of the Christmas season, may goodness and peace prevail for all on this precious Earth.
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SPECIAL DAY

By Cynthia Chavez, 6B
 Jesus was born today.
 That's why we celebrate this special day in a special way.

What can I say just that He is great in a very special way.

He gave us Christmas on this day and that's why I think Him for being born today.

He wasn't born in May but on this special day.

That's why everybody is gay on this special day.

He made the blue jays and anything we can say,

And that's why we celebrate this special day.

CHRISTMAS ALPHABET

By Tim Mulanex, 6B
 A is for the snow angels you can make
 B is for a Beary Merry Christmas
 C is for candy canes and cupcakes on Christmas morn

D is for dancing to Christmas music
 E is for Evergreen Christmas tree
 F is for fine wrapped presents
 G is for Goodwill toward men
 H is for having a Happy Holiday
 I is for Incense of evergreen
 J is for juggling your Christmas presents

K is for Kids all around the world
 L is for looking for Santa
 M is for mistletoe hanging
 N is for Noel
 O is for old times remembered
 P is for peeking at your presents
 Q is for quickly opening your gifts
 R is for Red everywhere
 S is for Santa Claus coming soon
 T is for toys you receive
 U is for union of families on Christmas Day
 V is for the variety of Christmas colors
 W is for waiting for Christmas
 X is for xylophones playing everywhere
 Y is for Yuletide carols
 Z is for zillions of gifts everywhere.

CHRISTMAS

By Erick Arellano, 6B
 Celebrating Jesus' birth
 Holy day
 Relatives visiting from all over
 Icicles lining the roofs and trees
 Sharing
 Trees decorated colorfully
 Making ornaments to hang on the tree
 Afterwards is the New Year
 Stockings hung by the fireplace

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Resa Mercado, 6-C
 What Christmas means. Christmas is not just a day to give presents away. Christmas is the day Jesus was born. On this day many people go to church to take part in special religious services. The first mention of the celebration of Christmas occurred in A.D. 336 in an early Roman calendar which indicates December 25 as he day of observance. Christmas is the happiest and busiest time of the year for millions of Christians throughout the world. Every Christmas people put decorations on their house with bright lights. You may even put up a Christmas tree and decorate it with lights and ornaments. You may even get special gifts for Christmas. But, always remember when you open that gift that it is Jesus's birthday. So have a good time and celebrate. Remember also to wish Him a Happy Birthday.

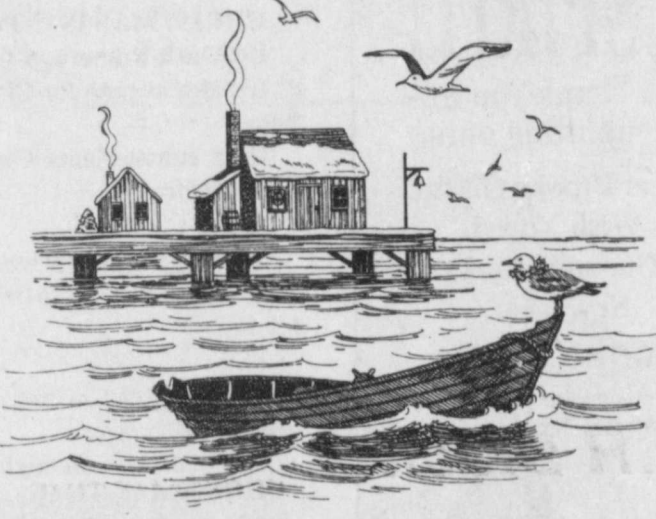
CHRISTMAS WRITINGS

By J.R. Mercado, 6-C
 Cold
 holidays
 reindeers
 ice
 sleighs
 turkey
 merry Christmas
 angels
 stars shining

*Christmas greetings from our crew to yours.
 We'd be lost at sea without friends like you.*

Ray Lee Equipment

Floydada



Christmas in the Country

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South Plains Gin



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Clark Pharmacy

Danny, Vicki, Carissa, Jarrod & Allyson Clark
 Leandra Hernandez

Lockney

Christmas thoughts written by sixth graders

CHRISTMAS

By Marivel Saldana, 6-C

Christmas
Holy
Red
Incredible
Santa Claus
Telling stories
Mary
Aunts and Uncles
Story

CHRISTMAS

David Rainwater, 6-C

Christ's birthday
Holiday joy
Ice
Savior
Trees decorated
Manger for Jesus
Angels overhead
Santa saying, "Merry Christmas to all!"

CHRISTMAS

By Tiffany Trujillo, 6-C

Christmas
Happiness
Incredible
Stable
Tree
Mary
A present
Stars

THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By Shannon Smith, 6-C

I am going to tell you the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was born in an animal stable because there was no room in the inn. Above the stable there was a great star. Three wise men brought Him gifts. They were gold, frankincense and myrrh. This was all they had to give to this God. Jesus loves us whatever we do.

Jesus is the real meaning of Christmas. It's not the gifts, but it's the love from other people and Jesus Christ.

"And when they were come unto the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Matthew 2:11
Authorized (King James) Version

CHRISTMAS

By Ty Hendrix, 6-C

Christ
Holly
Remembrance
Incredible
Snow
Trees
Myrrh
Always remembering the birth of Jesus
Savior

PRAY

By Brandi Gourdon, 6-C

Don't pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger.

And pray for people who are sick on Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

By Mark Romero, 6-C

It's almost time for Christmas to be here.

Here comes Santa Claus with his eight big deer.

It's nearly time that we should pray.
That Christ was born on this wonderful day.

Christmas Oh Christmas
it's time for love
And wish that you might
get those two turtledoves.

But it is time to say goodbye
Christmas day.
Oh please come back and
you may stay.

SANTA AND HIS ELVES

By Rene Mendoza, 6-C

Santa and his elves are so upset something terrible happened at sunset. The fire was on, everybody was still, you heard stomping and bumping santa's reindeer were ill. He looked up and down and all around yet he could not hear a bell or a sound. He had to find some reindeer tonight, or else the children will be all uptight. He left and found some happy reindeer and once he left he said Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS

By Jessica Coronado, 6-C

Coming from the heart
Happiness that will mend
Raking up our hope
In what we hope will come with love
Staying all through the end
Taking time to help each other
Merry and full with care
Asking each other to stay as friends
and...
Saying MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

CHRISTMAS WRITING

By Alex Hadderton, 6-C

Christmas
Holiday
Reindeer
Ice
Snow
Turkey
Merry Christmas
Angels
Spruce smell

CHRISTMAS

By Veronica Galvan, 6-C

Christ
Heavenly
Righteous
Incredible
Saved
Thankful
Mary
Angels
Savior

CHRISTMAS ALPHABET

By Yesenia Irlas, 6-C

A is for apple pie and angel
B is for ball
C is for Christmas & Claus
D is for delicious
E is for elves
F is for fun
G is for guide
H is for happy
I is for ice cube
J is for jolly
K is for kind
L is for laughter
M is for Merry Christmas
N is for nice
O is for open presents
P is for presents
Q is for queen
R is for Rudolph
S is for Santa
T is for tree
U is for umbrella
V is for vase
W is for wagon
X is for X-mas
Y is for yummy
Z is for toy zebra

CHRISTMAS IS...

By Michael Alaniz, 6-C

Christ's birthday
Holiday
Reindeers
Ice cream
Santa
Toboggan
Magnificent presents
Apple pie
Sweets

Intelligent cooking
Super fun

Best Wishes To All!

CHRISTMAS TIME

By Justin McGuire, 6-C

Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of baby Jesus. Sometimes, we forget that and all we think about is all the presents around the Christmas tree that have our name on it.

We need to give and share and not just think about ourselves. We need to thank God for our lives and all of the things he has given us, especially our Savior.

JASON'S FAVORITE CHRISTMAS STORY

By Lindsey Reddy, 6-C

Once, a couple of years back there was a boy named Jason. He had been in the hospital for a long time. He had almost no friends because he did not go to school. Christmas was coming before long. He was going to have surgery in two weeks before Christmas. He did not want it to come, not even December, his favorite month. He kept thinking how much fun the other children would have, but, not him. That night he dreamed that almost the whole town would come and see him. Santa was also there bringing him all kinds of goodies.

When he woke up he was still in his lonely room. Later that night the nurse came and got him. He walked out of this room. It was just like his dream. Everyone was there, even Santa. There were banners that said "get well soon" and there were presents everywhere. He was so happy! When Santa asked him what he wanted he said, "All I want is not to have surgery." Santa started telling Jason the good things about the surgery like how much better he would feel afterwards. Jason finally understood. A few days after that he had the surgery. Now Jason is at home and is doing well. It was truly a dream come true.

CHRISTMAS

By Scot Holster, 6D

Christmas is a fun time for you and me
Helping dad cut down the perfect tree
Remember your Saviour
In your best behavior
Saying grace for the food
The kids thinking of sweets in a very cheerful mood
Many kids thinking of
SANTA CLAUSE
And their parents tell them to put their thoughts on pause
Santa Clause saying 'HO HO HO AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS'

HERE COMES SANTA

By Kember Everett, 6D

Here comes Santa
Soaring in the sky
With Rudolph's nose so bright
Little ones run and jump in bed
As they hear the reindeers hoofs on the roof
Santa slides down the chimney
His plump little body lands in the dark black fireplace
Santa drops off the children's toys and off he goes
To all a Merry Christmas and a good night.

CHRISTMAS IN THE EYES OF PEOPLE

By Erika Miller, 6D

Christmas in the eyes of a child is...
Stockings full of candy canes, bright wrapped presents, toy trains.
Strange new people all around, hot turkey and dressing by the pound.
A rough cousin whose name is Benny, hugs and kisses, yuck, one too many.
Christmas in the eyes of an adult is...

Relaxing and enjoying this time in every way, sitting around watching football all day.

Waiting to yell when the kids start to scream, talking and blabbing, eating ice cream.

Talking to relations who came from far places, sitting around tying shoe laces.



DOUBLE ORDER--These two youngsters doubled up to give their Christmas list to Santa during a recent Lockney visit at the First National Bank.

SANTA'S WORST CHRISTMAS EVER

By Kylan Sanders, 6D

A long time ago on Christmas eve Santa's elves were very upset. A terrible disaster happened in the toy factory. A reindeer came running into the factory and slid into the rainbow maker, which was the toy maker. Rudolph was the reindeer that ran into the rainbow maker. He was to tell the elves to work double time. But now one of the reindeers can't work and also there rainbow maker isn't working. The elves are terribly upset. That Christmas turned out ok. Because they got the rainbow maker working again. That's what happened that Christmas eve.

CHRISTMAS IS

By Ruth Vasquez, 6D

Christmas is a time for family.
A time should be joyful and merry.
A time for peace on earth and a silent night.
A time when Santa comes down your chimney.
A time when all your dreams of presents come true.
A TIME to give thanks to God for sending his one and only son.

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Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year.

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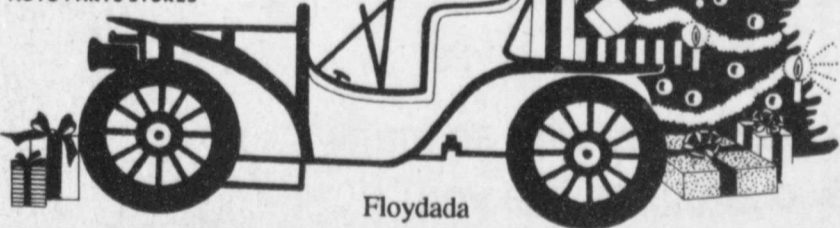
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Sixth graders use acrostics, poems, stories to tell Christmas meaning

CHRISTMAS
By Nora Lira, 6D
Christmas Eve
Happy New Year
Rudolph
Ice Skates
Stars
Twirling lights
Merry Christmas
And
Santa

CHRISTMAS
By Cindy Suarez, 6D
Christmas is the time to celebrate, by opening presents, being joyful, having a great meal. Even by bringing families together.

Christmas is the time to be jolly. Christmas is the time for kids coming to your porch and singing Silent Night. On Christmas night kids are up hearing Santa go down the chimney. Christmas is the time to be thankful.

CHRISTMAS WRITING
By Jessica Johnston, 6D
Christmas
Has many
Reasons, but the most
Important is the birth of our
Saviour or our Christ.
This season is for
Many other reasons to like
A family rejoining and my favorite
Singing Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS WRITING
By Maribel Cuellar, 6D
Christmas is joy.
Christmas is happiness.
It is a time when you share presents
with everyone.
And when Jesus was born.

CHRISTMAS
By Daniel Cervera, 6D
Christmas is the day Jesus was born.
There's no season quite like Christmas,
with it's candles full of glow. It's decorated
Christmas trees. It's crunching,
sparkling snow. It's the season when
children running all through the house
and shouting come and see, we set the
treats for Santa Claus around the Christ-
mas tree.

Where there's peace - there's love,
where there's love - there's Christ,
where there's Christ - nothing is miss-
ing.

CHRISTMAS WRITING
By Yolanda Avila, 6D
Christmas is the day that Jesus Christ
was born. So the people made that day
into a holiday. Now we celebrate it with
ribbons, gifts, Christmas trees, and
happiness. We also share joy with fam-
ily and friends. But it's mostly about the
love we have for each other. So now
every Christmas Day we think back to
Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS
By Nancy Chavez, 6-E
Once upon a time in a cold far away
land lived Santa and his wife and some
little elves. One Christmas night Santa
was getting all his presents for all the
children in the world and while he was
checking his list he noticed there was not
enough presents to go all around and he
had only three hours left until he had to
leave. He was going to leave a little early
because he had lots of houses to go to. So
he put his little elves to work. He needed
200 more presents but there was not any
time and one little elf named Curly. Well
Curly found a big bag of toys in the
closet. So Santa counted them and there
were 201 toys. So that's the story of
Christmas. Curly saved the day and he
got to ride with Santa and deliver pres-
ents and he was very happy about what
he did that Christmas night and he still
is.

FROSTY
By Laci Martinez, 6-E
There's one man who sleeps in the
snow, with a cheerful smile.
He looks like something in a file. He
has a big red smile, and carrot sticks,
with gloves made out of felt.
Although he has a scarf as well, with
a black hat, and just remember his silver
belt.

His name would be Frosty with a big
old smile.
Although I think he's never been to
the Nile
Frosty was a little boy
now we remember him as a toy.

SILENT NIGHT
By Jessie Delgado 6-E
Christmas is snow, time. There is
snow everywhere snow is white after
shining on the moon. The moon makes
the snow white and bright so there can
be some light in every night.

CHRISTMAS WRITING
by Dustin Jones 6-E
Christmas time is in the air,
Elves are jumping everywhere
Santa's deer are ready to roll,
Christmas time is good for the soul
Sleigh bells are ringing,
Carolers are singing
Fires at night warn the house,
Everyone is quiet as a mouse
Rudolph's nose is fiery red,
Here comes Santa's filled up sled
Christmas trees are lit up bright,
bous and girls are tucked in tight
Christmas day is finally here,
boys and girls are filled with cheer
Snow is falling on the roof,
I can hear the reindeers hooves
Santa says ho,ho,ho,
kids are playing in the snow
Snowmen are sitting in the yards,
Snow is on top of every car
Presents are sitting under the tree,
I hope the big ones are saved for me

CHRISTMAS
by Analisa Enriquez 6-E
Christmas day, oh Christmas day. So
many wonderful things to say.
Merry Christmas says the jay a won-
derful thing to say. Whether your lone-
some or upset some remember the one
with out some friends.

Do you ever wonder what was
thought of King Tut. I wonder of noth-
ing such.

What do you think is made of him.
Remember them in the mall going down
the hall you some one filled with glee.

Maybe you'd hear a homeless one
plee for a gift to thee. What was the best
present they've received. The best pres-
ent I have is a healthy family and all my
friends.

CHRISTMAS
by Griselda Lopez 6-E
Christmas is a time to open presents
Happy to know what it's going to be
Running till you get your present
Icicles to play with
Snowflakes coming down and down
Tying bows on a present
My I just hate when they put them on
At last mother let's us open our pres-
ents I new
It was time because from our
Special mother!!

CHRISTMAS DAY
By Tara Gilly, 6-E
Presents under the tree big, bright and
gold.
All the toys in the toy stores are sold.
Giant green towers decorated with
bells of joy.
A time for happiness in every girl and
boy.
A star shines brilliant and bright with
glee.
Oh, Lord on this Christmas day, be
with me!

CHRISTMAS
By April Fox, 6-E
Christmas time is coming near
It's the best time of the year.
Santa will come on Christmas Eve.
Oh, what wonderful things he will
leave.
Christmas Carols will soon start.
There will be joy in everyones hearts.
I can see the Christmas trees all so
bright.
I can't wait for Christmas Eve night.
The streets are filled with Christmas
shoppers.
I can smell the bakers gingerbread,
the color of copper.
I have nothing more to say
except Christmas is a great day.

CHRISTMAS STORIES
by David Garza 6-E
One day Santa's elves were making
toys for the boys and girls for Christmas
and Santa's elves where very upset. A
terrible disaster happended in the toy
factory today. And Santa was very
happy because Christmas was coming
just three days away. So Santa tried to
encourage his elves to make toys or else
all the little children would be upset
because they did not have no toys to play
with. So Santa said please work so every
child would have something to play
with. So one night Santa was asleep and
the elves decided to surprise Santa so
when Santa got out of bed he was the
factory full of toys for the boys and girls
Santa was really happy that day so he got
ready he put the toys in the bag so he
could give them to the children who
were very good to their parents and the
ones who listened that day Santa got to
deliver all the presents to the little chil-
dren right before it was Christmas and
every one was happy to get toys from
Santa.

CHRISTMAS ALPHABET
by Maria Rangel 6-E
Angels
Blitzen
Candy Canes
Dasher
Elves
Family
Gingerbread man
Hay
Icicles
Jesus
Kris Kringle
Lights
Mary
Noel
Ornaments
Presents
Quails
Rudolph
Stables
Toys
Us
Vixen
Wreath
X-mas
Year
Zachries

LONG, LONG AGO
By Dusty Anderson, 6-E
Winds thru the olive trees
Softly did blow
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay
whiter than snow.
Shepherds were watching them
Long long ago.

Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed,
Cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

THE NEWBORN KING
By Heather Carr, 6-E
Long, long ago, in a faraway land,
a child was born in Bethlehem.
The angels rejoiced,
you could hear their voices ring,
for this was a special baby,
the newborn king.
People came from all around,
by following the star
they found.

Wise men came with gifts of gold,
the baby's face to behold.
Shepherds came with staff and sheep,
being quite content to watch
Him sleep.
During this joyful season,
remember the true reason.
The birth of Jesus Christ was the start,
so keep His word in your heart.

CHRISTMAS WRITING
By Nancy Marmolejo, 6-E
Clap to the Christmas song
Have lots of presents
Ride your reindeers not your cars
Into happiness
Sing a lot of Christmas songs
Trees by the window
May Lord bless you
A Christmas joy
Santa is coming to town.

Have a Merry Christmas!
Christmas is the joy for everyone.

CHRISTMAS
By Jessica Cisneros, 6-E
Christmas is a time for fulfilling your
Hearts and dreams.
Reindeer come sleighing
In the white glistening
Snow shining like a star on
Top of a tree
My oh my
At last wonderful presents for me
from
Santa Claus!!!

CHRISTMAS TIME
By Hector Palacios, 6-E
Christmas time reminds me of Christ
and his birth. When it's Christmas time
it has caroling, presents, and food.
Sometimes Christmas is giving and not
always receiving. When you give a pres-
ent to a child who cannot afford one it
could mean a lot to them. Christmas
time is the best time of the year.

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa C,
for Christmas I want a doll, any time
of doll and a seat of cloes for Christmas.
From: Erica M. Castillo
P.S. Have a Happy CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a watch and a
roller skates of what ever you want to
give me.
From: Christy Castillo
P.S. Have a Happy Christmas

Dear Santa,
I'm a good boy. I would like a talking
Barney, a slide and some trucks.
Love,
Christopher Stepp, Age 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a good little boy most of
the year. So I would like for you to bring
me a race car set with super loops, a
tractor, and the Claw Truck.
Brock Smith, Age 5 years, K-4
P.S. Would you please see that my
little brother has a good Christmas also.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like Talking
Barney, a Barney Bedset, and an Alpha
Desk.
Morgan Stepp, Age 2

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May joy follow wherever you go.
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gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life.'*
(John 3:16)

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Christmas season.

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Greetings...
May the precious gifts
of love and peace be yours.

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Dear Santa, Kindergarteners want...

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a gymnastics mat. Please bring me a snowcone maker. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.
I Love You,
Reagan Heflin, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a blue bike for Christmas. I want it to be like my cousin Michael's bike. I want you to bring a bowling ball for my Daddy and a dress for my mommy.
I Love You, Santa.
T.J. Collins, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have triplet dolls for Christmas. Please bring my friends something. Thank you.
Your friend,
Julie Castillo, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a toy motorcycle and a new shirt. I'd like some new crayons, too.

Your friend,
Ralph Eguia, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a monster truck, a train, and a Superman doll.
Love,
Gabino Ramos, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a new dump truck and some new sweats. I'd like a new coloring book, too. We'll have some milk and cookies for you.
Your friend,
Jacob Reddy, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Sega Genesis game for Christmas. My brother can play this game, too.
I Love You,
Christopher Reyes, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a dollie and a Barney for Christmas. Thank you for the toys you've brought me.
Love,
Anabel Lopez, K-1

Dear Santa, I would like to have a doll and a doll bottle for Christmas. My sister wants a doll.

Your friend,
Heather Likes, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please give me a doll house, doll, and a puzzle.

I Love You, Santa,
Crystal Tamayo, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa, please bring me some chaps, spurs, and a bike.

I Love you, Santa,
Zachary Minnix, K-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a wagon, dog, and a bow and arrow.

Love,
Joshua Delgado, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Nintendo. And for my sister please bring a doll. For my brother some Nintendo games.

Love you, Santa,
Matthew Barrientos, K-1

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a doll house and dolls, and a car for my brother.

Love,
Melissa Hernandez, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a baby alive, puppy surprise, and some colors and book.

I Love you, Santa,
Cynthia Martinez, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have a Barbie Fountain Pool, MacDonalds snack machine, and also a popsicle maker.
Love,
Kendra Covington, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Santa hat, tennis set, and volleyball net and ball.
Love you,
Trey Helms, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me clothes, a Nintendo, and a Santa toy.
I Love You,
Israel Morales, K-1

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a volleyball, motorcycle, and Batman toy.
Love,
Tyler Chesshir, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a motorcycle, a toy truck, and a brown with black spotted puppy dog.
I Love you, Santa,
Carlos Trevino, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a doll with a bottle, a barbie, and a boy barbie.
Love you,
Rebecca Martinez, K-1

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Gameboy and Super Nintendo.
Your friend,
Josh Morales, K-1

Dear Santa Claus,
I want an electric train set, and a drum set. I also want some Pow Pow powers and possibly a bike.
I Love You,
Jarrett Kirk, K-1

Dear Santa,
I want a present, a teddy bear! I don't think a bicycle will fit in your bag. I want Math books, a shirt and socks. And a new backpack with Mickey Mouse on it. Let's see, a new lunch box and bows for my hair, and new clothes. And a new bed and a new little doll and jeans.
Love,
Mary Medrano, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want my size Barbie and My Friend Teddy Ruxpin. And that's all.
Love,
Laura Herrera, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a bucket of Legoes. I want some puzzles. I want one of those things with fishes (aquarium) and that's all.
Love,
Melissa DeLaCerdia, K-2

Dear Santa,
I like Rudolph. I like my shirt. That's all.
Love,
Tony Perez, K-2

Dear Santa,
I'd like some toys. I am going to get a race car. And boots and caps. That's all.
Love,
Roland Enriquez, K-2

Dear Santa,
Give me a present. I like my Christmas tree. I want a green tree. I want some race cars.
Love,
Justin Duran, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a toy and a baby who cry. And some candies and a Barbie. I want a dinosaur and Jem. And some glitter.
Love,
Claudett Garcia, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. A Batman and one more thing... a pear tree with a partridge in it.
Love,
Jacob Zavala, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a Beauty and the Beast bike. And a baby doll and some shoes. Also some clothes and bows for my hair and some socks, and some shoes. A box, scissors, crayolas, glue and markers. Glitter and a Teddy bear. Also a star and a dress with earrings to match.
Love,
Jackee Wickware, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a new Barbie car with remote control. I want a little doggie that when you squeeze it, it barks.
Love,
Ashley Fonseca, K-2



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS--Students of Duncan Elementary School were on hand during Floydada's "Come Home For Christmas" to entertain shoppers with Christmas carols. --Staff photo



Dear Santa Claus,
I want three transformers and a Nintendo, with Terry Spinball. That's all!
Love,
Andy Sanchez, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a doll and a bike. I want a kitty that's all.
Love,
Christina Ponce, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want a racetrack with a bunch of cars that criss-cross. I want a remote control car with three cars and some big plastic blocks. I want a Lego Pirate Ship. I want a real motorcycle and a sleigh. I want a gallon of Tongue Splashers and some scissors and glue for my house. I want a fishing pole (just play) and a jeep and a play robot X-82 that talks when you put a tape in it. I want a lot of paper and a Magic Copy. I want a calendar and Nintendo Jurassic Park Game. Play-Doh Super Sonic the Blue Hedgehog Game and some colored popcorn and that's all.
Love,
Seth Lagunas, K-2

Dear Santa,
I want 2 Lego Pirate Ships and a radio-controlled race car. I want a talking fire truck. I want a tractor with buttons that you can push. I want some G.I. Joes and some Ninja Turtles and I want a bow and arrow with a quiver and a dinosaur poster and a Jurassic Park poster. I want a Ninja Turtle puzzle and a choo-choo train. I want some people to put in the train. I want a Dolphins football suit. I want a bicycle helmet, knee and elbow pads. I want a Jurassic Park book and movie and a pet frog (that's wood so I can play with it). I also want a remote control Santa Claus. I want some blocks and Gak. I want a whistle and a Ninja Turtle and Batman toothbrushes and toothpaste. Also a radio controlled dinosaur.
Love,
Jason Nutt, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! I want a Batman car. And buy me something.
Love,
Shannon Bolton, K-2

Dear Santa,
I would like the Troll Barbie Doll. A water baby, and a real poodle puppy. I need a little dog so he will get used to me. I would like the movie 101 Dalmatians. Yep, that's all.
Love,
Jenny Hernandez, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you please bring me a girl-boy-girl babies. Also, a play baby and that's it.
Love,
Nicole Benton, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a truck. That's all!
Love,
Joel Szydoski, K-2

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a motorcycle. My little sister wants a little Teddy Bear that sings Jingle Bells. Yvette wants the movie Aladdin.
Love,
Rene Rubio, K-2

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a baby doll in a crawler that is remote controlled. Thank you for the toys.
Love,
Jesalyn Bradley, K-3
P.S. I would like a toy kitchen with real food.

Holiday Wish

May the warm glow of Christmas light up your life.

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The snow gently blankets the ground. The world becomes a softer place. And the time arrives to look around us, and count our many blessings. We count your friendship as one of the blessings we treasure most. Merry Christmas!

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ALIAS
KRIS KRINGLE
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SHORT JOLLY
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Hoping your efforts are rewarding and that your Christmas be blessed with joy.
It has been our joy getting to know you this past year.

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Duncan Elementary students write letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I'm going to put some cookies on the table with some milk and some jello. Please bring me a Christmas tree.
Love,
Christopher Flores, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a T.V. and a car. A truck would be nice too.
Love,
Lionel Garza, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a jack-in-the-box, and a Christmas tree for my sister's room.
Love,
Maryann Yannis, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a Batman toy and a Gameboy. I will leave some candy for you.
Love,
Oscar Garza, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a little Christmas tree for my room and two Barbie bikes. I need lights for my little tree. I will leave something out for you to eat.
Love,
Stacey Griggs, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a little stereo and a doll. I want a Goofey toy too, and a jack-in-the-box.
I love Santa Claus,
Marie Jimenez, K-3

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jesus Luna, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a workshop.
Love,
Rudy Luna, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a new sword that you can put in a case that goes on your back and a red long-sleeve shirt, and a ski mask.
Merry Christmas,
Cody Miller, K-3
P.S. I would like a red helmet too.

Dear Santa,
I want a Gameboy and I want the green Power Ranger suit. I would like a choo-choo train too.
Love,
Ricky Suarez, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo train and two trucks. I will leave something out for you to eat.
Love,
Jerry Whitaker, K-3

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. I would like a pony and a ball.
Love,
Abi Williams, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a hotel about this big with two cars and a wetter thing that wets the cars. Then a dryer that dries the cars and a wind up key on both cars makes the cars go. And I would like a play guitar, and a camera.
Merry Christmas, Bye,
Dylan Campbell, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a dinosaur with horns, and a kite with a dinosaur on it. Could I have some reindeer too?
Love,
Joe Manuel de la Fuente, K-3

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle. Will you try and bring your reindeer? I would like a couple of toys. I will try and bring you a candy cane. Will there be a Christmas tree? I would like a jack-in-the-box. Will I see Rudolph?
Love,
Dustin Ochoa, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintendo and a toy.
I love you Santa,
Isaac Rawlinson, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega Genesis and a suit of the Power Rangers. And I want some new games.
Love,
Pedro Segura, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want a bear and a boat and a ball.
Love,
Eloy Chavez, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want four bikes, a basketball, and a big basket. I would like two bears, and a duck. I want cookies for you.
Love,
Josh Price, K-3

Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a doll. I want a Baby Alive doll and a Barbie. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Merry Christmas,
Marla Reeves, K-3

Dear Santa,
I want candies, chocolate, Christmas cars.
Love,
Hector Martinez, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby-live that cries and eats food and cherries on a spoon. A Baby live that gets well. She has red cheeks, too.
Love,
Lindsey Leatherman, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want candy canes, I want a big Christmas tree.
Love,
Daniel Barron, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, Barbie car, Barbie van, and that's it.
Love,
Jessica Rannels, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want My Size Barbie and the Candy Stripe Doll. One more thing bubble gum.
Love,
Taryn Rainwater, K-4

Dear Santa,
A toy gun, a train, a skateboard, blocks and that's all.
Love,
Max Riojas, K-4

Dear Santa,
A Barbie and a car Barbie and a Barbie to bubbles and a yellow telephone and all the stuff. A teddy bear to talk and a story, a lot of papers all colors and glue, cards and exercises to my house and that's all.
Love,
Melissa Torres, K-4

Dear Santa,
A box of toys.
Love,
Perry Whitaker, K-4

Dear Santa,
A bear.
Love,
Chris Briones, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a Mermaid, a car, Beauty and the Beast video, a box of colors, a teddy bear, a teddy bear tape, a Barbie, a Teddy Ruxpin, and that's all.
Love,
Domanik Gutierrez, K-4

Dear Santa,
Presents, racing car, car, a toy a book, a Mickey Mouse toy, a horse, a house.
Love,
Isadore Yannis, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barney that sings and talks and Baby Boop that sings and I want a walkie Babie, I want a Barbie with house, car and everything and I want a Santa Clause doll. I want a bow for my hair and I want some pants and I want baby with a stroller and a walker. That's all.
Love,
Vanessa Lopez, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Super Nintendo, a Sega and a little toy, a Power Wheel, choo-choo train toy. That's it.
Love,
Samuel Juarez, K-4

Dear Santa,
Unas muneqas y una maqinita para hacer vestiditos como mi guelita. Candies, monito de patito, un monito de Santa Claus, jugetes, un monito pa mi muneqa que es como un bebito.
Con carino,
Tania Pesina, K-4

Dear Santa,
A big car y las llaves para el carro y una box de toys y quiero glue y colores y scissors y lapiz y es todo.
David Rosa, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want clothes, tennis shoes, socks, a b-b-gun, stickers, football and a bat, and a little jeep, and band-aids for my cuts my mom needs them for me, and a bat, and skateboard.
Love,
Lupe Gonzales, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, tennis shoes, a doll that talks, a bag of stickers. That's all.
Love,
Tabitha Barrientos, K-4

Dear Santa,
A Batman mobile to play and ride on it. I want a Superman suit.
Love,
Jermaine Rando, K-4

Dear Santa,
A play horse and a bow and arrow, a stretch strong, go play horses with my little brother.
Love,
Garrette Gililand, K-4

Dear Santa,
I want a train, a big wheel wagon.
Love,
Clay Ware, K-4

Dear Santa,
A motorcycle, a loop race track and some toy guns.
Love,
Brock Smith, K-4

Dear Santa,
I thank you santa for giving things for children and thank you for toys and a happy Halladay.
Love,
Spencer Schacht, 1-A

Dear Santa,
What you gave me I like. I like you. I like Christmas. I speak to you. I want a race car at my house.
Arturo Diaz, 1-A

Dear Santa,
What are you bringing me? I wish my family can be a good manners plus my grandpa wants a present.
Santa, I'm good.
Paul Irlas, 1-A

Dear Santa,
How do you make the toys? I want three front teeth. And my mom wants a tape. I hope none of the reendeer get sick.
Love,
Katy Gooch, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I want a book to read to my cousen. I love you, Santa. What do you do when you're at the North pole? I go to my grandma's.
Love,
Erica Moralez, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I want Mighty Max and Breanna wants a doll house and Diane wants a dress (a pretty dress) and Tim wants a TV.
Love,
Travis Burge, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I want pants and t-shirt, and a Bear Ram.
Love,
Greg Luna, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I would like a keebord and a bike. And my mom wants some dish towels, and my dad wants to be home for Christmas. And of course my sister wants bloks.
Love,
Lauren Powell, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a dog and boots. My mom wishes she had a camra and my dad wishes he had a new ford and my bruther wishes he had a trator, a real trator.
Love,
Taylor Sue, 1-A

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff that you has bring last year. and you know what I want for Christmas a Barbe car that I can rid and Santa I hop thet my mom can come in Christmas.
Love,
Katya Vega, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I want a choo choo train. Santa wiy does your ran deer fly? Im leven the cookies by the cimny.
Love,
Cody Ware, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I wot a bik, I wot a teve. I wot a turtle. I wot a game.
Rafael Saucedo, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I had to change my list so...you mite half to bring divrent things. I would like you to pick the fisher price doll house or dream doll and I would like you to bring tresur and trinkets and one more thing i' you can (2) Edna duke dolls.
Love,
Kristen Lackey, 1-A

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a Game Boy for Christmas. And I want a Game Mouse thrap. And I want all four Ninja turtles. And I want the Vedeo King Kong. And I want a TV and a telephone.
Love,
David Vasquez, 1-A



"... Round, you Virgin Mother and Child..."
May this Holy season bring you and your loved ones renewed peace.
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Merry Christmas and many thanks.

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Duncan first graders present Christmas wishes to Santa Claus

Dear Santa,
I want a doll, a cat, and a bike.
I love you.
Jo Anna, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I wot a fish and a watch.
I love you,
Lidia Arellano, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I wanta skates.
I love you.
Kimberlie, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a Ning turtle. I want a Game Boy.

I love you.
Pablo, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, super inten and a dog.
Don't forget my mom.
I love you.
Brian Odum, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike.
I love you.
Jaime, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, baby that cries.
I love you.
Lolly Garza, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want an army airplane. Don't forget my.
I love you.
Luis Garza, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a baby all gone and Barbie skates. Don't forget my mom.
I love you,
Whitney, 1-B

Dear Santa Cilos,
Can you gev me a superintendo. I love you and Im happe.
Johnny Ralph, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want walkie talkies. I love you santa Albert, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. Dont forget my mom. I love you.
Jesse, 1-B

Dear Santa
I want a Barbie bike, barbie skates, sanda bear. I love you. Dont forgit my mom and dont forget my dad and sister and brother.
froum Wendy Assiter, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Dont forget my mom, sister and brother. I love you.
Matt, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a baby allgone and a bike. Dont forget my mom.
I love you.
Anna Maria Coss, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a superintendo.
Dear Santa, I love you.
Faustina, 1-B

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. Dont forget my mom. I love you.
Fernando, 1-B

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for my presents. I want hree little tractors.
Love,
Victor Mata, 1-C

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things that you give me.
I want a dog and a cat.
Love,
Esther Martinez, 1-C

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for my toys. I would like cars and a barn for Christmas.
Love,
Shane Nichols, 1-C

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts I get. I would lika a bike and a doll.
Love,
Ana Alicia De la Cerda, 1-C

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the gifts. Please bring me a doll and a bike.
Love
Hazel Delgado, 1-C

Dear Santa,
I like you. Please bring me a doll.
Thank you. Love,
Linda Balboa, 1-C

Dear Santa,
I like the toys that you bring to me. I would like a doll.
Thank you. Love,
Rachael Griffin, 1-C

Dear Santa,
You are nice! May I have a dog and a cat. Thank you.
Love,
Silver Ruiz, 1-C

Dear Santa,
You are nice. May I have a bike.
Thank you.
Love,
Coy Lisbon, 1-C

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a football game.
Love,
Justin Martinez, 1-D

Dear Santa,
Hi! Please bring me a football. Thank you.
Love,
Rolando Garcia, 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you this day? Please bring me a football. Thank you.
Love,
Danny, 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are you today? I want a doll.
Love
Meagan Eubanks, 1-C

Dear Santa,
Good morning, May I have a bike? thank you.
Love,
Lionel, 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a Nintendo please. Thank you.
Love,
Robert Rawlinson, 1-C

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a computer. Thank you.
Love,
Jesse Finley, 1-C

Dear Santa,
I like you. I want a fireman and a cop.
Love,
Elijo Rubio, 1-C

Dear Santa,
I want a tree little triplets.
Love,
Cynthia Castillo, 1-D

Dear Santa,
Ive been a boy. I wish I had a football. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Chris Williams, 1-D

Dear Santa,
Bring me a bike that has a jug that I can put water in and drink out of it. And I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love,
April Mara, 1-D

Ho! Ho! Ho!

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

Stapp Body Shop

Lockney

Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a cat.
Love,
Russell Casillas, 1-A

Dear Santa,
I want a dad and I want a dog and I want a cat and Mother a car and dad wants a car too. Keegan wants a cat and I want a Game Boy. I am going to leave cookies on the table.
Love,
Kia Baker, 1-A

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the stuff that you gave us and thak you for Crississ. I wot the game Mortal Combat if you get me that game I will think of you all the time I will love you veree much.
Love
Isidro Segura, 1-A

Der Santa,
I wot a car. Iwis to have 5 cars. I wis I had a bike. I wis to have a dog and cat. I wis to have a solder. I wis to have a sley. I wis to have an angel. I wisto have a fish.
Love
Michael Carrillo, 1-A

Thanks "fur" getting to know us!

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We Know You've Been Good... Especially To Us!

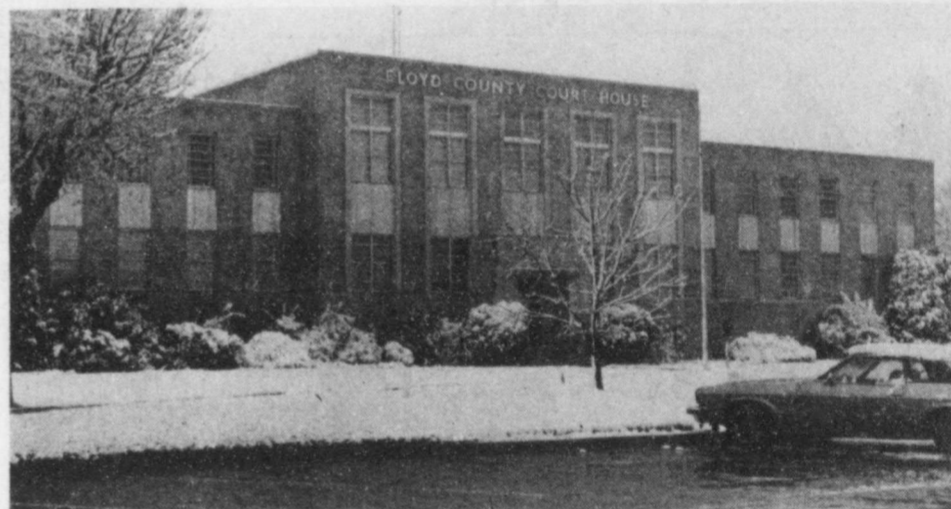
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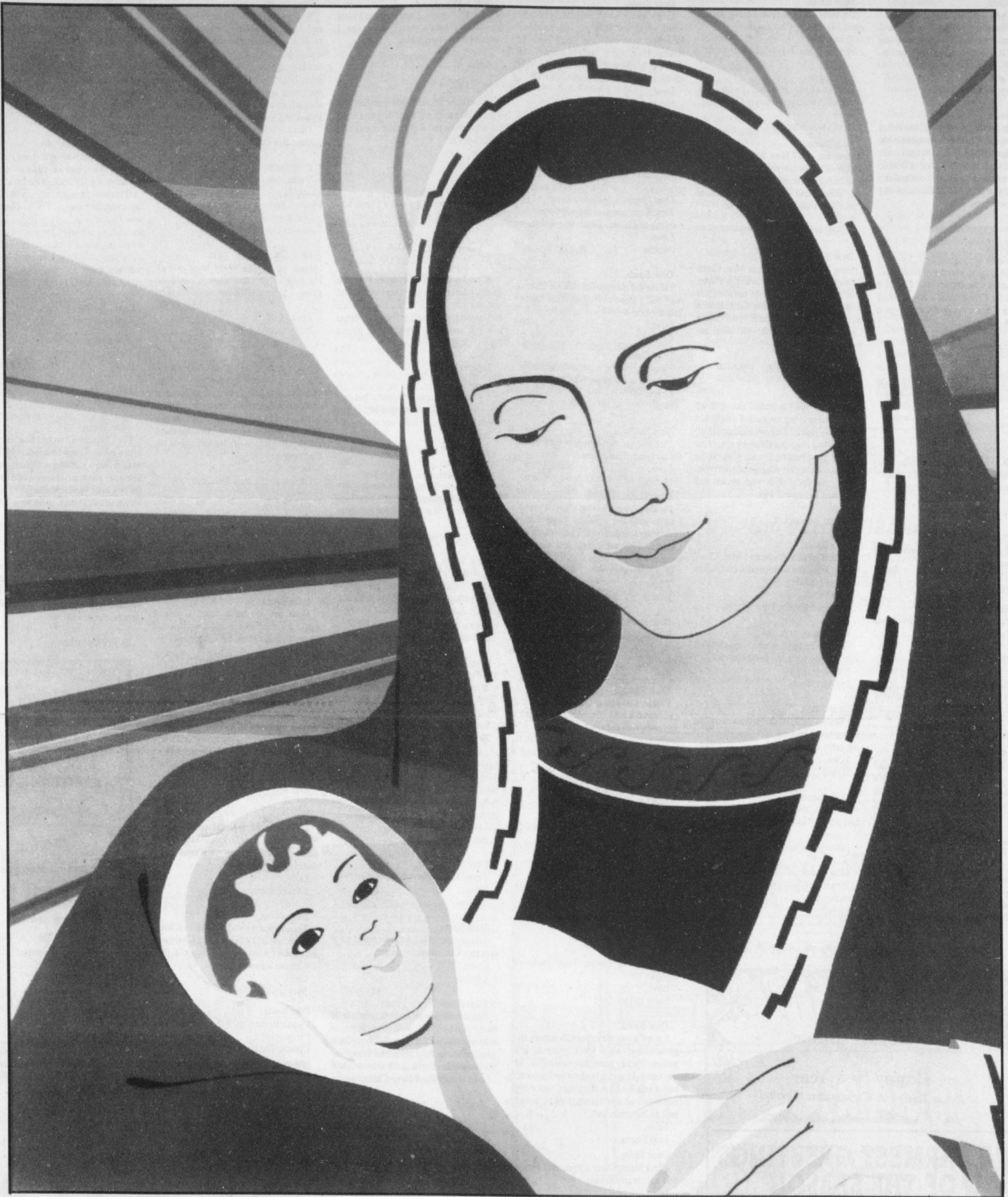
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District Clerk

Barbara Edwards



CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE

We'd like to join you and yours in offering our prayers for peace and harmony during this holiest of seasons.

Lockney Gin Company, Inc.

Larry Mullins

Owner, Manager

Floydada elementary students write letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas. But I want a Nintendo with some games and two controllers. But I want something else and it is a Chicago Bull's jacket. That is all.
Thank you
Gregory Vasquez, 1-D

Dear Santa,
Mom is having twins. For the twins get the boy a ratl. in kace of two boys one little thing and tu baby girl things. I want one Cyaulane deers bells and a Barbie Foutin pool and a weaving loom and the softest baby dall. A Merry Cristmas and a happy new year.
Love,
Meghan Lynn, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good boy. I want a basketball goal to shoot my basketball and I want a transformer and I want a new bike for Christmas. I want all those things for Christmas and I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love,
Luke Miller, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I've been a good kid and I want a very good Christmas Eve.
Love,
Melissa Ann Morales, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I wish i had a football suit and a basketball and a Miami Hurricanes jacket and a bed. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Mikey Rangel, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I wish you could give me a present two i'm mom. Vire Best.
Love,
Jorge Sanchez, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a helmet and a play gun.
Love,
Jerry Santos, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I want a motorcycle and a dartboard and a coat and that is all.
from,
Raul Mendoza Jr., 1-E

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a dog and a cat. and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year. for my Mom is a hug and a kiss for my Mom and I love my Dad.
Love
Victoria Gonzales, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want a three in one pool table.
Thank you,
Ty Heflin, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I want a polly pocket. I have been a good kid. Merry Christmas.
Thank you,
Felisha Luna, 1-D

Dear Santa,
I've been a very good boy. I wish I had a football. I wish you a merry Christmas.
Love
David Mancilla, 1-D

Dear Santa,
How are you? How cold is it in the north pol? How are you, Rudolf? I want a box of crayons, saga Game Gear, stereo, shooz, and clothes and a picture frame and wallpaper for my wall.
Love,
Mandi Wood, 1-E

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf. How is Mrs. Claus Santa Claus. Shawnda want a Barby Doll, Baby Doll, a box of crayons, tin dolar, Barbee Convertible. Santa have a Merry Christmas. I love you Santa Claus. Tel Ruddolf, the red nose rander, I Love him.
Love,
Shawnda Davis, 1-E

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is rudolf doing fine? Santa please bring me a cat. I mis you. I like snow. Santa bring my brother a troll. Santa bring my sitra a Barney toy. How cold is it over there. I want a barbe for Crismus. Bring my murther a gold reng. Bring my dady shos and socks and clothes. I luv rudolf alot.
Love,
Yvette Rubio, 1-E

Dear Santa,
Rudolf, how are you and Mrs. Clus? Please bring me a nintiendo, on Christmas day.
Love,
Manuel Moreno, 1-E

Dear Santa,
Plase give me a nicexo squad. Well you give my cousins two helmets.
Thank you,
Jay McGaugh

Dear Santa,
I want a dirtbike and a Gameboy. So Santa hows Prancer and Dancer and all the other raindeers.
Love,
Daniel

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler for Christmas and a BB-Gun to and a bike.
Love,
Harvey De La Fuente

Dear Santa,
Please will you give me a bike and a motorcycle.
Love,
Derrick

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and a Doll with a walcker. How are your randeir? How are you well me fine? How is Rodhp. I hope he is fine? Is it cold over thre. In Floydada it is cold and hot. Tell all the raindeir hi and your wife?
Love,
Naida

Dear Santa,
I want roller skates for my sister. I want a blue bike.
Love,
Amanda C. Ortiz, 2-D

Dear Santa,
Please can you give me a doll and I am moving to Idalou. Thank you Santa.
Love,
Akacia

Dear Santa,
Please get me two barbies for Christmas and I hope my mom feels better.
Thank you.
Love,
Crystal

Dear Santa,
Please give me a sega Genesis for Christmas and a game for Christmas.
Love,
Evan

Dear Santa,
Please give me a motorcycle and a Game Gear. Thank you.
Love,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
Please give me a book I haven't read. I hope you have a happy Christmas. I hope your reindeer don't get a cold. For Christmas I want a flute so I can play moosic for my mom, dad, big brother and little brother.
Thank you,
Denise

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me sega. Thank you.
Love,
Eric

Dear Santa,
Please wud you get me this year a real guitar and a real mickafon. And a sirky this goes with the slinky gar. pump up hi tops this goes with it and som other stuff. And this would fix my plahaws and a nuther s inkly.
Love,
Kimberly

Dear Santa,
I Love You. Let my mom get fine.
Love,
Susana

Dear Santa,
I want a police car and I will be happy and I Love Santa. I love Santa.
Love,
Ricky Ybarra, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want five dolers. Tene packs of beby's.
Love,
Luke Taylor, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo for Christmas and games. and sega for Christmas and games. For my game boy and a T.V. for the nintindo and a bigfoot and a tractor and a talk boy for my sister. and a 6x6 and a 4x5 ad a modersikle and a camra. and a Christmas tree.
Love,
Luis Lopez
Dear Santa,
Pleas Santa Bring a tractor and a traler and a little motersikle.
Love,
Armando

Dear Santa,
I waet Nintendo. I waet a bike. I waet a camera. I waet a gun. I waet a car. I waet a box. I waet a trok.
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I want to no about of you who bren me a doll and brenge me a pet dog and a pet cat and brenge me a doll that opens and shuts her i's.
Love,
Diana

Dear Santa Clos,
I want a black bike and a Game boy and a now book and a bat man game.
Love,
David Lee

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas I want a speshol doll that is paryt and smart. and she can cry and lafth and therek botle and a bike if you can't get my Christmas gift you can send me anything please Santa. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Suelem

Dear Santa,
I whan't a Super Nintendo but two play for my and my bruther and if you whan't cookeys. Wacke my up.
Love,
Jonathon

Dear Santa,
I'm bin good and nice I want something for Christmas. I whan't a doll and a bus with crols and a ball for my sister.
Love,
Andrea Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a micro machine turbo shot please. I alsoe want a real power tool shop please. I want a pilot with ear-phones too.
Love,
Joshua

Dear Santa,
I want a micro machine turbo shot please. I alsoe want a real power tool shop please. I want a pilot with ear-phones too.
Love,
Joshua

Querido Santa Claus,
Yo quiero halgo para navidad y lo que quiero para navidad es un caballo de verda y muy bonito para mi y para toda mi familia y para yo suvirme y quidarlo.
Love,
Pedro

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a little teddy bear to love and to hange on to when I am scared. I will take care of him he will be speacill to me.
Love,
Becky

Dear Santa,
I would ilke to have a Super Nintendo.
Love,
Chance

Dear Santa,
I want a biceckle for Christmas. I need one too. Christmas is net too.
Love,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
For crismus I want and bike and a little barbe to Santa. I will like a Super Nitendo Santa. And I will like a little Marma Santa. And my mom wood like her home clen Santa. And a camru. And I Love you Santa. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Sandra

Dear Santa,
I want a power ranger game and a powur ranger toy. I wont game call splat. How are you? Bring my mom a hair bow.
Love,
Andrew Weeks, 1-E

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a dog so I can jump and play also I will not stop in the house. I will stop in the house when I got to stop it and run down the sidewalk. I wate a cat in a cage. I wate a Rufus to play all day in my hous and I wate a bik and a wagon and I wate a rit and I wate a house and I wate a hors and I wate a watebed, I wate a yard and I wate moon.
Thank You,
Issac Brown, 1-E

Dear Santa,
Santa, how are you, how is Mrs. Claus? Is your elf fine? I want a t.v. and I want a barbe and I want a tree.
Thank you,
Jessica Garza, 1-E

Dear Santa,
How have your elves been doing? Happy Christmas! I want a nintendo game. That's it. This is Rudy talking to you.
Love,
Rudy Esquivel, 1-E

Dear Santa,
I have bin a good boy this year. I hope this leter get's to you if this leter get's to you will you bring me a trapulean this christmas. And if you have some time I hope you do have enough time, can you bring me sum key forces. And that three games of ping pong, hockey, pool on that table..
Love,
Christopher Lance Enriquez, 1-E

Dear Santa,
How is the north pole, how are your ranedeer, how are you, how is Mrs. Claus. I love you. I want a electric robot for Christmas.
Love,
Tate Greer, 1-E

Dear Santa,
How are you santa cales. I want a turtle for my brother and I want just a bear thats all I want for Christmas.
Love,
Sabrina Martinez, 2-B

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to seeing you on Christmas. Santa for Christmas I would want a motorcycle so I can play a race with my friend I want to win it if I win it I'll be glad. That is all I want for this years Christmas.
Thank you,
Eric Morales, 2-B

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to the North Pole. I want for Christmas is a Lunch pele. Could I have one ov your Reindeer?
Love,
J.R. Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I have been a good student in school. For Christmas I would like a Christmas bear then I want Giggles and go's, then I want the marote doll.
Love,
Sylvia Mancilla

Dear Santa,
I wot a BeBe Gon. P.S. How is Rodf. Peace,
Ulysses Davis

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to Christmas. I hope you will visit the poor childrin in Mexico. I'd like some ropers. My sister wats a new bike. Me and my sister wants some clothes and shoos. I'd like some pants from my mom, dad and sister.
Love,
Karla Hill

Dear Santa,
How are you in the North Pole? I want you to give the people that are poor and that don't have eny food a present. Give my mom a gold neckles and put on the card to mom from dad and you will trick my mom and she will be laffing. And now I want you to give my dad a piano and a shiny one and so he will be playing it and he will driv me crazy with it. I want you to give my sister a pack of perform and my brother a basicball and a goal and I want a bike and some monny to spend.
Love,
Tammy Lopez

Dear Santa,
How is everything going. I wood like a pocethic and a bike and a anacan trol car.
Love,
Mason Becker

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Siega Genesis. My brothr would like a gameboy. Could you also bring my sister some shoes, and a tractor for my little brother because he always wonts mine. I ben a good boy.
Love,
Albaro Chavez

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a motorcycle bike for Christmas. I want you to bring Jordan a santa Clas hat. I want a saga Genesis too. I hop you hav a safe trip around the world.
Luve,
Skyler Cornelius

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Carollers sing. Sleigh bells ring. Spirits are brighter. Hearts are lighter. Magic fills the air as friends and neighbors exchange greetings of joy and goodwill. And we wouldn't want to miss a single, glorious minute! To the many fine citizens of this community, we'd like to offer our own best wishes and heartfelt appreciation for making us feel a part of it all. We look forward to your continued support.

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Santa, Would you please bring me . . .



ON SANTA'S KNEE--Lots of Lockney and Floydada children were guests on Santa's knee during the bearded-gentleman's pre-Christmas visits to the local towns. --Staff photo

Dear Santa,
Please gev me a Barbe doll to play whit it. I wont a sister namd Angla Mare and a bik to ride.

Love,
Melissa Ann Torres, 2-E

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bisikle with brakes and a thurmis. And some roller blades. A granmother, dad, granpa for my doll house And a Supper Mario game for my game boy. Have a Merry Christmas Santa!

Love,
Molly Long, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a BeBe gun and a supernintndo and a skateboard and a bikesikle and a Sega genesis and a criss cosh and a bunch of candy and all of the money in the world. Remote control car and a claw and a bow and arrow.

Love,
Josh Hammons, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a balarena doll. I want a tv and a doll. I want a angole end some candy and some culrs. I want a Baby doll. I want a new bed. I want a new surt. I love you Santa Klas.

Love,
Amy Nichols, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a cooker maker. And for my bruthers they want a biskole and a swop a tack. and for my mother want a T.V. And niny thank you Santa Clos. Merry Christmas to dear Santa Clos. I love you Santa clos.

Love,
Delia Gonzalez, 2-C

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wood like to have a Motorcycle for my favorite present. I hope you OK. I am good at home or at school.

Love,
Joel Sanchez, 2-B

Dear Santa,
I am looking forward to the north pole. And me and my brothers want a fire truck. My sister want a Barbi doll.

Love,
Angelo Williams

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a super nintendo, a new school box, a lots of crayons, new shoes, a game boy, a new pencil, a new erasor, a ruler and new chackbord, a new desk, a new house, a new trash can, a new sharpener, a new Christmas shirt, a new book, a pin, a new spirle and a new locker. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Veronica

Dear Santa,
I want a Super nintendo for Christmas. I want a little dog and I want it to bee a girl dog. I want a that baby rock he has a remote control and a teddy Bear.

Love,
Joanna Riojas

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like for you to Bring me a bike. My brother wants a tractor and my sister wants a jacket. And my other sister wants a barbie doll. And I wants a Nicklis for my mom and for my dad a woch and my big casin a foot ball. I have Bin a good little girl.

Love,
Brenda Cuellar, 2-B

Dear Santa,
I want a ten speed. I also want a VCR to go with my tv. I want Pahena. I want a now fake snow. I want a 22 Shot gun. I want new close. I want ten dallers. I want a new swem suit. I want a bekene.

Love Sensele,
Alyssa Ann Bennett, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want 20000\$. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Anthony Falcon, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a raslreg and I wat a sega genesis and i do wont a blue shirt. Ples Santa, oh yea I also want is a Game Boy and a relrad track and I want a tede bere.

Love,
Randy Ledbetter, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I want a saga jennis fr Christmas and a sooper ninendo and a football cards and 15 car sets and 3 rasing toys and 19 cars.

Love,
Gregory Lee Garcia, 2-C

Dear Santa,
Please give me a saint bernard and I wood like a new tent. I want to give two frends a real four wheller. I want a pair of skies.

Love,
Jeremy Lloyd, 2-E

Dear Santa,
Please give me a play gun. I like play guns. Give me and my bruther play guns. I love you.

Love,
Mateo Delgado, 2-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a radio. For my mom and dad get candy and books. For my sisters bring new shoes. Get my brother a toy car.

Love,
Rachel Miller, 2-E

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a new T.V. How is it at the north pole? I want my dog to have a new women dog.

Love,
Eason Campbell, 2-E

Dear Santa,
I will like 12 Sega Games and a Game Gera.

Love,
Omar Garza, 2-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring me any kine of toy for me and also bren my mom and dad sumthing for Christmas.

Yours trolly,
Jacob Lucio, 2-E

Dear Santa,
I will be sure to leave you some choco:ate chipcookies and some carrots for your Raindeer. How is it coming along at the North Pole? Are your elfs making lots of wonderful toys? Please write back and answer my questions.

Love,
Melissa Dunlap, 2-E

Dear Santa,
How it is in the north pole. Please breng me a three wheeller, and for my frend five barbes.

Yours truly,
Peter Gonzales, 2-E

Dear Santa,
Please bring sum rolerscats and a Barby.

Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a my size barbie doll. A song to Santa: We wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Love,
Anna Valadez, 2-E

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I want evrybody in Lonsmdove clothes edspeshly Gus when he was alive and guns like his. Give my mom gray boots.

Love,
Adam Ethirdge, 2-E

Dear Santa,
Please gime a soot like you and a car win I'm 81. I can drive and dive. I want a car to play with and a trاملen for me and my sistrs.

Love,
Aaron Enriquez, 2-E

Dear Santa,
Please giv my mom a dog. Please Santa, giv me a wotrbed. Santa please sent my dad a car and sent Janessa a doll that shuts and opens her eyes. Sent my bruthrs a car also and my sister a doll and sent Anna my sis a barbe doll.

Love,
Alice Garcia, 2-E

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like for you to bring me a Barbie doll. My brothers would like some trucks. I have been a good girl all the time and so have my brothers. and my mom wants a pan to cock. and my dad wants som pants. and my ancol wants a shirt. my dad doo too. and I want a barbie car to.

Love,
Clari Castillo, 2-B

Dear Santa,
I want a gum machine and a criss cross rash and an exman nintendo game.

Love,
Ross Barrett, 2-C

Dear Santa,
I am a good student. What I want for Christmas is a game Boy.

Love,
Noe Marmolejo

Letters to Santa from Early Childhood

Roman Guerrero - Motorcycle, 4-wheeler, go-cart.
Dustin Powell - Truck that makes noise, train that makes noise.
Douglas Williams - Batman
Danny Torres - McDonald's Happy Meal Magic.
Mya Williams - Barbie Corvette Car.
Roel Guerrero - Big Foot.
Ricardo Martinez - Barney & Baby Bop doll.



With Wishes Warm And Bright

We've got that glowing good feeling that comes from knowing such deLIGHTful folk as you.

May your home be blessed with good fortune this Christmas.

Russell Equipment

Floydada



"The whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah 6:1

At moments like these, our thoughts turn to wishing our dear friends a glorious holiday season.

Schacht's

Eleanor, Margaret, Sharon, Melody, Virginia, and Linda Lockney

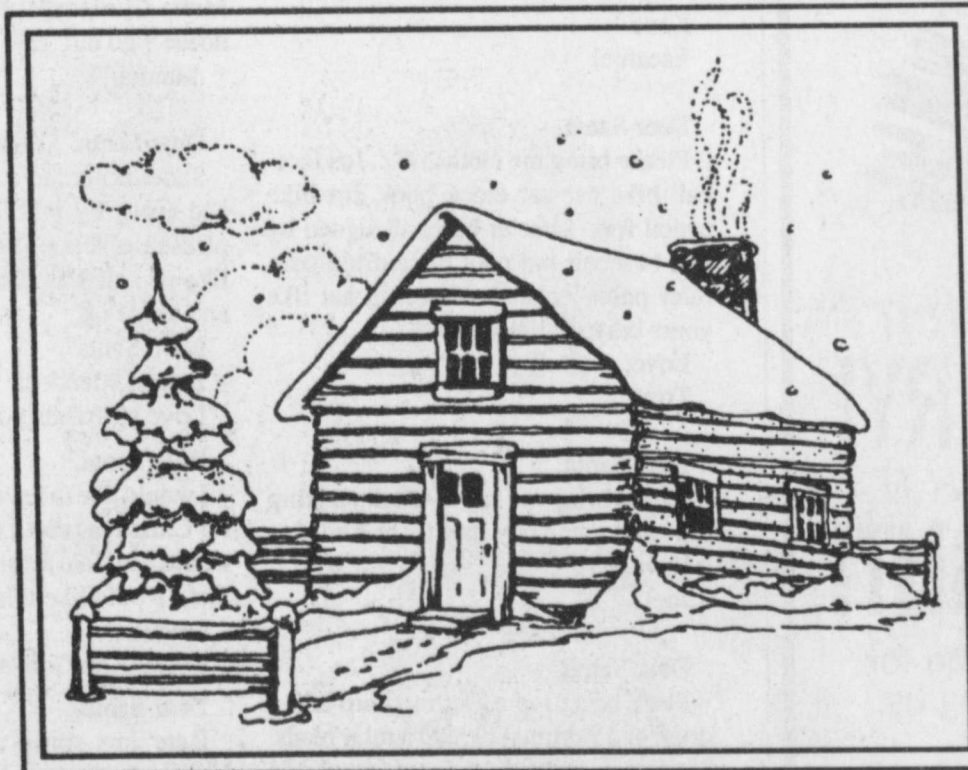


IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP

...we offer our very best wishes to you and yours this holiday season.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HEARTWARMING PATRONAGE!

Our warmest greetings go out to you, but please don't forget to open the flue! (You never know who might drop in).



HYBRID SEEDS

Aiken, Texas

Lockney youngsters place Christmas orders with Santa

Dear Santa,
I want a kitchen and some presents wrapped up! I'm scared of you! Don't come to my room. Just leave the presents under the tree.

Love,
Windy Adams

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman Mobile, a big racing car track and a train with batteries in it and a track. I've been a good boy.

Love,
Joe Luis Castro

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman, a Joker, a Batmobile, all his body moves and a Jokermobile. I've been nice and I like school.

Love,
Ryker Cabler

Dear Santa,
I want a baby dollie, a car and a dollie house. I've been good at school.

Love,
Andrea Balderas

Dear Santa,
Please bring a Batmobile, Batman and the Joker. I love you.

Love,
Greg Gonzales

Dear Santa,
I want a Nickelodian Color Rider. When you bring your sleigh to my house, it's alright if you wake me up. I want a Barney who talks when you push his tummy, a hot wheel, a track that has cars and talks.

Love,
Skee Hardin

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep with a phone, a house with people and a car, and some keys for my jeep. I love you!

Love,
Kendra Hooten

Dear Santa,
I want a lot of little presents and a big one for my Dad! I like to sing "Jingle Bells."

Love,
Chris Luna

Dear Santa,
I want some skates and a dollie. I can say ABC's and I've been learning a lot.

Love,
Omaira Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a Batman that talks and a big dinosaur. It's in a box at Wal-Mart. I don't want to get in your lap! OK!

Love,
Richard Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll that cries, a Barbie, a shirt with a heart and some numbers so I can count. I like to color and cut and play in centers at school.

Love,
LaTasha Peralez

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler and that's it.

Love,
Roman Salas

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some pajamas and a Batman Talk. I like to go to school and sit down. I'm a good boy!

Love,
Brandon Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a Baby Get Well, and stamping doll and a playhouse. I want to play in the snow at Christmas. I love you!

Love,
Codi Wiley

Dear Santa,
I want a choo-choo train and a dollie. I'll be good so you will come to my house!

Love,
Adrian Luna

Dear Santa,
Please give me a watch, a bay chick. My horse Cracker Jack wants, leg wraps. Santa, I want a slim pak a tak. Have a nice Christmas Eve Jerop Flwr. monster dex.

Love you,
Lee

Dear Santa,
Please bring me legos locomotive and a motorcycle bike. I want a cat and a criss cross crash and a desc with a chair. A flag with the ple.

Love,
Eseaniel

Dear Santa,
Please bring me clothes G.I. Jos football bike car car clock book dirt bike pencil four wheeler baseball signed by you baseball bat pool table drum barn ruler paint jacker backpack a hat like yours crayons lunch box

Love,
Trey

Dear Santa,
Please bring me say a Alladin a jump rope and game boy mor to. hi Ruduf.

Love,
Joel

Dear Santa,
Pleas bring me a lectric gitare and a drum and 2 drumstics, and a rolur blads. Seventeen sparekle crayonlas and cris cross crash. and a dog and a jump rope and a sum close and a black choo choo trane, a clock and a book and pladow.

Luv,
Callen

Dear Santa,
Please bring me roller blades and a baby doll and Have a good christmas

I love you,
Amanda

Dear Santa,
Please give me jump rope and give my mama coffee pot and give my dad a truck. Give my sisters a bike and my brothers racing cars. Ho Ho Ho

I love Santa
Angel

Dear Santa,
Plese bring me a books and my sister a bike and Becky a jump rope and my mom a coffee pot and my dad a noow truck Have a merr Crisme

I love you Santa
Anita

Dear Santa,
Please brig me a jump rope a baby check up, and my baby bruthra bike

Love
Carnie

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a barbie car jump ropes, christmas book, clothes, glitters crayolas, glue, presents,

Love,
Cherise Ventura

Dear Santa,
Plese bring me clos and clock and a jump rope barbe house boy barbe pool table pant Barney and baby lunchbox glitter crayla scase and santa i love you girl barbe

Love
Sydney

Dear Santa,
Please bring me close car krisms books and krisms dols Santa I love you krisms tapse pain and jump rope

Love,
Vanessa Becerra

Dear Santa,
Please bring me and jump rope a new bike. A new hooluhoop. Please come to my house.

Love Santa,
Natalie

Dear Santa,
I want a scorched 6x6 and a bike. Merry Christmas I hope Rudolph shoes doesn't go out

Love,
Landon

Dear Santa,
Santa bring me a bike for Christmas and a big TV with a vecar with it and please thank you. You are a good man I like you elffs to Santa. Buy me clos to and shoes ok.

Love Santa
Juanita Mendoza

Love all frands you to Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like to have some roller blades for Christmas and a talking dollhouse. I would also like a barbie doll. That is all that I would like this year.

Love,
Becky Ann Gonzales

Dear Santa,
Here are some things I want for Christmas. I want a skate-board, new pair of shoes, a fluffy pillow, a set of batman toys, a basketball, a football, a table of pool, a new bicycle, room painted (black), new blue jeans, carpet on my floor, a set of little people of Batle Masters, a pair of new socks, a pair of new boots that fit me, a new blanket for my bed, a puppy. O Santa you don't have to get my brother Danny anything he always blames me for something wrong that he did.

Your friend,
Roy Molina

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl this year. I would like a t.v. if it could fit in you bag and some clouse and the tape whoop there it is. I hope your elvs are dooing ok and I hope you and Mrs. Clause are ok to . I hope you have fun giving the gifts to good little boys and good little girls.

Your very best friend,
April Dorman

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I want a Bow Wow Botique and an Ice Tickle Bear. I would also like a skirt and a shirt with flowers on it. I love you Santa Claus. How are all of your reindeer? I love your reindeer.

Love,
Amber Dorman

Dear Santa Claus,
Can you get me mortal comback for Christmas? I want a bike two tractors, cars and trucks, football pads bowarrows, boots.

Your friend,
Sighed Timothy Bueno

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a sega walkmen remocen toroll car without string gameboy Jurassic Park sega game that's all I want for Christmas.

From,
Mike Bueno

Dear Santa,
Please bring me glitter play doo. Please bring my aunt home I wood like glitter crayons.

I love Santa.
Love,
Jessica

Dear Santa,
Sega, gumebot, alladin, play do, jump rope, remote control car, say hi Rudu.

Love,
Eduardo

Dear Santa,
I want a sega, gameboy, football and i will be a good boy i will leave cookies for you.

Merry Christmas,
Eric Reyes

Dear Santa,
I would like covet, saddle, mortle-combat, bicycle chain mocusons, elck-tornuclubateship and a Merry Christmas.

Your frind,
Matthew Alen McPherson

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. and some little croyons, and a foot ball to and a new pair of shoes, and a shirt to, and some pants, and some earasers, to and some pincils to and a new cat, to.

From Omar Cruz

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am doing fine. I what a monster truck, and a cris cross games, a car would you give me this stuff. I have to go. goodby.

Your friend,
Armando Pinales

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for crimas and a games, shoes, and all ether things. Will you get me gak to. I do want ether things but there's lot more children that you need to give toys to.

Love
Leticio

Dear Santa Clause,
I been a good girl all year and I will stay that way and I love Santa Clause a bunch.

Love
Julie Ann Martinez

Dear Santa,
I got one pair of glasses and they are gold and red. I can se more better my mom is going to Mexico to see the doctor. I think she is not going to be here on Christmas day I want her to be here on Christmas day cause me and my sister got something for her.

Love
Nora Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want these things: American girl colection, horse, color wrighter, globe, ring, computer, clock, neckless, desk, new George Strait tape, bunk bed.

P.S. You don't have to get me these things!
Hope your Christmas is bright!!!
Love ya,
Jana Edwards

Dear Santa,
I want baby giggles, a bike, clothers, a ring, bratets, baby all gone, earrings, awatch, I want more theo.

Love
Sabrina Gross

Dear Santa,
How are you? Do you now what I want: 2 hat's, Amerkan girl cleshun, shouse, sockse, ring, color riter + a great Crismas. I hope you have a good Crismas! I have to go by.

Sunseruly
Amanda Arllen Smith

Dear Santa,
Hi it's me again Galen, I hope you got a minute. Well I haven't been that good really but here is what I want, A Dallas Cowboys sleeping bag, A Dallas Cowboy jersey, A computer, A desk And that is probably a lot of money so that's wear I'll stop. Well I gotta go! by!!! see ya Christmas morning.

Love your Friend,
Galen Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like a T.V. If you could fit it in your sack and maby some roler blads if thats not to mutch and a jacket.

Your Friend,
April Dorman

Dear Santa Claus,
Will you help my brother get, well and will you give me a jogging for Chistmas sorry I did not make my wish but I will do it to night ok.

love,
Christina Gonzales

Dear Santa clause,
I would like to have a pair of clothes and a pair of shoes a basketball some boots a snack maker a game a windsuit a compter Ez 2 do jewel n gem.

love
Mary Anguiano

Dear Santa,
Hi Santna. What are you doing? This is what I want I want a baskit ball gole, Kistin books, Dinnis a Minnis move, Reba Makentiecer tape and jump rope.

Love
Janie Hrbacek

Dear Santa,
Tell your reindeer to bundle up. It is very cold in the North Pole this time of the year. The only thing I want from you is a Scortcher 6X6. Merry Christmas.

Your Friend,
Todd Cotham, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a jumprope so I could practice, and I want a set of roler skates, and a doll, any kind of doll and I will like a baby puppy and a phone. All that for Christmas and one more thing a trapaling, a kitten poster, pens, pencils, magic to markers, a picther frame for the poster.

Love,
Syndee Amanda Nevarez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a phone and a book and a chock bord and all so a doll and some roller scats and a chrapaling and a kitty poster and all so pens and all so markers and a picrecher fran.


Your frinda,
Angelica Alvarado, 3rd grade

Peace & Joy

As the holiday unfolds in all its mystery and beauty, may you experience the warmth of the season.

Merry Christmas and many thanks.

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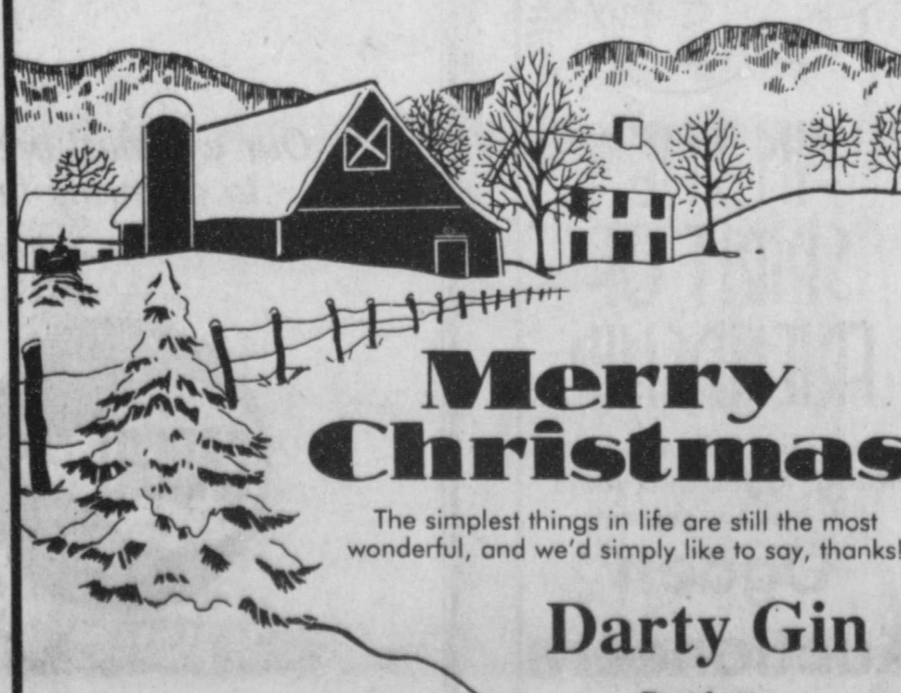
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Merry Christmas

The simplest things in life are still the most wonderful, and we'd simply like to say, thanks!

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Dear Santa Claus, I Love You!



AND I ALSO WANT... --Santa listens patiently as this young lady voices her Christmas wishes. Children were able to visit Santa Claus during a recent visit in Lockney. --Staff photo

Dear Santa,
I would like a skate bord and a microscope. Some race cars and moovies. And some candy, some football cards. Please try to bring some of that.

From your friend,
Cody Creighton, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas and I want a Barbe doll play house and I also want a stereo for me and some cloze and I also want a big chapolen.

Your friend,
Crystal Olivarez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a sony walkman. Please bring me a keyboard. And I want a new desk for my new house in my room. I want a chalkboard too. And I want a happy Christmas.

Your friend,
Katie Marie Kelley, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a radeow with a pare of earplages, coll carey, a coler blaster and a barbe with some clows.

Your friend,
Analisa Balderas, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I won't salle secret and a wock man and a tape plar. Munny to please bring me sum new cios and lots of other things. Hop you hav a Maree Cresumus.

Love,
Misty Adams, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a doll that crys and some clothes. Ples my friend Santa.

Love,
Rebecca Ascencio, 3rd grade

Dear Santa Clos,
I am sorry I sed you are not ril. So will you give me wot I wont four. Newyers us I get wot I want a bike and a rabbit and a cat and to have a friend. The end.

From Oralía Martinez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a real bow and arrow and a remote control traitor and if you have tine something you think would be good.

Love,
Brady Rasco, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and your best reindeer Rewdogh say to Rewdogh high for me. Santa I want a out law and a TV and a super nintendo and a sega please. And a master blaster and a nerf in one and a nerf errosiorm and some tapes to go with my super nintendo. But will you just give me a T.V and a super nintendo and some tapes to go with the nintendo and a pelit gun.

Love, your friend
Stephen Martin, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
What I wold like for Christmas is a reemotekentrol car that has six whils. A snake bord if they have one in Texas. Some rolerblads. A knew football. A knew Kamara. Oh and if you can a stoking fild with stuf.

P.S. Your friend,
Nathan Burson, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
Hear what i wood like for chirmas. A ya mey moc in retrolcar a bike for chisnas.

Love santa, from,
Marey Thornton, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a 6X6 picup and a Gitar then will you bring me a sious pictur.

Your friend,
Richard Corey Hayter, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want for chresns is a six will remote controll car a babvy kety and a bike a papy a fnid like you.

Your fanid
Chans 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I'd like some rocks and a rock tumbler from Natures Gifts in the South Plains Mall in Lubbock. I'd also like some stuff to put in a desk and a super N.E.S.

Your friend,
Garrett Mathis, 3rd grade

Deare Santa,
I hope you can bring a tapeplaer with cds. A saga ginsis. A ten speed bike. Baby walk n roll. Some games to go with the segaginsis. A tv and vcr for my room. A basket ball goll.

Love,
Tasha Powell, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want an Ninindo four Cormss and a new bike and cane you plesse bring me new collos, and a mecingun and a skatbord and I want a puppy.

Love, your friend
Danny Molina, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and I would like for you to bring me is a Super Nentendo, Mighty Max toys, Space legos, Power Ranger toys, Ultra Cliff-hangers, Super Sound Racing, Games for Super Nentendo, Game Genie, Shark attack, and my last one is Eat at Ralph's. Could you please get me those?

Thank you Santa.
Love,
Cody Bryan Bayley, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike and a doll that has a bottle and two puzzles and some play dishes.

Love,
Natalie Solorzano, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Chrismas. I hope your reindeers don't get tirde. I want a Hollywood barleiae and a puppy surprize and a box of crayons and I want a branew notebook and a singing troll and I want a singing Mermade and I want a doll house and I want a go-go pupy and a puzzle and I want a hear bow and I want play earrings and I want a play purse and I want a big teddy bear and I want a jump rope and I want a baskitball and I want barny and i want baby bop.

Love,
Monia Lopez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike or a little Mermade that has a neclas that came with it or a move of the little Mermade cuset of The little Mermade.

Love,
Julia Robles, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a wind breaker and a new tv and a bike. all from Chirstmas but if you don't have them that is ok Santa maybe. I will get them next week and a new not book please.

Love, Your friend,
Nicole Ann Hernandez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
this is woth I wath. I wath E fut barbe doll reteo to and a babe rock and roll and cios to and parshdoll Barne doll and jogn sose errings and a nakls ana baslt wolk-ing dall.

Love Santa,
Kayla Graves, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a mini globe, a Chemistry set, Street Fighter II, a Walkman, a Sega Genesis, Hardy boys books (4) and some Classic books. P.S. Please get me a bell of your sleigh. And if you can't find a Chemistry set just look for an electronic set.

Your friend,
Ben Sherman, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I wold like to see you one day and I like this things that you bing me ever year. I want a super nitid.
from your frenid,
Eric Robles, 3rd grade
and a Merry Chishs

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I hope that your fine because I want to get three things for Christmas. I want a Aladdin and Jasmín with the carpet that sings the whole new world, a basketball and a jump rope for Christmas.

Your friend,
Jessica Cervantes, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I like you thats why i'm sending this letter to you i beleve in Santa i try to be good and heres what i want train dump truck lego jumprope basketball w-tergun and some pranceceders and mo-conbro helicopter.

Love,
Julian Daiz Chavira, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a computer and the talking family doll house and eat at Ralph's and it from the pit. If you can not it's ok Santa.

Love,
Amber Leann Nuncio, 3rd grade

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Pat Reyes, Della Sierra,
Michelle DeLeon
Marla A. Sanchez, Manager
Dairy Queen
Lockney



Dear Santa,
I would like a truck called the Claw please.

Your friend
Eulalio Lopez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I wish on Christmas aev you can come over to our house do you know where it is. Please bring me something good old enough for a 8 year old toy and something for my sisters.

Your friend,
Andrea Blass, 3rd grade

Dear Santa, Will you bring me a basketball goal and a basketball. If you have anuff rollerblades please bring them. I really want a paino not a fancy one hjust a paino not an organ no but if you only have a fancy one give me it please. My little sister wons a bike without tranning weels and a doll of some kind.

Your friend,
Jalee Dietrich, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy train, a jarasic park set and a deluxe talkboy mitee max set, mini tv and sienes set and a computer remockintrol airplane, mini plastic robot.

Your friend,
John Wayne, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? and the raindeer? Can i plaes have a par of rollerblades. I want a radio. I would like a nother wind soot, and a grap ascop game. A fyoo tapes for my game boy.

Love, your friend,
Cameron Kemp, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and my baby sister wants a bike to training wheels and I want a icecream and a doll that eats cherrys from her jar my favorite season is Christmas because you can get presents.

Love,
Ysenia Guerrero, 3rd grade

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Santa, I'll leave you some milk and cookies

Dear Santa,
I hope you can come and see me this year. I really don't want a lot of toys its just mostly clothes shoes a new bedspread and some other things. I want you to say hello to your elfs for me. Please write back at Rt. 2, box 85 Lockney Texas 79241 is my address.
Love,
Erin Bryant, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I like for Crises a tape for my supre Nenteow of ninja turlds in tine and out-law and a BeBy gun and a Mac Doms set makre and a jrsek park set that says a dawns of camands. a go car a jrsek park book a batman book that make noes and a x-men tape for my supe ntendo and a crsin tree and a rescue 911.
Love santa your friend
Jorge Arce, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baire swimming pool. I would like a Paint in dazzle Baire. I would like a Tv. I would like a ezy to do faisin kit.
I would like a Paint in dazzle Baire car.
I would like a veicor and a 5-speed bike.
Love,
Corye Gill, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
the best thing I want for Christmas is my mom and my two sisters. Will sometimes wishes don't come true for me and I don't want no toys but the things I wish for on my lucky star.
Love,
Joe Michael Garcia, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I would like a Walkman and streetfighter two turbo and a gameboy Mortalcombat criss cross crass.
from your friend
Jordan Martinez, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
The thing I want mostes is a skatebord I just want it very bad and whatever I get will be very pleased whith it very much and I will take care of it.
Your freind,
Jacob Oretogom, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
I like all the toys you broght me. My sisters like them too. Will you bring somthing for my dad cause he does not have anything from you. He wants somthing from you Santa.
I want a sega genisis, super nintendo, I tv, forbidden bridge, radio camand, red hot lavea claw, grate escape, hi jacker, 6 by 6, a wolfhound, tools: that are real, tool shop, a bat man, a catwomem
Love,
Jessie Mondragon, 3rd grade

Dear Santa,
This year for Christmas I would like a Tiger Quiz Wiz, a Love to Read Barbie, and some Cabbage Patch clothes. Things like shirts, pants and dresses. Well I guess that's all for this year Bye!
Melanie Huggins, Age 9

Dear Santa,
I would love to have a great Christmas, I would love to have some clothes and some more Madem Alexander dolls. I also want some new desk stuff.
Love,
Lindsey Mathis, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like the two sided magna doodle for Christmas. I also want two mice in a cage. And I want some books. I want some new ear rings, rings, necklaces, and a gold watch. Five pair of new clothes. Some new shoes. A purm. I want skating Ken, Rapin Ken, and Western stampin Barbie. An alarm clock. Some trolls. Money to go to Lindsey Oklahoma. A big trampoline. A new jakekt. Some pants. A baby kitten. Some Mr. Sketch markers. And microphone with speakers.
Love,
Michelle Gross, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I wold like a game for my game boy, a Charlot Hornets team jacket, a sega, a sega game gear, the speakers I saw at Toys "R" us for my game boy, a jerbble, a white mous, or an Emmitt Smith jersey.
Love,
Anthony Garza, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a bedspread, new curtains, and a game boy. I would also like for all the homeless people to find homes and food for the holidays.
Love,
Melissa, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like Rocken Roll Racing Time Killers. I would also like a gerbil or two white mice with a Tom and Jerry cage and toys to play with to. Thats all this year Santa.
Your friend,
Tyler Bybee, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a stero or a boombox or just a little fm and tape player and huge speakers with a volume remoted control and bass control. I would also like some real pretty clothes or a wooden shelf. That's all I would like for Christmas.
Sincerely,
Erica Mariscal

Dear Santa,
I would like a leather jacket, Kombat boots, and purple shirt and pants. We'll be waiting for you with milk and chocolate chip cookies.
Love,
Lucy, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like Sega Genise for Christmas and my one room. I would like a T.V. and a V.C.R.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth Torrez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like two sega genisis games. Sonic the Hedehog 2 and Jurassic Park.
Sincerely,
Chase Graves, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a boom box, tapes like Snoop Doggy Dog, and clothes, walkmen from you. I really hope I get the things from you, Oh and for you to make the people at hospetials and care center get better.
Your friend,
Crystal Martinez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a three wheeler, a teddy bear, a ring. And I also would like a new house, a pair of glasses, and for every one to get home for X-mas.
Love,
Elida Balderas, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like clothes, James, a T.V. with V.C.R. with a remot control.
Love,
Cecilia B. Rey-cs, 5th grade
P.S. And I hope all the homeless can have a home for Christmas

Dear Santa,
I know you're very busy this year but if you wouldn't mind could you bring me the things below. I would like new clothes such as boot pants and western shirts. I would also like the Nintendo game. Dr. Mario and Tetris 2. The movie Free Willy and Alladin would also be nice. If you don't mind could you throw in the new Garth Brooks C.D. In Pieces.
Sincerely,
Lexi Jones, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a watch, and a air hockey table for the whole family. Except the watch.
Love,
Selina Gonzalez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
This year I would like a Sega Genisis with the game mortal Kombat.
Sincerely,
David Ray, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a sega CD with X-men and Mortal Konbat and super street fighter and sony TV and VCR and Boom box and Wdroop there it is.
Sincerely,
Miguel Padilla, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I want a NFL football wath Joe Mantana autograph.
Love,
Raul Rivera, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like some headphones for myself because when we go to field trips I can talk them with me. I would also like some board games like Save by the bell, Monopoly. Those are a few board games that I liked. I would also like something for my parents.
I would like my mom to have new dresses and my dad can have a new tool set. My brother Angel could have a new Super Nintendo and Noe can have a pair or new clothes and Roman can have lots of toys, that he likes cause he's in the 2nd grade. Well I better get going now bye!!!
Your friend,
Jessica, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike or a bike for Christmas and Street Fighter II turbo and Street Fighter II the Champion addition and Mortal Kombat that's all I want for Christmas.
Sinsily your friend,
Julian Guerrero, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
This Christmas the thing I just want I want to go see my mom at Mexico and spin thos two weeks at Mexico my Mom house and I will be there so all the family will be happy that time.
Your frends,
Jaime Salazar, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like cloths my size is twelve or fourteen. I would like perfume and stuff like cool video's to watch on my VCR. I want my own stereo and T.V. Maybe my own phone and day ved. Thank you Santa.
Your friend,
Frances Fernandez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a set of World Books, one bike, new cloths, key board, shoe, perfume, jewelry, Christmas Bear. I would like 20 new hair bows, a set of The Babysitters Club, and a new T.V. thats all I want Santa.
Love,
Elizabeth Salazar, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I hope ya'll are doing fine. I want a bike, a watch, a doll and a sterio for Christmas.
Love,
Crystal Pedroza

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing. I'm fine this is what I want for Christmas. I want a Sega Genouses with mortol Kombat and some cloths and some more games to go with sega and some cars so I can play with and a little color t.v. and a computer and a lot of junkfood.
Sincerely,
Marty Jimenez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to bring me black and white boots size 4 1/2, clothes size 12 and 14, and I will like it my own water bed. Thank you Santa.
Love Allway,
Melissa Martinez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like some C.D.'s for my C.D. player and some games for my Sega Genesis and the game Mortal Kombat.
Sincerely,
Michael Vega, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike, a Yamaha 500 and a Sony stereo with big speakers. I would like a big screen T.V.
Sincerely,
Marcus Muniz, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a scanner so that I can listen to the cops. I could know when there's a robbery or a stolen car.
Tyler Phillips, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Christmas Bear with a top hat. I would like at least ID books. I would also like a radio. That is all I would like to have.
Sincerely,
Erika Bryant, 5th grade



PLACING ORDERS--These two Floydada youngsters were among many who visited and posed for pictures with Santa Claus during his stop in Floydada. --Staff photo

Dear Santa,
I kind of being a good and a bad boy but I really like Christmas time, that's when children wake up in the morn and start running to the living room and surrounds the Christmas tree and start opening thier Christmas presents. But Santa I have news for you I don't wanted you to give me a Christmas present. I want you to do this for me I want you to give the presents that you where going to give to a kid that really needs one that kid could be liveing any where around the world. But Santa I an't going to be here for the holiday I am going to be in Mexico. Remmber to give the presents to another kid any where around the world. Then good by Santa and I hope your raideeer are ready to.
Bey,
Christopher Ascencio, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a game gear and Mortal Kombat and a game genie.
Love,
Richard Hernandez, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a over and under. On top a two-twenty two and a 16 gauge on bottom.
Sincerely,
Aaron Dietrich, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
Hi! How are you doing I'm O.K. For Christmas I would like a typewriter, clothes, shoes, a nice dress, computer, shirts, other kinds of boots, a lot of presents, a desk, my own room, junk food, and alot of purple pants.
Love,
Lolly Luna, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a Molly doll and her stuff. I want some black stretch pants and a orange and purple bow. Some more things are a bike, a light it, and some game cartidges. I want a bed and my own room. I would also like a Geo Safari.
Your friend,
Karlon Hooten, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to know if you could bring this wish again. For Christmas I would like you to bring joy to my family once again.
Thank you, Love,
Albert Thornton, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like peace on earth always if at all possible. Also I would like it if every-one had a Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Traci McQuahae, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is two things. I know it is going to be a while but I know you will be able to get it for me. I want is a pair of conback boots and a leather jacket. I think I will leave to you to bring the best.
Love,
Crystal Castro, 5th grade

Season's Greetings And Many Thanks!

Here's hoping your holiday delivers an abundance of cheer. We appreciate your support throughout the past year.

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Season's Greetings

Here's to a magical night and a glorious holiday!
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Bright Wishes To You!

Here's to a season that's positively glowing.

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

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

Evelyn + Roxanna
Floydada

Dear Santa Claus,



Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas the American Girl Gown to fit me, Samantha's bed, her birthday dress, her Christmas dress, her bath robe, her bed, her house shoes, and all the rest of her stuff.
Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
Brittany Aston, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a telephone, bicycle, game boy, cola blaster, money, jewelry, American girl doll, for it to snow, computer.
Love,
Desha Smith, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a remonkatrol bombox that also play c.d's and tapes.
Love,
Jeremy Butler, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a big stereo with speakers that bass real good and always work. It must have a c.d. players, remote, and 3 cassette player. I also want a neckles with real dimans. I want a watch, rings, candie, fishes, modle lambier genie car, my own make-up, and a day bed. I would like to have set of dresses, make-up, and a fashion place for me. I going to close this letter.
Love,
Dina Ledesma, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like for Christmas a 300 four wheeler with 4 wheel drive, mortol combat for game and a T.V. tuner.
Thank you,
Heath Stoner, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like-A Saga c.d. and a big big stiaro. And a dr shock bike and some air Jordons. And some Gualous shorts to wear in the summer. And a 1,000 card pack of football cards. A football to. Thanks.
Sincerely,
Gilbert Encizo, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a EZ to do make set. The things I want is a leather jacket and a computer. That is the two most things I would like.
Love,
Diana Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas some roller blades, records, model house, a porcealen unicorn (small or big), a cat, noodle magic, midow pony, Super N.E.S. nintindo, Aladin nintindo game, computer, phone, Bow Wow, Bughtige, V.C.R., Sega Genissise, and most of all Santa I would really like my very own automatic typewriter. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Have A Nice Holiday,
Kendra Nicole Mason, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? Me very fine. Santa, I would like for you to please send me a bike, water-bed, a sasset player, and a new Sega Genisis. Will you please send me what I want. One last thing will you please sen me a leather jacket. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Rocio Reyes, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a bear, a mouse, a kitty surprise, some candy canes, and a little piano. And nothing else.
Love,
Elizabeth Duran, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I wont for Chrismis this year is a Gone boy and a 6X6 remote control car and I really wont is a real man tool shoop.
Love,
Gabriel Gonzales, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a tape of ice cube and a C.D. player and a car with 21 amps and spekers that are 32 and a talk boy and a 6x6 remote control car.
Love,
Rigo Ascencio, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
In my picture there are 7 people. There are two adults and five kids. It looks like a family ready for Christmas. In this picture there are 4 girls and 3 boys. They all have on different kinds of clothes. They are all holding gift boxes. The dad looks like he has a pretty big present. The boy on the right has one a green shirt blue jeans and high tops. The girl next of him has on a shambre shirt and a red sweater over it she has on a plaid skirt, white socks and red dress shoes. The boy next to her has on a sweat shirt that is blue and orange and red pants. The girl next to him is wearing gray stretch pants and a pink sweat shirt. Above her the lady is wearing a blue shirt and her hair it curled. The person next to her is a guy with a suit and tye and has brown hair. The girl next to him is wearing a black jacket with a black and white shirt.
By,
Brittany Aston, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a talk boy and roller blades and a Sega Genesis. A bunch of books about space and a Gerble. I know I have been mean to my brother But I'll be nicer.
Love,
Holly Arjona, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a new tres, nintada tape.
Love Josh, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine. This year I would like a big casset player. I want the radio tuner on it. Thank. I want a pickup with a goose neck stock trailer. The last thing I want a front end loader with a back how on the back referring to what it is it is called a bachow. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.
Love,
Jarrett Thornton, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I would like a 6X6, a Huffy bike, a modle of a Harley Davisen Mortcyle.
Love,
Pete Solorzaro, 5th grade

Dear Santa,
I want a tranasonrex. I want a mightay duck movie. I want a battle troll. I want a race track with cars 10.
Love,
Abel Rodriguez
Dear Santa,
I love you and raindeers. Will you bring me Bethan. Some Barbie skates play make-up and a bike not to big no tranning weels. I would also like Mom doll that has baby gigde an dgo a crib with a top on it Baby that talks and Playschool dishes.
Your friend,
Bethany Dietrich

Dear Santa,
I would like a new little kitten for Christmas and also a play house and also a cabatch patch doll and them a nintindo and some barbies to play with.
Love,
Andrea, 5th grade
Dear Santa,
I want a new bike and a jam box and a telephone and a tv and a vcr and a Gold ring and a watch.
Love,
April Bueno

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy dog. I want a little singing mermaid, a baby kitty. I want a Barbie. I want the little mermaid. I want the Show Aladdin.
Love,
Sharon N. Hickey

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a sled and a big foot and a Michle Michen and a cars and a kiefor, and a battle troll and a skateboard.
Love,
Sergio Solis

Season's Greetings And Many Thanks!

FLOYDADA EMS

Board of Directors, Staff & Crew Wishes Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Behold, The Savior Is Born

Peace be with you.
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All I want for Christmas is...

Dear Santa,
I love all I want is Prancer's Bell and a baby get well and a key board and any toy an a bike and skates and Ho Ho so I will hear your ho ho. And a computer.
Love,
Angela Prather

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a real girl dog and a train too.
Love,
Paul Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I would like a bike, also like a football and a computer. an dinasaur poster. I would like a toy car.
Love,
Michael Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
I would like a new bike. I would like a puppy. I want some more wrestlers. I want a be be gun. I want a horse to ride. I want a remote control car. I want a toy gun.
Love,
A.J.

Dear Santa,
I would like a barbie house and baby alive and a boy barbie and a girl barbie. A babby bobbed. A little piano. A big box for school.
Love,
Valerie Molina

Dear Santa,
Santa I would like to have a Barbie fool in fun house. and a Barbie car that youcan panta. and three trolls and a triplet Bundle baby.
Love,
Tiffany Taylor

Dear Santa,
I think I've been a good boy. I would like a Super Nintendo this year. Would you leave Prancer with me so I can play with him?
Love,
Justin Wright

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Nintendo.
Love,
Michael Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a bike. I would like to have a jump rope. I would like to have a hula hoop. I would like a doll. I would like to have a barbie. I would like to have toys. I would like to have a book.
Love,
Laura Solorzano

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Magic Copier. I hope that you can but if you can't that's okay. I also want a new radio because my other one broke. I also want a Ni-tiendo player.
Love,
Cheryl Reed

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a play Corvet and a Sega. I want a play gun, a bike and that's all.
Love,
Anthony Galvan

Dear Santa,
I want a Mighty Max Skull Mountain. And a Super Sound Racing Track. And a X-men Hall of Fame. Thanks.
Love,
Dustin Rose

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring me a Murffy flexor bicycle for Christmas.
Love,
Ben Vandiver

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and I want a cat and I want a bird and I want a fish and I want a rabbit and I want a teddy bear.
Love,
Vanessa Rivera

Dear Santa,
I would like a hollywood hair barbie and a bath barbie and a fountain barbie pool, and a baby rock in roll, and a t.v. and a v.c.r. and a 3 feet barbie and a radio and a barbie car and a bike and a Sally Secret.
Love,
Rose Anna Castillo

Dear Santa,
I want a baby get well and a baby giggles. The baby that cries. I want a bell from Prancer.
Love,
Cathy Bernal

Dear Santa,
I would like a star fish. I will like to be a star. I wish my friend to be a star. I will like my teacher to be a star. I love you Santa Claus.
Love,
Melissa Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a cat that purrs, it's not a real cat. I also want a C.D. player and a walkman. A snow teddy bear, candyland and a dog, it's a real one. I want Barney.
Love,
Rachel Vega

Dear Santa,
I would lik a racecar.
Love,
Oscar Delgado

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a four wheeler. I would like to have a toy gun. I would like to have a computer. And a play car that you can drive.
Love,
Laci Durham

Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a barbie.
Love,
Gloria Fierros

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I'm doing good. Are you ready to flyin the sky? I hope you are ready to fly. I am ready for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas. I like to have a Hollywood Barbie.
Love,
Mariruz Ramirez

Dear Santa,
Skull mountain, arrow storm, arcad game, Nolan Ryan rookie, Nolan Ryan calander, color w riter, seaga and a sonic two, Creepy crawler work shop.
Love,
Justin Stoerner

Dear Santa,
remote control car, skateboard, motorcycle, bebe gun, bow and arrow, pi-ano, sega gennis.
Love,
Isaac

Dear Santa,
I would like to have my size Barbie, and I would like to have a cripin curl pony and trubble and kiddy surprise and baby barbie.
Love,
Michelle Carbajal

Dear Santa,
I would like puzzles, books, the crying baby, baby diapers for dolls, a rock collection, a necklace, a Santa hat, trolls, baseball, lafing and fusing triplets, a stuffed teddy bear, a hamster and ham-ster food.
Love,
Cammy Craighton

Dear Santa,
I want a bicycle and a baby rabbit and a rabbit surprise.
Love,
Jessica Ochoa

Dear Santa,
I want a jeep. And I want my size barbie. And some games. And a Barbie. And a stuffed bear. And some makeup. And a bike. And I want some puzzles.
Love,
Cynthia Nicole Vasquez

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, criss cross crash, stereo, trolls, socks, shoes, clothes, sharpener, motorcycle, Be Be gun, candy cane.
Love,
David Balderas

Dear Santa,
Skull Mountain. Roller Blades. Creepy Crawlers Workshop. Magabot and some Z-bots. Arrow Storm 8 Weapons in one Arcade Game. Nolan Ryan Rookie.
Love,
Kirk Wilson

Dear Santa,
I would like a Baby Bop and a Sega Genise and I would like myown phone if you have time to give me the phone, and I do want clothes for Christmas and a new stocking with you on it.
Love,
Paul Amador



YEAR ROUND SNOW FAMILY--A group of snowmen that can never melt stood proudly on the courthouse square during Floydada's 'Come Home For Christmas' held in early December. --Staff photo

Dear Santa,
I want Dream phone. I want Baby shivers. I want fus and giggle triplets. I want some boots any color. I want baby rockin roll. I want a barbie house. I want a teddy bear.
Love,
Amanda Leigh Hancock

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a motorcycle. A real bow and arrow. And a be be gun.
Love,
Colt Smith

Dear Santa,
I want a bubble gum machine. I want some new headbands, soft ones. Hot pink pony tail holders-soft ones. Could I have Rudolph please? That's what I want for Christmas.
Love,
Brandi

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want some skates and a toy car. And a new pair of socks and a racing car, and a red shirt and some pants.
Love,
Tony Gonzalez

Dear Santa,
I want a new bike. And a Gameboy. I also want a racetrack. And a Super Nintendo. And a play corvetter. And a brand new skateboard. And a new football, and a pool-table.
Love,
Jeran Butler

Dear Santa,
I want a talkboy and a Sega and a color blaster and a new bike and a golf set and a skateboard and a football signed by Emmet Smith.
Love,
Ty Arjona

Dear Santa,
I want My Size Barbie. And I want new shoes. And a whole lot of trolls. And a pet dog. And a chalk board. And a cake bake. I want my own room.
Love,
Mandy Ann Ballejo



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Tiffany Billegas & Linda Balderas

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The Windows of Heaven
By Clay Harrison
The windows of Heaven must be open tonight,
Like diamonds the stars are sparkling and bright.
The moon has a glow so wonderfully clear
That angels, I know are certainly near.
Starbust and moonbeams of silver and gold
Like unspoken dreams will never grow old.
The windows of heaven must be open tonight
For earth hasn't seen a lovelier sight.

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The Miraculous Staircase

A short story by Arthur Gordon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At night they were bone-weary, but sometimes Mother Magdalene found time to talk to Father Sebastian about her plans for the dedication of the new chapel. It was to be in April; the Arch-

bishop himself would be there. And it might have been dedicated sooner, were it not for this incredible business of a choir loft with no means of access—unless it were a ladder.

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

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

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

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

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

The second letter also mentioned the carpenter. "Early every morning he comes with another load of lumber, and every night he goes away. When we ask him by what authority he does these

things, he smiles and says nothing. We have tried to pay him for his work but he will accept no pay..."

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

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

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

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

Like a curl of smoke the staircase rose before them, as insubstantial as a dream. Its base was on the chapel floor; its top rested against the choir loft. Nothing else supported it; it seemed to float on air. There were no banisters.

Two complete spirals it made, the polished wood gleaming softly in the candlelight. "Thirty-three steps," whispered Sister Francis Louise. "One for each year in the life of Our Lord."

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

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

"But who was he? Don't you even know his name?"

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

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

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

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

AUTHOR'S NOTE: The wonderful thing about legends is the way they grow. Through the years they can be told and retold and embroidered a bit more each time. This, indeed, is such a retell-

ing. But all good legends contain a grain of truth, and in this case the irrefutable fact at the heart of the legend is the inexplicable staircase itself.

You may see it yourself in Santa Fe today. It stands just as it stood when the chapel was dedicated almost ninety years ago—except for the banister, which was added later. Tourists stare and marvel. Architects shake their heads and murmur, "Impossible." No one

knows the identity of the designer-builder. All the Sisters now is that the problem existed, a stranger came, solved it and left.

The thirty-three steps make two complete turns without central support. There are no nails in the staircase; only wooden pegs. The curved stringers are put together with exquisite precision; the wood is spliced in seven places on the inside and nine on the outside. The wood is said to be a hard-fir variety, nonexistent in New Mexico. School accounts show no record that any payment for the staircase was ever made.

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

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

The carpenter himself? Ah, who can say?



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As A Farm Woman Thinks

By Nellie Witt Spikes

Tonight Mr. Spikes is reading the paper and I am addressing Christmas cards. But somehow this Christmas is crowded out with memories and I quit my work and softly dream before the fire.

A little girl and a boy dressed in quaint clothes come in and I wonder for a minute who they are. The little girl carries a plate with ABC's around its edge. She has a gold band on her finger that shines brand new. The boy holds out a hammer and a box of tacks and he also carries an alphabet plate under his small arm. I look closer. They are very familiar. Could that be my brother and myself at their very first remembered Christmas.

I look again but they are gone. I rub my eyes, look over at Mr. Spikes, no, he has not seen anyone. I doze again. There again before my eyes is a Christmas tree, cedar fresh from the cedar breaks, loaded with gifts. Santa Claus comes in and several of the girls go to help him with presents.

Look at the girl with long pigtailed. Her dress is of soft green wool with a broad green dresden sash tied round her waist. Her high top shoes are buttoned tight against her legs. She looks at me and smiles and is gone, faded away with the Christmas tree. She looks like the first girl who came in.

Is that the wedding march I hear being softly played? And Christmas anthems also? A young woman, her hair piled high on her head, comes in with her hand on the arm of a man in black. The young woman's dress is of grey wool and sweeps the floor. Her blouse is of white silk and a wide band of gold on her finger. She also smiles at me and is gone.

Am I dreaming?

A baby's first Christmas. How the

young mother and father watch the lights that shine from a baby boy's blue eyes. Yes, let me dream on. Another few years, another few years, another Christmas. Two girls the same age and just alike play with their toys amid laughs and shouts.

Like turning a leaf in a picture book the Christmases come and go as I dream on. I see the woman cooking a dinner for Christmas while her eyes look out a window and see cattle dying with black leg. Five hundred dollars worth lay

down and die, but the dinner for friends and loved ones is prepared.

Another year comes. An older woman is cooking a Christmas dinner while men sit with her husband and tell him the bank has failed, all the years savings gone. The woman mutters while she bastes the turkey and stirs up the dressing. I turn that picture quickly.

Here comes a better Christmas. The beloved son and his wife and children are sitting around the fire. I see a woman many Christmases older look with love and affection on her family. Does she know how soon that son will be far over the sea, and will her smile still turn to me as she fades away? I wake with a start. This is the year of 1944.

My son is far away, but the children must have Christmas. The dinner must be baked and grandmother must smile. Cards must be sent, friends must know we still love and remember them. The mantle and door must have their green of cedar and spruce and red, red ribbon for 'Joy to the World the Lord has come' rings across this birthday of the Saviour of the World, the same today as it did that year so long ago when shepherds watched and angels sang.

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Stubby Pringle's Christmas

By Jack Schaefer

High on the mountainside by the little cabin in the crisp clean dusk of evening Stubby Pringle swings into saddle. He has shape of bear, bundled thick against cold. Leather chaps cover patched corduroy pants. Fleece-lined jacket bulges body and heavy gloves blunt fingers. Two gay red bandannas fatten throat under chin. Battered hat is pulled down to sit on ears.

Stubby Pringle looks out over worlds of snow and ice and tree and rock. He stretches tall and hat brushes stars in sky. He is Stubby Pringle, cowhand of the Triple X, and this is his night to howl. He is heading for the Christmas dance at the schoolhouse in the valley.

His horse is flop-eared ewe-necked cat-hipped strawberry roan that looks like it should have died weeks ago but has iron rods for bones and nitroglycerin for blood and can go from here to doomsday. It knows that 27 miles of

hard winter going are fore-ordained for this evening and 27 more of harder uphill return by morning.

Stubby Pringle sits his saddle and he grins into cold and distance and future full of festivity. Those are careless hazardous scrambled features under the low hat brim. Not much fuzz yet on his chin. Why, shucks, is he just a boy? Don't make that mistake, though his 20th birthday is still six weeks away. Stubby has been taking care of himself since he was orphaned at 13. Stubby has been doing man's work since he was 15.

Stubby Pringle slaps right-side saddlebag. It contains a two-pound box of fancy chocolates. He slaps left-side saddlebag. It holds a paper parcel that contains a piece of dress goods. Interesting items, yes. Ammunition for the campaign he has in mind to soften the affections of whichever female of the right vintage among those at the schoolhouse appeals to him most.

Stubby Pringle is just another of far-scattered poorly paid patched-clothes cowhands who inhabit these parts. He knows that. But he is Stubby Pringle, true begotten son of the wildest jackass, and he has been riding line through winter storms for two months without a break and this is his night to stomp floorboards till schoolhouse shakes and kick heels up to lanterns above and whirl a willing female till she is dizzy enough to see past patched clothes to the man inside them.

"You're a dang-blatted young fool," says Old Jake Hanlon from the cabin doorway. "Riding out a night like this iffen it is Christmas Eve," he says. "But iffen I was your age again, I reckon I'd be doing it too. Squeeze one of 'em for me."

Stubby lifts reins and the roan sighs and lifts feet. At easy amble they drop over the edge of benchland and on down the great bleak expanse of mountainside. "Wahoo!" he yells. "Skip to my Lou!" he shouts. "Do-si-do and round about!" Far ahead, over top of last and lowest ridge, on into the valley, he can see tiny specks of glowing allure that are schoolhouse windows. "Wahoo!" he yells. "Gals an' women an' grandmothers!" he shouts. "Raise your skirts and start askipping! I'm acoming!"

He slaps spurs to roan. It leaps like mountain lion, full into hard gallop downslope, rushing, reckless of crusted drifts and ice-coated bush ranches slapping at them.

He is Stubby Pringle, born with spurs on, nursed on tarantula juice, weaned on rawhide, at home in the saddle of a hurricane in shape of horse that can race to edge of eternity and back. He is ten feet tall and the horse is gigantic, with wings soaring in 40-foot leaps down the flank of the whitened wonder of a winter world. They slow at the bottom. They look up the rise of the last low ridge ahead.

Hold it, Stubby. What is that? Off to the right. He listens. Sound of ax striking wood.

What kind of dong-bonged ding-busted fool would be chopping wood on Christmas Eve? What kind of chopping is this anyway? Uneven in rhythm, feeble in stroke.

He pulls the roan to the right. He is Stubby Pringle, born to tune of blating calves branded at birth, cowman raised and cowman to the marrow, and no true cowman rides on without stopping to check anything strange on range. Lantern light shows faintly ahead through a

small oiled-paper window.

Yes. Of course. The Henderson place. Homesteaders. Betting the government they can stave off starving for five years in exchange for 160 acres of land. Land that just might be able to support all of four thin steers to a whole section. Homesteaders. Always out of almost everything, money and food and tools and smiles and joy of living. Everything. Except maybe hope and stubborn endurance.

Stubby Pringle sees a woman. Her face is gray and pinched and tired. Ragged man's jacket bumps over long woolsey dress and clogs arms as she tries to swing an ax into a good-sized branch on the ground. Ax bounces and barely misses an ankle.

He swings the roan in close. "Ma'am," says Stubby. "You trying to cripple yourself?" She just stares at him. "Man's work," he says. "Where's your man?"

"He's sick," she says. "Doc thinks he'll be all right. Only he's might weak now."

Stubby Pringle looks off at last low ridgetop that hides valley and schoolhouse. "Likely they ain't much more'n started yet" he says. He looks again at the woman. "Ma'am," he says. "I'll just chop you a bit of wood."

He is Stubby Pringle, moonstruck maverick of the Triple X, born with ax in hands, with strength of stroke in muscles, weaned on whetstone, fed on cordwood, raised to fell whole forests. He is ten feet tall and ax is enormous in moonlight and chips fly like stormflakes of snow. He leans ax against a stump and he scoops up whole cords at a time and strides to bark-slab shack and kicks the door open.

Both corners of front room by fireplace are piled full now, wood enough for a whole wicked winter week. Stubby looks around him. Man lies on big old bed, blanket over, face gray-pale, snoring long and slow. Stubby steps to doorway to back room. Faint in dimness inside he sees in one bunk, under an old quilt, a curly-headed small girl and in another, under other old quilt, a boy who would be waist-high awake and standing.

He turns back. "I got to be getting along," he says. He starts toward outer door.

He stops. Something is missing. "Where's your tree?" he says. "Kids got to have a Christmas tree."

He sees the woman sink down on chair. He hears a sigh come from her. "I ain't had time to cut one," she says. "Man's job anyway," Stubby says. "I'll get it for you. Then I got to be going."

He scoops up ax and strides off. He is Stubby Pringle, born an expert on Christmas trees, nursed on pine needles, weaned on pine cones, raised with an eye for size and shape and symmetry. There. A beauty. Ax blade slices keen and swift. He strikes back with tree on shoulder.

Stubby Pringle sets it up center of front-room floor, and it stands perky and proud. "There, ma'am," he says. "Get your things out an' start decorating. "I got to be going."

He stops in outer doorway. He hears the sigh behind him. "We got no things," she says.

Stubby Pringle looks off at last low ridgetop hiding valley and schoolhouse. "Reckon I still got a bit of time," he says. "They'll be whooping it mighty late." He sheds hat and gloves and bandannas and jacket. He asks for things and the woman jumps to get those few of them she has. He tells her what to do and she does. He does plenty himself. With this and with that magic wonders arrive. He is Stubby Pringle, born to poverty,

weaned on nothing, fed on less, raised to make do with least possible and make the most of that. Pinto beans strung on thread brighten tree in firelight. Strips of one bandanna bob in bows on branch ends like gay red flowers. Snippets of fleece from jacket lining sprinkled over tree glisten like fresh fall of snow. "All you got to do now is get out what you got for the kids and put it under. I really got to be going."

He stops in open doorway. Somehow he knows without turning head two tears are sliding down thin pinched cheeks. "You go on along," she says. "They're good young uns. We ain't got anything for them. But they know how it is. They ain't expecting a thing."

Stubby Pringle stands in doorway looking out at last ridgetop that hides valley and schoolhouse. "I reckon I still got a mite more time," he says. "Likely they'll be sashaying around till it's most morning."

Stubby Pringle strides on out, leaving door open. He strides back, closing door with heel behind him. In one hand he has paper parcel. In other hand he has chunk of good pine wood. He tosses parcel into lap folds of woman's apron.

"There's the makings for a right cute dress for the girl. Needle-and-threader like you can whip it up in no time. I'll just whittle me out a little something for the boy."

Woman sits in rocking chair, sewing. Her fingers fly, stitch-stitch-stitch. A dress shape under her hands, small and flounced and with little puff sleeves, fine dress for smiles and joy of living.

On a stool nearby sits Stubby Pringle, piece of good pine wood in one hand, knife in other hand, splendid seven-bladed knife he always has with him. He is Stubby Pringle, born with feel for knives in hand, weaned on emery wheel, fed on shavings, raised to whittle his way through the world. There in his hands something is shaping. A horse. Flop-eared head is high on ewe neck, stretched out, sniffing wind, snorting into distance. It is a horse fit to carry a waist-high boy to edge of eternity and back.

He closes knife and puts it in pocket. Dress is finished in woman's lap. She sits slumped deep in rocking chair and she too snores slow and steady. Stubby Pringle takes dress and puts it under tree. He sets wooden horse beside it.

Quietly he strides out and back. He carries box of fancy chocolates. Gently

he lays this in lap of woman. He stands by big old bed and looks down at snoring man. "Ain't fair to forget him," he says. He takes seven-bladed knife from pocket and lays this on blanket on bed. Swift as sliding moon shadow he is gone.

High high up frosty clouds scuttle across face of moon. Wind whips through topmost tips of tall pines. Firm in saddle is Stubby Pringle, out on prowl, ready to howl, heading for the dance at the schoolhouse in the valley. He is ten feet and the roan is gigantic.

Hold it, Stubby. Do you see what is happening on out there in the valley? Tiny lights that are schoolhouse windows are winking out. Tiny dark shapes are wagons pulling away.

Moon is dropping down the sky. What is that moving slow and lonesome up snow-covered mountainside? It is a flop-eared ewe-necked cat-hipped roan, just that, nothing more, small cow pony, worn and weary. Slumped in saddle is Stubby Pringle, head down, shoulders sagged. He is just another of far-scattered poorly paid patched-clothes cowhands who inhabit these parts. Just that. And something more. He is the biggest thing there is in the whole wide roster of the human race. He is a man who has given of himself, of what little he has and is, to bring smiles and joy of living to others along his way.

He jogs along, thinking of none of this. He is thinking of dances undanced, of floorboards unstonped, of willing women left unwhirled.

Half asleep in saddle, he is thinking now of bygone Christmas seasons and of a boy born to poverty poring in flicker of firelight over ragged old Christmas picture book. And suddenly he hears something. The tinkle of sleigh bells. Sleigh bells?

Yes. I am telling this straight. And suddenly he sees something. Antlered heads high, frosty breath streaming, bodies rushing swift and silent, seeming to leap in air alone needing no touch of ground beneath. Reindeer? Yes. Reindeer swooping and leaping past and rising again. And with them, hard on their heels, almost lost in swirling snow mist of their passing, something big and bulky with runners like sleigh and flash of white beard whipping in wind and crack of long whip snapping.

Out of dark of night ahead, mingled with moan of wind, comes a long-drawn chuckle, jolly and cheery and full of smiles and joy of living. And with it long-drawn words.

"We-e-e-l-l do-o-o-ne...pa-a-a-art-ner!"

Stubby Pringle shakes his head. "An' I didn't have a single drink," he says. But he is cowman through to the marrow. He can't ride on without stopping to check anything strange on his range. He swings down. He fumbles in jacket pocket and finds a match. Strikes it. Unmistakable. Reindeer tracks.

Stubby Pringle stretches up tall. Stubby Pringle swings into saddle. Roan needs no slap of spur to unleash strength in surge up steep mountainside. It knows. There in saddle once more is Stubby Pringle, moonstruck maverick of the Triple X, hard-proved hard-honed cowhand, ten feet tall, needing horse gigantic, with wings, iron-boned and dynamite-fueled, to take him home to little line cabin and some few winks of sleep before another day's hard work.

Stubby Pringle slips into cold clammy bunk.

"Was it worth all that riding?" comes voice of Old Jake Hanlon from other bunk on other wall.

"Why, sure," says Stubby. "I had a real good time."

Say anything you want. I know, you know, any dong-bonged ding-busted dang-blatted fool ought to know, that icicles breaking off branches can sound to drowsy ears like sleigh bell. That blurry eyes half asleep can see strange things. That deer make tracks like those of reindeer. That wind sighing and soughing and moaning through piney treetops can sound like someone shaping words. But we could talk and talk and it would mean nothing to Stubby Pringle.

Stubby is wiser than we are. He knows who it was, plump and jolly and bely-bouncing, spoke to him that night out on wind-whipped winter-worn mountainside.

"We-e-l-l do-o-o-ne...pa-a-art-ner."

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Lockney



What Is Christmas All About?

(The following was taken from a newsletter printed by the First United Methodist Church in Lockney. The article is from The Pastor's Paragraph, a message written by Tommie Beck, pastor.)

The following appeared in Max Browning's newsletter. I think it is an excellent story and a good reminder of "What Christmas I All About."

"As I think of the busy days ahead of us over these next four weeks or so, I am reminded of a story that appeared in the GUIDEPOST magazine a few years ago that was written by a young mother.

"It was during those hectic days just before Christmas that every household seems to experience. She had delegated much of the last minute preparations to her three children. They had wrapped the gifts and trimmed the tree. But as children and sometimes husbands, have a tendency to do, once they had finished

the tasks, they left all the mess for Momma to clean up.

"As this mother picked up the scraps of paper and ribbons left scattered on the floor, the irritation of all that was expected of her seemed overwhelming. The excitement and joy of Christmas was completely lost in all the mess. Angriely she turned to her children and declared: 'No more wrapping.'

"A few minutes later her nine year old daughter rushed through the kitchen with her arms full of wrapping paper, ribbon, scissors and scotch tape. The mother scoldingly reminded the little girl of the recent prohibition. After the daughter pleaded and promised to clean up every scrap, the mother reluctantly relented.

"Thirty minutes later the mother realized she had not heard a single sound from the child. Being a typical mother she felt thirty minutes of silence from a nine year old best be checked out. Slip-

ping down the hallway she stopped before her child's room. Instantly her eyes brimmed with tears and a silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving mixed with a plea for forgiveness, sprang from her heart.

"There on the bedroom door the child had taped the entire nativity scene which had been cut from various cards and magazines. Pasted across the door was the star, the wise men, the shepherds, the animals and of course, Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child lying in the crib. Above it all she had pasted a bright square of wrapping paper with a big red bow in the center like a beautifully wrapped Christmas gift. A tag was attached on which the little girl had printed: 'TO THE WORLD... FROM GOD'."

Isn't that what Christmas is all about - that birth in a stable and God's gift to us at Christmas?



SANTA, MRS. CLAUS AND A HELPER ELF were all on hand during W.J. Mangold Memorial's Holiday Health Fair to greet guests attending the hospital's annual event. -Staff photo

The Gifts We Give

By Garnett Ann Schultz
The gifts we give at Christmas
Can be wrapped in papers bright
With a big red bow that sparkles
In the still of Christmas night;
The many toys and playthings
That the little ones adore,
The fun and games we cherish
With the children on the floor.

The gifts we give our children
Can be presents much more grand
If we'd give them more in patience
Or with loving helping hands;
Time for books and time for dreaming,
Friendly moments after school,
To listen to their questions,
Let them help to make each rule.

Life can hold a special blessing
If we'll lend a patient ear,
Teach them loving and believing,
Sometimes dry a bitter tear,
Ever doing things together,
Sharing moments rich we live,
The things that money cannot buy
Are the nicest gifts we give.

Little ones ask Santa for presents

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a horse, baby doll and bed, dishes for playhouse, clothes. Please bring something for all the other little boys and girls too. We will leave out reindeer food and Coke and cookies.
Love,
Cheyann Powell, Age 2

Dear Santa,
I have been a real good boy this year. Please bring me a musical guitar, a Barney nightlight, and some toys like they have in the Nature Store. Thank you for all you left me last year. Also remember my cousin, Jordan Ham-bright. I thing that he would like a giant activity mat and a hug-a-bug because this is his first Christmas. Remember all the other little boys and girls too.
Love,
Cam Chambers

says that you should get me diapers and formula, but she's just kidding (I hope). I won't be picky about presents, because you've already given me the best present yet. My Gamma and Poppa Woody have moved back home. Thank you, Santa.
Love,
Matthew Meador
P.S. If you have time, I could use a little more hair.

Dear Sanna Claus & Granny Claus.
Do you take a nap? How's your wein-dears? Do you have a trunk? I ben prity good this year. For Crissmas I want a batend Bevalee Shop and a Doctoh Kit like Becky's. I also want a tutu for dancing and a wedding Barbie and a boy one that marwees her.

Hallie loves Santa Claus, She's a good sistoh. Hallie wants a sleepy baby doll like Susy, and a baby doll stroller. Hallie needs her OWN purse.
We love you sanna. We'll see you at the mall tamarra and at Nana's house later.
Love,
Elizabeth Marie Bertrand, 3 1/2 years old and
Hallie Susannah Bertrand, 1 1/2 years old.

Dear Santa,
I want a Secret heart barbie. A 24 inch bike. A Christmas Teddy bear. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Maggie Vick, 8 years old

Hi, My name is Matthew and I'm 7 months old. My parents say I've been really good. Or at least that's what they tell people. Personally, I think I've been pretty good. I only get up about four times during the night, let them sleep until 8:00 a.m., only dirty about 15 diapers a day, and only spit my food out if they make me laugh. So I figure I deserve some pretty good toys. Mommy

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus,
How are yall both doing Santa? Have you and Mrs. Claus been good? I will leave something special when both of yall come and drop of presents for us, and if they say yes I hope they do I will leave some milk and some of my moms homemade cookies. Would you like to try some of them? Well how is it there? Do you think I would like to live there? Do you like it there? Well I don't know if I been a good little girl. That now I am I think I should be a good little for now on. Do you think that I been a good little girl so far. I think my other sister Amy has been a very good girl and my brother Danny has been a good little boy and my last Roy he kind of been good, and my mom Irene has been a nice mom cause she treats me nice. And the same thing as my dad. I have a lot of things I want for Christmas that I really like. These are

the things that I really want is this: phone, computer, TV, skate baby, rings, radio, curling iron, skates, make up, clock, desk, furniture for my room, carpet, waterbed, new closet, air conditions, celling fans, books, new heater, timetable cards, real house, drapes, address book, new covers, Beauty and the Beast, video, big teddy bear, real Kodak camera, real blush, real eye shadow, sewin machine, real clarinet, cable, choclate candy, clothes, shoes, wind braker, shorts, tights, my boy-friend, bib, underclothes, perfume, lipstick and lip gloss, dreams come true, big Christmas tree, slippers. Well Santa I have to go. Tell the elves that I said hi. "Well" Bye, Bye Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Merry Christmas.
Your friend
Lisa Molina
I love yall!

The Candy Cane



(The following was taken from the First United Methodist Church, Lockney, newsletter.)

The legend is the candy cane was invented by a Christian in England in the 7th century.

At that time the government would not let the people celebrate Christmas. So a candy maker made a candy shaped like a Shepherd's Crook to be a secret symbol of Jesus.


The three small stripes represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The large red stripe is for the life of Jesus, that he gave for us all.

The candy is a double gift — a sweet treat and a symbol of Christmas.



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

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